

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

## Mirko Cestari



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## WORK EXPERIENCE

Aug 2018–Present

**Team Leader**CINECA, [www.cineca.it](http://www.cineca.it)

via Magnanelli 6/3, 40033 Casalecchio di Reno (Italy)

- Coordination of the "HPC and Cloud Technologies" team.
- Guiding the HPC infrastructure evolution, with focus on computing, cloud and data management solutions.
- Member of the team to propose CINECA as hosting entity for EuroHPC pre-exascale system (EUROHPC-2019-CEI-PE-01).
- Technical representative for the definition of Leonardo requirements, Italian world-class pre-exascale system co-funded by EC under Horizon 2020.
- Technical representative in H2020 projects aiming to procure innovative solutions for High-Performance Computing, PPI4HPC (funded under H2020-EU.1.4.1.3.) and ICEI (funded under H2020-Eu.1.4.)
- Technology scouting.
  
- Coordination of the "High Level Support" team.
- High level support on different scientific domains.
- Consultancy and teaching on state-of-the-art HPC hardware technologies and computing methodologies.
- Code development and modernization of applications.
- Working in synergy with the system management team in deploying the main supercomputing systems and prototypes.

**Business or sector** Information and communication

May 2010–Jul 2018

**IT Support - Programmer Analyst**CINECA, [www.cineca.it](http://www.cineca.it)

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- High-level support for industrial and academic users.
- Design, development and maintenance of a python HPC application for a major Italian assurance company.
- Analysis of highly scalable applications for D.E.M. simulations in collaboration with a major Italian pharmaceutical company.
- Teaching (feedback score: 8.98/10)

**Business or sector** Information and communication

2009–2010

**Biology teacher secondary school**

Istituto Tecnico Severi, Padova (Italy)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2006–2009 **PhD - Research on Material Chemistry, Thesis Title: 'Atomistic modelling of liquid crystal materials properties: a theoretical and computational methodology'**  
University of Padua, Padova (Italy)
- Computer programming.
  - High Performance Computing.
  - Material chemistry modeling.
  - Computer simulations.
  - Writing scientific reports and peer-reviewed papers.
- 2007–2008 **Visiting Scientist**  
University of Southampton, Southampton (United Kingdom)
- Computer programming.
  - Research in the Liquid Crystal field.
  - Project coordination with experimentalists.
- 2004–2005 **Research Grant (INSTM, National Interuniversity Consortium of Materials Science and Technology)**  
University of Padua, Padova (Italy)
- Development of a stochastic model for 5CB dielectric decay.
  - Extensive use of Mathematica symbolic calculation.
  - Fortran 90 and Python programming.
- 1998–2003 **M.Sc. Chemistry**  
Univeristy of Ferrara, Ferrara (Italy)
- Physical Chemistry
  - Theoretical Chemistry
  - Thesis "Application of a modern multi-reference perturbation theory to electronic spectroscopy of heterocyclic aromatic molecules."

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Communication skills

- Good mediation skills learned by interacting with industrial and academic users.
- Good communication skills improved with multiple teaching courses and presentations.

- Inspirational and motivational skills gained as a team leader

Organisational / managerial skills

- Currently responsible for a team of 12 staff members
- Coordinating activities as a work package leader and task leader in European projects.
- Technical coordinator of internal projects and Italian projects

Digital skills

- Proficient in office IT tools.
- 20+ experience with Linux/Unix.
- Programming languages: Python, C, Fortran.
- Parallel programming paradigms: MPI, OpenMP.
- Optimization and debugging techniques.
- Mastering main tools and best practices for collaborative development and continuous integration.

Driving licence B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

- **Investigation of particle dynamics and classification mechanism in a spiral jet mill through computational fluid dynamics and discrete element methods**  
Bnà, Simone; Ponzini, Raffaele; Cestari, Mirko; Cavazzoni, Carlo; Cottini, Ciro; Benassi, Andrea  
Powder Technology, 364, 746 (2020).
- **Archival Data Repository Services to Enable HPC and Cloud Workflows in a Federated Research e-Infrastructure**  
Alam, Sadaf R; Bartolome, Javier; Bassini, Sanzio; Carpena, Michele; Cestari, Mirko; Combeau, Frederic; Girona, Sergi; Gorini, Stefano; Fiameni, Giuseppe; Hagemeyer, Björn;  
2020 IEEE/ACM International Workshop on Interoperability of Supercomputing and Cloud Technologies (SuperCompCloud), 39-44 (2020).
- **ELIXIR-IT HPC@ CINECA: high performance computing resources for the bioinformatics community**  
Castrignanò, Tiziana; Gioiosa, Silvia; Flati, Tiziano; Cestari, Mirko; Picardi, Ernesto; Chiara, Matteo; Fratelli, Maddalena; Amente, Stefano; Cirilli, Marco; Tangaro, Marco Antonio  
BMC bioinformatics, 21, 1 (2020).
- **Phase behavior and properties of the liquid-crystal dimer 1'', 7''-bis (4-cyanobiphenyl-4'-yl) heptane: a twist-bend nematic liquid crystal**  
Cestari, M; Diez-Berart, S; Dunmur, DA; Ferrarini, A; de La Fuente, MR; Jackson, DJB; Lopez, DO; Luckhurst, GR; Perez-Jubindo, MA; Richardson, RM and others.  
Physical Review E, 84, 031704 (2011).
- **Crucial role of molecular curvature for the bend elastic and flexoelectric properties of liquid crystals: mesogenic dimers as a case study**  
Cestari, Mirko; Frezza, Elisa; Ferrarini, Alberta; Luckhurst, Geoffrey R.  
Journal of Materials Chemistry, 21, 12303 (2011).
- **Molecular field theory with atomistic modeling for the curvature elasticity of nematic liquid crystals**  
Cestari, Mirko; Bosco, Alessandro; Ferrarini, Alberta.  
The Journal of chemical physics, 131, 054104 (2009).
- **Curvature elasticity of nematic liquid crystals: simply a matter of molecular shape? Insights from atomistic modeling**  
Cestari, Mirko; Ferrarini, Alberta.  
Soft Matter, 5, 3879 (2009).
- **A multireference n-electron Valence State Perturbation Theory study of the electronic**

**spectrum of s-tetrazine**

Angeli, Celestino; Cimiraglia, Renzo; Cestari, Mirko.  
Theoretical Chemistry Accounts, 123, 287 (2009).

▪ **Atomistic modelling of liquid crystal materials properties: a theoretical and computational methodology**

Cestari, Mirko  
PhD Thesis (2009)

▪ **Developments in the n-electron valence state perturbation theory**

Angeli, Celestino; Borini, Stefano; Cavallini, Alex; Cestari, Mirko; Cimiraglia Renzo; Ferrighi, Lara; Sparta, Manuel.  
International journal of quantum chemistry, 106, 686 (2006).

▪ **A quasidegenerate formulation of the second order n-electron valence state perturbation theory approach**

Angeli, Celestino; Borini, Stefano; Cestari, Mirko; Cimiraglia, Renzo.  
The Journal of chemical physics, 121, 4043 (2004).