



Spoke 6

The workshop **"High Performance Computing to Enhance Efficiency of Scientific Simulations"** is organized within the framework of **ECOSISTER - Ecosystem for Sustainable Transition in Emilia-Romagna**, a project aimed at promoting the ecological transition of the economic and social systems of the region, through the integration of sustainability and digital innovation. In line with the goals of the Climate and Labour Pact, ECOSISTER fosters cutting-edge research and technological transfer to support sustainable development by advancing quality employment, improving quality of life, and protecting the environment. As part of this mission, the workshop provides researchers with advanced training in high-performance computing (HPC) and scientific simulation acceleration, key tools to address complex challenges in materials science and biochemistry while promoting a sustainable and efficient use of HPC resources

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High Performance Computing to enhance efficiency of scientific simulations

A comprehensive overview of current techniques for parallelizing and accelerating material science and biochemistry simulations, with a particular emphasis on performance optimization for HPC architectures

- specifically designed for ECOSISTER researchers and scientists who want to improve their technical skills in parallel computing

15-19 September 2025 **Workshop**

Workshop registration

<https://tinyurl.com/ecosister-workshop>

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[09:00 - 18:00]

Speakers: Fabio Affinito, Andrew Emerson, Tommaso Gorni, Laura Bellentani, Lara Querciagrossa, Angela Acocella

CINECA – HPC Department

09:00

Welcome and Introduction

Fabio Affinito

Welcome and goals of the workshop

Parallel computing

09:30

. Basic principles and essential role of parallel computing in modern science

Computers and Computational Science: an overview of key computational challenges and fundamental concepts and metrics of parallel computing

10:30

. Introduction to High Performance Computing

Basics of high-performance computing, architectures, and parallel processing and workflow management for scientific applications

12:00

. CINECA HPC environment

12:30

Lunch Break

14:00

. Compilation and Optimization with a short hands-on session

Compilers and common optimization techniques in FORTRAN and C programs

16:00

. Library Integration with a short hands-on session

Best practices for incorporating libraries to optimize code performance and compatibility within HPC workflows

18:00



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Distributed and Shared Memory Parallelization

09:00

. Exploring MPI: Message Passing for Distributed Computing
Principles of message-passing programming, point-to-point and collective communications, Non-blocking, load balancing

10:45

. Hands-on session on MPI programming

12:30

Lunch Break

14:00

. Parallel Programming with OpenMP: Shared Memory Model and Basic Syntax
Shared memory parallelism for multi-core systems, Key OpenMP constructs: Directives, parallel loops

16:00

. Hands-on session on OpenMP and hybrid MPI/OpenMP programming

18:00

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Hybrid Programming and Advanced Optimization

09:00

Introduction to accelerated computing

An overview of GPUs hardware and execution model. Programming solutions for accelerating scientific codes

10:45

Accelerating Computations with OpenACC

Overview of OpenACC directives to offload compute-intensive code sections to accelerators

12:30

Lunch Break

14:00

Hands-on session on OpenACC

Introduction to OpenACC directives to offload compute-intensive code sections to accelerators

16:15

Advanced Code Optimization Techniques

Measuring systems performance (profiling tools), reducing communication overhead in hybrid calculations

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Parallelization in Complex Simulations

09:00

. Parallelization Strategies in software for Material Science Simulations

An exploration of software parallelization strategies for material simulations, including an analysis of how popular QM codes implement parallelization

10:30

. Real Applications and Case Studies

Evaluating parallelism levels in QuantumESPRESSO

12:30

Lunch Break

14:00

. Parallelization Strategies in software for Biochemistry Simulations

Overview of parallelization approaches for MD algorithms, addressing key challenges such as communication and load balancing

15:30

. Real Applications and Case Studies

Evaluating multi-level parallelism in GROMACS

18:00

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Introduction to ML models

09:00

. An overview of ML models and their relevance to computational materials science and biochemistry
Exploring machine learning techniques and their growing relevance in computational materials science and biochemistry

10:45

. Real Applications and Case Studies

12:30

Lunch Break

14:00

. Closure and Reflections

15:00