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SHORT OVERVIEW

I am a computational astrophysicist, working in the field of gravitational-wave astronomy, compact objects, binary star evolution and star cluster dynamics. I obtained my PhD in 2006 from SISSA (Trieste). For my Thesis, I received both the Gratton and the Tacchini Prizes. I was a postdoc (Forschungskredit fellow) at the University of Zurich and then a senior postdoctoral fellow in Milan. In 2011, I moved to a permanent position at INAF, Padua, where I secured multiple grants and built an independent research group. In 2017, I became fixed-term full professor at the University of Innsbruck. At the end of 2018, I moved to the University of Padova as a tenured associate professor.

The European Astronomical Society awarded me the MERAC PRIZE (2015) for the Best Early Career Researcher in Theoretical Astrophysics in recognition of my "theoretical and computational contributions to the dynamics of star clusters and galaxies, the reionization epoch, the Galactic centre, and the formation of massive stellar black holes".

I am the PI of an ERC consolidator grant (DEMOBLACK, "The demography of black hole binaries in the era of gravitational wave astronomy"). The DEMOBLACK project focuses on the formation channels of binary compact objects, to understand their contribution to gravitational wave emission. This combines expertise in stellar and compact object astrophysics, stellar dynamics, cosmology and gravitational wave physics, with an interdisciplinary approach. I am a member of the Virgo collaboration since 2018, and I am the head of the TEONGRAV (Gravitational Wave Theory) group at INFN-Padova. I recently joined the Observation Science Board of the Einstein Telescope as division chair.

EDUCATION

SISSA (International School for Advanced Studies)

Trieste, Italy

Ph.D. student

2003-2006

 Ph.D. in Astrophysics obtained on October 19th 2006. Thesis on "Relic signatures of reionization sources", supervisor: prof. Andrea Ferrara.

University of Milano Bicocca

Milano, Italy

Master student

1998-2003

Master in Physics (Italian university degree) obtained on February 25th 2003, grade: 110/110 cum laude.
Thesis on "Four-body interactions in globular clusters: the case of the millisecond pulsar PSR J1911-5958A", supervisor: prof. Monica Colpi.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Department of Physics and Astronomy "G. Galilei", University of Padova

Associate professor

following the award of a major grant (ERC Consolitator Grant 2017).

Padova, Italy 2018 - now

o Position obtained through the "direct call" procedure issued by the Italian Ministry of the University,

Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI)

L'Aquila, Italy

 $Visiting\ professor \ 2020-now$

University of Innsbruck

Innsbruck, Austria

Full professor ad interim

2017 - 2018

• I served as chair of the Extra-galactic Astrophysics Group at the Institut für Astro- und Teilchenphysik of the University of Innsbruck.

INAF (Italian National Institute for Astrophysics)

Padova, Italy

Permanent Research Staff

2011 - 2018

University of Milano Bicocca

Milano, Italy

Senior Postdoctoral Fellow

2009 - 2011

University of Zurich

Zürich, Switzerland

Postdoctoral Fellow (Forschungskredit Fellow)

2007 - 2009

HONORS AND AWARDS

- W3 permanent Full Professorship from Hamburg University

(2020, Declined)

Indirect recognition as supervisor

(2019-now)

- My former PhD student Nicola Giacobbo was awarded the Tacchini Prize 2020 for the best Italian PhD thesis in Astronomy & Astrophysics,
- Both my former PhD student Nicola Giacobbo and my former PhD student Elisa Bortolas received a
 honourable mention by the International Braccini Prize committee for the best international PhD Thesis
 related to gravitational wave science,
- My former PhD student Elisa Bortolas was awarded the Gratton Prize 2019 for the best Italian PhD thesis in Astronomy & Astrophysics.

- ERC consolidator grant

2017

– MERAC PRIZE for the Best Early Career Researcher in Theoretical Astrophysics, $\it 2015$

- o awarded by the European Astronomical Society (link)
- Motivation: The MERAC prize was awarded to me for my "theoretical and computational contributions to the dynamics of star clusters and galaxies, the reionization epoch, the Galactic centre, and the formation of massive stellar black holes."
- o Note: the MERAC prize for the Best Early Career Researcher in Theoretical Astrophysics is awarded every two years to an individual theoretical astrophysicist who achieved outstanding results while working at an European University / Research center and received their PhD < 10 years before the nomination.

- Mention in "Women in Italian astronomy"

2014

- My name was included by Francesca Matteucci and Raffaele Gratton in their review of the most important achievements obtained by female astronomers/astrophysicists in Italy.
- Forschungskredit Fellowship, University of Zurich

2008 - 2009

-Gratton Prize 2007

o The Gratton Prize is awarded every two years to the best PhD Thesis in Astronomy and Astrophysics in Italy.

-Tacchini Prize 2007

• The Tacchini Prize by the Italian Astronomical Society (SAIT) is awarded every year to the best PhD Thesis in Astronomy and Astrophysics in Italy.

SCIENTIFIC HABILITATIONS

Full Professor Habilitation

2018

 Awarded the Italian National Scientific Habilitation (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale) to become a full professor.

Associate Professor Habilitation

2013

o Awarded the Italian National Scientific Habilitation to become an associate professor.

EXTERNAL FUNDING RECORD

During my entire academic career, I obtained $\approx 3'605'550$ EUR as principal investigator (PI) or co-PI, and additional $\approx 4'374'000$ EUR as co-investigator (co-I). Here below, I list the details of the main grants.

ACROGAL Seal of Excellence Fellowship (150k EUR for 3 years)

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 PI: Celeste Artale; Scientific Supervisor: Michela Mapelli. This grant, funded by the University of Padova, is awarded to young researchers who obtained the Seal of Excellence from Horizon 2020. The grant covers the fellowship of Dr Celeste Artale, plus travel and equipment expenses.

GRACE-BH Marie Skłodowska Curie European Fellowship (180k EUR for 2 years)

2021

PI: Manuel Arca Sedda; Scientific Supervisor: Michela Mapelli. This grant, funded by the Horizon 2020
Marie Skłodowska Curie program of European Commission, covers the fellowship of Dr Manuel Arca Sedda
plus travel and equipment expenses.

RISING Marie Skłodowska Curie Global Fellowship (255k EUR for 3 years) 2020

 PI: Mario Pasquato; Scientific Supervisor: Michela Mapelli. This grant, funded by the Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie program of European Commission, covers the fellowship of Dr Mario Pasquato plus travel and equipment expenses.

MIAPP proposal 2020

 Coordinators: A. Mérand, H. Boffin, S. Ekstrom, JJ Eldridge, M. Mapelli. The approved program on "The Fundamental Role of Stellar Multiplicity in Stellar Dynamics and Evolution" is scheduled for November 2022.

FWF stand-alone grant FP311540 (320'299.88 EUR for 3 years)

2018

PI: Michela Mapelli, 0 co-Is. Project "PopNeS: Unraveling merging neutron stars and black hole
 – neutron star binaries with population-synthesis simulations", funded by the Austrian National Science
 Foundation (FWF).

ERC Consolidator Grant (1'994'764 EUR for 5 years)

2017

o PI: Michela Mapelli, 0 co-Is. Project "DEMOBLACK: Demography of Black Hole Binaries in the Era of Gravitational Wave Astronomy", funded by the European Research Council (ERC).

"Premiale project" by MIUR (2.144M EUR for 3 years)

2017

o PI: Gianluca Gemme; > 10 co-Is, including Michela Mapelli. Project "FIGARO – FOSTERING THE ITALIAN LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVE ASTROPHYSICS", funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR).

"Premiale project" by MIUR (1.128M EUR for 2 years)

2017

PI: Bianca Garilli; > 10 co-Is, including Michela Mapelli. Project "MITic – Mining the Cosmos: Big Data
and Innovative Italian Technology for Frontier Astrophysics and Cosmology" funded by the Italian Ministry
of Education, University and Research (MIUR).

ISSI proposal 2017

o PI: Christian Boily; 11 co-Is, including Michela Mapelli. Project "The Evolution of Rich Stellar Populations & Black Hole Binaries". This grant, funded by the International Space Science Institute – ISSI in Bern, Switzerland, covers the expenses for the organization of three meetings on the proposed subject and aims at consolidating an international collaboration on the study of black hole binaries in star clusters.

Astrofit
2 Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowship, issued by INAF (170
k EUR for 3 years) 2017

 PI: Mario Pasquato; Scientific Supervisor: Michela Mapelli. Project "ARTIStIC – ARTificial Intelligence Search for Intermediate-mass black holes in star Clusters". This grant, funded by the Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie program of European Commission, covers the fellowship of Dr Mario Pasquato plus travel and equipment expenses.

PRIN INAF Project (306k EUR for 3 years)

2017

o PI: Andrea Possenti; > 10 co-Is including Michela Mapelli. Project "Opening a new era in pulsar and compact-object science with MeerKat", funded by INAF.

MERAC Project (150k EUR for 3 years)

2015

• PI: Michela Mapelli; 0 co-Is. Project "The physics of gas and protoplanetary discs in the Galactic centre: predictions for SKA and ALMA", funded by Fondation MERAC (100k EUR) and by INAF (50k EUR).

INAF PhD Project (70k EUR for 3 years)

2015

• PI: Michela Mapelli; 0 co-Is. Project "Hydrodynamical simulations of clustered star formation and the young star clusters of the Gaia ESO survey", funded by INAF to hire a PhD student.

PRIN INAF Project (32k EUR for 2 years)

2014

o PI: Michela Mapelli; > 10 co-Is. Project "Star formation and evolution in galactic nuclei", funded by INAF.

FIRB Future in Research Project (958'490 EUR for 3 years)

2012

o 3 co-PIs: Marica Branchesi (national coordinator), Michela Mapelli & Massimiliano Razzano. Project "New perspectives on the violent Universe: unveiling the physics of compact objects with joint observations of gravitational waves and electromagnetic radiation", funded by the MIUR. The FIRB (Future in Research) was an Italian granting scheme for excellent young researchers. Our project was the only astrophysical proposal (PE9) funded in the 2012 FIRB call (success rate < 5%).

CONACYT Project (661.3k PESOS for 2 years)

2012

o PI: Emanuele Bertone (INAOE, Puebla, Mexico); > 10 co-Is including Michela Mapelli. Project "Nearby and distant spheroids: cutting-edge theoretical tools for the analysis of stellar populations", funded by the Mexican Science Foundation (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología).

PRIN INAF Project (41k EUR for 2 years)

2012

o PI: Luca Zampieri; > 10 co-Is, including Michela Mapelli. Project "Challenging Ultraluminous X-ray sources", funded by INAF.

Milano Bicocca Fellowship (72k EUR for 4 years)

2009

• PI: Michela Mapelli; 0 co-Is. Project "Understanding ring galaxy formation", funded by the University of Milano Bicocca.

Forschungskredit Fellowship (60k EUR for 1 year)

2008

o PI: Michela Mapelli; 0 co-Is, funded by the University of Zurich.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES AS PRIMARY LECTURER for Bachelor and Master students.....

Computational Astrophysics

2020-now

- Optional course for Master students in Physics of Data at the University of Padova (~ 15 students per year).
- o I teach 48 hours/yr, corresponding to the entire course.
- o Median evaluation of the course by the students: 9/10

Mathematical and Numerical Methods

2019-now

- Fundamental course for Master students in Astrophysics and Cosmology at the University of Padova (~ 70 students per year).
- o I teach 48 hours/yr, corresponding to the entire course.
- \circ Median evaluation of the course by the students: 9/10

Laboratory of Computational Physics, Part B

2019-now

- Fundamental course for Master students in Physics of Data at the University of Padova (~ 60 students per year).
- o I teach 24 hours/yr, corresponding to half of the course.
- Median evaluation of my part of the course by the students: 9/10

General Physics 1 2018–2019

- Fundamental course for Bachelor students in Electronic Engineering and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Padova (~ 200 students per year).
- I taught 60 hours/yr, corresponding to more than half of the frontal lectures.
- \circ Median evaluation of my part of the course by the students: 7/10

Gravitational Wave Astrophysics

2017-2018

- o Optional course for Master students in Physics at the University of Innsbruck (~ 10 students per year).
- I taught 30 hours/yr, corresponding to the entire course.

COURSES AS TEACHING ASSISTANT for Bachelor and Master students.....

Stellar Evolution 2009–2011

o Course for Master students in Physics at the University of Milano Bicocca, Curriculum Astrophysics (~ 10 students per year).

Galactic Dynamics 2009–2011

o Course for Master students in Physics at the University of Milano Bicocca, Curriculum Astrophysics (~ 10 students per year).

Theoretical Astrophysics

2008-2009

 \circ Course for Master students in Physics at the University of Zurich (~ 10 students per year).

Proseminar Theoretical Physics

2007-2009

 \circ Course for Bachelor students in Physics at the University of Zurich (~ 20 students per year).

Introduction to Astrophysics

2007-2009

o Course for Bachelor students in Physics and for non-physics Master students at the University of Zurich (~ 40 students per year).

COURSES AS PRIMARY LECTURER for PhD students.....

Gravitational Wave Astrophysics

2020-now

- \circ Course for PhD students in Astronomy and in Physics at the University of Padova (~ 15 students per year).
- This course is held every two years and consists of 16 hours.

N-body techniques for astrophysics

2015-now

- o Course for PhD students in Astronomy and in Physics at the University of Padova (~ 20 students per year).
- This course is held every two years and consists of 16 hours.

Collisional dynamics in stellar systems

2012-2017

- o Course for PhD students in Astronomy at the University of Padova (~ 10 students per year).
- This course was held every two years and consisted of 10 hours.

INVITED LECTURE CYCLES.....

Compact Object Formation

2020-now

- o Invited Course for PhD students in Astro-Particle Physics at the Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI)
- This course is held every year and consists of 10 hours.

Dynamics of Stars and Black Holes in Dense Stellar Systems

April 2018

- Invited Course for PhD students in Astrophysics at the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA)
- This course consisted of 8 hours.

INVITED LECTURES

International School on Multi-Messenger Astrophysics

Asiago, Italy

Invited Lecture on "Binary Compact Objects"

January 14–23 2020

o Main target: PhD students.

ISAPP School on The Dark Side of the Universe

Heidelberg, Germany

Invited Lecture on "Gravitational Wave Astronomy"

May 28-June 4 2019

o Main target: PhD students.

PHAROS School on Multimessenger Physics and Astrophysics

Jena, Germany

Invited Lecture on "Binary Compact Objects"

March 11–15 2019

o Main target: PhD students.

International School of Physics "Enrico Fermi"

Varenna, Italy

Two invited Lectures on "Black holes physics and astrophysics"

July 2-12 2017

- Course 200 Gravitational Waves and Cosmology; scientific organizers: Eugenio Coccia, Nicola Vittorio, and Joseph Silk.
- o Main target: PhD students.

PhD School "Astrophysical Probes of Fundamental Physics"

Ferrara, Italy

Invited Lecture on "Demography of stellar mass black holes"

September 5-9 2016

- o Scientific organizers: Piero Rosati, Cristiano Guidorzi, Paolo Natoli.
- Main target: PhD students.

Binational Heraeus Summer School Series

Firenze, Italy

Invited Tutorial on "How to make star clusters out of gas"

August 23-30 2016

- o Binational Heraeus Summer School Series for Teacher Students and Teachers "Star and planet formation" at the Arcetri Astronomical Observatory, Firenze, Italy.
- o This school springs from the collaboration of the Universities of Firenze, Heidelberg, Jena and Padova.
- o Main target: High-school teachers and Master students interested in starting a career as high-school teachers.

The Gaia course for PhD students

Bologna, Italy

Invited Lecture on "Dynamics of open clusters and star forming regions"

June 6-10 2016

- o Scientific organizers: A. Bragaglia, C. Cacciari, G. Clementini, F. R. Ferraro.
- o Main target: PhD students.

Binational Heraeus Summer School Series

Jena, Germany

Invited Lecture on "How to be ready for multi-messenger astronomy" Aug. 31-Sept. 4 2015

- o Binational Heraeus Summer School Series for Teacher Students and Teachers "Gravitational Wave Universe" at the University of Jena, Germany.
- o This school springs from the collaboration of the Universities of Firenze, Heidelberg, Jena and Padova.
- o Main target: High-school teachers and Master students interested in starting a career as high-school teachers.

Binational Heraeus Summer School Series

Padova, Italy

Invited Lecture on "Gravitational wave sources and electromagnetic counterparts" June 19 2015

- o Binational Heraeus Summer School Series for Teacher Students and Teachers "Gravitational Wave Universe".
- o This school springs from the collaboration of the Universities of Firenze, Heidelberg, Jena and Padova.
- o Main target: High-school teachers and Master students interested in starting a career as high-school teachers.

Binational Heraeus Summer School Series

Padova, Italy

Invited Lecture on "Star formation around super-massive black holes"

September 1-6 2014

- Binational Heraeus Summer School Series for Teacher Students and Teachers "Space, Time and Gravitation, The case of Active Galactic Nuclei".
- o This school springs from the collaboration of the Universities of Firenze, Heidelberg, Jena and Padova.
- o Main target: High-school teachers and Master students interested in starting a career as high-school teachers.

School "Challenging ultra-luminous X-ray sources"

Milano Bicocca, Italy

Invited Lecture on "Dynamics and ultraluminous X-ray sources"

January 30-31 2014

o Main target: PhD and Master students.

Summer school "HIGH PERFORMANCE SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING" Padova, Italy

Invited Lecture on "Direct N-body Codes for Astrophysics: from GRAPE to GPU" Sept. 16–19 2013

- o This school was organized by the Strategic Research Project AACSE Algorithms and Architectures for Computational Science and Engineering, Department of Information Engineering, University of Padova
- Main target: PhD and Master students in Physics and Engineering.

RESEARCH ADVISING (since 2008):

Bachelor students: 20.

Cedric Huwyler (2008, University of Zurich), Davide Fiacconi (2010, University of Milano Bicocca), Marcello Gomitoni (2010, University of Milano Bicocca), Giovanni Bruno (2010, University of Milano Bicocca), Alessandro A. Trani (2011, University of Milano Bicocca), Ugo N. Dicarlo (2014-2015, University of Padova), Enrico Montanari (2015-2016, University of Padova), Giulio Dondi (2016, University of Modena e Reggio Emilia), Erica Greco (2017, University of Padova), Nicola Gaspari (2018, University of Padova), Erik Richter-Alten (2018, University of Innsbruck), Alberto Brentegani (2019, University of Padova), Alberto Magaraggia (2019, University of Padova), Francesco Spezzati (2019, University of Padova), Lorenzo Merli (2019, University of Padova), Marianna Zerajic De Giorgio (2020, University of Padova), Erika Korb (2020, University of Padova), Irma Berviglieri (2021, University of Padova), Daria Murgia (2021, University of Padova), Nicolò Belgiovine (2021, University of Padova)

Master students: 22.

Stefano Cotini (2010 – 2011, University of Milano Bicocca), Mattia Villani (2010 – 2011, University of Pavia), Davide Fiacconi (2011 – 2012, University of Milano Bicocca), Alessandro A. Trani (2013, University of Milano Bicocca), Andrea Moretti (2014 – 2015, University of Milano Bicocca), Alessandra Ferri (2014 – 2015, University of Milano Bicocca), Matteo Mazzarini (2015 – 2016, University of Padova), Benjamin Czaja (2015 – 2016, Astromundus student, University of Padova), Nicola Giacobbo (2016, University of Padova), Ugo Niccolò Di Carlo (2017, University of Padova), Mattia Toffano (2018, University of Padova), Enrico Montanari (2018 – 2019, University of Padova), Piero Trevisan (2018 – 2019, University of Padova), Filippo Santoliquido (2019, University of Padova), Marco Dall'Amico (2019 – 2020, University of Padova), Nicola Gaspari (2019 – 2020, University of Padova), Erica Greco (2020, University of Padova), Riccardo Baldo (2020 – 2021, University of Padova), Emanuele Maria Ventura (2021, University of Padova), Jacopo Tissino (2021, University of Padova), Roberta Rufolo (2020 – 2021, University of Padova), Cecilia Sgalletta (2021, University of Padova)

PhD students: 8.

Brunetto M. Ziosi (2012 – 2015, University of Padova; now permanent IT staff in a private company), Alessandro A. Trani (2013 – 2017, SISSA, external supervisor; now independent JSPS postdoctoral fellow at the University of Tokyo), Elisa Bortolas (2015 – 2018, University of Padova; now postdoctoral fellow at the University of Milano Bicocca), Nicola Giacobbo (2016 – 2019, University of Padova; now permanent IT staff in a private company), Ugo Niccolò Di Carlo (2017 – 2021, University of Insubria; now postdoctoral fellow in the DEMOBLACK group, he will move to Carnegie Mellon in the fall), Filippo Santoliquido (2019 – now, University of Padova), Stefano Torniamenti (2019 – now, University of Padova)

Current Postdocs: 7.

Dr. Alessandro Ballone (2016 – now, INAF-OAPd, funded by my 2015 MERAC grant and since 2019 by my ERC Consolidator Grant); Dr. Yann Bouffanais (2018 – now, ERC Consolidator grant); Dr. Guglielmo Costa (2019 – now, ERC Consolidator Grant); Dr. Ugo Niccolò Di Carlo (2020 – now, ERC Consolidator Grant); Dr. Giuliano Iorio (2019 – now, ERC Consolidator grant); Dr. Mario Pasquato (2021 – now, MSCA Global fellow); Dr. Sara Rastello (2019 – now, ERC Consolidator grant)

New postdocs starting in the next few months: 2.

Dr. Manuel Arca Sedda (starting in March 2022, MSCA European fellow); Dr. M. Celeste Artale (starting in December 2021, "Seal of Excellence fellow", University of Padova)

Former Postdocs: 5.

Dr. M. Celeste Artale (2018 – 2019, now FWF stand-alone grant leader at the University of Innsbruck); Dr. Nicola Giacobbo (2019 – 2020, ERC Consolidator grant; now permanent IT staff in a private company); Dr. Mario Pasquato (2017 – 2020, INAF-OAPd, independent Astrofit2 Marie Curie grant; now senior postdoctoral fellow at New York University Abu-Dabhi); Dr. Nadeen Sabha (2018 – 2019, now postdoc at the University of Innsbruck); Dr. Mario Spera (2014 – 2018, INAF-OAPd, funded by my 2012FIRB grant; now assistant professor at SISSA).

ERASMUS students: 2.

Tom Kimpson (2015, University of Durham, UK; now PhD student at the University College of London), summer project about "Hierarchical triple systems: a gravitational wave factory and a powerful laboratory for general relativity"; Adam Dakroury (2016-2017, University of Surrey, UK), 1-yr project about "SEVN: A new binary evolution code to study gravitational wave events"

SUMMER internships: 2.

Alice Doimo (2020, University of Padova); Cecilia Sgalletta (2020, University of Padova)

Note: most of my former Master and PhD students went to prestigious national and international universities for their PhD and postdoctoral fellowships (e.g., Max Planck Institute in Heidelberg; Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore; University of Amsterdam, University of Cambridge, University of Marseille, University of Nijmegen, University of Tokyo, University of Zurich,...) or found a permanent job in private IT companies. My first postdoctoral fellow, Dr Mario Spera, is now assistant professor at SISSA.

COLLOQUIA AND TALKS AT CONFERENCES:

I was invited to give **42 colloquia** at international research institutes and universities. I also gave >60 oral presentations at international conferences, among which **52 invited talks and review talks**. For my additional 14 invited lectures, see the previous section on Teaching Experience.

List of the invited colloquia/webinars:

- 42 Vienna University, Vienna, Austria, Vienna Astrophysics Colloquium about "Binary black holes across cosmic time", February 14 2022, hopefully first colloquium in presence after covid-19 emergency (forthcoming)
- 41 La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy, invited ARC colloquium about "Binary black holes", May 20 2021 (done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 40 Heidelberg Joint Astronomical Colloquium, invited talk about "The riddle of binary black hole formation", May 18 2021 (done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency, youtube link)
- 39 CCA, Flatiron Institute, New York, US, invited talk at the compact object meeting about "Hierarchical mergers and intermediate-mass black holes", May 13 2021 (done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 38 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), US, invited colloquium about "Binary black holes across the Universe", March 30 2021 (done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 37 APC, Paris, France, invited colloquium about "Binary black holes in the mass gap", February 26 2021 (done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 36 IRAP, Toulouse, France, invited colloquium about "The multifaceted formation of binary black holes", January 21 2021 (done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 35 Lund University, Lund, Sweden, invited colloquium about "Binary black holes", October 29 2020 (this talk has been done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 34 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, US, invited colloquium about "Black holes in the pair instability mass gap", October 28 2020 (this talk has been done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 33 Webinar on "GW190521", on behalf of the LIGO-Virgo collaboration, September 3 2020, youtube link (this talk has been done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency, > 500 participants)
- 32 Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK, invited lunch talk about "Stellar Black Hole Formation and Dynamics across Cosmic Time", June 25 2020 (this talk has been done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 31 INAF, Padova, Italy, invited lunch talk about "Binary compact objects across cosmic time", May 19 2020 (this talk has been done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)

- 30 Lancaster University, UK, invited Colloquium about "Binary compact objects across cosmic time", May 5 2020 (this talk has been done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 29 ESO, Garching, Germany, invited Web Lunch Talk about "Binary compact objects across cosmic time", April 7 2020 (this talk was done remotely because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 28 Institute for Theory and Computation, Center for Astrophysics, Harvard & Smithsonian, Cambridge, Massachusetts, US, invited colloquium about "The mass and dynamics of black holes", October 24 2019
- 27 GSSI, L'Aquila, Italy, invited colloquium about "Demography of black holes across cosmic time", December 5 2018
- 26 Albert Einstein Institute, Potsdam, Germany, invited colloquium about "Demography of compact objects in the era of gravitational-wave astronomy", May 30 2018
- 25 University of Wien, Austria, invited colloquium about "The astrophysics of compact object binaries", June 22 2018
- 24 University of Leiden, The Netherlands, invited colloquium about "The demography of black holes in the era of gravitational-wave astronomy", May 17 2018
- 23 Inaugural Lecture for the New Professorship, University of Innsbruck, "The demography of compact objects in the era of gravitational-wave astronomy", April 10 2018
- 22 University of Warsaw, Poland, invited colloquium about "The demography of black holes", March 14 2018
- 21 Cardiff University, UK, invited colloquium about "Formation and evolution of binary black holes", February 21 2018
- 20 University of Trento, invited colloquium about "What are the formation channels of black hole binaries?", January 11 2018
- 19 Bologna Astronomical Observatory, Italy, invited colloquium about "Few good reasons to not get bored of star clusters', May 4 2017
- 18 Munich Joint Astronomy Colloquium, Munich, Germany, invited colloquium about "The dynamics of stellar systems", November 24 2016
- 17 Max Planck Institut fuer Radioastronomie (MPIfR), Bonn, Germany, invited colloquium about "The dance of stars in galactic nuclei", January 25, 2016
- 16 Osservatorio Astrofisico di Arcetri, Firenze, Italy, "Star formation activity in the Galactic Centre", October 29, 2015
- 15 ESO, Garching, Germany, Informal discussion (invited black board colloquium) on "Young star clusters: when collisional dynamics meets stellar evolution", July 29, 2015
- 14 Astronomical Observatory, Rome, Italy, The nature of the dusty object G2, May 5, 2015
- 13 University of Surrey, UK, The violent life of the Galactic centre, May 22, 2014
- 12 SISSA/ISAS, Trieste, Italy, The sarabande of stars and black holes in dense young star clusters, February 18, 2014
- 11 IASF Bologna, Bologna, Italy, New perspectives on the violent Universe: unveiling the physics of compact objects with joint observations of gravitational waves and electromagnetic radiation, December 18, 2013
- 10 University "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy, Simulating young star clusters with different metallicity:

- impact on structural evolution and stellar exotica, May 6, 2013
- 9 IRAP, Toulouse, France, Massive stellar black holes and intermediate-mass black holes: formation pathways and observational fingerprints, March 7, 2013
- 8 INAF, Brera Observatory (Milano, Italy), Dynamics of massive stellar black holes, November 23, 2011
- 7 Physics and Astronomy Department, University of Padua (Padova, Italy), Galaxy clashes and perturbed galaxies, September 8, 2011
- 6 University of Bologna and INAF-Bologna Observatory (Bologna, Italy), Massive stellar black holes in low-metallicity environments, November 18, 2010
- 5 Institute for Theoretical Physics, University of Zurich (Zurich, Switzerland), Massive stellar black holes, September 22, 2010
- 4 INAF, Osservatorio Astronomico di Brera-Merate (Milan, Italy), "Dynamics of peculiar galaxies", March 27, 2009
- 3 Institute for gravitational physics and geometry, Penn State University (US), Sources and Simulations Seminars, "Dynamical Constraints on Intermediate Mass Black Holes", February 2, 2006
- 2 Theoretical astrophysics group, Northwestern University (US), "Dynamical Constraints on Intermediate Mass Black Holes", January 29, 2006
- 1 Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge (UK), "Extragalactic meetings", January 9, 2006, "Decaying cold and warm dark matter"

List of invited talks and invited review talks at conferences (I am not showing the contributed talks for the sake of brevity).

- 52 Conference "Nordic Neutron Stars", May 11 15 2022, Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS), Aarhus University, Denmark, invited talk on Binary neutron stars (postponed because of covid-19)
- 51 Conference "Growing Black Holes: Accretion and mergers", 19-24 April 2022, Katmandu, Nepal, invited review talk on "The cosmic evolution of compact object binaries" (postponed because of covid-19)
- 50 Workshop "Source Inference and Parameter Estimation in Gravitational Wave Astronomy", November 15 19 2021, Part of the Long Program Mathematical and Computational Challenges in the Era of Gravitational Wave Astronomy, IPAM, UCLA, Los Angeles, US (forthcoming)
- 49 Conference EAS 2021, Symposium "The Birth, Life and Death of Black Holes", June 28 29 2021, Leiden, The Netherlands, invited review talk on Black hole populations, held remotely because of covid-19
- 48 "Gravitational Wave Early Career Scientist Funding Workshop", June 22-23 2021, online workshop, invited talk and round table on "Managing a project, coordinating a group and supervising students" (link to the slides)
- 47 Conference "Le Rencontres de Moriond Gravitation", March 9 11 2021, keynote speaker, invited review talk on "Binary black hole formation", held remotely because of covid-19
- 46 Conference "Miami 2020", Miami, US, December 10 2020, invited talk on "Black holes in the pair instability mass gap" (the conference moved to an online format because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 45 Workshop "Newest results from LIGO Virgo KAGRA", Copenhagen, November 18 2020, invited

- talk on the Formation channels of GW190521 (the workshop was organized in a dual format because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 44 "FERO 10th meeting", November 17 19 2020, Toulouse, France, invited review talk on "Constraints on the intermediate-mass black hole population from GW events" (postponed because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 43 "Virtual Iberian Gravitational Wave Meeting", October 19 20 2020, invited talk on "Demography of binary compact objects: from theory to data" (held online because of the covid-19 emergency)
- 42 Conference "PASCOS (Particles Strings Cosmology)", 13 17 July 2020, Heidelberg, Germany, invited plenary talk on "Gravitational Wave Astrophysics (postponed because of covid-19 pandemic)"
- 41 Conference "EAS 2020", Symposium on "What have we learned from the observed population of gravitational wave sources?", 2 3 July 2020, Leiden, The Netherlands, invited review talk on "The formation of isolated compact object binaries" this conference has been held online because of the covid-19 emergency
- 40 Conference "Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy: Genesis", 10 12 February 2020, Kobe, Japan, invited review talk on "Formation mechanisms of merging BH binaries"
- 39 Workshop "Black Holes and Gravitational Waves", December 16 20 2019, Leiden, The Netherlands, invited talk on the Dynamics of black holes
- 38 Workshop "Strong gravitational phenomena and tests of gravity with current and future experiments", August 28 30 2019, Saint Flour, France, invited review talk on "Challenges of modelling the evolution of black hole binaries, and their connection with astrophysical observations"
- 37 Conference "Merging Visions: Exploring Compact-Object Binaries with Gravity and Light", June 24 27 2019, Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, UC Santa Barbara, California, US, invited talk on "Black hole dynamics"
- 36 EWASS 2019, Special Session on "The dynamics of stellar clusters: simulations and observations at low/high redshifts", Lyon, France, June 24 28 2019, invited talk on "Hydrodynamical simulations of star cluster formation"
- 35 XVIII International Workshop on Neutrino Telescopes, Venice, Italy, March 18 22 2019, invited talk on "Lessons learned from GW170817 and what next"
- 34 Gravitational Waves, Black Holes and Fundamental Physics, EU COST meeting, Athens, Greece, January 21 24 2019, invited review talk on black hole dynamics
- 33 The Central Arcsecond: Towards Testing General Relativity in the Galactic Center Sunday to Saturday, October 28 November 3, 2018, Schloss Ringberg, Bavaria, Germany, invited talk
- $32-68 {\rm th}$ Annual Meeting of the Austrian Physical Society, Graz, Austria, September 11 14 2018, Invited plenary talk
- 31 Symposium IAU 346: High-mass X-ray binaries: illuminating the passage from massive binaries to merging compact objects, as part of the XXX IAU General Assembly, Wien, Austria, 20-31 August 2018, invited talk
- 30 Workshop "Star Clusters around the Milky Way and in the Local Group (Observations, Dynamics, Modelling, Supercomputing)", Collaborative Research Center (SFB881) at the University of Heidelberg, Aug. 15-17, 2018, invited speaker
- 29 Second Workshop "Young Stellar Populations, their Evolution & the Statistics of Black Hole

- Binaries", ISSI, Bern, Switzerland, July 8 12 2018, invited speaker
- 28 Meeting "Finding Extreme Relativistic Objects", Heraklion, Crete, Greece, 23-25 May, 2018, invited talk
- 27 APS April meeting, Division of Gravitational Physics, Session on "Gravitational Wave Sources: Compact Binary Formation Scenarios", Columbus, Ohio, US, 14-17 April 2018, invited talk
- 26 Workshop "Young Stellar Populations, their Evolution the Statistics of Black Hole Binaries", ISSI, Bern, Switzerland, November 13 17 2017, invited speaker
- 25 Amaldi 12 conference on Gravitational Waves, Pasadena, CA, USA, July 9 14 2017, invited plenary talk on "GW Coalescing Binary detections: impact for Astrophysics, any new results"
- 24 ESO workshop "The Impact of Binaries on Stellar Evolution", Garching, Germany, July 3 7 2017, invited review talk on "The Maxwell's demon of star clusters, aka the impact of binaries on N-body system evolution"
- 23 EWASS 2017, Symposium on "The multifrequency gravitational wave universe", Prague, Czech Republic, June 26 30 2017, invited review talk on "Dynamical origin of compact object binaries"
- 22 Conference "New Frontiers in Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics", June 19-22 2017, Rome, Italy, invited talk on "The mass spectrum and dynamics of double black hole binaries"
- 21 Conference "631. WE-Heraeus-Seminar: Stellar aggregates over mass and spatial scales", Dec. 5-9, 2016, Bad Honnef, Germany, invited talk on "Near the monster: formation and dynamics of stars in galactic nuclei"
- 20 Meeting "The transient and variable sky in the era of gravitational wave astronomy" of the Royal Astronomical Society, October 26 27 2016, Chicheley Hall, London, UK, invited talk on "Dynamical formation of compact binaries"
- 19 Meeting GR100+1 for the inauguration of the Academic Year at University of Milano Bicocca, October 24 2016, Milano, Italy, invited talk on "Merging black holes: how do they form?"
- 18 SIF (Società Italiana Fisica), 102° National Meeting, September 26 30 2016, Padova, Italy, invited talk
- 17 Star clusters: from Infancy to Teenagehood, August 8-12 2016, Heidelberg, Germany, invited review talk about "The dynamics of young star clusters: a happy marriage between simulations and the Gaia-ESO survey"
- 16 What about computing @ INAF?, June 20 21 2016, Monte Mario, Rome, Italy, invited talk
- 15 ULXs and their environment, June 13-16 2016, Strasbourg, France, invited talk
- 14 INAF after GW150914, April 11 2016, Monte Mario, Rome, Italy, invited talk
- 13 GES meeting 2015, December 1- 4 2015, Vilnius, Lithuania, invited talk
- 12 EWASS 2015, Plenary Talk for the MERAC prize, June 22-26 2015, La Laguna, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, invited talk
- 11 EWASS 2015, Special Session "3D view on interacting and post-interacting galaxies from clusters to voids", June 22-26 2015, La Laguna, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, invited talk
- 10 Black holes in dense star clusters, January 17-22 2015, Aspen, US, invited participant, talk on "Life and death of stellar discs around supermassive black holes"

- 9 Astro-GR@Rome, "Gravitational waves and electromagnetic observations of dense stellar systems", July 14-18 2014, Rome, Italy, invited talk
- 8 Science Workshop on "ULXs Implications for our View of the Universe", Lorentz Center, Leiden, The Netherlands, March 31- April 4, 2014, invited review talk
- 7 Meeting "Challenging ultraluminous X-ray sources", University of Milano Bicocca, Milano, Italy, January 30-31 2014, invited talk
- 6 High Energy Tidal Disruption Events: Looking at the Future, Favignana, Italy September 23-26, 2013, invited talk
- 5 1st Science Workshop of the Gaia Italia Community, Science with Gaia: revising the Italian selection of main themes, Bologna, Italy, December 12-14 2011, invited talk
- 4 Aspen Summer Meeting, Stellar and Intermediate Mass Black Holes: Gravitational Physics and Radiation Sources Across the Universe", Aspen, CO, US, June 6-26, 2011, invited participant, blackboard talk
- 3 "LI congresso della Società Astronomica Italiana", Firenze, Italy, April 17-20 2007, invited talk (Tacchini prize)
- 2 "Eleventh Marcel Grossmann Meeting", Berlin, Germany, July 24-29 2006, invited talk
- 1 "SNAC 2006" (Sterile Neutrinos in Astrophysics and Cosmology), Crans-Montana, Switzerland, March 25-29 2006, invited talk

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

- Co-coordinator of the MIAPP program "The Fundamental Role of Stellar Multiplicity in Stellar Dynamics and Evolution", MIAPP, Garching, November 2022
- Co-chair of the workshop "Physics and Astrophysics at the Extreme" (PAX), August 23 27 2021, online only because of covid-19 emergency
- Member of the SOC of "Where are the BH-NS binaries?", Special Session at the EAS 2021, Leiden,
 The Netherlands, 2 July 2021, online only because of covid-19
- Member of the SOC of the "The origin and build-up of angular momentum in stellar systems",
 Strasbourg, France, Spring 2021 (postponed because of covid-19)
- Member of the SOC of the "Multiple Stellar Populations in the next decade", Padova, Italy, 7-11 September 2020 (to be rescheduled due to covid-19 emergency)
- Member of the SOC of the "Globular Clusters at the Nexus of Star and Galaxy Formation", KITP,
 Santa Barbara, CA, US, March June 2020 (rescheduled due to covid-19 emergency)
- Member of the SOC of the "MODEST 20: Dense Star Clusters in the Era of Large Surveys", TIFR, Mumbai, India, February 2–7 2020
- Member of the SOC of the "LXIII Conference of the Italian Astronomical Society (SAIt)", Roma, Italy, May $14-17\ 2019$
- Member of the SOC of the "PHAROS Conference 2019: the multi-messenger physics and astrophysics of neutron stars", Platja d' Aro, Spain, April 23 26 2019
- Member of the SOC of the IAU Symposium 351: Star Clusters from the Milky Way to the Early

Universe, Bologna, Italy, May 27 – 31 2019

- Member of the SOC of the "MODEST 18: Dense Stellar Systems in the Era of Gaia, LIGO, and LISA", Santorini, Greece, June 25 – 29 2018
- Member of the SOC of the Workshop "Ultraluminous X-ray pulsars", European Space Astronomy Centre (ESAC), Madrid, Spain, from June 6 – 8 2018
- Member of the SAC of the Symposium "Gravitational-waves Science & Technology" (GRASS), Padova, Italy, March $1-2\ 2018$
- Member of the SOC of the conference "Multi-spin and interacting galaxies", SAO RAS, at the Special Astrophysical Observatory of RAS located in Nizhnij Arkhyz, Russia, September 26 – 30 2016

COORDINATION of RESEARCH GROUPS, MEMBERSHIPS and COLLABORATIONS:

Division Chair for the Observation Science Board of the Einstein Telescope (ET)

2021-now

- ET is the European next-generation ground-based gravitational-wave detector.
- The Observation Science Board aims to identify the main scientific cases for the ET, to write the first Blue Book of ET and to organize a broad scientific community for the exploitation of ET.
- I chair Division 3 (Population studies) of the ET Observation Science Board, together with G. Cusin and A. Riotto.

Head of the TEONGRAV Padova Group

2019 - now

- o Equivalent to group leader at the Italian National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN).
- The TEONGRAV Padova group (composed of 17 researchers) is one of the core members of TEONGRAV, a national INFN project bringing together teams with theoretical experience in the field of gravitational waves.

PI and leader of the DEMOBLACK ERC Team

2018-now

o The DEMOBLACK Team currently consists of 7 postdoctoral fellows (6 of them funded by the ERC grant), three PhD student (one of them funded by the ERC grant) and several collaborators (working at the University of Padova, SISSA, University of Innsbruck, University of Leiden, University of Jena, INFN, INAF, GSSI, ..).

Work Package Leader, Pharos COST action

2018 - now

o The COST Action PHAROS (CA16214) has the goal of attacking key challenges in the physics involved in neutron stars by facing them via an innovative, problem based approach, focusing on current, and new, data and experiments, and that hinges on interdisciplinary Working Groups. More details at this link.

Member of the GWIC-3G Science Team

2018 - now

- In 2018, the Gravitational Wave International Committee (GWIC) established a 3G Science Team to explore
 the scientific impact of third-generation gravitational wave detectors.
- As a writing team member of the Compact Binary group, I have significantly contributed to the Science Book of 3G detectors (link).
- o I am one of the lead co-authors of the Astro2020 GWIC-3G science white paper "Deeper, wider, sharper: next-generation ground-based gravitational-wave observations of binary black holes" (link).

Co-chair of LISA Work Package on "Stellar-mass binaries"

2019 - now

- o I am an associate member of the LISA Consortium since 2018.
- Since 2019, I co-chair the LISA Work Package on Stellar-mass binaries together with K. Breivik and S. Toonen.

Member of the LIGO - Virgo collaboration

2018 - now

o I am an active member of the Virgo collaboration, mostly working in the Populations & Rates Team.

Member of the ENGRAVE collaboration

2018 - now

 The ENGRAVE (Electromagnetic counterparts of gravitational wave sources at the Very Large Telescope) collaboration is an international collaboration bringing together astronomers who use ESO facilities to research gravitational wave events.

Member of the GRAWITA collaboration

2018 - now

o The GRAWITA (GRAvitational Wave Inaf TeAm) collaboration aims to carry out follow-up observational campaigns in the radio, optical, NIR, X-ray, and gamma-ray bands of gravitational wave (GW) detector triggers.

Member of the MAORY Science Team

2015 - 2017

- The MAORY Science Team was established for the scientific exploitation of MAORY, the multi-conjugate adaptive optics module of the European Extremely Large Telescope.
- o I am one of the lead co-authors of the MAORY Science Cases White Book (link).

Member of the European Astronomical Society (EAS)

2014 - now

Member of the Italian National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN)

2014 - now

Member of the VMC survey

2013 - 2017

o The VMC is the VISTA near-infrared YJKs survey of the Magellanic Clouds. PI: M. R. Cioni.

Member of the Gaia-ESO Survey (GES)

2012 - now

o GES is a public spectroscopic survey, targeting $\geq 10^5$ stars, systematically covering all major components of the Milky Way, from halo to star forming regions.

Member of the International Astronomical Union (IAU)

2012 - now

COMMISSION OF TRUST, REFEREE and EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPs:

- Panel member, Hubble Fellowship 2021. The Hubbble Fellowship is one of the most prestigious post-doctoral fellowships in Astrophysics.
- Member of the selection committee for the Amaldi Prize 2020. We assigned a prize for the two best Master Theses about Multi-messenger and Gravitational-Wave Astronomy.
- Invited member of the Editorial Board of the journal Computational Astrophysics and Cosmology (2017–now).
- Invited Review Editor for Frontiers in Astronomy and Space Sciences (2015 2018).
- Reviewer and panel member, Cycle 16 Chandra Proposal Peer Review (2014).
- Referee for the European Research Council (2013–now).
- Referee for the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (2013–now).
- Referee for the National Science Foundation organizations of various EU and non-EU countries, including UK, Poland, The Netherlands (2012–now).
- Referee for the Italian HPC centre CINECA (2011–now).
- Referee for some of the main astrophysics journals (Astrophysical Journal, Astrophysical Journal Letters, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Astronomy & Astrophysics,

Astronomische Nachrichten, Nature Astronomy), physics journal (Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters) and multidisciplinary science journals (Nature, Science) on a regular basis (2006–now).

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES and other SERVICE WORK:

- Coordinator of the Virgo project for the CINECA INFN agreement: I coordinate the allocation of CINECA's CPU – GPU resources to INFN-Virgo members (2020 – now).
- Member of the Board of Professors, PhD Course in Astronomy, University of Padova (2019 now).
- Member of the Board of Professors of the Master degree in Physics of Data, Padova University (2019 – now).
- Member of the Board of Professors, Physics and Astronomy Department, University of Padova (2018 – now).
- Chair of the Extra-Galactic Group of the Astrophysics and Particle Physics Institute of the University of Innsbruck. The chair organizes the teaching activities of the other members of the group, administrates the group budget, assesses the annual performance of the other members of the group (two associate professors and several postdoctoral fellows, PhD students and administrative assistants), coordinates the activities and envisages the vision of the Institute in collaboration with the chairs of the other two groups (2017 2018).
- Member of the Board of full professors of the "Schwerpunkt Physik" (equivalent to a Physics Department) of the University of Innsbruck (2017 – 2018).
- Member of the selection committee for the admission of PhD students in Physics and/or Astronomy in several universities (2014 – now).
- Member of several committees (2012 now), for the appointment of fellowships (borse di studio), postdoctoral positions (assegni di ricerca) and fixed-term researcher positions at different institutions in Italy (University of Padova, INAF Osservatorio Astronomico di Padova, La Sapienza University) and abroad (University of Innsbruck).
- Graduate student advisor, PhD school in Astronomy, University of Padova (2012 now).
- External reviewer and examiner for the PhD Thesis of Debatri Chattopadyhay (Swinburne University, Australia, 2021), Lumen Boco (SISSA, Italy, 2021), Ruggero de Vita (Melbourne University, Australia, 2019), Shubhanshu Tiwari (GSSI and University of Trento, Italy, 2018) and Tilman Hartwig (Université Pierre and Marie Curie, Paris, 2017).
- Scientific advisor of > 10 postdoctoral fellows (2014-now).

OUTREACH, LECTURES AT HIGH/PRIMARY SCHOOLS and PRESS RELEASES:

- Short interview by Nature Italy (7 July 2021) for the detection of the first black hole neutron star merger event (English link, Italian link).
- Short interview by Italian newspaper "la Repubblica" (29 June 2021) for the detection of the first black hole – neutron star merger event (link).

- Article "Mind the gap" (link) for the ASIMMETRIE magazine (INFN), May 2021, and interview by Matteo Massicci during the facebook live stream (19 May 2021).
- Galileo Festival, Dalla scoperta dei raggi cosmici alla nascita dell'astrofisica multimessaggera (From the discovery of cosmic rays to the birth of multi-messenger astrophysics), Padova, October 13 2020 (postponed because of covid-19).
- Short interview by the French newspaper "Le Monde" (2 September 2020) for the detection of GW190521 by the LIGO-Virgo collaboration (link)
- Short interview by la Repubblica (2 September 2020) for the detection of GW190521 by the LIGO-Virgo collaboration (link) for the detection of GW190521 by the LIGO-Virgo collaboration
- Public lecture for the Gratton Prize 2019 ceremony, September 28 2019, Frascati, Italy Lecture title: "L'alba dell'astrofisica multi-messaggio" ("The dawn of multi-messenger astronomy")
- Article for the LIGO magazine ISSUE 14, March 2019 (https://ligo.org/magazine/)
- Public Lecture on "Come nascono le binarie di buchi neri? Dalle stelle massicce alle sorgenti di onde gravitazionali" ("How do binary black holes form? From massive stars to gravitational-wave sources"), organized by Fondazione Niels Stensen, Florence, Italy, December 1 2018
- Open Innovation Days, http://nova.ilsole24ore.com/oid/, Round Table on "Professione scienziato: come si costruisce una carriera di alto livello nella ricerca" ("How to build a successful academic career in Science"), October 27 2018, Padova, Italy
- Public Lecture on "Come nasce una coppia di buchi neri?" ("How do binary black holes form?"),
 I Giovedì dell'Astronomia, Padova, September 20 2018
- Lectures on "Come nascono i buchi neri" ("The birth of binary black holes"), Campus Scientifico
 "Il Futuro Presente 2018 Onde. Come l'Universo e la materia ci parlano", Fondazione Banca Alta Toscana, Quarrata, Italy, September 7 2018
- Several Press releases for the ERC Consolidator Grant (link1, link2)
- Lecture on "La danza dei buchi neri, ovvero come fanno i buchi neri a formare binarie e ad emettere onde gravitazionali" (The dance of black holes: how black holes form binary systems and emit gravitational waves), licei classico Tiziano e scientifico Galilei di Belluno (Belluno's high schools), "Progetto Fisica delle particelle elementari e moderna" (Project about Modern Physics and Particle Physics), March 17 2017
- "Il nostro Universo. Incontro per famiglie e bambini delle scuole primarie" (Our Universe. Meeting for families and primary-school kids), April 30 2016, Sala degli Anziani, Comune di Padova, Padova, Italy, meeting organized by Dr Livia Conti (INFN)
- Article for "Il Bo" (magazine of the University of Padova, in Italian) on the detection of massive stellar black holes by Advanced LIGO: "Non solo onde gravitazionali: i buchi neri massicci" (link)
- Article for MEDIA INAF on the detection of massive stellar black holes by Advanced LIGO, 22/02/2016, "Buchi neri oversize" (link)
- Interviewed as one of the 200 "Women of the year 2015" (among which 10 scientists) by the Italian newspaper "F" (Cairo Editore, January 13 2016)
- Interviewed by InterviEWASS 2015, on behalf of the Sociedad Espanola Astronomia (link1, link2)
- EAS PRESS RELEASE for the MERAC PRIZES 2015 (link)
- INAF PRESS RELEASE for the MERAC PRIZES 2015 (link)

- Notte dei Ricercatori (The night of researchers), public conferences at the Osservatorio Astronomico di Padova, Padova, Italy, http://www.venetonight.it/, from 2011 to now
- Messaggere di Urania, Milano, Italy, public conferences at the Planetarium of Milano (2009)
- Interview by the Earth & Sky broadcast network, based in Austin, Texas, US, (link) (2008)

ACCEPTED OBSERVATIONAL PROPOSALS (last three years only):

- Co-I, HST PROPOSAL, Cycle 28, "Compact binary mergers: R-process kilonovae and ultra-relativistic jets", PI: Nial Tanvir, 18 Primary Spacecraft Orbits + 30 ksec XMM Time
- Co-I, CHANDRA PROPOSAL (LARGE PROGRAM), Cycle 21, "Star formation in starburst: a deep ACIS-I observation of Westerlund 1", PI: Mario Guarcello, 1Ms observing time + \$ 126'640
- Co-I, ESO PROPOSAL (LARGE PROGRAM, PERIODS 102 104, ToO) "ENGRAVE: Electromagnetic counterparts of gravitational wave sources at the Very Large Telescope (Part I)", FORS2 and XSHOOTER, total: 136 hours service mode (SM)
- Co-I, ESO PROPOSAL (PERIOD 102,ToO) "ENGRAVE: Electromagnetic counterparts of gravitational wave sources at the Very Large Telescope (Part II)", HAWKI (24h), NACO (10h) and XSHOOTER (0.5h), total: 34.5 hours SM
- Co-I, ESO PROPOSAL (PERIOD 102,ToO) "ENGRAVE: Electromagnetic counterparts of gravitational wave sources at the Very Large Telescope (Part III)", MUSE (9h SM)

ACCEPTED COMPUTATIONAL PROPOSALS:

Summary: > 28 M CPU and GPU hours awarded by CINECA (Italy) and other European supercomputing centres (CSCS/Switzerland, DECI).

- CO-I of the proposal "StarCluBin" (PI: my PhD student Stefano Torniamenti) accepted by the DECI-17 call and awarded 7.52 M CPU standardised CPU hours (2021).
- CO-I of the proposal "The impact of stellar dynamics on gravitational wave sources" (PI: M. Spera) at CINECA (Italy), through an agreement with INAF, 5.8M CPU hours awarded for N-body simulations on the MARCONI Tier-0 cluster (2017).
- PI-I of the proposal "Formation of star clusters: how common is infant rotation?" at CINECA, through an agreement with INAF, 5.9M CPU hours awarded for N-body simulations on the MAR-CONI Tier-0 cluster (2017).
- CO-I of the proposal "The inner parsecs of our Galaxy: star formation and its environment." (PI: A. Ballone) at CINECA, through an agreement with INAF, 5.7M CPU hours awarded for N-body simulations on the MARCONI Tier-0 cluster (2017).
- PI of the proposal "The importance of subsonic filaments in star formation" at CINECA, 198k
 CPU hours awarded for N-body simulations on the GALILEO IBM cluster (2016).
- 2 CO-I of the proposal "Evolution of Massive Black Hole Binaries" at CINECA, PI: Elisa Bortolas,
 198k CPU hours awarded for N-body simulations on the GALILEO IBM cluster (2016).
- PI of the proposal "Rejuvenating S0 galaxies through minor mergers" at CINECA, 198k CPU hours awarded for N-body simulations with GPUs on the GALILEO IBM cluster (2015).

- PI of the proposal "Young star cluster disruption by tidal fields" at CINECA, 50k CPU hours awarded for N-body simulations with GPUs on the Eurora cluster (2014).
- CO-I of the proposal "Blue straggler stars in young star clusters" (PI: Mr A. Moretti, Master student) at CINECA, 50k CPU hours awarded for N-body simulations with GPUs on the Eurora cluster (2014).
- PI of the proposal "Star formation in proximity of a supermassive black hole" at CINECA, 2.28M
 CPU hours awarded for N-body/SPH simulations on the IBM Blue Gene/Q Fermi (2013).
- PI of the proposal "Making very massive stars through stellar collisions" at CINECA, 50k CPU hours awarded for N-body simulations with GPUs on the Eurora cluster (2013).
- CO-I of the proposal "Testing and parallelizing the new hybrid Monte Carlo code MYSCE" (PI: G. Galanti, Master student) at CINECA, 250.0k CPU hours awarded for N-body/SPH simulations on the IBM Blue Gene/Q Fermi and on the EURORA cluster (2013).
- CO-I of the proposal "Investigating the statistics and parameter space of double compact object binaries in young star clusters" (PI: B. Ziosi) at CINECA, 50.0k CPU hours awarded for Nbody/SPH simulations on the IBM PLX and on the EURORA cluster (2013).
- PI of the proposal "The violent life of the Galactic Centre", at CINECA, 281.6k CPU hours awarded for N-body/SPH simulations on the IBM PLX and on the IBM Blue Gene/Q Fermi cluster (2012).
- CO-I of the proposal "Computational Frontiers of Black Hole Dynamics" (PI: E. Ripamonti), at CINECA, 50k CPU hours awarded for simulations with GPUs on the IBM PLX cluster (2012).
- PI of the proposal "The fate of ring galaxies", at CINECA, 216k CPU hours awarded for N-body/SPH simulations on the IBM SP6 and on the Fermi cluster (2011).
- CO-I of the proposal "Massive black holes in young star clusters" (PI: E. Ripamonti), at CINECA,
 48.8k CPU hours awarded for simulations with GPUs on the IBM PLX cluster (2011).
- PI of the proposal "The fate of ring galaxies: preliminary tests", at CINECA, 18k CPU hours awarded for N-body/SPH sim. on the IBM SP6 and BGP clusters (2011).
- CO-I of the proposal "Stellar dynamics with GPUs" (PI: Ripamonti), at CINECA, 16k CPU hours awarded for simulations with GPUs on the IBM PLX cluster (2011).
- PI of the proposal "Formation of massive stars in the Galactic Centre", at the Swiss National Supercomputing Centre (CSCS) in Lugano (Switzerland), 150k CPU hours awarded for N-body/SPH simulations on the CRAY XT3 cluster at the CSCS (2008).

IT KNOWLEDGE and CODE DEVELOPMENT:

Operating systems
Linux/Unix (excellent knowledge), Windows, Mac OS.
Programming languages

- o Python (excellent), C and C++ (very good), Fortran 77 and 90 (good), sh/bash (good), perl, HTML.
- Experience in parallel computing (usage of MPI and OpenMP) and in high-performance computing.
- Experience in GPU computing (with CUDA parallel architecture).

Codes, developer:

- FASTCLUSTER (MM+ 2021): written in Python, FASTCLUSTER is one of the rare population-synthesis codes aimed to integrate binary black hole dynamics in star clusters. FASTCLUSTER allows us to study the dynamical formation of binary black holes without running computationally expensive direct N-body simulations: it is a key tool to probe the relevant parameter space of binary compact object formation. Available upon request.
- o SEVN ("Stellar EVolution for N-body", population synthesis code for N-body simulations, Spera, MM & Bressan 2015; Spera & MM 2017; Spera, MM+ 2019): written in C++, SEVN allows to integrate stellar evolution and binary evolution processes (tides, Roche lobe overflow, wind accretion, gravitational wave decay, etc) through interpolation algorithms. SEVN is used mostly to investigate the formation of binary compact objects in the field and in star clusters. Available upon request.
- o MOBSE ("Massive Objects in Binary Stellar Evolution", population synthesis code, upgrade of BSE; MM+ 2017; Giacobbo, MM & Spera 2018): written in Fortran 77, MOBSE is an upgrade of the population synthesis code BSE (Hurley et al. 2000, 2002). The upgrade included a new model for stellar winds, new prescriptions for core collapse, electron capture and pair instability supernovae, a new treatment of stellar radii and of natal kicks. Open source code downloadable from this link.
- **BEV** ("Binary EVolution", hybrid N-body Monte-Carlo code for binary evolution in a globular cluster, MM+ 2004, 2006): written in Fortran (77+90), BEV allows to investigate the evolution of exotic binaries (e.g. blue straggler stars, compact-object binaries) in a multi-mass King model. Available upon request.
- MAKECLOUD (generator of turbulence-supported molecular clouds, MM 2017), written in Python. Available upon request.

Codes, advanced user

Starlab (software environment for direct N-body simulations), Nbody6++GPU (direct N-body code), BSE (population synthesis code), pkdgrav/gasoline (tree-code with smoothed-particle hydro), ChaNGa (tree-code with smoothed-particle hydro), Gadget (tree-code with smoothed-particle hydro), RAM-SES (adaptive-mesh refinement), Recfast (cosmic recombination/reionization integrator).

LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE:

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