

Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum

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University education, jobs, awards and prizes

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- ★ 1996, Ph.D. in Physics, University of Pise, Italy
Title of Ph.D. thesis: *Quantum vacuum fluctuations in gravity and string cosmology*.
Supervisor: Prof. M. Maggiore (University of Genève, Switzerland)
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- ★ Sep 1997-Sep 1999: Postdoctoral Fellow at Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques (IHES), Bures-sur-Yvette (Paris), France.
- ★ Oct 1999-Nov 2002: Richard C. Tolman Prize Postdoctoral Fellow at Caltech, Pasadena, CA.
- ★ Dec 2001 - Dec 2004: “Chargée de Recherche de 1ere classe” (CR1) of CNRS at the *Institut d’Astrophysique de Paris* (IAP), Paris, France.
- ★ Jan 2005 - Aug 2005: “Chargée de Recherche de 1ere classe” (CR1) of CNRS at the *Laboratoire d’Astroparticule et Cosmologie* (APC), Paris, France.
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- ★ 2000 Italian Society of General Relativity and Gravitational Physics (SIGRAV) Prize 2000 for *Studies in General Relativity with applications in Astrophysics and Cosmology*

- ★ 2006-2008 Alfred P. Sloan Fellow
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- ★ 2007 Richard A. Ferrell Distinguished Faculty Fellowship
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 - ★ 2000 -2005 participant in the “Memorandum of Understanding” between Caltech Relativity Theory (Prof. K.S. Thorne being the P.I.) and the LIGO Scientific Collaboration.
 - ★ Since September 2003 member of “Inspiral upper limit group”, LIGO Scientific Collaboration.
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- **Graduate student co-advisees:** Yanbei Chen (PhD 2003, Caltech), Michele Vallisneri (PhD 2002, Caltech) and Yi Pan (PhD 2006, Caltech) (Prof. K.S. Thorne being the advisor)
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- [2] L. Boyle and A. Buonanno, **Relating gravitational wave constraints from primordial nucleosynthesis, pulsar timing, laser interferometers and the CMB: implications for the early Universe**, submitted to Phys. Rev. D, arXiv:0708.2279 [astro-ph].
- [3] J. Schnittman, A. Buonanno, J. R. van Meter, J.G. Baker, W.D. Boggs, J. Centrella, B.J. Kelly, and S.T. McWilliams, **Anatomy of the binary black hole recoil: A multipolar analysis**, submitted to Phys. Rev. D, arXiv:0707.0301 [astro-ph].
- [4] A. Buonanno, Y. Pan, J.G. Baker, J. Centrella, B.J. Kelly, S.T. McWilliams, and J.R. van Meter, **Toward faithful templates for non-spinning binary black holes using the effective-one-body approach**, in press Phys. Rev. D, arXiv:0706.3732 [gr-qc].
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- [7] A. Buonanno, G. Cook and F. Pretorius, **Inspiral, merger and ring-down of equal-mass black-hole binaries**, *Phys. Rev. D* **75**, 124018 (2007) [gr-qc/0610122].
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- [9] L. Blanchet, A. Buonanno and G. Faye, **Higher-order spin effects in the dynamics of compact binaries. II. Radiation field**, *Phys. Rev. D* **74** (2006) 104034 [gr-qc/0605140].

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- [2] B. Abbott et al. (LIGO Scientific Collaboration), **Setting upper limits on the strength of periodic gravitational waves using the first science data from the GEO600 and LIGO detectors**, Phys. Rev. D, **69** (2004) 082004, [gr-qc/0308050].
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Seminars

- Oct 2007, **Interfacing analytical and numerical relativity in modeling binary black hole coalescences**, Caltech - JPL Association for Gravitational Wave Research, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA.
- May 2005, **Source modeling, detection and science of precessing compact binaries using gravitational-wave interferometers**, Theoretical Astrophysics and Relativity Group, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA.
- Jan 2005, **Quantum-optical noise in signal-recycling gravitational-wave detectors of second and third generation**, ILIAS meeting, Padova, Italy.
- Jan 2005, **Supermassive and intermediate mass black holes**, Journées LISA France, AstroParticule et Cosmologie (APC), Paris, France.
- Dec 2003, **The search for gravitational waves with ground- and space-based detectors**, Scuola Normale Superiore of Pise, Italy.
- Sep 2003, **Gravitational waves and the very early Universe**, KITP, *Superstring Cosmology Program*, Santa Barbara, CA, USA.
- Dec 2002, **The late inspiral of binary black holes: the epoch when Post-Newtonian expansion becomes suspect. Can we predict the gravitational signal?**, Department of Physics, University of Maryland, MD, USA.

- June 2002, **Quantum noise in advanced laser-interferometer gravitational-wave detectors** and **The late inspiral of binary black holes: How do we detect gravitational waveforms?**, National Astronomical Observatory, Tokyo, Japan.
- June 2002, **Gravitational waves from binary–black-hole inspirals**, Department of Physics, University of Tokyo, Japan.
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- April 2002, **Gravitational waves from binary–black-hole inspirals**, Department of Physics, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA.
- May 2001, **Advanced laser-interferometer gravitational-wave detectors: beating the standard quantum limit**, Service de Physique Théorique, Saclay, Gif-sur-Yvette, France.
- May 2001, **Gravitational waves from binary black-hole systems and Advanced laser-interferometer gravitational-wave detectors**, Department of Astronomy and Physics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA.
- April 2001, **Advanced laser-interferometer gravitational-wave detectors: beating the standard quantum limit**, Department of Astronomy, University of Berkeley, CA, USA.
- May 2000, **Dangerous relics and reheating in pre-big bang string cosmology**, Fermilab Theoretical Astrophysics, Chicago, USA.
- May 2000, **Gravitational-wave research**, Service de Physique Théorique, Saclay, Gif-sur-Yvette, France.
- May 2000, **Gravitational-wave research with binary black hole systems**, Département d’Astrophysique et Cosmologie (DARC), Meudon, France.
- Oct 1999, **Coalescing binary systems and gravitational waves**, Dipartimento di Fisica, University of Pise, Italy.
- May 1999, **Effective one-body approach to inspiraling binary systems**, Service de Physique Théorique, Saclay, Gif-sur-Yvette, France.
- May 1999, **Phenomenological aspects of pre-big bang string cosmology**, Institut d’Astrophysique de Paris, Paris, France.

Seminars at conferences and schools

- Dec 2007, **Interfacing analytical and numerical relativity**, (plenary talk), *The 6th International Conference on Gravitation and Cosmology*, IUCAA, Pune, India.
- Dec 2007, **Modeling binary black-hole coalescences**, (plenary talk), *The 17th Workshop on General Relativity and Gravitation in Japan*, Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan.
- Dec 2007, **Gravitational waves: Opening a new window on the Universe**, (invited talk), *Japanese-American Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium*, Shonan Village, Kanagawa, Japan.
- Aug 2007, **Interfacing analytical and numerical relativity: binary black hole coalescences**, (invited talk), *CITA/CIFAR Focus group on gravitational waves and numerical relativity*, CITA, Toronto, Canada.

- July 2007, **Binary black-hole coalescence**, (invited talk), *Astrophysics of compact objects*, Huangshan, China.
- Feb 2007, **Matching analytic to numerical waveforms**, (invited talk), *Numerical Relativity meets 3 Post-Newtonian: A workshop at the interface between numerical relativity and post-Newtonian theory*, Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri, USA.
- Dec 2006, **Probing fundamental physics and the early Universe by detecting relic gravitational waves** (plenary talk), *Texas Symposium*, Melbourne, Australia.
- Nov 2006, **Analytical methods meet numerical relativity** (invited talk), LIGO Scientific Collaboration meeting, Boston.
- July 2006, **Analytical approach to coalescing binary black holes** (plenary talk), 11th *Marcel Grossmann meeting*, Berlin, Germany.
- June 2006, **Data analysis of supermassive black holes with LISA** (plenary talk), 6th *International LISA Symposium*, Goddard Space Flight Center, Maryland, USA.
- May 2006, **Analytical modelling of binary black holes** (invited talk), Astrophysical aspects of numerical relativity, Guanajuato, Mexico.
- May 2006, **Source modeling, detection and science of gravitational waves emitted by inspiralling compact binaries** (invited talk), APS meeting, Dallas.
- Nov 2005, **Predictions for the last stages of inspiral and plunge using analytical techniques** (invited talk), Numerical Relativity 2005: Compact Binaries, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.
- Dec 2004, **Estimating binary parameters in alternative theories of gravity with LISA**, 9th Gravitational-Wave Data Analysis Workshop, Annecy, France.
- Dec 2004, **Advanced gravitational-wave detectors et Detecting gravitational waves from inspiralling binaries**, VIRGO-EGO Scientific Forum (VESF), Pise, Italy.
- June 2003, **Review of quantum noise in advanced laser-interferometer gravitational-wave detectors** (invited talk), *Gravitation: A Decennial Perspective*, Penn State University, USA.
- June 2003, **Overview of gravitational-wave sources for ground- and space-based detectors** (plenary talk), *CAPP 2003*, CERN, Genève, Switzerland.
- June 2003, **Gravitational waves and the early Universe** (plenary talk), CEA/SPhT: 8th Claude Itzykson Conference, Gif-sur-Yvette, France.
- Sep 2002, **Gravitational waves from early Universe: Where theoretical predictions and experiments stand** (plenary talk) *Cosmo 02, International Workshop on Particle Physics and the Early Universe*, Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- August 2002, **Detection template families for spinning binary black holes**, *LIGO Scientific Community meeting*, Hanford Observatory, WA, USA.
- March 2002, **The late inspiral of compact binaries: the epoch when post-Newtonian expansions become suspect and Gravitational waves from late stages of inspiralling black hole binaries: spinning and nonspinning case** *Sources Workshop, in Livingstone Observatory*, Louisiana, USA.
- Nov 2001, **Advanced interferometric gravitational-wave detectors** (invited talk), *Gravitational Wave Phenomenology Workshop*, Penn State University, USA.

- July 2001, **Gravitational waves from inspiraling binary black holes** (plenary talk) and **Signal-recycled gravitational-wave interferometers**, *Amaldi Conference on Gravitational Waves*, Perth, Australia.
- March 2001, **Effective-one-body approach to coalescing binary black holes**, and **Quantum noise in signal-recycled gravitational-wave interferometers: beating the standard quantum limit**, and **Spinning binary black holes: dynamics and gravitational waveforms**, *LIGO Scientific Community Meeting*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA.
- Feb 2001, **Quantum nondemolition theory with LIGO-II**, *Gravitational Wave Advanced Detectors Workshop*, Aspen, Colorado, USA.
- Sep 2000, **The Early Universe, the Present Universe**, seminar for the SIGRAV prize, XIV SIGRAV *Congress on General Relativity and Gravity Physics*, Genoa, Italy.
- July 2000, **Binary black hole coalescences: transition from the adiabatic inspiral to the plunge** and **Birth of the hot big bang era in pre-big bang string cosmology**, 9th *Marcel Grossmann Meeting*, Rome, Italy.
- June 2000, **Late dynamical evolution of binary black holes**, *Third Capra Ranch Meeting on Gravitational Radiation Reaction*, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA.
- March 2000, **Binary black hole coalescences: transition from inspiral to the plunge**, 16th *Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting*, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA.
- July 1999, **Magnetic seeds from pre-big bang cosmology**, *Les Houches Summer School Session LXXI: The primordial Universe*, Les Houches.
- June 1999, **Could the universe have evolved from a generic classical string vacuum?**, *Current issues in string cosmology*, IHES, Bures-sur-Yvette, France.
- Jan 1999, **Coalescing binary systems: an effective metric approach**, *Moriond 99: Gravitational waves and Experimental gravity*, Les Arcs, France.
- Dec 1998, **Initial conditions in pre-big bang string cosmology**, 19th *Texas Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics*, Paris, France.
- Avril 1998, **Classical inhomogeneities in pre-big bang cosmology: backward in time and toward the singularity**, *Annual meeting on current problems in theoretical physics*, Vietri sul Mare, Salerno, Italy.
- Jan 1998, **Primeval magnetic seeds from pre-big bang string cosmology**, *Moriond 98: Fundamental Parameters in Cosmology*, Les Arcs, France.
- August 1995, **Effective lagrangian for quantum black holes**, *14th International Conference on General Relativity and Gravitation*, Firenze, Italy.
- May 1995, **A model for quantum black holes**, *Annual Informal Meeting on Theoretical Physics*, Cortona, Italy.

Colloquia

- March 2007, **Binary black hole coalescence**, Astronomy Department, Columbia University, NY, USA.
- Dec 2002, **Searching for gravitational waves from inspiraling binaries of compact objects with ground-based interferometers**, NASA Goddard Flight Space Center, MD, USA.

- Oct 2002, **Searching gravitational waves from binary systems**, Astrophysics Section, Physics Department at MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA.
- Feb 2002, **Experimental and theoretical aspects in the search for gravitational waves**, Kavli Institute of Theoretical Physics, University of California in Santa Barbara, USA.
- Nov 2001, **The search for gravitational waves**, Physics Department, Washington University, Seattle, WA, USA.

Lectures at schools

- Nov 2006, **Gravitational-wave data analysis**, Lectures given at the General-relativity trimester: Gravitational waves, relativistic astrophysics and cosmology, Institut Henri Poincare, Paris, France.
- August 2006, **Gravitational waves**, Lectures given at the Fabric of Spacetime Summer School, Les Houches, France
- July 2006, **Gravitational waves**, Lectures given at the Particle Physics and Cosmology Summer School, ICTP, Trieste.
- July 2005, **Gravitational Radiation**, Lectures given at the Summer SLAC Institute, Stanford, USA.
- Sep 2004, **Gravitational waves: theory and sources**, Lectures given at XIII National School in Theoretical Physics, Parma, Italy.
- Dec 2003, **Gravitational waves**, Lectures given at Scuola Normale Superiore of Pise, Italy.
- June 2002, **Gravitational waves from the early Universe**, Lectures given at Theoretical Advanced Study Institute (TASI) in Elementary Particle Physics, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, USA.

Organization of workshops

- Feb 2006, co-organizer of *Numerical Relativity meets 3 Post Newtonian: A Workshop at the interface between numerical relativity and post-Newtonian theory*, Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri.
- Jan 2005, co-organizer of *Journées LISA France*, AstroParticule et Cosmologie (APC), Paris.
- Dec 2004, organizer of *Source and Population Modeling for space-based detectors* session at GW-DAW, Annecy, France.
- July 2004, organizer of *Gravitational-Wave Sources: Source Science and Statistical Methods* session at GR17, Dublin, Ireland.
- June 2003, co-organizer of *Gravitational Wave Physics* session at the conference *Gravitation: A Decennial Perspective*, Penn State University, USA.
- June 1999, co-organizer of the workshop *Superstring Cosmology*, IHES, Bures-sur-Yvette, France.

Editorial activities

- Referee for: Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters, Physics Letters B, JHEP, Classical and Quantum Gravity.

Professional Service

- Reviewer and panelist of the National Science Foundation.
- 2006-2009, member of the executive committee of the Topical Gravity Group of the American Physical Society.