

Ornella Juliana Piccinni

Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

Full name Ornella Juliana Piccinni

Work experience

- 01/11/2014–
Now **PhD student - Astronomy, Astrophysics and Space Science**, *Dipartimento di Fisica, Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"*, Rome (Italy), Working with the Virgo Rome group in the field of Data Analysis for Continuous Gravitational Wave Searches. Thesis title: "An enhanced sensitivity procedure for continuous gravitational-wave detection". Supervisor Prof. Sergio Frasca.
Collaboration with the Virgo detector characterization group for data quality studies, responsible for the monitoring tool NoEMi in LIGO and Virgo detector group
- 01/03/2014–
22/09/2014 **Visitor - Erasmus Master student**, *Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics (Albert Einstein Institute) - Leibniz Universität Hannover*, Hannover (Germany), Collaboration with the group of Gravitational Wave Searches and Data Analysis, Astrophysical and Cosmological Relativity Division.
Working on my Master thesis project

Education

- October 2012
– 31/10/2014 **Master's degree in Physics - Grade : 110 cum laude**, *Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"*, Rome (Italy), Title of the thesis: 'Mitigation of transient disturbances in wide parameter space searches for continuous gravitational wave signals'. Supervisors Prof. Fulvio Ricci and Dr. Maria Alessandra Papa.
Topic: Data Analysis of the LIGO/Virgo data, post processing, cleaning of the data
- October 2009
– 08/11/2012 **Bachelor's degree in Physics - Grade : 110 cum laude**, *Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"*, Rome (Italy), Title of the thesis: 'Studio di Equazioni iperboliche quasi-lineari'. Supervisor Prof. Benedetto Tirozzi.
Topic: The purpose of the thesis is to study the model of hyperbolic equations in a quasi-linear regime

Experience

Teaching & Outreach

- 2016 **Tutor in Maths courses (OFA)**, remedial course for students of the Science Faculty of the University of Rome "La Sapienza".
- Jan. 2016 –
Now **Active member of "The Science Zone"**, Scientific outreach project and cultural association for the diffusion of science in Schools.

Vocational

2013–2014 **Part-time collaboration fellowship with the Physics Department of the University of Rome "La Sapienza"**, assistant to laboratory classes (*Classical Mechanics, Thermodynamics, Optics, Electromagnetism*) in "Laboratori Bruno Pontecorvo".

2011–2013 **Part-time collaboration fellowship with the Physics Department of the University of Rome "La Sapienza"**, librarian in physics department.

PhD schools

Jul. 2017 **1st Institute of Space Sciences Summer School**: "Neutron Stars And Their Environments", poster presentation at UAB Bellaterra (Spain)

Jun. 2017 **1st Italian Astrostatistics School** PhD School at the Brera observatory (INAF), Milan

Jun. 2017 **School on Gravitational Waves for Cosmology and Astrophysics** PhD School at "Centro de Ciencias de Benasque Pedro Pascual" (Spain)

Oct. 2016 **Fifth GraWIToN School** PhD School at "La Sapienza" (data analysis)

Nov. 2015 **Second GraWIToN School** PhD School (data analysis) at GSSI (L'Aquila)

Apr. 2015 **First GraWIToN School** PhD School at EGO - European Gravitational Observatory in Cascina(PI)

Meetings, conferences and workshops

Aug. 2017 **LSC-Virgo collaboration meeting** participant at CERN - Geneva (Switzerland), speaker

Jun. 2017 **GWPAW 2017 Annecy (France)**, poster presentation

Mar. 2017 **LSC-Virgo collaboration meeting** participant in Pasadena (USA), speaker

Oct. 2016 **SciNeGHE** Workshop on "Science with the New generation of High Energy Gamma-ray Experiments", poster presentation in Pisa

Sept. 2016 **PhD Workshop in Astronomy, Astrophysics and Space Science** participant in Rome (Tor Vergata), speaker

Aug. 2016 **LSC-Virgo collaboration meeting** participant in Glasgow (Scotland), speaker

Mar. 2015 **LSC-Virgo collaboration meeting** remotely speaker in Pasadena (USA)

Aug. 2015 **LSC-Virgo collaboration meeting** participant in Budapest (Hungary)

Jul. 2015 **Marcel Grossmann meeting XIV** Workshop participant in Rome

Jun. 2015 **GWPAW 2015 Osaka (Japan)** poster presentation on the behalf of the Virgo Rome group

Aug 2014 **LSC-Virgo collaboration meeting** remotely speaker in Stanford (USA)

Miscellaneous

Nov. 2014 – **Affiliation** INFN, sezione di Roma
Now

Mar. – Sept. **Affiliation** LSC - GEO - Albert-Einstein-Institut, Golm
2014

Awards

2017 Premio Princesa de Asturias de Investigación Científica y Técnica (collaboration prize)

2017 Bruno Rossi prize (collaboration prize)

2017 Einstein Medal (collaboration prize)

2016 2016 Gruber Cosmology Prize (collaboration prize)

2016 Sapienza research scholarship: "Progetti per Avvio alla Ricerca"

2016 Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics (collaboration prize)

2014 PhD fellowship

2014 Erasmus fellowship

2012 Outstanding Dissertation Award (Laziodisu)
2009-2014 Laziodisu scholarship

Computer skills

Programming languages Matlab, C/C++, Python, HTCondor, MYSQL

Programs L^AT_EX, OpenOffice, Microsoft Office, Origin, R

Operating systems Linux, Windows, Mac

Languages

Italian Mother tongue

Spanish Mother tongue

English Advanced

German Beginner *Intensivsprachkurs Deutsch Niveau A2 (Fachsprachenzentrum der Leibniz Universität Hannover)*

First Certificate in English (FCE). B2 Level

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Publications

- [1] S. Mastrogiovanni, P. Astone, S. D'Antonio, S. Frasca, G. Intini, P. Leaci, A. Miller, C. Palomba, O. J. Piccinni, and A. Singhal. An improved algorithm for narrow-band searches of continuous gravitational waves. *Classical and Quantum Gravity*, 34(13):135007, July 2017.
- [2] P. Leaci, P. Astone, S. D'Antonio, S. Frasca, C. Palomba, O. Piccinni, and S. Mastrogiovanni. Novel directed search strategy to detect continuous gravitational waves from neutron stars in low- and high-eccentricity binary systems. *Phys. Rev. D*, 95(12):122001, June 2017.
- [3] S. Walsh, M. Pitkin, M. Oliver, S. D'Antonio, V. Dergachev, A. Królak, P. Astone, M. Bejger, M. Di Giovanni, O. Dorosh, S. Frasca, P. Leaci, S. Mastrogiovanni, A. Miller, C. Palomba, M. A. Papa, O. J. Piccinni, K. Riles, O. Sauter, and A. M. Sintes. Comparison of methods for the detection of gravitational waves from unknown neutron stars. *Phys. Rev. D*, 94(12):124010, December 2016.
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- [5] LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration. Upper Limits on the Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Background from Advanced LIGO's First Observing Run. *Physical Review Letters*, 118(12):121101, March 2017.
- [6] LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration. Directional Limits on Persistent Gravitational Waves from Advanced LIGO's First Observing Run. *Physical Review Letters*, 118(12):121102, March 2017.
- [7] LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration. GW170104: Observation of a 50-Solar-Mass Binary Black Hole Coalescence at Redshift 0.2. *Physical Review Letters*, 118(22):221101, June 2017.
- [8] LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration. Characterization of transient noise in Advanced LIGO relevant to gravitational wave signal GW150914. *Classical and Quantum Gravity*, 33(13):134001, July 2016.
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- [10] The LIGO Scientific Collaboration and the Virgo Collaboration. First low-frequency Einstein@Home all-sky search for continuous gravitational waves in Advanced LIGO data. *ArXiv e-prints*, July 2017.
- [11] The LIGO Scientific Collaboration and the Virgo Collaboration. Upper Limits on Gravitational Waves from Scorpius X-1 from a Model-Based Cross-Correlation Search in Advanced LIGO Data. *ArXiv e-prints*, June 2017.
- [12] LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration. Effects of waveform model systematics on the interpretation of GW150914. *Classical and Quantum Gravity*, 34(10):104002, May 2017.
- [13] LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration. The basic physics of the binary black hole merger GW150914. *Annalen der Physik*, 529:1600209, January 2017.
- [14] LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration. Prospects for Observing and Localizing Gravitational-Wave Transients with Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo. *Living Reviews in Relativity*, 19:1, February 2016.

- [15] LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration. All-sky search for short gravitational-wave bursts in the first Advanced LIGO run. *Phys. Rev. D*, 95(4):042003, February 2017.
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