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Scientific interests

Host: Prof. Piero Madau.

Structure formation, young Universe, numerical simulations and methods, radiation transport

Short bio

I am a numerical astrophysicist with 8 years of active research experience (4 as PhD student and 4 as postdoctoral Fellow) in 5 institutions across 3 continents. I have expertise in various fields connected to galaxy formation and cosmology, including the properties of galaxies in the first billion years of cosmic history, cosmic reionization, magnetogenesis, galaxy formation, beyond-ΛCDM cosmologies and numerical methods. My achievements have been recognized by the three summa cum laude (BSc., MSc. and PhD), prestigious fellowships, awards, computational and observational time in world-leading facilities. I am currently a Research Fellow at the Institute for Fundamental Physics of the Universe and a CANON Fellow at the University of Osaka. I regularly supervise and co-supervise students, teach in Master- and PhD-level courses, present my work in international conferences and colloquia as invited and review speaker, contribute to scientific outreach, and to the academic life.

Research experience and education 2024 Post-doctoral Research Fellow in Astrophysics, Institute for Fundamental Physics of the Universe, Trieste, Italy, Independent position. Canon Fellow (visiting scientist), University of Osaka, Japan, Host: Prof. Ken Nagamine. Post-doctoral Research Fellow in Astrophysics, Max-Planck-Institut für Astrophysik, Garching bei München, Germany, Independent position, advisor: Prof. Volker Springel. Visiting scientist, University of California Santa Cruz, U.S.A.,

2015 2019

PhD in Astrophysics,

ARGELANDER INSTITUT FÜR ASTRONOMIE, Bonn, Germany,

Supervisor: Prof. Cristiano Porciani.

Thesis title: From galaxies to the cosmic web and back: the interplay of different scales in

galaxy formation and cosmic web

Date of defense: 11 October 2019 Evaluation: Summa cum laude

2012

Master's degree in Physics,

UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, Italy,

Supervisors: Prof. Lauro Moscardini and Dr. Marco Baldi.

Thesis title: Numerical simulations of halo segregations in cosmological models with multiple

species of interacting dark matter

Date of defense: 24 October 2014 Evaluation: Summa cum laude

2009 2012

Bachelor degree in Physics,

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy,

Supervisors: Prof. Anna Franchini and Prof. Giorgio Santoro.

Thesis title: The role of long-ranged dispersive interactions in the structure of dimers and

solids. A comparison between different functionals that include the van der Waals

interactions

Date of defense: 26 October 2012 Evaluation: Summa cum laude

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

- 2024 Research Fellowship at the Institute for Fundamental Physics of the Universe
- 2023 147 hours of observing time on MUSE (Large program), as co-I
- 2021-2023 45 million CPU-hours on the SuperMUC-NG machine (LRZ, Germany), as co-I
 - 2021 Canon Fellowship (\sim 8500 EUR, delayed to 2022 because of restrictions due to COVID-19)
 - 2021 Kavli Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics Fellowship in Beijing (declined)
 - 2021 Research Fellowship at the Max-Planck-Institute für Astrophysik
- 2019-2021 51 million CPU-hours on the SuperMUC-NG machine (LRZ, Germany), as PI
 - 2019 Summa cum Laude (Ph.D.), University of Bonn
 - 2018 Research Fellowship at the Max-Planck-Institute für Astrophysik
- 2018, 2019 'Arte o Scienza?' (Art or Science?) exhibition (selected for public display)
 - 2018 John Hunter Excellence in Plotting Contest 2018 (2nd place)
 - 2017 Research exchange grant (5000 EUR) for selected PhD students
- 2015–2018 International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) of Bonn and Cologne membership
 - 2014 Summa cum Laude (Master's degree), University of Bologna
 - 2012 Summa cum Laude (Bachelor's degree), University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
- 2010–2012 Top-5% student (\sim 2100 EUR, obtained every year), at the University of Modena

Supervision

2022 - 2023 **Supervisor**

Supervisee: Verena Bellscheidt (Intern, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, 2022)

Marie Boussard (Intern, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, 2023)

2019 – 2023 **Co-supervisor**

Supervisee: Riccardo Zangarelli (MSc. student, Bologna University, 2022 – 2023)

Anshuman Acharya (PhD, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, 2022 –) Arghyadeep Basu (PhD, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, 2021 –)

Benedetta Spina (PhD, University of Bonn, 2021 – 2023)

Aniket Bhagwat (PhD, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, 2021 –) Silvia Fiaschi (PhD, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, 2019 – 2021) Akshit Katiyar (Intern, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, 2019)

Teaching

2022, 2023 Lecturer (individual lectures)

NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY, South Africa (virtual)

Course: Computational Astrophysics (6 lectures on numerical methods for partial differential equations, 2 years)

2018 Lecturer (individual lecture)

UNIVERSITY OF BONN, Germany

Course: Theoretical Astrophysics (1 lecture on cosmic reionization)

2015–2018 **Teaching assistant**

University of Bonn, Germany

Courses: Astrophysics of galaxies (1 semester)
Theoretical Astrophysics (2 semesters)
Observational Cosmology (2 semesters)

2010–2014 **Private instructor** for high-school students

Modena, Italy

Subjects: mathematics, physics

Weekly individual lectures for a total of approximately 30 students.

Service

2019-present Referee for academics journals:

The Astrophysical Journal (since 2019)

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (since 2020)

Journal of Open Source Software (since 2023)

2022 **Organizer** of an international conference

May 2022 *Dust and metals during cosmic reionization*, part of the SAZERAC-SIP series, online.

May 2023 Visualizing simulations of turbulence and beyond, Garching bei München, Germany.

2021–present **Founder** of a task force to attract master's students at the Max-Planck-Institut für Astrophysik

2021 **Member** of a committee evaluating the effectiveness of the bias-reduction and inclusiveness training performed

2019–2021 Organizer and chair of a weekly Galaxy Journal Club

2015–2017 **Student representative** for SFB956 (deputy)

Publications

Summary I have **published 26 academic papers**, including **10 as first author** and one as shared corresponding author, 4 proceedings and 1 book chapter. In total, I have published papers with 34 different co-authors in 5 different sub-fields (cosmic reionization, galaxy formation, magnetic fields, alternative gravity theories, numerical methods). After my first (MSc.) publication, I have consistently published 2 first-author papers per year, with the exception of 2021, when my biggest research project to date was being developed.

> My papers have been cited 568 times (as of Oct. 22nd 2023 according to the ADS database). More than 75% of these citations are in the last 17 months, resulting in an h-index of 13.

Academic papers

(1) E. Garaldi, R. Kannan, A. Smith, J. Borrow, M. Vogelsberger, R. Pakmor, V. Springel, L. Hernquist, D. Galárraga-Espinosa, J. Y.-C. Yeh, X. Shen, C. Xu, M. Neyer, B. Spina, M. Almualla

The THESAN project: public data release of radiation-hydrodynamic simulations matching reionization-era JWST observations

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (subm.)

arXiv ID: arxiv.org:2309.06475

(2) E. Garaldi

CoReCon: an open, community-powered collection of Reionization constraints Journal of Open Source Software, vol. 8, issue 87, p. 5407 (2023)

DOI: 10.21105/joss.05407

(3) E. Garaldi, R. Kannan, A. Smith, V. Springel, R. Pakmor, M. Vogelsberger, L. Hernquist

The THESAN project: properties of the intergalactic medium and its connection to Reionization-era galaxies

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 512, 4909 (2022)

DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stac257

(4) R. Kannan (co-corresponding author), E. Garaldi (co-corresponding author), A. Smith (cocorresponding author), R. Pakmor, V. Springel, M. Vogelsberger, L. Hernquist Introducing the THESAN project: radiation-magneto-hydrodynamic simulations of the Epoch of Reionization

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 511, 4005-4030 (2022)

DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stab3710

(5) **E. Garaldi**, R. Pakmor, V. Springel

Magnetogenesis around the first galaxies: the impact of seeding processes on galaxy formation

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 502, 5726 (2021)

DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stab086

(6) E. Garaldi, M. Nori, M. Baldi

Dynamic Zoom Simulations: a fast, adaptive algorithm for simulating lightcones Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 499, 2685 (2020)

DOI: 10.1093/mnras/staa2064

(7) E. Garaldi, N. Gnedin, P. Madau

Constraining the tail-end of reionization using Ly- α transmission spikes

The Astrophysical Journal, 876, 31 (2019)

DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/ab12dc

(8) E. Garaldi, M. Compostella, C. Porciani

The Goldilocks problem of the quasar contribution to reionization

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 483, 5301 (2019)

DOI: 10.1093/mnras/sty3414

(9) E. Garaldi, E. Romano-Díaz, C. Porciani, M. Pawlowski

Radial Acceleration Relation of Λ CDM satellite galaxies

Physical Review Letters, 120, 261301 (2018)

DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.120.261301

(10) E. Garaldi, E. Romano-Díaz, M. Borzyszkowski, C. Porciani

ZOMG - III. The effect of Halo Assembly on the Satellite Population

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 473, 2234 (2018)

DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stx2489

(11) E. Garaldi, M. Baldi, L. Moscardini,

Zoomed high-resolution simulations of Multi-coupled Dark Energy: cored galaxy density profiles at high redshift

sity profiles at high redshift

Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics, 01, 050 (2016)

DOI: 10.1088/1475-7516/2016/01/050

(12) A. Bhagwat, T. Costa, B. Ciardi, R. Pakmor, E. Garaldi

SPICE: the connection between cosmic reionisation and stellar feedback in the first

galaxies

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (subm.)

(13) A. Acharya, **E. Garaldi**, B. Ciardi, Q. Ma

Cosmic variance suppression in radiation-hydrodynamic modeling of the reionization-

era 21-cm signal

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (subm.)

arXiv ID: arxiv.org:2310.13401

(14) M. Neyer, A. Smith, R. Kannan, M. Vogelsberger, **E. Garaldi**, D. Galárraga-Espinosa,

J. Borrow, L. Hernquist, R. Pakmor, V. Springel

The THESAN project: connecting ionized bubble sizes to their local environments during the Epoch of Reionization

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (subm.)

arXiv ID: arxiv.org:2310.03783

(15) X. Shen, J. Borrow, M. Vogelsberger, **E. Garaldi**, A. Smith, R. Kannan, S. Tacchella, J. Zavala, L. Hernquist, J. Yeh, C. Zheng

THESAN-HR: Galaxies in the Epoch of Reionization in warm dark matter, fuzzy dark matter and interacting dark matter

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (subm.)

arXiv ID: arxiv.org:2304.06742

(16) J. Borrow, R. Kannan, **E. Garaldi**, A. Smith, M. Vogelsberger, R. Pakmor, V. Springel, L. Hernquist

THESAN-HR: How does reionization impact early galaxy evolution? Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 525, 5932 (2023)

DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stad2523

(17) C. Xu, A. Smith, J. Borrow, **E. Garaldi**, R. Kannan, M. Vogelsberger, R. Pakmor, V. Springel, L. Hernquist

The THESAN project: Lyman-alpha emitter luminosity function calibration Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 521, 4356 (2023) DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stad789

(18) R. Kannan, V. Springel, L. Hernquist, R. Pakmor, A. M. Delgado, B. Hadzhiyska, C. Hernández-Aguayo, M. Barrera, F. Ferlito, S. Bose, S. White, C. Frenk, A. Smith, **E. Garaldi**

The MillenniumTNG Project: The galaxy population at $z \ge 8$ Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 524, 2594 (2023) DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stac3743

(19) D. Galárraga-Espinosa, E. Garaldi, G. Kauffmann, Flows around galaxies I – The dependency of galaxy connectivity on cosmic environments and effects on the star-formation rate Astronomy & Astrophysics, 671, 160 (2023) DOI: 10.1051/0004-6361/202244935

(20) A. Bera, S. Hassan, A. Smith, R. Cen, **E. Garaldi**, R. Kannan, M. Vogelsberger, Bridging the Gap between Cosmic Dawn and Reionization favors Faint Galaxiesdominated Models

The Astrophysical Journal (subm.) arXiv ID: arxiv.org:2209.14312

(21) J. Yeh, A. Smith, R. Kannan, **E. Garaldi**, M. Vogelsberger, J. Borrow, Josh, R. Pakmor, V. Springel, L. Hernquist,

The THESAN project: ionizing escape fractions of reionization-era galaxies Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 520, 2757 (2023) DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stad210

(22) W. Qin, K. Schutz, A. Smith, E. Garaldi, R. Kannan, T. Slatyer, M. Vogelsberger, An Effective Bias Expansion for 21 cm Cosmology in Redshift Space Physical Review D, 106, 123506 (2022) DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevD.106.123506 (23) R. Kannan, A. Smith, **E. Garaldi**, S. Xuejian, M. Vogelsberger, R. Pakmor, V. Springel, L. Hernquist

The THESAN project: predictions for multitracer line intensity mapping in the epoch of reionization

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 514, 3857-3878 (2022)

DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stac1557

(24) A. Smith, R. Kannan, **E. Garaldi**, M. Vogelsberger, R. Pakmor, V. Springel, L. Hernquist

The THESAN project: Lyman- α emission and transmission during the Epoch of Reionization

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 512, 3243-3265 (2022)

DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stac713

(25) E. Romano-Díaz, E. Garaldi, M. Borzyszkowski, C. Porciani ZOMG - II. Does the halo assembly history influence central galaxies and gas accretion? Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 469, 1809 (2017) DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stx878

(26) M. Borzyszkowski, C. Porciani, E. Romano-Díaz, E. Garaldi ZOMG - I. How the cosmic web inhibits halo growth and generates assembly bias Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 469, 594 (2017) DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stx873

Proceedings

(27) A. Smith, R. Kannan, E. Garaldi

First results from the THESAN radiation-hydrodynamic simulations of the Epoch of Reionization

Bulletin of the American Astronomical Society, Vol. 54, No. 6 hyperlink: https://baas.aas.org/pub/2022n6i414p06/release/1

(28) Y.-C. Yeh, A. Smith, **E. Garaldi**, R. Kannan, M. Vogelsberger, R. Pakmor, V. Springel, L. Hernquist

The escape of ionizing photons in the THESAN simulations Bulletin of the American Astronomical Society, Vol. 54, No. 6 hyperlink: https://baas.aas.org/pub/2022n6i126p04/release/1

(29) E. Garaldi, R. Kannan, A. Smith, V. Springel, R. Pakmor, M. Vogelsberger, L. Hernquist

Early structure formation in the THESAN radiation-magneto-hydrodynamics simulations

IAU Symposium 362

DOI: 10.1017/S1743921322001636

(30) **E. Garaldi**, M. Compostella, C. Porciani *Quasars at the Cosmic Dawn*

IAU Symposium 333, 56–59 (2018)

DOI: 10.1017/S1743921317011310

Book chapters

(31) E. Garaldi

The THESAN project: radiation magneto-hydrodynamic simulations of the epoch of reionization

in 'High Performance Computing in science and engineering – Garching/Munich 2020' (2021)

editors: P. Bastian, D. Kranzlmüller, H. Brüchle, M. Brehm, and G. Mathias ISBN: 978-3-9816675-4-7

Talks and seminars

Summary I am regularly an invited speaker (28 talks so far) in international conferences and research institutes. Among others, I was invited to deliver the main colloquium at Harvard's Center for Astrophysics and at the Edinburgh's Royal Observatory, the opening review talk at the 'Reionization in the Summer' 2023 conference and an **invited review** at 'Building galaxies from scratch' (in February 2024).

Invited Colloquia

- (1) A fierce new challenge: simultaneously understanding first galaxy formation, reionization and their connection Center for Astrophysics, Harvard, U.S.A, Sep. 2022
- (2) A fierce new challenge: simultaneously understanding first galaxy formation, reionization and their connection Royal Observatory Edinburgh, UK (virtual), Dec. 2021
- (3) Magnetogenesis around the first galaxies: the impact of different field seeding processes on galaxy formation University of Bologna, Italy (virtual), Oct. 2020

Invited reviews

- (4) Radiation-hydrodynamical simulations in the reionization epoch, Building galaxies from scratch, Vienna, Austria, Feb. 2024
- (5) Simulating Reionization and first galaxies: recent advancements and the road ahead, Reionization in the summer, Heidelberg, Germany, Jun. 2023

Invited talks

- (6) A fierce new challenge: simultaneously understanding first galaxy formation, reionization and their connection,
 - Kapteyn Astrophysics Institute, Groningen, The Netherlands, Nov. 2023

(as part of the interview for assistant professor, result pending)

- (7) A fierce new challenge: simultaneously understanding first galaxy formation, reionization and their connection,
 - CEA Astrophysics group, Paris, France, Apr. 2023

(as part of the interview for permanent researcher position)

- (8) Unveiling the connection between galaxies and reionization, Understanding the Epoch of Reionization, Sexten, Italy, Mar. 2023
- (9) Magnetic fields creation in reionization fronts Cosmic magnetism in voids and filaments, Bologna, Italy, Jan. 2023

- (10) A fierce new challenge: simultaneously understanding first galaxy formation, reionization and their connection,
 Donostia International Physics Center, San Sebastian, Spain, Oct. 2022
 (as part of the interview for permanent researcher position)
- (11) Magnetic fields creation in reionization fronts

 Cosmic magnetism in voids and filaments, Bologna, Italy, Jan. 2023
- (12) Magnetogenesis at cosmic dawn Center for Astrophysics, Harvard, U.S.A, Sep. 2022
- (13) The Thesan simulations of cosmic reionization Tsukuba University, Japan, Jul. 2022
- (14) The Thesan simulations of cosmic reionization ICRR, Tokyo, Japan, Jul. 2022
- (15) The Thesan simulations of cosmic reionization Tokyo University, Japan, Jul. 2022
- (16) The Thesan simulations of cosmic reionization Waseda University, Japan, Jul. 2022
- (17) The Thesan simulations of cosmic reionization Tsukuba University, Japan, Jul. 2022
- (18) The Thesan simulations of cosmic reionization Nagoya University, Japan, Jul. 2022
- (19) The Thesan simulations of cosmic reionization Osaka University, Japan, May 2022
- (20) A fierce new challenge: simultaneously understanding first galaxy formation, reionization and their connection
 IAS, Paris, France (virtual), Feb. 2022
- (21) A fierce new challenge: simultaneously understanding first galaxy formation, reionization and their connection

 DAWN Center, Copenhagen, Denmark (virtual), Jan. 2022
- (22) The Thesan simulation suite
 MPIA, Heidelberg, Germany, Oct. 2021
- (23) Investigating the connection between the first galaxies and their environment NYU, Abu Dhabi (virtual), Apr. 2021
- (24) Unveiling the connection between galaxies and IGM at high-z University of Heidelberg, Germany (virtual), Nov. 2020
- (25) Exploring the link between galaxies and IGM at high-z CfA, Harvard, USA (virtual), May 2020
- (26) The unforeseen IGM
 University of California, Santa Barbara, USA, Mar. 2018
- (27) A brief overview of the ZOMG project
 University of California, Santa Cruz, USA, Feb. 2018
- (28) Numerical structure formation from reionization to the local Universe Max-Planck Institute für Astrophysik, Garching, Germany, Jan. 2018
- (29) Quasar-only reionization: a numerical perspective Rome Observatory, Italy, Nov. 2017
- (30) The ZOMG project
 University of Bologna, Italy, Oct. 2017
- (31) Numerical investigations at high and low redshift
 Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy, Oct. 2017

(32) Understanding assembly bias SFB956 annual retreat, Schleiden, Germany, May 2017

Contributed

- (33) UniVersum IV, Trento, Italy, Feb. 2023
- (34) Reionization on a blackboard, Center for Computational Astrophysics, New York, Sept. 2022
- (35) IAUS362 The predictive power of computational astrophysics online, Nov. 2021
- (36) LRZ results Workshop online, Jun. 2021
- (37) The Rise of Metals and Dust in Galaxies through Cosmic Time online, Oct. 2020
- (38) German Astronomy Society Meeting 2020 (2 talks) online, Jul. 2020
- (39) SAZERAC 2020 conference online, Jul. 2020
- (40) European Astronomy Society meeting 2020 (2 short talks) online, Jun. 2020
- (41) Bonn Gravity workshop 2019 Bonn, Germany, Sep. 2019
- (42) What matter(s) between galaxies Spineto, Italy, Jun. 2019
- (43) Cosmology 2018

 Dubrovnik, Croatia, Oct. 2018
- (44) Intergalactic Interconnections Marseille, France, Jul. 2018
- (45) IAU Symposium 333 Peering toward the Cosmic Dawn Dubrovnik, Croatia, Oct. 2017
- (46) Challenges in galaxy evolution Florence, Italy, Sep. 2017
- (47) Cosmic Reionization Workshop MIAPP, Garching, Germany, Apr. 2016

Selected schools and workshops

Hard skills

- Nov 2023 (planned) Deep learning and GPU programming LRZ Supercomputing center, Germany
- Aug 2023 Machine Learning in Astrophysics Heidelberg, Germany
- May 2021 C++ intermediate programming
 Julich Supercomputing center, Germany
- Nov. 2018 Data, lights, camera, action! Scientific visualization done beautifully SURFsara, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Jun. 2018 4th School on Scientific Data Analytics and Deep Learning CINECA, Bologna, Italy

- Feb. 2017 Machine Learning: the elegant way to extract information from data IMPRS Blackboard Lectures, Bonn, Germany
- Oct. 2016 HPC methods for Computational Fluid Dynamics and Astrophysics CINECA, Bologna, Italy
- Sep. 2016 Parallel programming workshop HLRS, Stuttgart, Germany

Soft-skills

- Nov. 2021 Science communication and media training Max Planck Society Training Center
- Oct. 2021 Effective proposal writing
 Max Planck Society Training Center
- Sep. 2021 Write like a thought leader
 Max Planck Society Training Center
- May 2021 Implicit Bias training
 Max Planck Society Training Center
- Apr. 2021 Unconscious Bias in Academia
 Max Planck Society Training Center
- Oct. 2016 Teaching techniques Bonn, Germany
- Sep. 2016 Science integrity Köln, Germany

Outreach Talks

- (1) JWST: A new eye on the Universe Modena, Italy, Dec. 2021
- (2) Fundamental physics explained with pasta and baseball Pint of Science 2021, online, May. 2021
- (3) Codes & Qubit
 Modena, Italy, Apr. 2021
- (4) Black Hole Santa Modena, Italy, Dec. 2020
- (5) Cosmology and exoplanets Modena, Italy, Dec. 2019
- (6) Gravitational waves Modena, Italy, Dec. 2017
- (7) Symmetries in physics
 Popular scientific talk, Planetarium and high schools, Modena, Italy, Feb.–Jun. 2013

Other outreach activities

- (8) Science consultant for National Geographic (article to appear in Oct. 2023) U.S.A., 2023
- (9) Part of the MPA team for 'Girls' day', Munich, Germany, 2019, 2023
- (10) Written and filmed two videos for science@home, Munich, Germany, 2020 2021

- (11) Scientist for SkypeAScientist, Munich, Germany, Jan. 2019 – present
- (12) Organizer of Pint of Science Munich, Munich, Germany, Oct. 2018 – present
- (13) Organizer of Astronomy on Tap Bonn, Bonn, Germany, Jun.-Oct. 2018
- (14) Scientific guide for *Higgs show*, Modena, Italy, Sep. 2012

Memberships

2022–present International Astronomical Union junior member

2017-present European Astronomical Society

2015–2018 International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) of Bonn and Cologne

2015-present SFB956 consortium, sub-project C4

2012-present Inco. Scienza Incontriamo la scienza (Italian outreach organization, based in Modena)

Academic references

The following three people have agreed to provide reference letters in support of my application.

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Supervision feedback

I consider crucial to ask for feedback from the students I supervise, in order to constantly improve my skills. I have asked the ones that I have supervised for the longest time to provide a write-up of their experience with me. Their names are:

- Benedetta Spina. Currently completing her PhD at the University of Bonn, and starting a postdoctoral position in Heidelberg in November 2023. I co-supervised her with Prof. Cristiano Porciani;
- Aniket Bhagwat. Currently a PhD student at the Max-Planck-Institut für Astropysik. I co-supervised him together with Dr. Benedetta Ciardi and Dr. Tiago Costa;
- Anshuman Acharya. Currently a PhD student at the Max-Planck-Institut für Astropysik. I co-supervised him together with Dr. Benedetta Ciardi;
- Silvia Fiaschi. She did part of her PhD at the Max-Planck-Institut für Astropysik. I co-supervised her with Dr. Benedetta Ciardi;
- Riccardo Zangarelli. He completed a MSc. at Bologna University, under the supervision of myself, Prof. Marco Baldi and Prof. Federico Marinacci. He recently obtained a PhD position at Bologna University.
- Verena Bellscheidt. She completed an internship at the Max-Planck-Institut für Astropysik, with me as sole supervisor. She is currently finishing her BSc.
- Marie Boussard. She completed an internship at the Max-Planck-Institut für Astropysik, with me as sole supervisor. She is currently finishing her MSc.
- I attach their evaluations below (highlights mine).

it is my great pleasure to write this statement regarding my collaboration with Dr. Enrico Garaldi.

I started working with Enrico in May 2021, during my second year of PhD, on a project about forecasts for SKA-1 MID detection of helium reionization. We then continued collaborating on a second project concerning the role of the environment in the star-formation-rate of dwarf galaxies during reionization. In both cases, by means of hydrodynamical simulations Enrico largely contributed to develop.

Enrico knowledge on these topics helped me pursuing my research goals and boosted my motivation into a deeper understanding of the physical processes involved. Most importantly, I feel affected by his curiosity towards our universe in such a way I desire both to answer the problems we are aware of and to find even more of them to be answered.

Not only Enrico showed a vast preparation on these regards, but he has always been very clear when explaining it: I can not count the number of times I needed help or clarification with both his simulations and the models we considered and he was able to solve my doubts in the most simple way possible. Enrico has never diminished my ideas and my questions, on the contrary he always make me feel my work considered and appreciated.

Our meetings are very productive and I have never encountered problems into arranging them. Moreover, he is easily reachable and he always replies within a few hours at maximum.

I feel drowned by Enrico's motivation and I greatly appreciate his expertise and understanding of many astrophysical problems. I am grateful I had the amazing opportunity to work with Enrico and I truly hope our collaboration will be even closer in the future.

Sincerely,

Benedetta Spina

I'm honoured to be writing an evaluation of co-supervision for Dr. Enrico Garaldi. I have had the pleasure of being a colleague of and interacting with Enrico since 2018. The time period since covers my growth as an inexperienced young researcher, Enrico has been a very important part of this growth.

Between 2018-2019 I was at the Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics as an internship student. During this time, I did not work directly in collaboration with Enrico but he encouraged active discussions via paper discussion sessions or even over a cup of coffee. As a young inexperienced student, these discussions were invaluable as I could tap into Enrico's insights and experience working on the high redshift universe and learn from it.

I joined the Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics as a PhD student in 2020, since joining, I have been closely collaborating with Enrico on two very different projects. The diverse nature of Enrico's scientific interests and his experience with running large scale numerical simulation projects have enabled me to quite confidently take on with both numerical and theory oriented projects knowing there is someone in-house who has the expertise to help and guide me through these projects. Enrico's motto for his supervision is "my office doors are always open", as a young researcher this is very comforting and I take full advantage of this. Enrico is always happy to have long extended discussions, answer my questions and share resources.

Despite being his student, Enrico always treats me as an equal colleague to him. One key aspect that is very motivating is that Enrico is very open and responsive to ideas that I bring up while being a healthy level of truthful of how feasible certain ideas are in terms of execution, I personally feel this is invaluable. Enrico has indeed played a key role in my growth and development as a young researcher. Away from the scientific point of view, every young researcher has roadblocks when they feel stuck, demotivated and affected by imposter syndrome. I have had moments like these along the way and Enrico has helped me overcome these by discussing the problems, reassuring me and finding ways to fix the issues. Instilling positivity and enthusiasm is a key skill Enrico has which has helped me through my PhD outside of the scientific side of things.

In summary, I am grateful that I have Dr. Enrico Garaldi as a guide and a co-supervisor through the course of my PhD. He not only manages to share his knowledge and insights with me to carry on my own research, he has also helped my overall growth. His zest and enthusiasm towards learning the high redshift universe motivate me and make me a better student.

Sincerely,

Aniket Bhagwat 2nd Year PhD Student Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics

To Whom it May Concern:

It is a great pleasure to enthusiastically support my collaborator and mentor Dr. Enrico Garaldi by writing this letter.

I have interacted with Enrico since the beginning of my PhD in September 2021 and began working with him directly on a project in October 2022. In this project, we used the radiative-hydrodynamical simulations THESAN (Enrico being a co-PI of the THESAN project) setup to explore the suppression of cosmic variance on using the Fixed and Paired approach put forward by Pontzen et al. (2016) in modelling the reionization-era 21-cm signal.

Having previously only worked with simulation data but not having run simulations myself, this was a project where I heavily relied on the guidance and mentoring of Enrico. We started right from the basics of the AREPO-based framework and how the different components worked, up to the point of understanding the capabilities as well as the limitations of the THESAN simulations. Enrico also ensured that I developed a keen understanding of the physical implications of the simulations, and the results we obtained. Further, we carefully analysed the Fixed and Paired approach to understand its assumptions and read through papers that used the technique for other applications. The clarity and patience with which Enrico addressed my queries and doubts was exceptional. In the project, there were times when things did not work, but Enrico's enthusiasm ensured that I continued to be motivated. Suffice it to say, this has led to the project leading to fascinating results, as well as adding significantly to my knowledge and experience. Working with Enrico encouraged me to delve deeper into developing and running cosmological simulations for Reionizationera studies, and I have begun working on my own simulation setup based on the things I have learned from him.

One of the key aspects that I liked about Enrico's method of supervision was his two-pronged approach. That is, he focused on the following:

- 1. Scaling by my background knowledge: A key thing he does is to check how much I know about a specific topic so that he can adapt his explanation to best fit my needs. This is incredibly important and shows his clarity of concepts and teaching skills.
- 2. **Providing constructive criticism:** While pointing out flaws and issues is fairly trivial, it requires a significant amount of effort to suggest methods on how to improve on them. As a PhD student, I found this immensely helpful, especially when it came to writing the paper on the results of our project.

At no point of the project did I feel lost during the project, as Enrico was always approachable, through in-person meetings or emails/messaging. Thus, I believe my PhD experience was enriched by my opportunity to work with Enrico, and I hope to be able to collaborate with him in future projects too.

Sincerely, Anshuman Acharya Dear hiring committee,

It is my pleasure to write an evaluation of Dr. Enrico Garaldi for your assistant professor vacancy. As a PhD Student at Max Planck Institute of Astrophysics from 2019 to 2021, I got the chance to work in the same group of Enrico.

Responsible and particularly bright, Enrico was among the Post Docs who cosupervised my project, and I absolutely endorse his qualification and his skill set. During my time at Max Planck, we have collaborated and discussed about my project, a study of the impact of binary systems on the Epoch of Reionization. Being inquisitive and intuitive by nature, he played a role of huge importance since he has always been able to answer my questions giving me new insights on fine physical interpretations. He expertly assisted me and gave truly special advices about general experiences across the academic spectrum, serving his extensive knowledge also to motivate junior peers.

I have also witnessed the exceptional contributions that Enrico has made to the Max Planck community. Not only is he an excellent researcher, but he would engage his peers and juniors in lively scientific discussions during group and Institute meetings. He is dedicated to the concept of education indeed, and has an amazing sense of restraint and balance that allows this to work in his favor.

Enrico has my enthusiastic recommendation. He is a smart and strong person who has a clear sense of direction and purpose. I am confident that he will bring the same support, insight, and commitment to your institution.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Thanks, and best regards, Silvia Fiaschi

I am very pleased to write about the experience which I had with Dr. Enrico Garaldi as my M.Sc. thesis co-supervisor. In fact, the core idea of the thesis itself derives from a paper in which he is first author; therefore, his help was crucial for the good result of my work. Since I first started my thesis project in May 2022, Enrico has always been ready to promptly answer my many doubts and concerns. Even in the limited timeframe in which I have worked with him, I was able to realize that Enrico's experience in the topic of cosmological simulations was invaluable, not only because he provided the core framework for my thesis, but also because of the many ideas and remarks that he proposed along the way. In fact, he also provided a vast amount of practical resources, ranging from full N-body codes to access to computing clusters. In the latter case, Enrico also offered to explain to me thoroughly and in full detail how to operate these clusters, saving me the trouble of searching those informations myself.

As for the proofreading of my dissertation, Enrico's comments were mostly precise and on point, and he also often provided full-on sentences to integrate the text with. Moreover, he was always willing to further discuss any comments and remarks that were unclear to me, patiently answering every single question in my extremely long and frequent emails.

I would also like to mention that Enrico's helping hand did not stop there. During my thesis project, I had moments where unexpected issues and results made me lose motivation and confidence; during these moments, Enrico provided moral support on top of the practical advice to address the issues, and remarked that I should be proud of my work when I felt underwhelmed by results that I deemed sub-optimal at first glance.

In summary, I value my experience with Enrico as my co-supervisor as an extremely positive one, and I hope to work again with him in the future, as I firmly believe that collaborating with people like Enrico will make me a better researcher just as it made me a better student.

Sincerely,

Riccardo Zangarelli Master's degree student in Astrophysics and Cosmology University of Bologna

From 22 August 2022 to 14 October 2022, at the end of the first year of my undergraduate studies in physics, I completed an internship at the Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics under the supervision of Dr. Enrico Garaldi.

During the internship, Enrico taught me about the epoch of reionization and about a radiation-magneto-hydrodynamical simulation of this epoch, among other things. He greatly helped me develop both general and specific skills essential to a career in research.

Throughout my internship, he was available to answer my questions at any point and took his time to thoroughly explain everything I needed for my project, and more. I am especially impressed with his ability to explain physical and computational concepts in such a comprehensive ways that even someone who is just starting out on the field has no trouble understanding them. While his explanations never required more prior knowledge that could reasonable be expected, they nevertheless explained the concepts at hand in such detail that I had no problems applying them to my project.

Enrico is a very approachable person and I had absolutely no trouble reaching out to him when I had any concerns. I always looked forward to our meetings, which were both inspiring and insightful. I sincerely enjoyed working with him and would very much appreciate the opportunity to do so again in the future.

Sincerely,

Verena Bellscheidt

From 17 April 2023 to 25 August 2023, I did an internship at the Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics supervised by Dr. Enrico Garaldi, on the topic of numerical simulations of galaxy formation during the reionization.

Enrico was a very involved supervisor, being very available when I needed help for a coding problem or a physical interpretation. His explanations were always very clear and made even complex phenomena easy to understand. Thanks to him, I learned many interesting things about computational methods in astrophysics and the epoch of reionization.

Besides, working with Enrico was a pleasure as he was very nice and patient. He was also very attentive to my scientific interests, for example by asking to know which points I wanted to deepen the most. Moreover, he gave me valuable advice about working on numerical simulations in astrophysics as well as on a career in research in general, and helped me greatly to develop my scientific skills.

To sum up, working with Enrico was very interesting and enriching, and if the opportunity arose I would be very happy to do it again.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Boussard