







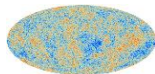


BO members: 11 (7.5 FTE)

Papers 2016-17: 24

Preprints 2016-17: 6

### **Cosmology: inflation, CMB, dark energy and dark matter**



**Ashoorioon, Casadio**, Koivisto, *Anisotropic non-Gaussianity from rotational symmetry breaking*, JCAP 12 (2016) 002

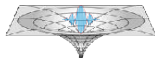
**Bonanno**, Saueressig, *Asymptotic safe cosmology - a status report*, Comptes Rendus Physique 18 (2017) 254

**Kamenshchik**, Pozdeeva, Vernov, **Tronconi**, Venturi, *Bianchi-I cosmological model and crossing singularities*, PRD 95 (2017) 083503; *Transformations between Jordan and Einstein frames: bounces, antigravity and crossing symmetry*, PRD 94 (2016) 063510

**Kamenshchik**, Kiefer, Kwidzinski, *Classical and quantum cosmology of Born-Infeld type models*, PRD 93 (2016) 083519

**Tronconi**, *Asymptotically safe non-minimal inflation*, arXiv:1704.05312

### **Black holes: theory of gravitational collapse and black holes**



**Casadio**, Giugno, **Giusti**, Micu, *Horizon quantum mechanics of rotating black holes*, EPJC 77 (2017) 322

**Casadio**, da Rocha, *Stability of the graviton Bose-Einstein condensate in the brane-world*, PLB 763 (2016) 434

**Casadio**, Giugno, **Giusti**, *Matter and gravitons in the gravitational collapse*, PLB 763 (2016) 337; *Quantum corpuscular corrections to the Newtonian potential*, arXiv:1702.06101

### **Functional renormalization: asymptotically safe gravity**



**Bonanno**, Koch, **Platania**, *Cosmic censorship in quantum Einstein gravity*, CQG 34 (2017) 095012

**Percacci**, **Vacca**, *The background scale Ward identity in quantum gravity*, EPJC 77 (2017) 52

# GAST - Gauge and String Theories

- *Responsabile nazionale:* Gianluca Grignani (Università di Perugia)
- *Sedi partecipanti:* Bologna, Firenze, Parma, Perugia, Pisa, Trieste
- *Responsabile locale:* Fiorenzo Bastianelli (Università di Bologna)
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Jean-Emile Bourguine (postdoc INFN CSN4), Patricia Ritter (ass. di ricerca),  
Alfredo Bonini, Niccolo' Vernazza (Dottorandi).
- *Attività scientifica:*
  - Worldline formalism, higher spin fields
  - Gauge and string theories, Integrability, Conformal Field Theories,
  - Higher gauge theories,
  - String Phenomenology and Cosmology
  - Holography ad gravity
  - QFT in non trivial backgrounds

**GAST (Gauge and Strings Theories)**

Pubblicazioni dal 07-2016:

**16 articoli e 6 preprints**

- Gauge and string theory from an integrability perspective
- Worldline approaches and anomalies in QFT
- String phenomenology and cosmology
- Conformal field theory and integrable models
- QFT in nontrivial backgrounds
- Higher gauge theories
- Holography and gravity

- [1] F. Bastianelli, O. Corradini and E. Vassura, JHEP **1704** (2017) 050 [arXiv:1702.04247 [hep-th]].
- [2] F. Bastianelli and R. Martelli, JHEP **1611** (2016) 178 [arXiv:1610.02304 [hep-th]].
- [3] A. Bonini, D. Fioravanti, S. Piscaglia and M. Rossi, Phys. Rev. D **95** (2017) no.4, 041902 [arXiv:1607.02084 [hep-th]].
- [4] J. E. Bourgin, M. Fukuda, Y. Matsuo, H. Zhang and R. D. Zhu, PTEP **2016** (2016) no.12, 123B05 [arXiv:1606.08020 [hep-th]].
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- [9] J. P. Edwards and O. Corradini, JHEP **1609** (2016) 081 [arXiv:1607.04230 [hep-th]].
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- [17] N. Ahmadiaz, F. Bastianelli, O. Corradini, J. P. Edwards and C. Schubert, arXiv:1704.05040 [hep-th].
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- [20] O. A. Castro-Alvaredo, B. Doyon and F. Ravanini, arXiv:1706.01871 [hep-th].
- [21] C. Ahn, J. Balog and F. Ravanini, arXiv:1701.08933 [hep-th].
- [22] P. Ritter, arXiv:1612.09505 [hep-th].

# ST&FI - String Theory and Fundamental Interactions

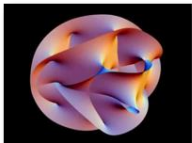
- *Responsabile nazionale:* Giulio Bonelli (TS)
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- *Personale ricercatore ed associato afferente:*  
Michele Cicoli (UniBo, 100%),  
assegnisti: Ciupke David Simon Maria,  
Dottorandi: Victor Alfonso Diaz
- *Attività scientifica:* Fenomenologia e cosmologia di stringa
  - Compattificazioni di stringa
  - Modelli con D-brane
  - Stabilizzazione dei moduli
  - Inflazione
  - Rottura della supersimmetria



**ST&FI**  
**String theory and Fundamental Interactions**

**Local coordinator: Michele Cicoli**

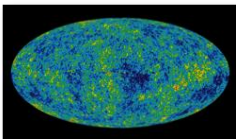
**Research: String Phenomenology and Cosmology**



**Calabi-Yau models**

- Chiral D-brane models
- Global embedding in Calabi-Yau orientifolds
- Closed and open string moduli stabilisation
- Chiral Calabi-Yau examples for inflation
- Effective 4D supergravity action

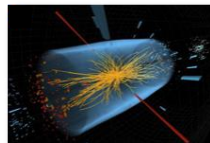
**Global Embedding of Fibre Inflation Models**  
 Cicoli, Muia, Shukla  
**JHEP 1611 (2016) 182**



**Applications to Cosmology**

- String inflation
- Large tensor modes
- Non-gaussianities in string cosmology
- Reheating
- Baryogenesis from strings
- Dark energy and dS vacua

**$\alpha'$  Inflation: moduli stabilisation and observable tensors from higher derivatives**  
 Cicoli, Ciupke, de Alwis, Muia  
**JHEP 1609 (2016) 026**



**Applications to Particle Physics**

- Supersymmetry breaking
- Spectra of superpartners
- Stringy axions and dark radiation
- Non-thermal WIMP dark matter
- Hidden photons

**Light Higgsino Dark Matter from Non-thermal Cosmology**  
 Aparicio, Cicoli, Dutta, Muia, Quevedo  
**JHEP 1611 (2016) 038**





# QFT@Collider- Teoria di Campo delle Interazioni Fondamentali e fenomenologia

- *Responsabile nazionale:* Fulvio Piccinini (Pavia)
- *Sedi partecipanti:* Bologna, Cosenza, Firenze, Milano Bicocca, Pavia, Pavia
- *Responsabile locale:* Gian Paolo Vacca (INFN)
- *Personale ricercatore ed associato afferente:*  
Gian Paolo Vacca (INFN, 50%), Alessandro Tronconi (INFN, 30%)  
Mahmoud Safari (ass. di ricerca, 50%)
- *Attività scientifica:* teoria quantistica dei campi e applicazioni
  - QCD a piccoli  $x$
  - Azioni e teorie effettive. Metodi funzionali del gruppo di rinormalizzazione (Wilsoniano).
  - RG, CFT e ricerca di nuove teorie di campo

# QFT@Collider :

## TEORIA DI CAMPO DELLE INTERAZIONI FONDAMENTALI FENOMENOLOGIA

### Functional Renormalization Group in QFT

Theoretical developments and applications to fundamental and effective interactions

- Study of an effective theory for small  $x$  QCD

**Pomeron - Odderon interactions in a reggeon field theory**

J. Bartels, C. Contreras and G.P. Vacca , Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) 014013

- Effective theory formalism covariant in field space  
Suitable for applications to extensions of Higgs sector of SM

**Covariant and background independent functional RG flow for the effective average action**

M. Safari and G.P. Vacca , JHEP 1611 (2016) 139

### Fundamental aspects of QFT: critical theories, CFT, RG flows

**Leading CFT constraints on multi-critical models in  $d > 2$**

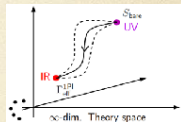
A. Codello, M. Safari, G.P. Vacca, O. Zanusso , JHEP 1704 (2017) 127

**Functional perturbative RG and CFT data in the  $\epsilon$ -expansion**

A. Codello, M. Safari, G.P. Vacca, O. Zanusso , arXiv:1705.05558

**The Blume-Capel universality class**

A. Codello, M. Safari, G.P. Vacca, O. Zanusso , arXiv:1706.06887



# ManyBody - Teorie microscopiche di sistemi multicorpi fortemente interagenti

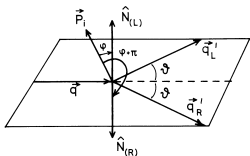
- *Responsabile nazionale:* Omar Benhar Noccioli (INFN, Sezione di Roma I)
- *Sedi partecipanti:* Bologna, Lecce, Pavia, Pisa, Roma I, Torino, Trento
- *Responsabile locale:* Paolo Finelli (UniBo)
- *Personale ricercatore ed associato afferente:* Paolo Finelli (UniBo)
- *Attività scientifica:* Fisica adronica
  - QCD a bassa energia e fisica degli adroni
  - Struttura nucleare ed eccitazioni collettive dei nuclei
  - applicazioni nel settore astrofisica (stelle neutroni)

# MANYBODY

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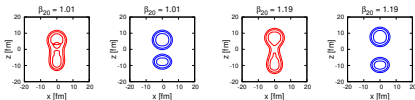
## Aree di ricerca:

**Scattering di elettroni e protoni  
 (con potenziali chirali N4LO)**



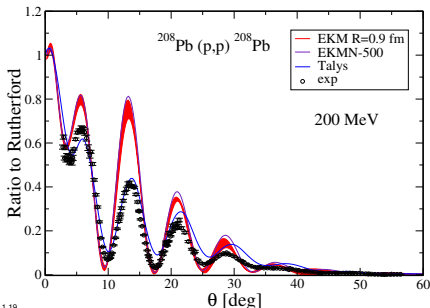
Phys. Rev. C 93, 034619 (2016) and submitted (2017)

**Studio di nuclei triassiali  
 (regime statico e dinamico)**



**In collaborazione con  
 P. Stevenson (Surrey)**

*In collaborazione  
 con M. Vorabbi (TRIUMF) e C. Giusti (Pavia)  
 see also nTOF proposal*



**Densita' dei livelli energetici nucleari  
 a temperatura finita**

**In collaborazione con  
 A. Ventura e B. V. Carlson (Sao Paulo)**

# Quantum

- *Responsabile nazionale:* Saverio Pascazio (Bari)
- *Sedi partecipanti:* Bari, Bologna, Milano, Napoli, Trieste
- *Responsabile locale:* Elisa Ercolessi (UniBo)
- *Personale ricercatore ed associato afferente:*  
Elisa Ercolessi (UniBo), Fabio Ortolani (UniBo), Stefano Mancini (UniCam),  
Giuseppe Magnifico (Dottorando UniBo),  
Mirajigul Rishit, Maimaiti Wulayimu (Dottorandi UniCam.)
- *Attività scientifica:* Quantizzazione ed effetti quantistici
  - Simulazioni quantistiche
  - Sistemi fortemente correlati a bassa dimensionalità, relazione tra entanglement, criticalità quantistica e formazioni di fasi ordinate
  - Metodi alternativi di quantizzazione, quantizzazioni inequivalenti

# QUANTUM - Sezione di Bologna

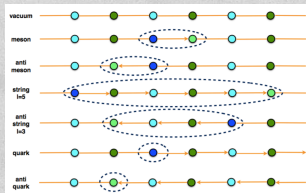
2016-17

Staff: E. Ercolessi, F. Ortolani

## ☑ Real time dynamics and quantum quenches for interacting many body Hamiltonians in 1d

P. Naldesi, E. Ercolessi, T. Roscilde,  
*Detecting a many-body mobility edge with quantum quenches*,  
SciPost Phys. 1 (2016) 010

## ☑ QUANTUM SIMULATIONS of QED in a 1dLattice



E. Ercolessi, P. Facchi, G. Magnifico, S. Pascazio, F.V. Pepe,  
*Quantum Simulation of QED in 1D: Evidence of a Phase Transition*,  
[arXiv:1705.11047](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.11047)

# InDark - Inflazione, Materia Oscura e Strutture su Grandi Scale dell'Universo

- *Responsabile nazionale:* Nicola Bartolo (Università di Padova)
- *Sedi partecipanti:* Bologna, Ferrara, Laboratorio Nazionale del Gran Sasso, Padova, Roma II, Roma III, Torino, Trieste
- *Responsabile locale:* Fabio Finelli (INAF)
- *Personale ricercatore ed associato afferente:* FTE= 8.3  
 Marco Baldi (UniBo), Carlo Burigana (INAF, 50%), Stefano Etori (INAF, 50%),  
 Fabio Finelli (INAF, 30%), Federico Marulli (UniBo), Massimo Meneghetti  
 (INAF,50%), Lauro Moscardini (UniBo);  
 Assegnisti: Mario Ballardini, Carmelita Carbone, Carlo Giocoli, Daniela Paoletti ;  
 Dottorandi: Jose Ramon Bermejo Climent, Matteo Nori;
- *Attività scientifica:*
  - Main activity on Early Universe (Inflation), Dark Energy and Cosmology (scientific interpretation and data analysis within Planck, large scale structure, gravitational lensing, clusters theory and observations, scientific capabilities of the Euclid satellite).
  - All members all involved in the ESA mission Euclid (to be launched in 2020), partially involved in the ESA missions Planck (launched in 2009) and Athena, in mission proposal ESA as CORE with role of coordination.

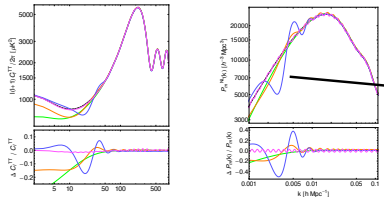
90 articoli e 18 talk.



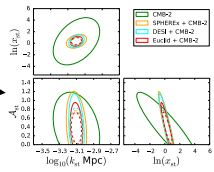
# InDark: Inflation, Dark Matter and the LSS of the Universe



Probing primordial features with future galaxy surveys, Ballardini, Finelli, Fedeli, Moscardini, JCAP 1610 (2016)



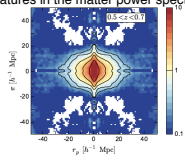
Step inflationary model (blue line)



Forecasts for three different galaxy surveys in combination with CMB to constrain the three extra parameters of an inflationary model with a step

Selection of inflationary models with violation of the slow-roll approximation producing an improved fit to Planck 2015 CMB temperature anisotropies data (left) and predicting features in the matter power spectrum (right)

VIPERS: the growth of structures at  $0.5 < z < 1.2$  from redshift-space distortions in the clustering of the PDR-2 final sample, Pezzotta, ..., Marulli, ..., Moscardini, arXiv:1612.05645, Astronomy & Astrophysics, in press (2017)



Anisotropic galaxy clustering of 70000 high-redshift galaxies

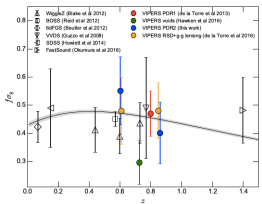
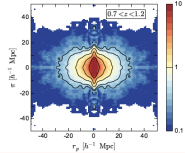


Fig. 19. Plot of  $f\sigma_8$  versus redshift, showing the VIPERS results together with a compilation of recent measurements. The previous results from 2dFGRS (Hawkins et al. 2003), 2SLAQ (Rice et al. 2007), VVDS (Guzzo et al. 2008), SDSS LRG (Cabel & Guztavaga 2009; Samushia et al. 2012), WiggleZ (Blake et al. 2011), BOSS (Reid et al. 2012), 6dFGS (Beutler et al. 2012) and FastSound (Okumura et al. 2016) surveys are shown with the different symbols (see inset). The solid curve and associated error correspond to the prediction for General Relativity in a  $\Lambda$ CDM model set to Planck 2015 cosmological parameters (Planck Collaboration et al. 2015).



# QUAGRAP - Quantum Gravity Phenomenology

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Roberto Balbinot (UniBo)  
Alessandro Fabbri (assegnista, 50%)
- *Attività scientifica:*
  - Modelli analogici per buchi neri, back-reaction quantistica in presenza di singolarità.
  - Buchi neri e radiazione di Hawking

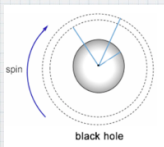
# QUAGRAP

(R. Balbinot, A. Fabbri)

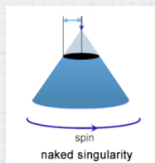
- \* analisi di un modello nontriviale di buco nero acustico in un BEC e calcolo (esatto) dei coefficienti di scattering  
Fabbri, Balbinot, Anderson PRD 2016
- \* studio degli effetti quantistici in singolarità coniche in 2+1 dimensioni  
Casals, Fabbri, Martinez, Zanelli PLB 2016
- \* backreaction quantistica in buchi neri rotanti di BTZ e singolarità nude a 2+1 dimensioni

gray-body factor

$$N_\omega = \frac{\Gamma(\omega)}{e^{\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T_H}} - 1}$$



Casals, Fabbri, Martinez, Zanelli, PRL 2017  
Featured in: APS Physics, New Scientist, Media INAF,  
International Business Times, AIP Inside Science



# PlexNet - Statistica e Dinamica su Reti Complesse

- *Responsabile nazionale:* Franco Bagnoli (Firenze)
- *Sedi partecipanti:* Bologna, Catania, Cosenza, Firenze, Padova, Perugia
- *Responsabile locale:* Armando Bazzani (UniBo)
- *Personale ricercatore ed associato afferente:*
  - Armando Bazzani (UniBo, 70%)
  - Assegnisti: Enrico Giampieri (50%)
  - Dottorandi: Rachele Luzi
- *Attività scientifica:* Applicazioni interdisciplinari della teoria dei sistemi dinamici e dei processi stocastici e della meccanica statistica
  - Modellizzazione di sistemi complessi: neuroscienze, scienze cognitive, sociali ed economiche e dinamica dei trasporti.
  - Reti complesse (multistrato).
  - Fenomeni di auto organizzazione e cooperazione



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# Iniziativa specifica PIECES

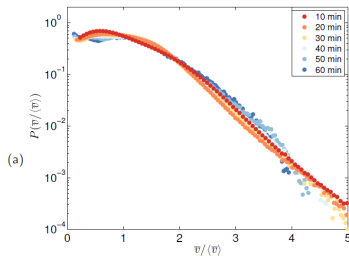
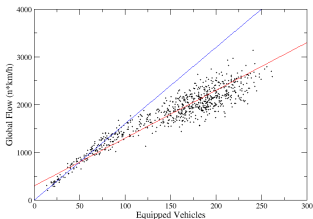
2 pubblicazioni nel 2016

Partecipanti: **A. Bazzani**, G. Menichetti, E. Giampieri

**Main Activities:** dynamical and statistical properties of nonlinear random walk on networks with applications to transportation systems, neurosciences and ecological systems.

**Main Results:** congestion transition on nonlinear transportation networks, model for synaptic plasticity, Laplacian matrices spectrum and dynamical systems on networks.

R Gallotti, A Bazzani, S Rambaldi, M Bathelemy A stochastic model of randomly accelerated walkers for human mobility Nature Communications 7, Article number: 12600 (2016)



## Attività non afferenti ad iniziative specifiche

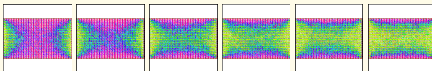
- *Personale ricercatore associato non afferente a IS:*  
Cesare Chiccoli (INFN), Marco Lenci (UniBO), Paolo Pasini (INFN).
  
- *L'attività scientifica riguarda:*
  - Modelli e Simulazioni di Montecarlo in Meccanica Statistica e Quantistica
  - Studio del trasporto anomalo in sistemi deterministici (gas di Lorentz) e stocastici (cammini di Lévy su mezzi disordinati).  
Studio delle proprietà di mixing per sistemi dinamici a misura infinita.  
Grandi deviazioni in Meccanica Statistica Quantistica

## Attività di ricerca di Cesare Chiccoli e Paolo Pasini

## Computer simulations of confined liquid crystals (C. Chiccoli and P. Pasini)

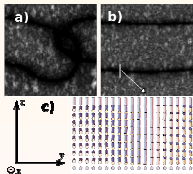
## Collaboration with the University “La Sapienza” Rome

We performed detailed Monte Carlo simulations of a simple model of a nematic liquid crystal channel waveguide investigating the effect of an applied electric external field. The simulations are based on the Lebwohl-Lasher lattice spin model with boundary conditions chosen to mimic the homeotropic anchoring appropriate for PDMS polymer walls. The external field is modelled by adding an additional term to the Hamiltonian which describes its coupling to the mesogenic molecules. We have investigated the effect of the external field on the optical transmission and the ordering across the cell.



Snapshots of the vertical sections ( $xz$ ) of the system  $40 \times 80 \times 26$  ( $xyz$ ) for some values of the field coupling strength = 0.00, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, and 0.05 (from left to right). The color code indicates the spin orientations, with the color red denoting the alignment along  $z$  and the yellow one that along  $x$ . **A.d'Alessandro, R.Asquini, C.Chiccoli, P.Pasini and C.Zannoni: Liquid Crystal Channel Waveguides: A Computer Simulation of the Application of Transversal External Fields. Mol. Cryst. Liq. Cryst. (2017) (in press).**

## Collaboration with the University of Maringà and the University of Apucarana (Brazil)



We revisit the classical problem of the molecular orientation inside a hybrid cell filled with liquid-crystals with various elastic constant anisotropies by means of Monte Carlo simulations using the Gruhn-Hess effective pair potential. We find some unstable defect lines and we discuss their arising in the system. We study the effects of the elastic anisotropy on the profiles of the director close to the surface with weak anchoring. Our findings indicate that the elastic theory and computer simulations are in good qualitative agreement while quantitatively some discrepancies are found mainly when the ratio  $K11/K33$  is larger than one.

Example of the evolution of textures as obtained from the simulation of a  $120 \times 120 \times (8+2)$  nematic film. The images are simulated between circular polarizers. **C.Chiccoli, L.R.Evangelista, E.K.Omori, P.Pasini, R.Teixeira de Souza and C.Zannoni: Computer simulation of a nematic hybrid cell: the effects of elastic anisotropy. Mol. Cryst. Liq. Cryst. (2017) (in press).**

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