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## POSITIONS & EDUCATION

- Since 01/2023: “Primo Ricercatore” (senior researcher) CNR, Istituto per i Processi Chimico-Fisici, Messina, Italy.
- 2008-2022: permanent position as a researcher at CNR, Istituto per i Processi Chimico-Fisici, Messina, Italy.
- 2008-2017 and 2021-present: member of the Board of the Doctorate School in Physics of the University of Messina
- 2006-2007: fellowship on “Characterization of cosmic dust analogs”, Dip. di Fisica della Materia e Tecnologie Fisiche Avanzate, Università di Messina
- 2002 – 2006: Research grant (assegno di ricerca), Dip. di Fisica della Materia e Tecnologie Fisiche Avanzate, Università di Messina
- 1999 – 2001: Post-doctoral fellow, Dip. di Fisica della Materia e Tecnologie Fisiche Avanzate, Università di Messina
- 1998 – 1999: Post-doctoral fellow, Department of Physics, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
- 1994 – 1997: DPhil in Physics, Supervisor: Prof. F. Borghese, Università di Messina, Italy.
- 1994: Master in Physics (Laurea), Supervisor: Prof. F. Borghese, Università di Messina, Italy. 110/110 cum Laude.
- 1989: High school leaving qualification in classical studies, 60/60

## SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

My research activity mainly deals with light scattering and absorption processes by non spherical particles. The analytical and computational approach is based on the multipole expansion of the electromagnetic fields and the Transition matrix method. Over the years I have applied this technique in several research fields: astrophysics (modelling of interstellar dust grains) and astrobiology (role of dust in chiral selection), nano-optics (optical trapping of non-spherical particles: optical tweezers), and plasmonics (optical behaviour of metal nano-particles).

I co-authored 81 publications in Web of Science, several peer-reviewed proceedings and a couple of book chapters.

My h-index according to ISI Web of Science is **25**, for a total of **3298** collected citations. According to Google Scholar, my h-index is 29 with a total of 4944 citations.

I attended more than 40 national and international conferences and scientific meetings with oral and poster presentations.

## NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL GRANTS (as principal investigator for CNR)

- 2019 – 2024: “Marie Curie” International Training Network “Active Matter”, ETN, European Commission (4 years).

## PARTICIPATION TO NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

- 2023 – 2025: PRIN 2022 Exo-planetary Cloudy Atmospheres and Stellar High energy (Exo-Cash)
- 2022 – 2025: MUR-PNRR project “Sicilian MicronanoTech Research And Innovation Center - SAMOTHRACE”
- 2020 – 2021: Progetto Accordo ASI-INAF “Spectroscopy of Planetary and Atmospheric particulate by optical Tweezers - SPACE Tweezers”, ASI-INAF n.2018-16-HH.0, "Attività di Studio per la comunità, scientifica nazionale Sole, Sistema solare e Esopianeti" (2 years).
- 2016-2019: International Project, Bilaterale CNR-CAS (Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic) “Optical Manipulation and characterization of nonspherical nanoparticles” (3 years)
- 2013-2017: International Project MPNS COST Action 1302 “NanoSpectroscopy” (4 years)
- 2013-2015: National Project - “Piano di Azione e Coesione”, PAC02L3\_00087 “Social Innovation cluster by a cross-disciplinary nanotechnology platform environmental monitoring and healthcare (SOCIAL-NANO)” (2 years).
- 2012-2016: MPNS COST Action 1205 “Advances in Optofluidics: Integration of Optical Control and Photonics with Microfluidics” (4 years).
- 2012-2015: National Project PON 2007-2013 – PON01\_01322, “PANREX: Packaging basato su nanomateriali per ricevitori ed exciter compatti per applicazioni radar con antenna a scansione elettronica del fascio”
- 2012-2015: National Project PON 2007-2013 – PON02PE\_00355\_2964193 “Sviluppo di micro e nanotecnologie e sistemi avanzati per la salute dell'uomo (HIPPOCRATES)” (3 years)
- 2010-2012: International Project, Royal Society, with Univ. College London (UK) "Photonic Force Microscopy with Nanostructures" (2 years)
- 2009-2013: European Project, EU FPVII “NANOANTENNA - Development of a high sensitive and specific nano-bio-chemo-sensor based on surface enhanced vibrational spectroscopy through effective optical nanoantenna”
- 2009-2011: International Project, Royal Society, with Cambridge University (UK). "Optical Trapping of Carbon Nanotubes" (2 years)
- 2008-2009: CNR project "Curiosity-Driven Research", CNR DG-RSTL.063.006; "Study and manipulation of colloidal systems by multiple optical tweezers" (2 years)
- 2005-2007: National Project, PRIN 2005 “La polvere interstellare come agente e oggetto dell’evoluzione galattica” (2 years)
- 2003-2005: National Project, PRIN 2003 “Solidi e molecole nello spazio interstellare” (2 years)
- 2000-2002: National Project, PRIN 2000 “Polvere e gas nello spazio: connessioni ed evoluzione” (2 years)
- 1998-2000: National Project, PRIN 1998 “Polvere e molecole in ambienti astrofisici” (2 years)

## NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 2019: National Scientific Habilitation (ASN) as Full Professor in Italian universities.
- 2017: National Scientific Habilitation (ASN) as Associate Professor in Italian universities.

## SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS & POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

- Supervision of 3 PhD students
- Supervision of 4 master/bachelor students
- Tutoring of 2 visiting students

## MEMBERSHIP

- INAF (Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica)
- SIA (Società Italiana di Astrobiologia)
- SIOF (Società Italiana di Ottica e Fotonica)

## ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- Member of the Scientific and of the Local Organizing Committee of the 21<sup>th</sup> Electromagnetic and Light Scattering Conference (ELS XXI), that will be held in Milazzo (Italy), 23-27 June 2025
- Co-organizer of the Physics seminars “Appunti di Fisica”, starting on 2005 up today in collaboration between the University of Messina and the CNR-IPCF
- From the 2007 co-organizer of the annual Workshop “Appunti di Fisica Teorica”, Messina
- Scientific Committee of the 20<sup>th</sup> Electromagnetic and Light Scattering Conference (ELS XX), 15-19 May, 2023, Almunecar, Spain
- Co-Organizer of Active Matter on the Strait, 3-5 April 2023, Messina
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the Study Day “On the traces of the origins of life: from the laboratory to space exploration”, 31 May 2023, Messina
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the 19<sup>th</sup> Electromagnetic and Light Scattering Conference (ELS XIX) (12-16 July 2021)
- Member of the Local Organizing Committee of ICES 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Enhanced Spectroscopies), Messina
- Member of the Organizing Committee of the international conference “Electromagnetic & Light Scattering XIII”, Sept. 2011, Taormina (Italy).
- Member of the local organizing committee of the International Conference “Light, Dust and Chemical Evolution” (Sept. 26-30, 2004, Gerace, Reggio Calabria, Italy)
- Co-organizer of the International workshop “Dust and molecules in the interstellar medium” (Messina, March 25, 2003)

## COMMISSIONS OF TRUST & SERVICE

I also served as:

- Member of the 2025 OMA (Optical Manipulation and Its Applications) Technical Program Committee (within the Optica Biophotonics Congress: Optics in the Life Sciences, which will be held from 20-24 April 2025 in Coronado, California, USA)
- Member of the Selection Committee for the 2024 Elsevier/JQSRT Waterman Young Scientist Award on Light Scattering and the Goody Young Scientist Award on Atmospheric Radiation & Remote Sensing.
- 2021-2024: member of the organizing and scientific committee of Festival Cosmos, Reggio Calabria, Italy

- 2023: member of the OMA (Optical Manipulation and its Applications) Technical Program Committee (within the Optica Biophotonics Congress: Optics in the Life Sciences, 24-25 April 2023, Vancouver, Canada)
- 2021: member of the OMA (Optical Manipulation and its Applications) Technical Program Committee (within the OSA Biophotonics Congress: Optics in the Life Sciences, 12-16 April 2021)
- From June 2005 to December 2012: editorial assistant of the Journal AAPP Atti dell'Accademia Peloritana dei Pericolanti - Classe di Scienze Fisiche, Matematiche e Naturali
- 2011-2012: Guest Editor, JQSRT, Special Issue vol. 113, Issue 18 (2012), on " Electromagnetic & Light Scattering XIII".
- 2011: Guest Editor, Atti dell'Accademia Peloritana dei Pericolanti, vol. 89-S1 (2011), on " ELS-XIII Conference".

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- F.Borghese, P.Denti, R.Saija, M.A.Iatì, O.I.Sindoni  
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*Astrophysical Journal* **559**, 993-1004 (2001)
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*Applied Optics* **42**, 2785-2793 (2003)
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