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## RESEARCH INTEREST

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High redshift QSO - QSO surveys - High resolution spectroscopy

## EDUCATION

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- Ph. D.** Nov. 2020 – Present  
*University of Trieste, European Southern Observatory*
- *Ph. D. project title:* Science with ESPRESSO
  - *Supervisors:* prof. Stefano Cristiani, Dr. Luca Pasquini
- Master degree in Physics, 110/110 Cum Laude** 2018 – 2020  
*University of Trieste, dept. of Physics* Trieste, IT
- *Thesis title:* A machine learning approach to a wide-angle selection of bright, high-redshift QSOs: the QUBRICS survey
  - *Supervisors:* prof. Cristiani Stefano, Dr. Giorgio Calderone
- Master degree in Physics, 110/110 Cum Laude** 2015 – 2018  
*University of Trieste, dept. of Physics* Trieste, IT
- *Thesis title:* Study of the population of GRBs detectable from the South site of CTA
  - *Supervisors:* prof. Longo Francesco, Dr. Gasparetto Thomas

## PAPERS (FIRST AUTHOR)

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- **Fundamental physics with ESPRESSO: a new determination of the D/H ratio towards PKS1937-101**  
Submitted to MNRAS
- **The probabilistic random forest applied to the QUBRICS survey: improving the selection of high-redshift quasars with synthetic data**  
2022 MNRAS, 517, 2436
- **The Probabilistic Random Forest applied to the selection of quasar candidates in the QUBRICS Survey**  
2021 MNRAS, 506, 2471

A complete list of publications is available at the end of the CV or online at [NASA/ADS](#) and <https://g-francio.github.io/>.

## STUDENTSHIP AND AWARDS

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- ESO Studentship** 2022 – 2023  
*Garching bei München, Germany*
- Premio allo studio BCC Agrobresciano** 2015, 2019, 2021  
*Brescia, Italy (IT)*
- MIUR Eccellenze Esami di Stato a.s. 2014/2015** 2015  
*Cremona, Italy (IT)*

## PROGRAMMING EXPERIENCE

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- Languages** : Python, Julia (good knowledge); SQL, Bash (basic)
- Data reduction** : Pypelt, ESO DRS (ESPRESSO)
- Editing/version control** : VS Code, Git, Latex
- Other** : Cloudy, Jupyter Notebooks, Topcat

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## CONFERENCE AND SCHOOLS

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### Conferences

- July. 2023 – Invited talk at StEm65 (Stexten, Italy)  
A new measurement of the primordial deuterium abundance with ESPRESSO
- Feb. 2023 – Contributed (remote) talk at ESPRESSO face-to-face meeting (Lanzarote, Spain)  
Measuring the primordial abundance of Deuterium with ESPRESSO
- Jun. 2022 – Poster at Hack 100 conference (Trieste, Italy)  
Re-measuring the primordial deuterium abundance toward PKS1937-101 with ESPRESSO
- May 2022 – Poster at SciOPS workshop (Garching bei München, Germany)  
QUBRICS: machine learning for searching bright, high-redshift quasars
- Oct. 2021 – Contributed talk at IAP Colloquim 2021 (Paris, France)  
Machine learning: lessons learnt with the QUBRICS survey

### Schools

- Jun. 2023 – Vatican Observatory Summer School Learning the Universe, Data Science Tools for Astronomical Surveys, Castel Gandolfo, Italy
- Sept. 2021 – 4th Azores School on Observational Cosmology, Angra do Heroísmo, Açores, Portugal

## SUCCESSFUL TELESCOPE PROPOSALS (PI AND SELECTED COI)

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- **PI – ESO NTT** – Period P108 (delegated visitor), P109 (visitor), P110 (visitor), P111 (delegated to CoIs), P112 (scheduled)  
4 nights each – Spectroscopic confirmation of high redshift QSO candidates.
- **PI – TNG** – AOT43, AOT44, AOT45, AOT46, AOT48  
1 to 4 nights each, service mode – Spectroscopic confirmation of high redshift QSO candidates.
- **CoI – ESO ESPRESSO** P112, ESPRESSO Large Program  
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- **CoI – ESO ESPRESSO** P110, P111, P112  
A redshift drift experiment with ESPRESSO

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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- 2023 – **LOC member** – Spectral Fidelity workshop
- 2023 – **Schülerpraktikum supervisor**
- 2022, 2023 – **ESO Journal Club Organiser**
- 2022, 2023 – **ESO Scientific Assistant** for proposal evaluation – P110, P112
- 2021 – **Mentoring**, General physics for bachelor's degree in biological sciences and technologies (Trieste)

## OUTREACH

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- 2023 – **Universe on Tour**
- 2022, 2023 – **ESO Supernova** – Tour guide for Italian groups
- 2015 – **La Matematica tra le mani** – Tour guide and Co-Organiser

## PUBLICATION LIST

Guarneri Francesco

## REFERENCES

- [1] **Guarneri, F.**, Calderone, G., Cristiani, S., Porru, M., Fontanot, F., Boutsia, K., Cupani, G., Grazian, A., D’Odorico, V., Murphy, M. T., Bongiorno, A., Saccheo, I., Nicastro, L., *The probabilistic random forest applied to the QUBRICS survey: improving the selection of high-redshift quasars with synthetic data*. In: MNRAS 517.2, 2022, pp. 2436–2453. arXiv: 2209.07257 [astro-ph.IM].
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