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RESEARCH INTEREST

High redshift QSO - QSO surveys - High resolution spectroscopy of QSO

EDUCATION

Nov. 2020 – Present – **PhD** – Defence expected in February 2024

University of Trieste, European Southern Observatory

- *PhD project title:* Science with ESPRESSO
- *Supervisors:* Prof. Dr. Stefano Cristiani, Dr. Luca Pasquini

2018 – 2020 – **Master degree in Physics, 110/110 Cum Laude**

University of Trieste, dept. of Physics

- *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

2015 – 2018 – **Bachelor degree in Physics, 110/110 Cum Laude**

University of Trieste, dept. of Physics

- *Thesis title:* Study of the population of GRBs detectable from the South site of CTA
- *Supervisors:* prof. Longo Francesco, Dr. Gasparetto Thomas

PUBLICATIONS (FIRST AUTHOR)

- **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/>.

SUCCESSFUL TELESCOPE PROPOSALS (PI AND SELECTED COI)

- **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
From the intergalactic to the interstellar scales - a high resolution legacy survey of gaseous reservoirs using ESPRESSO
- **CoI – ESO ESPRESSO** P110, P111, P112
An ESPRESSO Redshift Drift Experiment

STUDENTSHIP AND AWARDS

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

PROGRAMMING EXPERIENCE

- **Languages:** Python, Julia (good knowledge); SQL, Bash (basic)
- **Data reduction:** Pypelt, ESO DRS (ESPRESSO)
- **Machine learning:** (Probabilistic) Random Forest, Clustering algorithm (bases of), Neural networks (bases of)
- **Editing/version control:** VS Code, Git, Latex
- **Other:** Cloudy, Jupyter Notebooks, Topcat

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- **Italian:** Mother tongue
- **English:** Fluent
- **German:** Basic (A1.1)
- **French:** Basic (A2, former B2)

CONFERENCES, SCHOOLS AND TALKS

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 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

- 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

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- [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].
- [2] **Guarneri, F.**, Calderone, G., Cristiani, S., Fontanot, F., Boutsia, K., Cupani, G., Grazian, A., D'Odorico, V., *The probabilistic random forest applied to the selection of quasar candidates in the QUBRICS survey*. In: MNRAS 506.2, 2021, pp. 2471–2481. arXiv: 2106.12990 [astro-ph . IM].
- [3] Grazian, A., Boutsia, K., Giallongo, E., Cristiani, S., Fontanot, F., Bischetti, M., Bongiorno, A., Calderone, G., Cupani, G., D'Odorico, V., Feruglio, C., Fiore, F., **Guarneri, F.**, Porru, M., Saccheo, I., *Crossing the Rubicon of Reionization with $z \sim 5$ QSOs*. In: arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2307.12421, 2023, arXiv:2307.12421. arXiv: 2307.12421 [astro-ph . GA].
- [4] Cristiani, S., Porru, M., **Guarneri, F.**, Calderone, G., Boutsia, K., Grazian, A., Cupani, G., D'Odorico, V., Fontanot, F., Martins, C. J. A. P., Marques, C. M. J., Maitra, S., Trost, A., *Spectroscopy of QUBRICS quasar candidates: 1672 new redshifts and a golden sample for the Sandage test of the redshift drift*. In: MNRAS 522.2, 2023, pp. 2019–2028. arXiv: 2304.00362 [astro-ph . CO].
- [5] Fontanot, F., Cristiani, S., Grazian, A., Haardt, F., D'Odorico, V., Boutsia, K., Calderone, G., Cupani, G., **Guarneri, F.**, Fiorin, C., Rodighiero, G., *Eddington accreting black holes in the epoch of reionization*. In: MNRAS 520.1, 2023, pp. 740–749. arXiv: 2301.07129 [astro-ph . CO].
- [6] Cupani, G., Calderone, G., Selvelli, P., Cristiani, S., Boutsia, K., Grazian, A., Fontanot, F., **Guarneri, F.**, D'Odorico, V., Giallongo, E., Menci, N., *Near-infrared spectroscopy of extreme BAL QSOs from the QUBRICS bright quasar survey*. In: MNRAS 510.2, 2022, pp. 2509–2528. arXiv: 2112.02594 [astro-ph . CO].
- [7] Grazian, A., Giallongo, E., Boutsia, K., Calderone, G., Cristiani, S., Cupani, G., Fontanot, F., **Guarneri, F.**, Ozdalkiran, Y., *The Space Density of Ultra-luminous QSOs at the End of Reionization Epoch by the QUBRICS Survey and the AGN Contribution to the Hydrogen Ionizing Background*. In: ApJ 924.2, 62, 2022, p. 62. arXiv: 2110.13736 [astro-ph . GA].
- [8] Boutsia, K., Grazian, A., Fontanot, F., Giallongo, E., Menci, N., Calderone, G., Cristiani, S., D'Odorico, V., Cupani, G., **Guarneri, F.**, Omizzolo, A., *The Luminosity Function of Bright QSOs at $z \sim 4$ and Implications for the Cosmic Ionizing Background*. In: ApJ 912.2, 111, 2021, p. 111. arXiv: 2103.10446 [astro-ph . GA].
- [9] Boutsia, K., Grazian, A., Calderone, G., Cristiani, S., Cupani, G., **Guarneri, F.**, Fontanot, F., Amorin, R., D'Odorico, V., Giallongo, E., Salvato, M., Omizzolo, A., Romano, M., Menci, N., *The Spectroscopic Follow-up of the QUBRICS Bright Quasar Survey*. In: ApJS 250.2, 26, 2020, p. 26. arXiv: 2008.03865 [astro-ph . GA].

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS, POSTERS AND PROCEEDINGS

- [10] Cristiani, S., Boutsia, K., Calderone, G., Cupani, G., D'Odorico, V., Fontanot, F., Grazian, A., **Guarneri, F.**, Martins, C., Pasquini, L., Porru, M., Vanzella, E., *Spectrographs and Spectroscopists for the Sandage Test*. In: arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2302.04365, 2023, arXiv:2302.04365. arXiv: 2302.04365 [astro-ph . CO].
- [11] **Guarneri, F.**, Cristiani, S., Calderone, G., Boutsia, K., Grazian, A., Cupani, G., Fontanot, F., D'Odorico, V., Porru, M., *QUBRICS: machine learning for searching bright, high-redshift quasars*. In: SciOps 2022: Artificial Intelligence for Science and Operations in Astronomy (SCIOPS). Proceedings of the ESA/ESO SCOPS Workshop held 16-20 May. 2022, 34, p. 34.

- [12] Boutsia, K., Grazian, A., Cristiani, S., Calderone, G., **Guarneri, F.**, Cupani, F., Fontanot, F., D’Odorico, V., *The QUBRICS Survey*. In: Joint Observatories Kavli Science Forum in Chile (joksfc2022). Proceedings of the conference held 25-29 April. 2022, 8, p. 8.
- [13] Cupani, G., Calderone, G., Cristiani, S., **Guarneri, F.**, *Advanced Data Analysis for Observational Cosmology: applications to the study of the Intergalactic Medium*. In: arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2305.10182, 2023, arXiv:2305.10182. arXiv: 2305.10182 [astro-ph.IM].