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Scientific Interests

Gas accretion and galaxy formation, absorption line systems, physics of the interstellar medium, star formation, stellar initial mass function, blazar redshifts.

Academic History

- 2014 Lecturer, Durham University.
- 2013 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Carnegie Observatories, Princeton University.
- 2012 **Ph.D. in astrophysics**, *University of California, Santa Cruz.*
- 2010 **Master in astrophysics**, *University of California, Santa Cruz*.
- 2008 Laurea specialistica (MSc), Milano Bicocca University, 110/110 with highest honor.
- 2006 Laurea triennale (BSc), Milano Bicocca University, 110/110 with highest honor.

Awards and Fellowships

- 2015 Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.
- 2014-2015 **Carnegie Visiting Associate**, Carnegie Observatories. Visiting fellowship at Carnegie Observatories.
 - 2012 **Lyman Spitzer Fellowship**, Princeton University. Postdoctoral fellowship in theoretical astrophysics.
 - 2012 **Carnegie-Princeton Fellowship**, Carnegie Observatories, Princeton University. Postdoctoral fellowship in observational astrophysics.
 - 2012 Hubble Fellowship, Carnegie Observatories.
 Awarded to highly qualified recent postdoctoral scientists to conduct independent research.
 - 2012 **CfA Fellowship**, (declined), The Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Awarded to an outstanding researcher displaying significant promise in theory or observation.
 - 2012 **Miller Research Fellowship**, (declined), University of California, Berkeley. Awarded to exceptional young scientists of great promise.
 - 2011 **Price Prize in Cosmology and AstroParticle Physics**, CCAPP, Ohio State University. Awarded in recognition of research excellence in cosmology and astro-particle physics.
 - 2011 **Chancellor's Dissertation Year Fellowship**, UCSC. Awarded based on the academic achievement of the nominee.
 - 2010 **Whitford Prize**, Department of Astronomy, UCSC. Awarded for outstanding performance during the first and second years.

2008 Regents' fellowship, UCSC.

Awarded to promising first-year graduate students.

Grant History

- 2016 **Astrophysics Data Analysis Program**, KODIAQ Z: Undead Metals in the Circumgalactic Medium, (co-I).
- 2015 NASA grant, HST-GO-14127, (sci-PI).
- 2014 **NASA grant**, HST-GO-13651, (co-l).
- 2013 **NASA grant**, HST-GO-13364, (co-l).
- 2013 NASA grant, HST-GO-13300, (co-l).
- 2013 **NASA grant**, HST-GO-13288, (co-l).
- 2013 Archival Researcher Program, grant HST-AR-13275-A, (co-l).
- 2013 Archival Researcher Program, grant HST-AR-13256-A, (co-l).
- 2012 NASA Hubble Fellowship, grant HF-51305.01-A, (PI).
- 2011 NASA grant, HST-GO-12863, (co-l).
- 2010 NASA grant, HST-GO-12555, (co-l).
- 2010 HIPACC grant, University California, (PI).

Talks and Seminars

- Mar., 2016 **Astronomy Seminar**, *Stockholm University*, invited.

 Gas flows as fuel for star formation: a spotlight on strong absorption line systems
- Sep., 2015 **Astronomy Seminar**, *INAF/Trieste*, invited.

 Gas flows as fuel for star formation: a spotlight on strong absorption line systems
- Jun., 2015 **IGM@50**, *INAF/Firenze*, invited.

 Probing gas flows near galaxies: a spotlight on Lyman Limit Systems
- Jun., 2014 Intergalactic Matters, MPIA, Heidelberg, invited. A shot in the dark: the star formation rates of DLAs at $z\sim 2-3$
- Apr., 2014 Colorful galaxies: a conference for Peppo Gavazzi's birthday, *Como, Italy*, invited. Can we use $H\alpha$ to trace star formation rates?
- Apr., 2014 **Exploiting VST ATLAS...** and its sister surveys, *Durham University*, invited. ATLAS search for Lyman Limit Systems in quasar pairs.
- Mar., 2014 **Astronomy Friday Lunch Talks**, *Durham University*. Stochastically Lighting Up Galaxies: the importance of stochastic effects in stellar population synthesis.
- Jan., 2014 **DEX meeting**, *Durham University*. Investigations on the gaseous environment of distant galaxies.
- Dec., 2013 **TAPIR seminar**, *Caltech*, invited. Investigations on the gaseous environment of distant galaxies.
- Oct., 2013 **Metal Production and Distribution in a Hierarchical Universe**, *Rencontres de l'Observatoire de Paris 2013 ESO Workshop*, invited review. IGM abundances in the high-redshift universe.
- Aug., 2013 Santa Cruz Galaxy Workshop, UCSC. Lyman limit systems and the circumgalactic medium at $z\sim 2-3$.
- Jun., 2013 Intergalactic Interactions, Higgs Centre, Edinburgh, invited. Lyman limit systems and the circumgalactic medium at $z\sim 2-3$.

Jun., 2013	ENIGMA workshop , <i>MPIA</i> , invited. Lyman limit systems and the circumgalactic medium at $z\sim 2-3$.
Apr., 2013	Lunch Talk , Carnegie Observatories. Beyond the disk: The role of halo gas in galaxy formation.
Mar., 2013	Hubble Fellows Symposium , <i>STScI</i> , <i>Baltimore</i> . Optically-thick hydrogen in the z=3 universe
Dec., 2012	University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, invited. The gaseous environment of distant galaxies
Nov., 2012	UT Astronomy Colloquium , <i>Austin</i> , invited. The gaseous environment of distant galaxies
Sep., 2012	Keck Science Meeting, San Diego. Pristine gas two billion years after the Big Bang
Jun., 2012	Metals in Tuscany, INAF/Firenze, invited. Pristine gas two billion years after the Big Bang
May., 2012	Price Prize lecture , <i>CCAPP Ohio State University</i> , invited. Cosmology with absorption line systems
Apr., 2012	Astronomy Colloquium , <i>Osservatorio Astronomico di Brera</i> , invited. Cosmology with absorption line systems
Mar., 2012	Turbulence in Cosmic Structure Formation , <i>Arizona State University</i> . Detection of pristine gas two billion years after the Big Bang
Jan., 2012	DARK Cake Meeting , <i>DARK Cosmology Centre</i> . Detecting cold accretion and metal poor gas around galaxies
Jan., 2012	219th AAS Meeting , <i>Austin</i> , <i>TX</i> . Exploring the gas cycle in high-redshift galaxies: a joint effort of theory and observations
Dec., 2011	Theory meeting of the Galaxy and Cosmology group , <i>MPIA Heidelberg</i> . Probing inflow in high-redshift galaxies
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- Apr., 2010 UCSC, Santa Cruz.
 - Hunting gas and stars in galaxies across the Universe
- Aug., 2009 Santa Cruz Galaxy Workshop, Santa Cruz.
 - A shot in the dark: probing galaxies giving rise to DLAs at $z>2\,$
- Aug., 2009 UCSC Friday Lunch Talk, Santa Cruz.
 - Molecular gas deficiency in HI poor galaxies
- Jun., 2009 University of Chicago, Chicago.
 - A shot in the dark: imaging of DLAs
- Mar., 2009 Università dell'Insubria, Como, Italy.
 - Star formation z = 0 3
- Dec., 2008 CASS, UCSD, San Diego.
 - The star formation rate and gas content in local spiral galaxies
- Jul., 2008 Università di Milano-Bicocca, Milano, Italy.
 - The relationship between gas content and star formation rate in spiral galaxies

Proposal History (PI)

- 2016 WHT; 12 nights, 2016A.
- 2016 ESO/VLT; 106 hours, P97-100 (LP).
- 2015 WHT; 9 nights, 2015B.
- 2015 ESO/VLT; 9 hours, P96.
- 2015 Hubble Space Telescope; 55 orbits, cycle 23.
- 2014 ESO/VLT; 28 hours, P95.
- 2014 ESO/VLT; 5 hours, P94.
- 2014 Gemini-S Telescope; 30 hours, 2014A.
- 2014 Magellan Telescope; 4 nights, 2014A.
- 2013 Magellan Telescope; 5 nights, 2013B.
- 2013 Keck Telescope; 1 night, 2013B.
- 2012 Keck Telescope; 1 night, 2013A.
- 2012 Magellan Telescope; 4 nights, 2013A.
- 2012 Magellan Telescope; 4 nights, 2012B.
- 2011 IRAM 30m Telescope; 64 hours, 2011B.

Teaching and Advising

- 2016 PHYS1101: Discovery Skills in Physics, Durham.
- 2015 PHYS1081: Introduction to Astronomy, Durham.
- 2015 PHYS1101: Discovery Skills in Physics, Durham.
- 2014 PHYS1081: Introduction to Astronomy, Durham.
- 2014 PHYS1101: Discovery Skills in Physics, Durham.
- 2009 Ay2: Overview of the Universe, UCSC.
- PhD Students Mr. Greg Ashworth (2014), Durham University.
 - Mr. Ruari Mackenzie (2014), Durham University.

Membership and Activities

- 2012- Peer reviewer, Astrophysical Journal
- 2012- Peer reviewer, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society
- 2012- Peer reviewer, Astronomy and Astrophysics
- 2011-2012 Graduate Student Mentor, UCSC Astronomy & Astrophysics Department
- 2011-2015 Member, European Physical Society
- 2011-2012 Member, American Astronomical Society
- 2008-2015 Member, Società Italiana di Fisica

Refereed publications

- 1. Consolandi, G., Gavazzi, G., **Fumagalli, M.** et al. 2016, A&A in press. *Robust automatic photometry of local galaxies from SDSS. Dissecting the color magnitude relation with color profiles.*
- 2. Boselli, A. et al. 2016, A&A in press (arXiv:1601.04978). Spectacular tails of ionised gas in the Virgo cluster galaxy NGC 4569
- 3. Grasha, K. et al. 2015, ApJ, 815, 93. The Spatial Distribution of the Young Stellar Clusters in the Star Forming Galaxy NGC 628.
- 4. **Fumagalli, M.**, O'Meara, J.M., Prochaska, J.X. 2016, MNRAS, 455, 4100. The physical properties of z>2 Lyman limit systems: new constraints for feedback and accretion models.
- 5. Fossati, M., **Fumagalli, M.**, Boselli, A. et al. 2016, MNRAS, 455, 2028. *MUSE sneaks a peek at extreme ram-pressure stripping events. II. The physical properties of the gas tail of ESO137-001*.
- 6. Farina, E., **Fumagalli, M.**, Decarli, R. et al. 2016, MNRAS, 455, 618. *The Cluster-Scale Environment of PKS 2155-304*.
- 7. Krumholz, M. R., Adamo, A., **Fumagalli, M.**, et al. 2015, ApJ, 812, 147. *Star Cluster Properties in Two LEGUS Galaxies Computed with Stochastic Stellar Population Synthesis Models*.
- 8. Calzetti, D. et al. 2015, ApJ, 811, 75. The Brightest Young Star Clusters in NGC 5253.
- 9. Prochaska, J.X. et al. 2015, ApJS, 221, 2. The Keck+Magellan Survey for Lyman Limit Absorption III: Sample Definition and Column Density Measurements.
- 10. Crighton, N. et al. 2015, MNRAS, 452, 217. The Neutral Hydrogen Cosmological Mass Density at z=5.
- 11. Krumholz, M., **Fumagalli, M.**, da Silva, R., Rendahl, T., Parra, J. 2015, MNRAS, 452, 1447.*SLUG Stochastically Lighting Up Galaxies. III: A Suite of Tools for Simulated Photometry, Spectroscopy, and Bayesian Inference with Stochastic Stellar Populations.*
- 12. Gavazzi, G. et al. 2015, A&A, 580, 116. Halpha3: an Halpha imaging survey of HI selected galaxies from ALFALFA. VI. The role of bars in quenching star formation from z=3 to the present epoch.

- 13. Carnall, A. C. et al. 2015, MNRAS, 451, 16. Two bright z > 6 quasars from VST ATLAS and a new method of optical plus mid-infra-red colour selection.
- 14. Cucchiara, A., **Fumagalli, M.**, Rafelski, M., Kocevski, D., Prochaska, J.X., Cooke, R.J., Becker, G.D. 2015, ApJ, 804, 51. *Unveiling the Secrets of Metallicity and Massive Star Formation Using DLAs along Gamma-ray Bursts*.
- 15. Gavazzi, G. et al. 2015, A&A, 576, 16. Halpha3: an Halpha imaging survey of HI selected galaxies from ALFALFA. V. The Coma supercluster survey completion.
- 16. Calzetti, D. et al. 2015, AJ, 149, 51. Legacy ExtraGalactic UV Survey (LEGUS) with The Hubble Space Telescope. I. Survey Description.
- 17. **Fumagalli, M.**, O'Meara, J.M., Prochaska, J.X., Rafelski, M., Kanekar, N. 2015, MNRAS, 446, 3178. Directly imaging damped Ly α galaxies at z>2. III: The star formation rates of neutral gas reservoirs at $z\sim2.7$.
- 18. Crighton, N. et al. 2015, MNRAS, 446, 18. Metal-enriched, sub-kiloparsec gas clumps in the circumgalactic medium of a faint z=2.5 galaxy.
- 19. **Fumagalli, M.**, Fossati, M., Hau, G. et al. 2014, MNRAS, 445, 4335.*MUSE sneaks a peek at extreme ram-pressure stripping events. I. A kinematic study of the archetypal galaxy ESO137-001*.
- 20. Aliu, E. et al. 2014, ApJ, 797, 89. *Investigating Broadband Variability of the TeV Blazar 1ES 1959+650*.
- 21. Boselli, A. et al. 2014, A&A, 570, 69. The GALEX Ultraviolet Virgo Cluster Survey (GUViCS). IV: The role of the cluster environment on galaxy evolution
- 22. Worseck, G. et al. 2014, MNRAS, 445, 1745. The Giant Gemini GMOS survey of z > 4.4 quasars. I: Measuring the mean free path across cosmic time.
- 23. da Silva, R.L., **Fumagalli, M.**, Krumholz, M. 2014, MNRAS, 444, 3275. *SLUG Stochastically Lighting Up Galaxies. II: Quantifying the Effects of Stochasticity on Star Formation Rate Indicators.*
- 24. **Fumagalli, M.**, O'Meara, J.M., Prochaska, J.X., Kanekar, N., Wolfe, A. 2014, MN-RAS, 444, 1282. *Directly imaging damped Ly\alpha galaxies at z>2. <i>II: Imaging and spectroscopic observations of 32 quasar fields*.
- 25. Lusso, E. et al. 2014, MNRAS, 441, 316. The nature of massive black hole binary candidates: II. Spectral energy distribution atlas.
- 26. Finn, C. et al. 2014, MNRAS, 440, 3317. A compact, metal-rich, kpc-scale outflow in FBQS J0209-0438: Detailed diagnostics from HST/COS extreme UV observations.
- 27. da Silva, R.L., Krumholz, M., **Fumagalli, M.**, Fall, M. 2014, MNRAS, 438, 2355. *An Analytic Method to Compute Star Cluster Luminosity Statistics*.
- 28. Wright, E. et al., 2014, AJ, 147, 61. The First AllWISE Proper Motion Discovery: WISEA J070720.50+170532.7.
- 29. Rafelski, M., Neeleman, M., **Fumagalli, M.**, Wolfe, A.M., Prochaska, J.X. 2014, ApJL, 782, 29. *The Rapid Decline in Metallicity of Damped Ly-\alpha Systems at z \sim 5.*
- 30. Prochaska, J.X., Madau, P., O'Meara, J.M., **Fumagalli, M.** 2014, MNRAS, 438, 476. Towards a Unified Description of the Intergalactic Medium at Redshift $z\sim2.5$.
- 31. **Fumagalli, M.**, Hennawi, J., Prochaska, J.X., Kasen, D., Dekel, A., Ceverino, D., Primack, J. 2014, ApJ, 780, 74. *Confronting Simulations of Optically Thick Gas in Massive Halos with Observations at* z=2-3.

- 32. VERITAS collaboration et al., 2013, ApJ, 779, 92. Long term observations of B2 1215+30 with VERITAS.
- 33. **Fumagalli, M.**, O'Meara, J.M., Prochaska, J.X., Worseck, G. 2013, ApJ, 775, 78. Dissecting the properties of optically-thick hydrogen at the peak of cosmic star formation history.
- 34. Decarli, R., Dotti, M., **Fumagalli, M.**, et al. 2013, MNRAS, 433, 1492. *The nature of massive black hole binary candidates: I. Spectral properties and evolution.*
- 35. Furniss, A., **Fumagalli, M.**, Falcone, A., Williams, D. A. 2013, ApJ, 770, 109. *The Blazar Emission Environment: Insight from Soft X-ray Absorption*.
- 36. Furniss, A. et al. 2013, ApJ, 768, L31. The Firm Redshift Lower Limit of the Most Distant TeV-Detected Blazar PKS 1424+240.
- 37. Fossati, M. et al. 2013, A&A, 553, 91. Halpha3: an Halpha imaging survey of HI selected galaxies from ALFALFA. IV. The structure of galaxies in the Local and Coma Superclusters.
- 38. Gavazzi, G. et al. 2013, A&A, 553, 90. Halpha3: an Halpha imaging survey of HI selected galaxies from ALFALFA. III. Nurture shapes up the Hubble sequence in the Great Wall.
- 39. Gavazzi, G., **Fumagalli, M.**, Fossati, M. et al. 2013, A&A, 553, 89. *Halpha3: an Halpha imaging survey of HI selected galaxies from ALFALFA. II. The star formation properties of galaxies in the Virgo cluster and surroundings.*
- 40. Furniss, A., **Fumagalli, M.**, Danforth, C., Williams, D., & Prochaska, X. 2013, ApJ, 766, 35. *On the Redshift of the Very High Energy Blazar 3C66A*.
- 41. Farina, E., Montuori, C., Decarli, R., **Fumagalli, M.** 2013, MNRAS, 431, 1019. *Caught in the Act: Discovery of a Physical Quasar Triplet*.
- 42. Aliu, E. et. al 2012, ApJ, 759, 102. VERITAS Observations of Six Bright, Hard-Spectrum Fermi-LAT Blazars.
- 43. **Fumagalli, M.**, Furniss, A., O'Meara, J., Prochaska, X., Williams, D., Farina, E. 2012, A&A, 545, 68. *On the redshift of the blazar PKS0447-439*.
- 44. Fossati, M., Gavazzi, G., Boselli, A., **Fumagalli, M.** 2012, A&A, 544, A128. *65 kpc of ionized gas trailing behind NGC 4848 during its first crossing of the Coma cluster.*
- 45. Gavazzi, G., **Fumagalli, M.**, Galardo, V., et al. 2012, A&A, 545, 16. $H\alpha^3$: $H\alpha$ imaging survey of HI selected galaxies from ALFALFA. I. Catalogue in the local supercluster.
- 46. **Fumagalli, M.**, Dessauges-Zavadsky, M., Furniss, A., et al. 2012, MNRAS, 424, 2276. A search of CO emission lines in blazars: the low molecular gas content of BL Lac objects compared to quasars.
- 47. Arrigoni Battaia, F. et al. 2012, A&A, 543 A112. Stripped gas as fuel for newly formed HII regions in the encounter between VCC1249 and M49: a unified picture from NGVS and GUViCS.
- 48. da Silva, R.L., **Fumagalli, M.**, & Krumholz, M. 2012, ApJ, 745, 145. *SLUG Stochastically Lighting Up Galaxies I: Methods and Validating Tests*.
- 49. **Fumagalli, M.**, O'Meara, J.M., & Prochaska, J.X. 2011, Science, 334, 1245. *Detection of pristine gas two billion years after the Big Bang*.
- 50. Barth, A. et al. 2011, ApJ, 743, L4. The Lick AGN monitoring project 2011: reverberation mapping of Markarian 50.

- 51. **Fumagalli, M.**, da Silva, R.L., & Krumholz, M. 2011, ApJ, 741, L26. *Stochastic star formation and a (nearly) uniform stellar initial mass function.*
- 52. Aliu, E. et al. 2011, ApJ, 742, 127. Multiwavelength Observations of the Previously Unidentified Blazar RX J0648.7+1516.
- 53. Cucchiara, A. et al. 2011, ApJ, 743, 154. Constraining GRB Emission Physics with Extensive Early-Time, Multiband Follow-up.
- 54. **Fumagalli, M.**, Prochaska, J.X., Kasen, D., Dekel, A., Ceverino, D., & Primack, J.R. 2011, MNRAS, 418, 1796. *Absorption line systems in simulated galaxies fed by cold streams*.
- 55. Barth, A. et al. 2011, ApJ, 732, 121. Broad-line Reverberation in the Kepler-field Seyfert Galaxy Zw 229-015.
- 56. Abdo, A.A. et al. 2011, ApJ, 726, 43. *Multi-wavelength Observations of the Flaring Gamma-ray Blazar 3C 66A in 2008 October*.
- 57. **Fumagalli, M.**, O'Meara, J.M., Prochaska, J.X., & Kanekar, N. 2010, MNRAS, 408, 362. *Directly imaging damped Lyman-\alpha galaxies at z>2 I. Methodology and first results*.
- 58. **Fumagalli, M.**, Krumholz, M.R., & Hunt, L.K. 2010, ApJ, 722, 919. *Testing models for molecular gas formation in galaxies: hydrostatic pressure or gas and dust shielding?*
- 59. **Fumagalli, M.**, Krumholz, M.R., Prochaska, J.X., Gavazzi, G., & Boselli, A. 2009, ApJ, 697, 1811 *Molecular hydrogen deficiency in HI-poor galaxies and its implications for star formation.*
- 60. **Fumagalli, M.**, & Gavazzi, G. 2008, A&A, 490, 571. The relationship between gas content and star formation rate in spiral galaxies. Comparing the local field with the Virgo cluster.
- 61. Gavazzi, G. et al. 2008, A&A, 482, 43. HI content and other structural properties of galaxies in the Virgo cluster from the Arecibo Legacy Fast ALFA Survey.

Non-refereed publications

- 1. **Fumagalli, M.** 2014, MmSAI, 85, 355. *Metal abundances in the high-redshift intergalactic medium.*
- 2. **Fumagalli, M.** 2012, Ph.D. dissertation, University of California, Santa Cruz. *Food for stars: the role of hydrogen in the formation and evolution of galaxies.*
- 3. **Fumagalli, M.**, da Silva, R., Krumholz, M., & Bigiel, F. 2011, Astronomical Society of the Pacific Conference Series, 440, 155. *SLUG: A New Way to Stochastically Light Up Galaxies*.
- 4. **Fumagalli, M.** 2008, MSc thesis, Università Milano-Bicocca. *High resolution multifrequency analysis of gas behavior and star formation in spiral galaxies.*
- 5. **Fumagalli, M.** 2006, BSc thesis, Università Milano-Bicocca. *Impact of low frequencies measurements on the knowledge of spectral distortions expected for Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation*.