## Nicola Vianello

### **Curriculum Vitae**

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**Personal Information** 

Nicola Vianello Name:

Date and Place of Birth: Mestre-Venezia, 14 August 1975

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**Education and Qualifications** 

Liceo Scientifico U. Morin, Mestre, Venezia, 56 out 60 1994 **High School** 

Università degli Studi di Padova, Padova, Italy March 1999 Laurea in Fisica

> (M.Sci Physics) 110 out 110 cum Laude

Thesis Title: Trasporto di particelle ed energia per effetto di turbolenza elettrostatica

in plasmi confinati in configurazione Reversed Field Pinch

(Particle and energy transport induced by electrostatic turbulence in

Reversed Field Pinch plasmas) Prof. S. Lo Russo, Dr. V. Antoni

Electrostatic anomalous transport. Sheared Flows. Topics:

Active modification of boundary flow through edge biasing

March 2002 Ph.D in Energetics Università degli Studi di Padova, Padova, Italy

> Thesis Title: Self-organization phenomena and coherent structure generation

> > in magnetized plasmas

Supervisor: Prof. A. Buffa, Dr. V. Antoni

Topics: Electromagnetic turbulence in Reversed Field Pinches and Tokamaks.

Anomalous transport. Self Organized Criticality.

**Further Education** 

Supervisor:

**International School of Plasma Physics** 2000 October Capri, Italy

and Ultrafast Optics

2001 September 5<sup>th</sup> Carolus Magnus Euro-Summer School on Plasma Badhonnef, Germany

and Fusion Energy Physics

International School on Topics in Nonlinear Dynamics Venice, Italy 2002 January

5<sup>th</sup> International Iter Summer School 2011 June Aix-en-Provence, France

MHD and Energetic Particles

**Employment** 

March-October 1999 Research fellow Consorzio RFX, Padova, Italy November 2002 - April 2003 Consorzio RFX, Padova, Italy Research fellow

May 2003-December 2005 January 2006 - July 2009

July 2009 - Date

Padova, Italy

Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche

Consorzio RFX, Padova, Italy

(Research National Institute)

Consorzio RFX, Padova, Italy

Research Scientist, Permanent position

Researcher, Permanent position

See Competion section

Research Scientist

**Further experiences** 

2001 5 March-15 June Visiting scientist under Royal Institute of Technology

EURATOM-Mobility staff movement Stockholm, Sweden

2002 1 May-30 June Visiting scientist under Royal Institute of Technology

		EURATOM-Mobility staff movement	Stockholm, Sweden
2003	2 March-30 April	Visiting scientist under	Royal Institute of Technology
		EURATOM-Mobility staff movement	Stockholm, Sweden
2004	19 April -19 June	Visiting scientist under	Royal Institute of Technology
		EURATOM-Mobility staff movement	Stockholm, Sweden
2005	16 October -	Visiting scientist under	Risø National Laboratory
	19 November	EURATOM-Mobility staff movement	Risø, Denmark
2008	11 - 15 February	Visiting scientist under	Max-Planck Institut für Plasmaphysik
		EURATOM-Mobility staff movement	Garching, Germany
2009	12 - 15 May	Visiting scientist under	Max-Planck Institut für Plasmaphysik
		EURATOM-Mobility staff movement	Garching, Germany
2009	09 - 13 November	Visiting scientist under	Centre der Recherches en Physique des
		EURATOM-Mobility staff movement	Plasmas, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland
2011	07 - 11 March	Visiting scientist under	Royal Institute of Technology
		EURATOM-Mobility staff movement	Stockholm, Sweden
2011	13 - 15 April	Visiting scientist under	The National Fusion Laboratory, CIEMAT
		EURATOM-Mobility staff movement	Madrid, Spain
2011	23 - 27 May	Visiting scientist under	Max-Planck Institut für Plasmaphysik
		EURATOM-Mobility staff movement	Garching, Germany
2012	06 February -	Secondment Staff	JET, Culham Centre for Fusion Science
	30 March		Culham, Oxford, UK

# **National and International Conferences**

2000	September	EU-US Turbulence Task Force (TTF) workshop	Varenna, Italy
2002	April	7 <sup>th</sup> Easter Plasma Meeting	Torino, Italy
2002	June	29 <sup>th</sup> EPS Conference on Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion	Montreux, Switzerland
2003	October	45 <sup>th</sup> APS-Division of Fusion Plasma Physics Conference	Albuquerque, NM, USA
2004	May	10 <sup>th</sup> IEA/RFP Workshop	Padova, Italy
2004	June	31 <sup>th</sup> EPS Conference on Plasma Physics	London, UK
2004	September	EU-US Turbulence Task Force (TTF) workshop	Varenna, Italy
2004	November	46 <sup>th</sup> APS-Division of Fusion Plasma Physics Conference	Savannah, GA, USA
2005	July	8 <sup>th</sup> International Workshop on the Interrelationship between	Tromsö, Norwey
		Plasma Experiments in Laboratory and Space	
2005	September	11 <sup>th</sup> IEA/RFP Workshop	Madison, WI, USA
2006	June	33 <sup>th</sup> EPS Conference on Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion	Rome, Italy
2006	October	48 <sup>th</sup> APS-Division of Fusion Plasma Physics Conference	Philadelphia, PN, USA
2007	April	12 <sup>th</sup> US-EU Transport Taskforce Workshop	San Diego, CA, USA
2007	September	Momentum transport in jets, disks	Alba, Italy
		and laboratory plasmas	
2008	June	35 <sup>th</sup> EPS Conference on Plasma Physics	Hersonissos, Greece
2008	June	EFTSOMP2008 - Workshop on Electric Fields, Turbulence and	Hersonissos, Greece
		Self-Organisation in Magnetized Plasmas	
2008	September	EU-US Turbulence Task Force (TTF) workshop	Copenhagen, Denmark
2008	October	13 <sup>th</sup> IEA/RFP Workshop	Stockholm, Sweden
2009	March	Workshop on Cross-Scale Coupling in Plasmas	Cosenza, Italy
2009	June	35 <sup>th</sup> EPS Conference on Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion	Sofia, Bulgaria
2009	September	2 <sup>nd</sup> EFDA Transport Topical Group Meeting	JET, Culham, UK
2010	April	14 <sup>th</sup> IEA/RFP Workshop	Padova, Italy
2010	November	52 <sup>th</sup> APS-Division of Fusion Plasma Physics Conference	Chicago, IL, USA
2011	October	15 <sup>th</sup> IEA/RFP Workshop	Madison, WI, USA

### Competition

May 2009 Public selection (Ref. 364/13) held by Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche. Advisor Committee:

- Prof. A. Fasoli, Full Professor, Ecole Polytechnique Federal Lausanne, Switzerland
- Dr. V. Antoni, Director Istituto Gas Ionizzati, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche
- Dr. D. Farina, Research Scientist, Istituto di Fisica del Plasma, Consiglio Nazionale delle ricerche, Milano

The competition included two written exams and one colloquium. The candidate results the winner of the competition with a final mark of 104.5/120

**Skills** 

IT skills

Operating systems Linux, Unix, Windows, Mac Os X, Open VMS

Programming Fortran 77/90, IDL (Interactive Data Language), Python, C, Bash Scripting

COMSOL, Mathematica, Gnuplot, GIT Version Control

Office Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), iWork, LATEX, web, emails

Design Adobe inDesign, Adobe Illustrator

Technical skills

- (i) Competences in data analysis and interpretation
- (ii) Competences in image processing
- (iii) Competences in fluid numerical modeling
- (iv) Competences in designing and projecting electrostatic and magnetic plasma diagnostics
- (v) Competences in UHV technology and plasma facing and ultra high vacuum compliant materials
- (vi) Competences in data acquisition through MDSPLUS technology

#### Languages

Language	Oral	Written
Italian	Native	Native
English	Fluent	Fluent

**Pedagogical activities** 

### Teaching

2008-2009 Assistant for the course Fluid and Plasma Physics

tenured Prof. Tommaso Bolzonella

Total h 4

**Subject**: Seminar on MHD and Fluid turbulence. A summary is presented on the theory and experimental results on turbulence, both in ordinary fluid and in plasmas. A description of the most recent results regarding turbulence and eddy's characterization in thermonuclear relevant plasmas is given. Exercises on fluid turbulence

2010 Assistant for the course Fluid and Plasma Physics

tenured Prof. Tommaso Bolzonella

Total h 6

**Subject**: Tangential stress in ordinary fluids. Seminar on MHD and Fluid turbulence (see previous years)

2011-2012 Assistant for the course Fundamentals of Plasma Physics

tenured Prof. Gianluigi Serianni

Total h. 10

**Subject**: Plasma oscillations, Langmuir Waves, Ion Acoustic waves, Upper and Lower hybrid waves, Whistler waves, MHD waves (magneto-acoustic, Alfvén waves)

Supervising

2007 Supervisor for Bachelor Thesis in Physics, University of Padova

Candidate: Alessandro Scaggion

Thesis title: *Electrostatic fluctuations characterization in RFX-mod experiment in different experi-*

mental condition

**Thesis subject:** Characterization of floating potential measurements as obtained from an internal array of sensors in different discharge conditions highlighting dependence on equilibrium

and density.

2009 Supervisor for M.Sci. Thesis in Physics, University of Padova

Candidate: Alessandro Scaggion

**Thesis title:** Filamentary structures in the edge turbulence of fusion devices

Thesis subject: Characterization of turbulence electromagnetic structures in two different devices: RFX-mod Reversed Field Pinch experiment, characterized by the presence of Drift-Alfvén filaments, and ASDEX-Upgrade tokamak, with emphasis on type I ELM's filaments

2011 Supervisor for Bachelor Thesis in Physics, University of Padova

Candidate: Alberto Mazzi

**Thesis title:** Experimental evaluation of toroidal velocity distribution in the edge region of RFX-mod and its impact on high density regimes

**Thesis subject:** Experimental determination of the spatio-temporal distribution of the toroidal velocity in RFX-mod and its relationship with edge magnetic topology. The strong link between magnetic islands and plasma flow distribution is addressed.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

2010 - Date Responsible Scientist for edge manipulators in RFX-mod device. Responsibilities implies the maintenance and improvement of the two manipulators used in RFX-mod for the insertion of edge probes, including maintenance and improvement of the probe heads. Development of new complex probe head, project which has required the coordination between design, mechanical and diagnostic technicians.

Task force leader in RFX-mod experiment for task force *Particle, Momentum and energy transport*. The task force was in charge to implement experimental proposals aimed to the comprehension of physical mechanisms which regulate particle momentum and energy transport in RFX-mod. The task force leaders together with the Scientific Coordinators take part to the decision processes concerning the experimental programme of the machine, deciding priorities and objectives.

Task force leader in RFX-mod experiment for task force *Physics integration for high performance RFP*. The task force aimed to coordinate all the efforts devoted to the comprehension of the physical mechanism behind the appearance of improved confinement regimes in RFX-mod, to establish the physical requirement for a controlled achievement of h-mode confinement regime and to explore all the still open basic physics issues whose knowledge could help to improve plasma performances. As in the previous year the task force leaders take part to the scientific programme schedule, coordinating in particular the activities for the high current performance operations.

- 2011 Coordinator of the EFDA working group 3D field effects in edge and SOL and diagnostic development under EFDA Transport Topical Group. This working group has been established to coordinate the effort promoted by different EFDA associations on the following subject:
  - 1. Investigation on the effect of non-axisymmetric fields on the filamentary structures (L and H-mode regimes)
  - 2. Investigation into changes in edge transport due to the application of 3D fields
  - 3. Characterization of the edge turbulence in these 3D situations (including effect of ion temperature and 3D fast particle losses)
  - 4. Edge turbulence and transport modeling by incorporating 3D field effects into the codes.
  - 5. Comparison studies between tokamaks, stellarators and RFPs on the above topics.

The coordinators promote exchange of results between different association and the definition of common objectives which facilitate the comparison between different devices.

Programme committee of the 17th Joint EU-US Transport Task Force Meeting in combination with the 4th EFDA Transport Topical Group meeting, 3-6 September 2012, Padova, Italy

### **Brief summary of research interest**

Since my M.Sci. thesis my primary research interest has been the collection, analysis, interpretation and modeling of experimental data collected in fusion oriented experiment (Reversed Field Pinches, Tokamaks and Stellarators), with particular emphasis on the comparison with theoretical and numerical results. Main research subject may be summarized as follow:

- (a) Electromagnetic turbulence induced transport in the external region of magnetically confined plasmas
- (b) Statistical properties of plasma turbulence, investigated trough advanced tools as Wavelet Transforms, Local Intermittency Measurements, Waiting Time distribution
- (c) Coherent structure generation as results of non-linear evolution of plasma instabilities
- (d) Non linear interaction between turbulence and sheared flows
- (e) Sheared flow generation mechanism through non-diagonal part of stress tensor
- (f) Numerical modeling of electromagnetic plasma turbulence using fluid approach
- (g) Filaments and coherent structure with emphasis on *blobs* observed in laboratory plasmas and *Edge Localized Modes*
- (e) Magnetic topology and its relation with plasma flow, with emphasis on the effect of 3D magnetic field perturbation on kinetic properties of the plasma
- (f) Beam plasma interaction with emphasis on Alfvén instabilities, Energetic Particle Driven instabilities, and turbulent transport of energetic ions

The principal results obtained may be summarized as follow:

- (i) First experimental proof of non applicability of *Self Organized Criticality* paradigm to edge plasma turbulence [8, 3]
- (ii) First experimental evidence of non-linear generation of edge flow in Reversed Field Pinches through Reynolds stress mechanism [29, 28]
- (iii) First experimental measurements of parallel current associated to coherent structures in a fusion relevant plasma [53]
- (iv) First experimental evidence of the existence of a particular class of coherent structure, named *Drift-Kinetic Alfvén vortices*, arising because of the non linear coupling of Drift and Kinetic Alfvén waves in a laboratory plasma [62]. This type of structure has been previously detected in the magnetosphere
- (v) First experimental estimate of parallel current associated to Edge Localized Modes filament [75]
- (vi) First experimental measurements of 2D current distribution associated to plasma blobs [64]

(vii) Experimental evidence of transition towards helical states in high current Reversed Field Pinch operation [45]

In all my carrier I've always tried to conjugate a strong experimental insight on the data collection, participating in all the experimental activities mandatory in order to obtain useful experimental results, and a rigorous theoretical approach in the data analysis and interpretation, using theories and numerical tools as a framework to understand real plasma signals. This approach helped me to build a bridge between theories and experiments, a necessary effort in order to understand complex plasma dynamics.

#### Active collaborations

Institute	Contact person	Subject
RisøNational Laboratory	V. Naulin & J. Rasmussen	Edge turbulence in tokamaks, including ELM filaments.
		Fluid turbulence codes
CRPP Lausanne	I. Furno	Blobs in Simple Toroidal Torus
CIEMAT, Spain	D. Carallero & C. Hidalgo	Edge filament structures in Stellarators
KTH Stockholm	H. Bergsaker & L. Frassinetti	Characterization of the edge region of RFP experiment
		Extrap-T2R
MIT, Boston	J. Terry	Edge turbulence in Alcator C-Mod
IPP, Garching	H. W. Müller	Electromagnetic turbulence at the edge of ASDEX-
		Upgrade, ELMs



I'm regular referee for Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion, Nuclear Fusion, New Journal of Physics

## **Publications**

I have authored a total number of 143 papers and conference proceedings. h-index factor: 16 according to ISI Web of Knowledge (last update Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2012)

#### Refereed research papers

- 1. V Antoni, R Cavazzana, L Fattorini, E Martines, G Serianni, M Spolaore, L Tramontin, and N Vianello (2000). Effects of pulsed poloidal current drive on the edge region of a reversed field pinch plasma. *Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion* 42(8), 893–904.
- 2. V Antoni, E Martines, D Desideri, L Fattorini, G Serianni, M Spolaore, L Tramontin, and N Vianello (2000). Electrostatic transport reduction induced by flow shear modification in a reversed field pinch plasma. *Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion* 42(2), 83–90.
- 3. V Antoni, V Carbone, R Cavazzana, G Regnoli, N Vianello, E Spada, L Fattorini, E Martines, G Serianni, M Spolaore, L Tramontin, and P. Veltri (2001). Transport processes in reversed-field-pinch plasmas: Inconsistency with the self-organized-criticality paradigm. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 87(4), 045001.
- 4. V Antoni, V Carbone, E Martines, G Regnoli, G Serianni, N Vianello, and P. Veltri (2001). Electrostatic turbulence intermittency and MHD relaxation phenomena in a RFP plasma. *Europhys Lett* 54(1), 51–57.
- 5. V Antoni, M Valisa, L Apolloni, M Bagatin, W. Baker, O Barana, R Bartiromo, P Bettini, A Boboc, T Bolzonella, A Buffa, A Canton, S Cappello, L Carraro, R Cavazzana, G Chitarin, S Costa, F D'Angelo, S. D. Bello, A. D. Lorenzi, D Desideri, D. F Escande, L Fattorini, P Fiorentin, P Franz, E Gaio, L Garzotti, L Giudicotti, F Gnesotto, L Grando, S. Guo, P Innocente, A Intravaia, R Lorenzini, A Luchetta, G Malesani, G Manduchi, G Marchiori, L Marrelli, P Martin, E Martines, S Martini, A Maschio, A Masiello, F Milani, M Moresco, A Murari, P Nielsen, M O'Gorman, S. Ortolani, R Paccagnella, R Pasqualotto, B Pegourie, S Peruzzo, R Piovan, N Pomaro, A Ponno, G Preti, M. Puiatti, G Rostagni, F Sattin, P Scarin, G Serianni, P Sonato, E Spada, G Spizzo, M Spolaore, C Taliercio, G Telesca, D Terranova, V Toigo, L Tramontin, N Vianello, M Viterbo, L Zabeo, P Zaccaria, P Zanca, B Zaniol, L Zanotto, E Zilli, and G Zollino (2001). Transport mechanisms and enhanced confinement studies in RFX. Nucl. Fusion 41(4), 431–436.

- 6. E Martines, M Spolaore, V Antoni, G Regnoli, N Vianello, R Cavazzana, G Serianni, and L Tramontin (2001). E x B velocity shear and intermittent structures in RFX. *Czechoslovak Journal Of Physics* 51(10), 983–993.
- 7. G Serianni, V Antoni, H Bergsåker, P. R Brunsell, J. Drake, M Spolaore, H. Satherblom, and N Vianello (2001). Electrostatic fluxes and plasma rotation in the edge region of EXTRAP-T2R. *Czechoslovak Journal Of Physics* 51(10), 1119–1127.
- 8. E Spada, V Carbone, R Cavazzana, L Fattorini, G Regnoli, N Vianello, V Antoni, E Martines, G Serianni, M Spolaore, and L Tramontin (2001). Search of self-organized criticality processes in magnetically confined plasmas: Hints from the reversed field pinch configuration. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 86(14), 3032–3035.
- 9. M Spolaore, V Antoni, M Bagatin, D Desideri, L Fattorini, E Martines, G Serianni, L Tramontin, and N Vianello (2001). Study of edge plasma properties comparing operation in hydrogen and helium in RFX. *Journal of Nuclear Materials* 290-293, 729–732.
- 10. V Carbone, R Cavazzana, V Antoni, L Sorriso-Valvo, E Spada, G Regnoli, P Giuliani, N Vianello, F Lepreti, R. Bruno, E Martines, and P. Veltri (2002). To what extent can dynamical models describe statistical features of turbulent flows? *Europhys Lett* 58(3), 349–355.
- 11. P Martin, S Martini, V Antoni, L Apolloni, M Bagatin, W. Baker, O Barana, R Bartiromo, P Bettini, A Boboc, T Bolzonella, A Buffa, A Canton, S Cappello, L Carraro, R Cavazzana, G Chitarin, S Costa, F D'Angelo, S. D. Bello, A. D. Lorenzi, D Desideri, D. F Escande, L Fattorini, P Fiorentin, P Franz, E Gaio, L Garzotti, L Giudicotti, F Gnesotto, L Grando, S. Guo, P Innoccente, A Intravaia, R Lorenzini, A Luchetta, G Malesani, G Manduchi, G Marchiori, L Marrelli, E Martines, A Maschio, A Masiello, F Milani, M Moresco, A Murari, P Nielsen, M O'Gorman, S. Ortolani, R Paccagnella, R Pasqualotto, B Pegourie, S Peruzzo, R Piovan, N Pomaro, A Ponno, G Preti, M. Puiatti, G Rostagni, F Sattin, P Scarin, G Serianni, P Sonato, E Spada, G Spizzo, M Spolaore, C Taliercio, G Telesca, D Terranova, V Toigo, L Tramontin, M Valisa, N Vianello, M Viterbo, L Zabeo, P Zaccaria, P Zanca, B Zaniol, L Zanotto, E Zilli, and G Zollino (2002). New insights into MHD dynamics of magnetically confined plasmas from experiments in RFX. Nucl. Fusion 42(3), 247–257.
- E Martines, V Antoni, R Cavazzana, G Regnoli, G Serianni, M Spolaore, N Vianello, M Hron, and J Stockel (2002).
  Coherent structures in the plasma edge turbulence of the RFX and CASTOR experiments. Czechoslovak Journal Of Physics 52, 13–24.
- 13. M Spolaore, V Antoni, R Cavazzana, G Regnoli, G Serianni, E Spada, N Vianello, H Bergsåker, and J. Drake (2002). Effects of ExB velocity shear on electrostatic structures. *Phys. Plasmas* 9(10), 4110–4113.
- 14. L Tramontin, L Garzotti, V Antoni, L Carraro, D Desideri, P Innocente, E Martines, G Serianni, M Spolaore, and N Vianello (2002). Particle balance during edge biasing experiments in the reversed field pinch RFX. *Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion* 44(2), 195–204.
- 15. N Vianello, M Spolaore, G Serianni, H Bergsåker, V Antoni, and J. Drake (2002). Properties of the edge plasma in the rebuilt Extrap-T2R reversed field pinch experiment. *Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion* 44(12), 2513–2523.
- 16. V Antoni, M Bagatin, G Serianni, N Vianello, M Zuin, F Paganucci, P Rossetti, and M Andrenucci (2003). Plasma Fluctuations in an Applied Field MPD Thruster. *AIP Conf. Proc.* **669**(1), 302–305.
- 17. V Antoni, H Bergsåker, G Serianni, M Spolaore, <u>N Vianello</u>, R Cavazzana, G Regnoli, E Spada, E Martines, M Bagatin, and J. Drake (2003). Anomalous particle transport and flow shear in the edge region of RFP's. *Journal of Nuclear Materials* 313-316 IS -, 972–975.
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- 21. F Sattin, N Vianello, and M Valisa (2004). On the probability distribution function of particle density at the edge of fusion devices. *Phys. Plasmas* 11(11), 5032.
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- 24. G Regnoli, H Bergsåker, E Tennfors, F. Zonca, E Martines, G Serianni, M Spolaore, N Vianello, M Cecconello, V Antoni, R Cavazzana, and J.-A Malmberg (2005). Observations of toroidicity-induced Alfvén eigenmodes in a reversed field pinch plasma. *Phys. Plasmas* 12(4), 042502.
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- 28. N Vianello, V Antoni, E Spada, M Spolaore, G Serianni, R Cavazzana, H Bergsåker, M Cecconello, and J. Drake (2005). Reynolds and Maxwell stress measurements in the reversed field pinch experiment Extrap-T2R. *Nucl. Fusion* 45(8), 761–766.
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