

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Francesco Piazza

Date and birthplace: January 28, 1983,
Castel San Pietro Terme (BO), Italy

Citizenship: Italian

Knowledge of foreign languages: English and German, fluent in written and spoken language

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Research Interests

- *General topic:* quantum many-body open systems
- *Systems:* hybrid light-matter setups in the strong-coupling regime; for example photons coupled to (artificial) atoms or excitons in nanoengineered environments.
- *Approach:* non-equilibrium quantum field theory merging quantum-optics and condensed-matter methods
- *Goals:* collective phenomena and many-body phases; technological applications on quantum metrology and sensing.

Academic career:

2017-: Research Group Leader
Host: Max-Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems (Dresden)

2015-2017: APART research fellow at the University of Innsbruck
Host: Prof. H. Ritsch, Institute of Theoretical Physics

2013-2014: Post-doc at the TU Munich. Group of Prof. W. Zwerger

2011-2013: Alexander Von Humboldt Fellow. Host: Prof. W. Zwerger, TU Munich

2007-2011: Ph.D. in Physics, INO-CNR BEC Center and University of Trento, Italy

2002-2007: Degree in Physics, University of Bologna, Italy

Selected conference talks

- "Supersolids with Light-Mediated Interactions",
Invited Talk at the APS-March-Meeting, Los Angeles, 2018
- "Interaction-Induced Transparency for Polaritons in Photonic Crystal Waveguides",
Conference: Quantum Optics IX, Danzig 2017
- "Non-equilibrium Many-Body Physics with Strongly Coupled Atoms and Photons",
Conference: Max-Planck Society Symposium, Berlin 2016
- "A Crystal of Atoms and Photons in Free Space",
Conference: Winter Colloquium - Physics of Quantum Electronics, Snowbird(UTAH) 2016
- "Dynamical Self-Ordering of Superfluids and Light",
Conference: Quantum Optics, Obergurgl, 2016

Reviewer for:

- Physical Review Letters
- Physical Review A
- Europhysics Letters
- New Journal of Physics
- European Journal of Physics B
- European Journal of Physics D
- Annals of Physics
- Nature - Scientific Reports

Editor for:

- PLOS One

Financed Projects and Awards

- 1) *Max-Planck Research Group Leader ("Centrally Announced Group")*.
Awarded in 2016 from the Max-Planck Society.
Few hundreds applicants worldwide, candidates from chemistry, physics and technology,
~ 6 awarded.
- 2) *APART Fellowship*.
Awarded in 2014 from the Austrian Academy of Science.
Title: "Strongly Correlated Atoms Inside an Optical Resonator".
Awarded as the only theoretical physicist.
- 3) *Von Humboldt Fellowship*.
Awarded in 2011 from the Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation.
Title: "Many-Body Physics with Atoms inside Optical Cavities".

External Collaborations

- Darrick Chang, ICFO Barcelona, Spain
Collaborating on strongly interacting photons
- Jan Chwedenczuk, University of Warsaw
Collaborating on quantum metrology with hybrid light-matter systems
- Farokh Mivehvar, ITP Innsbruck, Austria.
Collaborating on topological crystals of light and matter
- Matthias Punk, LMU Munich, Germany
Collaborating on strongly correlated electrons
- Helmut Ritsch, ITP Innsbruck, Austria.
Collaborating on crystals of light and matter, quantum metrology
- Wilhelm Zwerger, TU Munich, Germany
Collaborating on non-equilibrium quantum field theory, strongly correlated electrons

Scientific Supervision

- Kieran Fraser, MPIPKS Dresden, Germany
Supervising Ph.D. activity on crystals of light and matter
- Jad Halimeh, MPIPKS Dresden, Germany
Supervising PostDoc activity on non-equilibrium quantum correlated matter
- Johannes Lang, TU Munich, Germany
Supervising Ph.D. activity on non-equilibrium quantum field-theory and strongly interacting photons
- Stefan Ostermann, ITP Innsbruck, Austria
Co-supervising Ph.D. activity on crystals of light and matter
- Karol Gietka, University of Warsaw, Poland
Co-supervising Ph.D. activity on quantum metrology in cavity QED
- Michael Rips, TU Munich, Germany
Supervised Master thesis on crystals of light and matter

PhD-Thesis Referee

- J. Lebreuilly, BEC-Center, University of Trento, 2017
- A. Morales, ETH, Zurich, 2018

Teaching Experience

- Thermalization and its absence in closed and open systems, TU Dresden (2018).
Advanced course - full semester.
- Quantum Mechanics, TU Munich (2014).
Teaching coordinator (“Übungsleiter”). Occasionally teaching substitute (“Lehrvertretung”).
- Theoretical Solid State Physics, TU Munich (2013-2014).
Teaching coordinator (“Übungsleiter”). Occasionally teaching substitute (“Lehrvertretung”).

Selection of recent publications

For publications statistics please visit Google Scholar:

http://scholar.google.it/citations?sortby=pubdate&hl=it&user=oLqiPjEAAAAJ&view_op=list_works

1. “Driven-Dissipative Supersolid in a Ring Cavity”, F. Mivehvar, S. Ostermann, F. Piazza, H. Ritsch, *Physical Review Letters* **120**, 123601 (2018); arXiv:1801.00756
2. “Disorder-Driven Density and Spin Self-Ordering of a Spinor Bose-Einstein Condensate in a Cavity”, F. Mivehvar, F. Piazza, H. Ritsch, *Physical Review Letters* **119**, 063602 (2017); arXiv:1705.06382
3. “Superradiant Topological Peierls Insulator inside an Optical Cavity”, F. Mivehvar, H. Ritsch, and F. Piazza, *Physical Review Letters* **118**, 073602 (2017); arXiv:1611.04876
4. “Collective excitations and supersolid behavior of bosonic atoms inside two crossed optical cavities”, J. Lang, F. Piazza, W. Zwerger, *New Journal of Physics* **19**, 123027 (2017); arXiv:1707.00017
5. “Critical Relaxation with Overdamped Quasi-Particles in Driven-Dissipative Systems”, J. Lang and F. Piazza, *Phys. Rev. A* **94**, 033628 (2016); arXiv:1602.05102
6. “Spontaneous crystallization of light and ultracold atoms”, S. Ostermann, F. Piazza and H. Ritsch, *Physical Review X* **6**, 021026 (2016); arXiv:1601.04900
7. “Self-organised limit-cycles, chaos and phase-slippage with a superfluid inside an optical resonator”, F. Piazza and H. Ritsch, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **115**, 163601 (2015); arXiv:1507.08644
8. “Quantum kinetics of ultracold fermions coupled to an optical resonator ”, F. Piazza and P. Strack, *Phys. Rev. A* **90**, 043823 (2014); arXiv:1407.5642
9. “Umklapp Superradiance with a Collisionless Quantum Degenerate Fermi Gas”, F. Piazza and P. Strack, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **112**, 143003 (2014); arXiv:1309.2714

Highlights

1. Synopsis on “APS-Physics” [May 24, 2016](#)
2. Cover page of “Physical Review Letters”, [Volume 115, Issue 16 \(2015\)](#)
3. Research Highlights on “Nature Physics”, [Nat. Phys. 4, 903 \(2008\)](#);