

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

- Non-equilibrium collective phenomena in driven/dissipative quantum systems
- Many-Body Quantum Optics
- Enhanced sensing with hybrid atom-photon interferometers
- Quantum Criticality in Strongly Correlated Fermionic Systems

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

- 7) "Interaction-induced transparency for polaritons in photonic crystal waveguides",
Conference: Quantum Optics IX, Danzig 2017
- 6) "Non-equilibrium Many-Body Physics with Strongly Coupled Atoms and Photons",
Conference: Max-Planck Society Symposium, Berlin 2016
- 5) "A Crystal of Atoms and Photons in Free Space",
Conference: Winter Colloquium - Physics of Quantum Electronics, Snowbird(UTAH) 2016
- 4) "Dynamical Self-Ordering of Superfluids and Light",
Conference: Quantum Optics, Obergurgl, 2016
- 3) "Quantum Kinetics of Ultracold Atoms inside an Optical Cavity",
Conference: Strongly correlated fluids of light and matter, Trento, 2015
- 2) "Critical Velocity and Current-Phase Relation of Dilute Ultracold Bosonic Atoms",
Conference: Nonlinear Waves-Theory and Applications, Beijing 2013
- 1) "Quantum Metrology with Spatially Resolved Atom Detection",
Conference: Theory of Quantum Gases and Quantum Coherence, Lyon 2012

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

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

Teaching Experience

- Quantum Mechanics, Technical University of Munich (2014).
Teaching coordinator (“Übungsleiter”). Occasionally teaching substitute (“Lehrvertretung”).
- Theoretical Solid State Physics, Technical University of Munich (2013-2014).
Teaching coordinator (“Übungsleiter”). Occasionally teaching substitute (“Lehrvertretung”).
- General Physics I, University of Trento (2008-2009).
Teaching assistant.

Selected publications about many-body quantum optics

For publications statistics please visit Google Scholar:

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

1. “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
2. “Superradiant Topological Peierls Insulator inside an Optical Cavity”, F. Mivehvar, H. Ritsch, and F. Piazza, [Physical Review Letters 118, 073602 \(2017\)](#); arXiv:1611.04876
3. “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
4. “Critical Relaxation with Overdamped Quasi-Particles in Driven-Dissipative Systems”, J. Lang and F. Piazza, [Phys. Rev. A 94, 033628 \(2016\)](#); arXiv:1602.05102
5. “Spontaneous crystallization of light and ultracold atoms”, S. Ostermann, F. Piazza and H. Ritsch, [Physical Review X 6, 021026 \(2016\)](#); arXiv:1601.04900
6. “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
7. “Quantum kinetics of ultracold fermions coupled to an optical resonator”, F. Piazza and P. Strack, [Phys. Rev. A 90, 043823 \(2014\)](#); arXiv:1407.5642
8. “Umklapp Superradiance with a Collisionless Quantum Degenerate Fermi Gas”, F. Piazza and P. Strack, [Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 143003 \(2014\)](#); arXiv:1309.2714
9. “Bose-Einstein Condensation versus Dicke-Hepp-Lieb Transition in an Optical Cavity”, F. Piazza and P. Strack, and W. Zwerger, [Ann. of Phys. 339, 135 \(2013\)](#); arXiv:1305.2928

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 \(2008\)](#);