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CURRENTLY 01/2025 - NOW	<p>Associate Professor, University of Pavia Department of Mathematics</p>	
PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS 2016 - 2024	<p>Assistant Professor (Ricercatore 'tipo b') at University of Pavia, Italy. Department of Mathematics</p> <p>Oberassistent at ETH, Zürich, Switzerland. Department of Mathematics Institute for Theoretical Physics Co-funded by SNF Swiss National fund, SwissMAP October '21 - August '22</p> <p>Postdoctoral fellow at ETH, Zürich, Switzerland. Department of Mathematics - Prof. Giovanni Felder Institute for Theoretical Physics - Prof. Niklas Beisert Co-funded by SNF Swiss National fund, SwissMAP February '19 - September '21.</p> <p>Postdoctoral fellow at University of California, Berkeley, USA. Department of Mathematics - Prof. Nicolai Reshetikhin. Funded by SNF Swiss National Science Foundation - "Advanced Mobility" Postdoc grant August '18 - February '19.</p> <p>Guest Researcher at Max Planck Institute, Bonn, Germany. March '18 - August '18.</p> <p>Visiting Scholar at University of California, Berkeley, USA. February '18 - August '18.</p> <p>Postdoctoral fellow at University of California, Berkeley, USA. Department of Mathematics - Prof. Nicolai Reshetikhin. Funded by SNF Swiss National Science Foundation - "Early Mobility" Postdoc grant August '16 - February '18.</p>	
PHD 2012 - 2016	<p>Doctor of Natural Sciences - Mathematics. Zürich Graduate School in Mathematics, University of Zürich, Switzerland. Institut für Mathematik - Prof. Alberto S. Cattaneo. Jan '12 - July '16 (PhD awarded on 29/04/2016).</p>	
HABILITATIONS	<p>Italian National Scientific Habilitation, Full professor level - Mathematical Physics (Mat/07) Italian National Scientific Habilitation, Associate professor level - Mathematical Physics (Mat/07) French 'Maître de Conférence' Habilitation - Mathematics (Section 25) French 'Maître de Conférence' Habilitation - Applied Mathematics (Section 26)</p>	
PUBLICATIONS	<p>Preprints (authors in alphabetical order)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · with J. Schnitzer, arXiv:2508.00133 [math-ph] <i>Homotopies for Lagrangian field theory</i> · with T. Stucker, arXiv:2505.03404 [math.DG] <i>On the local constancy of regularized superdeterminants along special families of differential operators</i> 	

Published and accepted papers

1. with A. Riello, [arXiv:2509.24450 \[math-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.24450), to appear in Poisson Geometry and Mathematical Physics I, Springer INdAM Series, Editors Alfonso Giuseppe Tortorella, Antonio De Nicola, Chiara Esposito
Phase spaces in field theory: Reduction vs. resolution
2. with G. Canepa, *Communications in Mathematical Physics* **407** (18) (2026)
Double BFV quantisation of 3d gravity
3. with A.S. Cattaneo and P. Mnev, *Encyclopedia of Mathematical Physics (Second Edition)*, Academic Press, (2025)
BV Quantisation
4. with A.S. Cattaneo and L. Menger, *Classical and Quantum Gravity* **41** (15) (2024)
Gravity with torsion as deformed BF theory
5. with Riello A., *Advances in Theoretical and Mathematical Physics* **28** (4), 1241-1424 (2024)
Hamiltonian gauge theory with corners: constraint reduction and flux superselection
6. with Riello A., *Annales Henri Poincaré* **26** (2), 389–477 (2025)
Null Hamiltonian Yang-Mills theory. Soft symmetries and memory as superselection
7. with Stucker T., *Annales Henri Poincaré* **25** (10), 4591–4632 (2024)
Perturbative BF theory in axial, Anosov, gauge
8. with Blohmann C. and Weinstein A., *Pure and Applied Mathematics Quarterly*, **19** (4) (2023)
A Lie-Rinehart algebra in general relativity
9. with Simão F. M. C. and Cattaneo A. S., *Letters in Mathematical Physics* **113** (25) (2023)
BV equivalence with boundary
10. with Martinoli S., *Letters in Mathematical Physics*, **112** (35) (2022)
BV analysis of Polyakov and Nambu-Goto theories with boundary
11. with Canepa G., *Advances in Theoretical and Mathematical Physics*, **26** (3) (2022)
Fully extended BV-BFV description of General Relativity in three dimensions.
12. with Contreras I., *Manuscripta Mathematica* **168** (2022)
Kähler fibrations in quantum information theory.
13. with Canepa G. and Cattaneo A. S., *Communications in Mathematical Physics*, **385** (2021).
General Relativity and the AKSZ construction.
14. with Rejzner, K., *Communications in Mathematical Physics*, **385** (2021).
Asymptotic symmetries in the BV-BFV formalism.
15. with Canepa G. and Cattaneo A. S., *Advances in Theoretical and Mathematical Physics* **25** (2) (2021).
Boundary structure of General Relativity in tetrad variables.
16. with Hadfield C. and Kandel S., *Annales Henri Poincaré*, **21** (12) (2020)
Ruelle zeta function from field theory.
17. with Cattaneo A. S., *Advances in Theoretical and Mathematical Physics*, **23** (8) (2019),
BV-BFV approach to General Relativity: Palatini–Cartan–Holst action.
18. with P. Mnev and K. Wernli, *Annales Henri Poincaré*, **21** (3) (2020)
Towards Holography in the BV-BFV setting.
19. with Cattaneo A. S., *Annales Henri Poincaré*, **20** (2) (2019)
The reduced phase space of Palatini–Cartan–Holst theory.
20. with Cattaneo A. S. and Selliah I., *Letters in Mathematical Physics*, **108** (8) (2018)
BV equivalence between triadic gravity and BF theory in three dimensions.

21. with Cattaneo A.S., *Letters in Mathematical Physics*, **107** (2) (2017)
On time.
 22. with Contreras I. and Ercolessi E., *Journal of Mathematical Physics* **57** (6) (2016)
On the geometry of mixed states and the Fisher information tensor.
JMP Editor's Pick
 23. with Cattaneo A. S., *Journal of Mathematical Physics* **57** (2) (2016)
BV-BFV approach to General Relativity: Einsten Hilbert action.
 24. with Micheli G., *Advances in Mathematics of Communications* **8** (3) (2014)
A general construction for monoid-based knapsack protocols.
 25. with Ercolessi E., *Physics Letters A* **377** (34-36) (2013)
Symmetric logarithmic derivative for general n-level systems and the quantum Fisher information tensor for three-level systems.
 26. with Ercolessi E., *Journal of Physics A* **45** (2012)
Geometry of mixed states for a q-bit and the quantum Fisher information tensor.
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27. PhD Thesis, University of Zürich (2015),
BV-BFV Approach to General Relativity.

Unpublished

1. with Griffin S. M., Preprint arXiv:2008.08066 [cond-mat.mtrl-sci]
Generalized spontaneous symmetry breaking

APPROVED

RESEARCH PROJECTS

MIUR Ministry of Education

- . Programma per Giovani Ricercatori "Rita Levi Montalcini" - Tenure Track Assistant Professor Position (EUR 201.327,59)

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

- . *Molecular Foundry*, User Proposal Program - Research Collaboration, Jan/2019 - Feb/2020

SNF Swiss National Science Foundation

- . *Advanced Mobility* Postdoc Grant (USD 76.150), 01/Aug/2018 - 31/Jan/2020
(Interrupted 31/Jan/19 to accept ETH offer)
- . *Early Mobility* Postdoc Grant (USD 70.650), 01/Aug/2016 - 31/Jan/2018
- . *Forschungskredit* Research Grant (CHF 55.200), 01/Jul/2013 - 31/Aug/2014

AWARDS &

SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Pavia

- . "Bando Attrattività" 2023 (EUR 20k + funding for 1 postdoc position for 2 years, ca. EUR 50k)
- . "Fondo Ricerca Giovani" 2023 (funding for one postdoctoral position, EUR 25k)
- . INROAd+2022 Financing for future ERC applicants (EUR 10k)

Collegio Superiore, University of Bologna

- . Excellence Studentship (EUR 13.250 + tuition), during Bachelor and Master, Sep/06-Jul/11.

ACADEMIC

ACTIVITIES

Organisation of International Conferences and Workshops

- . Higher Structures in Pavia '26 - July '26, Pavia, Italy
with C. Esposito, D. Fiorenza, F. Bonechi, F. D'Andrea, L. Vitagliano and N. Ciccoli
- . Higher Structures in Pavia '25 - July '25, Pavia, Italy
with C. Esposito, D. Fiorenza, F. Bonechi, F. D'Andrea, L. Vitagliano and N. Ciccoli
- . *Noncommutative Geometry and Higher Structures* '24 - September '24, Thessaloniki, Greece
with P. Barakidis, F. Bonechi, A. S. Cattaneo, N. Ciccoli, F. D' Andrea, D. Fiorenza, M. Jotz, F. Petalidou and P. Xu
- . *Higher Structures in Caprarola* '24 - February '24, Caprarola, Italy
with C. Esposito, D. Fiorenza, F. Bonechi, F. D'Andrea, L. Vitagliano and N. Ciccoli

- [GAP XVIII, Séminaire Itinérant “Géométrie et Physique”](#): Homotopy algebras and higher structures - May '23, Paris, France
with A. Cattaneo, M. Jotz Lean, H.-Y. Liao, M. Stiénon and P. Xu
- [Higher Structures in Caprarola '23](#) - February '23, Caprarola, Italy
with C. Esposito, D. Fiorenza, F. Bonechi, F. D'Andrea, L. Vitagliano and N. Ciccoli
- [Noncommutative Geometry and Higher Structures '22](#) - June '22, Scalea, Italy
with F. D'Andrea, G. Dito, M. Jotz Lean and P. Xu

Conference talks, posters and workshops

1. [Gauge summer with BV](#) [Invited Conference Talk]
Scalea - September '25
2. [Symmetry and measurement in QFT](#) [Invited Spring School Minicourse (4 hours)]
York University - April '25
3. [Cohomological Aspects of Quantum Field Theory](#) [Invited Conference Talk + Workshop Attendance]
Mittag-Leffler Institute - January '25
4. [Poisson 2024](#) [Invited Conference Talk]
Accademia Pontaniana - July '24
5. [Algebraic Quantum Field Theory UK 8](#) [Invited Conference Talk]
University of York - June '24
6. [Field Theory and Topology](#) [Invited Conference Talk]
Center for Mathematics at Notre Dame - June '24
7. [Quantum and Classical Fields Interacting with Geometry](#) [Contributed Workshop Talk]
IHP Paris - March '24
8. [Emergent Geometries from strings and quantum fields](#) [Invited Conference Talk]
Galileo Galilei Institute - July '23
9. [Dg-manifolds in Geometry and Physics](#) [Invited Conference Talk]
IHP Paris - July '23
10. [The Many Interactions of Symplectic and Poisson Geometry: Alan Weinstein's 80th Birthday](#) [Invited Conference Talk]
IHP Paris - June '23
11. [Three Facets of Gravity](#) [Invited Workshop Minicourse (6h shared with K. Rejzner)]
Humboldt University, Germany - May '23
12. [Quantum Gravity Around the Corner](#) [Invited Conference Talk]
Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, Canada - October '22 - [Watch](#)
13. [LOOPS '22](#) [Contributed Conference Talk]
ENS Lyon - July '22
14. [Informal Workshop on Corners](#) [Invited Workshop Attendance]
Online, Centre de Physique Theorique, University of Marseille - May '22
15. [Informal Workshop on Corners](#) [Invited Workshop Talk]
Online, Centre de Physique Theorique, University of Marseille - November '21
16. [A gauge summer with BV](#) [Invited Conference Talk]
Scalea, Italy - September '21
17. [Geometry for Higher Spin Gravity: Conformal Structures, PDEs, and Q-manifolds](#) [Invited Conference Talk],
Erwin Schrödinger Institute, Austria - August '21 - [Watch](#)

18. [International Congress on Mathematical Physics](#) [Contributed Conference talk],
Switzerland - August '21
19. *SwissMap general meeting poster session* [Contributed Poster],
Switzerland, August '20
20. *A gauge summer with BV - teaser* [Invited Conference Talk],
Online, June '20
21. *Field Theories and Higher Structures in Mathematics and Physics* [Invitation to Workshop],
Banff center for Mathematical Research, Oaxaca, ME - June '17
22. *Quantum Field Theory on Manifolds with Boundary and the BV Formalism* [Invited Conference Talk],
Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, CA - May '17
23. *Lichnerovitz Memorial Conference* [Contributed Poster],
IHP, Paris, FR - Dec '15
24. *Algèbres L_∞ , Homotopie rationnelle, opérades et super géométrie* [Invited Workshop Talk],
Rabat, MO - Jun '15
25. *Perspectives in Physical Mathematics* [Invited Conference Talk],
University of Bologna, IT - Dec '14

Additional invited research talks

1. One World IAMP Mathematical Physics Seminar, Online, March '25
Superselection sectors from Hamiltonian reduction
2. Geometry Seminar, Ritsumeikan University, Japan, January '25
Cohomological methods in classical and quantum field theory
3. Geometry Seminar, Università di Milano Statale, December '24
Cohomological methods in classical and quantum field theory
4. HEP-TH Joint Belgian Seminars, U Mons, Belgium, May '23
Hamiltonian Gauge Theory with Corners
5. Higher Differential Geometry Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, February '23
Hamiltonian Gauge Theory with Corners
6. Mathematical Physics Seminar, University of York, November '22
Hamiltonian Gauge Theory with Corners
7. One World IAMP Mathematical Physics Seminar, Online, January '22
Ruelle Zeta Function from Field Theory - Watch
8. Joint Heidelberg-Mainz-Munich-Wien "RIND" Math-Physics seminar, November '21
BV-BFV approach to General Relativity
9. Department of Mathematics, University of California, Davis, November '21
BV-BFV approach to General Relativity
10. Department of mathematics, University of Lyon 1, Lyon, October '21
BV-BFV approach to General Relativity
11. Department of mathematics, University of Padua, Italy, April '21
Ruelle zeta function from field theory. [online]
12. Department of mathematics, ETH Zürich, Switzerland, April '21
Ruelle zeta function from field theory.
13. Department of Mathematics, University of California, Davis, November '20
Ruelle zeta function from field theory. [online]

14. Department of Mathematics, University of Zürich, November '20
Ruelle zeta function from field theory. [online]
15. Department of physics, ETH Zürich, Switzerland, March '19
Field theory on manifolds with boundary.
16. Department of mathematics, ETH Zürich, Switzerland, February '19
Towards Holography in the BV-BFV formalism.
17. Perimeter Institute, Canada, November '18
Quantum Gravity Group Meeting: On the BV-BFV Formalism.
18. Northwestern University, USA, November '18
Equivalence of gauge theories in the presence of boundaries: insights from General Relativity - Part 1.
19. Northwestern University, USA, November '18
Equivalence of gauge theories in the presence of boundaries: insights from General Relativity - Part 2.
20. University of Freiburg, Germany, June '18
Equivalence of field theories in the BV-BFV formalism. Insights from General Relativity.
21. Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany, Mar '18
Equivalence of field theories in the BV-BFV formalism. The example of (three dimensional) General Relativity.
22. Univeristy of Bologna, Italy - June '17
Equivalence of theories in the BV-BFV formalims, the case of GR.
23. Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, Canada - May '17 - [Watch](#)
Equivalence of theories in the presence of boundaries: the example of General Relativity.
24. Northwestern University, Evanston, USA - May '17
BV-BFV formalism and General Relativity.
25. University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA - May '17
A geometrical perspective on the quantum Fisher information index.
26. University of California at Davis, USA - Apr '17
BV-BFV formalism and General Relativity.
27. University of California at Berkeley, USA - Mar '17
BV-BFV formalism and General Relativity.
28. University of California at Davis, USA - Feb '17
A geometrical perspective on the quantum Fisher information index.
29. UFR de mathématiques de l'université Paris Diderot, Paris, Fr - Dec '15
BV-BFV approach to General Relativity.
30. Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, De - Nov '15
Semiclassical BV-BFV approach to General Relativity.
31. Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Waterloo, Ontario, Ca - Oct '15
BV-BFV approach to General Relativity.
32. University of California, Berkeley, USA - Feb '15
Gauge theories on manifolds with boundaries.
33. University of Bologna, It - Feb '14
Classical and quantum gauge theories on manifolds with boundaries.
34. ETH Zürich, Ch - Apr '13
What is... a BV-BFV theory.
35. University of Lille, Fr - Jan '13
Coadjoint orbits of classical Lie groups.

STUDENTS' SUPERVISION

Master Theses

- . Giovanni Molinari, Master Thesis, Spring '25 - Università di Pavia
A Field-Theoretic Approach to the Fried Conjecture in the Morse–Smale Case
- . Leon Geiger, Master Thesis, Spring '22 - ETH Zurich
Quadratically Extended BF Theory in the BV Formalism
- . Endrit Konjuhi, Master Thesis, Fall '21 - ETH Zurich
4d Chern–Simons Theory and Integrability
- . Thomas Stucker, Master Thesis, Spring '21 - ETH Zurich
*Gauge Fixing Independence and the Partition Function of BF Theory,
With an Application to the Analytic Torsion and the Ruelle Zeta Function*
- . Francisco Castela Simao, Master Thesis, Spring '20 - ETH Zurich
BV equivalence between one-dimensional reparametrisation invariant models
- . Sebastiano Martinoli, Master Thesis, Fall '19 - ETH Zurich
BV equivalence between Nambu-Goto and Polyakov theories with boundary.
- . Iswaryaa Selliah, Master Thesis, '17 - University of Zurich
BV equivalence between triadic gravity and BF theory in three dimensions.

Semester and Bachelor Theses

- . Paolo Milasi, Bachelor Thesis, 2025
WKB Approximation: Application to Tunnel Effect and Symplectic Interpretation
- . Sylvain Rossi, Semester Project, Fall '20
Comparing perturbative algebraic quantum field theories and factorization algebras.
- . Thomas Stucker, Semester Project, Fall '20
Flat regularisation in field theory.
- . Leonardo Fossati, Semester Project, Spring '20
Cohomological ambiguities in General Relativity.
- . Francisco Castela Simao, Semester Project, Fall '19
1d models in the BV-BFV formalism.
- . Enya Hsiao, Summer research project, '17 - University of California, Berkeley
The boundary structure of two dimensional Einstein–Hilbert gravity.

TEACHING

Full Courses

- . *Theory of Dynamical Systems*, 24 hours (30 ECTS) University of Pavia, Fall '25 - with A. marzuoli (6 ECTS in total)
- . *Geometric structures in mathematical physics*, 24 hours (3 ECTS), Università di Pavia, Fall '23, '24, '25
- . *Mechanics for architectural engineering*, 30 hours (3 ECTS), Università di Pavia, Spring '25 - with G. Martaló (6 ECTS in total)
- . *Mechanics for civil engineering*, 30 hours (3 ECTS), Università di Pavia, Spring '24 - with F. Salvarani (6 ECTS in total)
- . *Mathematics for geology*, 24 hours (3 ECTS), Università di Pavia, Fall '22 -'24 - with M. Zanella (9 ECTS in total)
- . *Mechanics for industrial engineering*, 30 hours (3 ECTS), Università di Pavia, Fall '22 - with F. Bisi (6 ECTS in total)
- . *Geometric methods for mathematical physics*, 28 hours (4 ECTS), ETH Zürich, Spring '22
- . *Mathematical aspects of classical and quantum field theory*, 56 hours (4 ECTS), ETH Zürich, Spring '21 - with G. Canepa (8 ECTS in total)
- . *Field theory with symmetries and the Batalin–Vilkovisky formalism*, 28 hours (4 ECTS), ETH Zürich, Fall '19
- . *General Relativity for mathematicians*, 28 hours (4 ECTS), University of Zürich, Spring '16

Head assistance and coordination

- . *Classical Mechanics for Physics*, ETH Zürich, Fall '20

Minicourses (as lecturer, partially or entirely)

- . Max Planck Institute, Bonn - April to June '18
Quantum field theory and BV formalism.
- . Collegio superiore, University of Bologna - Feb '14
Geometric methods for physics and quantisation.
- . Collegio superiore, University of Bologna - Feb '13
Co-adjoint orbit of compact Lie groups.

Reading Seminars Organisation

- . *Learning seminar on quantum field theory and BV formalism.*, Bonn, Spring '18.
- . *Log-symplectic geometry and applications*, Zürich, Autumn '15.
- . *Mathematical methods in quantum field theory*, Zürich, Spring '15.

Teaching Assistance

- . *Introduction to general relativity and gauge theories for mathematicians* - Zürich, Spring '15
- . *Quantum mechanics for mathematicians* - Zürich, Autumn '14
- . *Classical mechanics for mathematicians* - Zürich, Spring '14
- . *Lie groups and Lie algebras* - Zürich, Autumn '13
- . *Linear algebra II* - Zürich, Spring '13
- . *Linear algebra I* - Zürich, Autumn '12
- . *Mathematics for chemistry II* - Zürich, Spring '12

Organised seminar series

- . *Talks in mathematical physics*, ETH Zürich - Fall '21 and Spring '22
- . *Representation Theory and Mathematical Physics Seminar*, UC Berkeley - Fall '17
- . *Graduate talks in mathematics*, University of Zürich - Spring '14 through Spring '16

SCIENTIFIC DUTY

Department Small Council

- . Università di Pavia 2022 - ongoing

PhD Committee

- . University of Genova, May 2024
- . University of Zürich, March 2021

Editor for

- . European Physical Journal Plus (EPJP, Springer)

Member of

- . International Association of Mathematical Physics
- . Alumni Collegio di Studi Superiori, Università di Bologna

Referee for

- . Communications in Mathematical Physics
- . Letters in Mathematical Physics
- . Journal of Geometry and Physics
- . Journal of Mathematical Physics
- . Mathematical Physics, Analysis and Geometry
- . Scipost
- . Physical Review, D
- . Sigma

Reviewer for

- . American Mathematical Society

EDUCATION
2006 - 2011

University of Bologna, Italy.

- . Bachelor and Master of Science in Physics.
Prof. Elisa Ercolessi and Prof. Luca Migliorini.
- . Diploma of advanced and interdisciplinary excellence studies - *Collegio Superiore*, UniBo.
Prof. Ettore Remiddi.

OUTREACH

Interviews

- . Perspectives, journal of the Swiss Mathematical Physics Research Network
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