

LORENZO MACCONE'S CURRICULUM VITÆ

with a statement of research interest and a list of publications

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ACADEMIA (reverse chronological order)

June 2009-May 2010: **Visiting Scientist at MIT** in the xQIT, “Center for Extreme Quantum Information theory” (funded by the W. M. Keck foundation). His main current research lines refer to **theoretical quantum mechanics and its applications**, primarily: Quantum Information, Quantum Optics, and Foundations of Quantum Mechanics.

February 2009-May 2009: **Research associate at ISI** (Institute for Scientific Interchange Foundation) in Torino, Italy.

December 2004- December 2008: **Contract Professor** at the University of Pavia (contract of 4 years). He has taught

the full course of “Quantum Optics” (5 credits) for five years (04/05–08/09). It is primarily directed to Physics students, and is basically an advanced quantum mechanics course (with special emphasis on the techniques employed in quantum optics).

the section on “Foundations of Quantum Mechanics” (2 credits out of 5) in the course of “Epistemology of Physics” (converted to “Foundations of Physics” in 06/07) for four years (04/05–07/08). It is directed to Physics and Math students, and is an introductory course on quantum mechanics.

March 2004-December 2004: **Postdoctoral Associate** in the Quantum Information theory group of the University of Pavia.

November 2000-February 2004: **Postdoctoral Associate** in the Research Laboratory of Electronics of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the groups of Prof. J. H. Shapiro and Prof. S. Lloyd. This position was renewed three times: in November 2001, November 2002, and November 2003.

January 2000-November 2000: **Postdoctoral fellowship** for the PAIS project in the Quantum Optics and Information Group of Prof. G. M. D’Ariano in University of Pavia.

CURRICULUM STUDIORUM

September 1996-December 13, 1999: **Ph.D. in theoretical Physics** in Pavia under the supervision of Prof. G. M. D’Ariano. Thesis “Quantum tomography: methods and applications”, in which the theory and various applications of quantum state reconstruction techniques are analyzed.

September 1992-June 7, 1996: **Master in Physics** obtained with full marks (110 on 110) *cum laude* and an average mark of 29.77 on 30 for the eighteen required exams.

High School: Liceo Classico (Liceo “C. Botta”, Ivrea), where literary and humanistic subjects are emphasized. Final score: 60 on 60 (full marks).

SKILLS

Scientific research:

Numerous publications on peer-reviewed international scientific journals— Nature, Science, and Phys. Rev. Lett. among others (see full list of publications below).

Presentation of his research in numerous conferences and workshops, and in invited seminars (see full list below).

Referee for the journals Science, Nature Physics, IEEE Photonics Technology Letters, Phys. Rev. A, Phys. Rev. Lett., Quantum Information and Computation, Physics Letters, New Journal of Physics, Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and General, Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular & Optical Physics, European Physical Journal D, Journal of the Optical Society of America B, Journal of Mathematical Physics.

Foreign languages: Fluent English, basic French.

Computer abilities: excellent skills in information technologies; started programming in 1981; programming languages: C, Fortran, Assembler 8086, and Basic; Latex typesetting language; Operating systems: Linux (since 1995), MS-DOS, and Windows (from 2.0 to XP); system administrator for Linux and mixed Linux-Windows computer clusters, web servers, mail servers, FTP servers, samba servers, and a domain name server; architectures: IBM compatibles, Sun Sparc, and DEC Alpha; applications: Mathematica, emacs, Open Office, Microsoft Office, etc.

Scholarships: three scholarships from the private institution INPDAI for study achievements.

MISCELLANEA:

Sports: mountain sports (alpine ski, trekking, free climbing, *piolet traction*, mountain biking), sailing (provisional rating and experience on a 38-foot vessel), long distance bicycle trips, swimming.

Hobbies: computers and electronics (radio amateur license I-W1ETZ), reading.

Civil service: EMT-trained ambulance technician with “Croce Verde Fornovese” in Fornovo, PR (he has also volunteered on the Italian Red Cross ambulances). He has thus fulfilled the mandatory military requirements for his country.

STATEMENT OF RESEARCH INTEREST AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

I am a theoretical physicist, mainly interested in the study of fundamental aspects and of practical applications of Quantum Mechanics. My research activity has been chiefly devoted to quantum optics, quantum theory of measurement, quantum information theory, and foundations of quantum mechanics. A schematic list of the research topics I pursued, or I am currently pursuing, follows. The references refer to the publications in the subsequent list. The research has been performed in collaboration with numerous coauthors.

- **Quantum parameter estimation:** quantum positioning [17], quantum metrology [51,41], interferometric tunability of the absorption [53], quantum imaging [66,75], quantum illumination [64,60].
- **Quantum foundations:** information-disturbance tradeoffs [52,56], quantum thermodynamics [68].
- **Quantum computation:** quantum solution to the Ulam problem [50,77], quantum Random Access Memory [59,63], quantum optical computation [9].
- **Quantum cryptography:** quantum cryptographic ranging [22], quantum cryptographic protocol for the communication of reference frames [57], secure database interrogation, the QPQ cryptographic primitive [61].
- **Quantum state reconstruction:** theoretical analysis and proposal of tomographic procedures for optical systems [3,5] and systems with $SU(1,1)$ and $SU(2)$ symmetries [16,25], contribution to generalized tomography [14,15], application of quantum tomography to classical imaging [46].
- **Experimental proposals:** Liouvillian superoperator measurement [3,4], optical Schrödinger cat [5], optical Fock state synthesis-measurement [12,13].
- **Entanglement, uses:** quantum clock synchronization with dispersion cancellation [18], dynamical evolution of composite systems [27,28], conversion between speakable and unspeakable information [73].
- **Entanglement, new sources:** difference-beam state [20,24].
- **Quantum-channel capacities:** entanglement assisted capacity of bosonic channels [29,31], classical capacity of bosonic and Gaussian channels [32,70,69], waveguide capacity [35], ultimate limits to channel capacity [39].
- **Numerical simulations:** Monte-Carlo simulations of laser master and Fokker Plank equations [1], Monte-Carlo simulations of numerous tomographic schemes.
- **Clock synchronization:** conveyor belt clock synchronization protocol [40], limits to synchronization in the presence of decoherence [21].

In addition to the above research, I have also devoted some effort to the divulgation of Quantum Physics [54,62,72].

PATENTS

- “Quantum private queries”: a protocol for privately querying a database. US Patent filed on June 24, 2008, serial number 12/145,050. Internationally (PCT) filed on July 2, 2008, serial number PCT/US08/68995. [Provisional patent filed on July 3, 2007, serial number 60/947,720.]
- “Bucket Brigade Address Decoding Architecture for Classical and Quantum Random Access Memories”: a protocol and a procedure for programming the decoding operation in random access memories (RAMs) and quantum random access memories (QRAMs). US Patent filed on July 1, 2008, serial number 12/166,307. Internationally (PCT) filed on July 2, 2008, serial number PCT/US08/68993. [Provisional patent filed on July 3, 2007, serial number 60/947,719.]

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2. G. M. D’Ariano and L. Maccone, “*Quantum Tomography of Optical Devices*”, in *5th International Conference on Squeezed States and Uncertainty Relations*, ed. by J. Janszky, Y. S. Kim, and V. I. Man’ko, p. 529 (1997).
3. G. M. D’Ariano, L. Maccone, “*Measuring Quantum Optical Hamiltonians*”, Phys. Rev. Lett. **80**, 5465 (1998).
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9. G. M. D’Ariano, C. Macchiavello, and L. Maccone, “*Quantum Computation with Polarized Photons*”, Fortschr. Phys. **48**, 573 (2000).
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14. G. M. D'Ariano, L. Maccone and M. G. A. Paris, “*Orthogonality relations in Quantum Tomography*”, Phys. Lett. A **276**, 25 (2000).
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- 66. V. Giovannetti, S. Lloyd, L. Maccone, J. H. Shapiro, “*Sub-Rayleigh quantum imaging*”, Phys. Rev. A **79**, 013827 (2009).
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International scientific conferences with presentation of research in oral or poster form:

- 2009: Aspuru-Guzik Group meeting seminar, Harvard university (Cambridge, MA, October 14) (**invited oral presentation**); Seminar at IFISC (Palma de Mallorca, Spain, October 1) (**invited oral presentation**); *Intern. Conf. on Quantum Information Processing and Communication (QIPC09)* (Roma, September 21-25); *Quantum Information Benasque workshop* (Benasque, Spain, June 7-17); *Central European Workshop on Quantum Optics 2009 (CEWQO09)* (Turku, Finland, May 23-26) (**oral presentation**); Seminar at ETH in the group of Stefan Wolf, Zürich (Zürich, Switzerland, May 19) (**invited oral presentation**); *Quantum Information and Many body Quantum Systems, QUROPE09 International school* (Cortona, Italy, May 3-8) (**oral presentation**); Seminar at INRIM (Torino, April 2) (**invited oral presentation**); Seminar at Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa, April 16) (**invited oral presentation**).
- 2008: three weeks invitation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a research project (Cambridge MA, January 6-February 1); *IV workshop ad memoriam of Carlo Novero Advances in Foundations of QM and QI with atoms and photons* (Torino, May 19-23) (**oral presentation**); *Quantum Information and Control In Queensland QICIQ and Asia Pacific Conference on Quantum Information Science, APCQIS* (Cairns, Australia, June 30 - July 5) (**oral presentation**); *Joint 5th QPL and 4th DCM Workshops: Quantum Physics and Logic*, satellite workshop of ICALP2008 (Reykjavik, Iceland, July 12-13) (**oral presentation**); *Quantum Communication Measurement and Computing (QCMC) 2008* (Calgary, August, 19-24); *Italian Quantum Information Science Conference 2008 (IQIS08)* (Camerino, October, 24-29) (**oral presentation**); *Difficult Problems in Quantum Information Theory (2008 xQIT conference)* (Cambridge MA, November 19-20) (**invited oral presentation**); *Theorie Kolloquium at the ITP* (Innsbruck, December 3) (**invited oral presentation**).
- 2007: three weeks invitation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a research project (Cambridge MA, January 7-February 2); *Quantum Information and Many-Body Quantum Systems* (Pisa, March 26-31) (**oral presentation**); *first Quantumbionet Workshop* (Pavia University, May 25) (**invited oral presentation**); *Vienna Symposium on the Foundations of Modern Physics* (Vienna, Austria, June 7-10); *Quantum Information Benasque workshop* (Benasque, Spain, June 11-20); *Photons, Atoms and Qubits 2007 - PAQ07* (Royal Society, London, United Kingdom, September 2-5); *International Iran Conference on Quantum Information - IICQI* (Kish, Iran, September 7-10) (**invited oral presentation**); *Noise Information & Complexity @ Quantum Scale* (Centro Ettore Majorana, Erice, Italy, November 4-10) (**oral presentation**).
- 2006: *Advances in Foundations of Quantum Mechanics and Quantum Information with atoms and photons*, (Torino, May 2-5) (**oral presentation**); *XI International Conference on Quantum Optics ICQO'2006*, (Minsk, Belarus, May 26-31) (**invited oral presentation**); *Foundations of Probability and Physics-4* (Växjö, Sweden, June 4-9) (**oral presentation**); *QUPREST 2006, Focus meeting: quantum process estimation*, (Budmerice, Slovakia, September 27-October 1) (**invited oral presentation**); *QCM&C 2006* (Tsukuba,

- Japan, November 28– December 3); Quantum information seminar in Hiroshima (Hiroshima University, December 8) (**invited oral presentation**).
- 2005: *Frisno8, 8th French-Israeli symposium on nonlinear optics* (Ein Bokek, Israel, February 20-25) (**oral presentation**); *Quantum Information Benasque workshop* (Benasque, Spain, June 12-25); *Seminari di Quantum Information* (Milano, October 28) (**invited oral presentation**).
- 2004: *International DFG Workshop on Quantum Entanglement - from Error Correction to Secure Key Distribution* (Hirschegg, Austria, March 30 - April 2) (**invited oral presentation**); *Foundations of Quantum Information* (Camerino, April 16-19); 2nd Workshop ad memoriam of Carlo Novero “Advances in Foundations of Quantum Mechanics and Quantum Information with atoms and photons” (Torino, April 26); *X International Conference on Quantum Optics* (Minsk, Belarus, May 30-June 3) (**invited oral presentation**); *5th European QIPC Workshop* (Roma, September 20-22); *Mini workshop on Quantum Open Systems* (Pavia, Italy, October 25-26). Cambridge, Pisa.
- 2003: *Advances in Quantum Information Processing: from theory to experiment* (Erice, Italy, March 15-22); *8th International Conference on Squeezed States and Uncertainty Relations* (Puebla, Mexico, June 9-13); *Third annual MIT/NU MURI workshop* (Cambridge MA, USA, July 10-11); *QIT-EQIS ERATO conference on quantum information science* (Kyoto, Japan, September 2-6) (**oral presentation**); *3rd Annual MIT-Cambridge Quantum Information Workshop* (Cambridge MA, USA, October 2-3).
- 2002: *Quantum Information Quantum Entanglement – Euroconference* (San Feliu de Guixols, Spain, March 23-28); *Second annual MIT/NU MURI workshop* (Northwestern University, Evanston IL, USA, 11 April); *IX international conference on quantum optics 2002* (Raubichi, Belarus, May 14-17) (**invited oral presentation**); *II Cambridge-MIT Quantum Information Workshop* (Cambridge, UK, June 13-14) (**oral presentation**); *Progress in Electromagnetics Research Symposium: Quantum computation session* (Cambridge MA, USA, July 5); *QCM&C 2002* (Cambridge MA, USA, July 22-26); *MIT/NU MURI review workshop* (Cambridge MA, USA, October 23); *NASA-DoD workshop on quantum Imaging and Metrology* (Pasadena CA, USA November 14-15) (**invited oral presentation**).
- 2001: *7th International Conference on Squeezed States and Uncertainty Relations ICSSUR2001* (Boston MA USA, June 4-8); *CQO8: 8th Rochester Conference on Coherence & Quantum Optics* and *ICQI2001: International Conference on Quantum Information* (Rochester NY USA, June 10-16) (**oral presentation**); *Mysteries, Puzzles and Paradoxes in Quantum Mechanics* (Gargnano Italy, August 27-September 1); *Quantum Optics – EuroConference* (San Feliu de Guixols, Spain, October 06-11).
- 2000: *Seventh central-european workshop on quantum optics* (Balatonfured Hungary, April 28 - May 1); *QCM&C Y2K* (Capri Italy, 3-8 July); *Mysteries, puzzles and paradoxes in Quantum Mechanics* (Gargnano Italy, September 17-23); *Quantum Optics XI – EuroConference* (Palma Spain, October 14-19).

- 1999: *III Adriatico research conference on quantum interferometry* (Trieste Italy, March 1-5); *Fundamental Problems in Quantum Theory Workshop* (Baltimore MD USA, August 9-13).
- 1997: *II Working Party on Quantum Optics and Quantum Computation* (at the Scuola Normale di Pisa, Pisa, June 26-28); *LXXXIII congresso nazionale Società Italiana di Fisica, Congresso del Centenario* (Villa Olmo Como Italy, October 27-31).