

CV - ROSALBA PERNA

Research Interests

High Energy Astrophysics

Gamma-ray bursts, neutron stars, accretion disks, X-ray binaries, ultra-luminous X-ray sources, mergers of compact objects, gravitational waves.

Cosmology

Gravitational lensing, interstellar medium and dust in high-redshift galaxies, foregrounds for CMB and 21 cm measurements, growth of supermassive black holes, axions, N -body dynamics.

Exoplanets

Magnetohydrodynamics in the atmospheres of hot Jupiters.

Education

Ph.D. in Physics

September 1994- June 1999

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA Thesis title: *Theoretical studies of Gamma-Ray Bursts*.

Master in Physics

September 1994- June 1996

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Piano Diploma

September 1993

Conservatorio di Musica, Potenza, Italy.

Laurea in Physics, 110/110 cum laude

November 1989–July 1993

Università di Salerno, Italy. Thesis title: *Theory of the Integer and Fractional Quantum Hall Effect*

Academic Appointments

Stony Brook University

September 2017 –

Professor of Physics and Astronomy

Stony Brook University

January 2014– August 2017

Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy

University of Colorado at Boulder

March 2011– December 2013

Associate Professor of Astrophysics

University of Colorado at Boulder

September 2004– March 2011

Assistant Professor of Astrophysics

Princeton University

September 2003– August 2004

Lyman Spitzer Fellow

Harvard Society of Fellows

July 1999– June 2003

Junior Fellow

Visiting Scientist Positions

Carnegie Observatories (01/2017); California Institute of Technology (04/2002–06/2002); Osservatorio Astronomico di Roma (01/2002–03/2001); Istituto di Astrofisica Spaziale, Italy (10/2001–12/2001)

Awards and Honors

OCIW Distinguished Scientific Visitor Carnegie Observatories	2017
Fellowship in the American Physical Society American Physical Society	2014
SIGRAV Prize Italian Society of General Relativity and Gravitational Physics	2010
Astronomy Magazine Feature Personal profile as an Astrophysicist featured in the Astronomy magazine	January 2010
Provost's Faculty Achievement Award University of Colorado at Boulder	2009
Kavli Frontiers of Science Fellow National Academy of Science and Kavli Foundation	2007, 2013
Lyman Spitzer Fellowship Department of Astrophysics, Princeton University	September 2003 - August 2004
Harvard Junior Fellowship Harvard Society of Fellows	July 1999 - June 2003
Award of Excellence (Top Graduate of 30 years) Faculty of Science, University of Salerno (Italy)	2002
Predoctoral Fellowship Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.	August 1998 - May 1999
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Zonta International Foundation	September 1998 - May 1999
AWIS Predoctoral Award Association for Women in Science Educational Foundation	1998
Goldhaber Prize (Top Theory Student) Physics Department, Harvard University	1997
Fellowship for Research Abroad Physics Department, Università di Salerno (Italy).	September 1996 – August 1998
Rudmose Fellowship Physics Department, Harvard University	September 1995 – June 1996
Top Student Award (National) ENAM (Italy)	September 1984 – June 1998
Bronze Medal in Piano Competition 4th National Piano Competition A.M.A. Calabria, Italy.	1982

Teaching

Stony Brook University:

“Interstellar Medium”, graduate course, Fall 2016

“Graduate Seminar II” (Nuclear, Particle, Astronomy), Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2017

“Stars and Radiation”, for undergraduate science majors, Fall 2014, Fall 2016

“Introduction to Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies”, for non science majors, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

“Astronomy Laboratory”, for non science majors, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

“Introduction to Astronomy: Introduction to the Solar System”, for non science majors, Spring 2016

“Modern Physics” (Recitation), Fall 2017

University of Colorado:

“Black Holes”, an undergraduate course for non-science majors (taught seven times)

“Internal Processes in Gases, part II”, a graduate level course (taught twice)

“Astrophysics I, Stellar and Interstellar”, for undergraduate science majors (taught once)

“Stars and Galaxies”, for undergraduate non-science majors (taught twice)

“Neutron Stars”, graduate seminar (taught once)

“Radiative and Dynamical Processes”, a 4-credit core course for graduate students (taught three times)

Student and Postdoctoral supervision

Postdocs

Matthew van Adelsberg, JILA, 09/2006 - 08/2008

Bruno Giacomazzo, JILA, 10/2011 - 09/2013

Takamitsu Tanaka, Stony Brook University, 09/2014 - 08/2016

Simone Dall’Osso, Stony Brook University, 05/2016 - 02/2018

Graduate Students

Joseph Flasher, University of Colorado, 2004-2006

Kevin Heng, University of Colorado, 2005-2007

Enrico Bozzo, University of Rome and JILA, 2003-2006

Peter Robinson, University of Colorado, 2007-2009

Federico Bernardini, University of Rome and JILA, 2007-2010

Ting Yan, University of Colorado, 2009-2011

Daniele Viganó, University of Alicante and JILA, 2013

Sebastien Guillot, McGill University and JILA, 2013-2014

Taeho Ryu, Stony Brook University, 2014 - present

Yihan Wang, Stony Brook University, 2017 - present

Undergraduate Students

Michelle Villeneuve, University of Colorado, 2012-2013

Shawn Hoose, Stony Brook University, 2014 - 2015

Samantha Scibelli, Stony Brook University, 2015 - Present

Rina Kim, Stony Brook University, 2014

Invited Lectures

Princeton University, Physics dept., July 2004, lecture on “Black Holes” for the Princeton-Gran Sasso summer school.

La Scuola Normale Superiore, Dec. 2003; lectures for PhD students on the topic of “Accretion in Astrophysics”.

Selected Invited Conference Talks, Colloquia and Seminars

Invited Talk, “First National Meeting on GRBs”, Rome, Dec. 2001

Astronomy Colloquium, Caltech, April 2002

Invited Talk, “Gamma-Ray Bursts: The Brightest Explosions in the Universe”, Harvard University, May 2002

Invited Talk, 2nd Workshop ”Gamma-Ray Bursts in the Afterglow Era”, Rome, Sept. 2002

Astrophysics Seminar, University of Santa Cruz, May 2002

Astrophysics Seminar, University of Santa Barbara, May 2002

Astrophysics Colloquium, University of Chicago, January 2003

Astrophysics Seminar, New York University, January 2003

Astronomy Colloquium, Columbia University, January 2003

Astrophysics Seminar, Harvard/CfA, January 2003

Astrophysics Seminar, Rutgers University, February 2003

Astrophysics Colloquium, University of Colorado, February 2003

Physics Colloquium, University of Rochester, March 2003

Astrophysics Colloquium, Stanford University, April 2003

Theoretical Astrophysics Seminar, UC Berkeley, April 2003

Astrophysics Seminar, Lawrence Livermore National Labs, April 2003

Astrophysics Colloquium, Princeton University, December 2003

Astrophysics Seminar, La Scuola Normale, Pisa, Italy, December 2003

Invited Talk, “GRB Physics before Swift”, State College, PA, April 2004

Astronomy Colloquium, Cornell University, February 2005

Astrophysics Colloquium, American Museum of National History, February 2005

Astrophysics Colloquium, Northwestern University, March 2005

Astrophysics Colloquium, University of Chicago, April 2005

Astrophysics Seminar, Rutgers University, April 2005

Invited Talk, , “Pulsar Wind Nebulae”, Harvard-Radcliffe, May 2005

Astronomy Colloquium, Harvard University, March 2006

Astrophysics Colloquium, Nanjing University, China, July 2006

Invited Talk in the session on “Gamma-Ray Bursts”, 36th COSPAR Scientific Assembly, Beijing, China, July 2006

Astrophysics Colloquium, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, October 2006

Theoretical Astrophysics Seminar, UC Berkeley, April 2007

Astronomy Colloquium, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, May 2007

Astrophysics Colloquium, University of Colorado, September 2008

Astronomy Colloquium, Columbia University, March 2009

Astronomy Seminar, Yale University, May 2009

Astrophysics Colloquium, American Museum of National History, May 2009

Astrophysics Seminar, New York University, October 2009
Physics Colloquium, University of Southern California, October 2009
ITC Colloquium, Harvard/ITC, October 2009
Astronomy Colloquium, Ohio State University, November 2009
Invited Talk, “From Planets to Galaxies”, Budapest, Hungary, June 2010
Invited Prize Talk at “XIX SIGRAV conference on General Relativity and Gravitational Physics”, Pisa, Italy, September 2010
Physics Colloquium, University of Missouri at Columbia, November 2010
Invited Review Talk, “The Prompt Activity of Gamma-Ray Bursts”, Raleigh, NC, March 2011
All JILA Colloquium, JILA, March 2011
Astronomy Colloquium, University of Maryland, April 2011
Astrophysics Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics, Potsdam, Germany, June 2011
Astrophysics Seminar, Institute of Space Sciences, Barcelona, Spain, September 2011
Physics Colloquium, West Virginia University, October 2011
High Energy Seminar, Max Planck Institute, Garching, Germany, November 2011
Astronomy Colloquium, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, November 2011
Astronomy Colloquium, ETH, Zurich, Switzerland, November 2011
Invited Talk, “Planet-Z: atmospheres and interiors of exoplanets”, Zurich, Switzerland, November 2011
Astrophysics Seminar, Rutgers University, December 2011
Astronomy Seminar, Stony Brook University, February 2012
ITC lunch talk, Harvard/ITC, March 2012
Astrophysics Seminar, Center for Relativistic Astrophysics, Georgia Tech, March 2012
Physics Colloquium, University of Barcelona, March 2012
Astrophysics Joint Seminar, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, April 2012
Astrophysics Seminar, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, April 2012
Astrophysics Seminar, New York University, April 2012
Astrophysics Seminar, Osservatorio Astronomico di Roma, Italy, June 2012
Invited Talk in the session on “Magnetars”, 39th COSPAR Scientific Assembly, Mysore, India, July 2012
Astrophysics Colloquium, Institut Astrophysique de Paris, September 2012
Physics Colloquium, University of Texas at San Antonio, October 2012
Cosmology Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University, December 2012
Physics Colloquium, Grinnell College, December 2012
Astrophysics Colloquium, Anton Pannekoek Institute, Amsterdam, Netherlands, December 2012
Physics Colloquium, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, January 2013
Astrophysics Seminar, La Scuola Normale, Pisa, Italy, February 2013
Astrophysics Seminar, Stony Brook University, February 2013
Astronomy Colloquium, Cornell University, April 2013
Invited Talk, STARS2013 - SMFNS2013 meetings, Cuba, May 2013
Astrophysics Colloquium, SISSA, Trieste, Italy, May 2013
Invited Introductory Speaker for “Cosmic Explosions”, Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium, National Academy of Sciences, Irvine, June 2013
Invited Talk on the topic of ‘Magnetars’, KIPAC@10, “Big Questions in Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology”, Stanford, September 2013

Invited Talk, “Explosive Transients: Lighthouses of the Universe”, Santorini, September 2013
Astrophysics Colloquium, Northwestern University, October 2013
Exoplanet Seminar, Kavli Institute, Cambridge, UK, November 2013
Astrophysics Colloquium, Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge, UK, November 2013
Invited Review Talk on ‘X-ray flares as clues of the central engine’, “GRB-Magnetar Thinkshop”, Bormio, Italy, January 2014
Physics/Mathematics Joint Colloquium, New York University Abu Dhabi, January 2014
High Energy Seminar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 2014
Physics Colloquium, Wayne State University, March 2014
Invited Talk in the session on “The Transient Gravitational Wave Sky”, APS April Meeting, Savannah, April 2014
Astronomy & Astrophysics Colloquium, University of Rochester, April 2014
Physics Colloquium, University of Rochester, April 2014
Astronomy Tea Talk, Caltech, May 2014
Joint CSH-WP Colloquium, University of Bern, Switzerland, May 2014
Invited Review Talk on ‘Progenitors of short Gamma-Ray Bursts’ , “Gamma-Ray Burst in the Multi-Messenger Era” , Paris, June 2014
Invited Talk in the session on “Magnetars”, 40th COSPAR Scientific Assembly, Moscow, Russia, August 2014
Invited Review Talk on ‘Gamma-Ray Bursts and Magnetars’, “SWIFT 10 Years of Discovery”, Rome, December 2014
ESO/MPA/MPE/USM Joint Astronomy Colloquium, Garching, Germany, January 2015
Astronomy Colloquium, Penn State University, February 2015
Physics Colloquium, Brookhaven National Laboratory, March 2015
Institute of Advanced Studies - Princeton University Joint Astrophysics Colloquium, April 2015
Invited Plenary Talk at the NewCompStar Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, June 2015.
Invited Review Talk on “Highly magnetized neutron stars: theory, observations and connection with gamma-ray bursts” at the Fourteenth Marcel Grossmann Meeting on General Relativity and Relativistic Astrophysics, Rome, Italy, July 2015
Invited Talk in “The Zoo of Accreting Compact Objects”, Lorentz Center of Leiden, Netherlands, August 2015
Astronomy Colloquium, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, October 2015
Invited Talk on “Magnetar Formation” at the ISSI workshop on Relativistic Compact Objects, Bern, Switzerland, November 2015
Astrophysics Colloquium, KIPAC/Stanford, December 2015
Astronomy Colloquium, Yale, December 2015
Physics Colloquium, Stony Brook University, April 2016
Physics Colloquium, Oregon State University, November 2016
Astrophysics Colloquium, Carnegie Observatories, January 2017
BWIS (Brookhaven Women in Science) Colloquium, Brookhaven national Laboratory, February 2017
Astrophysics Seminar, American Museum of National History, February 2017
Physics Colloquium, New York University, April 2017
Physics Colloquium, Texas Tech., April 2017
Invited Talk on “GRBs from compact-binary mergers” at “New Frontiers in Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics”, Rome, Italy, June 2017

Invited Talk at the workshop “A multi-messenger look at the origin of gamma-ray busts”, in “European Week of Astronomy and Space Science”, Prague, Czech Republic, June 2017

Invited Discussion Starter Talk on “Heating a long-lived dead disk” at the Lorentz Workshop on “Potential Electromagnetic signatures of stellar mass binary black hole mergers”, Leiden, Netherlands, September (2017)

Invited Plenary Talk at the MAS Meeting of the American Physical Society, NJIT, November 2017

Invited Plenary Talk on “EM counterparts of compact object binary mergers” at the conference “Deciphering the violent Universe”, Playa del Carmen, Mexico, Dec. 2017

Astrophysics Seminar, University of Waterloo, CA, March 2018

Theoretical Astrophysics Seminar, UC Berkeley, April 2018

Harvard-CfA Colloquium, April 2018

Invited Talk in conference on “Unsolved Problems in Astrophysics and Cosmology”, Budapest, Hungary, July 2018

Grants

Reported only RP's amount when shared grant

NASA/Swift (theory): (PI) Constraining the Properties of the Gamma-Ray Burst Environment through time-variable absorption. Dates: 05/01/2005 - 04/30/2007. Award amount: \$40,000

NSF-AST: (PI) Gamma-Ray Bursts as Cosmological Probes. Dates: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2008. Award amount \$277,707

NASA/XMM: (CoI) Unveiling the broad band properties of the fading transient AXP XTE J1810-197. Dates: 09/18/2006 - /09/17/2008. Award amount: \$39,044

NASA/Spitzer: (CoI) Gamma-Ray Burst Physics in the Spitzer/Swift Era. Dates: 06/13/2006 - 09/30/2008. Award amount: \$19,605

NASA/Hubble: (CoI) Searching for Light Echoes After the SGR 1806-20-Hyperflare. Dates: 04/01/2006 - 03/31/2009. Award amount: \$21,419

NASA/XMM: (CoI) Unveiling the quiescent emission properties of the fading transient AXP XTE J1810-197. Dates: 07/24/2008 - 07/23/2009. Award amount: \$33,500

NASA/XMM: (CoI) The Transient Bursting Anomalous X-Ray Pulsar in Westerlund 1. Dates: 08/17/2007 - 08/16/2009. Award amount: \$33,645

NASA/XMM: (CoI) Unveiling the Quiescent State Properties of the Transient AXP XTE J1810-197. Dates: 01/01/2008 - 12/31/2009. Award amount: \$33,626

NASA/XMM: (CoI) The post-awakening of the transient bursting anomalous X-ray pulsar in Westerlund 1. Dates: 07/24/08 - 07/23/2010. Award amount: \$16,919

NASA/XMM: (CoI) Prompt study of AXP outbursts with XMM. Dates: 01/01/2009 - 12/31/2010. Award amount: \$34,800

NASA/Chandra: (CoI) Prompt Study of Burst-Selected Outbursts from AXPs. Dates: 03/15/2009 - 02/08/2012. Award amount: \$20,727

NASA/XMM: (CoI) Unveiling the nature of the Period evolution of XTE J180-197. Dates: 08/13/2009 - 08/12/2011. Award amount: \$25,165

NASA/XMM: (CoI) XMM-Newton Observation of the new SGR 0501+4516 in its return to quiescence. Dates: 09/01/2009 - 08/31/2011. Award amount: \$26,376

NASA/XMM: (CoI) From Outburst to Quiescence: Monitoring the Transient X-ray Pulsar in Westerlund 1. Dates: 09/01/2009 - 08/31/2011. Award amount: \$25,553

NASA/Chandra: (CoI) Unveiling the nature of cyclic behavior in the period evolution of the Anomalous X-ray Pulsar XTE J1810-197. Dates: 11/02/2009 - 01/25/2012. Award amount: \$21,362

NASA/XMM: (CoI) Prompt study of magnetar outbursts with XMM-Newton. Dates: 05/21/2010 - 05/20/2012. Award amount: \$15,616

NASA/Chandra (DDT): (CoI) Unveiling the nature of cyclic behavior in the period evolution of the Anomalous X-ray Pulsar XTE J1810-197. Dates: 06/08/2010 - 06/07/2011. Award amount: \$6,000

NSF-AST: (PI) Studies of Gamma-Ray Bursts in the Swift Era. Dates: 08/15/2010 - 07/31/2015. Award amount: \$383,071

NASA/Chandra (archive): (PI) Constraining the magnetic field topology of magnetars through spectral-timing analysis of the quiescent emission of XTE J1810-197. Dates: 01/01/2011 - 02/28/2013. Award amount: \$45,000

NASA/Chandra (DDT): (CoI) Unveiling the nature of cyclic behavior in the period evolution of the Anomalous X-ray Pulsar XTE J1810-197. Dates: 10/26/2010 - 10/25/2012. Award amount: \$7,500

NASA/Chandra (DDT): (PI) Unveiling the nature of cyclic behavior in the period evolution of the Anomalous X-ray Pulsar XTE J1810-197. Dates: 02/10/2011 - 02/09/2013. Award amount: \$12,000

NASA/Chandra: (CoI) Prompt study of magnetar outbursts with Chandra. Dates: 09/06/2011 - 06/23/2015. Award amount: \$21,712

NASA/Chandra: (CoI) Unveiling the Nature of the Cyclic Behavior in the Period Evolution of the Anomalous X-ray Pulsar XTE J1810-197. Dates: 02/21/2012 - 02/20/2015. Award amount: \$18,910

NASA/Fermi (theory): (CoI) General Relativistic Magnetohydrodynamic Simulations of Neutron Star Binaries. Dates: 08/07/2012 - 08/18/2015. Award amount: \$80,000

NASA/Chandra: (CoI) Prompt Study of Magnetar Outbursts with Chandra. Dates: 04/30/2013 - 04/29/2016. Award amount: \$23,212

NASA/Chandra: (CoI) Prompt Study of Magnetar Outbursts with Chandra. Dates: 07/16/2014 - 07/15/2016. Award amount: \$26,595

NASA/Hubble: (CoI) GRB hosts and the search for missing star formation at high redshift. Dates: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2017. Award amount: \$5,000

NASA/Chandra (archive): (PI) Spectral and timing analysis of the low magnetic field magnetar SWIFT J1822.3-1606: testing our understanding of the magnetar behaviour. Dates: 01/01/2015 - 02/29/2017. Award amount: \$45,000

NASA/Swift (theory): (PI) X-ray Flares in long and short GRBs: A numerical investigation of disk fragmentation in hyperaccreting disks. Dates: 08/01/2015 - 07/29/2017. Award amount: \$40,000

NASA/Swift (theory): (PI) Swift precursors to long GRBs: hidden signs of a newly-born, hyperaccreting magnetar? Dates: 08/01/2016 - 07/31/2017. Award amount: \$40,000

NSF-AST: (PI) Gamma-Ray Bursts and Magnetars: Astrophysical Connections and Probes of Fundamental Physics. Dates: 08/01/2016 - 07/31/2019. Award amount: \$405,000

NASA/Chandra: (CoI) Prompt Study of Magnetar Outbursts with Chandra and NuStar. Dates: 05/25/2017 - 05/24/2018. Award amount: \$25,100

Selected Approved Computational and Observing Proposals (as Co-I)

PRACE computer time grant: (PI: Giacomazzo) General Relativistic Simulations of Binary Neutron Star Mergers, 16 million core hours, 2015-2016

CINECA computer time grant: (PI: Giacomazzo) General Relativistic Magnetohydrodynamic Simulations of Neutron Stars on FERMI, 1 million core hours, 2014-2015

NSF XSEDE computer time grant: (PI: Giacomazzo) General Relativistic Magnetohydrodynamic Simulations of Merging Compact Objects, 4 million core hours, 2013-2014

NSF XSEDE computer time grant: (PI: Giacomazzo) General Relativistic Magnetohydrodynamic Simulations of Merging Compact Objects, 8 million core hours, 2012-2013

Chandra: Hot Accretion Flows in Quiescent Dwarf Novae

Hubble: Searching for light echoes after the SGR 1806-20- hyperflare

Spitzer: Gamma-Ray Bursts in the Spitzer/Swift Era

NOAO: Searching for Gamma-Ray Bursts in Nearby Galaxies

VLT: Probing Interstellar and Intergalactic matter through *UVES ToO* observations of GRB afterglows

Parkes: Searching for radio pulsations from the transient AXP in Westerlund 1

ALMA: Disentangling the nature of the ring-like structure around the magnetar SGR 1900+14

Professional Service - National and International

Referee for *The Astrophysical Journal*, *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, *Publications of the Astronomical Society of Japan*, *Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia*, *International Journal of Modern Physics D*, *Physical Review Letters*, *Physics of Fluids*, *Science*, *Nature*.

Hubble Cycle 12 (2003), Cycle 13 (2004), member of panel review

Swift Cycle 1 (2004), member of panel review

Columbia University (2004), external committee member for PhD thesis defense

Chandra Cycle 7 (2005), Cycle 9 (2007), Cycle 11 (2009), member of panel review, Cycle 17 (2015), Chair and member of panel review

National Science Foundation (2006, 2011, 2014), member of panel review

NASA-ATP (2006) and (2010), member of panel review

France-Israel joint astrophysics projects (2007), external reviewer

Niels Bohr Institute (2009), external committee member for PhD thesis defense

Fermi Cycle 2 (2009), member of panel review

NASA Postdoctoral Program (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014), reviewer

University of Stockholm (2011), member of international board for selection of new faculty member

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (2012), reviewer of Major Resources Support Grants

Suzaku Cycle 7 (2012), member of panel review and Deputy Chair

National Science Center of Poland (2012), reviewer of grant proposals

Canada Research Chairs, member of the College of Reviewers for Senior Faculty Chair positions

University of Iceland (2013), external reviewer of postdoctoral grants

Einstein Postdoctoral Fellowships, member of the selection committee

University of Texas, San Antonio (2014-2018), external member of research committee panel for Physics PhD student

NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowships (2014), reviewer of proposals

La Scuola Normale di Pisa, reviewer of research proposals by their faculty

NSF EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) Track-1 program, external reviewer of proposals

Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), reviewer of Vidi grant application

Canadian Institute of Theoretical Astrophysics (CITA) (2015), member of the external Expert Review Committee in charge of evaluating the NSERC grant proposal of the Institute.

European Research Council (ERC) (2016), external reviewer of Consolidator Grant Proposal.

Chilean National Science and Technology Commission (CONICYT) (2016), Reviewer of proposal for the FONDECYT grant competition.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) (2016-2018), External reviewer of CITA yearly progress.

Advanced Theory and Simulations, Wiley (2017 –), member of the Editorial Board.

Universita' di Milano Bicocca (2018), reviewer of PhD thesis in Physics and Astronomy

NuSTAR Cycle 4 (2018), Chair and member of panel review

German Research Foundation, reviewer of grant proposal (2018)

Organization of Conferences and Schools

Member of the Scientific Organizing Committee for the parallel session on Gamma-Ray Bursts for the conference “New Views of the Universe”, Chicago, Dec. 2005.

Member of the Scientific Organizing Committee for the conference “Probing Stellar Populations Out to the Distant Universe”, Cefalu' (Italy), Sept. 2008.

Member of the Scientific Organizing Committee for the conference “Gravitational Wave Bursts: Astrophysics, Data Analysis & Numerical Relativity”, Chichen-Itza (Mexico), Dec. 2009.

Member of the Scientific Organizing Committee for the School in Cargese on “Radiation Processes, Jets and Relativistic Objects”, Summer 2016

Member of the Scientific Organizing Committee for the session “X-ray Polarimetry: experiments and science prospects” at the 41st COSPAR Scientific Assembly, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2016

Member of the Scientific Organizing Committee for the session “The Magnetar Link in Neutron Stars, Gamma Ray Bursts and Supernovae” at the 41st COSPAR Scientific Assembly, Istanbul, Turkey, July 2016

Member of the Scientific Organizing Committee for the conference “FOE2017”, Corvallis, OR, June 2017

Member of the Scientific Organizing Committee for the mini-workshop on “Gravitational Waves and binary Neutron star Mergers”, Simons Center for Geometry and Physics, Stony Brook, November 2017

Departmental and University service

Stony Brook University:

Member of PhD thesis committees, 2014 –

Member of Master thesis committees, 2014 –

Member of Colloquium committee, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Organizer of the astro seminars, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Member of the Qualifying Exam committee, 2014, 2015

Member of Tenure committee for colleague in the department, 2014

Chair of committee for 4th year review of colleague in the department, 2015

Member of the search committee for the Assistant Graduate Program Director, 2015

Chair of the search committee for a faculty position in experimental high energy physics, 2015-2016

Member of the search committee for a faculty position in Theoretical/Computational Astrophysics, 2016-2017
Member of the search committee for a faculty position in Astrophysics/Large Data, 2016-2017
Member of University committee for Diversity Plan, 2016, 2017, 2018
Graduate Student Mentor, 2017-
Member of the Chair search committee, 2017-2018

University of Colorado:

“Diversity and graduate students concerns” committee, 2004, 2005, 2006
“Public relations and Newsletter” committee, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
Colloquium organizer (chair), 2005, 2006
Undergraduate advisor, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013
Graduate admission committee, 2006, 2007, 2008
Comprehensive examination I committee, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013
Curriculum and undergraduate majors committee, 2009, 2012, 2013
Course scheduling committee, 2010, 2011
Committee member for Comprehensive Examination II (both Astrophysics and Physics Dept.), 2004-2013
Committee member for PhD thesis defenses (both Astrophysics and Physics Dept.), 2004-2013
JILA Executive committee member, 2013

Consortia and Professional Memberships

Invited Member of IAXO (International AXion Observatory)
Invited Member of XIPE (X-ray Imaging Polarimetry Explorer); selected for ESA’s next medium-class science mission. Leader of the working group “Quantum electrodynamical effects and X-ray polarimetry”.
Invited Member of the Advisory Board of the Collaborative Research Network on Neutron Stars, consisting of three Universities (Frankfurt, Jena, Frankfurt) and the Max-Planck Institute for Radioastronomy in Bonn.
Scialog Fellow: Time Domain Astrophysics, selected participant
Member of the American Physical Society

Outreach and Volunteering

Piano teacher for low-income students, Salerno, Italy, 1991-1992
Reader for blind music student (music and text), Cambridge, MA, 1998-2001
Italian-English translator for Emergency USA, 2009
Panel member for discussion with undergraduate students at U. of Colorado on “Careers in Academia” (2009) and on “Women in Physics and Astronomy” (2013)
Faculty host at the Fiske Observatory night for the general public, Boulder (2010, 2012)
Volunteer for the “Earth Explorers” program for underrepresented youth (7th and 8th graders), Longmont, CO (2012)
Speaker in the “Open Night” series at Stony Brook University, Fall 2014
Guest expert on “Exoplanets” at the BNL astro journal club, Fall 2014
Volunteer for Achilles Int., for athletes (runners) with disabilities, Brooklyn, NY, 2018 -

Personal

Citizenship: Italian citizen. US permanent resident.

Hobbies: dance (argentine tango, salsa, swing, modern and jazz), piano playing, travel, photography, bicycle touring, Shaolin Kung Fu (currently 3rd degree brown belt), running (1/2 marathons and marathons - 3 times Boston qualifier).

Spoken languages: Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic).

Publications

Articles in refereed Journals

162. **Perna, R.**, Chruslinska, M., Corsi, A. Belczynski, K., *Binary Black Hole Mergers within the LIGO Horizon: Statistical Properties and prospects for detecting Electromagnetic Counterparts*, MNRAS in press (2018)
161. **Perna, R.**, Lazzati, D., Cantiello, M., *Ultra Long Gamma-Ray Bursts from the collapse of Blue Super Giant stars: an end-to-end simulation*, Astrophys. J. in press (2018)
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