

Simone Marzani

Associate professor

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Education and training

2008

PhD

High-Energy Resummation in Quantum Chromo Dynamics University of Edinburgh - Edinburgh - GB

Academic experience

2020 - ONGOING

Associate Professor

Università di Genova - Gwnova - IT

2017 - 2020

Ricercatore Tempo Determinato (tipo B)

Università di Genova - Genova - IT

2015 - 2017

Assistant Professor

University at Buffalo The State University of New York - Buffalo NY - US

2014 - 2015

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Cambridge MA - US

2011 - 2014

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Durham University - Durham - GB

2008 - 2011

Postdoctoral Research Associate

University of Manchester - Manchester - GB

Language skills

Italian	English	Spanish
Mother tongue	Proficient	Basic

Teaching activity

Lectures

Fisica Generale I, (Università di Genova)

Fisica Nucleare, delle Particelle e Astrofisica II (Università di Genova)

General Physics I (University at Buffalo)

Quantum Field Theory (University at Buffalo)

Elementary Particle Physics (University at Buffalo)

Summer Schools

Sangam@HRI: Jets and their structure.

MCnet Summer School: Boosted-Particle Techniques.

Tutorials

Tutor for undergraduate courses at Durham University, Manchester University, and Edinburgh University.

Tutor for 39th and 40th British Universities Summer School in Theoretical Elementary Particle Physics.

Private tutor in Maths, Physics and English for high school pupils

Postgraduate research and teaching activity

Supervision of PhD students, residents and post-doctoral fellows

Mentoring and Supervisions

Chang Wu (University of Genova PhD student)
Jeremy Baron (University at Buffalo PhD student)
Stephen Muehlemann (University at Buffalo Bachelor student)
Vincent Theeuwes (University at Buffalo postdoc)

Research interests

My research on fundamental physics is focussed on the high-energy frontier, the exploration of which is currently instigated by data from the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC). I study the way particles interact when collided at the highest energies, in order to push our understanding of the forces of Nature to the ultimate precision, thus uncovering the possible presence of new particles and interactions that, while not accounted for by the Standard Model of particle physics, can explain observed physical phenomena such as the existence of dark matter.

I apply Quantum Chromo-Dynamics (QCD), the theory of the strong force, to a range of topics which are central to the LHC program. The LHC collides protons, which are strongly interacting, and further strongly-interacting particles are abundantly produced in every such collision. Careful studies of QCD radiation in Higgs and new physics processes can be exploited in order to better understand their properties. The possibility of making discoveries depends on our ability to separate new and rare phenomena from an overwhelming background, which is often orders of magnitude bigger than the signal. This background consists of Standard Model processes and its dominant component comes from strong interactions. Therefore, precision calculations in QCD, together with the development of innovative searching

techniques, are mandatory in order to fully exploit the LHC potential. My research focuses on two main topics:

- precision calculations for testing the Standard Model and the properties of the Higgs boson;
- new analysis techniques for LHC discoveries in the context of jet substructure (see pictures above).

Grants

2018 - ONGOING

Resum(e) the path to discovery

Royal Society - GB Pricipal investigator

2016 - 2017

All-Order Precision for LHC Phenomenology

National Science Foundation - US Pricipal investigator

Editorial activity

Proposal reviewer for the US National Science Foundation and the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research Referee for Physical Review Letters, Physical Review D, Journal of High Energy Physics, Physics Letters B, Nuclear Physics B and European Physical Journal C.

Assignments abroad

Affiliate of the Higgs Centre for Theoretical Physics

Other professional activities

Activities with schools and with the general public

Activities as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Ambassador, e.g. motivational days in high-schools and SciBar in Greater Manchester area.

Organizer of the weekly Physics Club at Whalley Range High School, Manchester. Particle Physics Masterclass: introduction to particle physics for A-level students.

Scientific animator at the Science and Technology Museum Leonardo da Vinci in Milano, Italy.