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Personal information

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Nationality Italian

Date of birth February 7th, 1970

Gender Female

Work experience

Dates Since 29th January 2015

Occupation or position held Associate Professor SSD FIS/04, SC 02/A1 at the Rome "Tor Vergata"

University, Rome, Italy

Dates Since 1st January 2017

Occupation or position held

Visiting Professor at the National Research Nuclear University MEPHI,

Moscow, Russia

Main activities and responsibilities

Teaching, Research

- Teacher of the course "Nuclear and Subnuclear Physics" for the Physics Master classes.
- Teacher of the course "Informatics Lab" for the Material Science Master classes
- Member of the **PHD Commission** at the University of Rome Tor Vergata.
- Coordinator of the INFN National Commission for Astroparticle Physics on behalf of the Rome Tor Vergata INFN Structure.
- National Coordinator of the "CSES/Limadou" experiment at the INFN Research Committee.
- Coordination of the "WiZard" research group at the University of Rome Tor Vergata.
- Local coordinator of the **GAPS** experiment at the INFN Research Committee.
- Delegate of the University of Rome Tor Vergata at the CIFS (Consorzio Interuniversitario di Fisica Spaziale) Consortium for Space Physics.

Name and address of employer

Rome "Tor Vergata" University

Type of business or sector

Public University

Dates
Occupation or position held

2004-2015 Researcher

Main activities and responsibilities

Research, Assistant to Teaching Rome "Tor Vergata" University

Name and address of employer Type of business or sector

Public University

Dates

2000-2004

Occupation or position held

TD Researcher

Main activities and responsibilities

Data analysis and simulation for the space experiments NINA and PAMELA. Scientific analysis of the galactic and solar data coming from the telescope NINA in space. Simulation of the performance of the space telescope

PAMELA. Coordination of the data analysis groups.

Name and address of employer

Italian National Institute of Nuclear Physics INFN

Type of business or sector

Public Research Institution

Dates

1998-2000

Occupation or position held

Post-Doc

Main activities and responsibilities

Data analysis and simulation for the space experiment NINA. Scientific analysis of the galactic and solar data coming from the telescope NINA in

space.

Name and address of employer

Italian National Institute of Nuclear Physics INFN

Type of business or sector

Public Research Institution

Education and training

Dates 1994-1997

Title of qualification awarded Ph.D. in Physics

Principal subjects/occupational

skills covered

Title of thesis: "NINA: a New Instrument for Nuclear Analysis of primary cosmic rays". Development of a space mission, simulation of the scientific

performance, data analysis. Rome "Tor Vergata" University

Name and type of organisation providing education and

training

1989-1994

Title of qualification awarded **Physics Degree**

Principal subjects/occupational

skills covered

Dates

Solid preparation in modern theoretical, experimental and applied physics; deep understanding of the method scientific investigation; thorough knowledge of mathematics and computing; ability to model complex systems in different fields

Name and type of organisation providing education and

Rome "Tor Vergata" University

training

Dates

1984-1988

Title of qualification awarded

Scientific Diploma

Principal subjects/occupational

skills covered

High level preparation in Sciences, Humanities and Art. English preparation up to level B2. Primer in technology and computer science.

Name and type of organisation providing education and

training

Liceo Scientifico Pitagora

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) Italian

Other language(s)

Self-assessment	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
European level (*)	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
German	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1

(*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Organisational skills and

competences

Experienced teacher for several Physics courses. Participation and Coordination of research groups at national and international levels. Lecturer for the International School of Astrophysics and for the International School of

Space Sciences

Technical skills and competences

Analysis and interpretation of scientific data, writing of scientific articles, organization and management of research groups.

Computer skills and competences

Software management of PC and workstation platforms. Proficient with both Linux OS and Windows OS at SysManager Level. Programming skills in

Fortran, C, LaTeX, HTML languages.

Additional information

Nuclear, antimatter and dark matter component in cosmic rays

The scientific activity of Prof. Roberta Sparvoli has been mainly dedicated to the field of Astroparticle Physics, in particular with regard to the study of nuclear and isotopic component of cosmic rays and the antimatter component (positrons and antiprotons, detection of any antinuclei), and search for possible indirect evidence of dark matter. These studies were carried out in space, by stratospheric balloons and on satellites, as part of the experimental program of the WIZARD collaboration. Among the most important missions on balloon of this collaboration we can remember MASS89, MASS91, TS93, CAPRICE94 and CAPRICE98. As for space missions, the WIZARD collaboration sent into space the telescopes NINA, NINA2 and PAMELA. The space mission PAMELA represents a state-of-the-art of the investigation of t cosmic radiation, addressing the most compelling issues facing astrophysics and cosmology: the nature of the dark matter that pervades the universe, the apparent absence of cosmological antimatter, the origin and evolution of matter in the gala PAMELA, a particle identifier using a permanent magnet spectrometer with a variety of specialized detectors, is an instrument of extraordinary scientific potential that is measuring with unprecedented precision and sensitivity the abundance and energy spectra of cosmic rays electrons, positrons, antiprotons and light nuclei over a very large range of energy from 50 MeV to hundreds GeV, depending on the species. One of the main scientific objectives of PAMELA is al the detection of SEP events and solar phenomena, in view of the Space Weather. PAMELA has been put in orbit, on board of the Resurs-DK1 Russian satellite by a rocket Soyuz, on the 15th of June 2006. More than 70 outstanding publication have been already produced by PAMELA.

Roberta Sparvoli is member of the CALET collaboration too, who has sent in orbit on board the ISS a sophisticated calorimeter in August 2015. Aim of the CALET experiment is to measure electrons and nuclei in cosmic rays up to the hundreds of TeV energies.

Currently Roberta Sparvoli participates to the experiment GAPS, that is a ballon-borne experiment located in the USA, aimed at searching for anti-deuteron in cosmic rays as signature of dark matter annihilation.

Life science in space

A parallel scientific interest of Roberta Sparvoli is in the field of life science in space, with the missions Si-Eye1 ans Sil-Eye2 on the Russian MIR space station, respectively, in the periods 1995-1998 and 1998-2000, and the missions

Si-Eye3 (in 2002) and ALTEA (in 2006), on the ISS, the latter still in progress. These experiments performed a continuous monitoring of radiation within the Space Stations and allowed a detailed study of the risks to the astronauts due to ionizing particles.

Monitoring of the seismic activity from space

In the last years, Roberta Sparvoli became part of the collaboration CSES/Limadou. The main scientific objective of the mission CSES (China Seismo-Electromagnetic Satellite) is studying electromagnetic phenomena and their correlation with the geophysics activity, contributing to the monitoring of earthquakes from space.

The satellite CSES was put in space in February 2018. It hosts an Italian payload. The Italian contribution to the mission CSES, in fact, consists of an

innovative instrument to measure energetic particles that precipitate from the Van Allen belts as a result of electromagnetic interference.

The satellite has aboard a wide range of instruments (magnetometers fluxgate and search-coil, high energy particle detectors, LP-RPA and ion drift meter) designed to jointly detect perturbations of different parameters and physical variables. Roberta Sparvoli is coordinating the data analysis of this first mission.

A second version of the CSES satellite will be put in orbit in 2022. The Italian participation to the Chinese mission will imply the construction and test of a particle instrument and a detector for the measurement of the ionospheric electric field.

The scientific activity of Roberta Sparvoli is testified by 300 records as refereed articles in the SCOPUS database and by the numerous congress and meeting participations as invited speaker.

Additional information

Affiliations and Committee Memberships:

- INFN (Italian National of Nuclear Physics)
- SIF (Società Italiana di Fisica)
- CIFS (Consorzio Italiano di Fisica Spaziale)
- ISE (Istituto Scientifico Europeo)
- Editor for "Special Issue of Advances in Space Research: Origins of Cosmic Rays"
- Referee for Astrophysical Journal, Astronomy & Astrophysics, Astroparticle Physics, Advances in Space Research, Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research.

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Roberta Sparkel