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#### Curriculum

1989	Graduated in Physics $110/100 \ cum \ laude$ at the University of Florence, with a study on AGNs
1990	Fellowship at the Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory in Florence
1991-1993	PhD in Astronomy at the University of Florence
1992	Fellowship at the Max-Planck Institute fur Astronomie, Heidelberg, working with Prof. Steven Beckwith
1993	PhD degree, with a thesis on the detection of high-redshift galaxies
1995 – 2006	Staff astronomer at the CAISMI institute of the Italian National Research Council (CNR)
1995-2005	Supervisor on the Italian National Infrared Telescope TIRGO
2006-now	"Primo Ricercatore" at the Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory
2011	Visiting scientist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, MA
2012-now	Director of the Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory

## Main recent scientific interests

- 1. SN rates in different galaxy populations, SN Ia progenitors
- 2. Metallicity evolution of galaxies

## **Main instrumentation projects**

Main instrumentation projects		
1992	Scientific characterization of the ARNICA and MAGIC near-IR cameras	
1995	Development of the cryogenic motor for the near-IR spectrometer LONGSP	
2000	Scientific characterization of the NICS near-IR camera, and development of the pipeline of automatic data reduction SNAP	
2010	Instrument scientist of the adaptive optics system for LBT, FLAO@LBT	

## **Committees**

2004-2005	Italian committee for the telescopes within national borders
2003-2006	Italian representative in the board of the HFSJG
2009-2013	LBT Science and Technical Committee
2010-2012	Italian Time Allocation Committee for LBT, TNG and REM
2010-2012	Co-coordinator of the Supernova working group for the ESA satellite EUCLID
2012-now	Member of the board of the 64m Sardinia Radio Telescope

## **Awards and Grants**

2006	PRIN/INAF: The metallicity evolution through the cosmic ages, Local coordinator
2009	NASA grant for Spitzer data analysis, Principal Investigator

2009	NASA grant for HST cycle 17 observations, Principal Investigator
2010	ASI/INAF 2010: HST and Spitzer observations of high-redshift galaxies 12 National
	Coordinator
2010	PRIN/INAF 2010: Galaxies under a microscope, National Coordinator

# **Scientific production**

- Leading author or co-author of 101 refereed papers in international journals, including Nature and Annual Review of Astronomy and Astrophysics
- More than 6300 citations, with H-index=44 (ADS)
- About 20 invited presentations at congresses in the last 5 years