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*Curriculum vitae (October 2021)*

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## Current position

- Starting in November 21 **Research Assistant Professor** at *InQubator for Quantum Simulations*, Department of Physics, University of Washington, Seattle (WA)
- 12/18-08/22 **Templeton “Power of Information” Fellow** at *Complexity Sciences Center, Department of Physics*, University of California, Davis (CA)
- 08/21 - Today **Business Development Strategist** at ERGO, San Francisco (CA)

## Former positions and Education

- 09/20-06/21 **Business Development Fellow** at *Mike and Renee Child institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Graduate School of Management*, University of California, Davis (CA)
- 11/19–01/20 **Invited Lecturer** at *Università di Palermo*, Palermo, Italy  
Department of Physics and Chemistry “Emilio Segrè”
- 01/15–11/18 **D. Phil. in Physics** at *University of Oxford*, Oxford, United Kingdom  
Clarendon Laboratory, Division of Atomic and Laser Physics
- 09/15–11/18 **Wilfrid Knapp scholar** at St.Catherine’s college of Oxford, Oxford, UK
- 09/14–01/15 **Research scholar**  
Department of Physics and Chemistry, *University of Palermo*, Palermo, Italy
- 09/10–05/14 **Master Degree in Theoretical Physics**  
Department of Physics “Enrico Fermi”, *University of Pisa*, Pisa, Italy
- 09/06–03/10 **Bachelor Degree in Physics**  
Department of Physics and Chemistry, *University of Palermo*, Palermo, Italy

## Interests

**Digest:** I believe this is the era of interdisciplinary approaches to science. I am deeply interested in Information Science, both as an evolving language to address fundamental aspects of nature, and as a way to improve on the currently available technologies. I am a firm supporter of mentoring as a way to give back to the community. Moreover, I believe in innovation and an ethical entrepreneurial attitude as means to achieve progress.

**Research:** Physics of Information; Classical and quantum information theory; Out-of-equilibrium physics and information-theory of many-body open quantum systems at the nanoscale; Classical and quantum information engines; Quantum and stochastic thermodynamics; Thermodynamics of quantum information; Energetics of quantum hardware and software; Classical and quantum stochastic processes; Quantum gravity; Quantum data science.

## Peer reviewed publications

- F. Anzà, J.P. Crutchfield - *Beyond Density Matrices: Geometric Quantum States* Phys. Rev. A 103, 062218 (2021)
- D. Girolami, F. Anzà - *Quantifying the difference between many-body quantum states* Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 170502 (2021)
- F. Anzà, F. Pietracaprina, J. Goold - *Logarithmic growth of local entropy and total correlations in many-body localized dynamics*. Quantum 4, 250 (2020).

- F. Anzà - *New equilibrium ensembles for isolated quantum systems*  
Entropy 2018, 20, 744.
- F. Anzà, C. Gogolin, M. Huber - *Eigenstate Thermalization for Degenerate Observables*  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 150603 (2018)
- F. Anzà, G. Chirco - *On the fate of the Hoop Conjecture in Quantum Gravity*  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 231301 (2017)
- F. Anzà, V. Vedral - *Information-theoretic equilibrium and observable thermalization*  
Scientific Reports 7, 44066 (2017)
- F. Anzà, G. Chirco - *Typicality in spin-network states of quantum geometry*  
Phys. Rev. D 94, 084047 (2016)
- F. Anzà, S. Speziale - *A note on the secondary simplicity constraints in loop quantum gravity*  
Class. Quantum Grav. 32 (2015) 195015
- T. Aaltonen *et al.* - *Search for resonances decaying to Top and Bottom quark with the CDF experiment*  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 061801 (2015)
- F. Anzà, S. Di Martino, B. D. Militello, A. Messina - *Dynamics of a particle confined in a two-dimensional dilating and deforming domain*  
Phys. Scr. **90** 074062 (2015)
- S. Di Martino, F. Anzà *et al.* - *A quantum particle in a box with moving walls.*  
*J. Phys. A: Math. Theor.* **46** 365301 (2013)
- T. Aaltonen *et al.* *Search for a dark matter candidate produced in association with a single top quark in  $p\bar{p}$  collision at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV.*  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **108** 201802 (2012)
- F. Anzà, B.D. Militello, A. Messina - *Tripartite thermal correlation in an inhomogeneous spin-star system* *J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys.* **43**, 205501 (2010)

## Preprints, essays and notes

- F. Anzà, J. Crutchfield *Quantum information dimension and geometric entropy*  
ArXiv:2111.06374
- F. Anzà, *A kinetic theory of information transport*  
ArXiv:2106.00385
- F. Anzà, J.P. Crutchfield - *Geometric Quantum Thermodynamics*  
ArXiv:2008.08683 - Under review in Physical Review X Quantum
- F. Anzà, J.P. Crutchfield - *Geometric Quantum State Estimation*  
ArXiv:2008.08679
- M. Ashrafi, F. Anzà, J.P. Crutchfield - *Szilard engines as quantum thermodynamical systems*  
ArXiv:2010.14652
- F. Anzà, A. Carollo, D. Valenti, B. Spagnolo - *Theoretical Models for High- $T_C$  superconductivity*  
Internal Note, Interdisciplinary group of Theoretical Physics, University of Palermo
- F. Anzà, G. Bellettini, L. Bianchi, *et al.* - *Search for  $W'$ -like resonances decaying to a Top and a Bottom quark in the Missing Transverse energy plus Jets Final State*  
CDF Public Note **11110** (2014)
- F. Anzà, D. Bortoletto, Q. Liu, F. Margaroli, B. Fuks, *Search for monotop signature at Tevatron CDF*  
Fermilab Note **10707** (2011)
- F. Anzà - *Typically growing entropy*  
*Romulus Magazine*, Wolfson College, University of Oxford

## Teaching, Mentoring, and Supervising

09/21 - Today Co-Supervisor of 2 PhD Students, University of Oxford and University of California, Davis

11/19–12/19 Invited course: **Introduction to Loop Quantum Gravity** at the University of Palermo  
09/19–Today Mentor for **Lead The Future**. Mentored over 10 students, currently mentoring 6, among Bachelor, Master and PhD.

12/18–Today Co-mentored 1 REU Summer student and helped mentoring 3 PhD students at U.C. Davis

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## Funding raised for research: Grants, Fellowships and Scholarships

12/18–08/22 **“Power of Information” grant** from Templeton World Charity Foundation ~ 330,000\$  
01/15–12/17 **“Angelo Della Riccia” grant**, for *DPhil at University of Oxford* ~ 55,000\$  
10/15–07/18 **“Wilfrid Knapp” scholarship**, *St. Catherine’s College, University of Oxford* ~ 20,000\$  
08/14–12/14 **Post-Lauream scholarship**, *University of Palermo* ~ 20,000\$  
01/13–07/13 **“Perfezionamento Estero” grant**, *University of Palermo* ~ 6,700\$  
10/12–03/13 **Erasmus Placement Scholarship**, *University of Pisa* ~ 5,000\$  
11/12–02/13 **University Student Fellowship**, *European Physical Society* ~ 2,200\$  
07/11–09/11 **INFN Summer Scholarship**, *Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, IL, USA*

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## Awards

04/21 **Postdoctoral Excellence award** from University of California, Davis  
04/19–04/19 **“Best oral presentation” award** at the U.C. Davis Postdoctoral Research Symposium  
26/07/2018 **“Information Engines Young Scholar” 2018** from Telluride Science Research Center  
26/09/2016 **“Gilberto Bernardini” award**, for *“Scientific industriousness”*, awarded by the “Società Italiana di Fisica” (Italian Physics Society)

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## Other professional activities

10/19- Today **Organizer** of Davis Quantum Journal Club - over 50 participants from 5 departments  
05/19–12/19 **Guest Editor** at “Entropy” (MDPI)  
10/16–12/17 **Visiting D.Phil. student**, International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, ITA  
10/16–03/17 **Organizer** of the Fifth Conference on Quantum Thermodynamics, Oxford, UK  
09/16- Today **Referee** for European Physical Journal Plus, Journal of Physics A (IOP), Quantum, Entropy (MDPI), Nature Quantum Information (NPJ), Journal of Statistical Physics, Physical Review X Quantum, General Relativity and Gravitation  
06/15–12/17 **Member of COST Action MP1209**, *“Thermodynamics in the quantum regime”*  
09/12–06/13 **Erasmus Placement Internship**, *Centre de Physique Theorique, Marseille, France*  
06/11–09/11 **Summer Internship**, *Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, IL, USA*  
01/09–10/09 **Apprenticeship for the government**, ARPA, *Simulation and analysis of electromagnetic fields in urban areas, Palermo, Italy*  
10/06–10/09 **Departmental Service**, *Member of the governing body of the Faculty “Scienze MM.FF.NN.”, University of Palermo, representing students, Palermo, Italy*

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## Professional Networks and societies

03/21- Today Invited member of the “Foundational Questions Institute” FQXi  
03/15- Today Member of “Institute of Physics”, London  
04/12- Today Member of “European Physical Society”  
04/10- Today Invited Member of “Società Italiana di Fisica” (Italian physics society)

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## Review panels - 2019

07/2019 FQXi large grants call: Intelligence and Agency in the physical world

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## Invited talks

10/19/2021 Qubit and Spacetime colloquium at Okinawa Institute for Science and Technology

- Talk's title: *Quantum thermodynamics of spacetime as a conceptual arena for quantum theories of gravity*  
 07/23/2021 Information Engines at the frontier of nanoscale thermodynamics
- Talk's title: *A geometric approach to the physics of open quantum systems*  
 07/30/2019 Information Engines at the frontier of nanoscale thermodynamics
- Talk's title: *Thermalization and Log-growth of local entanglement in Many-Body Localized systems*  
 07/01/2018 FQXi Workshop, The physics of Very simple observers
- Talk's title: *Pure-states statistical mechanics: On its foundations and applications to quantum gravity*  
 21/02 – 24/02 British Applied Mathematics Colloquium 2017, University of Surrey
- Talk's title: *Information-theoretic equilibrium and observable thermalization*

## Contributed talks

- 2013 - 2020 Over 30 contributed talks at conferences and workshops in: United Kingdom, Italy, United States, France, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Malta, Canada.
- Some topics *Exploiting and developing geometric tools for Quantum Information Science, Dynamical Systems approach to quantum physics, Quantum Thermodynamics, Quantum Statistical Mechanics, Quantum Gravity*

## Outreach

- 04/19 - Today **Outreach volunteer** for the *Ventricular Foundation*
- 01/16 – 12/17 **Workshop leader**, *Key Stage 3 Challenge Day, "Workshops on lasers"*

## Languages

- o **Italian** (native), **English** (proficient)

## Computing skills

- o Knowledge and experience with *Python, MatLab, Mathematica*
- o Long working experience under *MacOS, Linux/Unix* and *Windows*
- o Commercial software: *AutoCAD, WinEDT*

## References

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