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1. INTRODUZIONE

L'attività dell'OACT si è svolta a pieno ritmo pur tra le note difficoltà complessive dell'Ente ed in particolare per la situazione del personale, l'amarezza per la mancata equiparazione e la delusione per le proposte di inquadramento.

Alla fine dell'anno (17-18 Dicembre) abbiamo ricevuto la gradita visita dell'apposito Visiting Committee (Giuseppina Fabbiano, Jochen Greiner, Artie Hatzes). I contenuti del loro report non sono al momento noti. L'esperienza è stata comunque positiva ed è a giudizio del direttore di questa sede di Catania da applaudire, e da proseguire con cadenza periodica (suggerirei due anni).

2. PRINCIPALI LINEE DI RICERCA

L'attività di ricerca è continuata sulle linee tradizionali dell'Osservatorio di Catania (vedi <http://www.oact.inaf.it/>). In particolare:

- Ricerche a varie lunghezze d'onda su: Sole, Sistema Solare, Stelle, Mezzo Interstellare, Galassie Esterne, Cosmologia
- Astrobiologia e ricerche sui pianeti extrasolari
- Missioni Spaziali (WSO-UV, Solar Orbiter, SOHO, GAIA, Planck, HELAS, Kepler, COROT)
- Esperimenti di Laboratorio su processamenti energetici di materiali solidi
- Attività Tecnologiche su rivelatori e strumenti di piano focale
- Calcolo ad alte prestazioni ed Osservatorio Virtuale (incluso GRID-computing)

3. ATTIVITÀ SCIENTIFICA SVOLTA NEL 2007

Qui di seguito si riportano alcuni risultati ottenuti nel corso del 2007.

- **Fisica solare**

Project: **Solar physics research**

Staff: A. Bonanno, A.F. Lanza, P. Romano, D. Spadaro, M. Ternullo, R. Ventura

Associated: A.C. Lanzafame, F. Zuccarello (Univ. of Catania)

Technicians: E. Catinoto, P. Costa (solar activity patrol)

Non-staff: V. Battiato, L. Contarino (INAF-OACt contractors)

S. Guglielmino, R. Susino (PhD students, Univ. of Catania)

Collaborations:

National: INAF-OATO, INAF-OAA, INAF-OACN, Univ. of Firenze, Univ. of

Padova, Univ. of Roma- Tor Vergata, Univ. of Cosenza, Univ. of L'Aquila

International: NRL-Washington DC, Solaire EU Network, RAL-UK, MPS-Lindau, D, ROB-B

Abstract The solar physics research activity at INAF-OACt covers a variety of both theoretical and observational issues, from the solar interior to the heliosphere. The main objective is to investigate, as comprehensively as possible, the internal generation of the magnetic field and its coupling up to the outer solar atmosphere and heliosphere, through the study of a variety of physical processes occurring at different levels in the solar atmosphere.

Progress has been made toward understanding the problem of the solar dynamo. In particular it has extensively studied a dynamo action located at the base of the convection zone and driven by the meridional circulation.

The interaction among the interior magnetic fields, amplified and modulated by the solar dynamo, and rotation, meridional flow and turbulent thermal transport, which manifests itself as torsional oscillations, has been investigated and intensity and location of the source of such oscillations have been constrained.

Systematic monitoring of the photosphere and chromosphere activity phenomena in the framework of the solar patrol has allowed to create a large data base useful for studying fine structure details in spot distribution throughout solar cycles. A major result is that the spot zone centroid is stationary or even retrograde during about 36% of the solar cycle duration and that the spotted area markedly oscillates during the cycle in such a way as to suggest a dependence on the tachocline rotation rate oscillation.

The physical processes relevant to the emergence of magnetic flux tubes in the solar atmosphere have been investigated by means of high-resolution observations carried out by ground-based telescopes (IOACT, BBSO, DST) and space instruments (MDI/SOHO, EIT/SOHO, TRACE), and of numerical 3D MHD simulations of the buoyancy of magnetic flux tubes from the convection zone into the solar surface.

Physical processes responsible for the storage of the energy released during eruptive phenomena (flares, eruptive prominences and CMEs) have been studied by means of observational data coming from coordinated campaigns with particular attention to the magnetic helicity budget and magnetic reconnection processes.

Detailed analyses of space observations from different instruments on board of SOHO, such as SUMER, CDS, EIT and UVCS have allowed us to contribute to the better understanding of the structure and dynamics of the Sun's transition region

and coronal plasma physical conditions (even when significant departures from the ionization equilibrium take place) in regions of different magnetic configuration (loops, streamers, coronal holes) and during different phases of the solar cycle. In particular the hydrodynamic behavior of small, cool loops undergoing transient localized heating has been investigated and both the observed emission measure distribution and temperature dependence of the persistent redshifts have been reproduced. Studies of the quiet Sun transition region inhomogeneities based on spectra from SOHO/CDS indicated a photospheric composition of the transition region and inner corona with small variation from region to region. Spectroscopic diagnostic techniques and numerical codes for the spectral synthesis of the main EUV emission lines, which present a rich and varied source of diagnostic information about the solar corona, have been developed with the aim of constructing empirical models of the magnetic structures under examination.

▪ **Fisica stellare**

Project: Magnetic activity and rotation in late-type stars

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Technicians: P. Bruno, G. Occhipinti, E. Martinetti, S. Sardone

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Collaborations:

National: Department of Physics and Astronomy of the Catania University, Osservatorio Astronomico di Capodimonte (Napoli), Osservatorio Astronomico di Brera (Merate)

International: Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Marseille (France), Observatoire Astronomique de Strasbourg (France), Astrophysikalisches Institut Potsdam (Germany), ESO - Garching (Germany), CEIS - Tennessee State University (USA), Dept. of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Villanova Univ. (USA), JILA/CASA, Univ. of Colorado (USA), Ege University Observatory (Izmir, Turkey), Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University Observatory (Canakkale, Turkey), IIA- Indian Institute of Astrophysics (India), Instituto de Astronomía y Geodesia, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain)

Research items:

- Solar-Stellar Connection:
 - Active regions in stellar atmospheres
 - Multi-wavelength studies
 - Emission lines in transition and coronal regions

NLTE models of chromospheric lines (Ca IRT, H α , NaI)

Coronal X-ray emission

- Role of magnetic activity in stellar evolution
- Angular momentum evolution of solar type stars in solar neighborhood and in open clusters
- Theoretical models of the internal stellar rotation and magnetic fields in late-type stars
- Detection of extrasolar planets around magnetically active stars
- Development of new light curve modelling tools for the CoRoT space mission

Abstract: Our tradition of research in the field of magnetic activity in late-type stars dates back to the late sixties when the first observations of active subgiants in RS CVn binary systems and flare stars began. After four decades, we have an extended database to study activity cycles, preferential longitudes and orbital period variations in close active binaries. For instance, we have recently analysed radial velocity data and optical photometry of HR 1099 obtaining a description of its long-term activity. Other systems have also been studied spectroscopically, with novel techniques to map stellar photospheres and chromospheres to derive their physical parameters (e.g., temperature). The techniques to model optical photometry we developed for very active stars have been recently applied to the VIRGO observation of the Sun as a star to prepare for the analysis and modelling of the stellar observations by the CoRoT space experiment. From multi-band photometry, we plan to obtain information not only on spot longitudes and stellar differential rotation but also on the temperature and filling factor of surface inhomogeneities (spots and faculae) in an extended sample of solar-like stars. Moreover, we have an ongoing program to study rotation and angular momentum evolution in stellar clusters of different ages. From the theoretical point of view, we have developed models to interpret the exchanges of angular momentum inside the convection zone of active stars along their activity cycle due to the operation of non-linear dynamos, and models for the orbital period variations in close active binaries.

Project: Circumstellar environments

Towards a new era full of opportunities (ALMA, PLANCK, HERSCHEL, VLA, SKA)

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Associated: Leone, F., (Univ Ct),

Non-staff: Cerrigone, L. (Catania University and CfA, PhD student), Dolei, S. (Catania University, PhD student), Manzitto, P. (Catania University, PhD student), Siringo, C. (Catania University, PhD student); Toscano, S. (Catania University, PhD student)

Collaborations:

National: Burigana C., (INAF-IASF), WEBT-team

International: J. Hora, G. Fazio, M. Marengo (CfA), Olofsson H. (OSO), Giardino, G. (ESA), Paladini, R. (JPL)

Abstract: The aim of the present project is the study of circumstellar environments, associated to different classes of stellar objects, via radio observations (both single dish and interferometric).

The use of radio techniques has revealed to be very useful in the contest of multi-wavelengths approach, but to be unique for specific types of Galactic objects as it allows to point out some peculiar aspects of stellar physics.

The research is based on observations performed with the most updated radio facilities, both interferometers (VLA, VLBA, ATFN and MERLIN) and single antenna (IRAM 30m, INAF-IRA 32m), and consists of several sub-topics:

-Radio emission from active binary systems: long term monitoring to detect the onset of active periods and determine the long-term behaviour of radio emission (cycles). High resolution, multi-frequency study of flares evolution; study of morphological evolution of radio corona during flares; modelling of stellar coronae.

-Stellar Magnetospheres: determination of the geometry and physical properties of magnetospheres embracing Chemically Peculiar (CP) stars by simulation of their radio curves. Study of coherent emission from CPs.

-Foregrounds for CMB experiments: Individuation of sample of classes of Galactic objects possible foregrounds for the forthcoming ESA mission PLANCK; High frequency radio observations; contribution to the pre-launch PLANCK catalogue.

-Stellar ejecta around evolved stars: study of radio emission from YPNe (Young Planetary Nebulae) and PNe; detailed morphological comparison of mid-IR (SST and VLT) and radio properties of YPNe aimed to constraint shaping mechanisms of PNe; Study of radio, IR and mid-IR properties in LBVs (Luminous Blue Variables) and YPNe ejecta to determine geometry and mass-loss history; Study of dust properties in LBVs and YPNe ejecta to determine their chemical yield to ISM.

Most of these sub-topics would greatly benefit of the new radio-sub-millimetric facilities that will be online in the following years. Particularly important the case of stellar ejecta produced in late stages of stellar evolution, that via strong mass-loss contribute to the chemical enrichment of the ISM. The foreseen high sensitivity, high angular resolution and wide spectral coverage of ALMA will allow to maps, in details, the different components that coexist in stellar ejecta around YPNe and LBVs, even in the more compact one. ALMA will provide us with high resolution (better than $0.04''$) mm and sub-mm continuum maps of the ionized (free-free) gas and of the thermal emission from dusty components, plus the possibility to study the kinematics of ionized gas via recombination lines (i.e. $H40\alpha$, $H30\alpha$...).

Finally, it would be possible to obtain maps in the 1.2mm (230 GHz) CO line, with unprecedented resolution (better than $0.1''$) to determine the distribution and kinematics of molecular gas.

The morphological comparison of different emitting components, with comparable angular resolution and sensitivity, appears as the best approach, and the most

promising one, for a better understanding of physical and chemical properties of such ejecta and of the mass-loss and shaping processes which lead to their formation.

Project: Asteroseismology across the HR diagram

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Collaborations:

National: INAF – IASF Roma; INAF – Osservatorio Astronomico di Capodimonte, Napoli; INAF – Osservatorio Astronomico di Padova.

International: Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, Aarhus University, DK ; School of Physics, University of Sydney, Australia; Astrophysikalisches Institut Potsdam, D; ENEAS (European Network of Excellence in Asteroseismology); HELAS (Helio and Asteroseismology Network) ; KASC (Kepler Asteroseismic Science Consortium).

Abstract: Asteroseismology is an important field of research in modern astronomy, that is actively pursued at OACt. Broad regions of the H-R diagram, reflecting different evolutionary conditions, from main sequence, to the immediate post main sequence regions, to those of the extreme horizontal branch have been investigated both from theoretical and observational point of view. Observations, data analysis, code development for data analysis, stellar and pulsation modeling have been carried out at INAF-OACt in view of a comparison between theory and observations. In particular, the most important results on solar-type, beta-cepheids, delta-Scuti and sdB pulsators are presented and discussed.

Project: The early stellar evolutionary phases: Pre-Main Sequence and Young Stars

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Technicians: G. Carbonaro, A. Distefano, M. Miraglia

Non-staff: K. Biazzo, D. Gandolfi, L. Spezzi (INAF-OACt contractors)
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Collaborations:

National: INAF-OA Capodimonte (Napoli)

International: *Observatoire Astronomique de Strasbourg* (France), c2d (cores-to-disks) Spitzer Legacy (USA), Ege University Observatory (İzmir, Turkey), Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University Observatory (Canakkale , Turkey)

Research items:

- Very Young Stars in SFRs (Stars Forming Regions)

- Low-mass stars and brown dwarfs (BDs) in SFRs
- Circumstellar disks in PMS low-mass stars and young BDs
- Rotation and Angular Momentum Evolution in PMS stars

- Young Stars and Star Formation History in the Solar Neighbourhood

- Active Region Parameters in Pre-Main Sequence and Young Main Sequence Stars

- Starspot temperatures and areas
- Spots and plages

- Fundamental Astrophysical Parameters in Single and Binary Stars

For details see: <http://woac.ct.astro.it/ruppu/>

Abstract: Since about ten years, a group of researchers of the INAF-Catania Astrophysical Observatory, with a long experience in the physics of cool stars, has started to work in the field of star formation and early evolutionary stages in the framework of fruitful collaborations with colleagues of the INAF-Capodimonte Observatory (Napoli, Italy), Strasbourg Observatory (France), and c2d Spitzer team. In particular, we have concentrated our interest on pre-main sequence (PMS) stars in star forming regions (SFRs) and young stars in open clusters and in the solar neighborhood. Multi-site photometric campaigns extended over several years have been devoted to the study of rotational evolution of PMS stars in Taurus-Aurigae and Orion SFRs, leading also to the discovery of the first eclipsing binary composed of two solar-mass PMS stars. The census and characterization of the young population of poorly studied nearby SFRs - such as Cha II and L1615/L1616 - performed with optical and infrared wide-field imaging as well as multi-object spectroscopy, are mainly aimed at the determination of the initial mass function (IMF), which is still under debate, particularly in the very low-mass and sub-stellar regimes. The population of PMS objects down to the hydrogen burning limit, and beyond, has been studied in these SFRs. We have also discovered several objects surrounded by disks and, among these, the first brown dwarf in Cha II with a disk. A study of the population of young stars in the solar neighborhood is being conducted with coordinated large observing programs with the scope of better understanding the local star formation history. We are currently performing a spectroscopic follow-up of optical counterparts of X-ray sources selected by the cross-correlation of the RASS and TYCHO catalogues (RasTyc sample). More than 700 stars from this sample have been observed so far and several spectroscopic binary or multiple systems (more than 40%) have been found. Some ten new PMS objects (based on the LiI abundance) which are not related to any known SFRs or clusters have been also discovered.

Project: Evoluzione e correlata nucleosintesi delle stelle Asymptotic Giant Branch (AGB) e Super-Asymptotic Giant Branch (SAGB).

Staff: ---

Technicians: --

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Collaborations:

National: P.Ventura, F. D'Antona (INAF-OARoma)

International: L. Siess and M. Arnould , IAA-ULB, Belgio

Nel 2007 sono state affrontate alcune problematiche riguardanti l'evoluzione delle stelle SAGB calcolando un ampio set di modelli (90 modelli calcolati per 7 differenti valori di metallicità iniziale e 2 diverse trattazioni del mixing convettivo). Da tali simulazioni è emerso che: a) la formazione del flame termonucleare provoca lo sviluppo di un core degenere di neon e ossigeno, la cui massa e composizione influiscono sull'evoluzione finale delle stelle SAGB; b) in queste stelle ha luogo il fenomeno del second dredge-up con caratteristiche che dipendono fortemente dalla massa iniziale, fissati la metallicità e il trattamento del mixing convettivo; c) i valori delle masse M_{up} , M_{mas} e M_N hanno un comportamento non lineare con la metallicità iniziale e dipendono fortemente dal trattamento del mixing convettivo; d) esiste un possibile legame tra i valori di tali masse e la massa del core alla fine della fase del bruciamento dell'elio; e) confrontando i valori di M_N con quelli di M_{up} e M_{mas} , si ricava che entrambi i "canali evolutivi" finali (NeO-WD o stella di neutroni) sono possibili, tuttavia l'esatta frazione di stelle SAGB che conclude l'evoluzione in ognuno di questi due canali evolutivi finali dipende in modo sostanziale dall'effetto combinato di perdita di massa e crescita del core; f) esiste la possibilità di ricavare dei constrain sul rate di perdita di massa, tramite una connessione tra il destino finale delle stelle SAGB e il fenomeno del second dredge-up.

L'aver messo in evidenza, tramite il confronto dei valori di M_N con quelli di M_{up} e M_{mas} , l'esistenza di entrambi i "canali evolutivi" finali (NeO-WD o stella di neutroni) permette di affrontare in modo nuovo diverse problematiche astrofisiche legate alla distribuzione in massa delle nane bianche, al fenomeno delle cosiddette neon-novae e delle SN II-p subluminoase, alla evoluzione chimica delle galassie e dell'ISM, al rate di formazione stellare e ai processi di nucleosintesi di elementi oltre il "picco" del ferro.

Nel 2008 si intende estendere lo studio svolto a tali problematiche, in particolare si pensa di valutare l'efficienza dei processi di nucleosintesi di elementi oltre il "picco" del ferro che possono avere luogo sia nelle stelle SAGB sia nelle AGB più massive ($M_{ZAMS} \sim M_{up}$).

Project: Early type stars

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Technicians: --

Non-staff:

Collaborations:

National:

International: N. Markova (Institute of Astronomy, Smoljan, Bulgaria),

During 2007 the scientific activity devoted to the study of early type stars has been focused primarily toward two researches:

1) the study of possible helium stratification in the atmosphere of the star HD145792. This study lead to an unexspected important result about the classification of this object. In fact, analyzing FEROS spectra we discovered an important overabundance of helium with strong hints about vertical stratification.

2) We started the study of the Be star belonging to the spectroscopic binary system Beta Cep. We analyzed spectra obtained both with the facilities of our institute and downloaded from various archives. The aim is to draw the recent history of the H α emission that occurs in this star.

3) We analyzed a sample of Galactic O stars, with the aim to build the Wind-Momentum vs luminosity relationships. These relationships, one for each luminosity class, will be a very important tool to estimate stellar distance, simply measuring the mass-loss of the object.

- **Interazioni di ioni energetici e fotoni UV con materiali di interesse astrofisico**

Project: Laboratory studies of solids and molecules of astrophysical interest

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Collaborations:

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Università del Salento, Lecce (V. Orofino, A. Blanco)
Università Parthenope, Napoli (A. Rotundi)
Università di Catania (G. Compagnini, G. Foti, L. Calcagno)
Osservatorio Astronomico di Roma (E. Dotto)

Osservatorio Astronomico di Cagliari (G. Mulas)
Università di Padova (S. Marchi, M. Lazzarin)
Actinium Chemical Research, Roma (F. Cataldo)
International: NASA/Ames Research Center, CA (Y. Pendleton, T. Roush)
University of Virginia, VA (R.E. Johnson, R. Baragiola, M. Loeffler)
Escuela Politecnica Superior de Alcoy, Spain (O. Gomis, M. Domingo,
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University of Nottingham, UK (M. McCoustra, M. Collings)
Observatoire Paris Meudon, France (P. Vernazza, M.A. Barucci, M.
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DLR Berlin, Germany (L. Moroz)
INAF-TNG and IAC, Spain (N. Pinilla-Alonso, J. Licandro)
Queen's University Belfast, UK (R. McCoullagh, A. Hunniford)
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Abstract: Ices, silicates and carbonaceous materials have been detected in several astrophysical environments such as interstellar molecular clouds, comets, and planetary surfaces. These solids are continuously exposed to ion irradiation and UV photolysis. Our knowledge on the properties of solids and molecules and on the modification induced by fast ions (keV-MeV) and UV photons are mainly based on laboratory simulations and on the comparison of experimental results with observations. Here we will present the research activity developed in the Laboratory for Experimental Astrophysics and will give a few example of the role of laboratory experiments to our understanding of the physico-chemical properties of ices and dust in space.

- **Calcolo ad alte prestazioni, Visualizzazione scientifica e Grid Computing**

Project: **Cosmology & Astrophysical Software Technology**
(*Theory, Simulations and VO-Data Exploration*)

Staff: V. Antonuccio-Delogu, U. Becciani, A. Bonanno

Technical staff: A. Costa, P. Massimino

Non-staff: M. Comparato, V. Costa, B. Larsson, G. Caniglia, A. Grillo,
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Urpin (St. Petersburg), D. Elstner (AIP-Potsdam), J. Sommer-Larsen (Copenhagen)

Collaborations:

National: INAF: OA Trieste, OA Capodimonte, CINECA, INFN-Catania

International: Royal Obs. Edinburgh/IFOA, UK; University of Oxford, UK; AIP Potsdam, Germany; University of Warsaw; Poland; Slovak Academy of Sciences; N. Bohr Institute, Univ. Of, Copenhagen, Denmark; DARK Cosmology Center, Univ. of Copenhagen, Denmark; Univ. of St. Petersburg, Russia; Centre pour l'Energie Atomique (CEA), Saclay, France

The main challenge of this group lies in the synergy between astrophysical and technological research. Specific software tools for the execution and analysis of cosmological simulations are developed, exploiting the tight interaction between astrophysicists and software engineers. In addition to this, theoretical research on Early Universe set a bridge with the Theoretical Physics group at UniCT.

In more detail, we can identify three main research lines:

Theoretical cosmology (PI: A. Bonanno) - Physics of the Planck era, Large scale structure formation in modified gravity theories. BH physics.

Large Scale Structure/Galaxy Formation (PI: V. Antonuccio-Delogu)– A short list of the most significant and recent themes studied within this area:

-> Galaxy formation in Voids - Test of Peeble's 2001 conjecture: Can galaxies form in extreme underdense regions of the Universe? Do they represent a distinct galaxy population? Do they fit into the LCDM galaxy formation paradigm?

-> AGN feedback on their host galaxies – Jet-induced star formation: positive or negative feedback?

-> Weak Lensing simulations - Feasibility studies for the ESA application of DUNE

-> “Migration” towards the “Red Sequence” - N-body/SPH simulations of the evolution of stellar populations in early-type galaxies: Does the environment play a role in determining the epoch at which the RS build up?

HPC and Grid infrastructure (PI: U. Becciani)– The activities of this thread are mainly performed using HPC systems integrated within the Italian largest regional grid infrastructure. In particular, a parallel N-body tree code for LSS cosmological simulations (FLY, available at <http://www.oact.inaf.it/fly/>) has been developed and optimized.

-> Virtual Observatory: the main contribution is given by the development of the software package VisIVO (<http://visivo.oact.inaf.it>), an Open Source software for data visualization and exploration. One of its peculiar feature is that it can handle both simulated and observational data.

-> Another important contribution is a prototype of Theoretical data archive (TVO) within the EC-funded VO-DCA and VO-TECH projects (<http://www.astrocomp.it/itvo>).

▪ WSO/UV

Project: Field Camera Unit for WSO-UV (World Space Observatory for Ultraviolet)

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Collaborations:

National:

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INAF IASF Bologna

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Dip. di Fisica "E. Fermi", Univ. di Pisa

INAF Osservatorio Astrofisico di Arcetri

INAF Osservatorio Astronomico di Bologna,

INAF Osservatorio Astronomico di Cagliari

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INAF Osservatorio Astronomico di Padova

INAF Osservatorio Astronomico di Teramo

INAF Osservatorio Astronomico di Torino

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Institute of Astronomy, Russian Academy of Science, Russia

Institute of Astronomy, Tübingen University, Germany

National Astronomical Observatories, CAS, China

Facultad de Matemáticas, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid,

Spain

Leicester University, UK

This is a project funded by Italian Space Agency to perform a Phase A/B1 study of a three-channel UV and optical imager (FCU) for the focal plane of the 1.7m UV optimized Russian space telescope WSO-UV (contract ASI/INAF No. I/085/06/0). I. Pagano at Catania Astrophysical Observatory is the FCU Principal Investigator and Science Responsible for the ASI/INAF contract. The FCU consists of three channels: 1) FUV: *range*: 115-190 nm, *resolution*: 0.2 arcsec/px, *fov*: 6.6x6.6 arcmin²; 2) NUV: *range*: 150-280 nm, *resolution*: 0.03 arcsec/px, *fov*: 1x1 arcmin²; 3) UVO: *range*: 200-700 nm, *resolution*: 0.07 arcsec/px, *fov*: 4.7x4.7 arcmin². It will be possible to operate it in imaging, field-spectroscopy, polarimetric, and spectropolarimetric modes. The Preliminary Requirement Review (end of Phase A) has been done in Jul 2007. The science case for the FCU, its top level requirements,

the opto-mechanical design and the AIV and GSE plans are discussed in the Phase A Study Report retrievable from the main page of the Italian WSO-UV site (<http://www.oact.inaf.it/wso/index.htm>), where it is possible to find more information on the project itself. The activities regulated by this ASI/INAF contract have required about 20 FTE during 2007.

- **Attività tecnologiche**

Project: Innovative detectors for astrophysical applications

Staff: Giovanni Bonanno, Massimiliano Belluso, Salvatore Scuderi

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Non-staff: Salvatore Di Mauro, Sergio Billotta

Collaborations:

National: Università Padova, Università Firenze, Università Reggio Calabria, INAF Torino, Politecnico Milano, CNR-IMM Catania, INFN Catania, ST Microelectronics Catania, Hitec2000

International: ESO, Xilinx

The Catania Astrophysical Observatory has been involved since a long time in research activities devoted to the development of instrumentation for ground-based and space-borne astronomy, with special care to the study and the design of high efficiency two-dimensional detectors.

Typical products of this activity are “Front-End electronics” for CCD detectors, photon counting systems, image acquisition and reduction, electro-optical characterization of detectors for ground-based and for space telescopes.

After a significant and successful contribution to the development of the TNG instrumentation, including the characterization of all the CCD used in the instruments, a search program dedicated to select new detectors useful for astronomical observations, both from earth and the space has been undertaken. Three kind of detectors in particular have been investigated and still are under investigation: two suitable for Ultra-Violet observations, one based on diamond (see funds PRIN-2004) and one based on Silicon Carbide, and the third based on silicon sensors operating in photon counting regime (see funds PRIN-2004, PRIN-2006) useful as detector for the QuantEYE project that has the main goal of developing a prototype instrument capable of a very high time-resolution for optical astronomy, with good quantum efficiency from the blue to the red, a very broad dynamic range (more than 20 mag), a time tagging capability better than 100 picoseconds for minutes or even hours. This instrument will be capable to explore astrophysical variability down to the nanosecond scales.

There is a strong need for a significant R&D advance in technological areas such as:

- multi-beam combination techniques,
- integrated optics,

- wavefront assessment and control,
- high speed and efficient IR/optical detectors
- specialised electronic integrated circuit (ASIC and FPGA)

all are crucial for the extension of the European interferometric facility. Our group collaborates with other INAF research structures (see funds PRIN INAF 2006) to perform lab verifications and prototyping to identify improvements and proven solutions applicable to the current instruments and to the next generation.

The detector group, called COLD (Catania Astrophysical Observatory Laboratory for Detectors) thanks to the long experience on design and development of detector electronic controllers, cryogenic and mechanical systems, contributes positively and actively to various Italian and local small-medium companies. This activity of technological transfer has been started during the development of the CCD controllers for the TNG, collaborating with an electronic small business company located in La Spezia, and is continuing with the ST Microelectronics (see funds contract 2007) and various local hi-tech small companies (see funds UIT-INAF and POR Sicilia). This activity allows the small companies to :

- use scientific methodologies on the development of their products,
- realise scientific instruments by themselves,
- be able to make proposals for future instruments,
- claim national/international patents on new devices.

4. INFRASTRUTTURE OSSERVATIVE, LABORATORI, ATTREZZATURE DI CALCOLO

Infrastrutture Osservative

La barra solare (<http://web.ct.astro.it/sun/>)

Sono prodeguite le osservazioni solari che vengono condotte da più di un secolo. La barra equatoriale, collocata in una cupola della sede cittadina, consiste di un rifrattore Cook (150/2230 mm) and 6 banchi ottici. Le osservazioni giornaliere, rese disponibili sul web, consistono di:

- osservazioni della fotosfera in luce bianca, con disegni manuali della morfologia delle macchie e dei gruppi di macchie;
- immagini della cromosfera in H α (larghezza di banda 0.25-0.5 Å) usando una camera CCD (2048 x 2048 pixel, range dinamico 16 bit); le immagini digitali sono acquisite ogni 15 min al centro della riga ed ogni 60 min alle ali. Nel caso di eventi ad evoluzione rapida (flares etc.) le immagini vengono acquisite ogni minuto.

Il controller CCD è sotto sviluppato e viene mantenuto dal nostro team COLD.

La stazione osservativa

La stazione osservativa è sita in Serra La Nave, sull' Etna, ad un'altezza di circa 1700 m s.l.m.. Nella sede sono allocati cinque telescopi in tre diversi edifici:

- **Riflettore Cassegrain** (Tinsley-Marchiori) Ø 91cm, f/15. Attualmente è perfettamente operativo ed equipaggiato con un fotometro (filtri UBV, Stromgren; risoluzione temporale 0.1 sec) ed uno spettrografo (FRESCO Fiber-optic Reosc Echelle Spectrograph of Catania Observatory). Il telescopio con lo spettrografo fanno parte della rete dei piccoli telescopi nazionali in corso di avviamento.
- **Schmidt** (Cox - Hargreaves & Tompson - Sarti) a grande campo, Ø 61-41cm, f/4.5. Attualmente in manutenzione.
- **APT-80/1, Automated Photometric Telescope** (AutoScope Co., Tucson AZ, USA) Ritchey-Chretien Ø 80cm, f/10, equipaggiato con un fotometro fotoelettrico (UBV).
- **APT-80/2, Automated Photometric Telescope** (Marcon) Cassegrain Ø 80cm, f/8, equipaggiato con una camera CCD.
- **MEADE** Ø 40cm, f/10, per osservazioni visuali (divulgazione)

L'automazione dei telescopi è sotto la responsabilità di un gruppo di tecnici dell'Osservatorio.

Laboratori

COLD (Catania astrophysical Observatory Laboratory for Detectors)

Facilities:

- Quantum Efficiency measurements system in the 130-1100 nm spectral range
- X-Ray source Fe55 for X-Ray analysis
- Two optical benches and various optical components specialized for detector characterization
- A system based on a reflective objective for the measurements of spatial resolution of large format CCD and new technology detectors
- various vacuum systems
- a 3 x 3 meters squared clean room class 100
- various electronic benches equipped with oscilloscopes and multimeters
- software tools:
 - a Xilinx Field Programmable Gate Array development system
 - various electronic CAD (Orcad, Cadence) including simulation packages
 - Zemax optical CAD

LASP (Laboratory for Experimental Astrophysics)

Facilities and Equipment

Facilities:

- Ion and UV irradiation center
- High Vacuum (better than 10^{-7} mbar, or $7.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$ torr) scattering chamber

Equipment:

- Ion implanter Danfysik 1080 200kV
- Cryocooler CTI (min. operating temperature 10 K)
- Macro-micro FTIR Spectrophotometers Bruker (0.5-200 micron)
- Fully equipped (integrating sphere) UV-VIS-NIR Spectrophotometer Perkin-Elmer Lambda 19 (175-3200 nm)
- Confocal Raman spectrograph (macro and micro) with triple monochromator Spex 1877, CCD detector
- Lasers: Ar ions 300 mW; He-Ne 35 mW
- OPTHOS VUV Lamp 10.2 eV
- FTIR Spectrophotometer Perkin-Elmer System 1710 (2.3-25 micron)

- Accessory for Specular Reflection Spectroscopy (Perkin-Elmer)
- Quartz balances
- Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer, QMS 200, PRISMA (Balzers)

CED

Computer center of the Catania Astrophysical Observatory.

LAN Infrastructure:

Ethernet 1 Gbits (cable and optical fiber), WLAN 54Mbits, Radio Link 5GHz from/to SLN.

Network devices: Cisco router Catalyst 4506, 4xCisco switch 3560, Cisco Firewall Pix 25

Server for common services: Dell Edge 2800 2xCPU Xeon 3GHz, 2x2850 CPU Xeon 3GHz, 4GB RAM, SCSI HD, PowerVault System SAN (Storage Area Network) 1.7 TB, SAN Microsys 3.5 TB, CompaQ Alphaserver DS10.

Operating system: Suse Linux 10.2, Suse Linux Enterprise, Windows 2003 server, OpenVMS

Common services: Accounting, SMTP, POP3, IMAP, Webmail, SSH, DHCP, SFTP, FTP, DNS, HTTP, HTTPS, NIS Cluster, IDS

Common computing facilities: Astronomical software packages IDL and IRAF, PGI Fortran HPF with OpenMP

Facilities:

Digital archive of Sun images, OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue), ACNP Catalogue (National Union Catalogue of Periodicals), CUBAI (Italian Astrophysical Observatories Unified Catalogue), List of publications. List of preprints, Historical archive, Astronomical utilities (Almanac, Sun and Lunar Eclipses, Skydraw), POE (Public Outreach Education).

Supercomputing

Server Trigrid: Server Trigrid: BladeCenter 7U Chassis, 14 bays, 2 hot-swap & redundant switch & load-bal;

14 Blade each with: two CPU Opteron dual-core 280, 2GB RAM per core, HD 73.4GB Ultra SCSI 320,

2 Link Gbits ethernet blade autosensing, Interconnection Infiniband 1X blade integrated, Storage node x346 two CPU Xeon 3.06 GHz 4GB RAM, 6 TBytes.

Server Cometa: BladeCenter 7U Chassis, 16 bays, 2 hot-swap & redundant switch & load-bal;

14 Blade each with: two CPU Opteron dual-core 280, 2GB RAM per core, HD 73.4GB Ultra SCSI 320,

2 Link Gbits ethernet blade autosensing, Interconnection Infiniband 4X blade integrated, Storage node x346 two CPU Xeon 3.06 GHz 4GB RAM, 10 TBytes.

Operating System: Scientific Linux CERN 3.05

Facilities

Development environment: C – C++ - Fortran77 – Fortran90

Parallel libraries: MPICH, MPICH2, MVAPICH, MVAPICH2

5. COLLABORAZIONI INTERNAZIONALI IN ATTO

(limitate a quelle formalizzate)

Scientific and Technological Joint Research Projects under the Indo-Italian Executive Program of Cooperation (POC) in Science and Technology 2005-2007
Funded by Italian Ministero Affari Esteri (MAE) and Indian Department of Science and Technology (DST)

Project title: PhT.8: "Study of stellar magnetic activity in late-type stars"
Italian P.I. Sergio Messina (INAF-Catania Astrophysical Observatory)
Indian P.I. Padmakar Parihar Singh (India Institute of Astrophysics)

Il progetto è stato ripresentato per il triennio 2008-2010. La selezione avverrà a Gennaio 2008.

6. ATTIVITÀ DI ALTA FORMAZIONE E INTERAZIONI CON L'UNIVERSITÀ

(corsi, tesi di laurea e di dottorato, collaborazioni INAF-Università)

L'attività si esplica con:

- collaborazione ai corsi universitari
- corsi nell'ambito del dottorato di ricerca in Fisica (sez. Astrofisica)
- supporto e assistenza all'attività osservativa degli studenti e docenti con accesso alla struttura logistica di SLN
- tutoraggio di tesi di laurea e dottorato
- stage presso l'Osservatorio degli studenti di fisica ed ingegneria della Scuola Superiore di Eccellenza di Catania di cui l'Osservatorio è Socio Ordinario
- tutoraggio studenti Scuola Superiore di Eccellenza

Collaborazione a corsi universitari ed esami:

A.A. 2006-07:

- Partecipazioni a Commissioni di esami, di Astronomia per il corso di laurea in Fisica e di Fisica I per il corso di laurea in Geologia, Fisica Solare, Astronomia per corso di laurea in Matematica G. Cutispoto, E. Marilli, D. Spadaro, I. Pagano, P. Romano
- Lezioni (20 ore) per il corso di Fisica I per il corso di laurea in Geologia, di Francesca Zuccarello tenute da P. Romano
- Lezioni (12 ore) per il corso di Laboratorio di Astrofisica di A. Zappalà tenute da M.E. Palumbo e G. Baratta.
- Lezioni (12 ore) per il corso di Laboratorio di Astrofisica di A. Zappalà tenute da S. Scuderi
- Lezioni (12 ore) per il corso di Laboratorio di Astrofisica di A. Zappalà tenute da P. Romano
- Corso di Radioastronomia tenuto da Corrado Trigilio con incarico dalla Facoltà.

Tesi di laurea

Co-relatori delle seguenti TESI DI LAUREA in Fisica:

- Dicembre 2007 - Corrado Trigilio: Tesi di diploma di licenza Scuola Superiore di Catania di **Alessandro Di Mare**. Titolo: Parametri cosmologici dall'analisi di dati di WMAP
- In corso: Gaetano Scandariato, Tesi: "IR/Optical survey of the Orion Cluster", relatori M. Robberto (STScI), I. Pagano, L. Paternò

Corsi per il dottorato di ricerca in fisica o per la Scuola Superiore di Eccellenza

- Fisica Computazionale - U. Becciani, 25 ore

- Attività Stellare - I. Pagano, 16 ore
- Fisica delle radiosorgenti Galattiche - G. Umana, 20 ore
- Plasmi astrofisici - A. F Lanza. 20 ore
- Cosmologia- V. Antonuccio 20 ore

Personale Universitario Associato INAF

<u>NOME</u>	POSIZIONE
BELVEDERE Gaetano	Professore Ordinario
BLANCO Carlo	Professore Ordinario
LANZAFAME Alessandro	Ricercatore
LEONE Franco	Professore Associato
PATERNÒ Lucio	Professore Ordinario
ZAPPALÀ Aldo	Professore Associato
ZUCCARELLO Francesca	Professore Associato
CONTARINO Lidia	Assegnista

Dottorandi con borsa Universitaria

<u>NOME</u>	POSIZIONE
BONOMO Aldo	Ph. D.
CERRIGONE Luciano	Ph. D.
COMPARATO Marco	Ph. D.
DE MARTINO Carmen	Ph. D.
DOLEI Sergio	Ph. D.
FULVIO Daniele	Ph. D.
GUGLIEMINO Salvo	Ph. D.
MANZITTO Patrizia	Ph. D.
MESSINA Angela	Ph. D.
MIGNEMI Beppe	Ph. D.
PILUSO Nicolo'	Ph. D.
SIRINGO Claudia	Ph. D.
SPADA Federico	Ph. D.
SUSINO Roberto	Ph. D.

Dottorandi con tutor dell'Osservatorio nel corso del 2007

- Bonomo Aldo - Tesi: Planetary transit search methods for magnetically active late-type stars. Tutor A. Lanza
- Brunetto Rosario - Tesi: Space weathering in the Solar System. Tutor: G Strazzulla
- Cerrigone Luciano - Tesi: Proprietà radio ed infrarosse di giovani Nebulose Planetarie -Tutor: G. Umana, C. Trigilio
- DeMartino Carmen - Tesi: Titolo non definito . Tutor: I. Pagano
- Manzitto Patrizia - Tesi: Studio delle proprietà radio, millimetriche ed infrarosse delle Nebulose Planetarie. Tutor: G. Umana, C. Trigilio
- Mignemi Giuseppe- Tesi: Titolo non definito. Tutor A. Frasca
- Piluso Nicolò – Titolo: Photometric and spectroscopic modelling of brightness inhomogeneities in the photospheres of magnetically active late-type stars. Tutor A. Lanza
- Siringo Claudia – Titolo non definito Tutor: G. Umana, C. Trigilio
- Toscano Simona - Tesi; Radio emission from the active binary HR1099 during an active period. Tutor: C. Trigilio, G. Umana

7. ATTIVITÀ DIVULGATIVE, DI OUTREACH E MUSEALI

E' proseguita l'attività di divulgazione scientifica (http://www.oact.inaf.it/outreach_it.html) e sono stati incrementati i rapporti con la stampa locale (<http://www.oact.inaf.it/press.html>), in particolare:

Visite guidate (http://www.oact.inaf.it/visite/Calendario_2007.htm):

- 90 visite guidate di scolaresche e gruppi privati organizzati alla sede di Catania (per un totale di circa 3950 partecipanti)
- 80 visite guidate di scolaresche e gruppi privati organizzati alla sede di Serra la Nave (per un totale di circa 3700 partecipanti)

Partecipazione alle iniziative promosse dal MIUR - Eventi Speciali
(http://www.oact.inaf.it/visite/Speciali_2007.htm)

- XVII° Settimana della Cultura Scientifica (19-25 Marzo)
- "Open Doors day" per [l'Anno Internazionale di Elio fisica](#) (10 Giugno)
- Progetto lauree scientifiche
- [Osservazioni delle "Perseidi"](#) (10-13 Agosto) con apertura al pubblico della sede di Serra la Nave a partire dalle ore 20:00, proiezioni multimediali e visite guidate (per un totale di oltre 800 partecipanti).

Conferenze Pubbliche e corsi di aggiornamento per docenti e/o studenti
(http://www.oact.inaf.it/visite/Conferenze_2007.htm)

Nel corso del 2007 sono state tenute 16 conferenze (pubbliche o presso scuole) e 26 lezioni per 6 corsi di aggiornamento per docenti e/o studenti. Queste iniziative hanno coinvolto almeno 1350 partecipanti.

Concorsi per alunni delle scuole elementari, medie e superiori

Nell'ambito delle iniziative divulgative promosse per l'Anno Internazionale di Elio fisica 2007 sono stati indetti i seguenti concorsi:

1. "Osserva il cielo e disegna le tue emozioni", per gli alunni delle scuole elementari (gli studenti sono stati invitati alla realizzazione di disegni con tema il Sole, il Sistema Solare o ogni altro soggetto di carattere astronomico, 256 gli elaborati pervenuti: http://www.oact.inaf.it/visite/Concorso_2007.htm), i vincitori sono stati premiati nel corso dell'[Open Doors Day](#)" per l'Anno Elio fisico Internazionale;
2. "La Terra, Il Sole e oltre ", per gli alunni delle scuole medie (gli studenti sono stati invitati alla realizzazione di materiale grafico con soggetto di carattere astronomico, i vincitori sono stati premiati nel corso dell'[Open Doors Day](#)" per l'Anno Elio fisico Internazionale;
3. "Una presentazione solare", per gli alunni delle scuole superiori (gli studenti sono stati invitati alla realizzazione di una presentazione power-point con tema il Sole), i vincitori sono stati premiati nel corso della [cerimonia conclusiva](#) delle iniziative per l'Anno Elio fisico Internazionale.

Olimpiadi italiane di Astronomia 2007

L'Osservatorio Astrofisico di Catania è stato responsabile dell'organizzazione delle fasi di preselezione e regionale (quest'ultima in collaborazione con la Scuola Superiore dell'Università degli studi di Catania) delle Olimpiadi Italiane di Astronomia 2007 per l'Italia del sud (Sardegna, Campania, Basilicata, Calabria e Sicilia).

8. SEMINARI E CONVEGNI

(quest'ultimi, limitatamente a quelli organizzati dalla Struttura)

Scuole e congressi

Nel corso del 2007 abbiamo organizzato le seguenti scuole e congressi:

- ✓ *The joint WG2 Components Separation and WG7 Planck Galactic and Solar System Science Meeting*, Catania Museo Diocesano, 12-13 e 15-17 Gen
(<http://www.oact.inaf.it/planck07/index.html>)
- ✓ *Catania workshop on Nuclear and Neutrino Astrophysics*
(<http://nemoweb.lns.infn.it/wna/>)
- ✓ *Catania student's week*, Prima Edizione, 19-22 Feb
(<http://www.oact.inaf.it/studentweek/index.html>)
- ✓ *The first VisIVO Tutorial* 6 Mar
- ✓ *Gruppo Nazionale per la spettroscopia Raman e gli effetti ottici non lineari* (GNSR), XX Meeting Nazionale, 25-26 Giu
(<http://wwwold.unict.it/gnsr/en/home.html>)
- ✓ *Fourth European Summer School on Experimental Nuclear Astrophysics*, 26 Set–3 Ott
(<http://www.lns.infn.it/astro2007/index.htm>)
- ✓ *MHD Laboratory Experiments for Geophysics and Astrophysics*, 1-3 Ott
(<http://www.oact.inaf.it/couette07/index.html>)
- ✓ *WSO-UV Field Camera Unit meeting: toward the ISRR* 23-25 Ott
(<http://www.oact.inaf.it/wso/2007-10-23.htm#Agenda>)

Attività seminariale.

Abbiamo organizzato circa quaranta seminari (http://www.oact.inaf.it/seminars_it.html) di diversa tipologia: seminari di ospiti esterni, degli “Amici dell’Osservatorio” cioè di colleghi che operano nell’area catanese e che hanno avuto collaborazioni e/o interessi scientifici comuni con l’Osservatorio, seminari interni anche nell’ambito di mini-workshops.

9. PERSONALE DELLA STRUTTURA

(elenchi al 31.12.2007)

Personale di Ricerc (Dipendenti)

Assunzioni: Cristian Pontoni (Tecnologo III Livello TD)

Cessazioni: Nessuna

Nome	Ruolo	Macroarea prima/seconda scelta
Bonanno Giovanni	Ordinario	Technol / Stars&ISM
Strazzulla Giovanni	Ordinario	Sun&SS / Stars&ISM
Baratta Giuseppe A.	Associato	Sun&SS / Stars&ISM
Cutispoto Giuseppe	Associato	Stars&ISM / Sun&SS
Lanza Antonio F.	Associato	Stars&ISM / Sun&SS
Magazzù Antonio	Associato	
Marilli Ettore	Associato	Stars&ISM / Sun&SS
Spadaro Daniele	Associato	Sun&SS / technol
Trigilio Corrado	Primo Ricercatore	Stars&ISM/Relativistic
Umana Grazia	Primo Ricercatore	Stars&ISM/Relativistic
Antonuccio-Delogu Vincenzo	Ricercatore	Cosmol / Technol
Becciani Ugo	Ricercatore	Technol / Cosmol
Bonanno Alfio	Ricercatore	Stars&ISM / Cosmol
Buemi Carla	Ricercatore	Stars&ISM/Relativistic
Busà Innocenza	Ricercatore	Stars&ISM / Cosmol
Catanzaro Giovanni	Ricercatore	Stars&ISM / Sun&SS
Casentino Rosario	Ricercatore	
Frasca Antonio	Ricercatore	Stars&ISM / Sun&SS
Lanzafame Giuseppe	Ricercatore	Stars&ISM
Leto Giuseppe	Ricercatore	Sun&SS / Stars&ISM
Messina Sergio	Ricercatore	Stars&ISM / Sun&SS
Pagano Isabella	Ricercatore	Stars&ISM / Technol
Palumbo Maria Elisabetta	Ricercatore	Sun&SS / Stars&ISM
Romano Paolo	Ricercatore	Sun&SS / Stars&ISM
Scuderi Salvatore	Ricercatore	Technol / Stars&ISM
Ternullo Maurizio	Ricercatore	Sun&SS / Stars&ISM
Ventura Rita	Ricercatore	Sun&SS / Stars&ISM
Pontoni Cristian	Tecnologo III liv TD	Technol

Personale tecnico-amministrativo

Assunzioni : Giglio Anna cat C2 (mobilità)

Cessazioni: Wanausek Antonino: Cat. C4 – area tecnica, tecnico scientifica ed elaborazione dati. Pensionamento dal 01.12.2007

Si fa inoltre notare che le seguenti unità di personale operano il servizio a tempo parziale:

Domina Daniela: Cat. C4 – area biblioteca: 88%

Corsaro Gaetano Cat. B3 – area servizi generali e tecnici: 50%

Ventimiglia Agata Cat. B3 – area servizi generali e tecnici; in aspettativa da Novembre

Timpanaro Maria Cristina: Cat B4 area servizi generali 83.33 %

<u>NOME</u>	SETTORE	Categoria
BELLASSAI Giancarlo	Ufficio tecnico	C3
BELLUSO Massimiliano	Laboratorio COLD	D2
BRUNO Pietro	Laboratorio Software	C5
BUSNE' Giuseppe	Amministrazione	C2
CALI Maddalena	Servizi Generali	B4
CARBONARO Giuseppe	Laboratorio Meccanico	C4
CARIPOLI Giuseppe	Biblioteca	D4
CARUSO Maria Rita	Servizi generali SLN	B3
CATINOTO Enrico	Laboratorio Solare	D4
CORSARO Gaetano	Servizi Generali SLN	B3
COSTA Alessandro	Centro di Calcolo	D2
COSTA Pierfrancesco	Laboratorio Solare	C2
DI BENEDETTO Rosario	Laboratorio Elettrico	D4
DISTEFANO Antonio	Laboratorio Meccanico	B4
DOMINA Daniela	Biblioteca	C4
GIGLIO Anna	Amministrazione	C2
GIUFFRIDA Alfio	Centro di Calcolo	B4
GRECO Vincenzo	Laboratorio Software	C5
LAMPÒ Rocco	Servizi generali	C4
MANGANO Angela	Biblioteca	D4
MARTINETTI Eugenio	Laboratorio Elettronico	C5
MASSIMINO Piero	Centro di calcolo	EP3
MELLINI Maria	Amministrazione	C5
MESSINEO Marina	Amministrazione	D1
MICCICHE' Antonio	Laboratorio COLD	C2
MIRAGLIA Massimo	Laboratorio meccanico	C4
OCCHIPINTI Giovanni	Laboratorio meccanico	C2
RECUPERO Daniela	Biblioteca	C4
ROMANIA Valentina	Amministrazione	C2
SACCONI Rosaria	Servizi Generali	B4
SANTAGATI Luigia	Biblioteca	C4
SANTOCONO Orazio	Servizi generali	B3

SARDONE Stefano	Laboratorio meccanico	EP3
SCAFILI Marcella	Amministrazione	C3
SCUDERI Cosimo	Servizi generali SLN	B3
SPINELLA Francesco	Laboratorio Astrofisica	EP3
TIMPANARO M.Cristina	Laboratorio COLD	B4
TRINGALE Gaetana	Amministrazione	C5
VENTIMIGLIA Agata	Servizi Generali	B3
ZINGALE Giuseppe	Servizi generali	B3

Contrattisti borsisti etc.:

<u>NOME</u>	POSIZIONE
Biazzo Katia	Borsista
Comparato Marco	Contrattista
Contarino Lidia	Contrattista
Dimauro Salvo	Contrattista
Di Stefano Elisa	Borsista
Munari Matteo	Borsistaa
Spezzi Loredana	Borsista

10. INCREMENTI DI PERSONALE RICHIESTI NEL TRIENNIO 2008-2010

Sviluppo previsto

Personale tecnico-amministrativo

Qualifica /Anno	2008	2009	2010
Tecnologo amministrativo	1		
V Amministrativo	1	1	1
V CTERInformatico	1	1	1
VI CTER tecnico	1	1	1
VII Amministrativo			1
VIII Amministrativo	1		
Totale	5	3	4

Personale di ricerca

Una unità di Dirigente di Ricerca prenderà servizio a metà Gennaio 2008. Le esigenze per gli anni a seguire sono:

Qualifica /Anno	2008	2009	2010
Dirigente di ricerca		1	1
Primo Ricercatore	2	2	2
Ricercatore	3	2	3
Dirigente Tecnologo			
Primo Tecnologo	2	1	1
Tecnologo	3	2	3
Totale	10	8	10

11. FINANZIAMENTI RICEVUTI NEL 2007

Fondo (kiloeuro)	2007
INAF-FFO	600
PRIN MUR	45
MUR Outreach	20
Progetto COMETA	250 (a)
Contratti ASI	35
ASI- Progetto WSO/UV	360 (b)
UE- Virtual Observatory	29
Sicilia	35
Ditte Private	16
<i>TOTAL (keuro)</i>	<i>1390</i>

^(a)Fondi amministrati dal consorzio COMETA

^(b)Parte dei fondi vanno a gruppi esterni

12. EDILIZIA

Il programma edilizio dell'INAF-Osservatorio Astrofisico di Catania per il triennio 2008-2010 è orientato, secondo il sottostante ordine prioritario, allo sviluppo dei seguenti indirizzi:

- I. costruzione edificio aggiuntivo; Sede A. Riccò di Catania;
- II. completamento padiglione per telescopi automatici – Sede M.G. Fracastoro in località Serra La Nave;
- III. realizzazione del laboratorio per l'alluminatura – Sede M. G. Fracastoro in località Serra La Nave;
- IV. manutenzione straordinaria degli edifici della Sede Stellare; Sede M. G. Fracastoro in località Serra La Nave;
- V. manutenzione ordinaria nelle due sedi;
- VI. riqualificazione interna Ala ESt – Sede A. Riccò di Catania;
- VII. sistemazione esterna Ala Est - Sede A. Riccò di Catania;
- VIII. sistemazione aree di parcheggio – Sede A. Riccò di Catania;
- IX. sistemazione area a verde - Sede A. Riccò di Catania.

Il programma delle opere sopra elencate è solo in parte già finanziato. In particolare per quanto riguarda la costruzione dell'edificio aggiuntivo di cui al punto I: L'edificio sarà costruito sull'area di 2.500 mq, limitrofa all'edificio esistente e messa a disposizione a titolo gratuito dall'Università di Catania. Il progetto di massima ha avuto il parere favorevole del CRA ed è già stato in parte finanziato dal MIUR negli anni scorsi (disponibili € 631.900), ma occorre un'integrazione consistente del fondo. A seguito della conformità edilizia l'Ufficio del Genio Civile a Competenza Statale della Provincia di Catania ha già ricevuto incarico di elaborare il progetto esecutivo, che dovrà essere poi sottoposto al C.T.A. di Palermo ed agli altri Enti di competenza per le definitive autorizzazioni.

Inoltre, a completamento dei lavori di realizzazione dell'edificio aggiuntivo si prevede di aggiornare l'arredamento del laboratorio rivelatori, del laboratorio ottico-meccanico (posti e banchi di lavoro, scaffalature ed armadi), scaffalatura mobile e compattabile per la biblioteca, nonché nuovi posti di lavoro per personale ricercatore e tecnico amministrativo da sistemare nei locali lasciati liberi dal trasferimento degli attuali laboratori. Non appena sarà redatta la versione esecutiva si potrà avere l'esatta quantificazione della spesa che al momento si può verosimilmente stimare in 3.700. K€ (in parte già finanziata per K€ 0,6). Lo sviluppo del progetto e la pianificazione di spesa nel triennio, che nell'anno 2008 prevede già di impegnare le somme a disposizione per le indagini geologiche, preparazione e pubblicazione bando di gara di appalto, onorari progettisti, etc, è prevista come segue:

- a) *primo anno*: inizio lavori e sviluppo strutture principali, previsione di spesa 2.200.000 €
- b) *secondo anno*: completamento edificio, previsione di spesa 700.000 €
- c) *terzo anno*: completamento, collaudo ed attrezzature 200.000 €

13. PUBBLICAZIONI

Produzione scientifica dal 2005 (per confronto):

Tipo	2005	2006	2007
Riviste con referee: pubblicati	41	65	61
“ in stampa	13	16	17
“ sottomessi	5	7	16
Relazioni su invito	7	9	14
Presentazioni a congressi	42	86	51
Rapporti tecnici	1	3	28
Altre pubblicazioni	12	12	11
TOTALE	121	198	198

14. PUNTI DI FORZA ED ELEMENTI DI CRITICITÀ DELLA STRUTTURA

Punti di forza:

- L'entusiasmo e la passione con cui la grande maggioranza del personale staff e non svolgono il proprio lavoro
- La perfetta sintonia con la componente Universitaria con la quale co-abitiamo con reciproco vantaggio

Punti di criticità

E' necessario aumentare la nostra visibilità esterna. Il nostro lavoro è meno riconosciuto di quanto meriti.

Problematiche connesse con il funzionamento dell'intero INAF (ad esempio: mancato turn-over del personale, poca chiarezza tra i compiti del centro e quelli della periferia, mancanza di reale sinergia e management unitario di fondi esterni ed interni).

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