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Appointments

- 09/'11- : Associate Professor,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Physics Department
- 09/'05-08/'11: Assistant Professor,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Physics Department
- 10/'03-08/'05: Postdoctoral Researcher,
University of California, Davis, Physics Department
- 10/'02-10/'03: Postdoctoral Researcher,
Laboratoire d'Annecy-Le-Vieux de Physique Théorique
- 11/'01-10/'02: Postdoctoral Researcher,
Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris

Education

- 11/'97-10/'01: Ph.D. in Physics
International School of Advanced Studies (SISSA/ISAS), Trieste
- 10/'92-06/'97: "*Laurea*" (B.Sc.) in Physics, *cum laude*
University of Bologna

Teaching

S '12: PHY422 *Electricity and Magnetism*, Undergraduate course
F '09, F '10, F '11: PHY421 *Mechanics*, Undergraduate course
S '08, S '10, S '11: PHY120 *Big Bang to Black Holes*, Undergraduate General Education course
F '06, F '07, F '08: PHY568/821 *General Relativity and Cosmology*, Undergraduate and Graduate level course
S '06, S '07: PHY602 *Statistical Physics*, Graduate level course
F '05: PHY852 *Cosmology*, Graduate level course

Service

'11-'12: High Energy Theory Faculty Search Committee
'11-'12: Chair, Graduate Qualifying Exam Committee
'11-'12: Co-organizer of Research Symposium for Graduate Students
F '10: Local Organizing Committee for the "Amherst Phenomenology Workshop".
'09-'10: Biophysics Faculty Search Committee
'09-'10: M. Sc. Exam Committee
S '07, '08, '10: Graduate Admissions Committee
'06-'07, '11-'12: Personnel Subcommittee
F '06: Organized one parallel session, "Cosmo 2006".
'05-'06: High Energy Experiment Faculty Search Committee
'05-'08, '10: Graduate Qualifying Exam Committee
'04-'08, '10-'11: Seminar Co-organizer
Regular referee for Phys. Rev. Lett., Phys. Rev. **D**, Phys. Lett. **B**, JCAP, Class. Quant. Grav, JHEP. Also refereed papers for the European Physical Journal C, Astroparticle Physics, J. Phys. A, Advances in Astronomy and Progress of Theoretical Physics. Refereed $\gtrsim 100$ articles to date.
Reviewed proposals for the National Science Foundation and the Louisiana Board of Regents

Short term appointments

02-03/05: CERN, Theory Division
06/10: "Professeur Invité", University of Paris-Sud, Orsay
06/11: "Professeur Invité", AstroParticules et Cosmologie, University of Paris 7

Publications

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Non-Gaussianities and chiral gravitational waves in natural steep inflation
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2. M. Park and L. Sorbo,
*Sudden variations in the speed of sound during inflation:
features in the power spectrum and bispectrum*
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arXiv:1201.2903 [astro-ph.CO].
3. J. L. Cook and L. Sorbo,
*Particle production during inflation and gravitational waves
detectable by ground-based interferometers*
Phys. Rev. D **85**, 023534 (2012)
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4. D. Kastor, L. Sorbo and J. Traschen,
Dynamics of localized Kaluza-Klein black holes in a collapsing universe
Class. Quant. Grav. 29 (2012) 055011
arXiv:1108.4813 [hep-th].
5. L. Sorbo,
Parity Violation in the Cosmic Microwave Background from a Pseudoscalar Inflaton
JCAP **1106**, 003 (2011)
arXiv:1101.1525 [astro-ph.CO].
6. N. Kaloper, A. Lawrence and L. Sorbo,
An Ignoble Approach to Large Field Inflation
JCAP **1103**, 023 (2011)
arXiv:1101.0026 [hep-th].
7. U. Aydemir, L. Grisa and L. Sorbo,
Dynamical four-form fields
Phys. Rev. **D83**, 063516 (2011)
arXiv:1009.5690 [hep-th].
8. L. Grisa and L. Sorbo,
Tachyonic Quintessence and a Preferred Direction in the Sky
Phys. Rev. D **81**, 083532 (2010)
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9. M. M. Anber and L. Sorbo,
Naturally inflating on steep potentials through electromagnetic dissipation
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10. D. Langlois and L. Sorbo,
Primordial perturbations and non-Gaussianities from modulated trapping
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11. L. Grisa and L. Sorbo,
Pauli-Fierz Gravitons on Friedmann-Robertson-Walker Background
Phys. Lett. **B686** (2010), 273
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12. N. Kaloper and L. Sorbo,
A Natural Framework for Chaotic Inflation
Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 121301 (2009)
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13. N. Kaloper and L. Sorbo,
Where in the String Landscape is Quintessence
Phys. Rev. D **79**, 043528 (2009)
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14. L. Sorbo,
Cosmology With Pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone Bosons
Mod. Phys. Lett. A **23**, 979 (2008).

15. N. Kaloper, L. Sorbo and J. Yokoyama,
Higgsflation at the GUT scale in a Higgsless Universe
Phys. Rev. D **78**, 043527 (2008)
arXiv:0803.3809 [hep-ph].

16. M. Anber and L. Sorbo,
New exact solutions on the Randall-Sundrum 2-brane: lumps of dark radiation and accelerated black holes
JHEP **0807**, 098 (2008)
arXiv:0803.2242 [hep-th].

17. M. Anber and L. Sorbo,
Two gravitational shock waves on the AdS₃ brane
JHEP **0710** (2007) 072,
arXiv:0706.1560 [hep-th].

18. K. Dutta and L. Sorbo,
Confronting pNGB quintessence with data
Phys. Rev. D **75** (2007) 063514,
astro-ph/0612457.

19. M. M. Anber and L. Sorbo,
N-flationary magnetic fields
JCAP **0610**, 018 (2006),
astro-ph/0606534.

20. M. Peloso, L. Sorbo and G. Tasinato,
Standard 4d gravity on a brane in six dimensional flux compactifications
Phys. Rev. D **73** (2006) 104025,
hep-th/0603026.

21. N. Kaloper and L. Sorbo,
Of pNGB QuiNtessence
JCAP **0604** (2006) 007,
astro-ph/0511543.

22. N. Kaloper and L. Sorbo,
Locally localized gravity: the inside story
JHEP **0508** (2005) 070,
hep-th/0507191.

23. N. Kaloper, J. Rahmfeld and L. Sorbo,
Moduli entrapment with primordial black holes
Phys. Lett. **B606** (2005) 234,
hep-th/0409226.

24. N. Kaloper, M. Kleban and L. Sorbo,
Observational implications of cosmological event horizons
Phys. Lett. **B600** (2004) 7,
astro-ph/0406099.

25. A. Albrecht and L. Sorbo,
Can the universe afford inflation?
Phys. Rev. D **70** (2004) 063528,
hep-th/0405270.

26. M. Peloso and L. Sorbo,
Moving sources in a ghost condensate
Phys. Lett. **B593** (2004) 25,
hep-th/0404005.

27. J. Lesgourgues and L. Sorbo,
Goldberger-Wise variations: stabilizing brane models with a bulk scalar
Phys. Rev. D **69** (2004) 084010,
hep-th/0310007.

28. D. Langlois and L. Sorbo,
Bulk gravitons from a cosmological brane
Phys. Rev. **D68**, (2003) 084006,
hep-th/0306281.

29. L. Boubekur, S. Davidson, M. Peloso and L. Sorbo,
Leptogenesis and rescattering in supersymmetric models
Phys. Rev. **D67** (2003) 043515,
hep-ph/0209256.

30. D. Langlois, L. Sorbo and M. Rodríguez-Martínez,
Cosmology of a brane radiating gravitons into the extra dimension
Phys. Rev. Lett. **89** (2002) 171301,
hep-th/0206146.

31. M. Peloso and L. Sorbo,
Moduli from cosmic strings
Nucl. Phys. **B649** (2002) 88,
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32. D. Langlois and L. Sorbo,
Effective action for the homogeneous radion in brane cosmology
Phys. Lett. **B543** (2002) 155,
hep-th/0203036.

33. B. A. Bassett, M. Peloso, L. Sorbo and S. Tsujikawa,
Fermion production from preheating-amplified metric perturbations
Nucl. Phys. **B622** (2002) 393,
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34. H. P. Nilles, M. Peloso and L. Sorbo,
Coupled fields in external background with application to nonthermal production of gravitinos
JHEP **0104** (2001) 004,
hep-th/0103202.

35. H. P. Nilles, M. Peloso and L. Sorbo,
Nonthermal production of gravitinos and inflatinos
Phys. Rev. Lett. **87** (2001) 051302,
hep-ph/0102264.

36. J. Lesgourgues, S. Pastor, M. Peloso and L. Sorbo,
Cosmology of the Randall-Sundrum model after dilaton stabilization
Phys. Lett. **B489** (2000) 411,
hep-ph/0004086.

37. A. Masiero, M. Peloso, L. Sorbo and R. Tabbash,
Baryogenesis vs. proton stability in theories with extra dimensions
Phys. Rev. **D62** (2000) 063515,
hep-ph/0003312.

38. M. Peloso and L. Sorbo,
Preheating of massive fermions after inflation: analytical results
JHEP **0005** (2000) 016,
hep-ph/0003045.

39. A. A. Andrianov, R. Soldati and L. Sorbo,
Dynamical Lorentz symmetry breaking from 3+1 axion-Wess-Zumino model
Phys. Rev. **D59** (1999) 025002,
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40. R. Soldati and L. Sorbo,
Effective action for Dirac spinors in the presence of general uniform electromagnetic fields
Phys. Lett. **B426** (1998) 82,
hep-th/9802167.

Talks and Seminars

Nonstandard tensor modes from inflaton

- 04/'12 New York University
- 02/'12 *Colloquium*, University of California, Davis
- 11/'11 Dartmouth College
- 10/'11 Perimeter Institute
- 10/'11 *Invited plenary talk*, "Pre-Planckian Inflation meeting", Minneapolis
- 09/'11 *Invited plenary talk*, "Northeast Cosmology Workshop", Montreal

Parity Violation in the CMB from a Pseudoscalar Inflaton

- 07/'11 University of Paris-Sud, Orsay
- 06/'11 APC, Paris
- 04/'11 *Invited plenary talk*, "PONT D'Avignon", Avignon
- 02/'11 University of Padova

Naturally inflating on steep potentials

- 12/'09 APC, Paris
- 05/'09 University of California, Davis

A natural framework for chaotic inflation

- 06/'10 University of Paris-Sud, Orsay
- 06/'10 University of Tours
- 05/'10 "From the Planck Scale to the Electroweak Scale", CERN
- 04/'10 FTPI, Minneapolis
- 11/'09 Tufts University
- 04/'09 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 03/'09 CERN
- 03/'09 University of Padova
- 03/'09 University of Bologna
- 02/'09 APC, Paris

New exact solutions on the Randall-Sundrum 2-brane

- 10/'08 Syracuse University
- 05/'08 *Invited plenary talk*, "Quantum Black Holes, Braneworlds and Holography", Valencia

Two gravitational shock waves on the AdS₃ brane

11/07 New York University
 10/07 Yale University

Confronting pNGB quintessence with data

10/10 *Colloquium*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 01/09 *Colloquium*, University of Connecticut
 06/08 "The Dark Side: 2", Ann Arbor
 11/07 Tufts University
 07/07 *Invited plenary talk*, "Workshop on Strings and Cosmology", Trieste
 06/07 *Invited plenary talk*, "The Dark Side of the Universe", Minneapolis

N-flationary magnetic fields

05/07 University of Bologna
 01/07 University of California, Davis
 11/06 CEA, Saclay
 08/06 *Invited plenary talk*, "Workshop on Modern Cosmology", Benasque
 06/06 "IAP Colloquium: Inflation+25", Paris
 06/06 *Invited talk*, "Susy06", Irvine

Standard 4d gravity on a brane in six dimensional flux compactifications

04/07 University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 03/07 Perimeter Institute
 02/07 *Colloquium*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 10/06 Harvard University

Locally localized gravity: The inside story

05/06 "From the Planck Scale to the Electroweak Scale", Paris

Of pNGB quiNtessence

03/07 *Colloquium*, Amherst College
 10/06 *Colloquium*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Dept. of Astronomy
 11/05 University of California, Davis

Moduli entrapment with primordial black holes

11/05	CEA, Saclay
04/05	Harvard University
03/05	Laboratoire de Physique Théorique et Hautes Energies, Paris
03/05	Laboratoire de Physique Théorique et Astroparticules, Montpellier
02/05	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
12/04	University of Padua
12/04	University of California, Davis
10/04	University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Moving sources in a ghost condensate

05/04	Laboratoire d'Annecy le Vieux de Physique Théorique
05/04	UCLA
04/04	Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris
03/04	University of California, Davis

Goldberger-Wise variations: stabilizing brane models with a bulk scalar

11/03	CITA, Toronto
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Preheating from mixing

05/03	"From the Planck Scale to the Electroweak Scale", Madrid
02/03	University of Warsaw

Leptogenesis and rescattering in supersymmetric models

11/02	University of Bologna
10/02	"5ème Journée des Lacs Alpains de Cosmologie", Annecy

Cosmology of a brane radiating gravitons into the extra dimension

10/02	"Colloque du PNC", Paris
09/02	"String/Brane Cosmology", Paris
07/02	"1st International Conference on String Phenomenology", Oxford

Non-thermal Production of Gravitinos and Inflatinos

- 09/'02 *Invited plenary talk*, EU "Supersymmetry and the Early Universe" meeting, Oxford
 05/'01 "From the Planck Scale to the Electroweak Scale", La Londe les Maures
 03/'01 Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris
 01/'01 University of Bonn

Moduli from cosmic strings

- 06/'02 Laboratoire d'Annecy le Vieux de Physique Théorique
 05/'02 Laboratoire de Physique Théorique, Orsay

Cosmology of the Randall-Sundrum model after dilaton stabilization

- 11/'01 "3ème Journée des Lacs Alpains de Cosmologie", CERN, Geneva
 05/'01 University of Bologna
 02/'01 *Invited plenary talk*, "Problemi Attuali di Fisica Teorica", Vietri sul Mare
 12/'00 "AEFNet Inaugural meeting", Oxford
 06/'00 "Motivations for and Implications of Extra Cosmological Dimensions?", Meudon

Preheating of massive fermions after inflation: analytical results

- 01/'01 "Cairo International Conference on High Energy Physics"
 10/'00 "Frontiers in Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology", San Feliu de Guixols
 04/'00 "From the Planck Scale to the Electroweak Scale", Castelvecchio Pascoli

Baryogenesis vs. proton stability in theories with extra dimensions

- 03/'00 Rencontres de Moriond session "Electroweak Interactions", Les Arcs