SELECTED CV

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name, First name: Tombesi Francesco

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EDUCATION

2010 – PhD in Astronomy, with Honors. Thesis "An X-ray absorption line spectroscopy study of ultrafast outflows from the innermost regions of AGNs". University of Bologna, Italy.

2006 - Master in Astrophysics & Cosmology, cum Laude. University of Bologna, Italy.

2004 - Bachelor in Astronomy, cum Laude. University of Bologna, Italy.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2020 – present: Associate Professor. Dept. of Physics, Tor Vergata University of Rome

2020 - present: Affiliated Researcher. INFN - Rome Tor Vergata

2018 - present: Affiliated Researcher. INAF - Astronomical Observatory of Rome

2017 – 2020: "Montalcini" Assistant Professor. Dept. of Physics, Tor Vergata University of Rome

2014 – 2024: Ass. Research Scientist. Dept. of Astronomy, University of Maryland, College Park

2010 – 2024: Astrophysicist. X-ray Astrophysics Laboratory, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

• FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2024 – *Bruno Rossi Prize* from the High-Energy Astrophysics Division of the American Astronomical Society awarded to the IXPE team.

2022 – *Bruno Rossi Prize* from the High-Energy Astrophysics Division of the American Astronomical Society awarded to the NICER team.

2017 – Aspen Institute Italia Award for "research and scientific cooperation between Italy and USA", Aspen Institute Italia, Italy.

2016 - "Rita L. Montalcini" Fellowship, Ministry of Education, University and Research, Italy.

2016 - "Exceptional Scientific Achievement" Medal, NASA, USA.

2015 – "Robert H. Goddard Honor Award" for "exceptional achievement in science", NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, USA.

2015 - National Prize "Gentile da Fabriano", Italy.

2014 - "Astrophysics Science Division Peer Award", NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, USA.

2014 – "Early Career Research Scientist Prize for Excellence", Dept. of Astronomy, University of Maryland, College Park, USA.

2014 - Special Mention "Cefalu' 2014 Prize for Astrophysics", Italy.

2013 – Special Mention "ISSNAF Award for Young Investigators", Italian Scientists and Scholars of North America Foundation, USA.

• SELECTED SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS

2023 – present: ESA's Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA) Consortium.

2023 – present: Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA) Consortium.

2023 – present: Rubin LSST AGN Science Collaboration.

2022 – present: JAXA/NASA/ESA's X-ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM)

2020 – present: NASA/ASI's Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE)

2016 – present: NASA's Neutron star Interior Composition ExploreR (NICER)

2015 - present: ESA/NASA's Athena X-ray Observatory