

Curriculum

GIUSEPPE CHIRICO

Brief profile.

GIUSEPPE CHIRICO is currently professor of Applied Physics at the University of Milano-Bicocca (Dept. of Physics, School of Sciences). His activity covers biophysics, photonics and nanotechnology. He spent two postdoc periods at the European Molecular Laboratory in Grenoble (F) in 1990 on Neutron Scattering from DNA and at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) in Heidelberg in 1993 on Brownian Dynamics of Chromatin. GC has been then visiting professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Laboratory for Fluorescence Dynamics in 2000. Since 2000 GC is actively researching in nanotechnology applied to biophysics and medical physics, developing nanosensors for proteins based on the use of gold nanoparticles and non-spherical nanoparticles to be used as localized thermo-loaders for hyperthermia and temperature triggered drug release.

GC is the group leader of the Biophotonics group at the Dept. of Physics, University of Milano-Bicocca. The group develops photo- and fluorescence correlation spectroscopies and applies them to study dynamics of biological systems and to in-vivo deep tissue imaging by means of non-linear optical microscopy. His research also covers numerical simulation of complex polymeric systems: supercoiled DNA, DNA chromatin, lymph node chemotaxis and red blood cells in capillaries.

--- Education -----

- University of Milano, Milano, Italy. PhD in Physics, 1990, Thesis title: DNA dynamics by Dynamic Light Scattering.

- University of Milano, Milano, Italy. Master in Physics, 1981-1986, Thesis Title: Rheology of DNA and proteins solutions.

--- Academic Positions -----

-- 1990-1999 University Research fellow in Solid State Physics, Università degli studi di Milano, Milano, Italy. Research in Physics and lecturing in the Physics Undergraduate course.

-- 2000-2005 Associate Professor in Applied Physics Università di Milano-Bicocca, Milano, Italy. Research in Physics and lecturing in the Physics and Biotechnology Undergraduate courses.

-- 2005-present Full professor in Applied Physics Università di Milano-Bicocca, Milano, Italy. Research in Physics and lecturing in the Physics, Biotechnology and Chemistry undergraduate and graduate courses.

--- Institutional duties -----

-- 1998-2002. member of the scientific committee of the biophysics section of INFM (Istituto Nazionale per la Fisica della Materia);

- 2008-2012 member of the scientific committee of Societa' Italiana di Biofisica Pura e Applicata (SIBPA);
- 2012-present. Editor for PLOS ONE, Journal of Biophysics and Biomedical Engineering Online;
- 2015-present. member of the Editorial board of "Current Bionanotechnology".
- 2009-2016. director of the graduate school in Physics & Astronomy of University Milano-Bicocca (Milano-I).
- 2013-present. director of the training courses for the high school teachers in Physics.
- 2009-2016. Scientific supervisor of LABEX, a laboratory in Modern Physics dedicated to high school pupils.

Organization of Congresses and workshops.

- School on confocal and 2-photons micro-spectroscopy, 2006, Milano;
- Workshop: Visualizing Biological Function: Confocal Spectroscopy/Microscopy. 2007, Milano
- Scientific Committee member of the European Biophysical Societies' Association (EBSA) Congress, Genova, 2009.
- Director of the Symposium in Honour of Giancarlo Baldini, "From genomics to proteomics: the challenge of in-vivo dynamic studies. Experimental and theoretical approaches". in EBSA congress 2009, Genoa.
- Scientific Committee member of the XX Congresso Nazionale della Societa' di Biofisica Pura e Applicata, Arcidosso (GR), 2010
- Director of the VI School Of Pure And Applied Biophysics on Multimodal Methods for Cell Imaging and Tracking Location: Venice, Italy, 2012.
- Scientific Committee member of the XXI, Congresso Nazionale della Societa' di Biofisica Pura e Applicata, Ferrara (I) 2012
- Scientific Committee member of the Workshop on Medical Imaging, Varenna (I), 2015.
- member of the program committee of the SPIE (internation. Soc. Opt. phot.) congress on Optical Metrology, Munich, 2017,.
- Co-director of the International School of Nanomedicine 3rd Course: "Nanofluidics, Nanoimaging and Nanomanipulation", Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture, April 2018.
- projects as principal investigator -----
- 2003-2005. PRIN MIUR, Physics: "Nanocapsules as a biomimetic system for the study of the molecular crowding by means of advanced spectroscopy and microscopy techniques".
- 2001-2002. INFM (Istituto Nazionale Fisica della Materia) funding, PAIS, for the project: "Conformational Dynamics of single molecules by spectroscopy and manipulation".
- 2000-2001. INFM (Istituto Nazionale Fisica della Materia) funding, PAIS, for the project: "Structural and

Dynamic studies of proteins by Single Molecule Spectroscopies".

-2005, Two-photon excitation microscope for in-vivo imaging, Large Infrastructure fundings of the University of Milano-Bicocca, 2005.

- 2005, Spectral decomposition of two-photon microscopy images, Banca del Monte Foundation (Pavia, I), 2005.

-2010, Coherent Vibrational Microscopy for Biomedicine, Banca del Monte Foundation (Pavia, I), 2010.

-2008, Construction and read out of 2D networks of fluorescent molecules by AFM: towards molecular optical memories (2008-2012), Cariplo Foundation, Italy.

-2012, Gold nanorods (NR) and asymmetric nanoparticles (ANP) capped with a biocompatible polymer bearing binding groups for molecules and metal cations: pharmacological and thermal antimicrobial action activated by near-IR irradiation (2012-2014) , Cariplo Foundation, Italy.

-2008, ENCITE: European Network for Cell Imaging and Tracking Expertise (FP7: Grant agreement No: 201842, EU), 2008-2012, local PI, unit Milano-Bicocca.

-2010, Raman Microscopy for Biomedical Applications (2010-2014), Regione Lombardia (I).

-2017, I-Nano: A multidisciplinary network for smarter bioimaging, competitive funds, Università di Milano-Bicocca, 2017

-2017, ZCube, Zambon open accelerator program: Photo-thermally active patches with controlled on demand drug release, 2017

Awards:

Innovation Award 2015, University of Milano-Bicocca. In collaboration with Dr. P. Pozzi, Dr. J. Mapelli, Dr. D. Gandolfi and Prof. E. D'Angelo.

Patents:

"Dispositivo Medico Impiantabile", Raimondi M.T., Cerullo G., Conci C., Zandrini T., Osellame R., Chirico G. Filed on 21/12/2017, Italian patent n. 102017000147857

----- editorial boards -----

G.C. is member of the editorial boards of the following journals:

- CURRENT BIONANOTECHNOLOGY (ISSN: 2213-5294) 2016

- PLOS ONE (ISSN: 1932-6203) 2010

- BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING ONLINE (ISSN: 1475-925X) 2008

total number of publications: 162

H factor: 26

Average Citations per Item: 14.5

Sum of Times Cited without self-citations: 1977

- Invited speaker talks (selection):

- G. Chirico, "Tracking single gfp proteins through unfolding pathways" in Workshop "Theory, Modeling and Evaluation of Single Molecule Measurements", Leiden, April, 2007.

- G. Chirico, XI SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED BIOPHYSICS, Venice (I), 2007. "Single Molecule Spectroscopy: principles and applications", 2007.

- G. Chirico, 36th INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BIOPHYSICS, "Fluctuation Spectroscopy for biological Tissues", 2008

- G. Chirico, "In-vitro and in-vivo detection of p53 by fluorescence lifetime on a hybrid FITC-gold nanosensor", Photonics West, SPIE conference on Nanoscale Imaging, Sensing, and Actuation for Biomedical Applications VII, SPIE BiOS, San Francisco, California, United States, 2010.

- G. Chirico, Organic-metal Lifetime based bio-sensors, Brazilian Physics Meeting, 2011.

- G. Chirico, International Conference on Nanotechnology in Medicine (NanoMED), University College London in London, "Branched Gold Nanoparticles for Thermal Treatments of Cells", 2012.

- G. Chirico, "Structured illumination fluorescence correlation spectroscopy for velocimetry in Zebrafish embryos" SPIE BiOS, Dynamics and Fluctuations in Biomedical Photonics X, San Francisco, California, United States, 2013.

- G. Chirico, Nanomedicine Symposium, European Center for Nanomedicine, CEN Politecnico di Milano: "Cross-correlation image microscopy for flow mapping in biomedical studies", 2014.

- G. Chirico. Congresso della Societa' nazionale di Fisica, Pisa, Settembre 2014, "Fluorescence Cross-Correlation Spectroscopy for Flow Mapping" 2014.

- G. Chirico, SIBPA, Congresso Nazionale della Societa' di Biofisica Pura ed Applicata, "CCD Based Fluorescence Cross-Correlation Spectroscopy for In-vivo Blood Velocimetry.", Palermo, 2014.

- G. Chirico, SPIE, BIOS: biophotonics, biomedical optics, and imaging conference, Munich, "Single image correlation for blood flow mapping in complex vessel networks", 2015.

- G. Chirico, "Photothermal effect of gold nanostars inkjet-printed on coated paper substrate under near-infrared irradiation", SPIE Photonics Europe, Brussel, 2016.

- G. Chirico, SIBPA, Societa' Italiana di Biofisica Pura e Applicata, Cortona, "Inkjet Printed Gold Nanostar

Patterns for Photothermal applications in life science”, 2016.

- G. Chirico, Congresso della Società Italiana di Fisica, SIF, Trento, “Image Correlation Microscopy for flow mapping in-vivo”, 2017

- G.Chirico, 7th EOS optical meeting, Capri, “3D Flow Field Mapping in Microfluidic Devices by means of Spatio-temporal Image Correlation Analysis”, 2017

- G.Chirico, Symposium in memoriam Jörg Langowski, 12 October 2017, DKFZ Heidelberg, Germany, “Jiggling and twisting as a DNA superhelix”, 2017

Teaching (selection):

Undergraduate:

-General Physics, Biotechnology, University of Milano-Bicocca (2016-present)

-Biophysics and Medical Physics, Physics, University of Milano-Bicocca (2003-2006)