# Physics Education Research in "Modern Physics". (For the Italian Secondary School)

The European / Italian Educational Policy

The main Task of my Activity

What is needed and what has been done

The Future of the Project

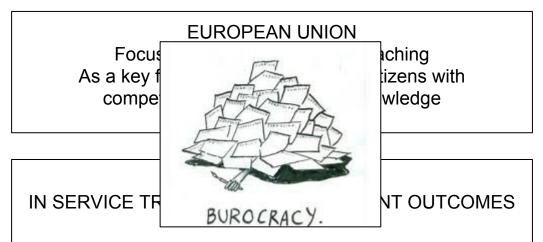
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EUROPEAN UNION
Focuses on HIGH QUALITY Teaching
As a key feature to provide Young citizens with
competences as important as knowledge

IN SERVICE TRAINING improves STUDENT OUTCOMES



TEACHER'S CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### The Italian Educational Policy

**LEGGE 107** - July 2015

Nell'ambito degli adempimenti connessi alla funzione docente, la <u>formazione in servizio dei docenti di ruolo</u> è obbligatoria, permanente e strutturale.

**DM 797** - October 2016

### ADOZIONE del

### PIANO PER LA FORMAZIONE DEI DOCENTI 2016-2019

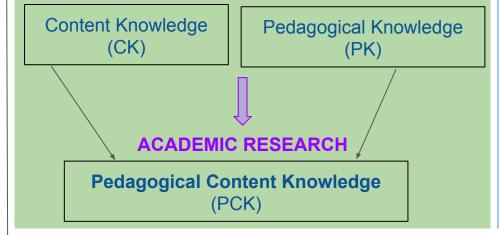


Nowadays in-service teachers Training Courses are also proposed by private Institutions / Associations

While

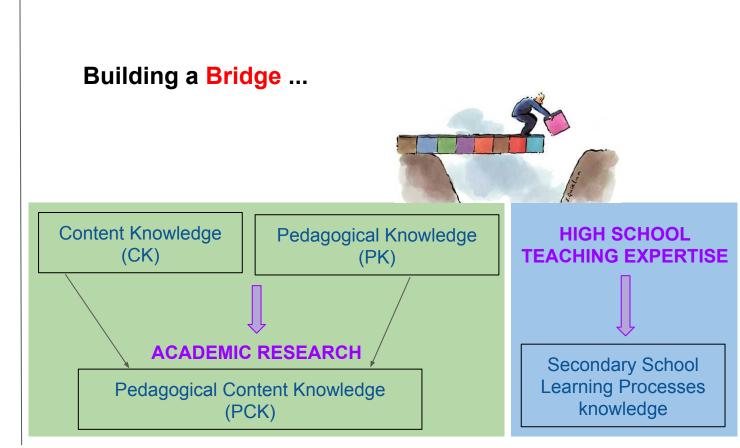
Teachers expect <u>High-Quality Courses</u> coming from Academic Environment

Key features



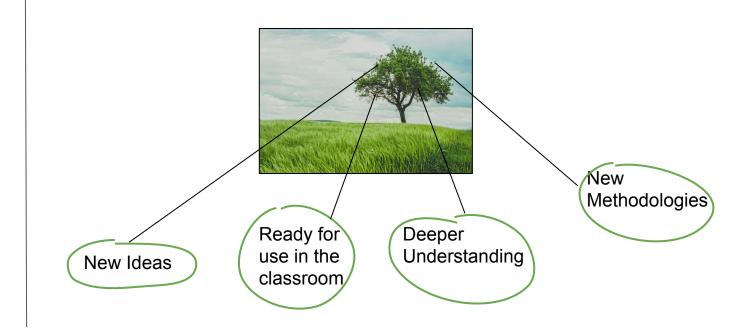
Secondary School
Learning Processes
knowledge

Shulman, L. S. (1986). Those who understand: Knowledge growth in teaching. *Educational Researcher*, 15(2), 4-31



### **Offer to Secondary School Teachers**

A <u>lifelong</u> and <u>up to date</u> Physics Training Service





### **EFFORT ESTIMATE**



82 Scientific Secondary Schools 32 Classic Secondary Schools 68 ITI

Physics Teacher in Piedmont ~ 10<sup>3</sup>,

Course Duration ~ 10h

Groups ~ 10 Teachers TO DELIVER ONE TRAINING COURSE PER YEAR FOR EACH **GROUP WE NEED 100 COURSES** 



Research in new methods and approaches to introduce physics contents.

Research in Learner Centered teaching Strategies.



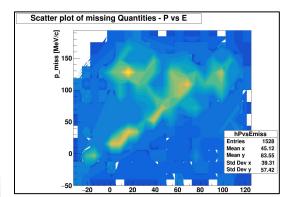
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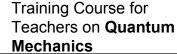
Establish a strong connection with Secondary Schools all over Piedmont

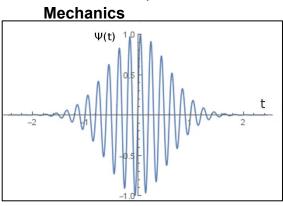
Research in innovative methods and approaches to introduce physics contents.

High **demand** in Quantum Mechanics and Special Relativity.

Training Course for Teachers on **Special Relativity** 







## Training Course for Teachers on **Quantum**

#### Mechanics

Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle.



Electromagnetic radiation quantization: Photons



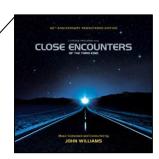
Energy levels

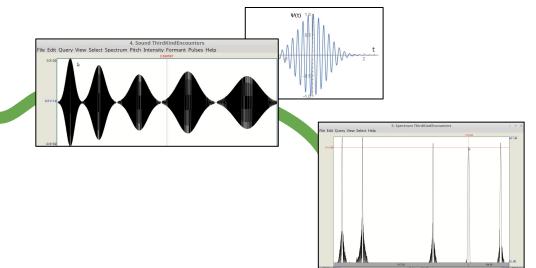
Quantization with a straw

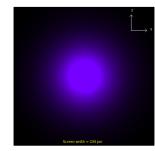


Action and Quantum Mechanics

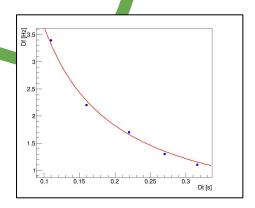








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## Training Course for Teachers on **Special** Relativity

Lorentz Invariants and 2D

Euclidean Rotations

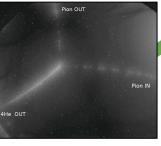
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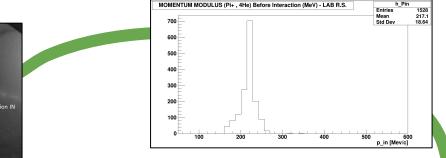
Invariant Mass

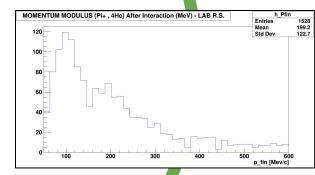
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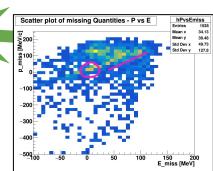
Relativistic Kinematics as a discovery tool in Pion-<sup>4</sup>He Low Energy Interestions



 $|\pi^+ He^4 \to \pi^+ He^4 \gamma|$ 







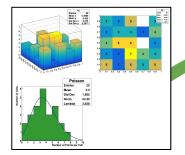
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For the EEE Collaboration (Cosmic Ray Physics and MRPC Detectors)

Training Course on **Cosmic Rays Physics**.



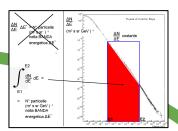
## Training Course for Teachers on Cosmic Rays Physics



Poisson Statistics and Cosmic Rays Counts



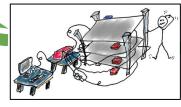
Cosmic Rays come from above



Cosmic Rays Spectrum & rarity of High Energy Cosmic Rays



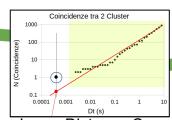
Coincidence Technique in Nuclear Physics and Probability



EEE Detector operating principles



Cross Section and Universe Opacity

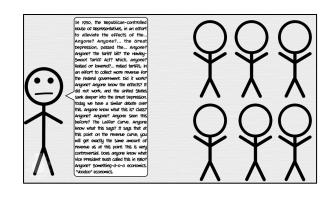


Large Distance Correlations

Research in Learner Centered teaching Strategies.

## M. Kryjevskaia <u>American Journal of Physics</u>, 82, 238-250 (2014).

"... a growing number of physics faculty recognize the potential benefits of replacing some traditional instruction with learner-centered methods."





Research in Learner Centered teaching Strategies.

INQUIRY BASED SCIENCE EDUCATION (IBSE)

"Inquiry is at the heart of science and science learning."

National Science Education Standards, 1996 (US)



Will be tested in October 2018



Tested in July 2018

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## CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF STUDENT REASONING AND UNDERSTANDING



Site in which a Google Forum is inserted.

The teacher can change the flow of the learning process according to the real-time results

Will be tested in October 2018 during the Student Course "Special Relativity in Nuclear Reactions"

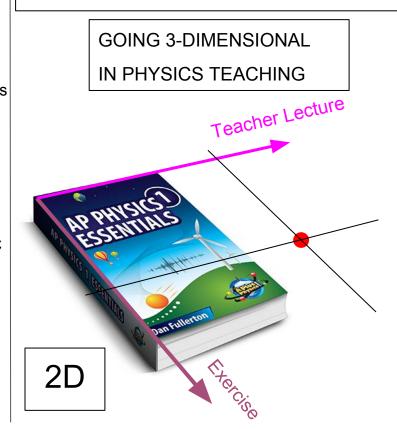
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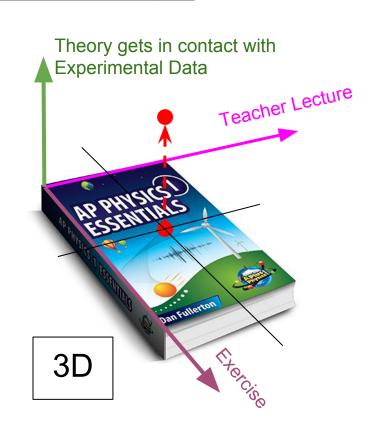
A beautiful example is the in-Service Teacher Course:

"Special Relativity in Nuclear Reactions"

Data from ( π - <sup>4</sup>He ) Collisions at PAINUC Experiment

Will be tested with Students in October 2018





#### Galante et al.,

"Close Encounters with Heisenberg: Uncertainty in the Secondary School",

Submitted to Physics Education.

### What is needed and what has been done to build the **Bridge**

Establish a collaborative Network with other Physics Education Research Groups



#### CONICET



Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas

Prof. Maria Fanaro



Dr. Marcelo Arlego

### **CONFERENCES**:

Girep 2018 (San Sebastian) \_\_\_\_\_\_submitted proceeding 15th Marcel Grossmann Meeting (Rome) \_\_\_\_\_submitted proceeding SIF 2018 (Rende)

Establish a strong connection with Secondary Schools all over Piedmont





Topic	Target	City	Participants
Quantum Mech.	In-Service Teachers	Andria	10
Special Relativity	In-Service Teachers	Andria	10
Special Relativity	In-Service Teachers	Moncalieri	26
Special Relativity	In-Service Teachers	Piacenza	15

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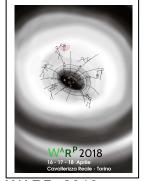




Topic	Target	City	Participants
Quantum Mech.	Students	Moncalieri	30
Quantum Mech.	Students from different Italian Regions	Marina di Massa	10
Cosmic Rays Phys.	Students	Torino	60
Cosmic Rays Phys.	Students	Torino	20
Cosmic Rays Phys.	Students from Piacenza	Torino	23
Cosmic Rays Phys.	Students	Bardonecchia	47



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WARP 2018



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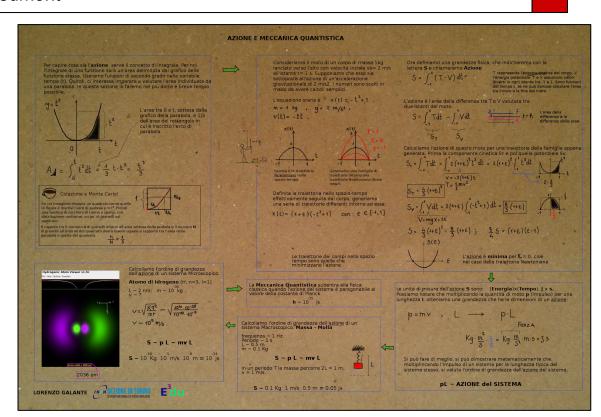
### **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

	Title	Target	City	Participants
	International Cosmic Day 2018	Students	Torino (Aula Magna Phys. Dep.)	150
	WARP 2018 (3 days School of Physics)	Students / Teachers	Torino (Cavallerizza Reale)	250 / 15
	h - bar (Physics experiments at the Bar)	Students	Torino	60
	The Physics "Tovagliette"	Students / Teachers	1	1

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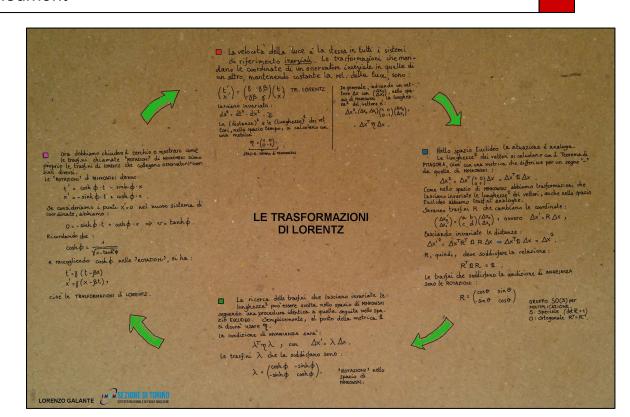
Physics "Tovagliette"

( Action in Quantum Mech. )



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Physics "Tovagliette" (Lorentz Transforms)



### The Future of the Project

- October 2018; Test of the Physics Course for Students "Special Relativity in Nuclear Reactions". Data from (π <sup>4</sup>He) Collisions at PAINUC Experiment.
- Statistical Analysis of the Test Results and estimate of the effectiveness of the methodologies.

RESEARCH ON THE INTRODUCTION OF PHYSICS CONTENTS	COURSE ON QUANTUM MECHANICS  COURSE ON SPECIAL RELATIVITY  COURSE ON COSMIC RAYS PHYSICS
RESEARCH ON PEDAGOGICAL METHODS APPLIED TO PHYSICS TEACHING	INQUIRY BASED SCIENCE LEARNING  CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF UNDERSTANDING  3D PHYSICS TEACHING
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION	UNICEN & UNLP (ARGENTINA)
DELIVERY AND TEST OF TRAINING COURSES TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS	