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I Scientific Work

Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs) are among the most puzzling astronomical objects since their first detection by the Vela satellites in the late 1960s. GRBs are flashes in gamma-rays observed in distant galaxies. They can last from milliseconds to several minutes with an isotropic energy released up to the order of one solar mass. This peculiarity makes them the most powerful events ever observed in the Universe. A variety of models have been developed to theoretically explain the observational properties of GRBs.

My PhD research project includes the reduction and analysis of GRBs data from different satellites, such as Batse, Swift or Fermi. I investigate GRBs observations within the fireshell model scenario, which predicts that GRBs originate from an optically thick e+e- plasma at thermal equilibrium created by vacuum polarization during the formation of a Black Hole.

My attention is focused on GRBs associated with Supernovae (SN). Since the first discovery of this association (GRB 980425 - SN1998wt), various mechanisms have been proposed to explain it. Recently Prof. Ruffini and his collaborators have proposed the Induced Gravitational Collapse (IGC) occurring in a particular class of binary systems as progenitors for the GRB-SN sources having a released isotropic energy above 10^{52} ergs. We refer to such phenomena as Binary-driven HyperNovae (BdHNe). Together with them we are further developing the BdHN paradigm and enlarging the sample of BdHN candidates. One of the most exciting outcomes of this work is the possibility to consider this class of BdHN events as a standard candle. If confirmed, this result could provide new independent challenges on the current cosmological model back to 600 millions years only after the Big Bang.

During my current Post-Doc research project, basing on my Ph.D. thesis results, I am focusing on building a complete sample of BdHNe looking at redshifts larger than $z \sim 1$, in order to drastically enlarge our current sample and to confirm that the standard candle hypothesis holds at larger cosmological distances. My recent analysis points to a non-spherical emission of the late X-ray of BdHNe which is supposedly generated by the young SN remnant. This result is in agreement with the observations of non-spherical SN remnants.

II Conferences and educational activities

II a Conferences and Other External Scientific Work

- 1) "Erasmus Mundus School", Nice, France, 5th - 17th September, 2011;
- 2) "IRAP Erasmus Mundus Workshop", Les Houches, France, 2nd - 6th October, 2011;
- 3) "Third Galileo-Xu Guangqi" meeting, Beijing, China, 11th- 15th October, 2011;
- 4) "Fermi/Swift GRB 2012 Conference", Munich, Germany, 7th – 11th May, 2012;

Poster 1: The proto-black hole concept in GRB 101023 and its possible extension to GRB 110709B; A.V. Penacchioni, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, G.B. Pisani;

Poster 2: Needs for a new GRB classification following the fireshell model: "genuine short", "disguised short" and "long" GRBs; C.L. Bianco, M.G. Bernardini, L. Caito, G. De Barros, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, B. Patricelli, A.V. Penacchioni, G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini.

- 5) "Erasmus Mundus School", Nice, France, 4th – 8th June, 2012;

Lecture: A new interpretation for the disguised short GRB 060614; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, J. A. Rueda, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni.

- 6) "13th Marcel Grossmann Meeting", Stockholm, Sweden, 1st - 7th July, 2012;

Talk: A new possible interpretation for GRB 060614; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, J. A. Rueda, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni.

- 7) "Erasmus Mundus School", Nice, France, 3rd – 19th September, 2012;

Lecture: The class of "disguised" short GRBs within the fireshell model and the particular case of GRB 060614; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni.

- 8) III National Congress "Lampi su Napoli", Naples, Italy, 20th - 22nd September, 2012;

- 9) "The Current Issues on Relativistic Astrophysics", 5th - 6th October, 2012, Seoul, South Korea;

Talk: Evidence and consequences of universal behavior of late time X-ray emission of Gamma-Ray Bursts connected with Supernovae; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C. L. Bianco, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda.

- 10) "7th Huntsville GRB Symposium", Nashville TN, USA, 14th – 18th April, 2013;

Poster: Novel distance indicator for Gamma-Ray Bursts associated with Supernovae; G. B. Pisani, L. Izzo, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang.

- 11) "2nd Bego Rencontres", Nice, France, 16th – 31st May, 2013;

Talk: A new subclass of energetic GRB-SN sources: The IGC GRB-SN family; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda.

- 12) "2013 yearly ICRA-Net Scientific Meeting on Relativistic Astrophysics", Pescara, Italy, 3rd – 21th June, 2013;

- 13) "1st URCA Meeting on Relativistic Astrophysics", Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, 24th – 29th June, 2013;

Talk: A new subclass of energetic GRB-SN sources: The IGC GRB-SN family; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda.

14) “13th Italian-Korean Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics”, Seoul, South Korea, 15th – 19th July, 2013;

Talk: A new subclass of energetic GRB-SN sources: The IGC GRB-SN family; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda.

15) “Erasmus Mundus School”, Nice, France, 3rd – 20th September, 2013;

Lecture: A new subclass of energetic GRB-SN sources: The IGC GRB-SN family; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda.

16) “27th Texas Meeting on Relativistic Astrophysics”, Dallas TX, USA, 8th - 13th, December 2013;

Talk: The IGC GRB-SN family: the cases of GRB 130427A and GRB 060614; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang.

17) “Erasmus Mundus School”, Nice, France, 23rd - 27th February, 2014;

Lecture 1: GRBs-SNe within the Induced Gravitational Collapse model; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang;

Lecture 2: The role of the High Energy in short and long GRBs; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang.

18) “Erasmus Mundus School”, Les Houches, France, 11th - 16th May, 2014;

Lecture: GRBs-SNe within the Induced Gravitational Collapse model: towards a new standard candle; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang.

19) “1st Scientific ICRA-Net Meeting in Armenia”, Yerevan, Armenia, 30th June - 4th July, 2014.

Talk: Energetic GRBs-SNe within the Induced Gravitational Collapse model: towards a new standard candle; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang.

20) “3rd Bego Rencontres”, Nice, France, 8th – 19th September, 2014;

Talk: Energetic GRBs-SNe within the Induced Gravitational Collapse; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang;

21) “Swift: 10 Years of Discovery”, Rome, Italy, 2nd – 5th December, 2015;

Poster: Binary-driven HyperNovae and their nested late X-ray emission; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, M. Muccino, C. L. Bianco, M. Enderli, M. Kovacevic, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang, E. Zaninoni, L. Izzo;

22) “2nd Cesar Lattes Meeting”, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 10th – 20th April, 2015;

Talk: Perspectives for Binary-driven HyperNovae at high redshift; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang, E. Zaninoni;

23) “The XIV Marcel Grossmann Meeting”, Rome, Italy, 13th – 17th July, 2015;

Talk: Perspectives for Binary-driven HyperNovae at high redshift; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang, E. Zaninoni;

24) “The 14th Italian-Korean Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics”, Pescara, Italy, 20th – 24th July, 2015;

Talk: Properties of the X-ray afterglow of Binary-driven HyperNovae; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang, E. Zaninoni.

II b Work With Students

None

II c Diploma thesis supervision

None

II d Other Teaching Duties

None

II e. Work With Postdocs

None

III. Service activities [activities carried out in collaboration with ICRA Net (e.g. teaching activities, conferences etc...) and outside ICRA Net (teaching activities in your university etc...)]

III a. Within ICRA Net

Teaching activities for international Ph.D. Schools organized by ICRA Net. List of schools and lectures:

1) “Erasmus Mundus School”, Nice, France, 4th – 8th June, 2012;

Lecture: A new interpretation for the disguised short GRB 060614; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, J. A. Rueda, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni.

2) "Erasmus Mundus School", Nice, France, 3rd – 19th September, 2012;

Lecture: The class of "disguised" short GRBs within the fireshell model and the particular case of GRB 060614; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni;

3) "2nd Bego Rencontres", Nice, France, 16th – 31st May, 2013;

Lecture: A new subclass of energetic GRB-SN sources: The IGC GRB-SN family; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda.

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Lecture: A new subclass of energetic GRB-SN sources: The IGC GRB-SN family; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, L. Izzo, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda.

5) "Erasmus Mundus School", Nice, France, 23rd - 27th February, 2014;

Lecture 1: GRBs-SNe within the Induced Gravitational Collapse model; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang;

Lecture 2: The role of the High Energy in short and long GRBs; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang.

6) "Erasmus Mundus School", Les Houches, France, 11th - 16th May, 2014;

Lecture: GRBs-SNe within the Induced Gravitational Collapse model: towards a new standard candle; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang.

7) "3rd Bego Rencontres", Nice, France, 8th – 19th September, 2014;

Lecture: Energetic GRBs-SNe within the Induced Gravitational Collapse; G. B. Pisani, R. Ruffini, C.L. Bianco, M. Enderli, L. Izzo, M. Kovacevic, M. Muccino, A. V. Penacchioni, J. A. Rueda, Y. Wang.

III b. Outside ICRA4Net

Teaching activity as assistant of Professor Valerio Parisi in his Physics classes for Medical Science students, Sapienza University of Rome.

IV. Other

None

List of Publications

Scientific papers published on refereed Journals (9)

- Muccino, M.; Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Izzo, L.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**, ``GRB 090510: a disguised short GRB with the highest Lorentz factor and circumburst medium", 2013, ApJ, 772, 62;
- Penacchioni, A.V.; Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Izzo, L.; Muccino, M.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A., ``GRB 110709B in the induced gravitational collapse paradigm", 2013, A&A, 551, A133;
- **Pisani, G. B.**; Izzo, L.; Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., ``Novel distance indicator for gamma-ray bursts associated with supernovae", 2013, A&A, 552, L5;
- Ruffini, R.; Muccino, M.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Izzo, L.; Kovacevic, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., ``On binary-driven hypernovae and their nested late X-ray emission", 2014, A&A , 565, L10;
- Ruffini, R.; Izzo, L.; Muccino, M.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y.; Barbarino, C.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Kovacevic, M., ``Induced gravitational collapse at extreme cosmological distances: the case of GRB 090423", 2014, A&A, 569, A39;
- Kovacevic, M.; Izzo, L.; Wang, Y.; Muccino, M.; Della Valle, M.; Amati, L.; Barbarino, C.; Enderli, M.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Li, L., ``A search for Fermi bursts associated to supernovae and their frequency of occurrence", 2014, A&A, 569, A180;
- Ruffini, R.; Izzo, L.; Muccino, M.; Rueda, J. A.; Barbarino, C.; Bianco, C. L.; Dereli, H.; Enderli, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Wang, Y., ``Induced Gravitational Collapse in the BATSE era: the case of GRB 970828", 2015, Arep, 59, 626;
- Ruffini, R.; Wang, Y.; Kovacevic, M.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A., ``GRB 130427A and SN 2013cq: A Multi-wavelenght Analysis of an Induced Gravitational Collapse Event", 2015, ApJ, 798, 10.
- Ruffini, R.; Muccino, M.; Kovacevic, M.; Izzo, L.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y.; Zaninoni, E., ``GRB 140619B: a short GRB from a binary neutron star merger leading to a black hole formation", 2015, ApJ, 808, 190.

Scientific papers submitted to refereed Journals or in preparation (3)

- Enderli, M.; Ruffini, R.; Aimuratov, Y.; Bianco, C. L.; Kovacevic, M.; Moradi, R.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, ``GRB 090510: A Genuine Short-GRB from a Binary Neutron Star Coalescing into a Kerr-Newman Black Hole", submitted to ApJ;
- Ruffini, R.; Rueda, J. A.; Muccino, M.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Wang, Y.; Becerra, L. M.; Kovacevic, M.; Oliveira, F. G.; Bianco, C. L.; Moradi, R., ``On Rate and Nature of Short and Long GRBs", to be submitted to ApJ;
- Ruffini, R.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Aimuratov, Y.; Bianco, C. L.; Kovacevic, M.; Moradi, R.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., ``Hints for Asphericity in the X-ray Emission of Binary-driven Hypernovae", to be submitted to A&A.

Proceedings of science (8)

- **Pisani, G. B.**; Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Izzo, L.; Kovacevic, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y.; Zaninoni, E., "Perspectives for Binary-driven Hypernovae at large redshift", 2015, POS CL2;
- **Pisani, G. B.**; Ruffini, R.; Muccino, M.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Kovacevic, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y.; Zaninoni, E.; Izzo, L., "Binary-driven HyperNovae and their nested late X-ray emission", 2015, POS Swift: 10 Years of Discovery;
- **Pisani, G. B.**; Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Izzo, L.; Kovacevic, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., "The IGC GRB-SN family: the cases of GRB 130427A and GRB 060614", 2014, POS 27th Texas Symposium;
- **Pisani, G. B.**; Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Izzo, L.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., "A new subclass of energetic GRB-SN sources: the IGC GRB-SN family", 2013, POS IK13;
- **Pisani, G. B.**; Izzo, L.; Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., "On a novel distance indicator for Gamma-Ray Bursts associated with Supernovae", 2013, POS Huntsville GRB Symposium;
- **Pisani, G. B.**; Izzo, L.; Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., "On a novel distance indicator for Gamma-Ray Bursts associated with Supernovae", 2013, POS MG13;
- Bianco, C. L.; Bernardini, M. G.; Caito, L.; De Barros, G.; Izzo, L.; Muccino, M.; Patricelli, B.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Ruffini, R., "Needs for a new GRB classification following the fireshell model: "genuine short", "disguised short" and "long" GRBs", 2012, POS GRB 2012 Conference;
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GRB Coordinates Network, Circular Service (11)

- Ruffini, R.; Aimurato, Y.; Barres, U.; Belvedere, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Kovacevic, M.; Moradi, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., "GRB 151027A: the missing GeV component", 2015, GCN 18555, 1;
- Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Kovacevic, M.; Li, L.; Muccino, M.; Muccino, M.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., "GRB 150906B: theoretical estimation of redshift and isotropic energy", 2015, GCN 18296, 1;
- Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Kovacevic, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., "GRB 140206A: theoretical prediction of redshift and of supernova occurrence", 2014, GCN 15794, 1;
- Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Kovacevic, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., "GRB 140108A: theoretical prediction of redshift and of supernova occurrence", 2014, GCN 15707, 1;
- Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Kovacevic, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., "GRB 131202A: theoretical estimation of the redshift.", 2013, GCN 15576, 1;

- Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Kovacevic, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Wang, Y., “GRB 060614: theoretical derivation of the redshift and need for deeper search of the host galaxy”, 2013, GCN 15560, 1;
- Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Sahakyan, N.; Wang, Y.; Izzo, L., “GRB 130925A: possible signatures of binary nature in the afterglow - request for observations”, 2013, GCN 15322, 1;
- Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Sahakyan, N.; Wang, Y., “GRB 130603B: analogy with GRB 090510A and possible connection with a supernova”, 2013, GCN 14913, 1;
- Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Sahakyan, N.; Wang, Y.; Izzo, L., “GRB 130609B: theoretical redshift estimation”, 2013, GCN 14888, 1;
- Ruffini, R.; Bianco, C. L.; Enderli, M.; Muccino, M.; Penacchioni, A. V.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Rueda, J. A.; Sahakyan, N.; Wang, Y.; Izzo, L., “GRB 130427A: predictions about the occurrence of a supernova”, 2013, GCN 14526, 1;
- Ruffini, R.; Izzo, L.; **Pisani, G. B.**; Bianco, C. L., “GRB 121217A theoretical estimate of redshift and of supernova occurrence”, 2012, GCN 14095, 1.