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1. Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals

- **A. Codello, N. Defenu, and G. D'Odorico**

Critical exponents of $O(N)$ models in fractional dimensions,
Phys. Rev. D **91**, 105003 (2015).
arXiv:1410.3308

Author Contributions: Authors are listed in alphabetical order. N. Defenu conceived the study, devised the approach to calculate the correlation length exponent ν , derived the numerical results and conceptualised the manuscript.

- **N. Defenu, A. Trombettoni, and A. Codello**

Fixed Points Structure & Effective Fractional Dimension for $O(N)$ Models with Long-Range Interactions,
Phys. Rev. E **92**, 052113 (2015).
arXiv:1409.8322

Author Contribution: N. Defenu pursued the derivation of the non-perturbative flow equations in the long-range case, derived the numerical results and wrote the manuscript.

- **N. Defenu, P. Mati, I.G. Marian, I. Nandori, and A. Trombettoni**

Truncation effects in the functional renormalization group study of spontaneous symmetry breaking,
JHEP **1505** (2015) 141.
arXiv:1410.7024

Author Contribution: N. Defenu carried on the mathematical proof that the lower order functional RG equations for $O(N)$ field theories are consistent with the Mermin-Wagner theorem.

- **V. Bacso, N. Defenu, A. Trombettoni, and I. Nandori**

c -function and central charge of the sine-Gordon model from the non-perturbative renormalization group flow,
Nucl. Phys. B, **901**, 444-460 (2015).
arXiv:1507.04920

Author Contribution: N. Defenu derived the mathematical expression of the c -function for the sine-Gordon model in the functional RG scheme.

- **N. Defenu, A. Trombettoni and S. Ruffo**

Anisotropic long range spin systems,
Phys. Rev. B **94**, 224411 (2016).
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Author Contribution: N. Defenu conceived the study, derived the RG equations for the study of anisotropic long-range $O(N)$ models, performed the numerical calculations and wrote the manuscript.

- **G. Gori, M. Michelangeli, N. Defenu, and A. Trombettoni**

Numerical study of one-dimensional long-range percolation,
Phys. Rev. E **96**, 012108 (2017).
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Author Contribution: N. Defenu contributed to the interpretation of the numerical simulations by mapping the mathematical expressions for critical exponents in the local interaction case to the long-range case under study, using the effective dimension approach.

- **N. Defenu, A. Trombettoni, I. Nandori, T. Enss**

Nonperturbative RG treatment of amplitude fluctuations for $|\varphi|^4$ topological phase transitions,
Phys. Rev. B **96**, 174505 (2017).
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Author Contribution: N. Defenu initiated the project, revised the previous literature accurately, derived the RG equations for the study of the two dimensional $O(2)$ model in the amplitude and phase representation. The, he performed the numerical calculations and conceptualised the manuscript.
- **N. Defenu, A. Trombettoni and S. Ruffo**

Criticality and Phase Diagram of Quantum Long-Range $O(N)$ models,
Phys. Rev. B **96**, 104432 (2017).
arXiv:1704.00528
Author Contribution: N. Defenu conceived the study, derived the RG equations for the study of quantum long-range $O(N)$ models, performed the numerical calculations and conceptualised the manuscript, deriving the connections with previous investigations.
- **N. Defenu, and A. Codello**

Scaling solutions in the derivative expansion,
Phys. Rev. D **98**, 016013 (2018).
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Author Contribution: N. Defenu derived the mathematical expressions for the flow equations, pursued the numerical calculations, analysed the results and wrote the manuscript.
- **N. Defenu, T. Enss, M. Kastner and G. Morigi**

Dynamical Critical Scaling of Long-Range Interacting Quantum Magnets,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **121**, 240403 (2018).
arXiv:1805.00008
Author Contribution: N. Defenu initiated the study by mapping the slow drive universal behaviour of the fully connected quantum Ising model to the driven quantum harmonic oscillator case. Then, he pursued both the numerical and analytical calculations, analysed the results in the light of previous investigations and substantially contributed to the draft.
- **P. M. Preiss, J. H. Becher, R. Klemt, V. Klinkhamer, A. Bergschneider, N. Defenu, and S. Jochim**

High-Contrast Interference of Ultracold Fermions,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **122**, 143602 (2019).
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Author Contribution: N. Defenu supported the experimental investigations with theoretical insight, deriving the exact mathematical expressions for the correlation functions of the few particle system.
- **I. G. Marian, N. Defenu, U. D. Jentschura, A. Trombettoni, I. Nándori**

Pseudo-Periodic Natural Higgs Inflation,
Nucl. Phys. B, **945**, 114642 (2019).
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- **N. Defenu, T. Enss and J. C. Halimeh**

Criticality and Phase Dynamical criticality and domain-wall coupling in long-range Hamiltonians,
Phys. Rev. B **100**, 014434 (2019).
arXiv:1902.08621
Author Contribution: N. Defenu together with Jad C. Halimeh realised the connection between the absence of anomalous dynamical phase and absence of domain wall couplings in the Kitaev chain representation of the long-range Ising model. He performed the numerical calculations to prove the conjecture and substantially contributed to the draft.

- **V. Karle, N. Defenu, T. Enss**
Coupled superfluidity of binary Bose mixtures in two dimensions,
Phys. Rev. A **99**, 063627 (2019).
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- **N. Defenu, V. Bacsó, I. G. Márián, I. Nándori, and A. Trombettoni**
Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless transition and criticality of an elliptic deformation of the sine-Gordon model,
J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. **52**, 345002 (2019).
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- **G. Bighin*, N. Defenu*, T. Enss, I. Nandori, L. Salasnich, A. Trombettoni**
BKT-paired phase in coupled XY models,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **123**, 100601 (2019).
arXiv:1907.06253
Author Contribution: N. Defenu devised the mean-field+RG approach suited to study topological phase transitions in coupled bilayer models, pursued the numerical calculations for the phase boundaries and analysed the results in comparison with exact numerical simulations. N. Defenu and G. Bighin contributed equally to the work.
- **P. A. Murthy^{†,*}, N. Defenu^{†,*}, L. Bayha, M. Holten, P. M. Preiss, T. Enss, and S. Jochim**
Quantum scale anomaly and spatial coherence in a 2D Fermi superfluid,
Science **365**, 268-272 (2019).
arXiv:1805.04734
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Author Contribution: N. Defenu proposed the comparison between real-space and momentum-space profiles at different stages of the breathing motion to assess the presence of quantum anomaly corrections, contributed to the analysis of the experimental data and substantially contributed to the manuscript. N. Defenu and P. A. Murthy contributed equally to the work.
- **N. Defenu, G. Morigi, L. Dell'Anna, and T. Enss**
Universal dynamical scaling of long-range topological superconductors,
Phys. Rev. B **100**, 184306 (2019).
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Author Contribution: N. Defenu conceived the study, derived the analytical expressions for the universal scaling exponent in the slow drive limit, by solving the Landau-Zener problem. He performed the numerical calculations and conceptualised the manuscript.
- **N. Defenu, A. Codello, S. Ruffo, and A. Trombettoni.**
Criticality of Spin Systems with Weak Long-Range Interactions,
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- **I. G. Marian, N. Defenu, U. D. Jentschura, A. Trombettoni, and I. Nandori.**
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- **P. Uhrich, N. Defenu, R. Jafari, J. C. Halimeh.**
Out-of-equilibrium phase diagram of long-range superconductors,
Phys. Rev. B **101**, 245148 (2020)
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- **W. Rzadkowski, N. Defenu, S. Chiacchiera, A. Trombettoni, G. Bighin.**
Detecting hidden and composite orders in layered models via machine learning,
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- **I. Maccari, N. Defenu, L. Benfatto, C. Castellani, and T. Enss**
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- **A. Colcelli, N. Defenu, G. Mussardo, A. Trombettoni**
Finite Temperature Off-Diagonal Long-Range Order for Interacting Bosons
Phys. Rev. B **102**, 184510 (2020)
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Author Contribution: N. Defenu supervised the study of Off-Diagonal Long-Range Order in 2D systems.
- **N. Defenu, A. Trombettoni, D. Zappalà**
Topological phase transitions in four dimensions
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- **M. Syed, T. Enss, N. Defenu**
Dynamical quantum phase transition in a bosonic system with long-range interactions
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- **A. P. Millán, G. Gori, F. Battiston, T. Enss, N. Defenu**
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- **G. Giachetti, N. Defenu, S. Ruffo, A. Trombettoni**
Self-consistent harmonic approximation with non-local couplings
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- **T. Botzung, D. Hagenmüller, G. Masella, J. Dubail, N. Defenu, A. Trombettoni, G. Pupillo**
Effects of energy extensivity on the quantum phases of long-range interacting systems
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Quantum adiabatic cycles and their breakdown: an analytic solution
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Metastability and discrete spectrum of long-range systems
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■ **G. Giachetti, N. Defenu, S. Ruffo, A. Trombettoni**

Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless phase transitions with long-range couplings
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■ **A. P. Millán, R. Ghorbanchian, N. Defenu, F. Battiston, G. Bianconi**

Local topological moves determine global diffusion properties of hyperbolic higher-order networks
arXiv:2102.12885
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■ **I. G. Marian, U. D. Jentschura, N. Defenu, A. Trombettoni, I. Nandori**

Renormalization of Field-Independent Term in the Cosmological Constant Problem
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■ **N. Defenu, T. Donner, T. Macrì, G. Pagano, S. Ruffo, A. Trombettoni**

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