

# Emanuele Maria Ventura

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**Research interest:** Cosmic Dawn,; Population III stars; Epoch of Reionization (EoR); 21-cm signal; simulations of high-z galaxies formation and evolution.

## Education:

Jan 2022 - present

**PhD in Astrophysics**, The University of Melbourne, Australia.

*Thesis:* First stars: where do they form? What is their impact to galaxy evolution?

*Supervisors:* Prof. J. Stuart B. Wyithe (UniMelb), Dr. Yuxiang Qin (UniMelb).

Sep 2019 – Sep 2021

**M.Sc in Astrophysics and Cosmology**, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy.

Department of Physics and Astronomy “Galileo Galilei”.

Curriculum A “Theory and Modeling”.

*Thesis:* Modeling the 21cm global signal from first stars and black holes.

*Supervisors:* Prof. Michela Mapelli (UniPd), Prof. Raffaella Schneider (UniRoma “La Sapienza”).

*Final evaluation:* 110/110 cum Laude.

Sep 2016 – Sep 2019

**B.Sc in Astronomy**, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy.

Department of Physics and Astronomy “Galileo Galilei”.

*Thesis:* Multiple populations in Magellanic Clouds globular clusters.

*Supervisors:* Prof. Antonino P. Milone (UniPd), Dr. Anna F. Marino (UniPd).

*Final evaluation:* 107/110.

## Published Articles:

3. Emanuele M. Ventura, Yuxiang Qin, Balu Sreedhar, and J. Stuart B. Wyithe.

*Semi-analytic modelling of Pop. III star formation and metallicity evolution – I. Impact on the UV luminosity functions at  $z = 9-16$ .*

MNRAS (2024), 529, 628.

2. Emanuele M. Ventura, Alessandro Trinca, Raffaella Schneider, Luca Graziani, Rosa Valiante, and J. Stuart B. Wyithe.

*The role of Pop III stars and early black holes in the 21-cm signal from Cosmic Dawn.*

MNRAS (2023), 520, 3609-3625.

1. A. P. Milone, A. F. Marino, G. S. Da Costa, E. P. Lagioia, F. D’Antona, P. Goudfrooij, H. Jerjen, D. Massari, A. Renzini, D. Yong, H. Baumgardt, G. Cordoni, E. Dondoglio, C. Li, M. Tailo, R. Asa’d and E. M. Ventura

*Multiple Populations in globular clusters and their parent galaxies.*

MNRAS (2020), 491, 515-531.

## **Grants & Awards:**

<b>Laby Travel Scholarship</b> , University of Melbourne, 2,000 AUD.	Jun 2024
<b>Science Abroad Travel Scholarship</b> , University of Melbourne, 2,000AUD.	Aug 2023
<b>ASA Student Travel Assistance</b> , Astronomical Society of Australia, 1,500AUD.	Apr 2023
<b>ND Goldsworthy Scholarship</b> , UniMelb, 6,000AUD p.a.	Sep 2022
<b>Melbourne International Research Scholarship</b> , UniMelb, 31,200AUD p.a.	Jan 2022
<b>Melbourne International Fee Remission Scholarship</b> , UniMelb, 46,144AUD p.a.	Jan 2022
<b>UniPd Scholarship “Mille e una Lode”</b> , Università degli Studi di Padova, 1000€.	Jan 2019

## **Selected Talks & Posters:**

*Contributed Talk:* **JWST bright galaxies at  $z > 12$ : a signature from Pop. III star formation?** Conference “Cosmic Dawn at high-latitudes”. June 2024, Stockholm.

*Invited Talk:* **Can we explain bright  $z > 12$  JWST galaxies with Pop. III star formation?** Seminar at INAF (Padova). June 2024, Padova.

*Invited Talk:* **Can we explain bright  $z > 12$  JWST galaxies with Pop. III star formation?** Visit at the Cosmology group at SNS (Pisa). June 2024, Pisa.

*Contributed Talk:* **Looking for a signature from Pop. III stars.** Science Legacy Meeting of the Australian Research Council (ARC) Centre of Excellence for All-sky Astrophysics 3D (ASTRO3D), June 2024, Manly.

*Invited Talk:* **Looking for a signature from Pop. III stars.** Talk at the astrophysics group at University of Melbourne. April 2024.

*Invited Talk:* **Meraxes has now Pop. III!** Remote talk at the extra-galactic team at University of Rome “La Sapienza”. April 2024 (remote).

*Contributed Talk:* **Global 21-cm signal with MERAXES.** 6<sup>th</sup> Global 21-cm workshop, September 2023, Trieste (remote).

*Contributed Talk:* **Can we see Pop III and mini-halos through EoR?** Shedding new light on the first billion years of the Universe, July 2023, Marseille.

*Contributed Talk:* **Can we see Pop III and mini-halos through EoR?** ASA Annual Science Meeting, July 2023, Sydney.

*Invited Talk:* **21-cm global signal from Cosmic Dawn.** Visit at MPI for Astrophysics. July 2023, Garching.

*Poster:* **Can we see Pop III and mini-halos during EoR? 21-cm signal from Cosmic Dawn.** Reionisation in the Summer, June 2023, Heidelberg.

*Invited Talk:* **Can we see Pop III and mini-halos through EoR?** Visit at the extra-galactic team at University of Geneva. June 2023, Geneva.

*Invited Talk:* **21-cm global signal from Cosmic Dawn.** Visit at SNS (Pisa). June 2023, Pisa.

*Contributed Talk:* **A quick recipe for tasty Pop III stars.** 2023 Science Meeting of the Australian Research Council (ARC) Centre of Excellence for All-sky Astrophysics 3D (ASTRO3D), May 2023, Fremantle.

## **Teaching & Outreach:**

### **Lab Coordinator (May 2024 - Present)**

1<sup>st</sup> year Physics Undergraduate Program – *From the Solar System to the Cosmos* – UniMelb:  
Assisting with the preparation of course materials, maintaining and updating the LMS, and teaching small classes while facilitating a team of demonstrators and markers.

### **Lab Demonstrator (Mar 2022 - Present)**

1<sup>st</sup> year Physics Undergraduate Program – *Standard* – UniMelb.  
1<sup>st</sup> year Physics Undergraduate Program – *From the Solar System to the Cosmos* – UniMelb.  
1<sup>st</sup> year Physics Undergraduate Program – *Introduction to Life Earth and Universe* – UniMelb.

### **Tutoring & Mentoring**

Tutor for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Bachelor course *Mathematical Analysis 3*. Mar – June 2019, UniPd.

### **Meet-an-expert (with primary school)**

Teaching basic astronomy to 8-10 years old kids including preparation of hands-on activities. Feb – Sep 2022, Padova.

## **Experiences:**

### **Coordinator & Chair**

Astro3D Science Legacy Meeting, reionisation session, Chair, June 2024.  
Monthly Genesis Meeting (within Astro3D), Jan 2023 – Dec 2023.  
Astro Group Meeting, Oct 2022 – Dec 2022, UniMelb.  
SAZERAC online conference: *learning the high-redshift Universe*, Co-Chair, Feb 2022.

### **Schools & Workshops:**

Cosmic Dawn at high-latitudes, week 4 on *Physical properties of high redshift galaxies and what happened before reionization started*, June-July 2024, Stockholm.  
ASA ECR Python Workshop on *Optimization and Parallel Computing*, September 2023, Melbourne.  
ASA Harley Wood School of Astronomy on *Dark Matter and Scientific Computing*, June 2022, Hobart.  
ANITA 2022 School and Workshop on *Galactic Archaeology*, Feb 2022, Macquarie University, Sydney.  
International Summer School on *ISM of Galaxies from the Epoch of Reionization to the Milky Way*, July 2021, Remote participation.

## **Digital and programming skills:**

Developer of **MERAXES**: a semi-analytical model of galaxy formation.  
Good knowledge of **Python**, including the main packages, widely used since the Bachelor.  
Good knowledge of **C**, widely used during the PhD.  
Good knowledge of **Latex**, widely used to write Bachelor and Master thesis and MNRAS papers.  
Good knowledge of **HTML** used to make a personal website.  
Basic knowledge of **21cmFAST**: a semi-numerical simulation of the high-redshift 21cm signal.  
Basic knowledge of **Fortran** learnt during the Master thesis.  
Basic knowledge of **Xspec** (X-ray spectral fitting package), learnt during a Master course.