## Tejaswi Venumadhav Nerella

#### Curriculum Vitae

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#### Education

#### California Institute of technology

2010-2015

Ph.D. in Physics,

Advisor: Christopher Hirata

## Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

2005-2010

M.Sc (Integrated) in Physics

### Research Interests

My research area is astrophysics, with a primary focus on cosmology. I have research interests in a number of areas, including but not limited to the pre-atomic era of the very early universe, recombination, reionization, and binary systems.

I am interested in doing cosmology with the 21-cm signal from neutral hydrogen during the reionization epoch. My current work in this area focuses on developing new methods to study observables such as primordial magnetic fields and gravitational waves using high-resolution maps of the 21-cm line. I also enjoy thinking about radio interferometry, and have previously worked on its application to studying the global 21-cm signal. In a broader sense, I also think about aspects of cosmic structure formation in the dark-ages, and its implications for observables in the later universe.

I am also interested in the use of the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB), and Large Scale Structure (LSS) as probes of curvature fluctuations in the primordial universe. I am currently developing a computer-algebra system to perform non-linear evolution of stochastically seeded fields from first-principles. I plan to use it to evaluate all lowest-order corrections to the two-, three- and four-point correlation functions of the CMB and LSS purely due to non-linear evolution.

My other research interests include weak interactions of neutrinos in the early universe, and the secular evolution of binary systems. Previously, I have worked on tidal deformation of neutron stars, and its consequence for their internal oscillatory modes. Apart from these topics, at various periods, I have worked on orbital resonances in eccentric binaries, optics design for CMB experiments and, very briefly dabbled in X-ray fluorescence from kilonovae.

## **Academic Honors**

Schmidt Fellowship Institute for Advanced Study	2015 - Present
Robert A. Millikan Fellowship California Institute of Technology	2010
International Fulbright Science and Technology Award Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State	2010
President's Gold Medal for the best academic performance in the graduating class in all disciplines, IIT Kanpur	2010

General Proficiency Medal for the best academic performance in the graduating class in Physics, IIT Kanpur

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
California Institute of Technology

Academic Excellence Award
IIT Kanpur

Silver Medal, 36th International Physics Olympiad

2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

KVPY Fellowship
Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India

Work Experience

NTSE Fellowship

Member Sep 2015-Present

2003

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

Graduate Student Sep 2010-Aug 2015

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena

Advisor: Christopher M. Hirata

Visiting Scientist May-August 2009

Max-Planck-Institut für Physik komplexer Systeme, Dresden

National Council of Educational Research and Training, Govt. of India

Advisor: Roderich Moessner

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow May-August 2008

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena

Advisor: Re'em Sari

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow May-August 2007

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena

Advisor: Andrew Lange

# Refereed publications

• Dai, L., **Venumadhav, T.**, Sigurdson, K. (2017), Physical Review D, 95, 044011 Title: The effect of lensing magnification on the apparent distribution of black hole mergers

• Venumadhav, T., Cyr-Racine, F.-Y., Abazajian, K. N., & Hirata, C. M. (2016), Physical Review D, 94, 043515

Title: Sterile neutrino dark matter: A tale of weak interactions in the strong coupling epoch

- Venumadhav, T., Chang, T.-C., Doré, O., & Hirata, C. M. (2015), Astrophysical Journal, 826, 116 Title: A practical theorem on using interferometry to measure the global 21 cm signal
- Venumadhav, T., & Hirata, C. M. (2015), Physical Review D, 91, 123009

  Title: Stability of small-scale baryon perturbations during cosmological recombination

- Venumadhav, T., Zimmerman, A., & Hirata, C. M. (2014), Astrophysical Journal, 781, 23 Title: The stability of tidally deformed neutron stars to three- and four-mode coupling
- Venumadhav, T., Haque, M., & Moessner, R. (2010), Physical Review B, 81, 054305 Title: Finite-rate quenches of site bias in the Bose-Hubbard dimer

## **Preprints**

- Dai, L., **Venumadhav**, **T.**, (2017), arXiv:1702.04724 Title: On the waveforms of gravitationally lensed gravitational waves
- Gluscevic, V., **Venumadhav, T.**, Fang, X., Hirata, C. M., Oklopčić, A., Mishra, A. (2016), arXiv:1604:06327 Title: A new probe of magnetic fields in the pre-reionization epoch: II. Detectability
- Venumadhav, T., Oklopčić, A., Gluscevic, V., Mishra, A., & Hirata, C. M. (2014), arXiv:1410.2250 Title: A new probe of magnetic fields in the pre-reionization epoch: I. Formalism Submitted to Physical Review D

## Manuscripts in Preparation

• Hirata, C. M., **Venumadhav**, **T.**, Gluscevic, V., Mishra, A., & Oklopčić, A. (2014) Title: Primordial gravitational waves and circular polarization in the redshifted 21 cm line

## Work in Progress

• Computing all the lowest-order corrections to the CMB power spectrum due to non-linear evolution Collaborators: de Putter, R., Doré, O., Hirata, C. M. (planned 2015)

### Other work

- Probing Primordial Magnetic Fields with 21-cm Line Observations of the High-redshift Intergalactic Medium
  - Oklopčić, A., Gluscevic, V., Hirata, C.M., Mishra, A., **Venumadhav, T.** (2014) AAS presentation by Oklopčić, A.
- Spin-orbit resonances for satellites on highly eccentric orbits, SURF (2008)
   Mentors: Re'em Sari and Daniel Babich
   Report at http://www.its.caltech.edu/~tnerella/draft\_v7.pdf
- Wave plate modeling, SURF (2007)

Mentor: Andrew Lange

Report at http://www.its.caltech.edu/~tnerella/waveplate\_07.pdf

# Talks and poster presentations

• Talk, Tianlai Collaboration Meeting, Fermilab, Batavia.	2016
$\bullet$ Talk, CMB Spectral Distortions From Cosmic Baryon Evolution, RRI, Bengaluru.	2016
• Seminar, International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, TIFR.	2016
• Cosmology seminar, Perimeter institute.	2016
• Cosmology lunch, joint w/ IAS and Princeton University.	2016
• Astrophysics informal seminar, IAS.	2016

• Seminar, Inter University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune.	2015
• Seminar, National Center for Radio Astronomy, Pune.	2015
• Talk, The Primordial Universe after Planck, IAP, Paris.	2014
• Seminar, McGill University, Montreal.	2014
• Seminar, CITA, Toronto.	2014
• ITC Seminar, Harvard University, Boston.	2014
• Cosmology lunch, joint w/ IAS and Princeton University.	2014
• Talk, Theoretical Astrophysics in Southern California (TASC), UCSD, San Diego.	2014
• Special seminar, KICP, University of Chicago.	2014
• Cosmology Lunch talk, CCAPP, Ohio State University, Columbus.	2014
$\bullet$ Poster, Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop (GWPAW) at IUCAA, Pune.	2013
• Seminar, Inter University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune.	2013
$\bullet \ \ {\it Talk, Theoretical Astrophysics in Southern California (TASC), Carnegie Observatories, Pasadena.}$	2012
• Poster, Summer school on cosmology, ICTP, Trieste.	2012
Teaching Experience and outreach	
• Volunteer for event on occasion of partial solar eclipse Location: McKinley School, Pasadena	2014
<ul> <li>Volunteer for public viewing of Supernova SN2014J         Location: California Institute of Technology, Pasadena     </li> </ul>	2014
• Teaching assistant for Ph 12a: Waves, taught by Jeff Kimble Fall	l 2012
• Volunteer for public event on the occasion of Venus transit Location: California Institute of Technology, Pasadena  May	2012

# References

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