

# JAM SADIQ

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## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

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### Postdoctoral Researcher

*October 2020 -*

University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain  
Instituto Galego de Fisica de Altas Enerxias - IGFAE, USC

### Assistant Professor in Mathematics

*September 2019 - August 2020*

Sukkur IBA University, Sukkur, Sindh, Pakistan  
Department of Mathematics and Social Sciences  
Courses: General Relativity, Quantum Mechanics, Computational Physics, Introductory Astrophysics

### PhD in Astrophysics: Fulbright PhD Fellow

*August 2014 - August 2019*

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, 14623  
Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation

### Lecturer in Mathematics

*May 2013 - August 2013*

University of Engineering and Technology Taxila sub campus Chakwal, Pakistan  
Courses: Linear Algebra, Differential Equations

### Masters of Philosophy (M.Phil) in Mathematics

*August 2010 - September 2012*

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan  
Department of Mathematics

### Master of Science (M.Sc) in Mathematics

*January 2008 - January 2010*

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan  
Department of Mathematics

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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### Software

PyCBC, Einstein Toolkit, VisIt, Mathematica, GWpy, Scikit-learn  
RIFT, Maple, LaTeX, Git, SageMath

### Programing Languages

Python, C/C++, R

### Operating System

Fedora/CentosOS Linux, Mac OS, Windows 10

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### Postdoctoral Fellowship

*October 2020 -*

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at IGFAE under the grant by Xunta de Galicia, at USC, Spain

### Fulbright PhD Fellowship

*August 2014 - August 2019*

Fulbright PhD Fellowship by US state department for five years which covered the entire cost of my PhD in the US.

### Japanese need based Scholarship

*January 2009*

Awarded for being a talented and deserving student  
Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

## PROJECTS

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### **Studying the limitations of approximate analytic spacetimes for binary black holes**

In this project I developed a new technique to compare analytical spacetime evolution versus their counterpart in numerical relativity evolution using gauge-independent quantities related to geodesic deviation. Our method can help improve analytical approximate models that have been used to study the dynamics of accretion disks around supermassive black hole binaries.

### **Hybrid waveforms for generic precessing binaries for gravitational-wave data analysis**

We construct hybrid binary black hole merger waveforms, using analytical model waveforms for the early inspiral phase and numerical relativity waveforms for late inspiral to merger and post-merger phases. Our goal is to hybridize waveforms for more generic precessing binaries and construct longer waveforms that are sufficiently accurate for performing parameter estimation on signals detected in upcoming LIGO-Virgo observations.

### **Flexible and fast estimation to infer population properties binary merger population distributions using with adaptive KDE**

Using a fast and flexible Kernel density estimator (KDE) we reconstruct the mass distribution of LIGO-Virgo binary mergers from parameter estimation outputs and our results are comparable with existing Bayesian hierarchical models, which assume a specific form of distribution and are more computationally intensive.

### **LIGO collaboration contributions**

I am also involved on **automation and improvement of PyGRB search pipeline** for detections of gravitational waves from observed data and associated Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs) observations. I have contributed to data analysis and reviews work within LIGO/Virgo scientific collaboration.

## CONFERENCES

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### **GRavitational-waves Science & technology Symposium (GRASS) 2022 June 6-7, 2022; Padova, Italy**

Poster: Flexible and Fast Estimation of Binary Merger Population Distributions with Adaptive KDE

### **GWPAW 2021 December 14-17, 2021; Hannover, Germany**

Poster: Flexible and Fast Estimation of Binary Merger Population Distributions with Adaptive KDE

### **(Online) Amaldi14 conference on gravitational waves., July 19-23, 2021**

Poster: Flexible and Fast Estimation of Binary Merger Population Distributions with Adaptive KDE

### **(Online) 11th Iberian Gravitational Waves Meeting, June 9-11, 2021**

Talk: Hybrid Waveforms for Precessing Binary Black holes for LIGO Data Analysis

### **3rd International Conference on Computing, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies (iCoMET), January 29-30, 2020; Sukkur, Sindh, Pakistan**

Talk: Waveform template bank for Precessing binary black holes for detection of gravitational waves

### **APS April Meeting April 13-16, 2019; Denver, Colorado, USA**

Talk: Hybrid Wave-forms for Precessing binary black holes for LIGO data analysis

### **APS April Meeting April 14-17, 2018; Columbus, Ohio, USA**

Talk: A new tool to check the accuracy of Analytic Spacetimes for binary black holes

### **27th Midwest Relativity Meeting, October 12-14, 2017, Ann Arbor, MI, USA**

Talk: Comparing Spacetimes using Geometric Scalars

### **21st International Conference on General Relativity and Gravitation, Columbia University July 10-15, 2016, New York, USA**

Talk: Comparing Space-time using Geometric Scalars

## WORKSHOPS

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**European Einstein Toolkit School 2022, 29 August - 2 September, 2022**

University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

**(Online) Summer School in Statistics for Astronomers XVI, June 1–5, 2021**

The Pennsylvania State University, USA

**(Online) Current challenges in gravitational physics workshop, April 21-28, 2021**

Sissa, Italy

**(Online) Statistical Methods for the Detection, Classification, and Inference of Relativistic Objects November 16-20, 2020**

Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, USA

**Computational Challenges in Gravitational Wave Astronomy, Jan 28 - Feb 1, 2019**

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), CA, USA

**North American Einstein Toolkit School and Workshop NCSA, July 31 - August 4, 2017**

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, IL, USA

**The Astrophysical Black Hole Merger Workshop VI, June 21-22, 2016**

Organizing committee member

Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation, RIT, Rochester, NY, USA

**Caltech Gravitational Wave Astrophysics School 2015, July 6-10, 2015**

California Institute of Technology, CA, USA

## MENTORING AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Zainab Mangi, Komal Naz, Kaneez Fatima (Sukkur IBA University), **supervised undergraduate final year research projects** on black hole physics, 2019-2020

Anum Zulfiqar and Farah Naz Master's thesis (Institute of Space Technology, Islamabad, Pakistan), **external committee member** for thesis on topics of "N-Body dynamics around supermassive blackhole binaries", 2020

Ifra Hassan, Nilo Cher, **co-advised, undergraduate students in summer program** at RIT on visualising two and three body Newtonian dynamics, 2018

**Taught** courses on **general relativity, quantum mechanics and computational physics** to advanced undergraduate students at Sukkur IBA University, 2019-2020.

Part of **Scientific Computing group meetings** at Rochester Institute of Technology to **help undergraduate students to learn computational skills**, 2018-2019.

**Teaching Assistant** at Rochester Institute of Technology, USA to help undergrad students in problem solving and homework in the subjects of classical mechanics and computational astrophysics, 2014-2015.

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

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**Public lecture** on Astronomy and Stephen Hawking contributions to cosmology at Sukkur IBA University, Sukkur, Pakistan, 2019

**Proposal presentation** to Chief Minister on funds **for opening a Planetarium** in Sukkur, Pakistan, 2019

Volunteer **World Science Festival** and served as **Science Ambassador for City of Science** event, New York, USA, 2017-2018.

Tutor **for Solar Eclipse** event RIT, Rochester, NY, 2018

**Member** of Astronomy Section Rochester Academy of Science (ASRAS) and took part in public outreach events 2016-2018

## REFERENCES

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**Yosef Zlochower, Ph.D. adviser**

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**Jaime Alvarez Muniz**

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## PUBLICATION DETAILS

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### A. SELECTED SENIOR-AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

1. Flexible and Fast Estimation of Binary Merger Population Distributions with Adaptive KDE  
Jam Sadiq, Thomas Dent, Daniel Wysocki, **Phys.Rev.D105 (2022) 12, 123014**, arXiv e-Print 2112.12659  
DOI: <https://journals.aps.org/prd/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevD.105.123014>
2. Hybrid waveforms for generic precessing binaries for gravitational-wave data analysis  
Jam Sadiq, Yosef Zlochower, Richard O'Shaughnessy, Jacob Lange, **Phys.Rev.D102 (2020) 2, 024012**, arXiv e-Print 2001.07109  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.102.024012>
3. Comparing an analytical spacetime metric for a merging binary to a fully nonlinear numerical evolution using curvature scalars  
Jam Sadiq, Yosef Zlochower, Hiroyuki Nakano, **Phys.Rev.D97 (2018), 084007**, arXiv e-Print 1802.02990 [gr-qc]  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.97.084007>

### B. COLLABORATION PUBLICATIONS

These are some of my LIGO and Virgo scientific collaboration publication that I contributed.

1. Measurement of general-relativistic precession in a black-hole binary  
VIRGO Collaboration, arXiv e-Print:2112.11300 [gr-qc]
2. Search for Gravitational Waves Associated with Gamma-Ray Bursts Detected by Fermi and Swift During the LIGO-Virgo Run O3b  
LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations, R. Abbott(LIGO Lab., Caltech) et al., arXiv e-Print 2111.03608 [astro-ph.HE]
3. The population of merging compact binaries inferred using gravitational waves through GWTC-3  
LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations, R. Abbott(LIGO Lab., Caltech) et al., arXiv e-Print 2111.03634 [astro-ph.HE]
4. GWTC-2: Compact Binary Coalescences Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the First Half of the Third Observing Run  
LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations, R. Abbott(LIGO Lab., Caltech) et al. **Phys.Rev.X.11 (2021) 021053**, arXiv e-Print 2010.14527 [gr-qc]  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevX.11.021053>
5. All-sky search in early O3 LIGO data for continuous gravitational-wave signals from unknown neutron stars in binary systems  
LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations, R. Abbott(LIGO Lab., Caltech) et al., **Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 6, 064017**, arXiv e-Print 2012.12128 [gr-qc]  
DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.103.064017](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.103.064017)
6. Search for intermediate mass black hole binaries in the third observing run of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo  
LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations, R. Abbott(LIGO Lab., Caltech) et al., arXiv e-Print 2105.15120 [astro-ph.HE],  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.15120>
7. Search for Gravitational Waves Associated with Gamma-Ray Bursts Detected by Fermi and Swift During the LIGO-Virgo Run O3a  
LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaborations, R. Abbott(LIGO Lab., Caltech) et al., arXiv e-Print 2010.14550 [astro-ph.HE] **submitted in ApJ**  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.14550>