

Mustafa Mustafa

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Education

- 2009-2013 **Ph.D. in High Energy Nuclear Physics**
Purdue University, IN.
Thesis title: Experimental study of electrons from heavy flavor hadrons decays in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200, 62.4$ and 39 GeV in the STAR experiment at RHIC
Advisor: [Wei Xie](#)
- 2004-2008 **B.Sc. in Physics**
University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan.

Current Position

- 2013-Present **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory,
Relativistic Nuclear Collisions group, Nuclear Science Division.
Focus:
I) Contributing to STAR Time Projection Chamber alignment and calibration R&D.
II) Measurements related to heavy quarks interactions and energy-loss in heavy-ion collisions.
Advisor: [Jim Thomas](#)

Projects & Contributions

- 2012-Present **HFT software. PXL fast and slow simulators deployment**
STAR Collaboration.
- 2012-2013 **Embedding deputy**
STAR Collaboration.
- 2010-2012 **Heavy Flavor PWG Embedding Helper**
STAR Collaboration.
- 2011 **D^* Reconstruction Eff. in HFT Simulations**
Short project. STAR Collaboration.
- 2010-2011 **Measurement of D^0 production in $p+p$ collision at $\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV (STAR experiment)**
Objective: Measurement of charm cross-section at mid-rapidity by direct reconstructing of $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$.
Contribution: Studying event-mixing techniques in $p+p$ collisions. Cross-checking signal reconstruction. [STAR documents](#).
Technical skills: Large data analysis, C++, grid-computing.
Outcome: [Phys. Rev. D 86, 072013 \(2012\)](#). [arXiv:1204.4244](#).

Talks

Conference talks:

- 2013/11 **Measurement of non-photonic electrons in STAR experiment,**
EMMI workshop on Heavy Flavor & QCD Phase Structure in High Energy Collisions.
LBL, Berkeley, CA. [PDF](#).
- 2012/08 **Measurements of non-photonic electrons at STAR experiment,**
parallel talk at *Quark Matter 2012 International Conference*,
Washington D.C. [PDF](#).

Invited talks:

- 2014/06 **Recent open heavy flavor results from STAR experiment,**
RHIC & AGS Annual Users' Meeting,
BNL, NY. [PDF](#).
- 2013/06 **Recent open heavy flavor results at RHIC,**
RHIC & AGS Annual Users' Meeting,
BNL, NY. [PDF](#).
- 2012/10 **Measurements of non-photonic electron in STAR experiment,**
International Workshop on Heavy Quark Production in Heavy-Ion Collisions,
Utrecht, Netherlands. [PDF](#).
- 2012/08 **Measurements of non-photonic electron in STAR experiment,**
Workshop on Heavy Flavor Production in High-Energy Nuclear Collisions,
UIC, Chicago, IL. [PDF](#).

Seminars:

- 2014/08 **Measurements of electrons from heavy-flavor hadrons decays in STAR experiment,**
University of Illinois at Chicago,
Chicago, IL. [PDF](#).

Publications

+50 publications. Full list available at [Google Scholar](#) or [INSPIRE](#).

Selected experimental physics publications:

- 2013 Measurements of non-photonic electron production and azimuthal anisotropy in $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 39, 62.4, \text{ and } 200 \text{ GeV}$ $Au+Au$ collisions from STAR at RHIC.
Mustafa Mustafa (for the STAR Collaboration). *Nuclear Physics A* 904-905, 665 (2013).
[arXiv:1210.5199](#).
- 2012 Measurements of D^0 and D^* production in $p + p$ Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$.
L. Adamczyk et al. (STAR Collaboration). *Phys. Rev. D* 86, 072013 (2012). [arXiv:1204.4244](#).

Mathematical physics publications:

- 2011 Supersymmetry identifies molecular Stark states whose eigenproperties can be obtained analytically.
M. Leshemko, M. Mustafa, S. Kais, B. Friedrich. *New J. Phys.* 13, 063036 (2011).
[arXiv:1106.4402](#).
- 2011 Supersymmetric factorization yields exact solutions to the molecular Stark effect problem for "stretched" state.
M. Leshemko, M. Mustafa, S.Kais, B. Friedrich. *Phys. Rev. A* 83, 043415 (2011).
[arXiv:1105.5262](#).

- 2009 A Venn diagram for supersymmetric, exactly solvable, shape invariant, and Infeld-Hull factorizable potential.
M. Mustafa, S. Kais. [arXiv:0911.4206](#).
- 2009 Effective polar potential in the central force Schrödinger equation.
M. S. Shikakhwa and M. Mustafa. [Eur. J. Phys. 31, 151 \(2010\)](#). [arXiv:1001.3693](#).

Book chapters:

- 2009 General Physics, Electromagnetism Laboratory Manual, 3rd Edition.
M. S. Shikakhwa, M. Mustafa, R. Al-Rfou', A. Ecevit, M. Ozbakan.
Middle East Technical University, North Cyprus Campus.

Work History:

Research:

- 2010-2013 **Graduate research assistant. High-Energy Nuclear Physics Group.**
Purdue University, IN.
The primary focus of my research was heavy quarks interaction with the strongly interacting partonic medium created in heavy-ion collisions so-called Quark Gluon Plasma.
- 2008-2009 **Research assistant. Remote collaboration with Prof. Sabre Kais.**
Purdue University, IN.
Applications of Supersymmetric Quantum Mechanics techniques to problems in Atomic and Molecular Physics. This work has been initiated during my Dec. 2008 research visit to Max Planck Institute for Physics of Complex Systems, Dresden, Germany.
- 2008 **Research Assistant. Prof. Jameel Khalifeh's group.**
University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan.
Worked on analytical evaluations of lattice Green's functions for isotropic and anisotropic FCC, BCC and SC lattices, where these are applied to evaluate resistance of networks of resistors.
- 2007 **DAAD Intern.**
Ilmenau Technical University, Ilmenau, Germany.
Developed a Mathematica™ visualization package to be used with an Ada implementation of a Kinetic Monte Carlo simulation of thin film growth package.

Teaching:

- 2009-2010 **Astronomy laboratory teaching assistant.**
Purdue University, IN.
- 2008-2009 **Introductory physics laboratory instructor.**
Middle East Technical University, North Cyprus Campus.

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