Sami Hakani

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**EDUCATION** 

PhD - Physics

Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA

Advisor: Itamar Kimchi

Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA

Master of Science - Physics GPA: 4.0 2019 - present

Yale College New Haven, CT 2014 - 2018

Bachelor of Science - Physics, Electrical Engineering

Advisor: Nir Navon

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Graduate Student Researcher Atlanta, GA

School of Physics, Georgia Institute of Technology 2019 - present

Graduate Teaching Assistant Atlanta, GA School of Physics, Georgia Institute of Technology 2019 - present

Postgraduate Research Assistant New Haven, CT Physics Department, Yale University 2018 - 2019

Advisor: Nir Navon

Fellowships and Awards

• Amelio Endowment and the Weatherly Fund Graduate Student Travel Grant (GaTech) - 2022

• H.G. Bessent Scholarship (Yale College) - 2014-2018

• QuestBridge Scholar (Yale College) - 2014-2018

• Distinction in the Major (Yale College) - 2018

# Publications

1. Aaron Sokolik, Sami Hakani, Susmita Roy, Nicholas Pellatz, Hengdi Zhao, Gang Cao, Itamar Kimchi, and Dmitry Reznik. Spinons and damped phonons in the spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  quantum liquid Ba<sub>4</sub>Ir<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub> observed by Raman scattering. Phys. Rev. B, 106:075108, Aug 2022

2. Yu Zhang, Yifei Ni, Hengdi Zhao, Sami Hakani, Feng Ye, Lance DeLong, Itamar Kimchi, and Gang Cao. Control of chiral orbital currents in a colossal magnetoresistance material, 2022

#### Teaching Experience

• PHYS 6105 (Quantum Mechanics I) - GaTech, Fall 2021

33 students; core graduate curriculum course for physics students.

• PHYS 6106 (Quantum Mechanics II) - GaTech, Spring 2021

34 students; core graduate curriculum course for physics students.

• PHYS 6101 (Classical Mechanics) - GaTech, Fall 2020

8 students; core graduate curriculum course for physics students.

• PHYS 2211 (Intro Physics I) - GaTech; Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2021 30 students; calculus-based physics laboratory course for engineers and scientists.

## Talks and Tutorials

"Optical Signatures for Fractional Excitations in Quantum Liquid Candidate Ba<sub>4</sub>Ir<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>" Atlanta, GA Georgia Tech Quantum Alliance Workshop 2022

"Raman response via 4-spinon continuum in spin-1/2 quantum liquid  $\mathrm{Ba_4Ir_3O_{10}}$ " American Physical Society March Meeting

Chicago, IL 2022

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2019 - present

# Conferences and Schools Attended

- APS March Meeting Chicago, IL, 2022
- MagLab Winter Theory School (Virtual) 2022
- International conference on theoretical physics 2021
  - "From quasi-classics to Bose condensation and everything in between" dedicated to Valery Pokrovsky's 90th anniversary
- Bad Honnef School on Ultracold Quantum Gases (Virtual) 2022
- APS March Meeting (Virtual) 2021
- APS Division of Atomic, Molecular & Optical Physics (DAMOP) (Virtual) 2020

#### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

• President, Graduate Association of Physicists (2022-2023)

GAP is a graduate student organization in the GaTech School of Physics that aims to provide mentoring, networking and career development opportunities to physics PhD students. Our plans include bringing in speakers who earned PhDs in physics and ended up within and outside of academia, organizing physics community outreach events, mentoring for first year physics PhD students and more. (+100 members)

• Student Organizer, Quantum Materials Cookies & Coffee (2021)

International speaker series focusing on quantum materials (20 members).

• Student Organizer, Quantum Journal Club (2021)

Student-led journal club focusing on condensed matter and atomic, molecular, optical physics for undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty (40 members).

#### MENTORSHIP AND SERVICE

• Research Mentor, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (2020-2021)

Research mentor for high school internship program. Advised student research for Samad Hakani who won the Regional (Georgia) and National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (2021).

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

• American Physical Society

#### SKILLS SUMMARY

• Languages: English (fluent), Urdu (native), Spanish (conversational)

• Programming Languages: Python (proficient), MATLAB, Mathematica, C++ (novice), LATEX

Frameworks: Pandas, NumPy, TeNPy
Platforms: Linux, Windows, Arduino