Sami Hakani

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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA 2019 - present

Office: Howey E101

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PhD - Physics

Advisor: Itamar Kimchi

Atlanta, GA

Georgia Institute of Technology

Master of Science - Physics GPA: 4.0

2019 - present

Yale College

New Haven, CT

Bachelor of Science - Physics, Electrical Engineering

2014 - 2018

Advisor: Nir Navon

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Graduate Student Researcher

Atlanta, GA

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

School of Physics, Georgia Institute of Technology

2019 - present

Postgraduate Research Assistant
Physics Department, Yale University

New Haven, CT 2018 - 2019

Advisor: Nir Navon

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- \bullet 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

- Aaron Sokolik, Sami Hakani, Susmita Roy, Nicholas Pellatz, Hengdi Zhao, Gang Cao, Itamar Kimchi, and Dmitry Reznik. Spinons and damped phonons in the spin-¹/₂ quantum liquid Ba₄Ir₃O₁₀ 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
 - ${\it 8 \ students; core \ graduate \ curriculum \ course \ for \ physics \ students.}$
- 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 Ba₄Ir₃O₁₀" Atlanta, GA
Georgia Tech Quantum Alliance Workshop 2022

"Raman Response via 4-Spinon Continuum in Spin-1/2 Quantum Liquid Ba₄Ir₃O₁₀" Chicago, IL

American Physical Society March Meeting

2022

"Spinons and damped phonons in ... Ba₄Ir₃O₁₀ observed by Raman Scattering" Tallahassee, FL

*Poster talk at MagLab Theory Winter School (Virtual) 2022

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)

• College of Sciences (CoS) Dean's Graduate Advisory Council (2022-2023)

Discussing and advising deans on decisions affecting CoS graduate students; bridging graduate students and CoS administration

• Equity in Graduate Education Consortium (2022-2023)

Building capacity for equitable practices in PhD programs via innovative professional development; facilitating the development of sustainable infrastructure for faculty learning & institutional change; conducting and translating research that is inspired by community needs

• 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