

# Carlos Payá – Curriculum Vitae

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## Personal Profile

I am currently a PhD candidate at the Theory of Quantum Materials and Solid State Quantum Technologies group at the Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid (ICMM), CSIC, Madrid, Spain. My research focuses on the theoretical study of topological superconductors with hybrid materials, with special emphasis on full-shell Majorana nanowires. I am also interested in the study of the topological properties of superconducting materials and their applications in quantum computing.

I obtained my BSc in Physics from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid in 2021, with a final grade 8.44/10. Then, I pursued in the same university my studies in the Master in Physics of Condensed Matter, which I completed in 2022 with a final grade 9.45/10. During my master's studies, I worked as a research assistant at the group that I would finally join in 2023 for my PhD studies.

## Education

<b>2023-Present</b>	PhD in Condensed Matter Physics - Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
	<i>Tentative completion date</i> February 2027
	<i>Topic</i> <i>Topological superconductors with hybrid materials: full-shell Majorana nanowires</i>
	<i>Supervisors</i> Elsa Prada and Ramón Aguado
<b>2021-2022</b>	Master in Physics of Condensed Matter - Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
	<i>Grade</i> 9.45/10
	<i>Master's Thesis</i> <i>Topological phase and Majorana zero modes in full-shell nanowires</i>
	<i>Supervisor</i> Elsa Prada
<b>2017-2021</b>	Bachelor in Physics - Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
	<i>Grade</i> 8.44/10
	<i>Bachelor's Thesis</i> <i>Josephson junctions based on full-shell Majorana nanowires</i>
	<i>Supervisor</i> Elsa Prada

## Employment History

<b>March 2023 - Present</b>	Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid (ICMM), CSIC, Madrid, Spain
	<i>PhD Candidate, FPI grant</i>
	Theory of Quantum Materials and Solid State Quantum Technologies group.
<b>Nov 2021 - Sep 2022</b>	Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid (ICMM), CSIC, Madrid, Spain
	<i>Research Assistant</i>
	Theory of Quantum Materials and Solid State Quantum Technologies group.

## Publications

### Journals

- [P2] **C. Payá**, S. D. Escribano, A. Vezzosi, F. Peñaranda, R. Aguado, P. San-Jose, and E. Prada. *Phenomenology of Majorana Zero Modes in Full-Shell Hybrid Nanowires*. In: *Physical Review B* 109.11 (Mar. 2024), p. 115428. DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevB.109.115428. URL: <https://journals.aps.org/prb/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevB.109.115428>.
- [P1] P. San-Jose, **C. Payá**, C. M. Marcus, S. Vaitiekenas, and E. Prada. *Theory of Caroli-de Gennes-Matricon analogs in full-shell hybrid nanowires*. In: *Phys. Rev. B* 107 (15 Apr. 2023), p. 155423. DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevB.107.155423. URL: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevB.107.155423>.

## Conferences

### Poster contributions

- [C7] **Sept. 2023**. “Emergence of Quantum Phases in Novel Materials” (Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid (ICMM), CSIC, Madrid, Spain). Poster title: *Majorana zero modes in full-shell hybrid nanowires*. URL: [https://carlosp24.github.io/files/Poster2023\\_09.pdf](https://carlosp24.github.io/files/Poster2023_09.pdf).
- [C6] **June 2023**. “Bound States in Superconducting Nanodevices” (TopSquad and AndQC collaborations, Budapest, Hungary). Poster title: *Theory of Caroli-de Gennes-Matricon analogs in full-shell hybrid nanowires*. URL: [https://carlosp24.github.io/files/Poster2023\\_04.pdf](https://carlosp24.github.io/files/Poster2023_04.pdf).
- [C5] **May 2023**. “QuantumMatter2023” (Phantoms Foundation, Madrid, Spain). Poster title: *Theory of Caroli-de Gennes-Matricon analogs in full-shell hybrid nanowires*. URL: [https://carlosp24.github.io/files/Poster2023\\_04.pdf](https://carlosp24.github.io/files/Poster2023_04.pdf).
- [C4] **May 2023**. “YouMat2023” (Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid (ICMM), CSIC, Madrid, Spain). Poster title: *Theory of Caroli-de Gennes-Matricon analogs in full-shell hybrid nanowires*. URL: [https://carlosp24.github.io/files/Poster2023\\_04.pdf](https://carlosp24.github.io/files/Poster2023_04.pdf).
- [C3] **July 2022**. “Frontiers in Condensed Matter Physics” (Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark). Poster title: *Theory of Caroli-de Gennes-Matricon analogs in full-shell hybrid nanowires*. URL: [https://carlosp24.github.io/files/Poster2023\\_04.pdf](https://carlosp24.github.io/files/Poster2023_04.pdf).

### Attended

- [C2] **Mar. 2024**. “Workshop on Superconductor-Semiconductor Hybrids” (Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark).
- [C1] **Sept. 2021**. “Emergence of Quantum Phases in Novel Materials” (Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid (ICMM), CSIC, Madrid, Spain).

## Outreach

**March 2023** - ICMM Superconductivity Outreach Team

**Present**      *Lecturer and workshopper*

Regular activities: monthly talks and demonstrations for high-school students.

### Events

- [O5] **Mar. 2024**. “Feria Madrid es Ciencia 2024 (Madrid Science Fair)” (Comunidad de Madrid, Madrid, Spain). Role: *workshopper*. URL: <https://www.madrimasd.org/feriamadridesciencia/>.
- [O4] **Nov. 2023**. “Semana de la Ciencia (Science Week)” (CSIC, Madrid, Spain). Role: *workshopper*. URL: <https://www.semanadelaciencia.csic.es/>.
- [O3] **Sept. 2023**. “European Researchers’ Night 2023” (Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid (ICMM), CSIC, Madrid, Spain). Role: *workshopper*. URL: <https://lanochedelosinvestigadores.es/>.

- [O2] **June 2023.** “Ciencia en la Calle” (Casa de la Ciencia, Ciudad Real, Spain). Role: *workshopper*. URL: <https://casadelaciencia.es/>.
- [O1] **Sept. 2022.** “European Researchers’ Nighth” (Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Madrid (ICMM), CSIC, Madrid, Spain). Role: *logistics*. URL: <https://lanochedelosinvestigadores.es/>.

## Funding

### Student grants

- [F3] *PhD Grant* at ICMM (CSIC) ( AEI, PRE2022-101362 for the period 2023-2027 ). Ammount: 111.758,00€ (including salary, tuition fees and a foregin research stay).

### Participation in funded projects

- [F2] *Correlations, Superconductivity and Topology in Quantum Materials and Technologies* at ICMM (CSIC) ( AEI, PID2021-125343NB-I00 for the period 2022-2025 ). Principal investigators: Ramón Aguado and Elena Bascones.
- [F1] *Topology and Correlations in Quantum Materials and Solid State Quantum Technologies* at ICMM (CSIC) ( AEI, PGC2018-097018-B-I00 for the period 2021-2022 ). Principal investigators: María José Calderón and Ramón Aguado.

## Awards

- [A4] *Max Mazín Award*. Max Mazín Foundation and CEIM Foundation, 2021. Received during the period 2018-2021. Awarded each year of my undergraduate studies, 5th to 8th editions.
- [A3] *GEFES Research Award for Students*. Condensed Matter Physics Division, Spanish Royal Society of Physics (GEFES-RSEF), 2020. For the work entitled *Josephson Junctions in Full-shell Majorana Nanowires*.
- [A2] *Excellence Fellowship*. Comunidad de Madrid, 2018.
- [A1] *Premio Extraordinario de Bachillerato*. Comunidad de Madrid, 2017. Top 10 academic records of the region.

## Skills

### Languages

<b>Spanish</b>	Native	
<b>English</b>	Fluent	C1 Advanced certification
<b>French</b>	Fluent	DALF C1 certification

### Programming

<b>OS</b>	MacOs, Linux (Debian and Ubuntu), Windows
<b>Programming Languages</b>	Python (advanced), Julia (advanced), C/C++ (basic), MySQL (basic)
<b>Web Development</b>	HTML5, CSS, JavaScript (basic)
<b>Scientific computing</b>	Mathematica (advanced), Quantica (Julia package, advanced), Numpy, Scipy
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Makie (Julia package, advanced), matplotlib, Git, $\LaTeX$ , Office