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EMPLOYMENT

Jan 2026 – present Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Oden Institute, University of Texas at Austin

My research focuses on developing methods within theoretical condensed matter physics, and harnessing classical and quantum computers for simulating the properties of complex materials.

Aug 2023 – Oct 2025 Research Scientist – NASA Ames Research Center

Developed first-principles approaches for mapping strongly-correlated materials problems onto model Hamiltonians amenable to efficient solution on quantum hardware (refs. [1,2] in publication list below).

Apr 2021 – Aug 2023 Winton Exchange Research Fellow & Postdoctoral Researcher – Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Supervisor: Prof. Jeffrey Neaton

- Published a study that was **featured on the cover of Physical Review Letters** (ref. [9]), and won the *Academy of Athens Theoretical Physics Prize*.
- Developed a *theory and computational workflow* to extend first-principles calculations of excited states to account for the effects of temperature (ref. [5]).

EDUCATION

Oct 2017 – Mar 2021 PhD Physics – University of Cambridge

“On exciton-vibration and exciton-photon interactions in organic semiconductors”

Supervisors: Dr Alex Chin and Dr Akshay Rao

- Won the *Springer Ph.D. thesis prize* after my thesis was nominated as the most outstanding doctoral contribution from the Cambridge Physics Department, for 2020-2021. The thesis was published as a part of the “Springer Theses” book series: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-85454-6>.
- Won the annual *Cavendish PhD prize* in Computational Physics.
- Co-authored six publications (references [15]-[20] in publication list) as lead theoretician.

2016 – 2017 MPhil Scientific Computing – University of Cambridge

Awarded with distinction (83.4/100)

2014 – 2016 MSc Organic and Molecular Electronics – TU Dresden

Awarded with Distinction, First Class (1.2/1.0)

2010 – 2014 BSc Physics – National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Awarded with Distinction (9.61/10)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2025 **Finalist for the Volker Heine Early-Career Investigator Award**
I was one of five finalists for the Volker Heine award, which recognizes individuals for their outstanding contribution to computational science in the areas covered by the Psi-k mission statement (“...to develop fundamental theory, algorithms, and computer codes in order to understand, predict, and design materials properties and functions”).
- 2025 **Royal Society Newton International Fellowship (Declined)**
I was offered a two-year Royal Society fellowship in value of £ 289,978, for my research proposal ‘Finite-temperature strongly-correlated materials from first principles’, which would have been held at the Physics Department of King’s College London.
- 2024 **Academy of Athens Theoretical Physics Award**
My paper in Physical Review Letters [9] was selected as the best theoretical physics work by a Greek national for the 2024 competition of the Academy of Athens, including a € 1,500 monetary award.
- 2023-2024 **NERSC Director’s Discretionary Reserve Year 2023 award**
4,000 CPU and 4,000 GPU Node Hours award on the NERSC supercomputer, for my proposed project “Quantum Simulation of downfolded material Hamiltonians”, on which I am the principal investigator.
- 2021-2022 **Winton Postdoctoral Exchange Research Fellowship**
£ 44,816 for research and living expenses to undertake a research stay of 12 months at UC Berkeley, awarded by the Winton Programme for the Physics of Sustainability.
- April 2021 **Springer Ph.D. thesis prize**
My thesis was nominated by the Cavendish laboratory as the most outstanding doctoral piece of work of my cohort, winning the Springer Ph.D. thesis prize and a €500 monetary award.
- 2020 **Cavendish PhD prize in Computational Physics**
This annual prize of £500 was awarded to me for the entirety of my PhD research, on the basis of my paper published in *Physical Review B* [16].
- 2016-2020 **EPSRC Studentship**
£14,296 per annum covering living expenses during my MPhil and PhD studies at the University of Cambridge.
£9,468 per annum for covering tuition fees.
£3,700 for conference/travel expenses.
- 2016-2020 **Winton Scholarship**
£5,000 for conference/travel expenses and Honorary Scholar of the Winton Programme for the Physics of Sustainability.
- 2020 **Santander Award, St Edmund’s College**
£500 award to support a research trip in the US in February of 2020, during which I visited groups at Columbia and Cornell Universities.
- 2019 **Winton – Berkeley Exchange Award**
\$5,528 in support of a research stay of two months at the group of Prof. Jeffrey Neaton at UC Berkeley, California.

2017	Santander Award, St Edmund's College £500 award for achieving distinction in my MPhil studies and continuing towards a PhD at the University of Cambridge.
2014-2016	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholarship €17,500 over 2 years of M.Sc. studies at the TU Dresden.
2015	Novaled excellence scholarship €1,800 awarded from the company Novaled for being the first of my class during my M.Sc. studies at the TU Dresden.
2010-2014	Greek State Scholarships Excellence awards €3,740 (combination of four different awards) awarded for achieving excellence in my undergraduate studies.
2010-2014	Antonios Papadakis full undergraduate scholarship €14,400 in support of my undergraduate studies at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Importance of lattice screening in condensed matter: from excitons to superconductivity", October 2025, **UC Berkeley Physics Condensed Matter Seminar**

"Screened out: how lattice vibes shape superconductivity and excitons!", September 2025, **UT Austin Physics Pizza Seminar**

Volker Heine award finalist talk - "Towards the Predictive First-Principles Modeling of Finite-Temperature Excited States", August 2025, **Psi-k 2025 Conference, Lausanne, Switzerland**

"First-principles modeling of excited states at finite temperatures: phonon-induced localization, dissociation and screening", March 2024, **APS March Meeting**

"Phonon-induced screening and dissociation of excitons from first principles", February 2023, **Berkeley Excited State Conference**

"Theoretical description of exciton-vibration coupling in solid- and gas-phase organic molecules", March 2022, **Pitzer Center Theoretical Chemistry Seminar, UC Berkeley, USA**

"Impact of strong exciton-phonon interactions and anharmonicity on the optoelectronic properties of organic semiconductors", December 2021, **CECAM workshop on Exciton Dynamics in Functional Materials**

"Non-perturbative exciton-phonon interactions and anharmonic effects in organic semiconductors", October 2021, Jornada group, **Stanford University, USA**

"Modelling strong exciton-vibration interactions in organic structures", April 2021, **Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel** (remote)

"Modelling of ultrafast processes in organic semiconductors using tensor network methods", February 2020, Reichman group, **Columbia University, USA** & theory journal club, **Cornell University, USA**

"Exciton temperature dependence dictated by localization in organic semiconductors", June 2019, Neaton group, **UC Berkeley, USA**

"Non-equilibrium relaxation of hot states in organic semiconductors", June 2019, Chan group, **California Institute of Technology, USA** & June 2019, Yuen Zhou group, **UC San Diego, USA**

“Controlling the coherence of intramolecular singlet fission”, April 2019, **California State University, East Bay, USA** & October 2018, **University of Mons, Belgium**

“Tensor network simulation of ultrafast singlet fission dynamics”, February 2018, Verstraete group, **University of Ghent, Belgium** & January 2018, **IFW Dresden, Germany**

CONTRIBUTED TALKS/POSTERS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

March 2024	Oral (contributed) presentation at the annual March meeting for the American Physical Society, taking place in Minneapolis.
May 2023	Oral presentation at the “West Coast Theoretical Chemistry Meeting” at UC Davis.
March 2023	Oral presentation at the annual March meeting for the American Physical Society, taking place in Las Vegas.
August 2022	Oral presentation at the Psi-k 2022 conference in EPFL, Lausanne, as a part of the symposium “Polarons and excitons: fundamentals of charge trapping and its impact on applications”.
March 2022	Oral presentation at the annual March meeting for the American Physical Society, taking place in Chicago.
July 2021	Poster presentation at the (on-line) “International Workshop on Recent Developments in Electronic Structure”, organised by the Simons Foundation.
June 2021	Oral presentation at the (on-line) “International Workshop on Charge Transport and Excited State Processes in Organic Materials”, organised by University College London.
March 2021	Oral presentation at the (on-line) annual meeting of the American Physical Society.
November 2020	Oral presentation at the (on-line) annual meeting for the American Materials Research Society.
November 2020	Oral presentation at the (on-line) “International conference on electron-phonon coupling and thermoelectric efficiency”.
September 2020	Poster presentation at the (on-line) “Workshop on the Excited Charge Dynamics in Semiconductors”, organized by the Abdus Salam Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP).
February 2020	Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the “Simons Collaboration on Localization of Waves” in New York, at the invitation of Professor Sir Richard Friend (Cavendish).
September 2019	Oral presentation at the “24 th European Theoretical Spectroscopy Facility (ETSF) Workshop on Electronic Excitations”, Jena, Germany.
September 2019	Poster presentation at the “Quantum effects in complex systems Faraday Discussions, Coventry, United Kingdom.
May 2019	Poster presentation at the “Simons Wave Collaboration – Short Course & Workshop: Quantum Mechanics and Semiconductors”, Santa Barbara, California, United States.

July 2018	Poster presentation at the Gordon Research conference on “Electronic Processes in Organic Materials”, Barga, Italy.
July 2018	Oral presentation at the Gordon Research Seminar on “Electronic Processes in Organic Materials”, Barga, Italy.
April 2018	Poster presentation at the “2 nd International Symposium on Singlet Fission and Photon Fusion: Emerging Solar Energy Technologies”, Gothenburg, Sweden.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND FUNDING

2025	Designed a successful research proposal for the Royal Society Newton International fellowship, in value of £ 289,978, for my research proposal ‘Finite-temperature strongly-correlated materials from first principles’. While I declined the award, this would have been held at the Physics Department of King’s College London.
2025	Co-organizer of the symposium “Exciton phenomena and dynamics in advanced materials” in EPFL, Lausanne within the Psi-k 2025 conference.
2023-2024	Co-organizer of the BerkeleyGW software package workshop at UC Berkeley, educating researchers on computational techniques for materials science.
2022	Co-organizer and chair of the symposium “Excitons in complex materials” in EPFL, Lausanne, as a part of the 5-year general conference of the Psi-k community: https://www.psik2022.net .
2021-2022	Designed and submitted a successful proposal for £ 44,816 to promote a 12-month collaboration between the University of Cambridge and UC Berkeley, during which I spent six months at each institution.
2021	Contributed to a successful proposal for 40M CPU hours on the NERSC high-performance computing system in the USA.
2021	Co-designed and submitted a successful proposal for 8M CPU hours on the CSD3 high-performance computing system in the UK.
2020	Co-designed and submitted a successful proposal for 6M CPU hours on the CSD3 high-performance computing system in the UK.
2018	Co-organized the annual graduate student conference of the Physics Department of the University of Cambridge.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

August 2025 & 2024	Delivered a lecture on theoretical optoelectronics to approximately 90 students within the annual BerkeleyGW workshop, where I was also a tutor.
February 2023	Tutor of the annual BerkeleyGW software package workshop at UC Berkeley, educating graduate researchers on advanced computational techniques for materials science.
January 2022	Tutored graduate students and researchers on advanced computational modelling methods within the BerkeleyGW software package as a part of the annual BerkeleyGW workshop at UC Berkeley.

2021-2022	Mentored a Ph.D. student at the University of Cambridge for the theory part of a project, in collaboration with the experimental group of Dr. Akshay Rao, resulting in a publication in <i>Nature</i> [7].
2020-2021	Designed and co-supervised a B.Sc. thesis at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, as a part of a collaboration with the group of Professor Constantinos Simserides.
2017 – 2021	Supervised third year physics University of Cambridge undergraduate students in Advanced Quantum Physics (more than forty students in total).
2017 – 2018	Supervised second year University of Cambridge undergraduate students in Part IB Physics, which includes classical mechanics, electromagnetism, thermodynamics and statistical mechanics.

PUBLICATIONS

[1] **Antonios M. Alvertis***, Abid Khan, Thomas Iadecola, Peter P. Orth, Norm M. Tubman. “Classical benchmarks for variational quantum eigensolver simulations of the Hubbard model”. *Quantum* 9, 1748 (2025)

[2] **Antonios M. Alvertis***, Abid Khan, Norm M. Tubman. “Compressing Hamiltonians with *ab initio* downfolding for simulating strongly-correlated materials on quantum computers”. *Physical Review Applied* 23, 044028 (2025)

[3] Woncheol Lee, **Antonios M. Alvertis**, Zhenglu Li, Steven Louie, Marina R. Filip, Jeffrey B. Neaton, Emmanouil Kioupakis. “Phonon screening of excitons in atomically thin semiconductors”. *Physical Review Letters* 133, 206901 (2024)

[4] Christopher Coveney, Jonah B. Haber, **Antonios M. Alvertis**, Jeffrey B. Neaton, Marina R. Filip. “Rearrangement collision theory of phonon-driven exciton dissociation”. *Physical Review B*, 110, 054307 (2024)

[5] **Antonios M. Alvertis**, Jonah B. Haber, Zhenglu Li, Christopher J.N. Coveney, Steven G. Louie, Marina R. Filip, Jeffrey B. Neaton. “Phonon screening and dissociation of excitons at finite temperatures from first principles”. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 121, e2403434121 (2024)

[6] **Antonios M. Alvertis***, David Williams-Young, Fabien Bruneval, Jeffrey B. Neaton. “Influence of electronic correlations on electron-phonon interactions of molecular systems with the GW and coupled cluster methods”. *Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation* (2024)

[7] Pratyush Ghosh, **Antonios M Alvertis**, Rituparno Chowdhury, Petri Murto, Alexander J Gillett, Shengzhi Dong, Alexander J Sneyd, Hwan-Hee Cho, Emrys W Evans, Bartomeu Monserrat, Feng Li, Christoph Schnedermann, Hugo Bronstein, Richard H Friend, Akshay Rao. “Decoupling excitons from high-frequency vibrations in organic molecules”. *Nature*, 629, 355 (2024)

[8] **Antonios M. Alvertis***, Aurelie Champagne, Mauro Del Ben, Diana Qiu, Felipe H. da Jornada, Marina R. Filip, Jeffrey B. Neaton. “Importance of nonuniform Brillouin zone sampling for *ab initio* Bethe-Salpeter equation calculations of exciton binding energies in crystalline solids”. *Physical Review B*, 108, 235117 (2023) (**Editor’s Suggestion**)

[9] **Antonios M. Alvertis***, Jonah B. Haber, Edgar A. Engel, Sahar Sharifzadeh, Jeffrey B. Neaton. “Phonon-induced exciton localization in molecular crystals from first principles”. *Physical Review Letters*, 130, 086401 (2023) (**Featured on the cover of the journal**)

[10] Alexander J. Gillett, Anton Pershin, Raj Pandya, Sascha Feldmann, Alexander J. Sneyd, **Antonios M. Alvertis**, Emrys W. Evans, Tudor H. Thomas, Lin-Song Cui, Bluebell H. Drummond, Gregory D. Scholes, Yoann Olivier, Akshay Rao, Richard H. Friend, David Beljonne. “Dielectric control of reverse

intersystem crossing in thermally activated delayed fluorescence emitters". *Nature Materials*, 21, 1150 (2022)

[11] **Antonios M. Alvertis*** and Edgar A. Engel. "Importance of vibrational anharmonicity for electron-phonon coupling in molecular crystals". *Physical Review B*, 105, L180301 (2022)

[12] Konstantinos Lambropoulos, **Antonios M. Alvertis**, Andreas Morphis, Constantinos Simserides "Cyclo[18]carbon including zero-point motion: ground state, first singlet and triplet excitations, and hole transfer". *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics* 24, 7779 (2022)

[13] Raj Pandya, ..., **Antonios M. Alvertis**, *et al.* "Microcavity-like exciton-polaritons can be the primary photoexcitation in bare organic semiconductors". *Nature Communications*, 12:6519 (2022)

[14] Timothy J. H. Hele, Bartomeu Monserrat, **Antonios M. Alvertis***. "Systematic improvement of molecular excited state calculations by inclusion of nuclear quantum motion: a mode-resolved picture and the effect of molecular size". *The Journal of Chemical Physics*, 154, 244109 (2021)

[15] Raj Pandya, **Antonios M. Alvertis**, Qifei Gu, Jooyoung Sung, Laurent Legrand, David Kreher, Thierry Barisien, Alex W. Chin, Christoph Schnedermann, Akshay Rao. "Exciton diffusion in highly-ordered one dimensional conjugated polymers: effects of back-bone torsion, electronic symmetry, phonons and annihilation". *The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters*, 12, 3669 (2021)

[16] **Antonios M. Alvertis***, Raj Pandya, Loreta A. Muscarella, Nipun Sawhney, Malgorzata Nguyen, Bruno Ehrler, Akshay Rao, Richard H. Friend, Alex W. Chin. Bartomeu Monserrat "Impact of exciton delocalization on exciton-vibration interactions in organic semiconductors". *Physical Review B*, 102, 081122(R) (2020)

[17] **Antonios M. Alvertis***, Raj Pandya, Claudio Quarti, Laurent Legrand, Thierry Barisien, Bartomeu Monserrat, Andrew J. Musser, Akshay Rao, Alex W. Chin, David Beljonne. "First principles modeling of exciton-polaritons in polydiacetylene chains". *The Journal of Chemical Physics*, 153, 084103 (2020)

[18] **Antonios M. Alvertis**, Steven Lukman, Timothy J. H. Hele, Eric G. Fuenmeler, Jiaqi Feng, Jishan Wu, Neil C. Greenham, Alex W. Chin, Andrew J. Musser. "Switching between coherent and incoherent singlet fission via solvent-induced symmetry-breaking". *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 141, 44, 17558-17570 (2019)

[19] Christoph Schnedermann, **Antonios M. Alvertis**, Torsten Wende, Steven Lukman, Jiaqi Feng, Florian A.Y.N. Schröder, David H.P. Turban, Jishan Wu, Nicholas D.M. Hine, Neil C. Greenham, Alex W. Chin, Akshay Rao, Philipp Kukura, Andrew J. Musser. "A Molecular Movie of Ultrafast Singlet Fission". *Nature Communications*, 10:4207 (2019)

[20] **Antonios M. Alvertis***, Florian A.Y.N. Schröder, Alex W. Chin. "Non-equilibrium relaxation of hot states in organic semiconductors: impact of mode-selective excitation on charge transfer". *The Journal of Chemical Physics*, 151, 084104 (2019)

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