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## EDUCATION

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PhD in Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics September 2018 – September 2022

**University of Cambridge, Cambridge UK**

*Gates Cambridge Fellowship*

*Winton Fellowship for the Physics of Sustainability*

Supervisors Prof. Michael Payne and Prof. Andrew J. Morris

MPhil in Physics

September 2017 – September 2018

**University of Cambridge, Cambridge UK**

*Churchill Scholarship*

Supervisor Prof. Andrew J. Morris

B.S. with Honors in Physics

August 2013 – June 2018

**Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, USA**

*4.0 GPA in Physics, Minors in Mathematics and Computer Science*

*LeRoy Apker Award from the American Physical Society (APS)*

*Awarded to 2 undergraduates in the USA per year for the best senior thesis in Physics.*

*Stamps Scholarship for Academic Excellence*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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Theoretical Chemistry Group

September 2022 – Present

**Fritz-Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society, Berlin, DE**

Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow – Faculty Host Prof. Dr. Karsten Reuter

Smith School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Summer 2016

**Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA**

REU in Computational Chemistry funded by the NSF

## PUBLICATIONS

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12. **Angela F. Harper**, Simone Köcher, Karsten Reuter, and Christoph Scheurer. Towards *in silico* Spectroscopy: Machine learned electric field gradients using equivariant descriptors. *In Press*, 2023

11. **Angela F. Harper**, Kamil Iwanowski, Mike C. Payne, Michele Simoncelli. Vibrational and thermal properties of amorphous alumina from first principles. *Under Review in Phys. Rev. Mat.* 2023 [arxiv.org/abs/2303.08637](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.08637)

10. **Angela F. Harper**, Bartomeu Monserrat, and Andrew J. Morris. Finite temperature effects on the X-ray absorption spectra of crystalline aluminas from first principles. *AIP Advances* 13, 055015, 2023 [10.1063/5.0146033](https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0146033)

9. **Angela F. Harper**, Steffen P Emge, Peter C M M Magusin, Clare P Grey, and Andrew J Morris. Modelling amorphous materials via a joint solid-state NMR and X-ray absorption spectroscopy and DFT approach: application to alumina. *Chemical Science*, 14:1155–1167, 2022 [10.1039/D2SC04035B](https://doi.org/10.1039/D2SC04035B)

8. **Angela F. Harper**, Matthew L Evans, and Andrew J Morris. Computational investigation of copper phosphides as conversion anodes for lithium-ion batteries. *Chemistry of Materials*, 32(15):6629–6639, 2020 [10.1021/acs.chemmater.0c02054](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.chemmater.0c02054)
7. **Angela F. Harper**, Matthew L. Evans, James P. Darby, Bora Karasulu, Can P. Koçer, Joseph R. Nelson, and Andrew J. Morris. Ab initio structure prediction methods for battery materials. *Johnson Matthey Technology Review*, 2020. [10.1595/205651320X15742491027978](https://doi.org/10.1595/205651320X15742491027978).
6. **Angela F. Harper**, Peter J Diemer, and Oana D Jurchescu. Contact patterning by laser printing for flexible electronics on paper. *npj Flexible Electronics*, 3(1):1–6, 2019. [10.1038/s41528-019-0055-3](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41528-019-0055-3).
5. Benjamin J Foley, Justin Girard, Blaire A Sorenson, Alexander Z Chen, J Scott Niezgoda, Matthew R Alpert, **Angela F. Harper**, Detlef-M Smilgies, Paulette Clancy, Wissam A Saidi, et al. Controlling nucleation, growth, and orientation of metal halide perovskite thin films with rationally selected additives. *Journal of Materials Chemistry A*, 5(1):113–123, 2017 [10.1039/C6TA07671H](https://doi.org/10.1039/C6TA07671H)
4. Peter J Diemer, **Angela F. Harper**, Muhammad R Niazi, Anthony J Petty, John E Anthony, Aram Amassian, and Oana D Jurchescu. Laser-printed organic thin-film transistors. *Advanced Materials Technologies*, 2(11):1700167, 2017. [10.1002/admt.201700167](https://doi.org/10.1002/admt.201700167).
3. Janelle B Leuthaeuser, John H Morris, **Angela F. Harper**, Thomas E Ferrin, Patricia C Babbitt, and Jacquelyn S Fetrow. DASP3: identification of protein sequences belonging to functionally relevant groups. *BMC bioinformatics*, 17(1):458, 2016. [10.1186/s12859-016-1295-z](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-016-1295-z).
2. **Angela F. Harper**, Janelle B Leuthaeuser, Patricia C Babbitt, John H Morris, Thomas Ferrin, Leslie B Poole, and Jacquelyn S Fetrow. An atlas of peroxiredoxins created using an active site profile-based approach to functionally relevant clustering of proteins. *PLoS computational biology*, 13(2):e1005284, 2017 [10.1371/journal.pcbi.1005284](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1005284)
1. Stacy T Knutson, Brian M Westwood, Janelle B Leuthaeuser, Brandon E Turner, Don Nguyendac, Gabrielle Shea, Kiran Kumar, Julia D Hayden, **Angela F. Harper**, Shoshana D Brown, et al. An approach to functionally relevant clustering of the protein universe: Active site profile-based clustering of protein structures and sequences. *Protein Science*, 26(4):677–699, 2017. [10.1002/pro.3112](https://doi.org/10.1002/pro.3112).

## INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

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- 2022 [Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship](#), DE. Value: €60,000
- 2021 Computational Science Centre for Research Communities ([CoSeC](#)) [Impact Award](#), UK.
- 2018 [Gates Cambridge Scholarship](#), UK. Value: £70,000
- 2018 [Winton Programme for the Physics of Sustainability](#) Scholarship, UK. Value: £70,000
- 2017 National Science Foundation [Graduate Research Fellowship](#) (*Declined for Gates Cambridge*)
- 2017 [Rhodes Scholar](#) District 6 - *Finalist*
- 2017 [Churchill Scholarship](#) from the Churchill Foundation, USA. Value: £15,000
- 2017 [LeRoy Apker Award](#) from the American Physical Society, USA. Value: \$10,000
- 2016 [Goldwater Scholarship](#): Value: \$10,000
- 2013 [Stamps Scholarship](#) for Academic Excellence, USA. Value: \$180,000

## TEACHING

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- 2018-22 **Churchill College Supervisor** leading weekly supervisions for 3<sup>rd</sup> year physicists
- 2021 **Invited Lecturer** for the [NanoDTC M.Sci. program](#), Cambridge University UK
- 2018-22 **Senior Lab Instructor** for the Physics 1A undergraduate lab course at Cambridge

- 2018-19 **Invited Tutor** for the [CASTEP Workshop](#) leading online tutorials for new PhDs  
 2017-19 **Pembroke College Supervisor** leading weekly maths supervisions for small-groups

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2023 **Consultant** for a Battery Materials Design start-up in their seed funding round  
 2023 **Grant Application Reviewer** for the Physical Sciences applications of the 2024 Churchill Scholars, reading between 25-35 applications  
 2023- **CECAM Workshop Organiser** securing funding through Psi-K, DFG, and CECAM for a workshop of 75 people on “ML for Experimental Observables”  
 2022-23 [PostDoc Day Berlin](#) **Communications Liason** for the two day conference with over 250 PostDocs across disciplines in Berlin alongside a team of 5 other PostDocs  
 2019-22 **Grant Submission** for the [HEC Materials Chemistry Consortium](#), managing the submission of grants for compute time worth over 20M CPUh every 6 months  
 2020-21 **Consultant for the Cambridgeshire County Council** as part of the Cambridge Uni. Science Policy Exchange to design a [Cambridgeshire Decarbonisation Fund](#)  
 2018-21 **Chair of the [Electronic Structure Discussion Group](#)** leading weekly talks from speakers both internal and external to Cambridge  
 2017-21 **Secretary of the Churchill College MCR** acting as a communication for graduate students to administrators, I designed an “Active Bystander” program for all incoming students which is still used today

## COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

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| <b>Languages</b>      | Python, Fortran90, C++, Java   |
| <b>Packages</b>       | NumPy, matplotlib, scikit-learn, SciPy, pandas, pymatgen, ase  |
| <b>Expt.</b>          | NMR, XAS, XRD, Raman   |
| <b>Tools</b>          | git, VisualStudio, Unix/Linux, vim   |
| <b>DFT</b>            | CASTEP, VASP, Orca, Quantum Espresso, ONETEP, Fermions++   |
| <b>ML Descriptors</b> | TENSOAP, GAP, e3nn   |
| <b>Open Source</b>    | <a href="#">Jupyter Notebook</a> example of structure prediction for copper phosphides<br>Contributor to <a href="#">matador</a> the first principles high throughput computational tool<br>Implemented chemical shifts for XANES in <a href="#">OPTADOS</a> |