Curriculum Vitæ

Philipp M. Schicho

1. Personal information

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2. Current position

09/2024 – today SNSF Ambizione fellow

Département de Physique Théorique, Université de Genève

Principle investigator of SNSF project no. 215997: Gravitational waves from cosmological phase transitions: Precision cosmology in the light of LISA (PRECLISA)

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3. Employment history

09/2022 - 08/2024 Postdoctoral researcher

Institute for Theoretical Physics, Goethe University Frankfurt

Advisors: L. Sagunski, J. Schaffner-Bielich

05/2020 - 08/2022 Postdoctoral researcher

Helsinki Institute of Physics, University of Helsinki

Advisors: A. Vuorinen, K. Rummukainen

02/2017 - 04/2020 Doctor of Philosophy, PhD Physics (magna cum laude), 23/04/2020

AEC, Institute for Theoretical Physics, University of Bern

Advisor: M. Laine

Thesis: Multi-loop investigations of strong interactions at high temperatures, (cf. re-

search output [4]).



10/2016 - 01/2017 Technical student

CERN, Accelerator and Beam Transfer, Beam Transfer Physics

Theoretical optimisation of slow extraction (cf. research output [6]).

Advisors: M.A. Fraser, M. Meddahi

06/2015 - 08/2015 Summer student

CERN, ABT, BTP

Thesis: Optimising simulation times of SPS slow extraction using MAD-X, (cf. re-

search output [5]).

07/2014 - 08/2014 Summer student (GPA 1.0/1.0)

HEPHY, Institute of High Energy Physics, Vienna

Advisor: R. Schöfbeck

Thesis: Increasing the sensitivity of a search for supersymmetry in the single

lepton channel with the Stransverse Mass M_{T2} (CMS), (cf. research output [1]).

4. Education

07/2017 Ècole de physique des Houches

Effective Field Theory (EFT) in particle physics and cosmology

03/2017 Computer algebra and particle physics (CAPP) school, DESY, Hamburg

09/2014 - 11/2016 Master of Science, MSc Physics (GPA 5.5/6.0), 01/11/2016

ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Major: Theoretical high energy physics, lattice QCD, applied mathematics

Advisor: P. de Forcrand

Thesis: Inhomogeneous condensation in quark-based QCD effective models via

wavelet pseudoparticles, (cf. research output [3]).

07/2014 LAPP Annecy-le-Vieux, France

Summer School in Particle and Astroparticle physics

08/2013 Theoretical Physics Summer school, University of Utrecht, Netherlands

09/2011 - 08/2014 Bachelor of Science, BSc Physics (with distinction, GPA 1.1/1.0), 12/08/2014

Graz University of Technology, Austria

Advisors: H. G. Evertz, C. B. Lang

Thesis: π - and ρ -Meson mass spectroscopy from Lattice QCD, (cf. research out-

put [2]).

09/2002 - 05/2010 Osterreichische Reifeprüfung, Matura (with distinction, GPA 1.0/1.0)

AHS BG/BRG Leibnitz, Austria

Major: Physics and geometry

Advisor: H. Scherz

Thesis: Sonoluminescence – A bubble's enlightenment. A theoretical and experimental approach to the effect of Sonoluminescence.

5. Teaching activities

2023 - Lectures

Institute for Theoretical Physics, Goethe University Frankfurt
Theoretische Physik 1: Mathematische Ergänzungen

 $15\text{wk}\times2\text{hr}$

03/2022 Phase transitions in the early universe (exercises)

 $1\text{wk}\times5\text{hr}$

Galileo Galilei Institute for Theoretical Physics

Theoretical Aspects of Astroparticle Physics, Cosmology and Gravitation

2024 - PhD thesis supervisor,

Département de Physique Théorique, Université de Genève

F. Bernardo, 09/2024 -

2020 - PhD thesis mentor,

Institute for Theoretical Physics, Goethe University Frankfurt

R. Diedrichs, 10/2022 – , supervised by L. Sagunski

D. Schmitt, 10/2022 – , supervised by L. Sagunski

Helsinki Institute of Physics, University of Helsinki

J. Österman, 09/2020 – , supervised by A. Vuorinen

2021 – MSc thesis supervisor,

Institute for Theoretical Physics, Goethe University Frankfurt

T. Caldas, 02/2024 – , co-advised with L. Sagunski (supervisor), D. Schmitt

Helsinki Institute of Physics, University of Helsinki

S. Vihko, 06/2021 - 03/2022, co-supervised with A. Vuorinen

Thesis: EFT methods and calculational techniques in imaginary time formalism of thermal QCD.

2022 – BSc thesis supervisor,

Institute for Theoretical Physics, Goethe University Frankfurt

R. Baumann, 10/2022 - 09/2023, co-supervised with L. Sagunski, D. Schmitt

Thesis: Gravitational waves in the Abelian Higgs model

2013 - Teaching assistant

Institute for Theoretical Physics, Goethe University Frankfurt $Astrophysics\ II$

AEC, Institute for Theoretical Physics, University of Bern

8832-FS2017-0 Standard Model

416542-HS2017-0 Quantum mechanics I 628-FS2018-0 Quantum mechanics II

7638-HS2018-0 Exercises in theoretical physics

430949-FS2019-0 Specialist course: Introduction to BSM physics

 $630 ext{-}HS2019 ext{-}0$ Statistical thermodynamics II

ETH Zürich, D-MATH/D-PHYS

401-1652-10L Numerical analysis I

401-0654-00L Numerical methods

 $402\text{-}0063\text{-}00L \quad Physics \ II$

Graz University of Technology, ITP/IEP

Theoretical mechanics, physics laboratory I/II

6. Event organisation

08/2024 Conference organiser, Strong and Electro-Weak Matter 2024, Goethe University Frankfurt

06/2024 Convener, 2nd Edition of the Workshop 'Quarkonia meet Dark Matter' (QMDM), Institute for Advanced Study, Technical University of Munich

01/2024 Conference organiser, Mainz-Frankfurt-Münster Cosmo Coffee, Mainz

7. Outreach

09/2017 Public research display, University of Bern Nacht der Forschung (NdF)

8. Research visits

06/2023 CERN, Genève

12/2022 Kavli IPMU, Tokyo; G. White

09/2022 Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana; M. Nemevšek

06/2022 SUBATECH, Nantes; J. Ghiglieri

10/2021 University of Basel; S. Antusch

10/2021 University of Bern, AEC, Institute for Theoretical Physics; M. Laine

08/2019 University of Helsinki, Helsinki Institute of Physics; A. Vuorinen, K. Rummukainen

08/2018 Universidad del Bío-Bío, Grupo de Cosmología y Partículas Elementales; Y. Schröder

9. Professional services

03/2022- Referee

American Physical Society's journals: Phys. Rev. D, Phys. Rev. L

Springer's journals: JHEP, Eur. Phys. J. C

10. Scientific research skills

Theoretical (Dimensionally reduced) effective field theories, thermal field theory, quantum field theory, Lattice QCD, simulations in physics, computer algebra techniques,

general relativity, cosmology, string theory, conformal field theory, group theory

Computational C/C++, Python, Matlab, FORM, ROOT, FORTRAN 77, Unix, Linux, Mathematica,

LaTeX, computer hardware, HTML, Office, CAD-Software

11. Prizes, awards, fellowships

2024 – 2028 SNSF Ambizione Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

CHF 810k research grant

2011 – 2014 Scholarship of excellence Graz University of Technology

EUR 2.4k scholarship

12. Languages

German Mother-tongue

English Proficient C2, TOEFL 106/120 (2014), Cambridge ESOL B2 First FCE (2010)

Spanish Intermediate B1

Danish Elementary A2

French Beginner A2

Latin Very good (literal translation)

13. Major scientific achievements

Precision thermodynamics for cosmological phase transitions.

Invigorated by the first gravitational wave (GW) detections from binary mergers, I dedicated a large part of my first postdoc pushing the accuracy of the thermodynamics of cosmological phase transitions. In my first post-doctoral project, I assessed the theoretical uncertainties for cosmological phase transitions in [12]. The motivation for such a theoretical leap in precision was that leading-order (LO) calculations of thermodynamics are insufficient and render the GW spectrum ambiguous. An innocuous uncertainty at early stages has farreaching effects in the beyond the Standard Model (BSM) – GW pipeline and put successful stochastic gravitational wave background (SGWB) observations at LISA at risk before they even begin.

The work in [12] established the current state-of-the-art precision for GW predictions. This level of precision was achieved by using methods of dimensionally reduced EFT to derive the Standard Model EFT (SMEFT) three-dimensional effective potential and its minimisation.

Development of automated 3d EFT framework for thermal field theories.

To improve the overall understanding of such EFT computations, we put forward a didactic review on the robust approach to thermal resummation as a combination between perturbative and non-perturbative techniques [11]. By inspecting the (dynamical) real singlet extension to the Standard Model, I computed novel contributions to the parameters of the dimensionally reduced EFT at next-to-leading order (NLO) which will be applicable for future non-perturbative lattice studies of the model. While, we demonstrated that two-loop contributions in the matching and effective potential are substantial [26, 13] for robust predictions of the thermodynamic phase transition parameters, we also devised a minimal setup [17] that combines gauge invariance and resummation and supersedes a previous scheme.

In this context, I automated the evaluation and reduction of analytically challenging sum-integrals at non-zero temperature. The automation via the corresponding Mathematica package DRalgo [21], is now successfully applied not only in QCD but also in the most accurate predictions of gravitational waves from cosmological first-order phase transitions in generic BSM theories.

Gauge-invariant framework for nucleation at finite temperature.

Theoretical uncertainties when determining the finite-temperature nucleation rate of bubbles of the new stable vacuum are still substantial. Especially in the context of radiatively induced transitions, I resolved a long-standing problem related to the unphysical gauge-dependence of the bubble nucleation rate. By employing effective theories at the nucleation scale for the Abelian Higgs model, I demonstrated for the first time [18, 15] gauge invariance of the leading order (LO) perturbative contributions in radiatively induced transitions.

Research output list

If not specifically indicated otherwise, the following research list is in alphabetical order. In all subsequent research output, I contributed at the level of first or second author, conducted the computations, (co-)led the writing, and developed the main ideas of the project.

Journal articles

- [28] A. Ekstedt, O. Gould, J. Hirvonen, B. Laurent, L. Niemi, P. Schicho, and J. van de Vis, How fast does the WallGo? A package for computing wall velocities in first-order phase transitions, (2024), [2411.04970].
- [27] A. Ekstedt, <u>P. Schicho</u>, and T. V. I. Tenkanen, Cosmological phase transitions at three loops: The final verdict on perturbation theory, Phys. Rev. D 110, 096006 (2024), [2405.18349].
- [26] M. Lewicki, M. Merchand, L. Sagunski, <u>P. Schicho</u>, and D. Schmitt, *Impact of the-oretical uncertainties on model parameter reconstruction from GW signals sourced by cosmological phase transitions*, Phys. Rev. D 110, 023538 (2024), [2403.03769].
- [25] J. Ghiglieri, <u>P. Schicho</u>, N. Schlusser, and E. Weitz, *The force-force correlator at the hard thermal scale of hot QCD*, JHEP **03**, 111 (2024), [2312.11731].
- [24] C. Lwowski, K. Kaiser, J. Bucur, <u>P. Schicho</u>, and T. Kohnen, Accuracy of using the axial length of the fellow eye for IOL calculation in retinal detachment eyes undergoing silicone oil removal, Br. J. Ophthalmology (2023) 10.1136/bjo-2023-323581.
- [23] J. Osterman, P. Schicho, and A. Vuorinen, Integrating by parts at finite density, JHEP 08, 212 (2023), [2304.05427].
- [22] L. Sagunski, P. Schicho, and D. Schmitt, Supercool exit: Gravitational waves from QCD-triggered conformal symmetry breaking, Phys. Rev. D 107, 123512 (2023), [2303.02450].
- [21] A. Ekstedt, <u>P. Schicho</u>, and T. V. I. Tenkanen, DRalgo: A package for effective field theory approach for thermal phase transitions, Comput. Phys. Commun. 288, 108725 (2023), [2205.08815].
- [20] T. Gorda, A. Kurkela, J. Österman, R. Paatelainen, S. Säppi, P. Schicho, K. Seppänen, and A. Vuorinen, Degenerate fermionic matter at N3LO: Quantum electrodynamics, Phys. Rev. D 107, L031501 (2023), [2204.11893].
- [19] T. Gorda, A. Kurkela, J. Österman, R. Paatelainen, S. Säppi, <u>P. Schicho</u>, K. Seppänen, and A. Vuorinen, *Soft photon propagation in a hot and dense medium to next-to-leading order*, Phys. Rev. D **107**, 036012 (2023), [2204.11279].
- [18] J. Löfgren, M. J. Ramsey-Musolf, <u>P. Schicho</u>, and T. V. I. Tenkanen, *Nucleation at Finite Temperature: A Gauge-Invariant Perturbative Framework*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 251801 (2023), [2112.05472].

- [17] P. Schicho, T. V. I. Tenkanen, and G. White, Combining thermal resummation and gauge invariance for electroweak phase transition, JHEP 11, 047 (2022), [2203.04284].
- [16] S. Biondini, <u>P. Schicho</u>, and T. V. I. Tenkanen, Strong electroweak phase transition in t-channel simplified dark matter models, JCAP 10, 044 (2022), [2207.12207].
- [15] J. Hirvonen, J. Löfgren, M. J. Ramsey-Musolf, <u>P. Schicho</u>, and T. V. I. Tenkanen, Computing the gauge-invariant bubble nucleation rate in finite temperature effective field theory, JHEP 07, 135 (2022), [2112.08912].
- [14] J. Ghiglieri, G. D. Moore, <u>P. Schicho</u>, and N. Schlusser, *The force-force-correlator in hot QCD perturbatively and from the lattice*, JHEP **02**, 58 (2022), [2112.01407].
- [13] L. Niemi, P. Schicho, and T. V. I. Tenkanen, Singlet-assisted electroweak phase transition at two loops, Phys. Rev. D 103, 115035 (2021), [2103.07467].
- [12] D. Croon, O. Gould, <u>P. Schicho</u>, T. V. I. Tenkanen, and G. White, *Theoretical uncertainties for cosmological first-order phase transitions*, JHEP **04**, 055 (2021), [2009.10080].
- [11] P. M. Schicho, T. V. I. Tenkanen, and J. Österman, Robust approach to thermal resummation: Standard Model meets a singlet, JHEP 06, 130 (2021), [2102.11145].
- [10] M. Laine, <u>P. Schicho</u>, and Y. Schröder, A QCD Debye mass in a broad temperature range, Phys. Rev. D 101, 023532 (2020), [1911.09123].
- [9] M. Laine, <u>P. Schicho</u>, and Y. Schröder, Soft thermal contributions to 3-loop gauge coupling, JHEP 2018, 37 (2018), [1803.08689].

Conference proceedings

- [8] J. Ghiglieri, G. D. Moore, <u>P. Schicho</u>, N. Schlusser, and E. Weitz. *Hard parton dispersion in the quark-gluon plasma, non-perturbatively*. In 11th International Conference on Hard and Electromagnetic Probes of High-Energy Nuclear Collisions (July 2023). [2307.09297].
- [7] G. Aarts, J. Aichelin, C. Allton, A. Athenodorou, D. Bachtis, C. Bonanno, N. Brambilla, E. Bratkovskaya, M. Bruno, M. Caselle, C. Conti, R. Contino, L. Cosmai, F. Cuteri, L. Del Debbio, M. D'Elia, P. Dimopoulos, F. Di Renzo, T. Galatyuk, J. N. Guenther, R. Houtz, F. Karsch, A. Y. Kotov, M. P. Lombardo, B. Lucini, L. Maio, M. Panero, J. M. Pawlowski, A. Pelissetto, O. Philipsen, A. Rago, C. Ratti, S. M. Ryan, F. Sannino, C. Sasaki, P. Schicho, C. Schmidt, S. Sharma, O. Soloveva, M. Sorba, and U.-J. Wiese. Phase Transitions in Particle Physics Results and Perspectives from Lattice Quantum Chromo-Dynamics. In (Jan. 2023). [2301.04382].
- [6] M. Fraser, D. Björkman, K. Cornelis, B. Goddard, V. Kain, <u>P. Schicho</u>, C. Theis, and H. Vincke. Modelling the Radioactivity Induced by Slow-Extraction Losses in the CERN SPS. In Proc. of International Particle Accelerator Conference (IPAC'17) (May 2017), 1897–1900.

[5] M. A. Fraser, R. G. Alia, B. Balhan, H. Bartosik, C. Bertone, D. Björkman, J. Borburgh, N. Conan, K. Cornelis, L. Gatignon, B. Goddard, Y. Kadi, V. Kain, A. Mereghetti, F. Roncarolo, P. M. Schicho, J. Spanggaard, O. Stein, L. Stoel, F. M. Velotti, and H. Vincke. SPS Slow Extraction Losses and Activation: Challenges and Possibilities for Improvement. In Proc. of International Particle Accelerator Conference (IPAC'17) (Copenhagen. 2017), 611–614.

Theses

- [4] P. M. Schicho, Multi-loop investigations of strong interactions at high temperatures, PhD thesis (U. Bern, 2020).
- [3] P. M. Schicho, Inhomogeneous condensation in quark-based QCD effective models via wavelet pseudoparticles, MA thesis (ETH Zürich, 2016).
- [2] P. Schicho, π- and ρ-Meson mass spectroscopy from Lattice QCD, BA thesis (TU Graz, 2014).
- [1] P. Schicho, Increasing the sensitivity of a search for supersymmetry in the single lepton channel with the Stransverse Mass, Project thesis (HEPHY Vienna, 2014).

Invited talks at workshops

- 08/10/2024 Reliable theoretical predictions for GWs from first-order phase transitions, invited plenary talk at Fun with the phases of the Universe at IFPU, Trieste, Italy
- 20/09/2024 Reliable theoretical predictions for GWs from first-order phase transitions, invited plenary talk at Fundamental physics and gravitational wave detectors at Pollica physics center, Italy
- 19/03/2024 Strong cosmological phase transitions through the EFT lens, invited **plenary** talk at Quarkonia meet Dark Matter at Institute for Advanced Study, Technical University of Munich, Germany
- 05/12/2022 EFT framework for (precision) cosmological phase transition thermodynamics, invited **plenary** talk at What the heck happens when the Universe boils? at Kavli IPMU, Tokyo, Japan

Contributed talks

- 14/09/2023 Phase transition thermodynamic parameters at high precision, contributed talk at 26th International Conference on Particle Physics and Cosmology (COSMO'23), Madrid, Spain
- 11/07/2023 Degenerate fermionic matter at N^3LO , contributed talk at ELEMENTS Annual Conference, Bad Nauheim, Germany

- 03/07/2023 Can EFT reveal if there was an electroweak phase transition?, contributed talk at Cosmology from Home
- 22/06/2023 PRECLISA. Gravitational waves from cosmological phase transitions: Precision cosmology in the light of LISA, interview talk for the Ambizione grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation, Bern, Switzerland
- 17/05/2023 Phase transition thermodynamic parameters at high precision, contributed talk at How fast does the bubble grow?, DESY, Hamburg, Germany
- 05/05/2023 Strong electroweak phase transition and simplified dark matter models, contributed talk at Progress on Old and New Themes in cosmology (PONT) 2023, Avignon, France
- 20/06/2022 Jet dispersion in hot QCD from the lattice, contributed talk at SEWM 2022, Paris, France
- 06/04/2022 (Non-)perturbative jet dispersion hot QCD, contributed talk at Quark Matter 2022, Kraków, Poland
- 30/03/2022 (Non-)perturbative jet dispersion hot QCD, contributed talk at Mini workshop: Phase transitions in particle physics, Galileo Galilei Institute, Firenze, Italy
- 29/03/2021 Soft thermal contributions to 3-loop gauge coupling, contributed parallel talk at FunQCD (online), Barcelona, Spain
- $28/06/2018 \quad \textit{Fun with thermal dimension-six operators}, \text{contributed parallel talk at SEWM 2018}, \\ \text{Barcelona, Spain}$

Seminar talks

- 10/06/2024 Completing the perturbative program for cosmological phase transitions, invited seminar talk at Bielefeld University, Germany
- $23/11/2023 \quad \textit{Impact of computational diligence on GW signals from phase transitions, invited seminar talk at Warsaw University, Poland$
- 12/10/2023 Impact of computational diligence on GW signals from phase transitions, invited seminar talk at University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland
- 19/09/2023 Impact of computational diligence on GW signals from phase transitions, invited seminar talk at Helsinki Institute of Physics, Helsinki, Finland
- 15/06/2023 Electroweak phase diagram at finite lepton number density, contributed talk at Thermal Field Theory meets Phenomenology, Uppsala, Sweden
- 30/05/2023 High-temperature effective field theories: Precision phase transition thermodynamics, seminar talk at HEP seminar, Université de Genève, Switzerland
- 10/05/2023 Integrating by parts at finite density, informal talk at the DMGW meeting, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany

- 25/01/2023 Degenerate fermionic matter at N^3LO , invited seminar talk at Gravitation and Cosmology seminar, Utrecht University, Netherlands
- 24/01/2023 What can EFT tell us about the electroweak phase transition?, seminar talk at CRC-TR211 meeting and Colloquium, Bielefeld University, Germany
- 08/11/2022 EFT framework for cosmological phase transition thermodynamics, seminar talk at the AstroCoffee, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany
- 13/10/2022 Degenerate fermionic matter at N^3LO , invited seminar talk (online) at S@INT seminar, INT, Seattle, USA
- 15/09/2022 (Gauge independent) Bubble nucleation rate at finite temperature, invited seminar talk at Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 24/08/2022 Can EFT tell us if there was an electroweak phase transition?, invited seminar talk at University of Graz, Graz, Austria
- 11/07/2022 Soft light-cone observables from electrostatic QCD, invited seminar talk (online) at the QCD theory seminar
- 07/07/2022 Degenerate fermionic matter at N^3LO , invited seminar talk at the Nuclear Physics Colloquium, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany
- 16/06/2022 Can EFT tell us if there was an electroweak phase transition?, invited seminar talk at SUBATECH, Nantes, France
- 31/05/2022 Electroweak phase transition: Combining thermal resummation and gauge invariance, invited seminar talk at NICPB, Tallinn University, Estonia
- $24/05/2022 \qquad Combining \ thermal \ resummation \ and \ gauge \ invariance \ for \ electroweak \ phase \ transition, invited seminar \ talk \ (online) \ at \ School \ of \ Physics \ and \ Astronomy, \ Monash \ University, \ Australia$
- 03/03/2022 Effective theory approach to cosmological phase transitions, invited seminar talk at Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias, La Laguna, Spain
- 28/10/2021 Gauge independent bubble nucleation rate at finite temperature, invited seminar talk at University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland
- 19/10/2021 Cosmological phase transition: Robust thermal resummation, invited seminar talk at University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland
- $13/05/2021 \qquad Cosmological \ phase \ transition: \ Robust \ thermal \ resummation, invited \ seminar \ talk \\ (online) \ at \ KIAS, Seoul, South \ Korea$
- 25/11/2020 How to be precise at the electroweak scale at finite-temperature, invited seminar talk (online) at Kavli IPMU, Tokyo, Japan
- 13/08/2019 3-Loop Gauge Coupling in Hot Yang-Mills, invited seminar talk at Helsinki Institute of Physics, Helsinki, Finland
- 28/08/2018 Fun with thermal dimension-six operators, invited seminar talk at Universidad del Bío-Bío, Chillán, Chile