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Research Interests

Dense nuclear matter Bulk and transport properties of dense quark matter

Neutron stars Equation of state of neutron-star matter, physics of neutron-star mergers

In-medium field theory Equation of state of dense/hot Quantum Chromodynamic matter, transport and energy loss in a dense/hot medium

Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Boulder, Colorado, USA

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Aug. 2011–Dec. 2016

- Supervisor: Prof. Paul Romatschke
- Thesis: “From pQCD to neutron stars: matching equations of state to constrain global star properties” (arXiv:1608.04358)

Master of Science in Physics

Boulder, Colorado, USA

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Aug. 2011– Dec. 2014

- 4.000 GPA

Bachelor of Science in Physics

New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

Aug. 2007–May 2011

- Summa cum laude, 3.976 GPA
- Double major in Physics and Mathematics

Work Experience

Postdoctoral Researcher

Frankfurt, Germany

GOETHE UNIVERSITY FRANKFURT, INSTITUTE FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Nov. 2023 - PRESENT

- Topics: QCD at high density, Physics of neutron-star mergers, Astrophysics of high-density QCD, Thermal field theory

Postdoctoral Researcher

Darmstadt, Germany

TU DARMSTADT, INSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR PHYSICS

Sept. 2020 - Sept. 2023

- Topics: QCD at high density, Astrophysics of high-density QCD, Thermal field theory

Postdoctoral Researcher

Charlottesville, VA, USA

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Aug. 2018 - Sept. 2020

- Topics: Thermal field theory, QCD at high density, Astrophysics of high-density QCD, Particle Propagation in a QCD medium

Postdoctoral Researcher

Helsinki, Finland

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Aug. 2016 - Aug. 2018

- Topics: Thermal field theory, QCD at high density, Astrophysics of high-density QCD, Particle cosmology

Research assistant

Boulder, Colorado, USA

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Oct. 2012–May 2016

- Topics: Thermal field theory, QCD at high density, Astrophysics of high-density QCD, AdS-CFT correspondence, collective flow in heavy-ion collisions

Mentoring & Supervision

Sofia Blomqvist MSc and PhD student. Official co-advisor

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Helsinki, Finland

June 2023 - PRESENT

Andreas Geißel PhD student. Advising and mentoring

TU DARMSTADT

Darmstadt, Germany

April 2023 - PRESENT

Oleg Komoltsev PhD student. Advising and mentoring

UNIVERSITY OF STAVANGER

Stavanger, Norway

Jan. 2022 - PRESENT

Saga Säppi MSc and PhD student. Advised and mentored

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Helsinki, Finland

Aug. 2016 - July. 2018

Eemeli Annala MSc and PhD student. Advised and mentored

UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Helsinki, Finland

Aug. 2016 - July. 2018

Teaching Experience

Lecturer (upcoming)

GOETHE UNIVERSITÄT FRANKFURT AM MAIN

Frankfurt, Germany

April-July 2025

- Thermal Field Theory

Teaching Assistant

GOETHE UNIVERSITÄT FRANKFURT AM MAIN

Frankfurt, Germany

Oct. 2024-Feb. 2025

- General Relativity

Lectures on perturbative QCD at high temperatures and density

Saint-Jacut-de-la-Mer, France

QCD MASTER CLASS 2023

June 2023

- **10 hours of lectures** to advanced PhD students, postdocs, and permanent researchers on the formalism of perturbative QCD in medium
- Topics covered: (i) framework of relativistic thermal and high-density perturbation theory, (ii) infrared problems in thermal field theory and their resolution for the pressure, (iii) the general structure of the perturbative QCD pressure, and (iv) current status of theoretical calculations.

Lectures on Neutron Stars and the Equation of State of Dense Matter

Graz, Austria

DOKTORATSKOLLEG PARTICLES AND INTERACTIONS PH.D. RETREAT

May 2022

- **3 hours of lectures**, as part of a three-day retreat for doctoral students
- Topics covered: (i) General properties of neutron stars and their observation (ii) theoretical techniques for computing the thermodynamic properties of dense matter (iii) current status of astrophysical and theoretical constraints on the behavior of dense matter.

Lectures on Perturbative QCD at high densities

Santiago de Compostela, Spain

INSTITUTO GALEGO DE FISICA DE ALTAS ENERGIAS, UNIVERSITY OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (ONLINE)

Nov. 2021

- **2 hours of lectures**, as part of course on Neutron-Star physics
- Topics covered: (i) framework of relativistic thermal and high-density perturbation theory, (ii) infrared problems in thermal field theory and their resolution for the pressure, (iii) the general structure of the perturbative QCD pressure, and (iv) current status of theoretical calculations.

Teaching Assistant

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Boulder, Colorado, USA

2011, 2014-2016

- Undergraduate introductory mechanics for majors
- Undergraduate introductory electromagnetism for majors
- Undergraduate introductory mechanics for non-majors
- Undergraduate introductory electromagnetism for non-majors

Presentations & Talks

In total: 3 colloquia, 16 plenary talks, 26 invited talks, 16 seminars, 8 contributed talks.

Recent or notable talks include:

The Ohio State University

Ohio, USA

INVITED PLENARY TALK “Probing strongly interacting matter at the highest densities”

February 2025

Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Université libre de Bruxelles

Brussels, Belgium

INVITED SEMINAR (ONLINE) “Constraining the behavior of strongly interacting matter at the highest densities”

February 2025

The 24th Zimányi school winter workshop on heavy ion physics

Budapest, Hungary

INVITED PLENARY TALK “Quark matter and Nuclear astrophysics: Recent developments”

December 2024

The 3rd APCTP-Triumf Joint Workshop: From Nuclei to Neutron Stars

Busan, South Korea

INVITED PLENARY TALK “Constraining strongly interacting matter at the highest densities with perturbative QCD”

September 2024

New aspects of nuclear physics and nuclear astrophysics

Seoul, South Korea

INVITED PLENARY TALK “Quark matter in the cores of massive neutron stars”

September 2024

INT-24-89W: EOS Measurements with Next-Generation Gravitational-Wave Detectors

Seattle, Washington

PLENARY TALK “Listening to the long ringdown”

September 2024

Strong and Electro-weak Matter 2024

Frankfurt, Germany

PLENARY TALK “Pressure and speed of sound in (two-flavor) color-superconducting quark matter at NLO”

August 2024

CRC-TR 211 (Strong-interaction matter under extreme conditions) Meeting

Frankfurt, Germany

INVITED PLENARY TALK “Listening to the long ringdown”

July 2024

Heidelberg University

Heidelberg, Germany

INVITED THEORY COLLOQUIUM “Constraining the behavior of strongly interacting matter at the highest densities”

June 2024

ELEMENTS Annual Conference 2024

Frankfurt, Germany

INVITED COLLOQUIUM “Constraining the behavior of strongly interacting matter at the highest densities”

April 2024

Institute for Nuclear Theory

Seattle, Washington

INVITED S@INT SEMINAR “Probing the behavior of strongly interacting matter at the highest densities”

April 2024

Quark Matter 2023

Houston, Texas, USA

INVITED PLENARY TALK, “Quark Matter and Nuclear Astrophysics”

September 2023

Rencontres de Moriond: Gravitation

La Thuile, Italy

INVITED PLENARY TALK, “What multimessenger observations have told us about the EoS of NS matter”

Mar. 2023

Strong and Electro-weak Matter 2022

Saclay, France

INVITED PLENARY TALK, “Bayesian constraints on the neutron-star equation of state with QCD input”

June 2022

APS April Meeting (Session Q04: Mergers of Neutron Stars: Nuclear Physics from Gravitational Waves)

New York City, New York USA

INVITED TALK, “High-Density Quark Matter in the Cores of Neutron Stars”

Apr. 2022

Service

Astrocoffee Seminar Series Organizer

Jan. 2024-PRESENT

SEMINAR SERIES AT GOETHE UNIVERSITY ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ASTROPHYSICS, COSMOLOGY, AND ADJACENT TOPICS

Member of the IReNA Online Seminar Organizing Committee

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK FOR NUCLEAR ASTROPHYSICS

Sept. 2021-May 2022

Refereed Publications

VARIOUS JOURNALS

2018-PRESENT

- Physical Review Letters
- Physical Review D
- Physics Letters B
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society Letters
- Journal of High Energy Physics (JHEP)
- International Journal of Modern Physics A
- Universe
- European Physical Journal C

Founding member of the Graduate Liaison Committee

University of Colorado Boulder, USA

FOUNDED TO BETTER SUPPORT GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THEIR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

2014-2016

Coordinated Programs and Professional Societies

Member of the Collaborative Research Center TransRegio 211 (Strong-interaction matter under extreme conditions)

April 2022-PRESENT

COORDINATED PROGRAM BETWEEN BIELEFELD UNIVERSITY, TU DARMSTADT, AND GOETHE UNIVERSITY, TO DECISIVELY ADVANCE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF STRONG-INTERACTION MATTER UNDER EXTREME CONDITIONS OF TEMPERATURE AND DENSITY

Member of ELEMENTS: Exploring the Universe from Microscopic to Macroscopic Scales

April 2022-PRESENT

CLUSTER PROJECT BETWEEN GOETHE UNIVERSITY, TU DARMSTADT, JLU GIESSEN, AND GSI/FAIR TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF THE ORIGIN OF THE HEAVY CHEMICAL ELEMENTS, SUCH AS PLATINUM AND GOLD, IN OUR UNIVERSE.

Member of the American Physical Society

Feb. 2022-PRESENT

Outreach & Media Coverage

Phys.org article about my work on the Long ringdown signal in binary neutron-star mergers
Nature Commun. 16.1 (2025), 1320

Feb. 2025

Helsingin Sanomat (largest newspaper in Finland), Phys.org, Universe Today, Space Daily articles about my work
Phys. Rev. Lett. 133.7 (2024), 071901

Aug. 2024

Phys.org (2 articles), Yahoo News, Space.com, Universe Today, Sci.News articles about my work
Nat Commun. 2023

Dec./Jan. 2023

PNAS article mentioning my work
Nature Phys. 2020

Nov. 2020

Podcast Interview with *The Cosmic Companion*

June 2020

DISCUSSING EVIDENCE FOR QUARK-MATTER CORES IN MASSIVE NEUTRON STARS IN *Nature Phys.* 2020

Phys.org, Physicsworld, Medium, and IFLS articles

June 2020

MORE ARTICLES ABOUT MY WORK
Nature Phys. 2020

Phys.org article about my work on the Two-Higgs-Doublet Model
Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 191802 (2018)

Nov. 2018

Sky and Telescope article mentioning my work constraining the neutron-star-matter equation of state using gravitational waves
Phys. Rev. Lett. 120 172702 (2018)

May 2018

APS Synopsis article on the same work
Phys. Rev. Lett. 120 172702 (2018)

Apr. 2018

Software/Programming Experience

Programming Extensive experience with Mathematica and **Python**, and good working knowledge of **C/C++**
General IT \LaTeX (typesetting), GNU/Linux (operating system), Git (version control)

Languages

English Mother tongue
German Level A2.2
French Approximate Level B1

Publications

Summary of papers on [Inspire-HEP](#). As of 10 February 2025: 2,621, citations, h-index 19

Note that **alphabetical ordering** of authors is the community standard in theoretical high-energy physics

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- [31] A. Geißel, **T. Gorda**, and J. Braun. “Pressure and speed of sound in two-flavor color-superconducting quark matter at next-to-leading order”. *Phys. Rev. D* 110.1 (2024), 014034. arXiv: 2403.18010 [hep-ph].
- [30] C. Ecker, **T. Gorda**, A. Kurkela, and L. Rezzolla. “Constraining the equation of state in neutron-star cores via the long-ringdown signal”. *Nature Commun.* 16.1 (2025), 1320. arXiv: 2403.03246 [astro-ph.HE].
- [29] J. Cruz Rojas, **T. Gorda**, C. Hoyos, N. Jokela, M. Järvinen, A. Kurkela, R. Paatelainen, S. Säppi, and A. Vuorinen. “Estimate for the Bulk Viscosity of Strongly Coupled Quark Matter Using Perturbative QCD and Holography”. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 133.7 (2024), 071901. arXiv: 2402.00621 [hep-ph].
- [28] O. Komoltsev, R. Somasundaram, **T. Gorda**, A. Kurkela, J. Margueron, and I. Tews. “Equation of state at neutron-star densities and beyond from perturbative QCD”. *Phys. Rev. D* 109.9 (2024), 094030. arXiv: 2312.14127 [nucl-th].
- [27] G. D. Moore and **T. Gorda**. “Bounding the QCD Equation of State with the Lattice”. *JHEP* 12 (2023), 133. arXiv: 2309.15149 [nucl-th].
- [26] **T. Gorda**, R. Paatelainen, S. Säppi, and K. Seppänen. “Equation of State of Cold Quark Matter to $O(\alpha_s^3 \ln \alpha_s)$ ”. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 131.18 (2023), 181902. arXiv: 2307.08734 [hep-ph].
- [25] **T. Gorda**, R. Paatelainen, S. Säppi, and K. Seppänen. “Soft gluon self-energy at finite temperature and density: hard NLO corrections in general covariant gauge”. *JHEP* 08 (2023), 021. arXiv: 2304.09187 [hep-ph].
- [24] E. Annala, **T. Gorda**, J. Hirvonen, O. Komoltsev, A. Kurkela, J. Nättilä, and A. Vuorinen. “Strongly interacting matter exhibits deconfined behavior in massive neutron stars”. *Nat Commun.* 14 (2023), 8451. arXiv: 2303.11356 [astro-ph.HE].
- [23] **T. Gorda**, O. Komoltsev, A. Kurkela, and A. Mazeliauskas. “Bayesian uncertainty quantification of perturbative QCD input to the neutron-star equation of state”. *JHEP* 06 (2023), 002. arXiv: 2303.02175 [hep-ph].
- [22] **T. Gorda**, K. Hebeler, A. Kurkela, A. Schwenk, and A. Vuorinen. “Constraints on Strong Phase Transitions in Neutron Stars”. *Astrophys. J.* 955.2 (2023), 100. arXiv: 2212.10576 [astro-ph.HE].

- [21] P. Arnold, **T. Gorda**, and S. Iqbal. “The LPM effect in sequential bremsstrahlung: incorporation of “instantaneous” interactions for QCD”. *JHEP* 11 (2022), 130. arXiv: 2209.03971 [hep-ph].
- [20] **T. Gorda**, J. Österman, and S. Säppi. “Augmenting the residue theorem with boundary terms in finite-density calculations”. *Phys. Rev. D* 106.10 (2022), 105026. arXiv: 2208.14479 [hep-th]. (**Editor’s suggestion**).
- [19] H. Schatz et al. “Horizons: nuclear astrophysics in the 2020s and beyond”. *J. Phys. G* 49.11 (2022), 110502. arXiv: 2205.07996 [nucl-ex].
- [18] **T. Gorda**, O. Komoltsev, and A. Kurkela. “Ab-initio QCD calculations impact the inference of the neutron-star-matter equation of state”. *Astrophys. J.* 950.2 (June 2023), 107. arXiv: 2204.11877 [nucl-th].
- [17] **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* 107.3 (2023), L031501. arXiv: 2204.11893 [hep-ph].
- [16] **T. Gorda**, A. Kurkela, J. Österman, R. Paatelainen, S. Säppi, P. Schicho, K. Seppänen, and A. Vuorinen. “Soft photon propagation in a hot and dense medium to next-to-leading order”. *Phys. Rev. D* 107.3 (2023), 036012. arXiv: 2204.11279 [hep-ph].
- [15] **T. Gorda** and S. Säppi. “Cool quark matter with perturbative quark masses”. *Phys. Rev. D* 105.11 (2022), 114005. arXiv: 2112.11472 [hep-ph].
- [14] P. Arnold, **T. Gorda**, and S. Iqbal. “The LPM effect in sequential bremsstrahlung: analytic results for sub-leading (single) logarithms”. *JHEP* 04 (2022), 085. arXiv: 2112.05161 [hep-ph].
- [13] E. Annala, **T. Gorda**, E. Katerini, A. Kurkela, J. Nättilä, V. Paschalidis, and A. Vuorinen. “Multimessenger Constraints for Ultradense Matter”. *Phys. Rev. X* 12.1 (2022), 011058. arXiv: 2105.05132 [astro-ph.HE].
- [12] **T. Gorda**, A. Kurkela, R. Paatelainen, S. Säppi, and A. Vuorinen. “Soft Interactions in Cold Quark Matter”. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 127.16 (2021), 162003. arXiv: 2103.05658 [hep-ph].
- [11] **T. Gorda**, A. Kurkela, R. Paatelainen, S. Säppi, and A. Vuorinen. “Cold quark matter at N3LO: Soft contributions”. *Phys. Rev. D* 104.7 (2021), 074015. arXiv: 2103.07427 [hep-ph]. (**Editor’s suggestion**).
- [10] P. Arnold, **T. Gorda**, and S. Iqbal. “The LPM effect in sequential bremsstrahlung: nearly complete results for QCD”. *JHEP* 11 (2020), 053. arXiv: 2007.15018 [hep-ph].
- [9] E. Annala, **T. Gorda**, A. Kurkela, J. Nättilä, and A. Vuorinen. “Evidence for quark-matter cores in massive neutron stars”. *Nature Phys.* 16.9 (2020), 907–910. arXiv: 1903.09121 [astro-ph.HE].
- [8] **T. Gorda**, A. Helset, L. Niemi, T. V. I. Tenkanen, and D. J. Weir. “Three-dimensional effective theories for the two Higgs doublet model at high temperature”. *JHEP* 02 (2019), 081. arXiv: 1802.05056 [hep-ph].
- [7] **T. Gorda**, A. Kurkela, P. Romatschke, S. Säppi, and A. Vuorinen. “Next-to-Next-to-Next-to-Leading Order Pressure of Cold Quark Matter: Leading Logarithm”. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 121.20 (2018), 202701. arXiv: 1807.04120 [hep-ph].
- [6] J. O. Andersen, **T. Gorda**, A. Helset, L. Niemi, T. V. I. Tenkanen, A. Tranberg, A. Vuorinen, and D. J. Weir. “Nonperturbative Analysis of the Electroweak Phase Transition in the Two Higgs Doublet Model”. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 121.19 (2018), 191802. arXiv: 1711.09849 [hep-ph].

- [5] E. Annala, **T. Gorda**, A. Kurkela, and A. Vuorinen. “Gravitational-wave constraints on the neutron-star-matter Equation of State”. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 120.17 (2018), 172703. arXiv: 1711.02644 [astro-ph.HE]. **(Featured in Physics, Editor’s suggestion)**.
- [4] I. Ghisoiu, **T. Gorda**, A. Kurkela, P. Romatschke, S. Säppi, and A. Vuorinen. “On high-order perturbative calculations at finite density”. *Nucl. Phys.* B915 (2017), 102–118. arXiv: 1609.04339 [hep-ph].
- [3] **T. Gorda**. “Global properties of rotating neutron stars with QCD equations of state”. *Astrophys. J.* 832.1 (2016), 28. arXiv: 1605.08067 [astro-ph.HE].
- [2] **T. Gorda** and P. Romatschke. “Equation of state in two-, three-, and four-color QCD at nonzero temperature and density”. *Phys. Rev.* D92.1 (2015), 014019. arXiv: 1412.6712 [hep-ph].
- [1] **T. Gorda** and P. Romatschke. “Precision studies of v_n fluctuations”. *Phys. Rev.* C90.5 (2014), 054908. arXiv: 1406.6405 [nucl-th].

Preprints

- [1] A. Rajan, **T. Gorda**, S. Liuti, and K. Yagi. “Bounds on the Equation of State of Neutron Stars from High Energy Deeply Virtual Exclusive Experiments” (2018). arXiv: 1812.01479 [hep-ph].

Proceedings

- [6] **T. Gorda**. “Quark matter and nuclear astrophysics: recent developments”. Dec. 2023. arXiv: 2312.09967 [nucl-th].
- [5] S. Bogdanov et al. “Snowmass 2021 Cosmic Frontier White Paper: The Dense Matter Equation of State and QCD Phase Transitions”. *2022 Snowmass Summer Study*. Sept. 2022. arXiv: 2209.07412 [astro-ph.HE].
- [4] **T. Gorda**. “Improving the cold quark-matter pressure via soft interactions at N3LO”. *EPJ Web Conf.* 258 (2022), 05004. arXiv: 2111.11944.
- [3] P. Arnold, **T. Gorda**, and S. Iqbal. “The problem of overlapping formation times: A (nearly) complete result for QCD”. Vol. HardProbes2020. 2021, 181.
- [2] P. Arnold, **T. Gorda**, and S. Iqbal. “The Problem of overlapping formation times: In-medium virtual corrections for QCD”. Ed. by F. Liu, E. Wang, X.-N. Wang, N. Xu, and B.-W. Zhang. Vol. 1005. 2021, 121909.
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Thesis

- [1] **T. Gorda**. “From pQCD to neutron stars: matching equations of state to constrain global star properties”. PhD thesis. Colorado U., 2016. arXiv: 1608.04358 [nucl-th].