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Email: stefan.hutzler@tcd.ie

**School:** School of Physics, Trinity College Dublin

**Has project been agreed with head (or nominee) of proposed registration school?** YES

**Research Centre / group affiliation:** Foams and Complex Systems

**Research group / centre website:** www.tcd.ie/physics/foams

**PI website / link to CV:** [http://www.tcd.ie/Physics/Foams/docs_public/CV_Hutzler_2012.pdf](http://www.tcd.ie/Physics/Foams/docs_public/CV_Hutzler_2012.pdf)

**Brief summary of PI research / research group / centre activity (2 or 3 lines max):** Focus of the research group is the physics of foam, including structure, drainage and rheology. The approach taken combines experiments with computer simulations and theory.

**Title & brief description of PhD project (suitable for publication on web):**

The arrangement of soap bubbles in confinement

This project will examine how ordered foams can be produced by using appropriate templating techniques, together with state-of-the-art tomography. This is relevant also to the general understanding of crystal structure and defects, with bubbles taking the role of atoms. The project will be carried out in collaboration with the Helmholtz Institute Berlin, Germany.

**Unique selling points of PhD project in TCD:**

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**Name & contact details for project queries, if different from PI named above:** see details above

**Please indicate the graduates of which disciplines that should apply:** Physics

**Ciência sem Fronteiras / Science Without Borders Priority Area:**

Please indicate the specific programme priority area under which the proposed PhD project fits- choose only one (tick box):

- Engineering and other technological areas
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