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1. Nuclear Physics Publications for August*

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JHEP 06 (2016) 050 [http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP06\(2016\)050](http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP06(2016)050)

Centrality dependence of $\psi(2S)$ suppression in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

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Multi-strange baryon production in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

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Near-side azimuthal and pseudorapidity correlations using neutral strange baryons and mesons in d + Au, Cu + Cu, and Au + Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV

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Superdeformed and Triaxial States in ^{42}Ca

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No-core configuration-interaction model for the isospin- and angular-momentum-projected states

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Direct observation of the ¹¹⁴Ba → ¹¹⁰Xe → ¹⁰⁶Te → ¹⁰²Sn triple α -decay chain using position and time correlations

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Shell evolution approaching the $N = 20$ island of inversion: Structure of ²⁶Na

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Pairing in high-density neutron matter including short- and long-range correlations

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Measurement of D-meson production versus multiplicity in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV

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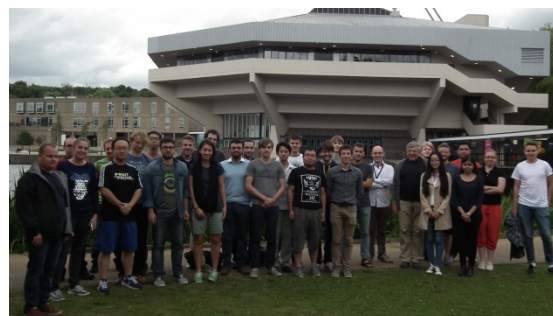
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First in-beam γ -ray study of the level structure of neutron-rich ³⁹S
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2. News to Report

a. 2016 DFT TALENT course at York

Between 18 July and 5 August, the Nuclear Physics Group hosted one of this year's nuclear theory [TALENT](#) courses. The topic was nuclear density functional theory (DFT), which is a powerful method for calculating properties across the entire range of atomic nuclei. Altogether we had 27 MSc. and PhD. students, including 4 from York and 1 from Surrey, with the remainder coming from 16 different overseas institutions. The in-depth course covered all aspects of the state-of-the-art nuclear DFT, such as DFT foundations, Hartree-Fock approximation, pairing, spontaneous symmetry breaking, collective motion, configuration mixing, applications, implementations, phenomenology, and computational aspects. In total, 45 hours of morning lectures were delivered by four lecturers: Jacek Dobaczewski and Alessandro Pastore from York, Andrea Idini from Surrey, and Nicolas Schunck from the Livermore National Laboratory, USA. All lectures were videotaped and will be available to students and the wider public through a dedicated web page along with about 200 pages of lecture note handouts. The afternoon sessions were devoted to training in building self-consistent solvers from scratch. Students worked in small groups and programmed solutions of DFT equations for simple functionals using either coordinate-space or harmonic-oscillator representations.



The course was funded through an STFC grant and supported by contributions from 13 of the students' home institutions. Lodging and catering were provided through the excellent services of York Conferences and the lecture room and computer lab were set up by efficient and helpful technical staff at York working under Ian Helliwell's direction. Spirits were high, friends were made, collaboration patterns emerged – we all have had a lot of fun in learning and doing the physics we like.
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b. Workshop on Physics and Engineering Opportunities at the Electron-Ion Collider 2016

You are warmly invited to the first UK workshop on the US-based Electron-Ion Collider (EIC), which will be held on 13 - 14th October 2016 near Glasgow. The EIC has been flagged as the "highest priority for new facility construction following the completion of FRIB" in the US 2015 NSF Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science, and will be built either at Jefferson Lab or Brookhaven National Laboratory in the 2020s. The purpose of the

workshop is to introduce the UK scientific community to the EIC and the range of emerging opportunities for new collaborations and R&D projects, and to provide the opportunity for discussion with

the current international leaders of the EIC effort.

<https://ukeicworkshop2016.wordpress.com/>

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3. Outreach Activity

Building Blocks

On Monday 1st August, a group of fourteen Y10 girls travelled to the University of York for the start of the second annual Girls in Physics event. One of their first activities of the week was hosted by 3 members of the Binding Blocks team. Firstly, we explained atomic and nuclear structure so that different types of decay could be described with the different colours of the chart. They actively listened to and understood all the details and once the group was happy with the concept, they engaged with building the partial chart up to and including the iron-group elements.



After the LEGO chart was completed, fusion inside stars was explained by rolling a tennis ball down the chart and pointing out that it landed at the lowest part - or most stable point - of the chart's valley. This led on to discussing the applications of fusion on Earth which links into the other activities they had planned throughout the week, including a trip to Culham Centre for Fusion Energy. Medical physics applications were expanded upon by pointing out the radioactive isotopes in pink LEGO on the chart. To follow this up, a demonstration on every day background radiation was carried out with some rock

samples and a Geiger counter. Feedback from the girls during the chart build reflected that they found it to be a positive, educational and fun experience.

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Teach the Teachers – Nuclear Energy

On June 22nd Bangor University hosted a Teach the Teachers event on Nuclear Energy. The twenty teachers that attended heard presentations from Dr John Roberts from The University of Manchester, Sasha Wynn Davies of Horizon Nuclear Power and Iwan Thomas of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.

The teachers came from schools that teach in english and welsh so all the presentations and handouts were all available in both languages.

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Nuclear Summer School

From August 1st to the 5th the Nuclear Institute, in collaboration with the Nuclear Physics Group at The University of Manchester, hosted a Nuclear Summer School for eight Arkwrights Scholars. The Scholars are supported throughout their sixth form studies and the Summer School took place between their lower and upper sixth years. During the week they visited the Urenco fuel enrichment plant at Capenhurst, Heysham Nuclear Power Plant and the University of Manchester for lectures on nuclear energy and nuclear laboratory experiments. They also heard presentations from representatives of NuGeneration, the National Nuclear Laboratory and the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

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4. Media Interactions

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