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1. Nuclear Physics Publications for November (also includes missed publications from previous months)

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Phys. Rev. C **100**, 051302(R)

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Extracting the spectral signature of α clustering in $^{44,48,52}\text{Ti}$ using a continuous wavelet transform

Sam Bailey, Tzany Kokalova, Martin Freer, Carl Wheldon, Robin Smith, Joseph Walshe, Neil Curtis, Neven Soić, Lovro Prepolec, Vedrana Tokić, Francisco Miguel Marqués, Lynda Achouri, Franck Delaunay, Quentin Deshayes, Marian Parlog, Beatriz Fernández-Dominguez, Bertrand Jacquot, and Asim Soylu

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α -decay properties of $^{200,202}\text{Fr}$

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Beam asymmetry Σ for the photoproduction of η and η' mesons at $E_\gamma=8.8\text{GeV}$

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Lifetime measurements in $^{52,54}\text{Ti}$ to study shell evolution toward $N=32$

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Highly deformed bands in Nd nuclei: New results and consistent interpretation within the cranked Nilsson-Strutinsky formalism

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Single-particle structure of neutron-rich Sr isotopes via $^2\text{H}(^{94,95,96}\text{Sr},p)$ reactions

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Detailed spectroscopy of ^{46}Ca : A study of the β^- decay of ^{46}K

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Lifetime measurements of short-lived excited states, and shape changes in ^{69}As and ^{66}Ge nuclei

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High-precision mass measurements and production of neutron-deficient isotopes using heavy-ion beams at IGISOL

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Elastic transfer and parity dependence of the nucleus-nucleus optical potential

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Two-particle differential transverse momentum and number density correlations in p–Pb collisions at 5.02 TeV and Pb-Pb collisions at 2.76 TeV at the CERN Large Hadron Collider

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Kaon Photoproduction and the Λ Decay Parameter α_{Λ}

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Measurement of $Y(1S)$ Elliptic Flow at Forward Rapidity in Pb-Pb Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV

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Investigations of Anisotropic Flow Using Multiparticle Azimuthal Correlations in pp, p–Pb, Xe-Xe, and Pb-Pb Collisions at the LHC

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Measurement of charged jet cross section in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=5.02$ TeV

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Measurement of the inclusive isolated photon production cross section in pp collisions vs = 7 TeV

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Charged-particle production as a function of multiplicity and transverse sphericity in pp collisions at vs = 5.02 and 13 TeV

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Inclusive J/ψ production at mid-rapidity in pp collisions at vs = 5.02 TeV

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Lifetime measurements of excited states in ¹⁶³W and the implications for the anomalous B(E2) ratios in transitional nuclei

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Coherent J/ψ photoproduction at forward rapidity in ultra-peripheral Pb–Pb collisions at vs_{NN} = 5.02 TeV

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3ΛH and 3Λ-barH-bar lifetime measurement in Pb–Pb collisions at $v_{NN} = 5.02$ via two-body decay

ALICE Collaboration, UK Authors: H.A. Andrews, L.S. Barnby, M. Borri, M.D. Buckland, M. Chartier, G. Contin, D. Evans, K.L. Graham, C. Hills, J.P. Iddon, O. Jevons, P.G. Jones, A. Jusko, M. Krivda, J. Kvapil, R.C. Lemmon, R. Lietava, S.W. Lindsay, S. Ragoni, O. Villalobos Baillie, and E. Willsher

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Study of the Λ – Λ interaction with femtoscopy correlations in pp and p–Pb collisions at the LHC

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2. News to Report

a. Announcement of the 24th UK Monte Carlo User Group Meeting (MCNEG)



We are pleased to announce that the 24th MCNEG meeting will be held at the Culham Conference Centre, Oxfordshire 14th-15th January 2020. This meeting provides a forum for new and experienced users of Monte Carlo software for radiation transport. We would like to extend our invitation to presenters including academics, researchers and students from the fields of medical physics, radiation dosimetry, radiation detectors, reactor, space, shielding modelling and related fields.

Thanks to sponsorship from AWE plc. this year's conference will be **free to attend**.

We would like to encourage you to submit an abstract for presentations and to register. To submit an abstract and/or register please email: mcneg@awe.co.uk

With: Name, Affiliation, Abstract and Dietary requirements.

The deadline for abstracts is 13th December 2019.

Venue address:

Culham Conference Centre, Culham Science Centre, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 3DB

Parking is available on site or there is a train station close by (~5 min walk): Culham railway station serves the village of Culham in Oxfordshire. It is on the Cherwell Valley Line between Didcot Parkway and Banbury. It is served by local train services provided by Great Western Railway.

A few of the local hotels are:

- The Hilton Garden Inn – Abingdon
- Courtyard by Marriott - Oxford South
- The Cosener's House – Abingdon

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b. Announcement of TALENT 2020 courses

The TALENT (Training in Advanced Low Energy Nuclear Theory) initiative aims at providing an advanced and comprehensive training to graduate students and early career researchers in all aspects of low-energy nuclear theory. TALENT offers intensive three-week courses on a rotating set of topics. General information on TALENT and past courses can be found at <http://www.nucleartalent.org>.

Three TALENT courses will be offered in 2020. The topics and principal lecturers are:

Atomic Nuclei as Open Quantum Systems: Unifying Nuclear Structure and Reactions will be held at the INT in Seattle, WA, USA from June 22 to July 10, 2020. The principal lecturers will be Christian Forssén (Chalmers), Wittek Nazarewicz (MSU), Marek Ploszajczak (GANIL), and Alexander Volya (FSU). In this course, students will learn about the fundamental concepts pertaining to the unification of nuclear structure and reaction theory and they will be introduced to state-of-the-art theoretical methods that can be used for weakly bound and unbound nuclear states. Contact: Alexander Volya (volya@physics.fsu.edu).

Density Functional Theory and Self-Consistent Methods will be held at LBNL, in Berkeley, CA, USA from July 6 to July 24, 2020. The principal instructors will be Nicolas Schunck (LLNL), Michael Forbes (WSU), Heiko Hergert (MSU), and Tomás Rodríguez (Univ. Autonoma de Madrid). The main goal of the course is to gain an in-depth understanding of the basic concepts, mathematical methods, and computational techniques used to solve the quantum many-body problem within the framework of energy density functional theory. This will be achieved both through regular lectures and the development of a computational project over the duration of the course. Contact: Nicolas Schunck (schunck1@llnl.gov).

Machine Learning and Data Analysis for Nuclear Physics will be held at the ECT* in Trento, Italy from June 22 to July 10, 2020. The principal instructors will be Daniel Bazin (MSU, USA), Morten Hjorth-Jensen (MSU, USA), Michelle Kuchera (Davidson College, USA),

Sean Liddick (NSCL, USA), and Raghuram Ramanujan (Davidson College, USA). The major scope is to give the participants a deeper understanding on what Machine Learning and Data Analysis are and how they can be used to analyze data from nuclear physics experiments and perform theoretical calculations of nuclear many-body systems.

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Morten Hjorth-Jensen (hjensen@msu.edu).

To express interest or find out more about any course, please check <http://www.nucleartalent.org> and/or email the designated contact.

Application details will be announced in late 2019 or early 2020.

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c. FISPACT-II Training Workshop



The workshop in progress

From October 23-25 2019, the University of Manchester hosted a FISPACT-II training workshop – the first time such an event has been held in the UK (FISPACT-II workshops are regularly held in Europe). FISPACT-II is a nuclear inventory and burn-up code developed by the UKAEA, which was developed primarily for fusion, but has wider applications including fission, medical, and astrophysics.

The UKNDN (UK nuclear data network) grant sponsored the workshop, which was free to participants. Over the course of 2 days, four instructors from UKAEA delivered a mixture of lectures and tutorial sessions with the aim of addressing the needs of both new and experienced FISPACT-II users. The workshop was attended by PhD students and post-docs from the Universities of Manchester,

Birmingham, Sheffield Hallam, and Oxford, as well as by industrial scientists and engineers from Magnox, TUD-SUV, and NCBJ (Poland).

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The workshop attendees

3. Outreach Activity

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4. Media Interactions

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