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1. Nuclear Physics Publications for November

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Phys. Rev. Lett. **127** 192501 (<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.127.192501>)

Large Shape Staggering in Neutron-Deficient Bi Isotopes

A. Barzakh, A. N. Andreyev, C. Raison, J. G. Cubiss, P. Van Duppen, S. Peru, S. Hilaire, S. Goriely, B. Andel, S. Antalic, M. Al Monthery, J. C. Berengut, J. Bieroń, M. L. Bissell, A. Borschevsky, K. Chrysalidis, T. E. Cocolios, T. Day Goodacre, J.-P. Dognon, M. Elantkowska, E. Eliav, G. J. Farooq-Smith, D. V. Fedorov, V. N. Fedosseev, L. P. Gaffney, R. F. Garcia Ruiz, M. Godefroid, C. Granados, R. D. Harding, R. Heinke, M. Huyse, J. Karls, P. Larmonier, J. G. Li (李冀光), K. M. Lynch, D. E. Maison, B. A. Marsh, P. Molkanov, P. Mosat, A. V. Oleynichenko, V. Panteleev, P. Pyykkö, M. L. Reitsma, K. Rezyknina, R. E. Rossel, S. Rothe, J. Ruczkowski, S. Schiffmann, C. Seiffert, M. D. Seliverstov, S. Sels, L. V. Skripnikov, M. Stryjczyk, D. Studer, M. Verlinde, S. Wilman, and A. V. Zaitsevskii

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New β -decaying state in ^{214}Bi

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Evolution of single-particle structure near the N=20 island of inversion

P. T. MacGregor, D. K. Sharp, S. J. Freeman, C. R. Hoffman, B. P. Kay, T. L. Tang, L. P. Gaffney, E. F. Baader, M. J. G. Borge, P. A. Butler, W. N. Catford, B. D. Cropper, G. de Angelis, J. Konki, Th. Kröll, M. Labiche, I. H. Lazarus, R. S. Lubna, I. Martel, D. G. McNeel, R. D. Page, O. Poleshchuk, R. Raabe, F. Recchia, and J. Yang
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Λ_c^+ Production and Baryon-to-Meson Ratios in pp and p-Pb Collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV at the LHC

ALICE Collaboration

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Λ_c^+ production in pp and in p-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$ TeV

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Solving the Puzzles of the Decay of the Heaviest Known Proton-Emitting Nucleus ^{185}Bi

D. T. Doherty, A. N. Andreyev, D. Seweryniak, P. J. Woods, M. P. Carpenter, K. Auranen, A. D. Ayangeakaa, B. B. Back, S. Bottoni, L. Canete, J. G. Cubiss, J. Harker, T. Haylett, T. Huang, R. V. F. Janssens, D. G. Jenkins, F. G. Kondev, T. Lauritsen, C. Lederer-Woods, J. Li, C. Müller-Gatermann

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Neutron occupancies and single-particle energies across the stable tin isotopes

S. V. Szwece, D. K. Sharp, B. P. Kay, S. J. Freeman, J. P. Schiffer, P. Adsley, C. Binnersley, N. de Séréville, T. Faestermann, R. F. Garcia Ruiz, F. Hammache, R. Hertzenberger, A. Meyer, C. Portail, I. Stefan, A. Vernon, S. Wilkins, and H.-F. Wirth

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$(^6\text{Li},d)$ and $(^6\text{Li},t)$ reactions on ^{22}Ne and implications for s-process nucleosynthesis

S. Ota, G. Christian, W. N. Catford, G. Lotay, M. Pignatari, U. Battino, E. A. Bennett, S. Dede, D. T. Doherty, S. Hallam, F. Herwig, J. Hooker, C. Hunt, H. Jayatissa, A. Matta, M. Moukaddam, E. Rao, G. V. Rogachev, A. Saastamoinen, D. Scriven, J. A. Tostevin, S. Upadhyayula, and R. Wilkinson

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Reinterpretation of excited states in ^{212}Po : Shell-model multiplets rather than α -cluster states

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Inertial-confinement fusion-plasma-based cross-calibration of the deuterium-tritium γ -to-neutron branching ratio

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Charge radii, moments, and masses of mercury isotopes across the N = 126 shell closure

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Search for in-band transitions in the candidate superdeformed band in ^{28}Si

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Precision mass measurement of lightweight self-conjugate nucleus ^{80}Zr

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Mirror energy differences above the $0f_{7/2}$ shell: First γ -ray spectroscopy of the $T_z = -2$ nucleus ^{56}Zn

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Impact of shell evolution on Gamow-Teller β decay from a high-spin long-lived isomer in ^{127}Ag

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Spectroscopy of the $T = 2$ mirror nuclei $^{48}\text{Fe}/^{48}\text{Ti}$ using mirrored knockout reactions

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2. News to Report



a. New ALICE Physics Convener

Congratulations to Jaime Norman for becoming a new Physics convener of the ALICE Collaboration at the LHC (CERN). Starting from November 2021 Jaime co-chairs the Physics Analysis Group focusing on jets and hard photons measurements (e.g. jet spectra, isolated photons, gamma-jet, hadron-jet...).

Since his PhD in the Liverpool ALICE group, Jaime has played a leading role in new measurements of heavy-flavour production in proton-proton, proton-lead and lead-lead collisions at the LHC. Notably he has performed first measurements with ALICE of the production of the Λ_c ($u\bar{d}c$) charmed baryon, which is sensitive to perturbative and non-perturbative aspects of Quantum Chromodynamics, including the hadronisation of charm quarks (J. High Energy Phys. 04 (2018) 108, Phys.Lett. B793 (2019) 212-223, Phys. Rev. Lett. 127 (2021) 202301).

More recently, returning to Liverpool from LPSC Grenoble (France) where he worked as a postdoc for two years, he has initiated a new research programme of jet measurements which aim to probe fundamental transport properties of hot QCD matter and reveal the short distance structure of the quark gluon plasma through, for instance, measurements of the yield and acoplanarity of jets recoiling from a high p_T hadron.

Data taking at the LHC is due to restart in 2022. Alongside his new role as physics convener Jaime intends to keep developing his research programme, taking advantage of the new opportunities offered by the upgraded ALICE experiment (e.g. the new Inner Tracking System which Liverpool

contributed to build in the last few years). He is planning first high-precision measurements, which correlate the production of heavy-flavour hadrons (with charm or beauty) and jets in lead-lead collisions. As heavy-ion collisions at ultra-relativistic energies give rise to a challenging high-density environment, Jaime also develops and uses novel machine learning techniques to perform these complex data analyses.

Contribution by Marielle Chartier
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b. First Nuclear Physics ECR Forum

The first forum for UK Nuclear Physics Early Career Researchers was held over the 1st and 2nd of November at the Institute of Physics building in London. Attendees from ten institutions participated in the event, which also allowed for remote participation.

In addition to science talks from ECRs, a career-development panel was convened, made up of academics with experience serving on research council panels. An invited speaker from industry also presented their perspective on career development and non-academic routes open to ECRs.

Contribution by Jack Henderson
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c. STFC Nuclear Physics Summer School

We are delighted to announce the first details of the 21st Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) Nuclear Physics Summer School, which will be held at the University of Sheffield from the 27th of March - 3rd of April 2022. We are planning for an in-person event and have put together an exciting programme of lectures which will be delivered by leading international experts, which will be supported by tutorial sessions, a dedicated careers session, and student talks.

For more information and initial registration (the registration deadline is 14/02/2022), please visit the school webpage - <https://indico.stfc.ac.uk/e/STFCNuclearPhysicsSummerSchool2022> and fill in your details. For STFC-funded students there is no fee but we would also ask that students not funded by STFC register their interest at this point as well, the fee will be contingent on other

funding that we manage to secure for the school.

Please do let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing everyone in Sheffield.
With best wishes,

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Contribution by Daniel Doherty

3. Outreach Activity

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