

UNIVERSITY OF  
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School of Physics and Astronomy

WEEKLY BULLETIN/NEWS

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Astrophysics & Space Research Group and HiROS Group Seminar**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 14.30 in Physics West Lecture Theatre 117

Speaker: Ariadna Murguia Berthier, UC Santa Cruz

Title: Shedding light on the assembly of binary black hole mergers

**Theoretical Physics Seminar**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 13.45 in Physics East Theory Library

Speaker: Tomoki Ozawa, Universite Libre Bruxelles

Title: Driven-dissipative Hall effect in photonic and classical mechanical lattices

**Condensed Matter Physics Seminar**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 14.00 in Physics East 217

Speaker: Prof Tom Lancaster, Durham University

Title: TBC

**Outreach System**

Reminder: Please remember to add your outreach events to the new outreach system

<http://www.sr.bham.ac.uk/physicsOutreach/>

**Physics Stores**

Please note as from week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Physics Stores will be closing at 15.00 on all Fridays.

Key issuing will only be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00 and 15:00 .

### **LabVIEW Site License**

A campus-wide license for LabVIEW, covering teaching and non-commercial research is being arranged, and it is anticipated that this will be in place before the end of May 2018. The exact details are being worked out, but if you are a current or potential user of LabVIEW please feel free to drop a summary of your requirements to Mark Cooke.

Mark Cooke  
College IT Manager

### **BEAR – What Is It?**

BlueBEAR HPC, Bear Data Share File Synchronisation, Research Data (Multi-Terabyte) Storage and Archive, BEAR GitLab version control are just a few of the services being provided by the Research Computing team in IT Services. If you have research activity and have wondered what's available, for the most part free at the point of use, then head over to the intranet and take a look.

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/it/teams/infrastructure/research/bear/srv/index.aspx>

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College IT Manager

### **Computer Software in Teaching Labs**

The IT team are starting to look at the software for the centrally provided and school based teaching clusters and laboratories. If you are teaching a course in academic 2018-19 that involves students using computers, please start to consider the requirements you have for software, versions and any hardware interfacing that might be needed. There will be a formal request process, but Mark Cooke and the IT team welcome any early conversations about any substantial changes that are being planned or discussed to help us support you better.

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### **Windows 10 – What's In A Name?**

Microsoft's Windows 10 is a collection of different releases, identified by a year and month of release. The IT team will be upgrading staff machines with some of the early releases of Windows 10 to a more recent release (1709) in the next month or three. This will be mostly transparent but will take up to a couple of hours depending on the age of machine, and some changes in how things look after the update are to be expected. More information on this process will follow once we are ready. Want to know which version you are running? Open the start menu and run 'winver'. Not yet running Windows 10 and Office 2016? Open a service desk ticket and the IT team can evaluate your options.

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### **Self-Service Software Updates**

In the start menu on Windows computers setup by the IT team is the 'UOB – My Applications' link. This takes you to a web page where you can install a large range of free or site-licensed software packages without needing to talk to the IT Service Desk first. If you can't find what you need, or it is a piece of research-group or individually licensed software, then please ask the service desk in the usual way.

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