



STFC Introductory Course in Solar & Solar-terrestrial Physics

20 August – 25 August 2023 University of St Andrews

School of Mathematics and Statistics

Organisers: Solar and Magnetospheric Theory Group

(Proposal Leads: Dr Tom Elsden and Prof Thomas Neukirch)

General Information

Breakfast and dinner (apart from the Conference Dinner on Thursday) will be in Agnes Blackadder Hall.

In the breaks tea/coffee will be served in Room 1A of the building in which the lectures take place. Lunches will also available from Room 1A.

Sunday August 20

14.00 – 18.00 Arrival for Students/Registration (Agnes Blackadder Hall)

18:00 Dinner (Agnes Blackadder Hall)

19.30 – 21.00 Icebreaker Reception/Registration (Agnes Blackadder Hall)

Monday August 21

09.15 – 09.30 Welcome and Logistics

09:30 – 10:30 Introduction to Plasma Physics (Allanson)

10.30 - 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.00 MHD: Introduction (Russell)

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch and Break

14.00 – 15.00 Solar Interior and Helioseismology (Chaplin)

15.00 – 16.15 Break and "Ask me Anything"

16.15 – 17.15 MHD: Waves and Instabilities (Howson)

Tuesday August 22

09.30 – 10.30 Managing Your Wellbeing During Your PhD (Pande)

10.30 - 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.00 Magnetic Reconnection (Parnell)

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Introduction to the Solar Atmosphere (Meyer)

15.15 – 16.15 Break

16.15 – 17.15 CMEs, the Solar Wind and the Heliosphere (Stawarz)

Wednesday August 23

09.30 – 10.30 Solar Variability and Climate (Lockwood*)

10.30 - 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.00 Magnetosphere (Coxon)

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch and Break

14:00 – 17.00 Hands on computing: Introductory Python Coding (Software Carpentry Team; including 30 min break)

Thursday August 24

09:30 - 10:30 Ionosphere (Dorrian)

10.30 - 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12:00 Mesosphere and Thermosphere (Jackson)

12.00 - 14.00 Lunch and Break

14:00 – 15:00 Career Session (Panel discussion and Q&A)

15:00 - 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:00 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (Fernando)

18:30 – Conference Dinner (St Salvator's Hall)

Friday August 25

09:30 – 10:30 Planetary Plasma Environments (Ray)

10.30 - 11.00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 Public Engagement Session (Imber)

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 Close

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