

# ANITA 2023 Exit Survey

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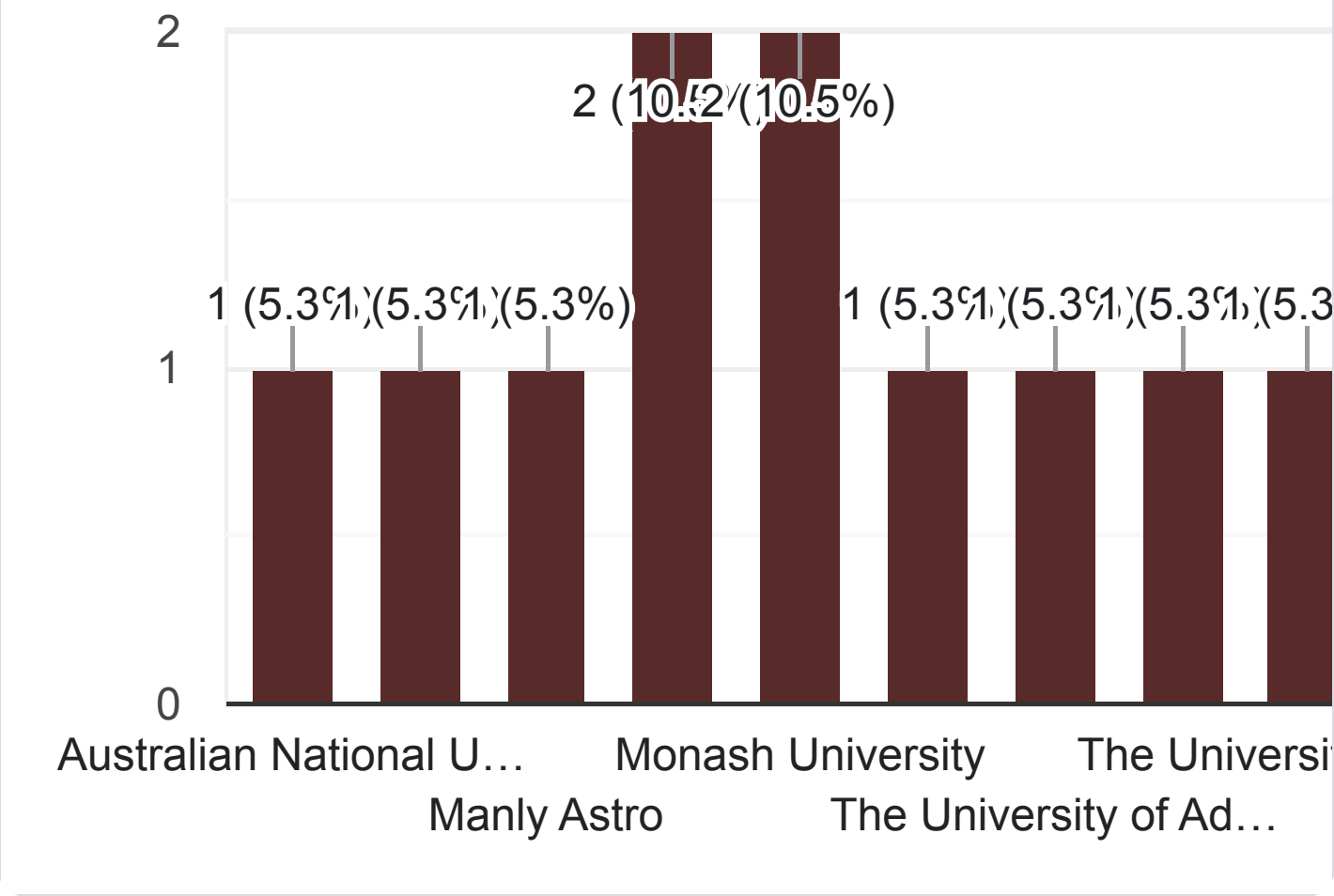
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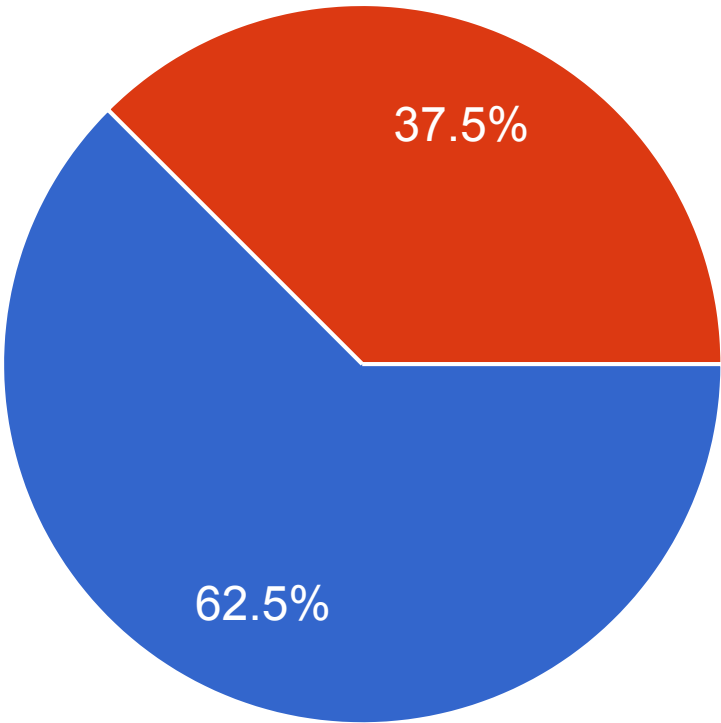
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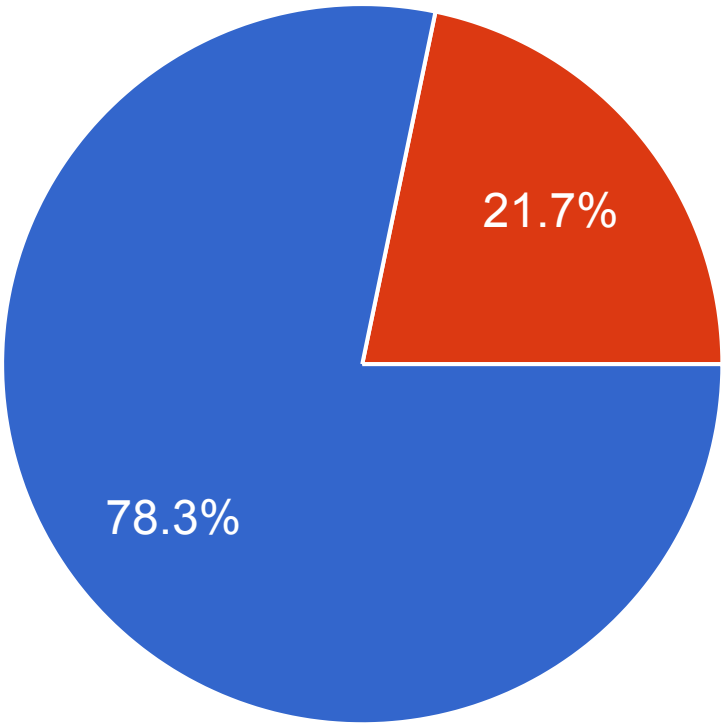
ANITA 2023 Workshop Exit Survey



# Did you attend the 2023 workshop?

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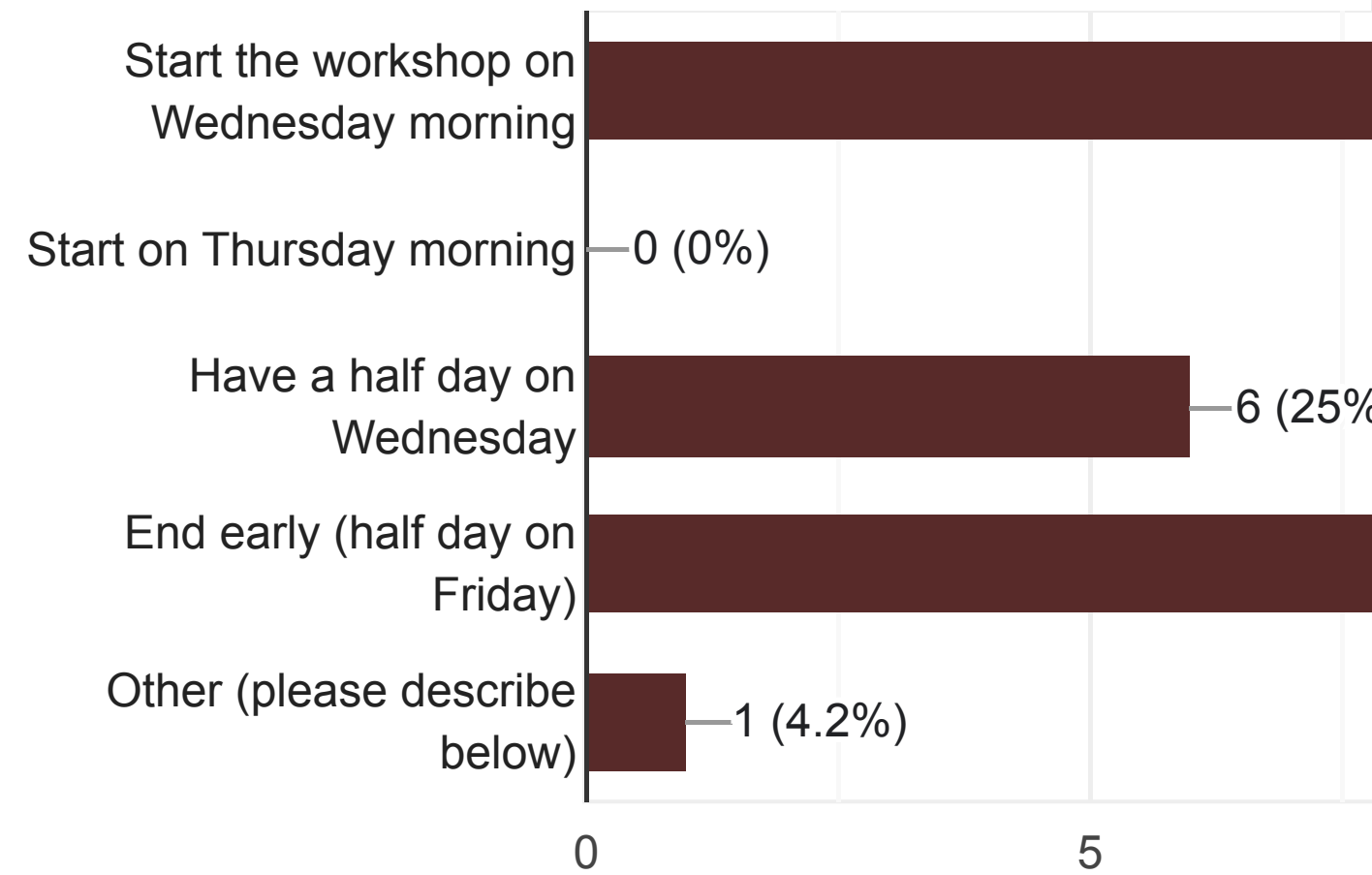
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Did you like the 2.5 day format?

For next year, we should:

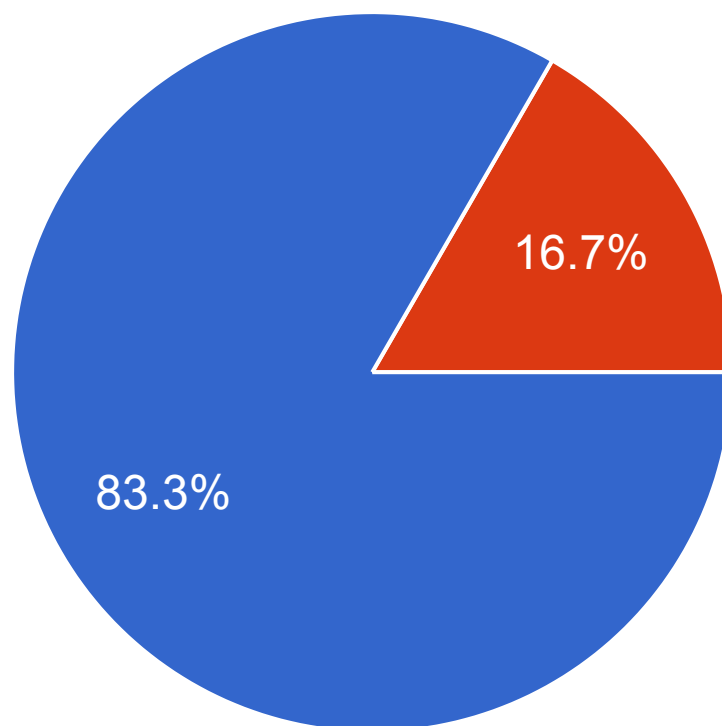
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We had mixed-topic sessions to encourage participants to attend talks outside their usual field, but added talk titles this time (unlike, say, ANITA 2021)

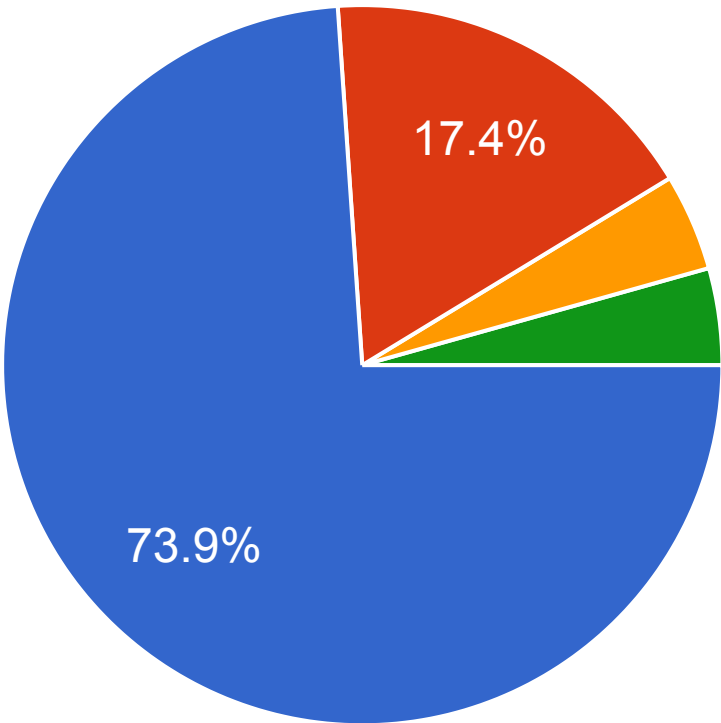
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# Should we consider invited speakers for next year's workshop?

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What else did you like / dislike about this workshop? How can we make ANITA workshops better in the future?

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Being there in person was fantastic. I liked the abundance of student talks.

Regarding previous question about the 2.5 day format: Either finish early on Friday, or start late on Wednesday and let people sleep in

Great community and great soc/loc, thank you.

It would be great if the program for the workshop got released a bit earlier to help us plan travel better. The conference dinner logistics were pretty confusing regarding payment

It was wonderful to see a lot of young participation and lot of student talks.

The local organisers also did great in terms of organisation but probably not so much in terms participation (may be they have other



responsibilities from their day job as they are already there).

It would be great to have a few talks about career, academia, how can one engage more with the ANITA chapter, etc.

I think it would be also good to invite some very senior/retired theory/simulation people (e.g. Donald Melrose, Robert Dewar) and probably request them to give talks about their science/career/future directions to excite young students.

Include discussion sessions and brainstorming sessions to possibly create new collaborations

Although there was an effort to include different topics, overall it felt like this year was too focused on BH and NS. Trying to include a wider range of topics would be good

I think having another group meal would be good especially at the beginning.

Organise sessions by topic if possible



Encourage researchers and students working on other areas of astrophysics to give talks beyond the theme ANITA is being hosted.

The previous question had no text entry section, so I'll write my answer here. I think the format for ANITA is sufficiently casual that having invited speakers would not work. When some speakers are invited, the non-invited student speakers can be made to feel that their work isn't as impressive or valuable. I would advocate keeping invited speakers out of the workshop.

There was a good mix of experience levels at this year's workshop. It was a pleasure speaking with new 1st year students and professors, and the diversity in interests meant everyone had some expertise to offer.

The sound during the Q&A sessions was not always coming through properly on Zoom.

I would prefer focused sessions with titles; yes I will skip some sessions, but it will make it easier to be sure not to miss interesting talks (I skipped a few sessions also this year). I would also try to



adapt the start/end time for those who are traveling: if on the east coast, try to start a bit later to accomodate Perth people; if on the west coast, try to finish earlier to accomodate Sydney people, don't try to push a 9-13 14-18 full day of conference. Also for the future, please: real coffee for those who cannot start without 6 shots of caffeine :-)

I talked with one of the more senior researchers (in theory) at ANU. I guess the lack of engagement was not so much from an 'on purpose' thing but moreso it kind of slipped by as it wasn't flagged as being "something to aim for" in early summer. Maybe ANITA needs an insta account!

Having lunch provided would be more convenient and allow time for networking

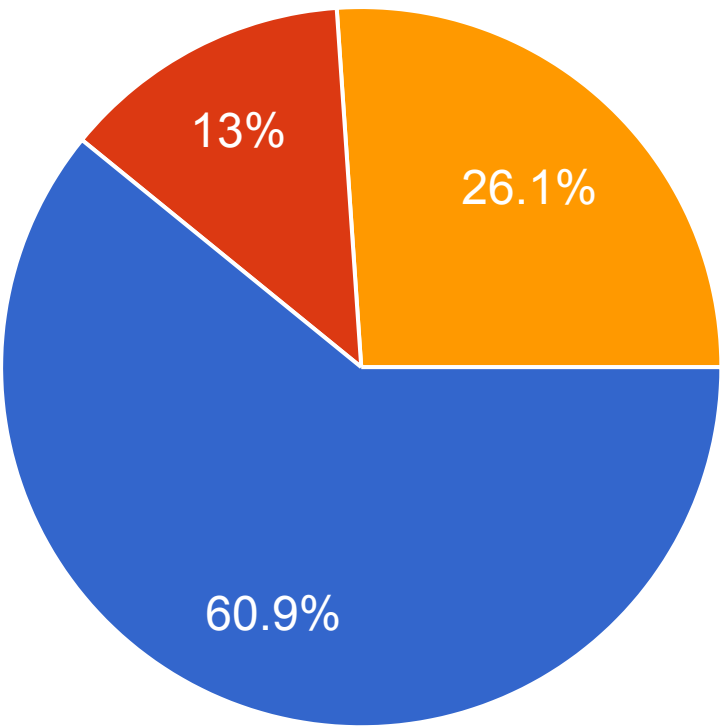
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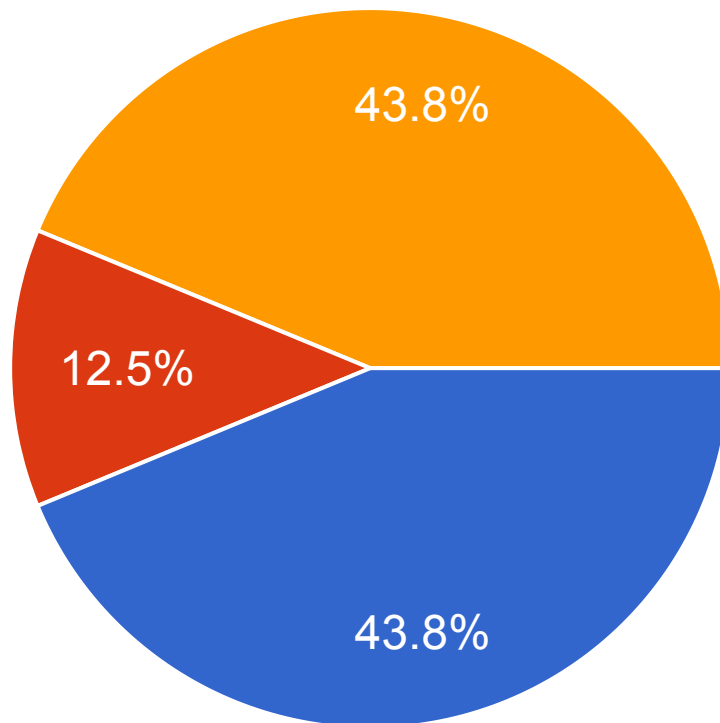


Did we get the lectures / hands-on  
tutorials balance right this year?



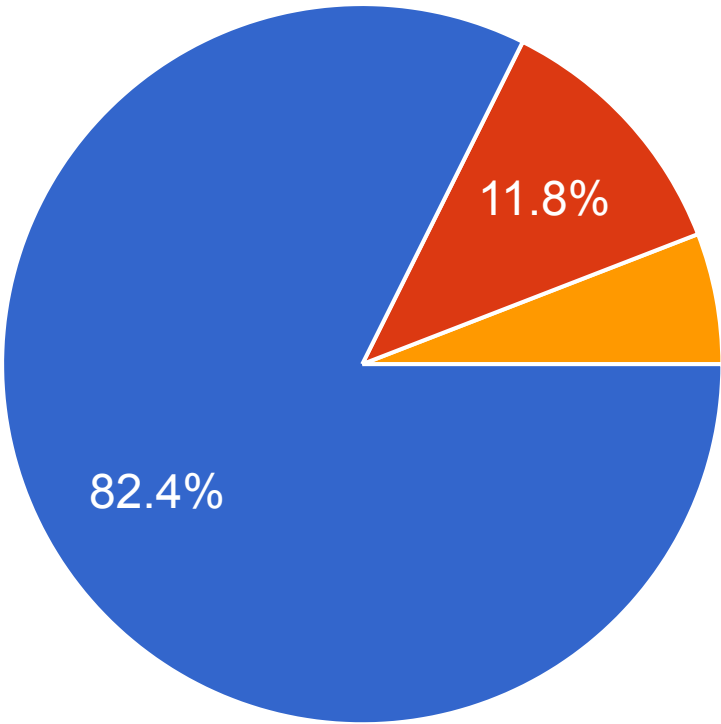
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# How long should the school be next year?

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Do you have any other comments/suggestions for the school?

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I only attended the Monday session. I would have liked to have had more engagement with those of us on zoom.

No

getting the chance to meet a few people on the first morning would be really nice

I think it will be better to have strictly lectures in the morning, and hands-on workshop in the afternoon. There was too little time to do much of the coding in the practical sections.

Both lectures were great, but the hands-on during the second day did not feel as engaging as on the first day.

Great event overall!





Lectures are too long and the time left for activities is too short. For the lectures, there should be more focus on gaining an intuitive understanding of underlying physical processes rather than diving deep into intricacies of detection, data cleaning, and statistics. The GW activity was well done, but the naima activity was mainly reading and clicking through a Jupyter notebook...

The notebooks should be made accessible ahead of time. Often, many students struggle to get the notebooks up and running, or do not have a strong background (say, in particle physics). It would help a lot to be able to run through the material the weekend before.

I far more enjoyed the "theoretical" lectures explaining how to process the data rather than the hand-on sessions (the first reason being that there are more than one tool to do the job and I don't like to be told which package is the "best" without testing myself all options.



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