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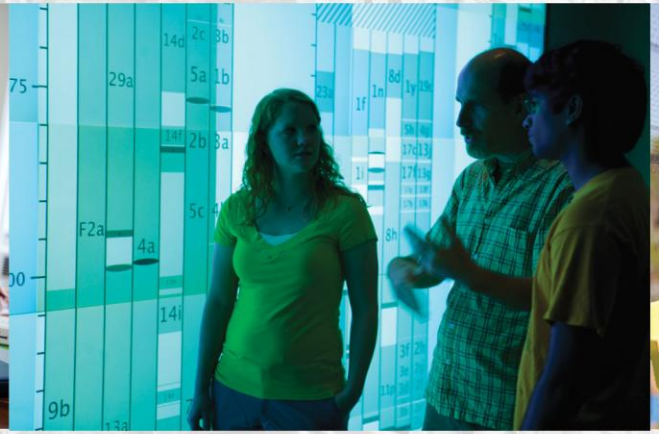

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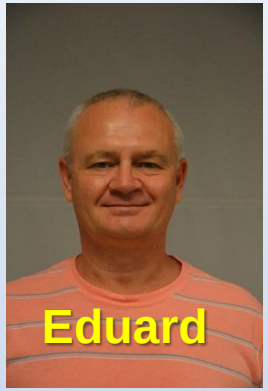

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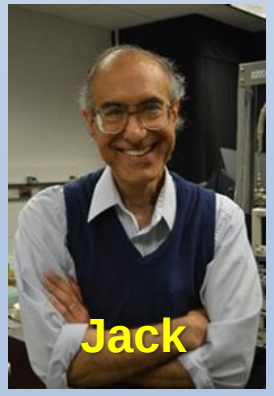

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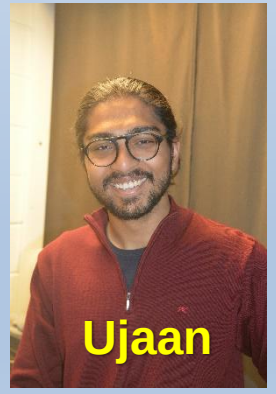

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Course Goals. Primary goals:

- **Learn how to "do" research**

  - ✓ **Each project is a mini-research effort**
  - ✓ **How are experiments actually carried out ?**

    The procedures aren't all written out

    The questions are not in the back of the chapter

    The answers are not in the back of the book

    You will have to learn to guide your own activities
  - ✓ **Use of modern tools and modern analysis and data-recording techniques**

Course Goals. Primary goals:

- **Learn how to document your work**
  - **Online - electronic logbook ***
  - **Online – saving data and projects in student area on server**
  - **Using traditional paper logbooks**
  - **Making an analysis report**
  - **Writing formal reports**
  - **Presenting your findings orally**

*** In red - gradable assignments**

Course Goals. Secondary goals:

- **Learn some modern physics**
  - **Many experiments were once Nobel-prize-worthy efforts**
  - **They touch on important themes in the development of modern physics**
  - **Some will provide additional insight to understand advanced courses you have taken**
  - **Some are just too new to be discussed in textbooks**

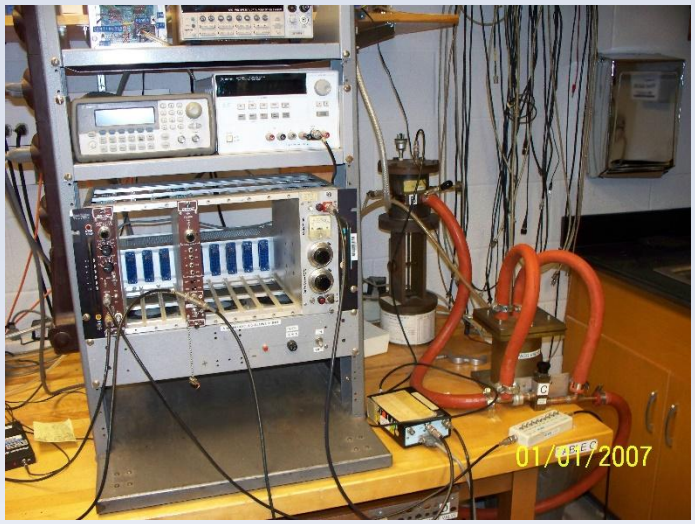
The Experiments. Three main groups

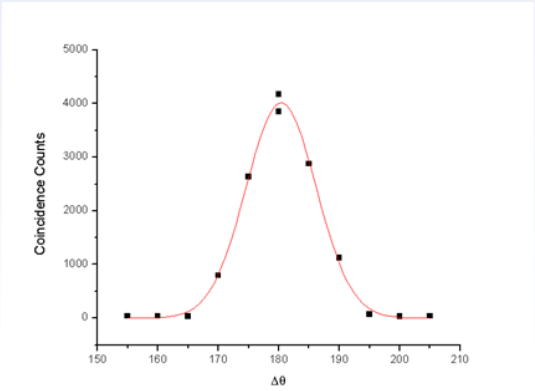
- **Nuclear / Particle (NP)**
- **Atomic / Molecular / Optics (AMO)**
- **Condensed Matter (CM)**

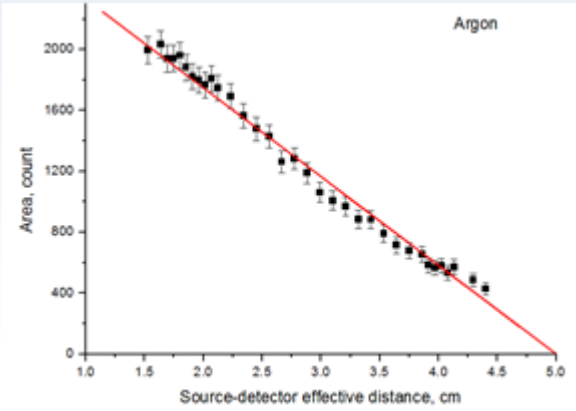
You will do the experiment from all these groups

The Experiments

- **Nuclear / Particle (NP)**
  - **Alpha particle range in gasses**
  - **γ–γ correlation experiment**
  - **γ – spectroscopy**
  - **Mössbauer spectroscopy**



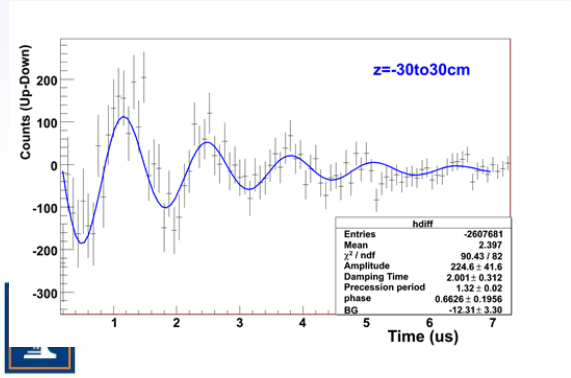


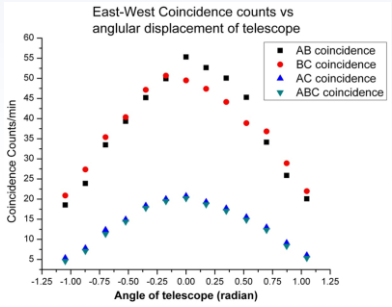


The Experiments

- **Nuclear / Particle (NP)**
  - **Cosmic ray muons:**

    Lifetime, capture rate, magnetic moment
  - **Angular distribution of cosmic rays**

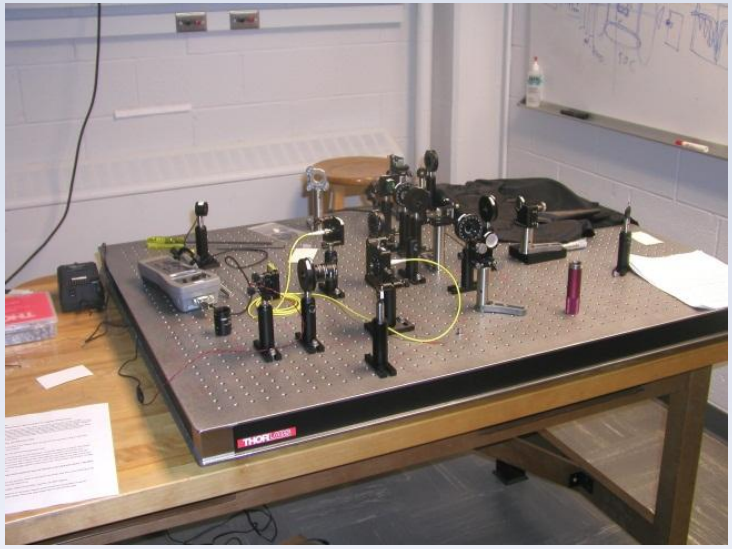


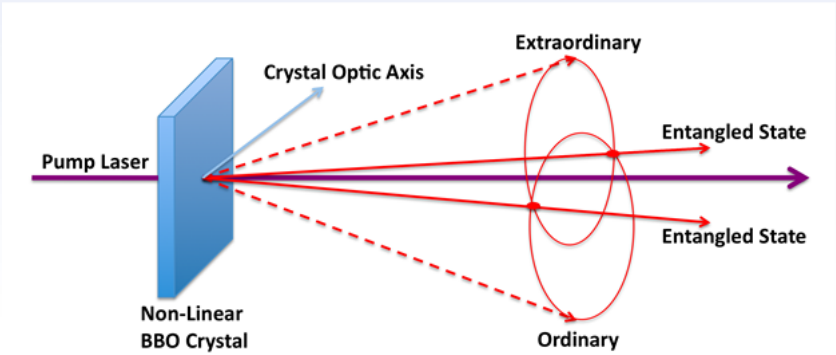


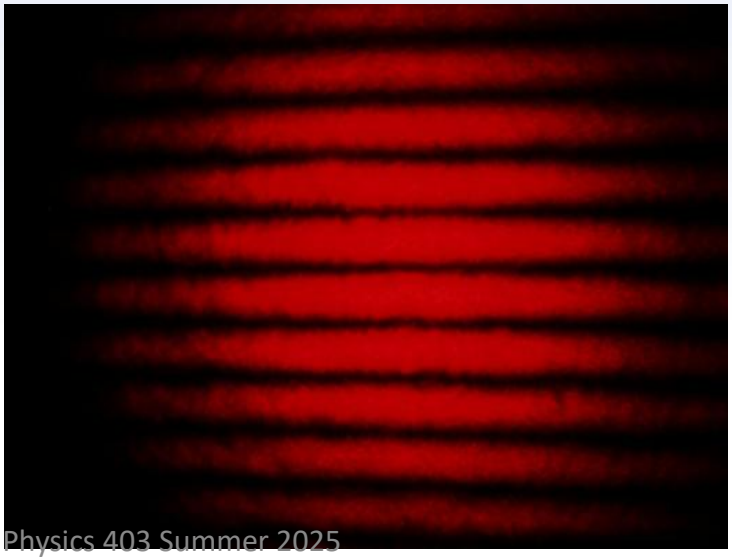
The Experiments

Atomic/Molecular/Optics (AMO)

- Quantum erasure
- Quantum entanglement
- Quantum communication
- Quantum correlations



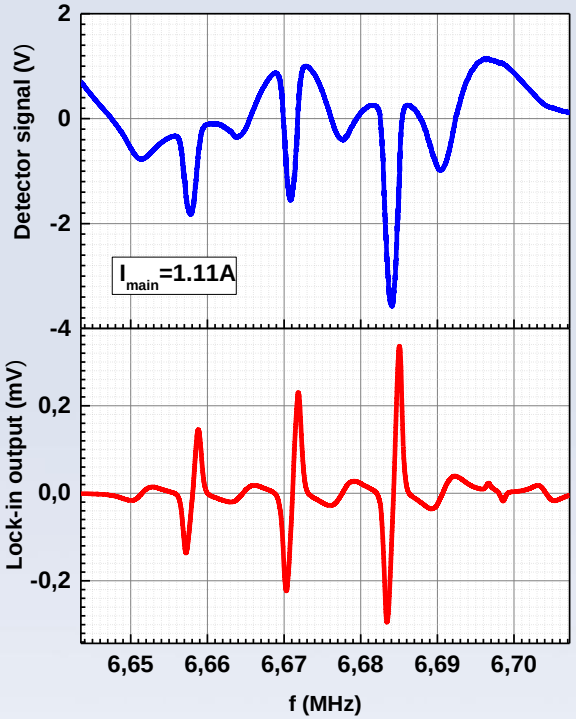


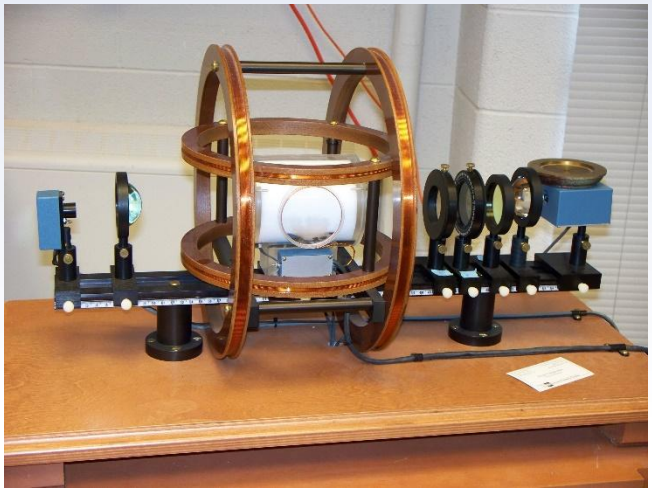


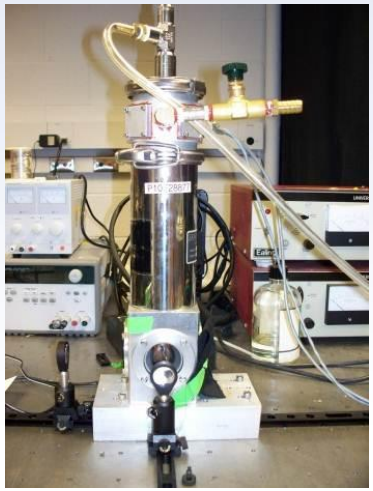
The Experiments

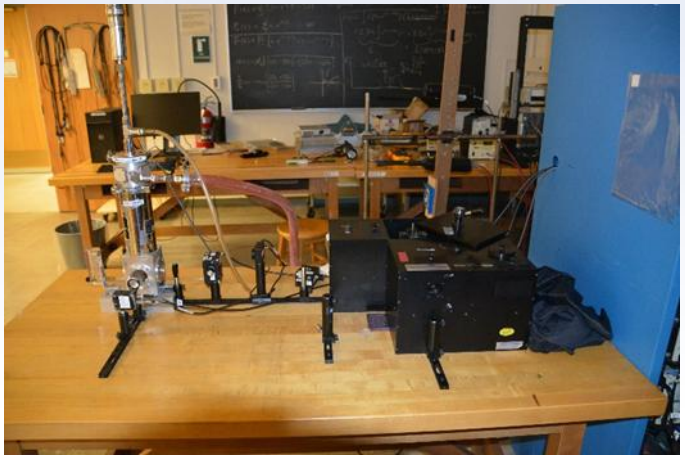
Atomic/Molecular/Optics (AMO)

- Optical pumping of rubidium gas
- Fluorescence spectroscopy









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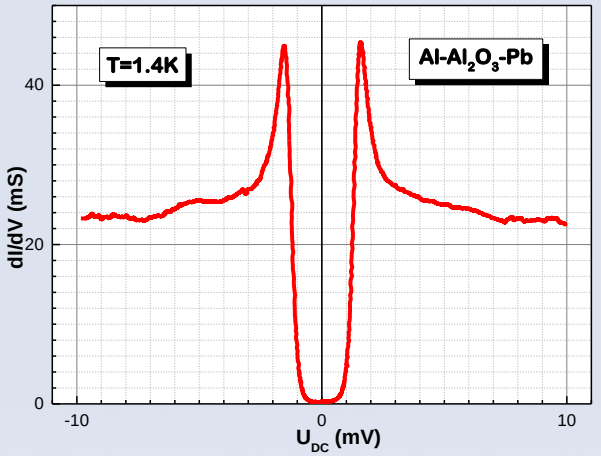
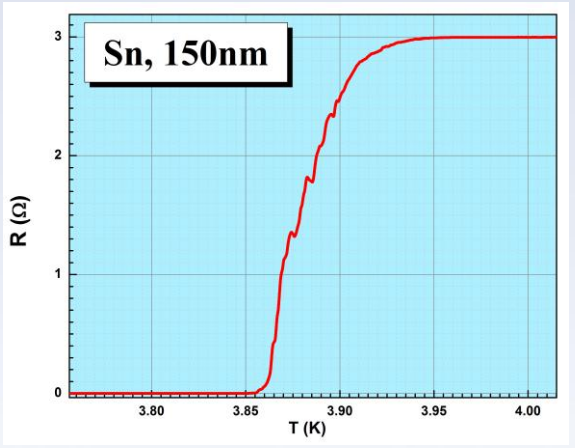
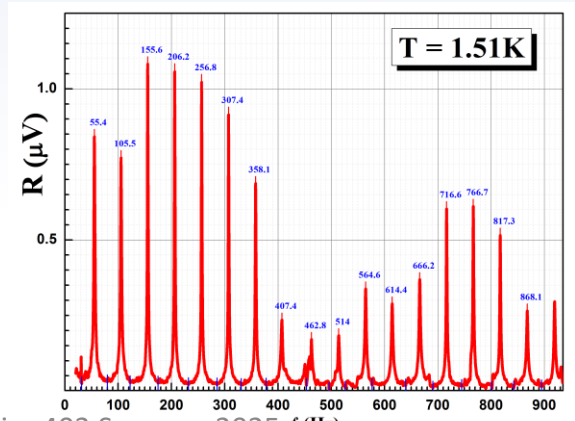
- **Condensed Matter (CM)**
  - **Superconductivity**
  - **Tunneling in superconductors**
  - **2nd sound in ^{4}He superfluid state**

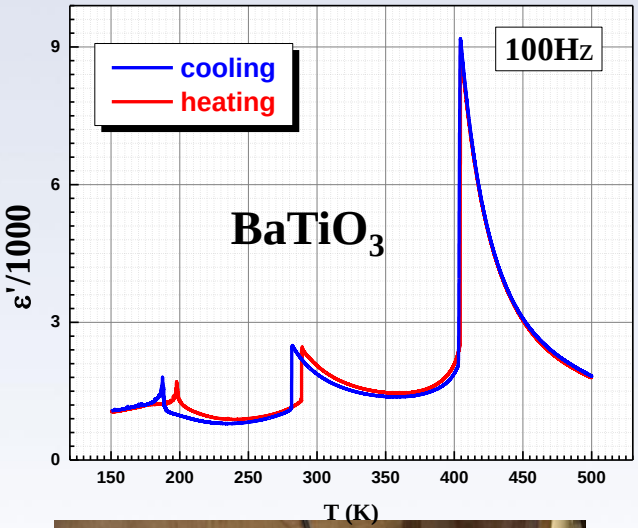


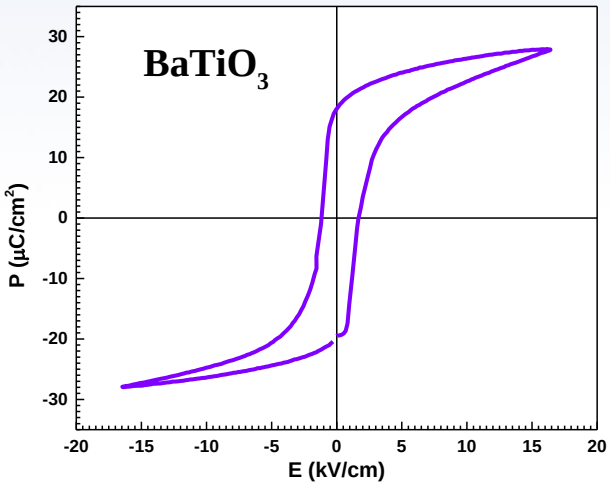


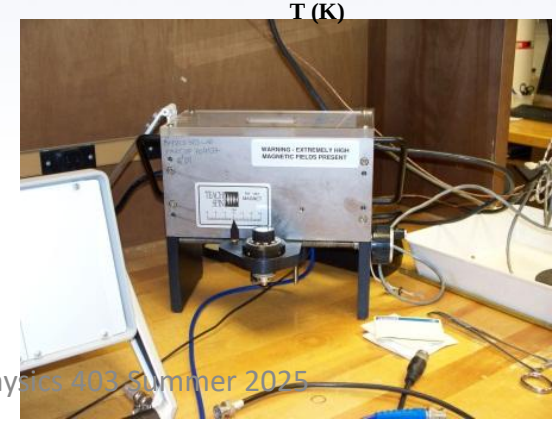


The Experiments

- **Condensed Matter (CM)**
  - Ferroelectrics and ferroelectric phase transition
  - Pulsed NMR
  - Calibration of temperature sensors







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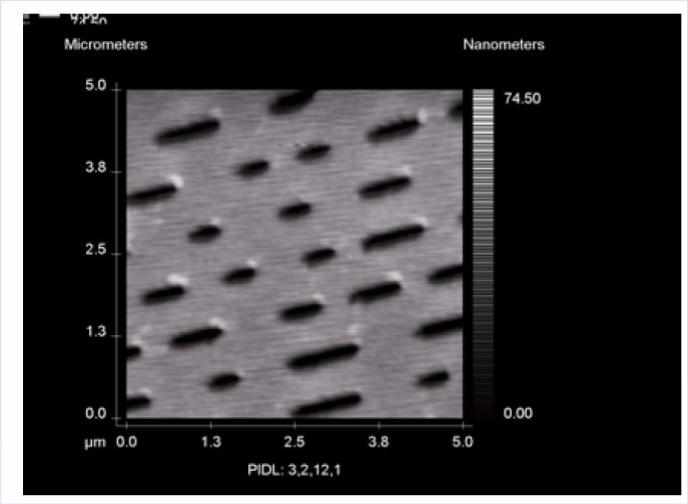
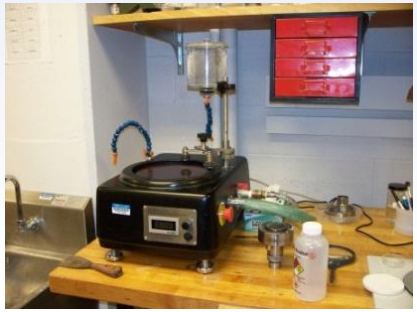
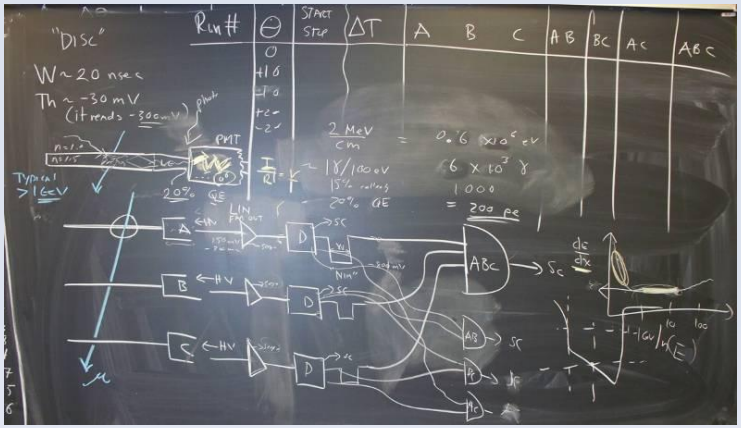


- **Condensed Matter (CM)**
  - **Special Tools:**
  - **Vacuum film deposition**
  - **Atomic Force Microscope**
  - **Polarizing microscope**



The "manuals"

- Many are just guides
- An only few purchased experiments have "real" manuals
- We serve as your guides … like real research



TEACH SPIN

Instruments Designed for Teaching

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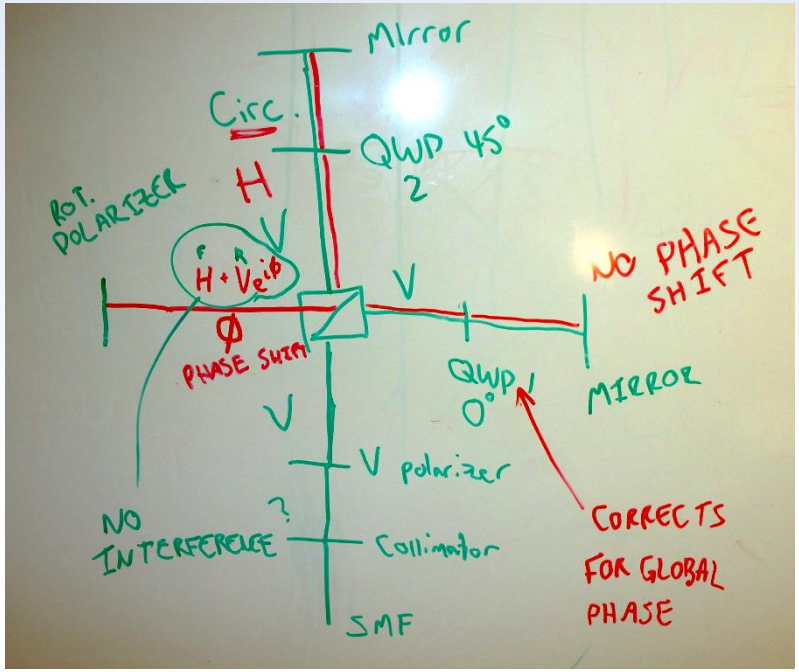

The "manuals"

- For most of the P403 experiments we have prepared the folders containing the most important materials related to the experiment. These folders are located on the shelves in ESB5105. You can borrow the folders until working on experiment and on the report.

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Grading: Distribution of "740" points

ASSIGNMENT	Points
Expt. documentation: elog reports, shift summaries, plot quality; paper logbooks	**120 Total** **60 / cycle**
Formal reports: physics case, quality of results, depth of analysis, conclusions	**400 Total** **100 / report**
1st Oral report: motivation, organization of presentation; fielding questions	**100 Total**
Final Oral Presentation ≡ Final Exam	**120**
Total **Effective point total will be**	**740**

The grading scale will be a percentage out of "740" :

Letter grading scale is approximately 97% = A+, 93% = A, 90% = A-, 87% = B+, 83% = B, 80% = B-, etc

You can RESUBMIT one lab report to improve your grade

(deadline for resubmissions and for report #4 August 5th 2024)

Resubmission

You can RESUBMIT one lab report to improve your grade

(deadline for resubmissions and for report #4 August 6th, 2024)

No late passes and no late submissions with penalty. Report #4 and resubmitted report will be no accepted after August 6th.

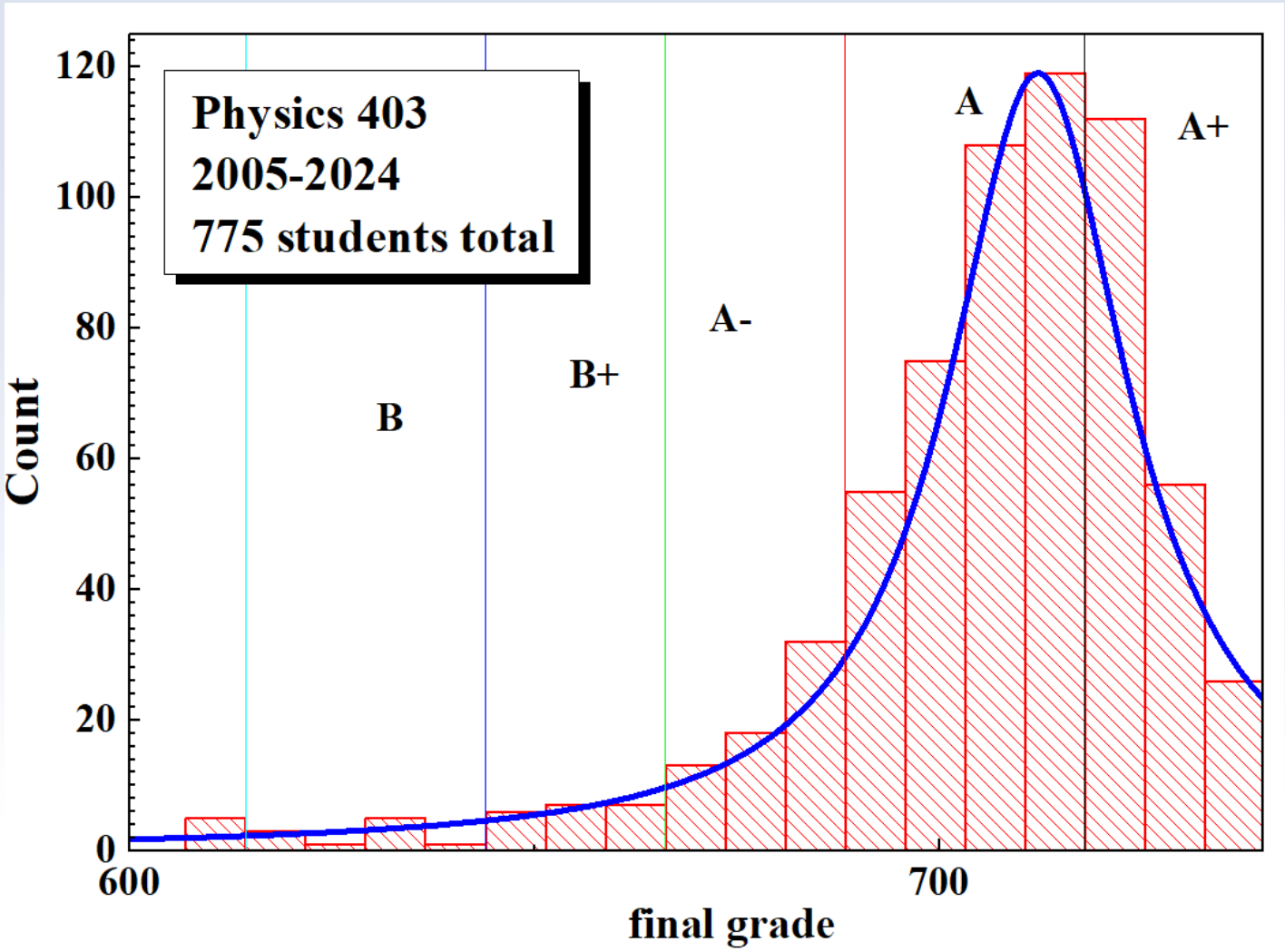
The general rules for resubmission:

1. **Original report should be submitted in time with no using of the late ticket**

2. **The original report should be a real report but not only the title page**

3. **We do not recommend to resubmit the report if the original grade was over 90 points**

Grading: a piece of history and analysis of the results



Submission of Lab-Reports

- Due dates as on syllabus at midnight
- The reports should be uploaded to the server:
- https://my.physics.illinois.edu/courses/upload/
- Accepted MS-Word or PDF*
- For orals – MS-PowerPoint* or PDF

** preferable*

Absences

- If you are sick, let Eugene know by email (kolla@lllinois.edu). Don't come in and get others sick. We are working side-by-side in a close environment for many hours.

- You can "make up" the time with arrangements and you can have access to the rooms. We will be accommodating.

Absences. Excuse Policy.

- You can be excused from only one missed assignment, and only if you provide medical documentation.
- If the excused you have missed the oral presentation (oral #1), you have to discuss this with us, and we will arrange the date for your oral talk.
- The Final Oral cannot be excused, as it is equivalent to a final exam. You cannot pass the course without credit for this assignment (see Student Code)

1. **Student Code:** https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article1/part5/1-501/
2. **Ibid:** https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part2/3-201/

Late Reports

- **Policy for late reports**
  - You can have ONE "late ticket" for a "free" delay of up to 3 business days, but you must tell us you are using the ticket
  - Reports are due at midnight on the date shown on the syllabus. After that we will charge:
    - 5 points for up to 1 week late. 10 points for up to 2 weeks late.
    - After that, it's too late.

C1-Ex1(7.04.2025)

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Syllabus

Cycles

	Date	Day	Activity		Lectures: 10am Journal club: 3pm	Note	Due days
			8am-noon	1pm-5pm			
1	6/17	Tuesday	Orientation		About Phy403		
2	6/18	Wednesday	Cycle 1-1	Cycle 1-1	OriginPro, ROOT Intro		
3	6/24	Tuesday	Cycle 1-1	Cycle 1-1	Error analysis		
4	6/25	Wednesday	Cycle 1-1	Cycle 1-1	Lab Report		
5	7/01	Tuesday	Cycle 1-2	Cycle 1-2	Superconductivity		
6	7/02	Wednesday	Cycle 1-2	Cycle 1-2	Entanglement		C1-Ex1(7.04.2025)
7	7/08	Tuesday	Cycle 1-2	Cycle 1-2	Oral Reports/Talks		
8	7/09	Wednesday	Cycle 2-1	Cycle 2-1	High Energy Physics		
9	7/15	Tuesday	ORALS Cycle 1				
10	7/16	Wednesday	Cycle 2-1	Cycle 2-1	Ferroelectricity		C1-Ex2(7.12.2025)
11	722	Tuesday	Cycle 2-1	Cycle 2-1	Cosmology		
12	7/23	Wednesday	Cycle 2-2	Cycle 2-2	AFM		
13	7/29	Tuesday	Cycle 2-2	Cycle 2-2	Lock-in Amps and FT		C2-Ex1(7.25.2025)
14	7/30	Wednesday	Cycle 2-2	Cycle 2-2	to be announced		
15	8/05	Wednesday	FINAL ORALS				
16	8/07				READING DAY		C2-Ex2(8.06.2025)

- **Lecture topics are subject to change**

Cycle	#	Experiment
C1-1	1,2	Second sound
	3,4	Superconductivity
	5, 6	Gamma-gamma
	7, 8	Quantum optics
C1-2	3, 5	Ferro-1
	6, 7	Tunneling
	1, 4	Muons
	2, 8	Optical Pumping

Assignment of experiments

2 cycles with 2 experiments

➔ working with different partners

➔ joint team reports and elogs but oral presentations will be done by each student personally

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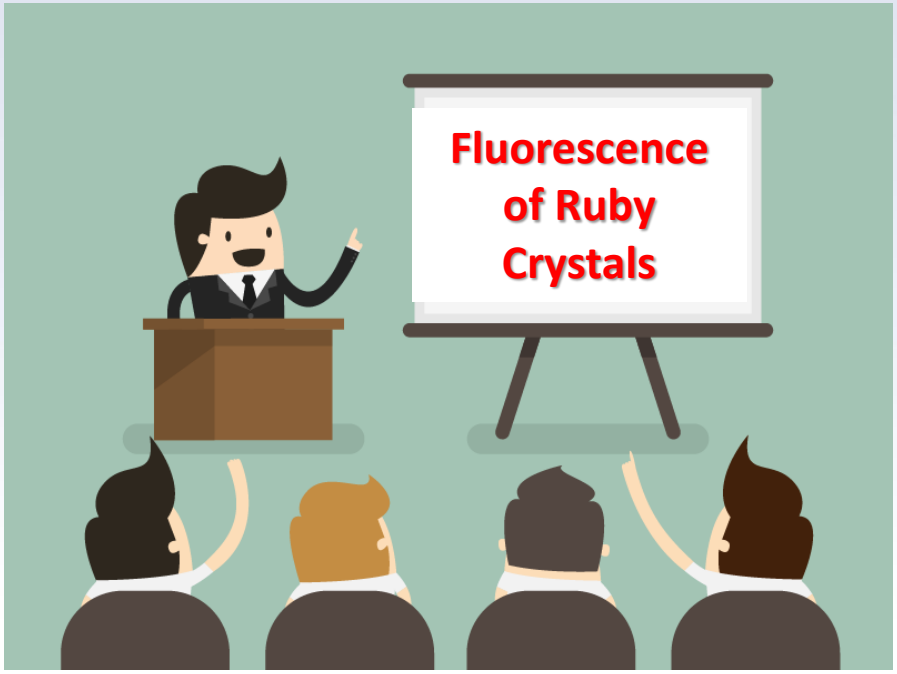
After 2 experiments (1 cycle) we will have oral session. The topic of the presentation will be chosen from the experiments done in this cycle.



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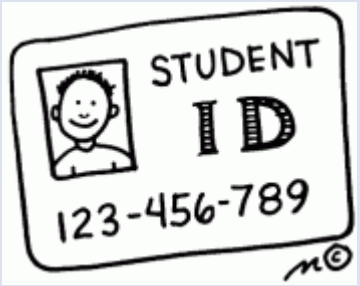


Use Your ID Card to Access the Lab

You can access the Lab not only on "Lab days"

Late time rules:

You can stay in the Lab until 8pm but need to work with partner

After 8pm and on weekend days – *you have to discuss this schedule with your instructor* and in general it is preferable to avoid working after 8 pm and on week

Safety is your responsibility !

Hazards: ***high voltage, radioactive sources,***

cryogens, chemical materials, high pressure

In class work and "after hours" access & work requires responsible conduct with regards to

(I) safety/hazards and with

(II) equipment

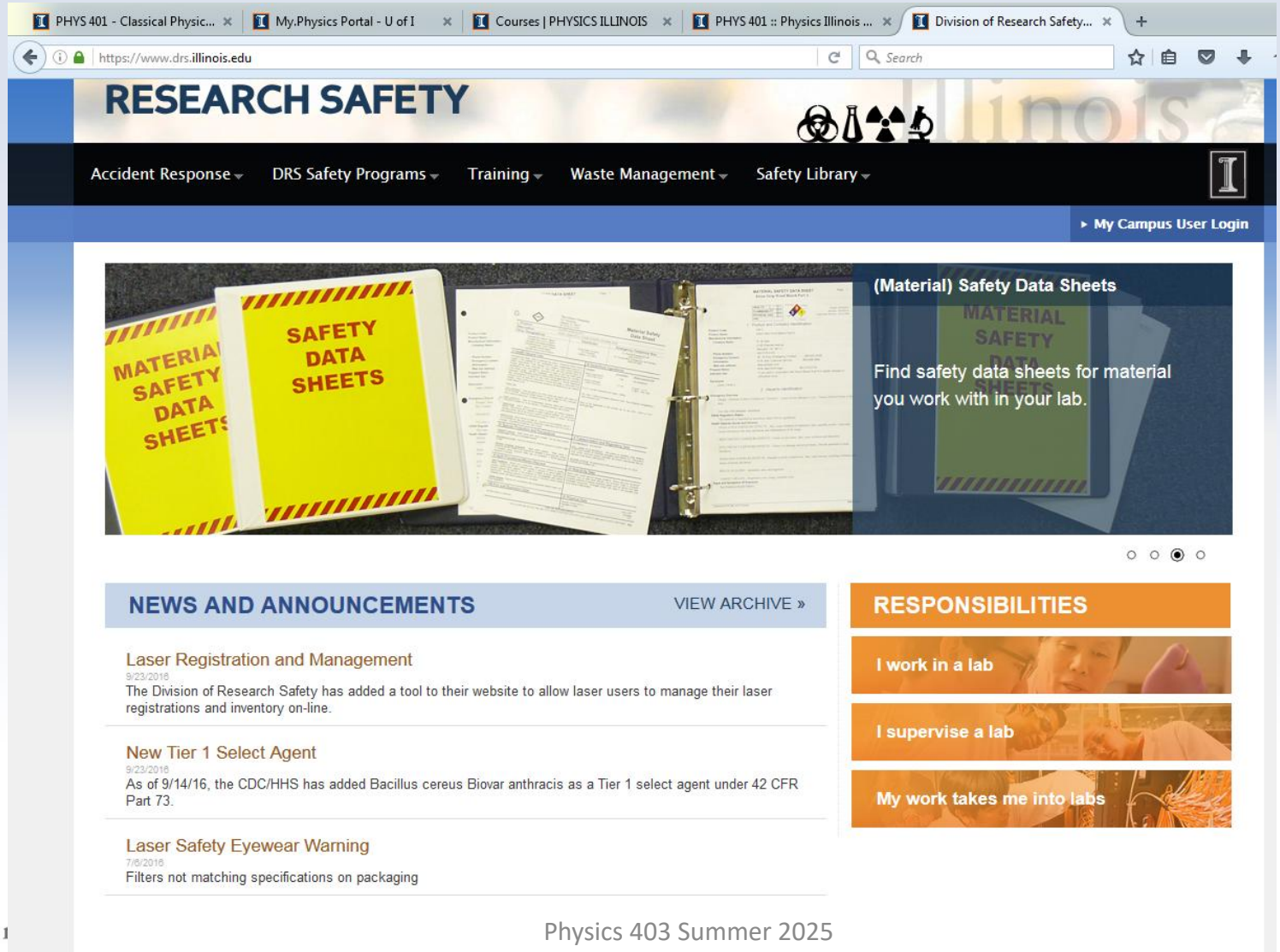
Discuss potential hazards at the beginning of each experiment with an instructor or TA

When in doubt stop and ask

Problems after hours: 217 493 1576 (Eugene's cell)

Follow Directly the Recommendations of Safety Working

https://www.drs.illinois.edu/



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Related Units @ Illinois Questions?

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RESEARCH SAFETY

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Chemical Waste Collection and Storage

Before generating chemical waste, the researcher should determine how it will be collected and stored and obtain the necessary equipment (containers, labels) in advance. The choice of procedures depends on the type of waste and its final disposition. This section explains how to determine the final disposition of waste, select the appropriate waste container, and store waste in the lab or work area. It also suggests waste minimization strategies.

Determining How to Dispose of a Chemical Waste

The final disposition of a chemical waste is determined by the answers to a series of questions:

Step 1. Is the waste Contaminated Debris (glassware, paper towels, clean-up materials), or is it a chemical or chemical mixture?
If it is contaminated debris: Go to Step 5.
If it is a chemical or chemical mixture: Go to Step 2.

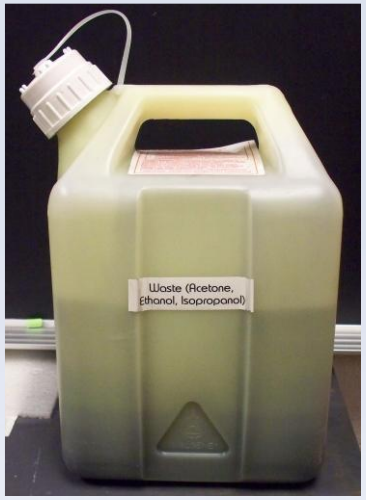
Step 2. Is the chemical a DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) controlled substance? (Refer to the DEA list controlled substances)
Yes: Refer to the DEA Controlled Substances Guide for disposal procedures.
No: Go to Step 3.

Step 3. Is the chemical a solid (not liquid or gas)?
Yes: Collect and store the waste as described in the waste container and storage guidelines listed below and dispose of it through the Division of Research Safety (DRS) chemical waste disposal program. See the section Procedures for Requesting Chemical Waste Disposal for the disposal procedures. (No solid chemical waste, hazardous or non-hazardous, should be placed in the regular trash.)
No: Go to Step 4.

Step 4. Is the chemical a liquid non-hazardous waste as listed in the section Liquid Non-Hazardous Chemical Waste Disposal?
Yes: The chemical may be poured down the sanitary sewer (sink drain) with copious amounts of water.
No: Collect and store the waste as described in the waste container and storage guidelines listed below, and dispose of it through the DRS chemical waste disposal program. See the section Procedures for Requesting Chemical Waste Disposal for the disposal procedures.

Step 5. Is the contaminated debris laboratory glassware (broken and unbroken)?
Yes: See the Laboratory Glassware Waste Disposal section.
No: Go to Step 6.

Step 6. Is the debris contaminated with a substance listed in the section Liquid Non-Hazardous Chemical Waste Disposal?
Yes: The contaminated debris can be disposed of in the regular trash.
No: Collect and store the contaminated debris as described in the waste container and storage guidelines listed below: dispose



Waste container for ethanol, acetone, methanol, isopropanol.

Waste container for mineral spirits.

Waste containers for chemicals used in NMR experiment

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Laboratory Sharps

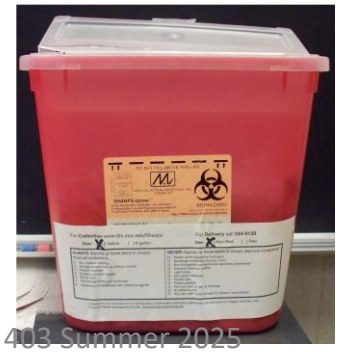
Definition

Materials that qualify as "sharps" are defined at the state level and shall be disposed of as Potentially Infectious Medical Waste (PIMW). In Illinois, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has designated the following material (used or unused) as sharps:

- **Any medical needles,**
- **Syringe barrels (with or without needle),**
- **Pasteur pipettes (glass),**
- **Scalpel and razor blades,**
- **Blood vials,**
- **Microscope slides and coverslips,**
- **Glassware contaminated with infectious agents.**

NEVER dispose of these items in SDCs:

- **Plastic items (except for syringes),**
- **Beverage containers (no pop cans!),**
- **Non-biologically contaminated laboratory glassware,**
- **Solvent/chemical bottles,**
- **Light bulbs,**
- **Any paper materials,**
- **Pipette tips,**
- **Plastic pipettes,**
- **Aerosol cans or cans of any type,**
- **Scintillation vials,**
- **Any item with liquid (except for blood in vacutainer tubes).**



Waste container for sharps

Outline

V. Take a Lab tour !

VI. Let's get started

electronic logbooks

digital scopes

Outline

I. Goals of the course
II. Teamwork / grades / expectations from you
III. Syllabus and schedule
IV. Your working mode
    In class and "after hours" access
    Safety, Responsibility
        Home and away computing
V. Take a Lab tour !
VI. Let's get started
    electronic logbooks
        digital scopes

How to record the data

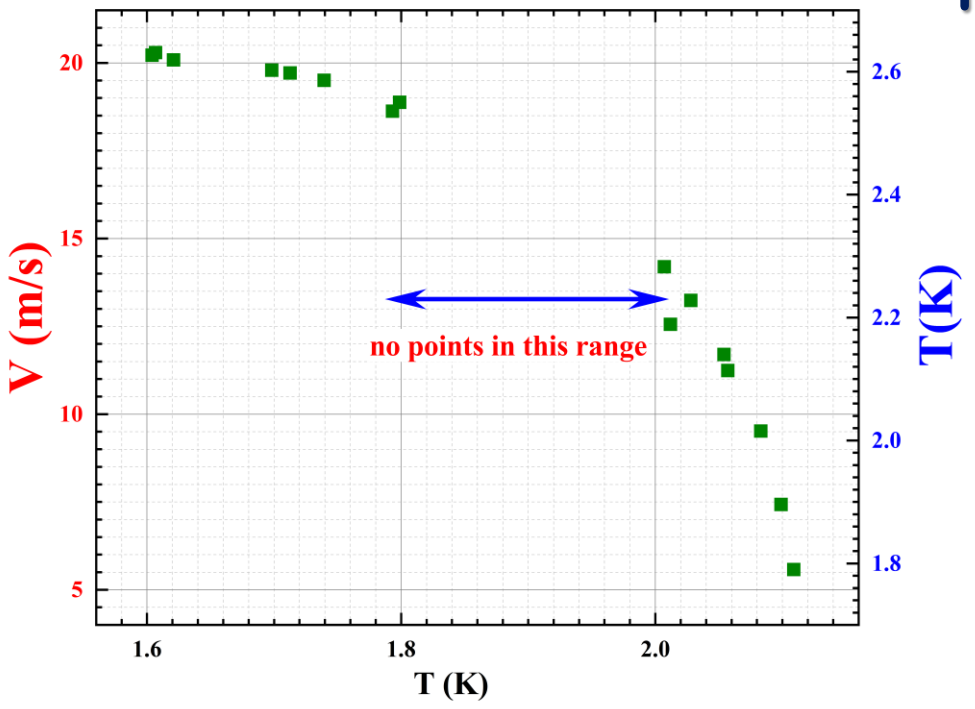
- Work together
- Write down the equipment used
- Make a diagram of the setup
- Note the settings of dials, switches, gauges
- Take a digital photo if appropriate
- Use a software drawing program to make a detailed sketch

How to record the data

- Use the eLog (see next).
- Write down what you did in real sentences.
- Provide enough detail that you can reconstruct later what you did!
- How will you look at the data later?
- Do you have enough information?
- Did the equipment perform as expected?

How to record the data

- **Many experiments require you to "change and measure" something by hand**
  - **Make a table in a paper logbook or put the data directly into electronic worksheet (*preferable*).**

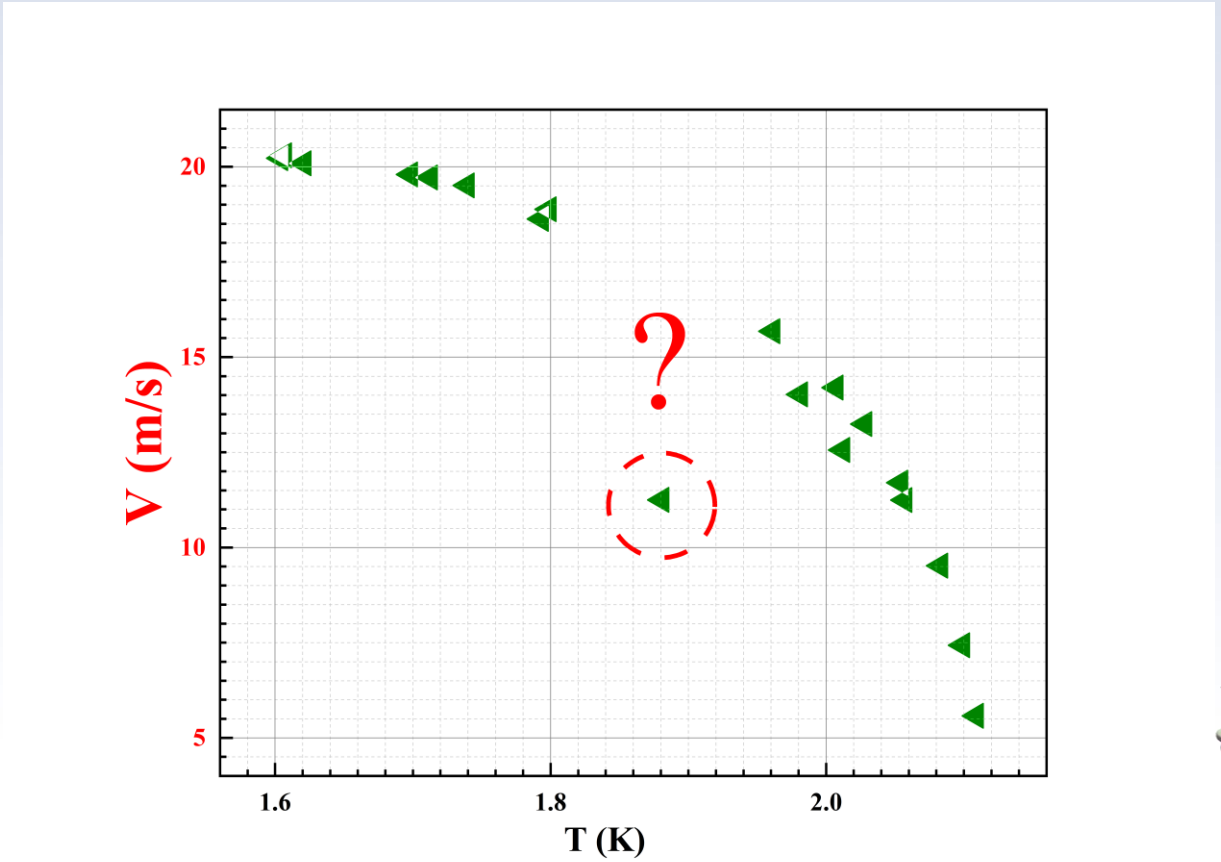


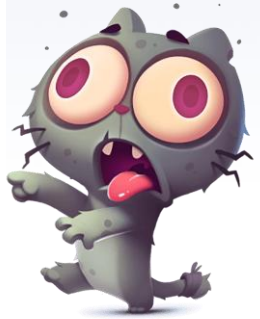
- **Make a "quick sketch" of your by plotting the data using OriginPro or other software. Looking on the graph you can answer the questions:**

  Do you have enough points?

How to record the data

- Do you have any obvious anomalies?
- You can repeat points but do not throw them out. Use other measurements to check reliability





How to record the data

- Many experiments have built-in, computer-based data acquisition (DAQ)
  - You will not have time to fully understand the DAQ, but
    - Be sure you know functionally what it is doing – ask
    - A good idea is to make test measurements of something you know
  - As before, anomalies? enough points? uncertainties?

Where to exchange, store and retrieve course information.

P403 Lab server

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Connecting to the PHYS403 server

Connect to VPN following the instructions on the UIUC VPN website:
https://techservices.illinois.edu/services/virtual-private-networking-vpn/download-and-set-up-the-vpn-client

To connect to the PHYS403 Server:

- **Connect to the VPN first, then enter the following as the share to connect to:**
  - ***Mac users:*** Open Finder: Go: Connect to Server, type in address: smb://engr-file-03.engr.illinois.edu/PHYINST/APL Courses/PHYCS403
  - ***Windows users:*** Open Windows Explorer, type in address: \\engr-file-03.engr.illinois.edu\PHYINST\APL Courses\PHYCS403

- ***When prompted for username and password, enter:***
  "Uofl\[your netID]" and "[your netID password]"

Where to exchange, store and retrieve course information.

(i) Your data, projects, tables etc

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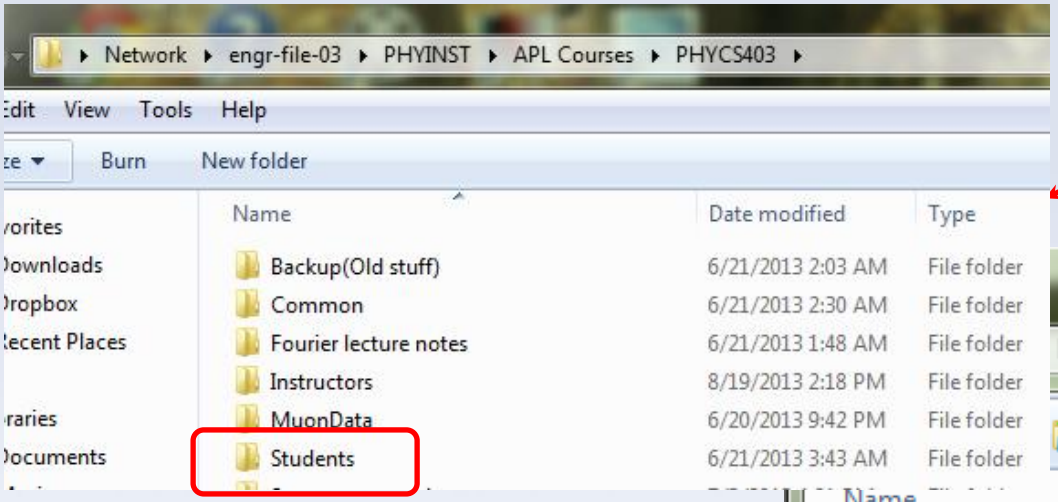

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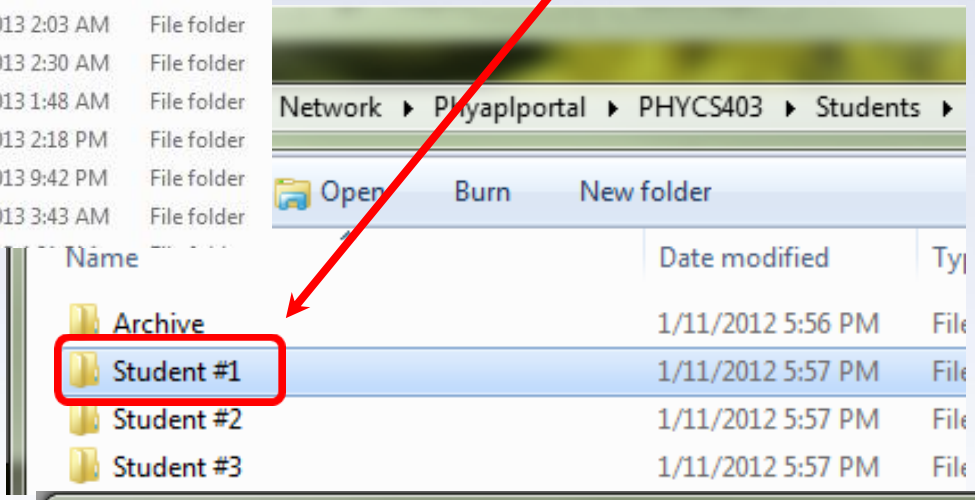
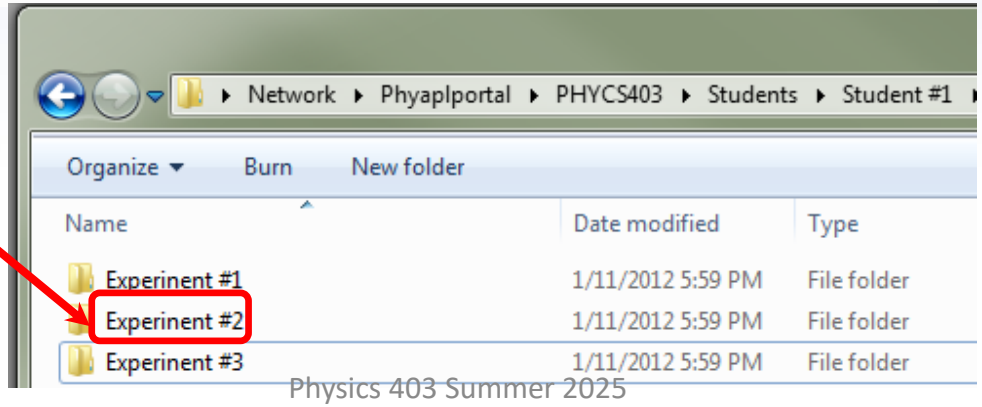


Store all experiment related materials in corresponding folder



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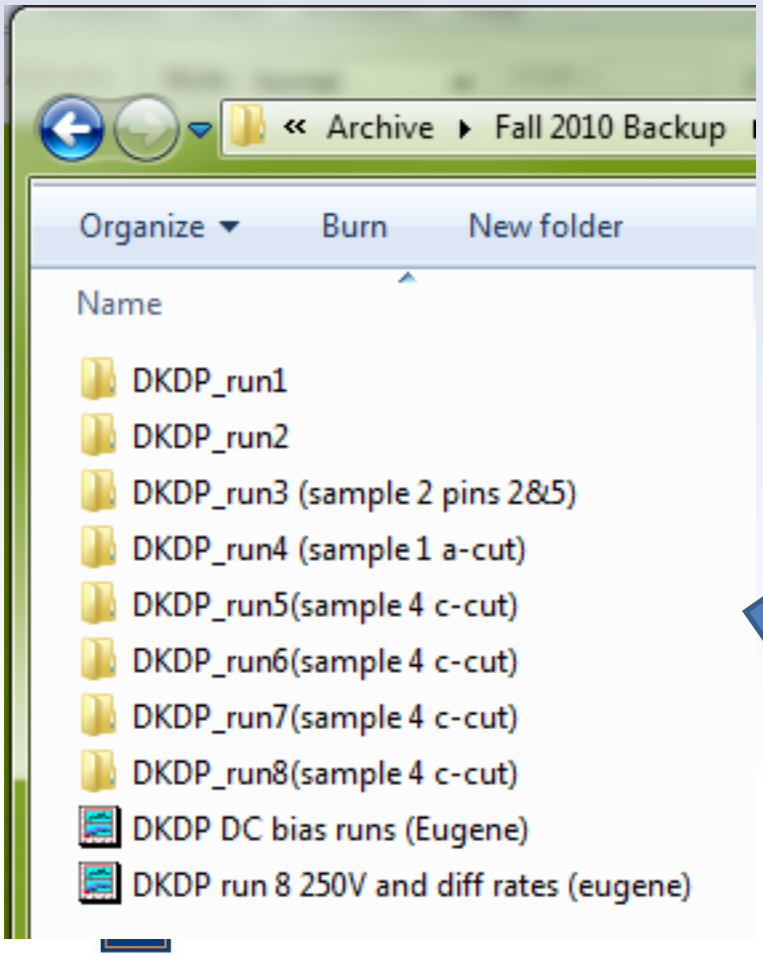
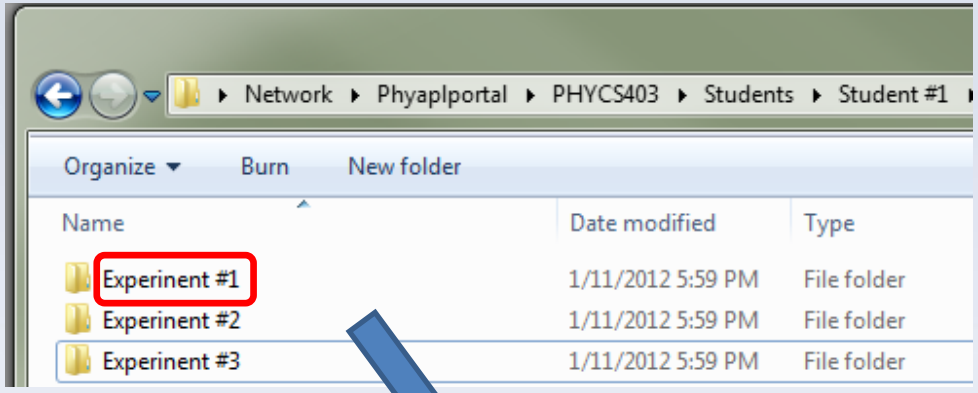
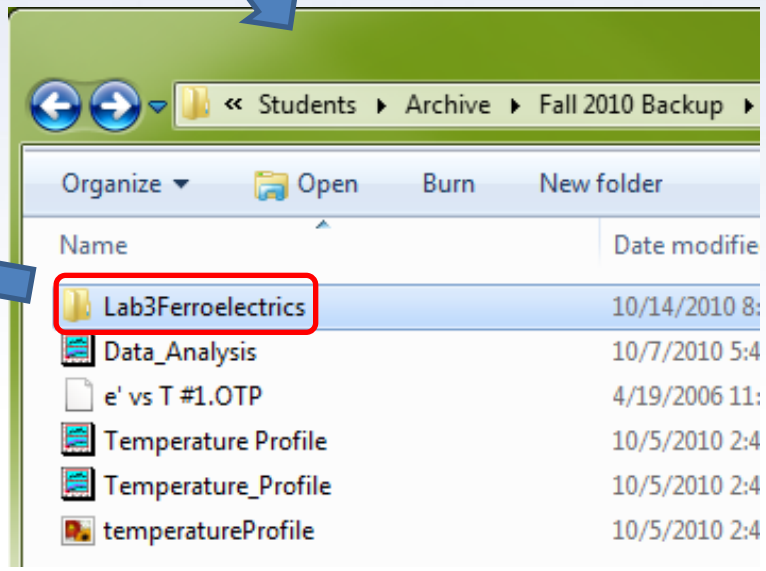
Where to exchange, store and retrieve course information. *(i)*
Your data, projects, tables etc

An example of the "smart" structure of folders containing the raw data and data analysis projects

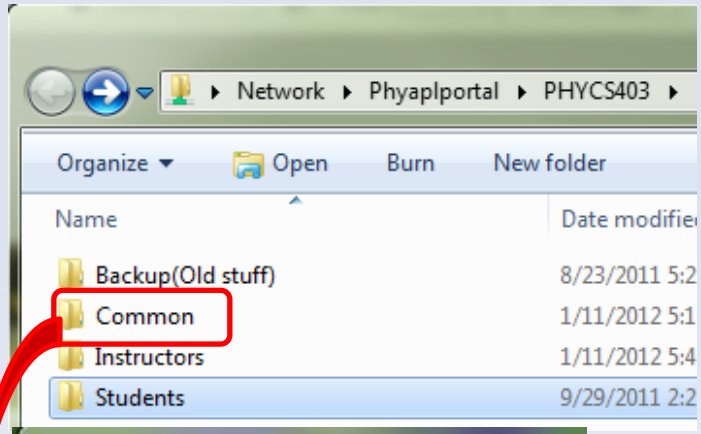


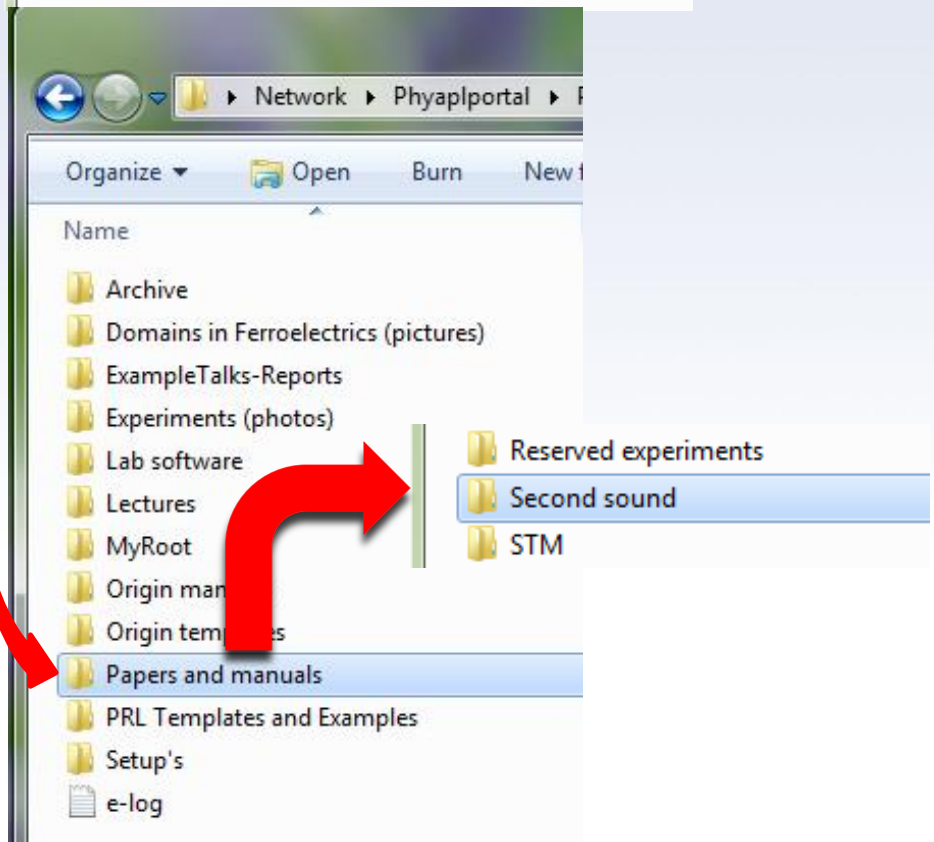


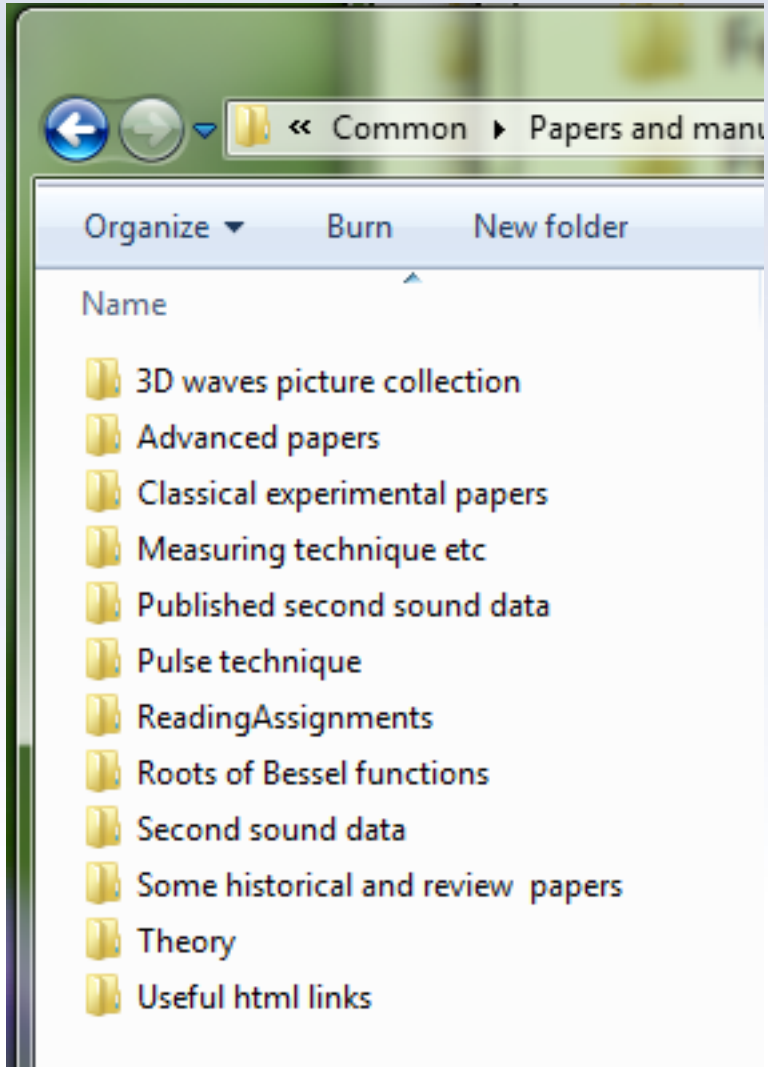


Where to retrieve course information.

Manuals, papers, setup diagrams and other useful materials







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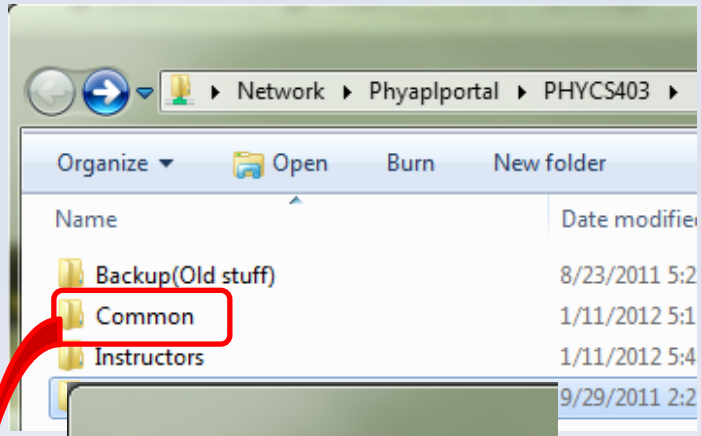

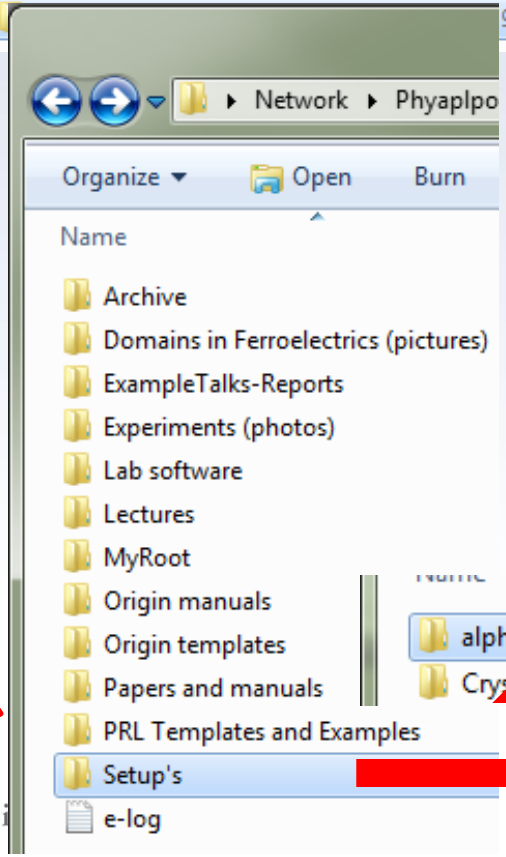

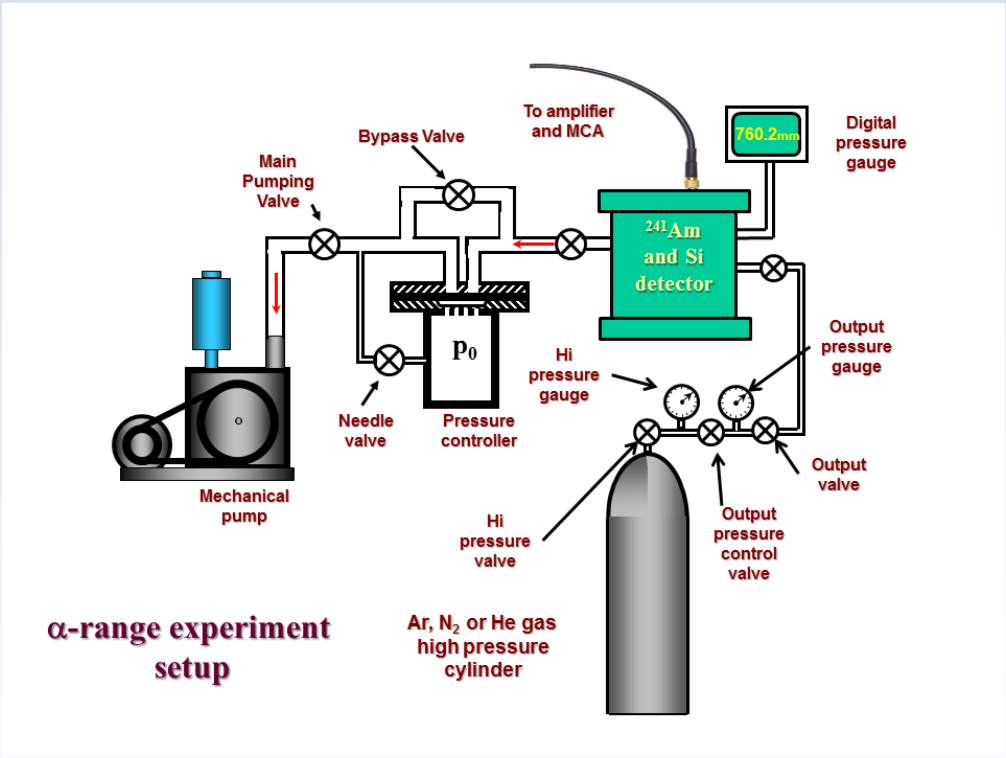

α-range experiment setup diagram

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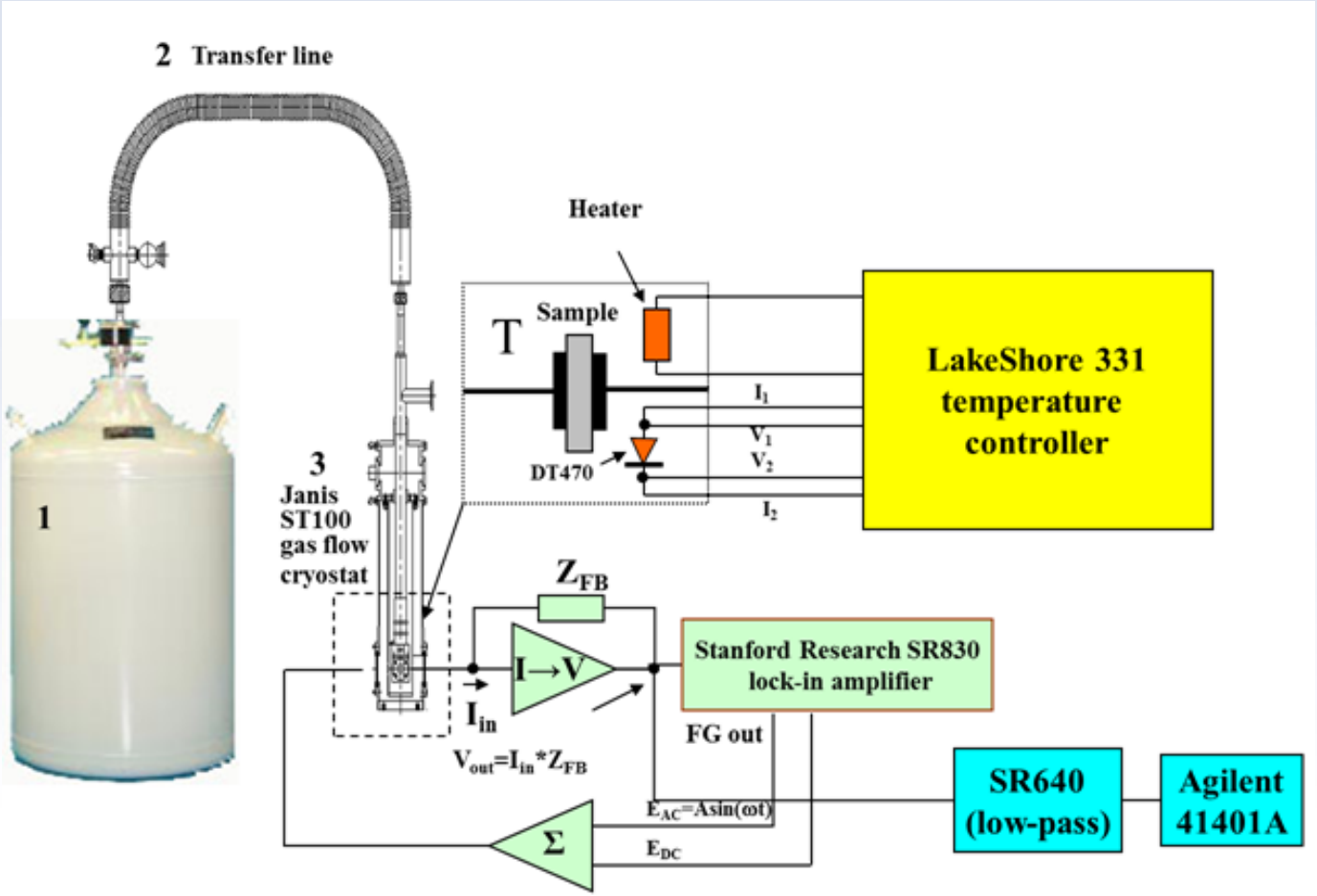
Setup diagrams – do not use cellphones to take the image of the setup from manual – for most setups we have PowerPoint projects with setups.



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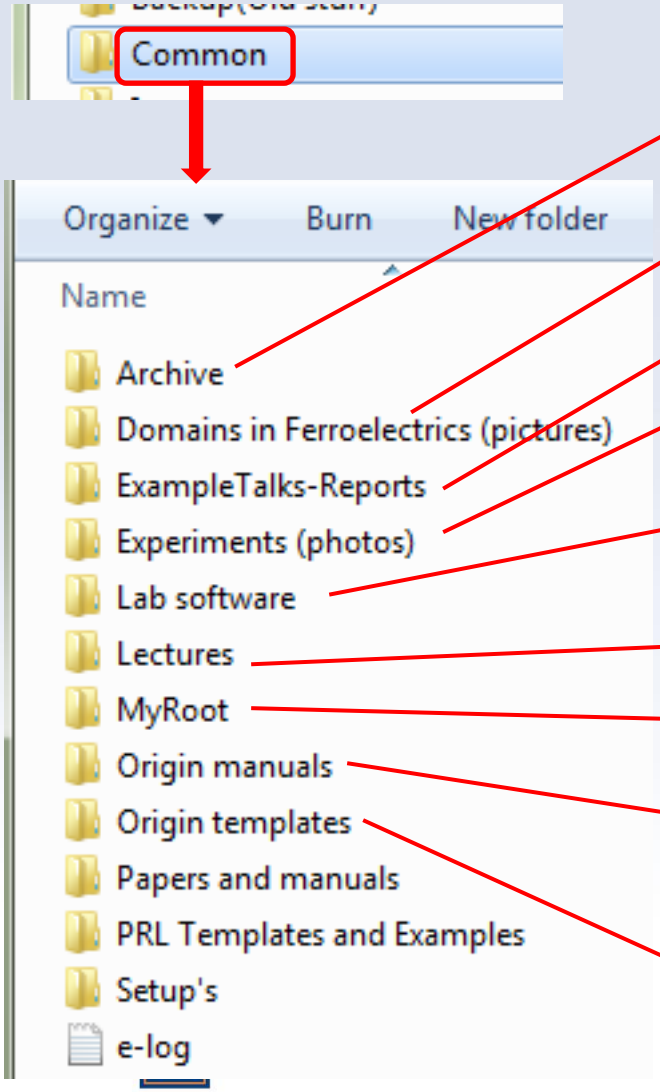

Some old stuff (not very useful)

Sample pictures of ferroelectric domains

Examples of report and oral presentation

Pictures of the setups of the experiments

Software including DAQ software for different experiments. Newest version of Origin is also there

P403 lecture notes

C++ scripts for Root

Origin manuals + a very compressed version written by Eugene

Origin templates (how to use them will be discussed in next lecture)

Where to retrieve course information.

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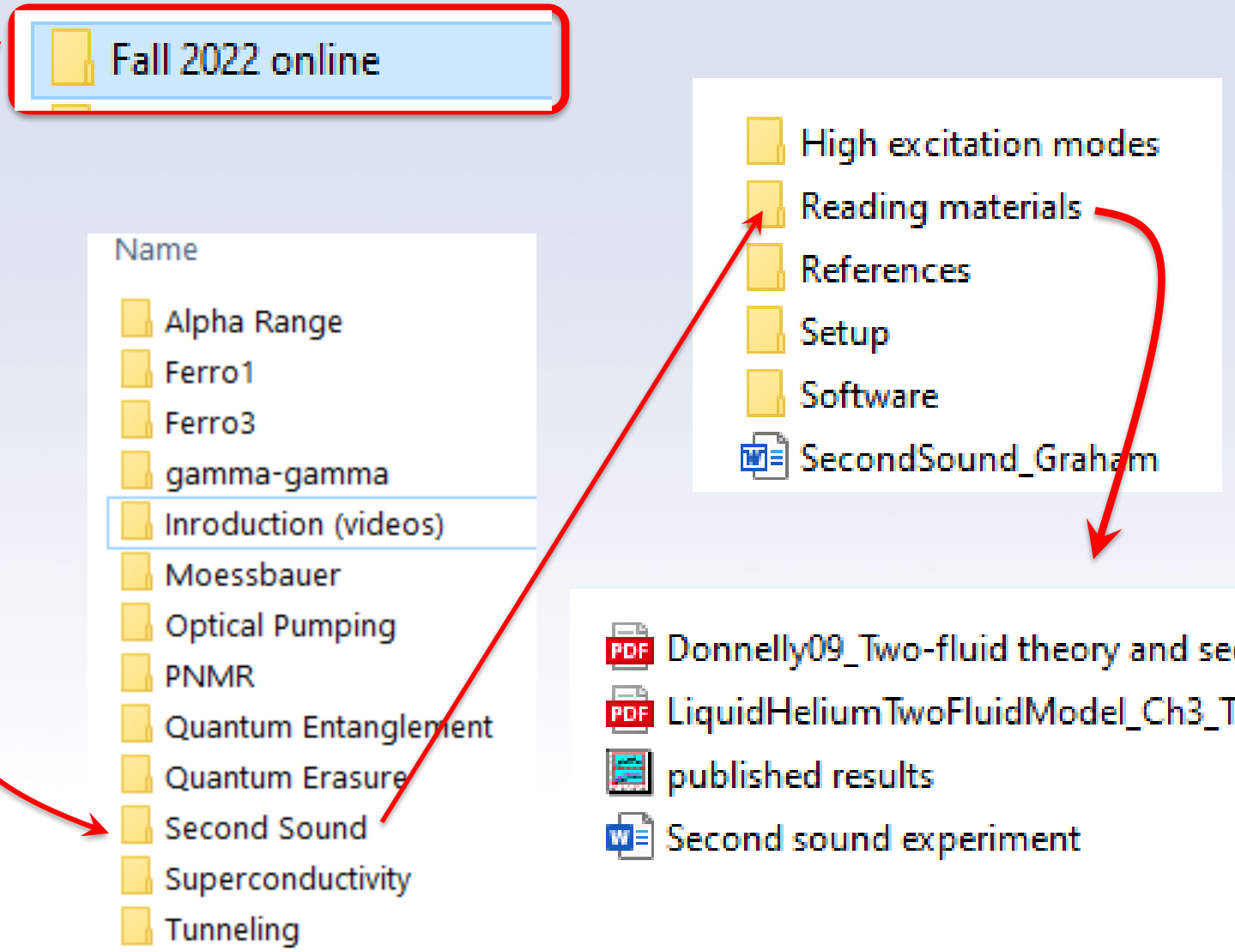

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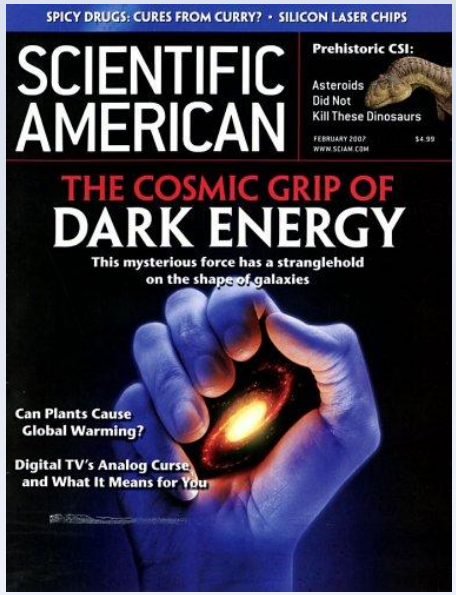

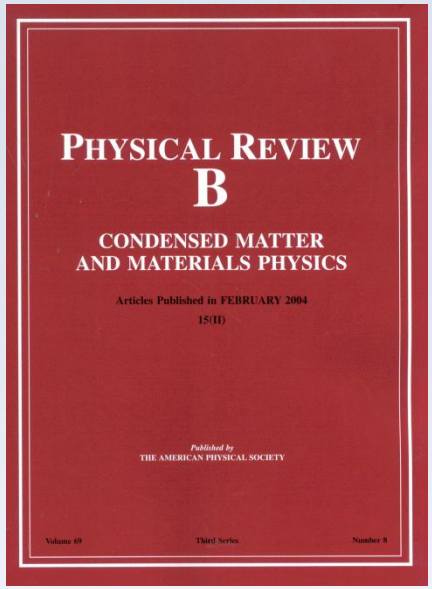

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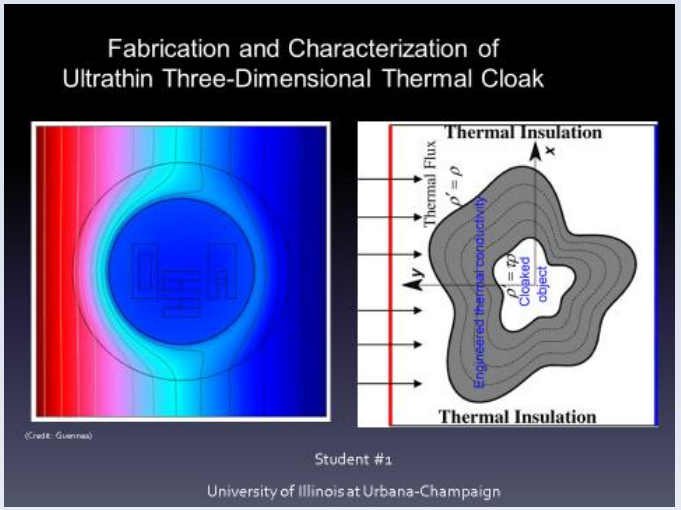
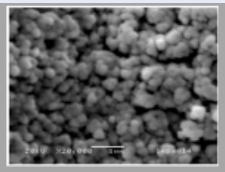
Walking with Coffee: Why Does it Spill?





Growth of Diamond Films from Tequila

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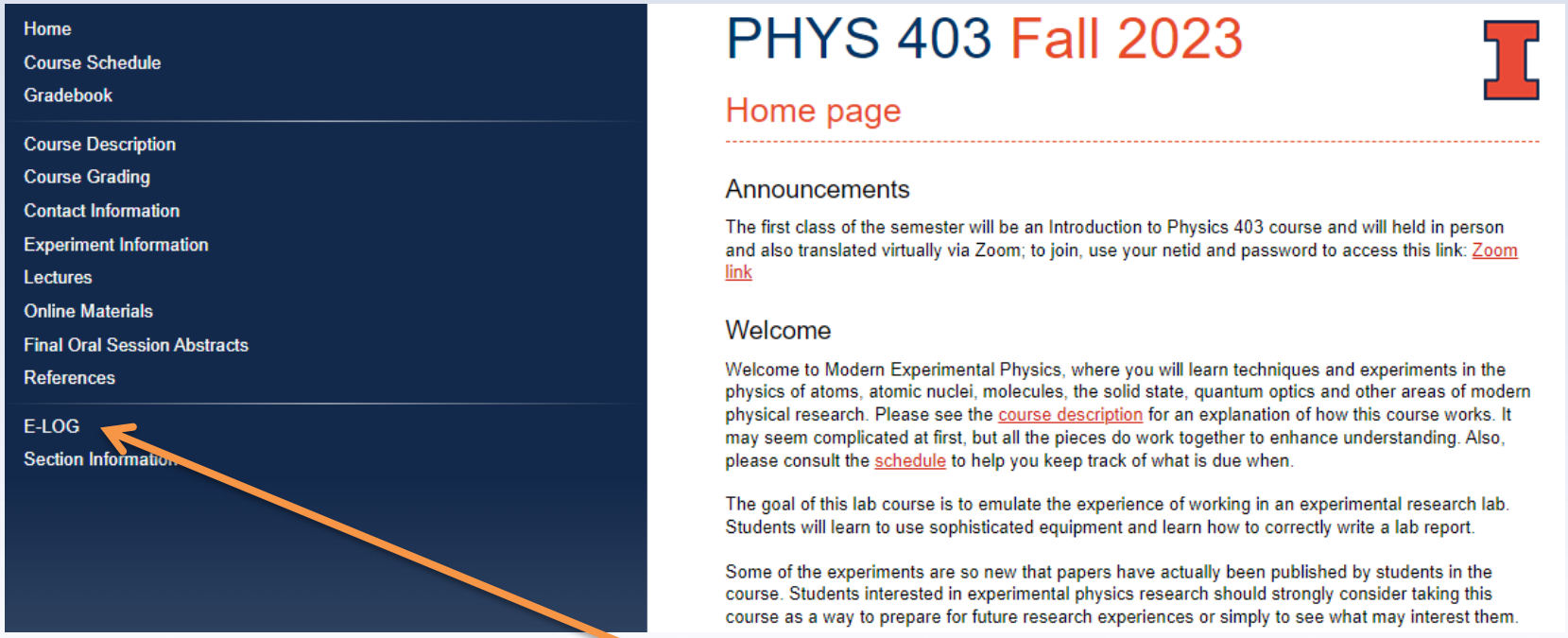

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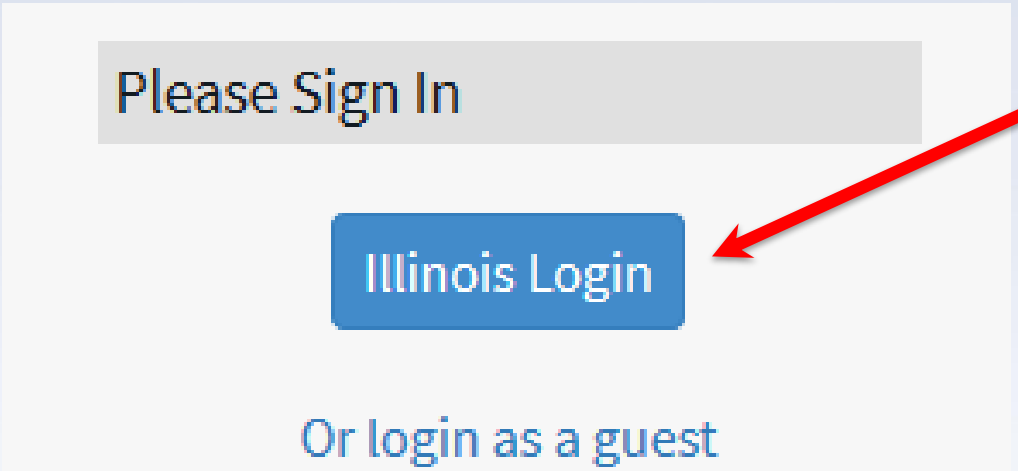

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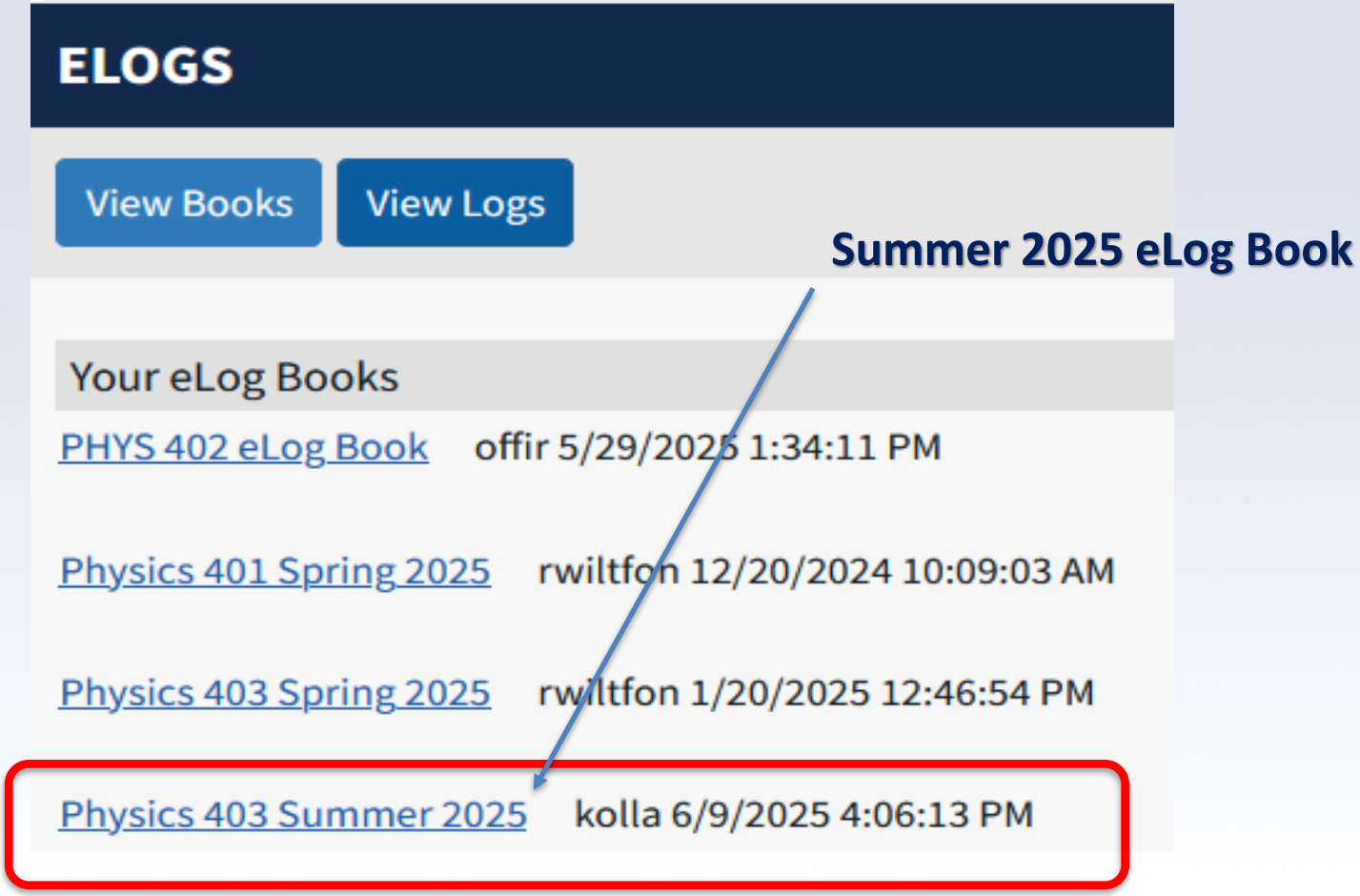

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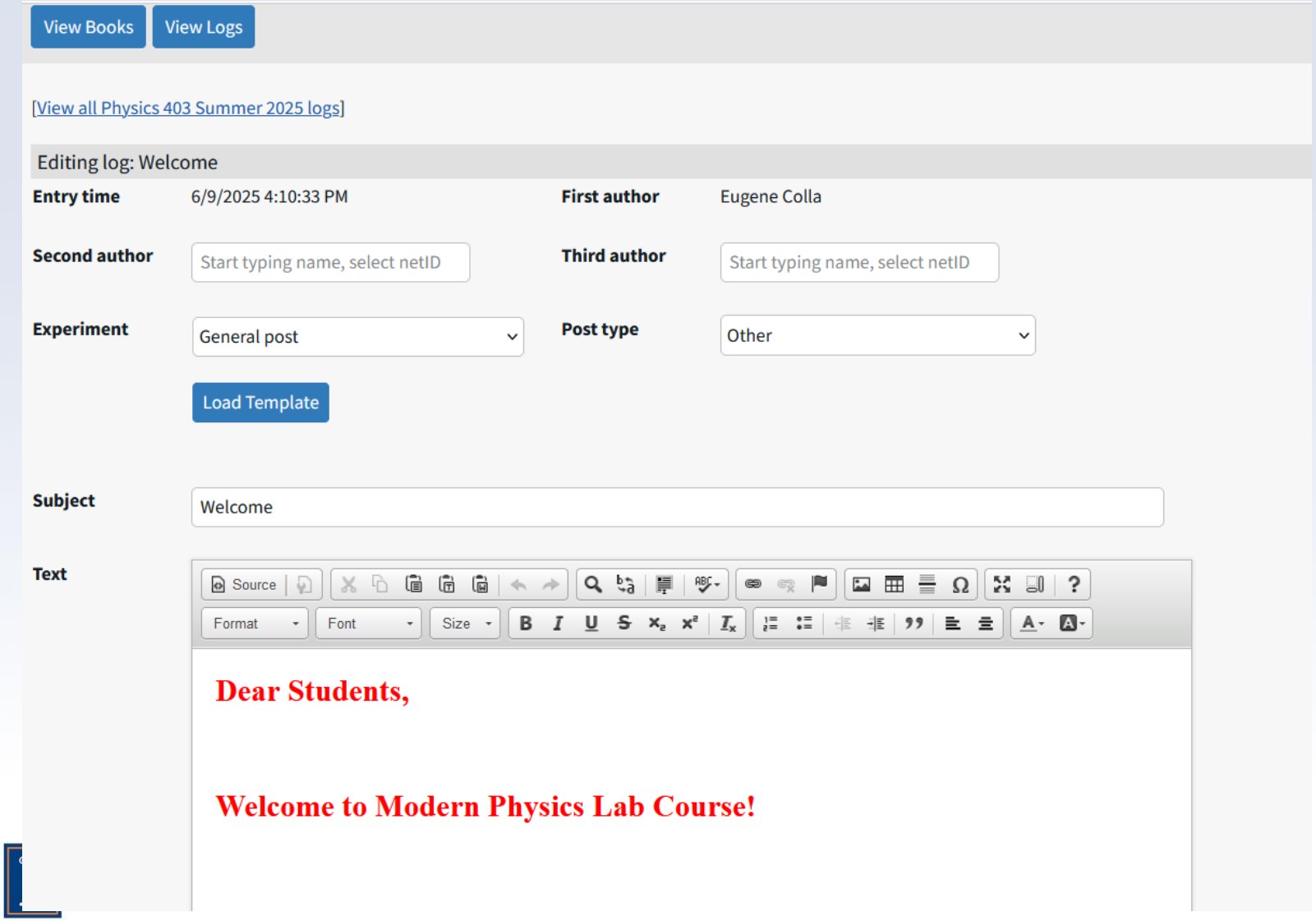
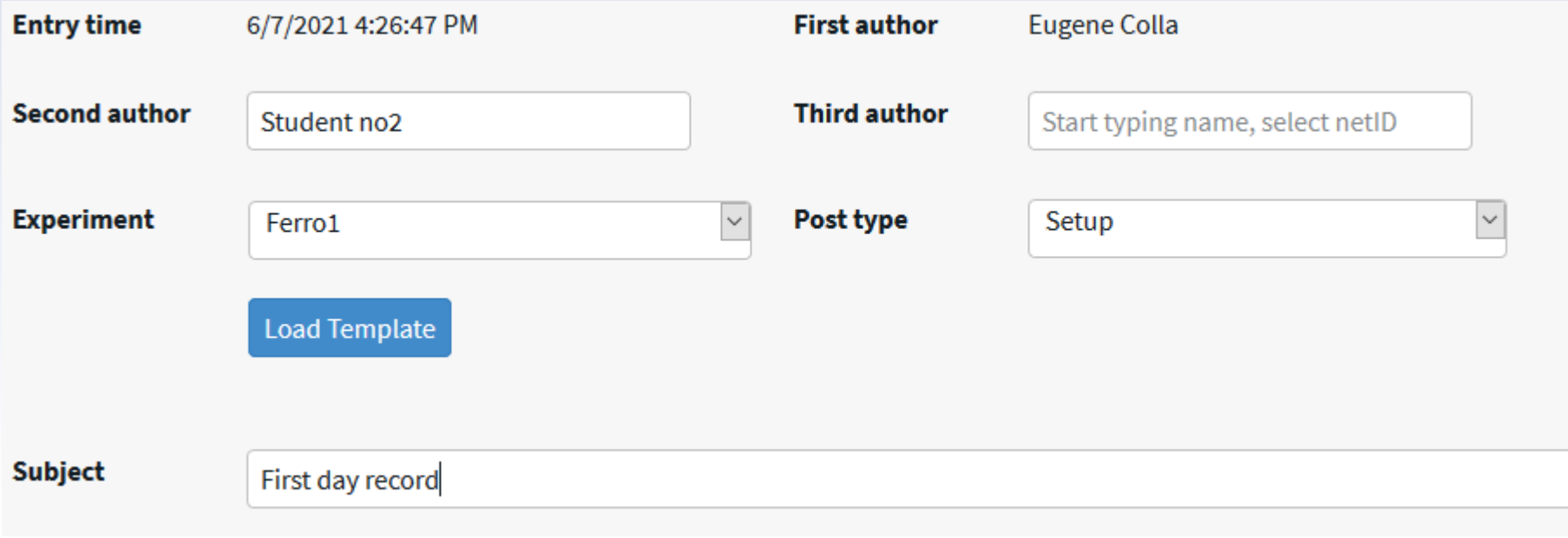


e-logs: Making a post …

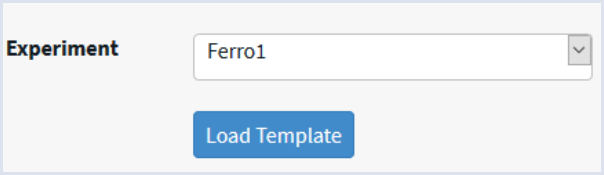
- To create a new post, click 

- Fill in the *Author, Experiment, Post Type, and Subject.*

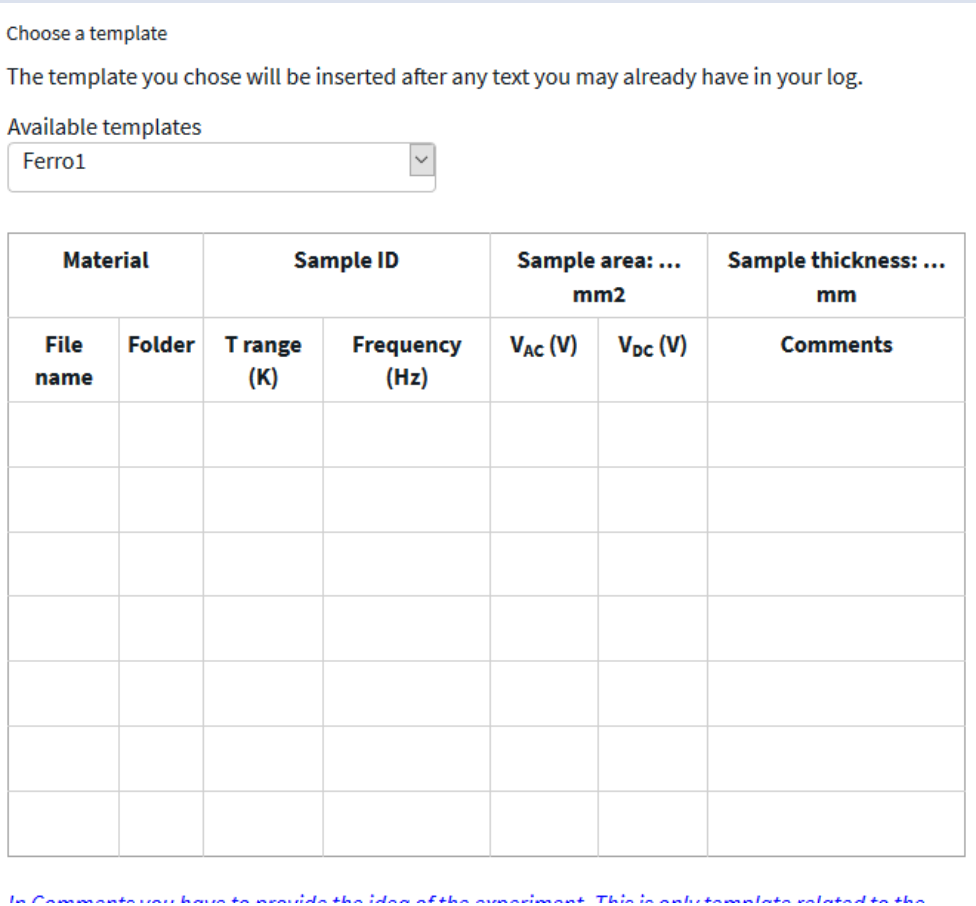
  Don't forget to enter the name of the second author



e-Log . Using *Templates*



Templates are not "ready to go" eLog records. There are some suggestions and comments which you need to read, accept/decline and remove from the final version of the eLog record.



e-logs: First a brief tour

How to use it

- Pause and summarize your work at natural stopping points in the action. This is useful for particular findings and measurement sequences.
- Along the way, save data, plots, scope shots to your folder on the server.
- Near the end of the class, add a summary/conclusion, indicate future directions, and make sure the e-log provides a rather complete overview of the highlights of your work. Upload your plots, scope shots, etc. and describe the data.

Some General Physics 403 Rules.

No cellphones or computer activities during the talks, presentations and discussion (except the cases when it is necessary)

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No Food or Drinks in Lab except ESB 5105