



# What worked (and didn't) in Energy Physics: Fall 2020

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Energy Physics- Virtual Edition  
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# History of PHY 120 “Energy Physics”

## Conceptual Physics

“Physics for teachers”

Not enough theoretical

Very little math required

## General Physics 1

Higher level math required

a gatekeeper course into programs

**Energy Physics:  
Just right**

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# Original Design of Energy Physics

First semester course

Flipped course - using free online resources for readings and videos

Class time spent working on lab assignments

COVID- since March 2020

Everything is now virtual

FIRST SEMESTER (FALL)				
SSC 100 First Year Seminar	1	1	0	
NRG 101 Intro to Energy Management	3	2	2	Fall,
MAT 153 College Math & Statistics or MAT 261 Business Calculus I	4	4	0	All
DAT101 Int. to Data Analytics/Visualization	3	2	3	All
PHY 120 Energy Physics	3	3	1	Fall
ENG 101 Critical Thinking & Acad Writing	3	3	0	All
<b>TOTAL</b>	17	15	6	
SECOND SEMESTER (SPRING)				

How did your remote learning  
classes go?

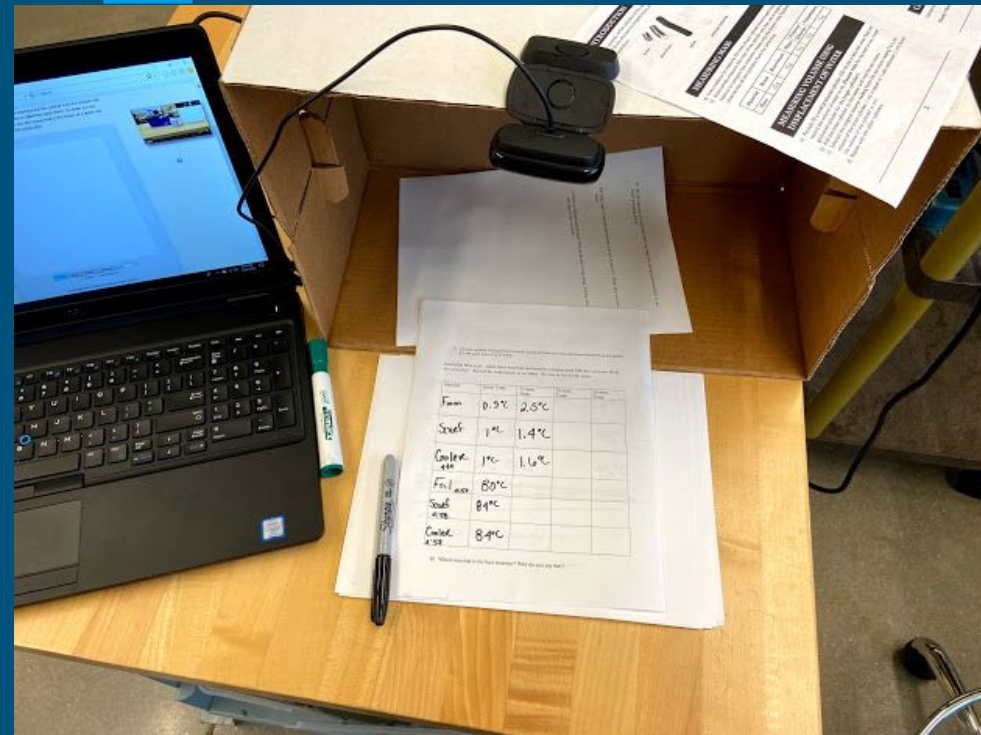


# What didn't work!

- Using the same labs, and “changing a few things”
  - Ended up being easier to start from scratch!
  - Scrapping original ideas helped me find new things that worked better in some cases.
- Talking too much
- Not waiting long enough for students to answer
- Doing the same lab and having the student “watch me”.

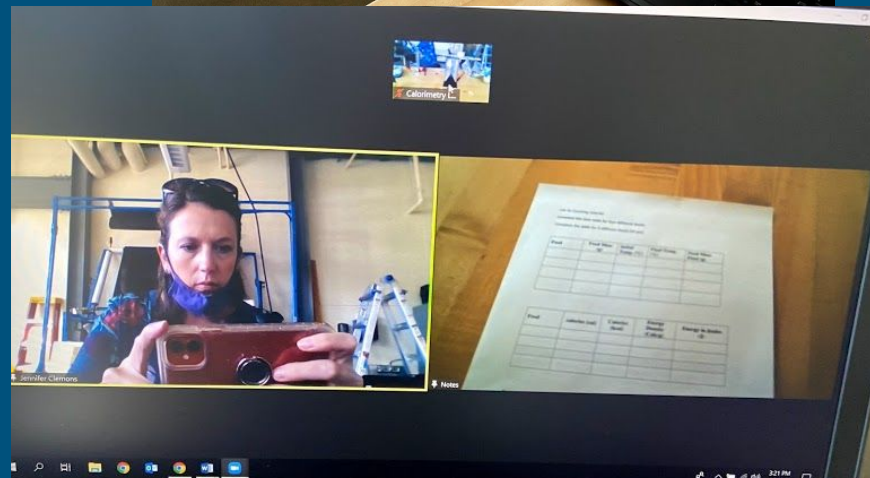


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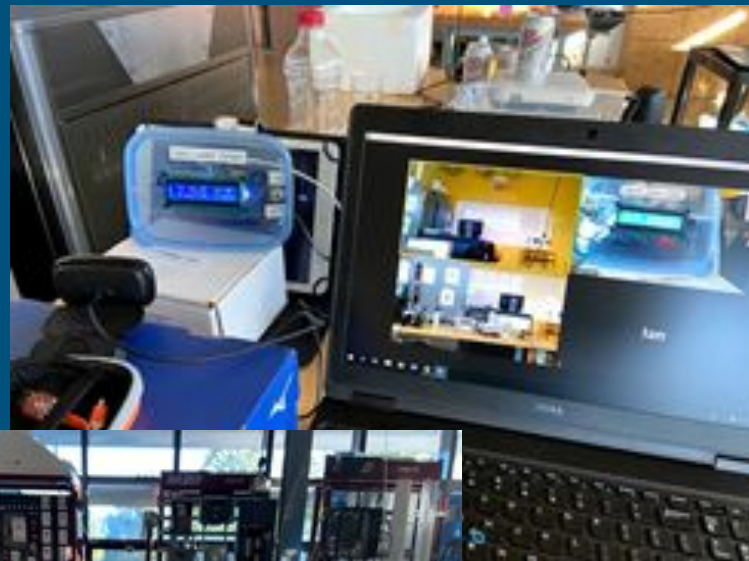




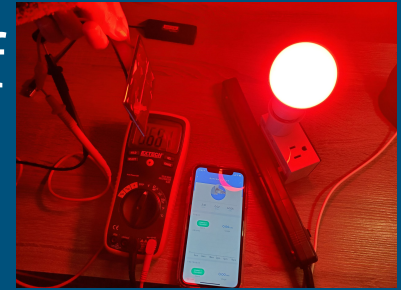
# What almost worked- Calorimetry Lab



# What worked! Gas Laws



# Efficiency Lab: Took the readings ahead of



Light Source	Light Voltage From Currant Meter	Light Current From Currant Meter	Output Power (W) Note: Power (watts)=Volts*A mps	Light levels in Lux
<i>Incandescent</i>	<i>119.89 V</i>	<i>0.56 Amps</i>		<i>130 lux</i>
<i>CFL</i>	<i>121.63 V</i>	<i>0.09 Amp</i>		
<i>Red LED</i>	<i>121.81</i>	<i>0.02</i>		
<i>White LED</i>	<i>121.75</i>	<i>0.04 Amp</i>		
		<i>0.03 Amp</i>		



Light Source	Solar Panel 20 cm away (voltage) ( $V_{sc}$ in volts)	Solar Panel 20 cm away ( $I_{sc}$ in amps)	Output power from solar panel (Watts)	Efficiency (light bulb to solar panel)
<i>Incandescent</i>	<i>0.746 V</i>	<i>4.41mA</i>		
<i>CFL</i>	<i>0.463 V</i>	<i>0.79 mA</i>		
<i>Red LED</i>	<i>0.448 V</i>	<i>0.59 mA</i>		
<i>White LED</i>	<i>0.459 V</i>	<i>0.66 mA</i>		
<i>Violet LED</i>	<i>0.418V</i>	<i>0.66 mA</i>		

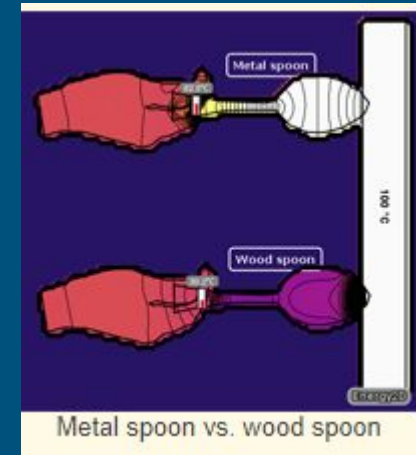
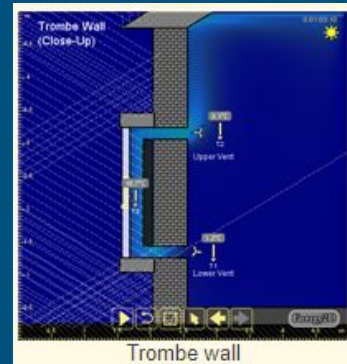
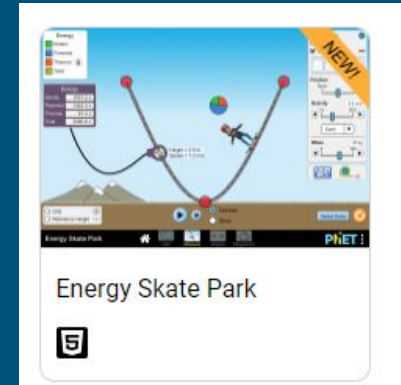


# Simulated Lab activities

Expanded from previous semesters

Phet- Interactive Simulations for Science and Math: University of Colorado

Energy 2D- Interactive Heat Transfer simulations: NSF

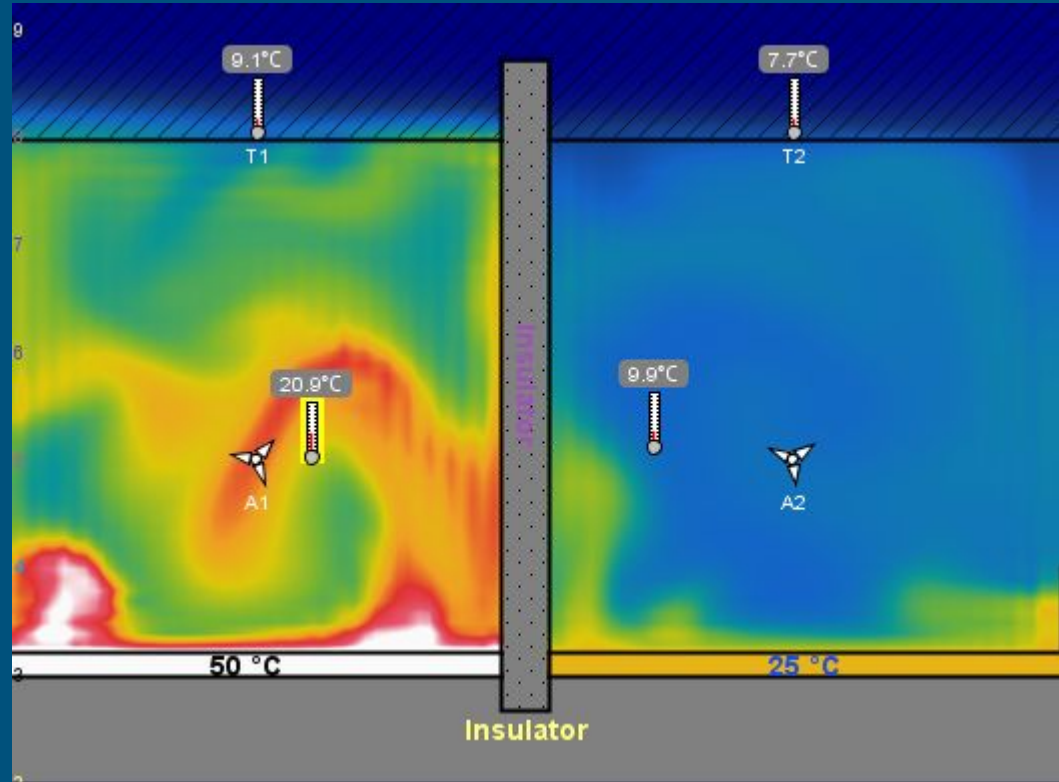


# Energy 2d

<https://energy.concord.org/energy2d/models.html>

Need to download

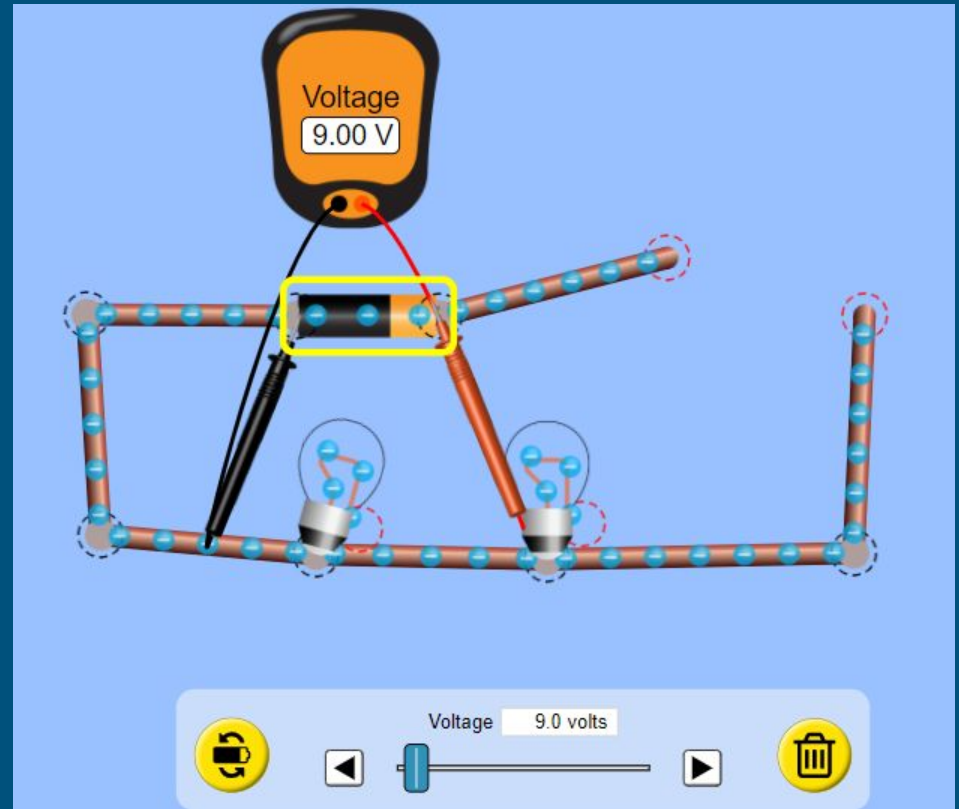
Collection of  
computational fluid  
dynamics simulations



# Simple Circuits

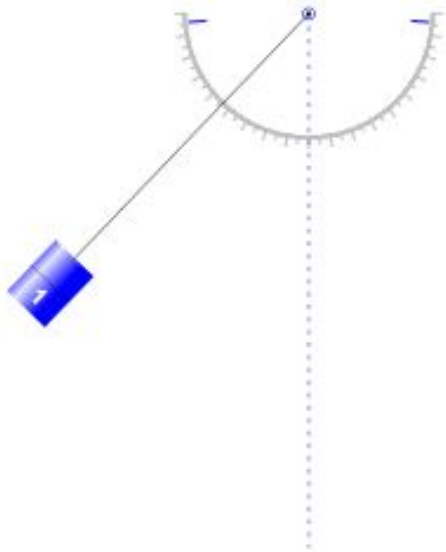
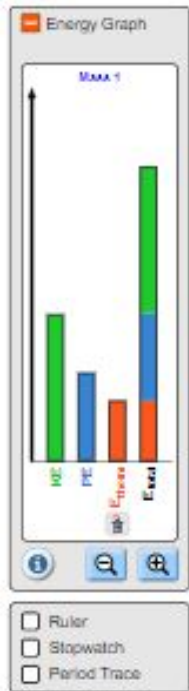
Using the simulation, we can make mistakes

Not burning up LED bulbs or blowing fuses in multimeter





# Phet- Pendulum Lab

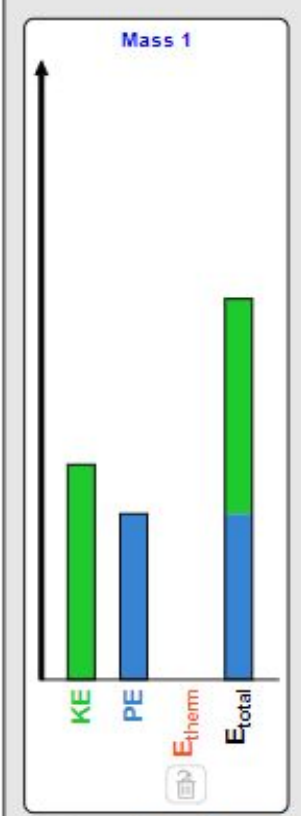
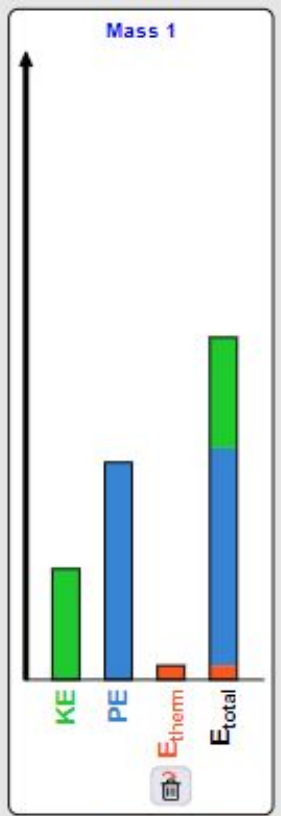


Length 1: 0.70 m

Mass 1: 1.00 kg

Gravity: Earth

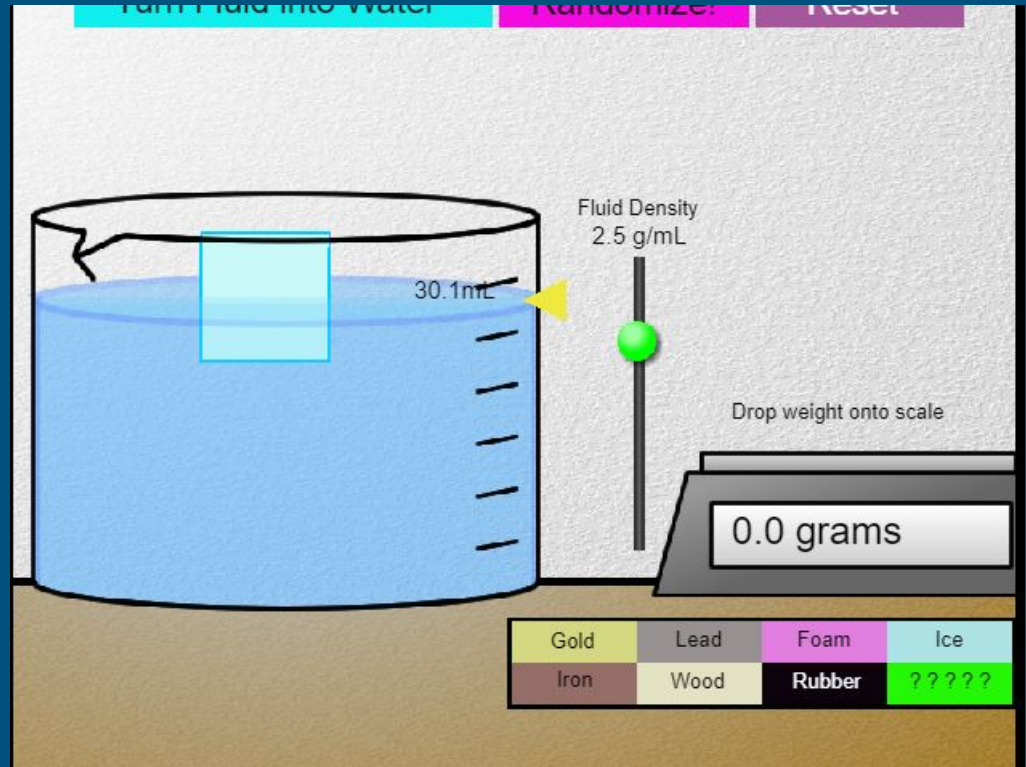
Friction: Normal



# New Resources

Density simulation

Heat capacity- runs on flash  
(dead now)?



# Course Evals

## 9 - What are the strengths of the course?

Response Rate

3/7 (42.86%)

- Engages with the class to encourage learning Has a mastery of the subject matter Variety of instruction techniques Enthusiasm for the subject matter and students
- Professor Clemons is the strength of this course, and the energy program as a whole.
- This course provides a lot of information in a small format which is very nice when going through all the content.

## 10 - What areas of this course could be improved?

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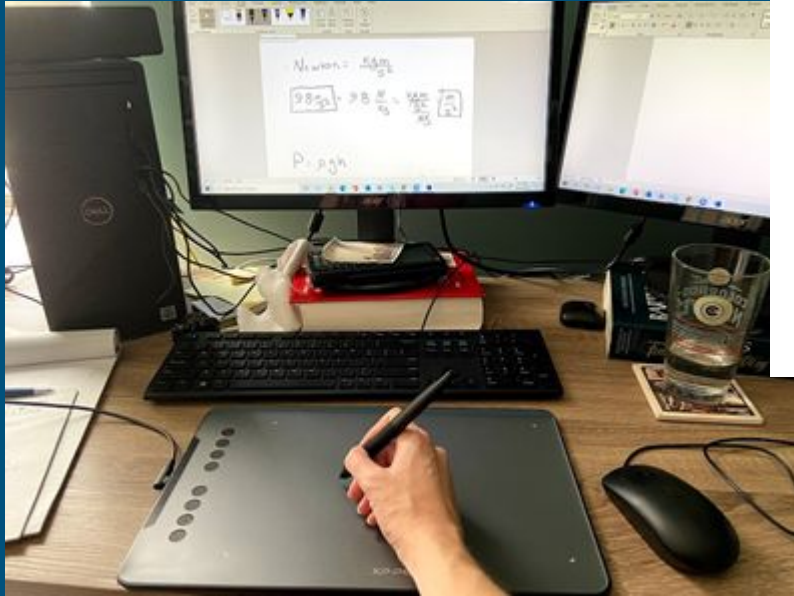
- I feel this course is fine how it is right now.
- More in person instruction - even though that was not of her doing!
- This semester was a tough one, being virtual removes the interaction between students, teachers, and groups. Professor Clemons did an amazing job of working through all of this w

# Takeaways

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- Celebrate small wins. Acknowledge things are hard, and don't always work out.
- Wait a long time for responses
- Greet students
- Office hours before class (same zoom link)
- Breakout rooms are your friend
- Multiple cameras to show different views
- XP-Pen

# XP-Pen



How many kWh does a 5 kW panel produce in a year if the location averages 4.1 sun hours/day.

$$\frac{5 \text{ KW} \mid 4.1 \text{ hours} \mid 365 \text{ day}}{\text{day} \mid \text{yr}}$$

$$7482.5 \quad \frac{\text{KWh}}{\text{yr}}$$

Start at ~\$30

One pictured was \$70 in Sept 2020 (cheaper now)

Drawing or writing on word/pdf documents



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