

Greetings!

First we would like to thank everyone for putting in an extra effort to make this online version of physics 211 work. We realize the online format makes every aspect of the course more challenging, and especially appreciate your efforts to connect and engage using zoom and the other communication channels. Below are a few announcements that may be helpful.

**Labs:**

Synchronous (Zoom) labs begin this week. See the schedule for more details and the lab zoom links page to for the connection information. This meeting will be important for helping you understand how the remainder of the labs will work, so be sure to attend.

**Lecture:**

Break out rooms will now be setup so that you can “choose” the room to go into, and also when you go and when you return. The “assigned” rooms are available via links on the lecture zoom links page, and included here for your convenience ([A1](#), [A2](#), [A3](#), [A4](#)). Note, that we have included the netid for everyone in your group in case you want to setup a separate chat/communication channel. Hopefully this will make the small group discussions easier and reduce the number of people getting kicked out of zoom.

The lecture survey showed that many students really enjoyed the jokes/banter in the zoom chat channel, and many students found that very distracting. In order to provide the best learning space for everyone, we would like to encourage people interested in jokes/banter to use the following discord channel! (<https://discord.gg/YX2TCXzDVd>). Alex and Iain will also engage with that channel.

**Smart.Physics.Illinois.edu** demo period is ending. Be sure to get your access code and enter it into the system as shown on the course homepage. If you haven't already ordered the code, we recommend purchasing it online from the publisher, since they can immediately email you the code, the bookstore will need to mail you a card with the code on it which may be slower.

Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you in lecture on Tuesday,

Jake and Tim (your physics 211 lecturers on behalf of the entire physics 211 team).