Basic Writing in Physics

Periods 3-4 (W)

Course No.: PHY.P410 Lecture Five Notes

Lecture Review

Yesterday, we reviewed your 18 May colloquium abstract submissions; fundamentally judging them on the basis of how they presented their topic to the audience. This was done by comparing each submission to published abstracts in various disciplines as well as to the other submitted abstracts. The reviewed process highlighted the importance of editing before submission. Special attention was given to the difference between English editing and editing for physics. In particular, we discussed the pros and cons of using an editing/translation service for English writing assistance.

Relevant Websites

http://www.quicktranslate.com/univcoop/ http://journals.aps.org/prl/50years/timeline

Homework Four

Your homework is to prepare for the 18 May colloquium. In particular, I expect to see either the English abstract on the poster, or as a handout (English and Japanese). I am here to help, so I expect everyone to update their English abstract and return the edits to me by 14 May, 12:00. I can then send a final version back to you before 16 May, 17:00. I will attend the poster session and will evaluate your poster.

For Next Class

There is no class on 18 May. Please use that time to prepare for your poster presentation. If you need printing help (A4 abstract handouts) or wish to use the on-line editing resource discussed in class and lack funds, you may contact me for assistance. Good luck!

(If you have any problems accessing the above websites or videos, please let me know).