

Post-Observation Report

I observed Felix Kaess's class, MSE704: Interaction of Photons with Solids, on Feb 18th as part of the PTP peer observation process. The class was learning about many concepts about light and the class activities included numerous hands on experiments with lasers and polarizers that demonstrated those concepts. I took notes in the form of an observation log on this class.

I noticed several effective moments in Felix's class. Every time he used an object that he had brought: laser, polarizer, calcite crystal, I thought the concepts were very clear. He also effectively used the Internet to show other concepts like different types of waves.

Felix and I talked about the class in a post-observation meeting on Feb 25th. Our discussion focused on the positive aspects of our two classes. During that meeting, Felix identified several goals for his future teaching: getting students engaged in class and teaching a larger undergraduate class.