

Online Experimentation

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Outline

Introduction
Interactive Screen Experiments (ISE)
Enabling Remote Activity (ERA)
Distributed Group Experiments (DGE)
Activity and discussion



Motivations

There can be no real doubt about the importance of practical work in undergraduate science education.

How can online learning be used to support, augment and extend students' experience in the lab or in the field?

Can online methods be used to teach some of the essential skills that underpin practical work, thereby increasing the efficiency with which lab/field time is used?



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