

List of Experiments in the Advanced Physics Laboratory Courses (4410/6510)
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INSTR.	LABORATORY	CREDITS	LEVEL
Acoustics and Aeronautics			
PM	AR-4 Subsonic wind tunnel	1.5	S
Circuits			
DR	C-1 Transistor amplifiers	2.0	S
DR	C-7 Non-linear Oscillator	2.0	A
DR	C-8 Lumped transmission line; cut-off and dispersion	1.5	S
GH	C-9 Radio frequency transmission line study	2.0	A
DR	C-10 Microwaves: components, phenomena, optical characteristics	2.0	S
GH	C-11 Transmission line studies with nanosecond pulse techniques	1.5	S
GH	C-12 Microwave Resonant Circuits	2.0	
PM	C-13 Quantitative Studies of Electronic Noise	2.0	
Physical Electronics			
DH	E-4 Stern-Gerlach experiment, space quantization	1.5	S
PM	E-5 Critical potential in Hg and scattering in Argon	1.5	S
PM	E-10 Photoelectric effect; h/e , Einstein relation	1.5	S
---	E-12 Electron lens: magnetic and electrostatic types	1.5	S
PM	E-15 e/M: mass spectrograph with alkali metal ions	2.0	
General			
DR	G-7 Nuclear magnetic resonance	2.0	
DR	G-7a Pulsed NMR; spin echo	2.0	
DR	G-7b Pulsed NMR; advanced with computerized data acquisition system	2.0	
PM	G-8 G: gravitational constant; the Cavendish balance	1.5	S
GH	G-10 Brownian motion (static and kinetic), Avogadro's number	1.5	S
Heat and Mechanics			
DH	H-4 Specific heat discontinuities; order and phase transitions	2.0	A
PM	H-5 Liquid and vapor densities in CCl_4 ; critical temperature	1.5	S
---	M-3 Mechanical resonance: forced and free oscillations	1.5	S
Nuclear			
DR	N-0 Gamma ray spectroscopy: pulse height analyzer	1.5	S
DR	N-1 Gamma ray absorption	1.5	S
DR	N-2 Alpha particle range in air and Helium	1.5	S
DH	N-4 Rutherford scattering of alpha particles	2.0	S
DR	N-12 Annihilation radiation: coincidence experiments	2.0	A
GH	N-15 μ meson lifetime (2 set-ups)	2.0	

DH	N-16	Mossbauer effect (2 set-ups)	2.0	
DR	N-17	μ meson lifetime with PC (3 set-ups)	2.0	

Optics

GH	O-2	Michelson interferometer (3 set-ups)	1.5	S
GH	O-3	Diffraction: Fraunhofer, Fresnel, Fourier image formation	2.0	S
DH	O-4	Optical constants of metal: mirror evaporation, Babinet compensator	2.0A	
GH	O-11	Polarization phenomena: electro- and magneto-optics	2.0	S
PM	O-14	Speed of light; rotating mirror and double pulse technique (Kerr cell)	2.0A	

Spectroscopy

PM	S-2	Fine structure in H and D Balmer alpha: Fabry-Perot interferometer	2.0	S
DH	S-4	Alkali metals spectra and absorption spectrum in Na	2.0	A
DH	S-6	Zeeman effect in Hg; e/m	2.0	A
PM	S-7	Raman scattering (Ar^+ ion laser)	2.0	A
GH	S-8	Vibrational structure in molecular spectrum N_2	2.0	
PM	S-9	Rotational structure in molecular band: CO	2.0	
GH	S-10	Optical pumping in Rb (2 setups)	2.0	A

Solid State

GH	SS-5	p-n junction: photoeffect, Zener and tunnel diodes, e/k (2 set-ups)	1.5	A
PM	SS-6	Internal friction: diffusion of O in Ta (2 set-ups)	2.0	S
PM	SS-9	Resistivity and Hall effect in semiconductors	2.0	A
DH	SS-10	Superconductivity	2.0	A
DH	SS-11	Second sound propagation in liquid Helium (2 set-ups)	2.0	A
DR	SS-13	High T_c Superconductivity	2.0	
GH	SS-14	Optical Transmission of Thin Films	2.0	

X-rays

DH	X-1	Introduction to X-rays: efficiency, intensity, absorption	2.0	S
DH	X-3	Laue diffraction: picture and analysis, transmission, back reflection	2.0	
DH	X-6	Powder picture	1.5	A
DH	X-7	Diffraction: lattice vibrations	2.0	A
DH	X-8	Anomalous transmission	2.0	

S is an experiment appropriate for a beginning P410 student and **A** is an advanced experiment. No letter means it is in between. These are strictly for your guidance in choosing labs and have no impact on grading or credit.

Instructor Key:

DH = Don Hartill GH = Georg Hoffstaetter PM = Paul McEuen DR = David Rubin