

# LEARNING GAINS USING KAHOOT!

WITH STUDENT GENERATED QUESTIONS

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# Purpose

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**Investigate the effect of using Kahoot! in introductory physics courses w/student generated questions.**

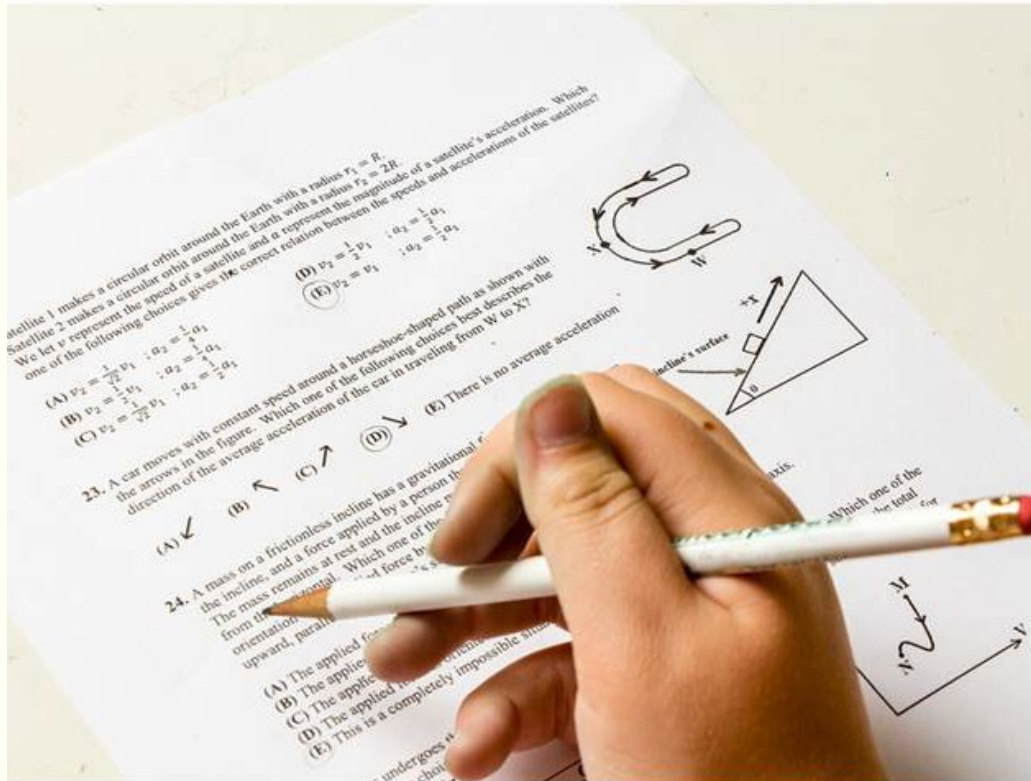
# Agenda

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- What led to my work?
- About Kahoot!
- Assessments and Outcomes
- Conclusions
- What's Next?
- References

# What led to this work?

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Poor performance in conceptual questions on exams!!

- 3 Unit exams on one final exam.
- 40% of the grade on exams comes from conceptual questions!



# Class Sizes

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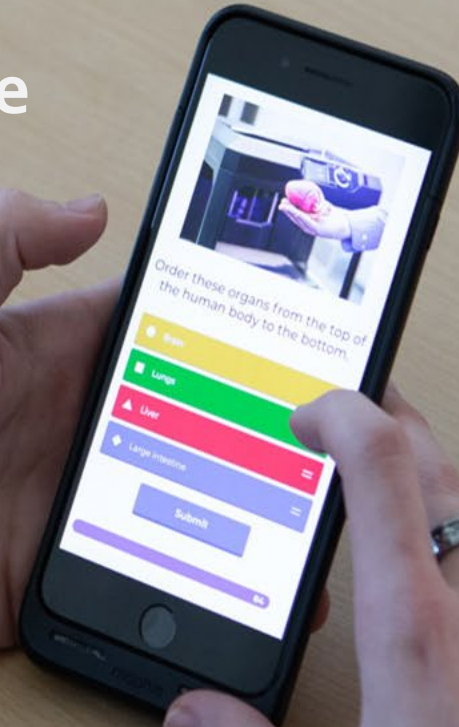
- Small class sizes ~ 20 students/class
- No physics program.
- Serves the other programs like Bio Medical Engineering and Chemistry.



# Kahoot! - What is it?

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- ⑩ A game-based student response system.
- ⑩ Students don't need registration.
- ⑩ Free version is available with limited functionality.
- ⑩ Students access using their mobile devices.





# Kahoot!, an Interactive Engagement? DEMO

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Classroom with IE

- Increased interaction.
- Immediate feedback.
- Competitive.



Classroom with  
Traditional Lectures

- Rely on lectures.
- Passive students.
- No interaction.



The forces acting on a ball that has been kicked and airborne are:

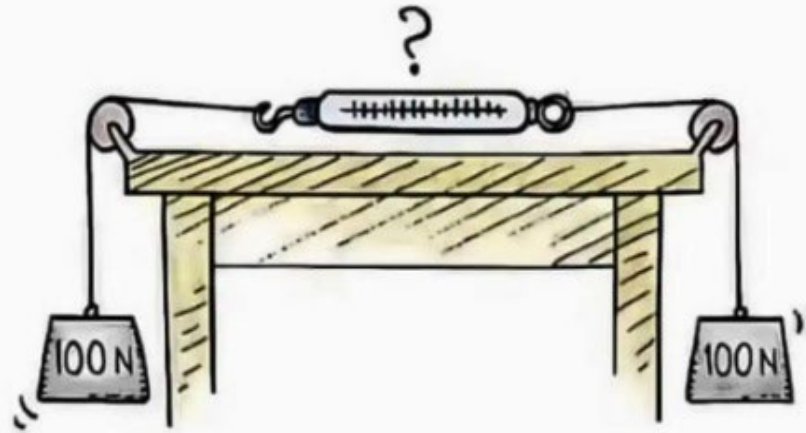
▲ Only the force of the kick.

◆ Only the force of gravity.

● The force of the kick and the force of gravity.

■ None of the above.





What does the scale read?



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100 N



150 N



200 N

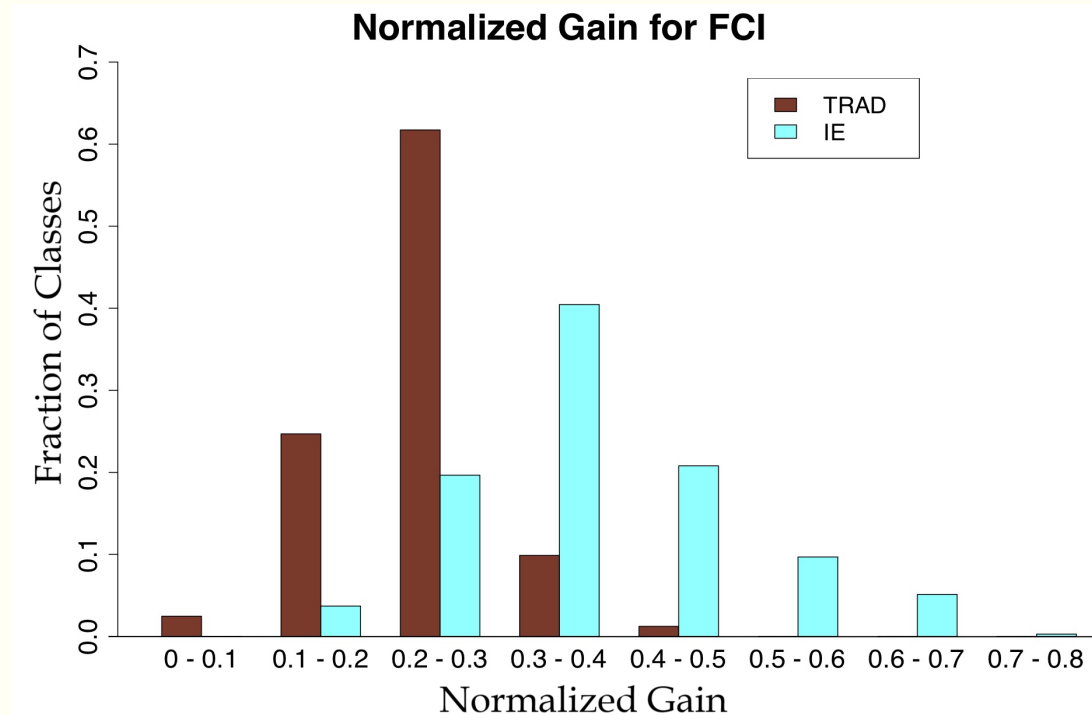
# Implementation and Assessment

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- FCI test was administered on week 2 of the semester.
- Two Kahoot Games were incorporated.
- Student-generated questions were included.
- FCI test was administered on week 13 of the semester.
- Analyzed the differences between pre- and post-test results.

Force Concept Inventory = FCI

# Traditional Lecture vs. Interactive Engagement



The courses that used interactive techniques shows increased gains in the FCI scores.

$$\text{Normalized Gain} < g > = \frac{\text{Post} - \text{Pre}}{100 - \text{Pre}}$$

The Normalized Gains from 31,000 students in 450 physics classes, published in 63 papers. (Korff, et al.)

## References

FCI Test Ref. 4

This graph Ref. 3



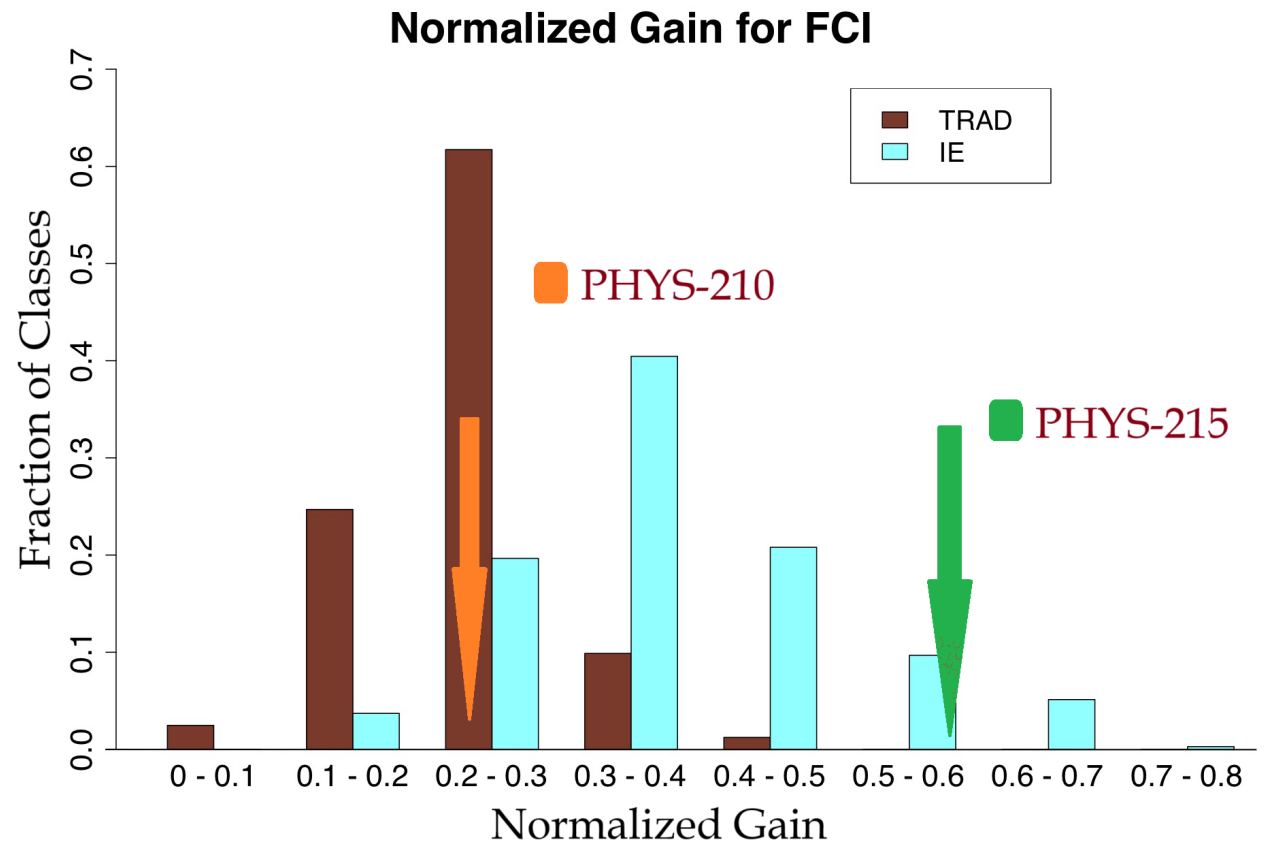
# Results and Discussion

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Drastically different results for the two classes!

Possible Influencing Factors:

- Math skills levels.
- Prior physics experiences.

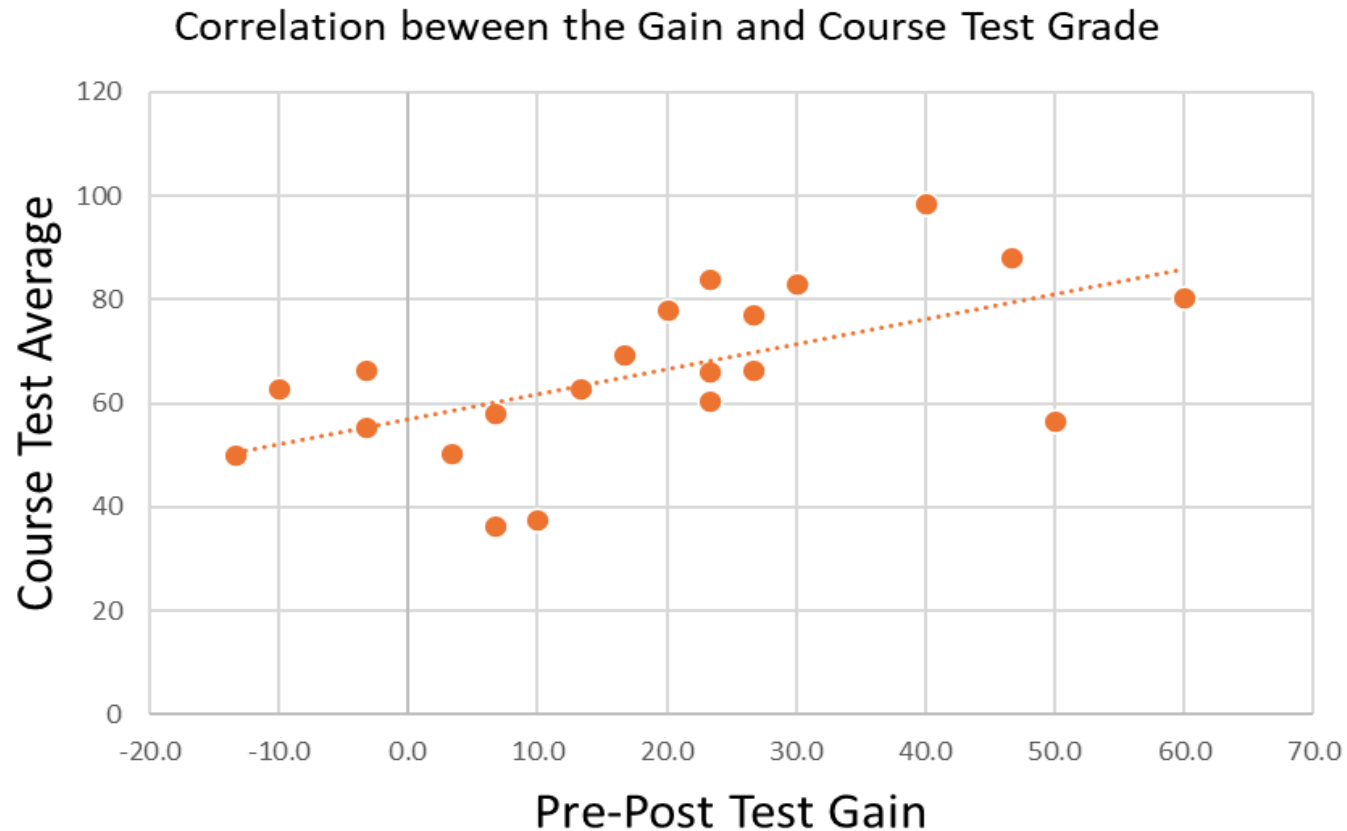


PHYS-210: Algebra-based Physics

PHYS-215: Calculus-based Physics

# Other Observations

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- Pre-post test gains are correlated with the course exam grades!
- FCI Gains can predict student success in the course!

**Correlation Co-efficient = 0.59**

# Conclusions and Future Work

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- Kahoot Game's impact on gains is inconclusive.
- FCI test gains are indicative of course success.
- Recent work suggested additional concept practice can help with increased gains. (Paul et al.)
- Future work will focus on enhancing Kahoot integration.



*Thank You*

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