Hey Mark,

At the group meeting you asked if anyone had thesis writing advice. I don't think I can provide you with much that you wouldn't already know, but here are a few tips:

1.) There is a nice Latex class for U of S theses: http://www.cs.usask.ca/resources/tech_support/latex.php. I'm sure that you are familiar with Latex, and it makes it so much easier to keep an updated reference list and to reference various figures, tables, etc.

2.) I'm not sure what you will be focusing on, but in terms of an introduction to synchrotrons and our techniques, it's always good to look over other theses from the group. Not only is it a good way to make sure you aren't leaving anything out that you don't want to, but it's also a good way to track down important references for the various topics. I would suggest checking out Regan's Ph.D. thesis, as it gives a good introduction, and it is available online in pdf format from the library:
http://library2.usask.ca/theses/available/etd-06232009-123702/

3.) The only other tip I can give is on organization. I remember in high school whenever I wrote an essay I just simply wrote it. If we had to hand in a rough draft or an outline that we started from, I would make those after...but I've learned now how useful an outline is for organizing your topics into the most logical progression before you actually start filling them out. With a thesis, it's probably a good idea to decide what all of your chapters will be before starting writing.

Hopefully this is somewhat useful, but I'm sure this is all stuff you knew already...

Let me know if you want an opinion on anything else.

-Robert