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SCEN 101: Lab Overview  
Lab 05. Goldilocks Zone

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## Objective(s):

- Experiment with three different ratios of hot- and cold-water mixtures.
- Practice computing the final temperature of mixtures. Weighted averages.
- Verify the **conservation of heat energy**.
- *Explore conservation of heat energy in everyday life.*
- *Possibilities for R&E.*

# Experimentation setup

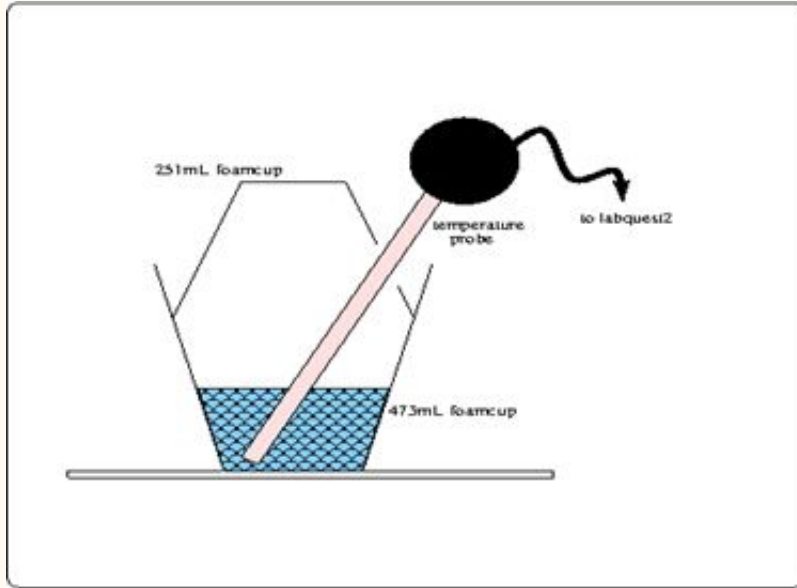


Figure 1. Cup filled with water and Vernier Wide-Range Temperature Probe (*experiment setup*)(left), insulated metal cup (575 mL) for hot liquids (middle), and insulated plastic cup (485 mL) for cold/cool liquids (right).

**Save 1 photo of experiment setup showing all materials**

**Save 3 graphs (one per trial) from Graphical!**

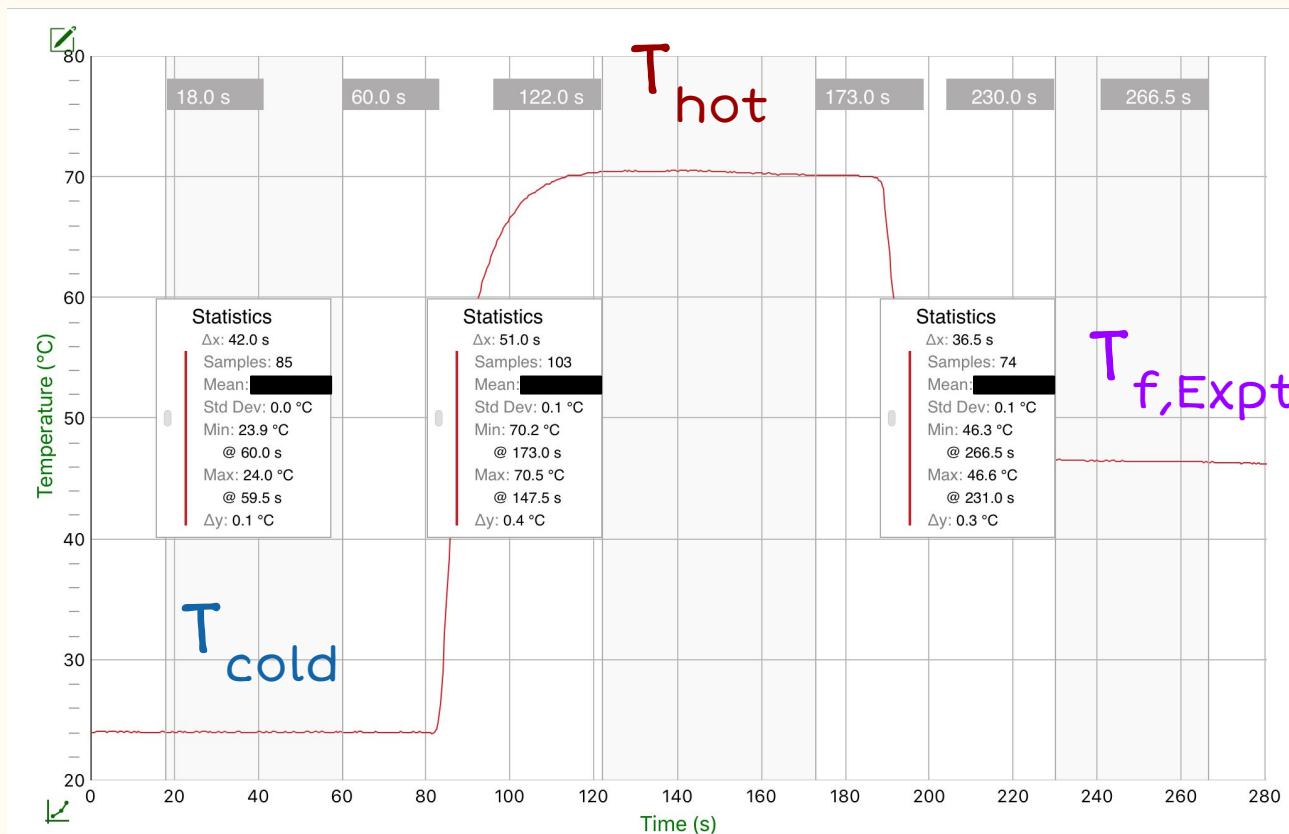


Figure 2. Temperature vs. Time,  $m_c \approx m_h$  (Trial 1)

Table 5.1. Data for hot- and cold-water mixtures: measurements and calculations

$m_{c,cup} =$ g		$m_{h,cup} =$ g					Measured	Calculated	
Trial	$m_{c,cup} + m_{cold}$ (g)	$m_{h,cup} + m_{hot}$ (g)	$m_{cold}$ (g)	$m_{hot}$ (g)	$T_{cold}$ (°C)	$T_{hot}$ (°C)	$T_{f,Expt.}$ (°C)	$T_{f,Theor.}$ (°C)	% difference between $T_{f,Expt.}$ and $T_{f,Theor.}$
1 $m_c \approx m_h$									
2 $m_c > m_h$									
3 $m_c < m_h$									
								Average % difference between $T_{f,Expt.}$ and $T_{f,Theor.}$ :	

CREATE YOUR OWN  
DATA  
SPREADSHEET!

$$(Total\ Q_{lost}) + (Total\ Q_{gained}) = 0$$

$$m_h c_w \Delta T + m_c c_w \Delta T = 0$$

$$m_h c_w (T_f - T_h) + m_c c_w (T_f - T_c) = 0$$

↓  
 $T_f = ???$

% Difference =

Value<sub>1</sub> - Value<sub>2</sub>

Value<sub>1</sub> + Value<sub>2</sub>

2

x 100%



# Lab Safety Reminder

You must use gloves when measuring,  
transporting, and experimenting  
with hot liquids!



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## Deliverables

1. Photo 1. Experiment setup... *name accordingly*
2. Figure 1. Temperature vs. Time,  $m_c \approx m_h$  (Trial 1)
3. Figure 2. Temperature vs. Time,  $m_c > m_h$  (Trial 2)
4. Figure 3. Temperature vs. Time,  $m_c < m_h$  (Trial 3)
5. Completed Tables 5.1, with final numbers
6. Calculations, showing formulas used and all work

**\*The labels for visuals are examples, be sure to be more descriptive AND include appropriate selections within each graph.**

ANY QUESTIONS?