

# 1 Term Project: (Due in class Thursday April 6, 2023)

The term project part of the course asks you to choose one of the following list of classic subatomic papers and explain in your own words why it was important and what it was trying to convey. (These may or may not be the same thing.) Provide a concise assessment of the paper, such as you might read in *The Economist*. The goal is digested and well-argued information rather than a general fact-dump on the subject.

You should check through and choose which paper you will study by **Thursday February 16, 2023**. On (or before) that day you should officially submit your choice to the class TA. You may also suggest another paper you would like to do that is not on the attached list, but if so pass it by me for approval first. What I am looking for is papers that are on the foundations of quantum field theory as applied in any area of science (or, if more speculative, were influential in the way the field developed).

You may work in groups if you wish, but if so when specifying which paper you must specify who else is in your group. Groups of more than one person will be expected to have commensurately more information in their report. Every member of the group should write and submit their own report.

When tracking down papers, particularly in particle physics, two useful sites are InSPIRE: (<https://inspirehep.net/?ln=en>) and the arXiv: (<https://arxiv.org/>), both of which often point to downloadable version of the papers.

Inevitably people ask how long the report should be. The answer is that it is not being marked by the pound so should not be too long. A scientific essay like this should start with a statement of the point; perhaps something like: *In this essay it is argued that X is true and this is important because of Y*. Then the rest of the essay is devoted to explaining these points and so should be just long enough to clearly and concisely make the points you wish to make and no more. (If you absolutely must have a number you might aim for around 5-10 pages of text, not including possible figures and references.)

## List of possible papers

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