The 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics was announced this past week! You can find all sorts of articles about the announcement, but the Nobel committee itself releases three noteworthy documents:

1. A press release.
2. A summary of the prize winning work, written for a popular audience.
3. A summary of the prize winning work, written for a more technically advanced audience.

I recommend reading them in the order listed above. Please read 1 and 2 completely. When you get to #3, read as much as you can (at least a page or two), knowing that as student physicists you are right on the cusp the intended audience for this advanced summary! Parts of the advanced summary will likely make perfect sense, while others will be more challenging. I would recommend simply making a note of any topics or vocabulary that are unfamiliar to you and we may get a chance to discuss them in class.

**Reflection Questions**

1. Think about the physics topics you have learned about in your college physics career thus far. Try and list all of the topics in this Nobel prize summary that you were able to understand thanks to the work you've done over the past year or two.
2. Have you paid attention to Nobel Prize [announcements](https://moodle.augsburg.edu/moodle2021/mod/forum/view.php?id=436617) in the past? Why or why not?
3. Do you think the general public cares about Nobel prize [announcements](https://moodle.augsburg.edu/moodle2021/mod/forum/view.php?id=436617)?
4. In our society, we celebrate a variety of people, ranging from athletes to actors to artists and more. I think it is safe to say that scientists do not receive nearly the same level of public celebration/recognition as people in these other fields. Do you think we should do more to celebrate and recognize the work that scientists do? Why or why not? And if so, do you have any idea as to how we might do a better job?