This week we will be discussing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Physics, focusing on the topic of gender representation. We've addressed this topic indirectly in previous conversations (I'm thinking especially of the Millikan discussion) but I think it's worthwhile to dedicate some more focused time to this discussion as well.

Read the following:

* Lise Meitner article ([www.sdsc.edu/ScienceWomen/meitner.html](http://www.sdsc.edu/ScienceWomen/meitner.html)) or Jocelyn Bell Burnell (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2018/09/08/she-made-discovery-man-got-nobel-half-century-later-shes-won-million-prize/>)
* One of the following scientist profiles: Claudia Alexander, Deborah Berebichez, Ellen Ochoa, or Shirley Ann Jackson ([aps.org/careers/physicists/profiles](http://aps.org/careers/physicists/profiles))

**Reflection Questions**

1. What are the contributions made by these women? Summarize your response in your own words in a few sentences.
2. What obstacles did the women overcome in their career paths?
3. In your view, is the opportunity to excel in physics any easier for women now than it was in the 20th century? Explain how, including what is easier and what is unchanged.

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