

Colloquium guidelines

With the January 1992 issue, *Reviews of Modern Physics* began a new section, RMP Colloquia, featuring short articles intended to describe recent research of interest to a broad audience of physicists. It is hoped that these articles will do for the published literature what colloquia do for institutions and laboratories, that is, communicate to one's colleagues, including junior graduate students, research results at the frontier and offer new insights into concepts that link many different subfields of physics.

Some guidelines for prospective authors are offered here:

- **Subject:** Identify a subject in which recent progress has been especially noteworthy and which is likely to be of interest to a broad audience of workers in other fields.
- **Brevity:** Focus on a topic that can be absorbed readily in about 40 minutes and adequately summarized in 5–8 printed RMP pages, or 15–24 typewritten pages. (If you find that your chosen subject cannot be covered adequately within this compass, consider writing a longer article for RMP!)
- **Accessibility:** Discuss the topic in a way that is accessible to graduate students and nonspecialists. Authors must, therefore, aim for clarity and focus of presentation and keep subfield jargon and abbreviations to a minimum, defining and illustrating any terms that might be unfamiliar to the nonspecialist.
- **Broad perspective:** Be sure that your “Colloquium” describes the relationship of particular results (your own or others’) to a broader area of research, i.e., put the research results you present in a broader perspective.
- **Editing:** Be prepared for the possibility that editing may be required to bring your article into line with the above-stated goals. In particular, note that each article is reviewed not only for technical content, adequacy of references, etc., but also for clarity and accessibility.