SIP Style Guide for Department of Physics

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- Abstract (option of the SIP department)
- Table of contents, with page references
- List of tables, with titles and page references
- List of illustrations, with titles and page references
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- Introduction
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