

Assignment #12: The significance of the measurement problems, part 2. (due 5/11/05)

You have now switched sides: you are a philosophical defense lawyer for the Maudlin faction. More specifically, your job is to provide an argument (again, in three pages at 300 words/page) that (i) rebuts, as effectively as possible, the argument you provided in your last homework assignment; (ii) defends, as effectively as possible, **one of**

- the GRW theory;
- the best version of the many worlds theory you can come up with,
- the best version of the many minds theory you can come up with, and
- Bohmian mechanics.

Your defense should make it as clear as possible why the view you choose is superior to its rivals (where these rivals should be taken to include not only whichever of the above four choices you reject, but also the textbook “collapse” theory, and the view you defended in the last assignment, that the measurement problems have no scientific significance. As before, your own views are not relevant—your skill at constructing cogent arguments is all that matters. And as before, you should be efficient, and state as clearly as possible what you are assuming.