

# Preparation of Manuscripts for the 2020 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium and Medical Imaging Conference

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**Abstract**—These instructions provide guidelines for preparing manuscripts for submission to the Conference Record (CR) of the 2020 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium and Medical Imaging Conference. If you are using Microsoft Word to prepare your manuscript, you should use this document as a template. Define all symbols used in the abstract. Do not cite references in the abstract. Do not delete the blank line immediately above the abstract; it sets the footnote at the bottom of this column.

## I. INTRODUCTION

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### III. PROCEDURE FOR MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION

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#### V. UNITS

Use either SI (MKS) or CGS as primary units. (SI units are strongly encouraged.) English units may be used as secondary units (in parentheses). An exception is when English units are used as identifiers in trade, such as "3.5 inch disk drive." Avoid combining SI and CGS units, such as mass in kilograms and volume in cubic centimeters. This often leads to confusion because equations may not balance dimensionally. If you must use mixed units, clearly state the units for each quantity in an equation.

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##### A. Figures and Tables

Use the abbreviation "Fig." throughout the text of your manuscript, even at the beginning of a sentence, as well as in the figure captions. Do not abbreviate "Table." Tables are numbered with Roman numerals. Do not put borders around your figures.

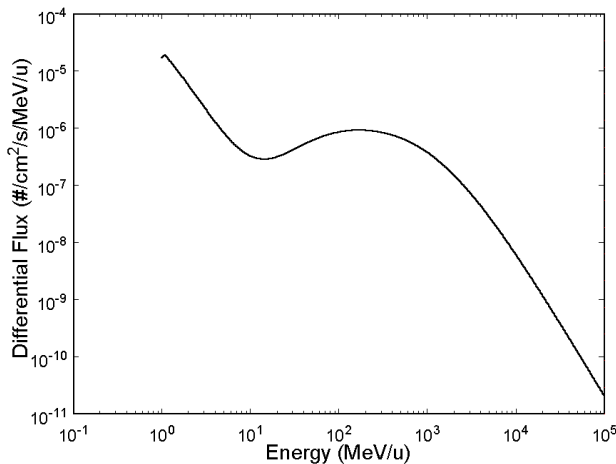


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$$\int_0^{r_2} F(r, \varphi) dr d\varphi = [\sigma r_2 / (2\mu_0)] \cdot \int_0^\infty \exp(-\lambda |z_j - z_i|) \lambda^{-1} J_1(\lambda r_2) J_0(\lambda r_i) d\lambda. \quad (1)$$

Be sure that the symbols in your equation have been defined before the equation appears or immediately following. Refer to "(1)," not "Eq. (1)" or "equation (1)," except at the beginning of a sentence: "Equation (1) is ..."

#### E. Other Recommendations

Use one space after periods and colons. Hyphenate complex modifiers: "zero-field-cooled magnetization." Avoid dangling participles, such as, "Using (1), the potential was calculated." Write instead, "The potential was calculated by using (1)," or "Using (1), we calculated the potential."

Use a zero before decimal points: "0.25," not ".25." Use "cm<sup>3</sup>," not "cc." Indicate sample dimensions as "0.1 cm × 0.2 cm," not "0.1×0.2 cm<sup>2</sup>." Do not mix complete spellings and abbreviations of units: use "J/cm<sup>2</sup>" or "fluence per square centimeter," not "fluence/cm<sup>2</sup>." When expressing a range of values, write "7 to 9," not "7-9" or "7~9," except for references [1]-[3].

Use the correct format for scientific notation in text, tables, and figures. Computer notation of "E" for "× 10" is not permitted. For example, numbers expressed as 6.02E-3, instead of 6.02 × 10<sup>-3</sup>, are not acceptable.

A parenthetical statement at the end of a sentence is punctuated outside of the closing parenthesis (like this). (A parenthetical sentence is punctuated within the parentheses.) In American English, periods and commas are within quotation marks, like "this period." Other punctuation is "outside"!

If you wish, you may write in the first person singular or plural and use the active voice ("I observed that ..." or "We observed that ..." rather than "It was observed that ..."). If your native language is not English, please get a native English-speaking colleague to proofread your paper.

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### B. Some Other Common Mistakes

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Prefixes such as "non," "sub," "micro," "multi," and "ultra" are not independent words; they should be joined to the words they modify, usually without a hyphen. There is no period after the "et" in the Latin abbreviation "*et al.*" (it is also italicized). The abbreviation "i.e.," means "that is," and the abbreviation "e.g.," means "for example" (these abbreviations are not italicized).

An excellent style manual and source of information for science writers is [9].

## Appendix

Appendices, if needed, appear before the acknowledgment.

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