

## Guidelines for authors

### Who should write?

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Any physics author wishing to present a review on a scientific topic or field.

### Level

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Europhysics News is not a specialist publication therefore articles must be understandable to a general physics audience.

Our readership includes specialists in various fields as well as physics students, teachers and industrial physicists who may not be specialised and have only a limited knowledge of your field.

### Style

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In writing your article, please consider the following.

- The use of short sentences to increase readability
- The inclusion of section headings where appropriate
- The definition of all terms specific to your field
- The definition of all symbols used in mathematical equations
- The use of a suitable introduction as abstracts are not normally published with the article.
- Formulas and equations should be used only when necessary, and should be kept to a minimum.

### Content

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Europhysics News is not a primary journal but is intended to be topical, presenting the latest results and developments in a chosen field.

### Article length

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Europhysics News publishes scientific articles up to ~ 3500 words.

Articles should be concise, straightforward and the ideas accessible to a wide audience.

### Article summary

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Please provide a 50 word summary of your article.

### References

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References allow interested readers to explore a topic in more depth.

Your article should be self-contained, with a **maximum of 15 relevant references** (preferably from widely available journals).

References to further reading can also be useful.

### Figures

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Good quality figures are essential (~ 4 - 6 per article).

Photographs of relevant people, equipment, etc. liven up an article. Europhysics News is a full colour journal, so colour figures and photos are encouraged. See below for submission requirements.

All figures should be accompanied by self explanatory captions.

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### Biographical details

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Europhysics News publishes short biographical details of each of the authors. Please **submit a 40 word summary** which could include past and present positions, education, prizes etc.

Papers written by **multiple authors** should include a combined biographical summary totalling no more than 100 words.

### Reviewing procedure

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All articles are read by members of the Editorial Board who may recommend clarifications, changes, etc. Comments are occasionally sought elsewhere.

Papers will be sub-edited for obvious problems of language but we do not rewrite.

### Paper submission

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**Text** should be saved in a Microsoft Word File format (.doc). Please add a PDF version of the article.

**Figures** must be saved in separate files (i.e. not embedded in a Word document). They should be high resolution - at least 300 dpi in either a .tif, .eps or .jpg file format.

**All files** should then be logically labelled and emailed as attachments to the Scientific Editor: g.c.morrison@bham.ac.uk Please label your email message: [YOUR SURNAME]: [article title].

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### Submission checklist

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Please use the following checklist to ensure you are ready to submit all the necessary files.

- Text file, which should include:
  - 50 word summary of your article
  - Title of article
  - Author/s and affiliation/s
  - Text of article
  - Figure captions (if appropriate)
  - References (if appropriate)
- Image files
- PDF version
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