

# Preparation of Manuscripts for the 2016 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 2016 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 Do not cite references in the abstract.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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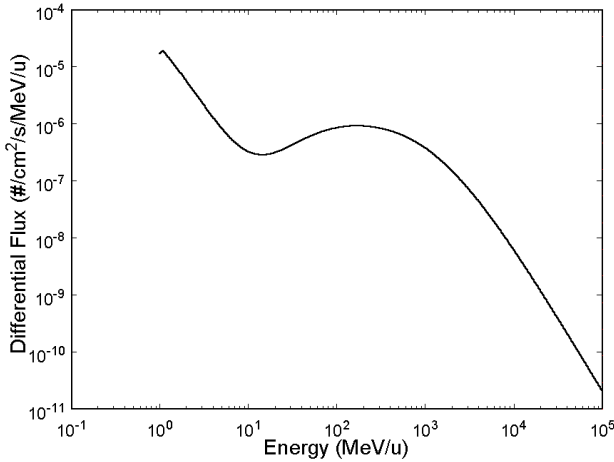


Fig. 1. Interplanetary galactic cosmic ray iron ion counts as a function of ion energy. Note that "Fig." is abbreviated. There is a period after the figure number, followed by two spaces. It is good practice to explain the significance of the figure in the caption. This figure was originally created in a graphics program, *AXUM*. The graph was copied as "Copy Graph Sheet Page" to the *Windows* Clipboard. In *PowerPoint*, a new file was opened and the contents of the Clipboard were pasted as a "Picture (Enhanced Metafile)". It was then saved as a TIFF formatted file named 1FIG.TIF. The image file was then inserted into this *Word* document as a "Picture".

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

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

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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.

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### B. Some Other Common Mistakes

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An excellent style manual and source of information for science writers is [9]. A general IEEE style guide, *Information for Authors*, is available at <http://www.ieee.org/documents/auinfo07.pdf>.

## Appendix

Appendices, if needed, appear before the acknowledgment.

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