

Information for Authors

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The following guidelines provide an overview of content and formatting requirements for preparing manuscripts for submission to AMS. All submitted manuscripts must follow these standards:

- Submissions must be **complete** regarding its manuscript type. Regular articles should follow the IMRAD (Introduction, Method, Results, Analysis, Discussion) structure and must include all numbered and labeled components.
- Each submission should be accompanied with a **Cover Letter** with detail corresponding author’s information, including telephone. The corresponding author must response for the communication on manuscript status, any substantial changes of content, and interpretation of the work and manuscript.
- Author names and affiliations in the manuscript must be in accordance with those input in the manuscript system.
- All figures and tables should be numbered in the order in which they appear in the content.
- References must be complete, including authors, titles, journal title, book title, etc.

3.1 Templates

AMS accepts format-free submission as long as the manuscript is clearly readable for reviewers. The author(s) can write their paper in their preferred ways. Also, AMS provides paper templates in Microsoft Word and in Tex/LaTeX in case the author(s) prefer to use them. They can be downloaded from the journal’s [Download Center](#).

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- state the background, main findings of the work,
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3.3 Manuscript content

3.3.1 Title

Title of the paper must be concise and informative. The length of the title must be no more than 15 words and the article (the, a, an) at the beginning of the title should be removed.

3.3.2 Author list

Author name is displayed as “first name, initials, and surname” (e.g., Markus J. Buehler). Author(s) list must be approved by every author(s) listed and all affiliation(s) should be given. The email address and telephone number of the corresponding author should be given. (Example can be found in Fig. 1.)

If you have a change on authorship, you must make a statement following the guideline - [changes in authorship](#).

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Each paper must be preceded by a succinct abstract summarizing the most important results and conclusions. No reference should be cited in the abstract. If you do want to mention previous work, mention the author(s) and the publication year as (Dyall 2011). (Example can be found in Fig. 2.) Acronyms should be explained or even avoided. The length of an abstract should be less than 550 words.

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Perspective does not require an *Abstract* and there is no section heading in a Perspective. A Perspective is expected to be ~3 pages.

3.3.8 Illustrations

Figures in high quality can greatly increase the impact of your research. The journal’s production team won’t modify or enhance the figures provided by the author(s). Quality of original graphics supplied by the authors decides the quality of illustration in AMS.

Submitted figure should be in single column (with a width of 8.5 cm) or double column (with a width of 17 cm). To achieve the best resolution with smallest file size, vector graphics are recommended for a submission. Preferred graphic formats are .eps, .pdf, .tiff, .jpg, .png.

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If a published figure is included in the article, credit line for permission of using the figure should be placed in the end of the figure caption, such as: “Reproduced by permission from Ref. [**]”.

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Normally, a table always consists of rows and columns. A table requires three horizontal rules: one at the top of the table, one just below the column heads (for variables), and one at the bottom of the table. A table title must be included at the top of the table. Table title should only give the gist of the data and should not suggest any interpretation of the data.

3.3.10 Author contributions

Complete and submit the contribution statement referring to the attached example after the manuscript is accepted.

3.3.11 Acknowledgment

Financial supports and professional assistance should be acknowledged in a brief form in the Acknowledgment section right before the Reference. The financial supports should be acknowledged in the form of “[This work was supported by the ... \(Grants No. ...\)](#)”.

Subsonic and transonic flow field in two-dimensional de laval nozzles

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Fig. 1 Information should be included in the title page

Abstract The recent progress on non-local Lagrangian and quasi-Lagrangian structures in turbulence is reviewed. The quasi-Lagrangian structures (Dyall 2011), e.g., vortex surfaces in viscous flow, gasliquid interfaces in multi-phase flow, and flame fronts in premixed combustion, can show essential Lagrangian following properties, but they are able to have topological changes in the temporal evolution. In addition, they can represent or influence the turbulent flow field. The challenges for the investigation of the non-local structures include their identification, characterization, and evolution. The improving understanding of the quasi-Lagrangian structures is expected to be helpful to elucidate crucial dynamics and develop structure-based predictive models in turbulence.

Keywords Turbulence, Lagrangian study, Coherent structure, Multi-scale analysis, Vortex dynamics

Fig. 2 Example for abstract and keywords

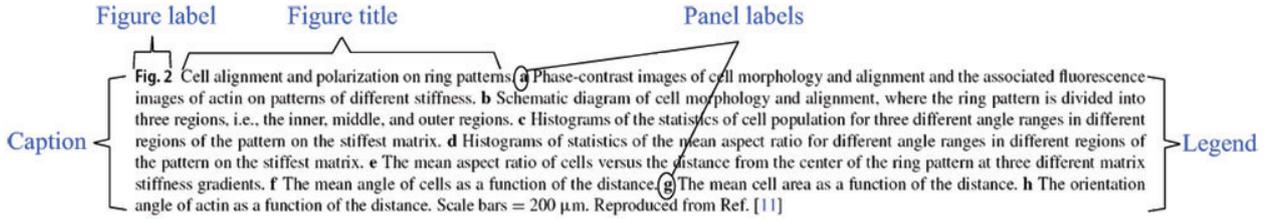


Fig. 3 Example for figure caption

3.3.12 Appendix

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$$R(i, j, \Delta x, \Delta y) = \frac{1}{N_f - 1} \times \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N_f} [A^n(i, j) \bar{A}^n(i, j)] [B^n(i + \Delta x, j + \Delta y) \bar{B}^n(i + \Delta x, j + \Delta y)]}{\sigma(A_{i,j}) \sigma(B_{i+\Delta x, j+\Delta y})} \quad (1)$$

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