

Universal manuscript template for OSA journals

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Abstract: L^AT_EX manuscripts submitted to OSA journals as of 30 May 2018 may use these instructions and this new single-column universal template format. Note that the final publishing format of OSA journals is not changing at this time, and authors will still need to adhere to article-length restrictions based on the final publishing format (which for some journals is two columns). Authors of Optics Letters articles and Optica letters and memoranda should continue using the legacy template for an accurate length check. Please note that OSA is no longer using OCIS codes.

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1. Introduction

Adherence to the specifications listed in this template is essential for efficient review and publication of submissions. Proper reference format is especially important (see Section 7). η

2. Multiple corresponding authors

There are two options for indicating multiple corresponding authorship, and they are formatted quite differently. The first format would be as follows and uses an asterisk to denote one of the authors:

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These are the preferred formats for multiple corresponding authorship, and either may be used.

3. Abstract

The abstract should be limited to approximately 100 words. If the work of another author is cited in the abstract, that citation should be written out without a number, (e.g., journal, volume, first page, and year in square brackets [Opt. Express **22**, 1234 (2014)]), and a separate citation should be included in the body of the text. The first reference cited in the main text must be [1]. Do not include numbers, bullets, or lists inside the abstract.

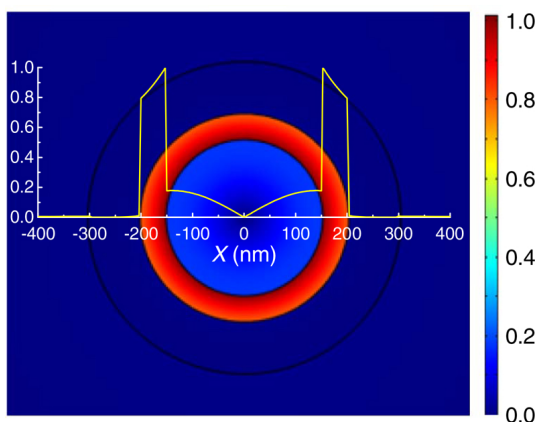


Fig. 1. Sample caption (Fig. 2, [1]).

4. Assessing final manuscript length

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5. Figures, tables, and supplemental materials

5.1. Figures and tables

OSA encourages authors to submit color figures with their manuscripts. Figures and tables should be placed in the body of the manuscript. Standard \LaTeX environments should be used to place tables and figures:

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\begin{figure} [htbp]
\centering\includegraphics[width=7cm]{osafig1}
\caption{Sample caption (Fig. 2, \cite{Yelin:03}).}
\end{figure}
```

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\textcolor{urlblue}{Visualization 1} is preferred to using the command
\url{Visualization 1}.
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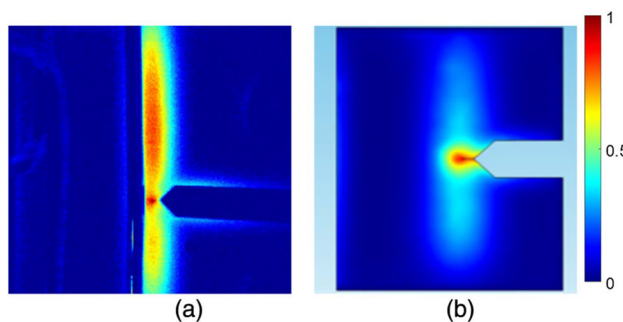


Fig. 2. (a) Three traps create three rings of magnetic nanoparticles. (b) The rings interact with one another (see [Visualization 1](#), [2]).

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\begin{figure} [hbt!]
\centering\includegraphics{opexfig2}
\caption{Normalized modulus distributions of transverse electrical
field components of the TM01 mode in PWs with (a) SiO_2 core
and (b) Si core}{Visualization 1}}, \cite{Masajada:13}).}
\end{figure}
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6. Mathematical and scientific notation

6.1. Displayed equations

Displayed equations should be centered. Equation numbers should appear at the right-hand margin, in parentheses:

$$J(\rho) = \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \sum_{k(\text{even})=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + k\tau)}{[(1 + k\tau)^2 + (\gamma\rho)^2]^{3/2}}. \quad (1)$$

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7. References

Proper formatting of references is extremely important, not only for consistent appearance but also for accurate electronic tagging. Please follow the guidelines provided below on formatting, callouts, and use of Bib_TE_X.

7.1. Formatting reference items

Each source must have its own reference number. Footnotes (notes at the bottom of text pages) are not used in OSA journals. References require all author names, full titles, and inclusive pagination. Examples of common reference types can be found on the [Author and Reviewer Resource Center](#).

The commands `\begin{thebibliography}{} and \end{thebibliography}` format the section according to standard style, showing the title **References**. Use the `\bibitem{label}` command to start each reference.

7.2. Formatting reference citations

References should be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are referenced in the body of the paper. Set reference callouts with standard `\cite{}` command or set manually inside square brackets [1].

To reference multiple articles at once, simply use a comma to separate the reference labels, e.g. `\cite{Yelin:03,Masajada:13,Zhang:14}`, produces [1–3].

7.3. BibTeX

BibTeX may be used to create a file containing the references, whose contents (i.e., contents of .bbl file) can then be pasted into the bibliography section of the .tex file. A BibTeX style file, `osajnl.bst`, is provided.

If your manuscript already contains a manually formatted `\begin{thebibliography}... \end{thebibliography}` list, then delete the `latexmkrc` file from your submission files. However you should ensure that your manually-formatted reference list adheres to the OSA style accurately.

8. Conclusion

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