

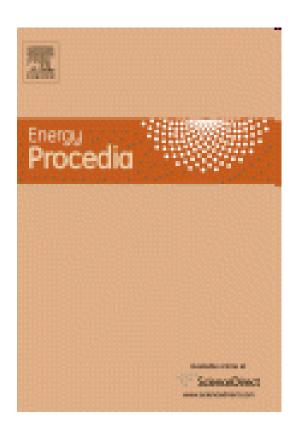


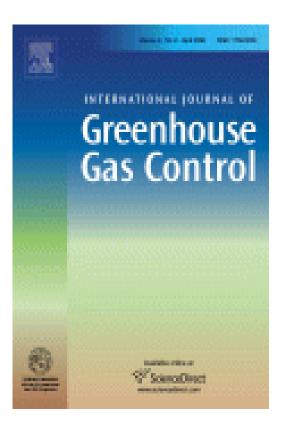
How to Get Published In Scientific Journals

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Objectives to writing a paper

 What steps do I need to take before I write my paper?

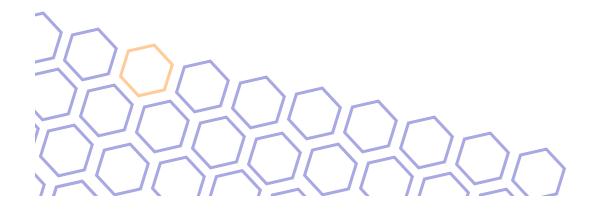
 How can I ensure I am using proper scientific language?

How do I build up my article properly?





What steps do I need to take before I write my paper?





Are you are ready to publish?

Yes... you should consider publishing when you have information that advances understanding in a scientific field

This could be in the form of:

- Presenting new, original results or methods
- Rationalizing, refining, or reinterpreting published results
- Reviewing or summarizing a particular subject or field

If you are ready to publish, a <u>strong</u> manuscript is what is needed next





What is a strong manuscript?

- Has a <u>clear</u>, <u>useful</u>, and <u>exciting</u> message
- Presented and constructed in a <u>logical</u> manner
- Reviewers and editors can grasp the scientific significance <u>easily</u>

Editors and reviewers are all busy scientists – make things easy to save their time



Decide which type of manuscript is most appropriate

- Conference papers
- Full articles/Original articles
- Review papers/perspectives





Conference Paper

- Excellent for presenting early or in-progress research findings
- Typically 5-10 pages, 3 figures, 15 references
- Draft and submit the paper to conference organisers
- Good way to <u>start</u> a scientific research career

Sample conf paper titles:

- "Global Warming Prevention Technologies in Japan" at 6th Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies International Conference
- "Synthesis gas generation by chemical-looping reforming using a Ni based oxygen carrier Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies 9, Proc of the 9th Int Conf on Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies (GHGT-9)



Full Article

- Standard for presenting completed research findings
- Typically 8-10 pages, 5 figures, 25 references
- Draft and submit the paper to appropriate journal
- Good way to <u>build</u> a scientific research career

Sample full article titles:

- "Hydrodynamic study of a liquid/solid fluidized bed under transverse electromagnetic field"
- "Biogas combustion in a chemical looping fluidized bed reactor"
- "Carbon dioxide capture and recovery by means of TSA and/or VSA"





Review Paper

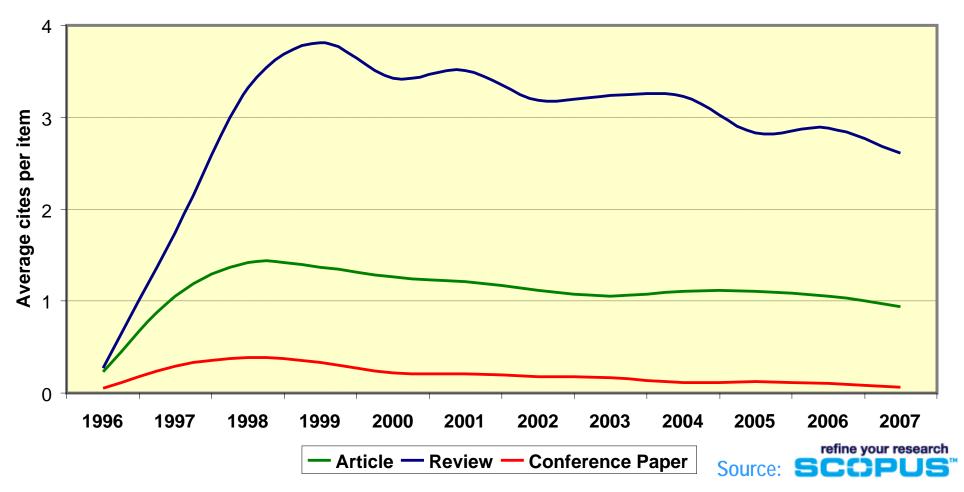
- Critical synthesis of a specific research topic
- Typically 10+ pages, 5+ figures, 80 references
- Typically solicited by journal editors
- Good way to consolidate a scientific research career

Sample review paper titles:

- "Advances in CO2 capture technology—The U.S. Department of Energy's Carbon Sequestration Program "
- "Power generation with CO2 capture: Technology for CO2 purification "
- "Environment friendly alternatives to halogenated refrigerants—A review "



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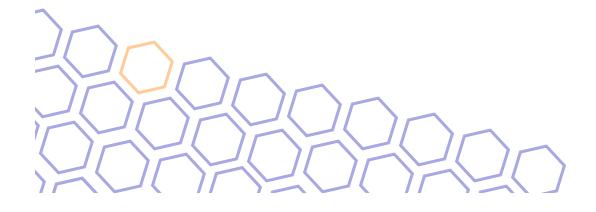
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How can I ensure I am using proper scientific language?





Why Is Language Important?

Save your editor and reviewers the trouble of guessing what you mean

Complaint from an editor:

"[This] paper fell well below my threshold. I refuse to spend time trying to understand what the author is trying to say. Besides, I really want to send a message that they can't submit garbage to us and expect us to fix it. My rule of thumb is that if there are more than 6 grammatical errors in the abstract, then I don't waste my time carefully reading the rest."





Do Publishers Correct Language?

Yes...

- Publishers often provide resources (some for a fee, some for free) for authors who are less familiar with the conventions of international journals
- Some publishers may perform technical screening prior to peer review

But...

- It is the author's responsibility to use proper language prior to submission
- Full copyediting is only done after an article is accepted





Scientific Language- Overview

Write with clarity, objectivity, accuracy, and brevity.

- Key to successful scientific writing is to be alert to common errors:
 - Sentence construction
 - Incorrect tenses
 - Inaccurate grammar
 - Mixing languages

Check the <u>Guide for Authors</u> of the target journal for any language specifications



Scientific Language - Sentences

A possible modification:

"It was expected that the intravenous administration via emulsion would have a higher retention concentration. However, the experimental results suggest otherwise. The SLN entered the tumor blood vessel more easily than the emulsion. This may be due to the smaller aperture of the SLN (46 nm) compared with the aperture of the emulsion (65 nm).

An example of what **NOT** to do:

"If it is the case, intravenous administration should result in that emulsion has higher intravenous administration retention concentration, but which is not in accordance with the result, and therefore the more rational interpretation should be that SLN with mean diameter of 46nm is greatly different from emulsion with mean diameter of 65 nm in entering tumor, namely, it is probably difficult for emulsion to enter and exit from tumor blood vessel as freely as SLN, which may be caused by the fact that the tumor blood vessel aperture is smaller."





Scientific Language - Tenses

- Present tense for known facts and hypotheses:
 "The average life of a honey bee is 6 weeks"
- Past tense for experiments you have conducted:
 "All the honey bees were maintained in an environment with a consistent temperature of 23 degrees centigrade..."
- Past tense when you describe the results of an experiment:

"The average life span of bees in our contained environment <u>was</u> 8 weeks..."





Scientific Language - Grammar

- Use active voice to shorten sentences
 - Passive voice: "It has been found that there had been..."
 - Active voice: "We found that..."
 - Passive voice: "carbon dioxide was consumed by the plant..."
 - Active voice: "...the plant consumed carbon dioxide.."
- Avoid abbreviations: "it's", "weren't", "hasn't"
 - Never use them in scientific writing
 - Only use abbreviations for units of measure or established scientific abbreviations, e.g. DNA





Scientific Language - Grammar

- Minimize use of adverbs: "However", "In addition", "Moreover"
- Eliminate redundant phrases

"Never say 'and references therein' - as in [1] and [25]. Any intelligent reader knows to look at the references in a paper in order to get even more information." - Editor

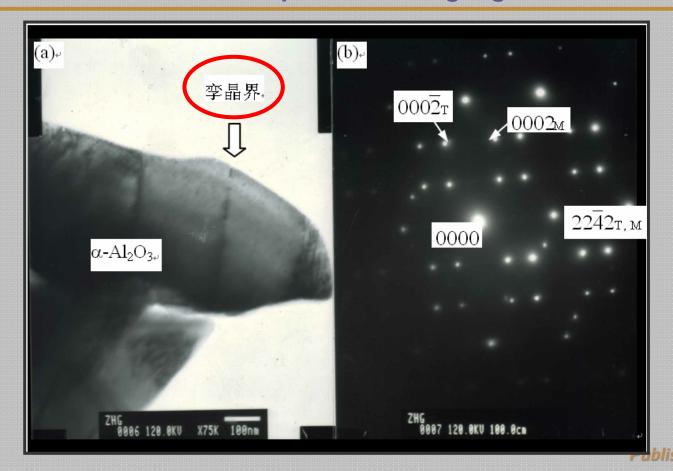
"Delete 'In present report'. It is impossible for it to be in a different report! You start the conclusions "In this report, we have prepared....." This is nonsense. The samples were prepared in the laboratory!" -Editor





Language

Finally, you should use English throughout the manuscript, including figures



Summary – How can I ensure I am using proper scientific language?

- Proper scientific language is important so that editors and reviewers can easily understand your messages
- Refer to the journal's <u>Guide for Authors</u> for specifications
- Check that your paper has <u>short sentences</u>, <u>correct tenses</u>, <u>correct grammar</u>, and is all in <u>English</u>
- Have a native English speaker check your manuscript





How do I build up my article properly?





General Structure of a Full Article

Each section of a paper has a definite purpose

- Title
- Abstract
- Keywords
- Main text (IMRAD)
 - Introduction
 - <u>M</u>ethods
 - Results
 - And
 - <u>D</u>iscussions
- Conclusion
- Acknowledgement
- References
- Supporting Materials

The progression of the thematic scope of a paper:

general → particular → general

However, we often write in the following order:

- Figures and tables
- Methods, Results and Discussion
- Conclusions and Introduction
- Abstract and title





Title

Tell readers what your paper is all about

- Attract the reader's attention
- Be specific
- Keep it informative and concise
- Avoid jargon and abbreviations





Title: Examples

Original Title	Revised	Remarks
Preliminary observations on the effect of Zn element on anticorrosion of zinc plating layer	Effect of Zn on anticorrosion of zinc plating layer	Long title distracts readers. Remove all redundancies such as "observations on", "the nature of", etc.
Action of antibiotics on bacteria	Inhibition of growth of mycobacterium tuberculosis by streptomycin	Titles should be <u>specific</u> . Think to yourself: "How will I search for this piece of information?" when you design the title.
Fabrication of carbon/CdS coaxial nanofibers displaying optical and electrical properties via electrospinning carbon	Electrospinning of carbon/CdS coaxial nanofibers with optical and electrical properties	"English needs help. The title is nonsense. All materials have properties of all varieties. You could examine my hair for its electrical and optical properties! You MUST be specific. I haven't read the paper but I suspect there is something special about these properties, otherwise why would you be reporting them?" – the Editor-in-chief

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Abstract

Tell readers what you did and the important findings

- One paragraph (between 50-300 words)
- Advertisement for your article
- A clear abstract will strongly influence if your work is considered further

We tackle the general linear instantaneous model (possibly underdetermined and noisy) where we model the source prior with a Student *t* distribution. The conjugate-exponential characterisation of the *t* distribution as an infinite mixture of scaled Gaussians enables us to do efficient inference. We study two well-known inference methods, Gibbs sampler and variational Bayes for Bayesian source separation. We derive both techniques as local message passing algorithms to highlight their algorithmic similarities and to contrast their different convergence characteristics and computational requirements. Our simulation results suggest that typical posterior distributions in source separation have multiple local maxima. Therefore we propose a hybrid approach where we explore the state space with a Gibbs sampler and then switch to a deterministic algorithm. This approach seems to be able to combine the speed of the variational approach with the robustness of the Gibbs sampler.

What has been done

What are the main findings





Keywords

Used by indexing and abstracting services

- They are the labels of your manuscript.
- Use only established abbreviations (e.g. DNA)
- Check the "Guide for Authors"

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"Silo music and silo quake: granular flow-induced vibration"

"An experimental study on evacuated tube solar collector using supercritical CO2"

Keywords

Silo music, Silo quake, stick-slip flow, resonance, creep, granular discharge

Solar collector; Supercritical CO2; Solar energy; Solar thermal utilization





Introduction

Provide context to convince readers that you clearly know why your work is useful

Sample 1st paragraph of an Introduction

1. Introduction

The environmental pollution and the energy crisis have brought serious problems to the world environment and sustainable development. The applications of solar energy to electricity generation and heat collection/refrigeration become important, and have received considerable attention [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7] and [8]. The solar collector is the heart of these solar energy utilization systems. During the last two decades a number of researchers have worked on developing new and more efficient solar collector or improving existing ones [9], [10] and [11]. For example, the performance of a water-in-glass evacuated tube solar heater is investigated and factors influencing the operation of water-in-glass collector tubes are discussed. The results show the existence of inactive region near the sealed end of the tube which might influence the performance of the collector [12].

Zhang, XR; Yamaguchi, H. "An experimental study on evacuated tube solar collector using supercritical CO₂" *Applied Thermal Engineering*. © Elsevier





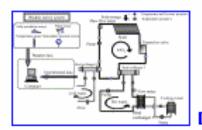
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Describe how the problem was studied

Sample 1st paragraph of an Experimental Set-Up section

2. Experimental set-up

In order to study the CO_2 -based collector characteristics well, a closed CO_2 loop including the collector is necessary. The CO_2 loop is designed and it consists of a solar collector array, flow regulating valve (throttling valve), heat exchanging system, and feed pump. The details of the experimental set-up are shown in Fig. 1. The solar collector is used to heat CO_2 fluid contained in heating channels and increase CO_2 temperature. The supercritical CO_2 flows through the valve, which can be used to adjust the CO_2 flow rate for the present study. The CO_2 flowing out of the valve is cooled in the heat exchanging system. After that, it is pumped by the feed pump, back into the higher pressure condition in the solar collector. As shown in Fig. 1 the experimental set-up is a closed cycle of CO_2 fluid, which is mainly comprised of evacuated solar collector arrays, a throttling valve, heat exchangers 1 and 2 (CO_2 /water heat exchanger), liquid CO_2 feed pump, and measurement and data acquisition system.



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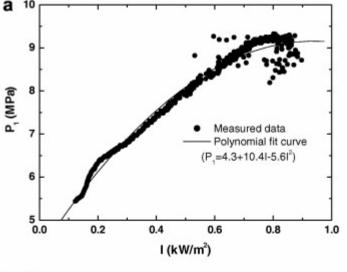


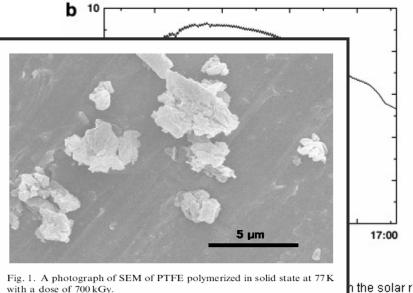
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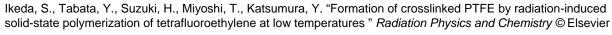
What have you found

- Present essential/primary results
- Use sub-headings
- Use figures/illustrations
 - Graphs
 - Tables
 - Photos

Type of attack	Classic
Echo addition	0
Noise addition	1.20
Band equalization	2.31











Discussion

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Sample 1st paragraph of an Discussion section

5. Discussion

In this section, a mechanism for the production of pulsations is suggested. The results are then compared with those obtained in previous work on pulsating granular materials, and some suggestions for further work are made.

5.1. A mechanism for producing silo quake

Using the background on stick—slip friction in granular materials discussed earlier, one can compare the experimental observations in this study with those in previous studies to qualitatively explain the physical mechanism for stick—slip motion. The dynamic arch which forms in such flows is part of a force chain—that is, a particle contact network through which stresses are transmitted [28]. The arch is fragile, and consequently when the material below it has discharged enough so that the arch is unsupported from below, a slow creep typically observed in adhesive stick—slip flow begins. During this creep, the adhesive friction forces become progressively weaker and weaker, and eventually the arch will break. Once the arch collapses, complete slip occurs, a quake is observed, and a new arch is created. This quake can set up structural vibrations of decaying amplitude that then collapse the newly formed arch; in this manner, a series of self-sustained pulsations results. This is the pulsation process observed in this study, where the discharge rate is *fast* enough (between 1 and 8 cm/s) that it does not affect the f_n unlike in Wensrich's study [8] and [9].





Conclusion

How the work advances the field from the present state

Sample Conclusion

6. Conclusion

This study has shown that stick—slip motion generates silo music and silo quake. Silo music is driven by the stick—slip pulsating motion of the granular material during discharge and is associated with a resonance in the air column above the bed. When the pulsating motion disappears, so does the silo music. Over the range of discharge rates studied here (equivalent to average velocities of descent through the tube of 1–8 cm/s), the pulsation frequency was independent of discharge velocity. Both silo music and flow pulsations stopped abruptly when the bed height fell below a critical value. The critical height could be changed by placing an overload in the case of crushed glass, but not in the case of the smooth glass beads. This may be rationalized, although only speculatively at this point, by differences in stress chain behavior.

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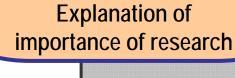
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