Basics

General writing style basics:
- Use American, not British, spellings of words.
- To form the plural of numbers add s (1980s), to symbols add ’s (A’s), and to abbreviations add ’s or s (NMR’s or NMRs).
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- Capitalize adjectives and nouns formed from proper names (Gaussian, Ohmic); however, lowercase the names of units (gauss), well-established particles (boson and fermion, but not Pomeron), and minerals (scheelite).
- Use a hyphen in written-out numbers of two words or more (twenty-five).
- Use hyphens in the names of materials such as β-brass.
- Use metric units.
- Do not use multiletter abbreviations as mathematical variables.

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