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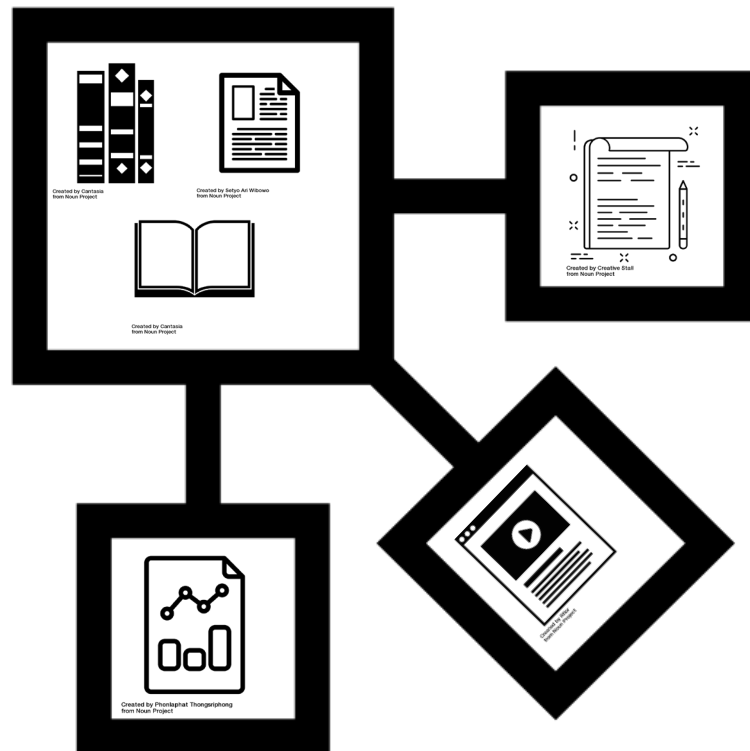
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Inverted perovskite solar cells (PSCs) promise enhanced operating stability compared to their normal-structure counterparts^{1,2,3}. To improve efficiency further, it is crucial to combine effective light management with low interfacial losses^{4,5}. Here we develop a conformal self-assembled monolayer (SAM) as the hole-selective contact on light-managing textured substrates. Molecular dynamics simulations indicate that cluster formation during phosphonic acid adsorption leads to incomplete SAM coverage. We devise a co-adsorbent strategy that disassembles high-order clusters, thus homogenizing the distribution of phosphonic acid molecules, and thereby minimizing interfacial recombination and improving electronic structures. We report a laboratory-measured power conversion efficiency (PCE) of 25.3% and a certified quasi-steady-state PCE of 24.8% for inverted PSCs, with a photocurrent approaching 95% of the Shockley–Queisser maximum. An encapsulated device having a PCE of 24.6% at room temperature retains 95% of its peak performance when

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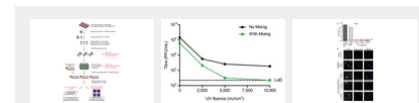
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Downstream analysis of virus-infected cell samples, such as reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) or mass spectrometry, often needs to be performed at lower biosafety levels than their actual cultivation, and thus the samples require inactivation before they can be transferred. Common inactivation methods involve chemical crosslinking with formaldehyde or denaturing samples with strong detergents, such as sodium dodecyl sulfate. However, these protocols destroy the protein quaternary structure and prevent the analysis of protein complexes, albeit through different chemical mechanisms. This often leads to studies being performed in over-expression or surrogate model systems. To address this problem, we generated a protocol that achieves the inactivation of infected cells through ultraviolet (UV) irradiation. UV irradiation damages viral genomes and crosslinks nucleic acids to proteins but leaves the overall structure of protein complexes mostly intact. Protein analysis can then be performed from intact cells without biosafety containment. While UV treatment protocols have been established to inactivate viral solutions, a protocol was missing to inactivate crude infected cell lysates, which heavily absorb light. In this work, we develop and validate a UV inactivation protocol for SARS-CoV-2, HSV-1, and HCMV-infected cells. A fluence of 10,000 mJ/cm² with intermittent mixing was sufficient to completely inactivate infected cells, as demonstrated by the absence of viral replication even after three sequential passages of cells inoculated with the treated material. The herein described protocol should serve as a reference for inactivating cells infected with these or similar viruses and allow for the analysis of protein quaternary structure from bona fide infected cells.

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Development of a hydrogen permselective silica membrane and its application to the thermochemical water splitting method

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Abstract. The thermochemical water splitting IS process is one of the hydrogen production method to use a heat directly. The temperature of the thermal decomposition of water (4000 K) can be reduced under 700 K by introducing I₂ and SO₂ as recycling catalysts. One of the problems in the IS process is that the conversion of the HI decomposition reaction is low at about 20%. If a membrane reactor with the H₂ permselective membrane is applied to the HI decomposition reaction, the hydrogen can be extracted to improve the HI conversion. We focus on a counter diffusion CVD method for the preparation method of the membranes. Two reactants (e.g. silica precursor and oxidant) are provided at the opposite side of the porous substrates and hybrid silica is deposited inside the pore of the substrate. The pore sizes are controlled by introducing organic functional groups to silica precursor. In this study, the silica hybrid membrane with high H₂ permeation performance and high H₂/HI selectivity were developed by introducing organic functional groups. Effects of the organic functional groups were summarized by using a pore model. The HI gas and other inorganic gases permeation performance were tested through silica hybrid membranes.

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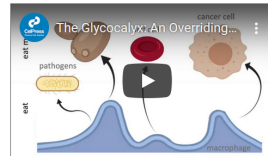
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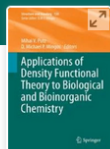
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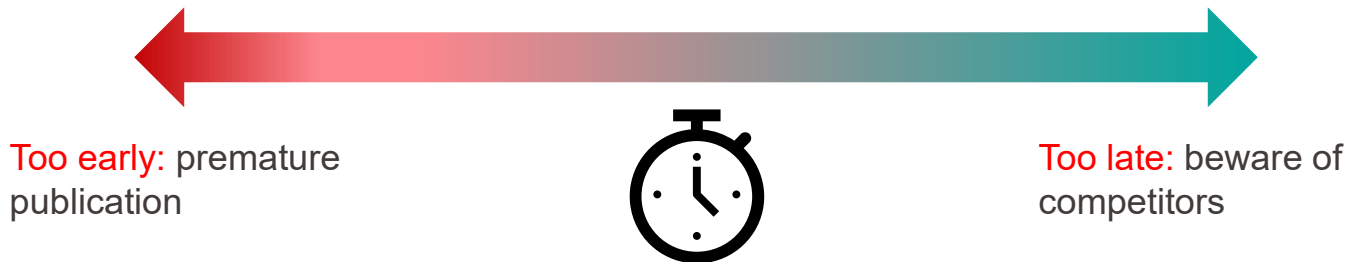
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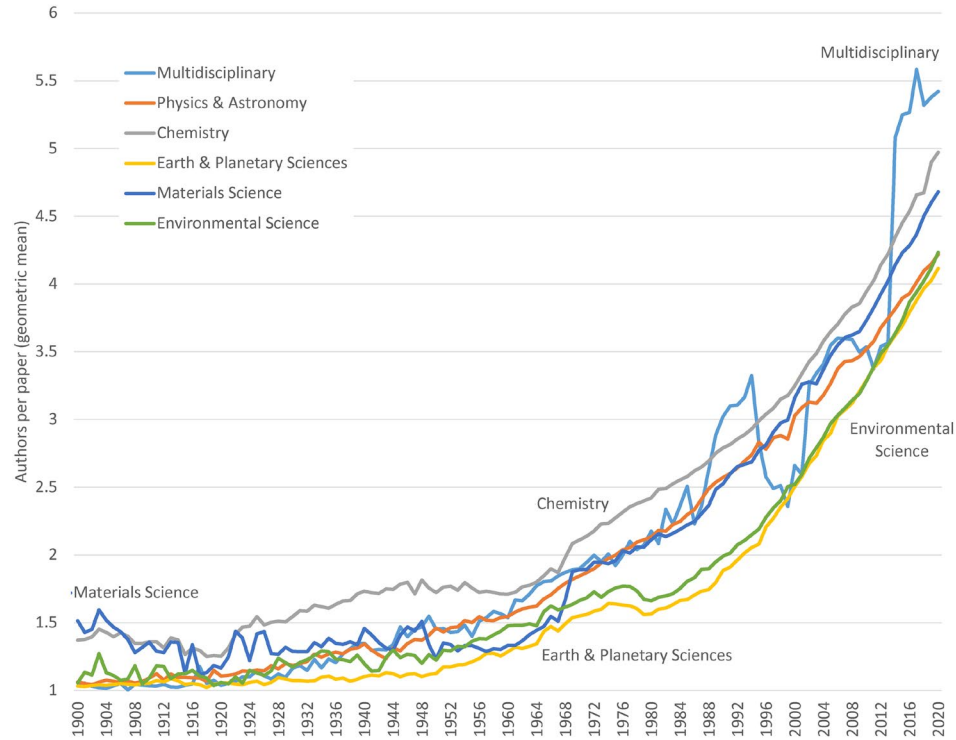
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Iron-Clad Fibers: A Metal-Based Biological Strategy for Hard Flexible Coatings

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The extensible byssal threads of marine mussels are shielded from abrasion in wave-swept habitats by an outer cuticle that is largely proteinaceous and approximately fivefold harder than the thread core. Threads from several species exhibit granular cuticles containing a protein that is rich in the catecholic amino acid 3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine (dopa) as well as inorganic ions, notably Fe³⁺. Granular cuticles exhibit a remarkable combination of high hardness and high extensibility. We explored byssal cuticle chemistry by means of in situ resonance Raman spectroscopy and demonstrated that the cuticle is a polymeric scaffold stabilized by catecholato-iron chelate complexes having an unusual clustered distribution. Consistent with byssal cuticle chemistry and mechanics, we present a model in which dense cross-linking in the granules provides hardness, whereas the less cross-linked matrix provides extensibility.

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Because of their high maturation (7–9), coordination complexes have been proposed for structures with a number of properties, including increased toughness, self-healing, and mechanical tunability. The prevalence of these various motifs in these various materials (10, 11), and their hardness upon a cross-linking reaction is suggestive of a cross-linking reaction that has remained precise localization in situ has remained

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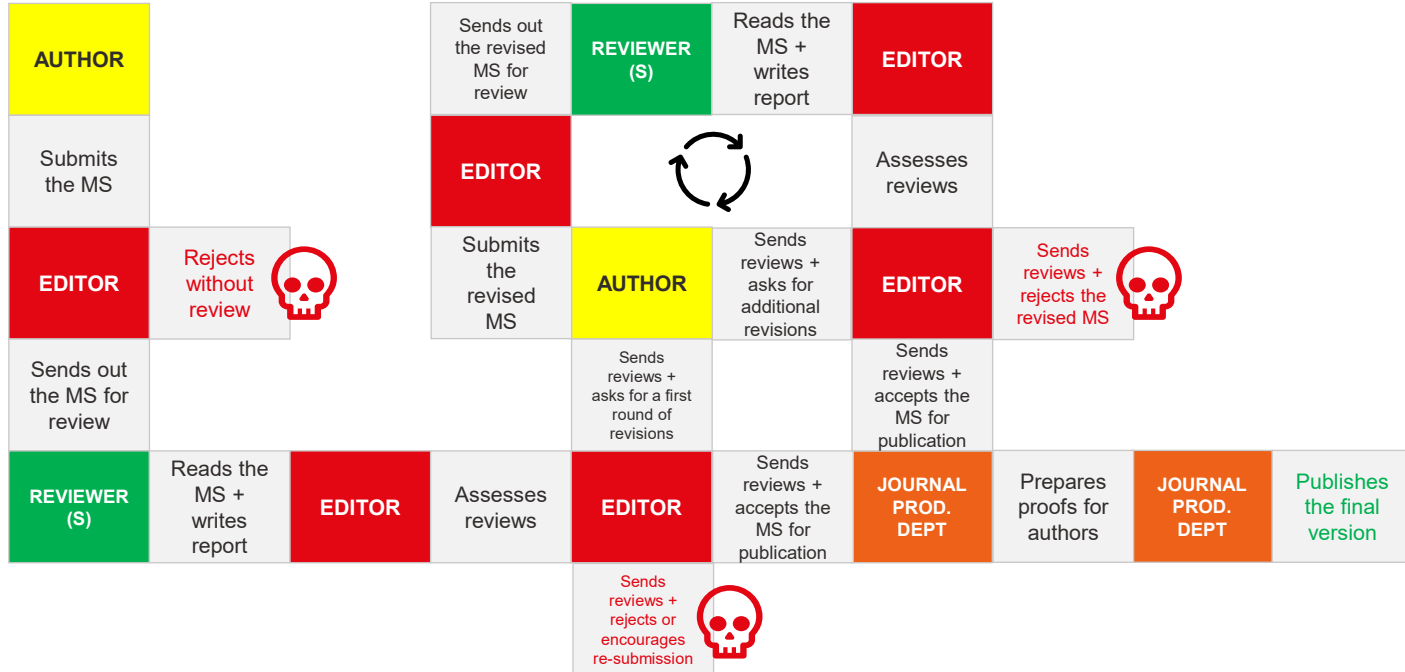
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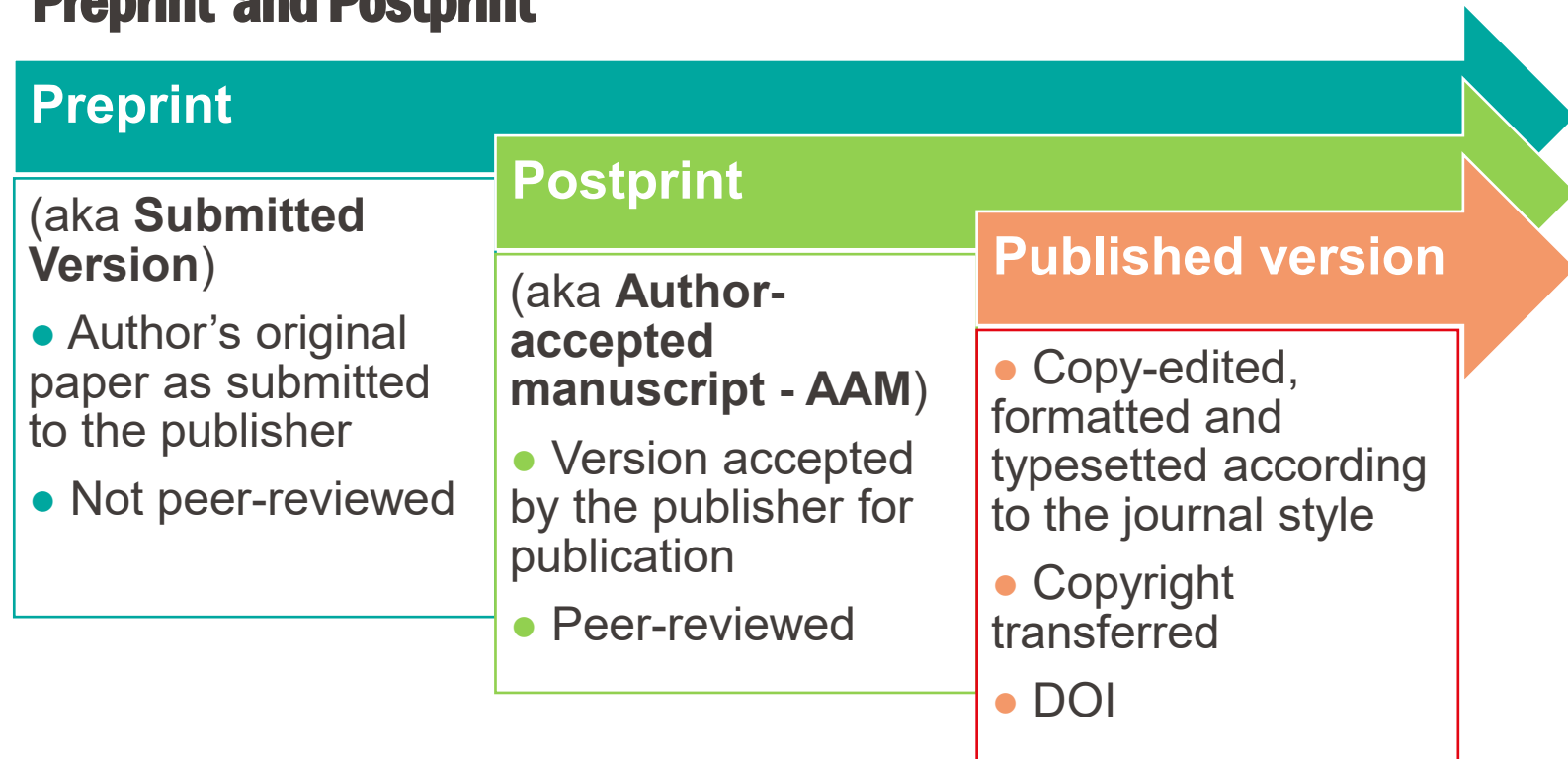
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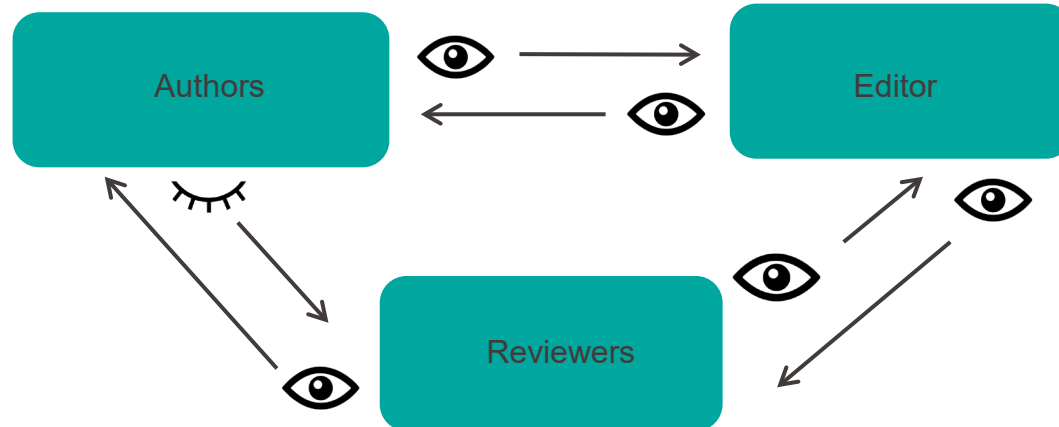
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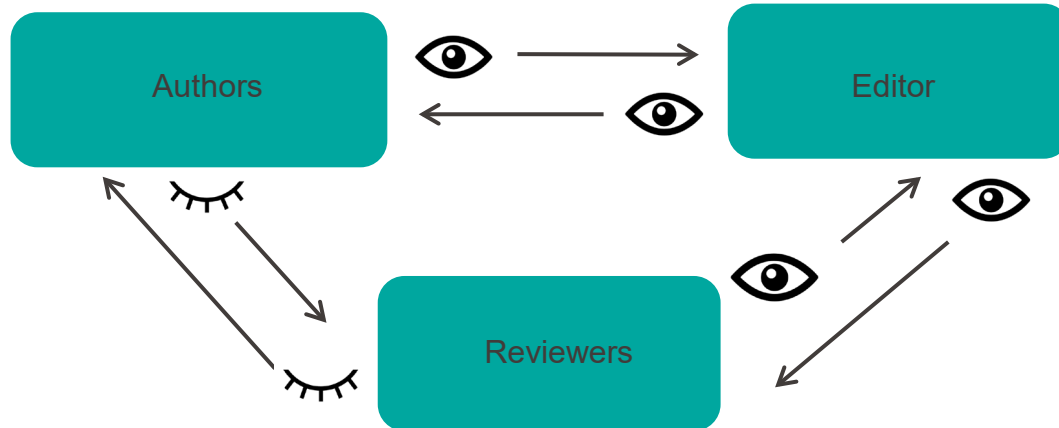
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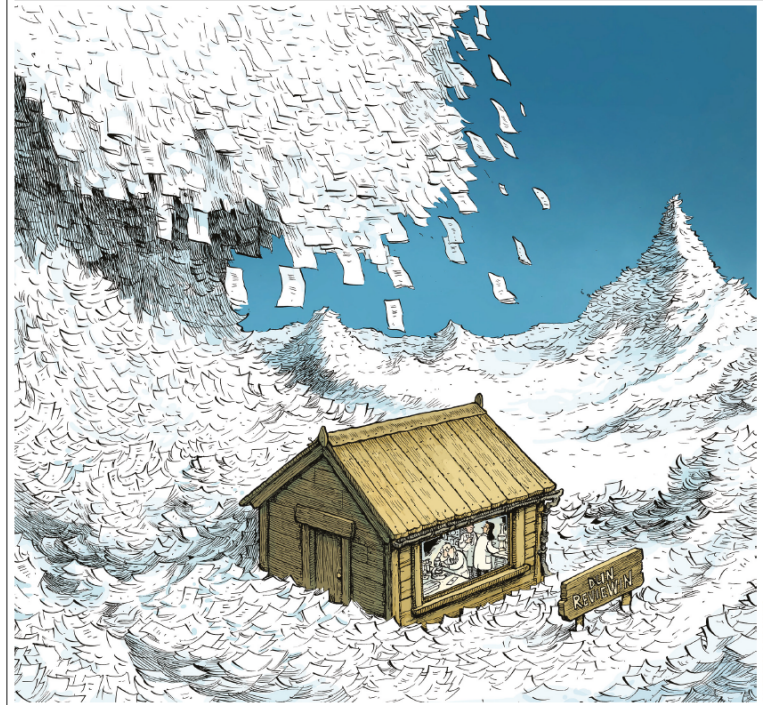
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



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
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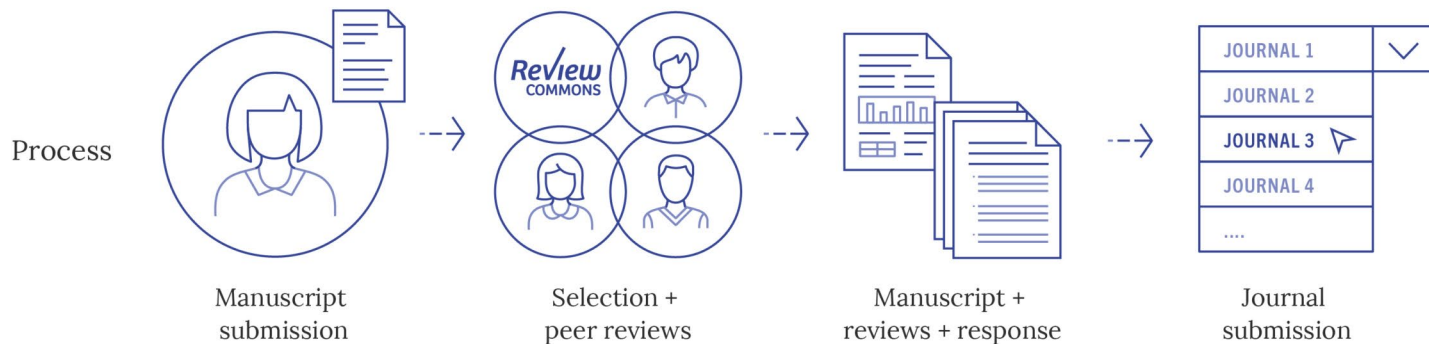
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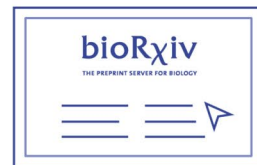
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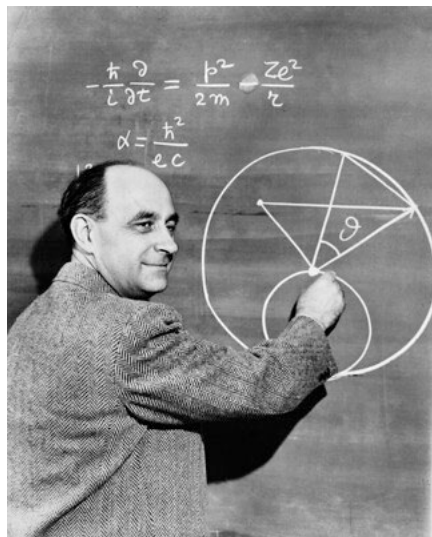
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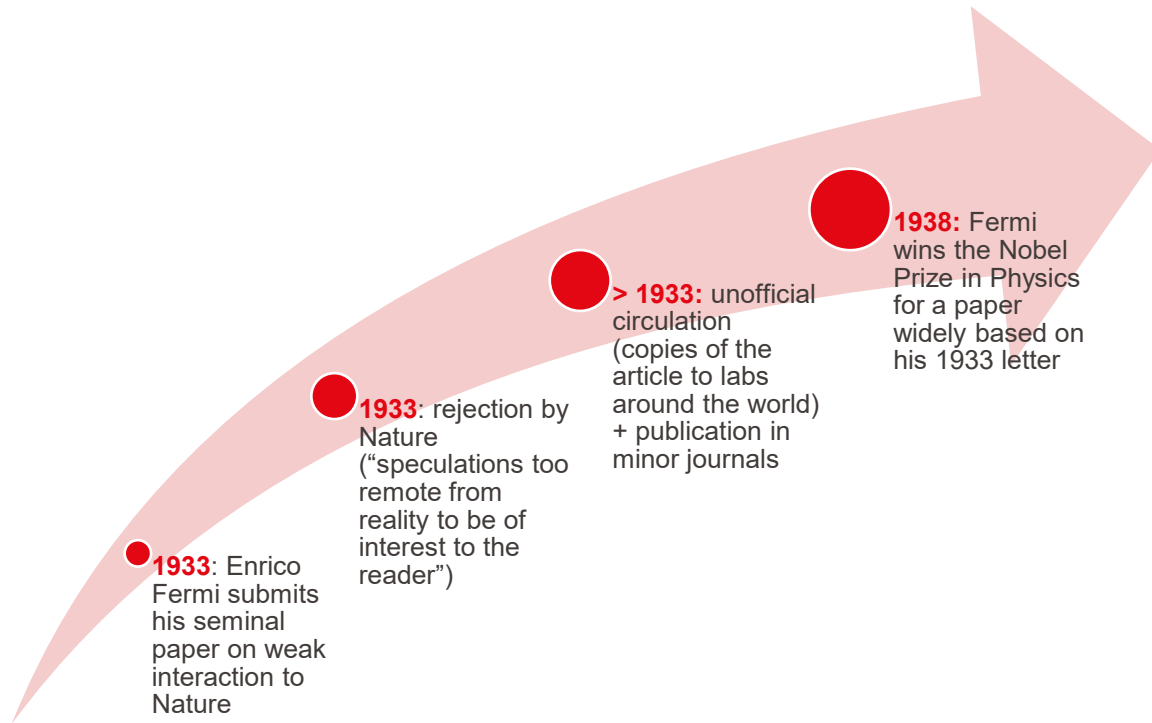


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