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# 1. CONTENT



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# Publication Content

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## A guide to writing articles in energy science

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**ABSTRACT**

Energy science addresses key questions of sustainable development. This suggests that energy scientists should communicate their research effectively with readers both from within and outside of the scientific community. In the communication of energy science, however, scientific writing potentially presents a weak link. Here, we address this problem by clarifying the principle conventions for writing articles in energy science. We propose a top-down approach to writing that begins with structuring the article into sections. Each section should, in turn, be structured in and of itself so that readers can: (i) comprehend the scientific context; (ii) grasp the research questions addressed; (iii) verify methods and results; and (iv) understand the significance of the results. Subsequently, authors should ensure clarity of their scientific arguments by: (i) presenting existing information at the beginning of a sentence and new information at the sentence's end; (ii) articulating action with appropriate verbs, preferably in active voice; (iii) placing statements in positive form; and (iv) using consistent technical terminology. Substantial text revisions constitute an indispensable part of scientific writing and enable authors to make their exposition concise. Following the conventions outlined in this article can make writing easier, more efficient, and enables energy scientists to communicate their research effectively with a wide audience.

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### 1. Introduction

Energy science comprises fundamental and applied research on modern energy systems. Energy science intersects with multiple disciplines and addresses key questions of sustainable development [1]. The importance of the field is reflected by an increasing number of refereed scientific articles published each year. Web of question, and one third of the abstracts lacks an interpretation of results. We also identify recurring structural defects in scientific arguments, often associated with ambiguous wording. These findings may not be representative of the entire field. Anecdotal evidence, however, suggests that similar problems are widespread in energy science and also persist in other fields of science. Thus, writing likely presents a weak link in the communication of energy

Fig. 1. Draft paper form.



# 2. FORM



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## ABSTRACT

With climate change and the recurring heat waves in arid lands, human well-being and activities in oasis settlements can be critical subjects for the ongoing years. This paper introduces a methodological approach to investigate the potential passive cooling effect inside the oasis palm groves, their spatial characteristics, and microclimatic thresholds. Based on the Physiological Equivalent Temperature (PET) index, the paper evaluates oasis palm groves' ability to ensure a neutral human outdoor thermal comfort zone. The research aims to

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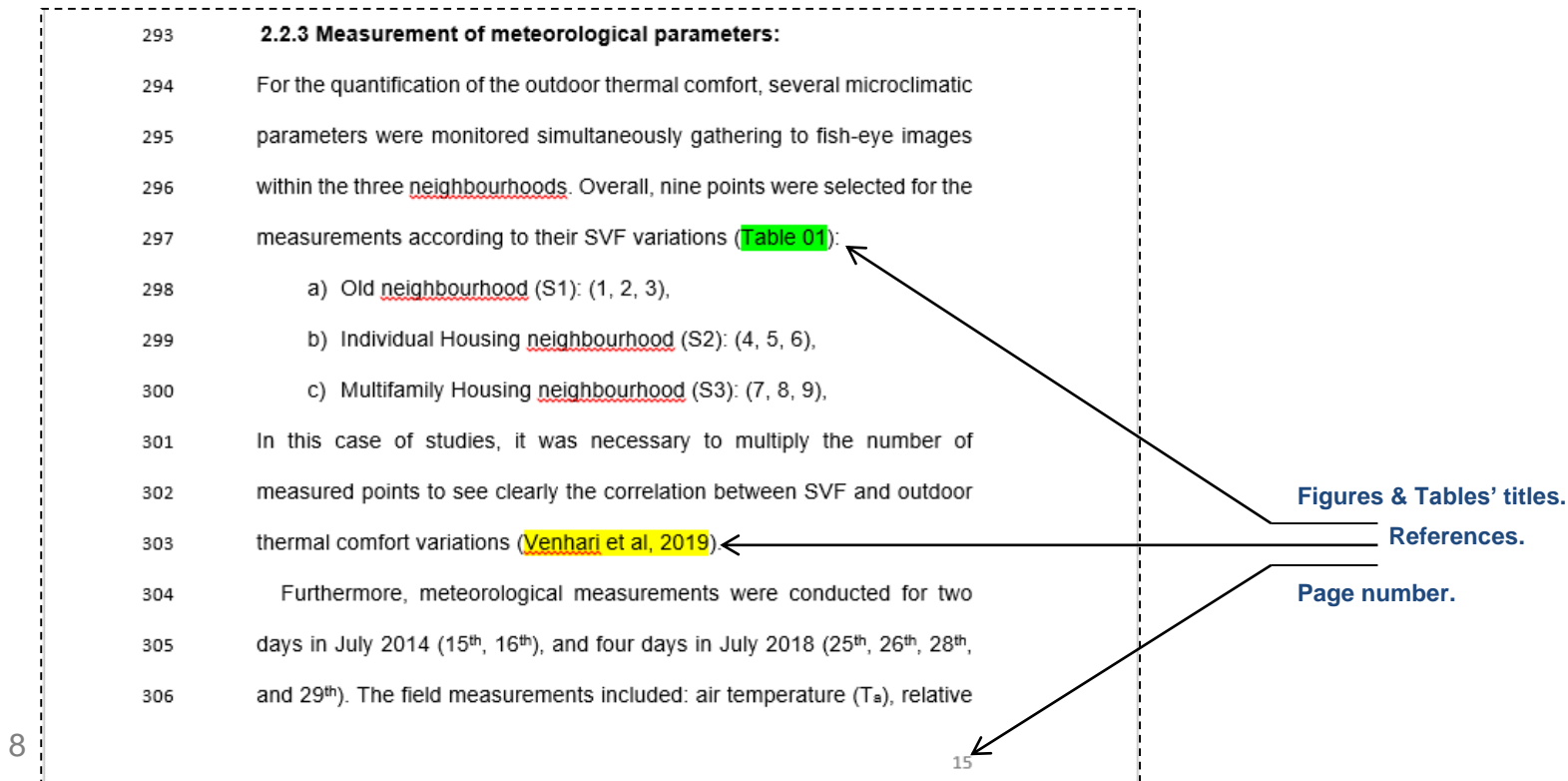


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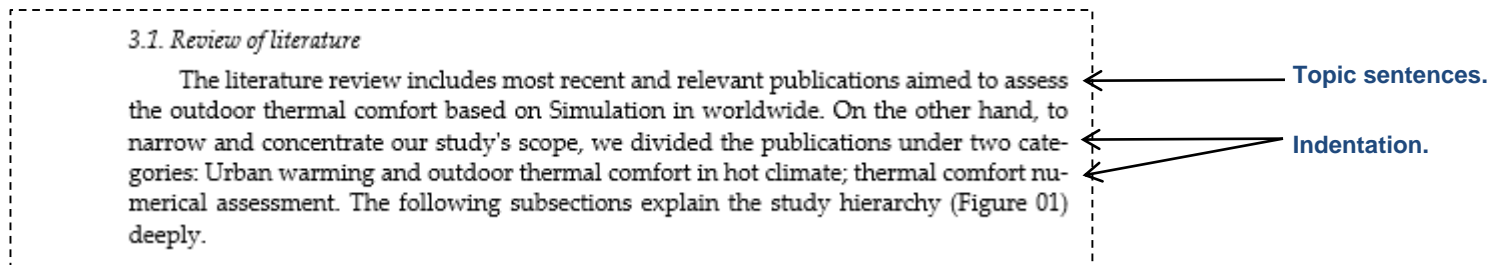


Fig. 5. Paper draft organization.



# Publication Form

## Text Editing:

- ✓ When you have a list of items use bullets.
- ✓ Highlight references in yellow and Figures and Tables in green.

### Nomenclature

The following abbreviations are used in this paper:

ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers
TMY	Typical Meteorological Year
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Fig. 5. Table of abbreviations.

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# Publication Form

Bullets.

143 **2.4. Simulation model/ Outdoor thermal comfort assessment**

144 • Possibly the most important input for urban climate simulation in the

145 context of climate change is the choice of weather data.

146 • The current research is based on epw-files generated by meteonorm

147 7.2 database (<https://meteonorm.com/en/>) for TMY weather files and

148 future projections to the year 2080 which were taken from the World

149 Meteorological Organization (WMO) (Moazami et al, 2019).

150 • Meteonorm 7.2 database uses the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report

151 (AR4) as model to allow the climate change projections. Meteonorm is

152 limited only on three scenarios: A1B, A2, and B1.

153 • Meteonorm is widely used for climate change studies. Instead of

154 climate values, the results of IPCC (AR4) results are used as input. The

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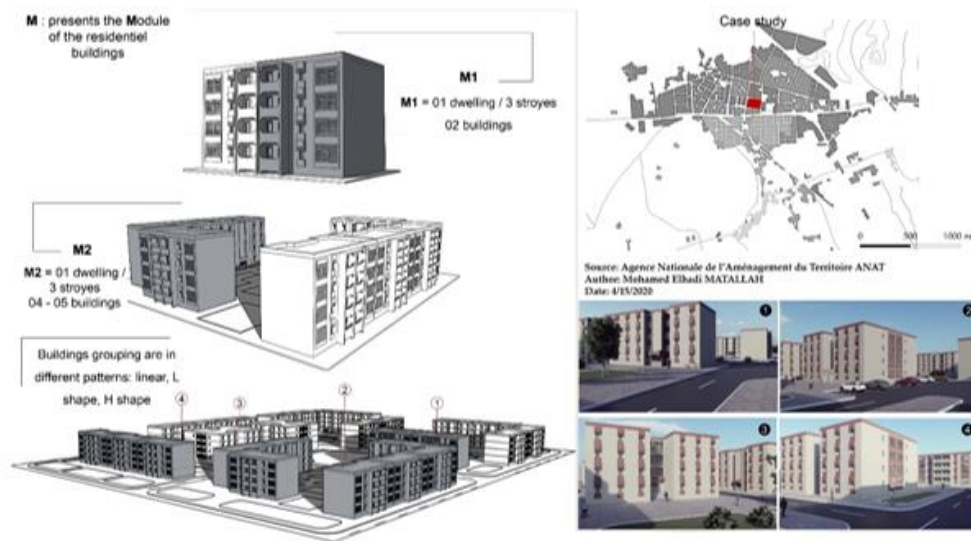
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- 126 • The conducted site is endowed with several building's shapes  
127 (Figure 03). The building is equivalent to 06 dwellings' bloc (M<sub>1</sub>)  
128 (including two dwellings in each level). Overall, the multifamily housing  
129 neighborhood includes several adjacent modules lead to other  
130 modules' composition such (M<sub>2</sub>) (two adjacent buildings). |  
131 • Otherwise, the (M)'s items are only illustrated to clarify the spatial  
132 configuration throughout the investigated site. As presented, the site  
133 represents a common urban geometry for the residential sector  
134 specifically for the multifamily housing design in Algeria.  
135 • Furthermore, the construction strategies, used materials, shading, and  
136 technical systems depend strongly on the national or local context,  
137 availability and prices of materials as well as climate, traditions and  
138 national building legislations (Roetzel et al, 2012).



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Figure 03. The multifamily housing neighborhood building's shapes and configuration





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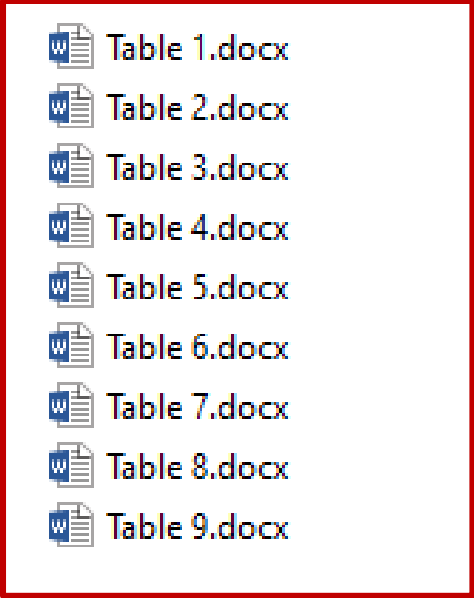









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Fig. 8. List of Tables.



# 3. STRUCTURE



# Publication Structure

Paper sections:

- ✓ Use **IMRED** Hierarchies to clarify Structure.

31	<b>1. Introduction:</b>
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33	<b>2. Literature Review:</b>
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35	<b>3. Methodology:</b>
36	<b>4. Results:</b>
37	<b>5. Discussion:</b>
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39	<b>6. Conclusion:</b>
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Fig. 9. List of Tables.

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# Publication Structure

title:

## Title:

- ✓ Short and specific.
- ✓ Not too general.
- ✓ Brief, clear and descriptive.
- ✓ Less than ten words.
- ✓ Emphasize novelty.

## Examples:

- ✓ Simulation of ...
- ✓ Comparison of ...
- ✓ Assessment of ...
- ✓ Development of ...
- ✓ Defining ...
- ✓ Identifying ...





# Publication Structure

authors:

- ✓ At most four or five names recommended.
  - ✓ Include those who had scientific contribution .
1. The order of the names reflect the significance of the contribution (first name by the most important).
  2. In some institution the last author must be the supervisor or senior researcher.

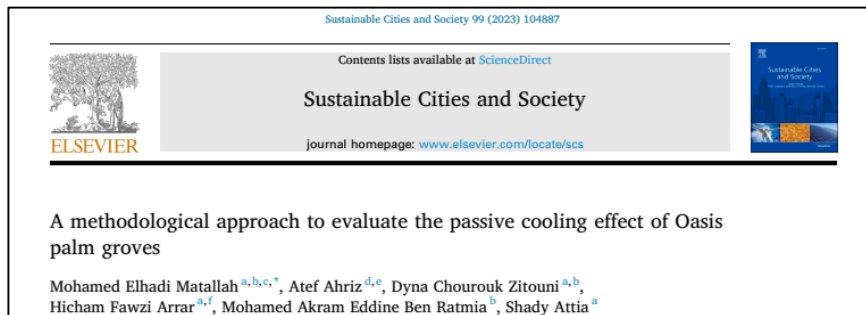


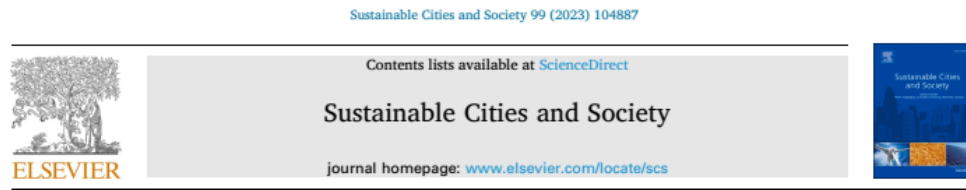
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**Abstract:**

**Abstract:**

- ✓ Not too long.
- ✓ Max 250 words.
- ✓ Approach for subjects:
  1. Research Problem
  2. Aim and Objective
  3. Methodology
  4. Results





# Publication Structure

**Keywords:**

**Keywords:**

- ✓ Maximum 6-8.
- ✓ Words not included in the title.
- ✓ Content of the problem, overview of most relevant work, definition of the problem.

**Example:**

**Title:** Effect of street asymmetry, Albedo, and shading on pedestrian outdoor thermal comfort in hot desert climates.

**Keywords:** Boulevard; heat stress; mitigation strategies; physiological equivalent temperature; spatial configuration; walkability.





# Publication Structure

## Highlights:

- ✓ Highlights are a short collection of bullet points that convey the core findings.
- ✓ Highlights provide readers with a quick textual overview of the article.
- ✓ Three to five bullet points describe the essence of the research.
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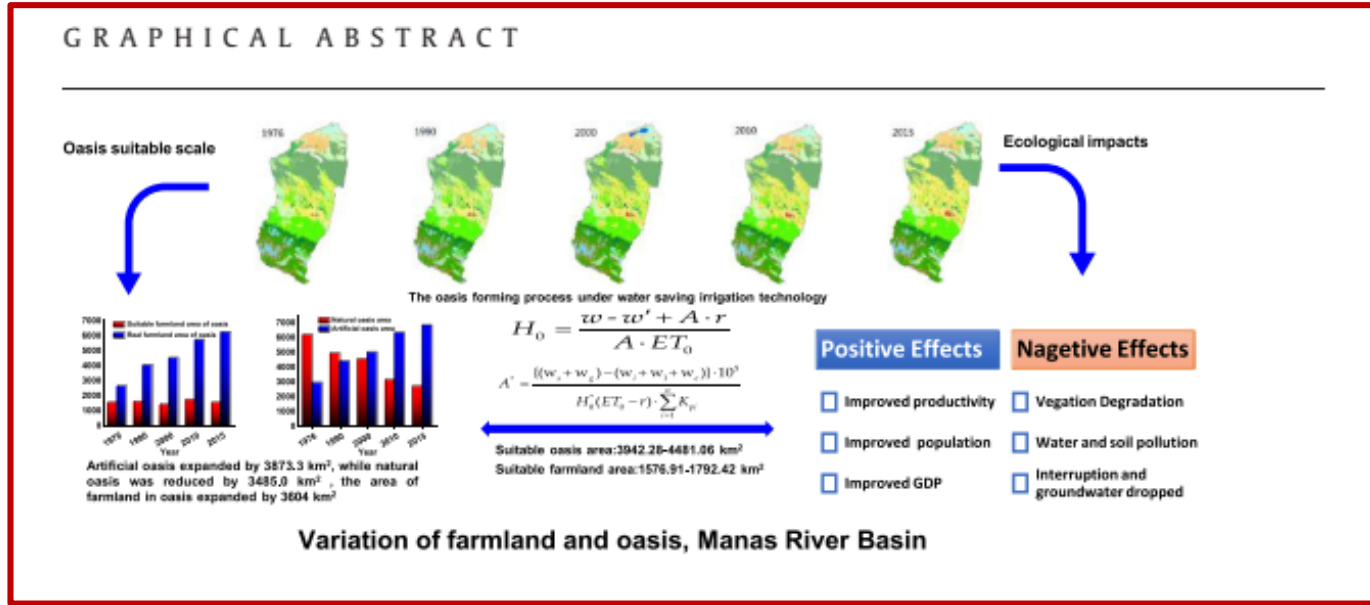


Fig. 13. Graphical abstract.



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abbreviations:

## Nomenclature

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ASHRAE American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers

TMY Typical Meteorological Year

IPCC Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

AR4 Fourth Assessment Report

MBE Mean Bias Error

RMSE Root Mean Square Error

EPW EnergyPlus Weather file

IPCC Intergovernmental panel for climate change

PT Perceived temperature index



# Publication Structure

## introduction:

- ✓ Background: context of the problem, overview of most relevant work, definition of the problem.
- ✓ Aim and Objectives: purpose of the paper.
- ✓ Significance: what is new or original, why is this paper important, innovative or significant.
- ✓ Method and Results Overview: basic description on how the objective is achieved, and what are the main results, what are the implication of the results.
- ✓ Audience: Who is the paper audience?



# Publication Structure

## literature review:

- ✓ Background: extended definition of the problem, extended overview of the most relevant work.
- ✓ Literature review Table: Classification and comparison of key publications.
- ✓ Analysis and Synthesis: Grouping the publications based on their methodology, findings, chronology or other ...
- ✓ Originality: relate your work to the review and identify the innovation, originality and importance of your research in the context of the literature review.



# Publication Structure

## methodology:

- ✓ What are some Goals of a Methods Section?
- ✓ Present the experimental design.
- ✓ Provide enough detail to allow readers to interpret your results.
- ✓ Give enough detail for readers to replicate your work.



# Publication Structure

## methodology:

- ✓ Definitions.
- ✓ Research Design: explain
- ✓ Methodology: How did you do your work? Did you use qualitative or quantitative methodology?
- ✓ Methodology Robustness: The methodology has to have a clear protocol and process that is based on open sources techniques allowing anyone to reuse the same methodology and repeat the work.
- ✓ Methodology limitations: explain.



# Publication Structure

methodology:

Protocol vs. Methods Section

## A protocol is ...

- A series of steps to be carried out.
- Written in sequential or temporal order.
- Intended for the reader to achieve a final results.

## A Methods Section is ...

- A series of steps already completed and is written in **past tense**.
- Written in logical order.
- Intended for the reader to **replicate the experiment**.





# Publication Structure

**results:**

What is the Purpose of the Results Section?

- ✓ Objectively: Make the data, just the data, easy to find.
- ✓ Description: Describe the data presented through figures and tables.
- ✓ What are the findings.
- ✓ No biography or verbose text.



# Publication Structure

## discussion:

- ✓ Interpretation: Explain, indicate and interpret the results. What does the findings mean?
- ✓ Validation: Describe how the work was validated.
- ✓ Did you compare the simulation result with measured results? Did you calibrate your model.
- ✓ Did you use case studies to validate your design assumptions?
- ✓ Triangulation: Did you use triangulation techniques to avoid bias and subjectivity?



# Publication Structure

## discussion:

- ✓ Internal Validity and External Validity: if this research is repeated by someone else would we get the same results? Can the results be generalized in other similar context?
- ✓ Critical Assessment: provide a critical review of the work regarding the methodology and results.
- ✓ Implications: What are the implications on research/practice (policy, occupants, society, etc.).
- ✓ What were the study limitation?



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conclusion:

## Conclusion:

- ✓ Maximum 800 words. Summary of the work and results, describe the strength and weakness of the results. Position work in larger perspective, the work contribution, future work.
  
- ✓ Conclusions are a brief summary and discussion.
  
- ✓ Making things concrete by emphasizing.
  1. Discussion the limitations.
  2. Discussion the advantages.
  3. Discussion the applications.



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acknowledgment:

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