Announcement: *Physical Review E* Discontinues Brief Reports

On January 1, *Physical Review E* will discontinue the Brief Reports section. In the future, short articles that warrant expedited handling will be published as Rapid Communications. Otherwise, short articles will be published as regular articles.

The size of the Brief Reports section has been declining at a steady rate ever since the inception of the journal in 1993, and it has become quite small. At the current rate, Brief Reports will disappear in just a few years. The decreasing submission and citation rates show that Brief Reports are losing popularity among authors and readers.

The *Physical Review E* editors recognize that this decline is tied to the changing landscape of scientific publishing. The journal is published electronically and the vast majority of readers access the journal online. We do not believe that short articles need to be collected together at the end of the Table of Contents, possibly resulting in less exposure for those articles.

This change should have a minor impact on the content of the journal, since Brief Reports were subject to the same acceptance criteria as regular articles. We look forward to publishing short regular articles of high quality and scientific interest, and to giving these papers greater visibility.

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