

What's New in REVTeX 4.1

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This document gives a brief summary of what's new in REVTeX 4.1. The changes include bug fixes, improved functionality, and support for a wider range of journals, including those of the American Institute of Physics (AIP). REVTeX 4.1 was developed jointly by APS, AIP, and Arthur Ogawa. Additional work was done by Patrick Daly to incorporate our suggested improvements into natbib 8.3 to address many new features concerning bibliographies. natbib 8.3 or later is required to run REVTeX 4.1.

I. NEW SYNTAX AND FEATURES IN REVTeX 4.1

REVTeX 4.1 introduces support for more journals, several new commands, and some new syntax. This section outlines these changes. **A document using these new features will not process under REVTeX 4.** See Sec. IV for more details about these items.

- **Added support for APS journal *Physical Review Special Topics – Physics Education Research*.**
- **Added support for AIP journals.** There is now an explicit `aip` society option along with support for AIP journals. Please see the *Author's Guide to AIP Substyles for REVTeX 4.1*. In addition, REVTeX 4.1 provides an extensible system for the easy addition of new collections of journals.
- **Endnotes now ordered correctly.** Endnotes in the bibliography now appear in the correct order, interleaved with citations.
- **Multiple references in a single citation supported using a special starred (*) argument to the `\cite` command.** One of the major new features in 4.1 made possible by the joint work on natbib 8.3. Multiple BibTeX entries can be combined into a single `\bibitem` command.
- **Free form text can be prepended and appended to a bibliographic entry using the special starred (*) argument to the `\cite` command.** Often a citation in the bibliography will have explanatory text such as *See also* or *and references therein* before and after the actual citation. The new REVTeX 4.1 `\cite` command allows the specification of both text to precede and follow a citation.
- **Structured Abstracts.** Use of the `description` environment in abstracts now provides for “structured” abstracts.
- **Figures referring to videos now supported.** A “figure” may now be labeled as a **Video** by using the

video environment. A frame from the video may be included in the figure and a URL to link the caption's label to the online video also may be included. There is also a `\listofvideos` command.

- **Better support for arXiv.org in BibTeX** Three more BibTeX fields have been added: `SLACcitation`, `archivePrefix`, and `primaryClass` in addition to the existing field `eprint`.

II. BUG FIXES IN REVTeX 4.1

One of the main goals of REVTeX 4.1 is, of course, to fix the bugs that were released in REVTeX 4. The following is a list of bugs that have been fixed.

- **Improved BibTeX bst files.** In addition to the new features above, numerous other improvements to the APS bst files have been made, including support for displaying journal article titles and many fixes for *Reviews of Modern Physics*. Also, long author lists are no longer automatically truncated.
- **`\footnote` in `\widetext` and `table*` environments improved.** `\footnotes` in the `\widetext` or `table*` environments are now correctly placed and formatted.
- **Email addresses no longer print twice on papers less than one page long.**
- **`eqnarray` alignment improved.**
- **`\collaboration` can be used with the `groupedaddress` option now.**
- **letterpaper now ensured as default paper size.**
- **Table of Contents formatting improved.**
- **Support for `longtable` package improved.**
- **`reftest` restored.**
- **Compatibility with the `geometry`, `lineno`, and `colortbl` packages improved.** For line numbering, rather than using `lineno.sty` directly, the

`linenumbers` class option should be used (this will call in `lineno.sty` with a proper set of default parameters).

- **hyperref fixes.** Improved compatibility between footnotes and the `hyperref` package. In particular, table footnotes were fixed. More anchors for `hyperref` were also added (titlepage, abstract, and acknowledgements).
- **Documents can have more than 256 `\cite` commands now.**
- **`\listoffigures` and `\listoftables` fixed.**
- **Figure and table labels in captions now reflect proper APS style.**
- **RMP style files conform better to RMP style guidelines.**
- **Section heading upper-casing improved.**
- **Repeated characters at start of affiliation no longer disappear when using `groupedaddress` option.**
- **There have been many other bug fixes and improvements to the internal `ltxgrid` package as well.**

III. REVTeX 4 BACKWARDS COMPATIBILITY

The vast majority of documents prepared under REVTeX 4 should process correctly under REVTeX 4.1. However, the formatting of the pages and, if using BibTeX, the references may change. Also, the behavior of some macros may be different. For instance, the `title` macro now requires the use of `protect` for fragile arguments. This may cause some documents prepared under REVTeX 4 to fail under 4.1. Some macro packages that depend on the internals of REVTeX 4 may also no longer work. Documents using those packages will, of course, also will not process under 4.1.

IV. ADDITIONAL DETAILS

IV.1. Multiple references in a single bibliography entry

One of the most frequently requested features since the release of REVTeX 4 has been to allow more than one reference to appear in a single bibliography entry when using BibTeX. This can now be done in REVTeX 4.1 by using a starred (*) argument to the `\cite` command. This requires the latest version of `natbib`, developed in conjunction with REVTeX 4.1, and the new `bst` files

that come with REVTeX 4.1. To combine multiple references into a single `\bibitem`, precede the second, third, etc. citation keys in the `\cite` command with an asterisk (*). For example `\cite{bethe, *feynman, *bohr}` will combine the `\bibitems` with keys `bethe`, `feynman`, and `bohr` into a single entry in the bibliography separated by semicolons.

IV.2. Prepending and/or appending text to a citation

The expanded syntax for the `\cite` command argument can also be used to specify text before and/or after a citation. For instance, a citation such as:

[19] A similar expression was derived in A. V. Andreev, Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 247204 (2007) in the context of carbon nanotube p-n junctions. The only difference is that no integration over `ky` is present there.

may be created by the following `\cite` command:

```
\cite{*[{A similar expression was derived
in }] [{ in the context of carbon nanotube
p-n junctions. The only difference is that no
integration over ky is present there.}]andreev2007]
```

Please note the use of curly braces to enclose the text within the square brackets.

IV.3. Structured Abstracts

A “structured” abstract is an abstract divided into labeled sections. For instance, *Physical Review C* would like authors to provide abstracts with sections summarizing the paper’s **Background**, **Purpose**, **Method**, **Results**, and **Conclusions**. This can be accomplished by using the `description` environment within the `abstract` environment. For example:

```
\begin{abstract}
\begin{description}
\item[Background] This part would describe the
context needed to understand what the paper
is about.
\item[Purpose] This part would state the purpose
of the present paper.
\item[Method] This part describe the methods
used in the paper.
\item[Results] This part would summarize the
results.
\item[Conclusions] This part would state the
conclusions of the paper.
\end{description}
\end{abstract}
```

IV.4. Video Environment

Papers often refer to multimedia videos. The `video` environment is identical to the `figure` environment, but the caption will be labeled as a **Video** (with its own counter independent of figures). A URL can also be specified so that the caption label can be linked to the on-line video (if using the `hyperref` package). The included graphic (using `\includegraphics` from the `graphics` or `graphicx` package) would be a representation frame from the video. A `\listofvideos` is also provided. For example:

```
\begin{video}
\includegraphics{videoframe.jpg}
\setfloatlink{http://some.video.com/fun.mov}
\caption{\label{vid:interest}This is a video of
something fun.}
\end{video}
```

IV.5. Better arXiv.org support in BibTeX

There have been substantial improvements in the REVTeX BibTeX style files. For instance, the `.bib` entry

```
@Unpublished{Ginsparg:1988ui,
  author    = "Ginsparg, Paul H.",
  title     = "{APPLIED CONFORMAL FIELD THEORY}",
  year      = "1988",
  eprint    = "hep-th/9108028",
  archivePrefix = "arXiv",
  SLACcitation = "%%CITATION = HEP-TH/9108028;%%"
}
```

will include the arXiv.org e-print identifier as `arXiv:hep-th/9108028` and hyperlink it (if using `hyperref`). The newer format for arXiv identifiers with primary classifications will produce output such as `arXiv:0905.1949 [hep-ph]`.