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have the possibility to alleviate this situation somewhat, by really making their papers camera-ready. Indeed, a number of authors have recently made great efforts in this sense, and it is hoped that others will follow their example. This could in many cases help reduce delays.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the authors and editors for their patience and comprehension, especially in those cases where the preparation of their publication took longer than expected.

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