

DEAL-contracts with publishers: what's new for researchers?

The Alliance of German Science Organisations initiated the DEAL project to conclude nationwide licence agreements for the entire portfolio of electronic journals of major science publishers (Elsevier, Wiley, Springer Nature). The contracts with Wiley and Springer Nature have now been signed.

For access to scientific articles and for Open Access publishing, the DEAL agreements have made life much easier and simpler for scientists at German research institutions. Researchers at almost all German academic institutions benefit from this.

Detailed information is available on the DEAL project website: <https://www.projekt-deal.de/>

Changes with DEAL

Read

Permanent full-text access to (almost) the entire portfolio of titles of the publishing houses at all authorized institutions.

Publish

Most publishers publish journals that must be subscribed to by academic institutions. These journals generally offer the possibility of publishing individual articles in Open Access for a fee and are therefore called "subscription/hybrid journals". Changes of these journals:

- All publications by authors from German institutions will automatically be made Open Access (unless you as the author actively decide against it).
- The fees are paid centrally.

In addition, both publishers publish purely Open-Access-journals which, for a fee, publish all articles in full Open Access from the start. Changes of these journals:

- There is a 20% discount on the fees (exceptions: Scientific Reports and Nature Communications).
- The fees are paid centrally.

Important for authors

Publish Open Access

The choice for Open Access for your publication is not mandatory, but please select this option in the publishers' publication workflows or keep it as a default setting. You can thus benefit from all the advantages of open access.

Please also note that the decision for or against Open Access does not affect the costs; your institution will in any case pay the fee agreed with the publisher when the article is published.

Select CC-BY as license type

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Some journals in the DEAL agreement, however, currently only offer CC-BY to authors whose research funders has made the CC-BY license mandatory.

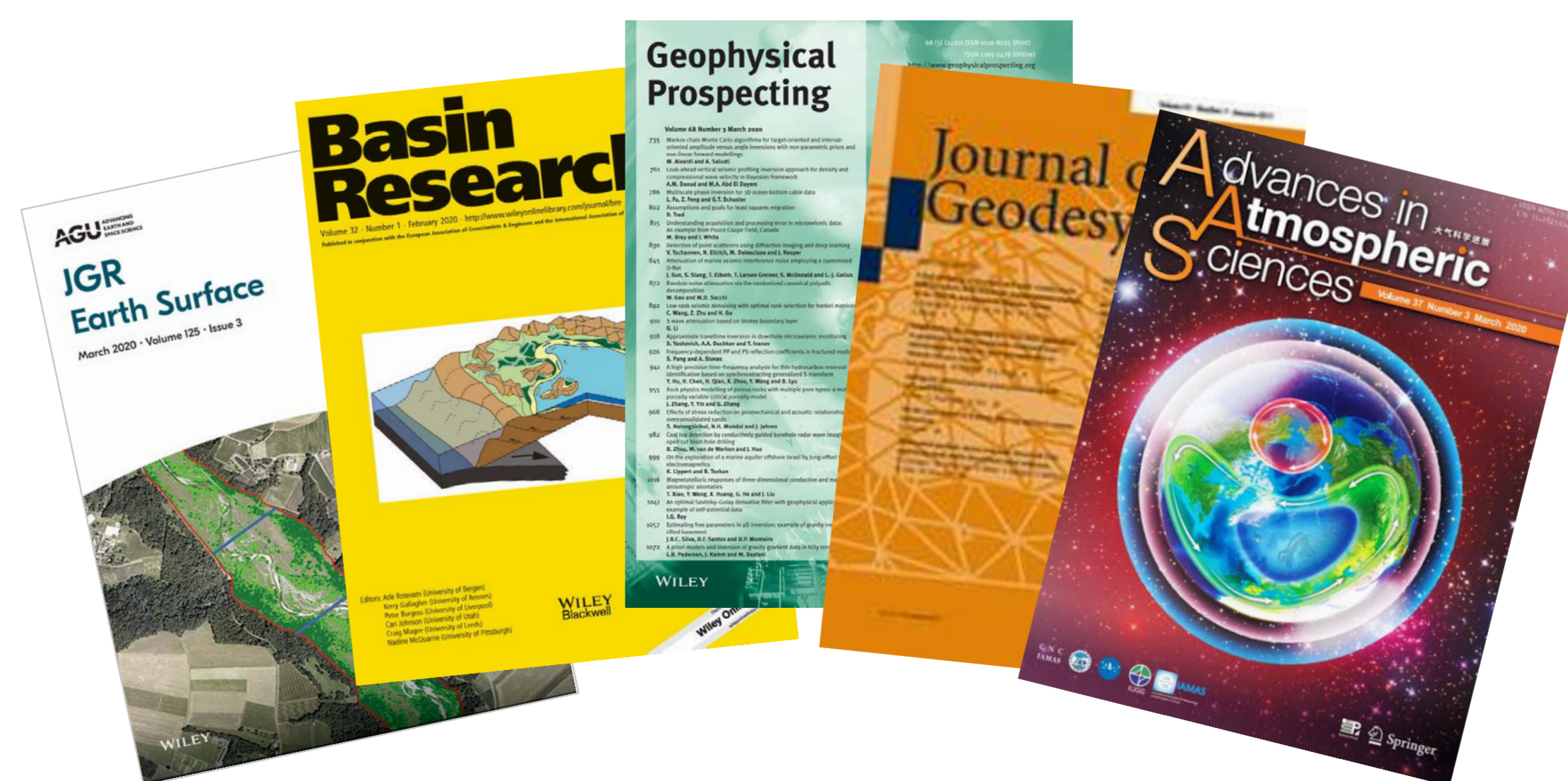
Additional reading (in German)

Durchbruch DEAL: Open-Access-Publizieren mit nationalen Verträgen für Deutschland
 Weblink: <https://doi.org/10.23689/fidgeo-3735>

Examples of geophysics journals in the DEAL contracts

Springer (Topic: „Geophysics/Geodesy“)

Journal	Type
Acta Geodaetica et Geophysica	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Acta Geophysica	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Advances in Atmospheric Sciences	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Asia-Pacific Journal of Atmospheric Sciences	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Bulletin of Volcanology	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Climate Dynamics	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Earth, Planets and Space	Open Access Journal
Geoscience Letters	Open Access Journal
GPS Solutions	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Hydrogeology Journal	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
International Journal of Earth Sciences	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Journal of Applied Volcanology	Open Access Journal
Journal of Geodesy	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Journal of Seismology	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Marine Geophysical Researches	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Natural Hazards	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Ocean Dynamics	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Progress in Earth and Planetary Science	Open Access Journal
Pure and Applied Geophysics	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Studia Geophysica et Geodaetica	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Surveys in Geophysics	Subscription/Hybrid Journal



Wiley (Primary Subject Area: "Geology & Geophysics", "Geophysics" and others)

Journal	Type
AGU Advances	Open Access Journal
Basin Research	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Earth and Space Science	Open Access Journal
Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Geological Journal	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Geophysical Prospecting	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Geophysical Research Letters	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Global Biogeochemical Cycles	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Island Arc	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Journal of Geophysical Research (all section)	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Near Surface Geophysics	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
Perspectives of Earth and Space Scientists	Open Access Journal
Review of Geophysics	Subscription/Hybrid Journal
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