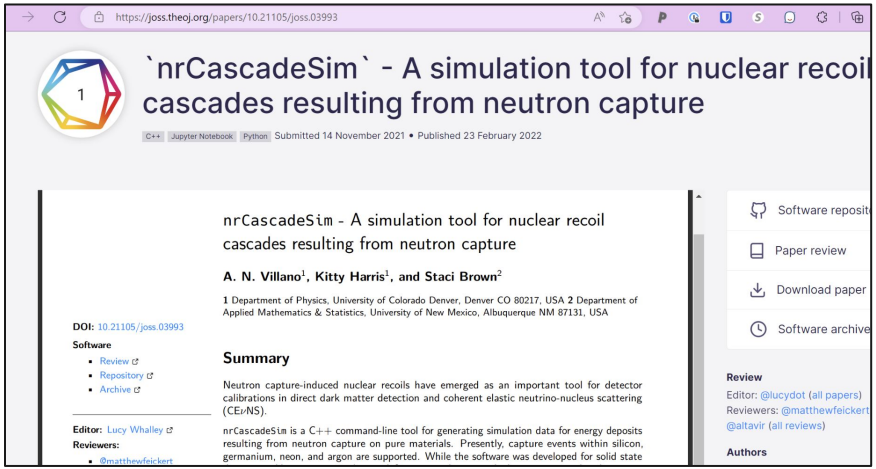
Peer-reviewed publication credit for software

With the Journal for Open Source Software (JOSS)

What does a JOSS paper look like?

- A paper from a dark matter collaborator: https://joss.theoj.org/papers/10.21105/joss.03993
  - An exciting example because in dark matter our software is often in private repositories.
- Look at all the JOSS papers at https://joss.theoj.org/papers



JOSS papers are ...

- **Open-access**
- The papers are **short** and **accompany a repository of the software**
- The software has to **meet best-practice standards** like build instructions, basic tests, and user documentation. The full list of requirements is at https://joss.readthedocs.io/en/latest/review_checklist.html
- About software that represents approximately a year of effort

The review process

1. Once JOSS editors have verified that your paper is within scope for the journal, **the goal is to publish it**
2. You will be assigned an editor, who will find reviewers
3. Each **reviewer goes through a checklist** to make sure your build instructions, test cases, examples, etc. run as described. Full checklist: https://joss.readthedocs.io/en/latest/review_checklist.html
4. The review is a **collaborative process** that takes place on GitHub issues - you and the reviewers work until your software and paper meet the minimum guidelines
5. At which point your paper is published!

Ways to get involved

- We always **need more reviewers**! You can sign up at Sign up to be a JOSS reviewer.
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