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ATLAS Authorship Policy

This memo summarises the ATLAS policy for authorship of general scientific publications after data taking starts in 2007. The summary is based on much more detailed guidelines that were approved by the ATLAS Collaboration Board in June 2004.

Only ATLAS authors may sign general publications. To qualify as an author, a person must

- have been an ATLAS member for at least one year,
- not be an author of another major LHC collaboration at the time of application. (This rule applies to all physicists, but an exception may be made for engineers.)
- have spent at least 80 working days and at least 50% of their available research time during the qualification year doing ATLAS technical work. The total of 80 days technical work may be accumulated over more than one year in exceptional circumstances.

Technical work includes for example detector construction, running and maintenance, writing technical software, taking shifts, some managerial tasks, but not physics analysis.

To continue as an author, the person must

- continue to be an ATLAS member,
- spend at least 50% of their research time on ATLAS,
- not be an author of another major LHC collaboration.

ATLAS technical work will be shared by the institutes in proportion to the number of authors.

Authors are retained on the author list for one year after they cease to be an ATLAS member. In addition, people who would have qualified as authors before data taking started will be credited with an extra 4 months per year, which can be used from the first paper. This also means that anyone who contributed to the construction of ATLAS will therefore be able to sign the first papers. People signing on the basis of pre-data taking credit will not be counted towards the allocation of technical work.

All General Publications will be signed by all ATLAS authors. The names of the authors will be presented on an equal basis, in alphabetical order, perhaps also ordered by institute. Authors who have not qualified but have made an exceptional contribution to a specific paper may be included.

At present, ATLAS Scientific Notes are regularly published. These are papers written by a small number of authors in the context of work done within ATLAS, may include prospects for future physics analyses. Physics analyses using ATLAS collision data will first appear as General Publications by the whole collaboration. The role of Scientific Notes in the data-taking phase is still under discussion, but they may continue to be published with self-contained studies such as aspects of the subsystems or techniques, as well as back-up papers providing details of specific aspects of General Publications.

Any analysis using as yet unpublished ATLAS data or results, or using ATLAS software in any non-trivial way cannot be published without following these guidelines. This includes material presented in conferences.

The ATLAS Publications Committee is responsible for developing the policy on publication, including authorship and the process of reviewing papers. A subset of this committee, the Authorship Committee will be established to deal with setting up and maintaining the author list, based on the proposals by the institutes. They will consult with the Spokesperson and Collaboration Board chair who will decide on any exceptional or problem cases that arise, such as extra names to be included on a specific publication or people whose qualification as an author is not clear cut.

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