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Publication Policy for the LWA1 Radio Observatory

The LWA Project has been and will be a collaborative effort. In order to recognize the contributions of the entire collaboration involved in construction to the project in an equitable fashion we adopt the following publication policy: All peer-reviewed papers and edited books making use of commissioning data from the LWA1 Radio Observatory shall have "opt-in" authorship. What this means in practice is that the first author for a publication should submit a draft to a member of the LWA1 Radio Observatory Publication Board (hereafter "Publication Board") and then wait a minimum of two weeks time before submission during which the LWA1 Director disseminates a copy of the abstract plus instructions for responding to all relevant individuals and institutions. The Publication Board consists of the LWA1 Director, Associate Director, and Chief Scientist. In extraordinary circumstances where speed of publication is critical (e.g., discovery of a new class of transient source) this two-week review period may be waived by joint approval of any two members of the Publication Board. The first author must include all those who opt-in, but the order of authorship is at the discretion of the first author. We suggest (but do not require) that the first author may want to adopt an alphabetical ordering after listing the first n people who contributed most directly to the paper. We feel that this policy strikes the appropriate balance of reward for the first author, who typically initiates and leads the research effort, and recognition for the collaboration. The end of commissioning for a specific telescope mode will be determined by the LWA1 Director with input from the Associate Director and Chief Scientist. Disputes over authorship will be resolved by the Publication Board. Conference proceedings do not require any review by the Publication Board but should include the acknowledgement described below. Commissioning data will become public 1 year after the date it is taken, at which point the above restrictions no longer apply.

All publications (making use of commissioning data or otherwise) should include the following line in the acknowledgements: "Construction of the LWA has been supported by the Office of Naval Research under Contract N00014-07-C-0147. Support for operations and continuing development of the LWA1 is provided by the National Science Foundation under grant AST-1139974 of the University Radio Observatory program." Authors (especially PIs) are reminded to check with their co-authors for any acknowledgements required by co-author institutions, or any internal review processes that need to be completed prior to submission.

As of this date all telescope modes are considered to be producing commissioning data. Data supplied to Users in response to specific proposals will have a proprietary period of 1 year from the date of observation.

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