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Authorship

Practice for papers from ANU

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Last year we discussed the question of authorship on papers from the first period of running at ANU and agreed that those involved in the installation and commissioning periods would also be included on the author list in addition to those involved in the actual runs. This was an obvious acknowledgement of the work done by the first groups out there, withoutwhose hard work none of the experiments could have taken place.

I have been asked whether this policy still applies and hence have placed this item on the agenda. It is my own feeling that for the running period just finished, and subsequent periods, we should revert to a more normal approach. This would mean that the author list would reflect those who participated in the run plus any others who contributed to a significant degree during the analysis or interpretation stages. This would reflect our previous practice at the NSF and also be in line with other groups. It is of course true that in the pattern of operation where we pack a number of runs into one period at ANU, the success of a particular run might depend on earlier work done by an individual who has returned before the run starts. I would hope that such cases would be dealt with as an when they arise.

Perhaps this could be discussed at the meeting and if agreement is reached we can record the policy.

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