



ASKAP Publications Policy

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1 Introduction

1.1 Summary

The ASKAP Publication Policy provides CSIRO staff and ASKAP science users with guidelines on the publication of design information, performance measurements and scientific results from the ASKAP telescope.

1.2 Scope

This document outlines the publication policy for ASKAP. This policy applies to all stages of the ASKAP project, from commissioning (e.g. the Boolardy Engineering Test Array, BETA) up to and including the completion of the full-scope ASKAP array. It will continue to apply during ongoing operations of ASKAP as a part of the Australia Telescope National Facility (ATNF).

This policy covers the publication of any results, technical papers, software descriptions, scientific data, system description papers and all publications relating to or utilising data from ASKAP by any persons within or outside of CSIRO.

This policy will be periodically reviewed by CSIRO. Questions relating to ASKAP publications should be addressed to the Program Director, ATNF Operations.

1.3 Related documents

This publication policy is intended to be consistent with the [ATNF Publications Guide](#) and the [ASKAP User Policy](#).

1.4 Glossary

The table below contains a glossary of acronyms used in this document.

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
ACES	ASKAP Commissioning and Early Science team
ASKAP	Australian SKA Pathfinder
ATNF	Australia Telescope National Facility
BETA	Boolardy Engineering Test Array
CASDA	CSIRO ASKAP Science Data Archive
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
MRO	Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory
PASA	Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia
RACS	Rapid ASKAP Continuum Survey
SST/SSP	Survey Science Team / Project
SKA	Square Kilometre Array

2 Definitions

2.1 Definition of an ASKAP Publication

In this policy, a publication is any scientific or technical document released in a public place, which includes refereed articles, conference proceedings, published catalogues, conference posters, books, and book chapters.

An ASKAP publication is any publication that describes the design of ASKAP or that includes or describes ASKAP data, algorithms, or software where these results have not been previously published elsewhere.

The ASKAP Publication Policy applies to the publication of all measurements or images derived from ASKAP, including sub-arrays (e.g. BETA or any other stage of ASKAP development). It also applies to technical descriptions directly relating to the design of any element, sub-system or system of ASKAP.

This policy does not apply to publications that describe the design of third-party (non-CSIRO) hardware, software or firmware that is designed for use in conjunction with ASKAP.

The term “commissioning data” refers to data taken by the ASKAP Commissioning and Early Science (ACES) team for the purpose of testing, demonstrating, or verifying the performance of ASKAP, BETA or any sub-array thereof. The term “early science data” refers to data taken as part of the ASKAP [Early Science Program](#) or approved extensions thereof. ASKAP science data are data taken as part of standard ASKAP science operations. Data taken during [Pilot Surveys](#) are classified as ASKAP science data for the purposes of this policy.

Additional ASKAP-related communications released under the CSIRO banner include web content, fact sheets, media releases and articles, information provided on the world-wide web and online social media platforms. Any additional communications or marketing material are covered by a separate document, the

[ASKAP Science Promotion Guidelines](#), and should be developed in consultation with the ATNF communications team identified in that document.

2.2 ASKAP Builders’ List

The ASKAP Builders’ List is a collection of names of the people that played a pivotal role in the overall inception, design and construction of ASKAP. These people should be acknowledged in certain key publications of ASKAP, as defined in this policy. The Builders List will be maintained by CSIRO and provided on request to intending authors by the ASKAP Project Scientist.

3 ASKAP publication policy

3.1 General Policies

- i. CSIRO authors shall adhere to the ATNF staff and students publications policy in the [ATNF Publications Guide](#), including use of the mandatory CSIRO internal approval system.
- ii. Authors of all ASKAP publications should follow the guidelines on the [ATNF Publications Acknowledgement Statements](#) page.
- iii. page. Specifically, the following acknowledgement should be given in all ASKAP scientific publications in refereed journals.

This scientific work uses data obtained from Inyarrimanha Ilgari Bundara, the CSIRO Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory. We acknowledge the Wajarri Yamaji People as the Traditional Owners and native title holders of the Observatory site. CSIRO's ASKAP radio telescope is part of the Australia Telescope National Facility (<https://ror.org/05qajvd42>). Operation of ASKAP is funded by the Australian Government with support from the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy. ASKAP uses the resources of the Pawsey Supercomputing Research Centre. Establishment of ASKAP, Inyarrimanha Ilgari Bundara, the CSIRO Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory and the Pawsey Supercomputing Research Centre are initiatives of the Australian Government, with support from the Government of Western Australia and the Science and Industry Endowment Fund.

- iii. Refereed journal publications using data from ASKAP under the auspices of the Long Baseline Array should use the acknowledgement in 3.1(ii), but with references to “ASKAP” replaced with “Long Baseline Array”.
- iv. The ATNF publications officer will maintain a [list of ASKAP publications](#) on the ATNF web pages.
- v. All ASKAP publications should contain a reference to the appropriate ASKAP system description paper, <https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2021PASA...38....9H/abstract>. Papers using data from the earlier BETA array should instead cite <http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014PASA...31...41H> or <http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2016PASA...33...42M> as appropriate.
- vi. In the event of a dispute over any ASKAP publication a panel comprising the following members will convene promptly to arbitrate;
 - Lead author, the relevant SSP PI (principal investigator), or their nominee
 - ASKAP Project Scientist
 - Program Director of ATNF Science or Program Director of Operations.

The ATNF Director may for reasons of availability or potential conflict of interest appoint a replacement for either of the last two above positions.

If agreement cannot be reached by the panel the matter will be referred to the ATNF Director, whose decision is final.

- vii. Serious breaches of the ASKAP Publication Policy could lead to loss of privileged access to ASKAP data.

3.2 Key ASKAP Publications

- i. Key ASKAP publications are refereed publications that include;
 - a. BETA and ASKAP system description papers,
 - b. publications that describe first measurements of the on-sky performance of BETA and ASKAP,
 - c. publications that describe for the first time results that utilise new techniques specific to ASKAP or phased array feeds (e.g. forming multiple beams, roll-axis and other novel techniques).
 - d. publications reporting for the first time results from ASKAP surveys where the full array was utilised. In this last case, each Survey Science Team shall nominate at least one landmark publication that will be elevated to Key Publication status.
 - e. publications that describe for the first time the design or measured performance of a BETA or ASKAP sub-system, e.g. the antenna, the correlator, the software pipeline, the phased array feed, the receiver chain, the data networks, the observatory etc.

The ASKAP Project Scientist and lead author of the proposed publication will jointly determine whether it qualifies as a Key ASKAP publication. In the event of any dispute the procedure in 3.1 (vi) will be followed.

- ii. The ATNF publications officer will maintain a list of Key ASKAP Publications alongside the extended list [available online](#).
- iii. Key ASKAP Publications are subject to the following review procedure. When beginning a new publication, the lead author sends an email to the exploder ASKAP_Team@csiro.au and to the ASKAP Builder's List, outlining a proposed title, author list, intended journal and a short description of topics the paper will cover. The lead author should obtain email addresses for the current Builder's List from the ASKAP Project Scientist. Recipients of the email will then have a minimum of two weeks to contact the lead author to raise any questions relating to scope, content, or authorship of the paper and to indicate their wish to be included as a co-author. Prior to submission the lead author will email the final draft to the full list of co-authors and allow at least one week for responses. Please note that only authors who have given their express permission may be included on the author list.
- iv. The initial notification email from the lead author should make it clear that the paper in question is intended to be an ASKAP Key Publication.
- v. The author list for Key ASKAP Publications shall include the contributors to the work followed by (in alphabetical order) those members of the ASKAP Builders' List who have indicated their wish to 'opt in' as co-authors.

