

MWA Transients Collaboration Policy

1. Guiding Principles

- 1.1. The MWA Transients collaboration policy is a supplement to the MWA Collaboration policies, and if a conflict of policy arises the MWA Collaboration policy will have precedence.
- 1.2. The MWA Transients collaboration prioritizes open discussion of science without formal staking of claims.
- 1.3. The MWA Transients collaboration values the personal and professional development of its members and encourages mentoring within the collaboration.
- 1.4. Should conflicts arise, they shall be resolved, in escalating order:
 - 1.4.1. By mutual agreement of affected parties,
 - 1.4.2. By agreement of the transients collaboration,
 - 1.4.3. By agreement between Transients lead and MWA Project Scientist
 - 1.4.4. By the MWA Project Scientist alone

2. Communication

- 2.1. The MWA Transients collaboration will ensure that a mailing list is maintained for communication within the group.
- 2.2. The MWA Transients collaboration will hold regular meetings so that members can keep up to date with plans, publications, and progress.
 - 2.2.1. These meetings will invite email contributions from people not able to attend in person.
 - 2.2.2. These meetings will be minuted and the minutes will be collected on the MWA wiki.

3. Observing Proposals

- 3.1. All members of the MWA Transients collaboration should indicate their intention to submit a proposal, either during a regular telecon or to the Transients email list prior to proposal preparation.
- 3.2. The choice of co-investigators is up to the PI of each proposal, however conflicting proposals should be delineated based on alert/trigger/science criteria or merged in order to avoid competition between MWA Transients collaboration members.
- 3.3. Status as a co-investigator on an observing proposal does not guarantee co-authorship on subsequent publications.

4. Publications

- 4.1. The Transients collaboration does not have its own builders' list.

- 4.2. All members of the MWA Transient collaboration should indicate their intention to publish an MWA transient-related paper prior to the circulation of the paper proposal to the MWA collaboration and preparation of the article.
- 4.3. As per 2.2, papers in preparation should be discussed within the MWA Transients collaboration.
- 4.4. All members of the transients group should be given the opportunity to provide meaningful and timely contributions to each publication. Any member wishing to contribute to a paper should notify the first author, PI, or similar, with their proposed contribution.
- 4.5. Ultimate authorship decisions will be up to the PI of a project, however members of the MWA Transients collaboration are encouraged to consider the following contributions when deciding on co-authorship of a publication:
 - 4.5.1. Preparation of a proposal for telescope or computing resources,
 - 4.5.2. Processing of raw, intermediate, or final data products,
 - 4.5.3. The development or provisioning of software,
 - 4.5.4. Scientific analysis and interpretation, and
 - 4.5.5. Preparation of the publication document.