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1 INTRODUCTION

The National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) and Green Bank Observatory (GBO) provide radio telescope facilities for use by the astronomy community. These guidelines establish procedures for acknowledging the use of these facilities and support from NRAO and GBO.

2 FACILITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

2.1 NRAO and GBO Acknowledgement

When making use of NRAO/GBO instruments and data or receiving support from NRAO/GBO, please include the below acknowledgement text in your publication as a footnote or in the acknowledgements section:

"The National Radio Astronomy Observatory and Green Bank Observatory are facilities of the U.S. National Science Foundation operated under cooperative agreement by Associated Universities, Inc."

2.2 ALMA Acknowledgement

Additionally, publications making use of ALMA data must include the following statement in the acknowledgement:

"This paper makes use of the following ALMA data: ADS/JAO.ALMA#2011.0.01234.S. ALMA is a partnership of ESO (representing its member states), NSF (USA) and NINS (Japan), together with NRC (Canada), MOST and ASIAA (Taiwan), and KASI (Republic of Korea), in cooperation with the Republic of Chile. The Joint ALMA Observatory is operated by ESO, AUI/NRAO and NAOJ."

Substitute the place-holder project code 2011.0.01234.S with the actual code of the data used. If data from multiple projects are used, specify this as:

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3 AUTHOR AFFILIATIONS

3.1 Adjuncts

NRAO and GBO Adjunct scientific staff must note their affiliation with the Observatory as, "[AUTHOR'S NAME] is also an Adjunct Astronomer at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory" or "[AUTHOR'S NAME] is also an Adjunct Astronomer at the Green Bank Observatory."

3.2 Jansky Fellows

Non-resident Jansky Fellows should list National Radio Astronomy Observatory as their first institutional affiliation and their host institution as their second affiliation. All Jansky Fellows must include a footnote stating "[AUTHOR'S NAME] is a Jansky Fellow of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory."

3.3 Reber Fellows

Reber Fellows must use the acknowledgement: "Support for this work was provided by the NSF through the Grote Reber Fellowship Program administered by Associated Universities, Inc./National Radio Astronomy Observatory."

3.4 Students

Students and summer students must show their affiliation with NRAO as "[AUTHOR'S NAME] is a [student] / [summer student] at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory" or GBO as "[AUTHOR'S NAME] is a [student] / [summer student] at the Green Bank Observatory."

3.5 NRAO and GBO Staff

NRAO and GBO staff must list "National Radio Astronomy Observatory, [Their Location]," or "Green Bank Observatory, [Their Location]," in their affiliation on the paper. This applies equally to staff who have a dual or adjunct appointment to another institution or who are on sabbatical.

4 INSTRUMENT NAMES

The full, formal name of an instrument may be used on first reference followed by the appropriate acronym in parentheses. Subsequent references to the instrument can then use the appropriate acronym. The NRAO instruments and their acronyms are listed below.

Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA)
Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope (GBT)
NSF's Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array (VLA)
Very Long Baseline Array (VLBA)

The use of full names and acronyms is a matter of choice by the authors of a paper. NRAO/GBO encourages the use of the full name then acronym convention, but this is not enforced as a matter of policy.