

MICROSCOPE Conditions of Use

The aims of this MICROSCOPE Data Protocol are:

- to encourage rapid dissemination of scientific results from the MICROSCOPE consortium project;
- to maximize the exploitation of MICROSCOPE scientific results by encouraging joint publications;
- to protect the rights of individual scientists in the MICROSCOPE consortium;
- to ensure all participating researchers are treated equitably;
- to ensure the quality of the data in the MICROSCOPE data archive.

These aims conflict at times, and it is hoped that the provisions of the protocol resolve these conflicts fairly. It is recognised that this cannot always be achieved to everyone's complete satisfaction; there are bound to be cases where individual interests clash with those of the MICROSCOPE project. Therefore to try to meet these aims, all users of MICROSCOPE data must agree to abide by the following conditions:

Conditions of use

1. Access to all data submitted to the MICROSCOPE archive may be restricted to project participants for up to 2 years following the data production date, after which they will be released into the public domain under the [Open Government Licence](#). Existing data streams may have their own access conditions summarised below.
 - FAAM core_processed data collected during COPE flights will be available publicly at BADC upon agreement with the FAAM Data Protocol.
 - FAAM Processed non-core data may be restricted to COPE participants for a maximum of 2 years following the flight.
 - Data from FGAM instruments collected during COPE will be available at BADC according to the FGAM conditions of use (currently under revision).
 - Data from the MOCCA aircraft flights for COPE will be available via BADC under conditions still to be agreed.
 - Wyoming King Air data will be stored by the WYKA team (not at BADC)
 - UKV model output will be available under Met Office (TBC) conditions of use.
2. Whilst the data are restricted from the public domain, no data should be transferred to a third party without the originator's consent.
3. Whilst the data are restricted from the public domain, all investigators have the right to refuse that their work, whether measurement or calculation, be used in a publication or presentation prior to the investigators' own publication of that work.
4. If measurements or model results from other groups within the programme are used in a project participant's publication during or after the programme, joint authorship must be offered.
5. In all cases where the data are used in a presentation or publication, an citation must be given: for example, "British Antarctic Survey. Antarctic High Resolution Radiosonde Data, [Internet]. NCAS British Atmospheric Data Centre, Date of citation. Available from http://badc.nerc.ac.uk/view/badc.nerc.ac.uk__ATOM__dataent_12220884243426614 "
6. Information submitted in application for access to the data will be made available to the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and its delegated authorities, i.e. the PI, the CEMS academic archive (formerly NERC Earth Observation Data Centre) and the British Atmospheric Data Centre (BADC) and their host organisation, the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) for the purposes of tracking data usage and of improving the service.
7. In the event of dispute, the MICROSCOPE PI will make a final decision.