ASTRI Mini-Array
Software Licensing Policy

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1. Introduction

The **ASTRI Mini-Array (MA)** is an INAF project aimed to observe astronomical sources emitting at very high-energy in the TeV spectral band. The ASTRI MA consists of an array of nine innovative Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes that are an evolution of the two-mirror ASTRI Horn telescope successfully tested since 2014 at the Serra La Nave Astronomical Station of the INAF System of Catania. Each telescope will be equipped with the new version of the ASTRICAM Silicon photomultiplier Cherenkov Camera. The main science goals of the ASTRI MA encompass both galactic and extragalactic science. The nine telescopes will be installed at the Teide Astronomical Observatory, operated by the Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias (IAC), on Mount Teide (~2400 m a.s.l.) in Tenerife (Canary Islands, Spain). The ASTRI MA will be operated by INAF on the basis of a host agreement with IAC.

1.1. Purpose

This document describes the policy for the licensing of the ASTRI Mini-Array software products.

1.2. Scope

This document applies all the software of the ASTRI Mini Array software.

1.3. Contents

The section 3 provides the types of software scope of this document. The section 4 and 5 describe the license policies and their application to the ASTRI software. The last sections provide more detail for external contractors and contributors.

1.4. Definitions and Conventions

1.5 Abbreviations

AD	Applicable Documents
ASTRI	Astrofisica con Specchi a Tecnologia Replicante Italiana
BSD	Berkeley Software Distribution
GPL	General Public License
IAC	Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias
INAF	Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica
LGPL	Lesser General Public License
PO	Project Office
RD	Reference Documents

2. Applicable and reference documents

2.1. Applicable documents

2.2. Reference documents

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C. Bespoke software, that is the custom or tailor-made software for ASTRI own purpose (provided either by ASTRI teams or contractors).

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Notes:

- Off-the-shelf software will normally have licenses over which the ASTRI has no control.

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