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Decision of the Board of Directors of 21 April 2011

The Board adopts the report of the ombudspersons on suspicion of scientific misconduct of 18 April 2011 and acknowledges the work done. It appeals to all parties to cooperate in order to find a mutually acceptable solution, in the own interest and in the interest of DESY.

The Board of Directors Board decides in particular:

- There shall be found shortly a solution by the parties directly involved, moderated by Thomas Naumann. All the parties involved have to come together. The focus shall be the design of future work.
- The report of the ombudspersons serves as an internal report in order to form opinions in the Board of Directors and will not be published.
- In the report, a less severe scientific misconduct of the DESY co-authors of Gfitter is detected. J. Mnich will discuss this critically with the involved persons. Thereby decisions will be taken on the need for corrections in previous publications.
- Because of the less severe misconduct, the Board of Directors does not see reason to stop Gfitter publications if the publications on Zfitter [ZFITTER] are cited correctly.
- The Board will arrange for a legal clarification of the questions on the relevant copyright and licensing law. Until a clarification of the contentious issues, all the involved DESY employees shall not comment on the matter outside of DESY in order to avert further damage. On request one may refer to the ongoing investigation.
- The Board shall appoint Mr. K. Mönig as DESY internal contact person to Gfitter, for future reference in the matter.
- The Board recommends to address the Scientific Committee [Wissenschaftlicher Ausschuß] with the topic, after the legal clarification of the copyright issues.

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