Using Group Authors in Pure

This guide covers the use of Group Authors in Pure, often used for papers with very large numbers of authors.

What is a Group Author?
Sometimes publications can have hundreds or thousands of authors – this is common in areas of physics and life sciences for example. In these cases there is often a name describing the group, e.g. ATLAS, CMS Collaboration and the LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration.

Group authors and Pure
There can be difficulties adding papers with very large numbers of authors to Pure.

- Adding 1000 authors manually would be a very tedious task.
- Importing details from Scopus etc. would be quicker, but the record may not be available early enough, and can give large numbers of false author matches, which would be tedious to correct.
- Using a group author, plus a few authors is often the best solution

First you will probably want to add the Southampton author(s) to Pure in the usual way.
Next click ‘Add group author’ which opens up a text box to enter the group author name:
Note Pure will have made all authors ‘hidden’ so they wont appear in the citation. You can choose to to make one or more authors visible:

It can be good practice to add the first few authors so the citation appears more correct:

So the citation for your profile page will look like below. Not having the Southampton author(s) visible can be desired, as it would imply s/he was the 4th author, instead of being towards the middle of over 900 authors.

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