



Network Reconfiguration

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(Core) Network Reconfiguration



What?

- Full network layout change @ CEP Groningen
- Full network layout change @ CN Exloo
- Replace optics @ 17 Dutch stations
- Expansion of power & cooling @ CEP Groningen

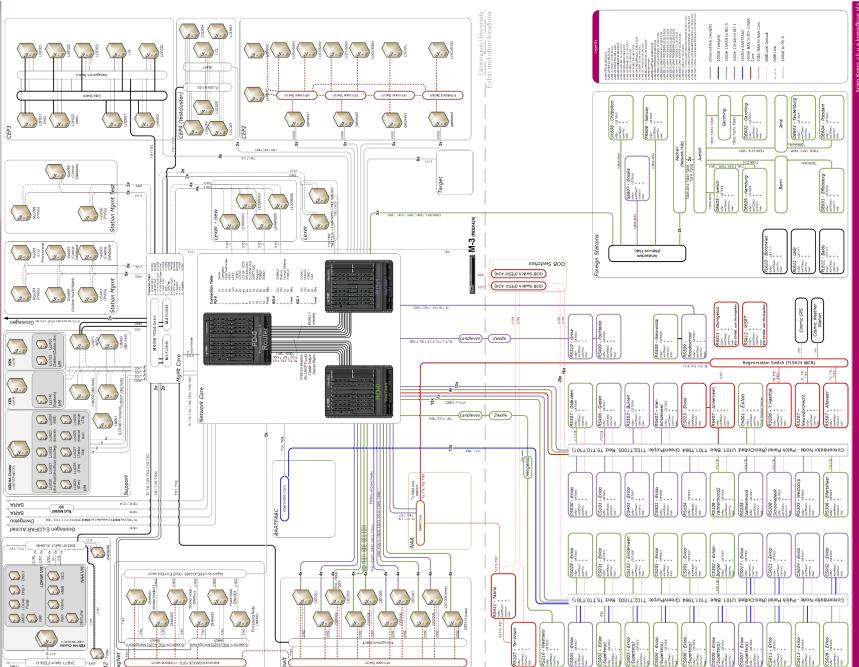
Why?

- Simpler network design → fewer issues
- Removed unsupported hardware
- Ready for Dragnet, CEP4, more ingest servers (lexar)
- Planned: Mon May 18th Fri May 29th
- Executed: Mon May 18th Wed June 3rd

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LOFAR Network Topology





Status

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- Everything is operational!
 - Stations show 0.0% packet loss
 - Bandwidth Cobalt → CEP2 nominal
 - Bandwidth CEP2 → LTA nominal
 - Bandwidth CEP3 ↔ CEP2 nominal



Station Clocks

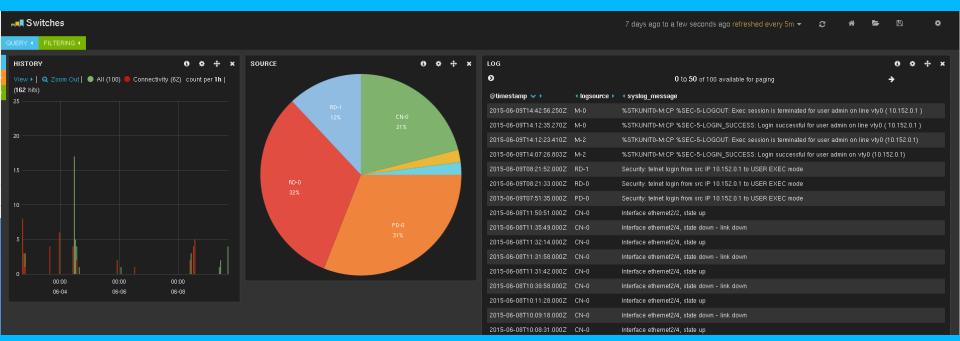


- Reboot of almost all stations
- RS stations: Clock restabilises → clock drift (for few hours)
- Most RS stations online @ Fri May 29th
 - RS210 online @ Mon June 1st
 - RS306 online @ Tue June 2nd
- Clock offset introduced for core (CS) stations (~19ns):
 - SynOptic feeder cable in CN was changed (1m → 5m).
 - All core stations have exact same offset.
 - Will be recalibrated.

Network Monitoring (Layer 2)



- Enriches monitoring of higher layers (3=IP, 4=TCP, etc)
- Allows faster troubleshooting
- Monitored through Zabbix (=central system monitor)
- Monitored through Logstash (=new central logging server)



Conclusions



- Mission succesful
- Data unaffected
 - Except for 19ns clock drift @ core
- Increase in expected uptime:
 - Future proof design
 - Fewer issues
 - Easier troubleshooting