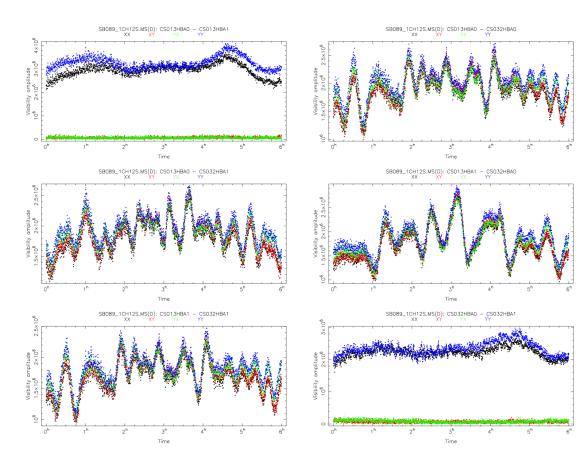
What is wrong with CS013 (HBA) ?

All tile-dipoles should be oriented like a but in CS013 they are all oriented like •

Due to 45° error we receive equal correlated power in all 4 cross correlations:

XX XY YX YY

This can be corrected in software but for one direction only!, i.e. not over a very wide FOV



3C196: baselines CS013-HBA0+1 --- CS032-HBA0+1

Where is CS013?

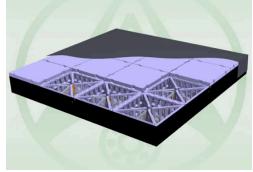
~350 m NW from the center of the Superterp

- → Important station to improve core uv-coverage and achieve good sensitivity for low surface brightness emission (e.g. EoR,...)
- → AARTFAAC will use elements outside Superterp



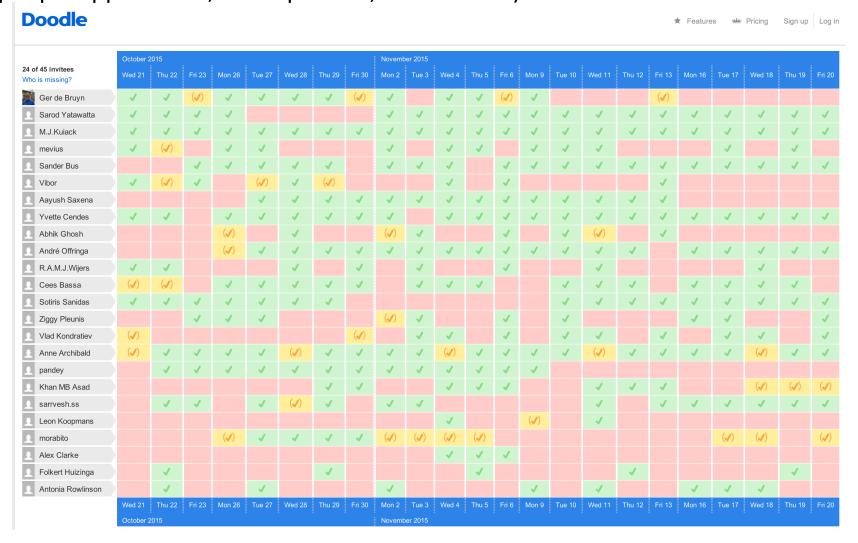
A tile (5x5m) view from the bottom side, during roll-out (2010)





16 x 2 pol coax cables from dipoles find their way to the X and Y summator boards located at the edge of the tile

Estimate of time needed: \sim 2 tiles/day/team (of 4) (?). For 2x24=48 tiles \rightarrow 24 team-days needed \rightarrow doodle poll initiated on Oct 8 (50 people approached, 27 responded, 200+ emails)





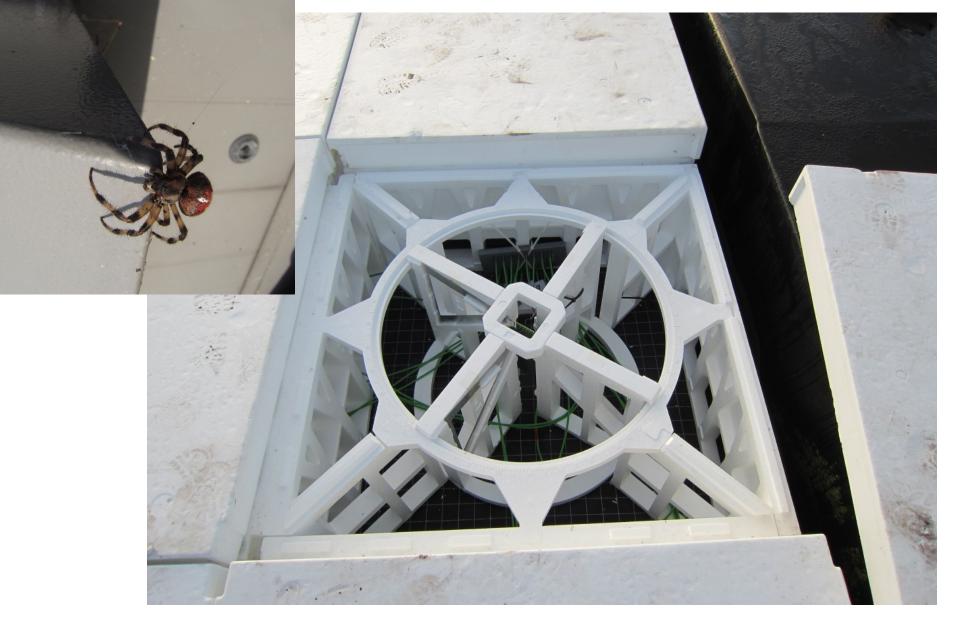


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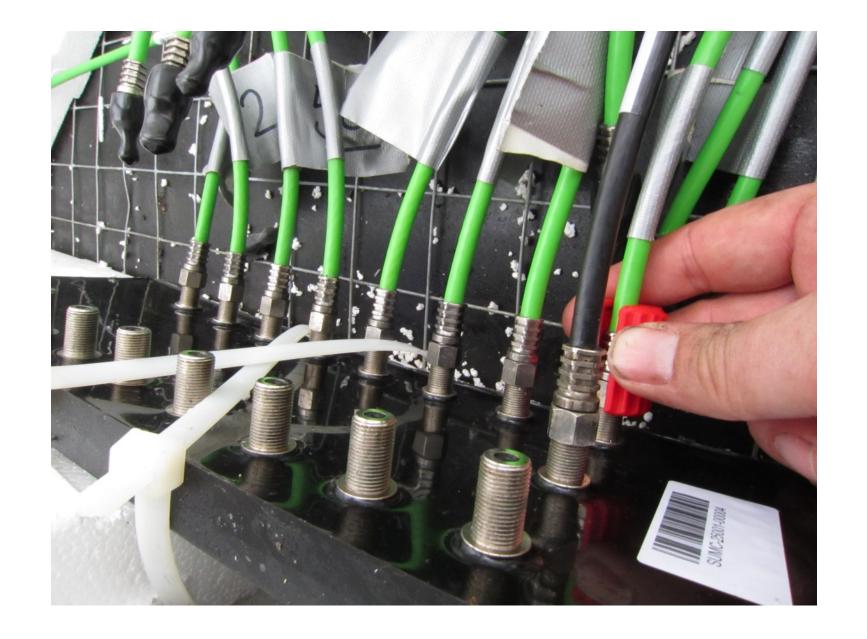


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Do this 48 x 16 times, cutting EPS ('piepschuim)' where necessary, use ducktape to fix weak connections





Conclusions:

Project completed well within schedule (factor 3-4 faster!)

Useful insights on how LOFAR HBA antenna-tiles work

Sensitivity improvement between 4.5 to 8 % (depending on uv-plane selection)

Left to do:

Verify signals, polarizations (Henri) Done on Tuesday! Conduct station holography (Michiel)