The LOFAR phase II cluster update

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Current status

- 98% of the nodes have been installed
 - Few broken nodes need replacement parts
 - One blown PSU, three nodes -beeping-
 - Two nodes still underway
- IPMI network operational in all nodes
- GbE network operational
 - Including jumbo frames
- OS running on all nodes
 - 92 at last count







Current status

- Layer 3 configuration defined
 - Partly implemented, issues still remain
- Path Blue Gene/P → cluster works
 - Currently requires config by hand on BG/P
 - Limited bandwidth (router nodes)
- We can control the nodes from our desks
- Almost ready to start commissioning







Still to do

- Infiniband network
 - Configuration by hand works, needs to be rolled out
- Layer 3 network issues
- Homedirs, /opt/lofar tree, etc.
- Increase available bandwidth ZB → LL
 - Will probably be gradual
 - Will start out higher than phase I can handle
- Testing, commissioning, acceptance tests
- Make design document :-)











Final words

- Cluster under control of our install system
- Remote power mgmt via IPMI
- (almost) all nodes available from our desks
- Core s/w stack rolled out
 - Moving on to homedirs and LOFAR specific stuff
- Low bandwidth tests by the end of the week
- Still on schedule for operations in April





