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Programme:

A. Polatidis : Observatory Update
 G. Heald : Update on MSSS
 J. Hessels : Update on Single Clock in Core stations
 S. Buitnik: LBA bandpass from Cosmic Ray observations
 S. Wijnholds: EM-modeling of LBA response

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Observatory Status



Station/Item	Cabinet	LBA	HBA	Fibre	CEP connection	Validated
CS302						
R\$307						
R\$503						
R\$106						
RS208						
CS030						
CS401						
CS021						
CS032						
RS306						
CS301 CS501						
R\$509 C\$103						
CS001						
CS002						
CS003						
CS004						
CS005						
CS006						
CS007						
CS024						
CS201						
CS101						
CS026						
RS205						
CS017						
CS011						
CS013						
CS028						
CS031						
R\$305						
RS210						
RS310						
RS404						
R\$406						
RS407						
RS409						
RS410						
R\$508						
Effeisberg						
Tautenburg						
Garching						
Potsdam						
Juelich						
Nancay						
Orsala						
Chilbolton						

News regarding observing system



- Problems with the BG/P (already > 2 weeks at various levels).
 Some observations fail and record corrupted data.
 Manifests itself as a Memory Allocation problem.
- Automatic Standard Imaging Pipeline Vn 1.0: Will be tested to more complex observations
- Long Term Archive Ingest Automation operational for visibility data.

News regarding observations and commissioning



- System Characterization continues and will receive high priority when needed.
- Commissioning observations have resumed, at a sustainable pace Draft priority list at: www.lofar.org/wiki/doku.phpid=commissioning:commissioning_observations
- New Calibration Tables created and added:
 - New Mode 1, some Mode 3 (LBA)
 - Mode 7 (HBA high) tables uploaded (RS expected for Jun 29).

http://www.astron.nl/radio-observatory/astronomers/current-status

CEP news:



<u>Next "Stop day" on July 2</u> System maintenance to all systems. Systems will be available from late afternoon

CEP2: No major problems on LOCUS nodes

CEP1: LCE037 developed problems, Data lost

New large disk /staging3 available to all users for temporary storage of their commissioning data.

CALENDAR of requested busy weeks and other LOFAR activities



http://www.astron.nl/radio-observatory/astronomers/commissioning/commisioning-plan

- 2 July : CEP stopday
- 25-29 June : 14th Imaging Busy Week (Munich)
- 5 July : Busy Thursday (ASTRON)
- -9-13 July : 17th Pulsar Busy Week (ASTRON)