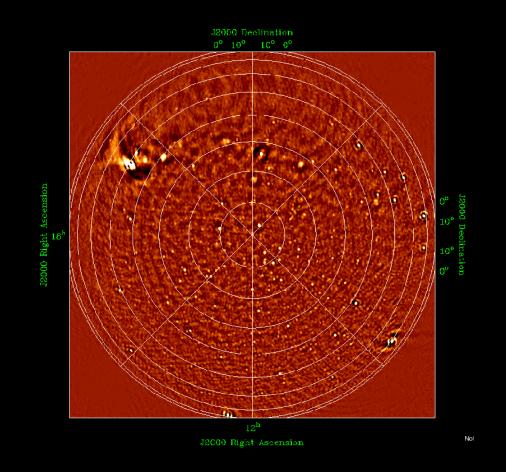
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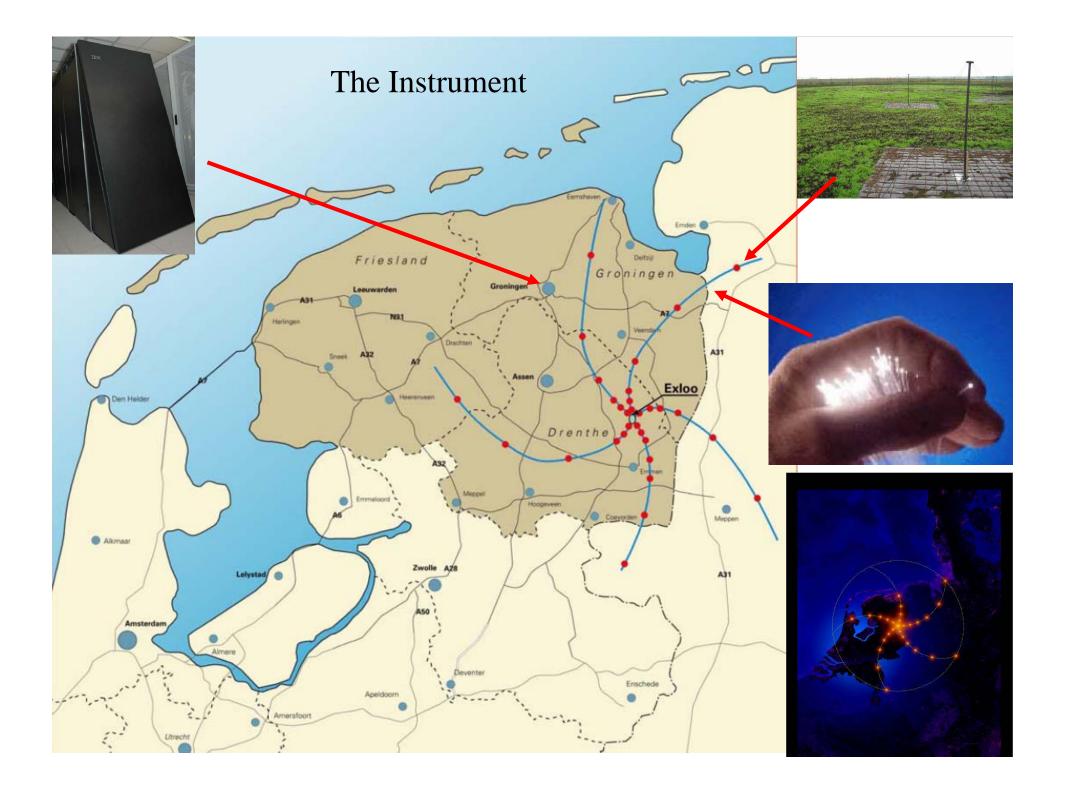
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Station Types

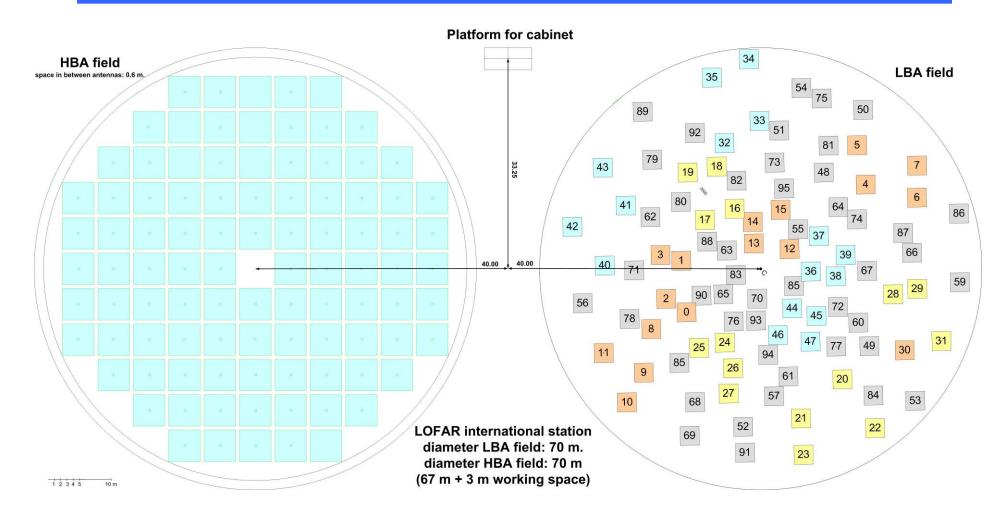
International stations: 96 High Band Antennas

Remote stations: 48 HBAs

 \succ Core stations: 2x24 HBAs

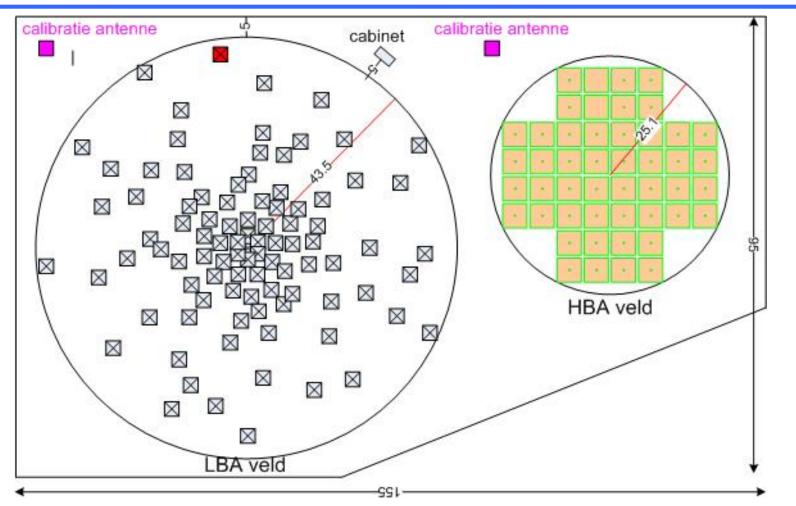


International Stations (≥ 8)



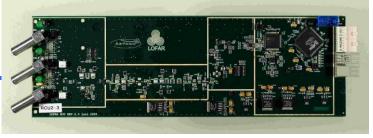


Remote Stations (\geq 18)



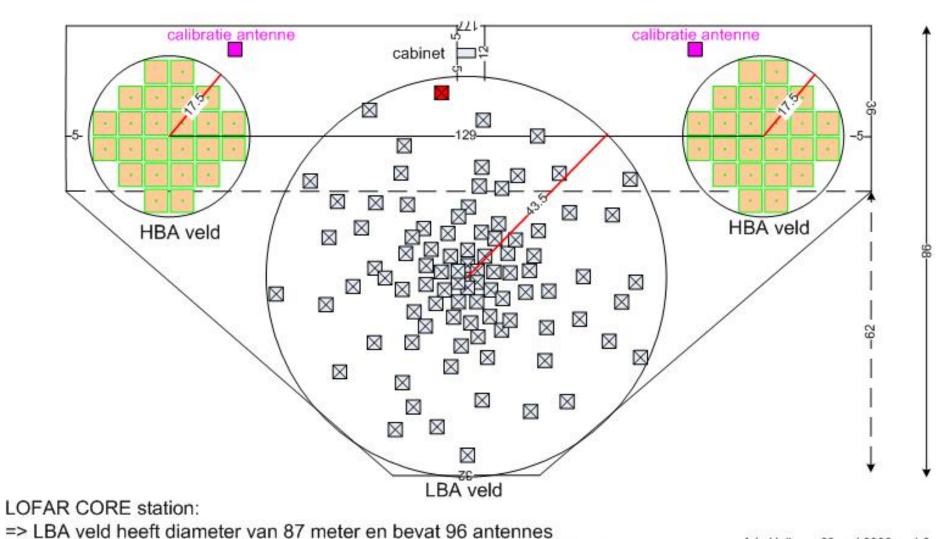
LOFAR remote station:

=> LBA veld heeft diameter van 87 meter en bevat 96 antennes => HBA veld heeft diameter van 50.2 meter en bevat 48 antennes





Core Stations (\geq 18)



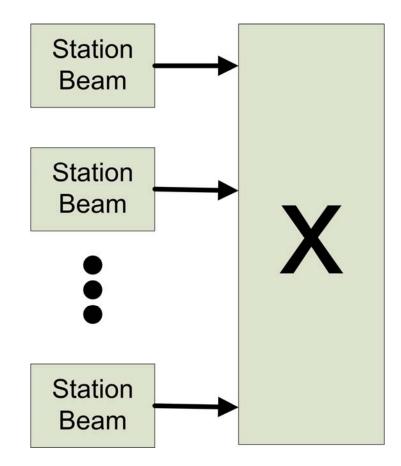
=> 2 HBA velden (elk met een diameter van 35 meter) bevatten elk 24 antennes

Arie Huijgen, 23 mei 2008 vs 1.0



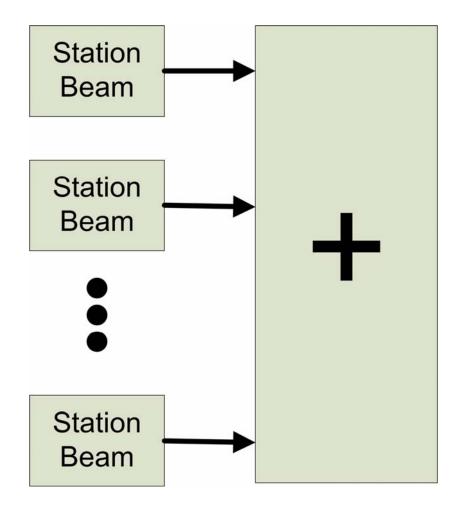
Main LOFAR Modes

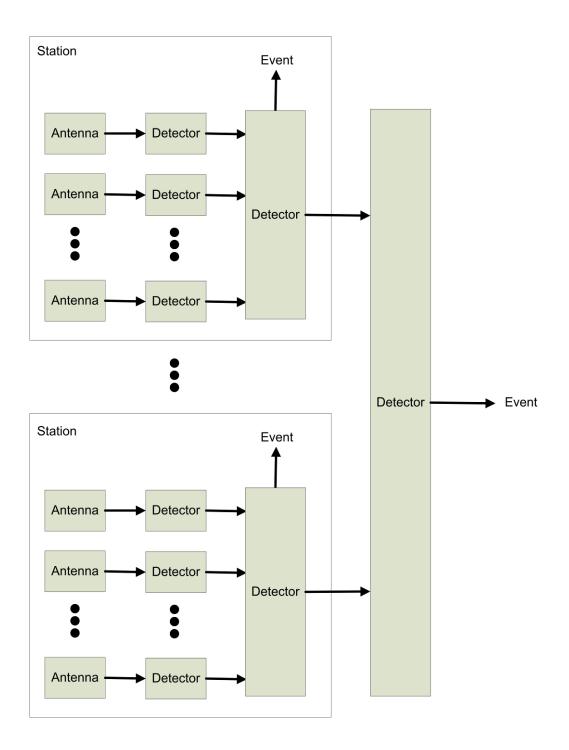




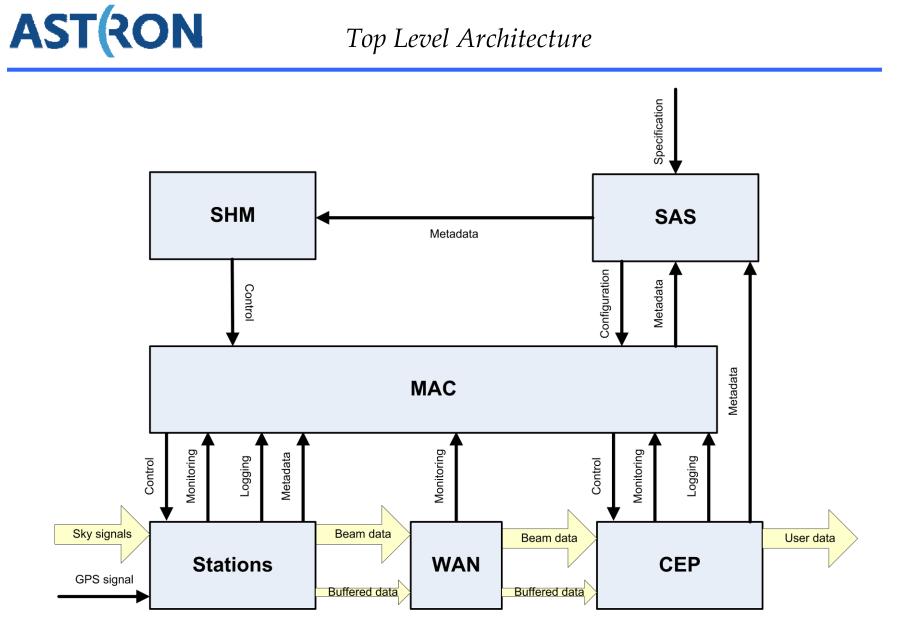


Tied-array mode



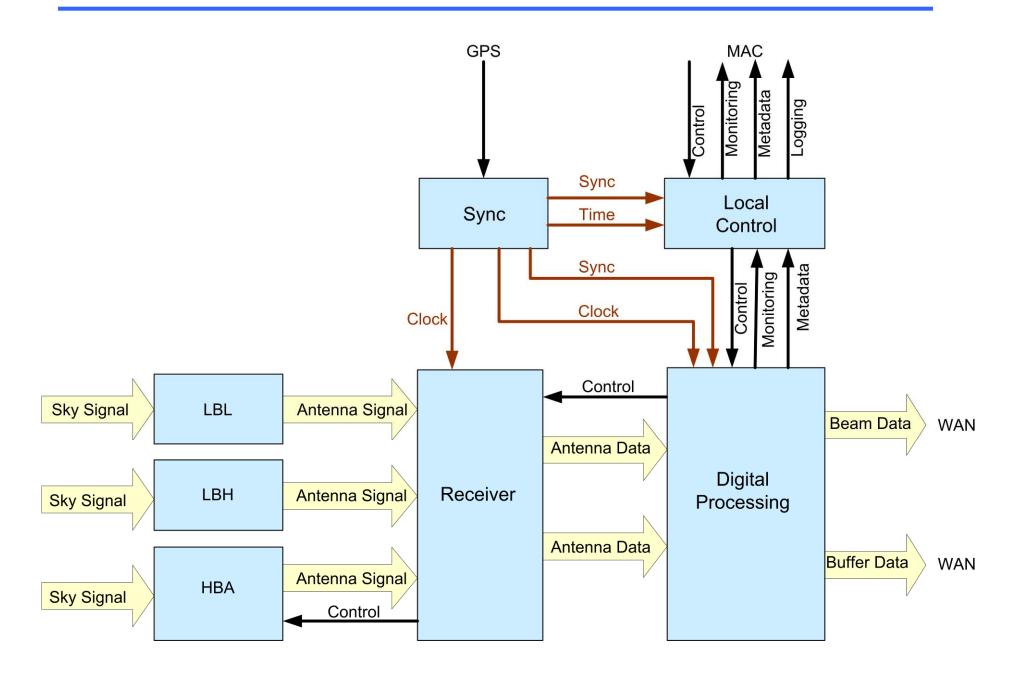


Top Level Architecture

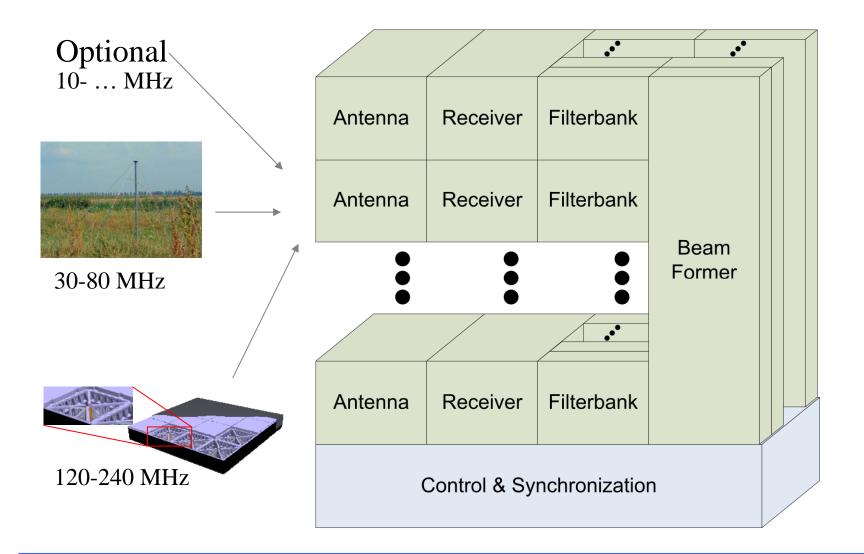


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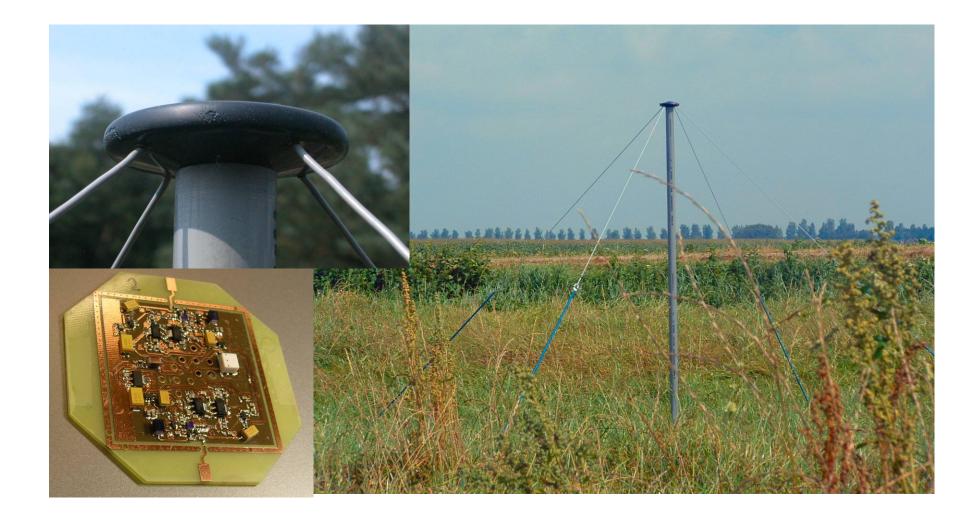
Station Architecture



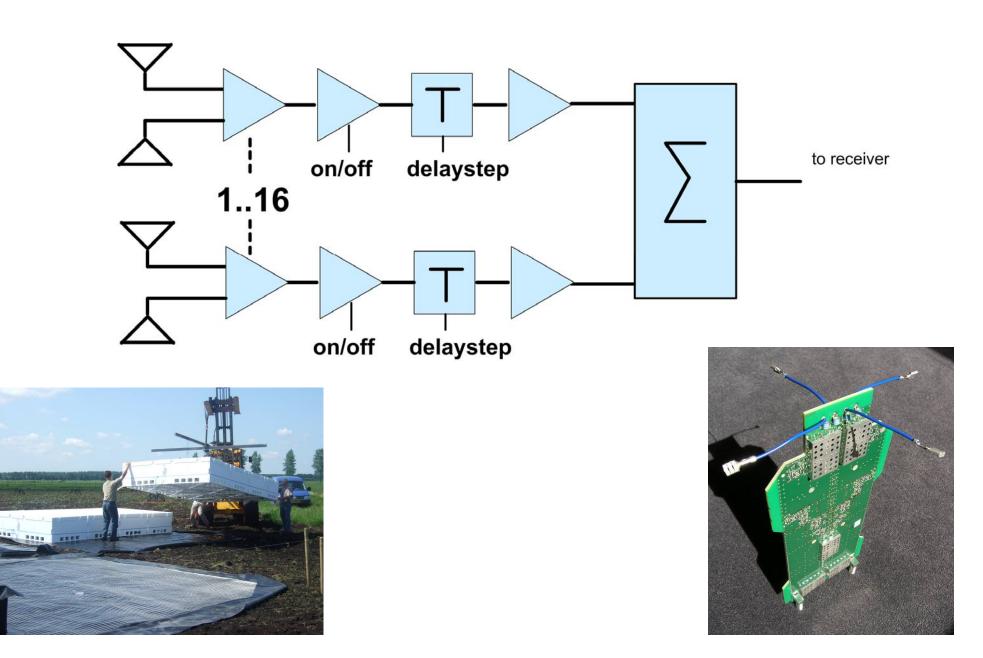




AST(RON Low Band Antenna (30-80 MHz)

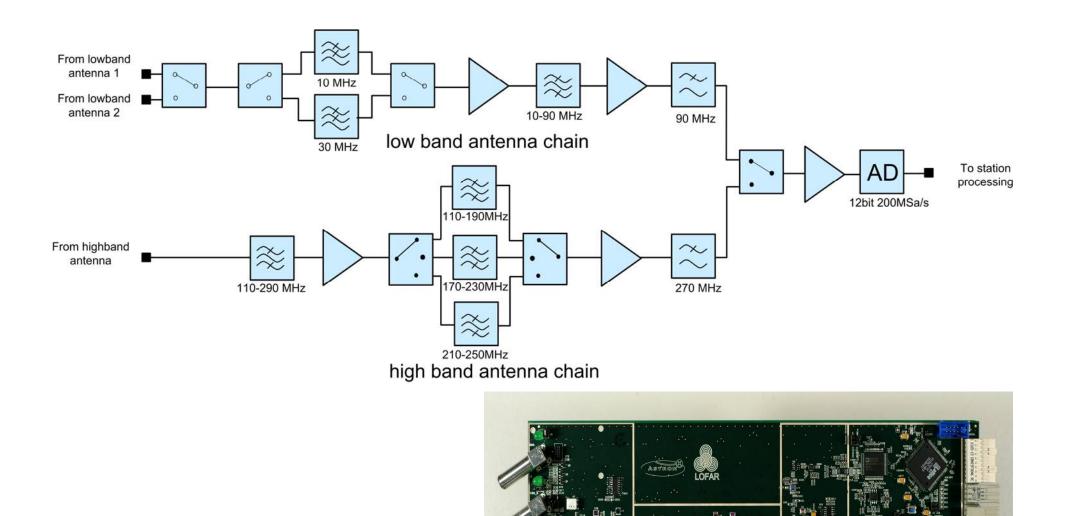






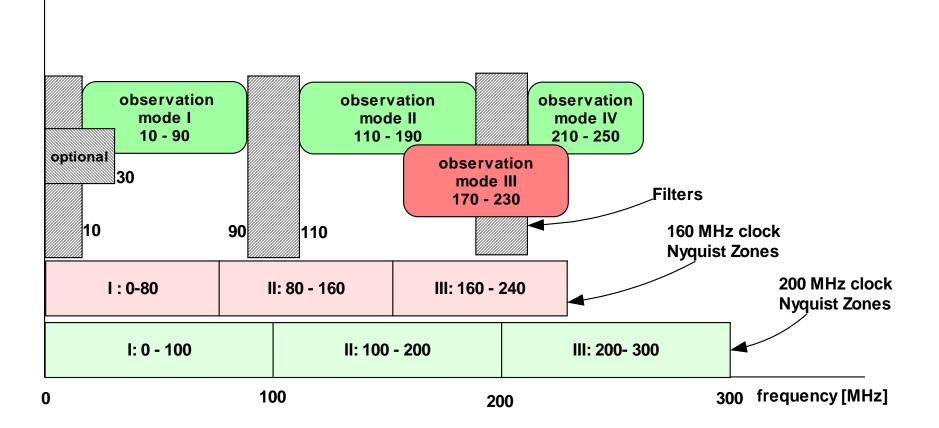


Receiver



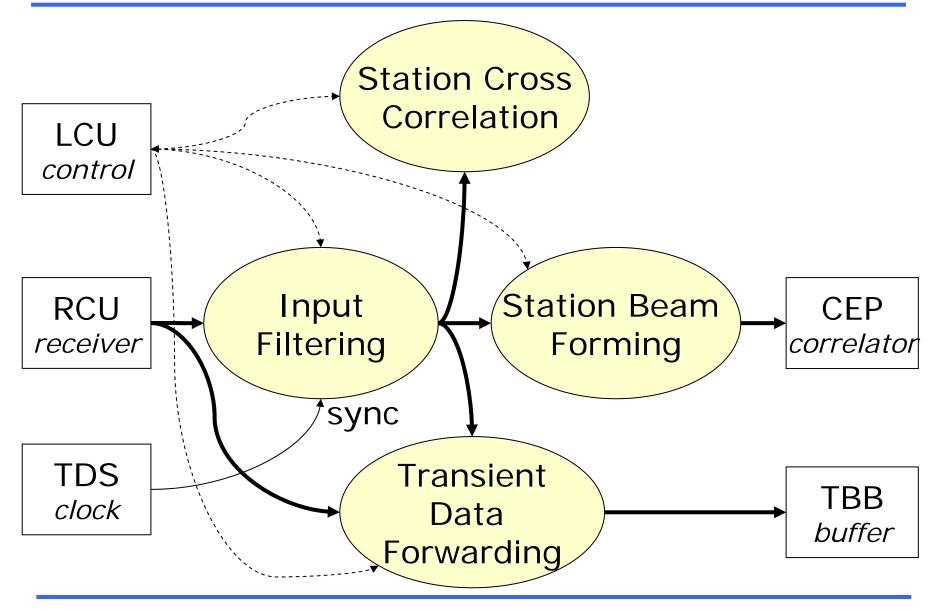
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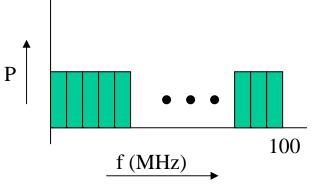
Processing functions

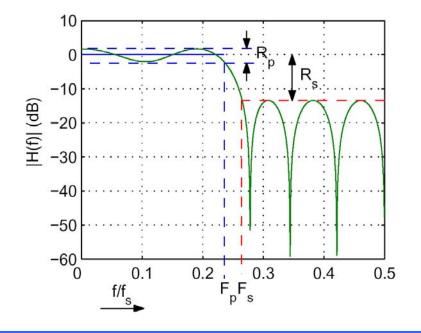


Digital filter bank

Sample rate max. 200 MHz
Number of taps: 4096
Number of subbands: 512

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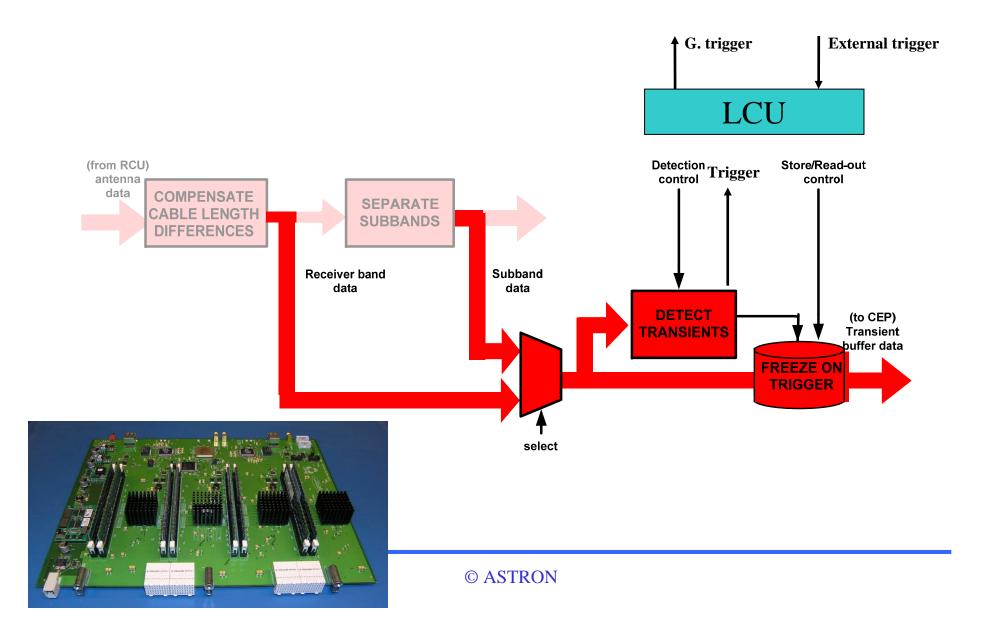




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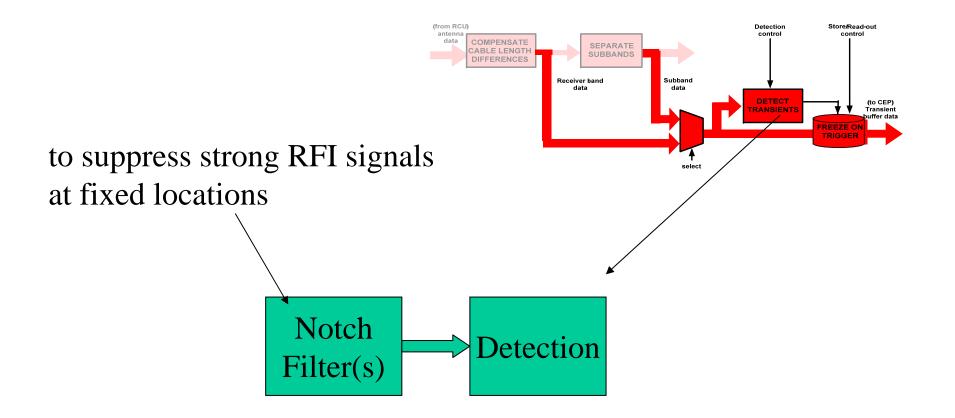


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Cosmic Ray Detection



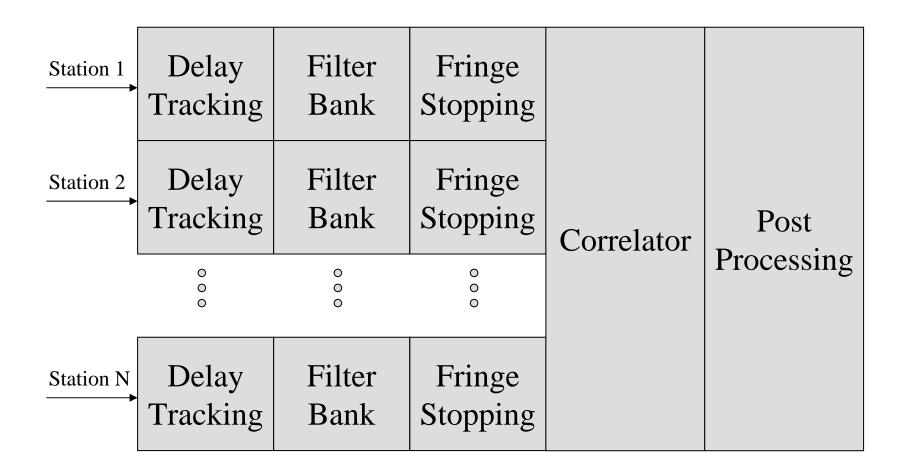
Detection only possible on the stored signals

Input data rate: ~ 230 Gbps (6 DVDs/s)
Output data rate: ~ 2 Gbps
Processing capacity: ~ 1.5 Tmul/s
Storage capacity: 96 Gbyte

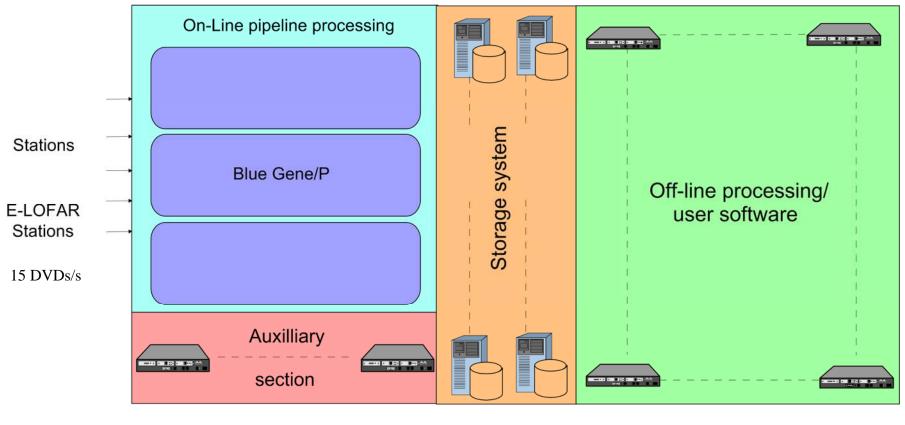
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Central Systems



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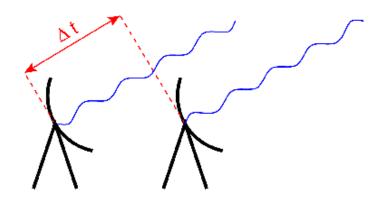


40 TFlops 1-2 PByte 10 TFlops





- Receive data streams from each station
- Buffer the data stream
- Synchronise input streams
- Apply delay compensation (over complete sample periods)
- Route data to correct compute node
- High volume processing
- Data reduction



Short term storage (~5 days)

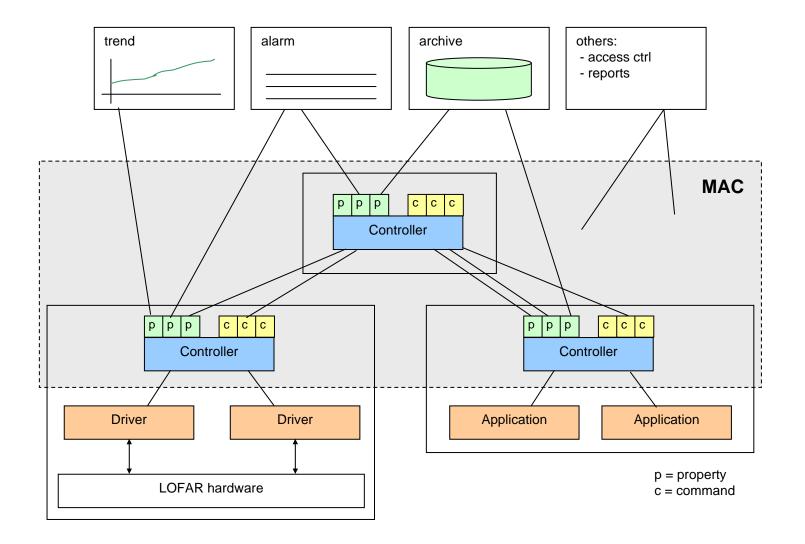
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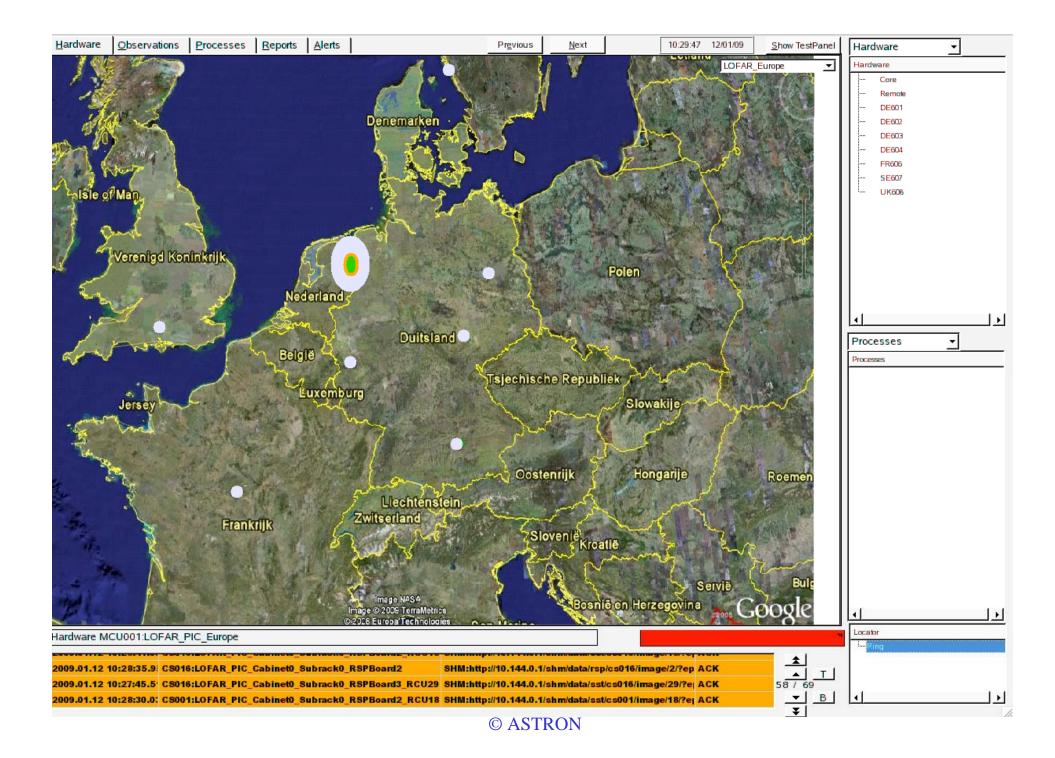
- Store results of on-line processing
- Creates observation files from the BG/P output
- Provide data for off-line processing
- Store intermediate results for off-line processing

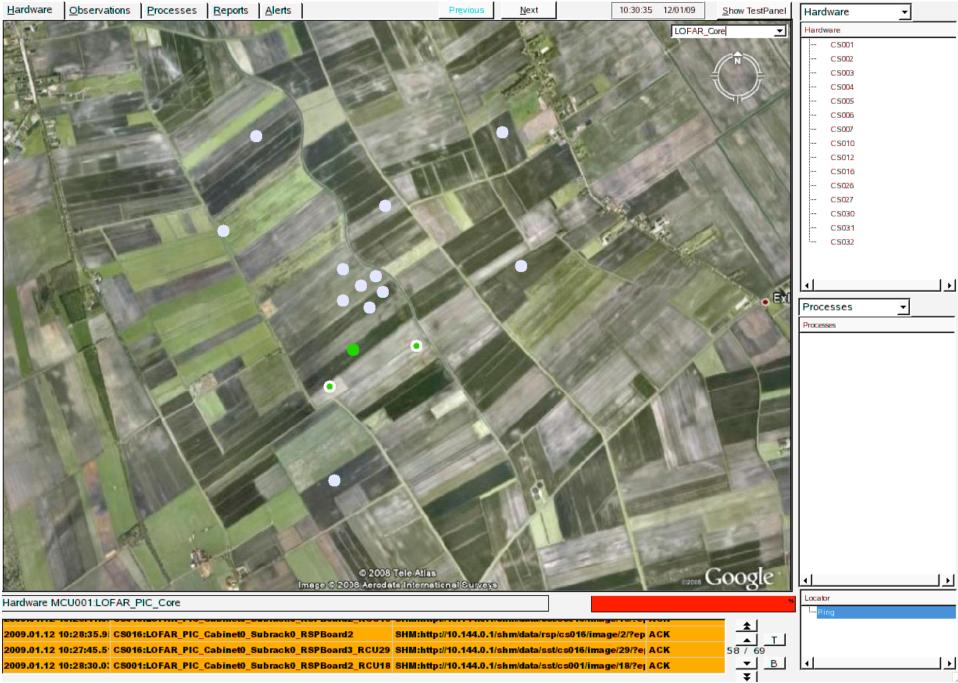
- Create end products
- Dependent on the observation mode
- Data reduction
- Prepare data for export out of LOFAR

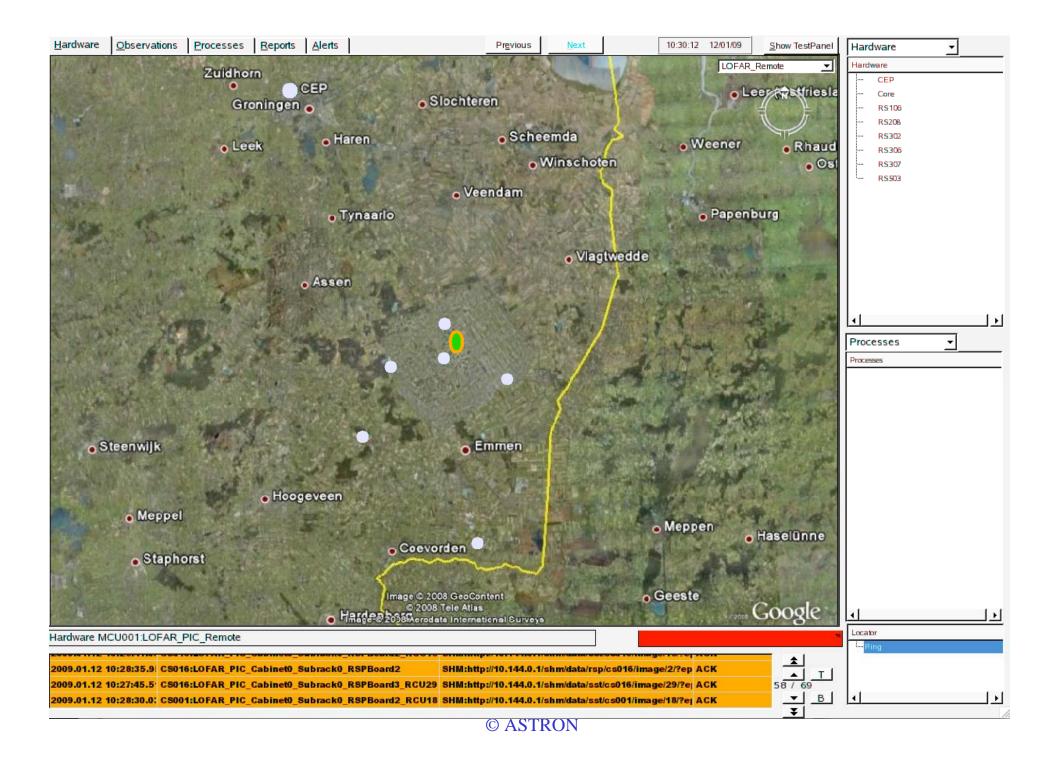


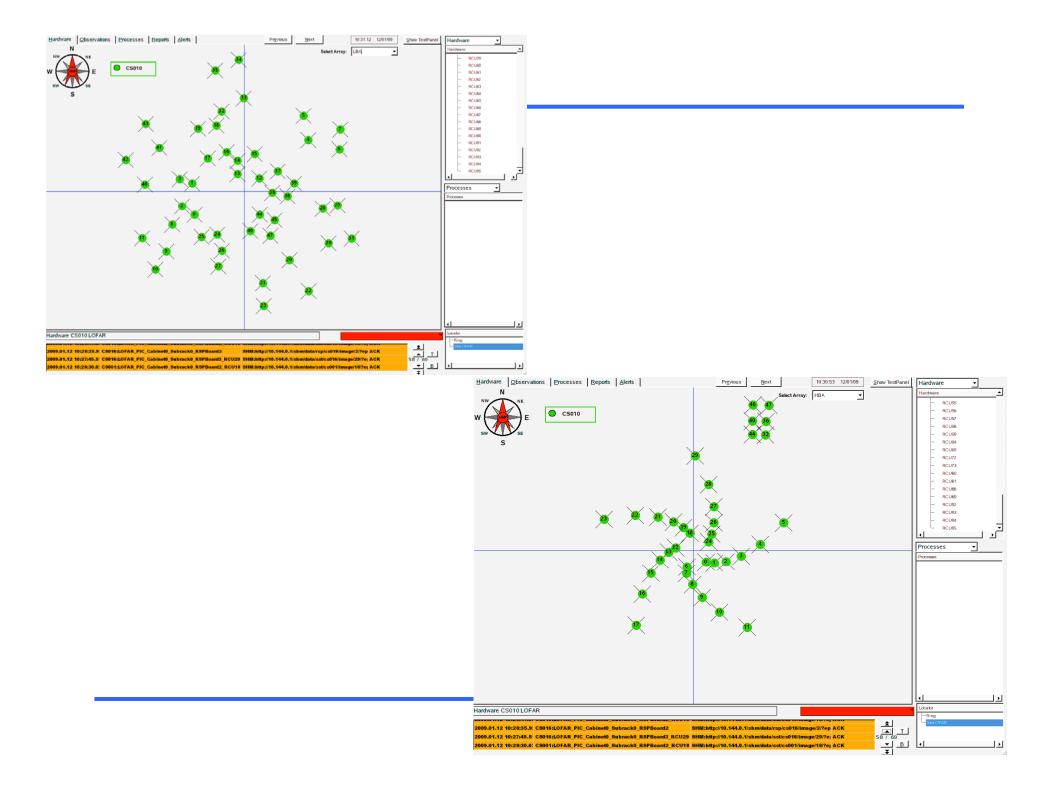
MAC in a birds eye view

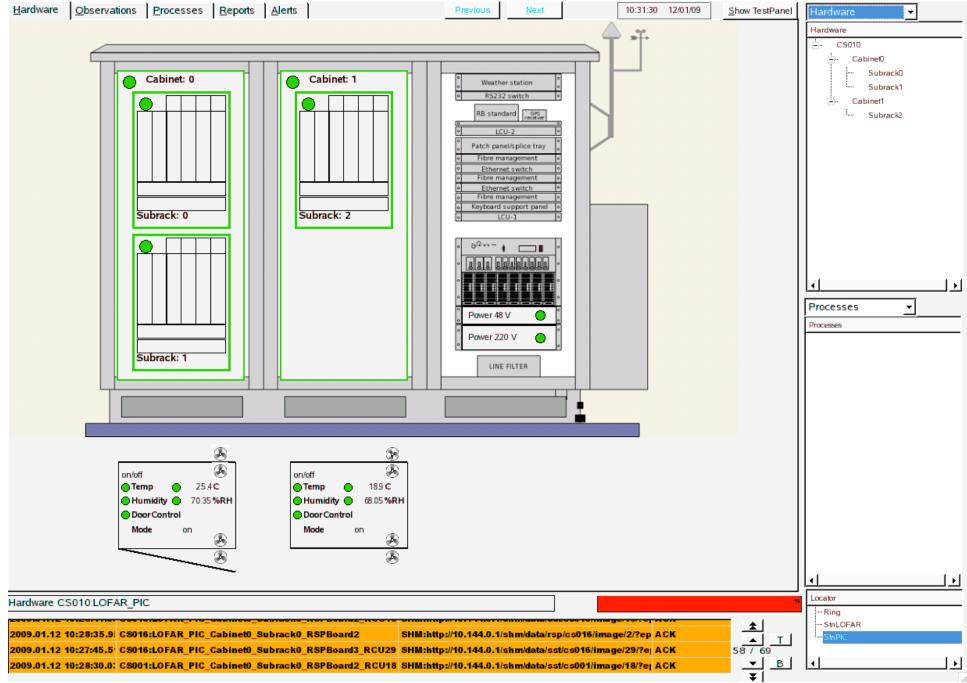


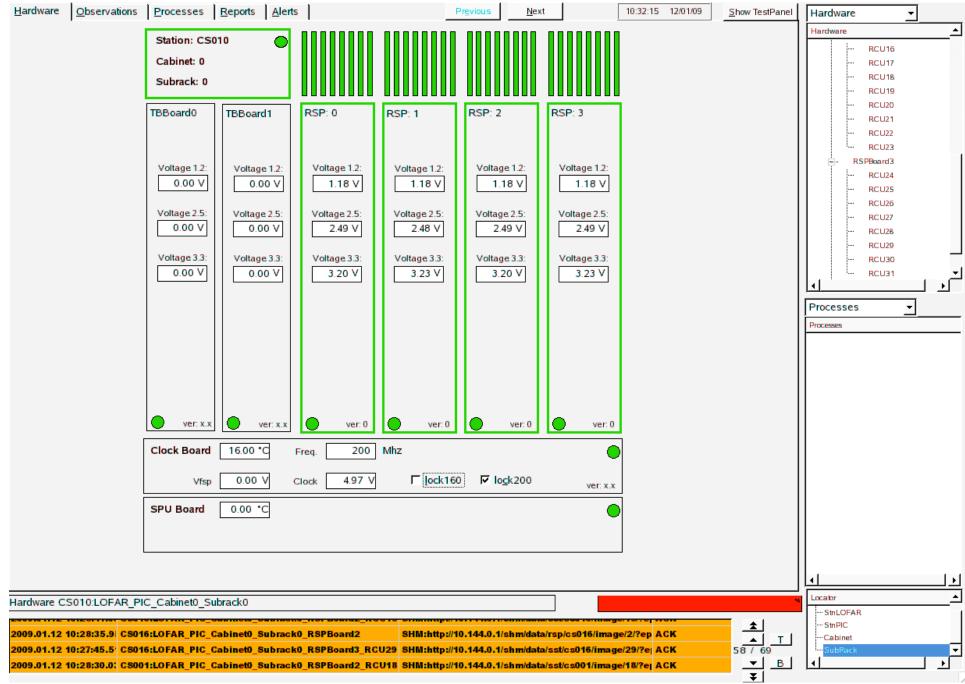


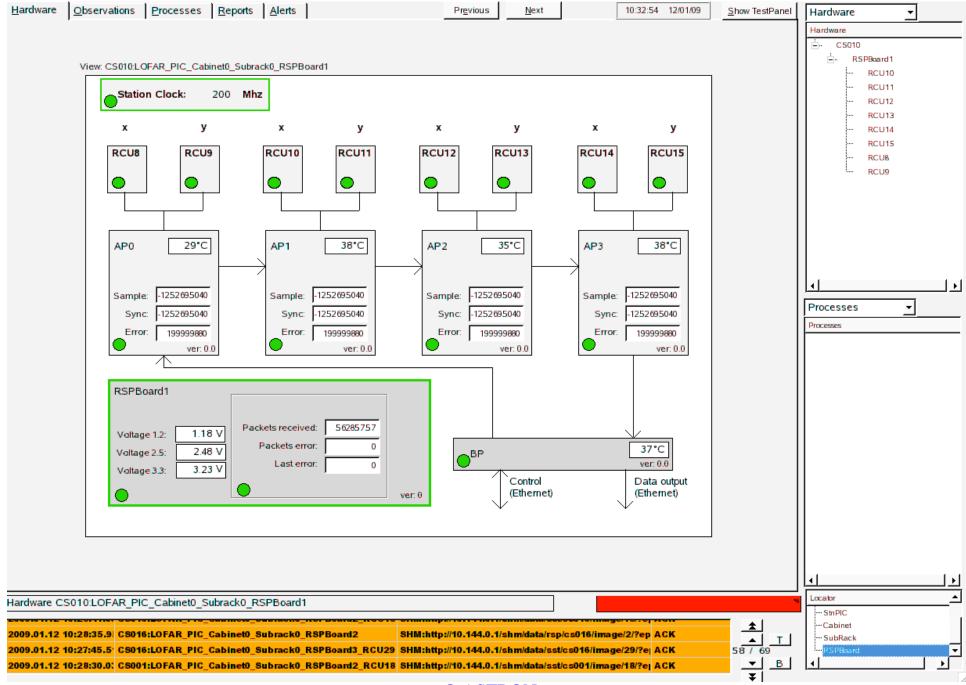






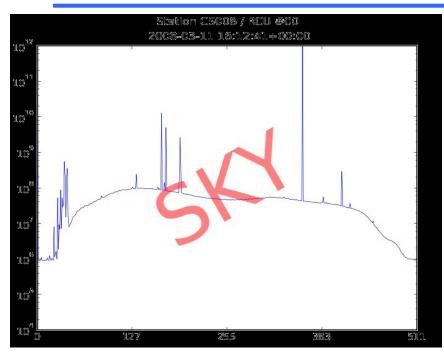


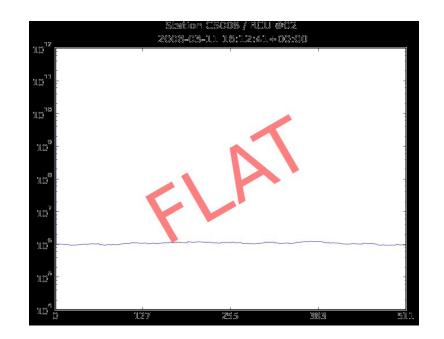






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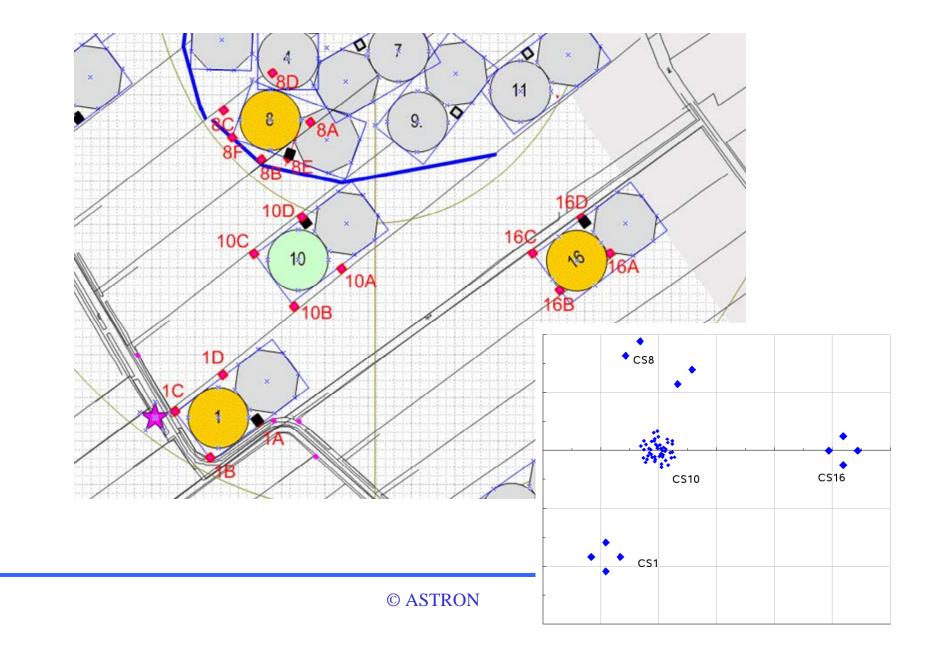






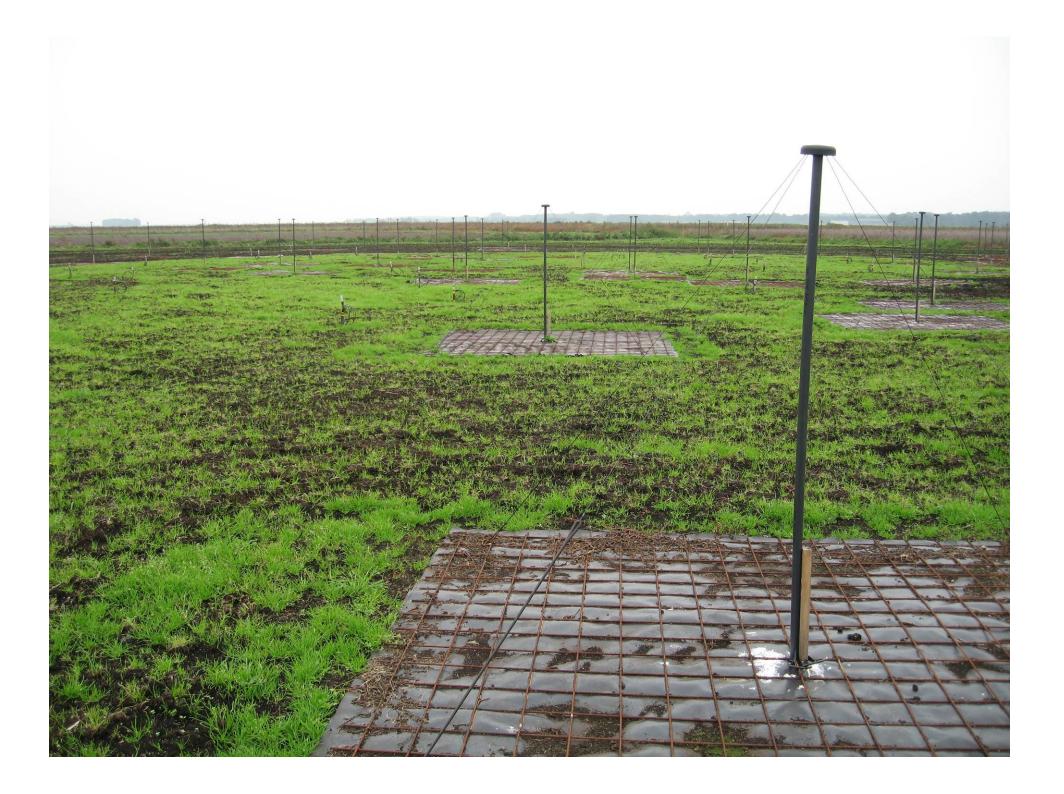


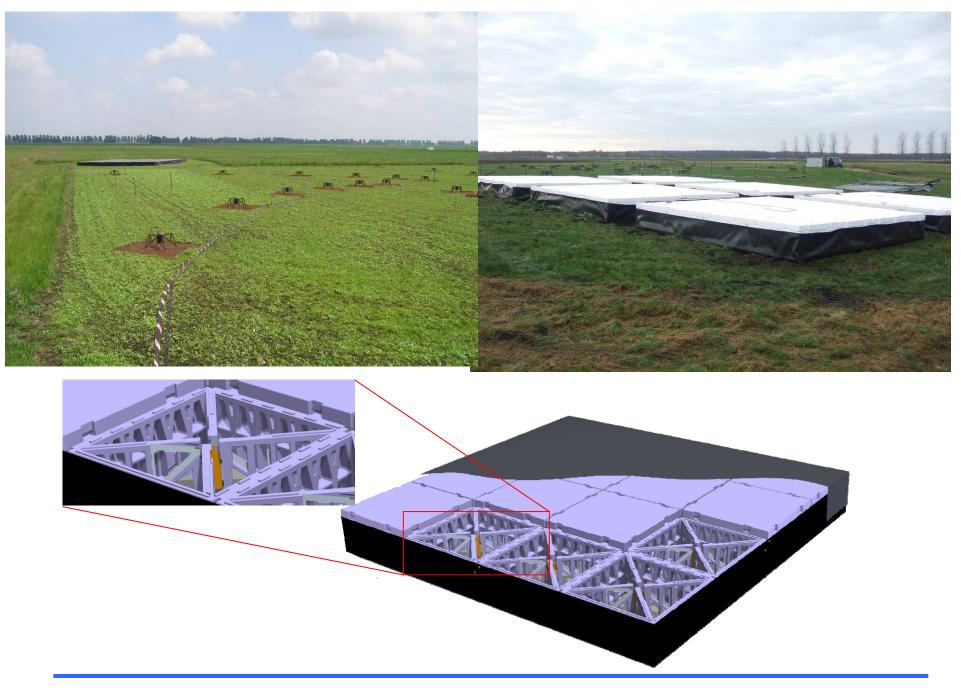
The Prototype Realization

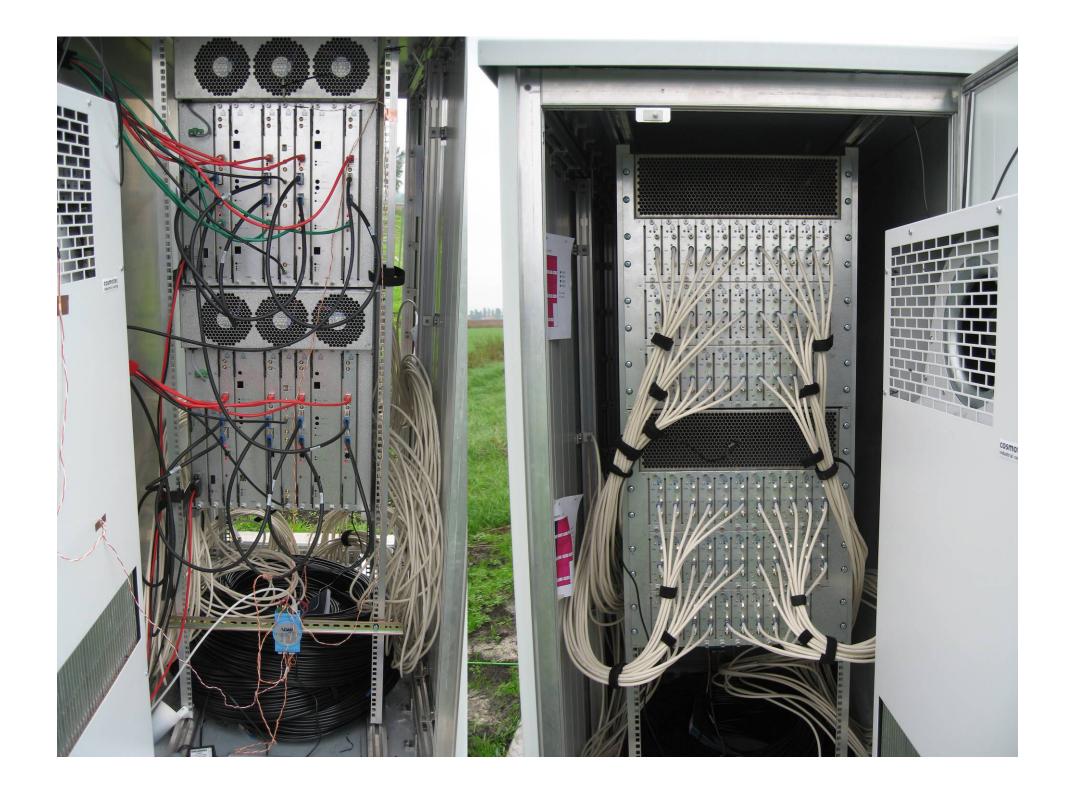


















Effelsberg station installed

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- > Garching, Tautenburg build started
- > Negotiations: Potsdam, Sweden, UK, France
- Plans: Poland and Italy



Prototype stations are operational in the field

> Processing pipeline works from antenna to dataproduct

> LOFAR is a large distributed phased array system

> The hardware is available to build the first stations

