

NRAO Computing Reorganization

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Philosophy



- NRAO computing needs to be more directly connected to the NRAO projects
 - Increase responsiveness to project requirements
 - Focus on project deliverables, without losing sight of a shared vision of data management
 - Put responsibility directly on project managers
 - Seek commonality among projects and telescopes wherever possible
 - Share resources/expertise within NRAO

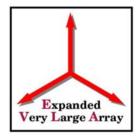




- Disbanded international consortium
- AIPS++ "Project" is no more, but AIPS++ code base remains
 - The primary purpose of AIPS++ within NRAO now is to satisfy project requirements, not to be a universal software system
 - AIPS++ group renamed the Science Software Group to emphasize this change in focus



Observatory Computing



- NRAO Data Management split into two parts
 - Computing and Information Services (G. Hunt)
 - Software development personnel distributed among projects and telescopes (Green Bank, EVLA, ALMA, VLA/VLBA Ops)
 - This includes AIPS++ and e2e personnel
- Observatory Computing Council advises NRAO
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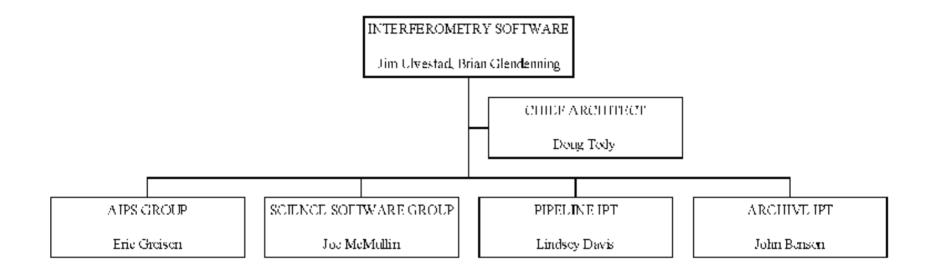


- Co-led by ALMA (B. Glendenning) and VLA/VLBA Operations (J. Ulvestad)
- Responsible for EVLA, ALMA, VLA/VLBA
- Incorporates AIPS++ (SSG) and e2e personnel
 - Integrated Product Teams/groups include individuals under ALMA and VLA/VLBA line management
 - Project scientists within IPTs (e.g., Myers in SSG)
 - EVLA and ALMA Software Project Scientists (Butler & Shepherd) ensure that project requirements are met
 - Chief Architect for system- and NRAO-wide issues



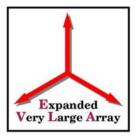
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General Computing Issues



- Can we bring enough resources to bear to accomplish all desired tasks?
- What is the proper balance between immediate project/telescope requirements and shared long-term goals?
- What is the achievable long-term vision for data management at NRAO?