IT-SIMPLICITY SOLUTIONS BV

ITSimplicity Solutions BV FTTH engineering services: From Survey => Turn-key projects Brown-field & Green-field High-level & Detailed design Conceptual designs & calculations

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Telecom & FTTH engineering services since 1994





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Turn-key projects.

The Fibre optic FTTH / FTTX network design software was originally made by and used internally by: NKF (Nokia / Philips) / Draka (Prysmian Group) and their project offices with local staff. Simple to use software to: design, engineer, plan, build and complete turn-key OSP Telecommunication projects.

History.

In 1994 a first version of the network design software was implemented in project offices in Sri-Lanka & Zimbabwe for the creation of: fundamental -and detailed network designs for large Telecom networks. Since then the software has been renewed every year and has been used intensively in several countries in: Africa, Asia, Europe, The Middle-East & The Caribbean for several millions of home connections in Telecom networks.

The Draka/Prysmian project & software engineering team took over all OSP software tools & solutions, rights and ownerships, from Draka / Prysmian and became an independent company called ITSimplicity Solutions BV in February 2013.



Services.

We provide FTTH design & engineering services for projects all over the World. We offer high quality design services for very attractive prices for the engineering of: FTTH, business parks, industrial complexes etc. We create all FTTH designs, plans & documents in Dutch, German and English. This way we engineer large amounts of homes each year.

We have detailed survey examples and survey checklists available for customers.

We provide:

- business case support with network calculations & network concepts
- survey drawing examples, survey checklists & software tools
- high-level network design and quantities (automatically generated)
- installer ready, detailed network designs (duct-plans & drawings, cable-drawings)
- fibre schematics
- quantities reporting



Software.

Our main software focus is the design and project management of Telecom networks. For the design part we made an application as add-on to Autocad/AutocadMap3D. (ITS-NetDesign)

For the reporting & building part we made an extensive project planning software. (ITS-NetProject)

For certain engineering activities (grouping of homes, positioning of manipulation points, cable routing, trench optimization) we made an automatic design tool with cost optimization.(ITS-NetOptimus)

As simplified registration tool, for the creation of splicing schematics and as bridge/interface to certain Operator GIS software we made ITS-NetID.



Our engineering services, best results:

Fibre optic FTTH / FTTX ITS-Software Suite[™] For the **best results**, network design should be approached from the top down and built from the bottom up.

ITSimplicity Solutions BV helps select the most appropriate technology and create a solid business case, and **provides tools** to design, engineer, build, test and maintain the network, right down to creating an accurate Bill of Materials (BoM).

Years of practical experience in turn-key **projects of all sizes**, our knowhow of best-in-class materials and installation techniques allow us to get future-proof networks up and running in no time, even when there are sudden changes in plan or customer requirements.



Our experience with network engineering & turn-key projects:

ITSimplicity Solutions BV covers the entire path from local exchange to the doorstep. With our software tools and services, and decades of experience in deploying **cost-effective networks** around the globe, we're committed to giving you expert advice on maximising performance and minimising cost.

Relying on **over 20 years' experience** in Telecom OSP network engineering, ITSimplicity Solutions BV's engineering and consultancy team can help you cut the cost of planning, designing, optimising, costing and implementing a superfast broadband network. Our engineering services combine extensive knowledge and advanced software tools to design, engineer and optimise your passive optical fibre networks.

Our design and planning tools **remove the guesswork** out of material requirements, eliminating the need to redo preliminary drawings and cost calculations when a project gets the go ahead.



Detailed & high level design, engineering services:

Create a detailed network design.

By automating, sequencing and simplifying components and processes, our design and planning software helps analyse and visualise scenarios easily and quickly, information needed to support financial business case scenario planning. Using site survey findings, initial estimations of BoQ, BoL and BoM can be enhanced as part of a highly detailed design (issues such as the accessibility of existing ducts and poles will then be taken into account).

Build a winning business case.

Relying on our design & engineering solutions is the quick and easy way to build a solid business case for the topology and deployment options for your network and to be certain of investing in a robust, future-proof, cost efficient, high performance network.



Detailed & high level design, engineering services:

From concept to detailed design.

From concept to design, development, building and maintenance of networks for **crowded cities or rural regions**, with our integrated software solutions you have everything covered.

Our design software maps, configures, optimises and calculates costs of network concepts in seconds. Changes and variations are **easy to implement** whilst designing and even after installation. Expert engineering and consultancy services, plus professional support for building a winning business case.



Our services output:

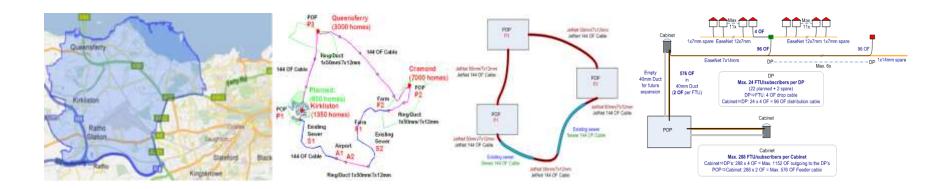
Full range of services:

- Network definition, general technical business case
- Topology choice (P2P or P2MP) or a mix of legacy/new build
- Technology choice (PoN or Ethernet)
- Number of homes (Multi Dwelling Units (MDUs), single dwelling, etc.)
- Alternative Rights of Way (RoW)
- FTTH in MDUs (e.g. flats)
- Financial scenario planning based on detailed designs
- Bill of Quantities (BoQ)
- Bill of Materials (BoM)
- Bill of Labour (BoL)
- Detailed network engineering, including as-built documentation (BoQ, BoM, BoL) and:
- Fibre, Splicing schemes
- Duct-labelling plans
- Connection lists for distribution points
- Drawings for implementing and/or permitting
- Drawings for household connections



Network concepts:

- Developing network concepts, P2P / PON / Ducts / Micro-ducts
- Creating cost optimized network-designs
- Full service, from design to network concept documents
- Business case support with detailed costs & quantities
- High packing density data-centres (space saving)





Service references 2013/2014/2015

- FTTH, FTTB,
- FTTX: Tunnels/Metro/Railway
- Hybrid: Copper/Power/ Optical

In: Mid-Africa & North-Africa, South America, The Middle East, Europe.





Our FTTH / FTTX network design & engineering solutions:

Design Build

Operate & Maintain

ITS-NetDesign

Network design

ITS-NetOptimus

Automatic optimization

ITS-NetProject

Project Management

ITS-NetID

Network Registration



► AutoCAD[®] based creation of all required drawings and network related quantities.

Cost optimized network design

Automatic, based on material & installation costs

Simplifies complex networks

► Managing of all labour, quantities & costs. Material management & process control

Registration & Documentation

Creation of fibre connections / jointing reports. Integrated GIS.



ITS-Software Suite™, summary:

FTTH / FTTX ITS-Software Suite[™] Is a **proven software solution** to Design, Build & Maintain FTTX networks.

The ITS-Software Suite[™] has designed, registered and installed **several millions** of connections.

The ITS-Software Suite™:

- **Cost optimized** automatic CAD design
- Dedicated software for FTTH / FTTX Project-Management
- Simple conversion from pre-registration to As-built **network registration**
- Offers full process control over your projects



ITS-Software Suite™, network design:

ITS-NetDesign[™] **Flexible solution** for FTTH / FTTX design, based on **Autocad**[®] & AutocadMap3D [®] Automatic: costing, cabling, labelling, easy switch from P2P to GPON. Fast output as: schematics, installer ready & as-built designs. Easy to learn.

Picture: FTTH network design Amsterdam including labelling, calculations, project management and registration

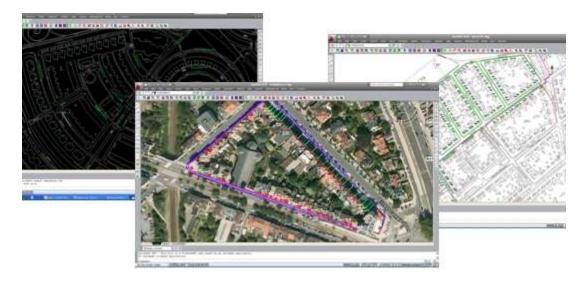




ITS-NetDesign supports various drawing background formats:

- Import multiple customer locations, cadastral Geo data. ITS-NetDesign can use a satellite image, aerial photograph or scanned background drawings to make a quick estimate of the cost of FTTH network materials and labour.
- Various common formats can be imported as external references or underlays.

Picture: FTTH network design , cadastral design, area photo, network design





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Software, network design

ITS-NetDesign adds Fibre optic FTTH / FTTX network design / engineering functions and items to standard Autocad[®] / AutocadMap3D [®] (full version).

ITS-NetDesign supports:

- Manual design and modification of network items
- (Semi-) automatic network design and network modelling
- Fully-automatic cost optimized network design

(see also our website for the ITS-NetOptimus planning & optimization software)

Easy manipulation of the network design with:

- Menu's, toolbars with FTTH network items
- Data-editor: easy text and quantities dialog screen
- Easy switch from Draft / Imported data to a real network design



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Software, network design

The ITS-NetDesign Engine:

Multiple users, large projects:

- Unique ID code generator
- Automatic: <u>Jobs / work-orders</u> creation (layers & quantities per area / activity)
- Drawings contain all <u>Extended data</u>. (No links to an external database)
- Unlimited amount of concurrent designers / engineers
- No project size limits

Automatic and customizable (multiple settings) creation of: .

- Layers
- Fibre optic network items (cables, ducts, trenches, manipulation-points etc.)
- Labelling and colouring
- Dynamic text (address, colouring, length and quantities related)
- Material & Installations items and quantities
- Dynamic quantities (<u>Standard functions</u> and <u>Complex calculations</u> related)



Complex Fibre optic FTTH / FTTX calculations, summary:

Summary of a number of more complex calculation functions:

- The Data-editor: calculates all dynamic quantities and dynamic text
- Auto-cable: calculates fibres requirements and creates all required cables
- Auto-labelling: creates the customizable cable labelling
- Manual-calculation: per single manipulation-point, checks all connections, calculates all material & installation requirements, amount of connected customerconnection / FTU (ONT), passive fibres amount, active fibre requirements per bandwidth, splitter-types and quantities
- <u>'Spider-calculation':</u> with a single click, enforcing all <u>P2P / GPON</u> settings, the whole network is re-calculated & re-designed. The dynamic text / labelling will automatically show: splitter-types and quantities per manipulation-point
- Concept area info: shows all quantities of connections, cable & trench types



Fibre optic FTTH / FTTX P2P / GPON, summary:

The ITS-NetDesign software is capable of searching for all 'down' nodes and can determine the number of fibres required in the cables to the nodes.

In addition, the software calculates the number of splices, splice cassettes and cable inlet grommets for the selected nodes. In PON networks, it also calculates the number and type of optical splitters required with a single click. If needed, splices, cassettes and splitters can be assigned to capacity limits, with warnings indicating if the limits have been exceeded.

With ITS-NetDesign it is possible to perform P2P & PON <u>'Spider Calculations'</u> on all 'down' nodes, or 'select all' and **let the program calculate** and decide for the whole network.



ITS-Software Suite™, project management:

ITS-NetProject[™]

Extensive system for: **Material, Contract and Project management**. Lego-like structure: three project levels with 'building blocks'. Total process control, including: purchasing, contractors, progress reports. Completely customizable and simple to operate.

Picture: FTTH project preparation, implementation and commissioning, project info, supplier info, datasheets





ITS-NetProject uses only three ABC levels to define a project:

Area-activity Job level
 Building-block Plant-unit level
 Component Component level



1.Job level (work-order / activity): plant-unit codes with job-specific quantities

2.Plant-unit level (installation unit): material and/or labour, combination of components

3.Component level: a material or labour element



ITS-NetProject is developed as a multi-user system with a central MySQL database. This project planning software offers, per project:

Material management

- Product management (Component & Supplier management)
- Purchasing
- Store management (store content, incoming and outgoing materials, etc.)

Contract management

- Contractor definition
- Contract definition (scope, labour components, prices, etc.)

Project management

- Job / work-order definitions
- Implementation scheduling with Job release & material issue notes
- Progress & as-built reporting, billing & payments

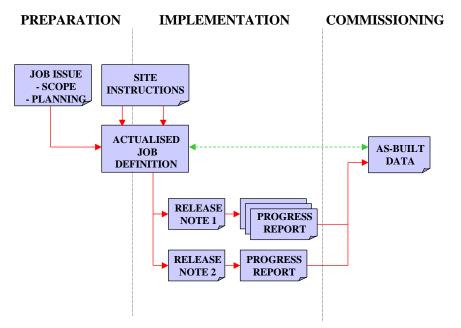


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Software, project management

Project management

A job can be so large or complex that it has to be implemented in parts or sections. For this purpose release notes are issued to inform the contractor when he is allowed to do a certain portion of the job / work. On these release notes the progress is reported, as well as the as-built data.



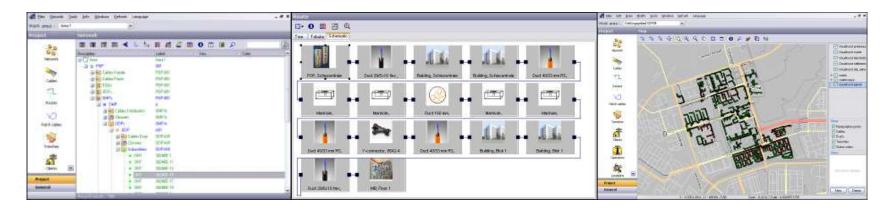


ITS-NetID[™], network registration:

ITS-NetID[™]

Optical fibre network registration with easy tree structure en integrated GIS. All information directly available for multiple users. All network details are direct available in multiple views and GIS. Lego-like customizable building blocks. Easy to operate.

Picture: FTTH network documentation, registration views: tree, cable route, interactive map, GIS





ITS-NetOptimus™, automatic cost optimized network design:

ITS-NetOptimus[™] Our **automatic network design** solution.

Creates the highest quality FTTH / FTTX network-designs by using complex optimization algorithms within a user friendly graphical interface.

Cost optimized network designs are made in minutes instead of days.

Optimization parameters:

- Civil costs
- Material costs
- Installation costs

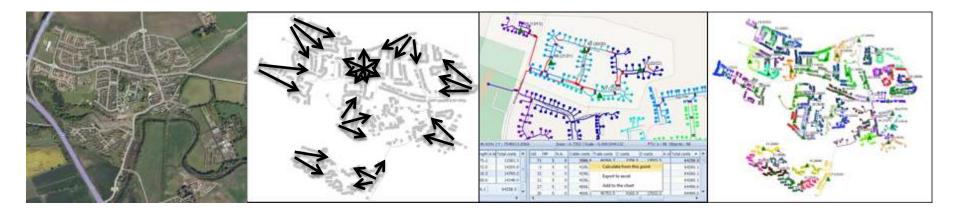


ITS-NetOptimus™, automatic cost optimized network design:

ITS-NetOptimus[™] offers substantial benefits in terms of **reducing** the **engineering time and network building costs**.

The best network designs are listed with costs and made visible within minutes

Picture: FTTH project photo, multiple calculations, alternative designs listed, best DP area's





ITS-NetOptimus™, automatic cost optimized network design:

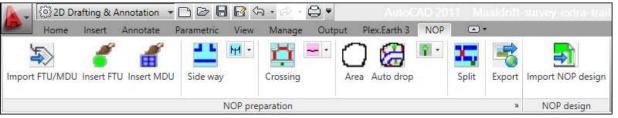
Network designs and costs are directly available per area.

Multiple levels and network concepts.

Substantial savings (approx): 20 % less drop cable by improved grouping homes 2 % less distribution cable by best DP positioning 2% less trenching costs by improved routing

100 times faster than manual / alternative engineering





From Brown-field & Green-field survey data preparation => network design:

- 1: Insertion of the building entry points for FTU (ONT) / MDU (MNT) and GPS data
- 2: Insertion of lines per trench/trail type and GPS data

3: Prepare and finalize the survey data for automatic network optimization & design

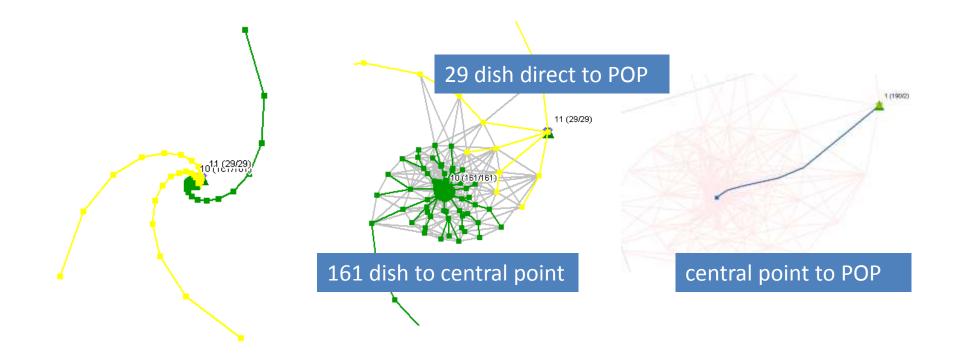


In Phase one, the addition of 190 dish antennas will expand the 64-dish precursor array. South Africa and eight African partner countries will host the dish array in Phase two and will also host the Phase two mid frequency aperture array antennas



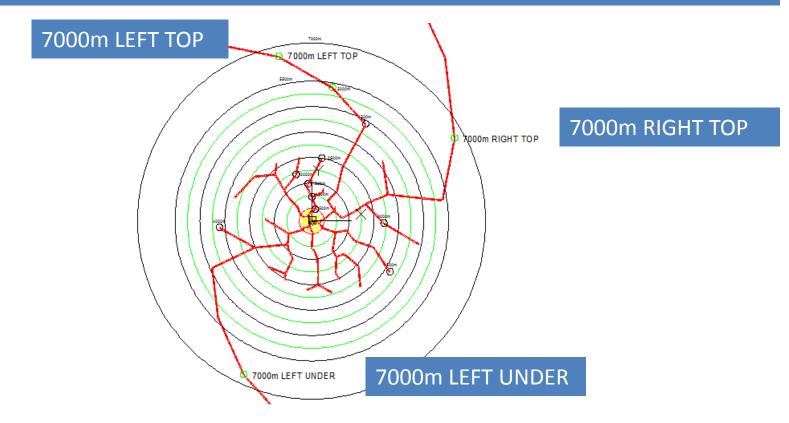


Cost optimized 190 dish network design by ITS-NetOptimus with 2 POP's One central point for certain dishes and POP at separate location approx. 7000m from 0,0





Cost optimized 190 dish network designs by ITS-NetOptimus for 3 POP locations Total of cable & trench costs for three POP locations near 7000m from coordinate 0,0.





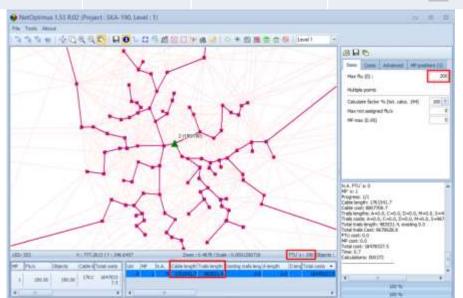
Phase one, the addition of 190 dish antennas in South Africa Total of cable & trench costs for different POP locations near 7000m from coordinate 0,0.

		Cable & Trench costs, for different POP locations						
		Distance (approx) from POP to 0,0	Total costs	Cable	Trench	Cable	Trench	Total
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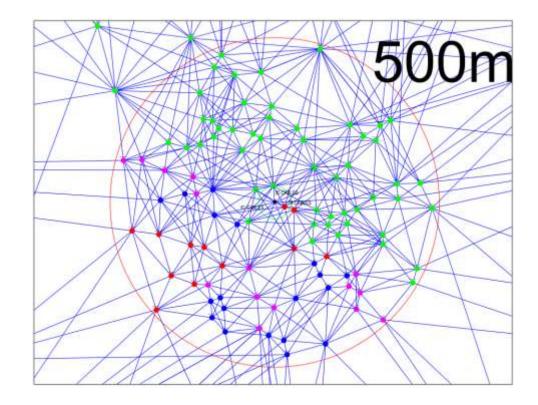
Cost optimized 190 dish network design by ITS-NetOptimus Minimum **costs** design with the POP location at coordinate 0,0.

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Phase one, the addition of 190 dish antennas in South Africa Dish locations and optional cable routes within 500m from coordinate 0,0.





Phase one, the addition of 190 dish antennas in South Africa Micro ducts and cable jetting: extra costs \Leftrightarrow advantages

The total of the costs per meter of Micro-duct + installation + Jetting cable + installation is typically more than the total costs per meter of Direct buried cable + installation.

Still micro-duct systems offer big advantages which have to do with:

- Limited risks of cable damage/ theft, a cable can be blown in from end => end point with limited cable exposure
- Timing, the investment in cable installation can be delayed until the last moment
- No additional digging at a later stage by using extra / spare micro-duct space

• Proven systems







Spliceless links of up to 12 km by placing jetting equipment in tandem



Phase one, the addition of 190 dish antennas in South Africa Plug & Play & Reduced space solutions

96x LC duplex ports on 1U (192 fibres)

Modules for every connector type

FO cables preterminated in all lengths MPO connectors for 12x FO

Reduced space need in cable trays and racks Quick and simple "plug and play" installation







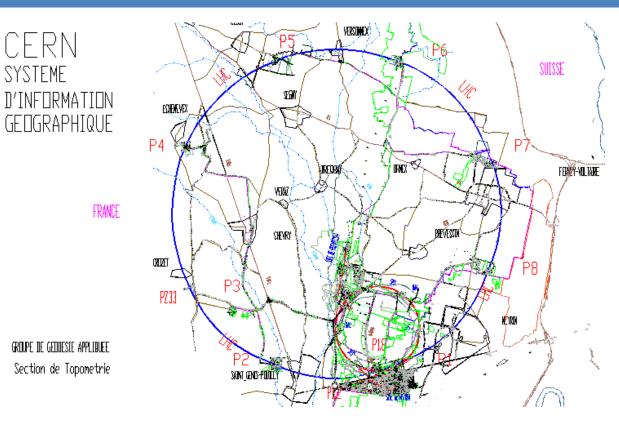


Reference project ITS-Software Suite™ : CERN. The 27-kilometer LHC is the world's largest particle accelerator.(Located about 100m deep)



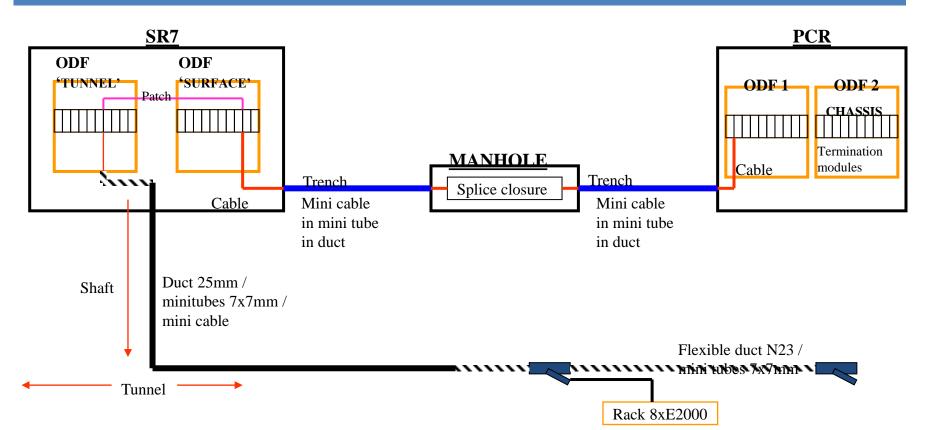


Reference project ITS-Software Suite™ : CERN. The 27km circular tunnel, shafts and CERN sites in France & Switzerland





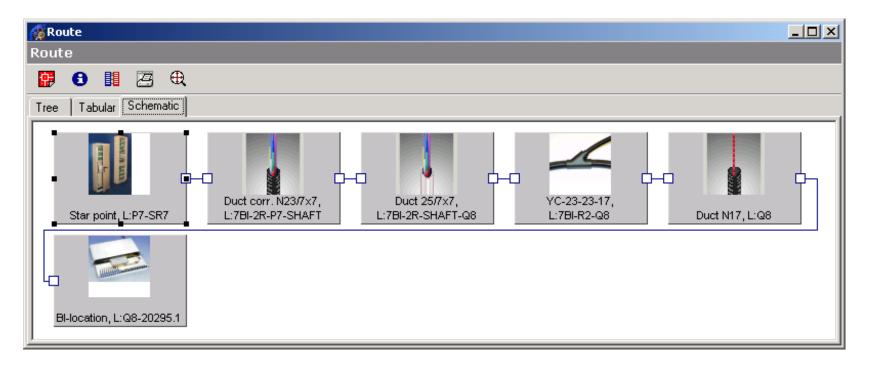
Reference project ITS-Software Suite™ : CERN The challenge: to design, built and maintain this FTTX network





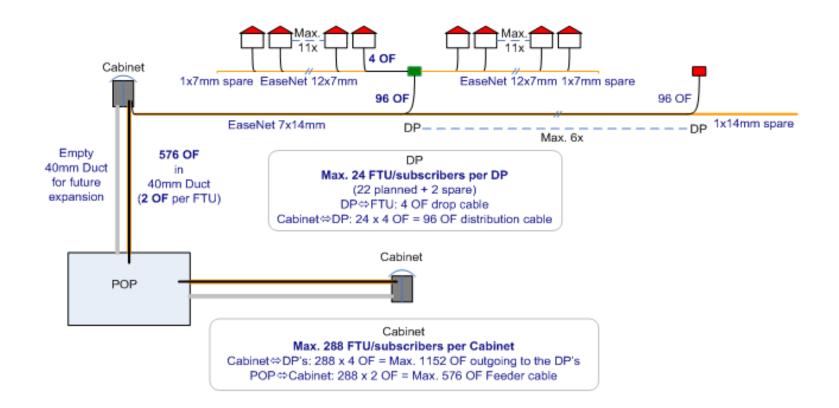
Reference project ITS-Software Suite[™] : CERN

ITS-NetID[™] the Route/Trace function shows the complete route of any fibre, cable, duct...





Picture. network concept for a certain project





Examples, FTTH business case

Picture. area with network trunk ring





Picture: cost optimized DP and/or Cabinet area's, with cost optimized cable routes

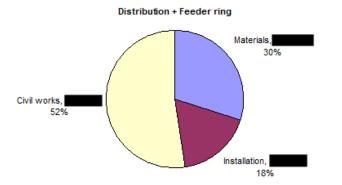
Picture: multiple network levels DP⇔FTU's & Cabinet⇔DP's & POP⇔Cabinets





Picture: High-level design costs chart

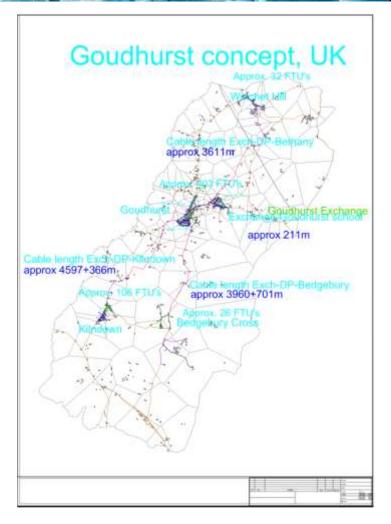
Picture: detailed quantities for high-level & detailed network design Comparison with different network concepts.





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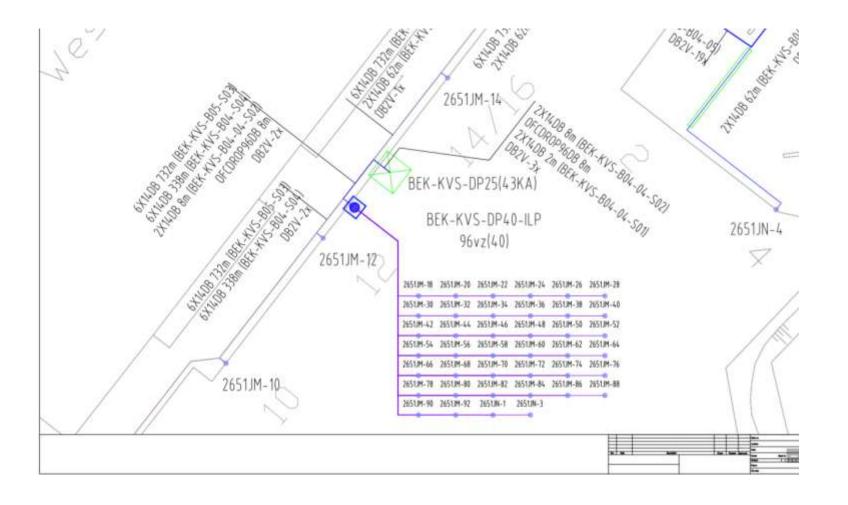












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