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Preface

Writing a master thesis is the final part of the master Business Mathematics and Informatics (BMI) at the VU University Amsterdam. The goal of this thesis is to apply the Business, Mathematics and Informatics component on a business case at an external company. I undertook this internship at Tele2 Nederland at the department Network Operations & Engineering, located in Diemen.

In this thesis we performed a comparative study on TV quality. By building a predictive model we gave insights into the future TV quality of the network.

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