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PROBABILISTIC NOWCASTING OF WINTER WEATHER FOR AIRPORTS

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Abstract

This document gathers together PNOWWA Stakeholders Workshop 2018, PNOWWA Webinar 2017, SESAR Innovation Days, SESAR 2020 IR Project Solution Meetings and other related conferences. In the appendixes of this deliverable are all the presentations held in PNOWWA Stakeholders Workshop, PNOWWA webinar and abstract of the TBO-MET Workshop.

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Abbreviations

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|------|-----------------------------------|
| ANSP | Air Navigation Safety Provider |
| ATC | Air Traffic Control |
| ATM | Air Traffic Management |
| AUA | Austrian Airlines |
| CET | Central European Time |
| CSI | Critical Success Index |
| DIW | De-icing Weather index |
| DLR | German Aerospace Center |
| EFHK | Helsinki airport |
| ENS | Ensemble |
| FMI | Finnish Meteorological Institute |
| HR | Hit Rate |
| IER | Information Exchange Requirement |
| LFV | Swedish ANSP |
| LOWI | Innsbruck Airport |
| LOWW | Wien Schwechat Airport |
| NWP | Numerical Weather Prediction |
| ROC | Receiver Operating Characteristic |
| SID | SESAR Innovation Days |
| TAF | Terminal Aerodrome Forecast |
| TAM | Total Airport Management |
| TRL | Technological Readiness Level |
| WP | Work Package |

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Executive Summary

PNOWWA – Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports – is an Exploratory Research project developing methods to support the Air Traffic Management (ATM) challenged by winter weather. PNOWWA will demonstrate very short-term (0-3h nowcast) probabilistic winter weather forecasts in 15min time resolution based on extrapolation of the movement of weather radar echoes.

This document describes presentations of PNOWWA solutions given at various workshops, conferences, SESAR Innovation Days, and SESAR Industrial Research Project Solution meetings, either organised by the PNOWWA project or with participation of the PNOWWA team.

The **PNOWWA stakeholder workshop** was held in Vienna from 27th to 28th of February 2018 with 17 participants and 14 presentations.

The **PNOWWA stakeholder webinar** was held on 04.10.2017 by Webex with 21 participants following three presentations.

PNOWWA topics have further been presented at two **SESAR Innovation Days** (SID 2016, 2017).

Interactions with two **SESAR 2020 Industrial Research Project Solutions** (Solution PJ.04-02 “Total Airport Management” and PJ.18-04 “ATM improvement by enhanced AIM and MET”) have been used to elaborate on the need and requirements for probabilistic winter weather information in Industrial Research.

PNOWWA attended (will attend) four **stakeholder workshops** organised by three other SJU-funded projects.

Finally, the PNOWWA work has also been presented at four international **conferences**.

In conclusion, the presentations of PNOWWA given at various fora and in different formats raised awareness among applied meteorologists as well as aviation industry partners of the capabilities and chances of probabilistic winter weather nowcast. The PNOWWA team got helpful feedback to steer and adjust its project work, especially in a possible follow-on project where a TRL of 2 with a higher application demand is envisaged.

1 Introduction

PNOWWA – Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports – is an Exploratory Research project developing methods to support the Air Traffic Management (ATM) challenged by winter weather. PNOWWA will demonstrate very short-term (0-3h nowcast) probabilistic winter weather forecasts in 15min time resolution based on extrapolation of the movement of weather radar echoes.

The results of PNOWWA’s research aim to be applied to all precipitation dependent solutions at a local (airport) scale when Mission Trajectories will be defined for flights. In the Proposal it was assumed that many of SESAR 2020 Industrial Research solutions will organize workshops to clarify their need in using enhanced meteorological services in the area of their responsibility and define respective requirements. The Industrial Research Project Solutions with highest potential to apply the research findings are PJ.02-01 “Enhanced Runway Throughput”, PJ.04-02 “Total Airport Management”, PJ.05 “Remote Tower for Multiple Airports”, and PJ.07 “Optimised Airspace Users Operations”. None of these (or even others) has organized suitable workshops. Therefore, the PNOWWA consortium was unable to produce and deliver the planned deliverable **D7.1 “SESAR 2020 Industrial Research Solution workshop presentations”** after 12 months.

Instead, contacts to these IR-Projects were established via Solution PJ.18-04b by investigations and inquiries on a bilateral level in the second year of PNOWWA. During the Intermediate Review Meeting, held in Brussels, the consortium in cooperation with the SJU officers, decided to supersede the content of that deliverable with a collection of the various presentations of PNOWWA given during the course of the project.

This document, hence, describes presentations of PNOWWA solutions given at various workshops, conferences, SESAR Innovation Days, and SESAR Project Solution meetings, either organised by the PNOWWA project or with participation of the PNOWWA team.

The **PNOWWA stakeholder workshop** was held in Vienna from 27th to 28th of February 2018 where in total 14 presentations highlighted the requirements and means to mitigate the impact of winter weather from users’ perspectives and R&D attempts. The presentations were lively discussed among the 17 participants from aviation industry and R&D communities. Emphasis was laid on how to use probabilistic weather forecast in the aviation business in a pragmatic, yet beneficial way.

The **PNOWWA stakeholder webinar** was held on 04.10.2017 by Webex. A total of 21 participants representing aviation stakeholders and research entities were following three presentations on

“Synthesis of user needs for Probabilistic Nowcasting of Snow at the Airports”, “Approaches of probability forecasting” and “Snow nowcasts with extrapolative methods. Case studies and lessons learned”. The format of a (concise) webinar has proven to be an effective mean to disseminate and discuss research results among spatially distributed, yet interested parties in the topic of weather impact on aviation. The interest in the PNOWWA webinar was unexpectedly large.

PNOWWA topics have also been presented at two **SESAR Innovation Days** (SID 2016, 2017). Posters and short presentations have successfully been used to attract visitors of the SIDs.

Interactions with two **SESAR 2020 Industrial Research Project Solutions** have been used to elaborate on the need and requirements for probabilistic winter weather information: Solution PJ.04-02 “Total Airport Management” where processes are defined to assess winter weather impact, among others, and Solution PJ.18-04 “ATM improvement by enhanced AIM and MET” (MET) where the Content Integration and Common Component 3.1 “Airport MET Information and Alert Generation Enhancement” was identified as a link to PNOWWA activities.

PNOWWA attended (will attend) four **stakeholder workshops** organised by three other SJU-funded projects, the TBO-MET workshop 03/04.05.2018 in Salzburg, the ATM4E workshop in Berlin and a workshop organised by ACI Europe and SJU at Malta airport on 12.04.2018 in Malta.

Finally, the PNOWWA work has also been presented at four international conferences: the EGU 2016 and 2018 in Vienna, Austria, the 2nd European Nowcasting Conference 03-05.05.2017 organised by the German Meteorological Service DWD in Offenbach, Germany, and the WMO Aeronautical Meteorology Scientific Conference 2017 at MeteoFrance in Toulouse, France.

The slides of most presentations of all workshops, conferences and meetings are included in the Appendices or links are provided to respective internet pages.

2 PNOWWA Stakeholder Workshop

The PNOWWA workshop was held in Vienna, Austria, from 27th to 28th of February 2018. It brought together aviation stakeholders and scientists of other SESAR and weather/ATM related projects to discuss the use of probability measures in nowcasting of winter weather for airports.

The main objectives of the workshop were

- a) to present and discuss PNOWWA concept, methods, feedback and results of the demonstration phases and survey,
- b) to promote probabilistic weather information within aviation community,
- c) to collect further feedback for a roadmap towards a future application of PNOWWA research results for stakeholders,
- d) to strengthen the cooperation and exchange ideas on requirements and specifications, and
- e) to plan possible follow-up projects.

The 17 participants came from ANSPs (Austro Control 3, Croatia Control 3, DFS 1, LRV 1), airport authorities (2), airline (1), pilots' association (1), weather service (1), and academia (4).

14 presentations were given covering improved winter weather nowcasting (7), weather impact on de-icing (1), pilot's view on winter operations (1), weather impact analyses and assessments using air traffic simulations, on staff planning and of aircraft trajectories on the environment (3), nowcast and forecast of thunderstorms (1), and meteorological uncertainty management for TBO (1).

The potential of probability nowcasts of adverse winter weather is seen for pre-emptive actions on runway maintenance and new / adequate procedures of de-icing. The impact of improved winter weather nowcasting on ATM procedures has to be further investigated by fast-time simulations and eventually real-time tests. Higher potential for new application of probability forecasts was seen for tactical planning of airport operation and especially for flight planning.

Agenda and presentations from the PNOWWA team are available in Appendix 1.

3 PNOWWA Stakeholder Webinar

The PNOWWA Stakeholder webinar was held 04.10.2017 11:00 – 11:45 (CET) by Webex. The invitations for the stakeholders were sent by email.

Reasoning for the webinar was that with help of the first online demo and contact with stakeholders before and after that we have a vision about what we can share with a larger audience within the SESAR community. Ideas and main points for the webinar were:

- Introduction of some cases. What happened, what did the system forecast, and why.
- Exceedance probabilities vs. class probabilities. Probability forecasts are not difficult to understand, but sometimes your intuition can go wrong. Short reminder about what we mean when we say “probability for 1-5 mm snow is 30%”
- World beyond PNOWWA. The user survey revealed some needs which cannot be covered with weather-radar extrapolation based nowcasts. So we should have a short summary of other information sources.

The agenda for the webinar read:

- 11:00** Synthesis of user needs for Probabilistic Nowcasting of Snow at the Airports.
H. Juntti, R. Kaltenböck. WP4 and WP5
- 11:15** Approaches of probability forecasting.
Prof. M. Laine, guest speaker
- 11:30** Snow nowcasts with extrapolative methods. Case studies and lessons learned.
E. Saltikoff, S. Pulkkinen and M.Hagen. WP2 and WP3
- 11:45** Discussion

The 21 participants came from ANSPs (Austria 2, Croatia 2, Denmark 1, Germany 2, Poland 1), industry (1), weather services (Finland 5, Germany 1, Poland 1), academia (4), and SJU (1).

The webinar had the following advertisement that was distributed to the project stakeholders and other interest groups.




PNOWWA* Webinar on Nowcasting of Snow

Wednesday 4 October 10 CET (11 Finnish time)

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E. Saltikoff, S. Pulkkinen and M.Hagen. WP2 and WP3

11:45 Discussion (Chaired by A-M Harri)

Registration is now open

https://www.lyyti.in/PNOWWA_Webinar_on_Nowcasting_of_Snow_1150



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This webinar, lasting less than an hour and focusing on probabilistic nowcasting of winter weather events at airports attracted many participants. It turned out as a very valuable means of communication with and dissemination towards spatially distributed parties on the user's side with very limited time.

All presentations are available for all participants in the PNOWWA website and are also attached here in Appendix 2.

4 SESAR Innovation Days

SID 2016 in Delft: A poster was presented and new contacts were made.

SID 2017 in Beograd: PNOWWA was represented with a two talks and one poster.

https://www.sesarju.eu/sites/default/files/documents/sid/2017/SIDs_2017_paper_36.pdf

https://www.sesarju.eu/sites/default/files/documents/sid/2017/SIDs_2017_paper_43.pdf

<https://www.sesarju.eu/sesarinnovationdays>

5 SESAR 2020 Industrial Research Project Solution Meetings

SESAR 2020 IR-Project Solution PJ.04-02 “Total Airport Management”

The SPR-INTEROP/OSED FOR V1 of PJ.04-02 “TAM” document (issued 22.08.2017) was used to understand the processes to assess MET impact for Airport Operation Center (APOC) and how PNOWWA activities and procedures could help to mitigate winter weather events.

The SPR-INTEROP/OSED FOR V1 of PJ.04-02 “TAM” (issued 22.08.2017) defines assessment processes for MET impact to provide the Airport Operation Center (APOC) “with a view of how [winter] weather scenarios will affect different airport operational services and the expected increase in their individual demand or decreases in capacity”. Examples are winter weather response processes (snow removal, etc.) and aircraft de-icing processes.

It has been noted that the proper use of probabilistic winter weather nowcast as provided by PNOWWA has the potential to

- increase common situational awareness among stakeholders,
- provide time to react to performance issues,
- consume less and more efficiently human and infrastructure resources, and
- improve impact and solution forecast ability.

A list of detailed requirements, and in return specifications and developments, to mitigate winter weather issues on (selected) airports within the TAM consortium should be developed in a future collaboration among PNOWWA and PJ.04-02 partners.

SESAR 2020 IR-Project Solution PJ.18-04 “MET”

Solution PJ.18-04 “ATM improvement by enhanced AIM and MET” (MET) is an enabler solution to improve the European ATM System based on the provision of new or enhanced AIM or MET information within Project PJ.18 “4d Trajectory Management” (4DTM).

A face-to-face meeting of Solution 18-04 was held at Eurocontrol premises in Brussels on 20 April 2017 where the partners attempted to clarify their contributions and ways of working. Eurocontrol had an unsuccessful tender for meteorological support in 18-04b. At the meeting, therefore, it had to

be figured out which meteorological expertise is available and who can do what with regard to meteorological services among the PJ18-04 partners.

DLR is partner in 18-04b as well as in PNOWWA and presented the PNOWWA work at this meeting, see Figure below, demonstrating the potential of PNOWWA to deliver winter weather nowcast information for the Content Integration and Common Component 3.1 “Airport MET Information and Alert Generation Enhancement” as well as for the Integration Services 1 through 5 in SESAR 2020 domains.

The PNOWWA team FMI, ACG and DLR further demonstrated its willingness to fill potential gaps in expertise concerning winter weather issues in Solution 18-04b. It was agreed that when a respective (winter weather) requirement shows up in an Information Exchange Requirement (IER) of (at least) one of the operational SESAR2020 projects, in a first step it will be checked if one of the 18-04 partners is capable and willing to deliver that MET Information Service (IS) and, if not, in a second step it is considered that ECTL contacts a party outside 18-04 (like FMI) to develop and deliver the IS.

It was further recommended that PNOWWA partners use their contacts from SESAR1 and other partners in SESAR2020 as COOPANS (CCL) to get into explicit contact with the PJs PJ.02, PJ.04, and PJ.07.

FMI's possible Contribution to Solution 18-04 b

Making use of the Exploratory Research Project PNOWWA

Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports

- **18-04b.CC Content Integration and Common Components**
 - CC.3.1 Airport MET Information and Alert Generation Enhancement
 - For **winter weather** issues:
 - Probabilistic 0-3h forecast of snowfall
 - Influence of mountains and sea
- **18-04b.IS Met Information Services per SESAR2020 Domain**
 - IS.1 through IS.5



6 Other Conferences

PNOWWA attended the TBO-MET **stakeholder workshop** at 24/25.05.2017 in Seville, Spain, and will attend three further workshops organised by the SJU-funded projects TBO-MET at 03/04.05.2018 in Salzburg, Austria, and ATM4E in Berlin, Germany, and a further workshop organised by ACI Europe and SJU at Malta airport on 12.04.2018 in Malta.

TBO-MET Stakeholder Workshop on Meteorology and ATM, 24/25.05.2017 Seville, Spain

PNOWWA team was invited to give a talk “Provision of probabilistic nowcasts (PNOWWA project)” in that Workshop in the session “Management of Meteorological Uncertainty”. Abstract of the PNOWWA presentation is in Appendix 3.

TBO-MET Stakeholder Workshop on Meteorology and ATM, 03/04.05.2018 Salzburg, Austria

PNOWWA team has been invited to give a talk on the project results and user’s feedback.

ATM4E Stakeholder Workshop in Berlin, Germany

PNOWWA team has been invited to give a talk on the project results and user’s feedback.

ACI/SJU Workshop at Malta Airport on 12.04.2018 in Malta

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Both, the PNOWWA workshop and the PNOWWA webinar were successful events. The (2 days) workshop attracted mostly representatives of the local aviation industry in Vienna, whereas the (1 hour) webinar was attended by spatially distributed parties.

The face-to-face meeting allowed an in-depth discussion on users' requirements at the Vienna airport for winter weather nowcast and in response on the possibilities PNOWWA could offer to mitigate such events. The short and concise webinar turned out to be a valuable and effective way to inform spatially distributed parties on the user's side with very limited time and to disseminate PNOWWA findings and approaches to a wider audience.

Attending SESAR 2020 Project Solution meetings are also a concise mean to interact with parties who work on similar weather-dependent improvements in an aviation sector.

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Appendix 1 Agenda and Presentations at the Workshop

PNOWWA Workshop Vienna 27-28th Feb. 2018

Austro Control, Wagramer Str.19, 1220 Vienna, room 16.05

AGENDA

Tuesday 27 Feb; 13-17h

Introduction

13:00-13:15 *Rudolf Kaltenböck, Austro Control*

Session 1: Introduction of PNOWWA

13:15-14:15

1a) PNOWWA Overview. *Rudolf Kaltenböck, Austro Control*

1b) PNOWWA results of the demonstration and verification. *Heikki Juntti, FMI*

Session 2: Stakeholder presentations and feedback during PNOWWA

14:15-14:30

2a) Weather Impacts on Deicing at Vienna Airport. *Wolfgang Hasil, Vienna Airport*

Coffee break

14:30-15:00

Session 2: Stakeholder presentations and feedback during PNOWWA

15:00-17:00

2b) Needs and expectations of winter weather forecasts at Munich airport. *Thomas Gerz, DLR*

2c) Winteroperation – pilots view. *Klaus Sievers, VC*

2d) PNOWWA: Surveys and interviews. *Rudolf Kaltenböck, Austro Control*

2e) Weather impact analysis based on elaborate air traffic simulations. *Martin Steinheimer, Austro Control*

2f) PNOWWA: Summary of what we learned from stakeholders in Finland. *Heikki Juntti, FMI*

Icebreaker:

17-19h

Wednesday 28. Feb; 9-15:30h:

Session 3: Science

09:00-10:30

3a) PNOWWA scientific talk. Used methods and analyses. *Martin Hagen, DLR*

3b) Potential for follow-up projects. *Heikki Juntti, FMI*

3c) Cb-LIKE - Cumulonimbus Likelihood: Thunderstorm forecasting with fuzzy logic.
Thomas Gerz, DLR

Coffee break

10:30-11:00

Session 4: Presentation from other weather related SESAR projects and future plans

11:00-12:30

4a) Meteorological Uncertainty Management for Trajectory Based Operations (TBO-Met). *Damian Rivas, University of Seville*

4b) Multi-criteria environmental impact assessment and optimization of aircraft trajectories (ATM4E). *Sigrun Matthes, DLR*

4c) Impact assessment of weather on staff planning at RTC (Remote Tower Centre).
Igor Kos/Croatia Control and Tatiana Polishchuk LIU/LFV

12:30-13:30

Summary and Discussion



PNOWWA Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports

Project - Overview

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S. Pulkkinen, A. von Lerber (FM)
M. Hagen (DLR)

PNOWWA Workshop Vienna
27-28 Feb 2018



Content

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2. What's PNOWWA: Probabilistic Winter Weather Forecasts at Airports
3. Weather Radar based Nowcast Methods
4. Probability Forecasts
5. Terrain effects
6. PNOWWA scientific demonstrators



Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports - Kaltenboeck

Winter weather - aviation



- Snow
- Sleet (Snow and Rain mixed)
- Freezing Rain / Drizzle
- Frost
- (Icing)
- (LVP)



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airports - Kaltenboeck

Winter weather influences at airports



- **Runway maintenance** (runway closed, contamination)
- **De-icing**
need, timing
choose of anti-icing fluid and duration of actions
- **ATM** - Approach/Tower (capacity of airport and LVP)
- **Airliner**
Luggage handling, fuelling, parking, passenger ground transform etc.



Effects of adverse winter weather to airports can be mitigated to maintaining safe, punctual, efficient and environmentally friendly air traffic



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What's PNOWWA?



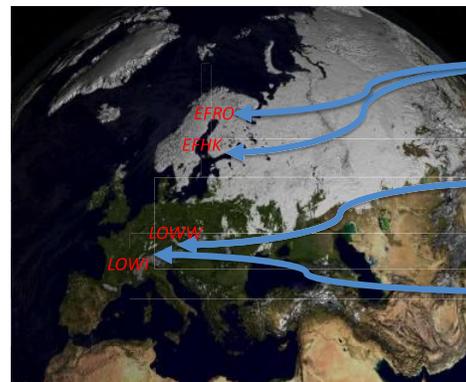
„Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports“

Single European Sky ATM Research Programme (SESAR)
(EU+Eurocontrol)
SESAR H2020 Exploratory Research

Project-duration: 4/2016-4/2018

Probabilistic 0-100%
“Nowcasting” short range forecast 0-3 hours

PNOWWA participants



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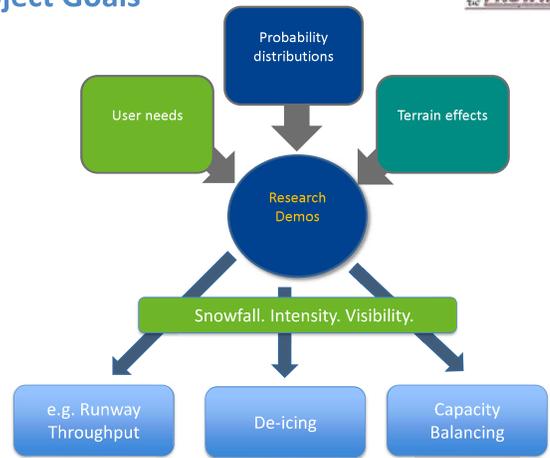


PNOWWA Objectives

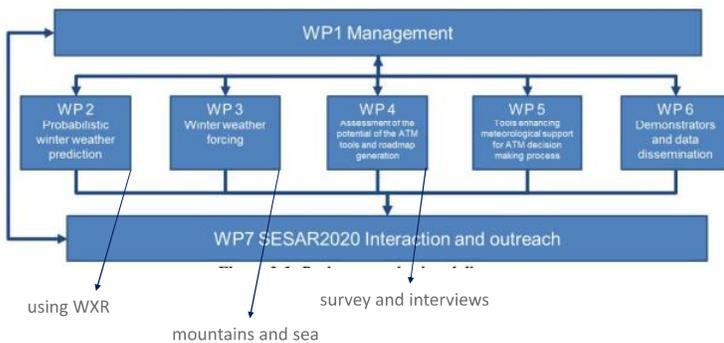
1. To develop methods for **probabilistic 0-3h snow forecasts**
2. To understand impact of **mountains and sea** to snowfall
3. To identify and promote use of **probability forecasts** in variety of airport activities



Project Goals



PNOWWA organizational diagram



Weather radar based nowcast methodes



Nowcasting

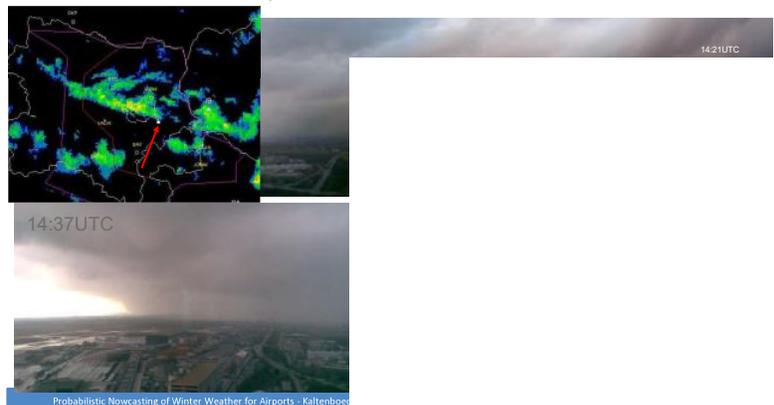
- from minutes to hours
- why do we use weather radar for nowcasting

In short range forecasting (0-3h), exact **timing** is essential, because wrong timing of the adverse weather event might significantly disturb operations planning and subsequently generate substantial delays for air traffic.

- detection of existing **precipitation**
- weather radar has high temporal and spatial **resolution** over far ranges
- **movement** and **development**
- Nowcasting with extrapolation of radar images in PNOWWA
 - Time= distance/speed

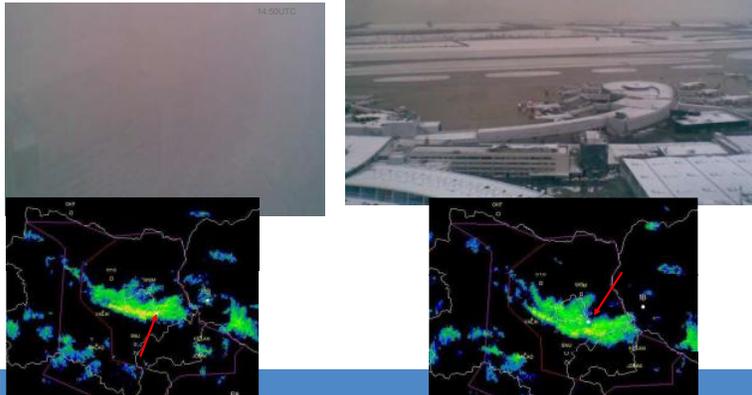
Nowcasting using weather radar winter squall line

View from Tower Vienna airport

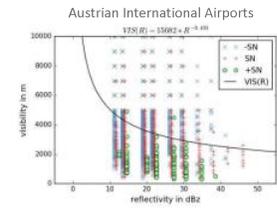
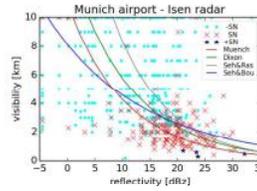


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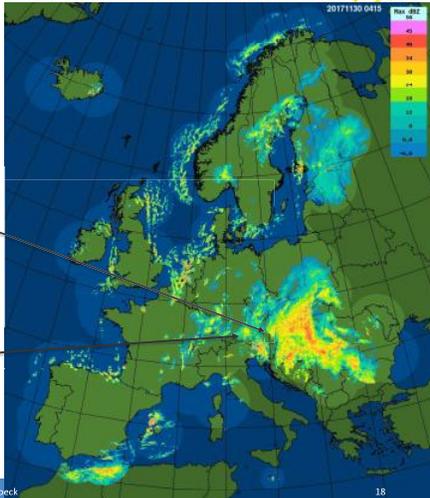
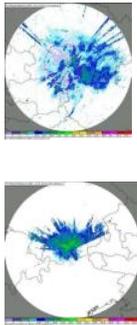


from WXR to user thresholds e.g. visibility



Weather radar data used in demo

OPERA European Composite + Austrian data:



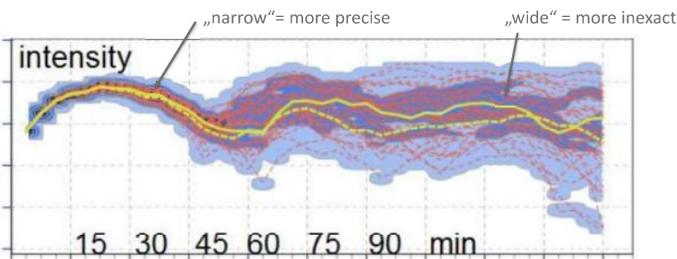
Use of probabilistic forecast

- natural intrinsic **variability** of weather
- user must choose proper **probability thresholds**, which gives them the correct balance of alert and false alarms for specific applications.



- ensembles....an objective **quantity of uncertainty** results, which means increasing risk of wrong decision with lower likelihood.
- **objective** support for user specific **decision-making** processes.

Probability Forecast e.g. ensemble



Probabilistic Forecast e.g. LOWW – medium range /days

Ensamles of numerical weather prediction model

Impact based matrix

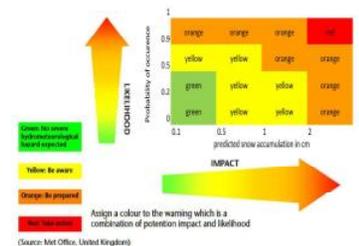
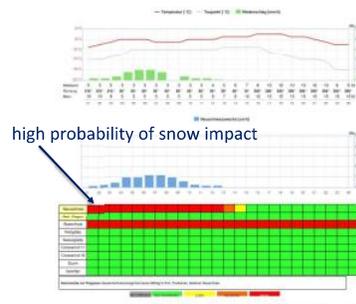


Figure 2. Risk matrix

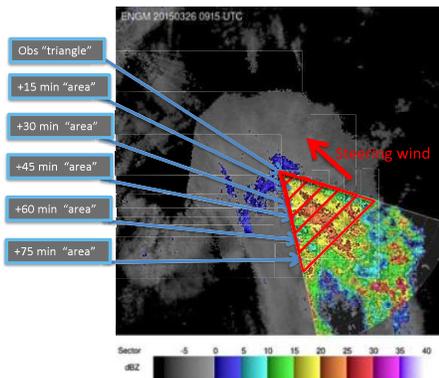
Nowcasting using weather radar

Extrapolation + Ensemble Generator

1) Andersson



- determine motion vector
- generate ensemble
 - from upflow sector texture
- probability
 - deliver objective measure of uncertainty
 - growing with time, related to precip field texture



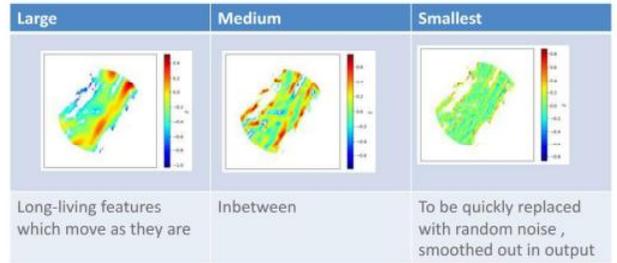
Nowcasting using weather radar

2) STEPS short term ensemble prediction system



Ensemble Generator:

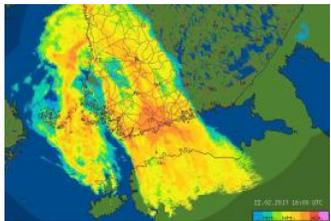
- radar images decomposed to different scales Spectral decompo
- uncertainty due to growth and decay modeled by a stochastic random field
- 51 ensembles



Use of probabilistic forecast limitations



- Large synoptic systems like frontal band of snow might persist over several hours and therefore, higher probabilities in larger lead times (e.g. 120 minute) occurred in contrast to small scales of snow showers, which have a typical life time of about 60 minutes.



Frontal system hours-days

Showers minutes-1 hour

Terrain effects



Mountains:

- Flow classification of 14 cold front passages in southern Germany. (60 % show frontal delay / upslope enhancement)

Sea:

- Forecast quality is lower for precipitation systems arriving from sea.



PNOWWA Scientific demo



- online service with automatic update (15min)
- Tailored products to:
 - Runway maintenance
 - De-icing agents
 - Tower
 - (Airliner)
- Probabilities of the weather categories defined with users
- Forecasted parameters:
 - Accumulation of DRY snow
 - Accumulation of WET snow
 - Probability of freezing rain
 - Probability of freezing of wet runways
 - De-icing weather type (categories dependent on the time of individual plane de-icing duration)
 - Decrease of visibility CAUSED BY SNOW (fog or mist is not considered)



Demo conversion tables from radar reflectivity to forecast parameters



| Temperature in °C | dry snow | wet snow |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|
| ≥ 0 | ≤ 0 | > 0 °C (above 3 °C) |
| Deuplift in °C | ≤ -1 | ≤ 0 |

| Liquid water equivalent mm/h | dBZ for dry snow | dBZ for wet snow |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| > 4 | > 29.0 | > 29.0 |
| 2-4 | 24.5-29.0 | 23.5-29.0 |
| 0.4-2 | 15.5-24.5 | 19.5-23.5 |
| < 0.4 | < 15.5 | < 19.5 |

| Snow accumulation mm/15 min | dBZ for dry snow | dBZ for wet snow |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| > 10 | > 29.0 | > 29.0 |
| 5-10 | 24.5-29.0 | 23.5-29.0 |
| 1-5 | 15.5-24.5 | 19.5-23.5 |
| < 1 | < 15.5 | < 19.5 |

| Visibility m | dBZ for dry snow | dBZ for wet snow |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| < 500 | > 29.0 | > 29.0 |
| 600-1500 | 24.5-29.0 | 23.5-29.0 |
| 1500-3000 | 15.5-24.5 | 19.5-23.5 |
| > 3000 | < 15.5 | < 19.5 |

| De-icing | dBZ for dry snow | dBZ for wet snow |
|----------|------------------|------------------|
| 3 | > 24.5 | > 23.5 |
| 2 | 15.5-24.5 | 19.5-23.5 |

| Effect on aircraft | DWWS, severe | DWWS, medium | DWWS, light | DWWS, no need for de-icing |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
| Ice on plane | Freezing rain/ice | Heavy snow or sleet, visibility caused from snow/ice below 2 km, checked from weather radar information | Light/moderate snow or sleet, visibility caused from precipitation above 2 km, checked from weather radar information | |
| Frost on plane | | | | Risk for frost formation on the plane surface. Temperature between 3...+1 and humidity over 75% |
| No remarkable contamination on plane | | | | All other cases |

Conclusions



- successful installation of demonstrators
- collected user feedback
- rising awareness about probabilistic forecast



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<http://pnowwa.fmi.fi>

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Airports and dates of verification



In Finland Rovaniemi (EFRO)
and Helsinki (EFHK) airports
In Austria Wien (LOWW) and
Innsbruck (LOWI) airports



A few days were selected,
when it has been snowing on
each airport to investigate how
well PNOWWA prototype
forecasted the timing, type
and intensity of precipitation.

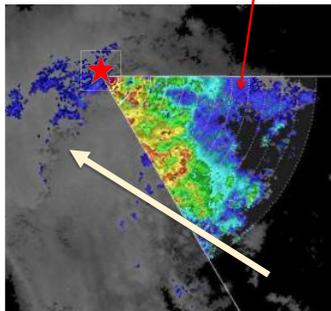
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Principle of demonstration Andersson & Ivarsson 1991



Motion assumed to be
same as 850 hPa wind
from numerical
weather prediction
model

Pixels in 6th sector =
forecast for 90 min



Uncertainty growing with
time, related to precip
field texture

PNOWWA General presentation - Saltikoff

Runway maintenance demo



RUNWAY MAINTENANCE (UPDATED 2017-02-22 16:19:00 UTC)

| accumulation % dry snow, mm/15min | 0-15 min | 15-30 min | 30-45 min | 45-60 min | 60-75 min | 75-90 min | 90-105 min | 105-120 min | 120-135 min | 135-150 min | 150-165 min | 165-180 min | 180-195 min |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
| over 10 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5-10 mm | 60 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1-5 mm | 40 | 90 | 100 | 70 | 30 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| less than 1 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| accumulation % wet snow, mm/15min | 0-15 min <td>15-30 min <td>30-45 min <td>45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 15-30 min <td>30-45 min <td>45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 30-45 min <td>45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td> | 90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td> | 105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td> | 120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td> | 135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td> | 150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td> | 165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> | 180-195 min |
| over 5 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3-5 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1-2 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| less than 1 mm | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| prob of freezing rain | 0-15 min <td>15-30 min <td>30-45 min <td>45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 15-30 min <td>30-45 min <td>45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 30-45 min <td>45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td> | 90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td> | 105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td> | 120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td> | 135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td> | 150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td> | 165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> | 180-195 min |
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Annotations: DRY SNOW, Wet SNOW, FREEZING RAIN, FREEZING OF WET RUNWAYS, PROBABILITIES OF CLASSES (2017) EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITIES (2018)

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De-icing demo



DE-ICING AGENTS (UPDATED 2017-02-22 16:19:00 UTC)

| DIW class % | 0-15 min | 15-30 min | 30-45 min | 45-60 min | 60-75 min | 75-90 min | 90-105 min | 105-120 min | 120-135 min | 135-150 min | 150-165 min | 165-180 min | 180-195 min |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 3 | 60 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 40 | 90 | 100 | 70 | 30 | 40 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 30 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 70 | 60 | 60 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| prob of freezing wet runway | 0-15 min <td>15-30 min <td>30-45 min <td>45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 15-30 min <td>30-45 min <td>45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 30-45 min <td>45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 45-60 min <td>60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 60-75 min <td>75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td></td> | 75-90 min <td>90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td></td> | 90-105 min <td>105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td></td> | 105-120 min <td>120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td></td> | 120-135 min <td>135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td></td> | 135-150 min <td>150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td></td> | 150-165 min <td>165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> </td> | 165-180 min <td>180-195 min</td> | 180-195 min |
| prob | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

De-icing time of individual airplane is directly dependent on the weather during stay of it on ground.

During weather conditions of high DIW de-icing time of aircraft is long.

DIW=3 -> ice or a lot of snow on the aircraft

DIW=2 -> some amount of snow on the aircraft

DIW=1 -> only frost on the aircraft

DIW=0 -> no de-icing need

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Tower demo



TOWER (UPDATED 2017-02-22 16:19:00 UTC)

| VIS decreased by snow | 0-15 min | 15-30 min | 30-45 min | 45-60 min | 60-75 min | 75-90 min | 90-105 min | 105-120 min | 120-135 min | 135-150 min | 150-165 min | 165-180 min | 180-195 min |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| VIS less than 600 m | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIS 600-1500 m | 60 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIS 1500-3000 m | 40 | 90 | 100 | 70 | 30 | 40 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 30 |
| VIS over 3000 m | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 70 | 60 | 60 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |

Only influence of snow precipitation is taken into account!
No fog, mist or drifting/blowing snow

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Different approaches to probabilities

| | 45 min | 60 min | 75 min | 90 min |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| >10 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5-10 mm | 30 | 60 | 50 | 30 |
| 1-5 mm | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <1 mm | 30 | 40 | 50 | 70 |

Most probable class (used 2017)

Exceedance (used 2018)

EFRO 7-13.12.2017

- During that week it snowed every day.
- 7 days is enough long period to make some conclusions about the level of quality of PNOWWA nowcasting demonstration product.
- To investigate how well PNOWWA estimates the timing and intensity of snow probabilistic forecasts were categorized. Then it was estimated that the most probable value get from PNOWWA was the deterministic forecast. After that it was possible to form contingency tables.

| Date (06 UTC-> next day 06 UTC) | Precipitation (mm) | Increase of snow depth (cm) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7.12. | 2,1 | 3 |
| 8.12. | 8 | 4 |
| 9.12. | 4,6 | 4 |
| 10.12. | 2,8 | 2 |
| 12.12. | 0,4 | -2 |
| 12.12. | 15,6 | 13 |
| 12.12. | 0,3 | -1 |
| 13.12. | 2,2 | -1 |

EFRO 7-13.12.2017 De-icing

| FORECAS T-> | DIW0 | DIW1 | DIW2 | DIW3 | DIW4 | sum. | Obs |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| DIW0 | 307 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 317 |
| DIW1 | 49 | 167 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 218 |
| DIW2 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| DIW3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DIW4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| sum | | | | | | | |
| Forec. | 375 | 181 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 561 |

- Forecasts fits very well to observations
- Some amount of under forecasting is recognized

Forecast hit to same Class than observation

| FORECAS T-> | DIW0 | DIW1 | DIW2 | DIW3 | DIW4 | sum. | Obs |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| DIW0 | 308 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 321 |
| DIW1 | 47 | 173 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 221 |
| DIW2 | 20 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| DIW3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DIW4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| sum | | | | | | | |
| Forec. | 375 | 193 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 569 |

- Similar "balance" than 60 min forecasts
- Quality of 180 min forecast as good as 60 min

EFRO 7-13.12.2017 dry snow

| FORECAS T-> | PDSN_0 | PDSN_1 | PDSN_2 | PDSN_3 | sum. | Obs |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|-----|
| PDSN_0 | 532 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 536 |
| PDSN_1 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| PDSN_2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PDSN_3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| sum | | | | | | |
| Forec. | 556 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 561 |

- Similar type of results than in DIW
- More clear under forecasting
- Only light snow cases

Forecast hit to same Class than observation

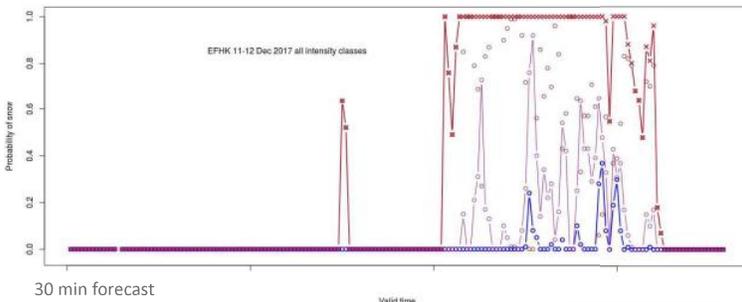
| FORECAS T-> | PDSN_0 | PDSN_1 | PDSN_2 | PDSN_3 | sum. | Obs |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|-----|
| PDSN_0 | 542 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 543 |
| PDSN_1 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| PDSN_2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PDSN_3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| sum | | | | | | |
| Forec. | 568 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 569 |

- Quality of 180 min forecast as good as 60 min

Conclusion: Hits well, some amount of underforecast tendency

EFHK 11-12.12.2017

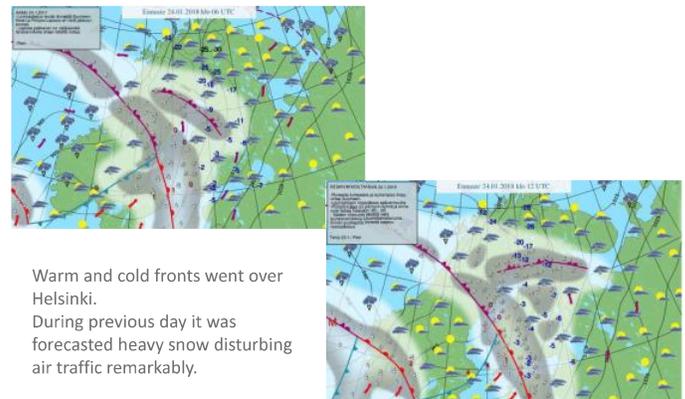
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Time series of different intensities. x=15 min o=30 min forecast.
 Probability of over 10 mm/15 min was always smaller than 40%.
 Probability of at least 1 mm/15 min was even 100%.
 Probability of at least 5 mm/15 min was something in between.

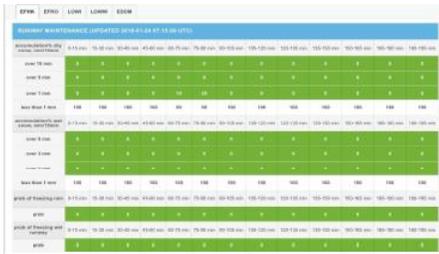
Conclusion: Logical

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Warm and cold fronts went over Helsinki.
 During previous day it was forecasted heavy snow disturbing air traffic remarkably.

EFHK 24.1.2018 At 7:15 UTC



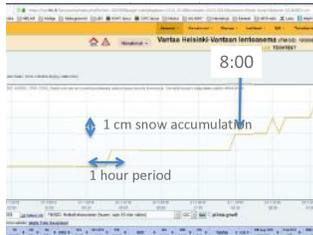
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- PNOWWA showed only slight indication of snow starting from 8:15 (10-20% prob).
 - Yet it was snowing moderately + drifting snow, visibility about 2 km in METARs even at 6:50. At 8:20 METAR visibility was 1300 m
 - Accumulation of snow was 1 cm/h = 2-3 mm/15 minutes
- > So in this case PNOWWA-observation and forecasts clearly underestimated the intensity of snow and didn't recognize the beginning of it. Drifting isn't taken into account in PNOWWA

EFHK 24.1.2018 8:00 UTC



- high probabilities for over 1 mm/15 min but below 5 mm snow accumulation (0,4-1,2 cm/h class).
- snow rate has increased and will stay moderate at least next 1-2 hours ahead. That fits well the



At that time PNOWWA forecasted well the amount and timing of snow yet the probabilities decreased to the end of period. The heavy snow continued to the end of forecasting period yet the probabilities decreases clearly.

EFHK 24.1.2018 9:15 UTC



| Metar time | METAR visibility | 8:45 PNOWWA | 9:15 PNOWWA |
|------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 8:50 | 0700 | 1500-3000 | - |
| 9:20 | 0700 | 1500-3000 | 1500-3000 |
| 9:50 | 1200 | Over 3000 | Over 3000 |
| 10:20 | 0700 | Over 3000 | Over 3000 |
| 10:50 | 1100 | Over 3000 | Over 3000 |
| 11:20 | 1000 | 1500-3000 | 1500-3000 |
| 11:50 | 1900 | Over 3000 | Over 3000 |
| 12:20 | 1500 | Over 3000 | Over 3000 |
| 12:50 | 1800 | Over 3000 | Over 3000 |
| 13:20 | 2500 | Over 3000 | Over 3000 |

In the table above it is presented visibility in METAR and most probably visibilities forecasted by PNOWWA. In that case Tower product under estimated visibility one METAR class. The timing of changes in visibility seems to be logical with PNOWWA. Remark that part of visibility decrease is caused by drifting snow.

EFHK 24.1.2018 10:45 UTC

- PNOWWA forecasted the end of more than 1 mm/15 min snow about 11:15 as it happened also in METARs.
- Clear indications of coming freezing period after 2 hours starting at 12:30 UTC.
- METARs shows that freezing drizzle started one hour later than forecasted



EFHK 24.1.2018 13:30 UTC

13:30 UTC PNOWWA products estimates freezing period to be 2 hours from 14 to 16 UTC. In METARs it was observed between 13:50-15:20, so the timing of freezing in PNOWWA was very good. Probability of freezing rain was estimated with 40% which is nearly equal to 30% forecasted in TAF.



EFHK 24.1.2018



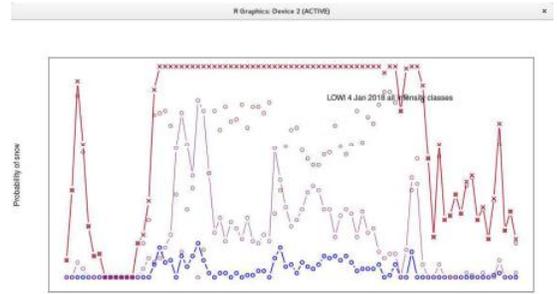
Conclusions of that day PNOWWA demonstration product quality :

- So PNOWWA-observation and forecasts clearly underestimated the strength of snow in early morning, but later the strength corresponded well with the measured accumulation of snow
- PNOWWA forecasted well the timing of changes of the intensity in snow rate, but it didn't recognize properly the start of snow.
- PNOWWA had tendency to forecast lower probabilities in the end of forecasting time than in nearest minutes.
- Tower product under estimated visibility
- Timing and rate of probability of freezing phenomena was forecasted well

Temperature and intensity

Rudolf Kaltenbock continues....

LOWI 04.1.2018



X-axis: Start-End 00-24
 Y-axis: 0-100% (95% as you state: end never 100% for 1mm/15min)
 Time series of different intensities. x=15 min o=30 min forecast.
Probability of over 10 mm/15 min was always smaller than 20%.
Probability of at least 1 mm/15 min matches shows clearly start and end but never 100%
Probability of at least 5 mm/15 min was something in between.

LOWI 04.Jan 2018 wrong SN predicted - RASN only (no RWY contamination)



ICAO has defined the types of snow as follows

- Dry snow – can be blown if loose or compacted by hand, will fall apart again upon release.
- Wet snow – can be compacted by hand and will stick together and tend to form a snowball.
- Compacted snow – can be compressed into a solid mass that resists further compression and will hold together, or break up into lumps, if picked up.

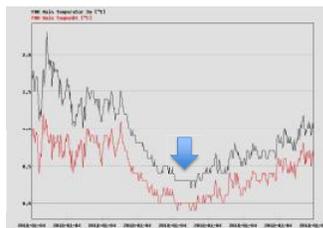
Method used in PNOWWA as defining the wetness of snow. No sleet in algorithm used. Also more sophisticated methods exists, but no used.

| Type | Temperature | Dewpoint |
|----------|-----------------|--------------|
| Dry snow | $T \leq M0$ | $TD \leq M1$ |
| Wet snow | $M0 < T \leq 3$ | $TD \leq 0$ |
| Rain | $T > 3$ | $TD > 0$ |

LOWI 04.Jan 2018 RASN



SAOS54 LOWI 041320 METAR LOWI 041320Z
 28008KT 4000 RASN FEW002 SCT010 BKN022
 00/00 Q1005 R08/29//95 TEMPO 6000 RASN=



here too low vis predicted opposite than usual in case of SN

LOWI 4.Jan 2018

Conclusions: proper temperature information needed



APOC react even without snow

LOWW 13-14.Jan 2018 wet instead of dry snow



RUNWAY MAINTENANCE (UPDATED 2018-01-14 08:30:00 UTC)

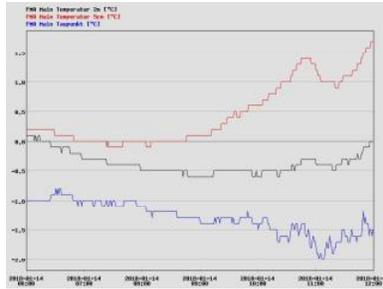
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| accumulation % dry snow min/15min | 0-15 min | 15-30 min | 30-45 min | 45-60 min | 60-75 min | 75-90 min | 90-105 min | 105-120 min | 120-135 min | 135-150 min | 150-165 min | 165-180 min | 180-195 min |
| over 10 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 5 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 1 mm | 0 | 30 | 60 | 80 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 60 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 0 |
| less than 1 mm | 100 | 70 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 40 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |
| accumulation % wet snow min/15min | 0-15 min | 15-30 min | 30-45 min | 45-60 min | 60-75 min | 75-90 min | 90-105 min | 105-120 min | 120-135 min | 135-150 min | 150-165 min | 165-180 min | 180-195 min |
| over 5 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 3 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 1 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



SAOSS1 LOWW 130850 METAR LOWW 130850Z 33008KT 2100 -DZ BR SCT003 BKN004 00/00 Q1027 R88/29//95 TEMPO 3000 BKN005=

VIE surface temperature 1-2 °C; air temp. >0°C

LOWW 13-14.Jan 2018 wet instead of dry snow



LOWW 14-15.Jan 2018 freezing wet runway missed



Runway Maintenance (Updated 2018-01-14 08:30:00 UTC)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| accumulation % dry snow min/15min | 0-15 min | 15-30 min | 30-45 min | 45-60 min | 60-75 min | 75-90 min | 90-105 min | 105-120 min | 120-135 min | 135-150 min | 150-165 min | 165-180 min | 180-195 min |
| over 10 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 5 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 1 mm | 0 | 30 | 60 | 80 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 60 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 0 |
| less than 1 mm | 100 | 70 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 40 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |
| accumulation % wet snow min/15min | 0-15 min | 15-30 min | 30-45 min | 45-60 min | 60-75 min | 75-90 min | 90-105 min | 105-120 min | 120-135 min | 135-150 min | 150-165 min | 165-180 min | 180-195 min |
| over 5 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 3 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 1 mm | 0 | 30 | 60 | 80 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 60 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 0 |
| less than 1 mm | 100 | 70 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 40 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |

LOWW 14-15.Jan 2018 freezing wet runway



| Standort | Datum | Zeit | Boden | B.t Trend | Status | Zustand | Luft | Lt Trend | Tau-punkt | Tief 5 | Tief 15 | Tief 35 | Nieder-schlag | Ausfall |
|----------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|----------|------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|---------------|---------|
| A9 | 15.01.2018 | 05:39 | -3,3 | ↓ | Standby | Chemisch | -2,5 | ↓ | -2,5 | | | | | |

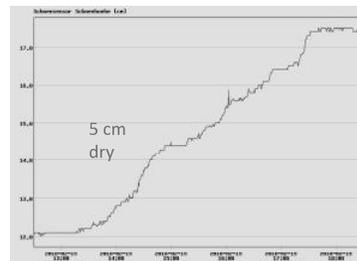


surface temperature needed (cloud cover)

timing



LOWI 15.Feb 2018 start of SN missed



Runway Maintenance (Updated 2018-02-15 08:30:00 UTC)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| accumulation % dry snow min/15min | 0-15 min | 15-30 min | 30-45 min | 45-60 min | 60-75 min | 75-90 min | 90-105 min | 105-120 min | 120-135 min | 135-150 min | 150-165 min | 165-180 min | 180-195 min |
| over 10 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 5 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 1 mm | 0 | 30 | 60 | 80 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 60 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 0 |
| less than 1 mm | 100 | 70 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 40 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |
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| over 5 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 3 mm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| over 1 mm | 0 | 30 | 60 | 80 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 60 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 0 |
| less than 1 mm | 100 | 70 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 40 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |

LOWI 15.Feb 2018
13:45 UTC: start of SN missed
 WXR signal available



PNOWWA SESAR
 JOINT UNDERTAKING

LOWI LOWI

| Category | 13:20 | 13:30 | 13:40 | 13:50 | 14:00 | 14:10 | 14:20 | 14:30 | 14:40 | 14:50 | 15:00 |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SNOW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ICE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WIND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TEMP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WXR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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14:15 UTC SN included

PNOWWA SESAR
 JOINT UNDERTAKING

LOWI LOWI

| Category | 14:15 | 14:25 | 14:35 | 14:45 | 14:55 | 15:05 |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SNOW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ICE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WIND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TEMP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WXR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

15:15UTC end of snowfall

PNOWWA SESAR
 JOINT UNDERTAKING

LOWI LOWI

| Category | 15:15 | 15:25 | 15:35 | 15:45 | 15:55 | 16:05 |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SNOW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ICE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WIND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TEMP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WXR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

LOWI 15.Feb 2018

13:20 UTC



14:00UTC



14:20 UTC



LOWI 15.Feb 2018

16:00 UTC



LOWI 15.Feb 2018
16:16UTC
technical



Compare to missing browser update (old Java)

Singular jumps
e.g LOWW DIW

PNOWWA SESAR
 JOINT UNDERTAKING

LOWI LOWI

| Category | 16:16 | 16:26 | 16:36 | 16:46 | 16:56 | 17:06 |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SNOW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ICE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WIND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TEMP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WXR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

more happen in mountainous areas

Conclusions of PNOWWA case studies/verification



- Even the Andersson method forecasts pretty well the timing of precipitation. Yet there is also cases when it misses the beginning of precipitation and sometimes shows too early end of precipitation.
 - Some amount of under forecasting is recognized in the strength of snow
 - The level of probability of the snow seems to be in right scale and results are logical when compared to the observations. PNOWWA demo product seems to decrease the probability of snow to the end of forecasting period.
 - Tower product under estimated visibility one METAR class
 - The form of snow (wet/dry) algorithm needs improvements. Also more accurate observations than METARs are needed. Surface temperature and runway condition model would be useful tool for improve maintenance product.
 - Verification of other methods on duty.
- > PNOWWA PRODUCT GIVE VALUE FOR AIRPORT OPERATIONS, BUT THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR DEVELOPMENT

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AIRCRAFT DEICING/ANTI-ICING



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General



Aircraft operators have to adhere to the

Clean Aircraft Concept

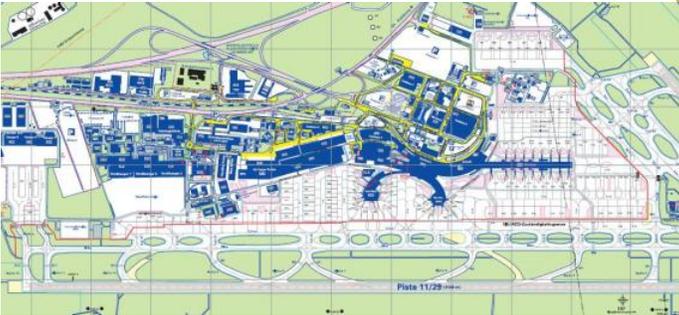
Aircraft has to be free of frozen contaminants during take off

Deicing: Removal of frozen contaminants from aircraft surfaces
Anti-Icing: Protection against the formation of frost, snow and ice on treated aircraft surfaces for a certain period

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General



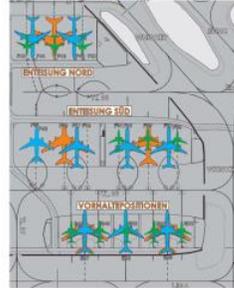
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DeIcing Infrastructure



Darstellung Enteisungsgebiete Flughafen Wien
Enteisung Nord und Enteisung Süd
Verkehrspositionen



Dedicated deicing area:
Deicing North
- 3 Aircraft Stands (ICAO Cat. C)
Deicing South
- 5 Aircraft Stand (ICAO Cat. C)

Coordination:
Taxiing from parking position to deicing area is coordinated by ATC

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Deicing Capacity



Capacity parameter

- weather condition
- condition of aircraft on deicing pad
- deicing procedure

Capacity during weather condition

- Frost: more than 50 aircraft per hour
- Freezing Precipitation:
 - Light: 42 aircraft per hour
 - Moderate: 30-35 aircraft per hour
 - Heavy: 20- 30 aircraft per hour

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Deicing fluids



Type 1 de-icing fluid

- Clariant Safewing MP I 1938 ECO (80)
- Non thickened fluid with 80% glycol and 20% water
- Removal of frozen contaminants from aircraft
- mixed with water;
- fluid mixtures 4%/96% to 69%/31% (v%/v%)

Type 4 de-icing fluid

- Clariant Safewing MP IV Launch
- Thickened fluid with 50% glycol; 49% water 1% thickener
- Protection against refreezing of aircraft surfaces for a certain period
- mixed with water
- fluid mixtures 50%/50%, 75%/25% and 100%/0% (v%/v%)

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Deicing storage capacity

Fluid Storage capacity

- type 1 150.000 l
- type 4 140.000 l

Additional fluid stock

- from December to the mid of march
- 100.000 l of each fluid type

Day fluid stock will last in severe weather conditions

- type 1 3 to 4 days
- type 4 3 to 4 days

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Deicing vehicles

| Safeaero 220 | Safeaero 223XXL | Vestergaard Elephant BETA |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number: 10 | number: 1 | number: 4 |
| Nozzle height: 0,5-20m | Nozzle height: 0,5- 23m | Nozzle height: 1,5- 19m |
| Tankcapacity : 7200 | Tankcapacity: 13000L | Tankcapacity: 8000 |
| T1 2100L | T1 4000L | T1 2500L |
| T4 1200L | T4 2000L | T4 2000L |
| H2O 3600L | H2O 7000L | H2O 3600L |
| T1 Fluid Mix: 4%-69% | T1 Fluid Mix: 4%-69% | T1 Fluid Mix: 15%-69% |
| T4 Fluid Mix: 50% | T4 Fluid Mix: 50% | T4 Fluid Mix: 100% |
| 75% | 75% | |
| 100% | 100% | |
| Throw range: 8m | Throw range: 8m | Throw range: 8m |

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Weather impact /General

In regard to aircraft deicing the weather has an influence on 3 aspects

- Handling:** Short time staff planing
- Airport:** Collaborative Decision Making (CDM)
- Airlines:** Holdovertimes

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Weather impact /short time staff planing

Deicing staff:

- 40 vehicle operators & 24 Icemen
- active frost: up to 10 operators and 6 Icemen per shift
- precipitation: up to 14 operators and 8 Icemen per shift

Short time planning horizon:

- daily check of weather situation for next day

Weather Criterias:

- OAT, humidity, precipitation

Goal:

- reliable weather forecast for an efficient short time deicing staff planning

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Weather impact /CDM

Goal:

To optimize the utilisation of deicing area
To avoid long taxi times with running engines

Process (Winter ops)

ATC has to be informed about:

- number of permanent available deicing vehicles on deicing area
- number of available deicing positions
- weather factor

Considering this figures ATC is calculating CDM Times (e.g. TSAT)

Constant figures

- deicing vehicles/area

variable figure

- weather factor

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Weather impact / CDM

Weather factors

- variable part: deicing times
- constant part: phase before/after deicing (communication,...)

Weather/Aircraft condition

- Frost (little contaminants)
- Freezing mist/fog (little contaminants)
- Freezing fog/drizzle (little contaminants)
- Very light snowfall (little contaminants)
- Light snowfall (little/moderate contaminants)
- Moderate snowfall (moderate contaminants)
- Moderate snowfall (Turnaround)
- Moderate to heavy snowfall/Ice rain (Night Stop)

Weather factor (deicing time ICAO class C)

| | |
|------|-------------|
| 1 | (6 min) |
| 1,5 | (7,5 min) |
| 1,75 | (8,4 min) |
| 2 | (9 min) |
| 2,5 | (10,5 min) |
| 2,75 | (11,3 min) |
| 3 | (12 min) |
| 4/5 | (15/18 min) |

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Weather impact / CDM

Determination of weather factor

- is determined visually by the deicing supervisor on the ramp for a certain period (e.g. departure peak)

Outcome/Experience after one month

- weather factor is subject to change within a short period
- impact on airport capacity and increase on taxi times

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Weather impact / HOT

Holdovertime:

- Estimated time for which an anti-icing fluid will prevent the formation of frost, snow or ice on treated aircraft surfaces

Present System

- Precipitation rate for calculating HOT is based on visibility and weather situation and personal evaluation of involved parties.
- Last decision for Holdovertime is always up to the PIC

New advanced system (Austrian)

- precipitation rate is measured in real time referring to a liquid water equivalent system
- Precise Holdovertime is issued to PIC

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Weather impact / HOT

FAA Holdover Time Guidelines

Winter 2017-2018

TABLE 27: TYPICAL HOLD-OVER TIMES FOR CLARIANT SAFEWING MP IV LAUNCH

| Category and Temperature | Peak Concentration of Freezing Water (g/l or inches) | Temperature (°C or °F) | Very Light Snowfall (inches or mm) | Light Snowfall (inches or mm) | Moderate Snowfall (inches or mm) | Freezing Drizzle | Light Freezing Rain | Heavy or Very Heavy Freezing Rain | Other |
|---|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 0 to 10°F above (20 to 50°F above) | 1000 | 4.00 - 4.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 0.10 - 1.00 |
| | 1000 | 2.00 - 4.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 0.10 - 1.00 |
| Below 0 to 10°F (0 to 50°F) | 1000 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 0.10 - 1.00 |
| | 1000 | 0.50 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 0.10 - 1.00 |
| Below -10 to -20°F (Below -10 to -20°F) | 1000 | 0.50 - 0.50 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 0.10 - 1.00 |
| Below -20 to -25°F (Below -20 to -25°F) | 1000 | 0.50 - 0.50 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 0.10 - 1.00 |
| Below -25 to -30°F (Below -25 to -30°F) | 1000 | 0.50 - 0.50 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 1.00 - 1.00 | 0.10 - 1.00 |

NOTES:
 1. Apply the higher operational temperature (0.5°F) to the higher temperature value.
 2. Use light freezing rain however much in quantities of light or high snow should not apply.
 3. Use light freezing rain however much in quantities of light or high snow should not apply.
 4. Do not include the quantities used for the conditions for 0°C to 10°C and 0°F to 10°F.
 5. Heavy snow, ice pellets, moderate and heavy freezing rain, sleet and hail (Table 30 provides clearance times for ice pellets and sleet/hail) do not include the quantities used for this condition above 10°C to 10°F.
 CAUTIONS:
 1. The responsibility for the application of these data remains with the user.
 2. The use of this table may be restricted in some weather conditions. Heavy precipitation rates or high moisture content, light wind velocity, or wet taxiway reduce the time before the lowest time stated in this table. However, time may be reduced when aircraft skin temperature is lower than outside air temperature.
 3. Fluids used during ground deicing may not provide full-icing protection.
 4. This table is for reference planning only and should be used in conjunction with present check procedures.

Weather impact / HOT

FAA Holdover Time Guidelines

Winter 2017-2018

TABLE 40: SNOWFALL INTENSITIES AS A FUNCTION OF PREVAILING VISIBILITY

| Time of Day | Temp. | Visibility in Statute Miles (Meters) | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | 2.2 (3.5) | 2.0 (3.2) | 1.5 (2.4) | 1.0 (1.6) | 0.5 (0.8) | 0.3 (0.5) | 0.2 (0.3) | 0.1 (0.2) | 0.05 (0.1) |
| Day | colder/cooler | Very Light | Light | Light | Light | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Heavy | Very Heavy |
| | warmer than | Very Light | Light | Light | Light | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Heavy | Very Heavy |
| Night | colder/cooler | Very Light | Light | Light | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Heavy | Very Heavy |
| | warmer than | Very Light | Light | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Heavy | Very Heavy |

NOTE 1: This table is for estimating snowfall intensity. It is based upon the technical report "The Estimation of Snowfall Rate Using Visibility" Reimann, et al., Journal of Applied Meteorology, October 1960 and additional in situ data.
 NOTE 2: This table is to be used with Type 1, 0, 10, and 1/4 mile guidelines.
 NOTE 3: The use of Runway Visual Range (RVR) is not permitted for determining visibility used with the holdover tables.
 NOTE 4: Some METARs contain lower visibility as well as surface visibility. Whenever surface visibility is available from an official source, such as a METAR, in either the main body of the METAR or in the Remarks ("RMK") section, the preferred action is to use the surface visibility value.
 NOTE 5: If visibility from a source other than the METAR is used, round to the nearest visibility in the table, rounding down if it is right in between two values. For example, 0.6 and 0.25 (0.25) would both be rounded to 0.5 (0.25).
 During error conditions apply the use of Table 40 in determining snowfall intensities does not require full company coordination or company reporting procedures since this table is more conservative than the visibility table used by official weather observers in determining snowfall intensities.
 Because the FAA Snowfall Intensity Table, like the PMB-1 Table, uses visibility to determine snowfall intensities, if the visibility is being reduced by spray along with other forms of obscuration such as fog, haze, smoke, etc., the FAA Snowfall Intensity Table does not need to be used to estimate the snowfall intensity for HOT determination during the presence of these obscurations. Use of the FAA Snowfall Intensity as a Function of Prevailing Visibility Table under these conditions may needlessly incorporate the actual snowfall intensity. Therefore, the snowfall intensity being reported by the weather observer or automated surface observing system (ASOS), then the PMB-1 Table, may be used.

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Weather impact / HOT

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Weather impact /HOT



Advantage of liquid water equivalent systems

All involved party in deicing process will have the same information about the weather leading to a reduction in communication before deicing

Benefits : increase of airport capacity
 reduction of operational costs for airlines
 reduction of CO2 fingerprint

Vision of liquid water equivalent systems

Not to talk about the weather situation but talking about required Holdovertimes which is based on a holdovertime determination system



Needs and expectations of winter weather forecasts at Munich airport (sbp by Munich Airport)

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Winter weather

Safety, efficiency, and environmental issues:

- Snow-covered/iced runways and taxiways
- Iced aircraft
- De-icing procedures

Responsible weather scenarios:

snow
freezing precipitation
icing

Information required by airports (Munich):

- Type, onset and duration of precipitation
- Icing areas / surface conditions
- Intensity of winter weather events
- Need of information in short lead times (~ h)

It's a nowcast issue



The Meteorological Nowcast System WHITE for Munich Airport

F. Keis 2015: WHITE – Winter hazards in terminal environment: An automated nowcasting system for Munich Airport. Meteorol. Z. **24**, No.1, 61-82.
doi:[10.1127/metz/2014/0651](https://doi.org/10.1127/metz/2014/0651)



- ✓ Combination of various data sources
- ✓ Consideration of most hazardous winter weather scenarios
- ✓ Algorithms based on Fuzzy Logic
- ✓ Computation of winter weather objects (WVO)

- ✓ Direct contact to users/customers
- ✓ Visualisation of Nowcast results
- ✓ Additional data for scenario correction and validation



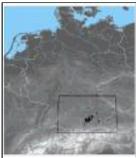
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De-icing areas at Munich Airport

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Jürgen Ohmer | EFM | 08.12.2015 | Alle Rechte vorbehalten



The Meteorological Nowcast System WHITE for the terminal area of Munich airport



horizontal res.
2.8 km
temporal res.
15min

Nowcasting:
+15min
+30min
+60min
+120min

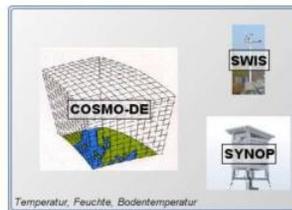
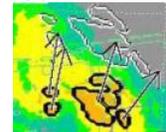
Nowcast for up to 2hrs:

- Snow
- Mixed Precipitation
- Freezing Precipitation
- Ice Pellets
- Icing
- Surface Conditions



The Nowcast approach of WHITE

- Determination of displacement vectors from radar data



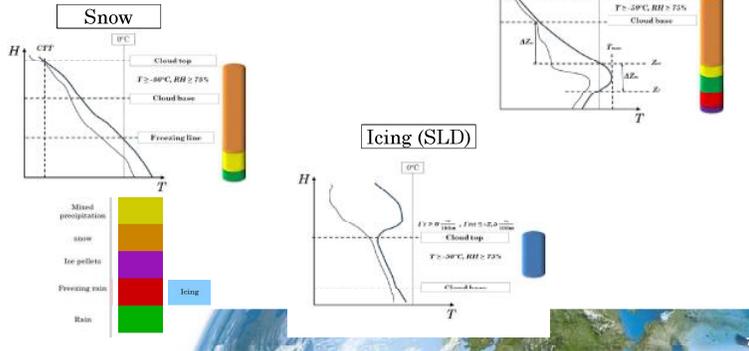
- Correction of First-Guess NWP forecasts by assimilation of observation data
- Determination and consideration of temperature and humidity trends at observation sites
- Adapted Blending of Trend and NWP forecasts

Corrected analysis fields plus derived nowcast fields (temperature, humidity, surface temperature, reflectivity)



Definition of vertical winter weather objects

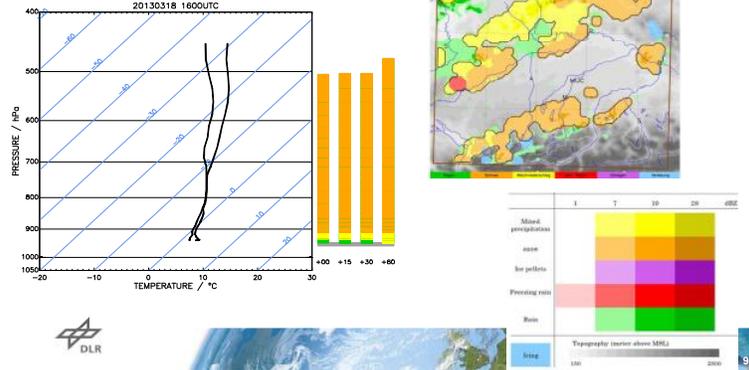
- precipitation/icing analysis in each layer and
- analysis of surface condition result in
- vertically resolved winter weather objects
- for a given location and given instants of time



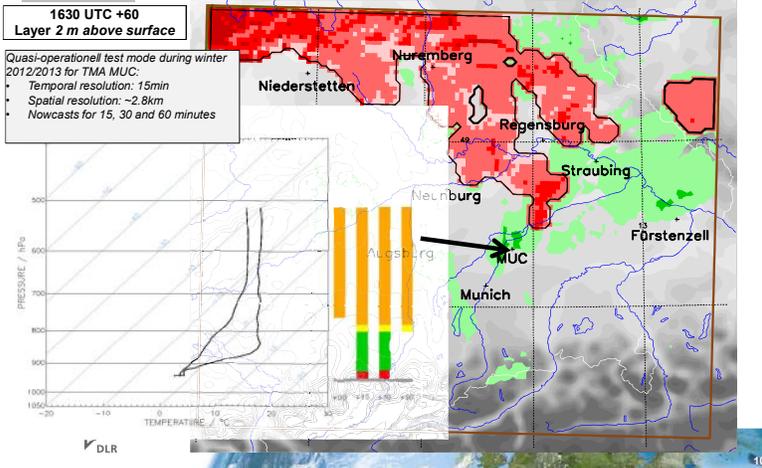
Classification and horizontal weather objects

Classification of winter weather at each grid point and for each nowcast field on the basis of the fuzzy-indicators

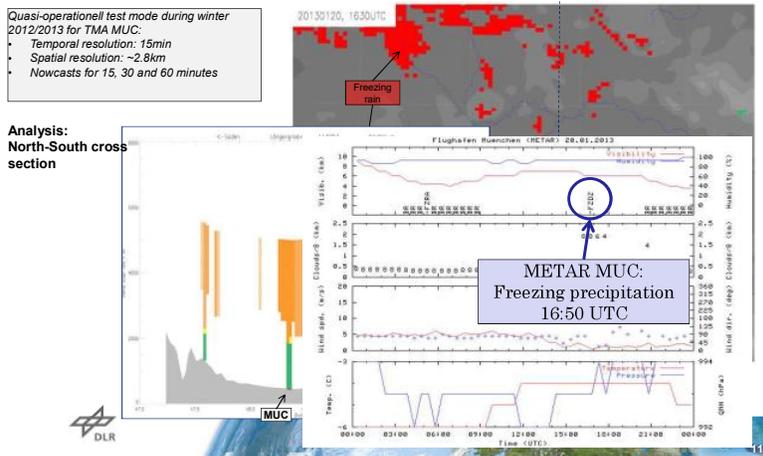
Aggregation of identically classified pixel in same height layer to horizontal winter weather objects



Case Study: January 20, 2013



Case Study: January 20, 2013



The participatory sensing concept: DLR campaigns in winter 2012/2013 and 2013/2014

Basics of the campaign:

- Quasi-operational test of WHITE
- During the winter months (December – March)
- Selected group of participants
- Output of the Nowcast system on WHITE-Webpage



Participants of the campaign:



The WHITE questionnaire for the DLR campaigns in winters 2012/2013 and 2013/2014

WHITE winter hazards, thermal environment

Fragebogen zum DLR Winterwetternowcasting 2015/2016
 Bitte ausfüllen (ganz oder teilweise) und senden an anselm.taffner@dlr.de

Datum: [] Uhrzeit: []

Testanwender: FMS DFS/Center DFS/Tower LH-HOC DWD Selbst

1. Sind die WHITE Analysen und das Nowcasting zureichend (z.B. Schnee, Gefrierender Regen)?
 ja nein (bitte ankreuzen)
 Kommentar? []

2. Ist die Art der Darstellung gut? (z.B. übersichtlich, lesbar, interpretationsfrei)
 ja nein (bitte ankreuzen)
 Verbesserungsvorschläge? []

3. Ist das WHITE Produkt hilfreich? (z.B. zur Planung und Abwicklung der Betriebsabläufe)
 ja nein (bitte ankreuzen)
 Warum? []



Conclusion

- More winter campaigns are pre-requisite before a sound assessment of WHITE
- For nowcast a “seamless” observation and prediction of (3d) weather (objects) are required ...
 - **Observation** recent past, now, and upstream
 - **Nowcast** minutes, up to 1 or 2 hours
 - **Deterministic forecast** 24 hours, several days
 - **Probabilistic forecast**

... not only for winter weather but also for

- thunderstorms
- in-flight icing
- turbulence (CAT) ⇒ **5D MET Advisory @ DLR**
- aircraft wake vortex
- volcanic ash cloud
- ... and climate-sensitive regions



Klaus Sievers, Arbeitsgruppe Air Traffic Services, 2/2018

Winter flight operations- pilots' view



Mother

Nature

is

stronger.

ACCEPT IT –
and ANTICIPATE

The Risks: a selection



- > low braking performance during takeoff / landing
- > steering capability reduced

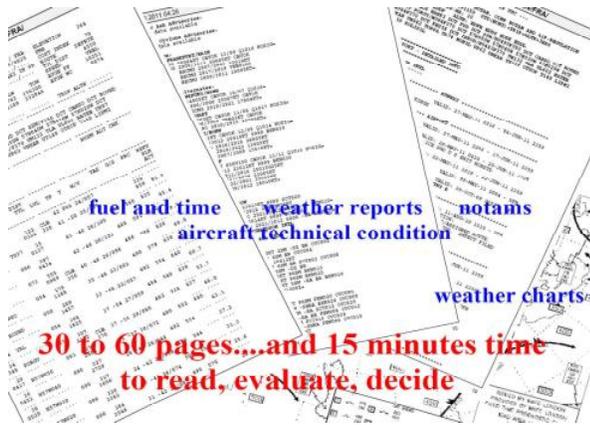
The Risks: a selection

- Longer takeoff roll to liftoff
- Failure to liftoff
- Lift-off, but no climb capability
- Climb, but then roll or pitch uncontrollably
- Engine power loss or failure



<https://aircrafticing.grc.nasa.gov/>

Flightplanning today:



Flightplanning today: Takeoff-/ Landing Performance Calculation

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ATIS EDDF R SPECI 210927 SR: 0625 SS:
1654 CTR: IMC
EXPECT ILS APCH RWY 25R OR 25L
RWY: 25R 25L 18
RCR FROM 0 0 5 0 ; RWY 25R TDZ WET , BA
6 1 , MID BA 5 3 , 3 0 PERCENT 5 MM WET
SN , STOPEND BA 4 5 , 8 0 PERCENT 5 MM
WET SN , RWY 25L , TDZ WET , BA 6 4
MID BA 8 , 3 0 PERCENT SLUSH , STOPEND
BA 5 6 , 0 0 PERCENT 5 MM WET SN , RWY
1 0 WET , BA GOOD , TWY AND APRON PARTLY
SLIPPERY , DEPARTING ACFT VIA SID
SIBS HAVE TO EXPECT RWY 18 FO R TKOF .

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DEPARTING ACFT VIA SID SOBRA IS 120.150
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Considerations (example):

| Maximum Crosswind Component | T/O | Landing |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| # Non Contaminated Runway | 30 knots* | 30 knots |
| Contaminated Runway | | |
| # Standing Water / Slush / Loose Snow | 15 knots | 10 knots |
| # Ice / Compacted Snow | 10 knots | 10 knots |

estimate rwy state for T/O & Landing !

check technical condition, e.g. reversers

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 TEMPO 0818/0906 2000 -SN BR OVC005
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 TEMPO 0818/0906 2000 -SN BR OVC005

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 Q1010 TEMPO 2000 -SN=

METAR ENGM 081750Z VRB01KT 4300 -SN FEW004 BKN006 M06/M07
 Q1010 TEMPO 2000 -SN=

ATIS: recording

SNOWTAM

FROM: 08 FEB 2018 17:41
 A) ENGM
 B) 02081741 C) 01R
 F) 4/4/6 G) 8/8/3 H) 3/3/4
 B) 02081725 C) 01L
 F) 4/4/4 G) 8/XX/XX H) 3/4/4
 N) 88/7 89/6 ALL REMAINING TWYS/47
 R) APRON NORWEGIAN/CLSD ALL REMAINING APRONS/47
 T) RWY 01R
 CONTAMINATION/100/100/100/PERCENT.
 SAND APPLIED SECN A/B.
 FRICTION 4 ON TAXIWAYS.
 RWY 01L
 OBSERVATION TIME RWY 01L 201802081725
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 APRON.

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No Official Info

| AERODROME | A | MEASURED OR CALCULATED COEFFICIENT OR ESTIMATED BRIDGING ACTION | |
|--|---|---|---------------|
| DATE/TIME OF OBSERVATION | B | 0.40 and above | GOOD -5 |
| TIME OF COMPLETION OF MEASUREMENT IN GMT | C | 0.30 to 0.36 | MEDIUMGOOD -4 |
| SUMMARY DESIGNATORS | D | 0.25 to 0.30 | MEDIUM -3 |
| CLEARED RUNWAY LENGTH (meters) | E | 0.20 to 0.26 | MEDIUMPOOR -2 |
| CLEARED RUNWAY WIDTH (meters) | F | 0.15 and below | POOR -1 |
| DEPOSITS OVER TOTAL RUNWAY LENGTH | G | 0 - unreliable | UNRELIABLE -0 |
| MEAN DEPTH (mm) | H | CRITICAL SNOWBANKS | |
| BRIDGING ACTION on each third of RWY | I | If present, insert height (mm) / distance from the edge of runway (m) followed by "L", "R" or "RT" if applicable | |
| MEASURING EQUIPMENT | J | RUNWAY LIGHTS | |
| | K | If observed, insert "YES" followed by "L", "R" or "RT" as applicable | |
| | L | FURTHER CLEARANCE | |
| | M | If planned, insert length (m) / width (m) to be cleared on the full dimensions, insert "TOTAL" | |
| | N | FURTHER CLEARANCE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY ... (GMT) | |
| | O | TAXIWAY | |
| | P | If no appropriate taxiway is available, insert "NO" | |
| | Q | TAXIWAY SNOWBANKS | |
| | R | If more than 60 cm, insert "YES" followed by distance apart | |
| | S | APRON | |
| | T | If unstable, insert "NO" | |
| | | NEXT PLANNED OBSERVATION/MEASUREMENT IS FOR ... day / month / hour in GMT | |
| | | PLAIN LANGUAGE REMARKS including instrument coverage and other operationally significant information, e.g. sanding, sealing | |

Encoding ?

<https://tinyurl.com/yd7bypuw>

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Sample Ops Manual Slush/Standing Water Page

All Engine Data - 737-500 / 20K Rating

Weight Reductions - 1,000 Kg

| Dry field /obstacle limit weight 1,000 kg | 0.25 in (6 mm) slush/standing water depth | | | 0.50 in (13 mm) slush/standing water depth | | |
|---|---|---------|---------|--|---------|---------|
| | Airport pressure altitude | | | Airport pressure altitude | | |
| | S. L. | 4000 ft | 8000 ft | S. L. | 4000 ft | 8000 ft |
| 35 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| 40 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 2.1 |
| 45 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 3.1 |
| 50 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 4.2 |
| 55 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 5.1 |
| 60 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 6.2 |

6 mm ?

13 mm ?



Takeoff And Landing Performance Assessment (TALPA) 101

Presented to: AC-NA
 By: Michael J. O'Donnell, A.A.E.
 Director, Airport Safety & Standards
 Date: April, 2014

TALPA History

- Excursion at Midway Dec 2005
- What is TALPA
 - Landing distance assessment at time of arrival
 - Accounting for contaminated runways at the time
 - Requirement needed to support those goals
- FAA formed Aviation Rulemaking C
 - Airplane Manufacturers
 - Airplane Operators
 - Regulatory Authorities
 - Airport Operator
 - Other Organizations
- Recommendations provided to FAA in 2009

The future

TALPA Concept is to Standardize

- Methods for assessing runway conditions
- Reporting of braking action by pilots
- Reporting of runway conditions through airport operators, the NOTAM system, and ATC agencies
- Airplane performance data
- Before landing performance assessments
- Terms used in runway condition reports and performance data

Boeing Info. <https://de.scribd.com/doc/36139142/Takeoff-Landing-on-Wet-Contaminated-and-Slippery-Runways>

http://www.aci-na.org/sites/default/files/odonnell_1.pdf

TABLE I-1. OPERATIONAL RUNWAY CONDITION ASSESSMENT MATRIX (RCAM) BRAKING ACTION CODES AND DEFINITIONS

| Assessment Criteria | Runway Condition Description | RwyCC | Control/Braking Assessment Criteria | Pilot Reported Braking Action |
|---------------------|---|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| | • Dry | 6 | | — |
| | • Frost • Wet (includes damp and 1/8 inch depth or less of water) | 5 | Braking deceleration is normal for the wheel braking effort applied A/C; directional control is normal. | Good |
| | 1/8 inch (3mm) depth or less of: • Slush • Dry Snow • Wet Snow | 4 | Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Good and Medium. | Good to Medium |
| | • 15 °C and Colder outside air temperature: • Compacted Snow | 3 | Braking deceleration is noticeably reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is noticeably reduced. | Medium |
| | • Slippery (When Wet (wet runways) • Dry Snow or Wet Snow (any depth) over Compacted Snow | 2 | Braking deceleration OR directional control is between Medium and Poor. | Medium to Poor |
| | Greater than 1/8 inch (3 mm) depth of: • Dry Snow • Wet Snow | 1 | Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced. | Poor |
| | Warmer than -15 °C outside air temperature: • Compacted Snow | 0 | Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is unworkable. | Nil |
| | Greater than 1/8 inch (3 mm) depth of: • Water • Slush | | | |
| | • Ice | | | |
| | • Wet Ice • Slush over Ice • Water over Compacted Snow • Dry Snow or Wet Snow over Ice | | | |

The future

FAA Advisory Circular

91-79 A



European Aviation Safety Agency
 Terms of Reference
 for rulemaking task RMT.0704

The future

Runway Surface Condition Assessment and Reporting

ISSUE 1

FAA:
 Introduced For 2016/17 Winter.

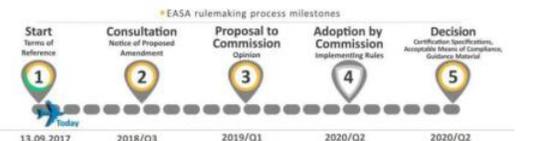
ICAO:
 Introduced 2015/16,

APPLICABLE 11 / 2020

EASA plan:

Issue/rationale

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), through State Letters AN 4/1.2.26-16/19 of 5 April 2016 and AN/27-16/28 of 5 May 2016, adopted Amendment 13 to ICAO Annex 14 and Amendment 1 to the Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS)-Aerodromes respectively. These amendments introduce provisions regarding the use of a global reporting format for assessing and reporting runway surface conditions, that will be applicable by November 2020. The amendments are expected to increase safety of operations on contaminated runways; therefore, the European Agency for Safety Aviation (EASA) is going to introduce them by amending Regulation (EU) No 139/2014 and the related acceptable means of compliance (AMC) and guidance material (GM).



The fluids, practical science

Transport Canada Holdover Time Guidelines Winter 2017-2018

TABLE 20: GENERIC HOLDOVER TIMES FOR SAE TYPE IV FLUIDS

| Outside Air Temperature ¹ | Fluid Concentration Snow/Water By % Volume | Freezing Fog or Ice Crystals | Very Light Snow, Snow Grains or Snow Pellets ^{2,3} | Light Snow, Snow Grains or Snow Pellets ^{2,3} | Moderate Snow, Snow Grains or Snow Pellets ^{2,3} | Freezing Drizzle ⁴ | Light Freezing Rain | Rain on Cold Soaked Wings ⁵ | Other ⁶ |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| -3°C and above (27°F and above) | 1000 | 1-15 - 2-40 | 2-30 ⁷ | 1-10 - 2-00 | 0-35 - 1-10 | 0-40 - 1-30 | 0-25 - 0-40 | 0-08 - 1-10 | |
| | 75/25 | 1-25 - 2-40 | 2-30 ⁷ | 1-15 - 2-00 | 0-40 - 1-15 | 0-50 - 1-20 | 0-30 - 0-45 | 0-09 - 1-15 | |
| below -3 to -14°C (below 27 to 7°F) | 50/50 | 0-25 - 0-50 | 0-40 | 0-25 - 0-40 | 0-10 - 0-25 | 0-15 - 0-30 | 0-09 - 0-15 | | |
| | 100/0 | 0-20 - 1-35 | 1-20 | 0-45 - 1-20 | 0-25 | 0-25 - 1-20 ⁸ | 0-20 - 0-25 ⁸ | | |
| below -14 to -18°C (below 7 to 0°F) | 75/25 | 0-30 - 1-10 | 1-40 | 0-45 - 1-40 | 0-20 - 0-40 | 0-20 ⁸ | 0-15 - 0-25 ⁸ | | |
| | 100/0 | 0-20 - 0-40 | 0-40 | 0-20 - 0-40 | 0-06 - 0-20 | | | | |
| below -18 to -25°C (below 0 to -13°F) | 100/0 | 0-20 - 0-40 ⁹ | 0-20 ⁹ | 0-09 - 0-20 ⁹ | 0-02 - 0-05 ⁹ | | | | |
| | 100/0 | 0-20 - 0-40 ⁹ | 0-20 ⁹ | 0-06 - 0-20 ⁹ | 0-01 - 0-05 ⁹ | | | | |

De- and anti-icing give a small takeoff time window: rwy has to be available & cleared!

Example: light snow, - 8 C Holdover time = 100% = 45 - 80 min.
= 75% = 45 - 100 min.

Aircraft treatment: old style



<https://jalopnik.com/how-and-why-we-de-ice-aircraft-before-takeoff-1657914108>

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We need sufficient de-icing capacity to handle ALL planned flights

Case : a flight to frozen Frankfurt - 2013

Anticipation

Am Frankfurter Flughafen geht nichts mehr

Gefrierender Regen hat den Flugbetrieb in Frankfurt am Main lahmgelegt. Seit 16 Uhr 20 können die Maschinen weder abheben noch landen. Der Verkehr an Europas drittgrößtem Luftdrehkreuz kommt zum Erliegen.



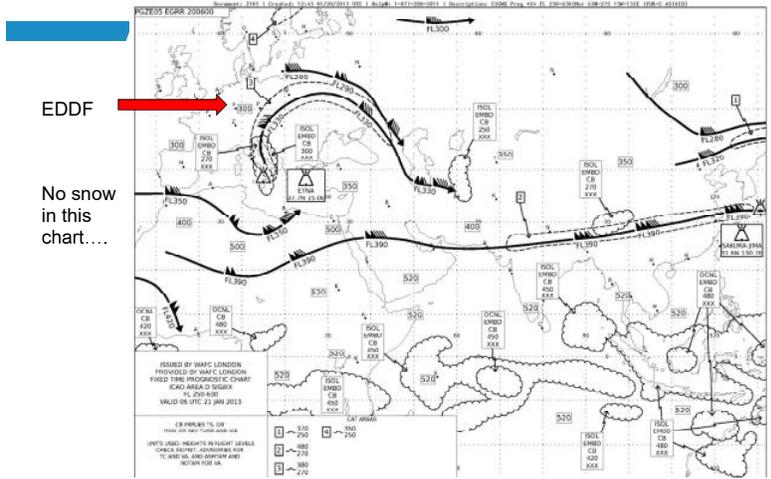
- MEISTGELESEN IM RESSORT
- Die Schweiz friert am kältesten Morgen dieses Winters
13.3.2018, 06:30 Uhr
 - Pfadfinderin verkauft schachtelweise Kekse neben Marihuana-Laden
Berliner Wochenspiegel / 10.3.2018, 10:58 Uhr
 - Der schiefe Turm von San Francisco

Anticipation

TAF EDDF 201700Z 2018/2124 05006KT 6000 -SN
 SCT008 BKN015
 PROB40
 TEMPO 2018/2020 4000 FZRA BKN008
 TEMPO 2020/2105 2000 SN VV003
 TEMPO 2105/2110 1200 -SN BR BKN002
 BECMG 2105/2107 VRB03KT
 TEMPO 2110/2124 4000 -SN BR BKN008

Anticipate severe winter weather for landing at approx. 06:00z ??

Not from this forecast, for a landing at 06z.



Anticipation

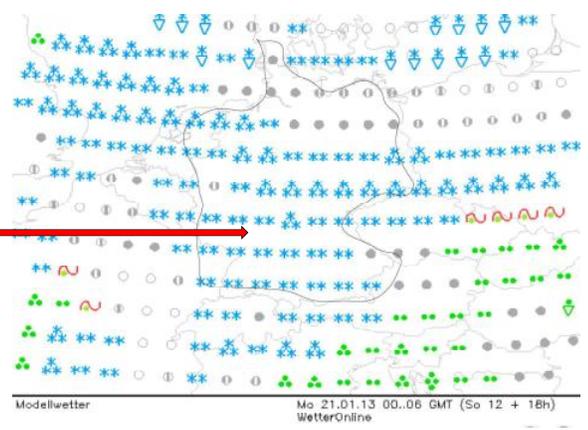
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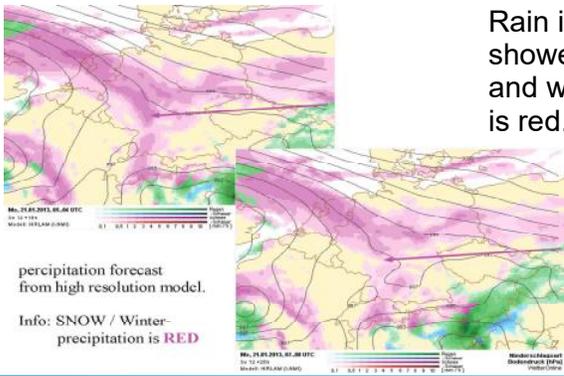
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Anticipation



Rain is green, showers are blue, and winter weather is red.

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Anticipation

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.D-ABWV ---- DLH757      21JAN13 0654Z
ATIS FRA

ARR-ATIS EDDF Z METAR 210650
EXPECT ILS APCH RWY 25L
RWY 25L
RWY COND RWY 25L AT TIME 0620 3MM WET
SNOW CONTAMINATION 100 PERCENT BA TDZ 1'
MID 22 END 20 TWYS AND APRON SLIPPERY ,
USE CAUTION , RWY EXITS SLIPPERY ,
TRL 70
ATTN WEATHER WRNG VALID UNTIL 1000 SNOW
1 CM
21004KT
2700
-SN FEW001 BKN003
TM01 DPM01
QNH998 QFE985
TREND TEMPO SN
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ATIS confirmed forecast weather conditions.

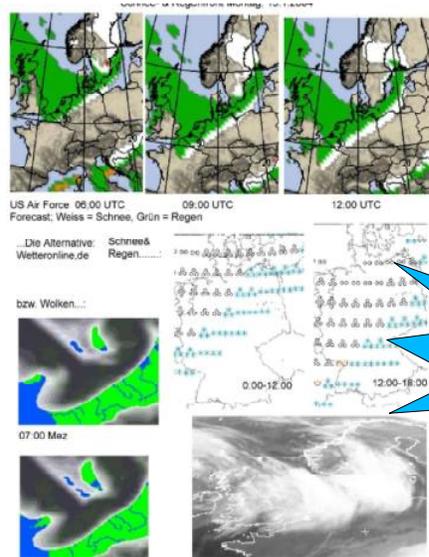
Note WRNG: 1cm SNOW in 3 hours !

AIRPORT WAS OPEN, BUT ARRIVAL- AND DEPARTURE RATE WAS SET TO 0 (ZERO)

Anticipation



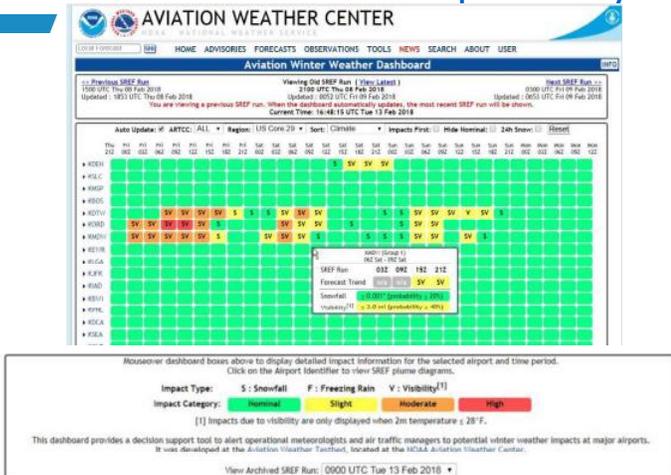
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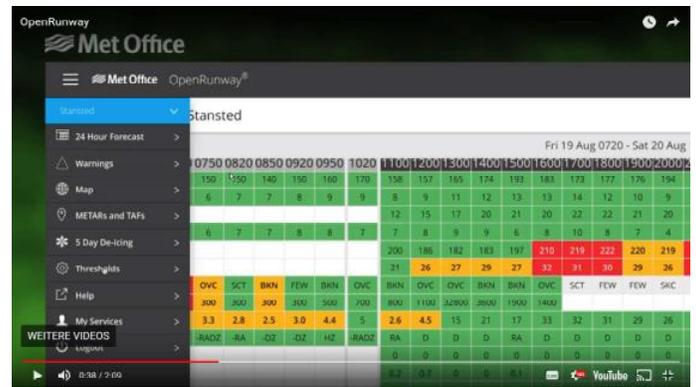
Conclusion:

We need better, timely info on airport and runway status, availability.

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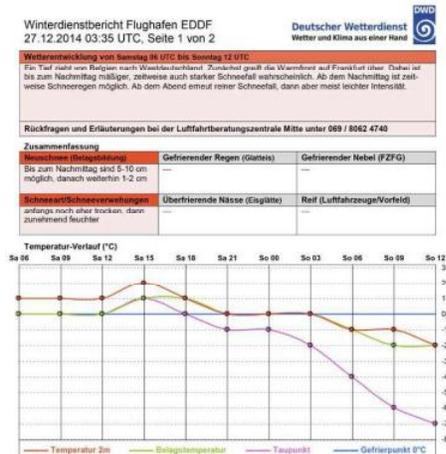


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Source: MetOffice video <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/aviation/openrunway>

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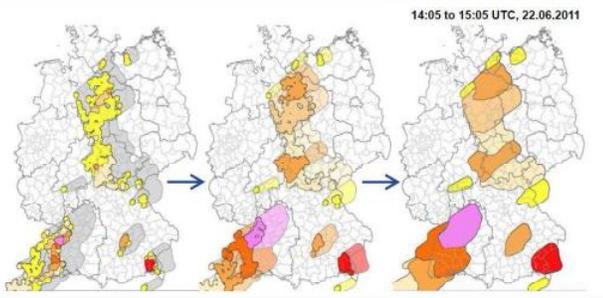
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State of the Art – not for pilots' eyes

NowCastMIX – From analysis to warning polygons



→ NowCastMIX-Winter: Nowcasting von Schneefallgebieten (Neuschneemenge); Test im Winter 2016/17

<http://docplayer.org/35817479-Luftfahrkundenforum-2016-herzlich-willkommen.html>

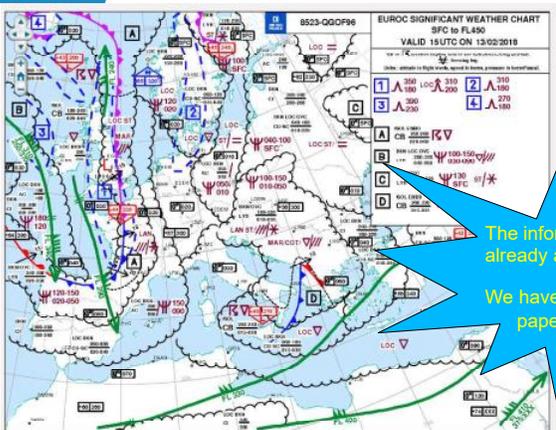
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Probabilistic :State of the Art ?



Source: AccuWeather

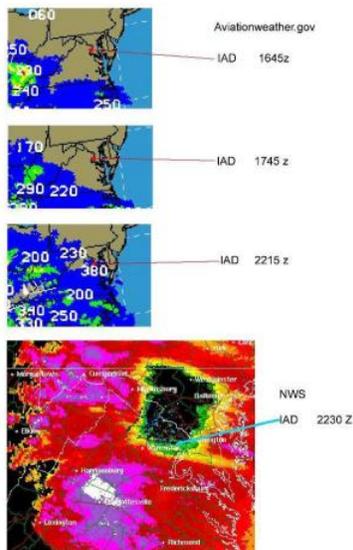
State of the Art – not for pilots' eyes



The information pilots need is already available !
We have to get it into the papers, into the cockpit .

Just Snow !

Source: MétéoFrance



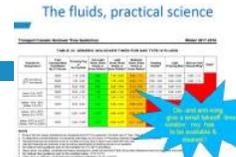
almost snowed –in at Washington-Dulles international airport

Snowdragon @ work





Mother
Nature
is
stronger.
ACCEPT IT –
and ANTICIPATE



time concious
State of the Art!



equipment
Snowed-in JFK: January 2018



coordination

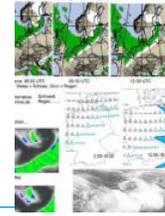


operations



information

Elements for improved
airport operations in winter



We need
accurate
forecasts on
- rwy direction
- rwy change
- rwy availability
- rwy status /
future: TALPA
code

Thank you for your attention.

Additional case

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Case 2: a near surprise in
New York , 2009



A surprise !

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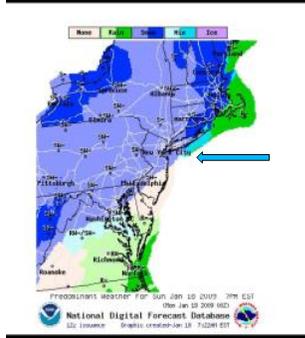
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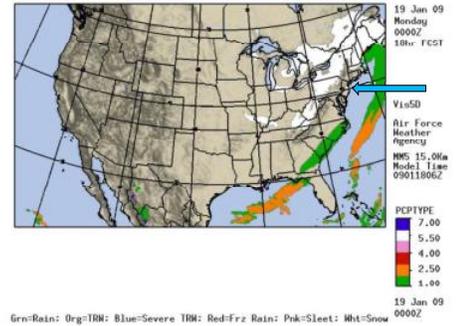
Forecast for landing at 19., 00z: NO SNOW

Flying to New York

A surprise !



Public and US Air Force charts show snow...



A surprise !

Actual at 00:35z: light snow, scattered 800ft,
 Braking action advisories in effect
 ((meaning: it's very slippery. No BA coefficients given !))

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INTEREST OF NOISE ABATE MENT PLEASE USE
ASSIGNED RWY. ...ADVS YOU HAVE INFO U.

CONTRACT ACTIVE

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Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports

Surveys Interviews

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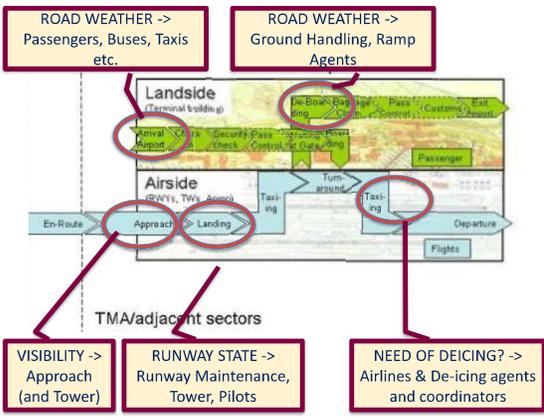
1. Potential PNOWWA users
2. PNOWWA survey
3. Interviews
4. Summary






Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports - Kaltenboeck

Winter Weather influencing to the Total Airport Management (TAM)



ROAD WEATHER -> Passengers, Buses, Taxis etc.

ROAD WEATHER -> Ground Handling, Ramp Agents

VISIBILITY -> Approach (and Tower)

RUNWAY STATE -> Runway Maintenance, Tower, Pilots

NEED OF DEICING? -> Airlines & De-icing agents and coordinators

TAM

- create an environment enabling airport partners to maintain a joint plan – the Airport Operations Plan
- get full CDM (Collaborative Decision Making) benefits
 - efficiency in airport
 - enhanced use of airport resources
- Extent time horizon from tactical to pre-tactical and strategic phases.

https://www.eurocontrol.int/eec/public/standard_page/EEC_News_2006_3_TAM.html

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Survey

different user groups:

- ATM (TWR, APCH)
- airline operations, pilots
- de-icing
- runway maintenance
- ground handling
- transportation (public and private)

airports

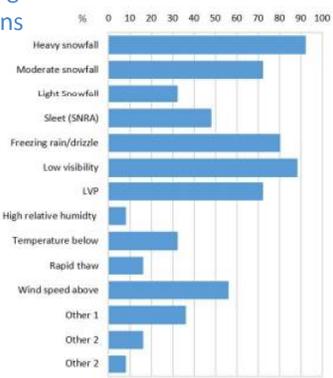
- large (hub) – small (charter)
- Austria, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Turkey and Switzerland




Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports - Kaltenboeck

Survey (web-based)

Airport user opinions– highest negative impact affecting airport operations



| Weather Condition | Percentage (%) |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Heavy snowfall | ~90 |
| Moderate snowfall | ~75 |
| Light Snowfall | ~35 |
| Sleet (SNRA) | ~45 |
| Freezing rain/drizzle | ~80 |
| Low visibility | ~85 |
| LVP | ~70 |
| High relative humidity | ~10 |
| Temperature below | ~30 |
| Rapid thaw | ~15 |
| Wind speed above | ~50 |
| Other 1 | ~35 |
| Other 2 | ~15 |
| Other 2 | ~10 |

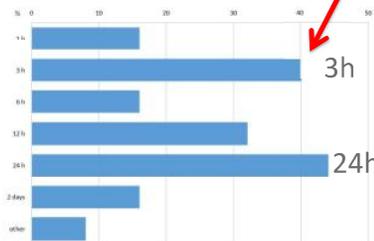
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2. (low visibility)
3. Freezing rain and drizzle
4. LowVisibilityProcedere
5. Moderate snowfall
6. Wind speed above
7. Sleet

the type of winter weather affecting negatively to airport operation (PNOWWA survey)

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Survey (web-based)

Airport user opinions for probabilistic winter weather forecasts – potential benefits



| Benefit | Percentage (%) |
|--|----------------|
| Helps to make objective decisions | ~100 |
| When cost-loss ratios are known it can be used in decision support | ~100 |
| Positive attitude to probabilistic forecasts | ~100 |
| Need for lead time 3 and 12-24 hours products | ~100 |

Useful lead time for warning of critical weather for all responses (PNOWWA survey)

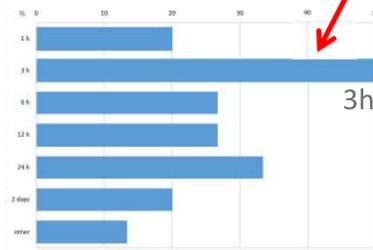
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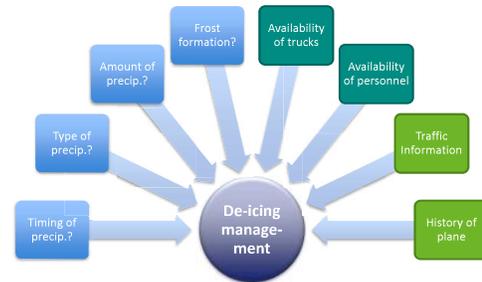


Useful lead time for warning of critical weather for ATM/Airport maintenance group (PNOWWA survey)

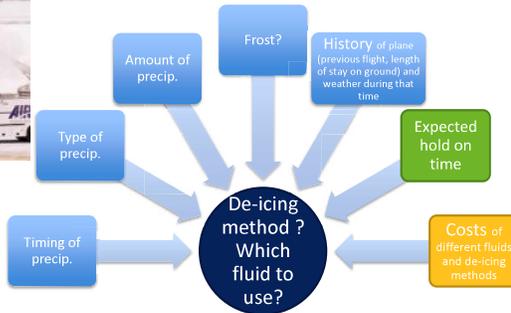
De-icing management

De-icing of aircraft=

1. Snow and ice removal
2. Prevention of ice and snow accretion on plane (-hold over time)

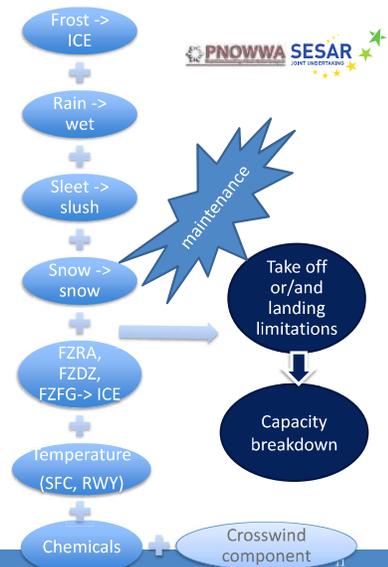


De-icing on airline's perspective



Runway Maintenance

Keep runway in safe conditions. Best friction conditions are achieved

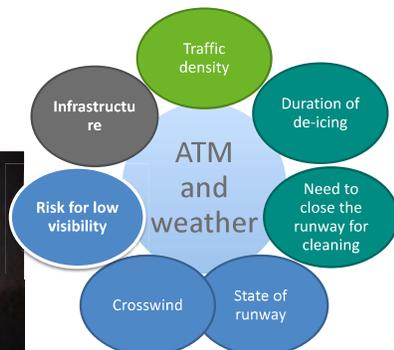


Air Traffic Management / Tower

What's happening in de-icing or runway maintenance influences to ATM, too. Add to that a Low Visibility will change landing procedures and can even prevent that.



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Interviews

- probabilistic forecast might be used especially for preventive actions – e.g. FZRA
- usable in decision making process (eliminating human errors and bias) - objective
- different weighting of probabilistic information depending from air traffic
- defining threshold values triggering maintenance procedures
- individual parameters for each airport / different stakeholders for demonstration
- PROB more relevant at big hubs
- forecasting of ordinary winter events (not only rare events as strong snow fall)
- arrival rate – depending from likelihood ???
- Pilots using already PROB in TAF
- Probability forecast used for planning (e.g. truck refueling, actions depend on traffic load, flight planning)
- human forecast/interaction prevailed
- operational procedure/workflow well established
- considering of safety aspects
- use of low probability events (e.g. in case of incident)
- complex interaction of different airport operations



Interviews



- seamless forecast system 0-24/72h
- all weather parameters
 - FG or DRSN/BLSN
 - Ceiling / LVP
 - Summer – thunderstorms, wind shift



- layout
- easy handling (mobile app)
- development of KPI (key performance indicators) and development of new procedures
- training



Interviews

Key Performance Indicator



- Complex interaction – stakeholder
- Traffic
- Workload
- Environment
- Economic
- Delays
- Pre-runway-conditions (chemicals, runway- temperature,)
- Safety aspects



Conclusions



- most potential for probabilistic weather forecasts to help render decisions
- +SN/FZRA, but forecasting daily winter weather (not focus an rare events only)
- lead time 3h/24h – stakeholder dependent
- seamless forecast – one all weather product
- layout (decision support)
- handle low probability



- implementation in CDM ?



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Weather impact analysis based on elaborate air traffic simulations

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Outline



▶ The Motivation
Why are we doing it...

▶ The Method
How are we doing it...

▶ The Tool
What do we use to do it...

▶ A Case Study
What we do in action...

▶ The Outlook
What are we doing next...



Weather impact on Air Traffic Management

- ▶ Weather especially wind, thunderstorms and low visibility have big impact on airport capacity
- ▶ Weather cannot be changed but accurate forecasts help to be prepared and to minimize weather impact
- ▶ Project objective: Quantify weather impact to identify mitigation potentials
- ▶ Weather impact in numbers:
 - Vienna International airport:

| | minutes | min/flight | percentage |
|---------|---------|------------|------------|
| Weather | 66 214 | 0,59 | 89% |
| Total | 74 121 | 0,66 | |

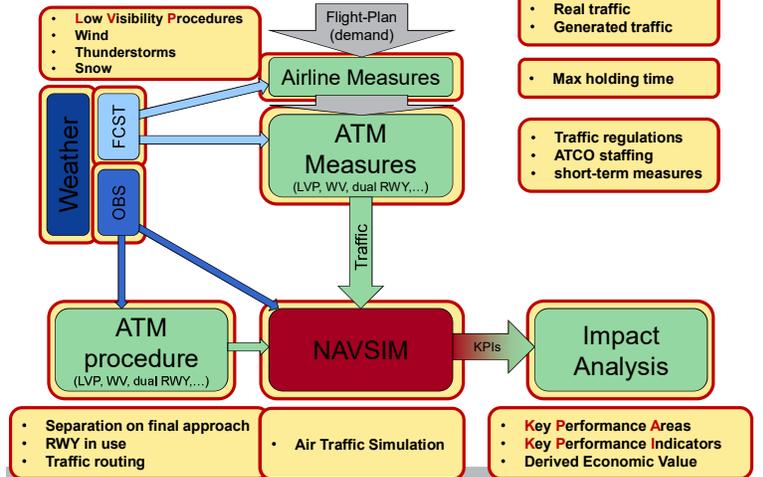
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The Method

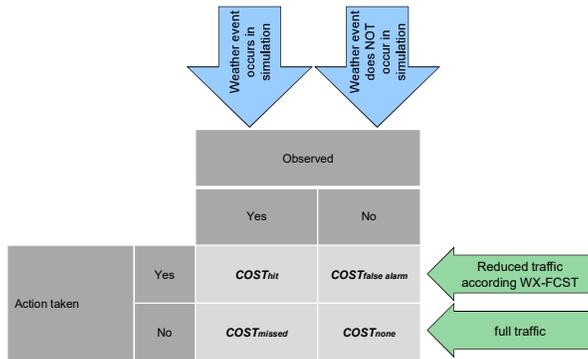
Weather impact analysis

Flow chart



Weather impact analysis Methodology

- ▶ Cost matrix based on air traffic simulations



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Weather impact analysis Challenges

- ▶ Not everything can be readily measured in terms of money, e.g.:
 - ATM workload
 - safety
- ▶ Optimization criteria are contradictory, e.g.:
 - trade-off between maximizing capacity and optimizing workload
 - trade-off between optimizing workload and minimizing flight delays
 - etc...
- ▶ Different stakeholders (ANSP, airlines, airports,...) prioritize optimization criteria differently
 - e.g. ATM workload is not airlines' first priority
- ▶ To quantify the impact on the overall air traffic management system all stakeholders' requirements must be considered and balanced

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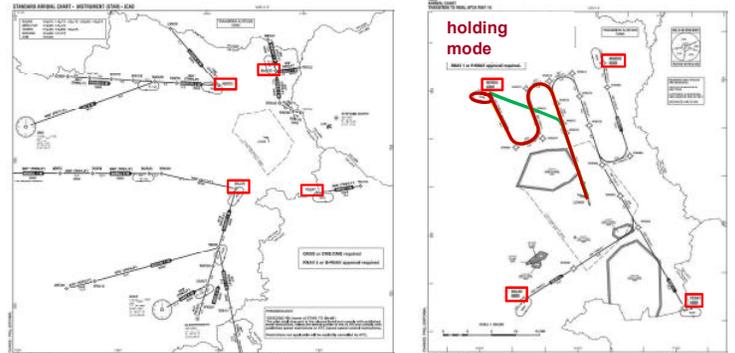
The Tool



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NAVSIM / AMAN Air traffic simulation

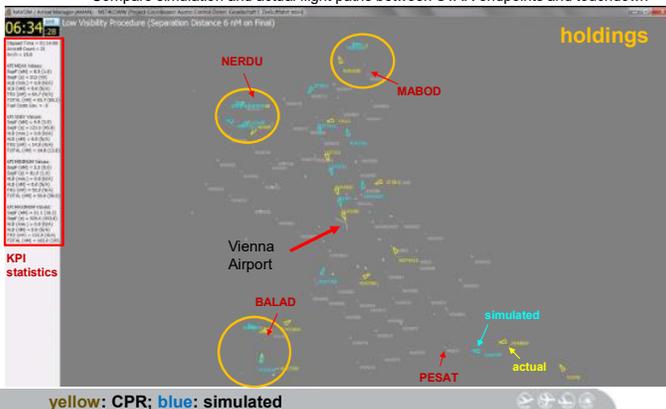
- ▶ Detailed simulation of arrival procedures
 - Simulation is initialized with traffic at STAR endpoints
 - Weather (wind, LVP, TS) is realistically considered
 - Detailed performance analysis based on various KPIs



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NAVSIM / AMAN Validation

- ▶ Compare actual flight path to simulated flight path
 - Simulation is initialized with actual traffic at STAR endpoints
 - Compare simulation and actual flight paths between STAR endpoints and touchdown

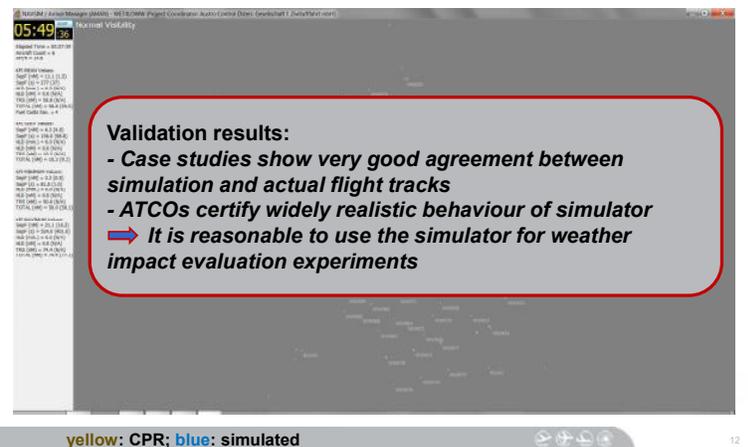


yellow: CPR; blue: simulated

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NAVSIM / AMAN Validation - video

- ▶ Low Visibility Procedures (LVP) during morning rush hour



yellow: CPR; blue: simulated

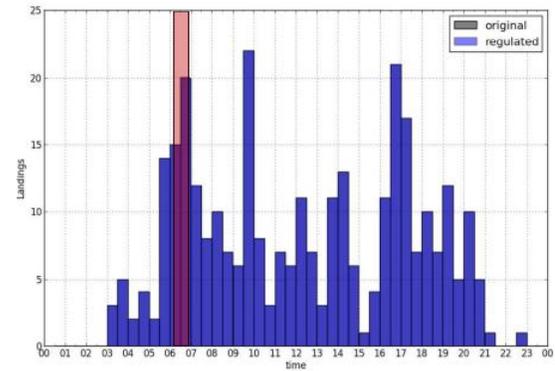
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Case study Runway closure – synthetic example

A Case Study



▶ Arrival runway is closed for 45 minutes during morning peak



Case study Runway closure – synthetic example

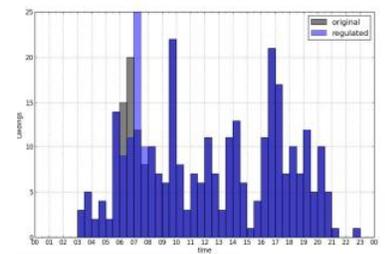
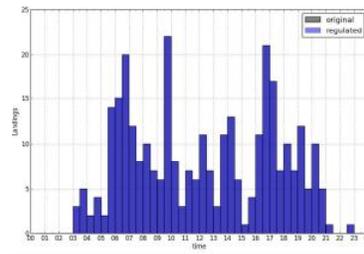
Case study Runway closure – synthetic example

- ▶ Cost matrix scenarios were simulated:
 - n: No RWY closure and none forecasted **No action taken.**
 - f: No RWY closure, but forecasted **Action taken.**
 - m: RWY closure, but not forecasted **No action taken.**
 - h: RWY closure and forecasted **Action taken.**

| | | Observed | |
|--------------|-----|----------|----------|
| | | Yes | No |
| Action taken | Yes | <i>h</i> | <i>f</i> |
| | No | <i>m</i> | <i>n</i> |

- ▶ No action taken
 - No traffic regulation applied
 - Average possible maximum holding time: 20 minutes
- ▶ Action taken
 - Traffic regulated
 - Regulation issued at 05:00: 06:10 to 06:55: acceptance rate 0
 - Average possible maximum holding time: 30 minutes

Simplified assumptions:
 – in m case regulation would be applied once event happens
 – in f case regulation would be cancelled once event does not happen



Case study Runway closure – synthetic example

Case study Runway closure – synthetic example

KPIs:
2.5 hours
75 flights

| | n | f | m | h |
|--------------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Diversions | 0 | 0 | 15 | 3 |
| Trackmiles / flight | 64.3 | 70.8 | 67.8 | 84.5 |
| Holding time [min] | 46 | 71 | 239 | 291 |
| Holding time / flight [min] | 0.62 | 0.95 | 3.19 | 3.89 |
| Regulated delay [min] | 0 | 823 | 0 | 823 |
| Regulated delay / flight [min] | 0 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Regulated delay cost [€] | 0 | 19,710 | 0 | 19,710 |
| ARR delay cost [€] | 0 | 1,630 | 10,090 | 20,060 |
| Diversion cost [€] | 0 | 0 | 70,500 | 13,500 |
| Total cost [€] | 0 | 21,340 | 80,590 | 53,270 |
| Total cost / flight [€] | 0 | 285 | 1,075 | 710 |

- ▶ Cost estimates based on:
 - Delay costs: A. Cook, G. Tanner, *European airline delay cost reference values, updated and extended values*. Version 4.1, <https://www.eurocontrol.int/publications/european-airline-delay-cost-reference-values> (2015).
 - Diversions: *Standard Inputs for EUROCONTROL Cost-Benefit Analyses*. Edition Number: 7.0. Edition Date: November 2015

- ▶ How do results relate to weather forecasts?
 - Cost / Loss ratio can be derived from cost matrix – important when using probability forecasts
 - Together with contingency table of specific forecast the forecast value can be derived
- ▶ Other insights from this analysis method
 - Impact of different actions can be evaluated
 - Decision processes and weather forecasts can be aligned

Cost matrix:

| | | Observed | |
|--------------|-----|----------|----------|
| | | Yes | No |
| Action taken | Yes | 53,270 € | 21,340 € |
| | No | 80,590 € | 0 € |

Forecast contingency table:

| | | Observed | |
|------------|-----|------------------|------------------|
| | | Yes | No |
| Forecasted | Yes | hit | false alarm |
| | No | missed | Correct negative |
| | | $\alpha = h + m$ | $1 - \alpha$ |

Cost / Loss ratio in this example: 0.44

The Outlook



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- ▶ Consolidating results
 - Low visibility procedures
 - Thunderstorms in approach sectors
 - Distance based vs. time based vs. weather dependent separation
 - RWY closure
- ▶ **End of project workshop: 11 April 2018**
- ▶ Proposal for follow up project is underway
 - Includes flight planning expertise to refine cost estimates
 - Focus on how probability forecasts can be integrated in ATM decision making
 - Evaluate what ATM decisions can be improved by probability forecasts
 - Evaluate available probabilistic weather forecast systems
 - Holistic view on the ATM-System (Airlines + Airport + ATC)



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Any questions
or comments



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Summary what we have learnt from stakeholders in Finland

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PNOWWA (Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports)



Stakeholders



PNOWWA General presentation - Saltikoff

Pilot user feedback - Helsinki



- After the first winter feedback asked, few answers got
- Before second winter season it was organized meeting with users, where it was discussed about the scientific demonstration, collected opinions and informed about the feedback mechanisms
- During winter 2017-2018 it is conducted special interviews with APOC after heavy snow days.
 - 24.1.2018
 - 1.2.2018

Proposal of user -> Rate of snow mm/15 min, when it is cm/h in most previous applications

Probability of accumulation class was changed to exceedance probabilities after first winter, because users felt is more appropriate to them.

Pilot user feedback - Rovaniemi



- After first winter feedback asked, only two answers got
- During winter 2017-2018 it is conducted special interviews with maintenance head during snowing days 24.-25.1.2018.

In next slides it is combined user opinions and ideas about PNOWWA scientific demonstration and winter weather needs they have based on all feedback got in Finland during 2016-2018.

Availability of demo product



- Delivery system by web page worked well.
- Automatic update cycle is necessary in that kind of product. That was useful feature in demonstration
- Possibility to follow weather situation development via mobile phone would be wished to operative product. That must be taken into account in deployment phase



Layout of demo product



- There is a lot of information, but...
- Layout is complicated, a lot of numbers, which update very often.
 - Layout doesn't attract to use product – in most days conventional sources of information are used.
 - Also opinions if it should be more useful to use colours describing the severity of weather instead of prob. value as we did.

Likelihood matrix would be most appropriate

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Green 0-20% | > 5 mm/15 min |
| Yellow 30-50% | 1-5 mm/15 min |
| Red 60-100% | < 1 mm/15 min |

Content of demo product



- Exceedance probability was preferred to class probabilities as we did during second winter
- **Thresholds** needs further discussions with users. Different users have different opinions
- **Fog and drifting snow** phenomena shall be included to tower product
- **24 hour product** was wished, too (bellow one possible example for that)



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Meteorological quality of demo product



- Demo product was used only occasionally. **Users felt conventional sources of information more convenient** and used them. So users opinions of MET quality are not clear – yet it is easy verify independently (as it is done – see my previous presentation).
- Individual comment from the case when **product decrease the strength of precipitation too much and too early** (EFHK 1.2.1018).

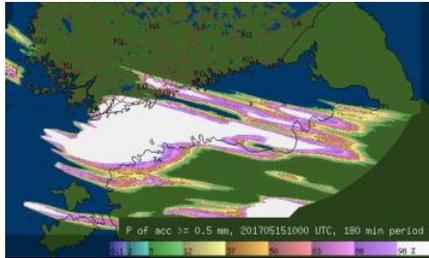


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Usability of demo product



- Poor in the form it is now.
- Users like to see snow area movement and estimations also on map.
- Table type of product is appropriate to machine-machine systems. Products to humans shall include more visualisations and probably also option to interact with meteorologist



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Other aspects risen



- **Climatology** of snow accumulation is needed. How often different classes happens at different airports? In mm/h, mm/3 h, mm/12 h, mm/24 h
- Most of benefits of that type of product would be gained **at runway maintenance duty**.
- **Departing traffic** will benefit more than arriving for now-casting, because by CDM they got information about possible take of time. (if there is limitations at capacity in near future)
- Tower will need more **12-24 h forecast** than 3 hour nowcast.

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Conclusions of stakeholders feedback



- Table type product could be most appropriate to automatic decision making systems (machine to machine).
- To humans visualization and option to interaction with other human is needed, too.
- It could be useful to discuss how probabilistic information is used in automated decision making systems and how in human generated systems? There can be differences between these.
- Winter weather nowcast products shall be available also by mobile phone.
- All weather parameters influencing to airport capacity shall be implemented to product
- More experiments together with users is needed to verify the meteorological reliability and usability of winter weather information in users point of view.



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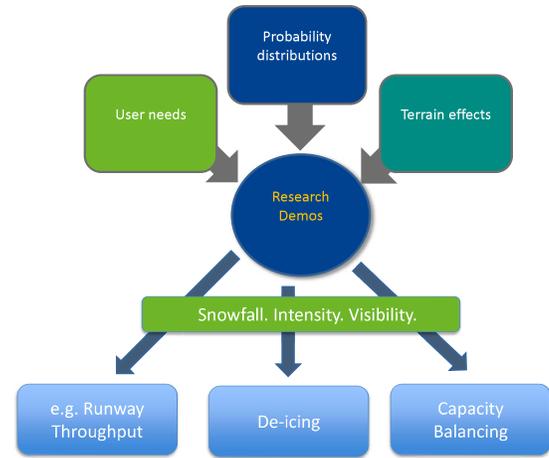


Winter Weather Nowcasting – Effects of Sea and Mountains PNOWWA – WP3

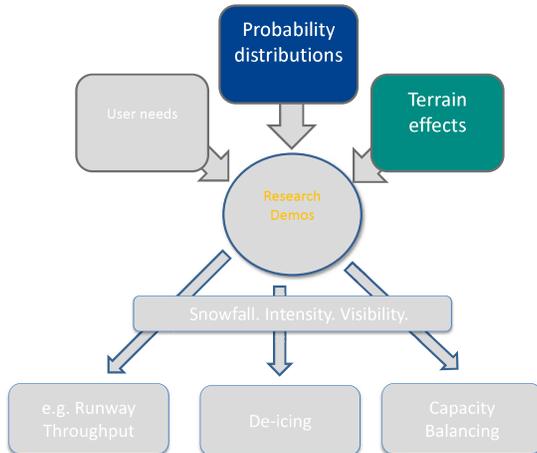
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PNOWWA WP 3 – Overview



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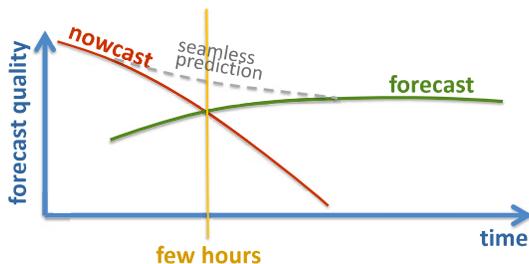
- Improving the nowcasting of snowfall intensity
- Assessing predictability of motion-vector nowcasting
- Increasing understanding of effect of mountains and sea to the snowfall intensity

Nowcasting - Forecasting



Nowcasting: 0 – 1(2)(3) hours (depending on weather situation)
radar/satellite extrapolation techniques

Forecasting: some hours – several days
numerical weather forecast



Effect of Mountains and Sea



Mountains have an influence on atmospheric flow

Advection in flat areas, minor temporal evolution are expected.

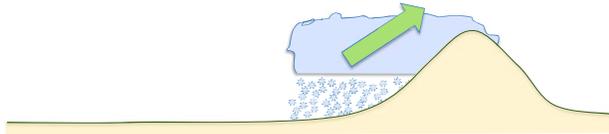


Effect of Mountains and Sea



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Advection in flat areas, minor temporal evolution are expected.



When approaching mountains: airmass is lifted, humidity condenses, clouds and precipitation intensify, clouds and precipitation is blocked by mountains.

Effect of Mountains and Sea



Transition from sea to land

Advection over sea, minor temporal evolution are expected.



Effect of Mountains and Sea



Transition from sea to land

Advection over sea, minor temporal evolution are expected.



When moving over land: lake effects in winter: warm sea (continuous source of moisture), cold land, cold air
slight lifting by shoreline, slow down of motion (increased surface friction), change of moisture fluxes

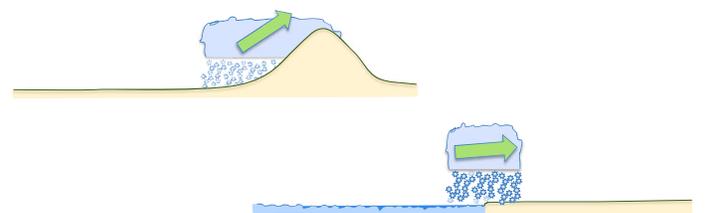
Effect of Mountains and Sea



Nowcasting of precipitation fields

Nowcasting techniques by extrapolation of radar images assume linear motion and minor temporal evolution of the cloud- or precipitation system.

Any deviation from linear motion will introduce nowcast errors.



Statistical analysis of predictability



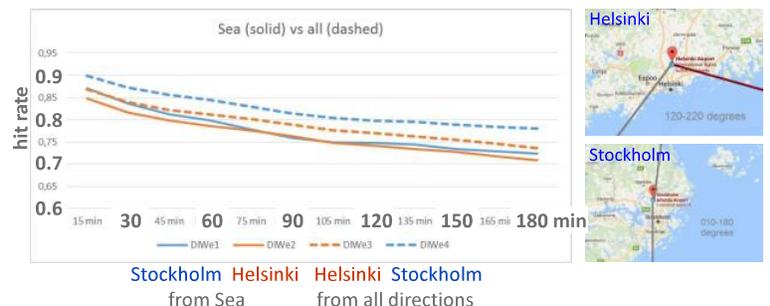
Study the winter weather products developed for SESAR1 de-icing validation campaign:

- to see, if the quality of the forecasts at certain airport depends systematically on the flow direction
- to see, if the "unpredictable sectors" can be linked to underlying terrain such as sea or mountains

Statistical analysis of predictability – Effect of Sea

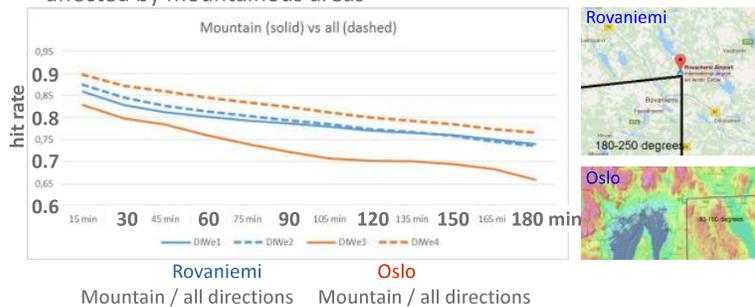


Influence of sea on predictability for Stockholm and Helsinki.
Forecast quality is lower for precipitation systems arriving from Sea.



– Effect of Mountains

Influence of mountains on predictability for Rovaniemi and Oslo
 Forecast quality is lower for precipitation systems with flow affected by mountainous areas



Low Scandinavian mountains



Mountain Effects

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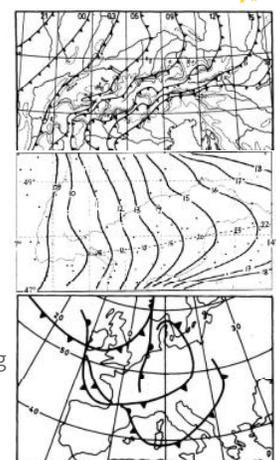
Alps "Real Mountains"



Orographic Effects on Cold Fronts

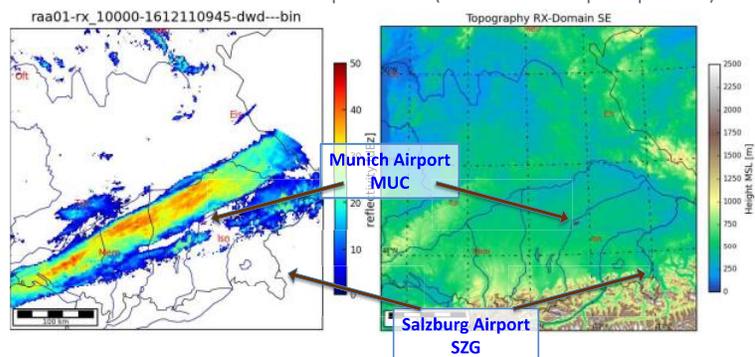
The Alps considerable influence the weather in the region around the Alps.

- Frontal systems can be
 - retarded / delayed
 - accelerated along Alps
 - passage without any delay
- Nowcasting by extrapolation is impeded in these situations due to the non-linear propagation of frontal systems
- Retarded precipitation systems and cyclogenesis can generate long lasting continuous rain or snow fall events (2-3 days!)



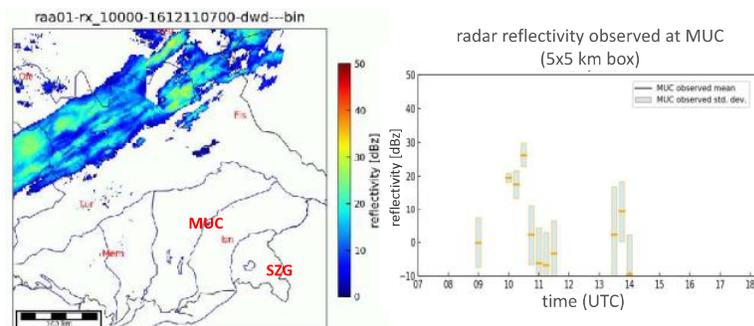
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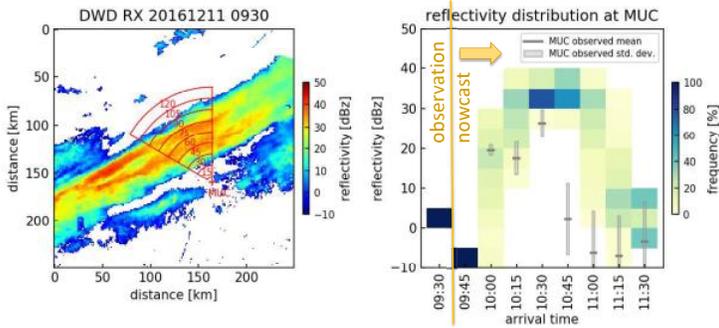
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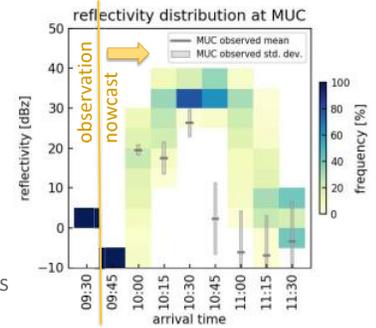
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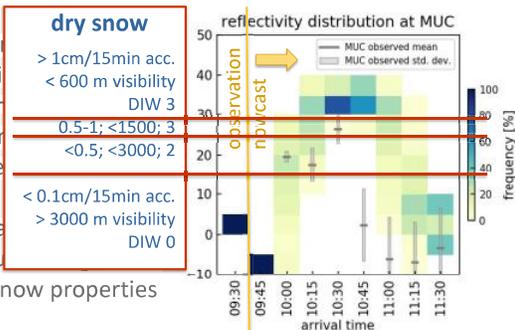
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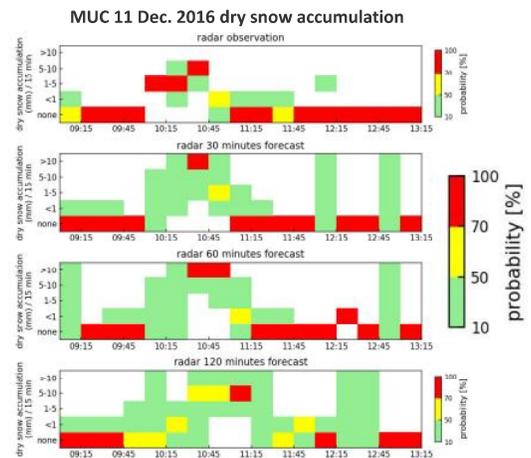
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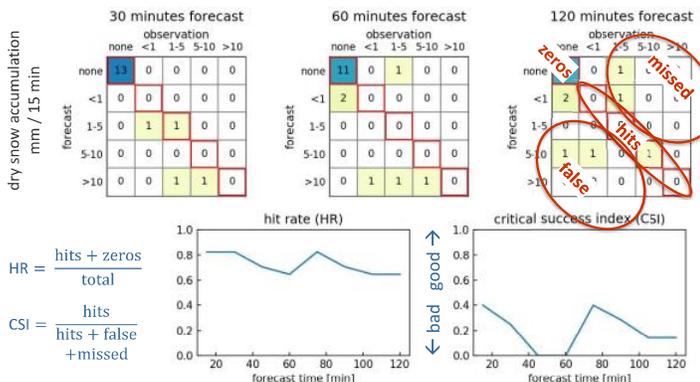


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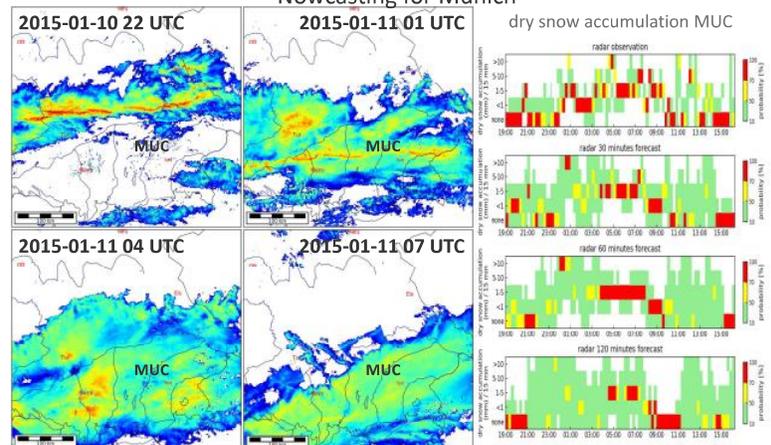
Nowcasting of Cold Front Min Dec. 2016

Deterministic evaluation of nowcast using the most probable weather class

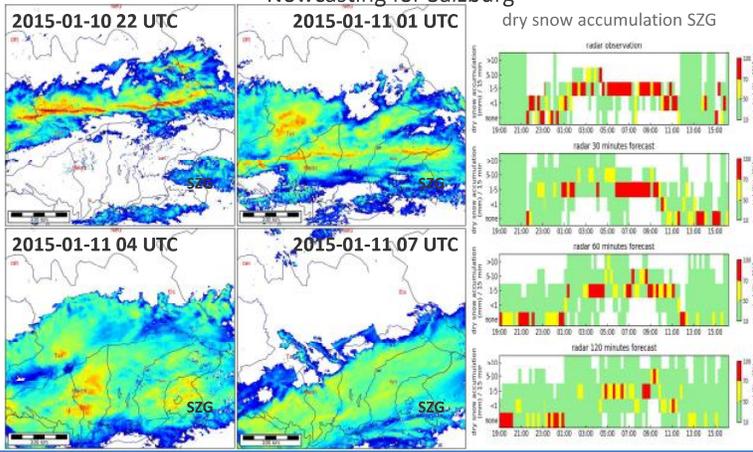


Nowcasting of Cold Front Jan. 2015

Nowcasting for Munich



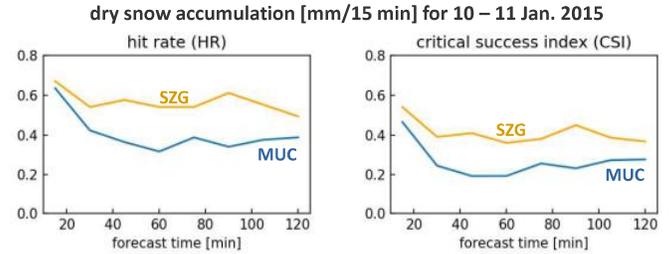
Nowcasting for Salzburg



Development of long lasting precipitation system over the Alpine Foreland (~ 22 hours).

Prevailing north-westerly flow:

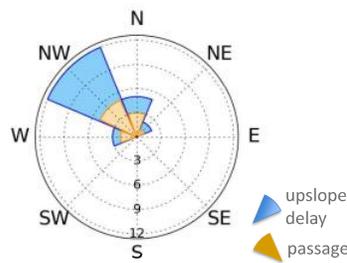
- Salzburg within precipitation system
- Munich close to the edge of precipitation field



Orographic Effects of the Alps



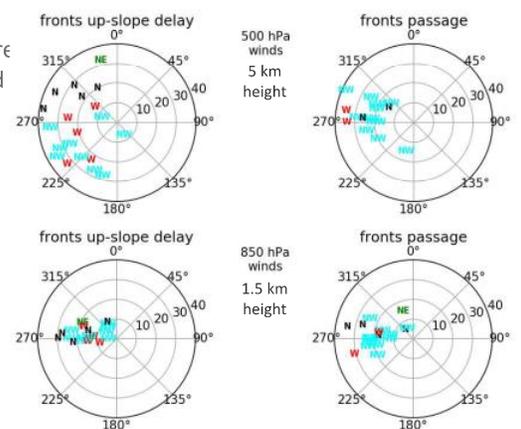
- 22 cold-front events lasting between 8 and 46 hours from winters 2013/14 to winter 2016/17 were analysed
- prevailing flow direction from NW
- most case show a clear signal of delay/upslope enhancement (50%) or undisturbed passage (50%)



Orographic Effects of the Alps



- observed winds (radio sondes) are often not related to motion of precipitation systems
- cyclogenesis can impede extrapolation for longer time periods



Conclusions and Outlook



- Radar extrapolation techniques can provide probabilistic nowcast of winter weather elements.
- Probabilistic nowcast provides the user with information on the likelihood of the occurrence of winter weather elements.
- Information that there will be no precipitation is valuable
- Nowcasting of complex orographic motion and precipitation patterns can be improved by advanced numerical weather prediction
 - high resolution / nesting
 - frequent update
 - radar data assimilation
- data fusion
- seamless prediction



Winter Weather Nowcasting – Effects of Sea and Mountains
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Potential for follow up projects

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Potential for follow up projects



In PNOWWA we have identified opportunities to further utilize **probability forecasts** at the airports.

So far we have limited us to **airport operations** and **winter weather**.

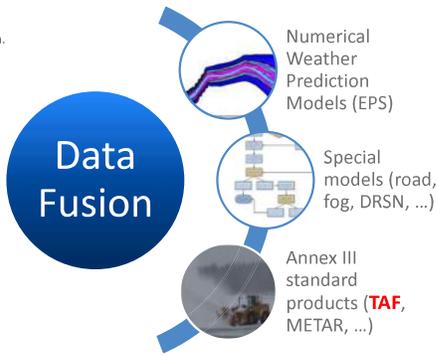
It could be considered to involve also

- **Convective weather (thunderstorms)**
- **En-route**
- **Network planning**

Potential for follow-up projects as identified in PNOWWA Surveys



PNOWWA is S2020 Fundamental Explonatory Research. To reach higher maturity levels, more work is needed



Winter weather needs and opportunities

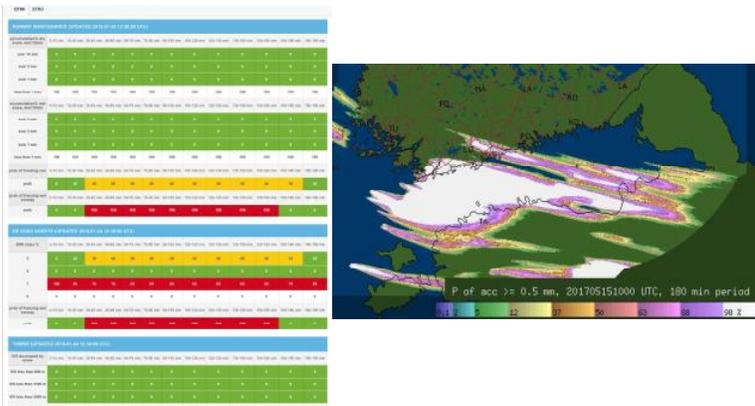


- A need for **3h** and **24h** forecasts is seen in the survey.
- Are these **separate** use cases, or is there a need to generate a **seamless merger** ?
- In PNOWWA we focused on providing **numbers**. Many stakeholders want to understand a bit more, so **visual** presentation should be developed.

Possible visualizations



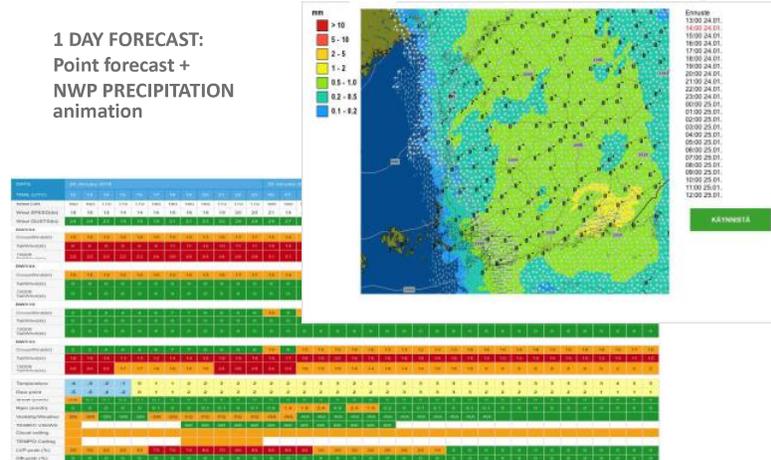
FEW HOUR FORECAST: Point forecast + radar extrapolation animations



Possible visualizations



1 DAY FORECAST: Point forecast + NWP PRECIPITATION animation

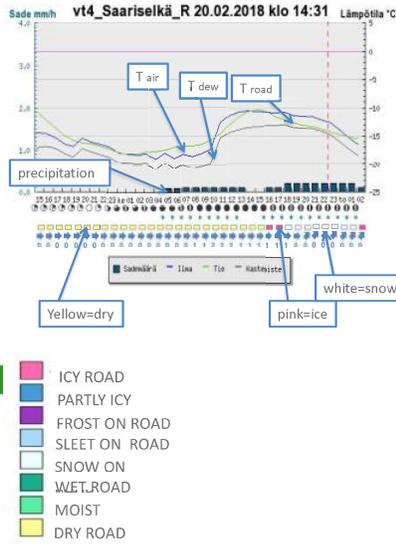


1 DAY FORECAST: Point forecast + ROAD/RUNWAY animation



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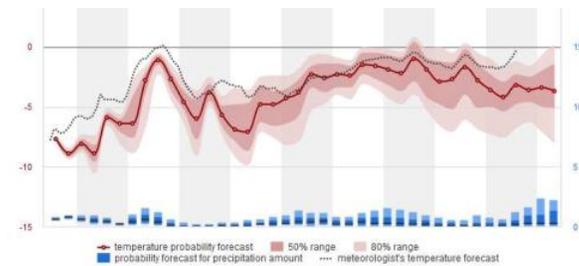
Probability of Hurricane route



Probability forecasting with computer models: EPS



Instead of making a single forecast of the most likely weather, a set (or ensemble) of forecasts is produced. 50 or 100 forecasts are run from slightly different start information, and then probabilities can be calculated from their distribution.



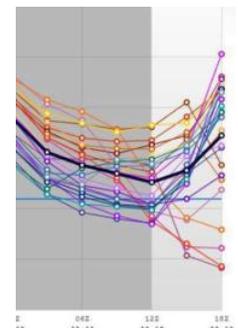
Example of ensemble of 20 members



16 forecasts say "warmer"
4 forecasts say "colder"

We can say "warmer with 75% certainty"

Or we can give intervals or averages.



Potential of specialist models



Some parameters have very large differences in small scale.

This could be improved by running special models at one point

Some of these are "ready to use", others need research.

Such as

- Road model for runway state
- Fog model
- Snow model (for drifting snow)

Data merging in visualization



PNOWWA methods, based on radars, do not forecast e.g. fog.

However, fog forecasts are already part of TAF.

Visualization could be added:



| TOWER (UPDATE) 2018-02-06 09:00 | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| VIS decreased by snow | 0-15 min | 15-30 min |
| VIS less than 600 m | 0 | 0 |
| VIS less than 1500 m | 0 | 0 |
| VIS less than 3000 m | 0 | 0 |
| VIS over 3000 m | 100 | 100 |

Draft for how TAF could be illustrated

| TOWER (UPDATED 2018-02-06 09:00 UTC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| VIS decreased by snow | 0-15 min | 15-30 min | 30-45 min | 45-60 min | 60-75 min | 75-90 min | 90-105 min | 105-120 min | 120-135 min | 135-150 min | 150-165 min | 165-180 min | 180-195 min |
| VIS less than 600 m | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIS less than 1500 m | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIS less than 3000 m | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIS over 3000 m | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Fog in taf | NIL | | | TEMPO | | | | PROB30 | | | | | |

-Technically it is possible to split TAF in to pieces and take part of as a part of other product. For example freezing precipitation, fog etc. .
 -A human has investigated a a lot of MET material before making TAF – why not use that expertise also in other products?

-> by MET data fusion new and better products can be produced, but that needs more research

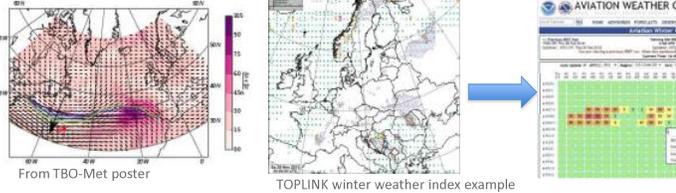
Probabilistic weather forecast -> influence to aeronautical procedures at airport?

- Adverse winter weather -> capacity of airport decreases -> flights are typically 1-3 hours late.
- Generally the need of stakeholders are know -> better products by MET data fusion to serve users better
- Machine to machine products
- Products to Humans
- Optimal MET services to increase the accuracy of timing in CDM
- Optimal MET observational network to support services

Co-operation needed between MET and airport stakeholders

Probabilistic weather forecast -> influence enroute and network traffic?

- In SESAR H2020 Exploratory Research Project: TBO-Met (Meteorological Uncertainty Management for Trajectory Based Operations) it is investigated the effects of probabilistic wind and convection forecasts to trajectory planning and sector demand analysis.
- PNOWWA results can be used to convection forecasts, too
- FMI has developed winter weather index indicating the influence of winter weather to the capacity of individual airports. (SESAR LSD Toplink). Based on that it is possible to produce prob of traffic slowing in Network level, too



There exists many ways how winter weather research can be continued in future projects.

There is numerous ways available to show weather information to aviation industry in more informative form than we do now.



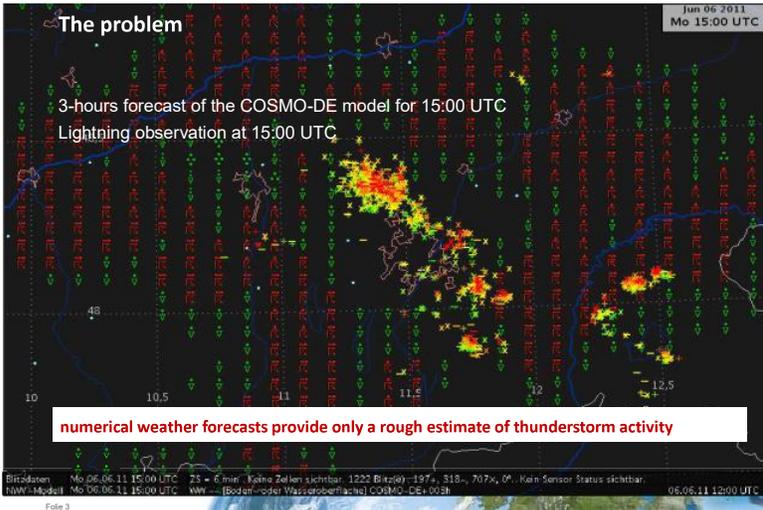
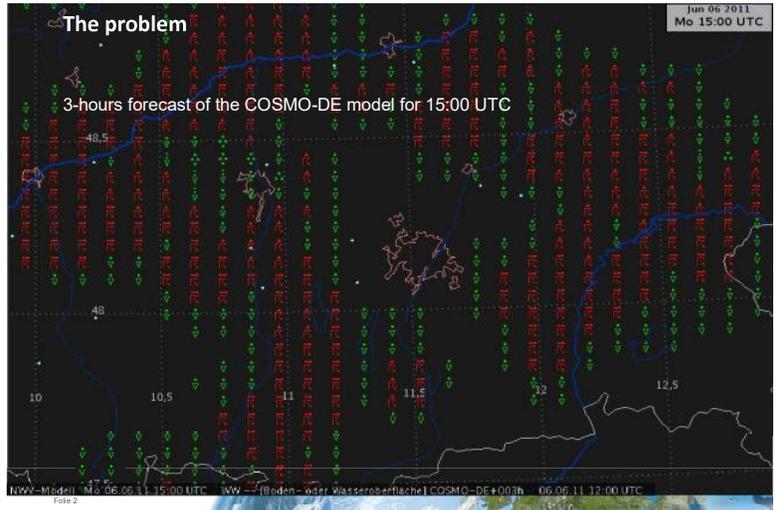
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Nowcast and forecast of Cumulonimbus Rad/Cb-TRAM, Cb-LIKE, fuzzy logic

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The Problem

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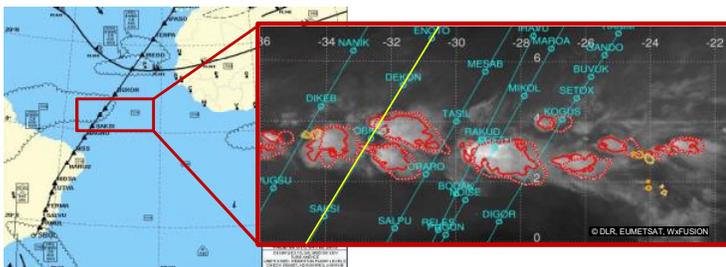
SigWx 4. Feb. 2013 06 UTC



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SigWx 4. Feb. 2013 06 UTC Observed Cb activity on 4. Feb 2013 at 06 UTC



The Problem for end users (aviation)

- MET-Products not tailored, not on time, often too complex
- Forecast lead time and update rate not adjusted to the disruptive MET event



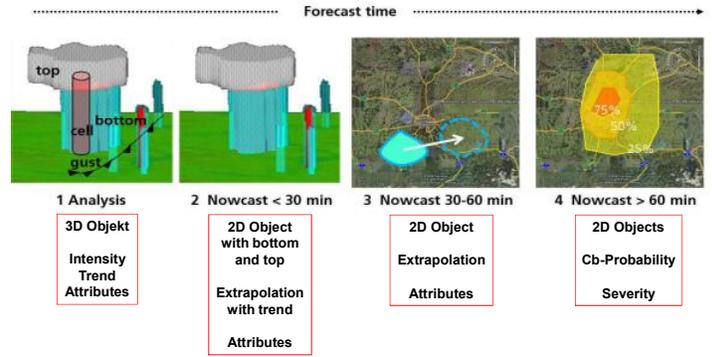
Improvement of forecast quality for end users (aviation)

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Seamless prediction

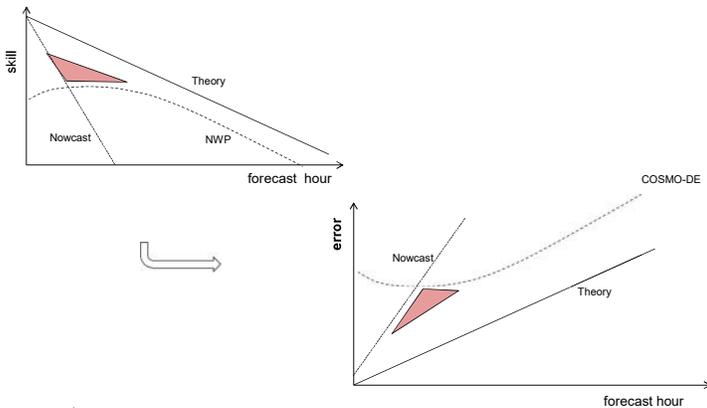
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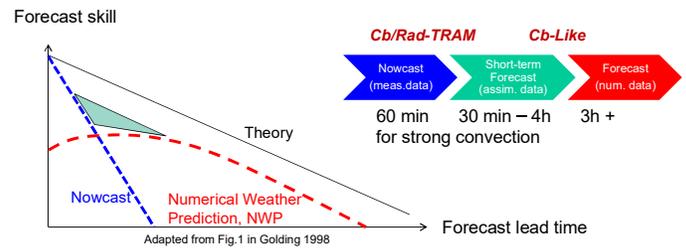


Improvement of all-over forecast skill

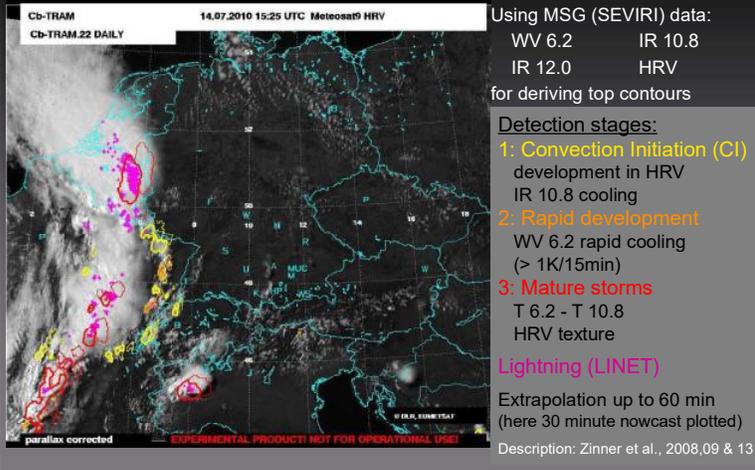


From nowcast to forecast

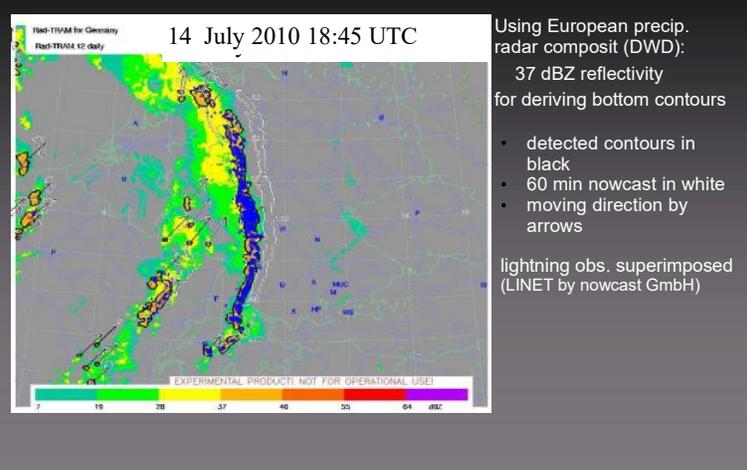
For seamless prediction of air-traffic-relevant phenomena



Cb-TRAM - Cumulonimbus Tracking and Monitoring



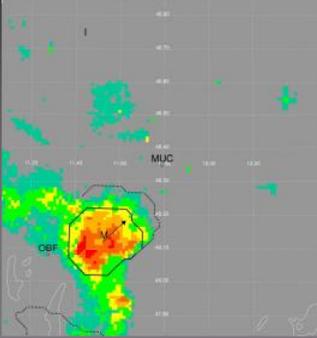
Rad-TRAM - Radar Tracking and Monitoring



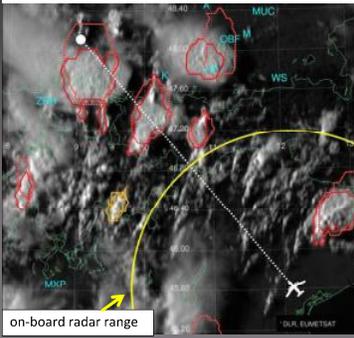
Use cases

Cb-TRAM: objects for aircraft en-route, encountering thunderstorms
 Rad-TRAM: objects for airports / air traffic control when thunderstorms approach

Bottom: Rad-TRAM
 weather radar data analysis
 → take-off and landing



Top: Cb-TRAM
 satellite data analysis
 → en-route

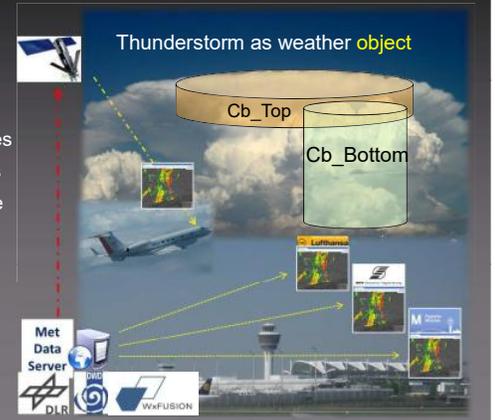


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Thunderstorm warnings

- near-real time, on time
- update every 5/15 minutes
- forecast up to 60 minutes
- precise in space and time
- easy to interpret
- simultaneous for all: pilots, AOC, ATC, ATM, airports



Issue:

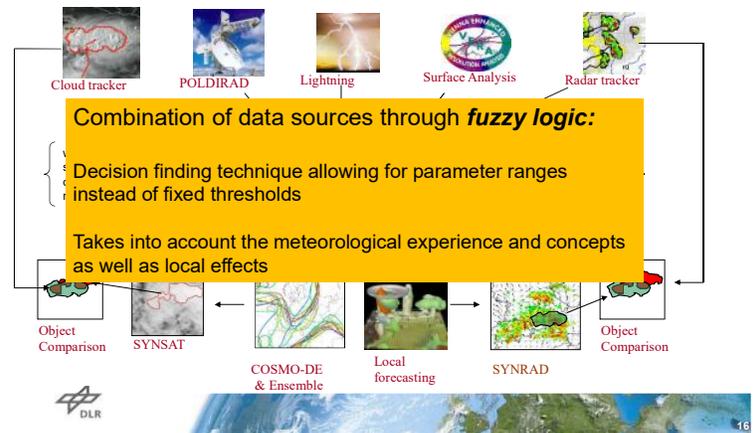
- Nowcast of thunderstorms up to 1 hour is not sufficient for ATM purposes
- ANSP (Eurocontrol Maastricht) require at least 3 hours for planning purposes
- NWP alone (standard model output) is not reliable in forecasting Cb
- Seamless prediction chain required for continuity, consistency and reliability

DLR's approach:

⇒ Combination of all available and relevant data for assessment and prediction

⇒ **Cb-LIKE**

WDFUSION Weather Forecast User-oriented System Including Object Nowcasting



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Cb-LIKE - Likelihood of thunderstorms

- extension of Cb nowcasting scale to short-term forecasting scale
- use of model output data (COSMO-DE)
- selection of the best member from an ensemble forecast
- combination of four model output quantities using fuzzy logic approach
 - vertical velocity, omega
 - convectively available potential energy, CAPE
 - synthetic radar data, SYNRAD
 - cloud top temperature, CTT

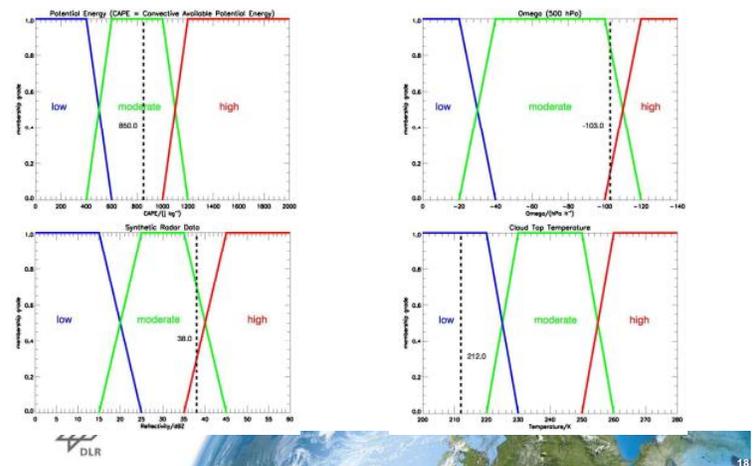
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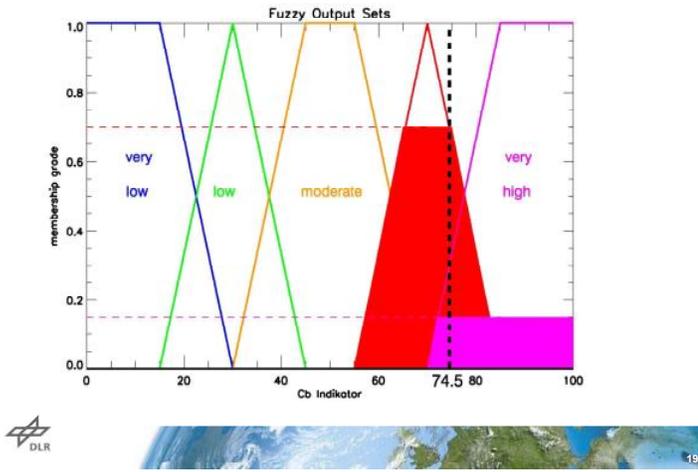
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| Temperatur an Wolkengrenze (IR 10.8) | 200 bis 280 K | nied.: 200 bis 230 K mod.: 220 bis 260 K hoch: 250 bis 280 K | 220 bis 230 K 250 bis 260 K |
| Radarreflektivität | 0 bis 60 dBZ | nied.: 0 bis 25 dBZ mod.: 15 bis 45 hPa/h hoch: 35 bis 60 hPa/h | 15 bis 25 dBZ 35 bis 45 dBZ |

Determination of thunderstorm intensity by fuzzy logic



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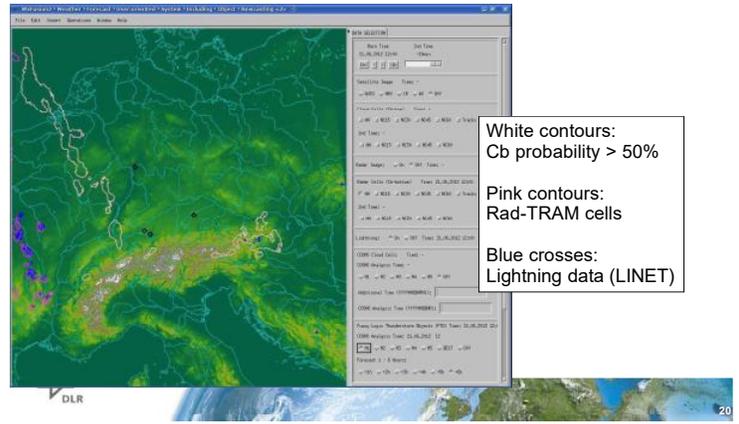
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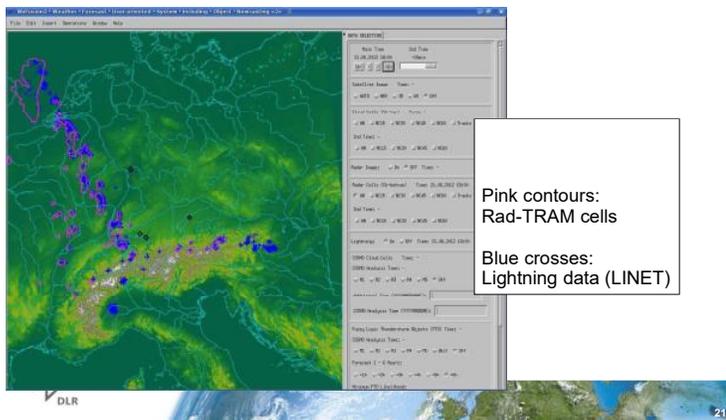
Cb 6 hrs forecast for 21 June 2012 18:00 UTC



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Cb observation 21 June 2012 18:00 UTC



Translation of "likelihood" into "probability"

| Indikator | Mittleres FAR | Gewitterwahrscheinlichkeit |
|-----------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 20 | 0,47 | 53 % |
| 30 | 0,40 | 60 % |
| 40 | 0,35 | 65 % |
| 50 | 0,21 | 79 % |
| 60 | 0,18 | 82 % |
| 70 | 0,14 | 86 % |
| 80 | 0,10 | 90 % |

Summary: Improvement of forecast quality for end users (aviation)

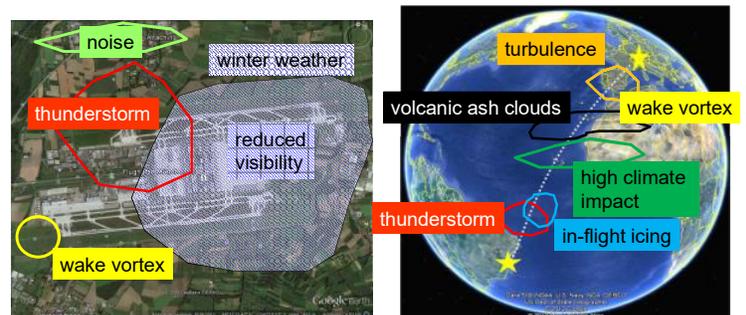
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Rad-TRAM, Cb-TRAM
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The multi-hazards for aviation



Safe, efficient, and sustainable aviation

Proposal: „5D MET Advisory“

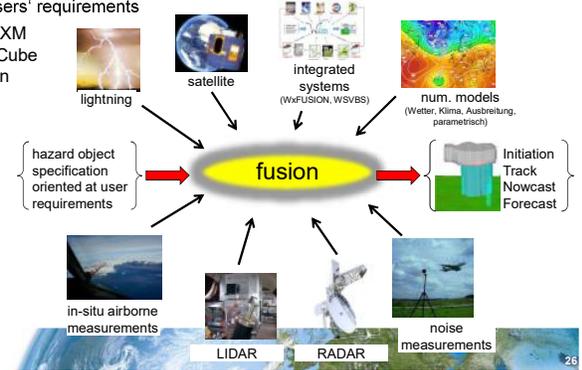
- Provision, distribution and integration of complex information on different hazards or sensitive areas in a standardised form with interfaces to different users (ATC, ATM, AOC, crews in flight, APOC) (WXXM / SWIM)
- Presentation of the (weather) hazard as a (weather) object
- Is it doable ?
- Which hazards are "cooperative" (w.r.t. a standardisation) ?
- The **5D MET Advisory** approach



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5D MET Advisory

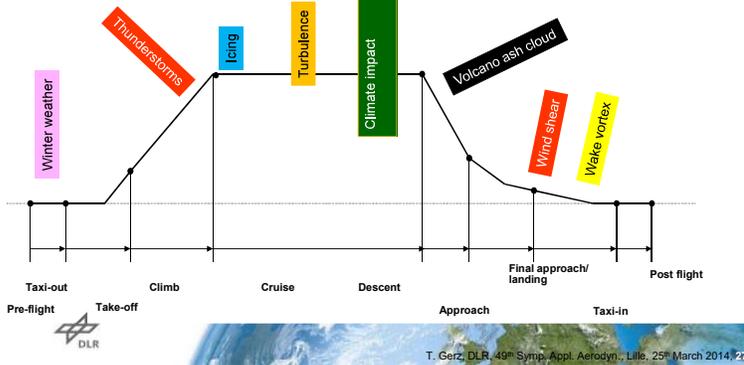
- **Working principle:** Monitoring, seamless and continuous prediction, and fusion of data
- Considering different temporal and spatial scales
- Combining output of different approaches, algorithms, and measurements
- Modelling the region of the hazard or the environmentally sensitive zone as objects according to the users' requirements
- Coding acc. to WXXM for SWIM / 4d-WxCube in SESAR/NextGen



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5D-MET Advisory: an integrated advisory for weather, climate and disruptive events

- 5D MET Advisory shall provide standardised data on hazards which are enablers for
 - Planning of optimised flight routes (ATFM) and sectors (TAM) w.r.t. weather, climate, disruptive events, ... well in advance
 - Short-term and effective adaptations of flown trajectories and measures at the airport





Meteorological Uncertainty Management for Trajectory Based Operations — TBO-Met

PNOWWA workshop

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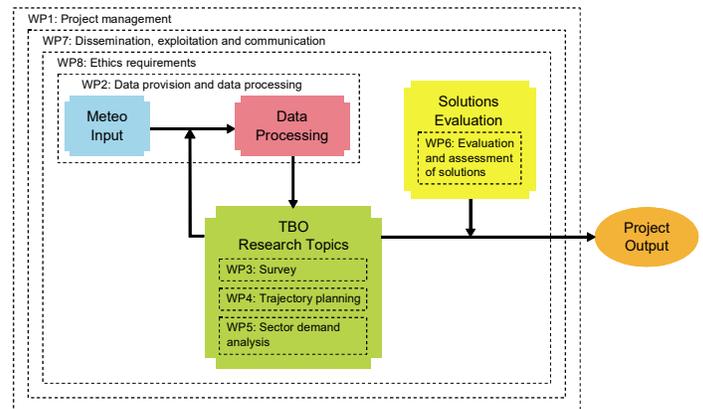
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Project Overview



Project overview



- 3 research topics:**
 - robust trajectory planning
 - storm avoidance
 - sector demand analysis

8 technical problems

| | Input | Trajectory analysis | Traffic analysis | Validation |
|------------|-------|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| Mid term | 100% | 100% | 100% | 40% |
| Short term | 100% | 100% | 100% | 20% |
| | WP2 | WP4 | WP5 | WP6 |

Overall:
about 90%

Meteo input



- ECMWF-EPS** -- Meteo data used:
 - wind speeds, U, V;
 - air temperature, T
- GLAMEPS (multimodel)** -- Meteo data used:
 - convective precipitation, CP;
 - Total Totals index, TOTALX
- AEMET Nowcast 2D_NAC** -- (based on radar reflectivity; 10 min nowcast steps; 0, 10, ..., 60 min lead time)

Meteo data used:

- latitude and longitude of the rectangle limits of the convective cell, LAT_N, LAT_S, LON_E, LON_W;
- latitude and longitude of the center of the convective cell at lead times 0, ..., 60 min, LAT00, ..., LAT60, LON00, ..., LON60

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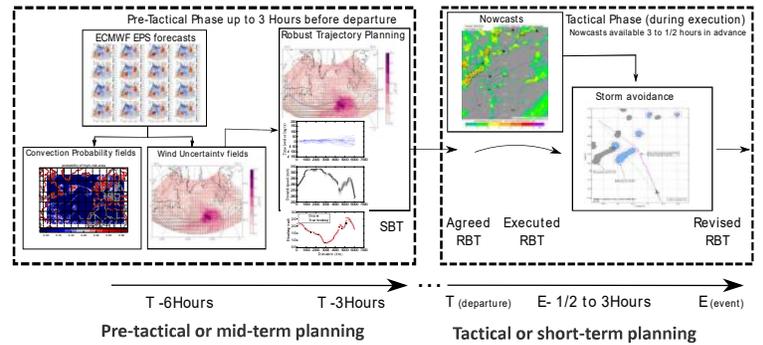
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Robust trajectory planning - Overview



Objective: To analyze trade-offs between efficiency and predictability of 4D trajectories under meteorological uncertainty within the envisioned TBO operational concept.

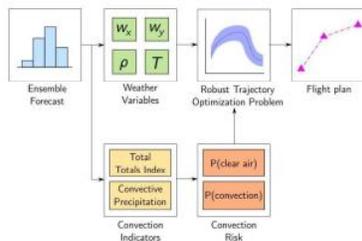


Methodology

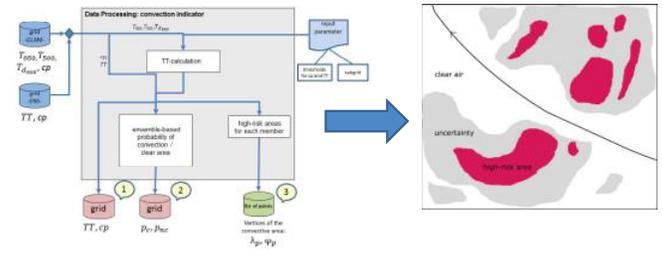


- Uncertainty due to winds and convection (EPS forecast)
- Approach: **Robust Optimal Control**
- Cost function: expected time + **p** time dispersion + **cp** convective risk

$$\min \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n t_j(r_f) + p(t_{f,max} - t_{f,min}) + cp \int_0^{r_f} p_c(\lambda, \phi) dr \right]$$



Processing of NWP Model Forecasts (EPS) for pre-tactical trajectory prediction



Similarly for wind components and air temperature

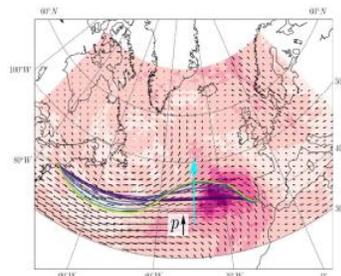
Probability of convection



The ensemble-based probability of convection is the fraction of ensemble members with values above given thresholds TT_H and CP_H for all TT and CP of the ensemble members (thresholds: TT_H approx. 50; $CP_H = 0$)

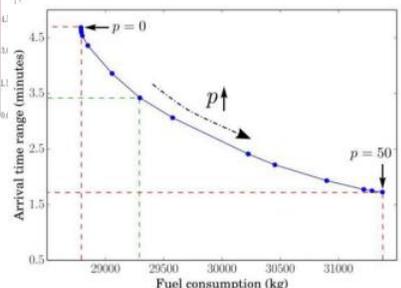
$$p_c = \frac{N_c}{N} \quad \text{with } N_c = \sum_{i=1}^N i, \text{ where } (TT_i > TT_H) \wedge (cp_i > cp_H)$$

Robust Trajectory Optimization considering Uncertain Winds



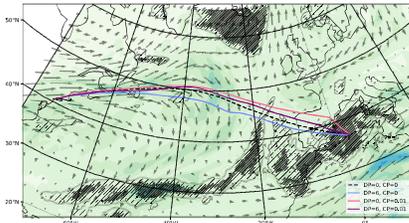
Description:

- A330 from NY to Lisbon
- Flying at constant M=.82 and FL380
- 20th of January, 2016
- 200 hPa level ensemble Forecast



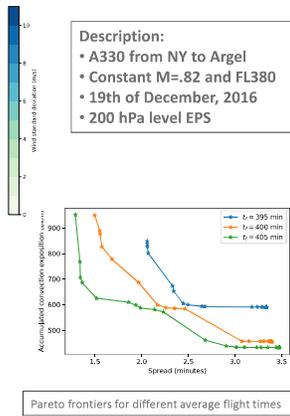
3 minutes reduction in time uncertainty flying the most predictable trajectory (p = 50), with 2500 kg of extra fuel burnt.

Robust Trajectory Optimization considering Uncertain Winds and Convection

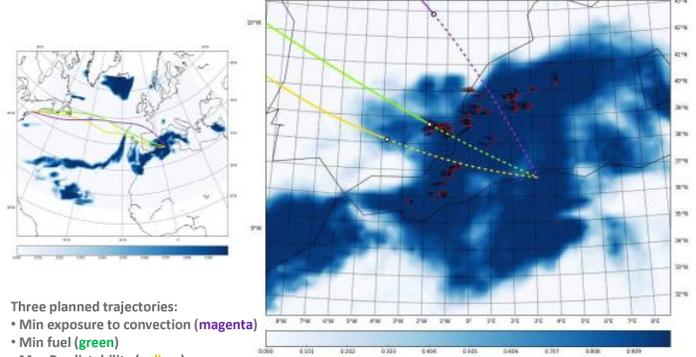


Optimal trajectories for p/cp values: dashed, p=0, cp=0; blue, p=6, cp=0; red, p=0, cp=0.01; brown, p=6, cp=0.01
Color contour scale indicates wind uncertainty.
Dashed regions indicate regions of convective exposure.

Reducing the exposure to convection to one-half implies to increase the time dispersion from 1.5 to 3.5 min



Robust Trajectory Optimization considering Uncertain Winds and Convection



Three planned trajectories:
• Min exposure to convection (magenta)
• Min fuel (green)
• Max Predictability (yellow)

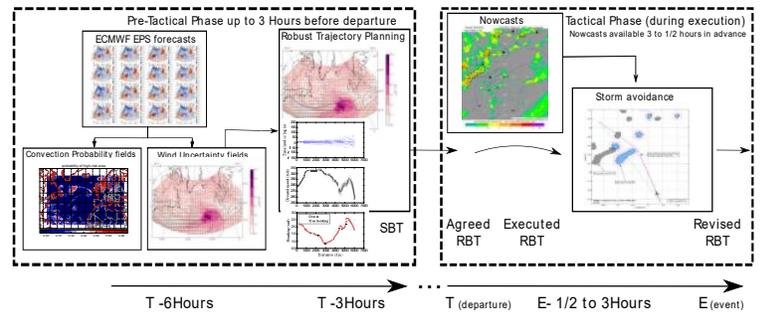
Polygons represent storms at different time instants (red-actual time; black 10-20-30-40-50-60 min look-ahead times).
The white dot in the trajectories represents the actual time.

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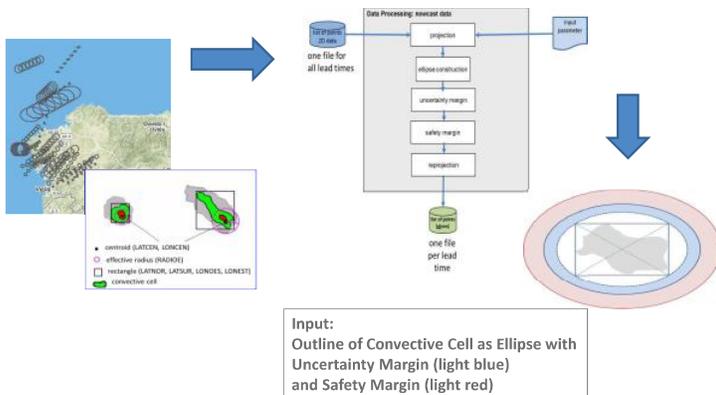
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Recap

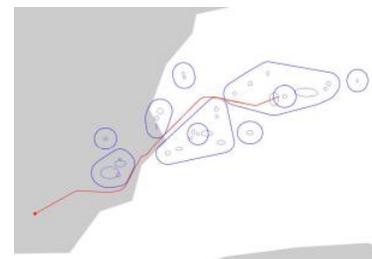


Trajectories planned (with more/less exposure to convective areas) should be flown, but may potentially encounter storms

Processing of Nowcast Data for Tactical Trajectory Prediction



Tactical Trajectory Prediction: DIVMET

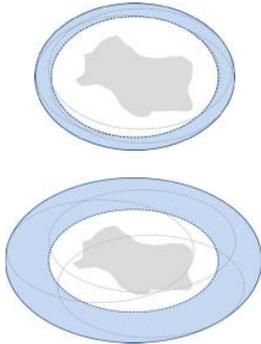


Animation of trajectory prediction with nowcasts (lead times 0 – 40 min)

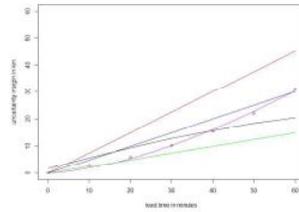
Modelling of Storm Uncertainty



Random elliptic Storm Cells within Uncertainty Margin



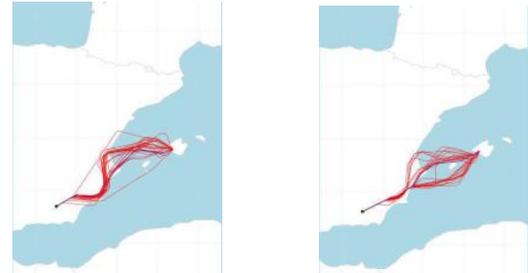
Lead-Time dependent Uncertainty Margins



Deviation Routes as Input to Sector Demand Analysis



DIVMET calculated Deviation Routes for 350 Flights, considering 31 storm cell variations per flight, and several convective penalty (cp) values.



cp=0.005

cp=0

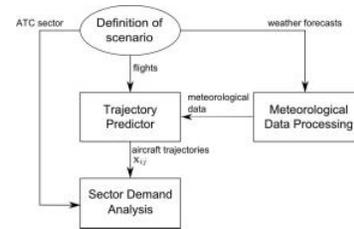
2016/12/19, 06:20; Safety Margin: 10NM; Uncertainty Margin by AEMET

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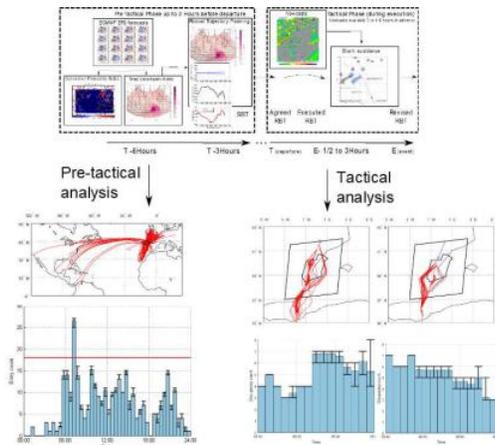
Sector Demand Analysis



Main elements:

- Definition of scenario (ATC sector, flights, and weather forecasts),
- Meteorological data processing,
- Trajectory predictor,
- Analysis, based on statistical characterization of
 - entry and exit times, and
 - entry and occupancy counts.

Applications



Pre-tactical analysis (I)



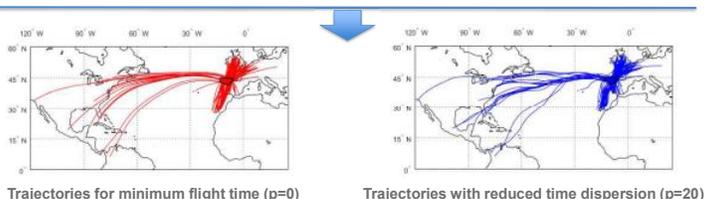
Sector demand predicted for a whole day, when predicted the day before.



ATC sector

328 Flights

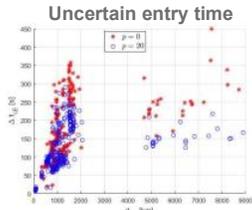
Weather forecast (EPS)



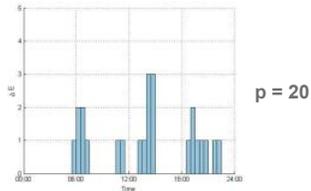
Trajectories for minimum flight time (p=0)

Trajectories with reduced time dispersion (p=20)

Pre-tactical analysis (II)



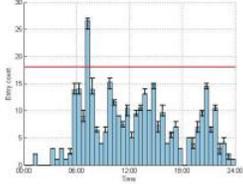
Uncertain entry time



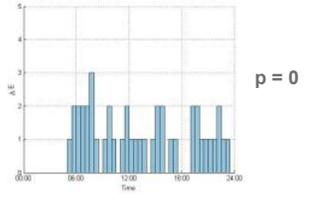
$p = 20$

Dispersion can be reduced

Uncertain entry count



Dispersion



$p = 0$

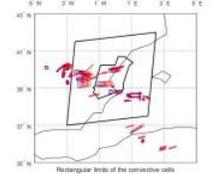
Tactical analysis (I)



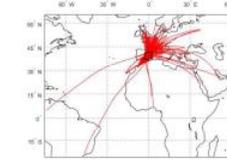
ATC sector



257 Flights



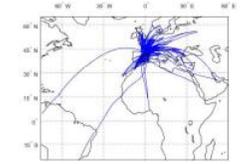
Weather forecast (EPS & Nowcasts)



Trajectories for minimum flight time ($cp=0$)



Reference Trajectories

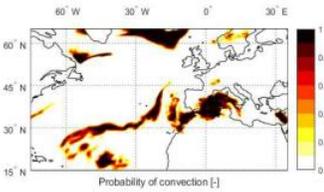


Trajectories with reduced convection risk ($cp=0.005$)

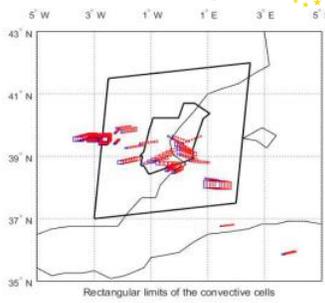
Tactical analysis (II)



Meteo data



ECMWF-EPS released at 00:00, 19/12/16, forecasting horizon 6 hours.

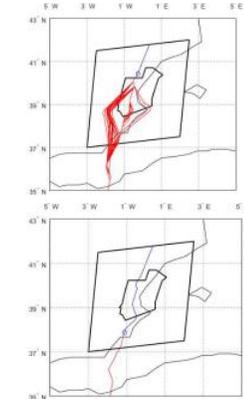
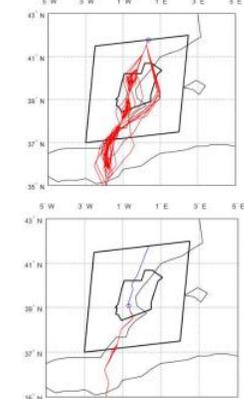


AEMET Nowcast released at 06:00, 19/12/16; detected storm cells (blue), and forecasted for 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 minutes (red)

Tactical analysis (III)

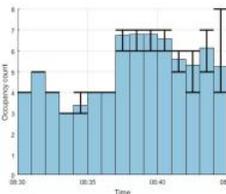


Trajectories and sector demand updated every 10 minutes

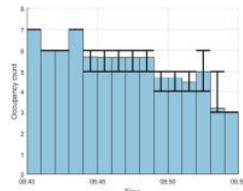


Deviation trajectories

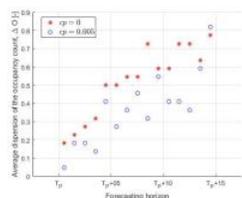
Tactical analysis (IV)



Uncertain occupancy count



Dispersion is reduced



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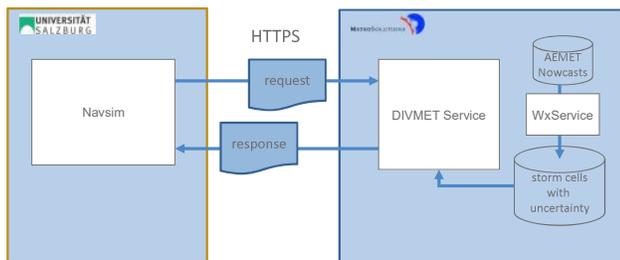


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Simulation of real world: NAVSIM



- Installation of DIVMET as a Service
- Linking DIVMET to NAVSIM



Validation scenarios



- VS1:** to validate the **robust flight-planning** concept considering only **wind uncertainties**
- VS2:** to validate the **robust flight-planning** concept considering both **wind uncertainties and convective risk**
- VS3:** to validate the **robust short-term flight planning** concepts considering the **uncertain evolution of storms**
- VS4:** to validate the **sector-demand prediction at pre-tactical level** considering only **wind uncertainties**
- VSS:** to validate the **sector-demand prediction at tactical level** considering both **convective risk and the uncertain evolution of storms**



Set of flights in VS1, VS4



Set of flights in VS2, VS3, VS5

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Project maturity



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|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Mid term | EPS | TP/Opt Control | 1 sector |
| Improvement/Expansion | Calibration | Improved TP | Multi sector (network level) |

| | Input | Trajectory analysis | Traffic analysis |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Short term | Nowcast | DIVMET | 1 sector |
| Further research/Expansion | Probabilistic nowcast | Improved DIVMET | Sector reconfiguration |

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ATM4E Stakeholder Webinar

Climate-optimized trajectories

1 February 2018

Exchange with stakeholders on to summarize knowledge, provide guidance and technical insights and discuss research and implementation requirements.



ATM4E Air Traffic Management for Environment

Webinar

Thursday, February 1st, 2018
13:00-15:00 (CET time)

ATM4E project explores the feasibility of a concept for environmental assessment of ATM operations centered on environmental change functions. The two year research project will complete implementation in May 2018 and has successfully achieved its key milestones so far.

ATM4E is working towards the objective to enable climate-optimized trajectories in the future air transport system. The project aims at defining a conceptual assessment framework for the deployment of the produced environmental change functions involving performance indicators. Additionally, a roadmap is under development with recommendations and an implementation strategy for the environmental optimization of aircraft trajectories.

Effective communication with stakeholders and aviation experts is key when working toward the environmental optimisation of air traffic operations in the European airspace. This webinar will be a great opportunity to summarize the acquired knowledge, provide guidance and technical insights and discuss research and implementation requirements to enable, encourage and accompany stakeholders in the implementation of the necessary steps and actions that would need to be taken to ultimately introduce environmentally-optimized flight operations in European airspace.

Agenda:

- 13:00 ATM4E Concept for climate-optimized routing
- 13:30 Climate-optimal trajectories over Europe: A case study
- 14:00 Lesson learnt on implementation of MET service
- 14:30 Open discussion and next steps

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ATM4E approach for identifying climate-optimal aircraft trajectories

ATM4E Air Traffic Management for Environment

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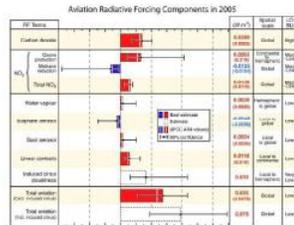


Aviation climate impact CO₂ and non-CO₂ effects



Climate impact of aviation emissions (direct & indirect effects)

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- Contrail cirrus and H₂O
- soot (AIC, aviation induced cloudiness)

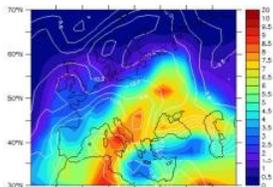


Lee et al., 2010 (IPCC)

Climate impact of non-CO₂ emissions depends on

- time and position of aircraft
- actual weather conditions (processes, transport pathways, temperature, humidity)
- background concentrations

⇒ Climate optimized trajectories avoid sensitive regions



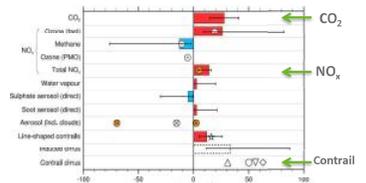
Ozone production efficiency of NO_x emissions, 18 Dec, 250 hPa (EMAC)

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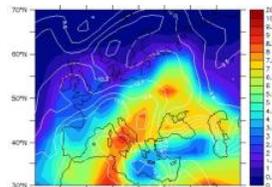


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Grewe et al., 2017, updating Lee et al., 2010 (IPCC)



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ATM4E

Environmental-optimised trajectories

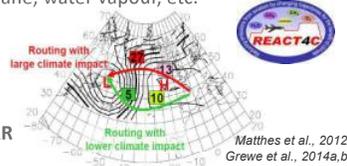


Aviation is concerned by environmental impact of its operations. **Aviation climate impact** is caused by CO₂ and non-CO₂ emissions, comprising contrails, nitrogen oxides impacting ozone and methane, water vapour, etc.

However, during flight planning currently emission information is available, but no **environmental impact information** is available.

ATM4E, Exploratory Research project **SESAR 2020** (2016-2018)

Main objective of the ATM4E project is to explore the feasibility of a concept for environmental assessment of ATM operations working towards environmental optimisation of air traffic operations in the European airspace.



Matthes et al., 2012
Grewe et al., 2014a,b

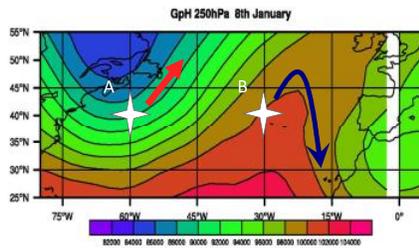


Interface between environmental impact and ATM via Environmental Change Functions

How to make available information on environmental impact for flight planning.

How to generate such information?

Evolution of aircraft NO_x at two different locations



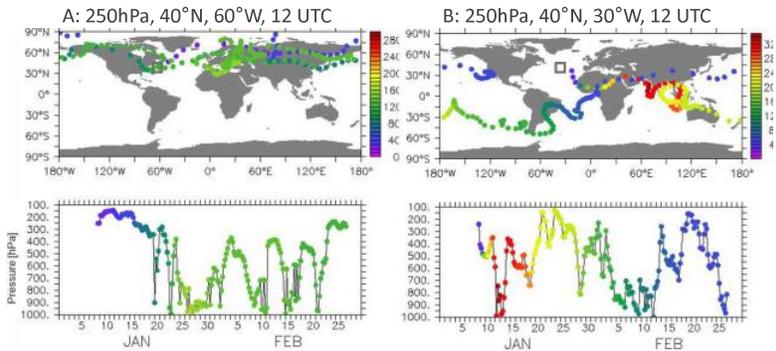
Frömming et al., 2011, 2018

What happens if an aircraft emits NO_x at location A compared to location B?

Using a Lagrangian approach in a chemistry climate model EMAC to study photochemical processes and climate impact

Climate chemistry model (EMAC)

Evolution of O₃ [ppt] following a NO_x emission



Frömming et al., 2011, 2018

Depending on location of emission ozone formed during weeks after emission can be high (here: 30°W) and lower (here: 60°W)

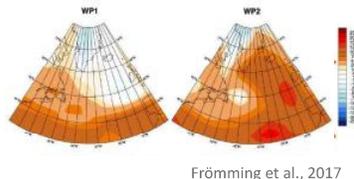
Environmental Change Functions ECFs



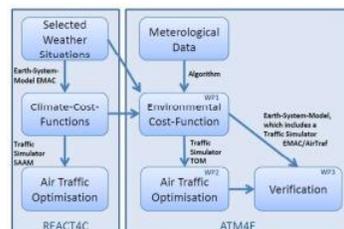
The key step in ATM4E is to relate readily-available **meteorological data** to these existing detailed CCFs to allow the rapid generation of new CCFs (algorithmic CCFs) for specific (forecast) weather situations

⇒ **Advanced MET information**

Integration of **environmental impact information** via Meteorological interface to **SWIM infrastructure** (format, architecture) to make it available during flight planning.



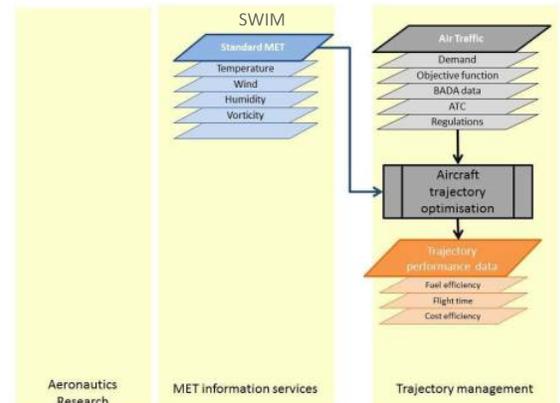
Frömming et al., 2017



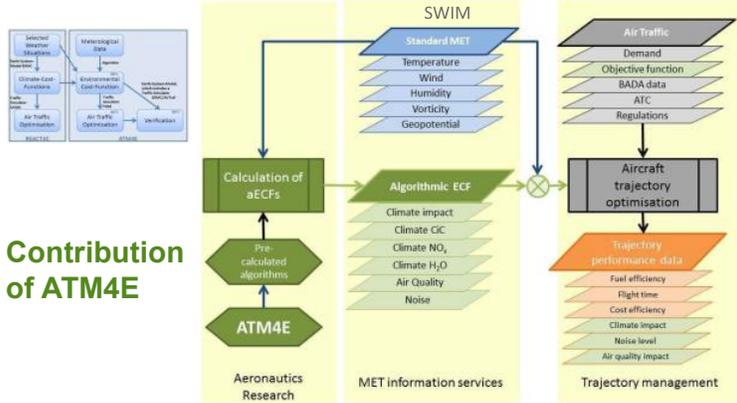
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Current situation



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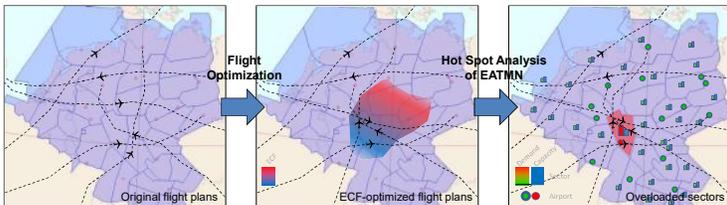


Contribution of ATM4E

Environmental-optimized routing impact on ATM changes in air traffic flows

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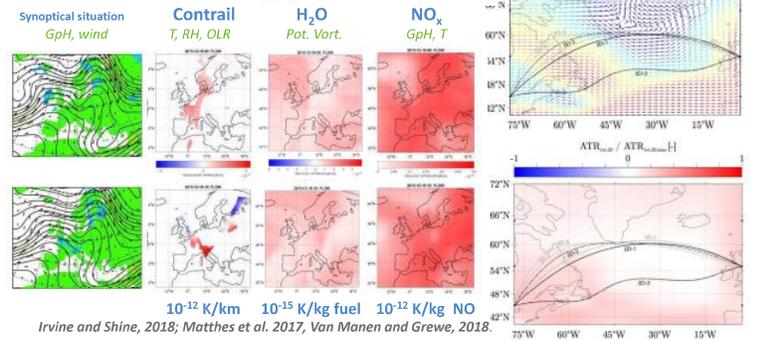
- To optimize trajectories to minimize the environmental impact of an air traffic sample in the European airspace
- To analyze ATM network implications (hot spots) resulting from environmental optimized routing



Using ECFs for flight planning

Objective function with economic and environmental elements

$$J = c_Y \cdot COC(mission, m_{fuel}(mission)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \sum_j (c_{q,j} \cdot ECF_j(x,t) \cdot f_j) dt$$



10^{-12} K/km 10^{-15} K/kg fuel 10^{-12} K/kg NO

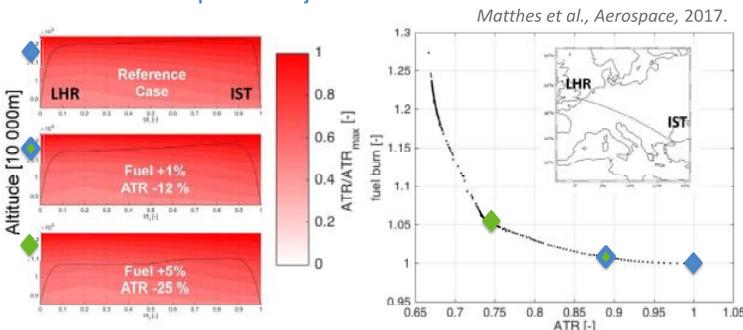
Irvine and Shine, 2018; Matthes et al. 2017, Van Manen and Grewe, 2018.

Algorithmic Climate change function (ECF) given as average temperature response in case study (250 hPa)

Trajectory optimisation (TOM) by Linke, Lührs, Niklaß

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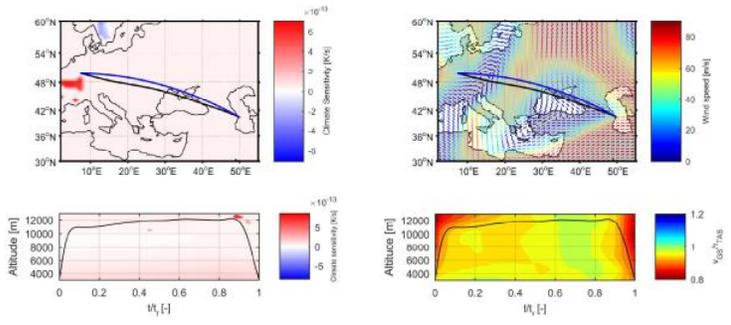
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Trajectory optimisation assesses climate impact simultaneously with fuel burn. ATM delivers economic and environmental performance – Pareto Front

How do environmentally optimized trajectories look like?

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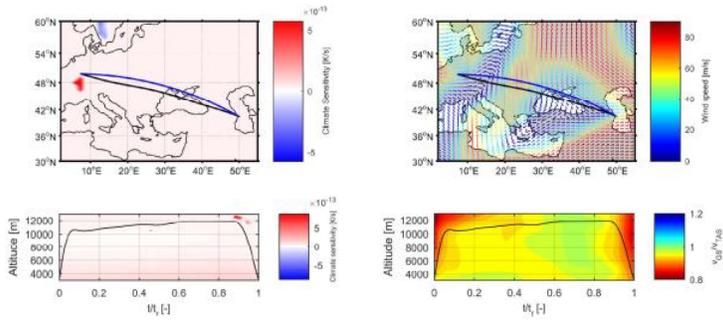
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Δ Fuel: + 0.0 %
 Δ ATR: - 0.0 %

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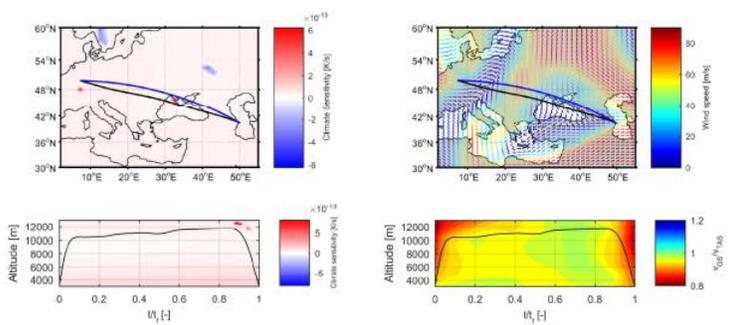
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Δ Fuel: + 0.5 %
 Δ ATR: - 11.2 %

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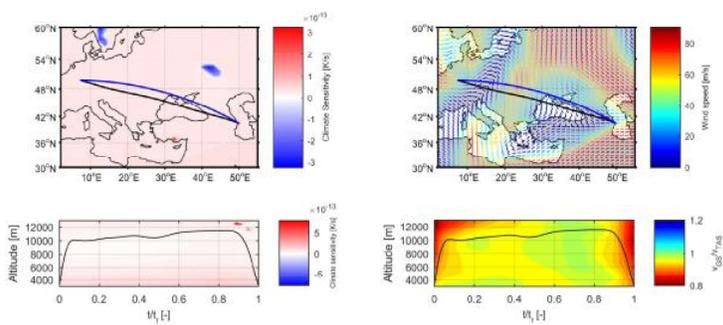
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Δ Fuel: + 1.0 %
 Δ ATR: - 16.0 %

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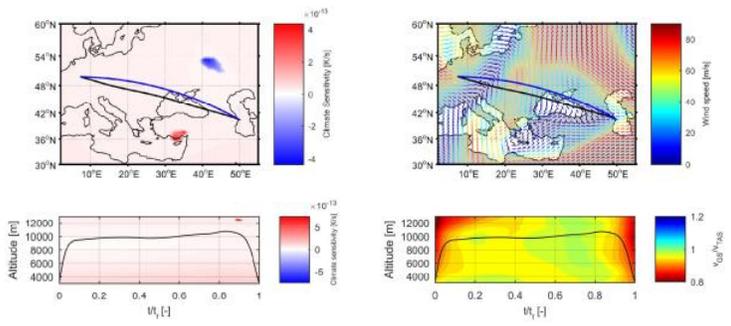
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Δ Fuel: + 2.0 %
 Δ ATR: - 22.1 %

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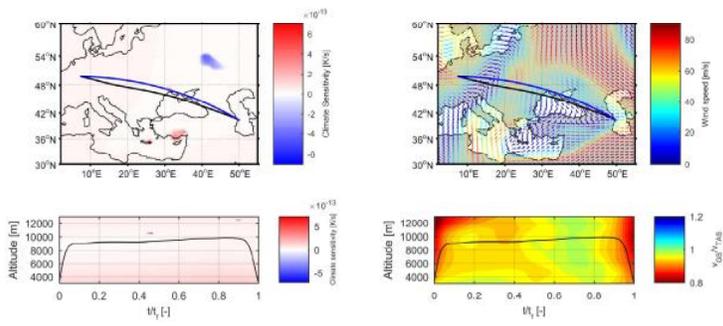
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Δ Fuel: + 5.0 %
 Δ ATR: - 32.9 %

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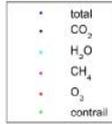
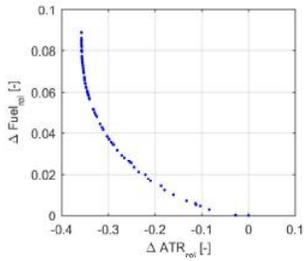
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Δ Fuel: + 8.8 %
 Δ ATR: - 35.8 %

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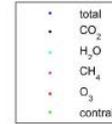
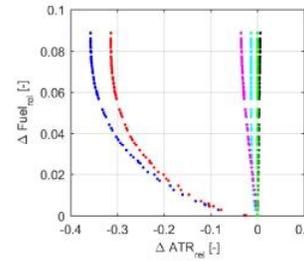
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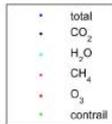
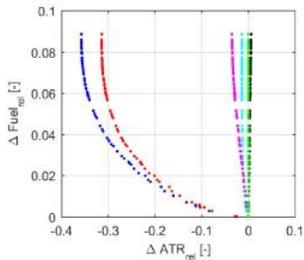
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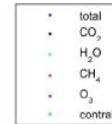
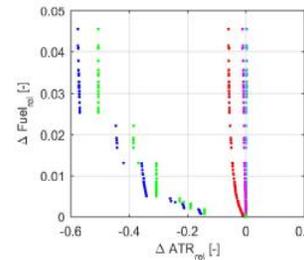
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Climate impact reduction driven by emitting NO_x in less climate sensitive regions

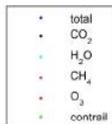
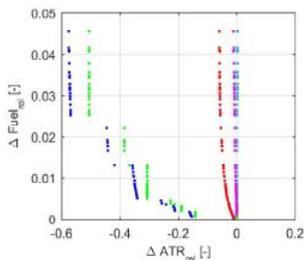
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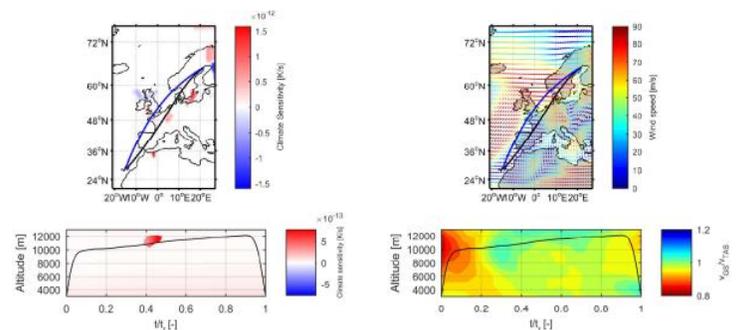
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Climate impact reduction driven by contrail avoidance

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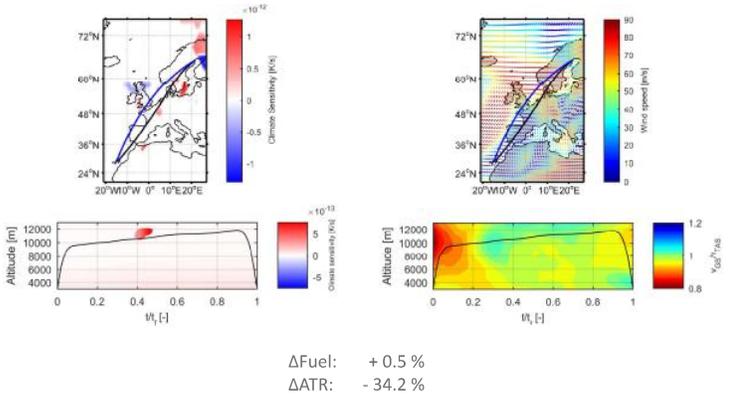
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$\Delta \text{Fuel}: +0.0\%$
 $\Delta \text{ATR}: -0.0\%$

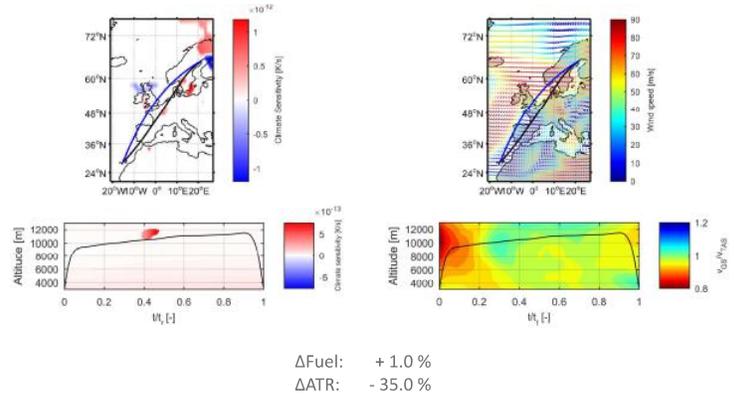
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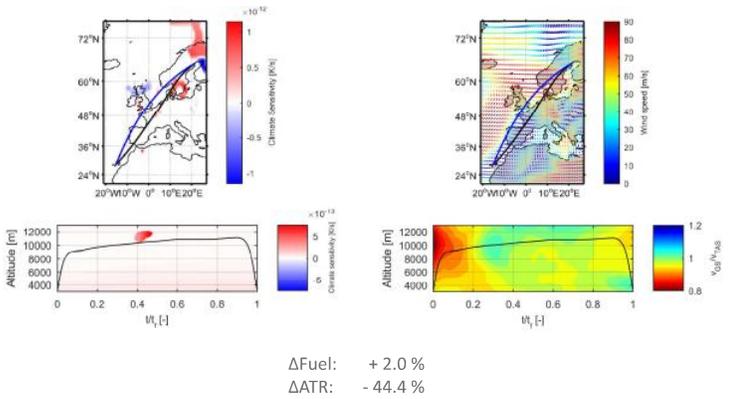
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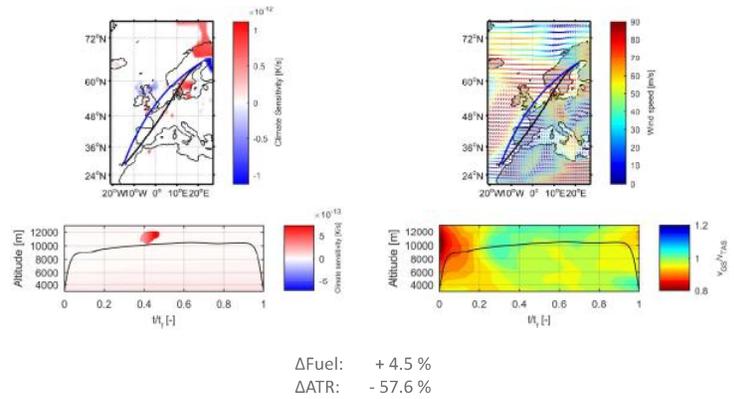
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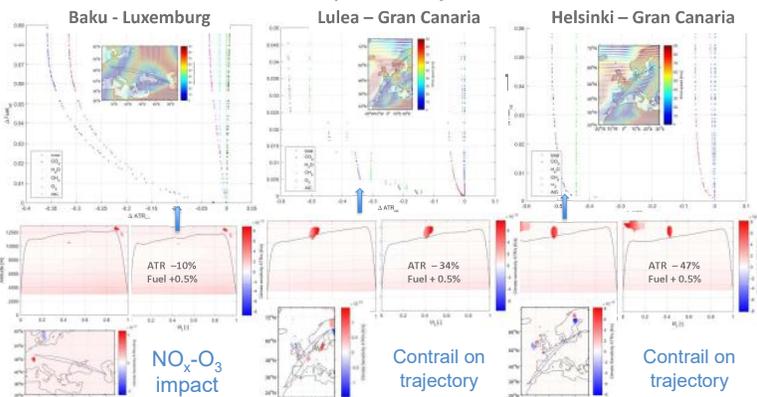
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Case Study – Climate optimisation

Using advanced MET service as algorithmic ECFs to identify Pareto front for use case climate optimized trajectories

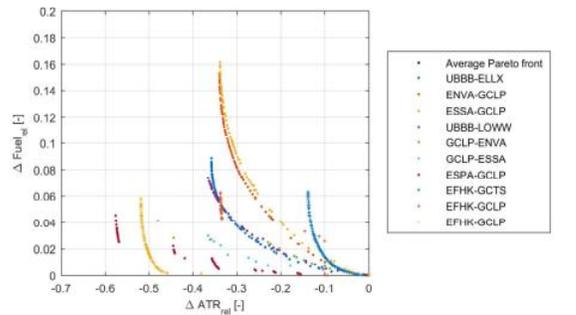


Trajectory optimisation assesses climate impact simultaneously with fuel burn.
 ATM delivers economic and environmental performance (Case study 19 Dec 2015)

2 Estimation of the overall potential



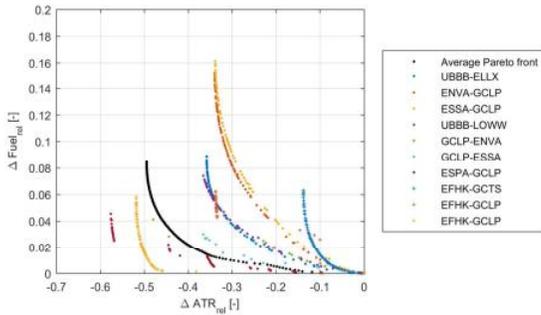
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Average Pareto front for the top 10 routes (black) estimated based on the individual Pareto fronts of each route (colored). Red circles indicate the point on each individual Pareto front which leads to minimum ATR impact when an overall fuel penalty of 5% is accepted (see black circle on average Pareto front)

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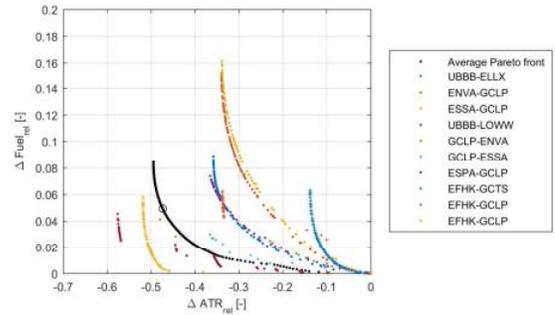
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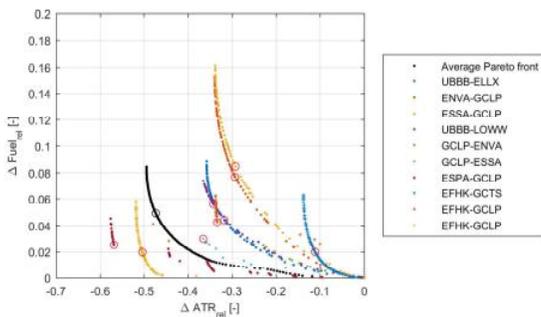
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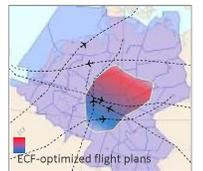
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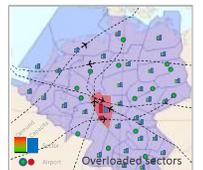
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Outlook

- Further analysis of the optimization results
 - Huge amount of data (more than 1,000,000 optimized trajectories (100 per route), 700 GB)
 - Estimation of the overall potential for all routes
 - Study the contribution of each species for potential climate impact savings
 - Study changes in routing
- Analyse ATM network implications
 - Hotspot analysis
 - Identification of imbalances



Hotspot analysis

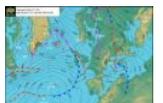
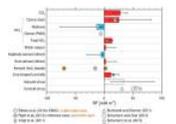


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Lesson learnt on implementation of climate-optimized routing

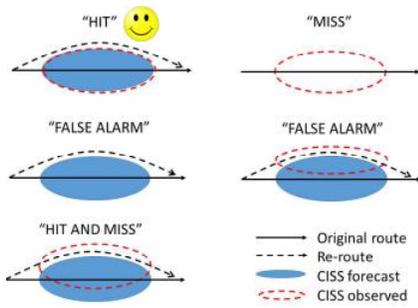
Some issues for post-ATM4E research – atmospheric science

- What **complexity** of aECFs can be handled in an operational system?
- aECFs need to be produced for more world regions
- Can we incorporate **scientific uncertainties** in the aECF concept to provide a basis for robust decisions or for no-regret measures?
- Are weather forecast data sufficiently **accurate** and how can **uncertainties** be incorporated in an operational system?
- How dependent are claimed benefits on **aircraft type**? Will these be affected by **future** aircraft/engine developments?
- We need to **explore the impact** of other components at the frontiers of current research. e.g., the effect of aviation soot and sulphate emissions on cloud properties, the role of cruise level emissions on air quality, the consequence of re-routing on turbulence encounters etc



The meteorological forecasting problem – an example

- Re-routing (horizontally and/or vertically) to avoid a **predicted** contrail formation area, only results in benefit if contrail formation areas are well predicted
- Other outcomes could lead to unnecessary extra fuel use, and/or flying through unpredicted contrail formation areas
- Hence, we must evaluate the quality of weather forecasts to ensure that they are fit for purpose and to understand uncertainties

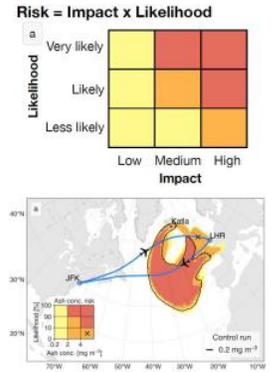


CISS = Cold ice supersaturated region
i.e. a region where persistent contrails can occur

Figure courtesy of Emma Irvine, Univ of Reading

Coping with forecast (and other) uncertainty

- Future implementation might follow developments in volcanic ash forecasting by using a risk matrix approach
- Weather forecast agencies often now produce an **ensemble** of likely forecasts rather than a single "best guess"
- Hence the **likelihood** of contrail formation can be given in probabilistic terms and the strength of the predicted climate effect represents the **impact**
- Other ECFs uncertainties could be incorporated - might favour **night-time** contrail avoidance?
- The final decision on re-routing is then made on the basis of a combination of **likelihood and impact**



Figures courtesy of Andrew Prata and Helen Dacre, University of Reading

Some issues for post-ATM4E research – ATM and other issues

- **Consistency** with other developments in ATM management
- **How robust** are our choices of alternative aircraft trajectories to aECFs uncertainties?
- Is the framework **flexible** enough to incorporate advances in aECFs?
- How do we **demonstrate** that benefit of re-routing has been achieved, and what is expected? Who audits and how? What are the key performance indicators? Benefit on a flight-by-flight basis, or fleet-wide and time-averaged basis?
- **Political decisions** – which metrics are used to compare CO₂ and non-CO₂ climate effects?
- **Political decisions** – how are climate/noise/local air quality impacts weighted against each other, especially in trade-off situations? (e.g. longer flights → more fuel/higher weight → impact of emissions on local air quality and possible breaches of noise curfews)

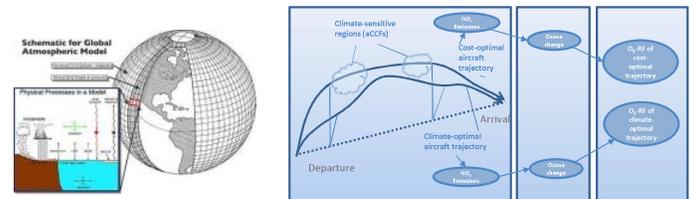
Concluding comments

- ATM4E, REACT4C and other national projects have demonstrated the **feasibility of environmentally-optimised** routing. They have also highlighted many issues that would be faced in any operational implementation
- Additional costs of re-routing could be tolerable given appropriate **financial and political drivers**
- Some uncertainties are considerable, but current knowledge is sufficient to make **informed decisions**; any operating framework needs to be **flexible** enough to incorporate both the uncertainties and advances in knowledge
- We estimate that a **system could be operational by 2030** if the necessary intermediate steps are successful
- A possible future step could be a **"live" trial**: no aircraft would be re-routed, but the system could be tested to examine possible re-routing options. A post-mortem (using actual rather than forecast weather data) would assess whether **projected benefits** during flight planning would have been realised in practice

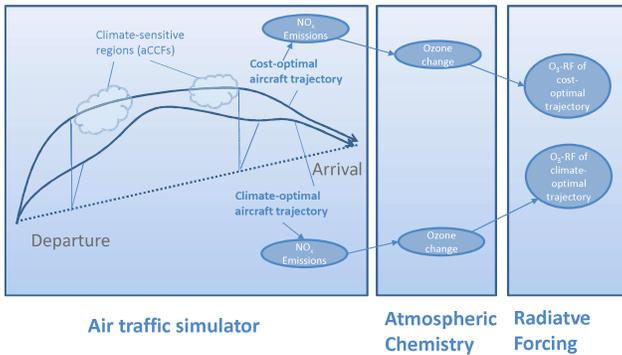
Verification of environmental benefit by environmental-optimized flight planning relying on algorithmic ECFs

Verification of algorithmic Climate Change Functions

- Implementation of aCCFs in an Chemistry-Climate Model, which includes an Air Traffic Simulator
- Compare cost-optimal with climate optimal (aCCFs) trajectories
- Verify that aCCFs estimates lead to less radiative forcing.



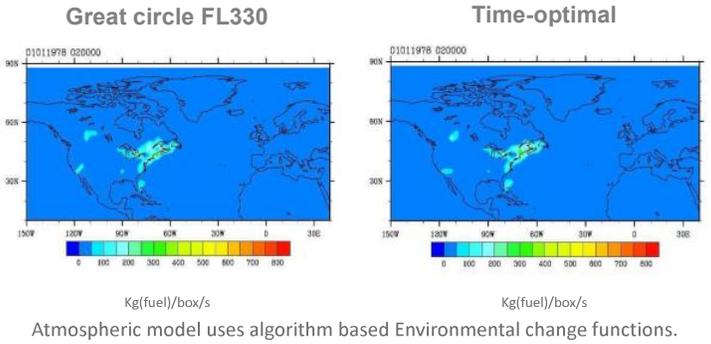
Verification approach Earth-System Model



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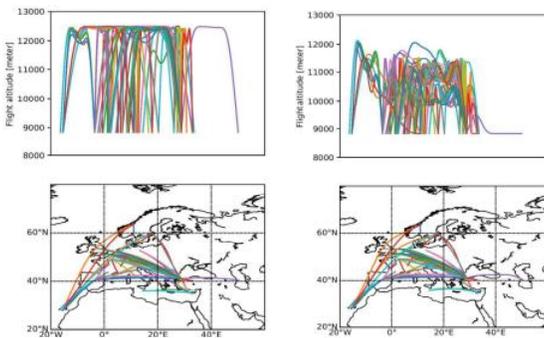
Verification of Environmental Benefit Using comprehensive global chemistry-climate model EMAC and routing module: AirTraF

Yamashita et al., GMD, 2016.



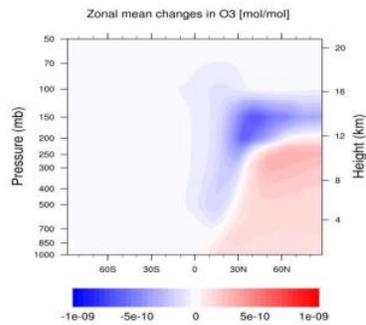
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Verification in Earth-System Model Simulated Traffic Flow over Europe



Yin et al. (2018)

Verification in Earth-System Model Impact of aircraft trajectory changes on atmospheric composition and climate



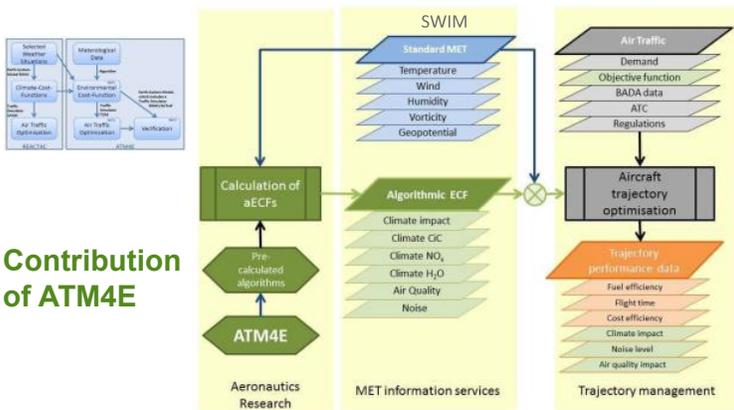
Aviation-induced ozone changes compared for **climate-optimal** (NO_x-O₃) versus **cost-optimal** trajectory optimisation

Largely reduced ozone concentration at higher altitudes.

2.2% reduced climate impact

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Contribution of ATM4E

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→ Case study for Europe
→ Lesson learnt on MET service implementation

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ATM4E Air Traffic Management Stakeholder Event for Environment

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
13:00-16:00 (CET time)

ATM4E is working towards the objective to enable **climate-optimized trajectories** in the future air transport system. The project aims at defining a conceptual assessment framework for the deployment of the produced environmental change functions involving environmental performance indicators. Additionally, a roadmap is under development with recommendations and an implementation strategy for the environmental optimization of aircraft trajectories.

Effective communication with stakeholders and aviation experts is key when working toward the environmental optimisation of air traffic operations in the European airspace.

This Stakeholder Event will be a great opportunity to summarize the **acquired knowledge**, provide **guidance** and technical insights and discuss research and implementation requirements to enable, encourage and accompany stakeholders in the implementation of the **necessary steps** and actions that would need to be taken to ultimately introduce environmentally-optimized flight operations in European airspace.

See you in Berlin at ILA 2018!



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Objective ATM4E

Environmentally-optimized flight planning



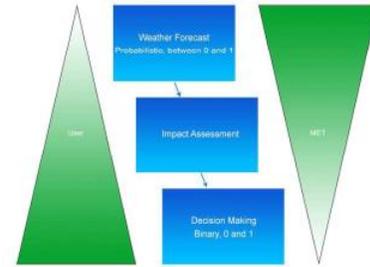
- The project aims at **integrating existing methodologies for assessment of the environmental impact of aviation**, in order to evaluate the implications of **environmentally-optimized flight operations** to the European ATM network, considering climate, air quality and noise impacts.
- A modelling concept for climate-optimisation which has been developed in a feasibility study for the North Atlantic **will be expanded to a multi-dimensional environmental impact assessment**, covering climate, air quality and noise.
- Different **traffic scenarios (present-day and future)** will be analysed to understand the extent to which environmentally-optimized flights that are planned and optimized based on multi-dimensional environmental criteria (assessment) would **lead to changes in air traffic flows and create challenges for ATM**.
- These findings will be used **to prepare a roadmap** compliant with SESAR2020 principles and objectives which would consider the necessary steps and actions that would need to be taken **to introduce environmentally-optimized flight operations** on a large scale in Europe.

From weather forecast into impact in ATM: Capacity Modeling for Controller Workload Evaluation and Optimization of Staff Planning at RTC

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Weather Forecast is the first step



- ✓ Process from weather forecast into decision making
- ✓ Very important step – impact assessment
- ✓ Combination of weather forecast and traffic forecast (traffic demand)



Weather Forecast and Impact Assessment

Snow forecast:

- ✓ Total amount: 0.1 cm or 3 cm?
- ✓ Intensity: In 1/4 hour or 3 hours?
- ✓ Probability: 40% or 95%?

Impact:

- ✓ Traffic: 1 aircraft or 40 aircrafts in 1 hour?
- ✓ Complexity of traffic: ground movement, extra traffic?

Decision in ATM:

What kind of decision making on is needed to mitigate the weather related impact?



Remote Tower Center in Sweden

- ✓ LFV + SAAB (within SESAR Joint Undertaking)
- ✓ RTC in Sundsvall: operates 2 airports remotely + 5 Swedavia airports in development
- ✓ LiU works in a close collaboration with LFV



Photo from the visit in November 2016



Remote Tower Concept



- ✓ Provides ATS remotely to small airports
- ✓ Replaces local tower with cameras and sensors
- ✓ Increases efficiency: HR and ATS costs are split between several airports



KODIC 2016-2017: personnel planning at RTC

How are RTC personnel **shifts** organized?

Time “in position”, scheduled breaks
workload from several airports
endorsements and trainings
24/7 operation

Automation required!



RTC ATCO shift scheduling problem

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Input:

One-day flight schedules for 5 Swedavia airports (in 2016)

Output:

Optimal assignment of controllers to RTC airports per hour

Formulated as MILP (mixed-integer linear program)

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Objectives

- ✓ Minimize total # controllers at RTC
- ✓ Minimize average # controllers per airport
= Minimize average # endorsements per controller
- ✓ Minimize the # of assignment switches

ATCO WORKLOAD

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- ✓ ATCOs perform in a **multitask environment**
- ✓ The importance of assessment of controller mental workload was reported in many of our projects

Mental workload - limitation on number of tasks a human can perform during a certain period of time

Complexity measures influencing workload: the number of aircraft in a sector, voice messages, radar screen clicks etc...

New workload factors appear in connection with the emerging technologies (CPDLC, RTC).

A generic single quantity for workload measurement is missing

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Constraints

General for RTC:

- ✓ Max # movs per controller
- ✓ Max # airports per controller
- ✓ All open hours and all movements are to be covered

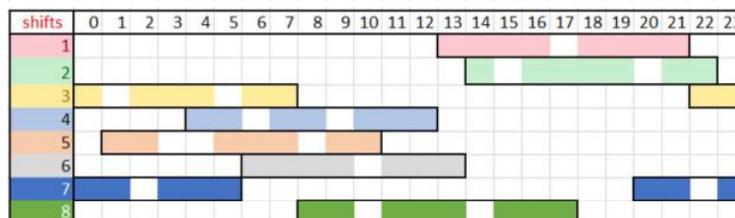
SHIFT-specific:

- ✓ Time at work
- ✓ Max hours "in position"
- ✓ Breaks: durations, max cont. time w/o break
- ✓ Endorsements
- ✓ Conflict avoidance
- ✓ ... (controller-specific)

Minimize average # controllers per airport

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| AP4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Total #. of ATCOs | Av. # of ATCOs per airport | Av. # endorsements per ATCO | Av. time in position | Av. time at work | COP |
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Capacity Modeling for controller workload evaluation at RTC Arlanda

According to LFV Operations, IFR traffic accounts for only ~40% of the workload

Other important aspects:

- **ground traffic movements**
- **bad weather conditions**
- **VFR and extra traffic movements**



are to be included into the optimization framework for RTC personnel planning

Phase 2: Statistical analysis and probabilistic modeling ¹³



Study how bad weather conditions (e.g. **snow**, fog, low visibility) influence controllers workload - **weather related impact assessment**



Input:

- ✓ Statistical weather data (snow, fog, low visibility)
- ✓ Statistical traffic data
- ✓ Staffing solutions at individual tower

Output:

- ✓ "Red spots" - quantify the correlation between adverse weather and workload problems in ATM



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THANK YOU!



Even more... ¹⁴



Our interests:

- TMA optimization (routes + sectorization): KPIs, uncertainties due to weather
- ATC Security (unexpected events)
- UTM routing methods and rules of the game LVP, capacity modeling

Weather impacts everything!

What do we offer:

- **Strong team:** algorithmic approach (math background, LIU) + constant support from Operations (LFV)
- **Working tools:** models, methods, techniques, knowledge base (validated in Sweden, looking for expansion to European scale)
- **Other partners:** CroControl, Eurocontrol, DLR Braunschweig



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Appendix 2 Presentations at the Webinar



PNOWWA* Webinar on Nowcasting of Snow

11:30 Snow nowcasts with extrapolative methods. Case studies and lessons learned.
E. Saltikoff, S. Pulkkinen and M.Hagen. WP2 and WP3



Nowcasting with extrapolation of radar images in PNOWWA



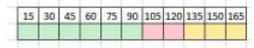
Common principle:

Time= distance/speed

Example:



storm 75 km away,
moving 50 km/h
arrives in 90 minutes



.....dry..... snow...maybe

Task split in two



- Calculate the motion vectors and their uncertainty
- Move the radar image with the vectors, assess uncertainty

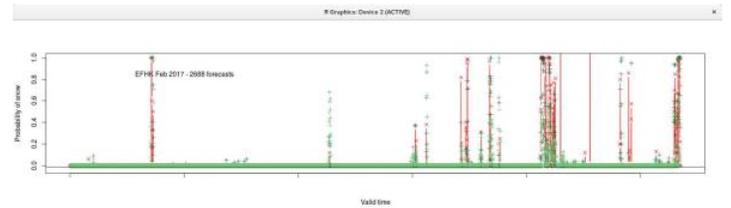
In PNOWWA we have tried three methods for both.

- Simple one from 1990s (Andersson & Ivarsson 1991)
- Operational one from Finnish Met Institute (Hohti et al 2000)
- New ones in research (Proesmans et al, Pulkkinen et al.)

References:

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- Pulkkinen S., J. Koistinen, A-M Harri (2016): Consistency-Driven Optical Flow Technique for Nowcasting and Temporal Interpolation ERAD the 9th European Radar Conference

The simple one was used in first demos, and it performed quite well !

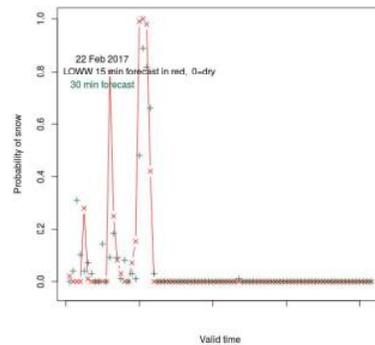
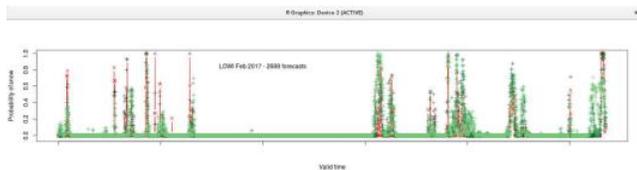


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Red: Observations (15 minutes)
Green shades: 30-120 min forecasts

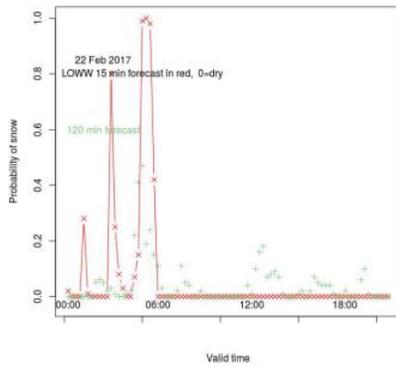
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30 min forecasts are usually brilliant

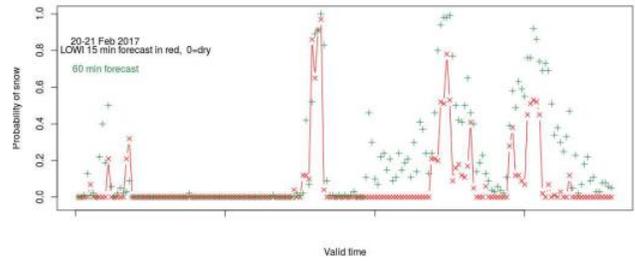


Longer forecasts have often small probabilities for snow that never comes



The "probabilistic observation" is the frequency of radar pixels over a threshold indicating snowfall at the airport. It can be seen as indicator of how large fraction of the first 15-minutes period it is snowing.

60 minutes shows some skill



This was validation radar to radar



Radar to airport has still challenges:

- Radar only sees snow which is falling from the clouds
- Visibility may be low also for drifting snow
- ..or fog
- For operational use, we recommend merging this with TAF for DRSN and FG

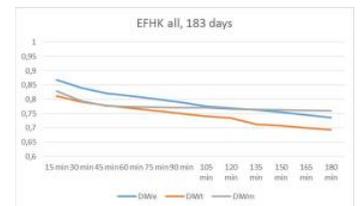
Have we compared to models ?



Feb-March 2015, Dec 2015 - Feb 2016, 183 days

Radar better than model for 2 hours

(Parameter Deicing weather DIW, verified as Hit rates HR)

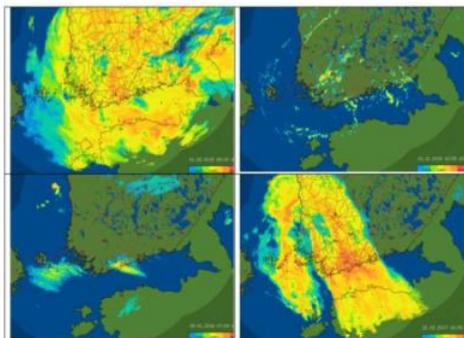


Blue: Radar
Gray: TAF
Red: Model

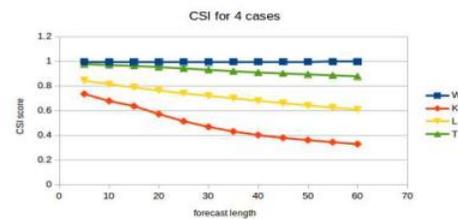
Verification scores with the new systems



Wide Showers
Lake-effect
Front



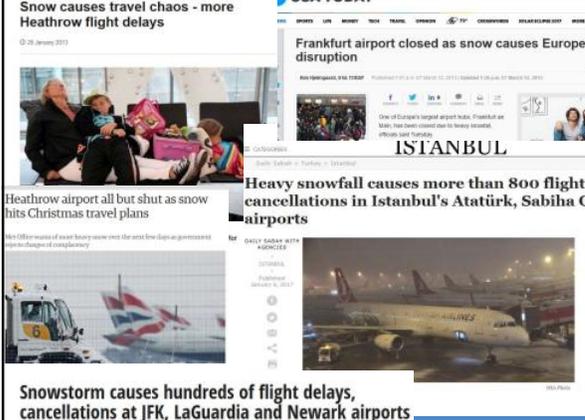
CSI Critical success index: Wide is easiest to forecast, showers (K) most difficult



Synthesis of user needs for Probabilistic Nowcasting of Snow at the Airports

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Task 5 leader in PNOWWA, Finnish Meteorological Institute
Rovaniemi 4th October 2017



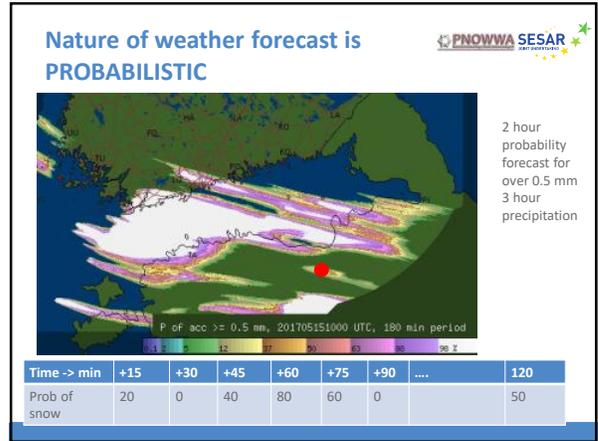
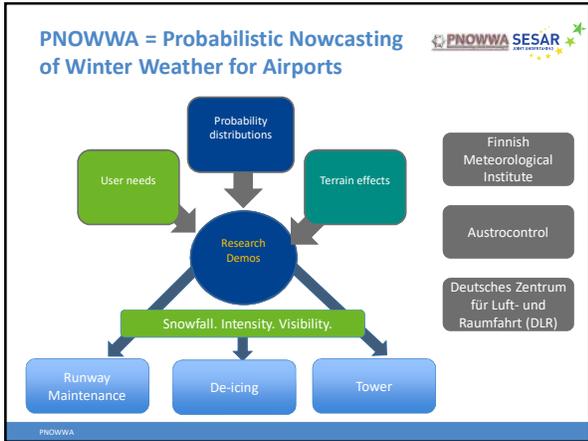


Snow causes travel chaos - more Heathrow flight delays
© 29 January 2013

Frankfurt airport closed as snow causes Europe disruption
One of Europe's largest airport hubs, Frankfurt air base, has been closed due to heavy snowfall.

ISTANBUL
Heavy snowfall causes more than 800 flight cancellations in Istanbul's Atatürk, Sabiha Gökçen airports

Snowstorm causes hundreds of flight delays, cancellations at JFK, LaGuardia and Newark airports



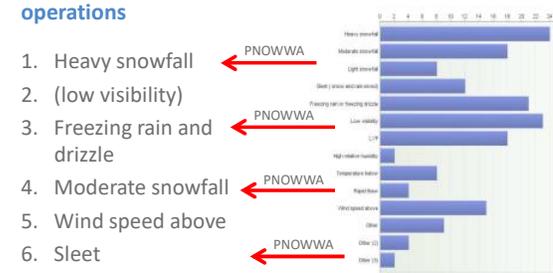
Airport users opinions for probabilistic winter weather forecasts – potential benefits

- Helps to make objective decisions
- When cost-loss ratios are known it can be used in decision support
- Positive attitude to probabilistic forecasts
- Need for lead time 3 and 12-24 hours products



Useful lead time for warning of critical weather for all respondents (PNOWWA survey)

Airport users opinions– highest negative impact affecting on airport operations



- Heavy snowfall
- (low visibility)
- Freezing rain and drizzle
- Moderate snowfall
- Wind speed above
- Sleet

the type of winter weather affecting negatively to airport operation (PNOWWA survey)

Winter Weather influencing to the Total Airport Management (TAM)

ROAD WEATHER -> Passengers, Buses, Taxis etc.

ROAD WEATHER -> Ground Handling, Ramp Agents

Landside (Terminal building, Security, Customs, etc.)

Airside (Approach, Landing, Taxi, Departure)

TMA/adjacent sectors

VISIBILITY -> Approach (and Tower)

RUNWAY STATE -> Runway Maintenance, Tower, Pilots

NEED OF DEICING? -> Airlines & De-icing agents and coordinators

TAM

- create an environment enabling airport partners to maintain a joint plan – the Airport Operations Plan
- get full CDM (Collaborative Decision Making) benefits
 - efficiency in airport
 - enhanced use of airport resources
- Extend time horizon from tactical to pre-tactical and strategic phases.

https://www.eurocontrol.int/eei/publications/standard_papers/EEI_news_2006_3_1_AM.html

De-icing management

De-icing of aircraft=

- Snow and ice removal
- Prevention of ice and snow accretion on plane (-hold over time)

Factors influencing De-icing management:

- Frost formation?
- Availability of trucks
- Availability of personnel
- Traffic information
- History of plane
- Timing of precip.?
- Type of precip.?
- Amount of precip.?

De-icing on airline's perspective

Factors influencing De-icing method? Which fluid to use:

- Amount of precip.
- Frost?
- History of plane (previous flight, length of stay on ground and weather during that time)
- Expected hold on time
- Costs of different fluids and de-icing methods
- Timing of precip.
- Type of precip.

Runway Maintenance

Keep runway in safe conditions. Minimum friction conditions are achieved

Weather conditions leading to runway maintenance:

- Frost -> ICE
- Rain -> wet
- Sleet -> slush
- Snow -> snow
- FZRA, FZDZ, FZFG -> ICE
- Crosswind component

Consequences: Take off or/and landing limitations, Capacity breakdown

Air Traffic Management / Tower

What's happening in de-icing or runway maintenance influences to ATM, too. Add to that a Low Visibility will change landing procedures and can even prevent that.

Factors influencing ATM and weather:

- Traffic density
- Duration of de-icing
- Need to close the runway for cleaning
- State of runway
- Crosswind
- Risk for low visibility
- Infrastructure

PNOWWA Scientific demo 2017

- On line service with automatic update
- Tailored products to:
 - Runway maintenance
 - De-icing agents
 - Tower
- Probabilities of the weather categories defined with users are used to individual users
- Forecasted parameters:
 - Accumulation of DRY snow
 - Accumulation of WET snow
 - Probability of freezing rain
 - Probability of freezing of wet runways
 - De-icing weather type (categories dependent on the time of individual plane de-icing duration)
 - Decrease of visibility CAUSED BY SNOW (fog or mist outsourced)

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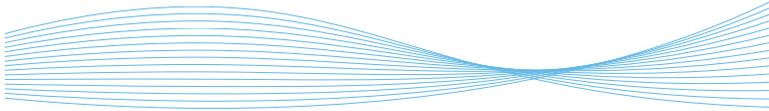
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Probability, uncertainty and forecast skill

Marko Laine, FMI
PNOWWA webinar 2017-10-04



What is probability

- "The probability that it rains tomorrow is 20%"
- **Classical interpretation** as long run frequencies. Relevant for simple, repeatable (and deterministic) events, like a tossing of coin or gambling.
- Probability as a (subjective) measure of degree of belief, aka the **Bayesian interpretation**.
- When talking about a single future event, there is no direct frequentistic interpretation. In most cases, **we use probability to quantify uncertainty**.
- Weather and climate are complicated phenomena. We need a notion of chaos and **predictability**.
- [Mathematically, probability is finite and additive measure, defined for a set of events. No philosophical disputes here.]

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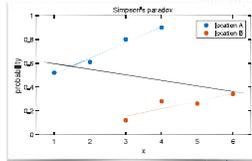
Difficulties with probabilities

- Probabilities, especially conditional probabilities, can fool our intuition.
- "Thinking, Fast and Slow" by Daniel Kahneman:
 - People overestimate rare probabilities.
 - Adding more information, makes the scenario more plausible.
 - Risk policies are difficult, as we tend to avoid immediate losses.
- Simpson's paradox. Change in the background assumptions, e.g. different climatologies.

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Probability of thunderstorm in Helsinki tomorrow at 12.

Choose between:
A. sure gain of \$ 240
B. 25% chance to gain \$ 1,000 and 75% chance to gain nothing



Uncertainty in forecasts

- Natural variability of weather. **Climatology** as the historical distribution.
- **Forecast skill** is reduction of uncertainty with respect to a reference/trivial forecast.
- NWP models have uncertainties and inaccuracies for several reasons.
 1. Limited number of observations to initialize the model.
 2. Model resolution does not allow to resolve all important spatial and temporal scales.
 3. Uncertainty in the model parameterizations.
- Uncertainty quantification is done by using statistical probability distributions.

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How to make probability forecasts

- Probabilities for an event based on **an ensemble of predictions** from NWP models.
- **Statistical post-processing** of NWP output from a single model run or the output of ensemble-based NWP.
- By **analysis of historical weather and climate data** to yield statistical relationships between currently observable predictors and the future observations of interest.
- Meteorologist **subjective interpretation** of NWP forecasts and other information.

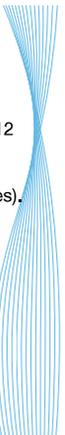
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Probability forecasts

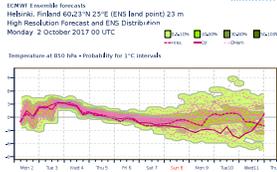
- "There is 20% probability for rain exceeding 5 mm, tomorrow between 9 —12 AM, at Kumpula, Helsinki."
- The meteorologist best opinion (but might fear feedback for false negatives).
 - Of 50 ENS forecast members, 20% had heavy rain (but might not be calibrated).
 - Of 5 different deterministic models, 1 forecasted rain (but they all use the same observations).
 - In October, it usually rains 20% of the days in Helsinki (no skill).

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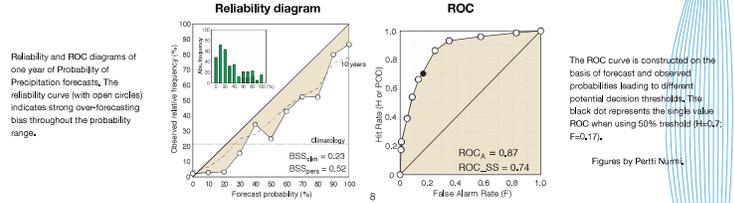
Ensemble forecasts

- Run the same forecast model with **perturbed initial conditions**.
- Probability 20% means that 10 out of 50 ensemble members predict more than 5mm of rain to fall at the specified location in the defined period.
- ENS system has to be tuned to match **predictability** and model's inaccuracies.
- Ensembles have to be **calibrated** to correct the spread and remove biases.



How to verify probabilities

- When we do **repeated** probability statements, they can be verified by using actual observations. The forecasted probabilities have to match the observed frequencies (reliability). Several statistics and diagrams are used.



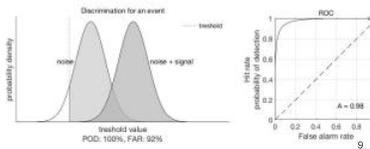
Decisions with probabilities

- A probability forecast includes a numerical expression of uncertainty about the quantity or event being forecast.
- Uncertainty means risks of wrong decisions. We want to avoid false positive and false negative predictions and want the risks for the both to be small.
- To make best use of the probability forecasts, the user must choose a probability threshold which gives the correct balance of alerts and false alarms for their particular application.

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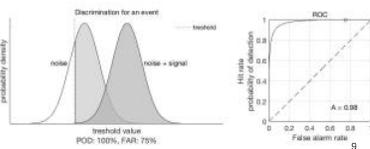
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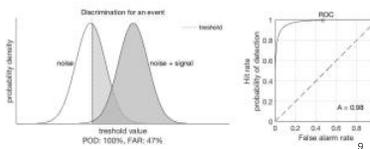
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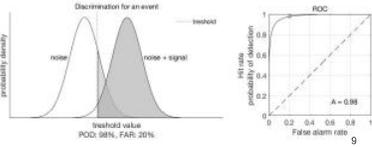
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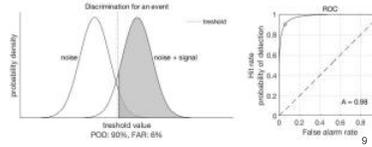
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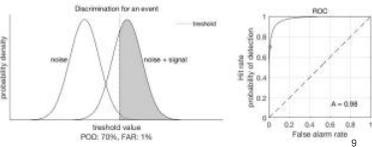
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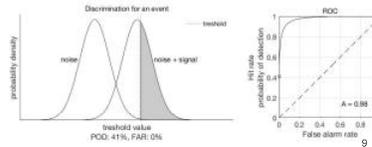
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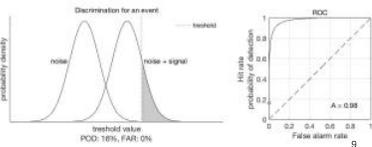
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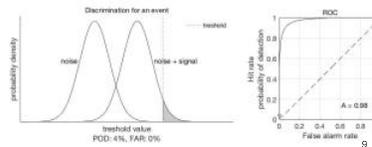
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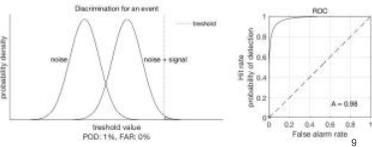
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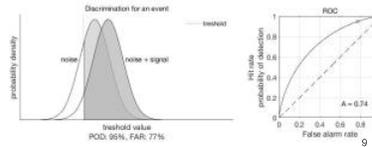
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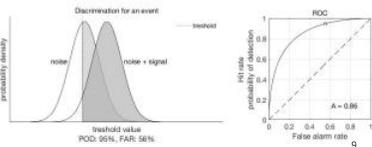
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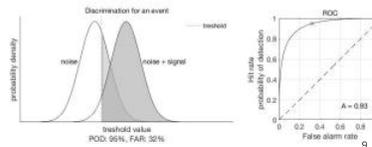
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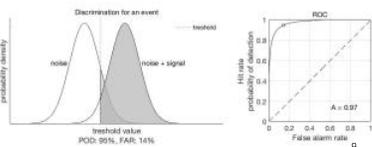
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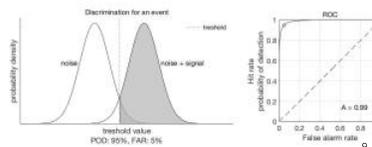
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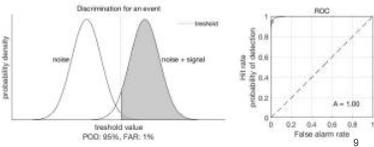
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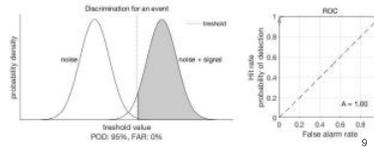
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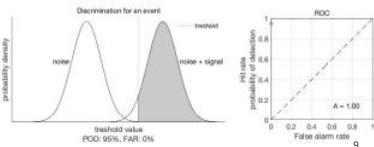
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Why probability forecasts

- To quantify the uncertainties related to forecasts.
- To better handle risks associated with different actions.
- "We want to be 95% sure that in the next 30 years the water level will rise more than 1 m from the average less that 2 times."
- To educate the public about uncertainties in forecasts.
- To have better verification measures, e.g. which account for the predictability.

Appendix 3 Abstract for TBO-MET Workshop

Provision of probabilistic nowcasts (PNOWWA project)

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The S2020 ER Project PNOWWA (Probabilistic Nowcasting of Winter Weather for Airports) is a joint effort of Finnish Meteorological Institute in Finland, DLR in Germany and Austro Control in Austria. The 24-month project started in April 2016.

The PNOWWA project will produce methods for the probabilistic short-term forecasting of winter weather and enable the assessment of the uncertainty in the ground part of 4D trajectories. Probabilistic forecasts could be used in ATM applications to support operational planning in surface management and ATM decision making, thereby increasing airport capacity, shortening delays and promoting safety.

PNOWWA will demonstrate very short-term (0-3h, "nowcast") probabilistic winter weather forecasts in 15min time resolution based on an extrapolation of movement of weather radar echoes and improve predictability of changes in snowfall intensity caused by underlying terrain (such as mountains and seas). Research demonstrations are conducted both offline and online at the. An extensive user consultation will analyze needs to ensure products are suitable to be integrated in various applications on the ATM side. The adjustment to user needs will cover the most relevant parameters (visibility, intensity and snow depth) and operationally important thresholds of the selected parameters (e.g. heavy snowfall).

An online survey and face-to-face interviews were used to map the needs of probabilistic winter weather forecasts at airports. We focused on three user groups: runway maintenance, de-icing and TWR control. The demo forecasts were also given for the meteorologist serving these groups.

In the first demonstrations, very simple methods were used to determine the movement. As a first guess, method described by Andersson and Ivarsson, using 850 hPa winds from weather prediction model was used. Other more sophisticated methods will be used during the second demonstration in the coming year.

The quantitative verification results are still pending, but we have a few cases and some end-user feedback. Based on that demo has shown areas for further development and highlighted the importance of discussions between MET and ATM to found the optimum products to be most valuable for ATM.

Web pages of project are: <http://pnowwa.fmi.fi>

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| VIS decreased by snow | 0-15 min | 15-30 min | 30-45 min | 45-60 min | 60-75 min | 75-90 min | 90-105 min | 105-120 min | 120-135 min | 135-150 min | 150-165 min | 165-180 min | 180-195 min |
| VIS less than 600 m | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIS 600-1500 m | 60 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIS 1500-3000 m | 40 | 90 | 100 | 70 | 30 | 40 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 30 |
| VIS over 3000 m | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 70 | 60 | 60 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |