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OPTIMA



OPTIMA (Road weather informations dedicated to road sections), is a global approach of <u>data fusion</u> and specific road weather algorithms implementation, to obtain the best road weather information, according to the state of art, at 1 km resolution, on the road network.

OPTIMA is a 1h nowcasting application of data fusion: link between in-situ reality and forecast

In 2012, 500 000 km of the french road network are covered.



OPTIMA: Synthetic diagram



Météo-France observed surface data

(#500 stations, 6' or hourly)

Météo-France observed radar data RWIS automatic observed data (# 1500 stations, at 5/6')

1h Nowcasted Radar data Road Surface
T° Forecasts
+ Local Adaptations

Main Météo-France Forecast database (for 36 000 town, 3 days range and updated along the day)

OPTIMA

Expertise and specific meteorological algorithms

Updating every 5'

Road Network (Meta Data)

Optima's Matrix

Precipitation type, T°, Dew Point T°, Road Surface T° Wind, Visibility etc...

- 1 km road sections
- Time step 5 to 10'
- up to 1 hour

- ✓ Road Managers
- ✓ Embarked GPS for road users
- ✓ Road and Trafic radios.
- ✓ Medias
- **√**...







Precipitation: Freezing Rain, Snow, Sleet, Hail, Rain, Drizzle.

Precipitation intensity: light, moderate or heavy.

Snow: Snow quality (density, water content...) and snow potential (i.e. potential height on the ground without accounting for melting effects)

Air and dew point Temperature

Road Surface Temperature

Altitude of the Rain/Snow transition

Wind and squalls

Visibility

Thunderstorms

Road surface condition Snow height

For each parameter is associated a fiability index according to the quality and amount of input sources.



Optima: the treatments

First step: Forecast initialization with the best available data source:

- Extrapolated radar data for precipitations
- Numerical model prediction for road surface temperature
- Meteo-France forecasts data base for other parameters

Second step: Precipitation type discrimination with specific algorithm

Last step: Forcecast updating with available observations (Specific algorithms for each parameter)





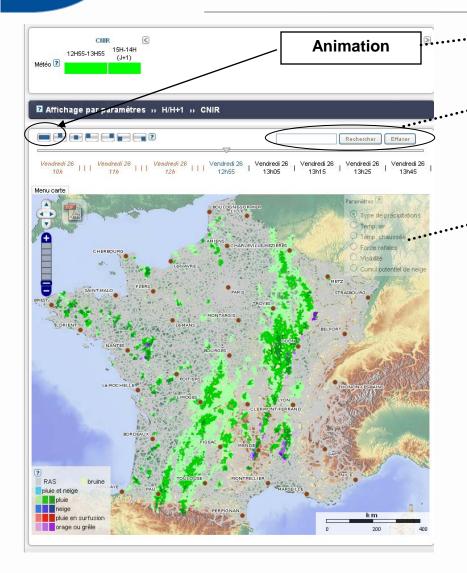
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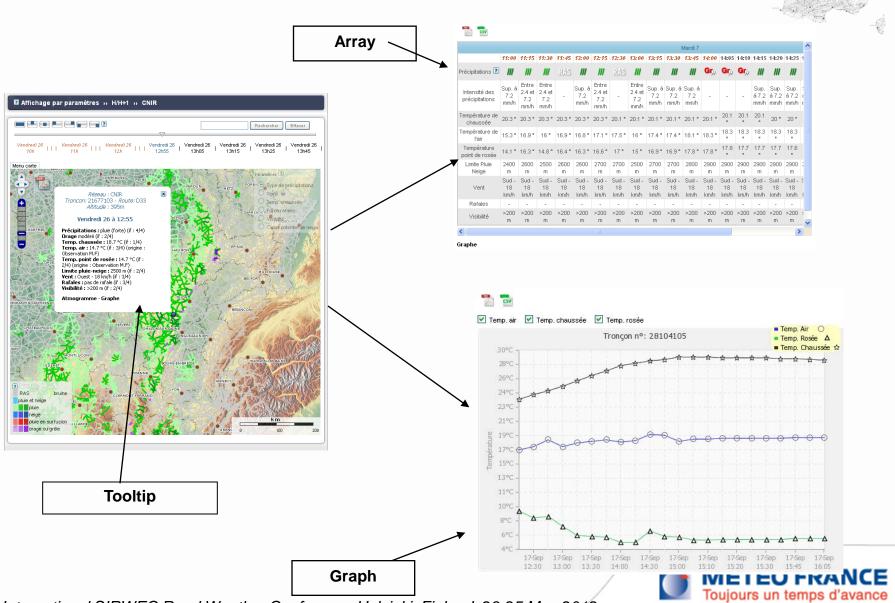
Optima: Visualisation of forecasted parameters

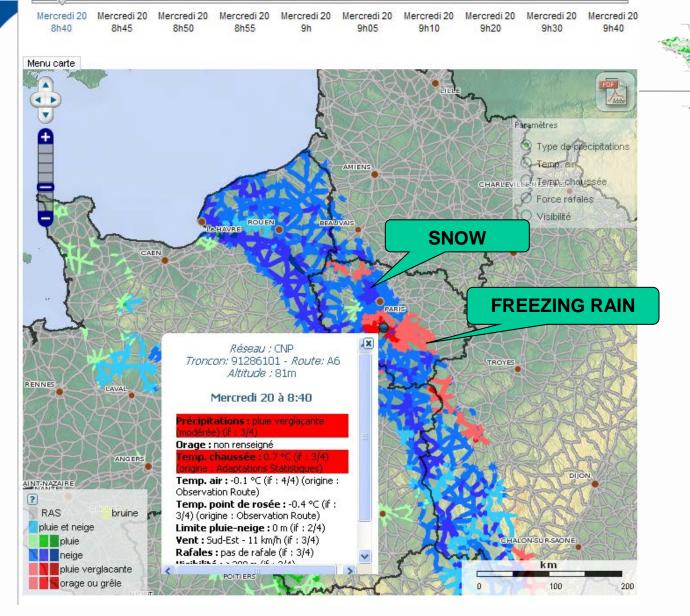


To look for or underline a specific road

- Allow the user to follow the real time and nowcasted precipitation type.
- Or other considered parameters: Tair, RST, squalls, visibility and snow potential.
- Synthetic information by colourisation of road sections.
- Global information on France and possiblity of zooming selected areas
- 3 hours of past observations and 1 hour of forecasted data.
- More detailed informations on each road section for all forecasted time-step :
 - Tooltip (detailed text information)
 - Syntetic arrays
 - Temperatures (Ta,Td,Ts) evolution graphical representation

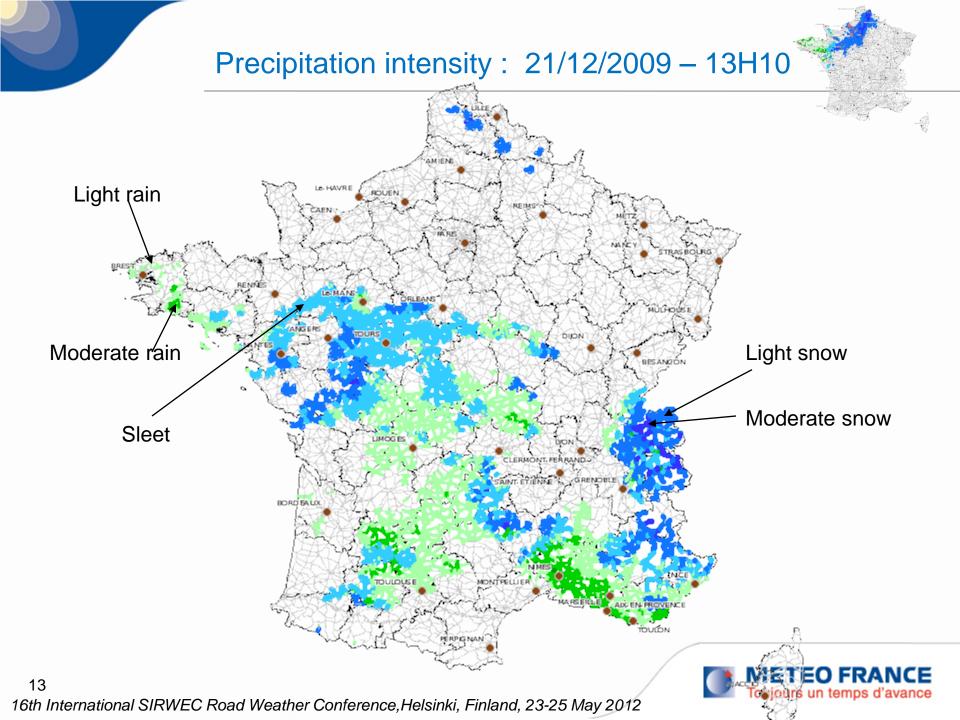
Detailed informations



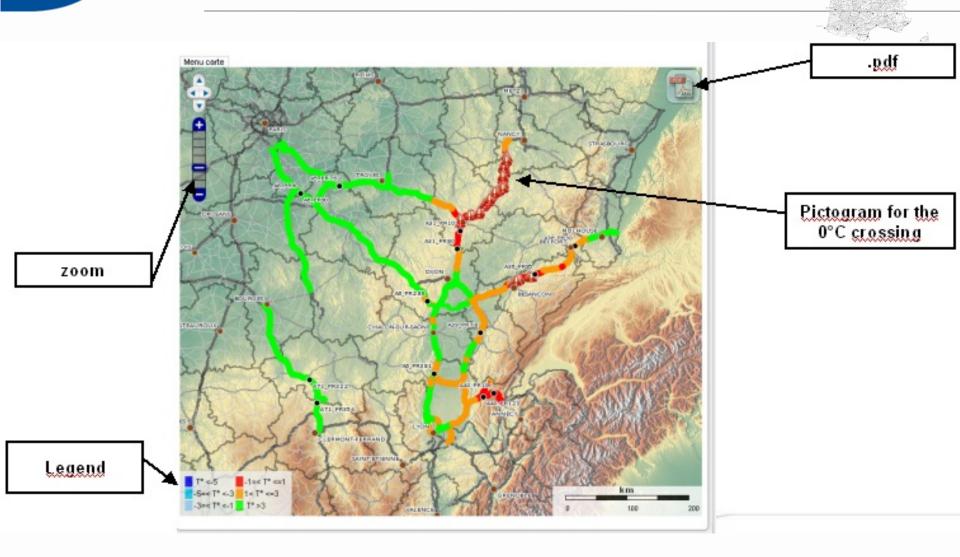


Example: a snow and freezing-rain event crossing over Paris and north west of France (20th January 2010)





Road surface temperature



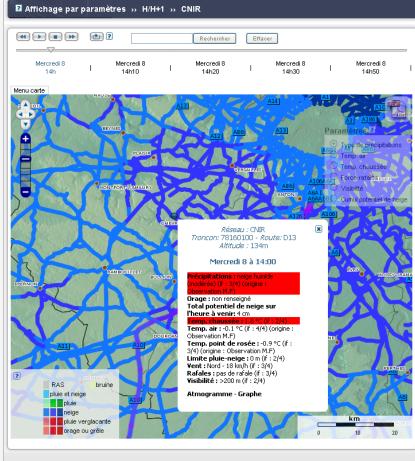








Approximately 4 cm of snow potential is expected in the South-West of Chartres for the next hour (2010, December 7th from 10H to 11H)



Forecast of 4 cm in one hour in the south of Paris – December 8th, 2010 at 02h00 pm : High traffic jam => Difficulties





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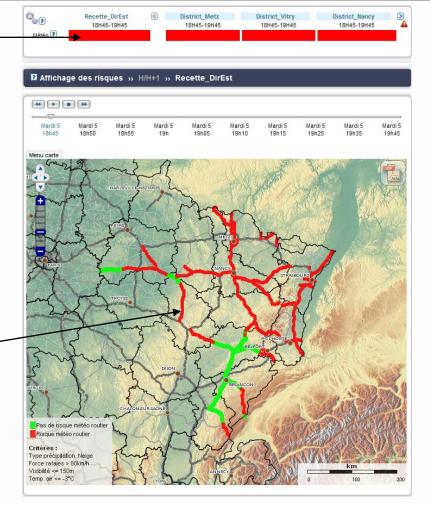
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Optima: road weather risk

Toujours un temps d'avance

The alerts for each network and sub networks



The « alert criteria » is defined by the road manager : 1 or several parameters (with AND or OR combination), possibility of chose the threshold for each parameter....

Risk:

•Green: no risk

•Red: risk



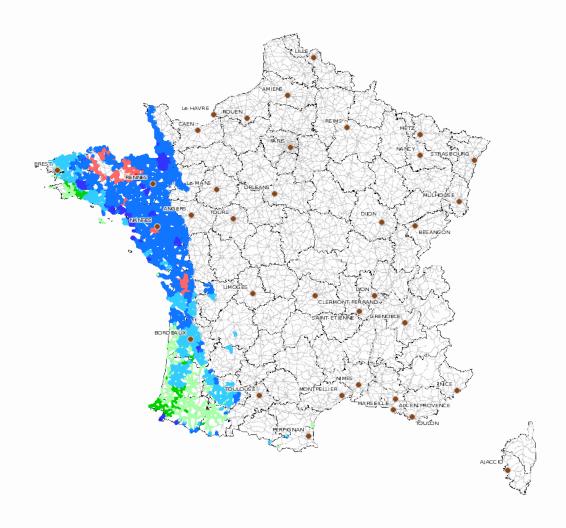
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The follow-up of a snow event in France: January 12 and 13th, 2010



Animation of the meteorological situation from 12 January 14h20 to 13 January 2h20 (2010)







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Optima: prospects



- Additional meta data integration (slope, bridges...) and algorithms improvements according to post-event analysis
- Extension of the forecast range up to 2 or 3 hours, close to the state of the art
- Consideration of the environmental parameters of the road
- Road mobil meteorological data integration
- Improvement of forecasted parameters following advances in research (slipperiness, coupling with trafic...)



Snow situation: 7 and 8th of march 2010

