



# MET enhanced ATFCM R&D convection tool

## 6 hours time-horizon convection product

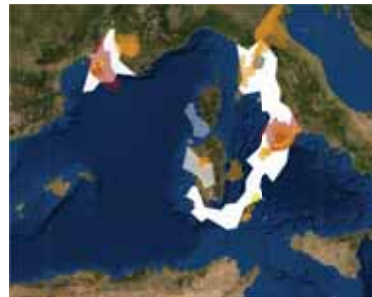
Because adverse weather conditions are the first cause of traffic delays (7,9 million minutes of weather delays in 2018, source: European Network Manager), an **accurate** and **high-precision convection forecast with 6 hours of anticipation** is studied by **France Aviation Civile Services** and **MetSafe** with the support of the **DSNA Reims Center**

### Expected benefits

- Improvement of the **ATFCM decision-making process**
- Increase of the **safety level**
- Improvement of the overall **ATM system performance**

### Project objectives

- Identify **MET needs for ATFCM**
- Develop a **MET product for convection with confidence index** (multi model / multi parameters)
- Deliver it as a **SWIM web service** for OPS validation
- Iterative **agile methodology**
- Benefit of early **SWIM implementation**
- Kick-off : May 2019 (12 months activities)



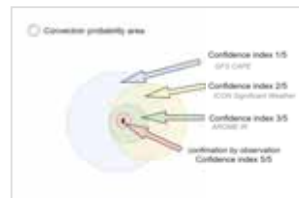
Convection product (white polygons)  
Observed satellite convection and lightning detection

### Operational context

- **Feedback from DSNA Reims ACC**: limitation of nowcast capabilities, lack of convection product forecast > 1h, product fit for decision making, impact qualification, SWIM as a vector for fast integration into ATC tools
- **Supported by cross-border Weather trials** in the summer of 2020

### Convection model identification

- **Standard parameters**: CAPE-Convection Available Potential Energy / LI-Lifted Index / CIN-Convective Inhibition / SHR-Storm Relative Helicity / SDI-Supercell Detection Index
- **High level noticeable parameters**: precipitable water, convective cloud cover, infraRed satellite simulated forecast, significant weather
- **Multi-models from global to regional**: GFS NOAA, ICON GFS, AROME MF



Different models to determine a confidence index

### SWIM delivery

- 4me project opportunity
- Access to the ATC OPS room
- WFS2.0 compliant with AIRM
- Forecast +24h / Step +1h
- Introduction of a confidence index
- Early technical integration into MetSafe IHM display



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