



UBIMET

INSTITUTE FOR UBIQUITOUS METEOROLOGY

- International Meteorological Institute
- Founded in 2004 by a meteorologist and a chemist



- O Global scope / Headquarters in Vienna, main branches in Melbourne, New York & Munich
- Focus on research activities in the railway sector
- Cooperation with international organizations and universities, affiliate member of UIC
- Supplier of meteorological alarm and forecast systems for railways (ÖBB, DB)









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RAIL RESEARCH NETWORK (EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA)





















































































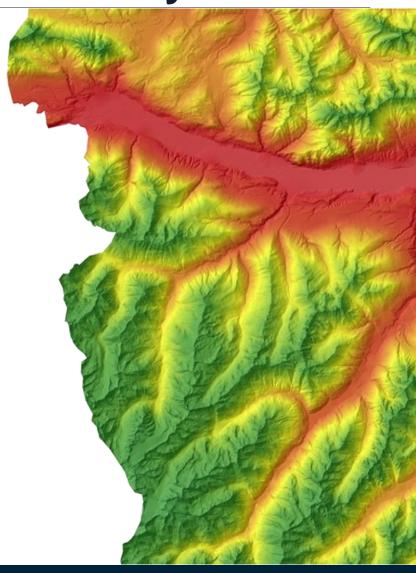




Rail Weather Forecast & Alarm Systems

10 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

- Special weather model for the infrastructure sector (rail, road, energy,...)
- Agile, adaptive and self-learning meteorological model
- Resolutions of up to 100m
- Considers local weather phenomena related to surface topography (e.g. coldair pools in valleys, local wind systems)
- Continuous development in cooperation with national railway operators!



In 2005 the Austrian Federal Railways asked UBIMET to implement a nationwide meteorological monitoring system





ÖBB infra:wetter

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- Severe Weather Warnings for the safety of railway operation
- Exact snow forecasts for the planning of winter services



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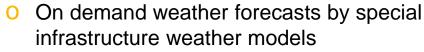
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THE UBIMET INFRASTRUCTURE PORTAL

O The System includes:

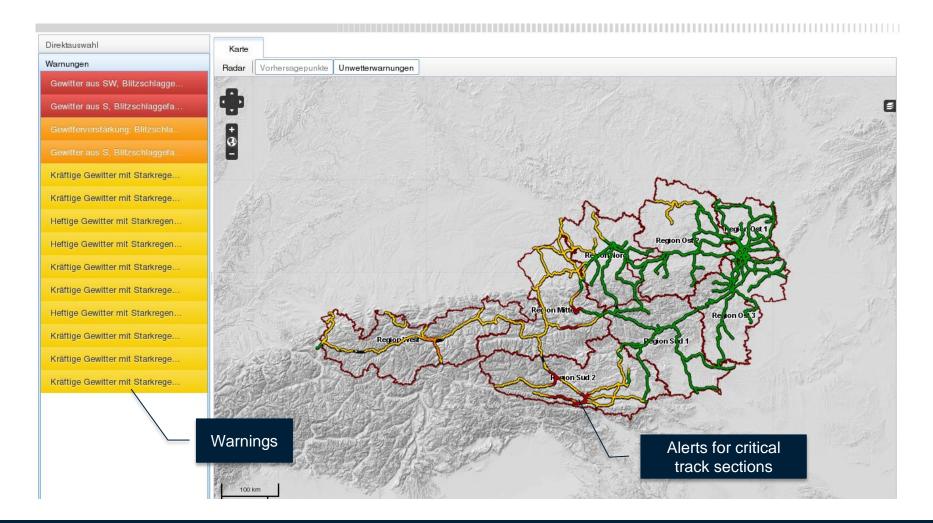


- Reliable weather warning system
- Real time weather station data
- Communication channels
 - Reporting systems (local reports)
 - Information about measures (e.g. snow removal, service restrictions,...)
- Open interface for additional data
 - flooding information
 - o fire risk
 - governmental data
 - 0 ...



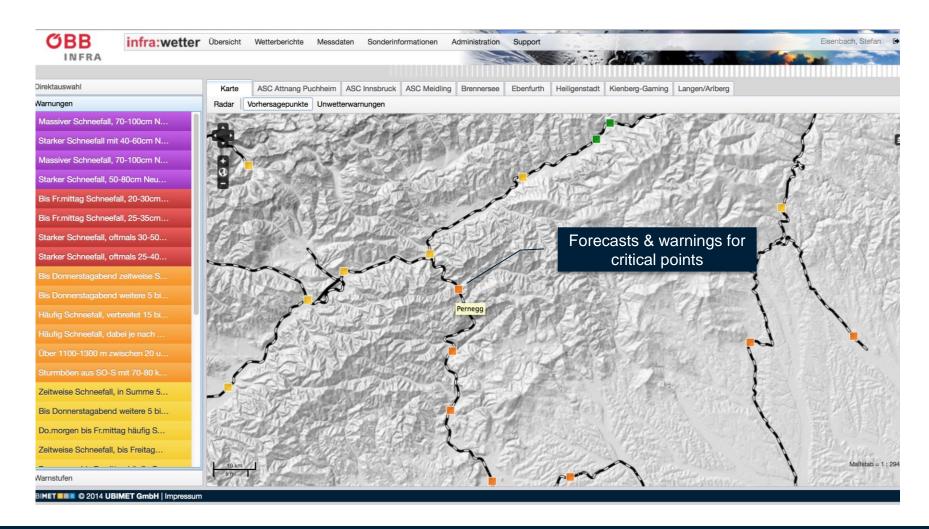
SYSTEM OVERVIEW

24H SURVEILLANCE OF THE WHOLE NETWORK



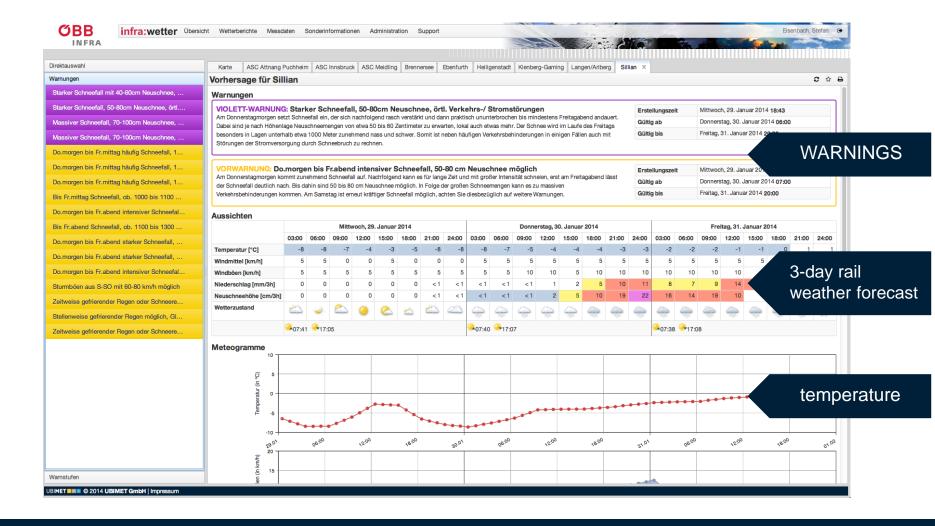
REGIONAL INFORMATION

WARNINGS & FORECASTS FOR EVERY SINGLE TRACK



RAIL WEATHER INFORMATION

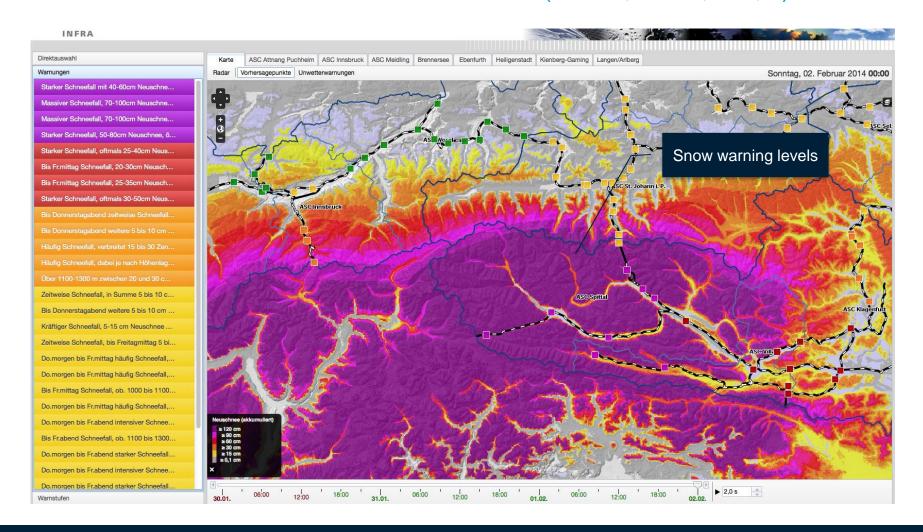
ON DEMAND RAIL WEATHER FORECASTS





RISK MAPS

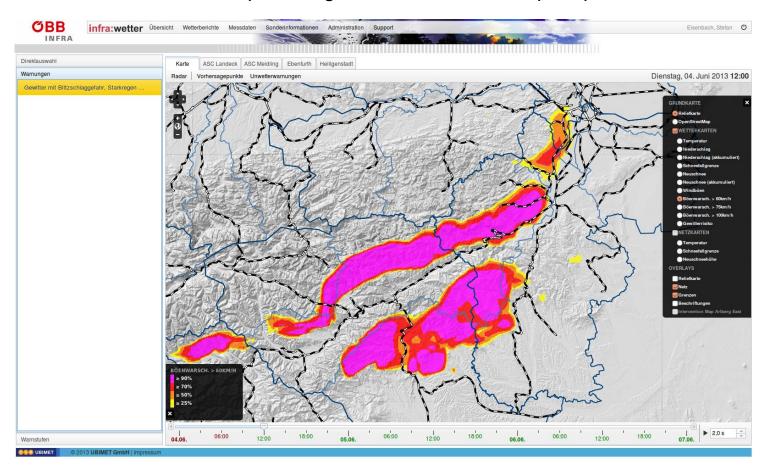
WEATHER MAPS WITH RISK INFORMATION (SNOW, WIND, ICE,...)



Probabilistic models

RISK PARAMETERS

Risk of certain wind speeds / gusts, certain snow or precipitation rates



Natural Hazards Management

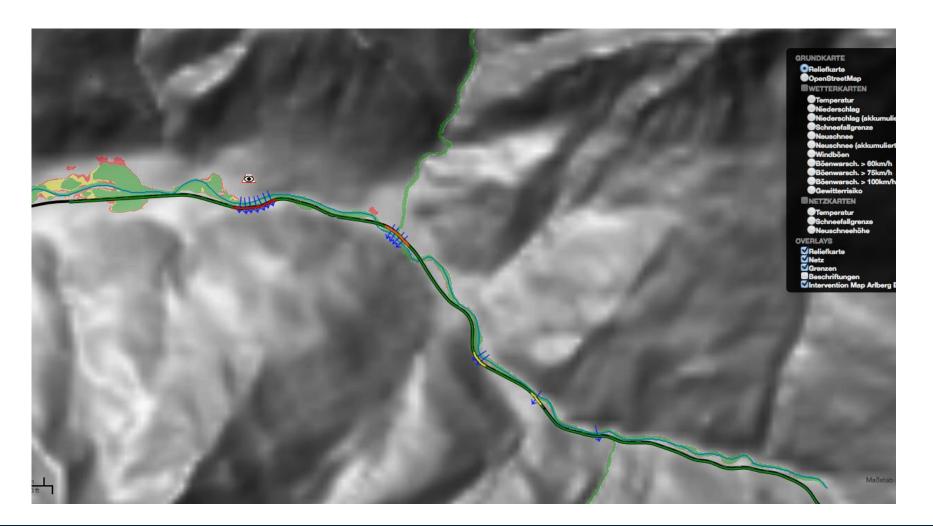
WEATHER WARNING SECTIONS

- The ÖBB rail weather system is not only used for operational planning, but also for safety issues (natural hazards)
- At the moment very critical track sections are declared as WEATHER WARNING SECTIONS
- O If a certain severe weather warning is issued or e.g. some heavy rain expected, there is an individual special operation checklist in effect for every track section!
- An more automatic approach is planned Complete natural hazards mapping



Risk mapping of the network

BASE FOR THE NEW NATURAL MANAGEMENT PLAN



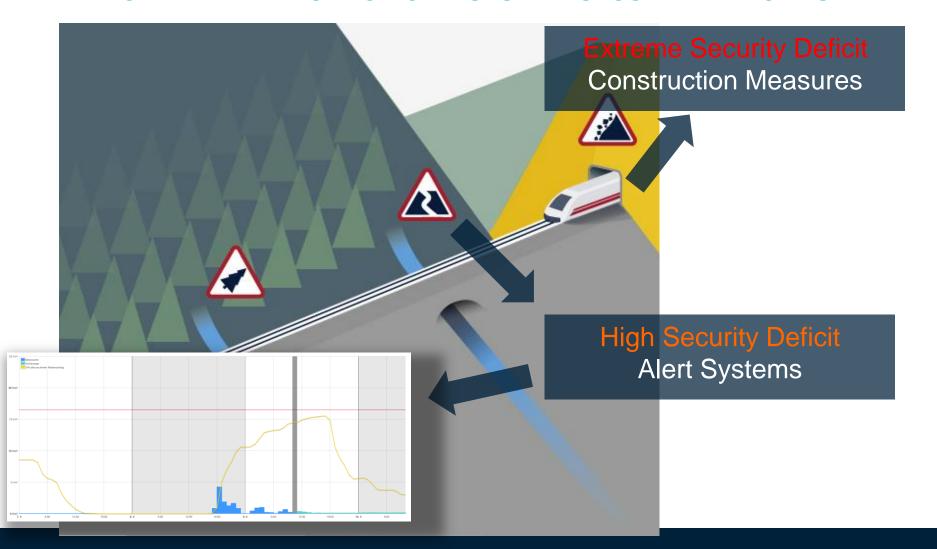
The new natural hazards management

FOR THE WHOLE NETWORK



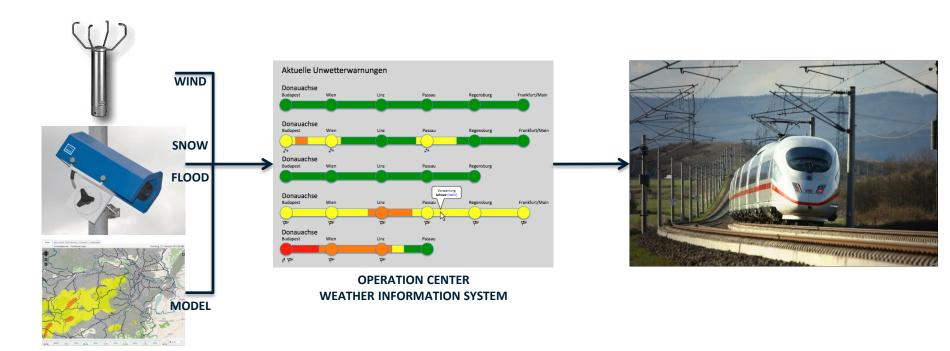
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NETWORK WIDE EVALUTAION OF RISKS AND SECURITY DEFICITES



Surveillance of the network

- Usage of sensors (robust design, maintenance free)
- O Direct implementation of sensor data into meteorological models
- O High cycle models for up to date forecasts & nowcasting
- Implementation of warning levels for the infrastructure operator
- Online alert screens for operation centers



The German System

DB FERNVERKEHR

Strecke	Max. Temperatur (C°)	Max. Temp. mit Bedeckungseffekt (C°)	Min. Temperatur (C°)	Luftfeuchtigkeit (%)	Schnee Niederschlag (cm)	Schneehöhe (cm)	Wind (km/h)
	Ø 8.1	Ø	Ø 3.0	Ø 96	Ø 0	Ø 5	Ø 38
Frankfurt(M) Hbf	7.7	7.7	4.0	90	0.0	0.0	44
Bickenbach (Bergstr)	7.9	7.9	4.1	93	0.0	0.0	46
_adenburg	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Jbstadt-Weiher	8.1	8.1	4.2	92	0.0	0.0	43
Stuttgart Hbf	•	•	•	•		•	
Göppingen	6.9	6.9	3.1	99	0.0	4.6	41
Jlm Hbf	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
lettingen	6.6	6.6	1.9	97	0.0	2.1	42
Augsburg Hbf	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Mammendorf	6.5	6.5	2.3	99	0.0	2.7	44
München Hbf	•	•	•	•		•	
Ostermünchen	8.5	8.5	2.2	98	0.0	0.3	45
Übersee	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Salzburg Gr	11.3	11.3	1.9	96	0.0	1.6	39
Bischofshofen (ÖBB)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bad Hofgastein (ÖBB)	7.4	7.4	-1.9	98	0.0	39.3	26

ÖBB Corridor information

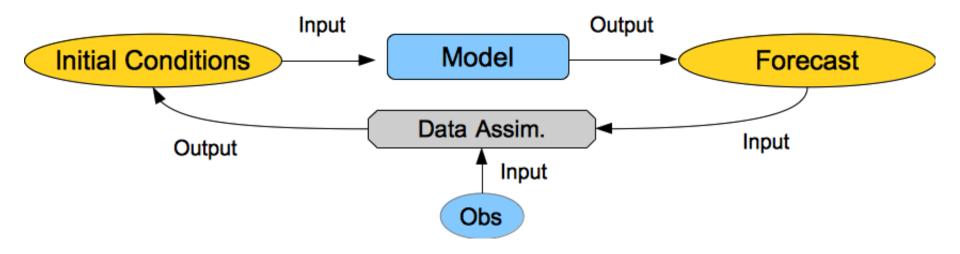
FOR NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL TRAINS

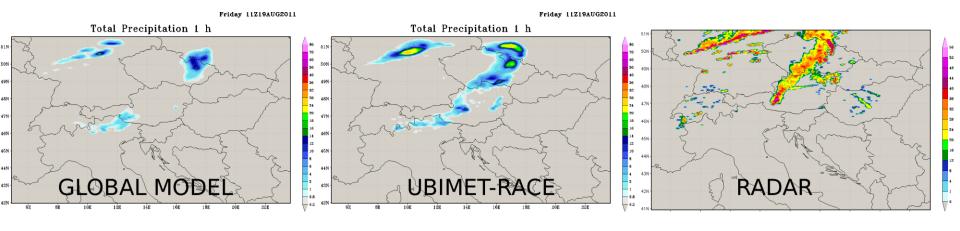
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OBB Verkehrsleitzentrale - infra:wetter 12:00 - 15:00 01.08.2014 09:00 - 12:00 15:00 - 21:00 Disruptions caused by flooding in Austria & Germany 02.08.2014 03.08.2014 Hochwasser Neuschnee Hitze Wind Lawinen **Kälte**

High cycle models & analysis

DATA ASSIMILATION





Formula 1

RAIN ALERT SYSTEM



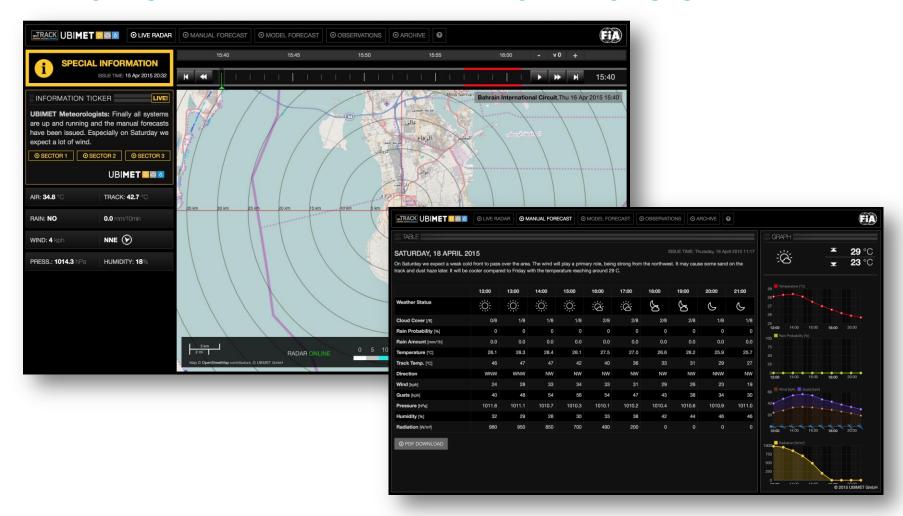
Long term contract and cooperation with FIA

Weather forecasts, rain warning system and und operation of mobile radar stations for all Formula 1 races around the world.



On Track

THE FORMULA 1 REAL-TIME WEATHER INFORMATION SYSTEM



Mobile Weather Radar System

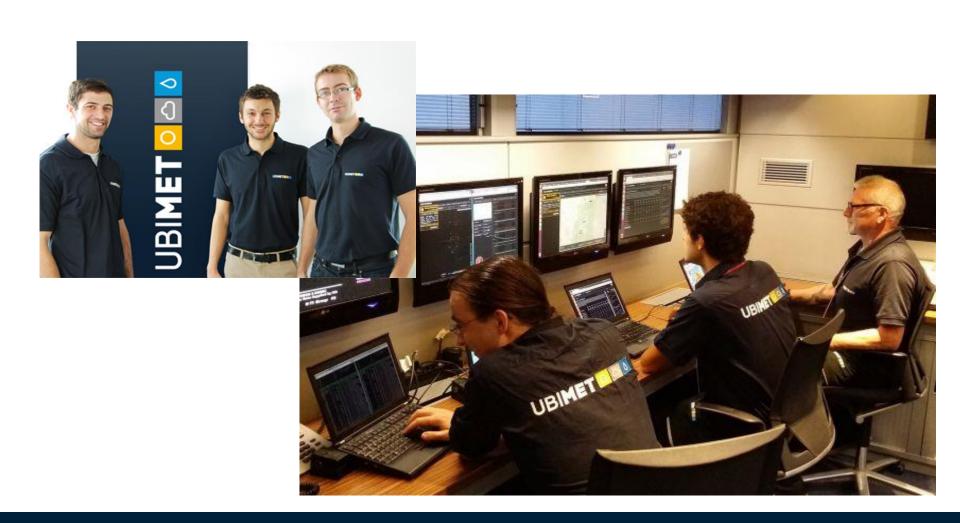
UBIMET WEATHER RADARS AT EVERY FORMULA 1 RACE



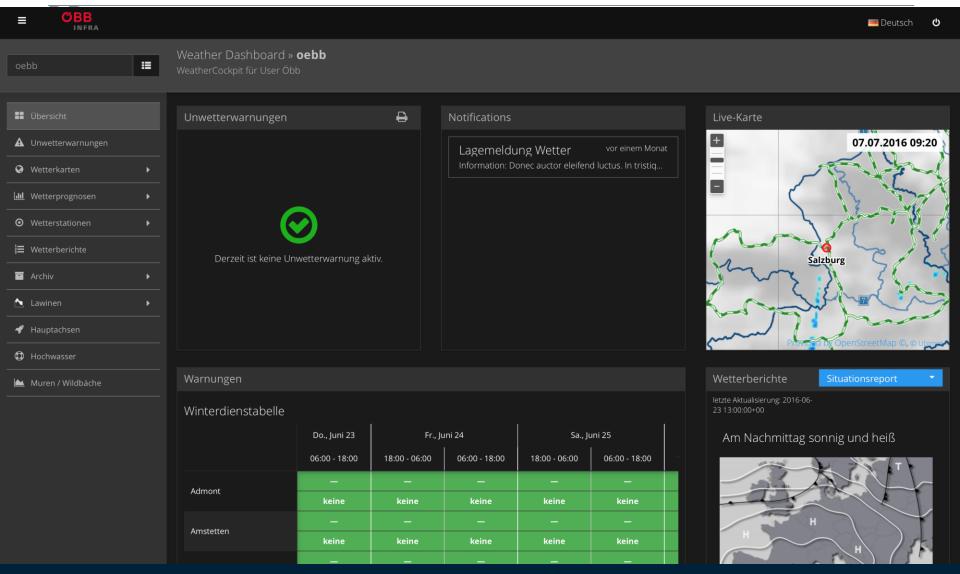


Mobile MET Operation Centre

MOBILE WEATHER CENTRE & SERVER SYSTEMS AT THE FORMULA 1



Adaptive Weather Information System ÖBB /





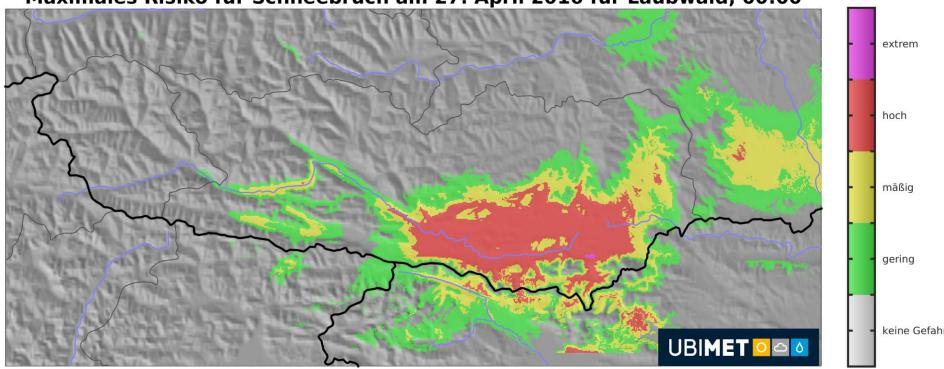
Research Focus UBIMET Rail Department

- Ice on overhead lines
- Ice/Snow on high-speed trains /carriages
- **3** Drifting sand
- Fire risk & heat warnings (maintenance works)
- Risk of fallen trees (snow/wind)
- Intelligent switch point heating (energy savings)
- **Driftingsnow forecasts**
- Representation of the second s

Snow on trees – Risk model

27.04.2016 - AUSTRIA & SLOVENIJA

Maximales Risiko für Schneebruch am 27. April 2016 für Laubwald, 00:00



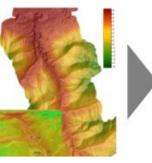
What to do with that information?



Conclusion

SUMMARY & BENEFITS

- Since 2005 UBIMET is providing meteorological information systems for railways
- Proved weather warning systems (fire risk, flooding risk, snow forecasts,...)
- Continuous research activities and developments of new forecasting systems
- Decision support systems for railways & internal communication
- Consulting in implementation of checklists and natural hazards management
- International approach & international cooperation



Weather Models



Quality Control/Meterologist



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