



Aerial photograph of a town nestled in a valley, partially obscured by low-hanging clouds. The town features a mix of modern and traditional architecture, with clusters of houses, larger apartment complexes, and industrial buildings. A railway line cuts through the town, and several roads and green spaces are visible. The surrounding landscape includes fields and forested hills.

Surface observations

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METEO FRANCE
Toujours un temps d'avance

From the first instruments to a dedicated observing system



Torricelli ~1643



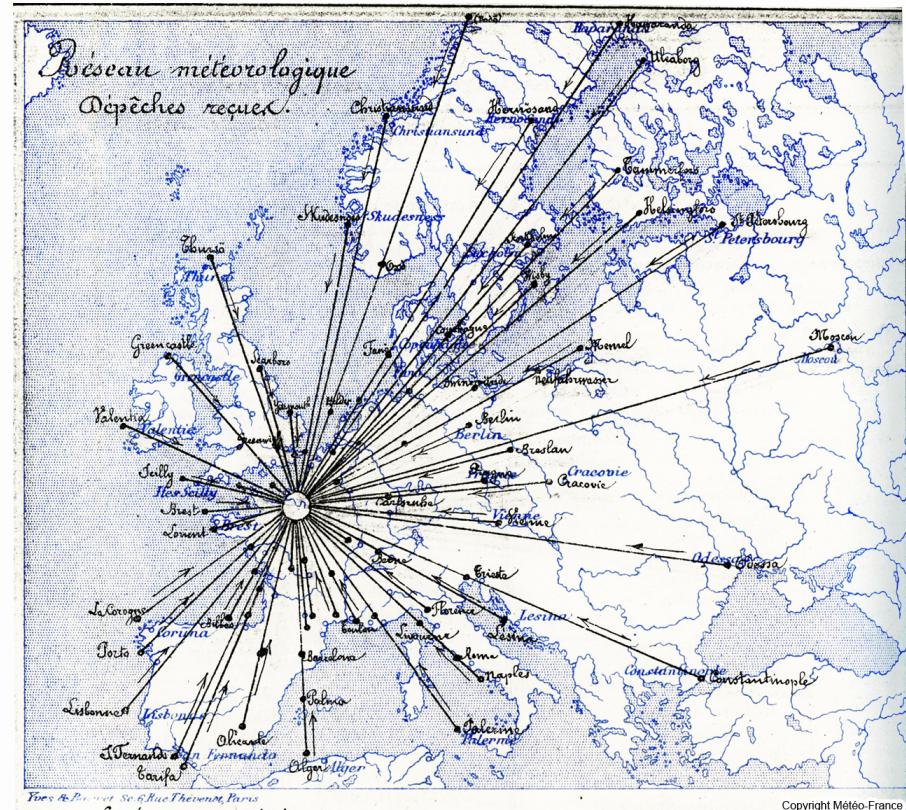
St Ouen (Seine)

. Tente pluviométrique installé en Septembre 1899 dans les dépendances du nouveau cimetière.

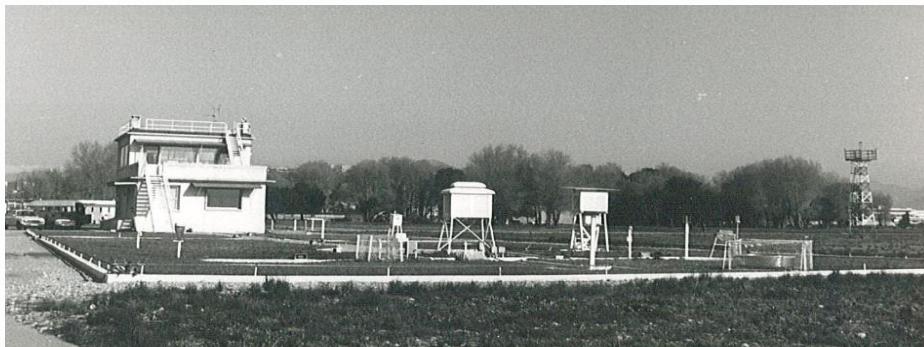
A network of observation : a first step toward forecast



Urbain Le Verrier



Nice 1957 - 2013



Surface based measurements



Instruments



Précipitations



Température



Humidité



Abris



Pression



Vent



Rayonnement



Hauteur de neige



Hauteur de base des nuages



Visibilité

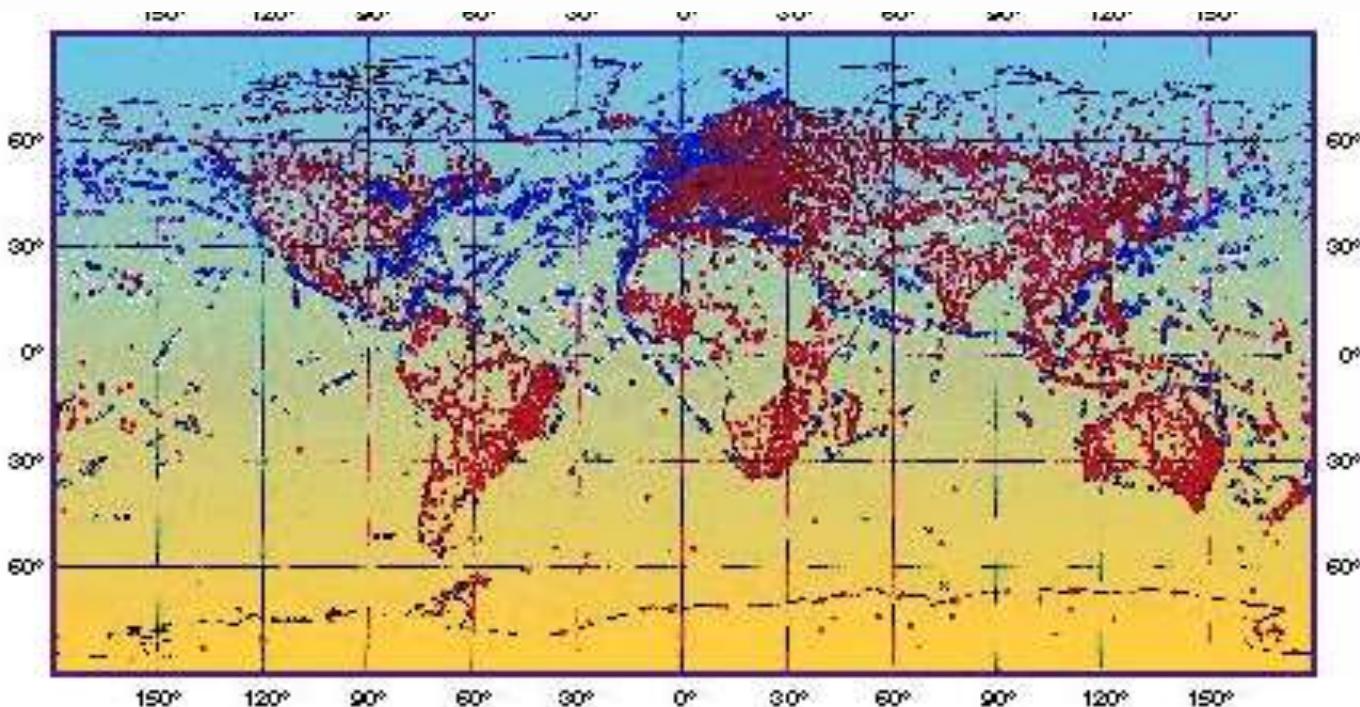


Temps présent



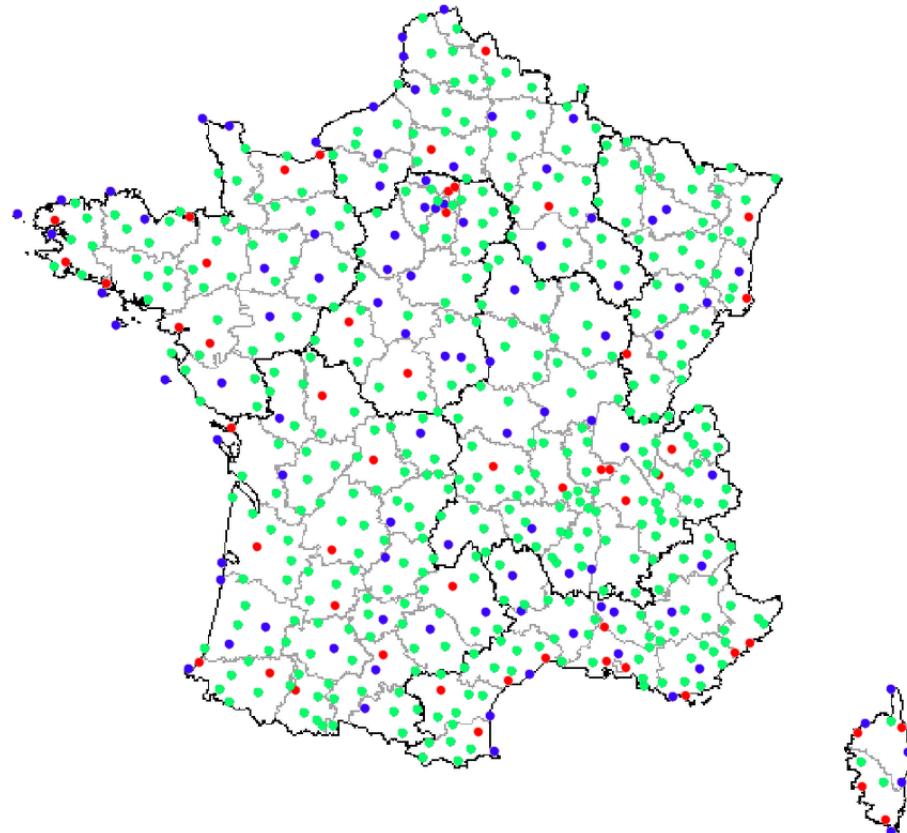
Etat du sol

Global Observing System : 11 000 stations vol A



France : main auto network

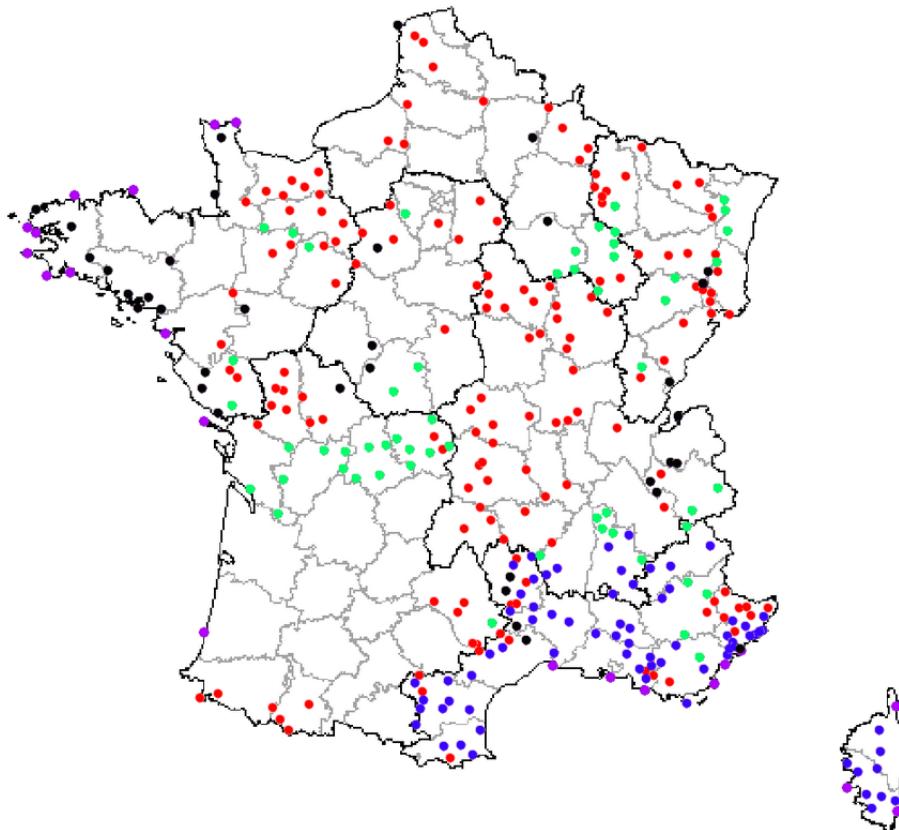
- RADOME_RESOME / SYNOP_NON_AERO
- RADOME_RESOME / SYNOP_AERO
- RADOME_RESOME / RRA



- 585 AWS
- Precipitation, Temperature, Wind speed and direction, Humidity
- Opt. : solar rad., UV, pressure, cloud height, snow depth, visibility, ...

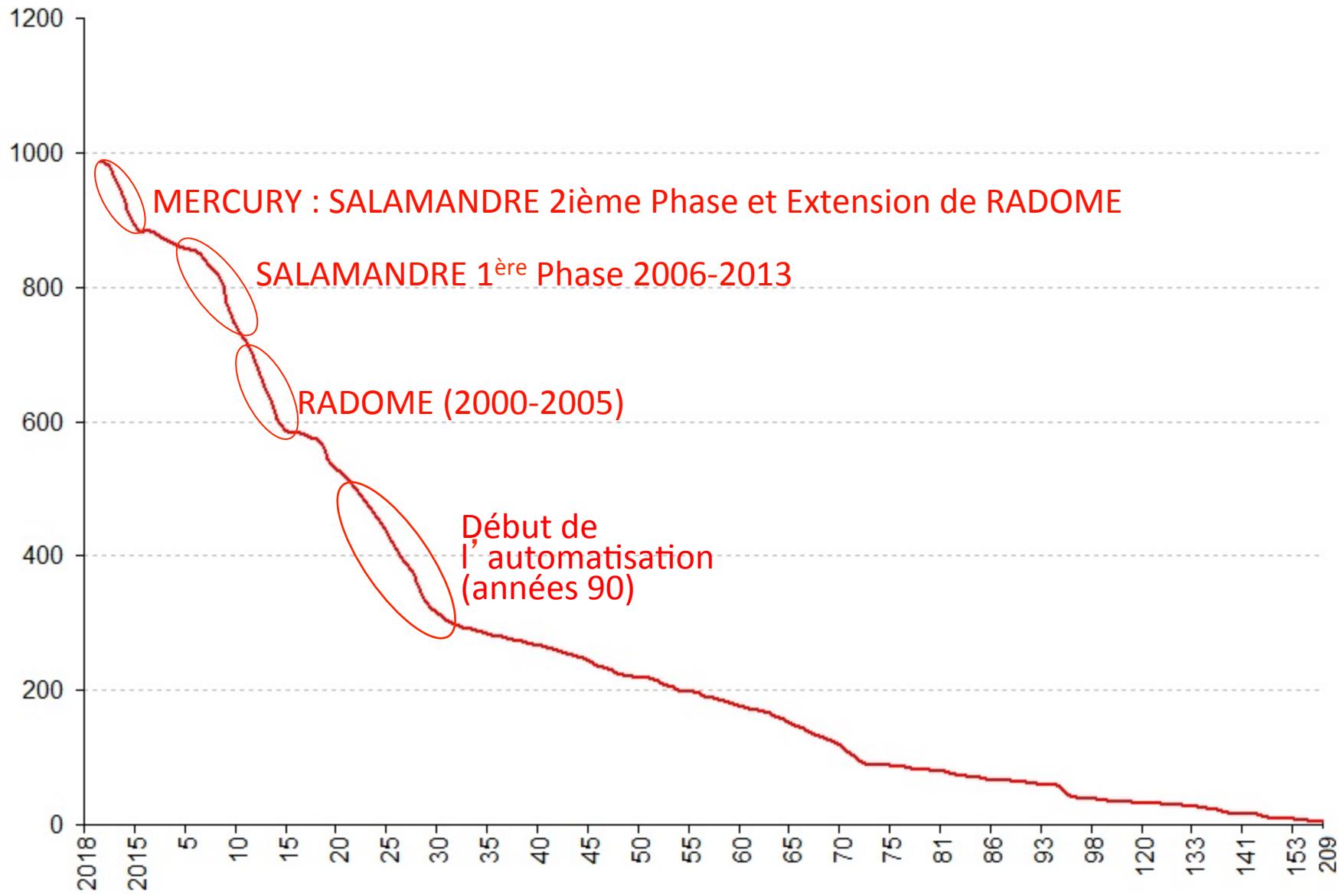
France : complementary auto networks

- OARA / DGPR_SALAMANDRE
- OARA / FEUX FORET
- OARA / SEMAPHORES
- OARA / DGPR_AUTRES
- OARA / AUTRES



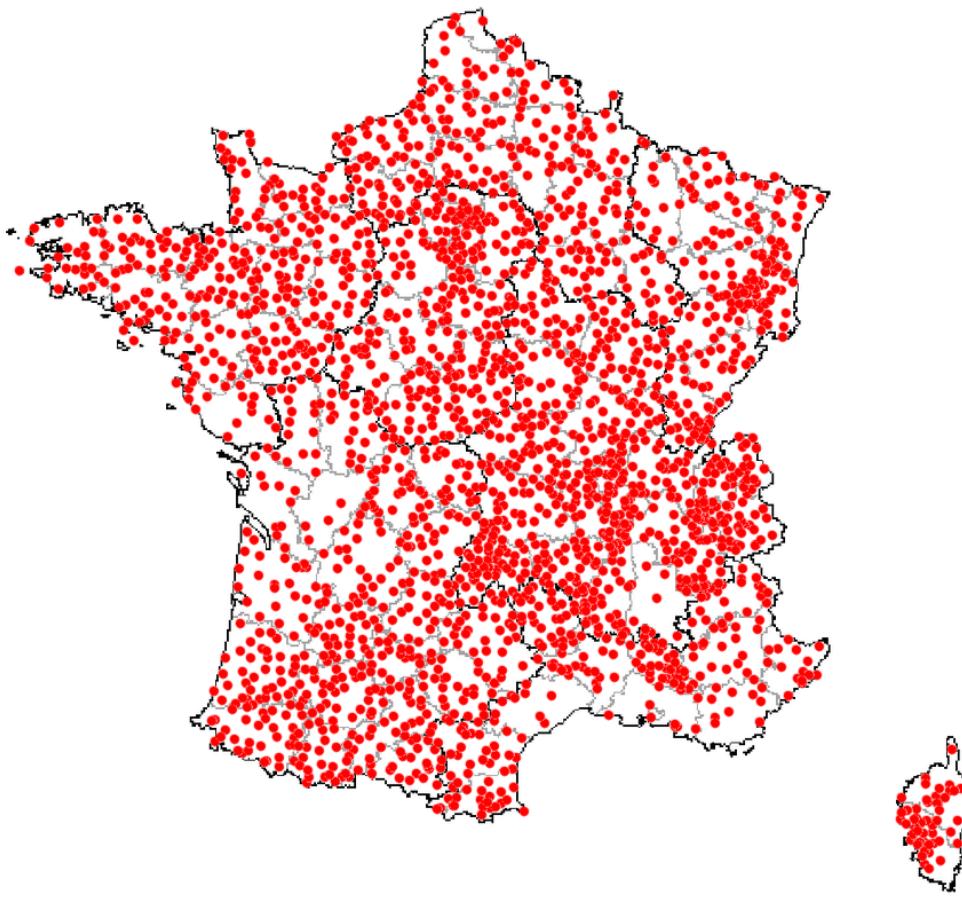
- Flood forecast, fire hazard, navy, ...
- Approx. 300 AWS
- + partnerships

France : sustainable auto. network



France : volunteers

► CLIMATOLOGIE_COMPLEMENTAIRE / CLIM_MANUEL_ROC



- 2350 volunteers

France : overseas



Kerguelen

Operations and organisation

- Not included sat.obs.
- Around 100 000 equipments
- 39 maintenance teams, more than 300 engineers and field technicians (mainland and overseas)
- 15 M€ / y

