Data QC within the Belgian synoptic and climatological networks: an overview



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# RMI observations data base

RMI aims at centralizing most of the Belgian meteorological and climatological data

 $\rightarrow$  RMI central DB alimented by

- ✓ RMI
- ✓ Belgocontrol
- ✓ MeteoWing
- ✓ Regional services (VMM, HIC, SPW, SBGE)

Belgocontrol: the public compagny in charge of the safety of air traffic in the civil airspace MeteoWing: Meteorological Wing of the Air Component of Defense



## RMI automatic weather stations (AWS)

- 15 stations (+ 3 radiometric only not shown)
- (1-min), 5-min, 10-min data
- Large number of variables

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Surface pressure Precipitation: quantity & duration Temperature: air, ground & soil Wind: speed & direction Humidity Radiation: solar & UV





Diepenbeek AWS (50°54'59"N, 5°27'04"E, alt: 39m)



# Belgian synoptic network

- RMI: 14 AWSs
- Belgocontrol: 7 AWSs
- MeteoWing: 10 AWSs

#### → 31 stations



Area: 30 528 km<sup>2</sup> Highest point: 694 m (Signal de Botrange) Lowest point: -3m (De Moeren)



- Daily observations (8:00 am local time) by voluntary observers
  ✓ 196 pluviometers (RR)
  - ✓ 114 thermometric shelters (TX & TN)







• RMI AWS + Belgocontrol AWS + MeteoWing AWS = **32** AWS

Regional networks of automatic rain gauges

- Brussels Capital (161 km<sup>2</sup>)
  > SBGE: 16
- Wallonia (16 844 km<sup>2</sup>)
  > SPW: 92
- Flanders (13 522 km<sup>2</sup>)
  VMM: 39
  FIC: 18





→ 165 weighting (and tipping bucket) rain gauges
 5-min or 10-min data



## Rain gauges observations across Belgium



- 196 manual rain gauges (daily data) 🔨 📜 🛃
- 197 automatic rain gauges (5-min or 10-min data)



- 15 RMI AWSs : 5-min amount & 10-min duration
  - next business day
- 92 SPW rain gauges: 5-min amount
  > next business day
- 228 RMI climato: daily amount
  - next business day for 35 stations
  - ~2 months delay for all other stations



#### → Minimum of about 33 000 data/day to be controlled !

✓ Further 5-min data & networks could be included in the QC protocol



# Old fashioned QC

#### Manual inspection on a monthly non-real time basis by welltrained operators to identify inconsistencies or anomalies





#### $\rightarrow$ slow, laborious and expensive in terms of staff time



# Automated QC Tests

- Existence:
  - ✓ Missing data
- Physical limits:
  - ✓ Non-negative value
  - ✓ Upper limit

#### • Spatial consistency:

- ✓ Comparison against a spatial interpolation of neighboring stations' values
- ✓ Comparison against estimate from the closest meteorological radar
- Special tests for isolated precipitation, isolated dryness and maintenance operations
- Internal consistency:
  - ✓ Quantities ↔ Durations

#### QC flags ("v", "s" or "e") + estimations for all data

5-min, 1 hour and 1 day time scales





→ Computation of 1-h & 24-h accumulations from each radars data at 1 km x 1 km spatial resolution

# SAFNWC/MSG: CMA product



#### Cloud and snow mask:

- Non-proc
- Snow/Ice
- Thin ice clouds over S/I
- Cloud
- Cloud free

## MSG cloud-free index

- Hourly and daily composites
- SEVIRI pixel size:  $6 \text{km} \ \ x \ 3.3 \text{km} \leftrightarrow$





## "Cross-networks" QC interface

Thursday 12-13 Jan 2017	verview Maps Automatic QC Radar Near stations All stations Snow More	Radar Near stations	Automatic QC	Maps	Overview	Automatic QC	PRECIPITATION
« previous   next »							Thursday 12-13 Jan 2017 « previous   next »

Preliminary tasks

Radar data extraction	Done for 336 stations
Automatic QC	Done on 2017-03-10 11:45:12 (only daily)

#### Detected erroneous/suspicious/missing data

NETWORK	CODE	NAME	PARAMETER	DAILY DATA	AUTO QC_FLAGS	#1-н Dата	#5-MIN DATA
CLIMATO	<u>602</u>	VALK	RR		m		
CLIMATO	<u>1004</u>	POPERINGE	RR		m		
CLIMATO	<u>1012</u>	KEMMEL	RR		m		
CLIMATO	<u>1016</u>	GENT STERRE	RR		m		
CLIMATO	<u>1715</u>	KAIN	RR		m		
CLIMATO	<u>1912</u>	LIER	RR		m		
CLIMATO	2808	Elingen	RR		m		
CLIMATO	3205	MARBAIS	RR		m		
SETHY	36470015	Rouveroy	RR	10.3	S	1	
SETHY	<u>69670015</u>	Butgenbach	RR	17.7	S	2	
SETHY	<u>69670115</u>	Butgenbach	RR	19.8	S	2	
SETHY	73350015	Mornimont-�cluse	RR	15.4	S	1	

#### **RESSOURCES**

- web interface
- Google maps API
- Oracle and SQLite databases
- R+ package (gstat, rgdat, etc.)

# Precipitation data: manual QC

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						DISTANCE	NETWORK	CODE	NAME	DAILY PRECIP. QUANTITY
						2.3 km	VMM	<u>63</u>	Ertvelde_P	37.15
						6 km	PRECIP	<u>1009</u>	ZELZATE AWS	36.8
						6 km	AWS	<u>6431</u>	ZELZATE (SIDMAR GENT)	36.8
PRECIPITATION	KLUIZEN CS52	Overview	Maps	Automatic QC	Radar	8.5 km	PRECIP	<u>301</u>	BASSEVELDE	41.6
						9.4 km	VMM	<u>5</u>	Vinderhoute	36.64
Thursday 12-13 Jan 2017	PRECIP 806   Alt m   <u>Google map</u>					12.4 km	PRECIP	808	GENTBRUGGE	
« previous   next »	Begin 1951-01-01   End					12.6 km	VMM	<u>17</u>	Boekhoute	32.24
	begin 1991 of of filling					12.9 km	PRECIP	1006	ZOMERGEM	33.2
	Wideumont 187km   Jabbeke 47km					15.1 km	PRECIP	<u>1016</u>	GENT STERRE	
						15.1 km	AWS	<u>106430</u>	GENT STERRE	34.8
	Avesnois 115km   Zaventem 58km					15.5 km	PRECIP	1022	LAARNE	
	Go to TEMP 319					16 km	PRECIP	<u>309</u>	WATERLAND-OUDEMAN	
						16.2 km	HIC	<u>42</u>	Sint-Laureins	37.1
						16.3 km	PRECIP	<u>1021</u>	URSEL	

#### Graph (daily, current data)



	02 JAN	03 JAN	04 JAN	05 JAN	06 JAN	07 JAN	08 JAN	09 JAN	10 JAN	11 JAN	12 JAN	13 JAN	14 JAN	15 JAN	16 JAN	17 JAN	18 JAN	19 JAN	20 JAN	21 JAN	22 JAN	
RR current (mm)	.4	.4	1	0	.7	1.8	.3	5.8	.5	.6	39.1	10.2	6.6	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RR current (mm)
RR current QC flag	v	v	v	v	V	v	v	V	v	v	v	V	V	v	V	V	V	V	v	v	v	RR current QC flag
RR raw (mm)	0.4	0.4	1	0	0.7	1.8	0.3	5.8	0.5	0.6	39.1	10.2	6.6	3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RR raw (mm)
Interpolation (mm)	0.68	0.68	1.97	0.06	0.81	2.19	0.43	6.58	0.87	0.81	36.21	11.01	6.69	3.46	0	0	0	0	0.06	0	0	Interpolation (mm)
Wideumont (mm)	0.03	0	0.02	0	0.91	0	0	1.65	0	0.05	4.38	0.96	1.46	0.22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Wideumont (mm)
Jabbeke (mm)	0.19	0.2	1.81	0	2.15	0.23	0.56	4.98	0.58	0.4	15.61	3.96	4.85	2.94	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	Jabbeke (mm)
Avesnois (mm)	0.18	0.04	0.58	0	1.99	0	0.11	4.03	0.06	0.06	9.36	3.46	3.78	1.12	0	0	0	0.01	0	0.02	0	Avesnois (mm)
Zaventem (mm)	0.09	0.06	0.39	0	1.14	0.07	0.28	3.64	0.27	0.18	9.56	2.96	2.17	1.43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Zaventem (mm)
RR auto QC flag	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	RR auto QC flag
RR final QC flag											v											RR final QC flag
RR correction (mm)																						RR correction (mm)

Save 1-day corrections Reset to original values (2017-01-12)



PRECIPITATION	Sugny PM	Overview	Maps	Automatic QC	Radar	Near stations	All stations	Snow	More
Thursday 12-13 Jan 2017	SETHY 96170015   Alt 373m   <u>Google map</u>								
« previous   next »	Begin 1997-01-01   End								
	Wideumont 45km   Jabbeke 202km								
	Avesnois 86km   Zaventem 126km								



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DISTANCE	NETWORK	CODE	NAME	DAILY PRECIP. QUANTITY
1 km	PRECIP	<u>6600</u>	SUGNY	
7.7 km	SETHY	94360015	Vresse	21.4
12.4 km	SETHY	<u>94690015</u>	Bouillon/Dohan	23.6
16.8 km	PRECIP	<u>6302</u>	BIEVRE	24.9
20 km	SETHY	86770015	Gedinne	13.3





PRECIPITATION	J		Sug	ıny I	РМ				Ov	erview		Maps	А	utomat	ic QC	Rad	lar	Near	station	s Al	l statior	ns	Snov	v	Мо	re
Thursday 12-13 J « previous   next »	an 20	17	SETHY Begin 1 <b>Wideu</b> Avesno	961700 .997-01 <b>mont 4</b> iis 86km	15   Al -01   E <b>5km</b>   .	t 373m nd Jabbeke entem 1	<u>Goog</u>   202km 26km	<u>e map</u> 1																		
2017-01-12	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	11	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	22	<u>23</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	DAILY	2017-01-13
RR current (mm)	0	0	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.7	2.5	3.8	2,1	0.3	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.3	RR current (mm)
RR current QC flag	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	Y	V	V	V	v	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V		RR current QC flag
RR raw (mm)	0	0	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.7	2.5	3.8	2.1	0.3	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.3	RR raw (mm)
Wideumont (mm)	0	0.03	0.18	0.21	0.44	0.38	0	0.15	0.34	0.89	1.1	1.09	0.81	0.16	0.02	1.45	1.43	1.17	0.41	0.31	0.02	0	0	0	10.59	Wideumont (mm)
Jabbeke (mm)	0.07	0.11	0.07	0	-	-	0	0	0	0.04	0.13	0.1	0.08	0	0	0.02	0	0.02	0.02	0.1	0.09	0.03	0.01	0	0.89	Jabbeke (mm)
Avesnois (mm)	0	0.07	0.14	0.04	0.06	0.17	0	0.03	0.1	0.27	0.38	0.4	0.48	0.21	0.02	0.87	0.8	0.69	0.27	0.19	0	0	0	0	5.19	Avesnois (mm)
Zaventem (mm)	0.03	0.04	0.05	0	0	8	0	0	0	0.05	0.16	0.14	0.13	0	0	0.12	0.13	0.1	0	0.03	0.02	0	0	0	1	Zaventem (mm)
Interp. hourly (mm)	0	0.05	0.13	0.26	0.3	0.54	0.4	0.17	0.68	1.38	3.15	3.97	3.27	1	0.06	1.12	0.51	0.76	1	0.56	0.29	0.15	0.05	0.05	19.85	Interp. hourly (mm)
Interp. daily (mm)	0	0.07	0.19	0.37	0.43	0.79	0.58	0.25	0.99	2.02	4.59	5.79	4.76	1.45	0.09	1.63	0.74	1.1	1.46	0.82	0.42	0.22	0.08	0.08	28.92	Interp. daily (mm)
RR auto QC flag	v	v	v	V	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	Y	v	v	v	v	v		RR auto QC flag
			6																							
RR final QC flag	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	V	V	V	v		RR final QC flag
RR correction (mm)																					$\square$					RR correction (mm)
2017-01-12	08	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	11	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	19	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	22	<u>23</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	04	05	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	DAILY	2017-01-13
																							Save 1-	hour co	rrections	Save daily correction Reset to original values
18н - 19н		1	8:05	18:1	0 1	8:15	18:20	) 18	:25	18:30	18	:35	18:40	18:	:45	18:50	18:	55 i	19:00	18н -	19н					
RR current (mm)			0.3	0.3		0.3	0.3	C	.4	0.2	0	.3	0.3	0.	2	0.4	0.4	4	0.4	RR cu	rrent (n	nm)				
RR current QC flag			v	v		v	V		v	v	,	v	v	1	/	v	v		v	RR cu	rrent Q	C flag				
RR raw (mm)			0.3	0.3		0.3	0.3	C	.4	0.2	0	.3	0.3	0.	2	0.4	0.4	4	0.4	RR ra	w (mm)					
RR final QC flag																				RR fin	al QC fl	ag				
RR correction (mm)																				RR co	rrection	(mm)				





- 15 AWS RMI:
  - $\rightarrow$  10-min data
  - $\rightarrow$  up to 4 recording heights (1.5, 2.0, 10.0 & 30.0 m)
  - $\rightarrow$  Tdry & Twet : 1.5 m
  - next business day
- 146 RMI climato:
  - $\rightarrow$  daily extremes temperatures
  - next business day for 35 stations
  - ~2 months delay for all other stations



# 10-min air temperature: automated QC





#### Vertical check



- Require consistency among the vertical temperature profile as well as consistency with historical data
- > Minimum of 3 recording heights to identify a problematic level

## 10-min air temperature: Interactive manual QC



# Daily extreme temperatures : automated data QC

TEMPERATURE	Automatic QC	Overview	Maps	Automatic QC	Near stations	All stations
Thursday 12-13 Jan 2017 « previous   next »						

#### Preliminary tasks

Automatic QC Done on 2017-03-02 02:01:23

#### Detected erroneous/suspicious/missing data

CODE	NAME	TN	TN AUTO QC_FLAGS	ТΧ	TX AUTO QC_FLAGS
<u>1014</u>	UCCLE VIVAQUA	-3.4	е	6.2	V
<u>1405</u>	ROCHEFORT	-1.4	е	6.2	v
<u>1207</u>	LIEGE-MONSIN		m	7.5	с
<u>318</u>	KEMMEL		m		m
<u>321</u>	GENT STERRE		m		m
<u>718</u>	LIER		m		m
<u>919</u>	ELINGEN		m		m
<u>1618</u>	SOURBRODT		m		m
<u>1206</u>	ANGLEUR	4.7	S	7.5	V
<u>1404</u>	CRUPET	-0.4	S	4.6	V
<u>1708</u>	SAINT-HUBERT	-0.2	V	2.2	е
1620	ELSENBORN	-1	V	4.2	S

- $\rightarrow$  Existence test
- $\rightarrow$  Limit consistency
- $\rightarrow$  Internal consistency
- $\rightarrow$  Spatial consistency

### Daily extremes temperatures: manual QC

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				DISTANCE	CODE	NAME	тх	TN
		1		17.1 km	<u>1717</u>	GIVRY	5	1.5
TEMPERATURE	SAINT-HUBERT NP 8	Overview Maps	Automatic QC Near stations	17.9 km	<u>1701</u>	HIVES	4.4	1.6
Thursday 12-13 Jan 2017	TEMP 1708   Alt 557m   <u>Google map</u>			19.3 km	1719	MASSUL	6.2	-0.1
« previous   next »	Begin 1953-12-01   End			19.9 km	1405	ROCHEFORT	6.2	-1.4
	Go to PRECIP 6304							



	02 JAN	03 JAN	04 JAN	05 JAN	06 JAN	07 JAN	08 JAN	09 JAN	10 JAN	11 JAN	12 JAN	13 JAN	14 JAN	15 JAN	16 JAN	17 JAN	18 JAN	19 JAN	20 JAN	21 JAN	22 JAN	
TX current	-1.1	2	1	-1	-3.6	.3	1	.8	1.2	4.8	2.2	6	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-5.3	-5.4	-3.3	6	.6	3.2	TX current
TX current QC flag	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	с	v	v	с	v	с	v	v	v	TX current QC flag
TX raw	-1.1	2	1	-1	-3.6	.3	1	.8	1.2	4.8	2.2	6	-	-1.5	-1.5	-	-5.4	-	6	.6	3.2	TX raw
TX interpolation	2.01	1.42	3.31	1.28	-1.95	0.62	1.21	3.3	3.5	6.47	5.54	0.92	0.41	0.16	0.56	-2.53	-2.43	0.01	2.25	3.07	2.62	TX interpolation
TX auto QC flag	е	v	s	s	v	V	v	s	s	v	е	v	m	v	s	m	s	m	s	s	v	TX auto QC flag
TX final QC flag																						TX final QC flag
TX correction																						TX correction
TN current	-6.6	-3	-3	-1.2	-10.3	-9.4	-8.1	1	1	.2	2	-2.2	-2.5	-2.6	-4.4	-13.3	-11.5	-10.2	-9.1	-7.8	-7.7	TN current
TN current QC flag	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	с	v	v	с	v	с	v	v	TN current QC flag
TN raw	-6.6	-3	-3	-1.2	-10.3	-9.4	-8.1	1	<b>1</b>	.2	2	-2.2	-2.5	-	-4.4	-13.3	-	-10.2	-	-7.8	-7.7	TN raw
TN interpolation	-6.02	-2.8	-2.14	-1.27	-10.9	-10.81	-6.55	-2.11	-0.45	1.09	1.38	-1.54	-0.92	-1.68	-3.89	-12.5	-11.12	-10.32	-10.47	-10.69	-12.36	TN interpolation
TN auto QC flag	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	s	v	v	v	v	v	m	v	v	m	V	m	s	е	TN auto QC flag
TN final QC flag																						TN final QC flag



# Conclusions

- To cope with the observation networks automation and the staff reduction the RMI data quality control processes are being revisited to support the QC staff in their work
  - ✓ Automated QC tests
    ✓ New QC interactive interfaces
    ✓ ...
- <u>Next step</u>: investigate the benefit of using Stochastic Neural Networks (SNNs) for data QC, outlier detection and estimation/reconstruction of missing/erroneous records





Evolution of the number of available temperature observations

