







e-shape H2020: enabling tools supporting PV integration by revamping the solar cadaster concept



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## **Programme for today**





**Urban environments and photovoltaics** 



**Brief intro on solar cadasters** 



Our work in the e-shape project

The result from a team effort (alphabetical order):

Benoît Gschwind, Lionel Menard, Philippe Blanc, Raphaël Jolivet, Romain Besseau







Centre Observation, Impacts, Énergie Renewables, Life Cycle Assessment, Earth Observation









# **Assumptions for today**





#### Solar is good, fossils are not















# **Urban environments & photovoltaics**





People



**Business** 





High surface availability

















# **Urban environments & photovoltaics**













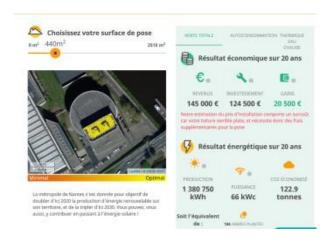
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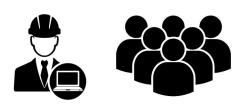
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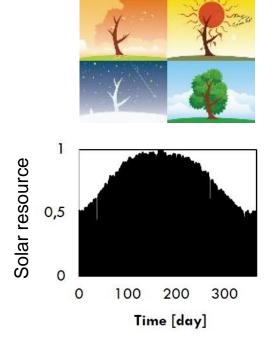


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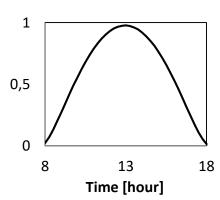


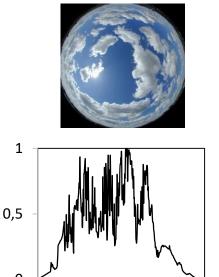


#### Different levels of variability and uncertainty at different time scales









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Time [hour]

18







8



# Solar: more dynamic than "typical annual values"





#### Obstruction shadowing as an additional element for urban PV





Source: YouTube video from ArcGIS





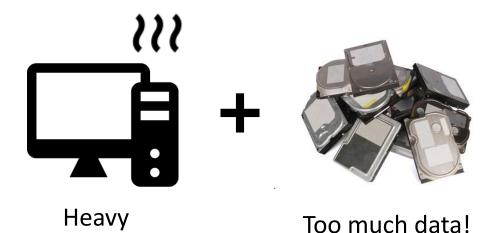






## The issue with solar cadasters





computations!

- **COMPROMISE** smaller regions of interest
   store only aggregate values









## The e-shape project





https://e-shape.eu/

4 years grant (2019-2023)

60 partners, 7 showcases



Promoting **users' uptake** of European Earth Observation resources

Development of **co-design pilots** (33!) to deliver **economic**, **social** and **policy value** to European citizens













## Pilot #2: High PV penetration in urban areas





#### **Objective:**

develop GIS-like tools to support **high PV penetration** at urban scale by providing **EO-based information** 



#### **Expected user community:**

Urban planners, grid operators, market agents, researchers and citizens



#### There are two parts of the pilot

**ARMINES** is responsible for the part shown in this presentation

#### Partners:



















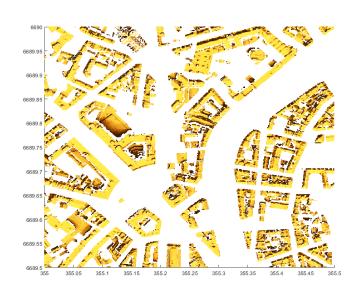


#### Our core value proposition





#### Shifting from a static solar cadaster to urban-scale solar variability



Traditional "static" solar cadaster



"Dynamic" solar cadaster











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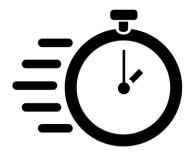


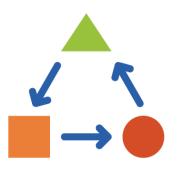


Solar calculations in urban environments based on Earth Observation data









Cloud-based

Scalable

 $\mathsf{ON} extsf{-} ^{\mathsf{demand}}_{\mathsf{the-fly}}$ 

Interoperable







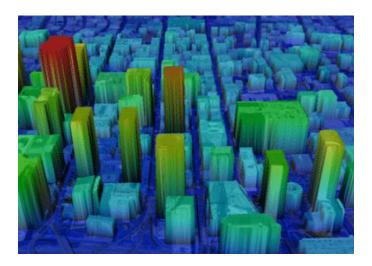


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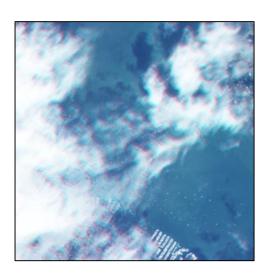




#### **Exploring a variety of Earth Observation data**



Digital Surface Model (DSM)



Satellite data



Ground measurements (when available)













#1 PV sizing for self-consumption



#2 PV injection at distribution grid level



#3 Forecasting for PV trading



#4 Shadowing impacts of new buildings











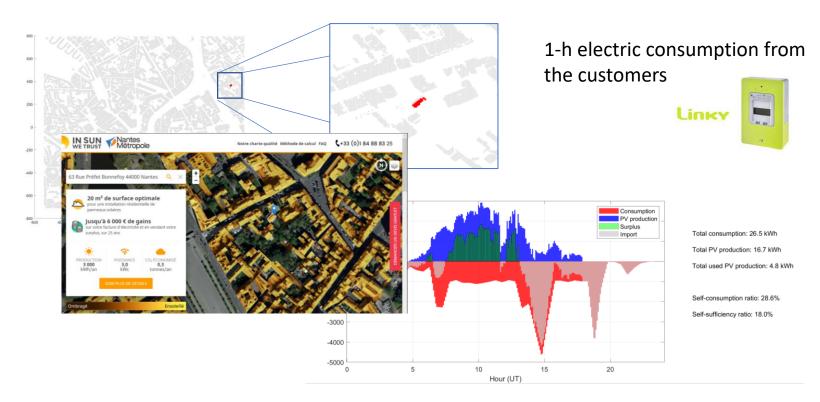






#### PV sizing for self-consumption













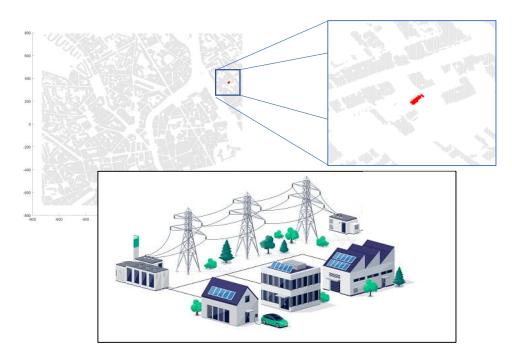


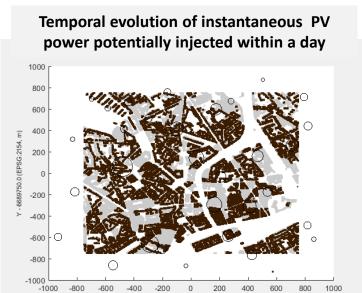




#### PV injection at distribution grid level















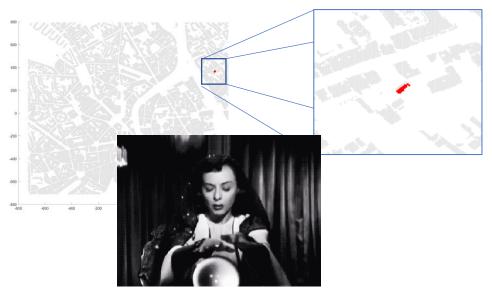


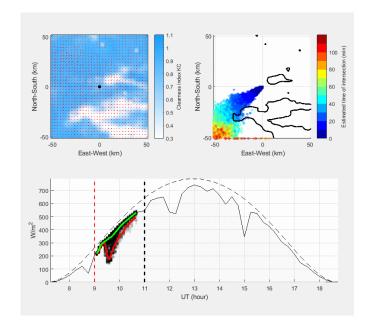




#### **Forecasting for PV trading**







Forecasting algorithm

Carrière et al., Energies (2021)

A New Approach for Satellite-Based Probabilistic Solar Forecasting with Cloud Motion Vectors



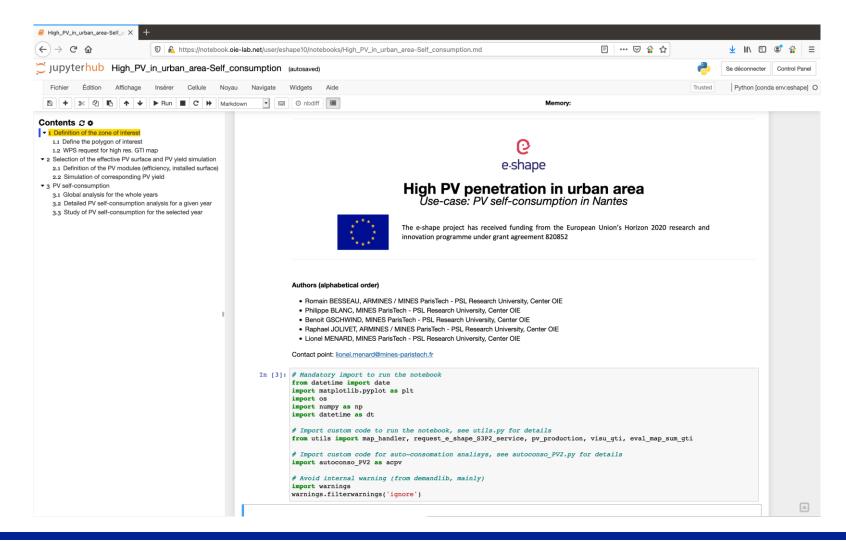














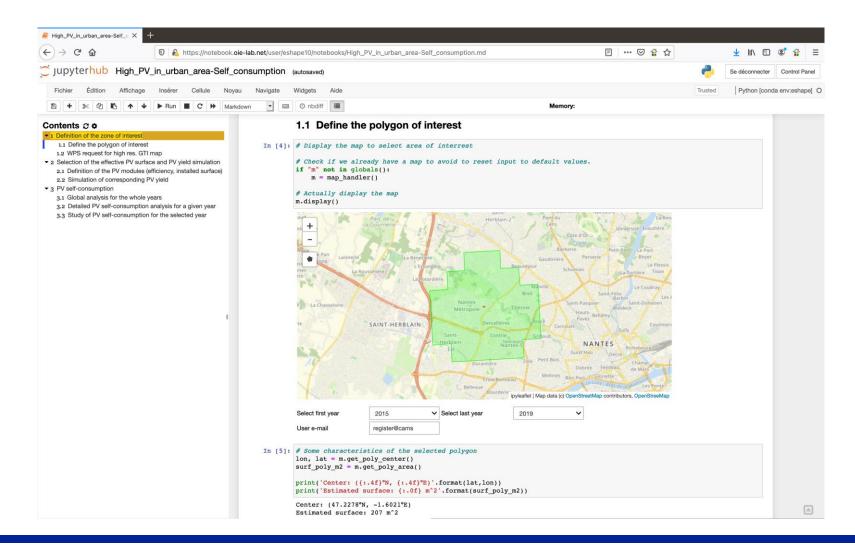














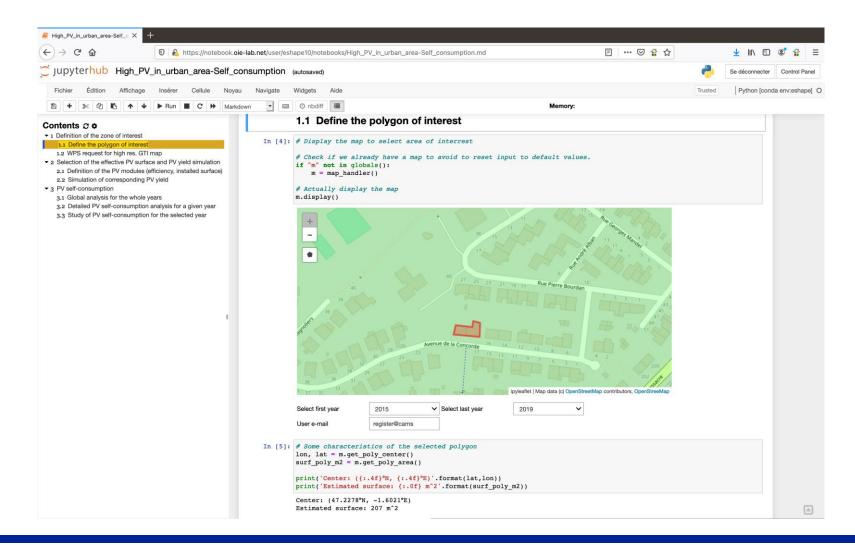














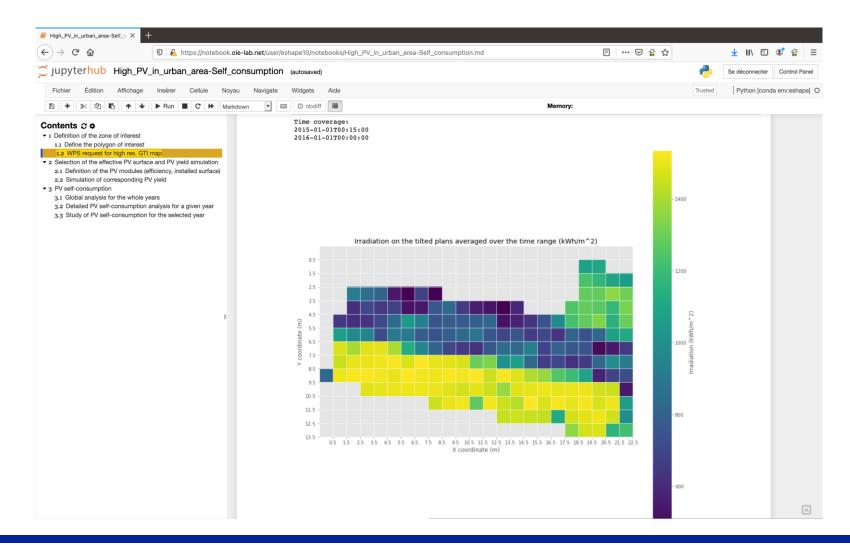














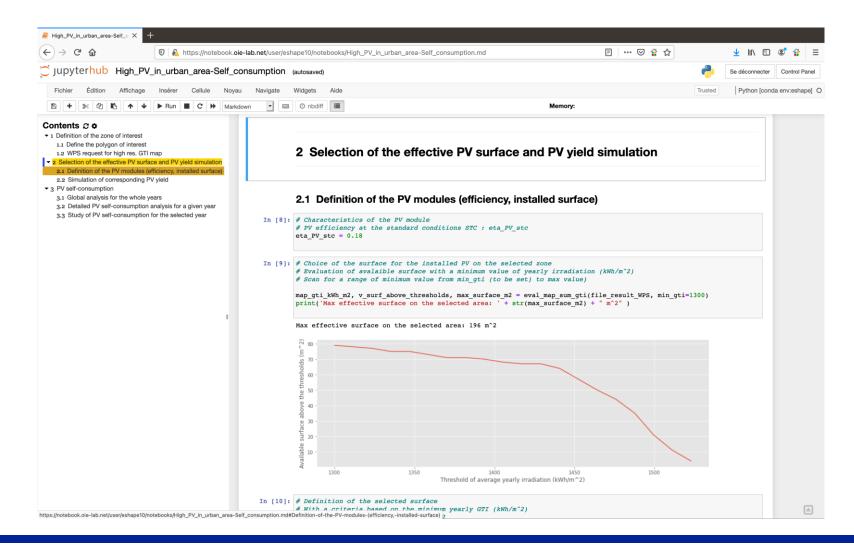














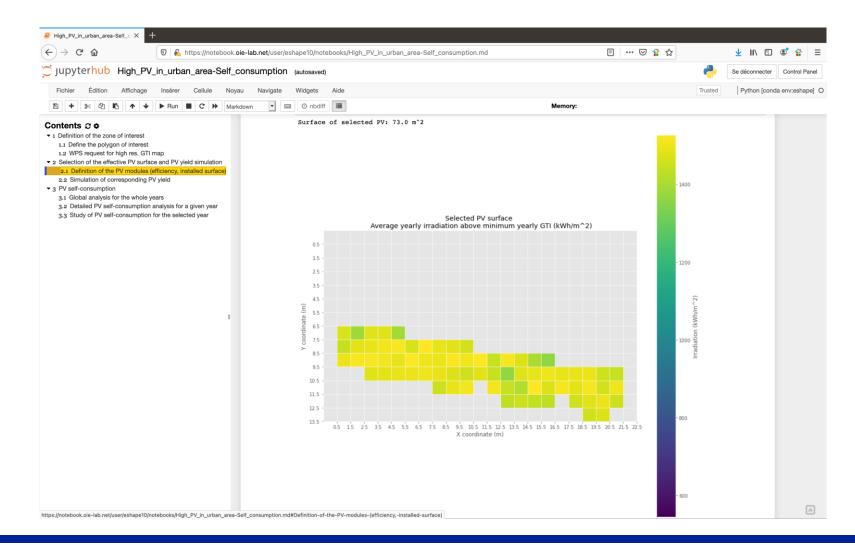














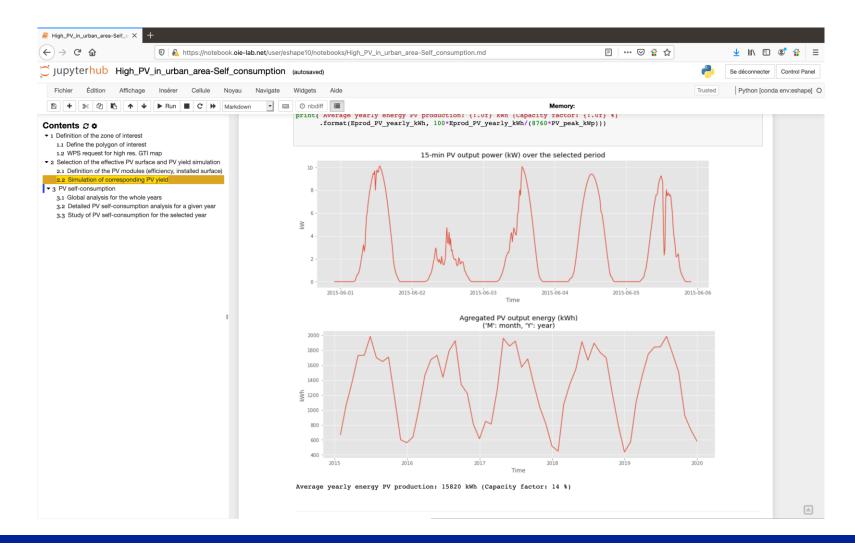














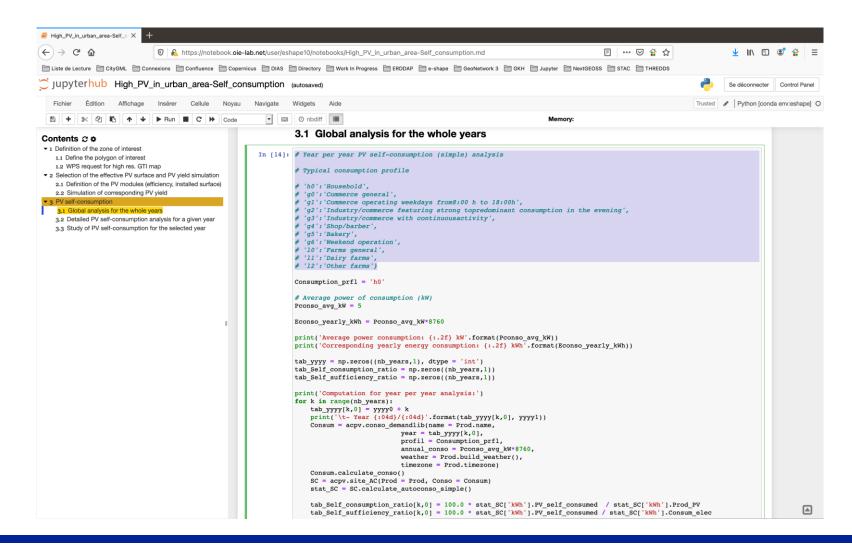














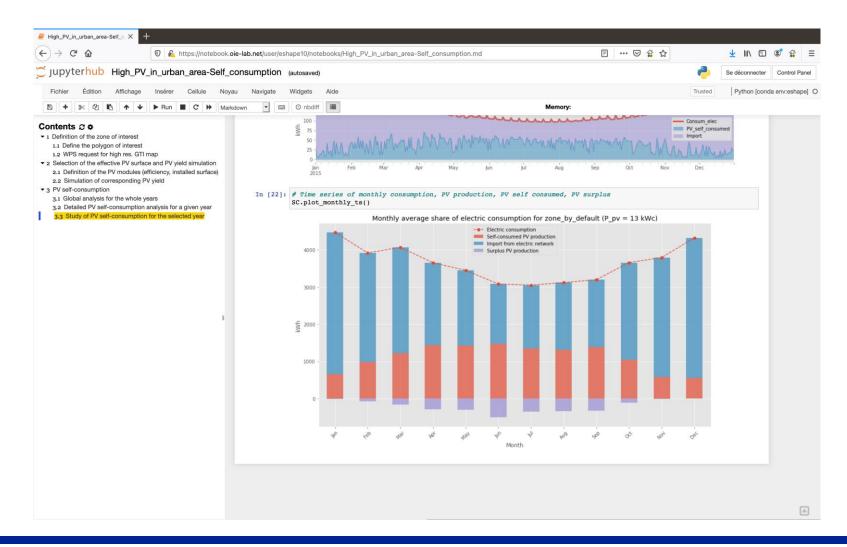






















## Which can be available for you to try out





A **demonstration** can be found in **Youtube**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj9eMoLFi0g





To get an account to test the pilot: send me an e-mail rodrigo.amaro\_e\_silva@mines-paristech.fr



As a follow-up:

- we will send instructions together with a short feedback survey (4 questions!),
- You will have access to a temporary access to test the tool and can apply any modification you want



It is **possible** that we can schedule a **time slot for providing some live support** with the tool











## **Closing words**





PV modelling in urban environments is a very rich topic



Firm belief that on-the-fly dynamic solar cadasters can leverage multiple services

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# **EXTRA SLIDES**









# **Brief description of shadow modelling**





Mapping the horizon around each pixel (both from terrain and urban orography)





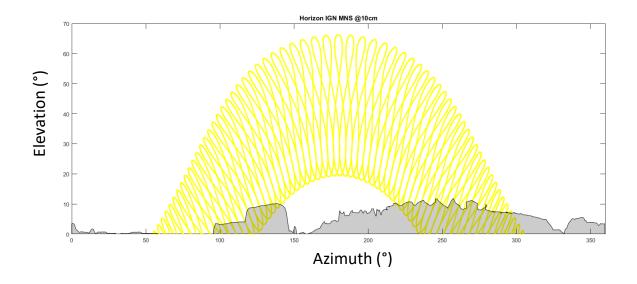






## **Brief description of shadow modelling**





360° horizon profile superimposed with sun trajectory (defining shadow events and shadow impacts)









## The IT setup behind the pilot





#### Infrastructure



Data and Information
Access Services (DIAS)
"The data infra-structure"



Web Processing Services (WPS)
"The external data fetcher"



Online Jupyter Notebooks "The front-end"







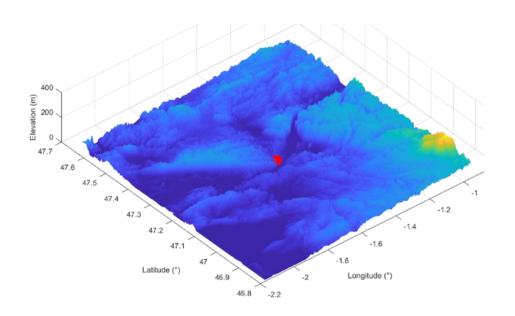


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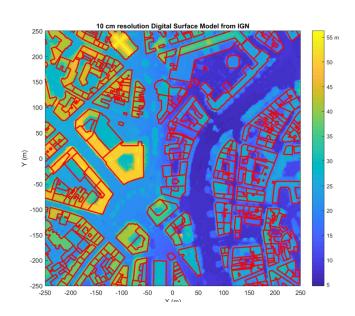


#### **Urban surface modelling**



**Digital Terrain model (DTM)** 

decametric (e.g. <u>SRTM</u>, ASTER)



**Digital Surface Model (DSM) + map of buildings** 

high-resolution (IGN - BDTOPO©)









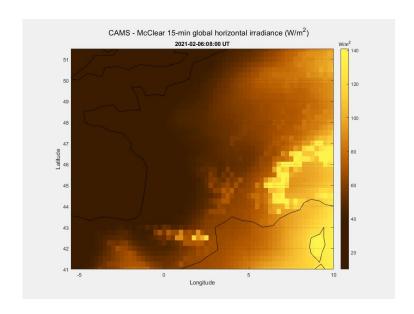


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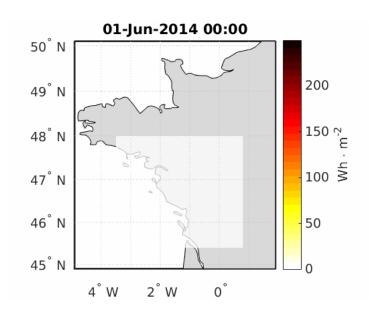




#### Satellite-based solar resource



Clear-sky irradiance aerosols, water vapour McClear (CAMS)



All-sky irradiance clouds CAMS-Rad / HelioClim3





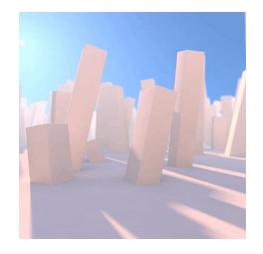






# The algorithms behind the pilot









Shadowing

PV conversion

Forecasting





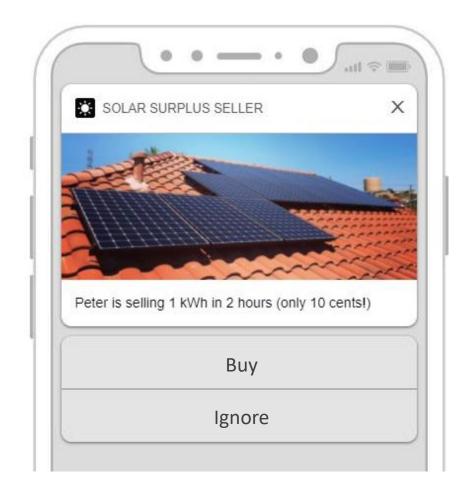






## Why forecast for PV trading











Horizon (in 2 hours)

We will need to forecast the solar generation







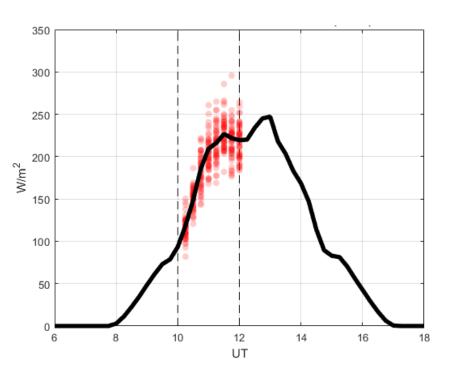


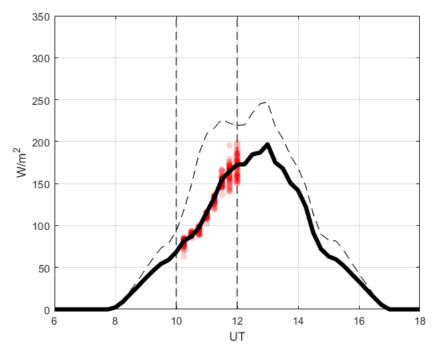




## Impact of disregarding urban shadowing







Left to right, the impacting of considering urban shadowing dark line: satellite estimate, red dots: forecasting

We could overestimate our generation by 10-100%!







