

With a bit of Belgingur and Search and Rescue applications

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Outline

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 - Activities in collaboration with UiB/BCCR
- Open Dataportal how to transform data into information
 - portal.belgingur.is
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 - klasi.belgingur.is
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- Future thoughts
- An exceedingly funny cartoon

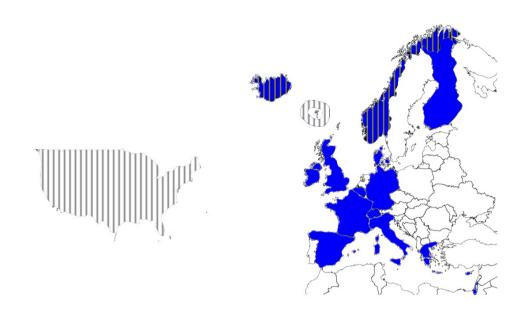


About us

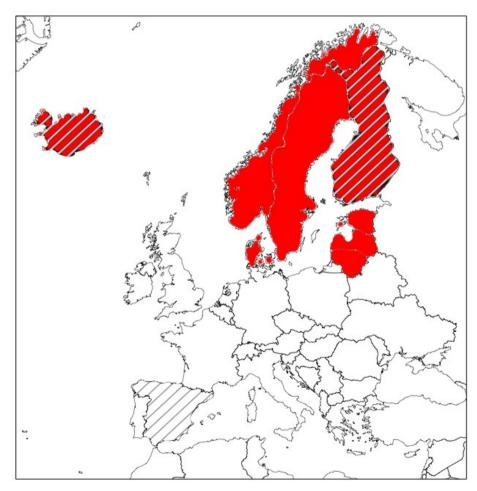
- A small R&D company focusing on research in weather and climate
 - Special emphasis on investigating and understanding the interaction between orography and the atmospheric flow
- Run the following weather and forecasting services
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- Service both Veðurstofa Íslands (VÍ) and Landsvirkjun with daily forecasts (deterministic and ensemble)
- Active participants in both domestic and international research projects
- Are developing a novel forecasting tool for Search 'n Rescue operators in the N-Atlantic



International research projects



SnR MABLA CES GalileoCast SUMO / COST ES0802





Collaboration with UiB/BCCR

High resolution numerical weather forecasts for the Bergen area - www.belgingur.is

The MABLA project

The SUMO project

- Includes students from UiB coming to Iceland and creating an instant media frenzy

Dynamical downscaling of past, present and future climate scenarios







The Data Portal

- Since the summer of 2008 a part of VÍ database has been replicated to our local database
- On top of that we run OpENDAP with a java based web interface

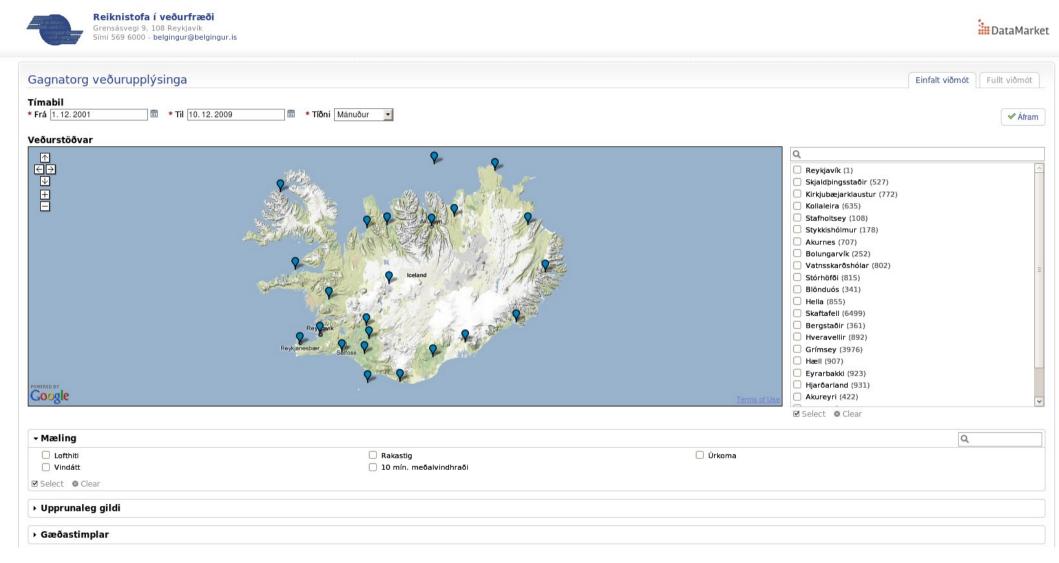


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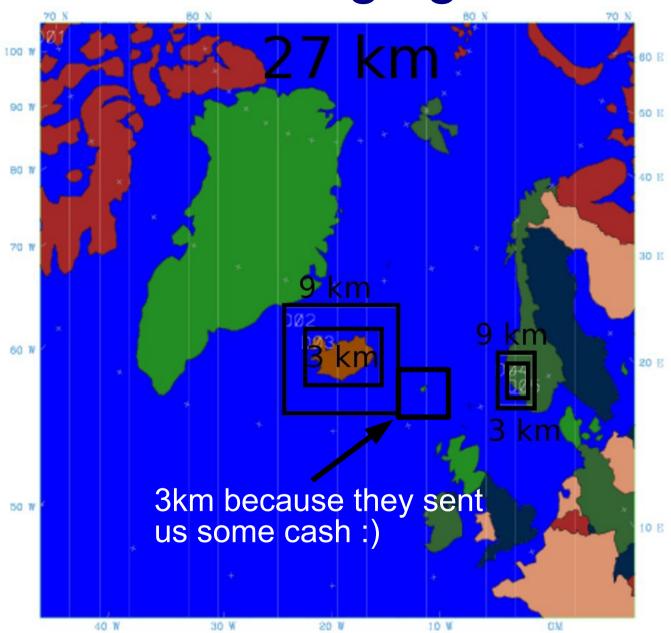


New interface - portal.belgingur.is





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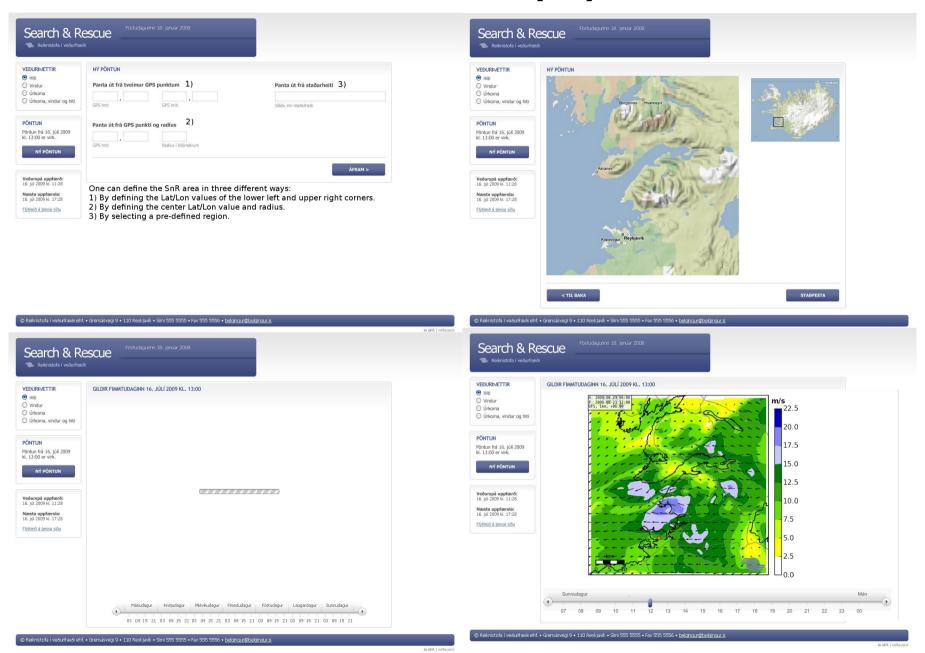


The SnR concept

 Develop a user friendly, web based, ondemand weather forecasting system to be used by SAR operators in the North Atlantic region



SnR – four step process



On-site data collection

- The AR-WRF model offers variational data assimilation:
 - The goal of any data assimilation system is to produce an optimal estimate of the true atmospheric state at analysis time through iterative solution of a prescribed cost function;-)
- In short if we can provide the model with additional atmospheric data "on-site", we can improve the local forecast
 - Surface data are of limited use, better to get a profile through the atmosphere
 - Balloon data, or data from an airplane...



SUMO – Small Unmanned Meteorological Observer





SUMO

- SUMO is intended to provide a cost-efficient measurement and profiling system for atmospheric boundary layer research that can be operated as "recoverable radiosonde"
- SUMO is equipped with meteorological sensors for the measurement of temperature, humidity and pressure. For autonomous navigation, the SUMO system uses Paparazzi, an open source autopilot system. Wind profiles can be determined without flow sensors by information on the altitude of the aircraft and the ground speed from the autopilot's GPS.

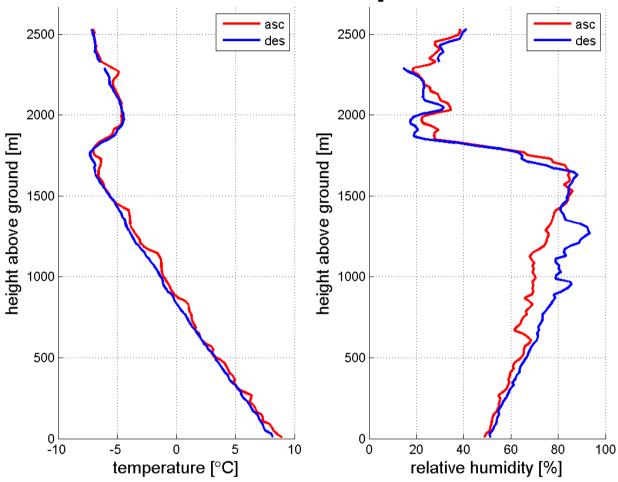


SUMO





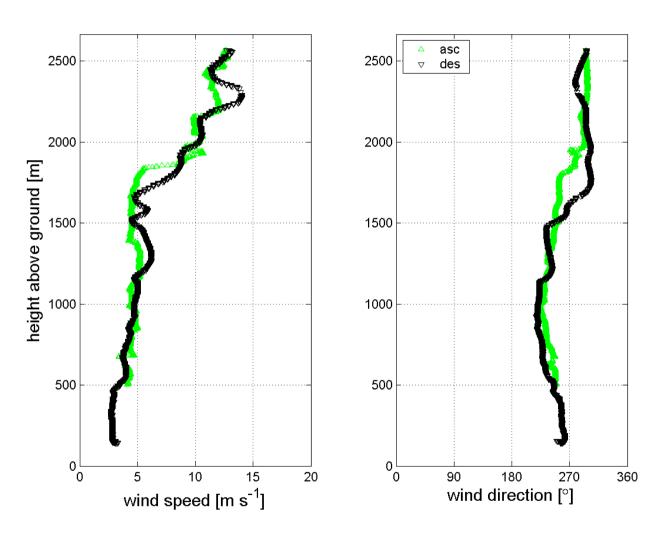
SUMO – Examples of data



Profiles of temperature and humidity, taken during the FLOHOF campaign at the Ingolfsskáli base camp on 18 August, 2007. The campaign was the first environmental test of the SUMO system. It proved its functionality with more than 30 ascents, reaching up to 3500 m above ground.



SUMO – Examples of data



Profiles of wind speed and direction, taken during the FLOHOF campaign at the Ingolfsskáli base camp on 18 August, 2007.



SUMO – Not just boring stuff...



The future...

- It's our believe that weather and climate information and forecasts will play an ever increasing role in decision making, both automatic and on a personal level
- This requires us (and you:) to have:
 - Good background in meteorology
 - Advanced knowledge of numerical models like WRF
 - Good programming skills
 - Knowledge regarding data management
 - Data processing know-how
- All necessary skills in order to be able to transform DATA into INFORMATION !!!



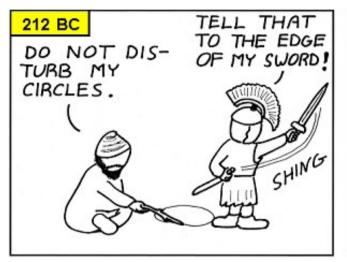
Further collaboration?

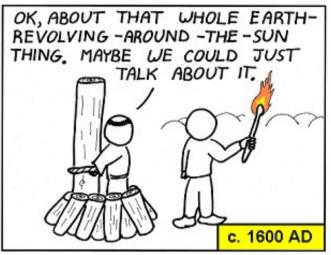
- Modify the Data Portal in order to handle the weather observations from the Bergenskolevær project
- Set up an academic version of the SnR system at UiB/ BCCR

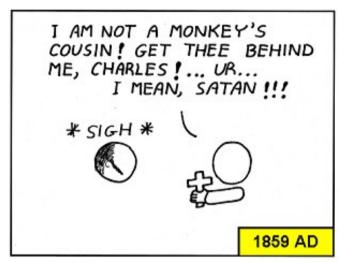


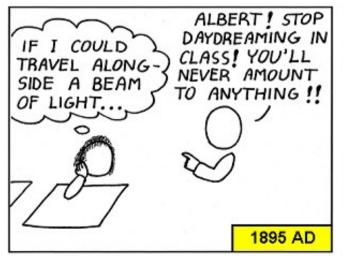


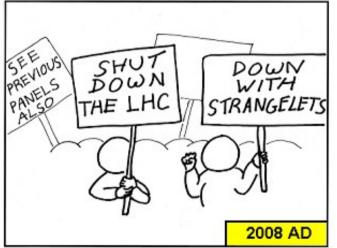
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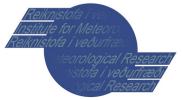












A funny cartoon