

Major recent field experiments in Iceland

LOHOF - Flow over and around Hofsjökull glacier (summer 2007)
IOSO I (summer 2009)
IOSO II (summer 2011)
KUR I,II,III,IV (Transportable network of 40 raingauges)
LABLA (Gufuskalar 413m mast 2008-2009 and to be permanent)

Expensive campaigns with manned aircrafts:

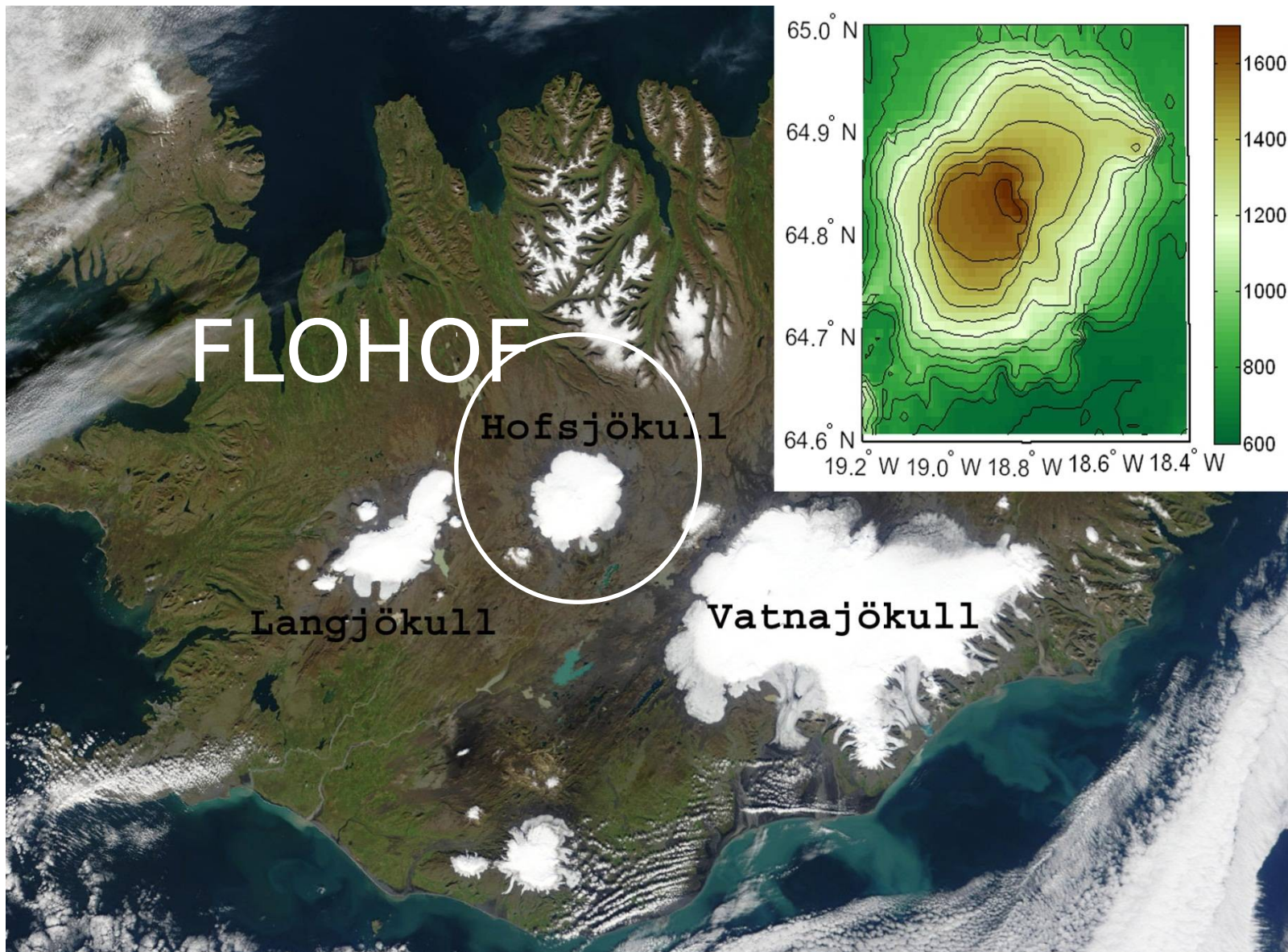
GREENEX/THORPEX IPY (2008)
FDEX (2007)

Not planned experiments:

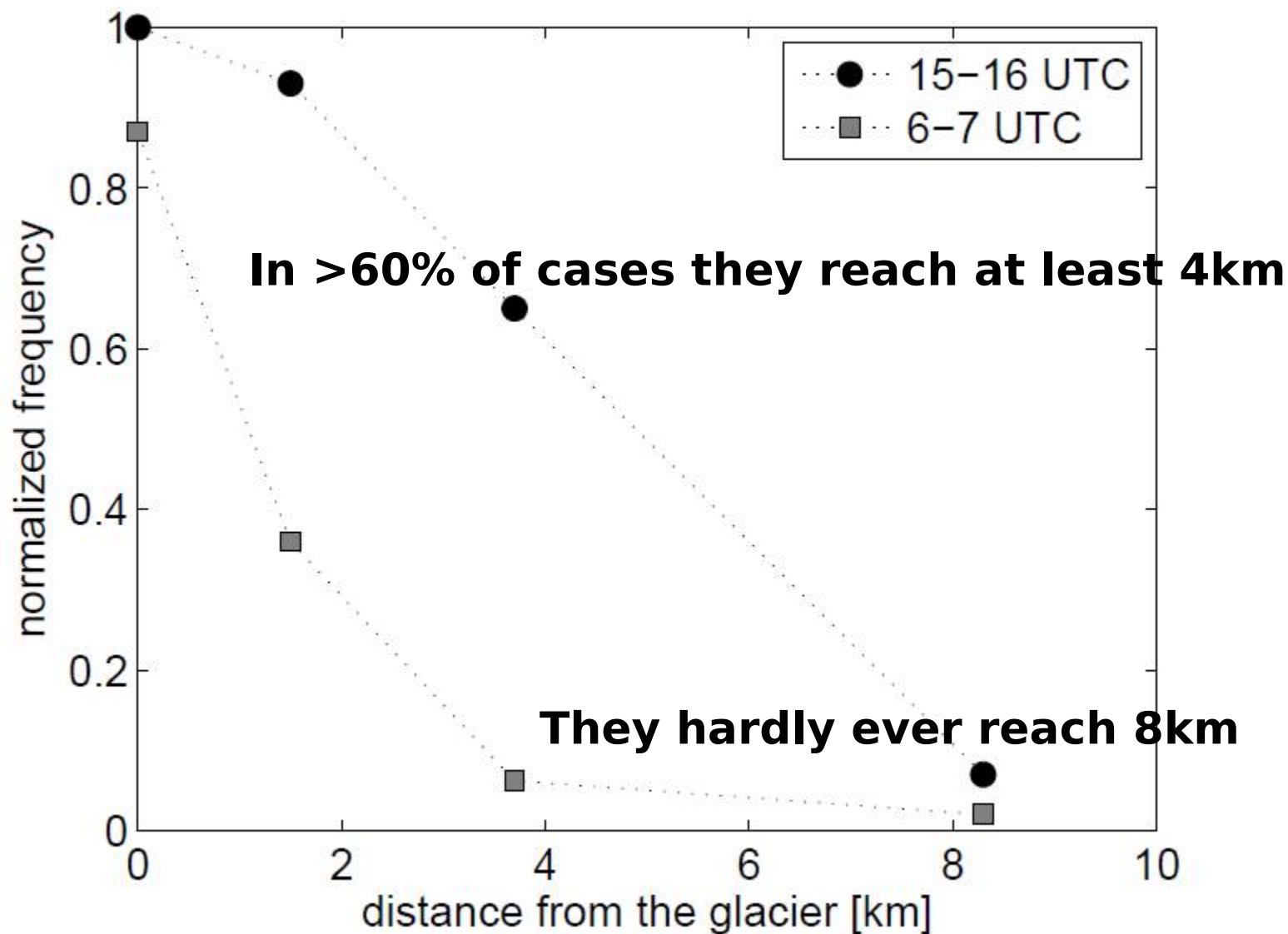
Myjafjallajökull eruption (2010)
Grímsvötn eruption (2011)

Permanent network:

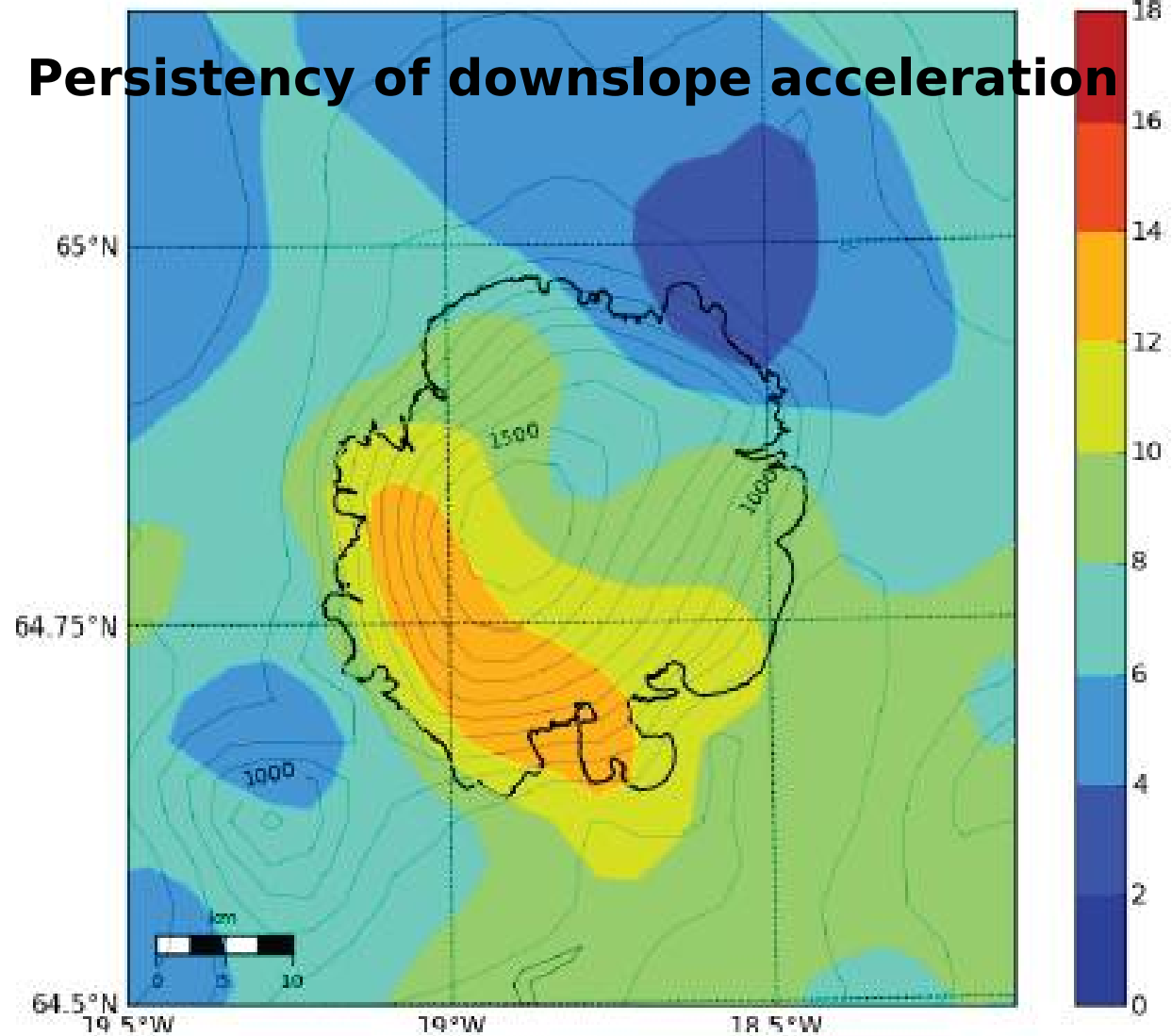
About 250 AWS, 30 manned weather stations
Radiosonde stations
radars (1 mobile) and 1 lidar



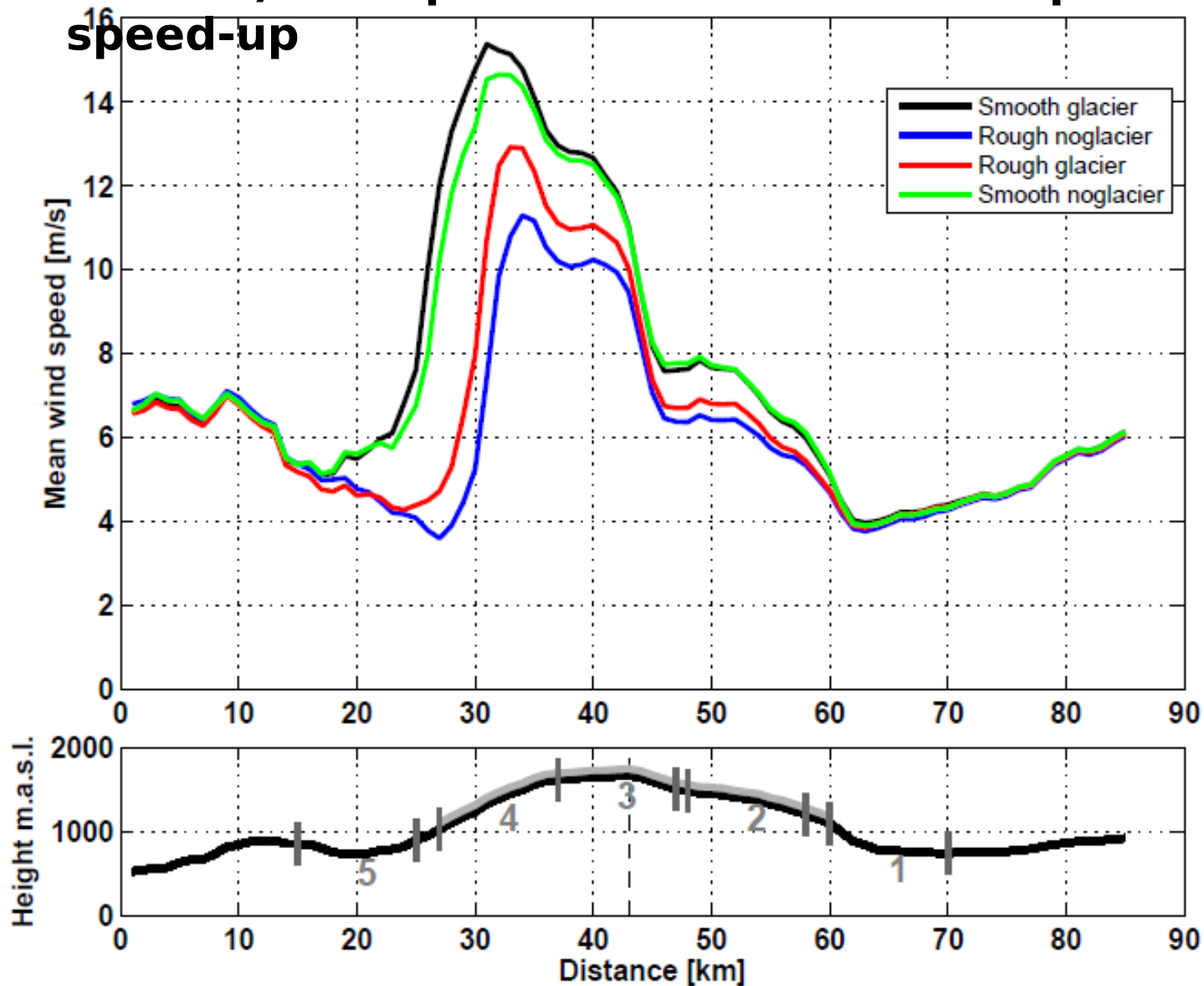
consistency of katabatic winds at daytime in summer



Persistency of downslope acceleration



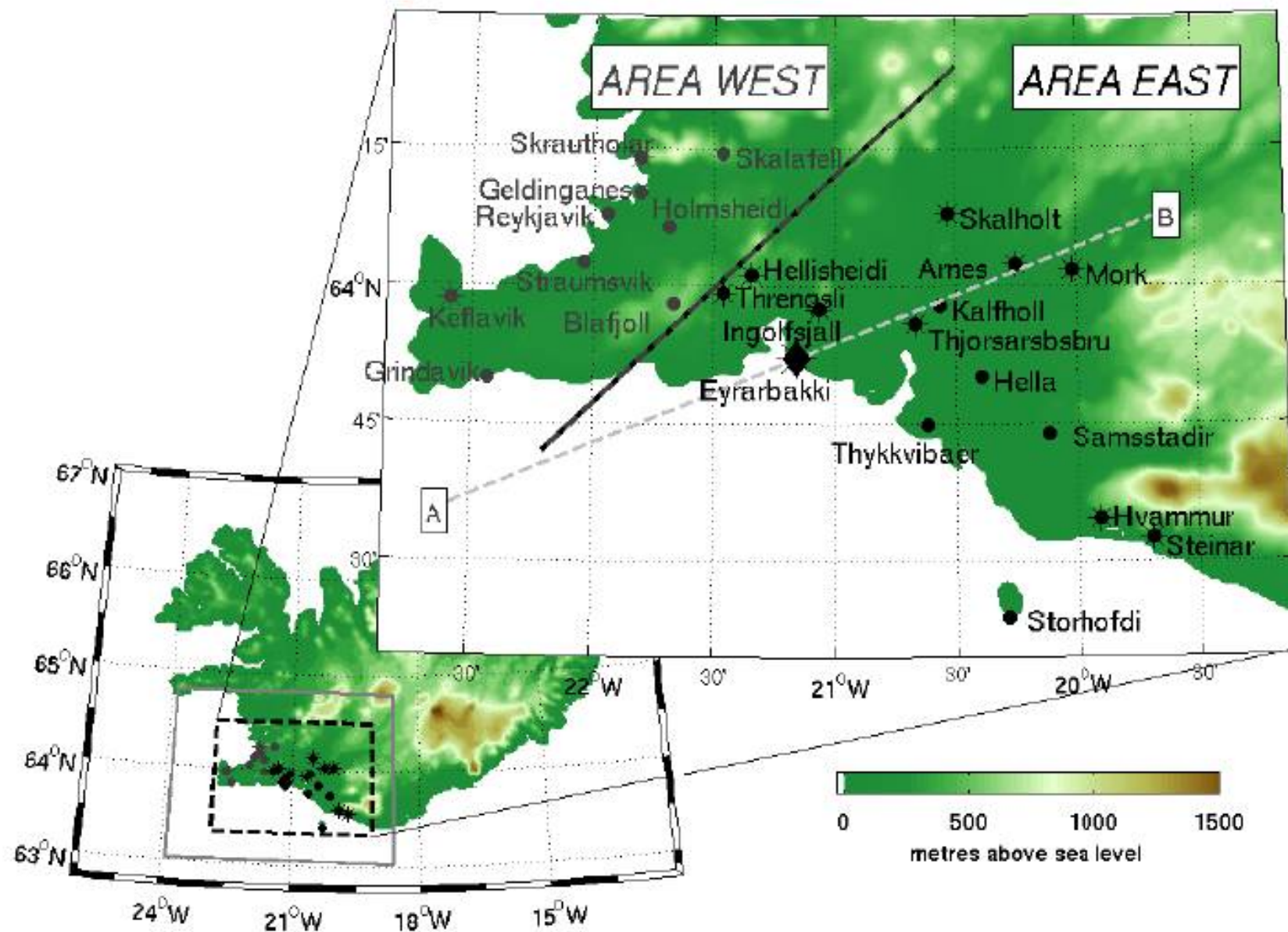
The low roughness of the ice (not the cold surface) is responsible for the downslope speed-up





erspective: Explore the near-glacier climate in view of rapid retreat of the ice

The MOSO experment 2009 and 2011

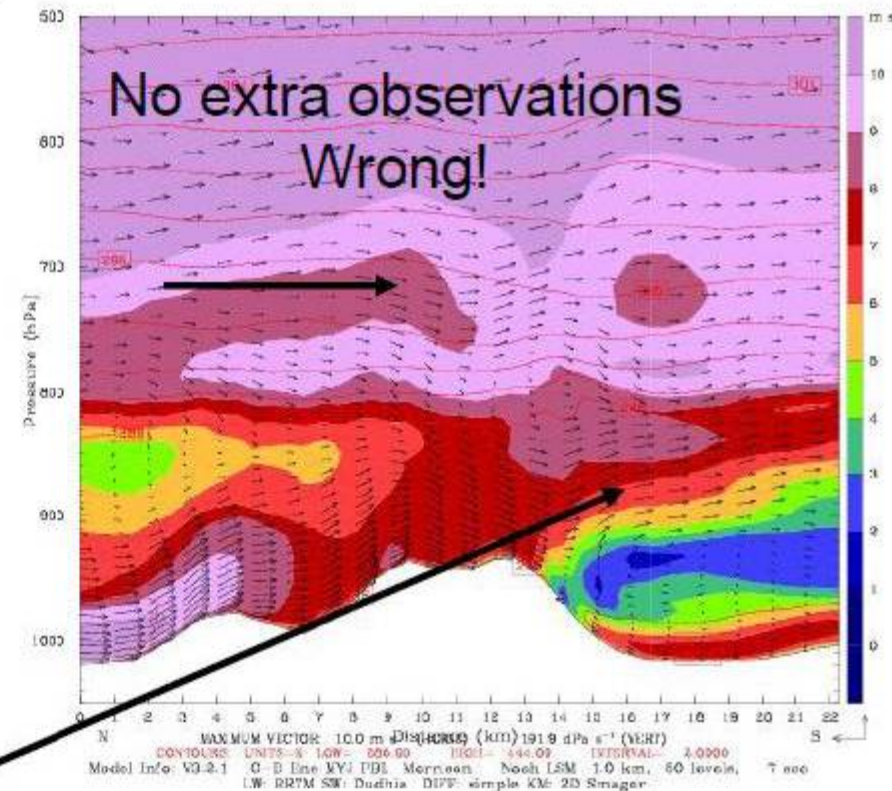
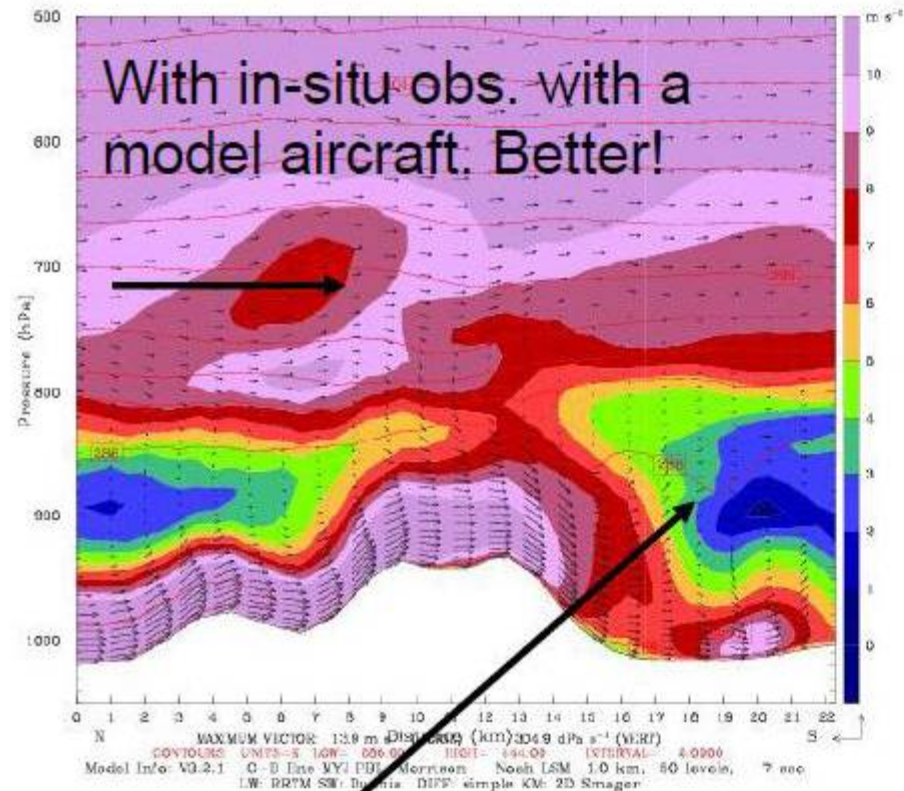


MOSO I and II: Orography, synoptic- and thermally induced flow



del aircraft – a recoverable radiosonde

Simulated flow in section across mountain



A major difference in flow pattern
extending far above mountain top
level

23 km

Wind speed, ranging from 0 to 12 m/s

Diurnal evolution of the thickness of the sea breeze layer at Eyrarbakki at the south coast of Iceland (upper and lower limits of the transition zone) on 20 July 2009.

- California (Banta, 1995);
- UK (Steel et al., 2013);
- The Netherlands (Tijm et al. 1999) etc. etc.

Max thickness only 400 m!

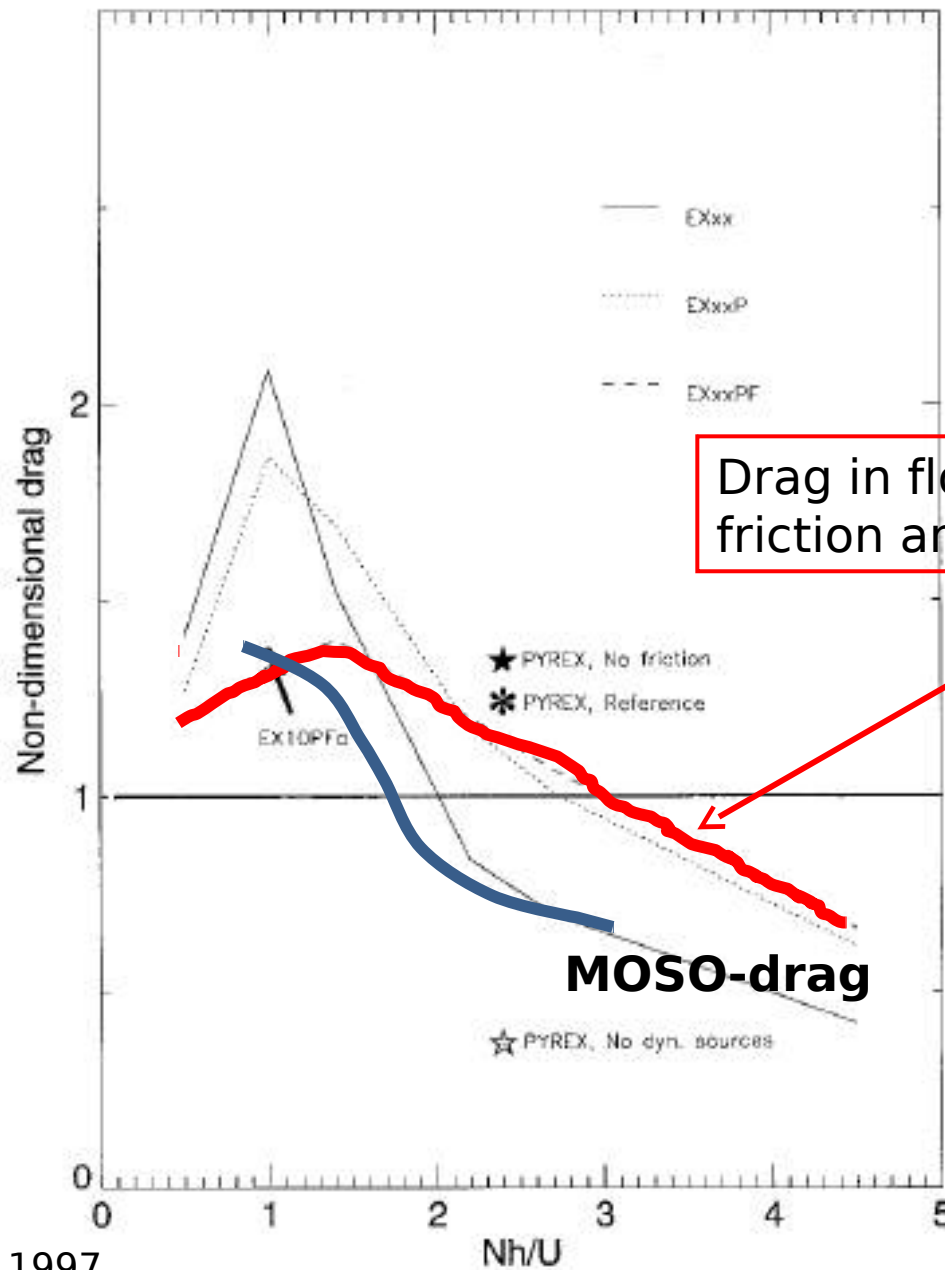
- Morning Californian Sea-Breeze (Banta, 19

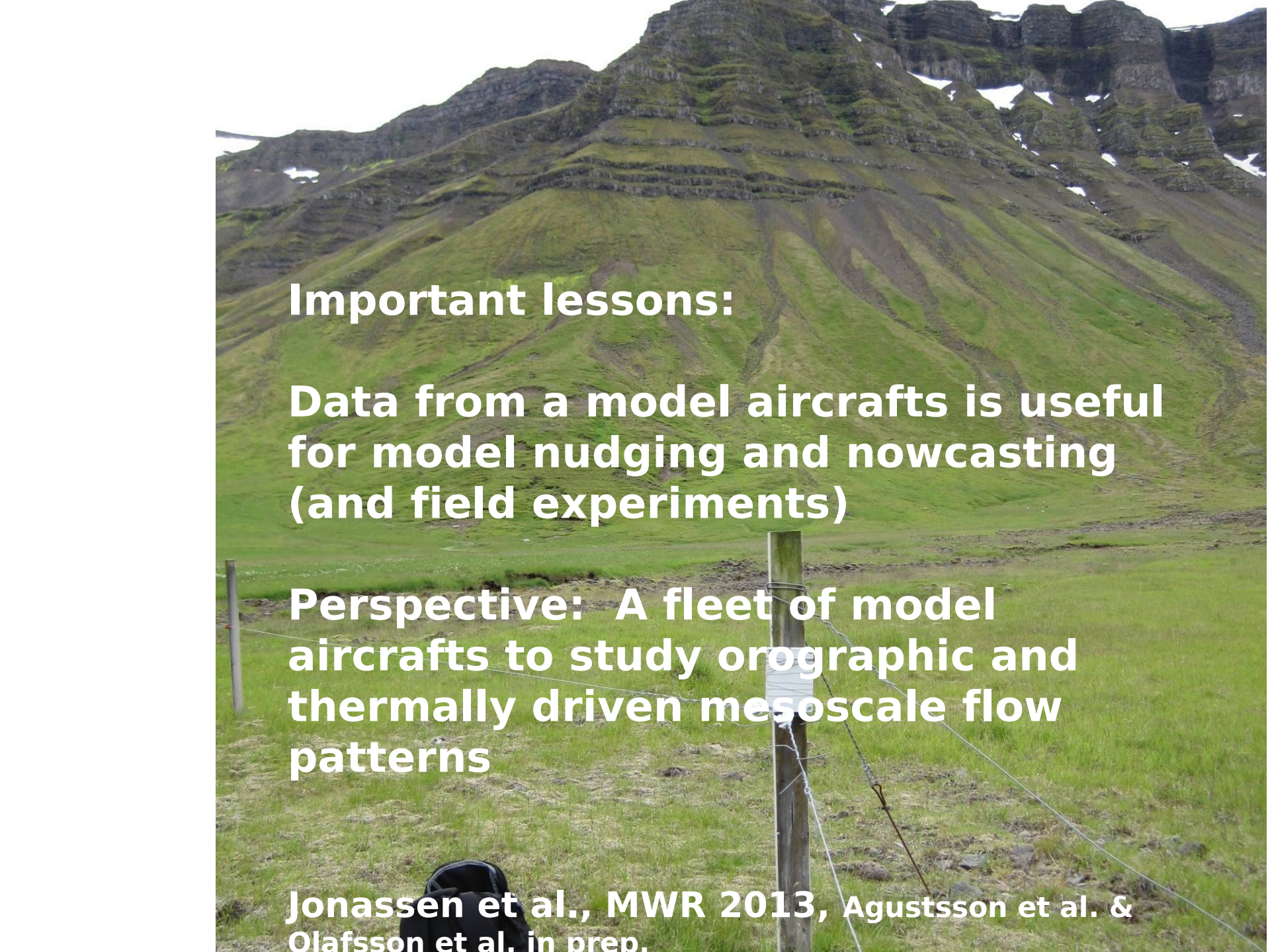
Upper limit

Lower limit

Thickness (m)

hours (UTC) (local noon is at 13.20 UTC)





Important lessons:

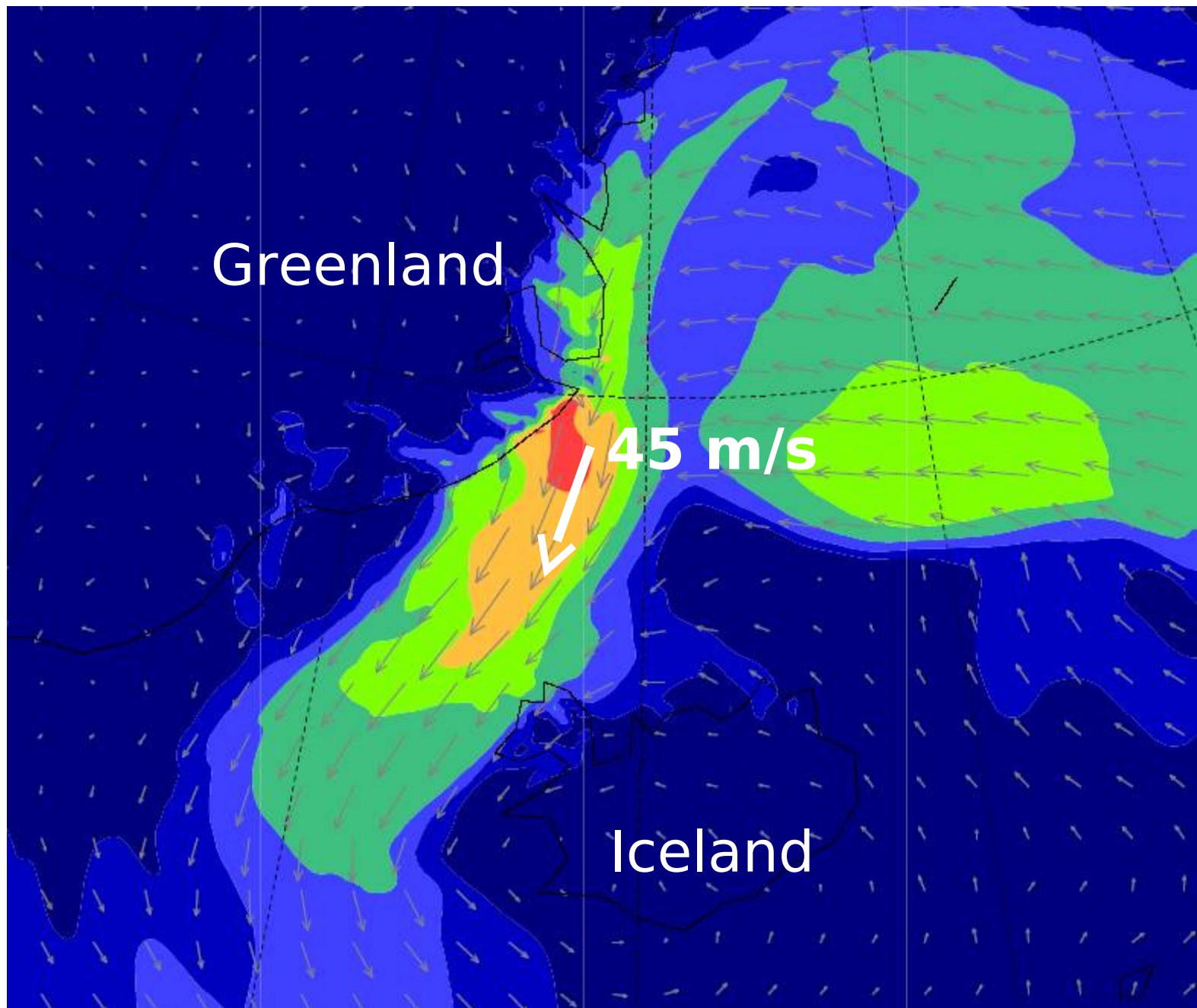
Data from a model aircrafts is useful for model nudging and nowcasting (and field experiments)

Perspective: A fleet of model aircrafts to study orographic and thermally driven mesoscale flow patterns

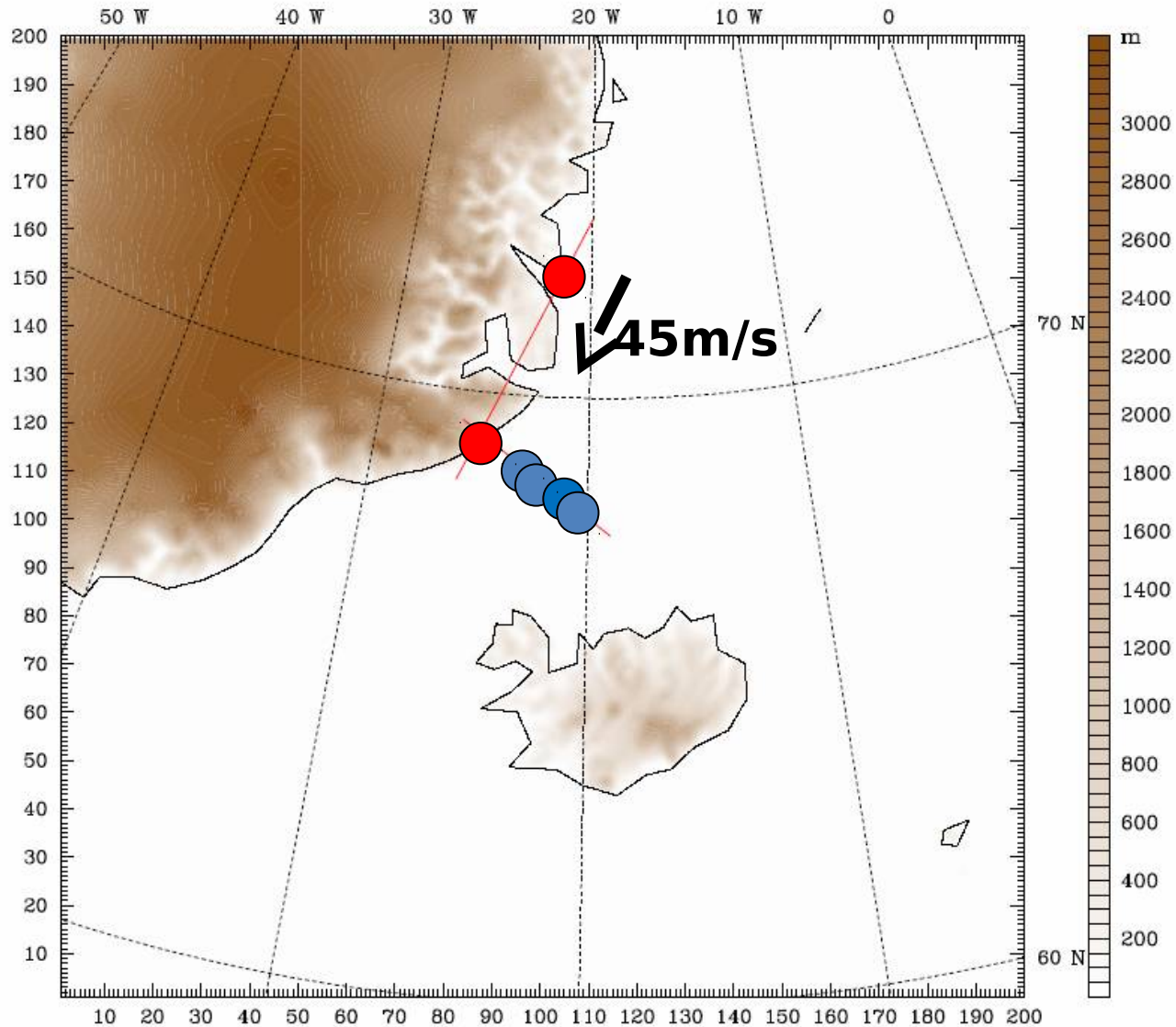
Jonassen et al., MWR 2013, Agustsson et al. & Olafsson et al. in prep.

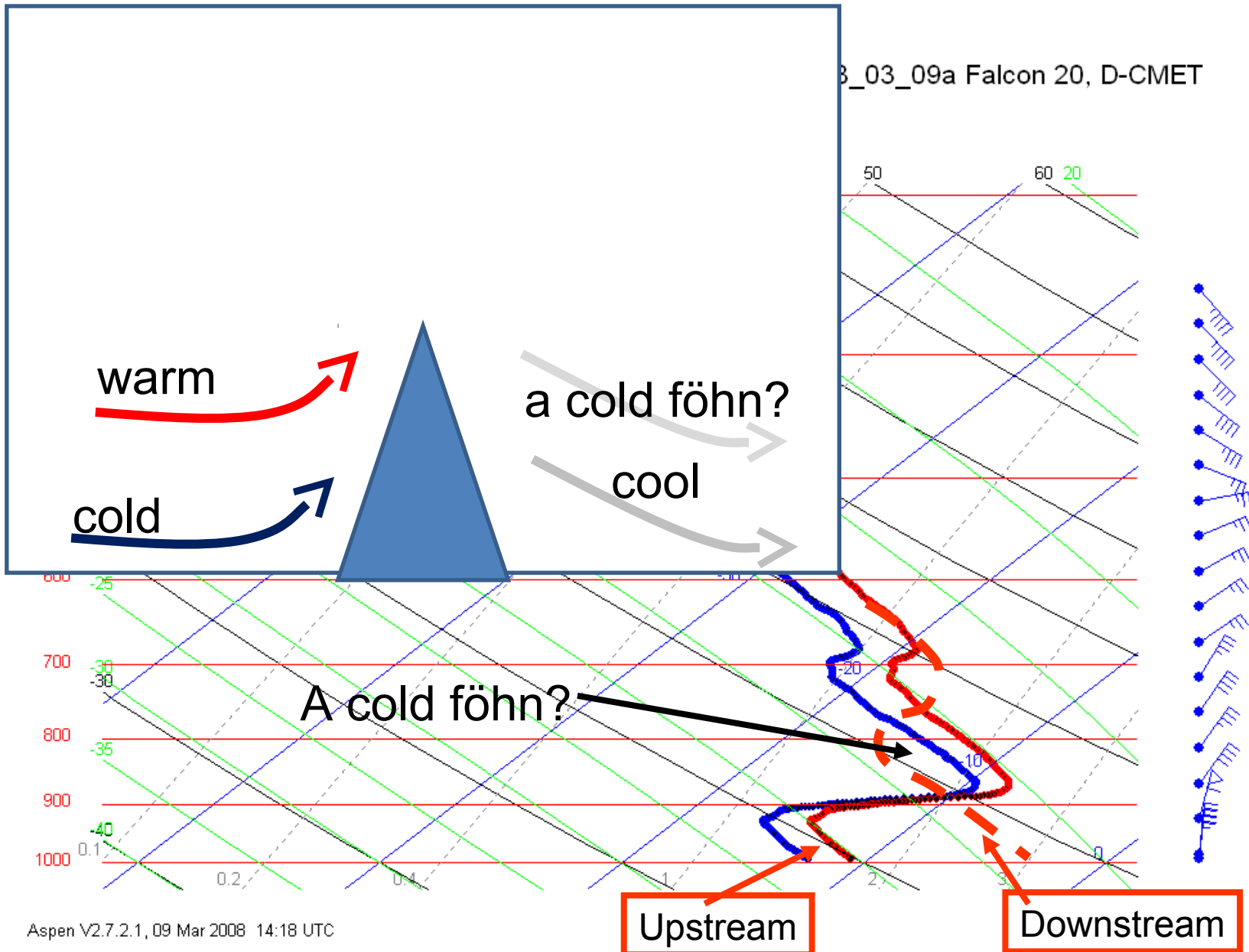


GFDEX 2007
GREENEX/IPY THORPEX 2008



GREENEX / IPY THORPEX

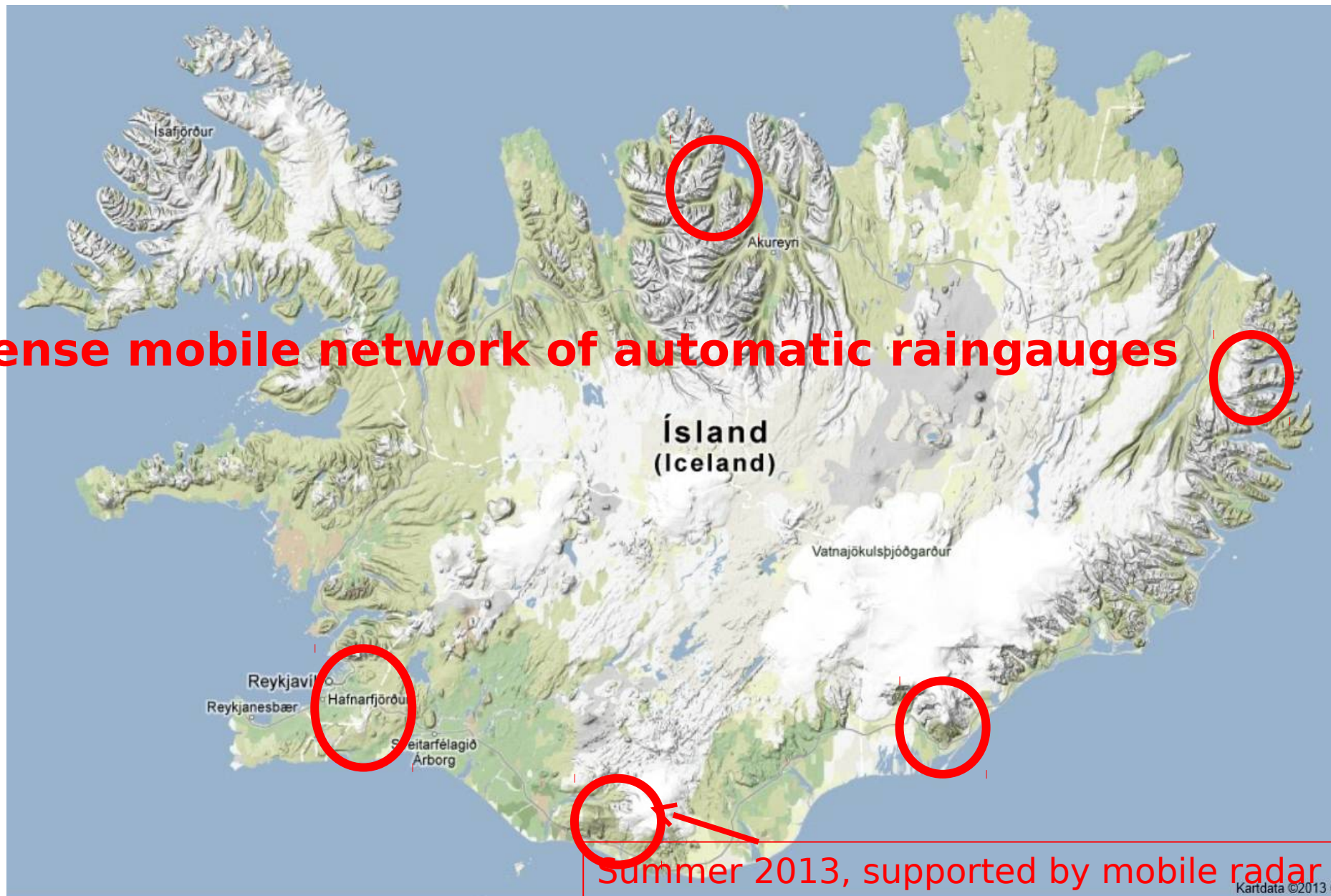




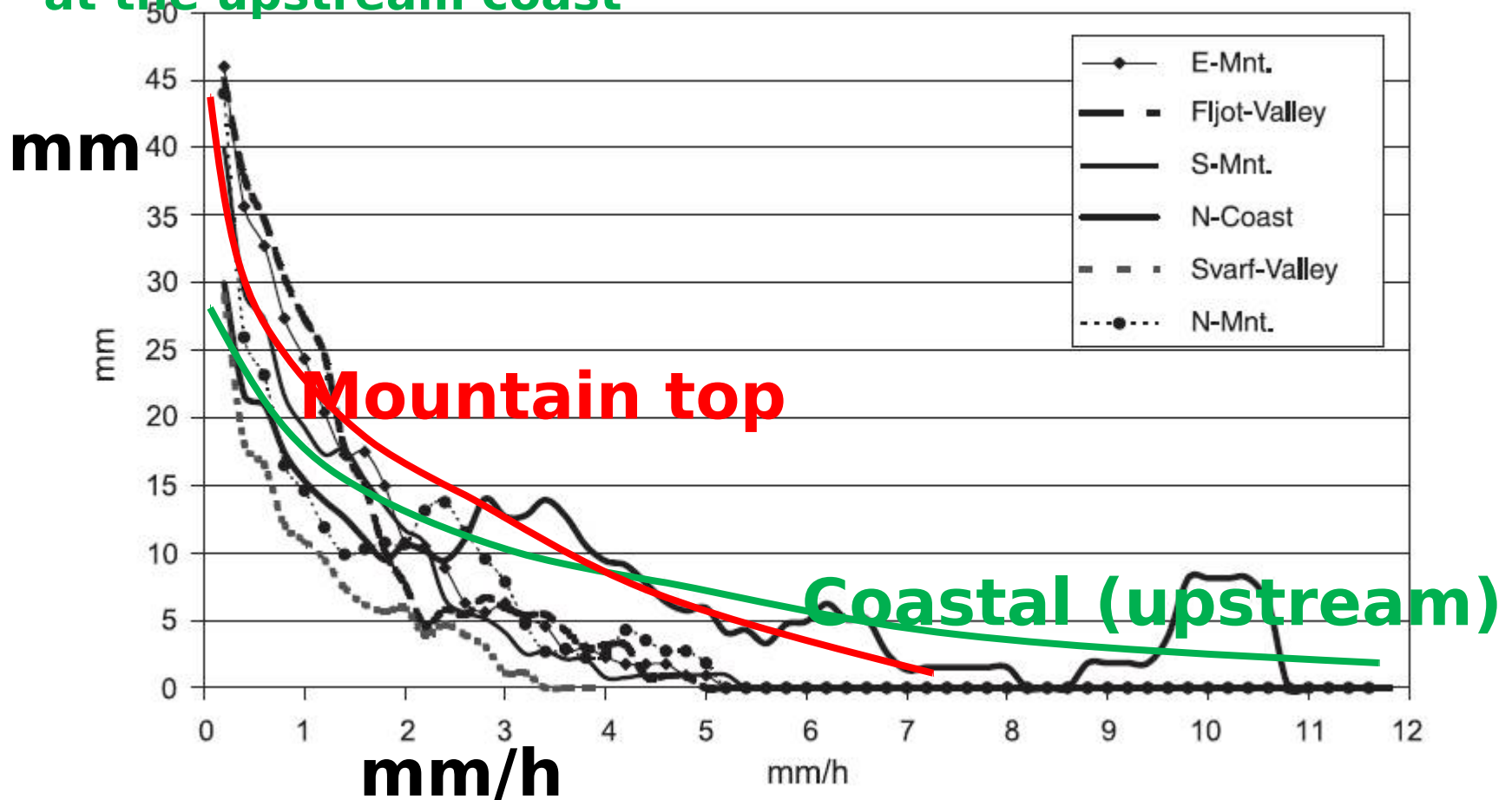
Perspectives

- How will the Greenland/Iceland jets change in a future climate with less sea-ice?
- How will a new wind climate affect the sea?
- How will changing surface characteristics on land change the mesoscale circulations

Dense mobile network of automatic raingauges



Total precipitation at mountain top = Total precipitation at the upstream coast

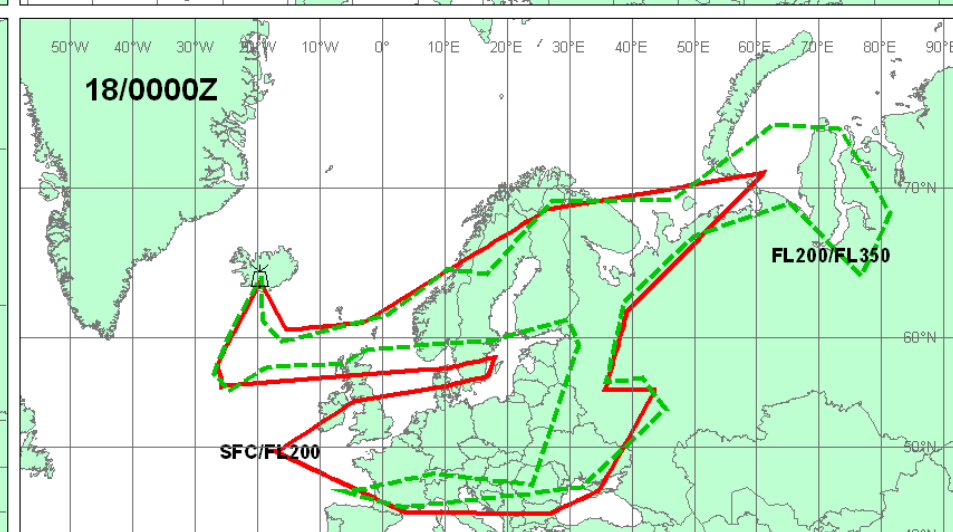
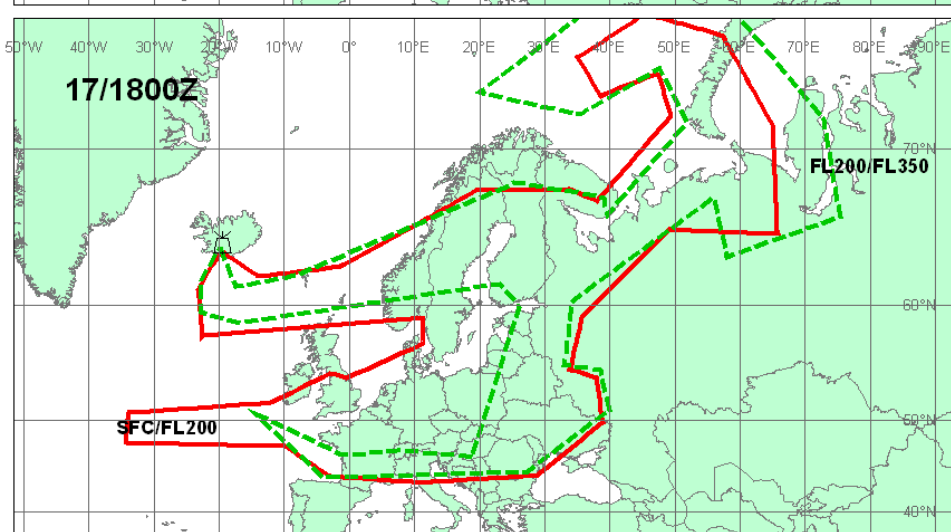
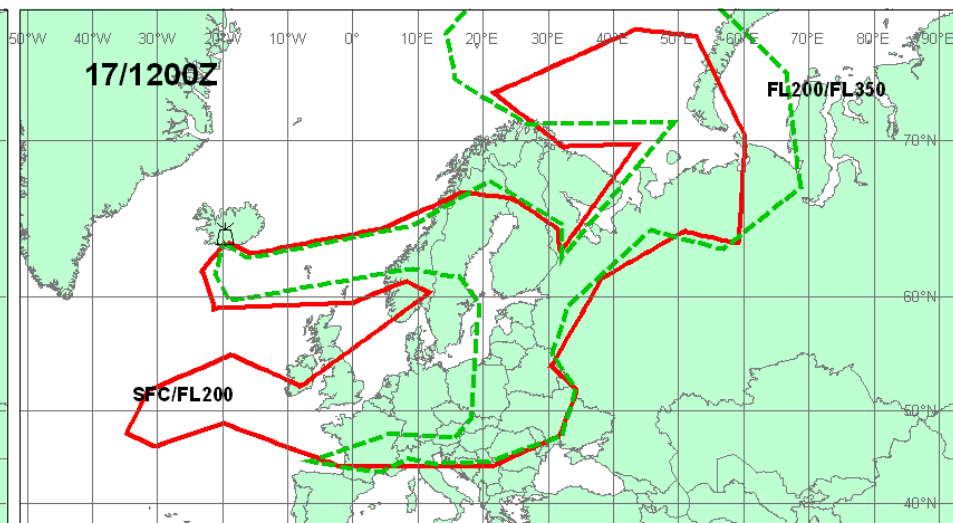
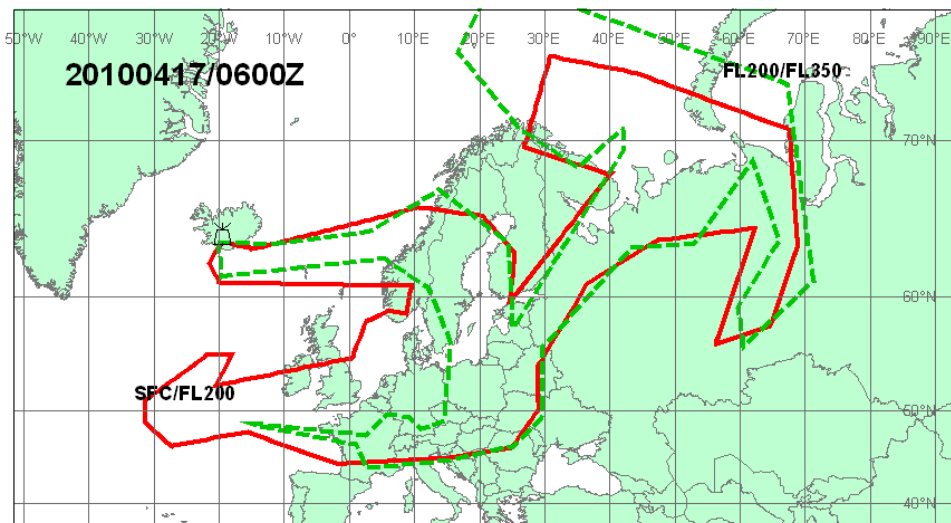


Not planned field experiments:

Eyjafjallajökull 2010
Grímsvötn 2011



The Mt. Eyjafjallajökull ash plume on 1 May 2010. (Photo: Bernadett Weinzierl)



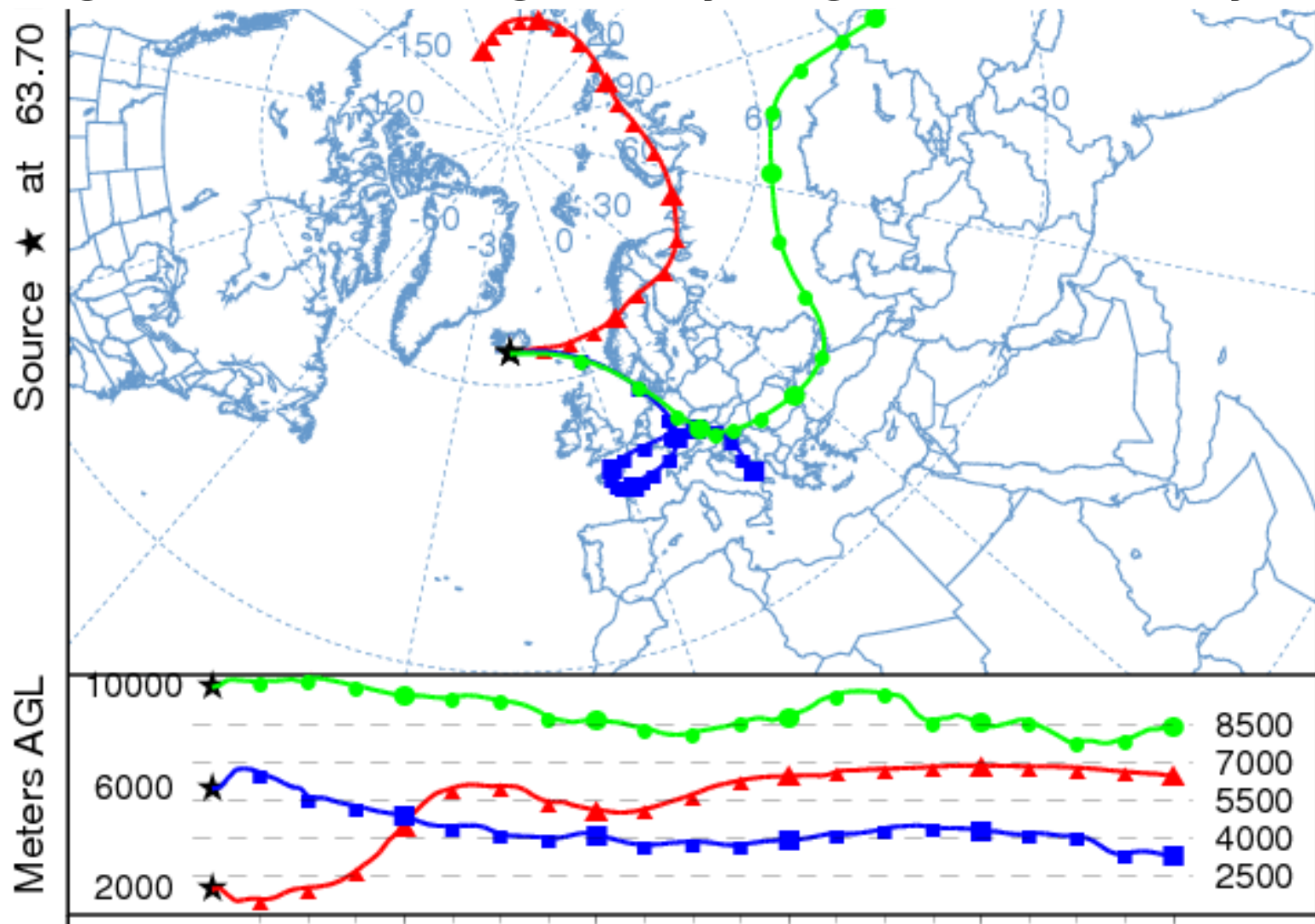
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VAAC: LONDON
VOLCANO:
EYJAFJALLAJOKULL
PSN: N6338 W01937
AREA: ICELAND

SUMMIT ELEV: 1666M
ADVISORY NR: 2010/013
INFO SOURCE: ICELAND MET OFFICE
AVIATION COLOUR CODE: RED
ERUPTION DETAILS: SIGNIFICANT ERUPTION
CONTINUING, CONSTANT, REACHING FL280.
ASH TYPE 58% SiO2

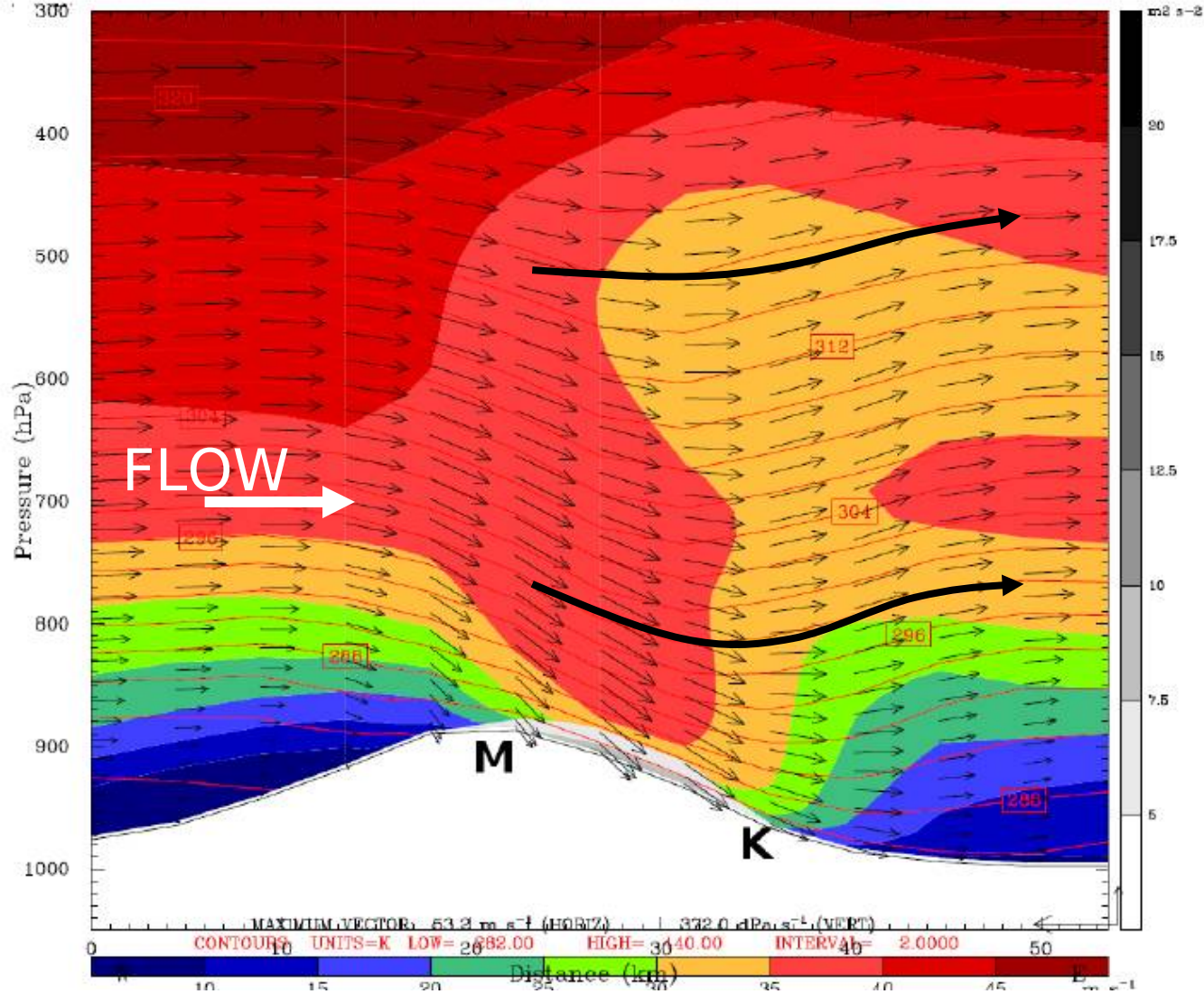
RMK: NO SIGNIFICANT ASH RISK ABOVE FL350
NXT ADVISORY: 20100417/1200Z

An air parcel starting at 2 km goes to Siberia

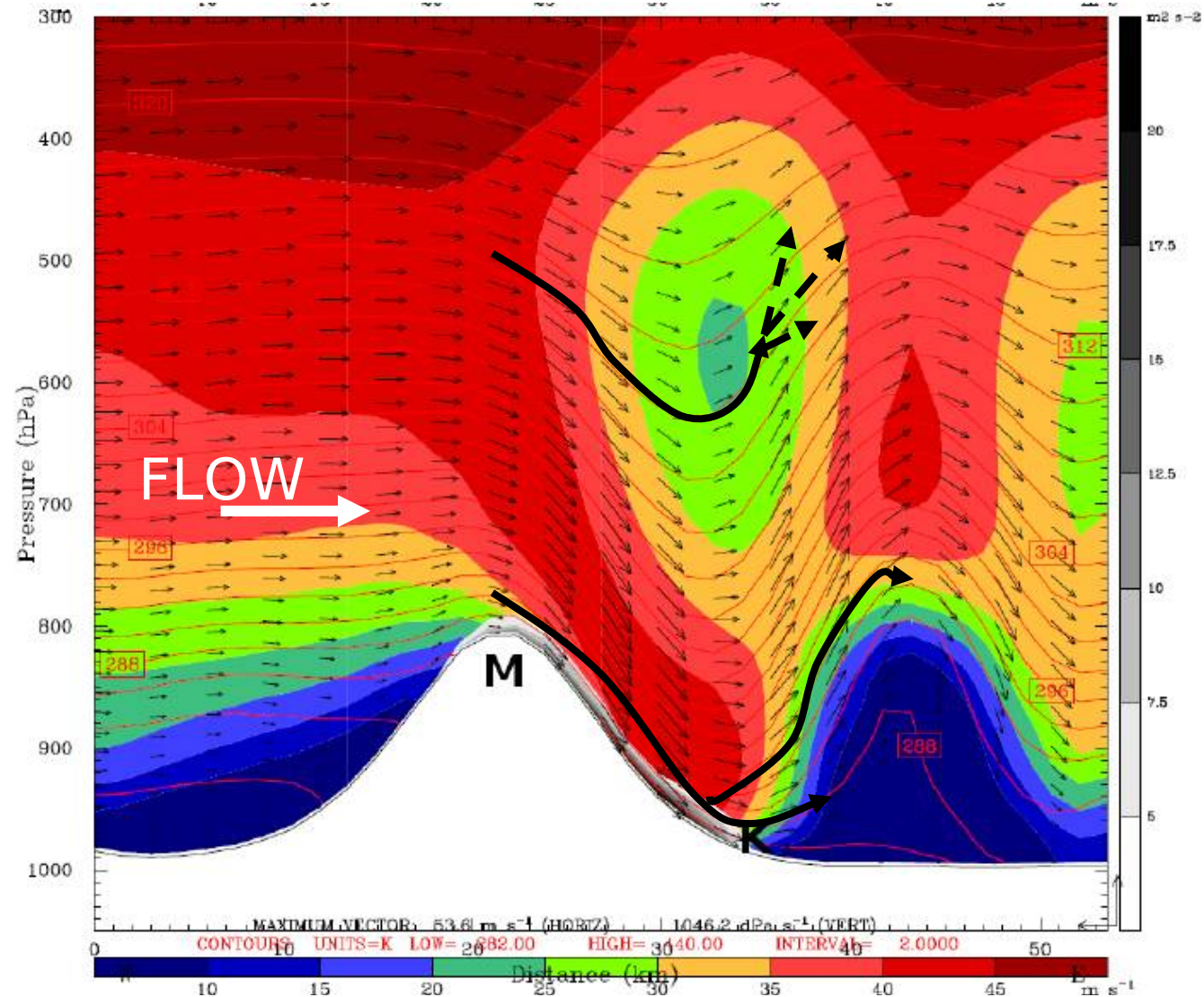
An air parcel starting at 6 km goes to Slovenia (after having travelled through every single ICAM country)



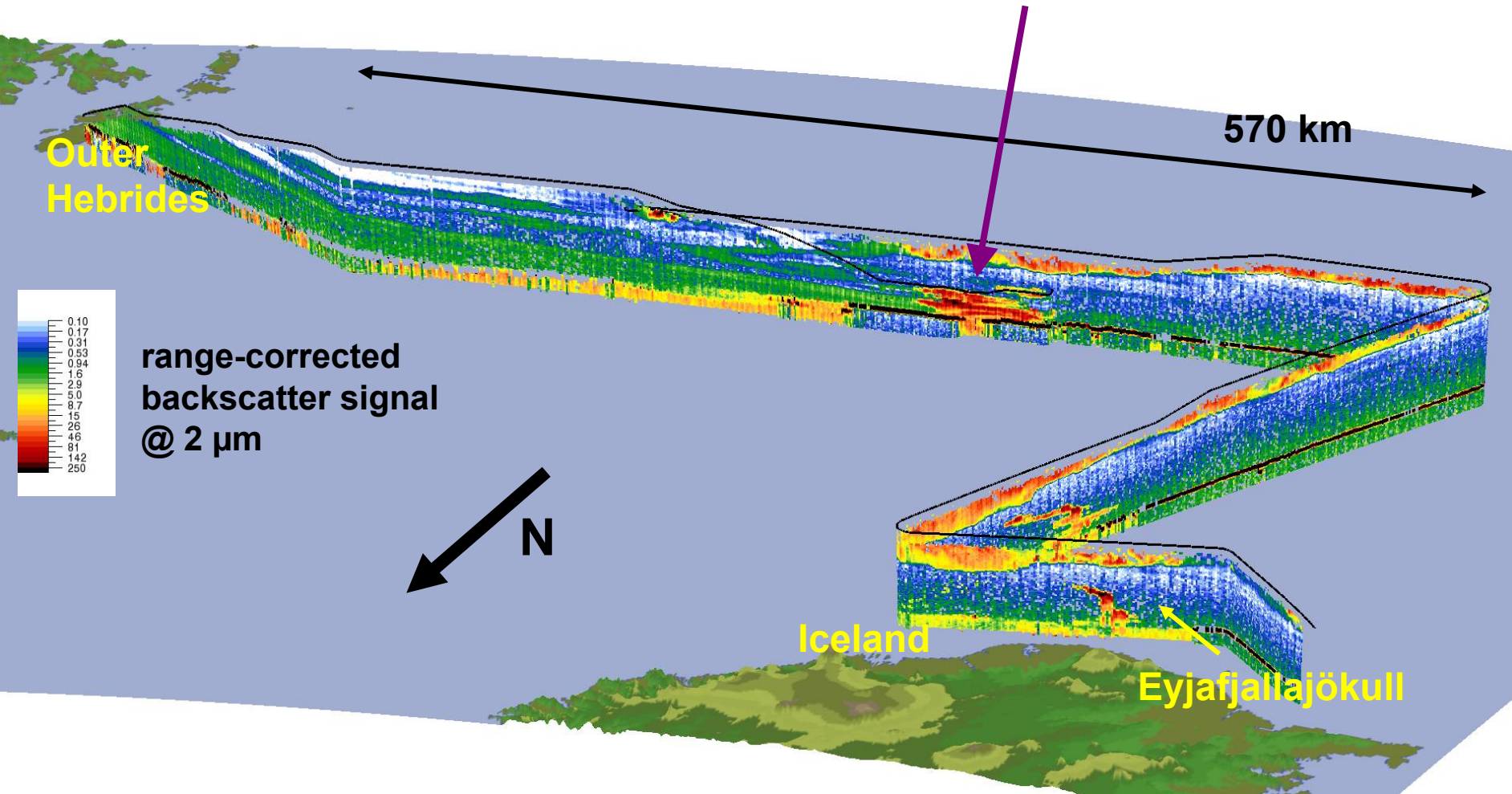
Numerical simulation (model) with horizontal resolution of 9 km



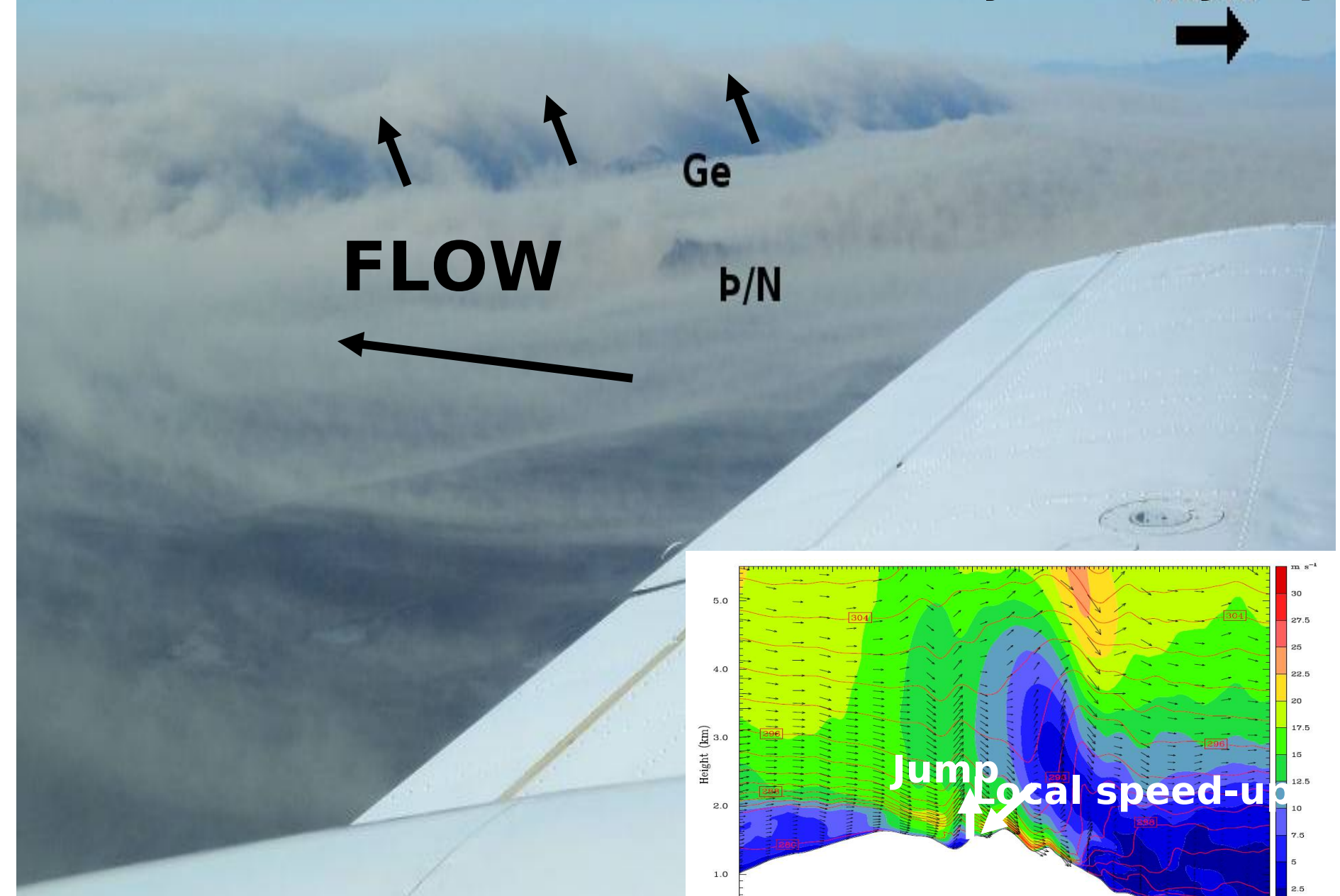
Numerical simulation (model) with horizontal resolution of 3 km



Data on spatial distribution of ash (DLR)



True visualisation (and validation) of a hydraulic jump



A photograph of a powerful volcanic eruption. A thick, dark grey plume of ash and smoke billows upwards from a mountain, forming a large, textured column. The plume has a more diffuse, lighter-colored base where it meets the lower atmosphere. The sky is a clear, deep blue. The foreground shows a layer of white clouds or a body of water reflecting the sky.

Perspective: A robust method is needed to evaluate the input (and washout) of ash into the atmosphere and its vertical distribution



High- temporal resolution wind data
Flux data from Gufuskalar mast (412m)
Precipitation data
DO YOU WANT TO COLLABORATE?

THANK YOU

ICAM 2005 (Zadar)





afjallajökull 2010 (Baldur Sveinsson)



1992

2010