



## SUADA: Sofia University Atmospheric Data Archive

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### Sofia University Atmospheric Data Archive (SUADA)

Aim of the Sofia University Atmospheric Data Archive (SUADA, <http://suada.phys.uni-sofia.bg/>) project is to:

- (1) develop a water vapour database of vertically Integrated Water Vapour (IWV),
- (2) use the data for meteorologic and climatic studies in Bulgaria/Southeast Europe.

The SUADA archive includes ground-based Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) observations from Bulgaria/Southeast Europe. Data from IGS station SOFI from 1997 to 2007 are included into the data archive. Since November 2011, data from 30 stations of the Bulgarian ground-based GNSS network, operated by ZenitGEO company (zenitgeo.com), are archived in SUADA. Currently, the SUADA has also radiosonde data from 1995 to 2012. Data from other techniques will be included in the future. The archive provides a framework for archiving data on an ongoing basis.

The envisaged applications of the SUADA include:

- (1) cross-validation of ground-based and satellite observations and derivation of systematic biases;
- (2) study of the 2D water vapour distribution in Bulgaria/Southeast Europe;
- (3) study convective storms development in Bulgaria/Southeast Europe;
- (4) detection of long term water vapour trends in Bulgaria/Southeast Europe and links to heat waves, droughts and changes in the pathway of the Atlantic Cyclones.

### SUADA web portal

The SUADA archive was developed in a close collaboration with the STARTWAVE (STudies in Atmospheric Radiative Transfer and Water Vapour Effects) team at the Institute of Applied Physics, University of Bern. Link was established with the Institute of Applied Physics and the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research and SUADA archive was build on their experience in database development. Similar to the STARTWAVE [Morland et al., 2006], SUADA was developed on a SQL storage platform, accessible via web portal. The web portal is presented on the figures below.

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<a href="#">Svilenova, Nadezhda</a>	MSc student	2D maps of water vapour distribution over Bulgaria
<a href="#">Vladimirov, Evgeni</a>	BSc student	Water vapour intercomparison between radiosonde data and GNSS for the period 1995-2012 for station Sofia
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1. cross-validation of ground-based and satellite observations and derivation of systematic biases;
2. validation of numerical models used for research and numerical weather prediction (COSMO-EU);
3. study of water vapour distribution in Bulgaria/Southeast Europe;
4. detection of long term water vapour trends in Bulgaria/Southeast Europe and links to heat waves, droughts and changes in the pathway of the Atlantic Cyclones;
5. study how well state-of-the-art climate models, notably the one participating in Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) AR5 assessment, simulate present climate of Bulgaria/Southeast Europe.

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