Simulating futures of nuclear waste repositories

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The problem



Swedish nuclear waste repository project. Source skb.com

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The problem (2)

- Legacy management of long-termimpact facilities means setting up solutions that will still work in the distant future
- Records of today's decisions need to be preserved and remain intelligible for millennia
- Need to better understand the mutability of human behaviour and knowledge and its impact on human practices
- Objective: to develop related concepts and methods and to test them using serious game environments



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Work plan

► (2017) LNU Fakultetsöverskridande projekt

- definition of the basic concepts
- definition of the basic design elements
- preliminary test (proof of the concept)
- identification of external partners (SKB, Oskarshamn kommun, ...)
- ► application for longer term funding (SSM, VR, ...)
- ▶ (2018 ...) Larger, externally-funded project
 - further concept development
 - building and testing of the full environment
 - real-world deployment
 - data analysis and reporting

Main challenges

- Identification of external partners: within and especially outside the academia
- Concept development: processual futures, information transmission, evolution of institutions, ...
- Research tool development: task, gaming environment, ...
- Real world deployment: finding players, managing the platform, ...
- Data gathering and analysis: data stream management, analysis of large amounts of weakly-structured data, ...
- From data to practical advice: what can be done in practice to help the deployment of safer futures?

Next time, they'll get the message right!



Scene from Alien (Ridely Scott)

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