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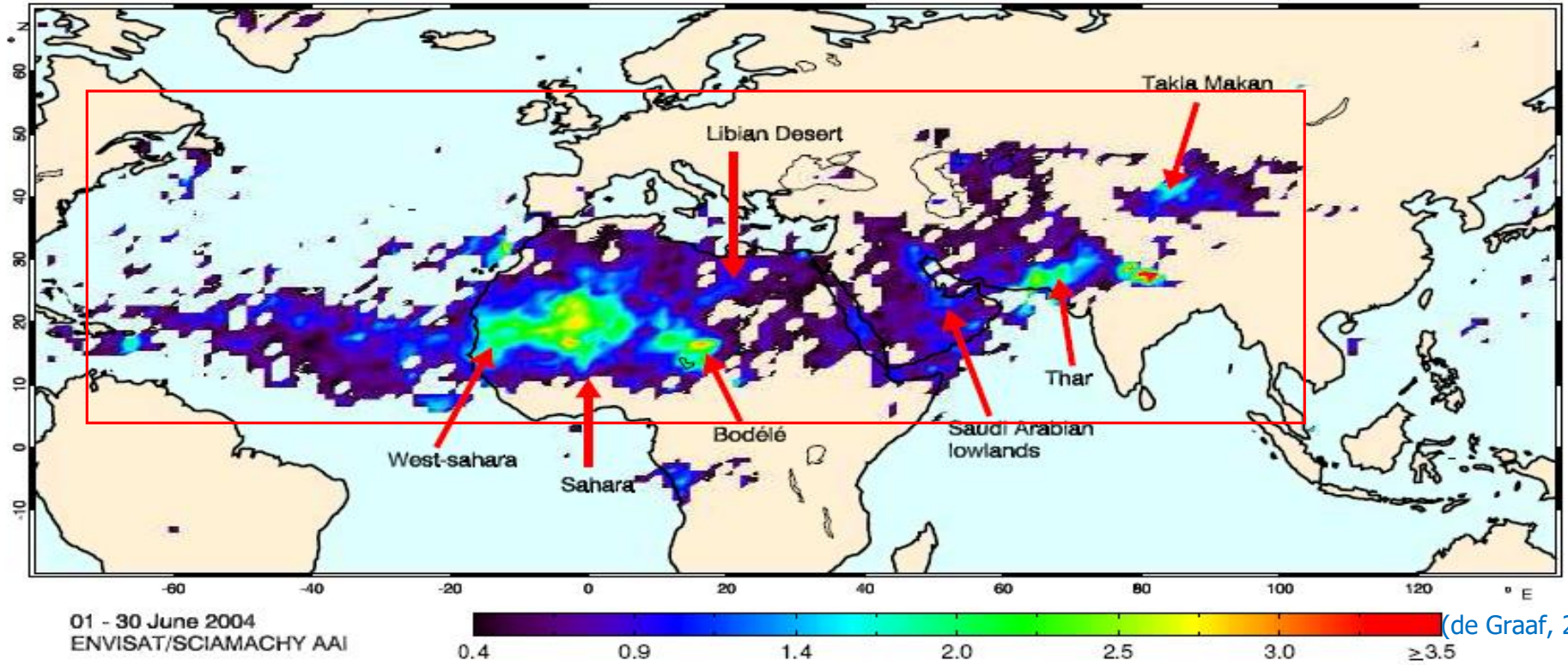
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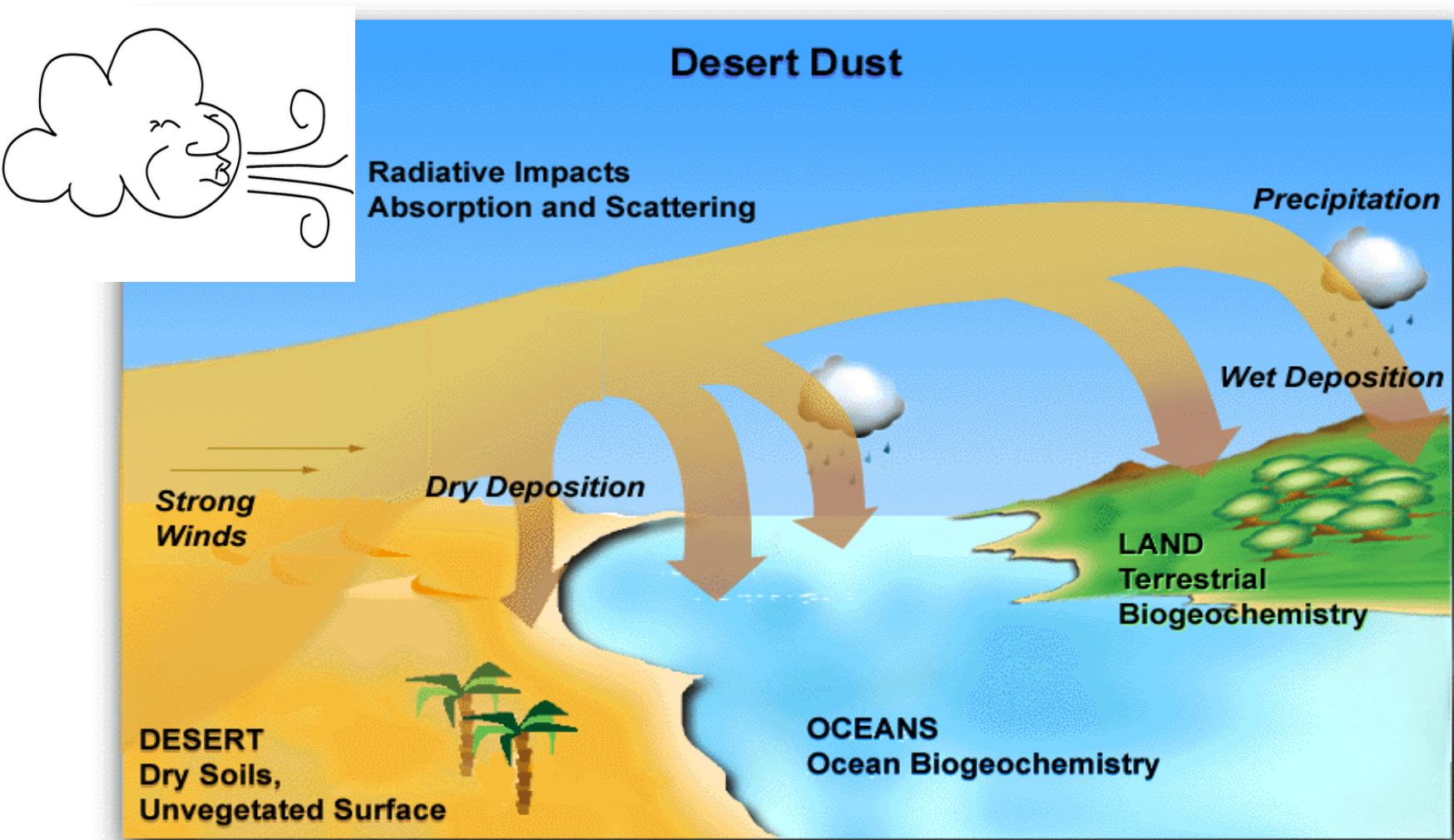
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Dust Climatology over West Asia

The "Global Dust Belt"



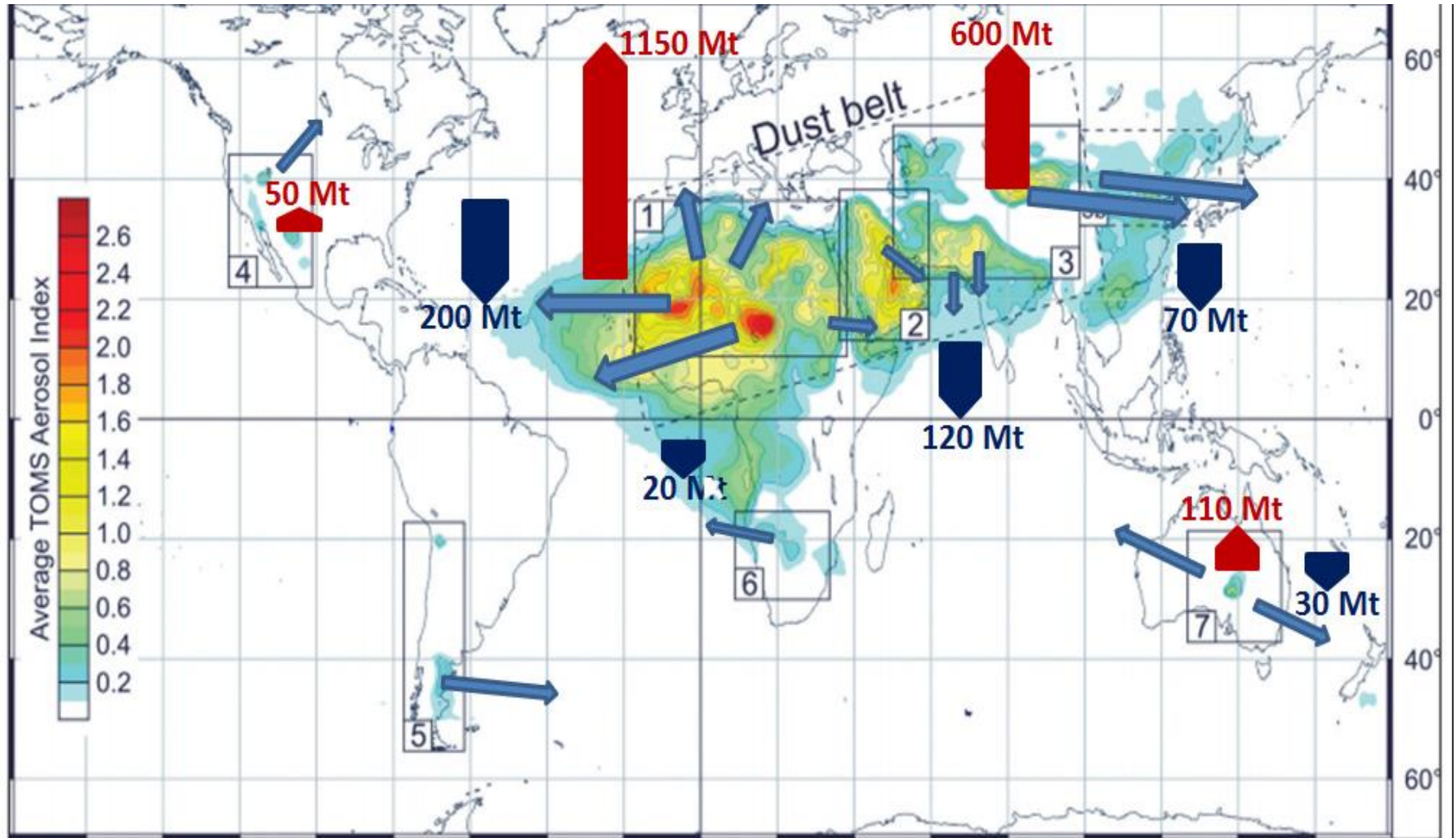
Mineral dust in the Earth climate system:



Direct and indirect radiative forcing, ocean and terrestrial biogeochemistry and atmospheric chemistry (Mahowald et al., 2002)

Background

Major source areas and long-range transport trajectories for desert dust



Background

Maximum PM₁₀ levels recorded in dust storms in Asia and the Middle East

Location	Date	PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	Reference
WHO air quality guideline (24-hour mean)	—	50	
Doha, Qatar	1 April 2015	1000,000	Irfan et al. (2017)
Dalanzadgad, Mongolia		6626	Jugder et al. (2011)
Sanandaj, Iran		5619	Amanollahi et al. (2013)
Beer-Sheva, Israel		5197	Krasnov et al. (2014)
Jahra city, Kuwait		3171	Saeed and Al-Dashti (2011)
Zabol, Iran		3094	Rashki et al. (2012)
Bikaner, India		2907	Yadav and Rajamani (2006)
Urumqi, China		2635	Li et al. (2008)
Abu Dhabi, UAE	20 Mar 2012	1653	Basha et al. (2015)

Many epidemiological studies show possible associations of dust exposure with increase in mortality and hospital visits and admissions due to cardiovascular and respiratory diseases

from Nick Middleton Presentation, ESCAP meeting, Tehran, Nov.2018

Establishing a WMO Sand and
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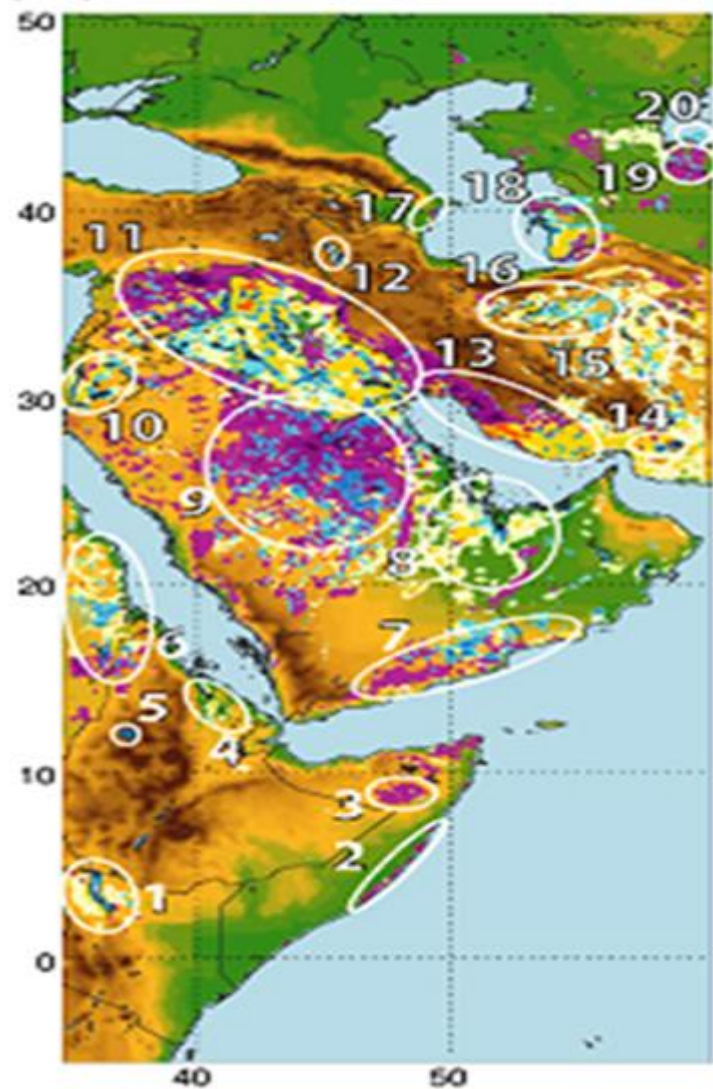
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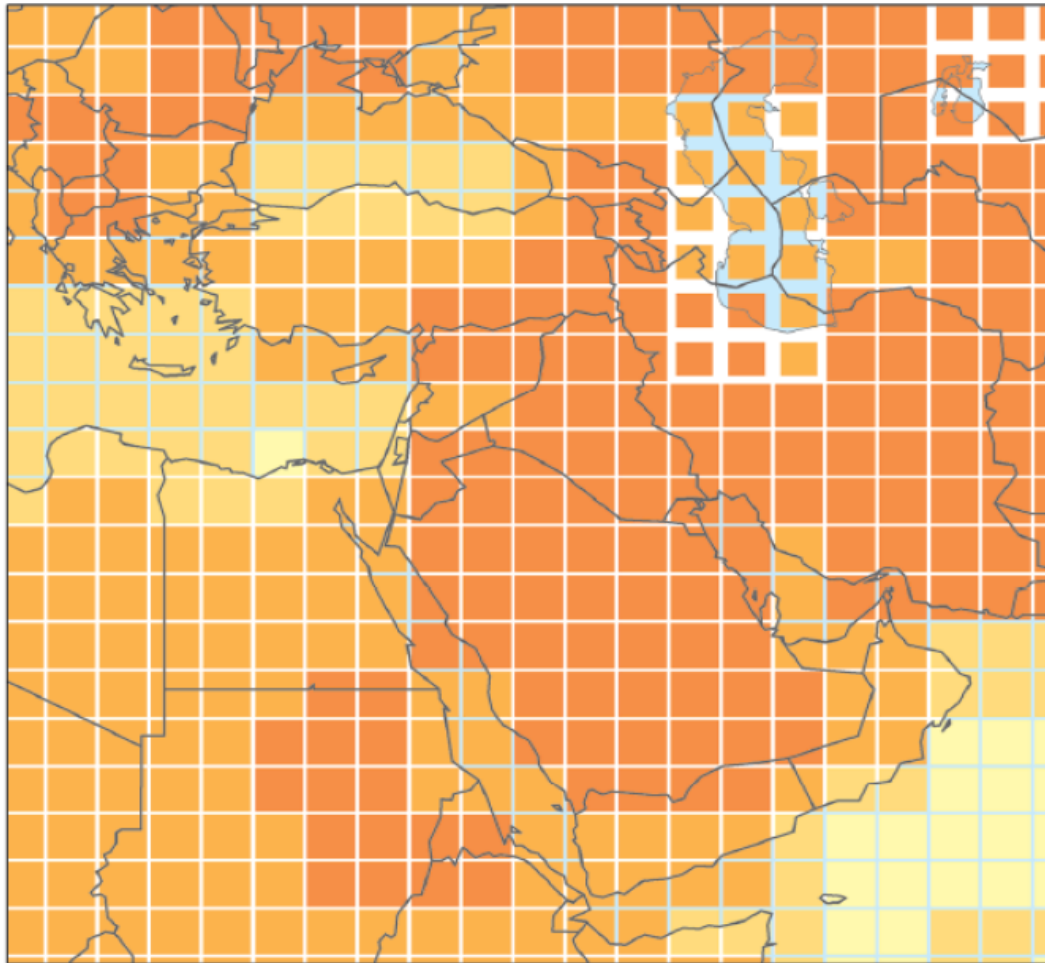


Ginoux et al.2012

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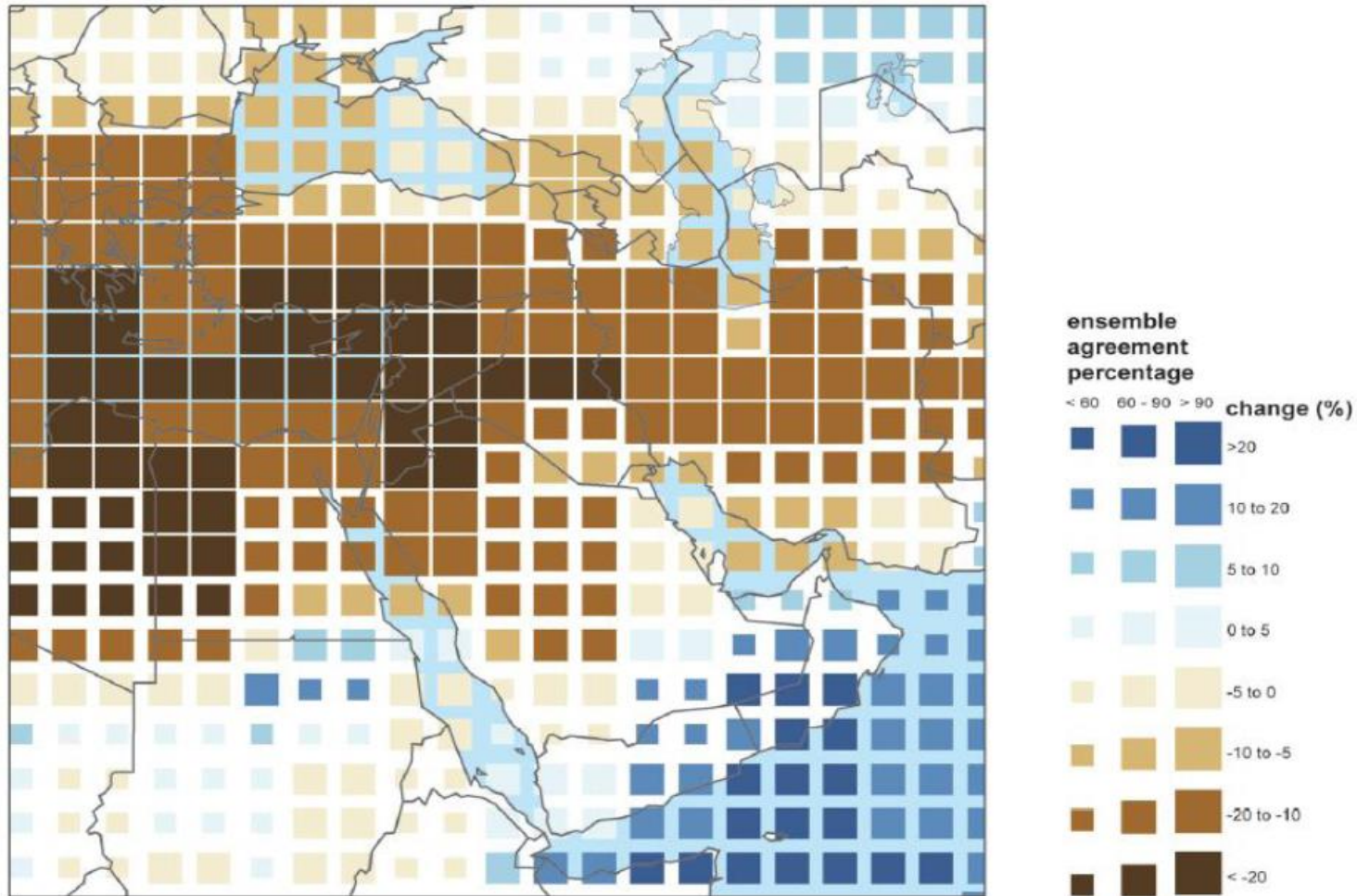
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Dust Climatology over West Asia



Percentage change in average annual temperature by 2100 from 1960-1990 baseline climate, averaged over 21 CMIP3 models for West Asia. The size of each pixel represents the level of agreement between models (**Met Office, 2011**).

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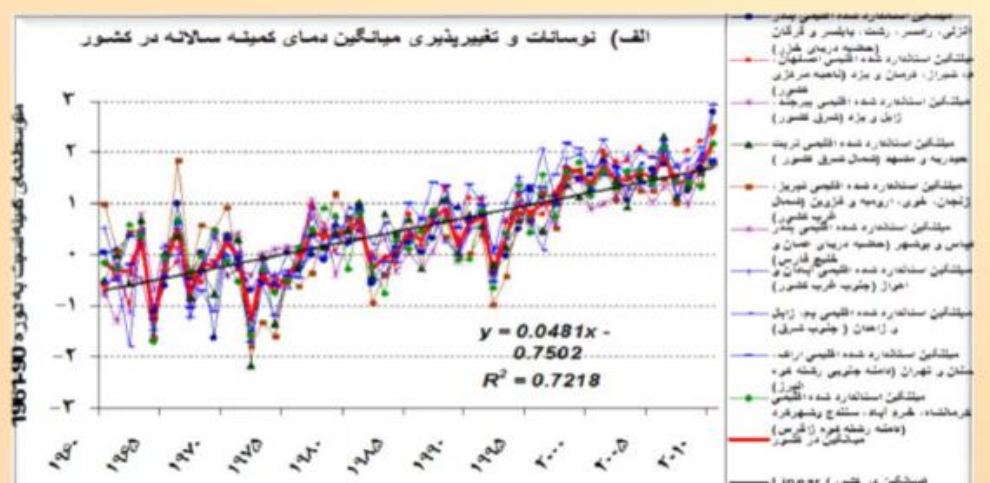
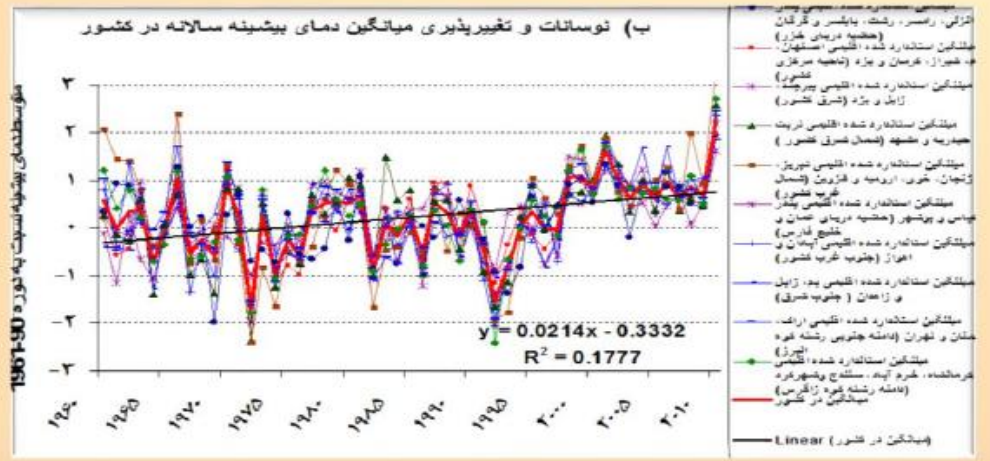
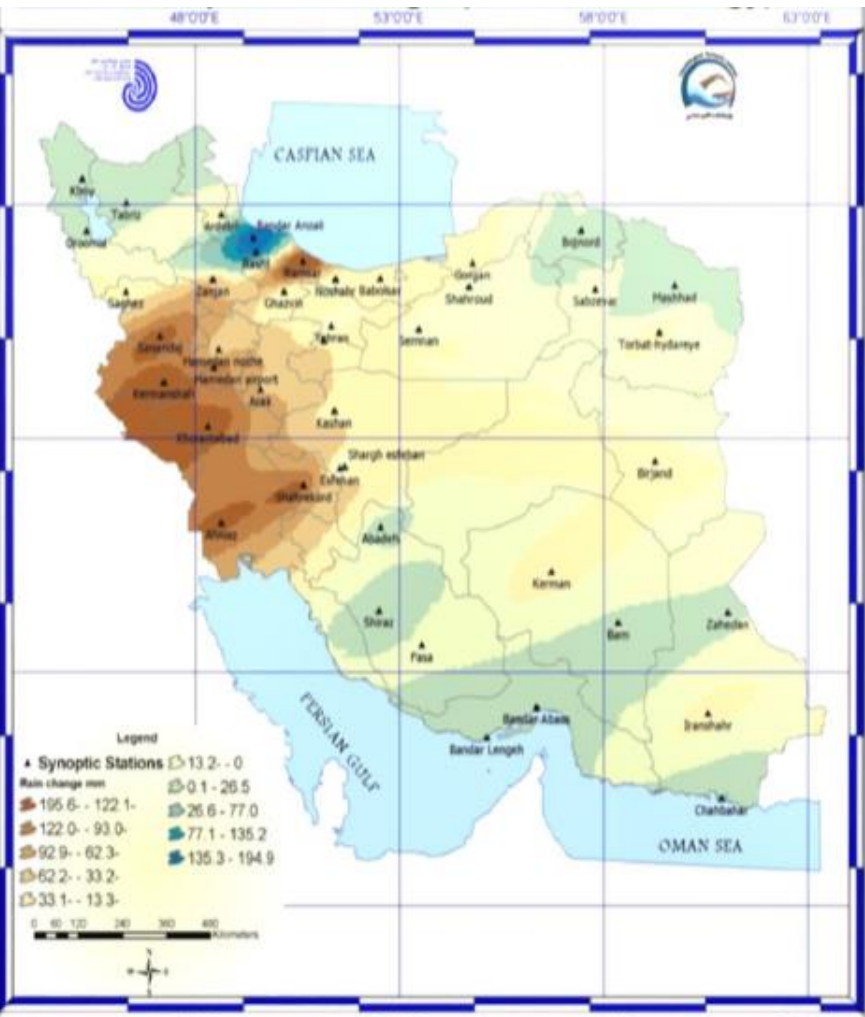
Percentage change in average annual precipitation by 2100 from 1960-1990 baseline climate, averaged over 21 CMIP3 models for West Asia. The size of each pixel represents the level of agreement between models (**Met Office, 2011**).

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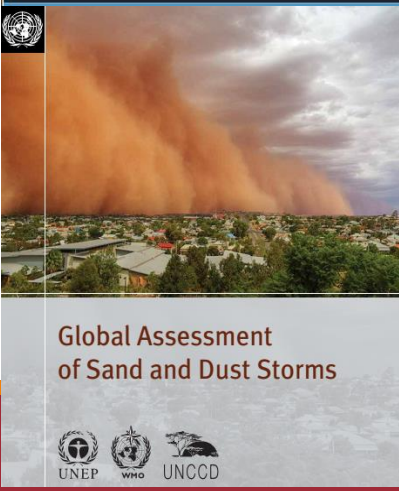
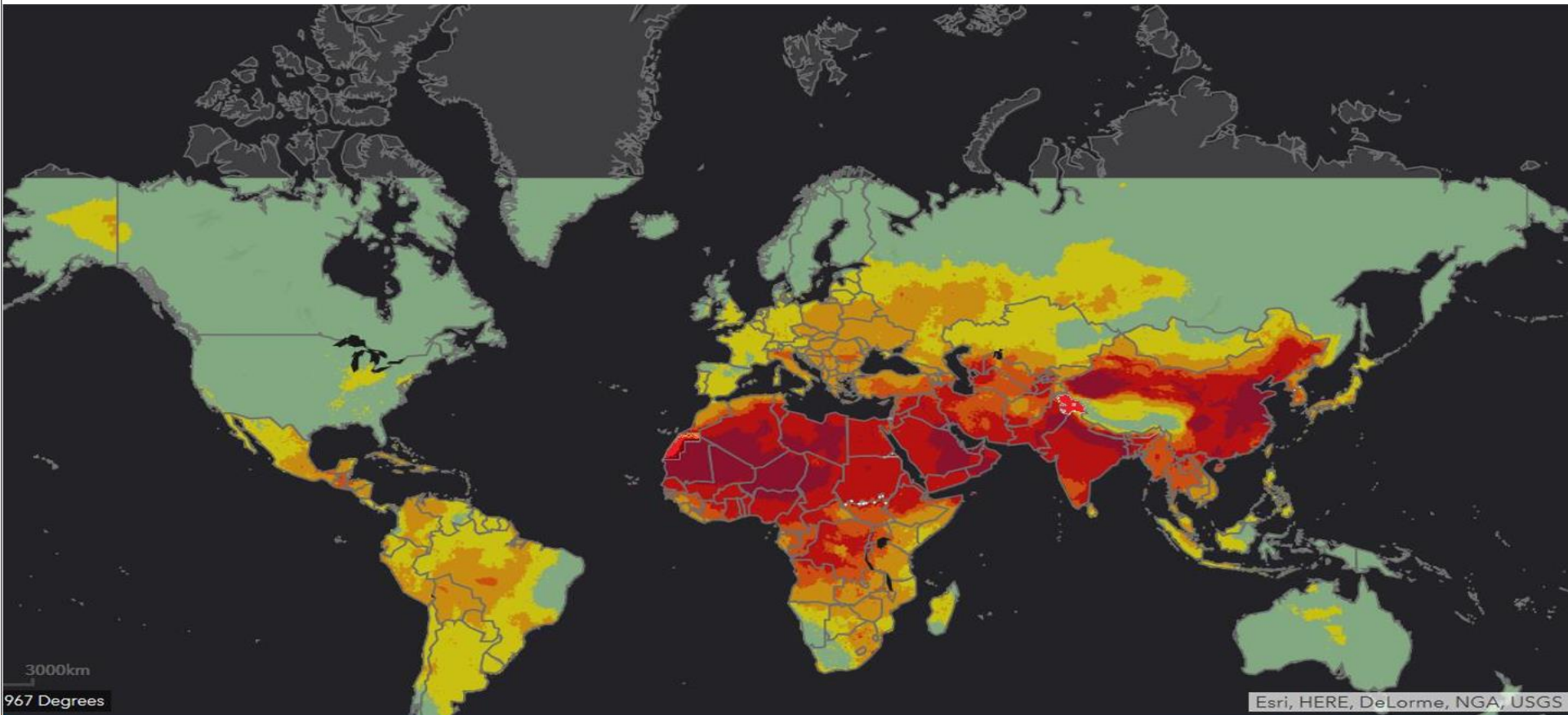
Dust Climatology over Iran

Precipitation variation(1960-2010)

Tmax and Tmin Variation(1960-2010)



Modeled PM2.5 (WHO September 2016)



Zabol: highest for PM2.5s

Zabol, an eastern Iranian city on the border with Afghanistan, was once at the heart of a bustling ancient civilisation, close to where the very first piece of animation came from in the form of an intricate pottery bowl dating back 5,000 years that displays a goat in motion.

But the city is now a largely neglected area plagued by poverty - and pollution.

Every summer, as temperatures rise to staggering levels of 40C or even higher, Zabol is struck by what is locally known as “120 days of wind”, relentless dust storms from north to south.

From Mazen Malkawi presentation, 5th International Workshop on Sand and Dust Storms, Istanbul, TURKEY, 23-25 October 2017

Tehran Ministerial Declaration

Intl. event issues Tehran Declaration, vows to fight dust storms

July 5, 2017

Politics



TEHRAN – Ministers and high-level representatives participating in the UN-backed International Conference on Combating Sand and Dust Storms in Tehran (July 3-5) wrapped up the second day with the Tehran Ministerial Declaration, agreeing to “cooperate on combating SDS at sub-regional, regional, and international levels.”

Here is the full text of the declaration:

6- Strengthen research activities for effective monitoring, impact based assessment and forecasting and early warning mechanism for Sand and Dust Storms, to address disaster prevention and mitigation and for development of appropriate preparedness and effective response to Sand and dust storms,

7- Encourage enhanced regional and international cooperation to observe and forecast, mitigate and cope with the adverse effects of Sand and Dust Storms, and seek technical and financial support from the relevant United Nations organisations to that end.

8- Consider to further develop policy dialogue on responding to the issues of sand and dust storms among interested countries in partnership with relevant international bodies and organizations, including the establishment of a future platform, in synergy with relevant United Nations System.

9- Recognize the role of the Asian and Pacific Center for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM), regional seas programs and SDS-WAS, to develop human and institutional capacity through strengthened regional cooperation in disaster information management.

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TEHRAN (Tasnim) – More than 5,000 local residents in Iran’s southeastern Sistan region have received medical treatment in hospitals as a persistent sandstorm, part of annual ‘120-day winds’, is tearing through the area.

Sandstorm injures 145 in SE Iran

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Zahedan, 8 Oct (BelTA - IRNA) – A total of 145 people have referred to the hospitals and healthcare centers in Iran’s southeastern province since Saturday due to breathing, eye and heart problems, out of whom 27 were hospitalized, said Abdol Rahman Shahnavazi.

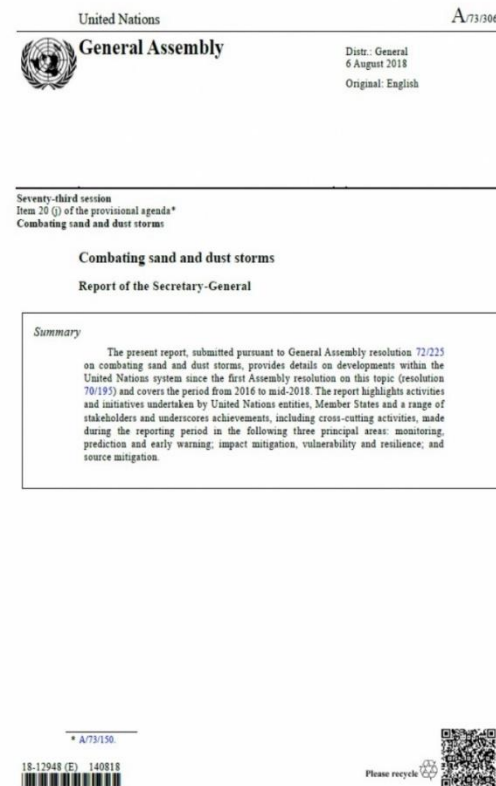
Referring to the rising pace of storm in recent days, he said that the storm speed reached 104 km an hour and the particulates were as high as 19 times the standard on Sunday.

Shahnavazi added that vision has been confined to 900 meters.

Sick people and senior citizens have been asked to stay home in some parts of the province.

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- Monitoring, prediction and early warning
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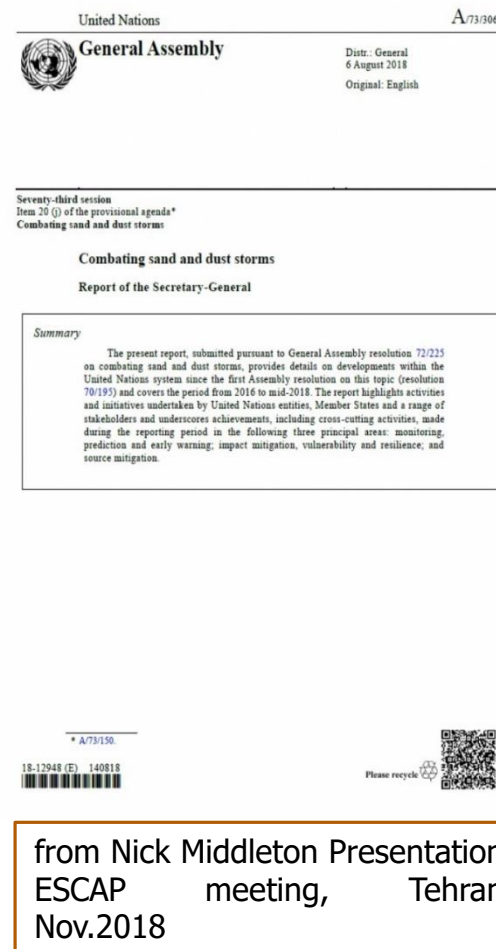


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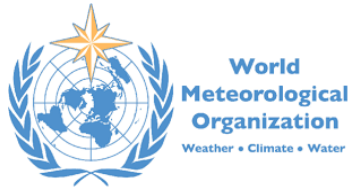
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- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO),
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP),
- UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- World Health Organization (WHO)



Coalition on Combating Sand and Dust Storms



- Cooperation at the global, regional and national levels in line with agencies' ongoing initiatives and in response to associated international calls
- UN bodies invited to highlight their agencies' ongoing or planned initiatives on sand and dust storms, opportunities for collaborative action in this area and their interest in joining the Coalition



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Subject: Membership in the Steering Group of WMO SDS-WAS Regional Node for Northern Africa, Middle East and Europe

GENEVA, 27 April 2017

Dear Ms. Saviz Sehat Kashani,

On behalf of the World Weather Research Programme (WWRP) and Global Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS) Steering Group for Northern Africa, Middle East and Europe (NAMEE), I am pleased to inform you that you have been invited to join the Steering Group of the SDS-WAS Regional Node for Northern Africa, Middle East and Europe (NAMEE). This Steering Group coordinates and implements the SDS-WAS work in the NAMEE region and reports to the global SDS-WAS Steering Committee, chaired by Dr. Slobodan Nickovic. The WWRP-SSC has been established under the work is further guided by the World Weather Research Programme Scientific Steering Committee (WWRP-SSC) chaired by myself. The WWRP-SSC has been established under the WMO Commission for Atmospheric Sciences (CAS), whose President is Prof. Dr. Øystein J.

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case occurred in Sistan-Baluchestan, an Iranian province located in the SW of the country, along the border with Afghanistan and Pakistan. A progressive dessication of the wetlands caused by climate change, by a prolonged drought and by overuse of water resources on both sides of the border, has turned this province into one of the dustiest places on the planet (Alizadeh-Choozari et al., 2014). In particular, the disappearance in the early 2000s of the nearby Hamoun lake has exacerbated the situation in the city of Zabol to an unprecedented extent.

100 m (Figure 8).

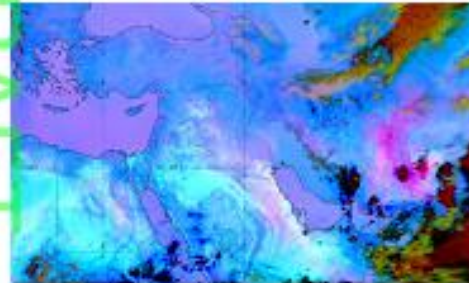


Figure 7: METEOSAT RGB-Dust product of 13 July 2016 at 12 UTC

News agencies reported that thousands of people were provided with emergency aid and dust masks by the Iranian Red Crescent as dust storms blew through the province of Sistan-Baluchistan, affecting major towns as Zabol, Zahak, Nimrouz, and Hirman along with small towns and villages. The high frequency of similar episodes makes the situation unsustainable. Decades of poor water management, depleting underground water, and policies of development that failed to consider the impact on the environment and ecosystems, have taken a toll on Iran's environmental future. Fortunately, steps have already been taken to reverse the situation, both nationally and internationally. UNEP has worked with Iran and Afghanistan to try to rehabilitate the Hamouns (seasonal or ephemeral lakes) and UNESCO has designated them as a biosphere reservoir. At a national level, authorities are revising irrigation methods and agricultural use of about 46,000 hectares of land in Sistan-Baluchistan to make farming more sustainable.



Figure 6: According to WHO, Iran's south-eastern Zabol city ranks first among the most polluted cities in the world

The Sistan endorheic basin is the most active dust source in the interior of Iran, with an average of 167 dusty days per year. Dust storms within the basin may occur at any time throughout the year, but they are more frequent from mid-May to mid-September when there is little or no precipitation and the strong northerly "wind of 120 days" (locally known as Levar) is the dominant flow. This wind is the result of a meridional pressure gradient between a persistent cold high-pressure system over the high mountains of the Hindu-Kush and a summertime thermal low over the desert lands of eastern Iran and western Afghanistan. When the synoptic situation reinforces the wind speed, entrainment of dust particles from bare soils, particularly from dried wetlands, where large amounts of erodible sediment are available, is also accelerated.

Between 13 and 14 July 2016, a strong anticyclone over the Caspian sea and a well-developed thermal low over western Afghanistan and southern Iran produced significant increase in the meridional pressure gradient, reinforced surface wind speed and strong intensification of dust release. The dust plume spread over the entire south-eastern part of Iran, as observed in the METEOSAT RGB-dust product of 13 July at 12 UTC, where dust is highlighted in pink colour (Figure 7). Daily-averaged PM₁₀ reached 10,000 µg/m³ in Zabol, whereas visibility was reduced to less than

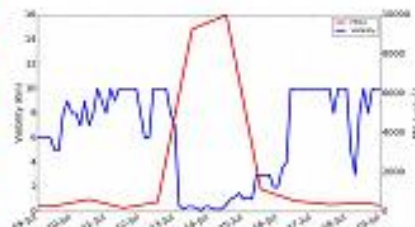


Figure 8: Daily-averaged PM₁₀ and visibility records from Zabol



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Cooperation between Spain and Iran in the framework of SDS-WAS

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Dr. **Saviz Sehat Kashani**, Academic member of **Atmospheric Science and Meteorological Research Center (ASMERC)** of the Islamic Republic of Iran Meteorological Organization (IRIMO), participated in the training course on **"Atmospheric Aerosols and Mineral Dust"**. The training course was organized by the **WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS)** Regional Centre for Northern Africa, Middle East and Europe, hosted by the State Meteorological Agency of Spain (AEMET) and the Barcelona Supercomputing Centre. It was held at the AEMET's Izaña Atmospheric Research Centre (IARC) from 20th June to 6th July 2017.



During the event, Dr. Sehat received information from Dr. **Emilio Cuevas** on the SDS-WAS program and specifically on mineral dust observation, complementarities and synergies between SDS-WAS and the WMO Global Atmospheric Watch (GAW) program

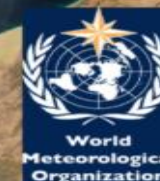
Dr. **Africa Barreto** introduced the main concepts of lidar technique and presented the lidar program conducted at the IARC to characterize the vertical structure of the Saharan Air Layer (SAL). Dr. **Carmen Guirado** was in charge of detailing operational and research aspects of solar photometry techniques and specifically the AERONET program and the European ACTRIS project. She provided practical information on sun photometry calibration by using the handheld Calitoo (Tenen) sunphotometer, and on activities carried out at the optical laboratory.



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- 170 scientists from 37 countries.
- World Meteorological Organization, Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System
- United Nations, Convention to Combat Desertification
- European Union



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Satellite and ground observation and modelling of atmospheric dust

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What	• Outstanding
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Where	Ahvaz, Iran
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is pleased to announce the **7th Training Course on WMO SDS-WAS Products (Satellite and ground observation and modelling of atmospheric dust)** that will be held in Ahvaz, Iran, on 10-14 November 2018, with contribution from **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**, **European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT)**, **Atmospheric Science & Meteorological Research Center (ASMERC)**, **State Meteorological Agency of Spain (AEMET)**, **Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)** and **Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC)**.



Background

When strong or very turbulent winds blow over dry, unvegetated soils, loose particles are lifted from the Earth's surface into the atmosphere, where the finer fraction may be transported over long distances, even across continents. For countries in and downwind of arid regions, this airborne dust poses a major challenge to sustainable development. Impacts on health mainly include respiratory, cardio-vascular problems and infectious diseases. On the other hand, especially once deposited back to the Earth's surface, dust has positive

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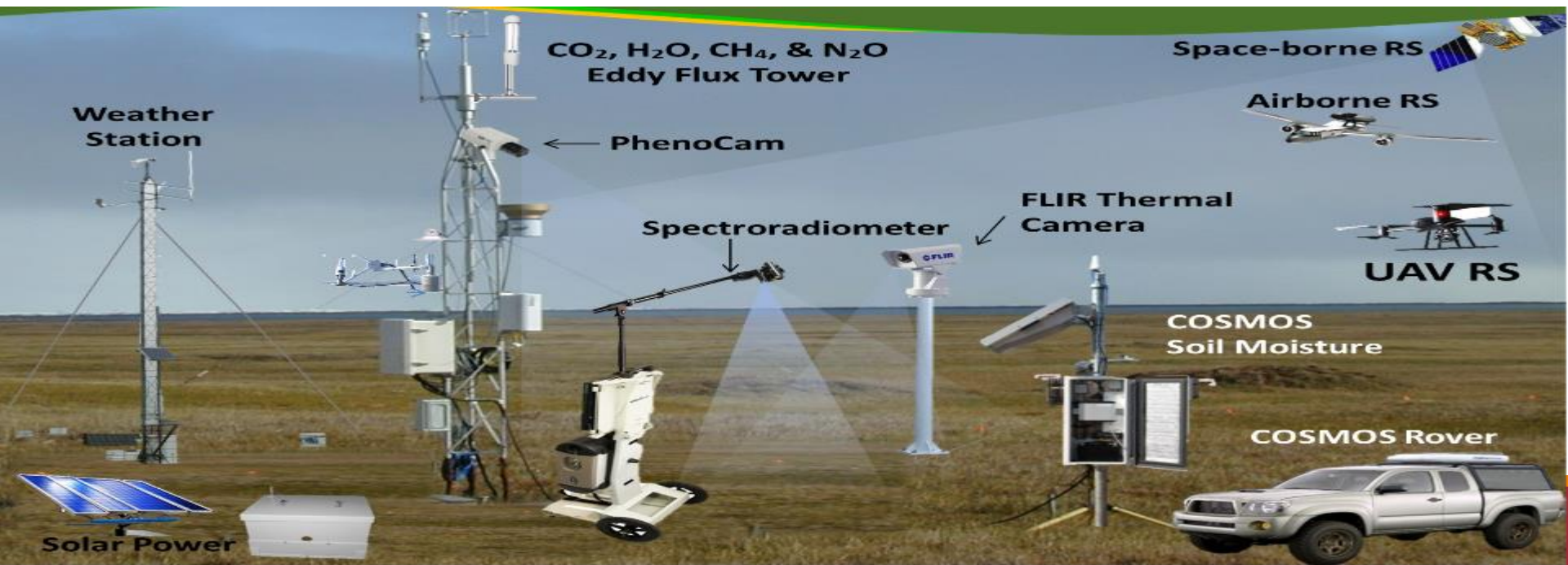


Components of an Effective Early Warning System

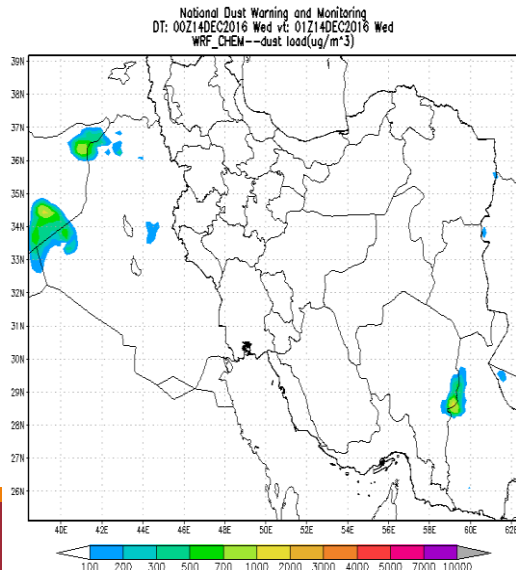
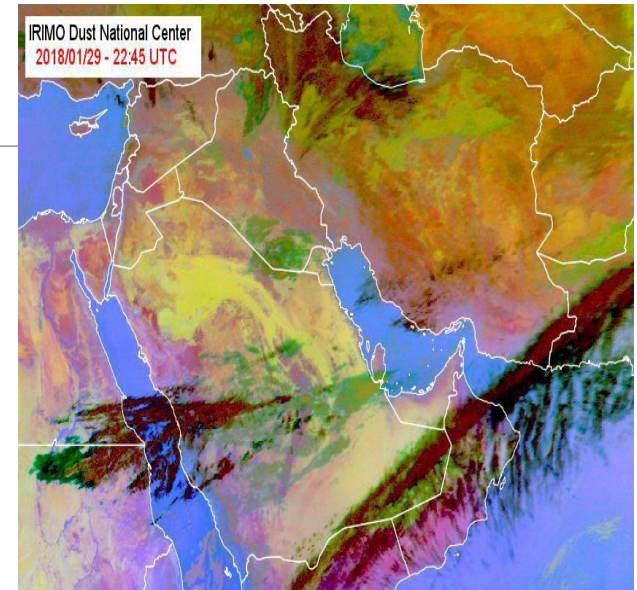
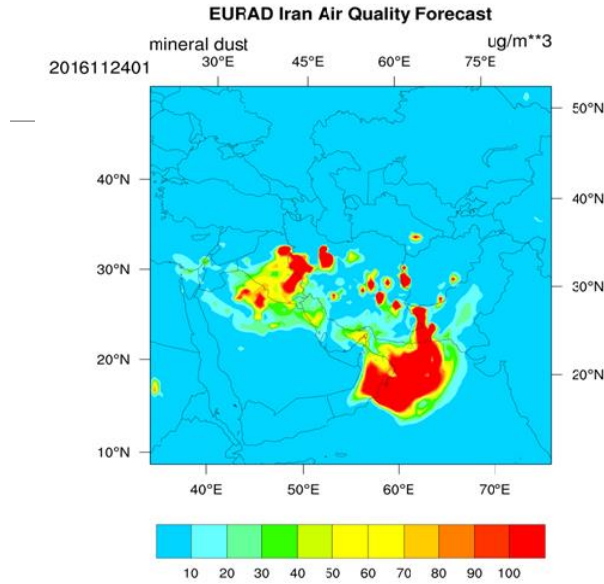
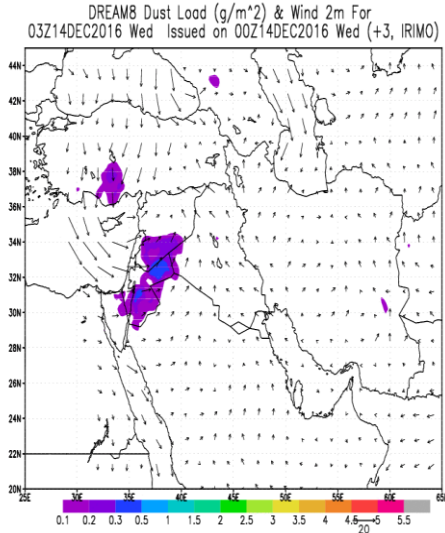


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- ✓ Monitoring:
 - In-situ dust
 - Visibility (dust estimations)
 - PM10/PM2.5
- Remote Sensing
 - Ground base Remote Sensing
 - Photometry & Radars
- ✓ Forecasting and Early warning
- ✓ Research, capacity building and training
- ✓ Collaboration with national and International bodies (WMO SDS-WAS)



IRIMO DUST FORECASTING AND EARLY WARNING



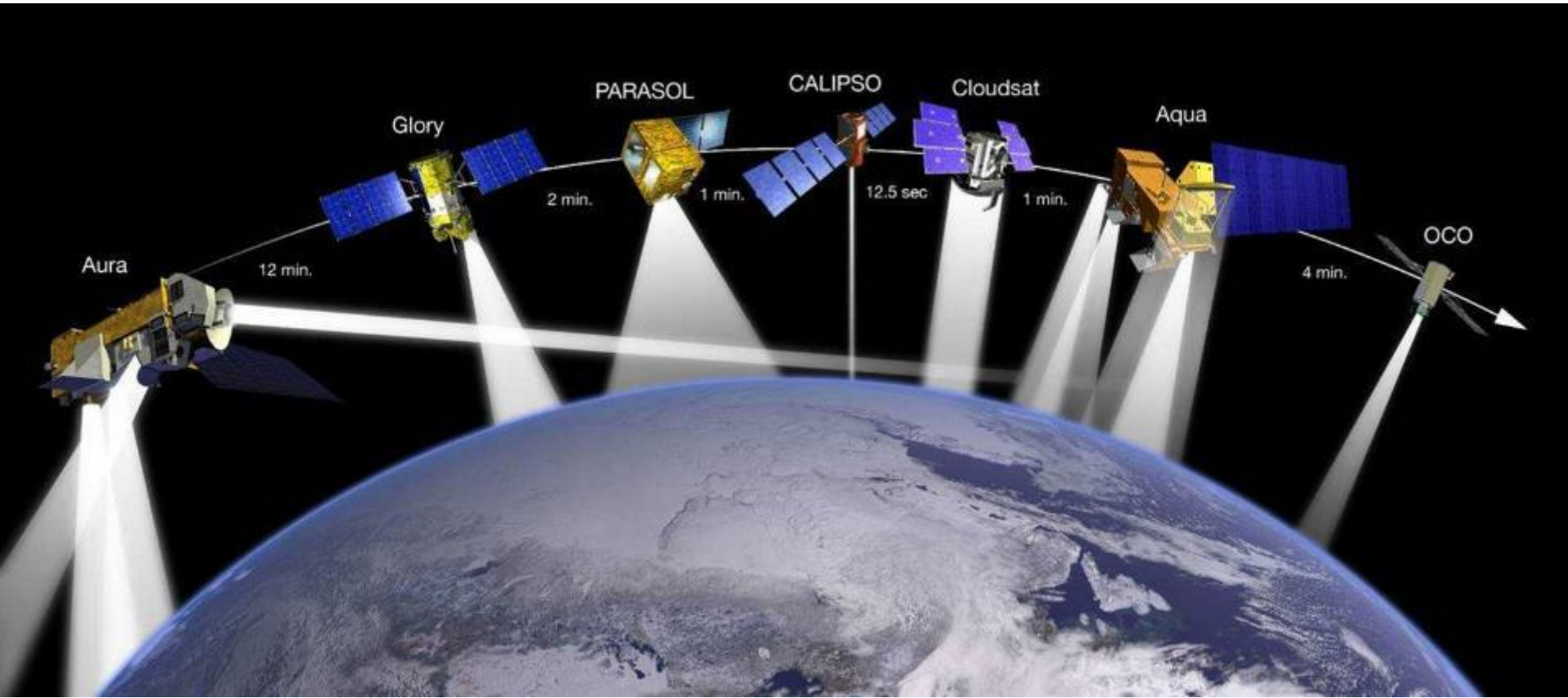
IRIMO operational Dust Forecasting models:

- WRF_CHEM
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- EURAD



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The Afternoon Constellation (A-Train)



The A-Train satellites -- Aqua (2002), Aura (2004), PARASOL (2004), CALIPSO (2006), CloudSat (2006), Glory (2011) and OCO-2 (2014) bring together a rich array of instruments and observing strategies to better understand Earth's changing environment and climate.

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2002

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MTG-I and MTG-S

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MVIRI: 3 channels
Spinning satellite
Class 800 kg

Observation missions:
SEVIRI: 12 channels
GERB
Spinning satellite
Class 2 tons

Observation missions:
Flex.Comb. Imager: 16 channels
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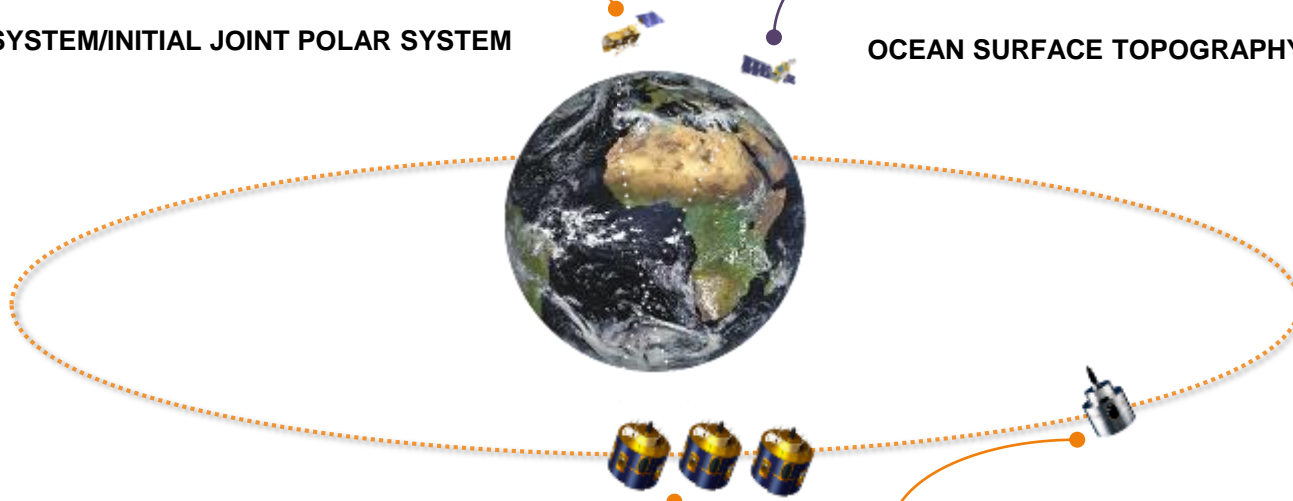
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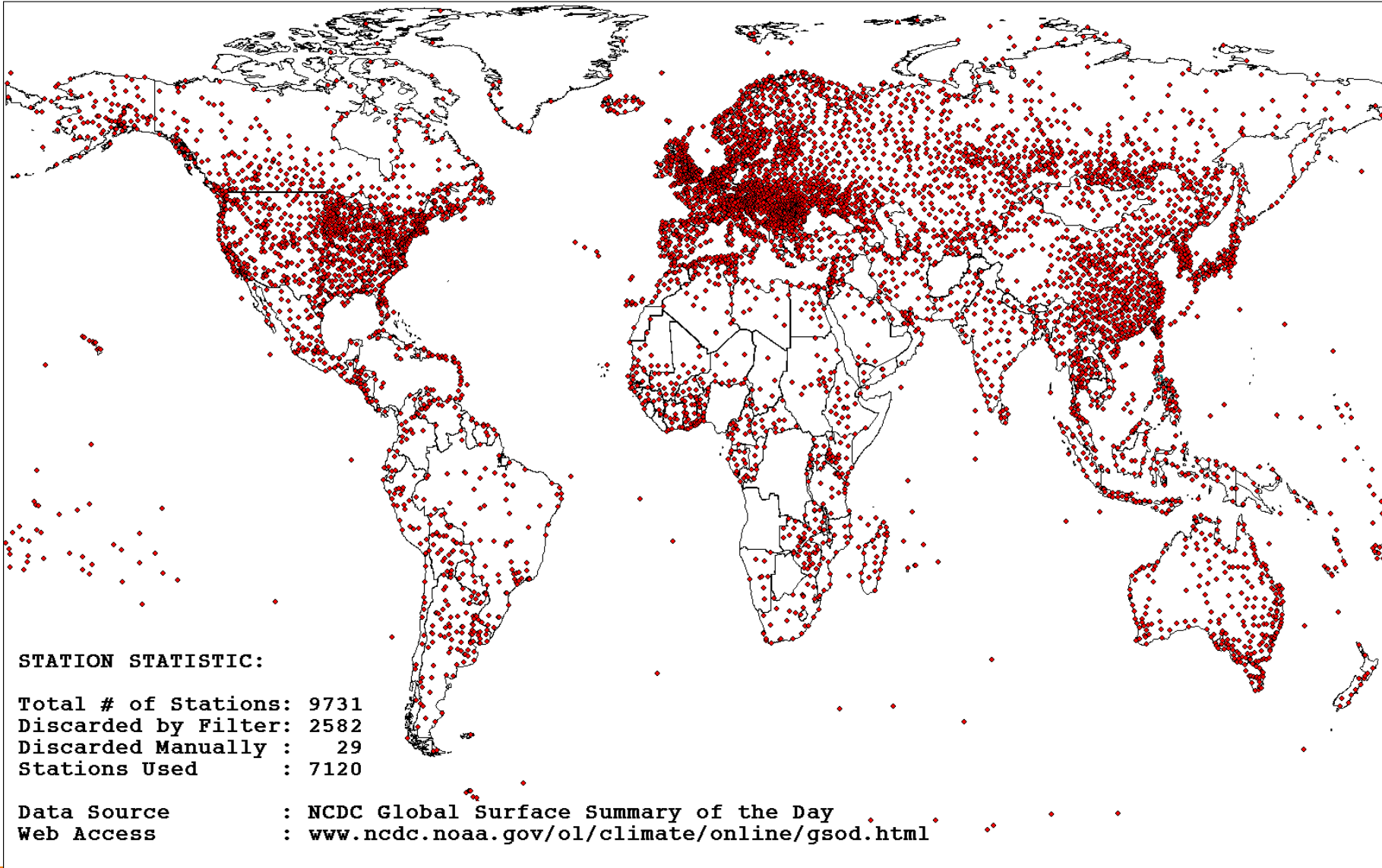
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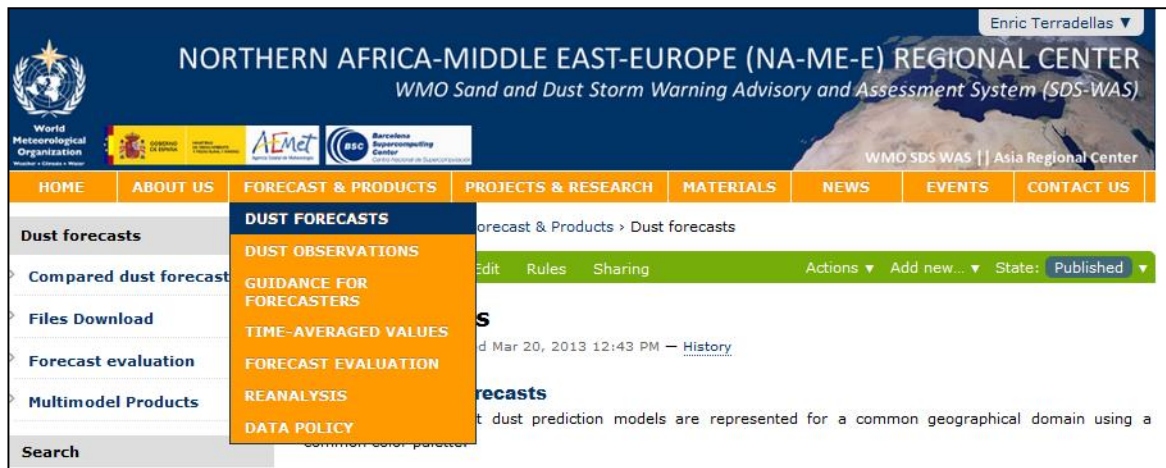
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INDIAN OCEAN DATA COVERAGE MISSION AT 57°5 E
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WMO- World Wide Watch Global Surface Meteorological Network



Current need for Validation of NWP over west Asia



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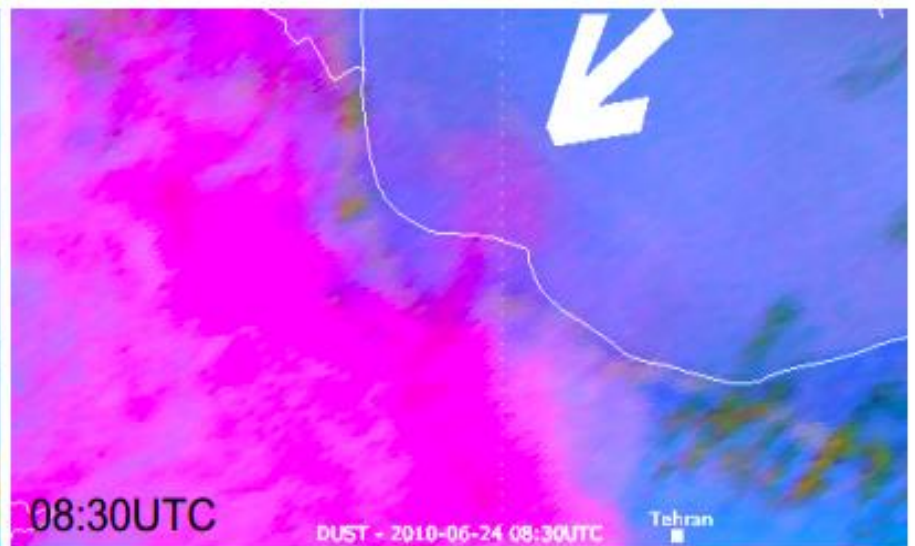
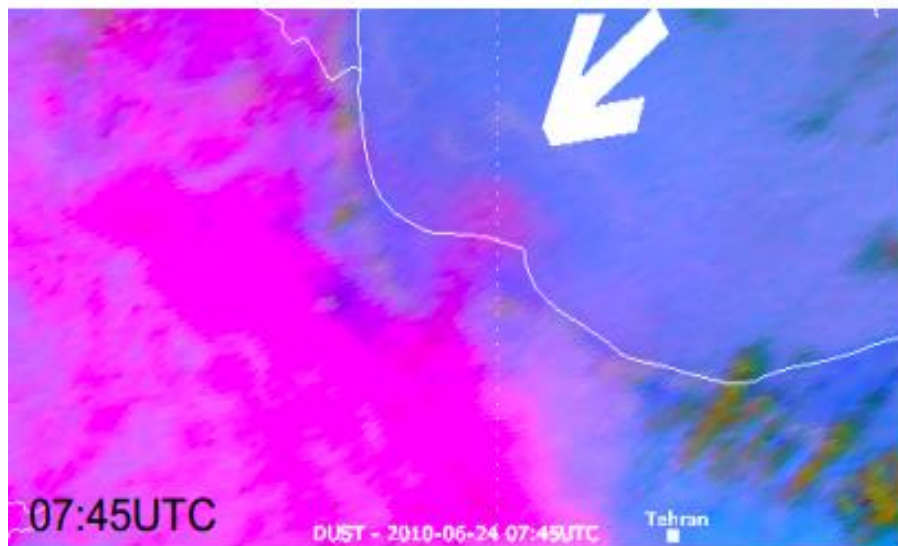
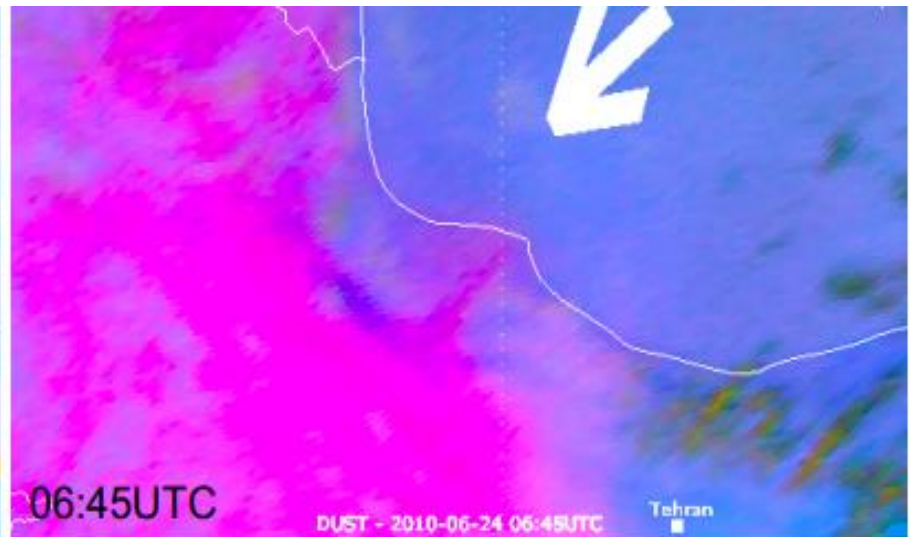
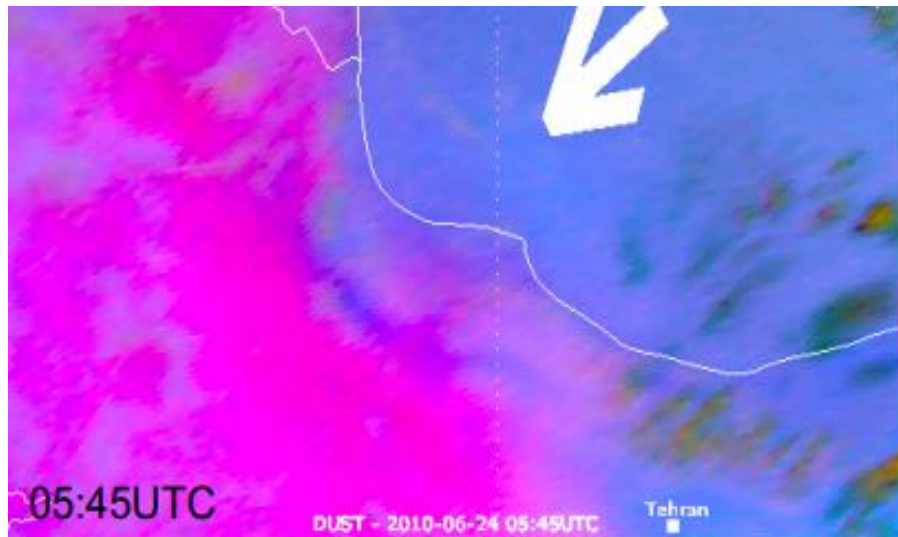
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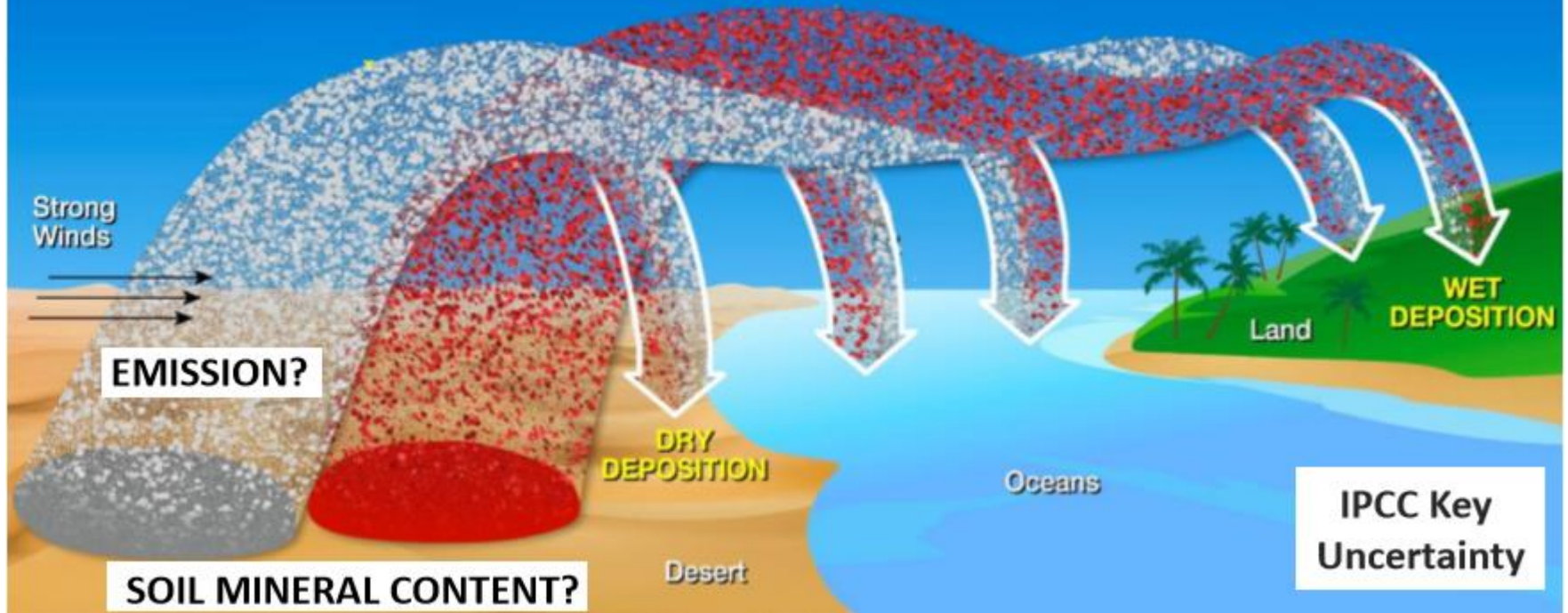


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An Example of Current Needs and challenges for West Asia

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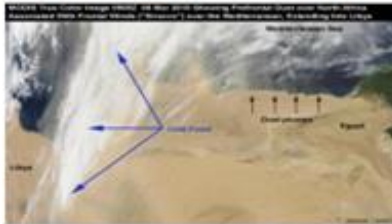
Models neglect
dust mineralogical composition variations



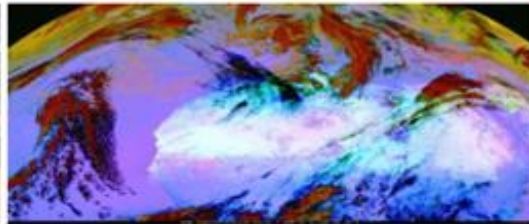
DUST CYCLE AND ASSOCIATED PROCESSES

Synoptic dust storms (large scale weather systems)

Well captured by models.



Pre-frontal winds



Post-frontal winds

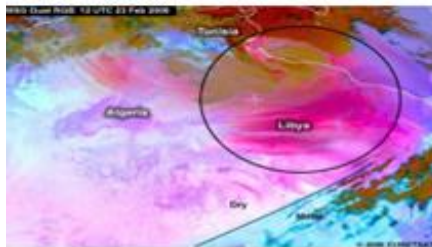


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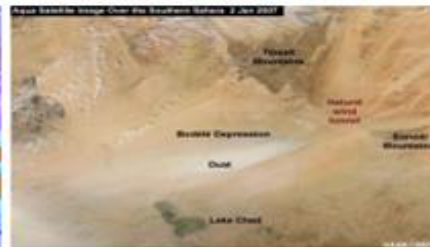
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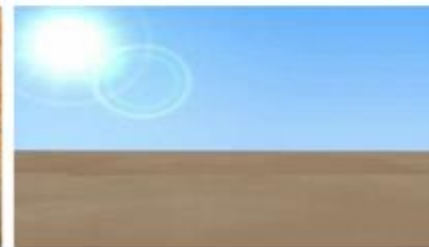
Some types improve in regional models.



Downslope winds



Gap flow



Dust devils



Haboobs

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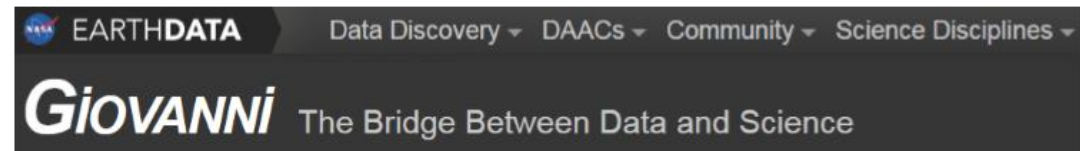
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HYSPLIT-WEB (Internet-based)

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ESRL : PSD : Monthly/Seasonal Composites - NOAA Earth System

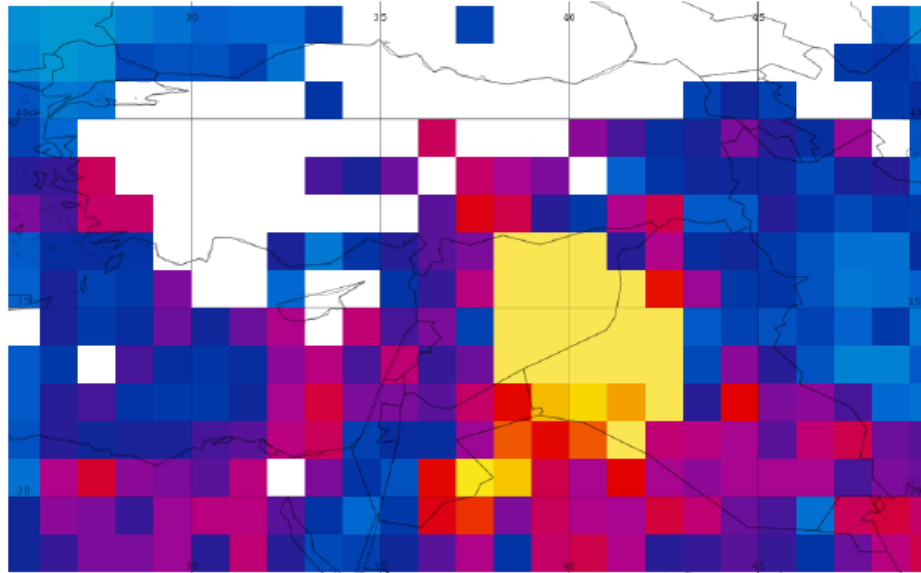
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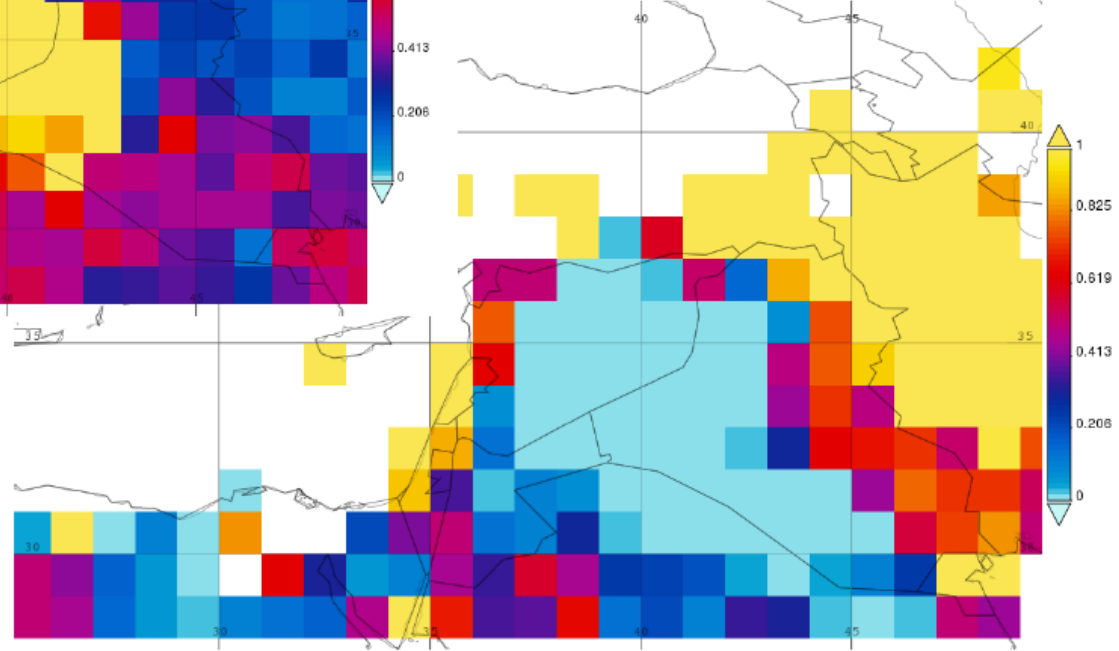
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Time Averaged Map of Combined Dark Target and Deep Blue AOD at 0.55 micron for land and ocean: Mean daily 1 deg. [MODIS-Aqua MYD08_D3 v6]
over 2017-05-18 - 2017-05-19, Region 25.1579E, 27.7482N, 49.5036E, 43.1291N



AOD - Aqua

for land (0.412-0.47 micron): Mean of Daily Mean daily 1 deg. [MODIS-Aqua MYD08_D3 v6]
17-05-19, Region 25.1579E, 27.7482N, 49.5036E, 43.1291N



AE - Aqua

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You can use HYSPLIT model for the detection of SDS source area.

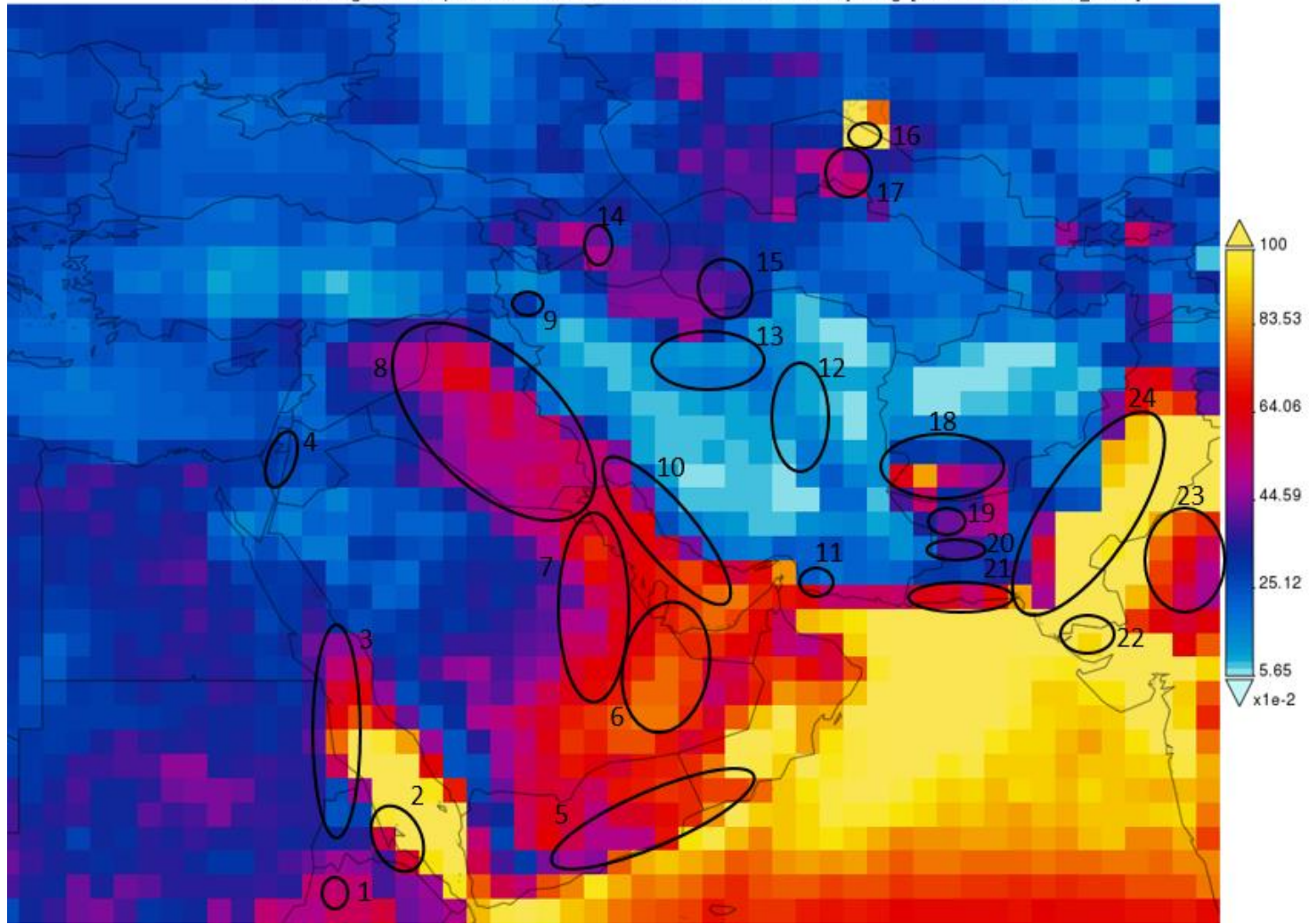
The screenshot displays the HYSPLIT web interface. At the top, the ARL logo and "Air Resources Laboratory" are visible. A navigation menu on the left lists options like "ARL Home", "HYSPLIT Model", and "READY". The main content area features a large banner with the HYSPLIT logo and a description of the model's capabilities. Below the banner, there are several sections: "HYSPLIT-WEB (Internet-based)" with links for running the model, "2018 AMS HYSPLIT" news, and "Daily Limits" and "Publishing HYSPLIT results" sections.

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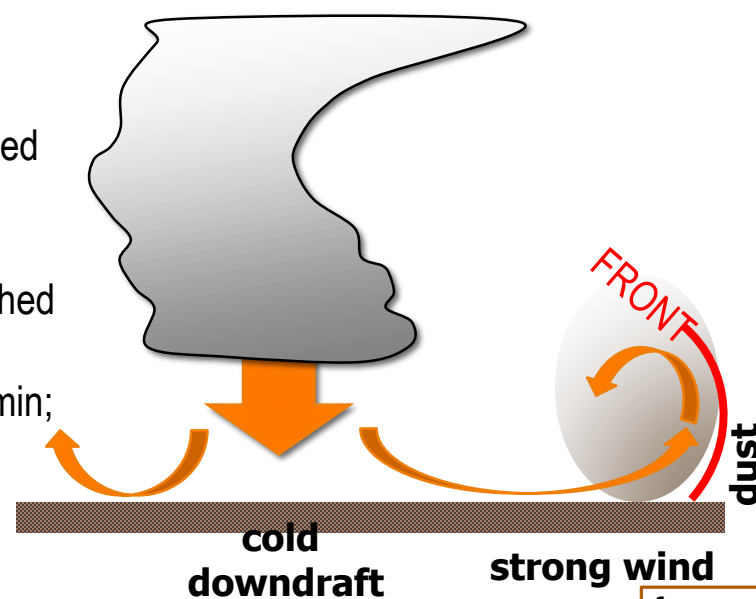
July (2001 - 2016)
 Combined Dark Target and Deep Blue AOD at 0.55 micron for land and ocean monthly 1 deg. [MODIS-Terra MOD08_M3 v6]



Distribution of dust sources over the Middle East. The black circled sources are numbered as 1, Lake Tana of Ethiopia; 2, Danakil Desert of Ethiopia; 3, northeast Sudan; 4, Jordan River; 5, Hadramawt region; 6, Empty Quarter; 7, highlands of Saudi Arabia; 8, Mesopotamia; 9, Urumia Lake of Iran; 10, coastal desert of Iran; 11, Hamun-i-Mashkel; 12, Dasht-e Lut Desert of Iran; 13, Dasht-e Kavir Desert of Iran; 14, Qobustan in Azerbaijan; 15, Atrek delta of Turkmenistan; 16, Turan plain of Uzbekistan; 17, Aral Sea, desert of Rajasthan in India; 18, southern drainage basin of the Hindu Kush in Afghanistan; 19, ephemeral lakes around the city of Zabol; 20, Hamun-i-Mashkel of Pakistan; 21, Makran coast of Pakistan; and 22, Rann of Kutch in India; 23, desert of Rajasthan in India

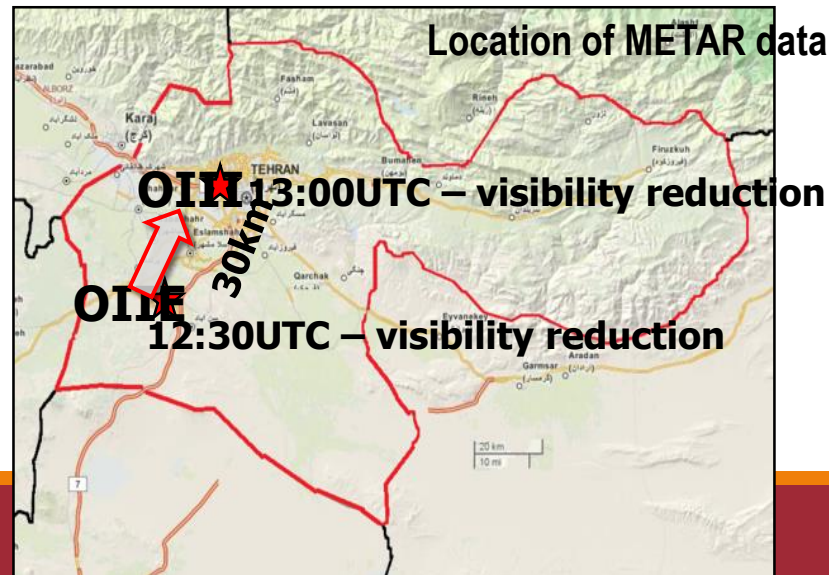
Information from reports

- reached city at 5.30 p.m. local time;
- passing of the sand storm over the fixed site lasted about 15min;
- storm duration less than 2h;
- reduction of visibility to ~10m; wind velocity reached 110 km/h;
- temperature dropped from 33 to 18C in several min;
- at least 5 deaths, 82 injured; multiple vehicle collision;
- 50 000 residential units lost power.



Theory

- Multicell storm: Intensive cold downbursts from convective cells produced high velocity surface wind, creating cold front which was lifting, mixing and pushing dust towards the city;
- Expected: high wind speed, drop in temperature, rise in humidity, rise in pressure, reduction of visibility.



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DUST FORECAST WITH REAL DUST SOURCES: NMME-DREAM



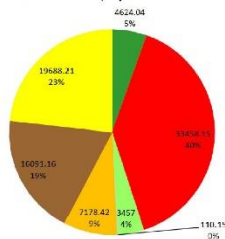
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Legend

- Abandoned Agricultural Farms
- Dry farming
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- Salin Mud Flat
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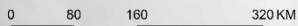
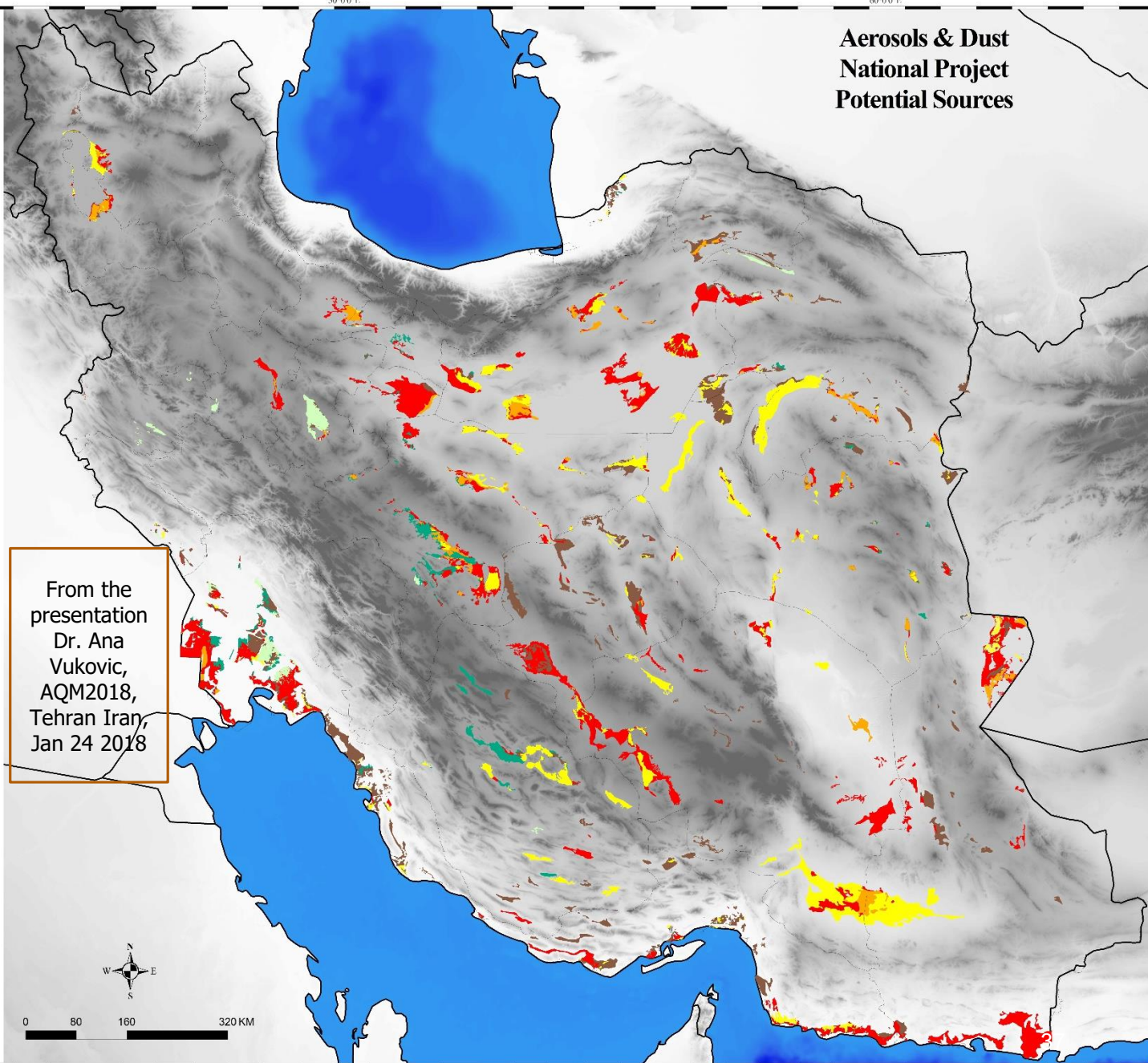
Common Landuse of Potential Sources

Portion of Unites (Sq Km & Percentage)



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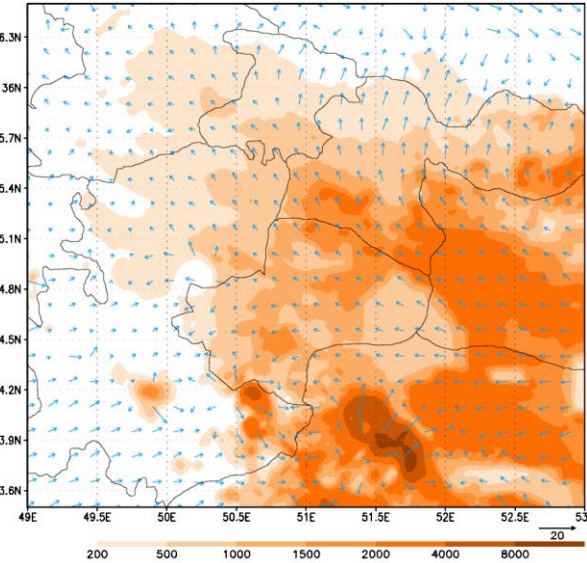
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Dust forecast with the same model setup and all 3 versions of masks

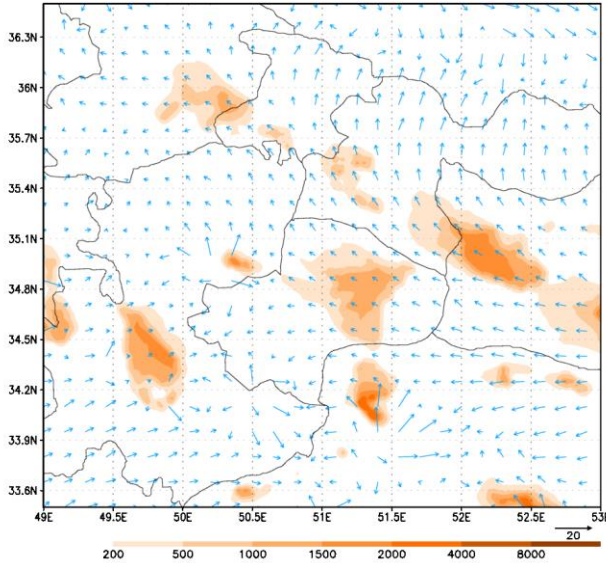
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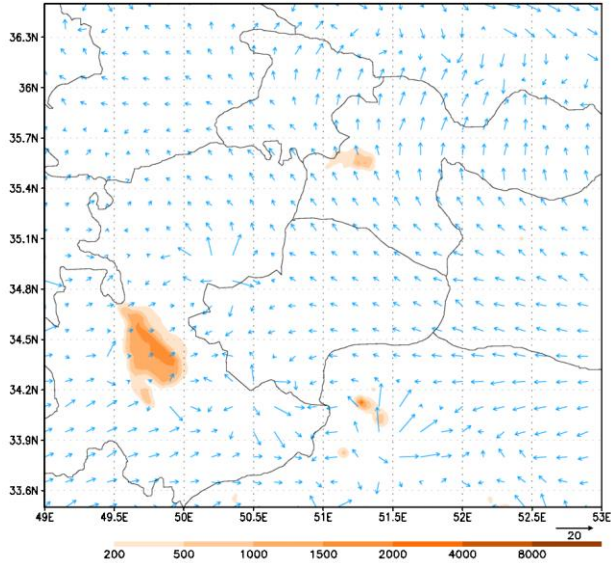
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✓ **First time to use real dust source mask in dust forecast models - the main priority is fulfilled!**

- Dust forecast much improved
- Reduced false alarms
- Next uncertainty is size distribution of dust particles in sources
- Serves to further dust models development!


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NOAA-ESRL: Monthly Seasonal Composites

<https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/cgi-bin/data/composites/printpage.pl>

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We have transitioned the data files from netCDF3 to netCDF4-classic format on Monday Oct 20th, 2014.

Monthly/Seasonal Climate Composites

Plot seasonal composites (averages) of the mean or anomalies (mean - total mean) of variables from the NCEP reanalysis and other datasets. NCEP data is available from **Jan 1948** to **Sep 2017**. Other datasets have different time ranges. Note the climatology used for the anomaly and long term mean plots is now **1981-2010** to match the new climate normal timeperiod.

❶ Which variable? Level?

❷ Beginning month of season: Ending month:

❸ Enter years for composites (from 1 to 20): e.g. 1972. For seasons that span a year (e.g. DJF), please enter year of the **LAST** month.

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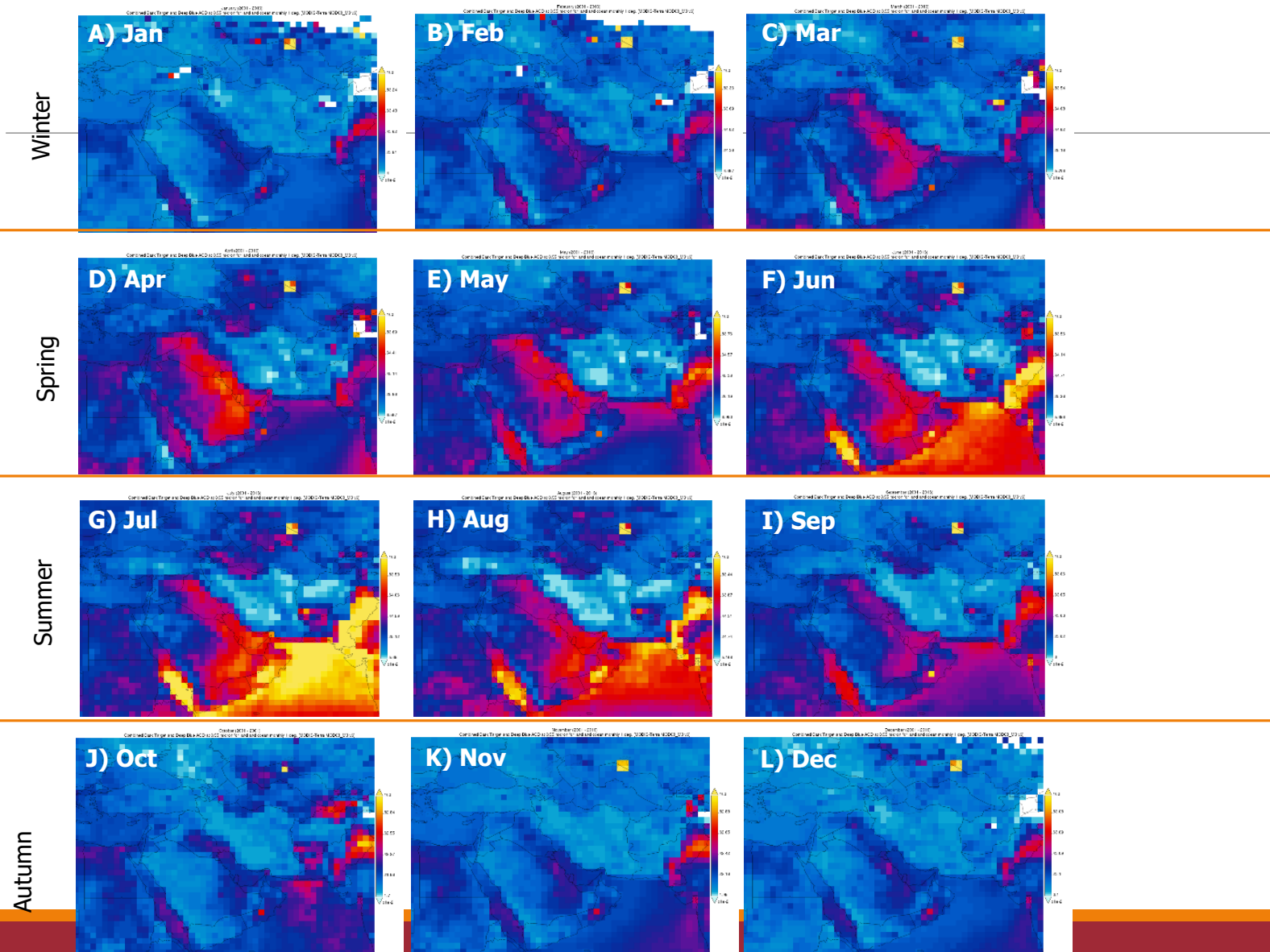
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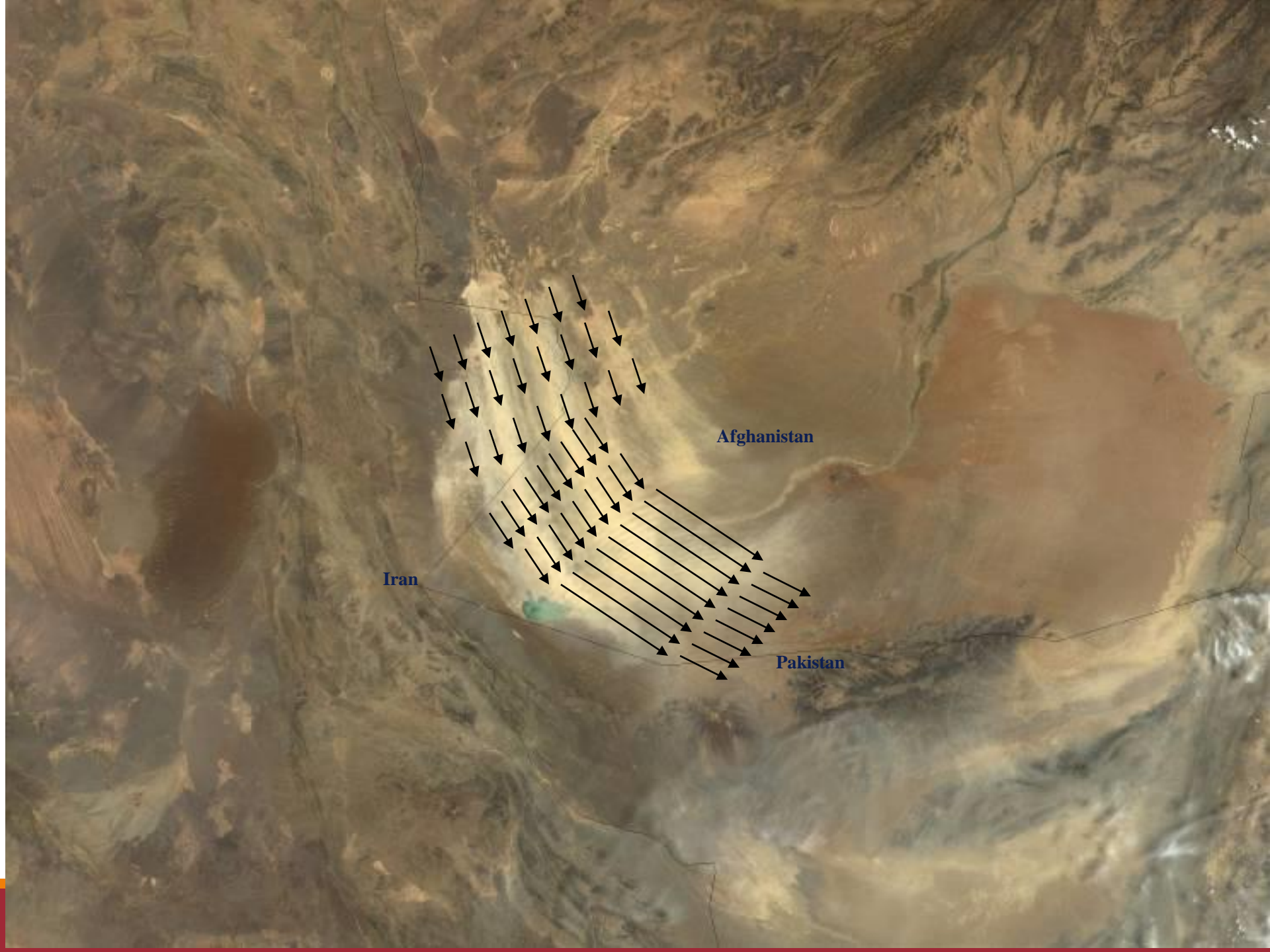
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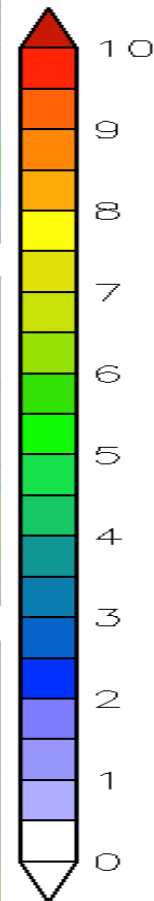
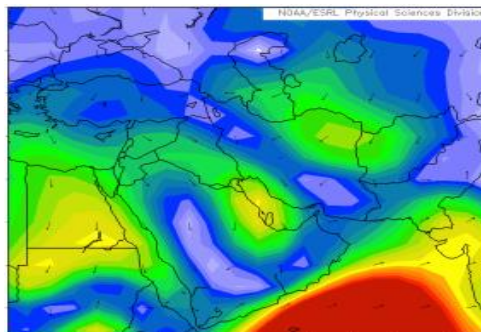
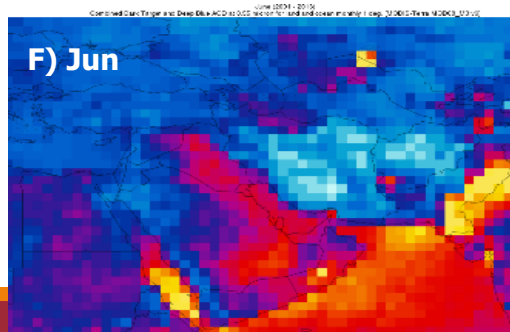
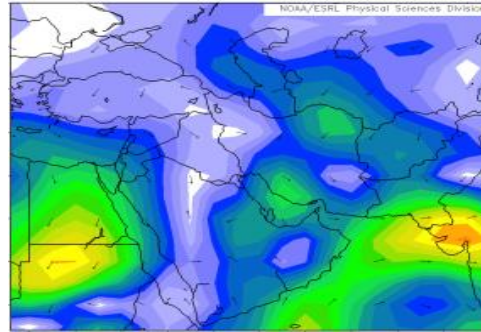
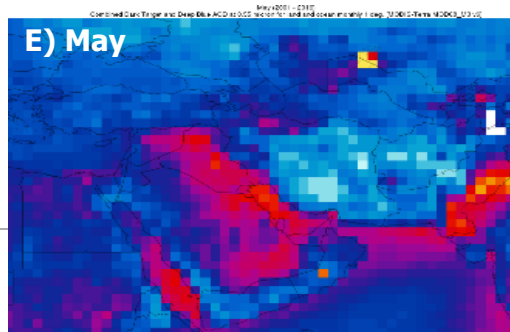
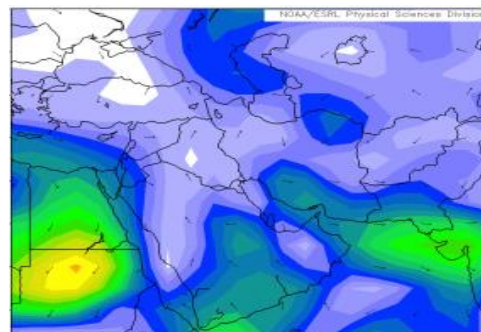
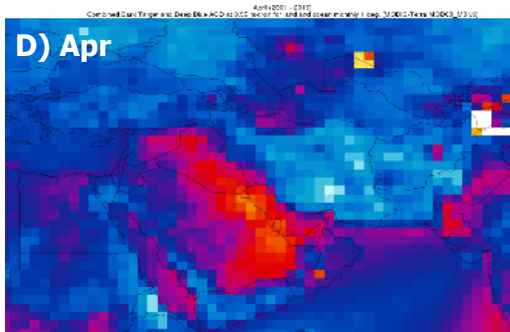
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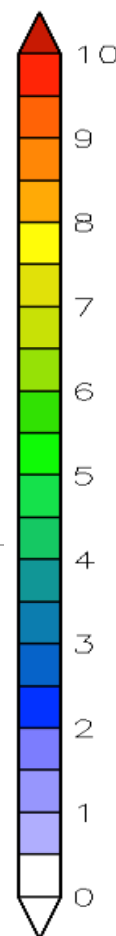
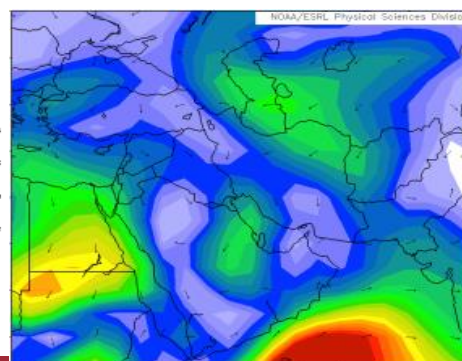
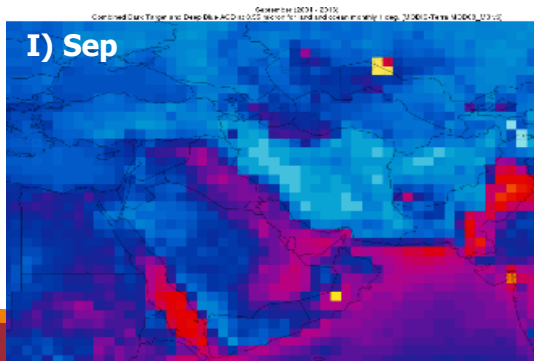
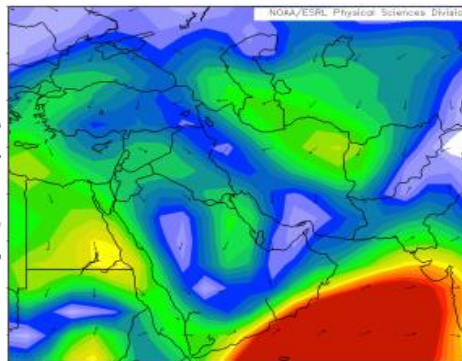
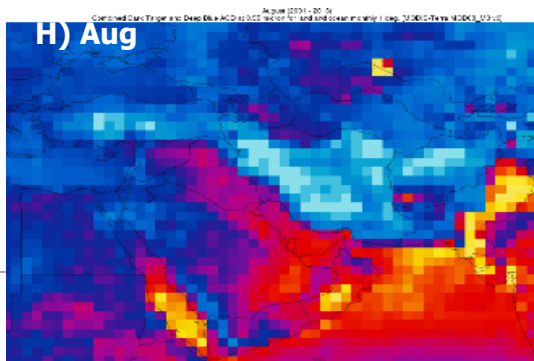
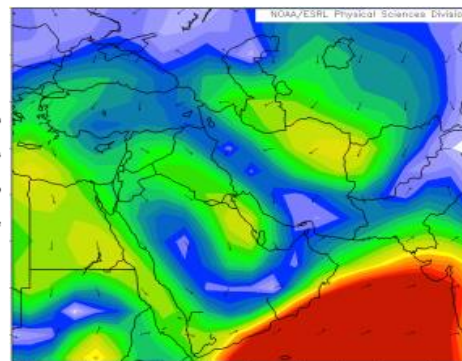
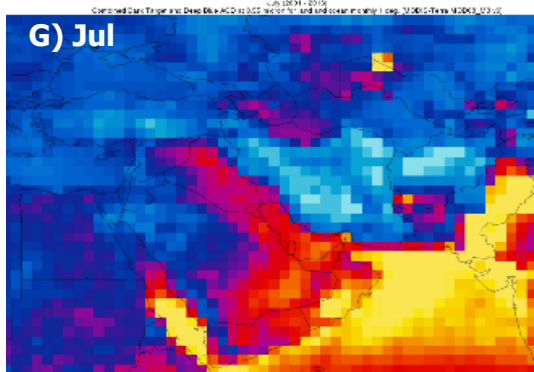
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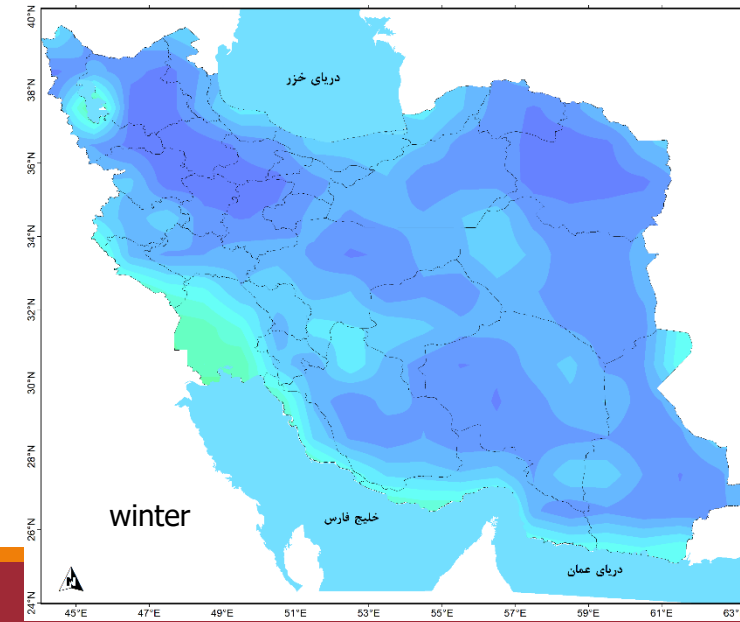
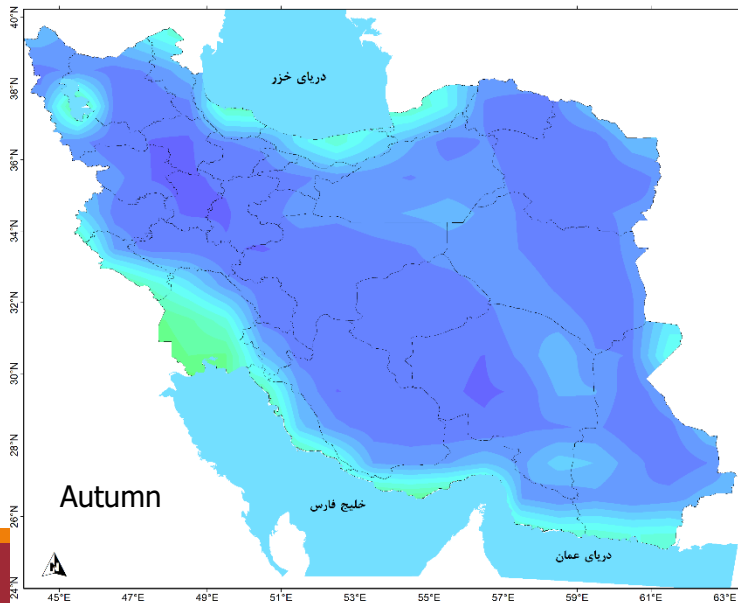
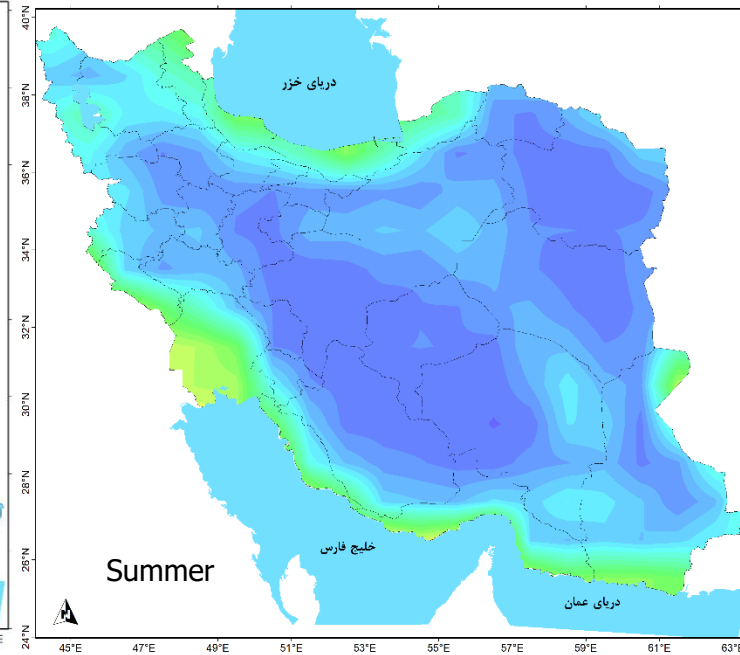
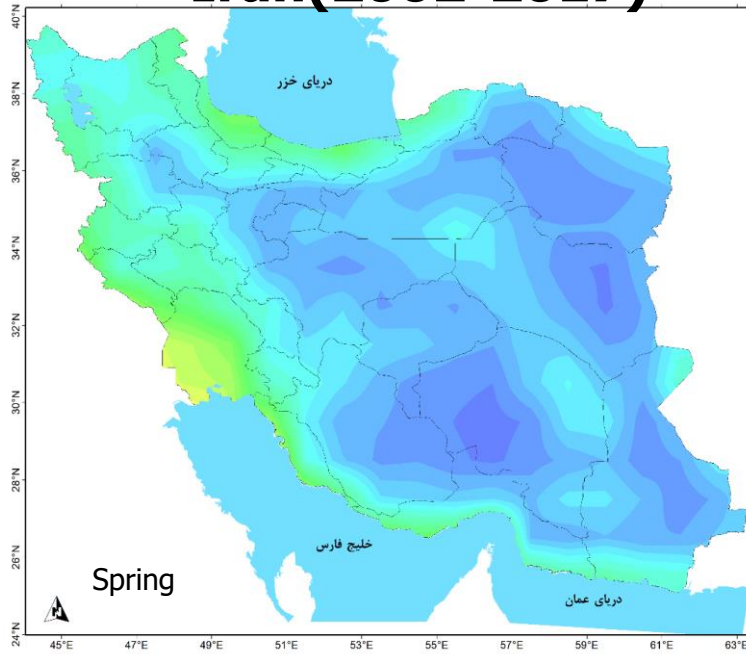
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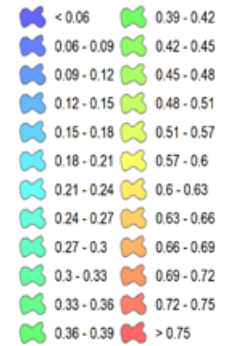
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Seasonal AOD Variability over Iran(2002-2017)

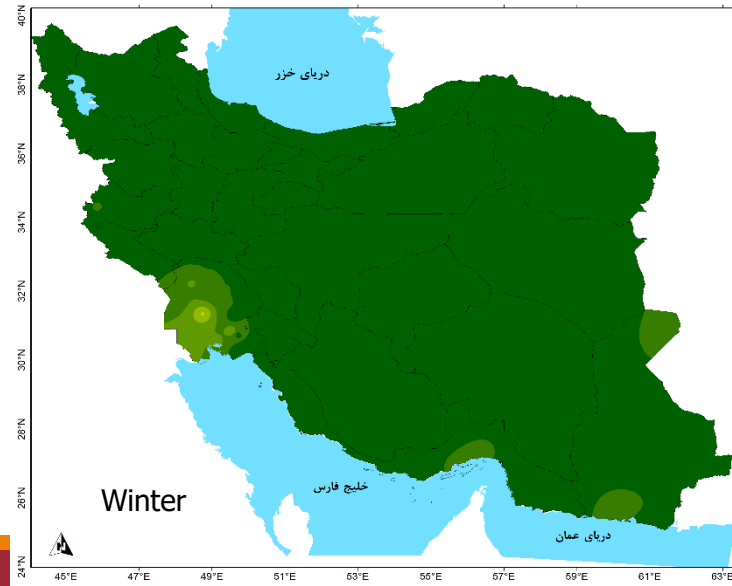
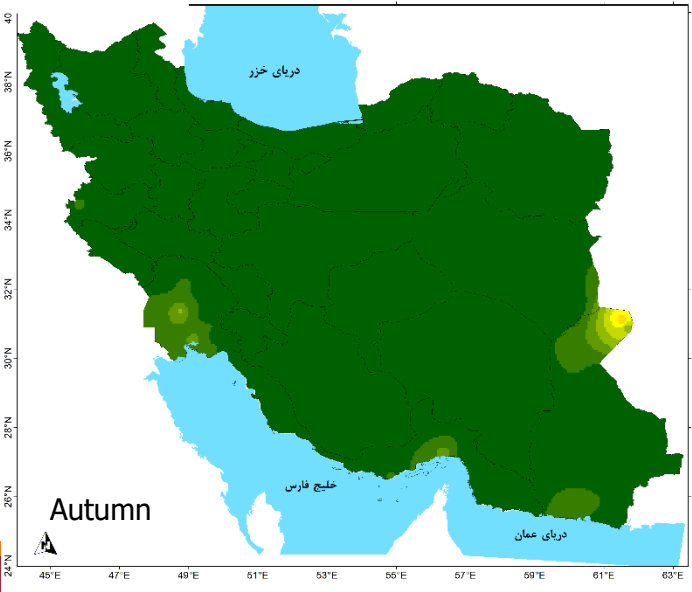
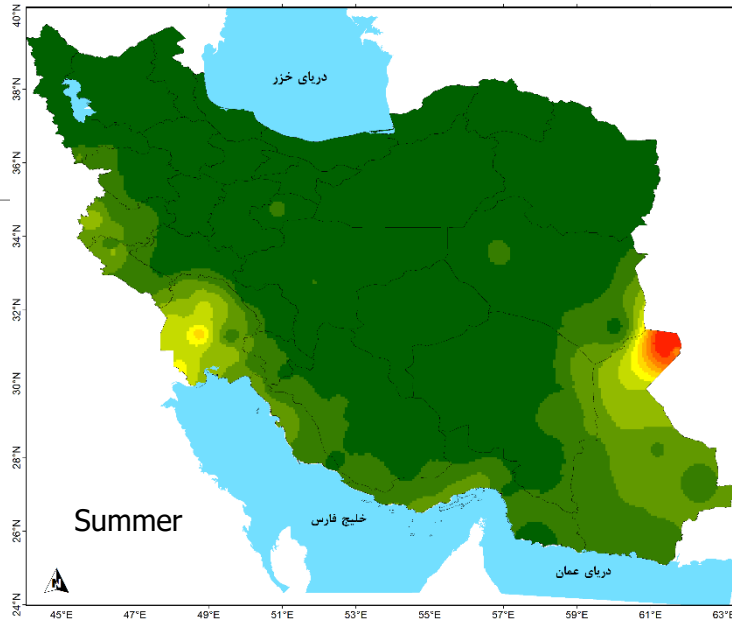
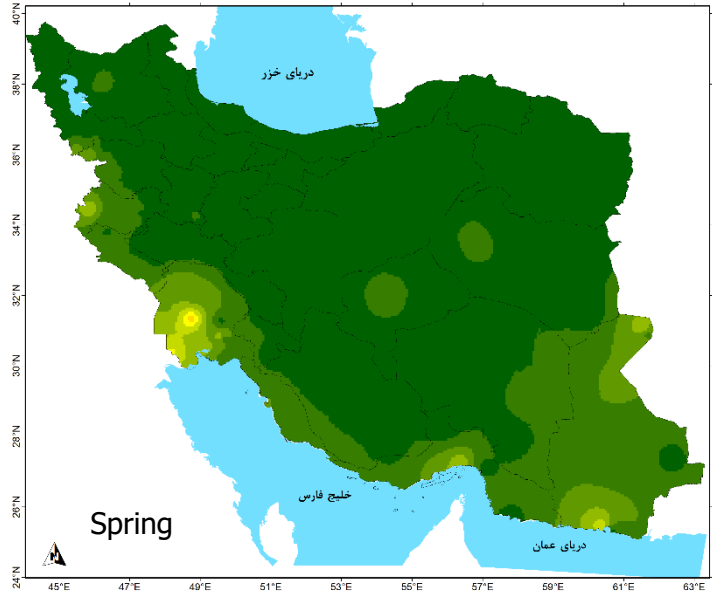


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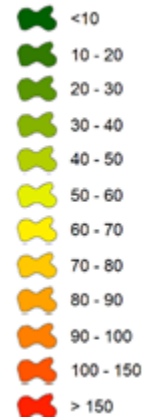


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Number of Days



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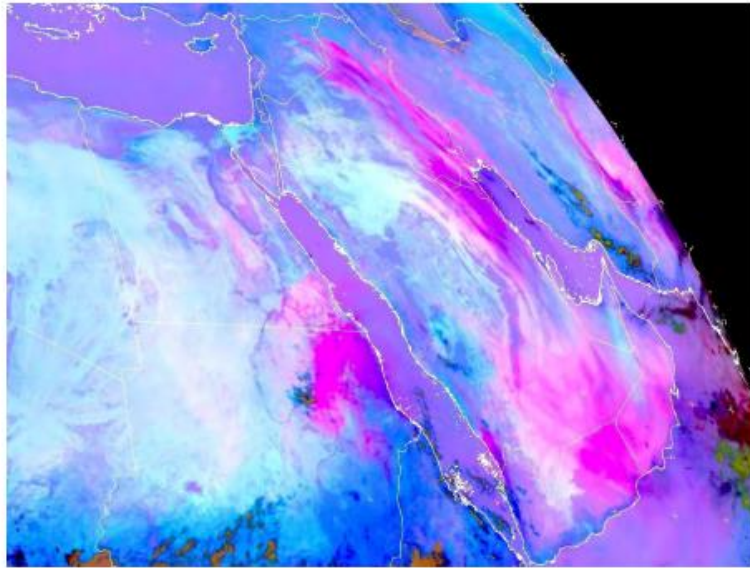
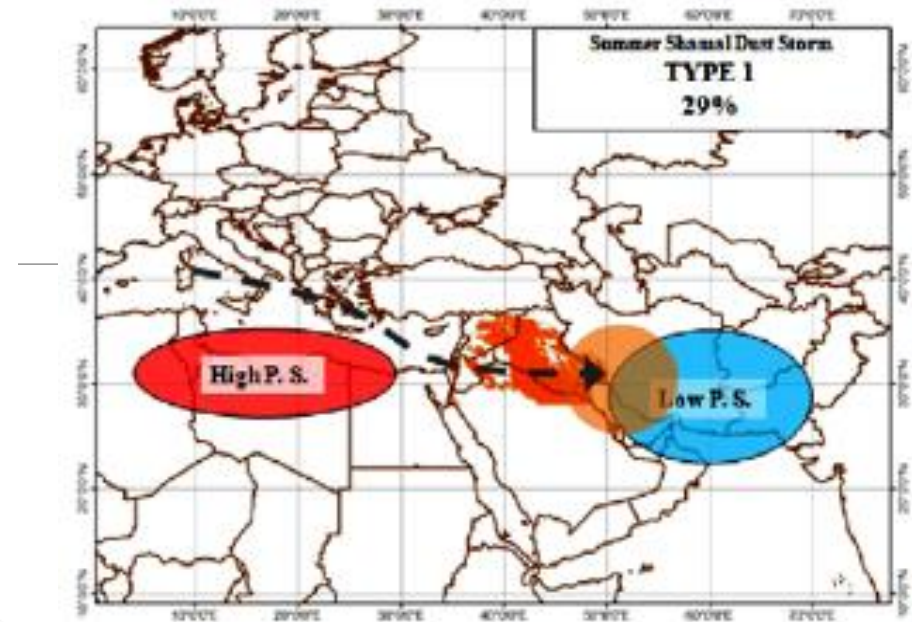


Figure 18 - A three-day summer shamal dust storm over Iraq and the Arabian Peninsula: dust is observed in pink with a tone more intensive the higher the dust content in the atmospheric column (17 June 2008, 08:00 UTC, Meteosat-9, EUMETSAT)



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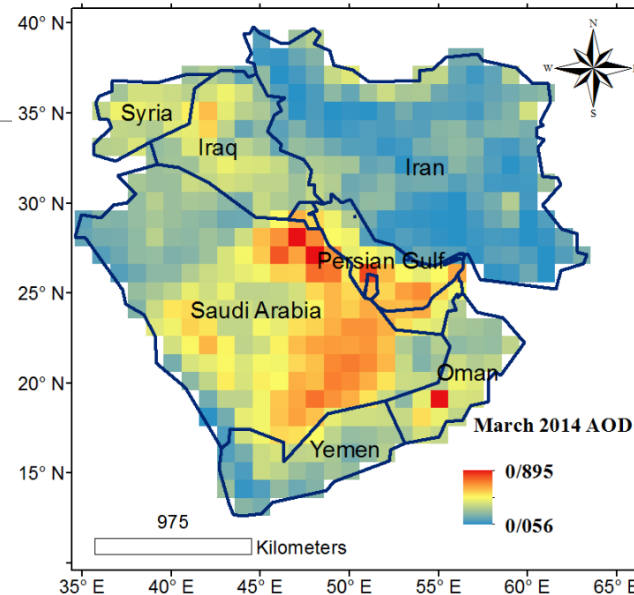
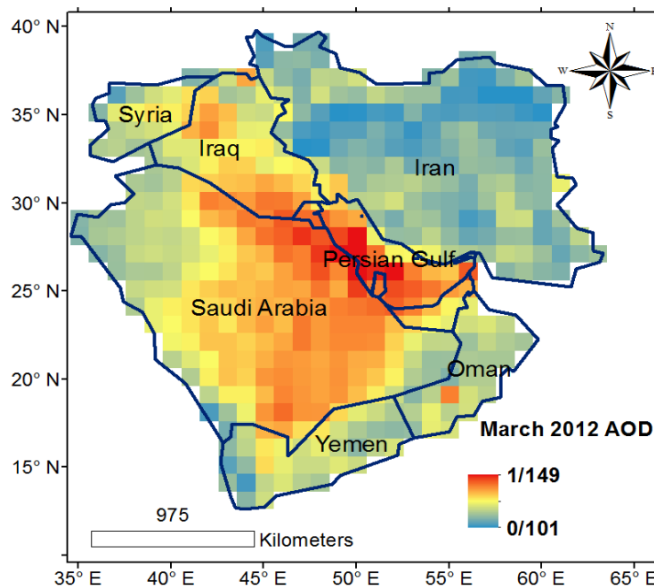


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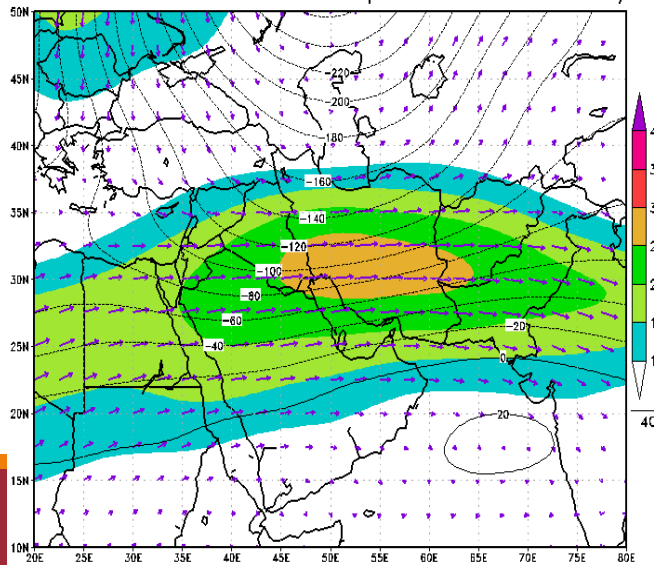
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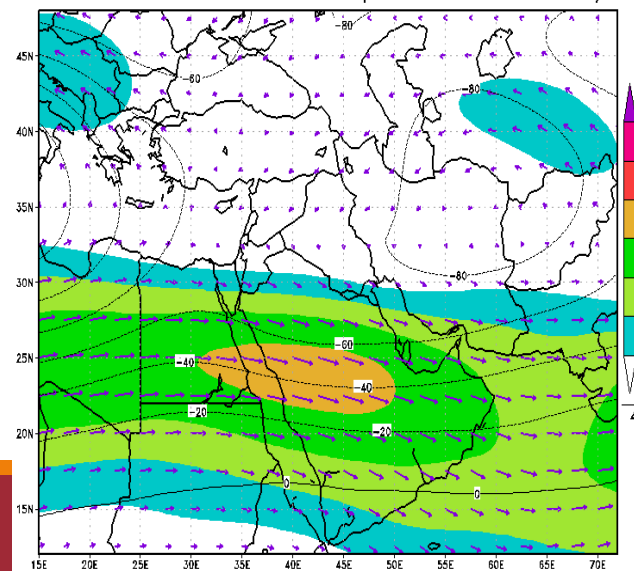


Monthly mean AOD in study region for March 2012 (left) and March 2014 (right).

March 2012-500 and 250 Geopotential Level Anomaly



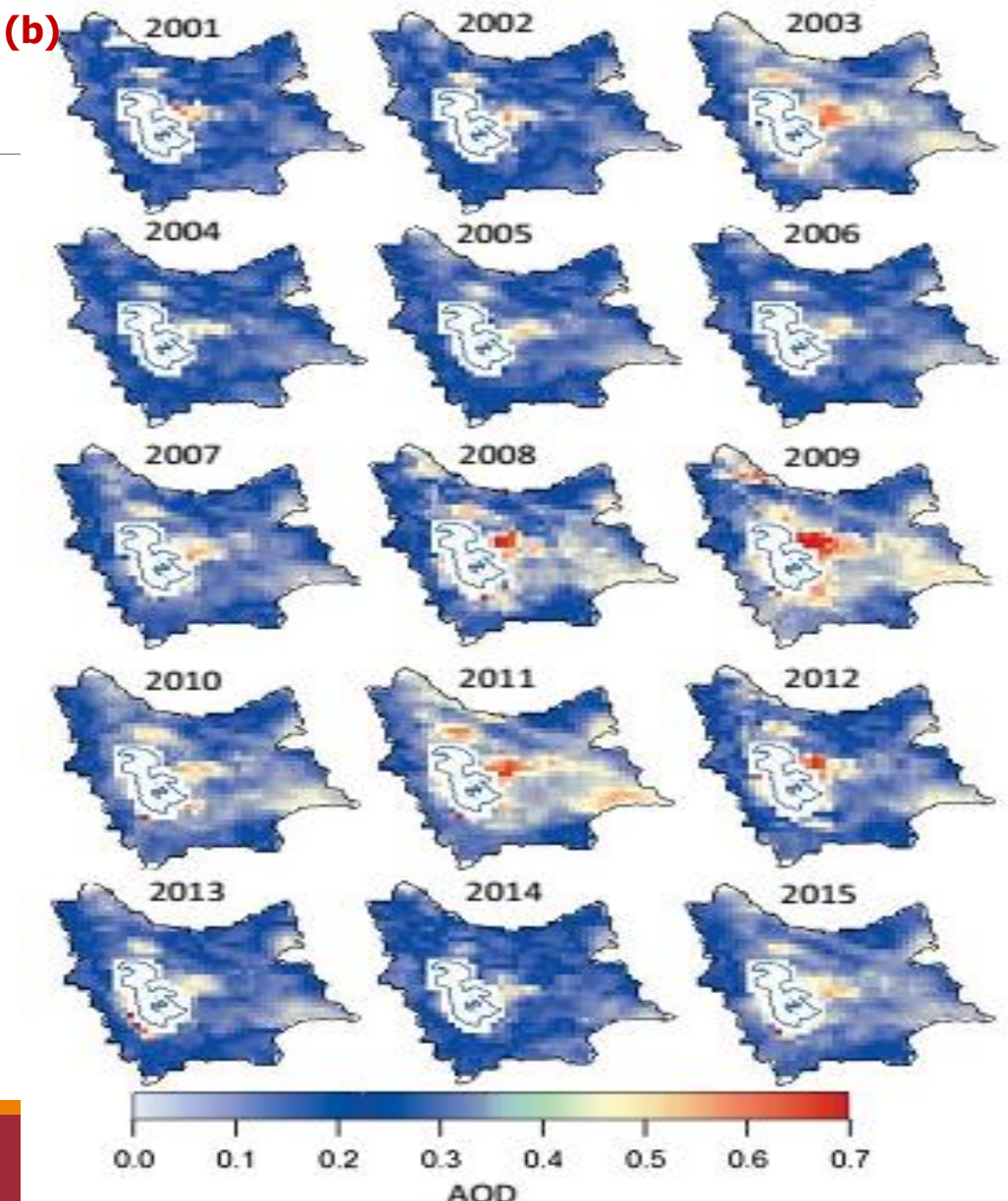
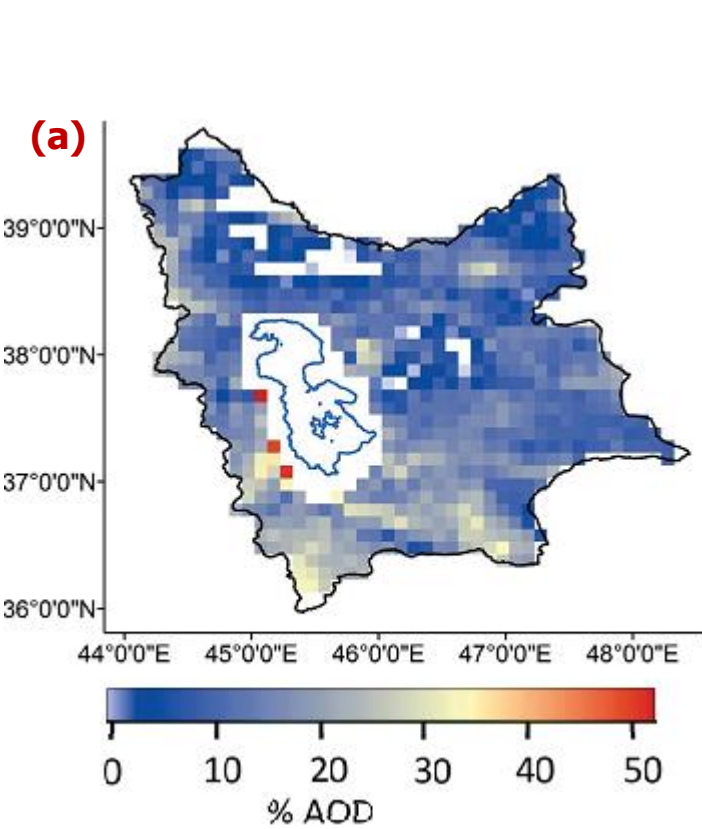
March 2014-500 and 250 Geopotential Level Anomaly



Composite anomaly chart at 250 and 500 hPa. Colors denote wind speed anomaly (m s⁻¹) and violet solid lines represent geopotential contour anomalies at 500 hPa

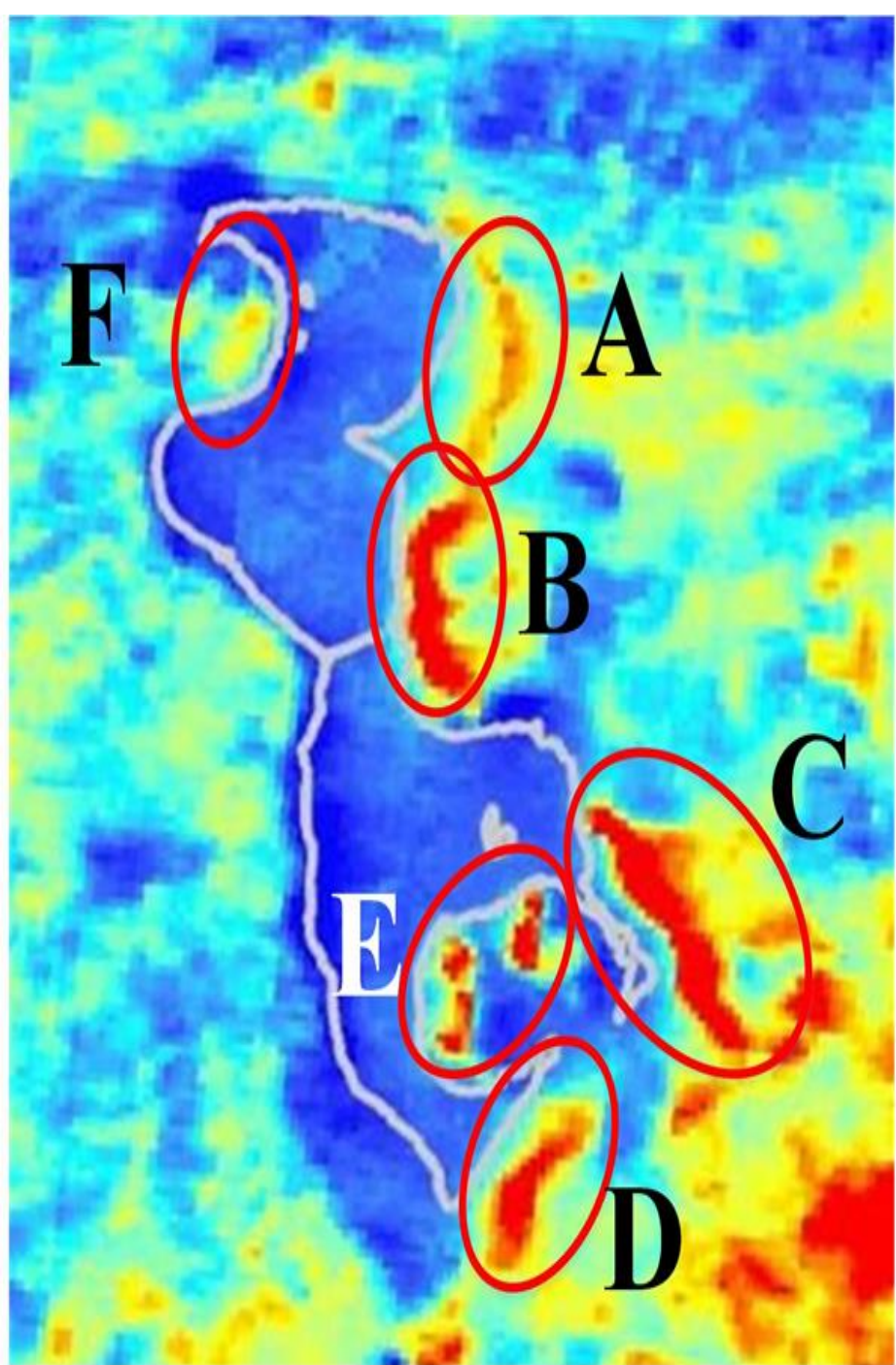
The Lake Urmia Environmental Disaster in Iran: A Look at Aerosol Pollution (STOTEN,2017)

Ali Hossein Mardi, Ali Khaghani, Alexander B. MacDonald, Armin Sorooshian, Phu Nguyen, Neamat Karimi, Parisa Heidary, Nima Karimi, Peyman Saemian, Massoud Tajrishy, Saviz Sehatkashani



(a) Spatial distribution of AOD percent change between 2008-2015 as compared to 2001- 2007. Uncolored pixels represent an insufficient number of data points. (b) Spatial distribution of mean annual AOD for all years between 2001 and 2015. Uncolored pixels represent an insufficient number of data points.

Identify centers around the Lake Urmia by BTD



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Presentation, ESCAP meeting,
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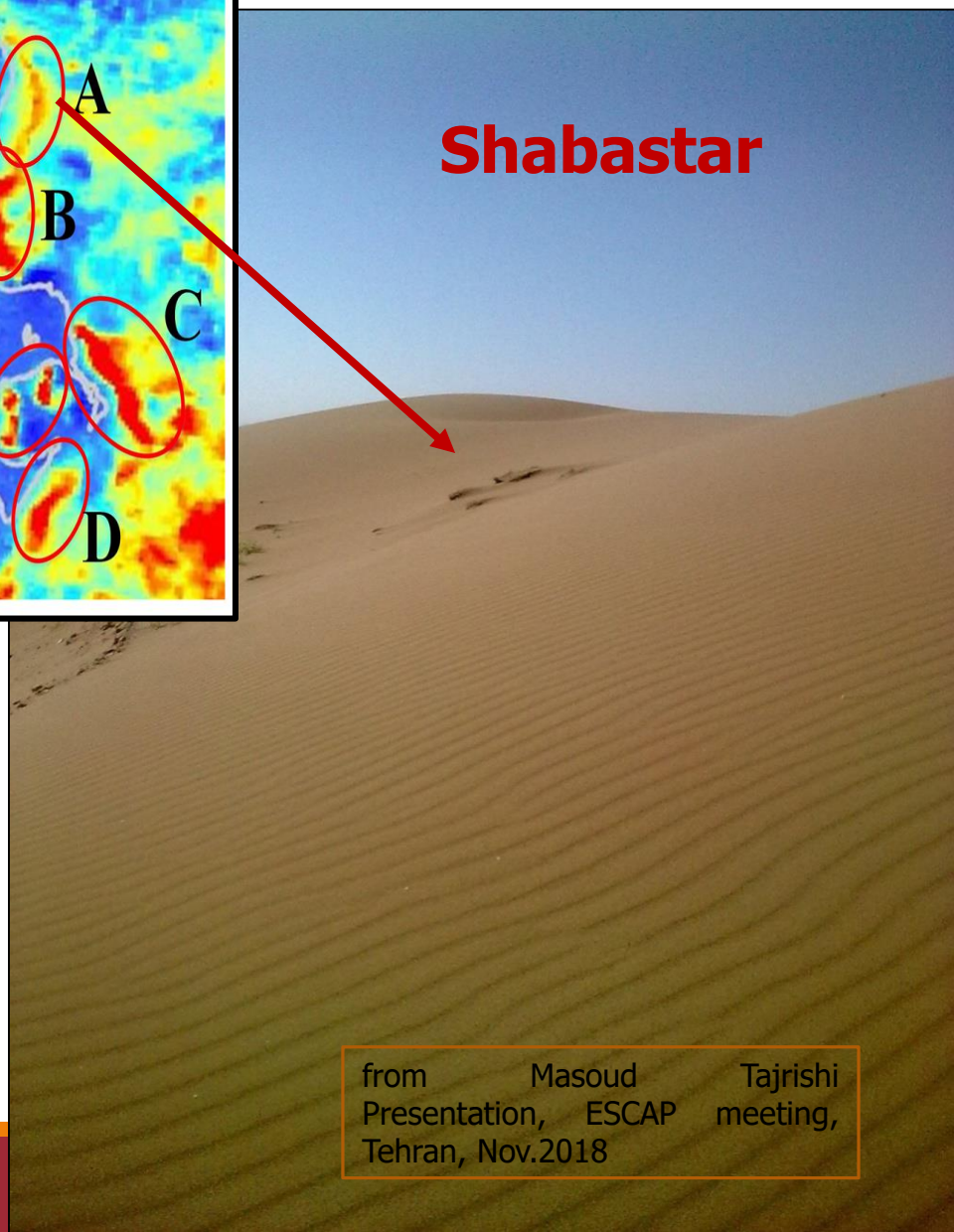
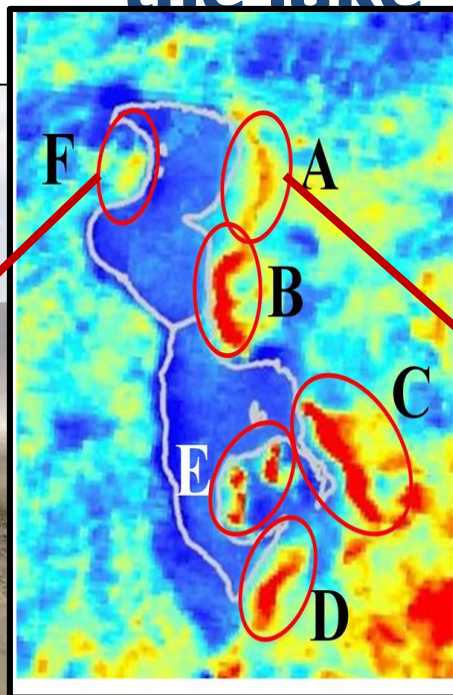
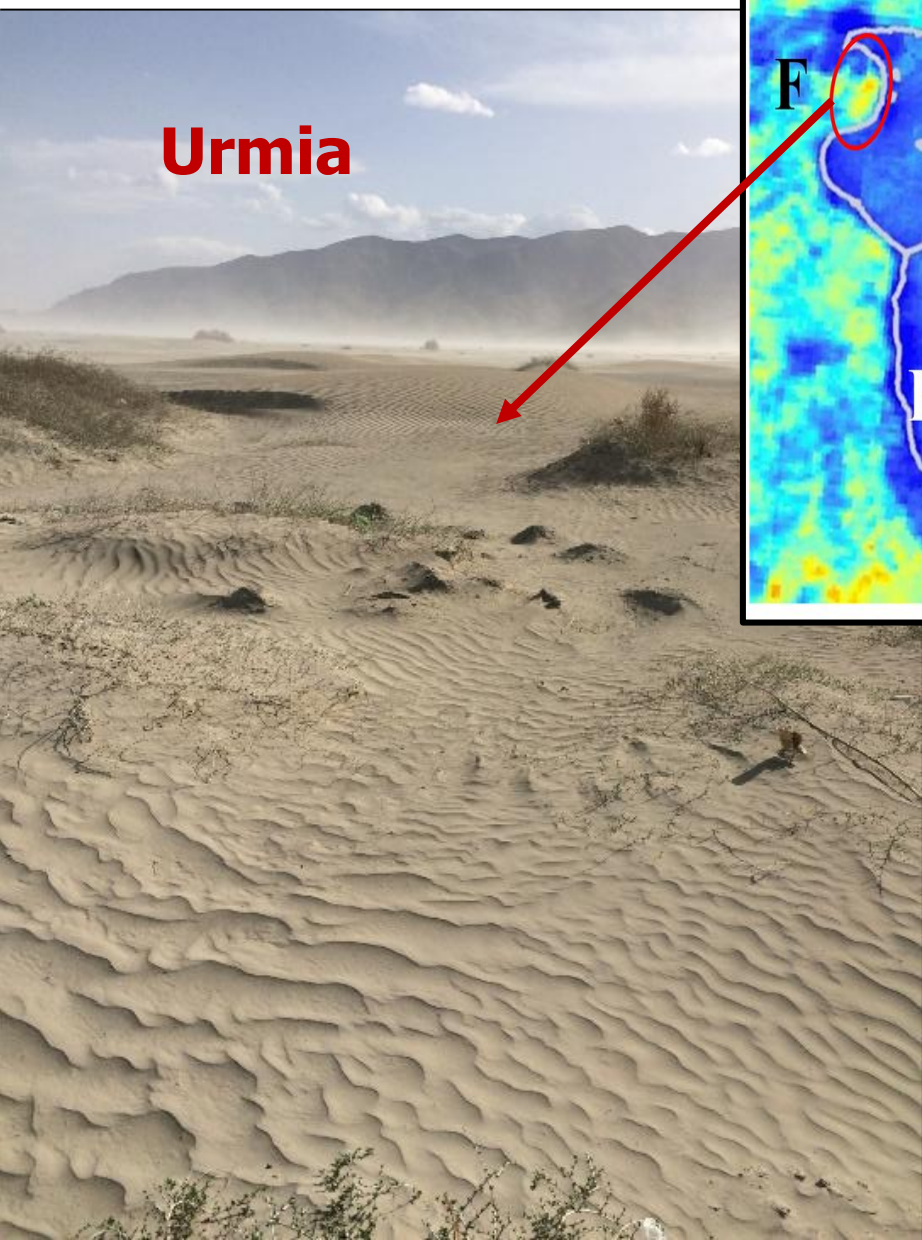
Salt storm

Location: F of previous slide



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Sand dune movements in west and east of the lake



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bed of Urmia Lake - Summer 2013

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Dust RGB – How to get minimum of green ?

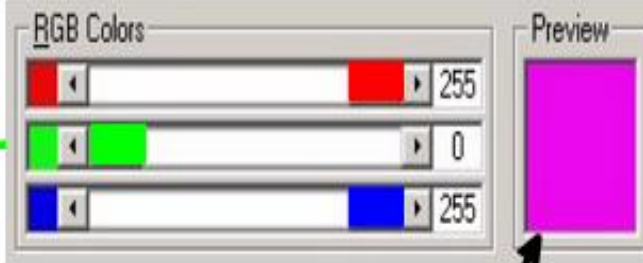

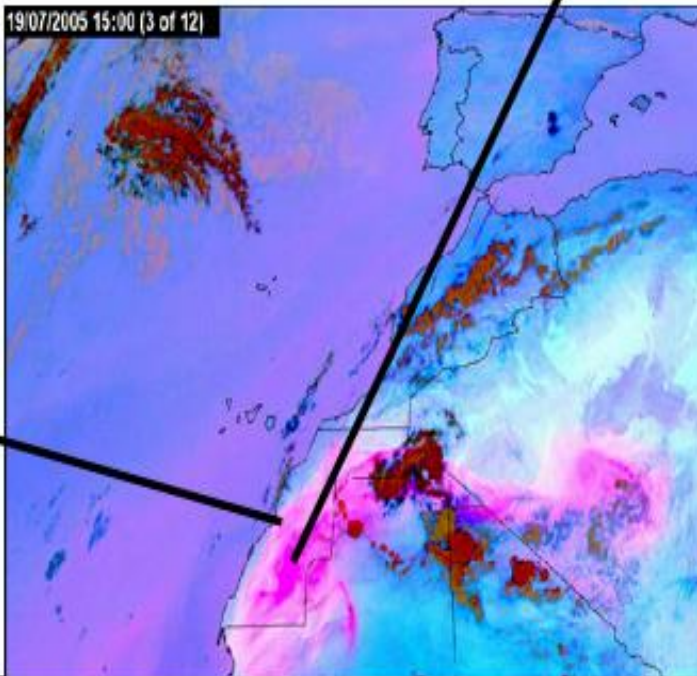
Green: IR 10.8 – IR 8.7
Range of values: 0 ... + 15 K

So No Green means
 $BT(10.8) - BT(8.7) = 0$

Or: $BT(10.8) = BT(8.7)$

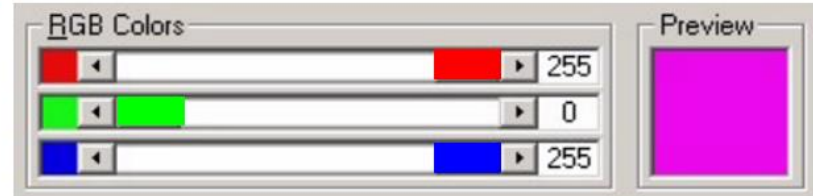
But dust
is not always
a full magenta !

So $BT(10.8) > BT(8.7)$
This case: $BT(10.8) - BT(8.7) \sim 5$ K


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Exercise - Which of these colours do you need to make magenta ?



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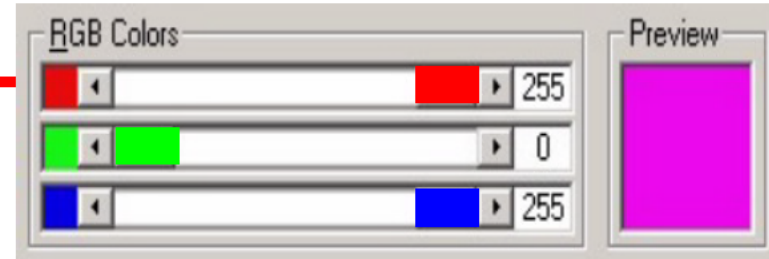
Dust RGB – How to get maximum of red ?

Red: IR 12.0 – IR 10.8
Range of values: - 4 ... + 2 K

So full Red means

$$BT(IR12.0) - BT(IR10.8) = + 2 K$$

Or : $BT (IR 10.8) - BT (IR 12.0) = - 2 K$

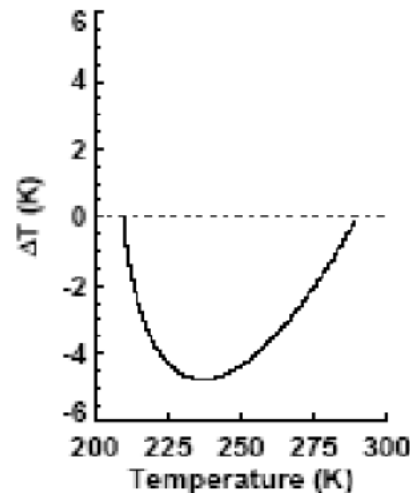


BT : Brightness Temperature

Prata and Grant (2000):

Spectral behaviour of
Silica rich particles
from ash (or dust) for

$$\Delta T = BT(IR10.8) - BT(IR12.0)$$



So ... for DUST

in the interval [210K ; 290K]

$$BT(IR10.8) - BT(IR12.0) < 0$$

$$BT(IR12.0) - BT(IR10.8) > 0$$

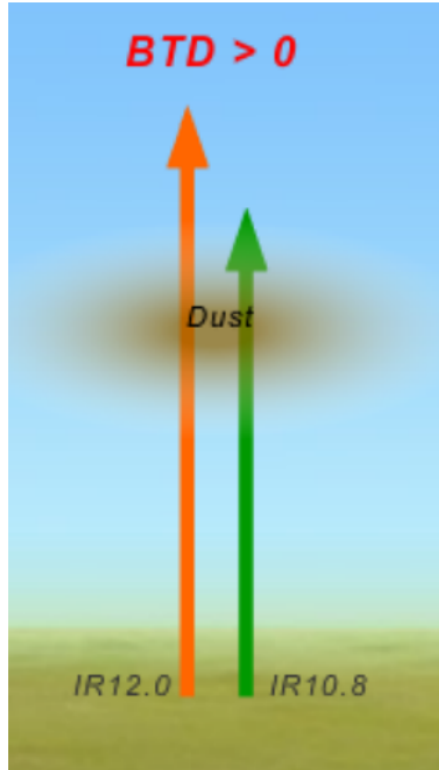
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Dust RGB – How to get maximum of **red** ?



BTD IR 12.0 – IR 10.8

BTD :
Brightness
Temperature
Difference

Another way of seeing it:

radiation at 10.8 micra
is **more absorbed** by dust
than at 12.0 micra

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Selection tool for text and images

Dust RGB – How to get minimum of green ?

Green: IR 10.8 – IR 8.7
Range of values: 0 ... + 15 K

So No Green means

$$BT(10.8) - BT(8.7) = 0$$

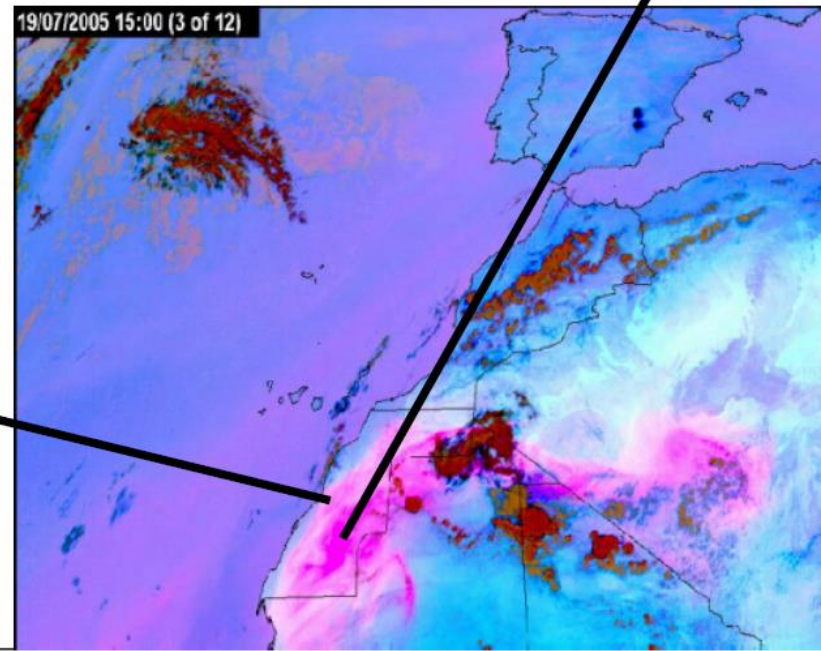
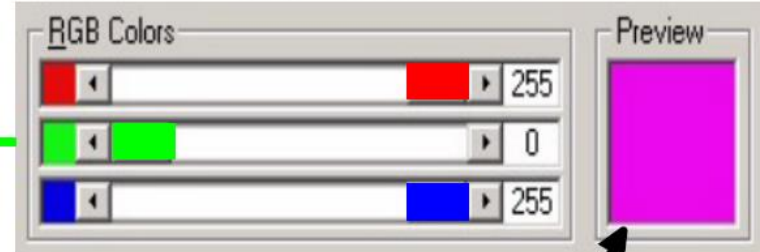
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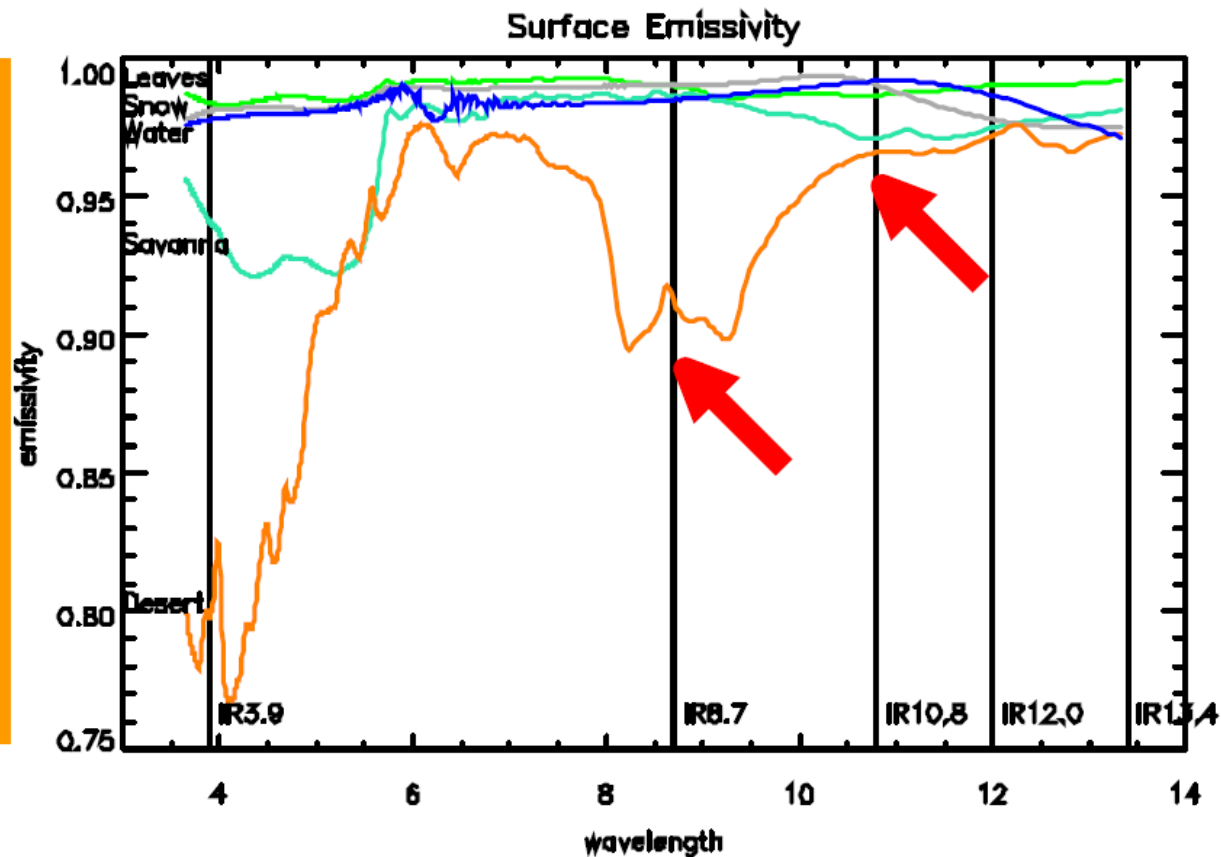
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Dust RGB – The desert

In fact note the
for desert areas
emissivity is higher
at 10.8 micra
than at 8.7 micra

So over the desert:
BT (IR10.8) > BT (IR 8.7)



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Dust RGB – The desert

RGB Colors

Red: 200

Green: 240

Blue: 255

Preview

So DESERT with “green” contribution

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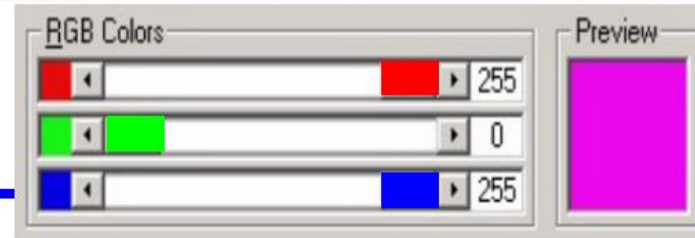
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Dust RGB – How to get maximum of blue ?

Blue: IR 10.8
Range of values: -12°C ...

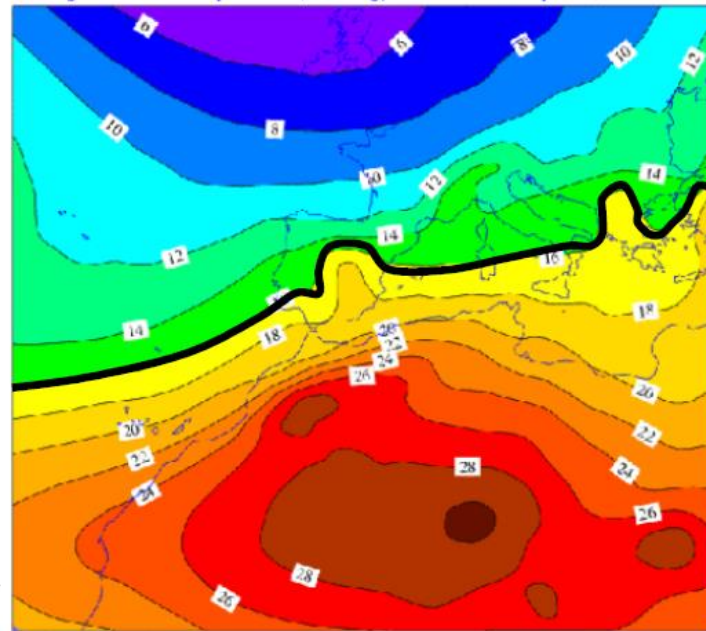
So full Blue

BT (IR10.8) = + 16°C



**16°C is a
temperature
“easy to reach”
for
desert & dust
clouds**

Average 850 hPa Temperature (Jun-Aug): Northern Hemisphere, 1960-2000



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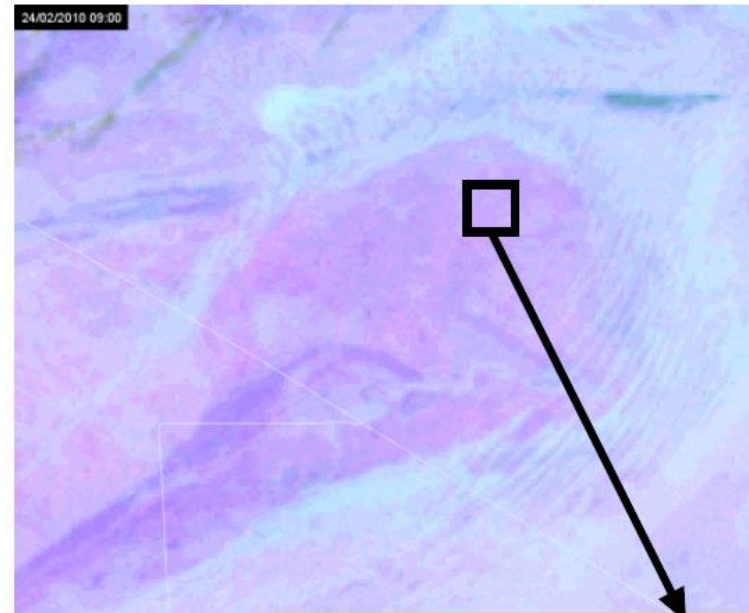
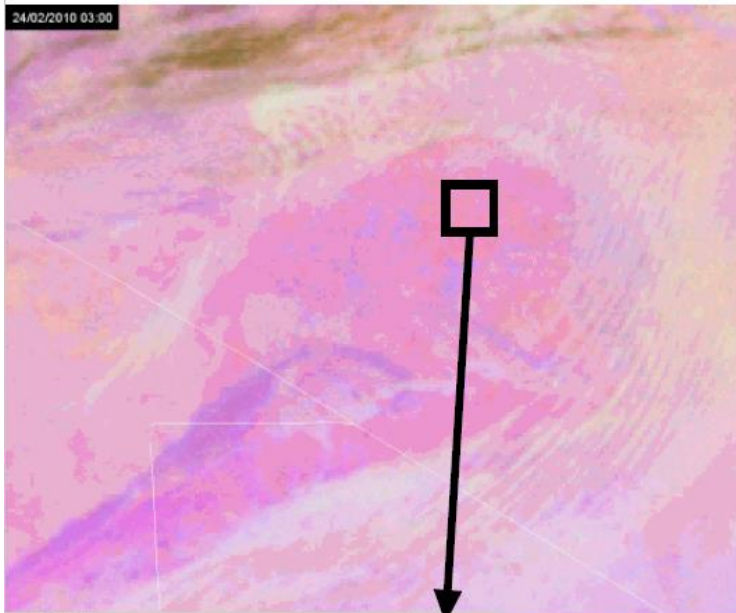


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RGB images – The desert

Colder Desert by Night – 03:00 UTC

Warmer Desert by Day – 09:00 UTC



RGB Colors

Red	235
Green	152
Blue	187

Preview

**IR10.8 alone makes most of the difference !
(colder vs warmer surface)**

RGB Colors

Red	204
Green	172
Blue	255

Preview

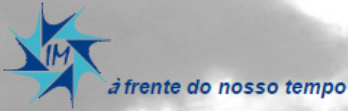
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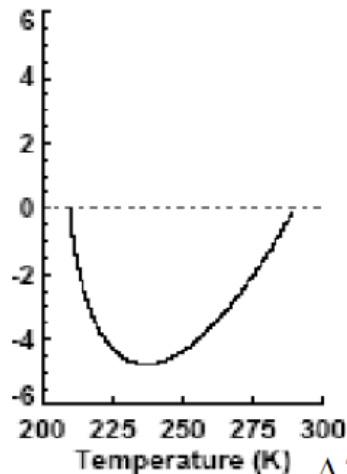
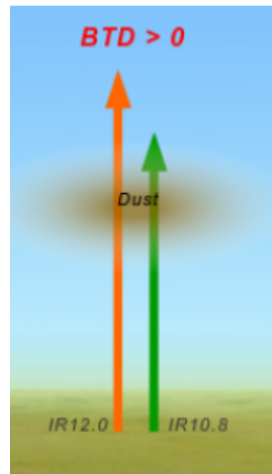
Other colors in “Dust RGB”

In fact the spectral property
of silica-rich particles
is called **reverse absorption**

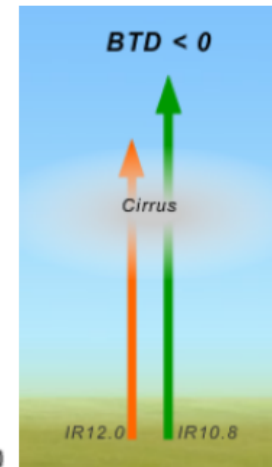
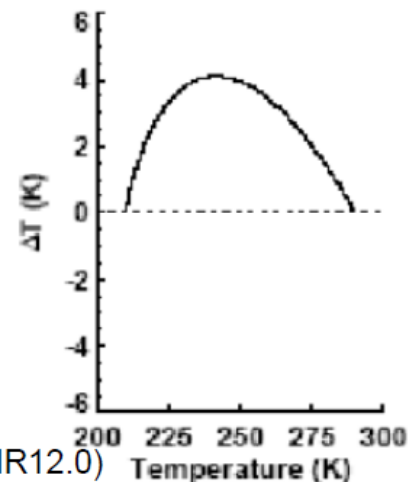
Dust / Ash : $BT(10.8) < BT(12.0)$

For water and Ice,
the absorption is larger for
12.0 micra than for 10.8 micra

Water / Ice : $BT(10.8) > BT(12.0)$



$$\Delta T = BT(IR10.8) - BT(IR12.0)$$



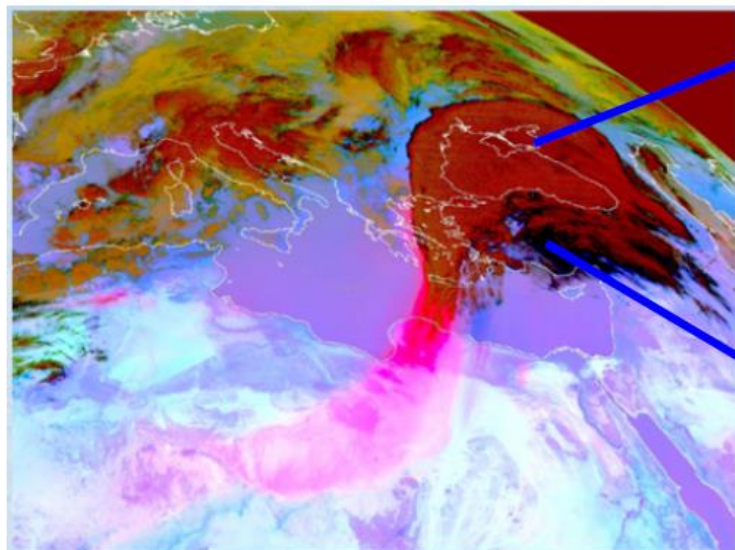
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Other colors in “Dust RGB” - Black



RGB Colors

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Preview

cold thick high level clouds

BT (IR10.8) ~ BT (IR12.0)

BT (IR10.8) - BT (IR12.0) ~ 0

RGB Colors

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Preview

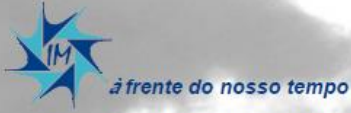
cold thin high level clouds

BT (IR10.8) > BT (IR12.0)

BT (IR10.8) - BT (IR12.0) ~ 4

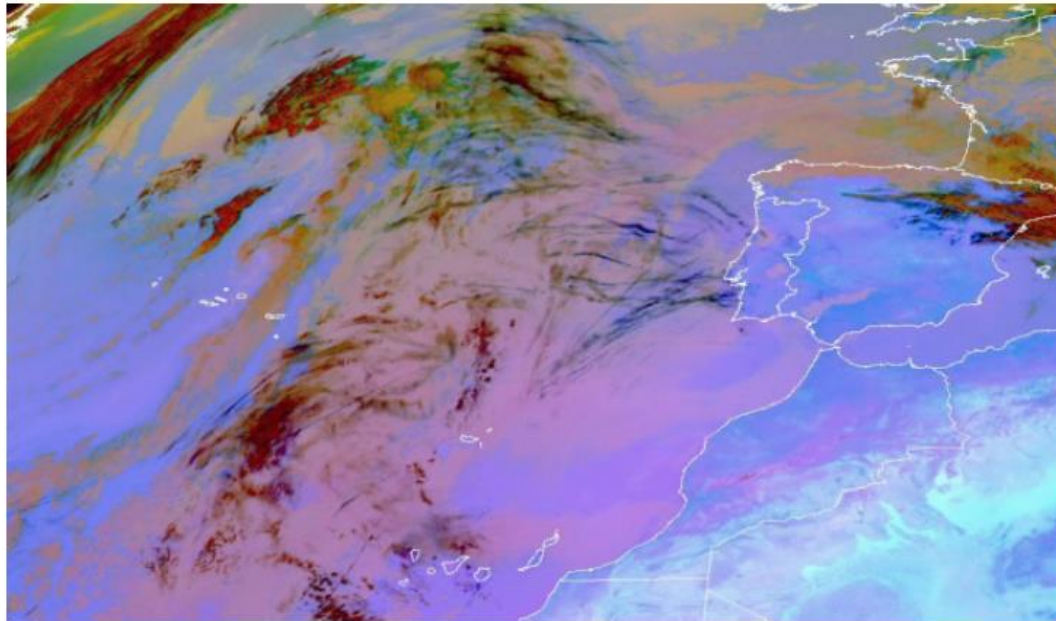
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Other colors in “Dust RGB” - Black

Contrails – a special case of cold thin high level clouds



CONTRAILS = *CONDensation TRAILS*

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Dust Indices

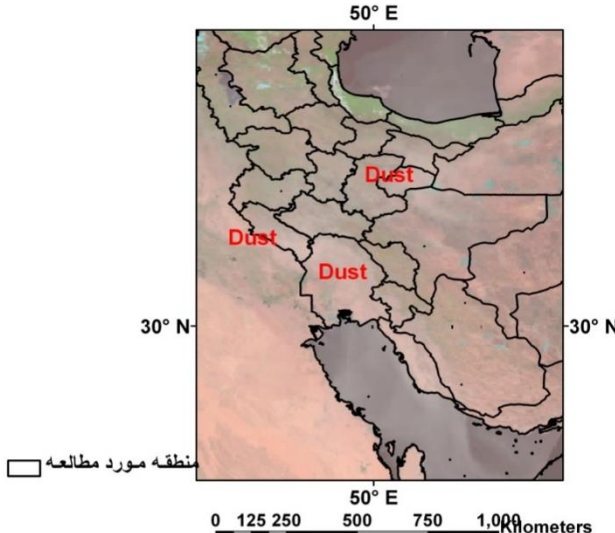
Normalized Difference Dust Index (NDDI)

Thermal-infrared Dust Index (TDI)

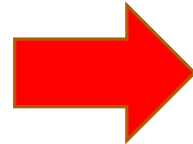
Brightness Temperature Difference (BTD)

Verification of visibility estimation with RS empirical equation

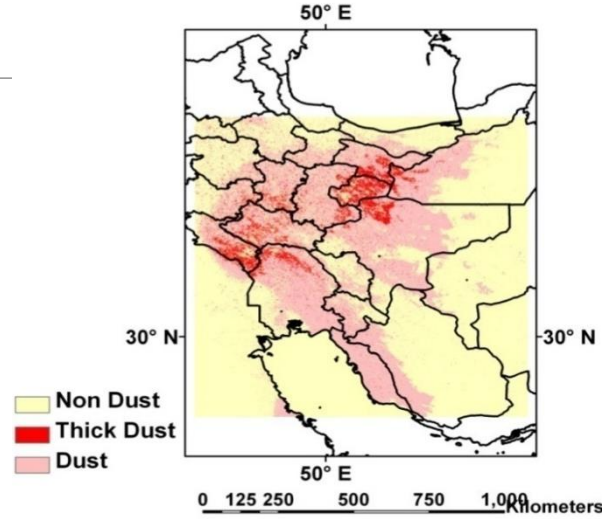
If $BT_{11\mu m} - BT_{12\mu m} < -0.5K$ then DUST.



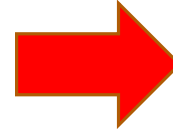
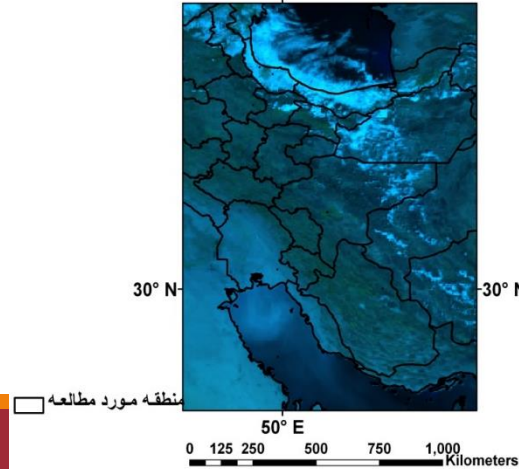
Threshold consideration



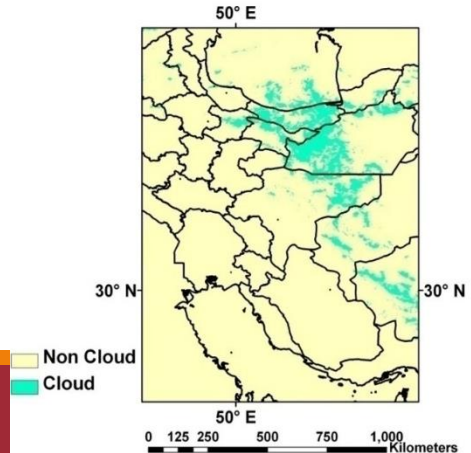
July 6, 2009



If $BT_{31} < 278 K$ Then cloud , If $BT_{31} > 288$ then Bright Surface

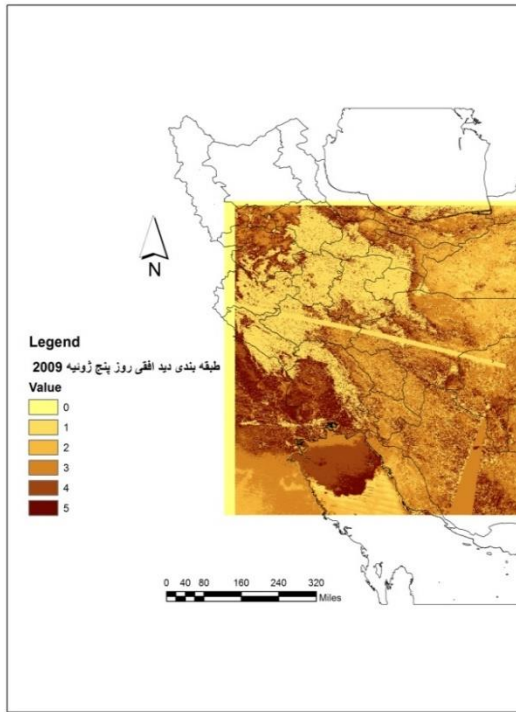


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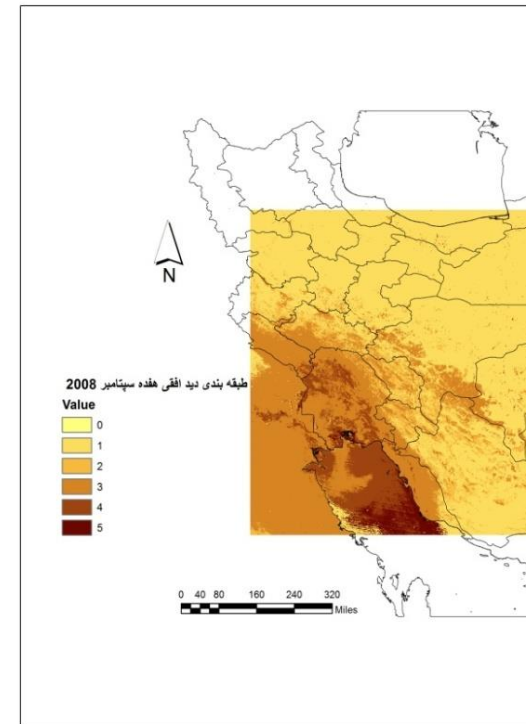


Verification of visibility estimation with RS empirical equation

$$\text{Visibility} = 2217.46 + 1479.4 * \text{BT31-BT32} + 6844.46 * \text{NDDI}$$



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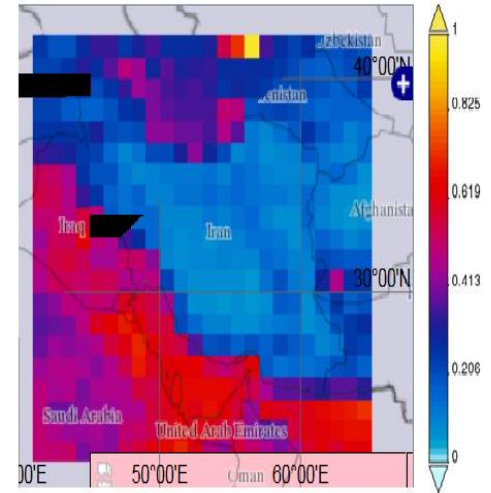
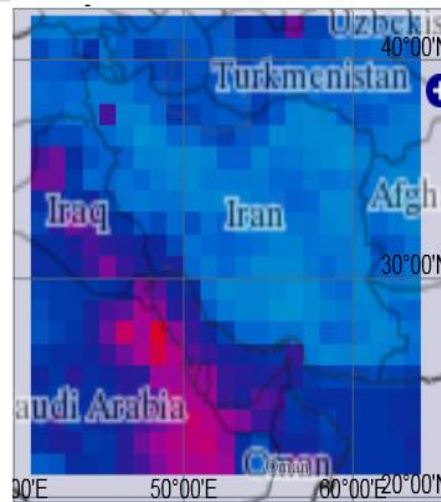
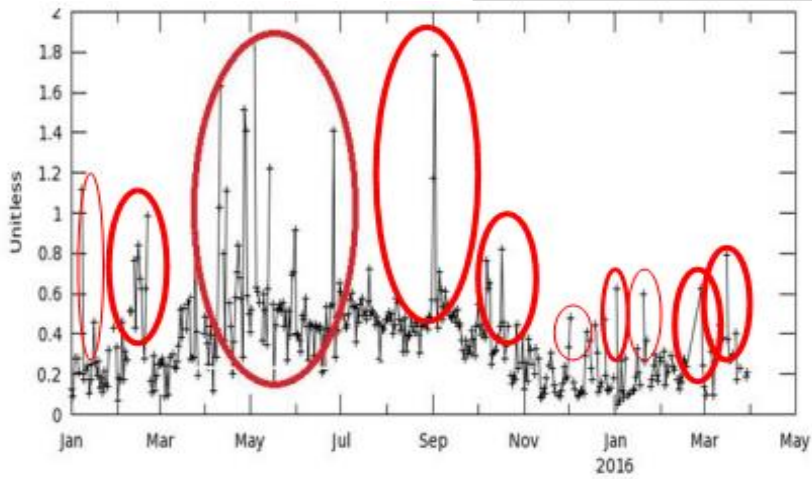
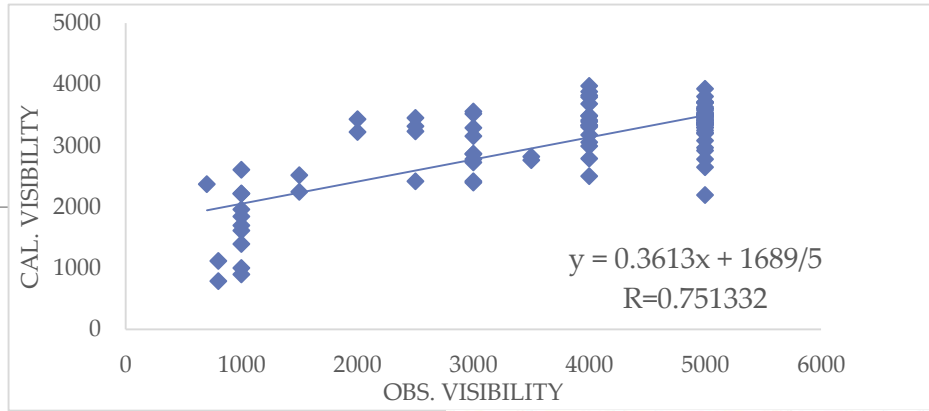
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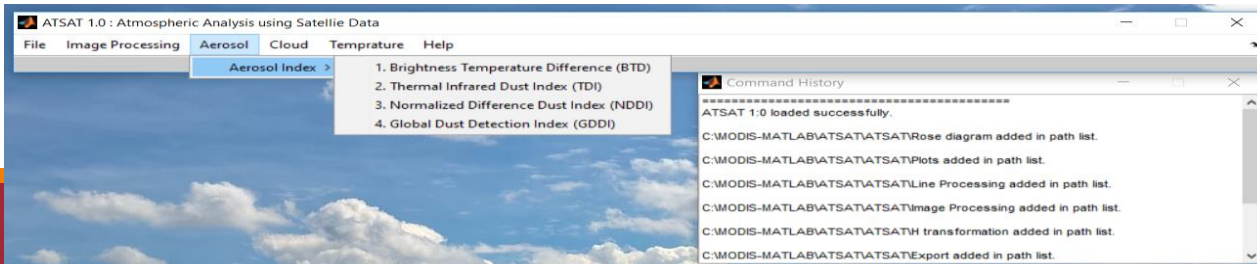
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Dust Classification, visibility and AOT estimation interface according to their physical properties



a combination of the AOD data retrieved using dark-target and deep blue (DB) algorithms. Daily level-3 products (collection 5.1), consisting of daily global gridded data of aerosol parameters at a resolution of (110 km)

AOD from MODIS, for October–April 2015–2016 (left column) and for May–September 2015–2016 (right column)



Saviz Sehatkashani et.al., 2016
Saviz Sehatkashani et al., in Prep.



people live in cities and breath
a cocktail dust + pollutants



aerosols, a cocktail
of chemicals:

dust

sulphate

nitrate

organic mater

black carbon

(soot)

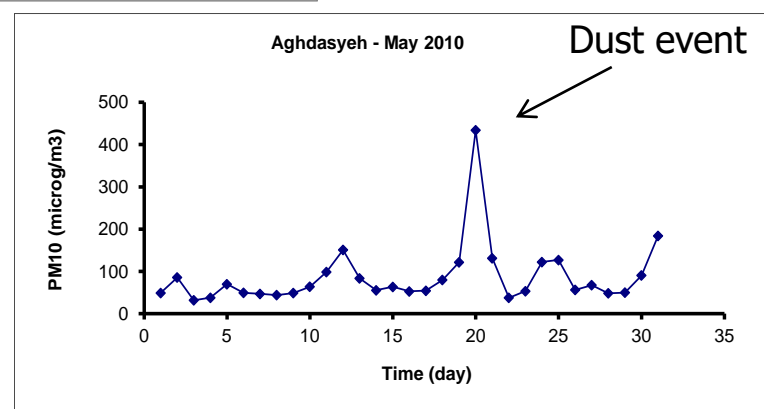
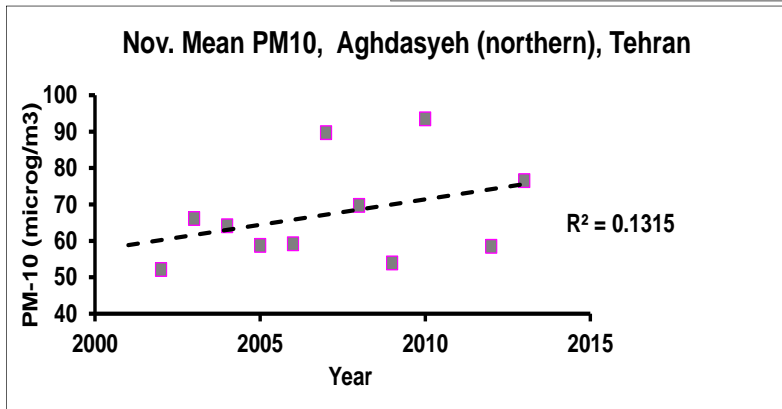
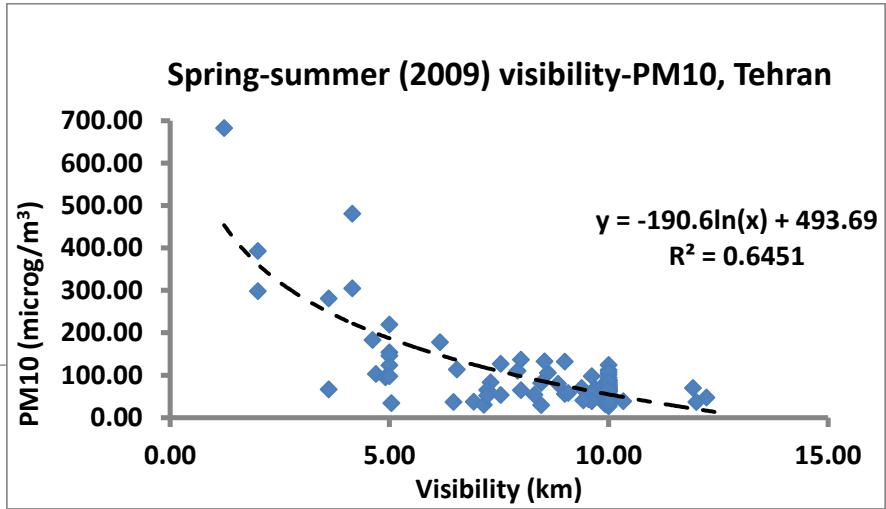
metals (Ni, As, Cd, V, Co...)

sea salt

size: 1 nm (10^{-9} m) to 20 μ m (10^{-6} m)

human hair: 70 μ m

From the presentation Dr. Emilio Cuevas,
Aerosols and mineral dust monitoring
techniques Training course, Spain, 2018



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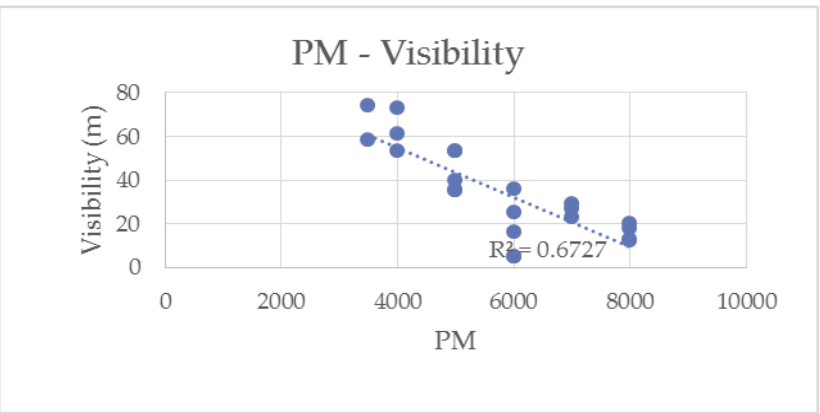
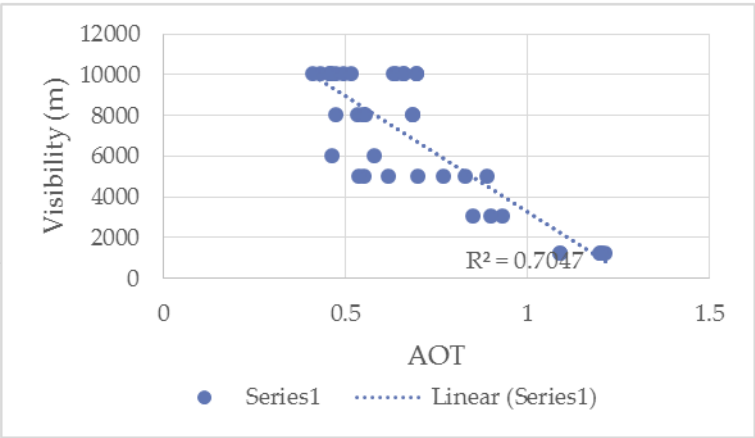
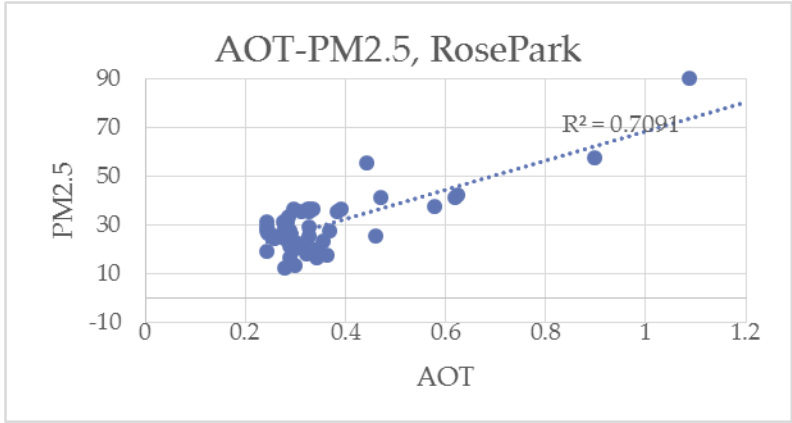
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Some resilient aspects of urban areas to air pollution and climate change, case study: Tehran, Iran

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Examples of cooperation between WMO SDS-WAS & IRIMO



Calitoo hand-held sun-photometer)

Technical characteristics:

- Light channels: 465, 540 and 619 nm
- Possible 999 measures stored in memory
- AOD calculated in real-time
- USB data download
- Free software on web site.
- Supply : 4 batteries AA (1,5V)
- Dimensions : 210 x 100 x 35 mm
- Weight : 400 g (With batteries)
- Operating temperature : -20°C to 55°C



<http://www.calitoo.com>

Calitoo hand-held sun-photometer)

The measurement principle is to point the Sun and search for the maximum flow. The photometer keeps only the maximum measured and then calculated the optical depth.

The Sun alignment is done manually. It is facilitated by the sighting device located above the display of the Calitoo.

The calculation of optical depth uses raw brightness measurements, calibration coefficients, date and GPS position as well as atmospheric pressure.



Aerosol characterization using Calitoo hand-held sunphotometer at the District 22 of Tehran

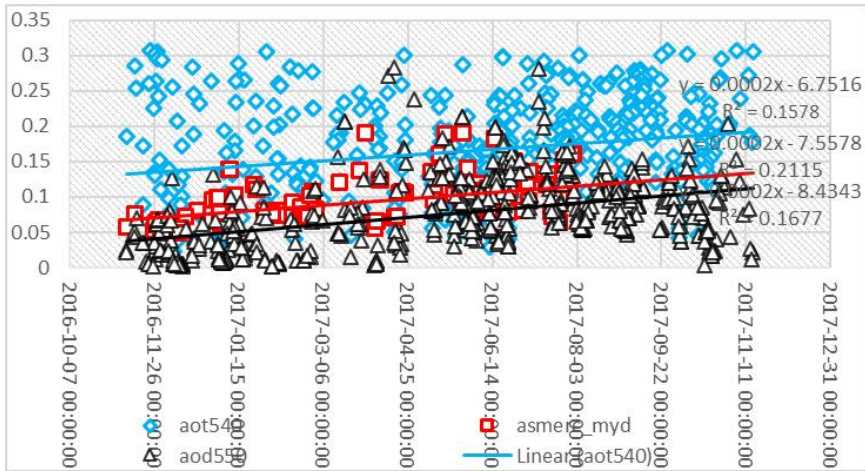


Fig. 7a. Scatter plot of WMO SDS-WAS median model AOT 550nm (black triangles), MODIS AOT (red squares) and hand held Calitoo sunphotometer (blue dots).

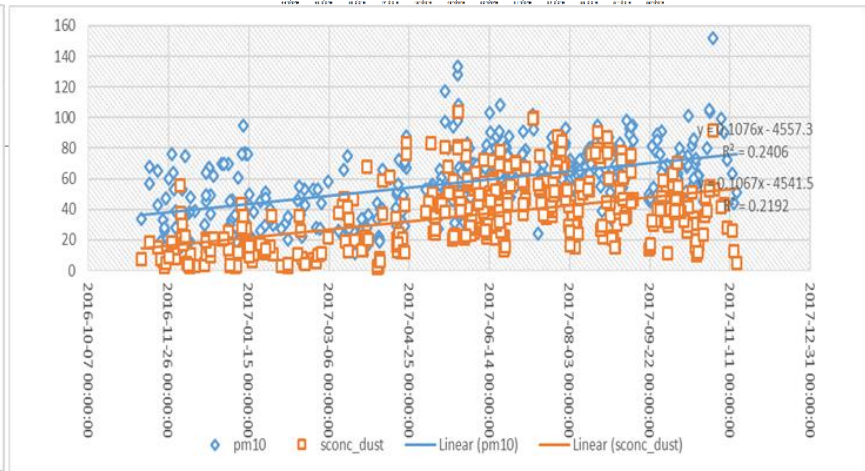
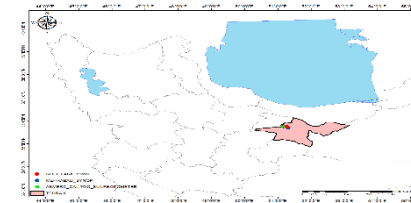


Fig. 7b. Scatter plot of WMO SDS-WAS median model surface concentration (red square) and PM10 observation (blue squares).

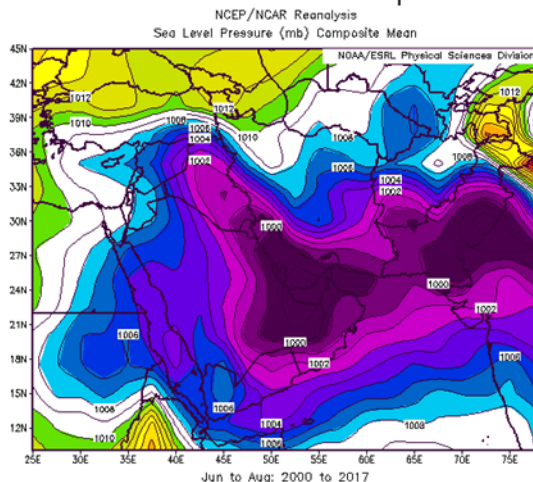


Fig. 3a- Same as 2a, but for summer (JJA)

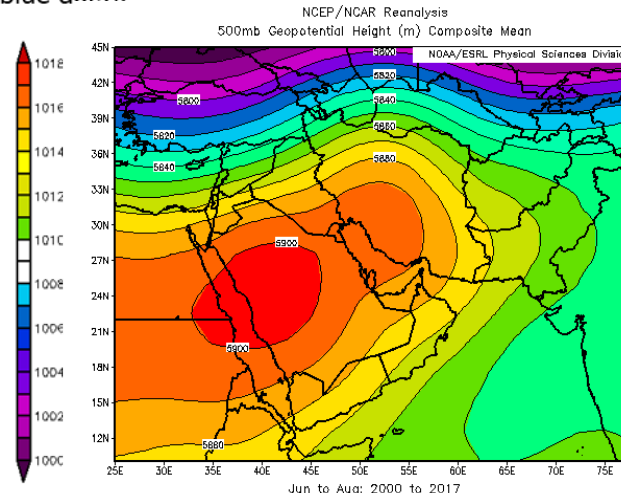


Fig.3b- Same as 2b, but for summer (JJA)

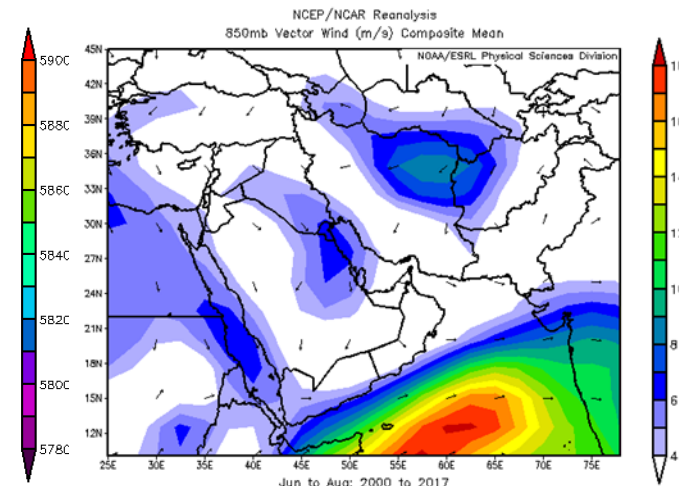


Fig.3c- Same as 2c, but for summer (JJA)

In-situ dust characterization



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PM₁₀ & PM_{2.5} sampling

EN 12341 & 14907 methods

Weighting 20°C
30-35% RH

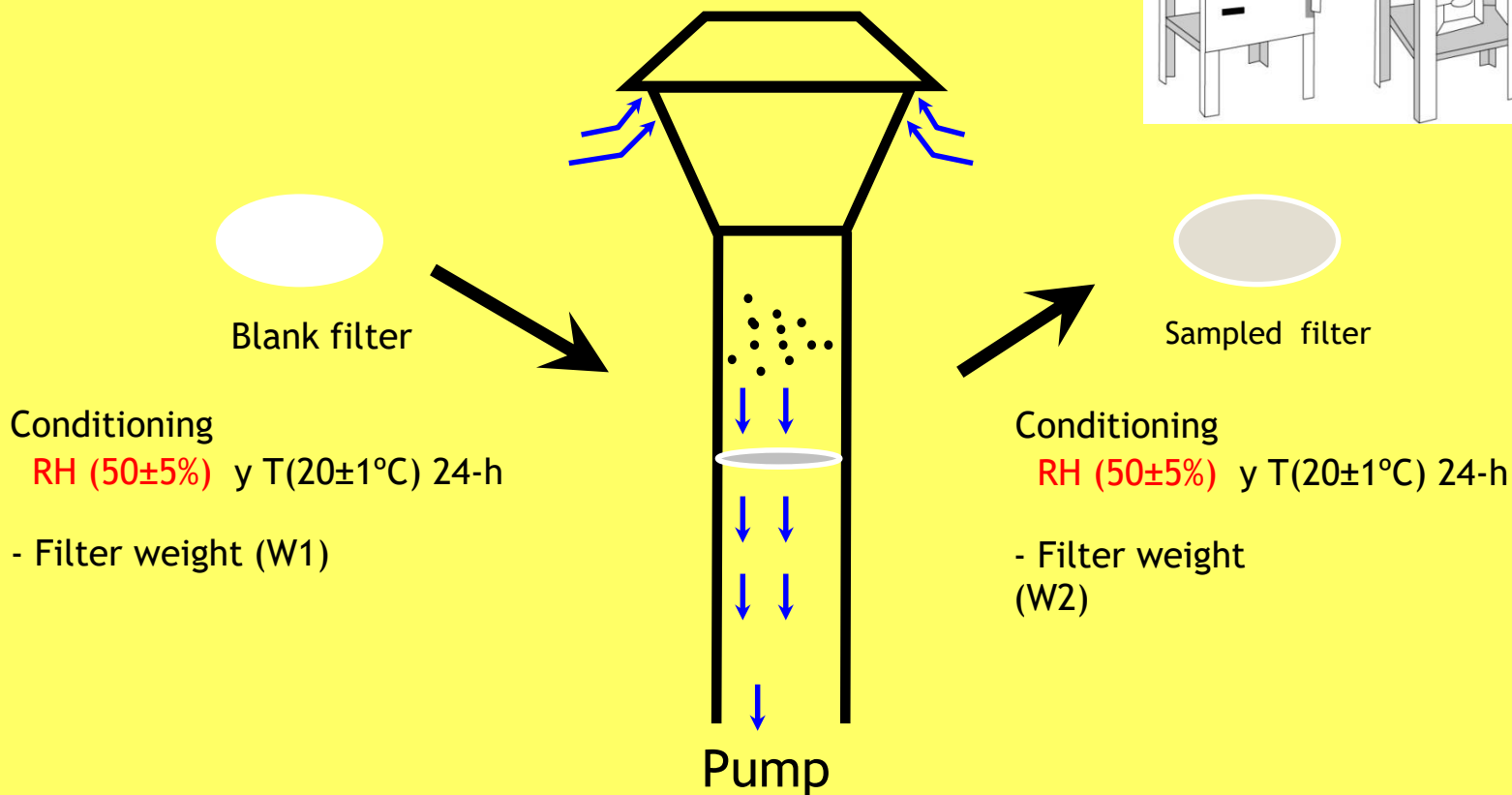
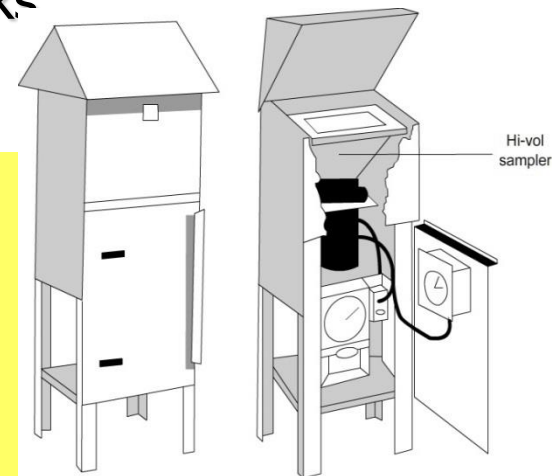


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PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} measurements in air quality networks

1. Reference method: gravimetric method

$$PM = \frac{(W2 - W1)}{\text{Volume}} \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$$



Ground-based remote sensing

AERONET Aerosol Robotic Network-Twenty Years of Observations and

Research

The **AERONET program** is a federation of ground-based remote sensing aerosol networks established by NASA and LOA-PHOTONS (CNRS) and has been expanded by collaborators from international agencies, institutes, universities, individual scientists and partners.

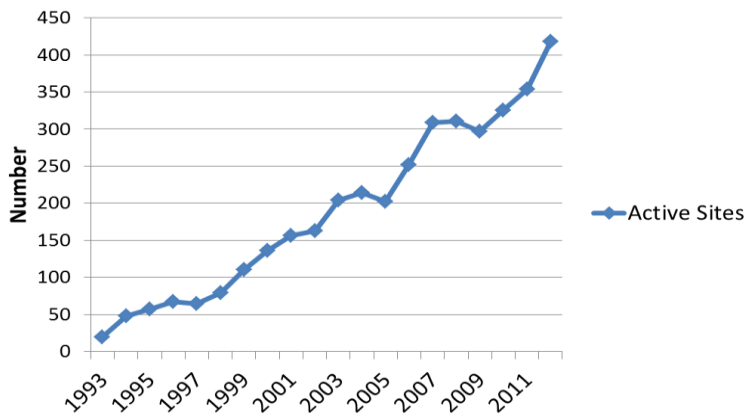
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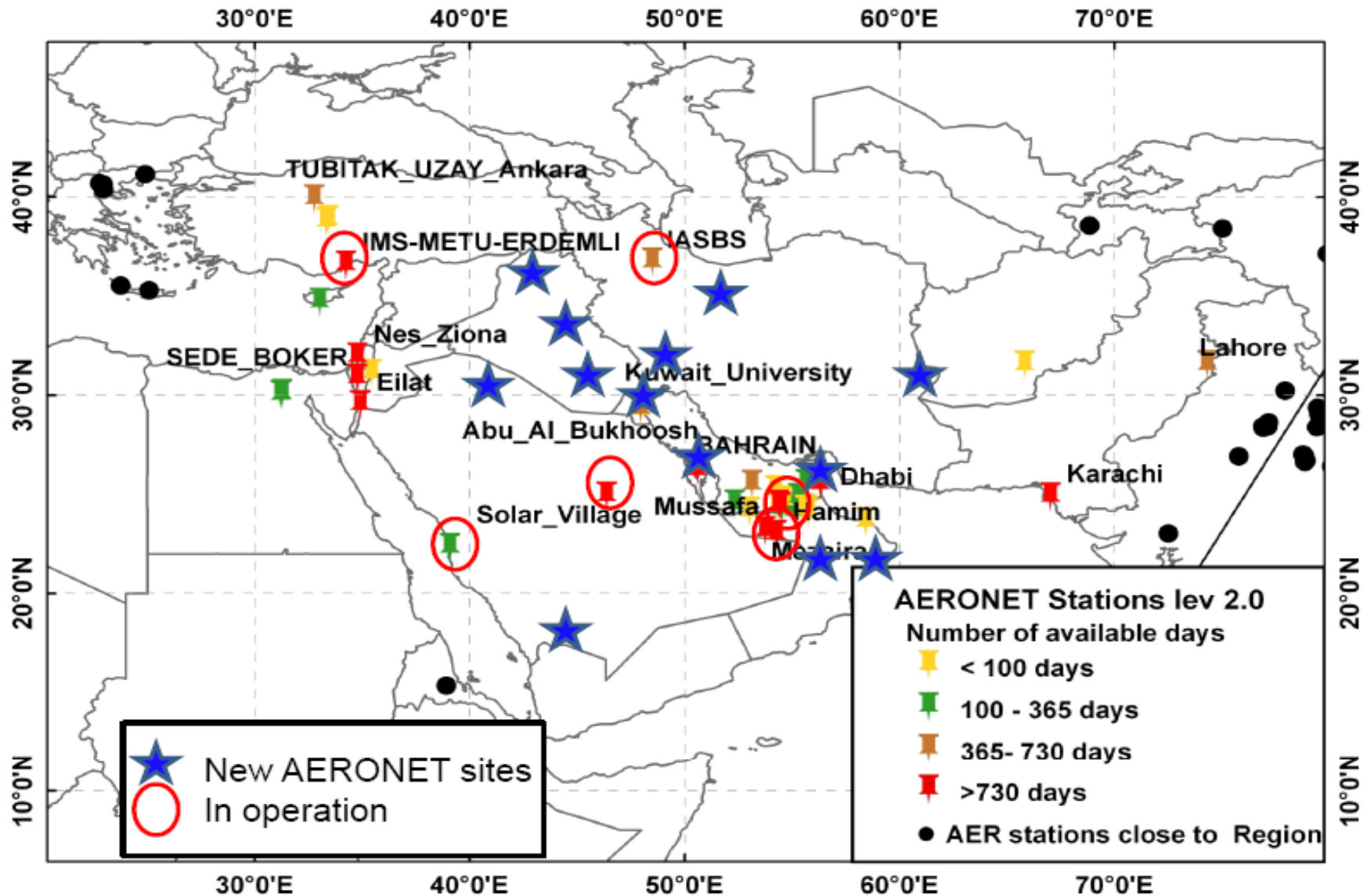
- >7000 citations
- >400 sites
- Over 80 countries
- <http://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov>

AERONET Growth (1993-2012)



AERONET provides a long-term, continuous public database of aerosol optical, microphysical, and radiative properties for aerosol research and characterization, validation of satellite measurements, and synergism with other databases.

An Example of Current Needs for West Asia



Ahvaz (Khuzestan), Zabol or Zahedan (Sistan basin) and Tehran + IASBS-Zanjan

Opportunities for future cooperation between WMO SDS-WAS & IRIMO



Mt. Aminabad (Iran (Islamic Republic of))
 GAW Regional station in WMO Region II - Asia

Station characteristics

Station name: Mt. Aminabad
 Station alias:
 Date established:
 Declared status: Operational
 Current recorded status: Non-reporting
 Station type: Land (fixed)
 Station class(es):
 GAW ID: MAM
 WMO index No: 0-20008-0-MAM
 WMO region: II - Asia
 Country / Territory: > Iran (Islamic Republic of)
 Coordinates: > 35.7024993896°N, 52.5869407654°E, 2986m
 Time zone: > UTC+3.5
 Climate zone: > Snow climate with dry winter and cool summer

Home Search

Quick access

Generate station report by:

Station name
 GAW ID

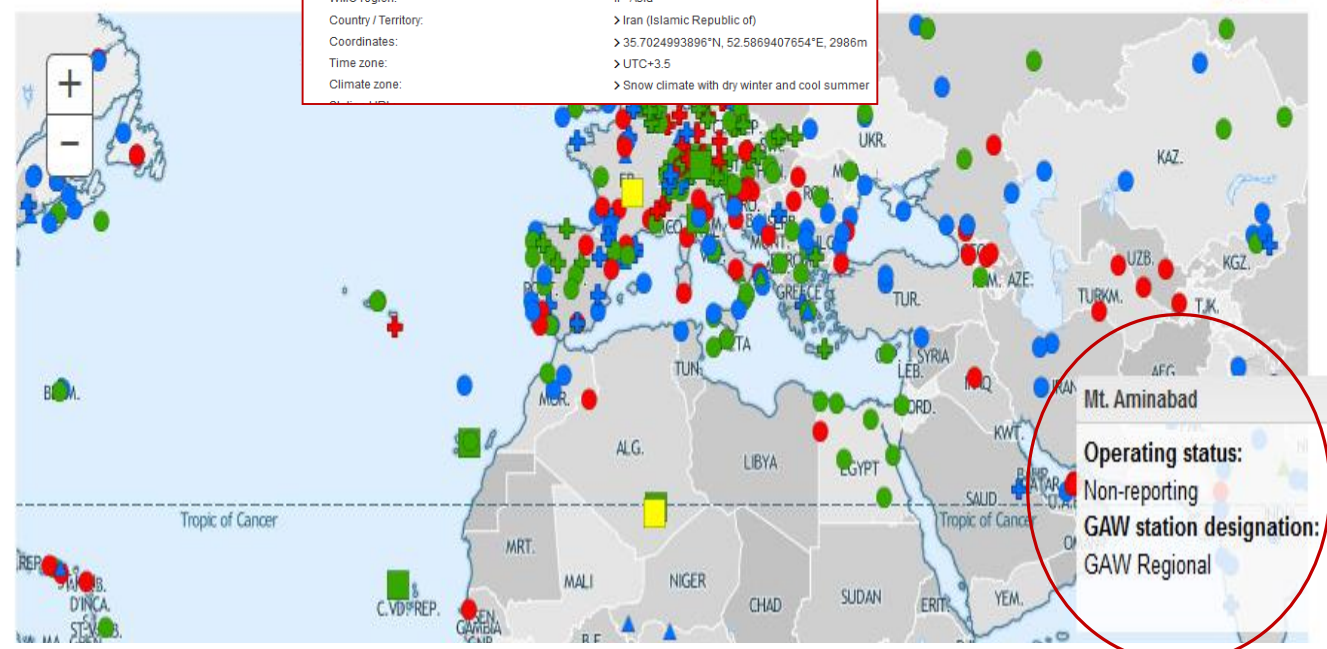
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Country
 Type

Find people by:

Contact name

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GAW World Data Centres

WDC-RSAT (World Data Center for Remote)

Programs / network affiliation:

Program / network affiliation	Program specific ID	Current recorded status	Declared status	From	To	Status
GAW Regional	MAM	Non-reporting	Operational	2016-04-28		Approved

Observations / measurements

There are no observations / measurements for this station

Opportunities for future cooperation among WMO SDS-WAS, IRIMO and other UN bodies

Establishing a WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System Regional Node for West Asia: Current Capabilities and Needs

Technical Report



WMO-No. 1121

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An insufficient number of stations to monitor mineral dust (mainly PM₁₀) are located in rural background conditions, which would provide information about its impact on air quality in cities. PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} measurements in urban air-quality networks represent a mix of anthropogenic pollution (vehicles, gas flares, industries, ships) and natural contributions. It is difficult to separate the contribution of each source if there are no background stations unaffected by anthropogenic contributions.

There are no standards of air quality – especially for PM₁₀ – common to all countries of the region.

A regional centre for common and homogenized quality assurance is lacking.

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Furthermore, and from a climatological point of view, we have to take into account the fact that, while MODIS-DB completes a global coverage every one or two days, MISR has a global coverage every nine days. This means that AOD climatologies correspond to a quite different number of days, during which dust episodes might vary significantly.

These differences must be analysed and understood, using ground-based measurements as carried out by AERONET. As suggested by *Shi et al. (2011)*, additional AERONET sites are required for some of the regions with large MODIS/MISR ratio values, especially where it is suspected that aerosol optical property assumptions cause large uncertainties in satellite retrievals. This is the case in most of the Middle East. The NRT comparison of satellite- and ground-based measurements constitutes a good quality-assurance system, which will give a confidence level to the data provided by satellite and correct them, if necessary.



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