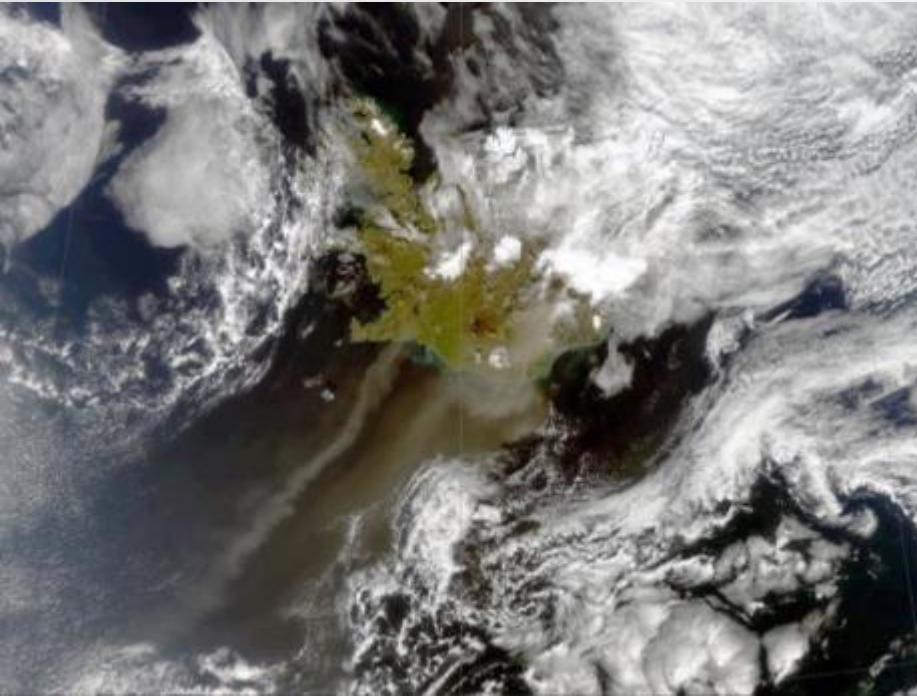


# THREE EXTREME DUST STORMS IN ICELAND



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# HIGH LATITUDE DUST AREAS

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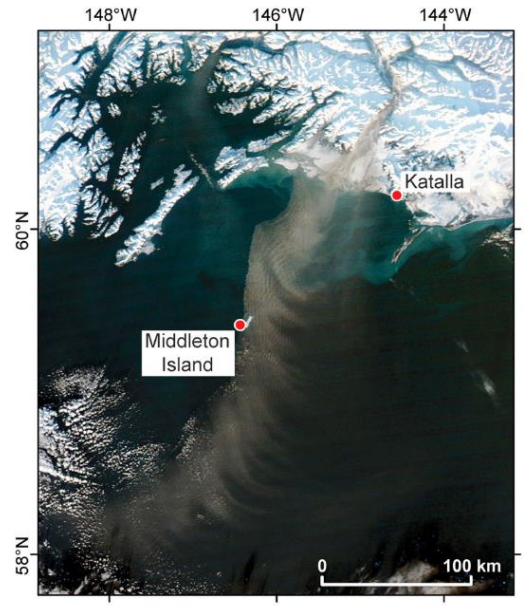
**Key Points:**

- High-latitude dust sources are located in paraglacial regions  $\geq 50^{\circ}\text{N}$  and  $\geq 40^{\circ}\text{S}$

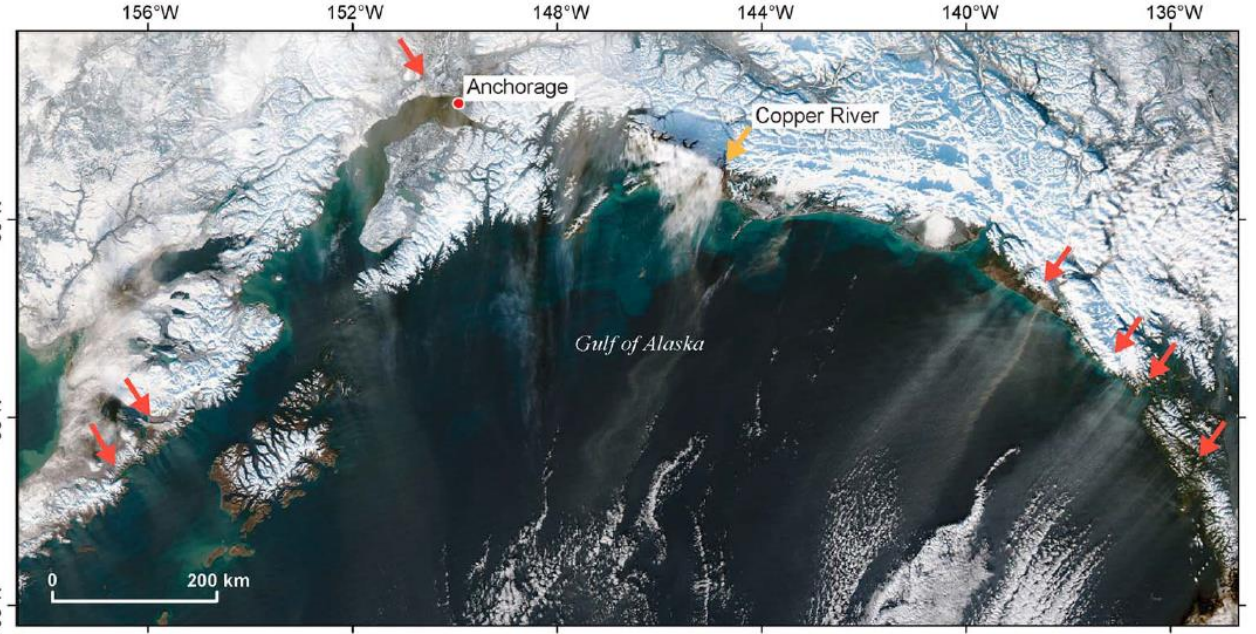
## High-latitude dust in the Earth system

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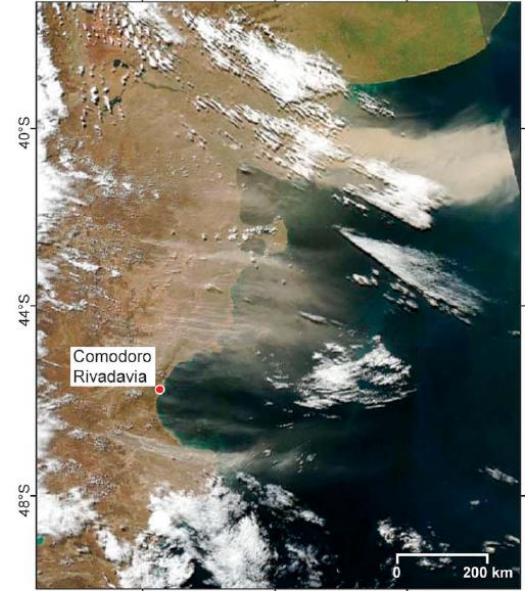
- THE MAIN SOURCES OF DUST EMISSIONS IN THE NORTHERN (ALASKA, CANADA, GREENLAND, AND ICELAND) AND SOUTHERN (ANTARCTICA, NEW ZEALAND, AND PATAGONIA) HEMISPHERES
- HIGH-LATITUDE SOURCES COVER  $>500,000 \text{ KM}^2$
- CONTRIBUTION OF  $80 - 100 \text{ TG YR}^{-1}$  OF DUST TO THE EARTH SYSTEM ( $\sim 5\%$  OF THE GLOBAL DUST BUDGET)



MODIS Aqua image 4 December 2012 showing a major dust plume originating from the Copper River valley



MODIS Terra image 26 February 2011 showing multiple dust plumes being transported over the Gulf of Alaska.



**Figure 18.** (left) MODIS Aqua image 28 March 2009 showing multiple dust plumes in Patagonia caused by strong westerly winds extending over the south Atlantic. The most dense plume originates from the Colorado and Negro River mouths in the north which were particularly active in 2009 due to combined drought and poor rangeland management. (right) Aerial photograph of dust storm in October 2004 caused by winds gusting to  $29 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  at San Sebastián Bay, Tierra del Fuego. 800 km south of Comodoro Rivadavia.



**Figure 9.** Dust event at Kangerlussuaq, SW Greenland, 1 July 2014. Photo

# ICELAND AND SOURCES OF AIR POLLUTION

- TOTAL ICELANDIC DESERT AREAS COVER OVER 44,000 KM<sup>2</sup>
- ICELAND IS THE LARGEST ARCTIC AS WELL AS EUROPEAN DESERT
- > 40 % OF ICELAND IS CLASSIFIED WITH CONSIDERABLE TO VERY SEVERE EROSION

## WHAT MAKES ICELANDIC DUST SOURCES SO ACTIVE?

- FREQUENT VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS (+GLACIAL OUTBURST FLOODS “JÖKULHLAUP”)
- FREQUENT STRONG WINDS

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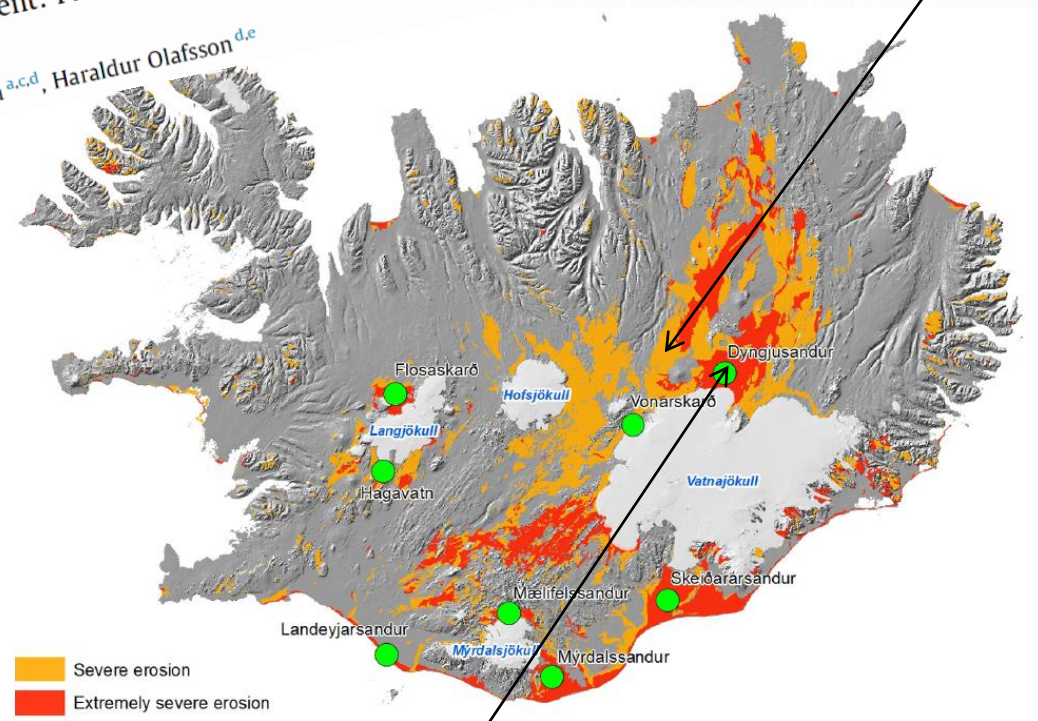
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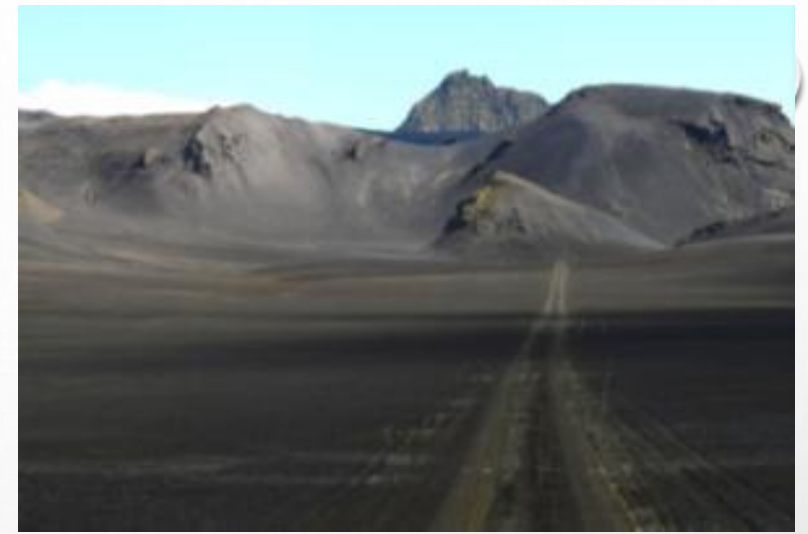
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**volcanic sandy deserts (22% of Iceland)**



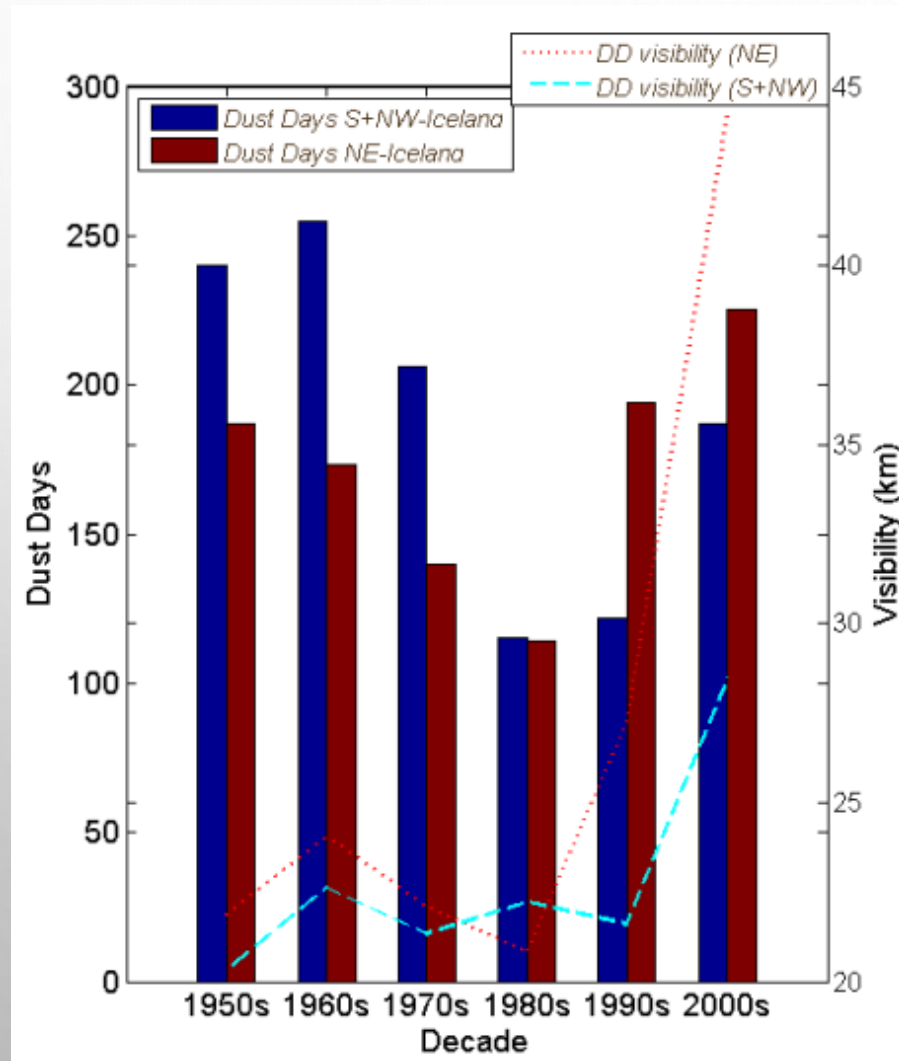
**glacial riverbeds and ice-proximal areas = "dust hot spots"**



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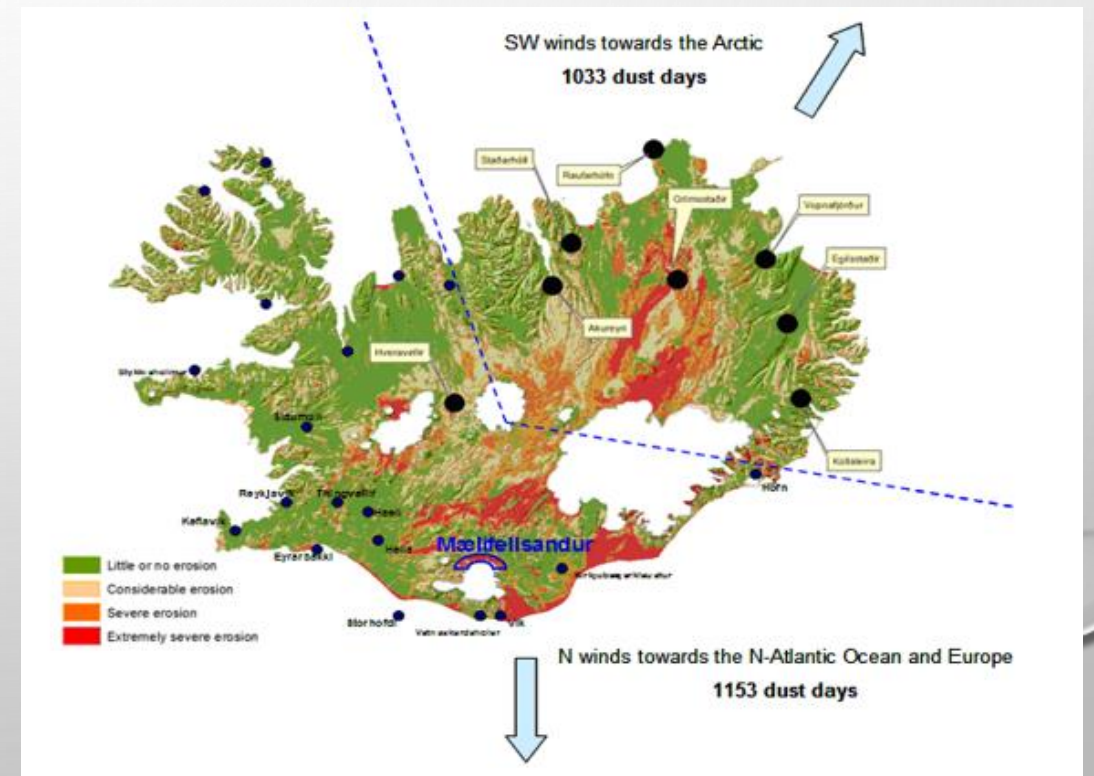
# FREQUENCY OF DUST EVENTS



## Long-term variability of dust events in Iceland (1949–2011)

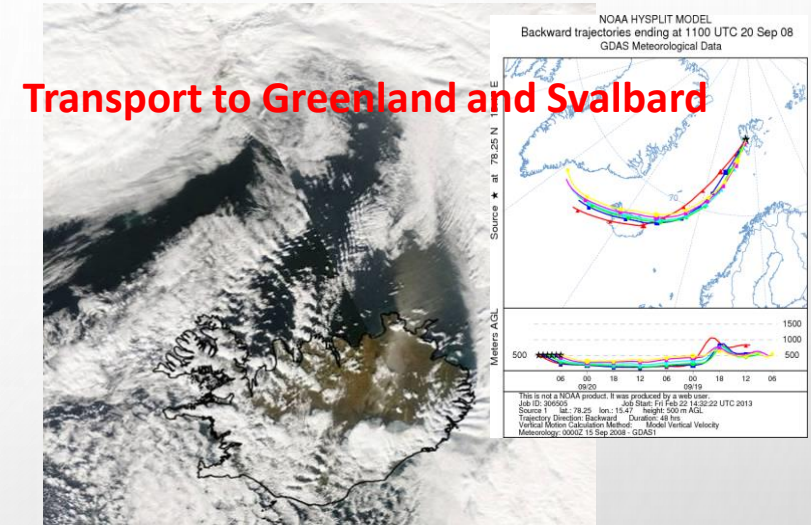
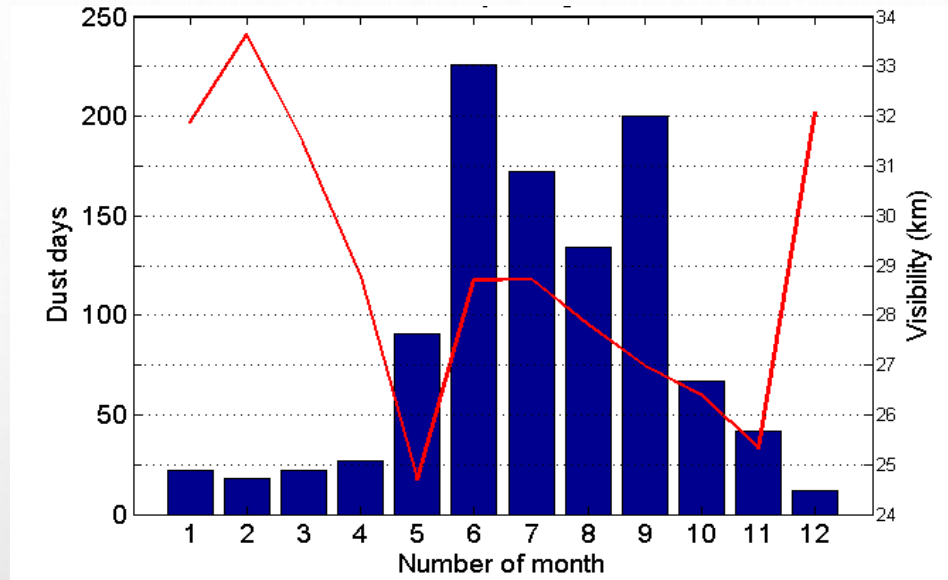
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AN AVERAGE OF **34.4** DUST DAYS PER YEAR,  
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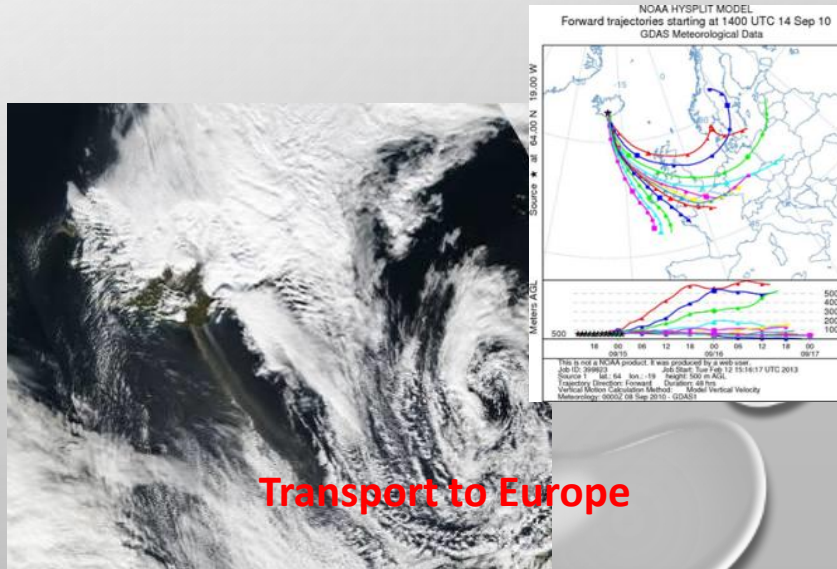
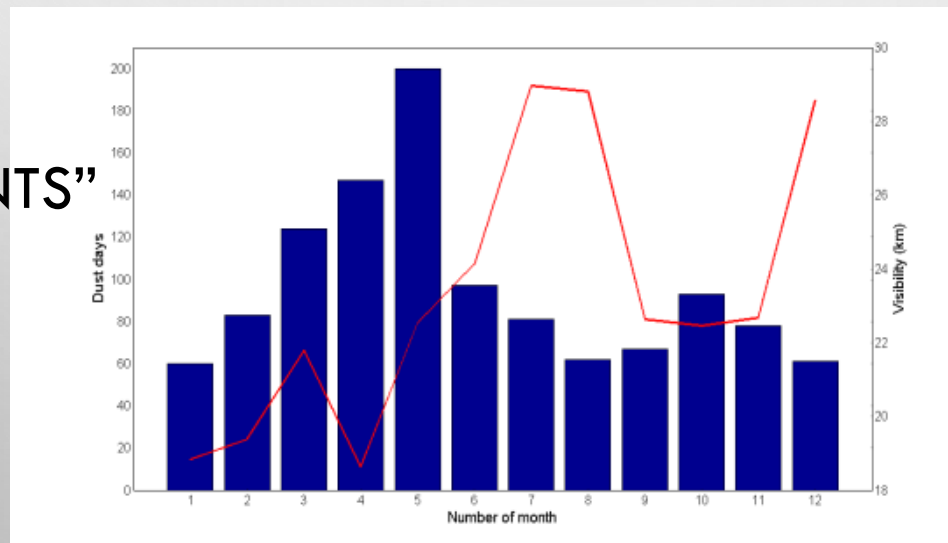


# SEASONAL VARIABILITY OF DUST EVENTS

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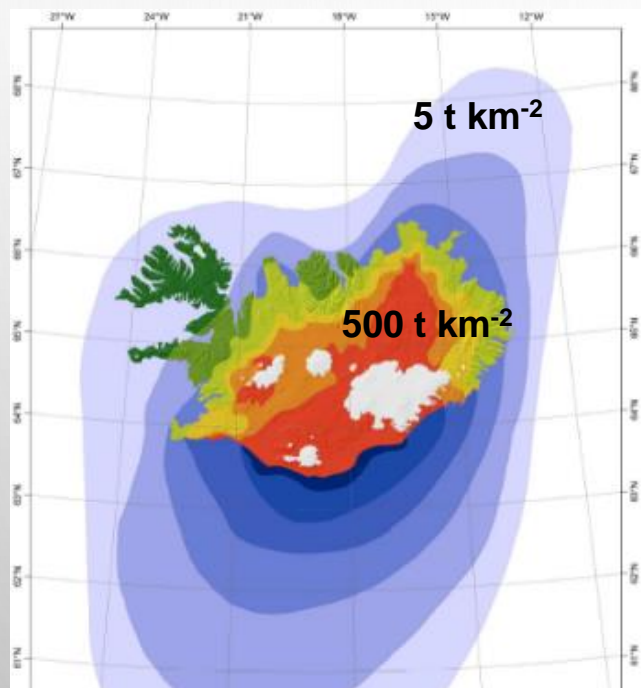
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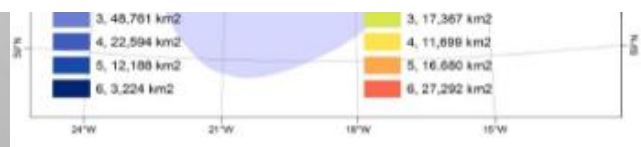
## Quantification of iron-rich volcanogenic dust emissions and deposition over the ocean from Icelandic dust sources

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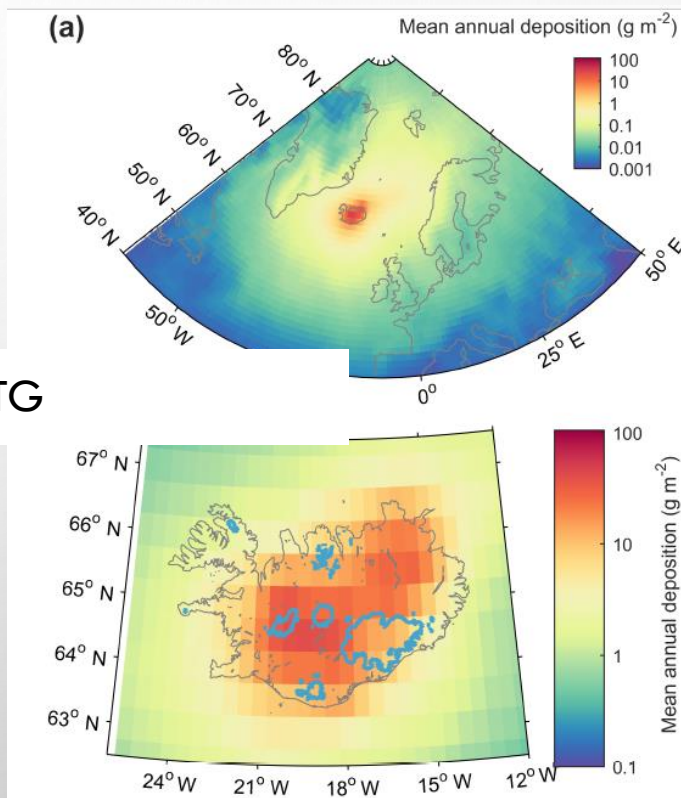
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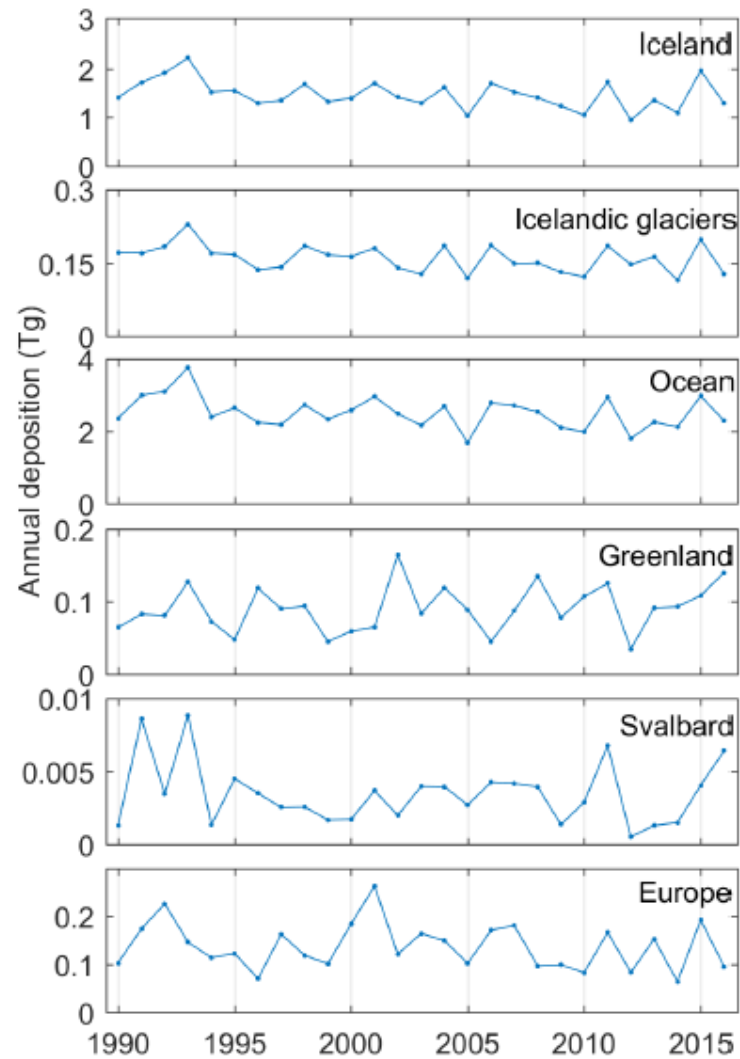
## Temporal and spatial variability of Icelandic dust emissions and atmospheric transport

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**Figure 10.** Mean annual dust deposition ( $\text{g m}^{-2}$ ) simulated with FLEXPART in years 1990–2016 for the North Atlantic region (a) and Iceland (b). Maximum values are lower in the upper panel than in the lower panel as this figure shows averages over larger areas. The blue lines in the bottom figure are glacier outlines.





**Figure 12.** Time series (1990–2016) of modelled dust deposition ( $\text{Tgyr}^{-1}$ ) in specific regions. Note that Iceland also includes deposition on Icelandic glaciers.

- Ocean deposition was on average 2.5 Tg or 58% of annually emitted dust
- Smaller fractions of emitted dust ended up in Greenland (2 %) and Svalbard (< 0,1 %)
- About 7% of emitted dust is deposited in the high Arctic ( $> 80^\circ \text{N}$ )
- Europe deposition (3% of emitted dust)

## Pathways of high-latitude dust in the North Atlantic

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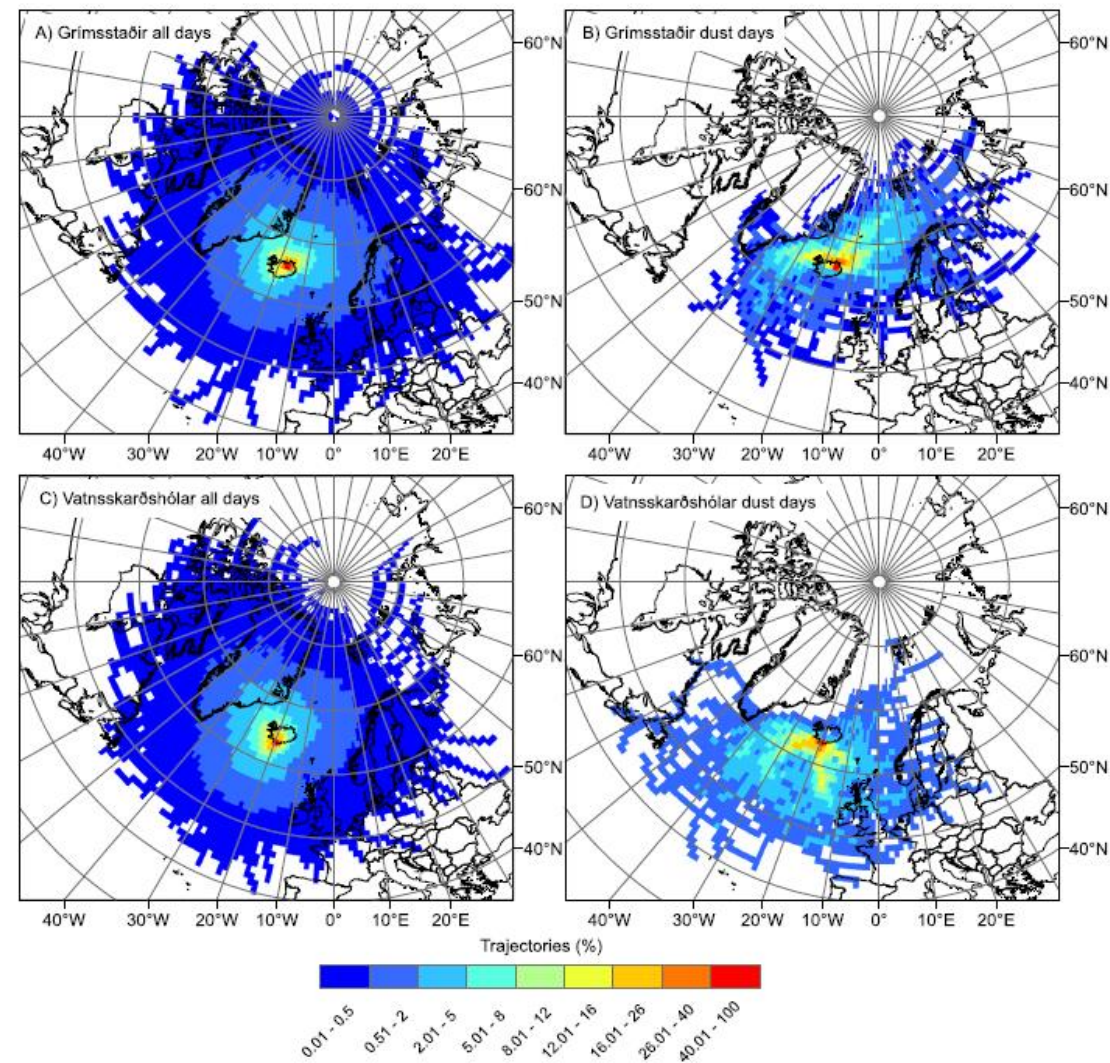


Fig. 2. Trajectory line density (% of trajectories per  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$  cell) for 72 h simulations run at a 100 m start height from Grimsstaðir for all days 1992–2012 (A), and dust observation days only (B), from Vatnsskarðshólar for all days 1992–2012 (C), and dust observation days only (D). See Fig. 1 for trajectory start points.

# THREE MOST UNUSUAL DUST EVENTS OBSERVED AND MEASURED

## 1. Extreme wind erosion event of Eyjafjallajökull volcanic ash



## 2. Snow-Dust Storm



## 3. Suspended dust during moist and low wind conditions



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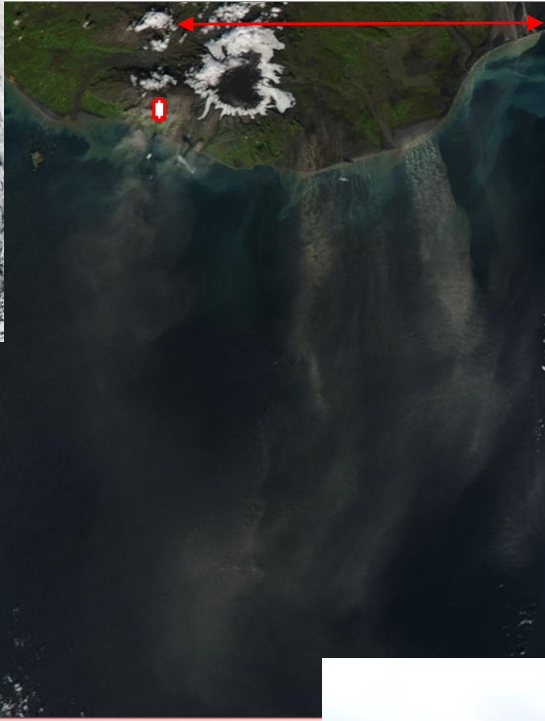
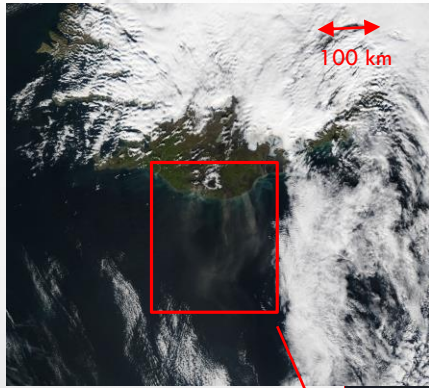
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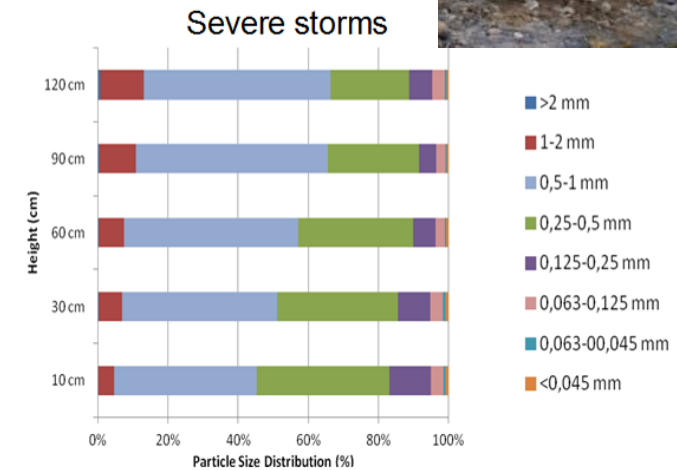
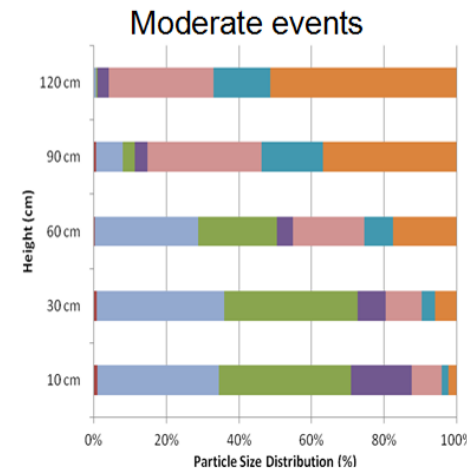
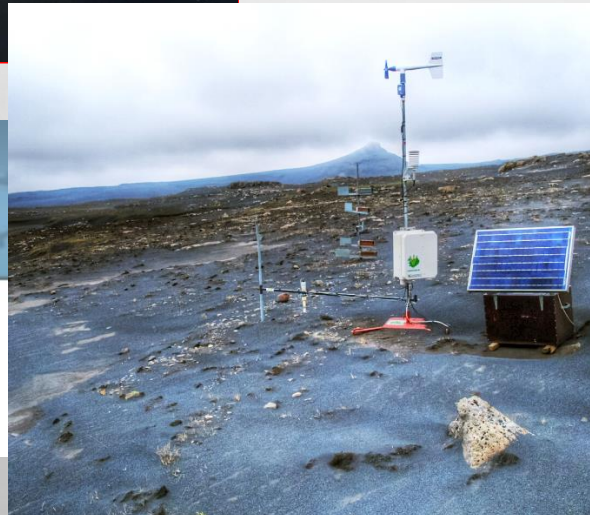
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# 1. AN EXTREME WIND EROSION EVENT OF EYJAFJALLAJÖKULL VOLCANIC ASH IN 2010



- **AEOLIAN TRANSPORT** OVER ONE METER TRANSECT  $> 11,800 \text{ KG M}^{-1}$
- THIS STORM IS AMONG THE MOST EXTREME WIND EROSION EVENTS RECORDED ON EARTH
- FRESHLY DEPOSITED ASH PROLONGS IMPACTS OF VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS



## 2. A SNOW-DUST STORM

- Max one-minute PM<sub>10</sub> concentration ~ 6500 μg m<sup>-3</sup>
- Mean (median) PM<sub>10</sub> concentration during 24-hour storm ~ 1,281 (1,170) μg m<sup>-3</sup>

### Mineral and geochemical composition:

- 75% ~ volcanic glass
- SiO<sub>2</sub> 45%, FeO 14.5%, TiO<sub>2</sub> 3.5%
- high proportion of organic matter and diatoms
- very fine pipe-vesicular structures of glasses

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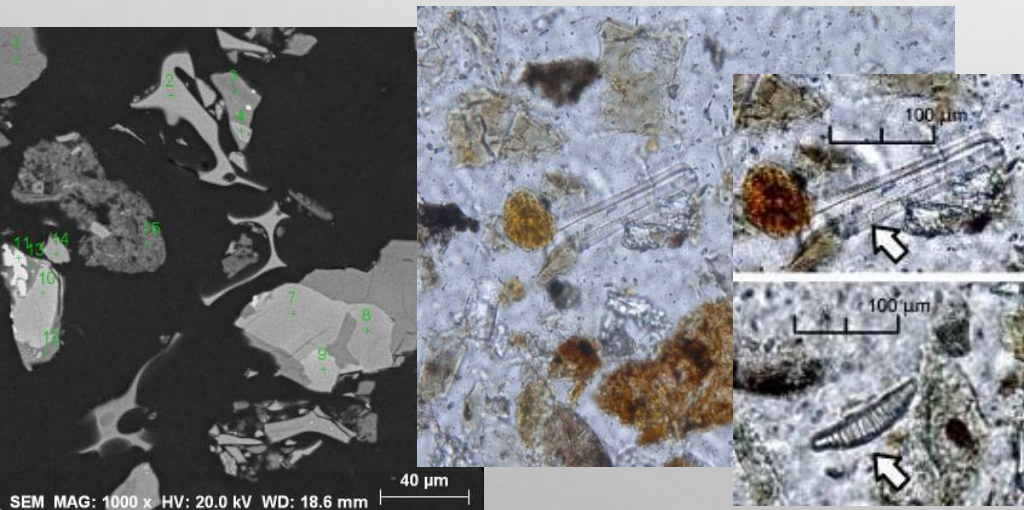
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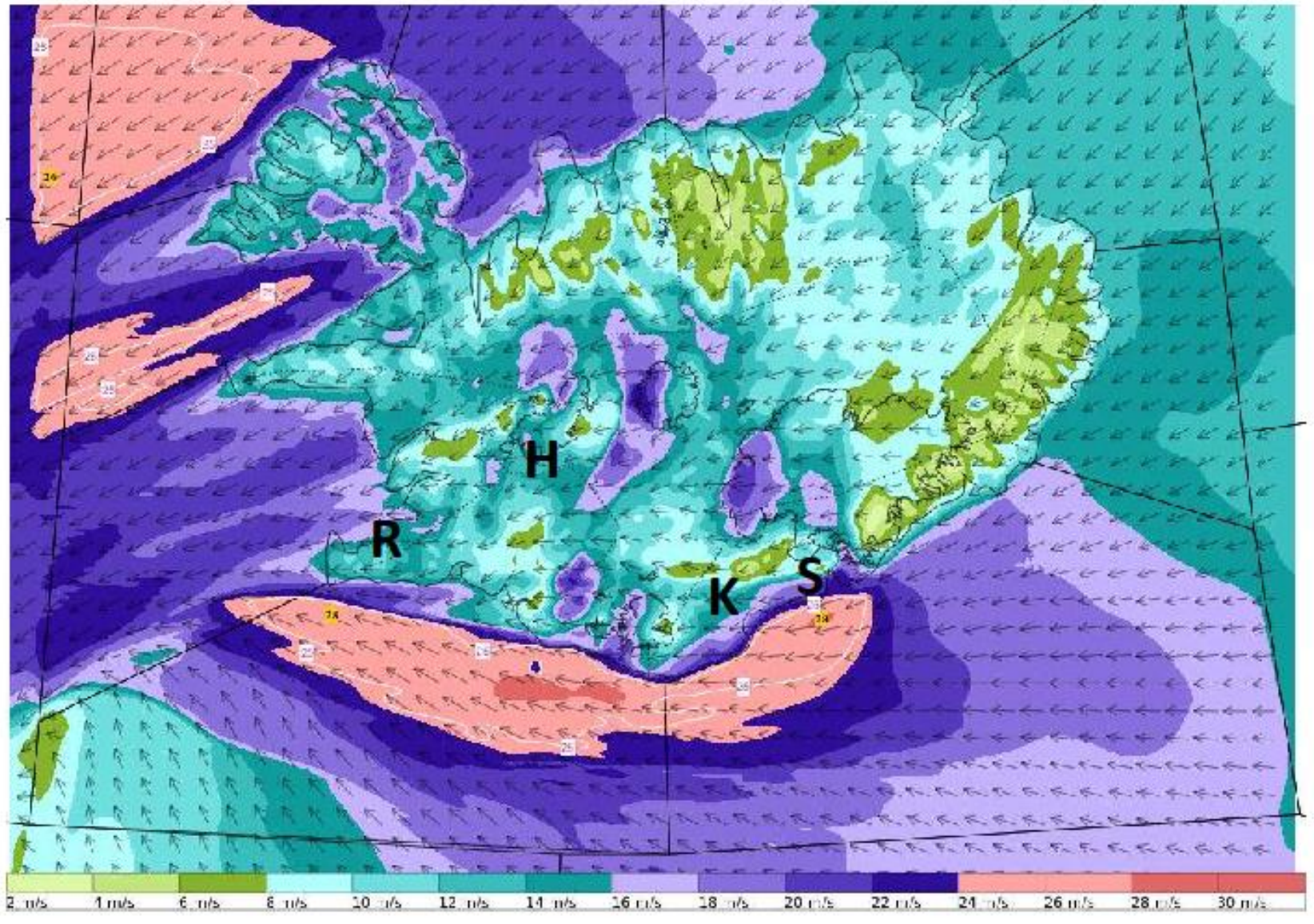


Reykjavik (250 km from the source)



**Clumping mechanism of particles on snow**  
the first observation reported from natural conditions





# Soot On Snow (SOS) 2013

## Soot on Snow experiment: bidirectional reflectance factor measurements of contaminated snow

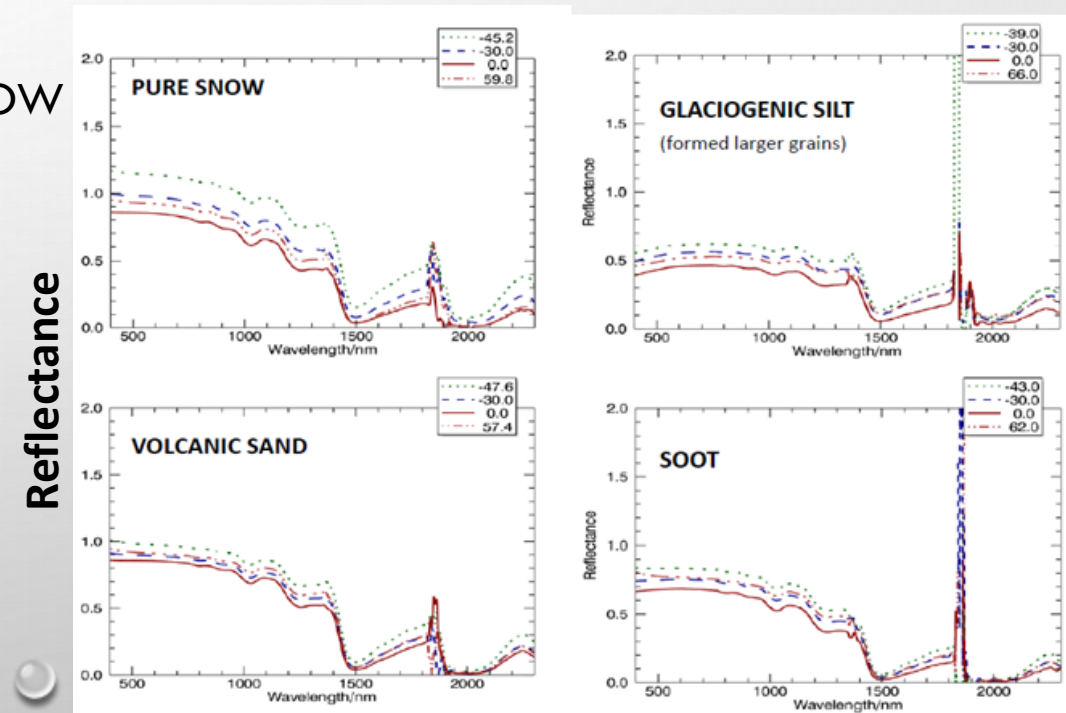
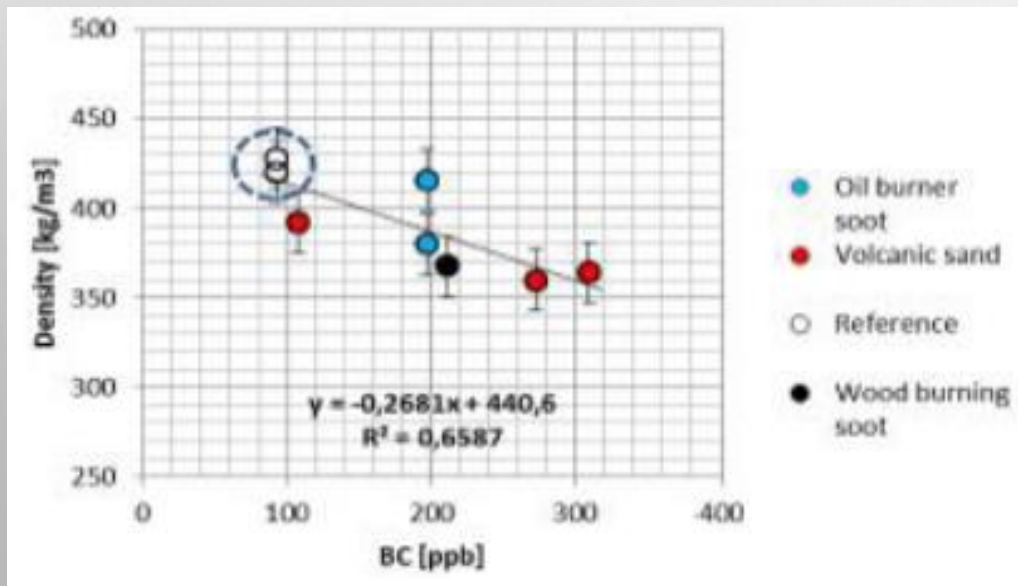
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## Brief communication: Light-absorbing impurities can reduce the density of melting snow

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- VOLCANIC DUST DECREASES SNOW ALBEDO SIMILARLY AS BLACK CARBON
- IN LAB, VOLCANIC DUST IS AN ABSORBING AEROSOL (SR=0.03)
- SOOT DECREASES WATER RETENTION CAPACITY AND DENSITY OF SNOW



Wavelength

### 3. SUSPENDED DUST DURING MOIST AND LOW WIND CONDITIONS

- DUST EVENT AS RESULT OF SURFACE HEATING IN AUGUST 2013
- Max particle number concentration (PM<sub>~0.3-10</sub> μm) reached 149,954 particles cm<sup>-3</sup> min<sup>-1</sup> while mass concentration PM<sub>10</sub> was 1757 μg m<sup>-3</sup> min<sup>-1</sup>
- THE PARTICLES WERE MAINLY OF THE CLOSE-TO-ULTRAFINE SIZE (highest number of particles in size range 0.3-0.337 μm)
- ~ 80 % of the glaciogenic dust is volcanic glass (with bubbles) rich in heavy metals
- WET DUST PARTICLES WERE MOBILIZED WITHIN < 4 HOURS



**L:** The surface exposed to solar radiation for four hours    **R:** Surface heating resulted in cloud formation and upward air motion

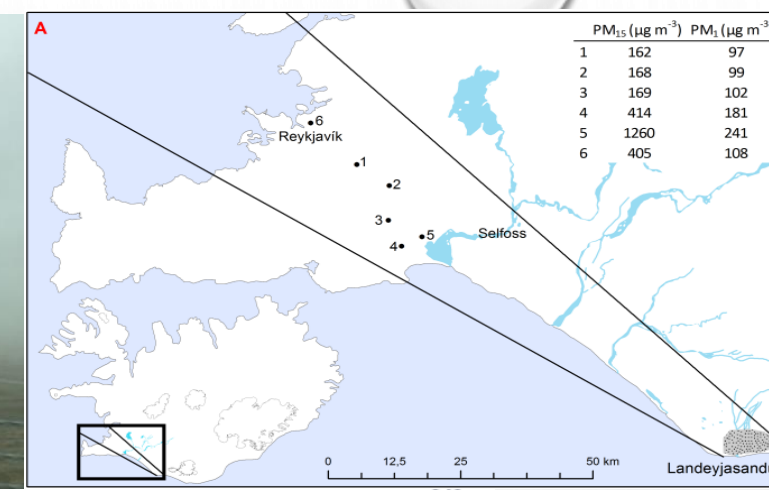


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# The Spatial Variation of Dust Particulate Matter Concentrations during Two Icelandic Dust Storms in 2015

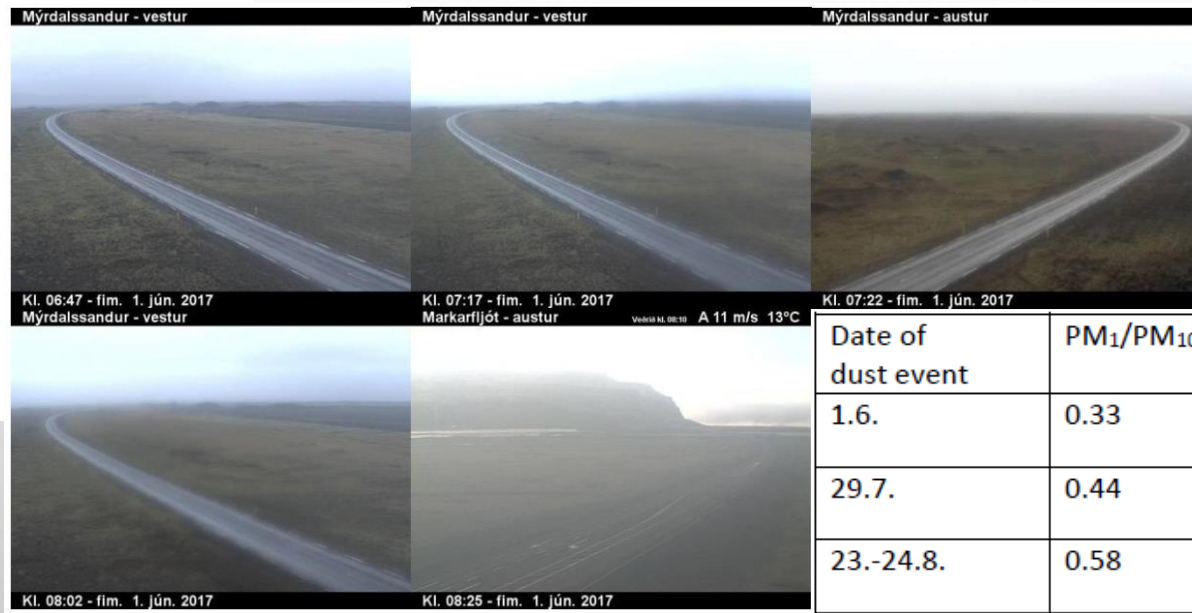
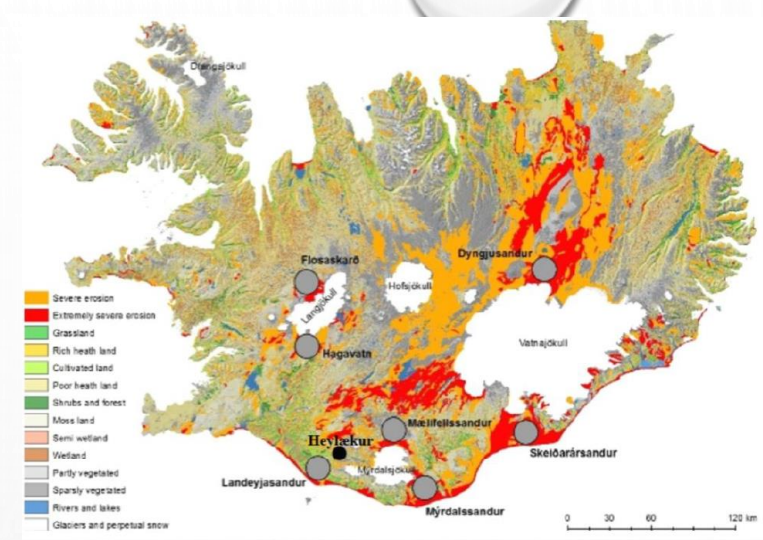
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**Table 1.** Particulate matter concentrations PM<sub>1-15</sub> (µg m<sup>-3</sup>) for both storms. Ratios between different PM values are given.

	PM <sub>1</sub> Average	PM <sub>2.5</sub> Average	PM <sub>4</sub> Average	PM <sub>10</sub> Average	Total (PM <sub>15</sub> ) Average	PM <sub>1</sub> /PM <sub>10</sub> Ratio	PM <sub>2.5</sub> /PM <sub>10</sub> Ratio	PM <sub>1</sub> /PM <sub>2.5</sub> Ratio	PM <sub>1</sub> /PM <sub>4</sub> Ratio	PM <sub>4</sub> /PM <sub>10</sub> Ratio	PM <sub>10</sub> /PM <sub>15</sub> Ratio
<b>Storm 1</b>											
1	97	109	130	158	162	0.61	0.69	0.89	0.75	0.82	0.98
2	99	110	130	158	168	0.63	0.70	0.90	0.76	0.82	0.94
3	102	114	137	163	169	0.63	0.70	0.89	0.74	0.84	0.96
4	181	201	248	354	414	0.51	0.57	0.90	0.73	0.70	0.86
5	241	263	322	583	1260	0.41	0.45	0.92	0.75	0.55	0.46
6	108	118	142	224	405	0.48	0.53	0.92	0.76	0.63	0.55
<b>Storm 2</b>											
1	11	12	14	29	71	0.48	0.53	0.92	0.76	0.63	0.55
2	4	4	5	7	10	0.38	0.41	0.92	0.79	0.48	0.41
3	12	13	16	29	42	0.57	0.57	1.00	0.80	0.71	0.70
4	57	61	74	162	383	0.41	0.45	0.92	0.75	0.55	0.69
5	164	174	206	486	1600	0.35	0.38	0.93	0.77	0.46	0.42
6	128	140	177	318	436	0.34	0.36	0.94	0.80	0.42	0.30
7	35	39	48	87	143	0.40	0.44	0.91	0.72	0.56	0.73

# Frequency and origin of dust events in Fljótshlíð, South Iceland, in 2017



Lea María Lemarquis

Date of dust event	PM <sub>1</sub> /PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub> /PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>1</sub> /PM <sub>2.5</sub>	PM <sub>1</sub> /PM <sub>4</sub>
1.6.	0.33	0.35	0.93	0.76
29.7.	0.44	0.46	0.95	0.83
23.-24.8.	0.58	0.61	0.95	0.84
31.8.	0.46	0.47	0.96	0.79
31.10.-1.11.	0.41	0.41	0.99	0.90



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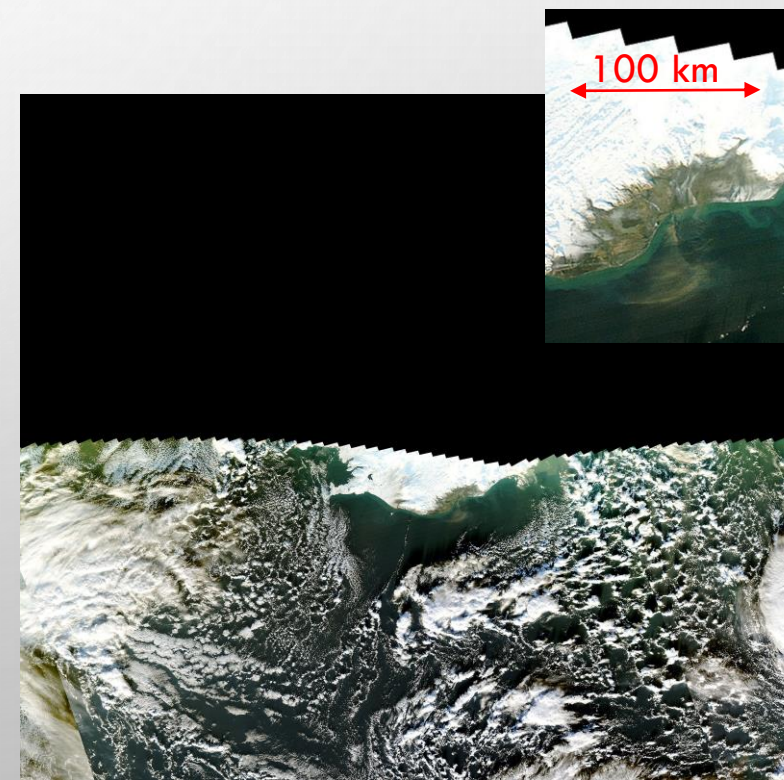
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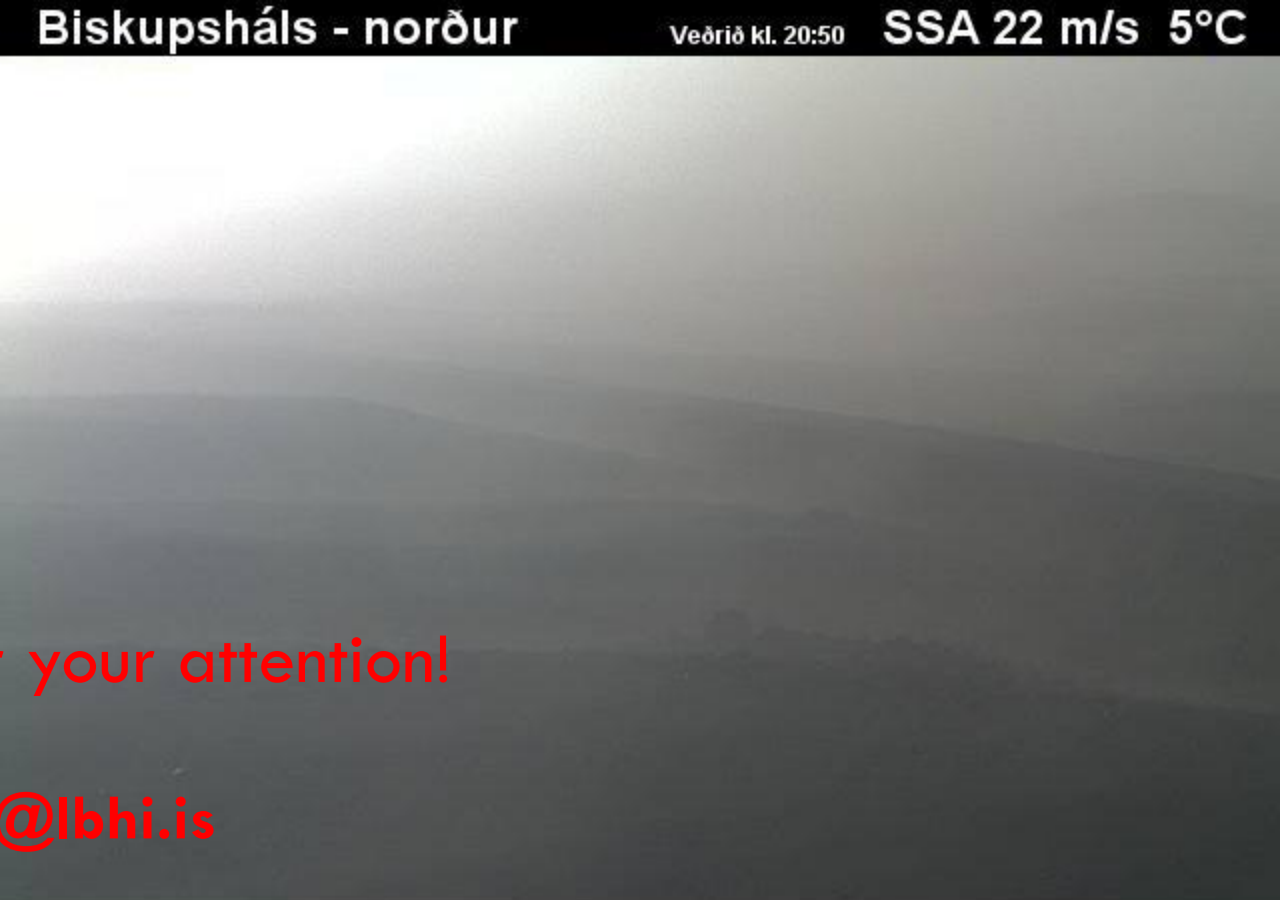
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# CONCLUSIONS

- ICELAND IS THE LARGEST EUROPEAN AND ARCTIC DESERT
- ICELANDIC DUST IS DIFFERENT TO CRUSTAL DUST
  - THE MOST EXTREME DUST EVENTS
  - OPTICAL PROPERTIES ARE SIMILAR TO BLACK CARBON
  - IT IS VERY FINE AND SHARP





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Breiðdalsheiði - vestur

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Kl. 03:45 - sun. 20. maí. 2018

