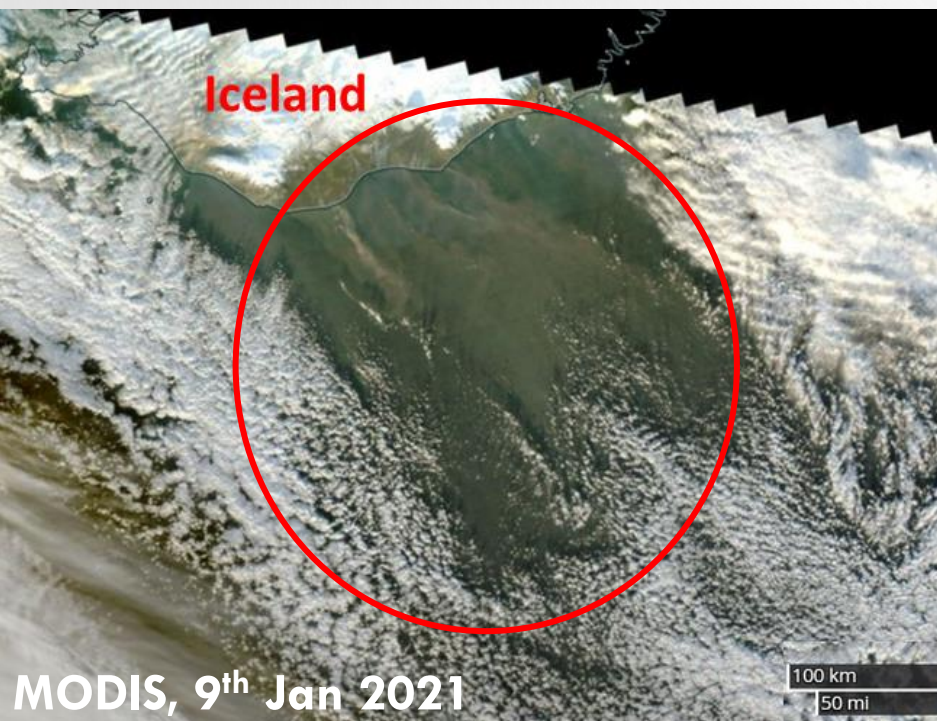


# HIGH LATITUDE DUST RESEARCH IN ICELAND AND GLOBALLY



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# TALK OUTLINE

- **HIGH LATITUDE DUST NETWORKS (UPDATE 2025)**
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# NORTHERN AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE (NA-ME-E) REGIONAL CENTER

WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS)



WMO SDS WAS || Asia Regional Center || America Regional Center

- **WMO** IS ONE OF 19 MEMBERS OF THE UN COALITION COMBATING SDS (UN SDS COALITION)
- **ICELAND** IS PART OF THE NORTHERN AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE NODE OF THE **WMO SDS WAS**
- **ICELAND** IS THE LARGEST DESERT IN EUROPE OUTSIDE THE CASPIAN SEA AREA
- **HIGH LATITUDE DUST NETWORKS (ACTIVE TODAY):**
  - ICEDUST – ICELANDIC AEROSOL AND DUST ASSOCIATION
  - UARCTIC THEMATIC NETWORK ON HLD
  - CAMS NATIONAL COLLABORATION PROGRAMME ICELAND
  - NORDDUST - COUNCIL OF MINISTERS - NORDIC WORKING GROUP FOR CLIMATE AND AIR (NKL) - MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, DENMARK



## ICEDUST ASSOCIATION

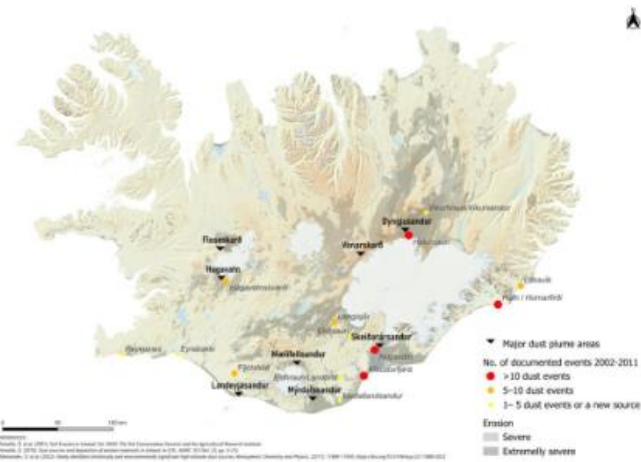
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- Member of the **European Aerosol Assembly** since 2022
- 9<sup>th</sup> HLD Workshop 12-13 Feb 2025





### Dust storms in Iceland

In Iceland, we have vast deserts covering over 44,000 km<sup>2</sup>, leading to about **135 dust storm days annually**. Despite being known for some of the cleanest air in the world, placing air quality monitors near our frequent dust storms could reveal pollution issues. Understanding the link between dust storms and air quality is vital for our health and environment.



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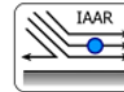
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Icelandic Aerosol and Dust  
Association (IceDust)

## Activities

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## Thematic Network on High Latitude Dust



### Related news

- 9th High Latitude Dust Workshop 2025
- Polar Winter School on snow measurements and arctic air pollution
- How dust from Europe's largest desert is impacting the climate
- UArctic at the 2024 Arctic Circle Assembly

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### Related articles

- Information and past activities

### Related files

- Thematic Network on High Latitude Dust presentation

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- Outi Meinander (Vice-Lead)

## Goals

UArctic Thematic Network on High Latitude Dust (HLD) is an international scientific network committed to the support of research in the field of aerosol science focused on dust at high latitudes, with a main focus on Polar Regions. We are researchers, educators and innovators

<https://www.uarctic.org/activities/thematic-networks/high-latitude-dust/>



## High Latitude Dust Network



# HIGH LATITUDE DUST AS A DRIVER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR POLLUTION IN THE ARCTIC

## NORDDUST

to provide information and advice on high latitude dust issues in the Nordic Region.

**NORDDUST consortium** is the Nordic network of experts on high latitude dust (HLD) and its climate impacts to monitor, advise, and provide knowledge and monitoring tools on dust storms and dust-related particulate matter air pollution in the Nordic region. This advisory group consists of partners from Iceland, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, and it is funded by the Nordic Council on Ministers, Nordic Working Group for Climate and Air (NKL) by the Ministry of Environment, Denmark. It was established in 2024.

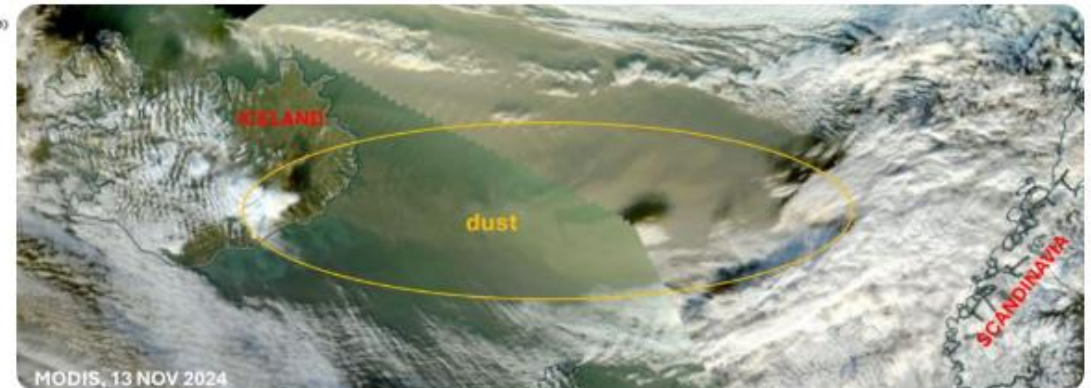
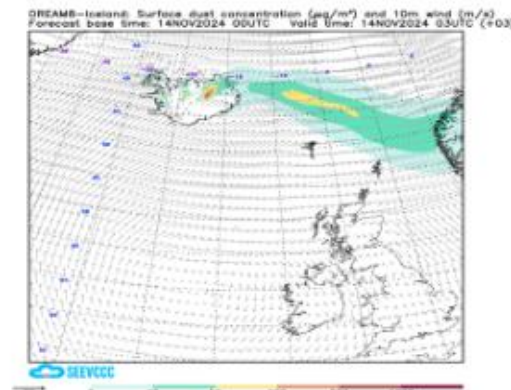


- **HLD Assessment**
- **HLD EU COST Action proposal**
- **(HLD minireview)**

### Key Focus Areas

NORDDUST provides knowledge and recommendations on HLD impacts on...

-  **Air pollution and health**
-  **Climate impacts (cryosphere, radiation, and clouds)**
-  **Ecosystems and marine environments**
-  **Socio-economic risks (road safety, energy, soil erosion)**
-  **Dust protection measures**



... as the main topics for the Nordic and international negotiations.

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# Sand and Dust Storms Toolbox



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## Sand and Dust Storms Toolbox

The SDS Toolbox provides tools, guidance and information which can be used to identify the sources of sand and dust storms, develop and implement management policy, plans and strategies, assess risks and vulnerabilities to SDS, understand how to observe, monitor, forecast and provide warnings of SDS and develop and implement ways to mitigate the impacts of sand and dust storms.

INTRODUCTION  
**Getting started**

EXPLORE THE  
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MODULE 1  
**Mapping SDS  
sources**

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AND GUIDANCE

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**Observation,  
monitoring,  
forecasting &  
early warning**

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assessment and  
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MODULE 4  
**Source control  
and  
management**

MODULE 5  
**Impact  
mitigation**

# ICELAND INCLUDED IN THE UN SDS TOOLBOX

## Dust storms and health

Find out more about [health risks](#) of windblown dust, particularly its impact on respiratory health and [what to do during a dust storm](#).

Source: *Windblown Dust and Dust storms & your health* - Department of Ecology, Washington State, [ecology.wa.gov](http://ecology.wa.gov).

## WMO Airborne Dust Bulletins

The [World Meteorological Organization](#) publishes annually a report on the incidence and hazards of sand and dust storms, which have a major impact on air quality, health, the environment, agriculture and economies.

The latest Airborne Dust Bulletin can be found here: [WMO Airborne Dust Bulletin No. 8 – July 2024](#).

## Operational forecasts of Icelandic dust

Iceland has several SDS source locations with dust storms occurring across all months of the year. Operational forecasts of near surface dust for Iceland are available for a 72 hr. period at three hour increments from [dustforecast.lbhi.is](http://dustforecast.lbhi.is). The forecasts can be useful in avoiding dust events while traveling by road and planning visits within the country.

## Icelandic Aerosol and Dust Association (IceDust)

Iceland has the largest desert in Europe and experiences an average of 135 dust days per year. The [Icelandic Aerosol and Dust Association \(IceDust\)](#) provides (1) a venue for collaboration on aerosol research in Iceland, (2) a mechanism for communication between researchers focusing on dust events in Iceland and (3) a source of information for the general public on aerosol processes linked to air pollution, atmosphere-cryosphere interactions, volcanic ash resuspension, health and environmental effects of particulate matter.

More information on IceDust can be found at <https://ice-dust.com> and <https://icedustblog.wordpress.com>

## Thematic Network on High Latitude Dust

The [Thematic Network on High Latitude Dust](#), an activity of the [University of the Arctic \(UARctic\)](#), provides a mechanism for sharing research and networking on dust at high latitudes. Thematic Network encompasses more than 110 scientists working in 53 institutions across 21 countries, holds periodic meetings and, through [a link](#) with IceDust, provides access to publications on dust and Iceland.

[https://www.unccd.int/land-and-life/sand-and-dust-storms/toolbox/public-information?fbclid=IwY2xjawlgb1tleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHdcRWPIXM8imebhm48e9Dn\\_5Sh2toLMzA31IIF1pmWowj7We4K6tMePi-Q\\_aem\\_j1zy5ZwKv8oNdX1KBx7dUQ](https://www.unccd.int/land-and-life/sand-and-dust-storms/toolbox/public-information?fbclid=IwY2xjawlgb1tleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHdcRWPIXM8imebhm48e9Dn_5Sh2toLMzA31IIF1pmWowj7We4K6tMePi-Q_aem_j1zy5ZwKv8oNdX1KBx7dUQ)

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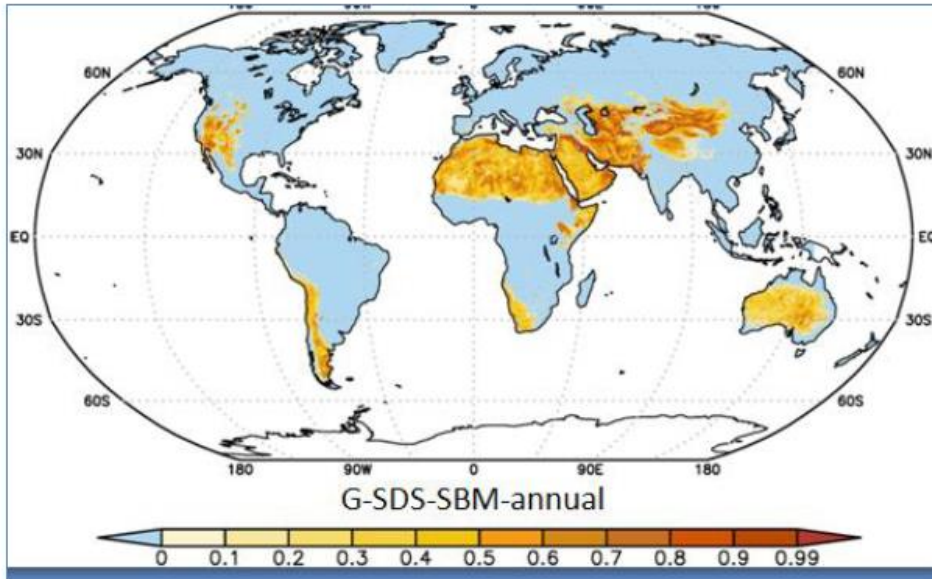


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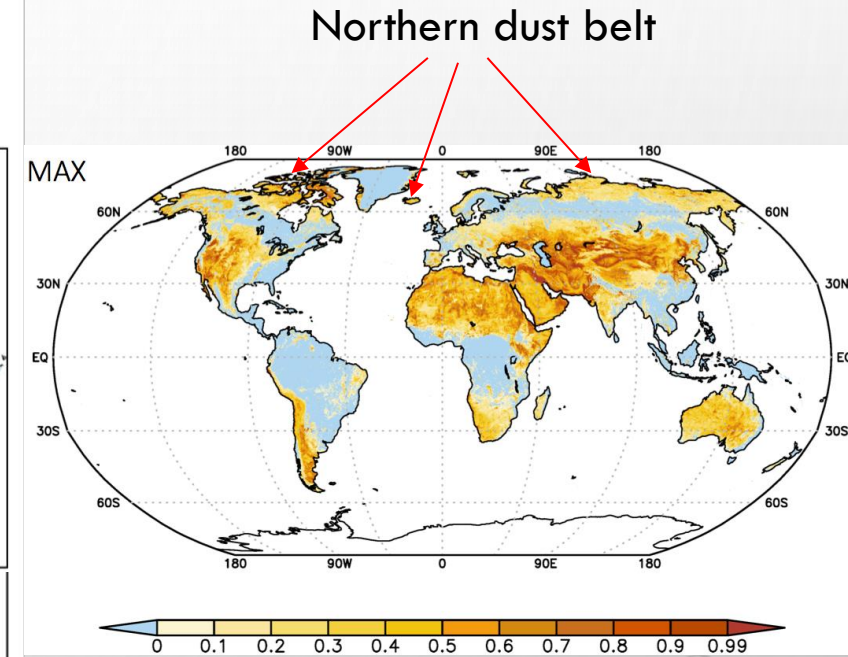
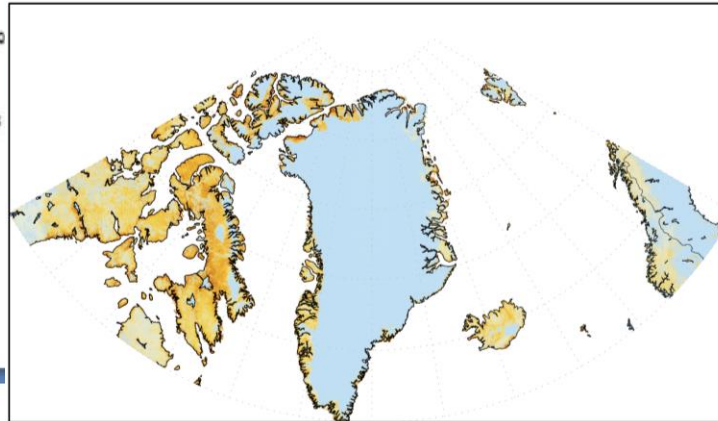
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# HIGH LATITUDE DUST AREAS IDENTIFICATION

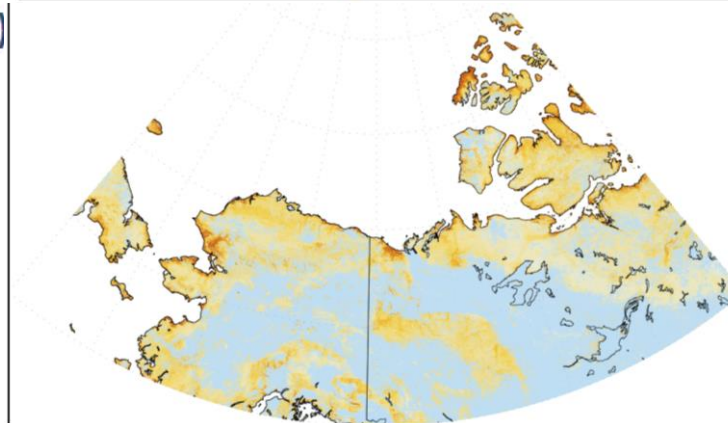
Vukovic, 2019. Sand and Dust Storms Source Base-map



<https://maps.unccd.int/sds/>  
Ana Vukovic (2019)



UNCCD 1km global dust mask (Ana Vukovic, 2019)



SDS index



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# GLOBAL DUST IN THE ARCTIC

## NORTHERN HLD SOURCES AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN THE ARCTIC

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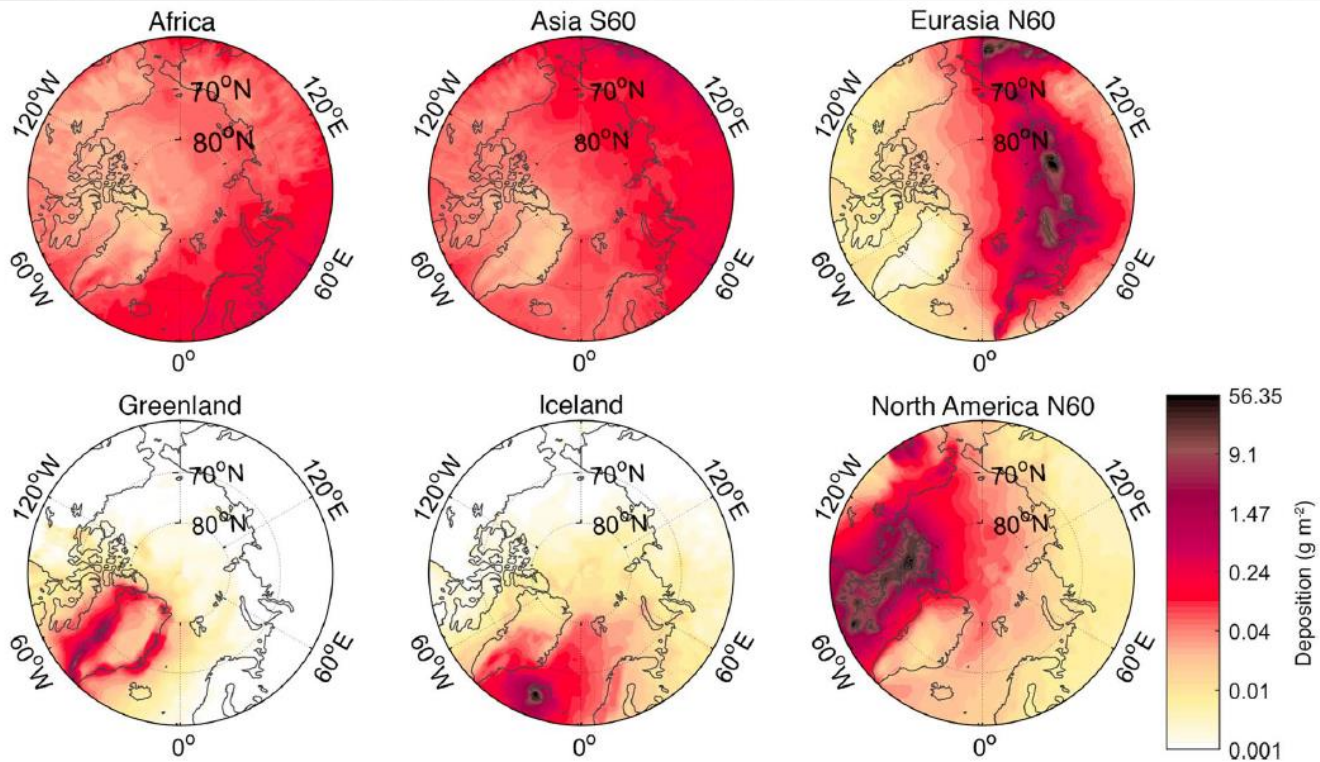
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RESEARCH ARTICLE  
10.1002/2016JD025482

Substantial contribution of northern high-latitude sources to mineral dust in the Arctic

Key Points:  
• High-latitude dust sources in the

C. D. Groot Zwaafink<sup>1</sup>, H. Grythe<sup>1,2,3</sup>, H. Skov<sup>4</sup>, and A. Stohl<sup>1</sup>



~ 3% of global dust emission from the northern HLD sources

Total atmospheric dust loads in the Arctic:  
Asia (~38%)  
Africa (~32%)  
HLD (27%)

Figure 11. Simulated annual mean deposition of dust ( $\text{g m}^{-2}$ ) in the near Arctic originating from different source regions averaged for years 2010–2012. Deposition is here given as the sum of dry and wet deposition.

# CIRCUMPOLAR DUST ATMOSPHERIC MODELS

DREAMS-Iceland: Surface dust concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) and 10m wind ( $\text{m}/\text{s}$ )  
Forecast valid time: 24OCT2019 18UTC



DREAMS-Iceland: Surface dust concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) and 10m wind ( $\text{m}/\text{s}$ )  
Forecast valid time: 25OCT2019 18UTC



NMMB-DREAM-cirkumpolar: Dust load ( $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ ) and 10m wind  
Forecast base time: 04NOV2013 00UTC Valid time: 04NOV2013 21UTC



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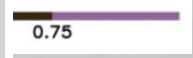
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## Icelandic Dust Forecast

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**Fully Dynamic High-Resolution Model for Dispersion of Icelandic Airborne Mineral Dust**

*Article*

Bojan Cvetkovic<sup>1,4</sup>, Pavla Dagsson-Waldhauserová<sup>2,3</sup>, Slavko Petkovic<sup>1</sup>, Ólafur Arnalds<sup>2</sup>, Fabio Madonna<sup>4</sup>, Emmanouil Proestakis<sup>5</sup>, Antonis Gkikas<sup>5</sup>, Ana Vukovic Vimic<sup>6</sup>, Goran Pejanovic Marco Rosoldi<sup>4</sup>, Darius Ceburnis<sup>7</sup>, Vassilis Amiridis<sup>5</sup>, Lenka Lisa<sup>8,9</sup>, Slobodan Nickovic<sup>1,10</sup> and Jugoslav Nikolic<sup>1</sup>

Detailed forecast for Icelanders:  
<http://dustforecast.lbhi.is/desktop.html>  
<http://www.seevccc.rs/?p=8>

<https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4433/13/9/1345>

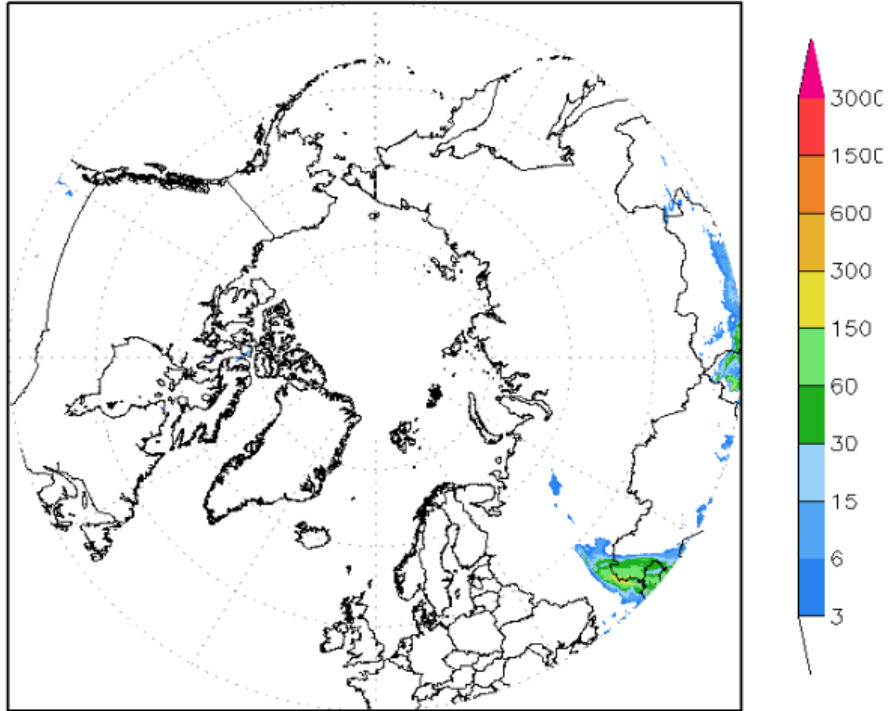
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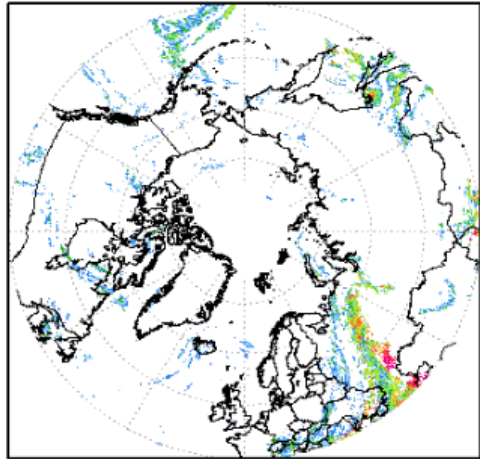
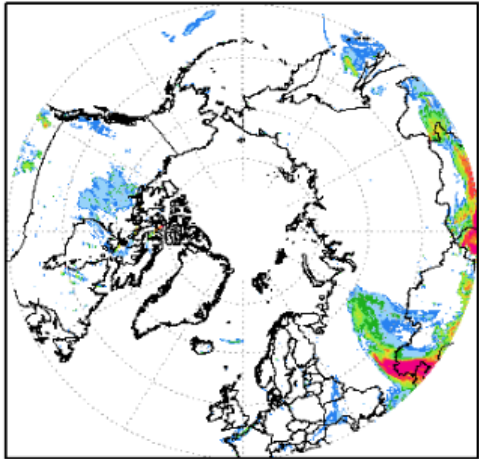
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# SILAM FMI DUST MODEL



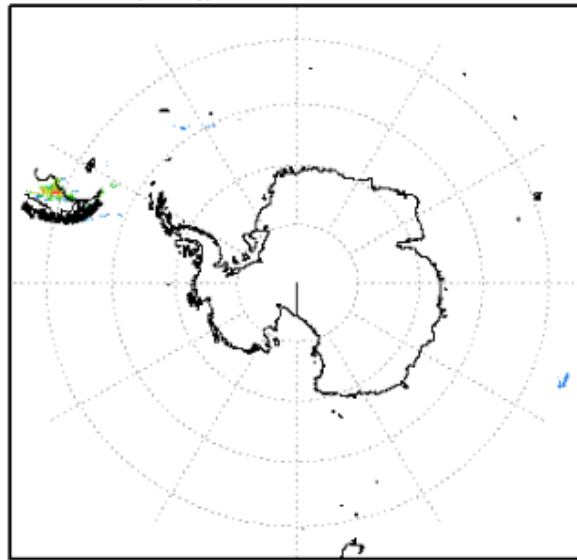
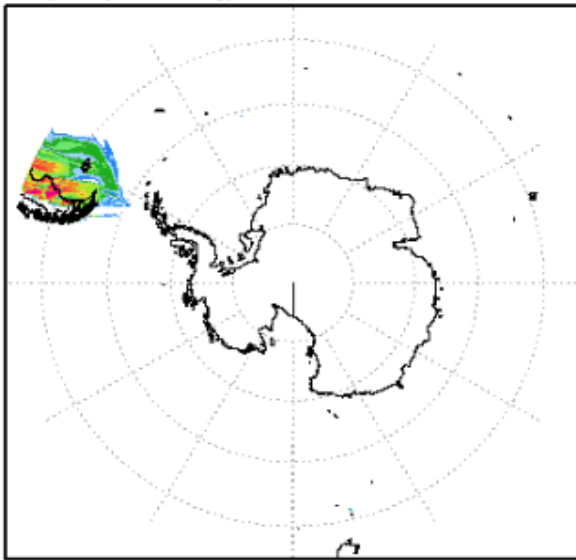
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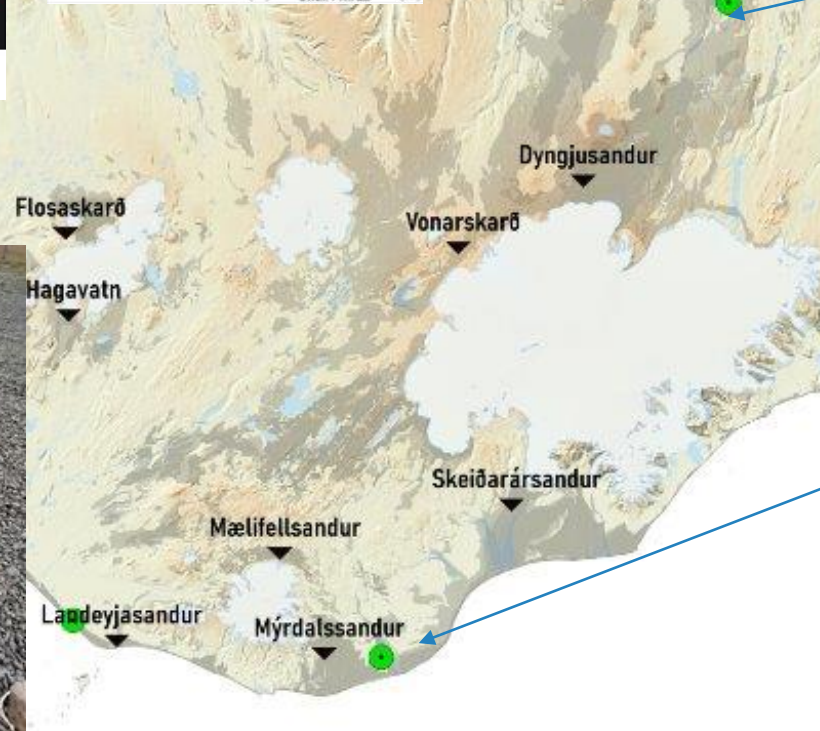
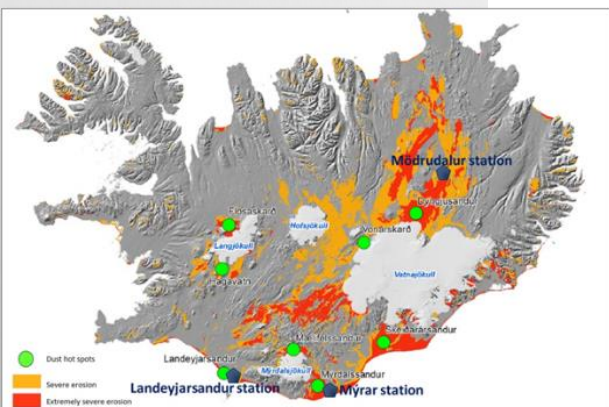
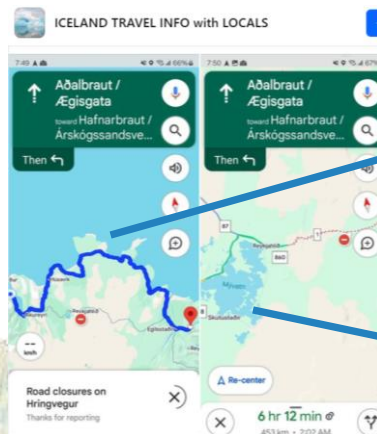
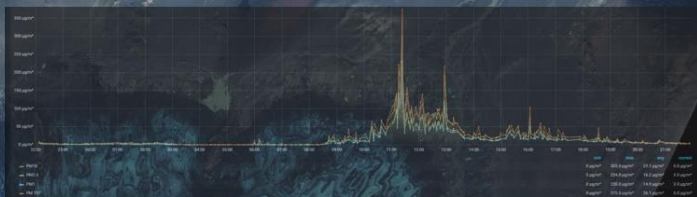
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## Activities on aerosol and dust

### National Collaboration Programme – Iceland

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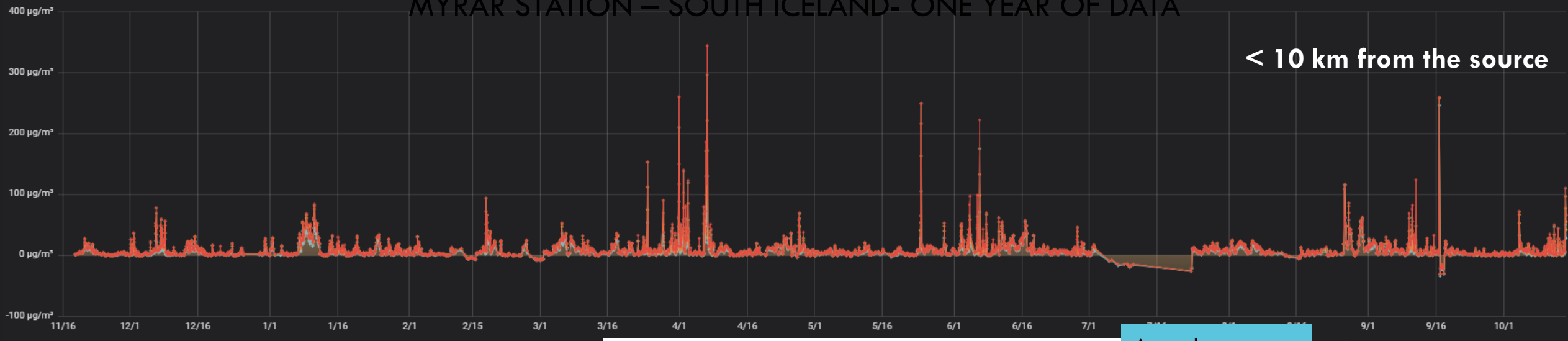
- CAMS stations
  - ▼ Major dust plume areas
- Erosion
- Severe
  - Extremely severe





# MYRAR STATION – SOUTH ICELAND- ONE YEAR OF DATA

< 10 km from the source



Extreme case 16.9.

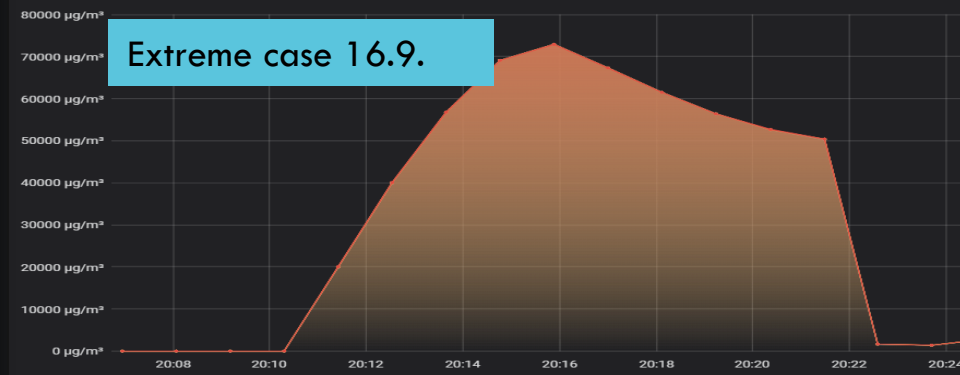


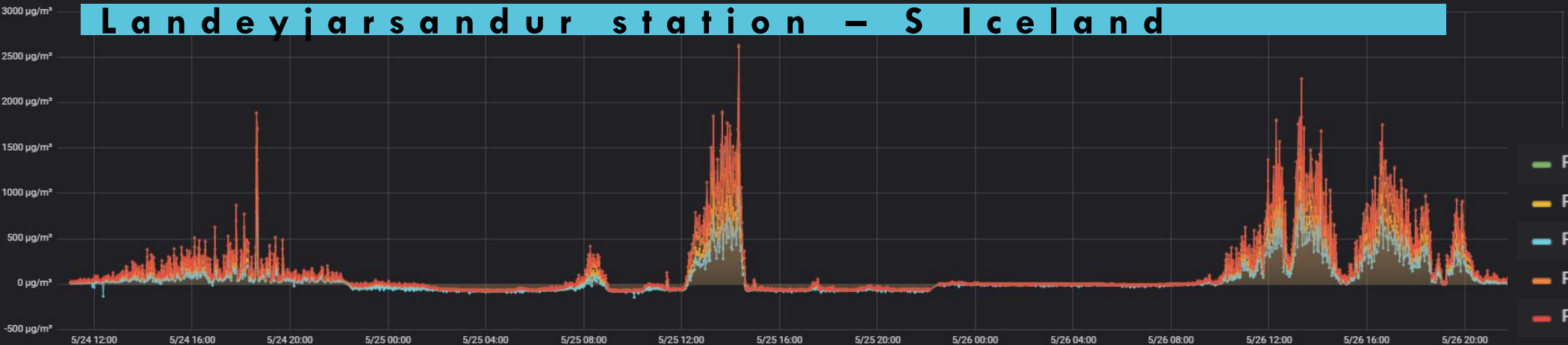
Table 1: WHO - Air Quality Guidelines.

PM <sub>2.5</sub> :	10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> annual mean
	25 µg/m <sup>3</sup> 24-hour mean
PM <sub>10</sub> :	20 µg/m <sup>3</sup> annual mean
	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> 24-hour mean

Annual average

	max	avg	current
PM10	296.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	9.8 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	66.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
PM2.5	258.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	8.1 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	42.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
PM1	246.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	6.4 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	28.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
PM 4	259.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	9.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	55.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
PM TOT	344.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	10.3 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	66.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

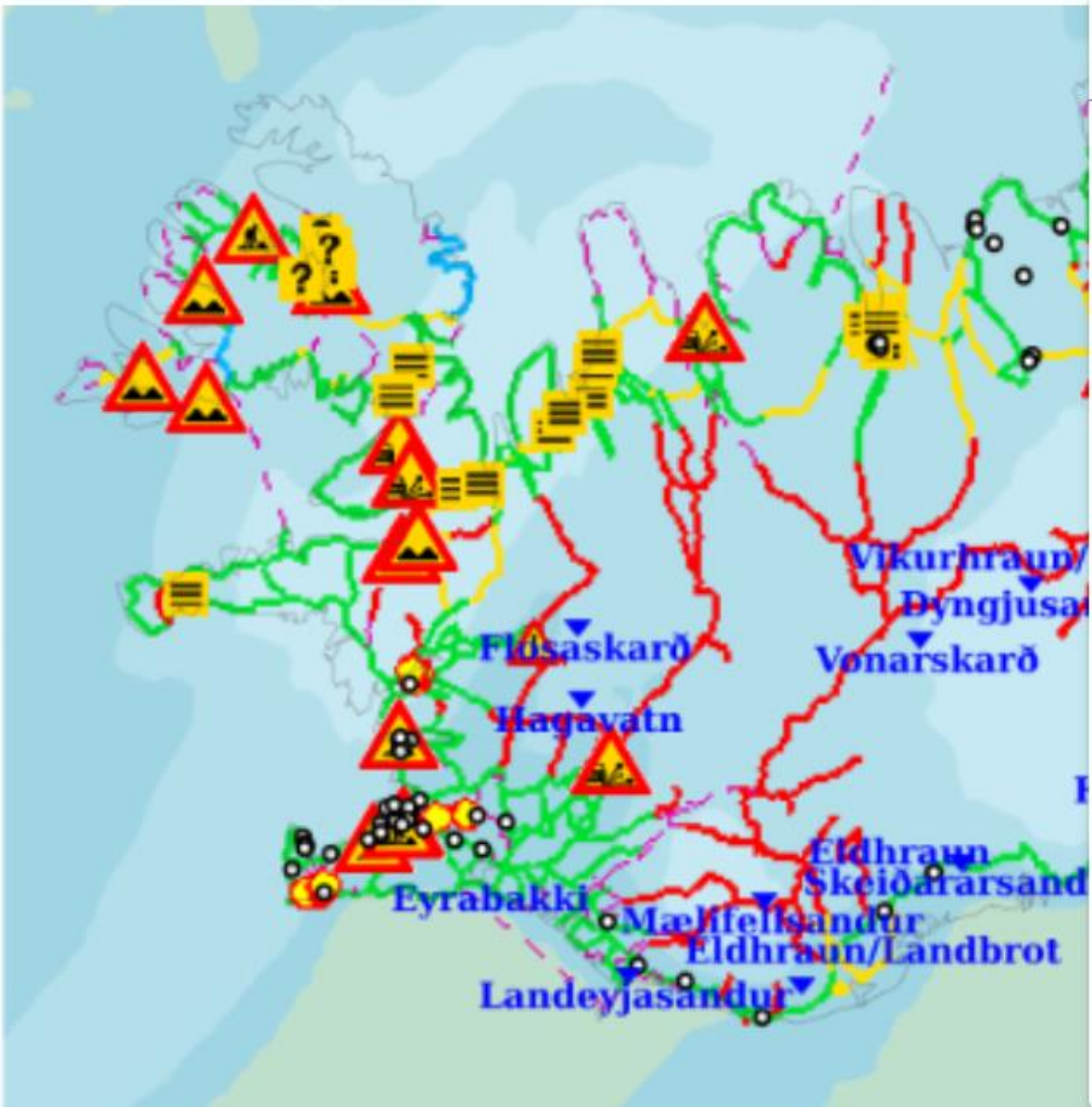
## Landeyjarsandur station – S Iceland



	max	avg
PM10	2610.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	166.8 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
PM2.5	1420.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	89.6 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
PM1	1060.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	58.3 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
PM 4	2040.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	133.4 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
PM TOT	2630.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	168.3 µg/m <sup>3</sup>



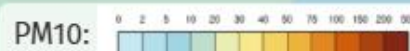
# Air Quality - Dust Storms



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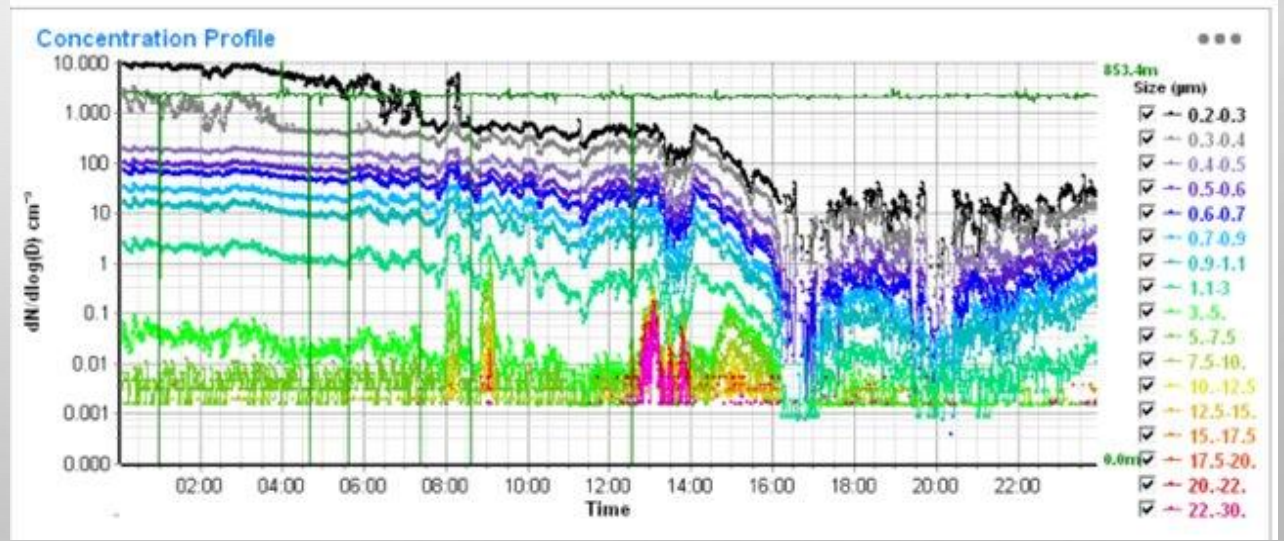
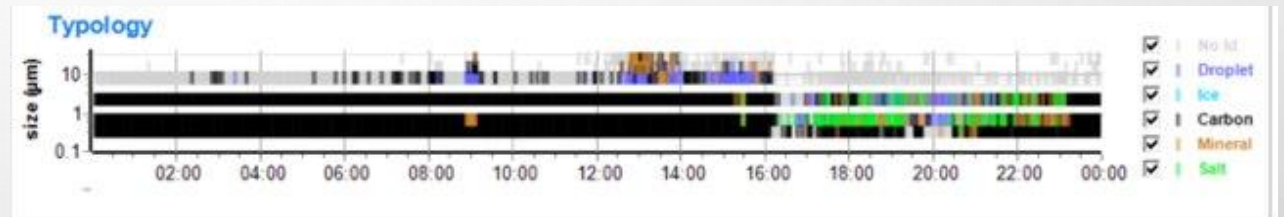
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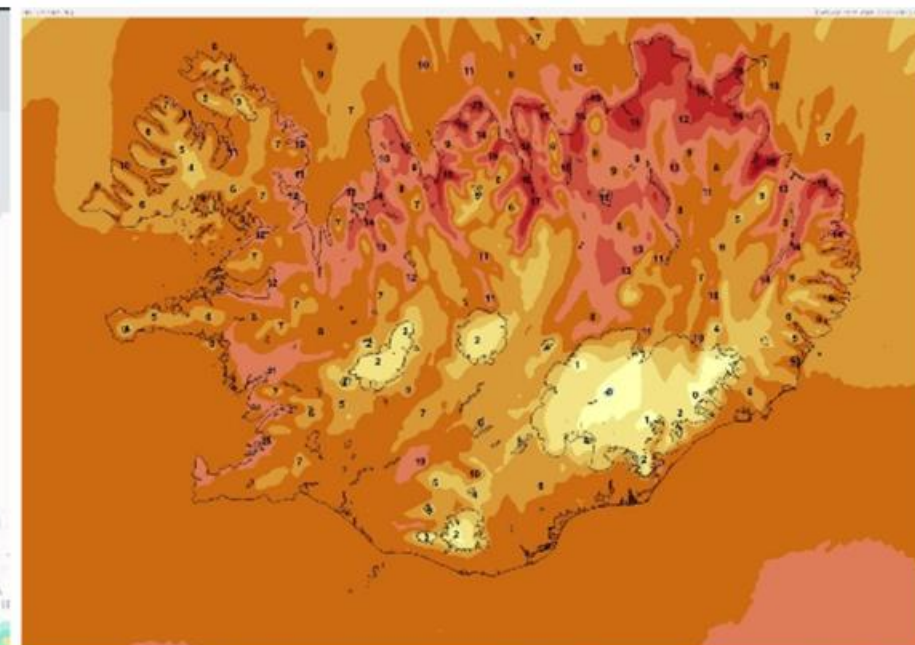
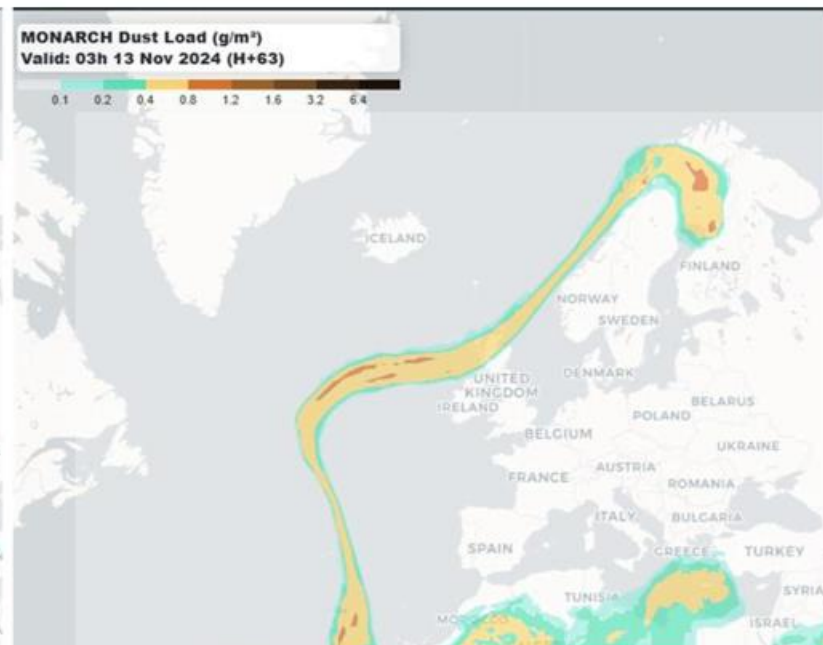
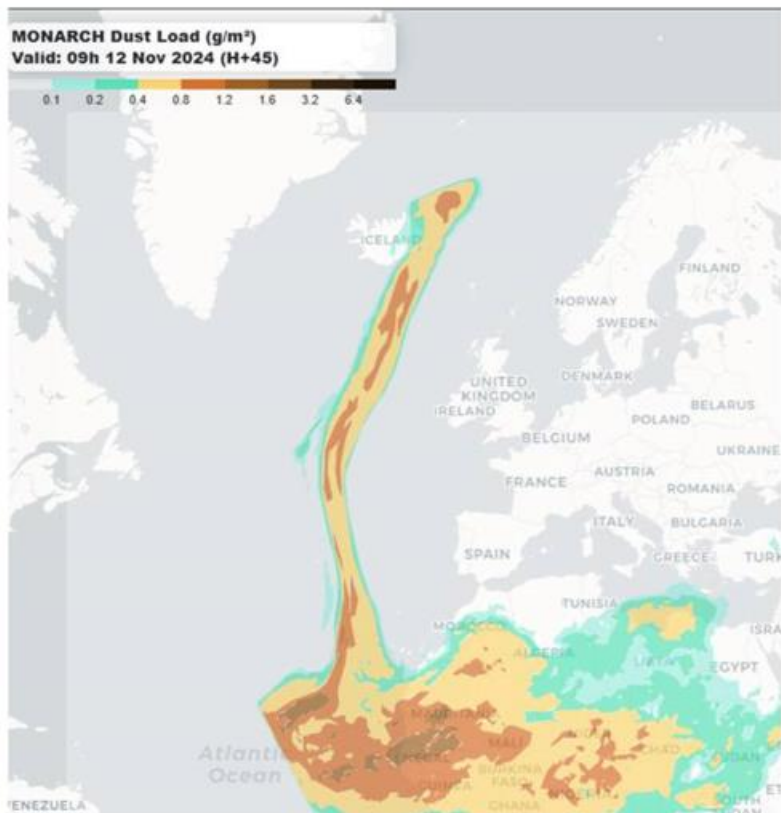


- LOAC PARTICLE NUMBER CONCENTRATIONS FROM NE ICELAND
- BLACK CARBON INCREASED FROM BACKGROUND OF MAX 10 PARTICLES PER  $\text{CM}^3$  TO 10 000 PARTICLES PER  $\text{CM}^3$
- SOME EXCEEDING THE SIZES  $> 1 \mu\text{M}$

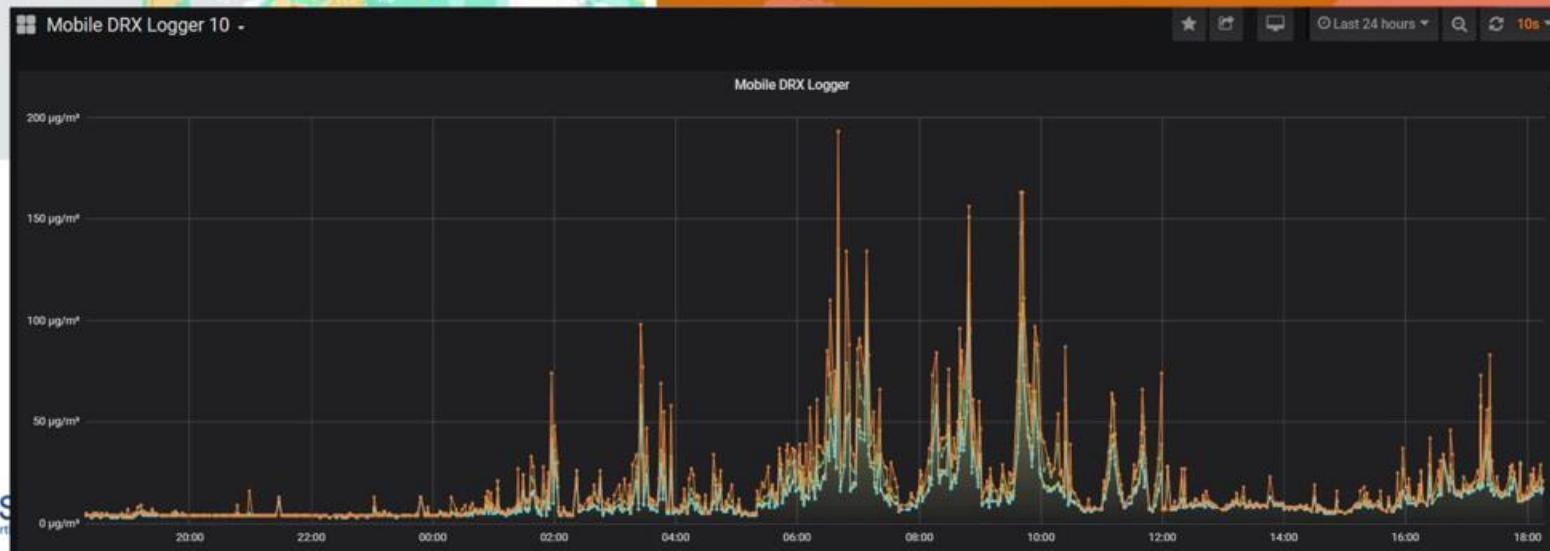




# 12.-13.11.2024: Sahara and Icelandic Dust



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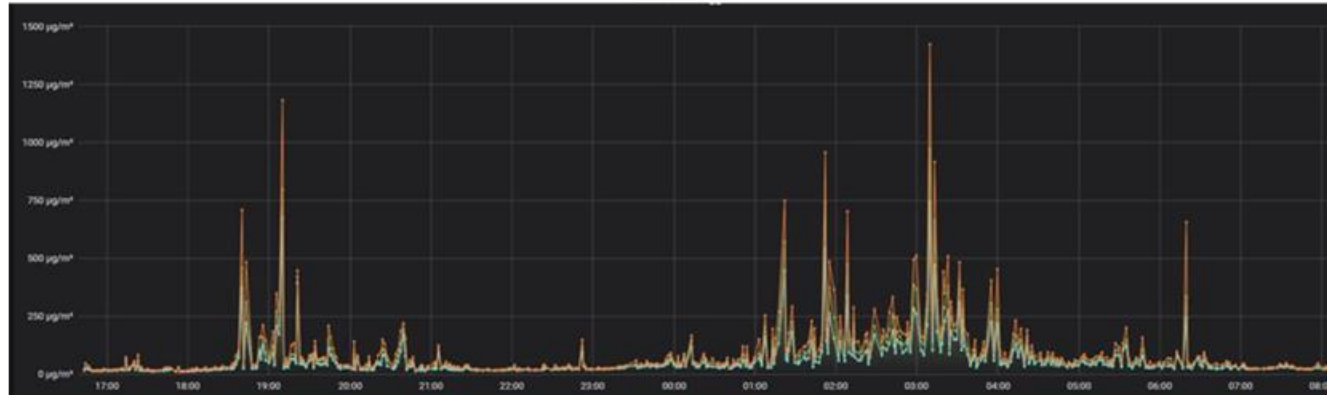


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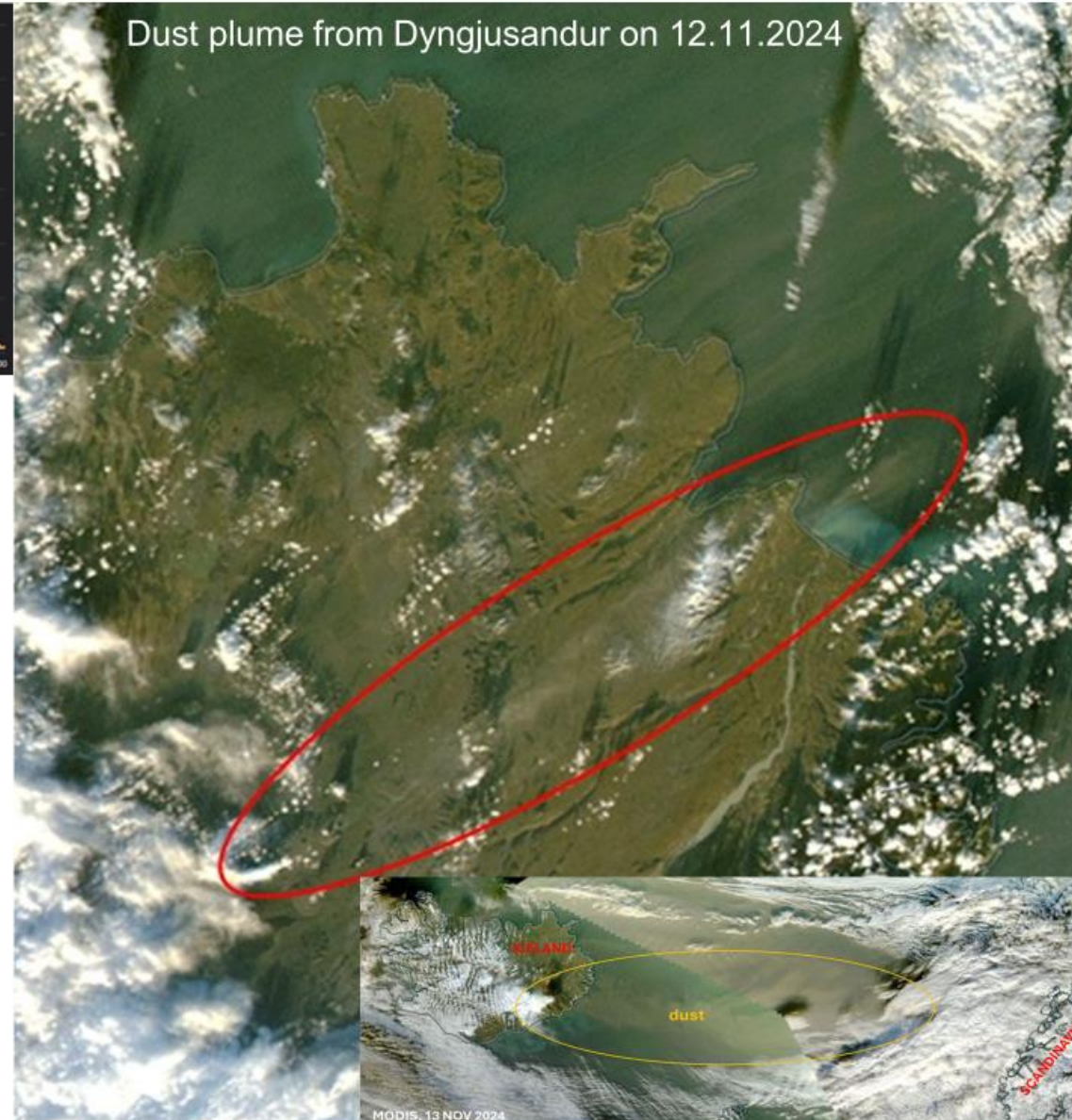


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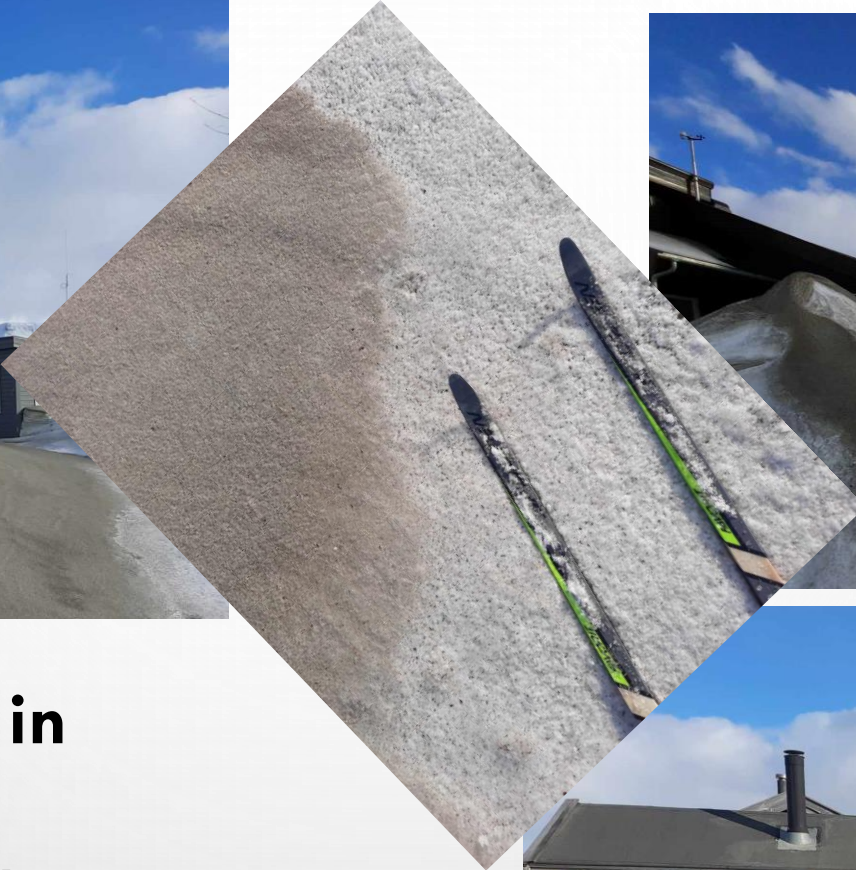
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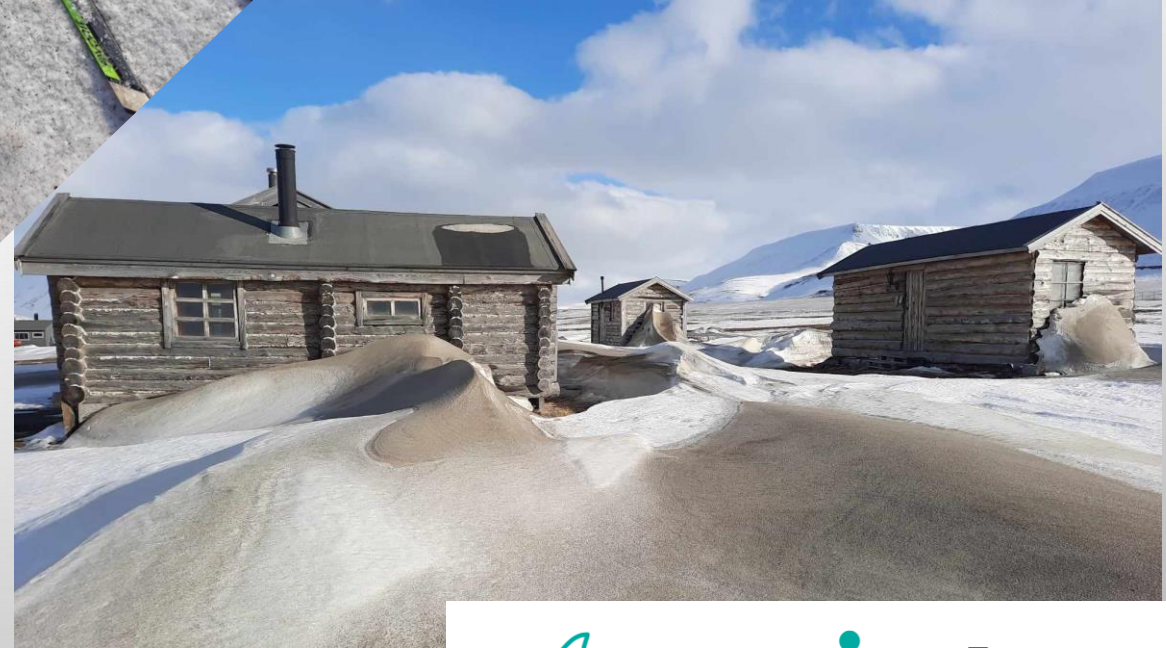


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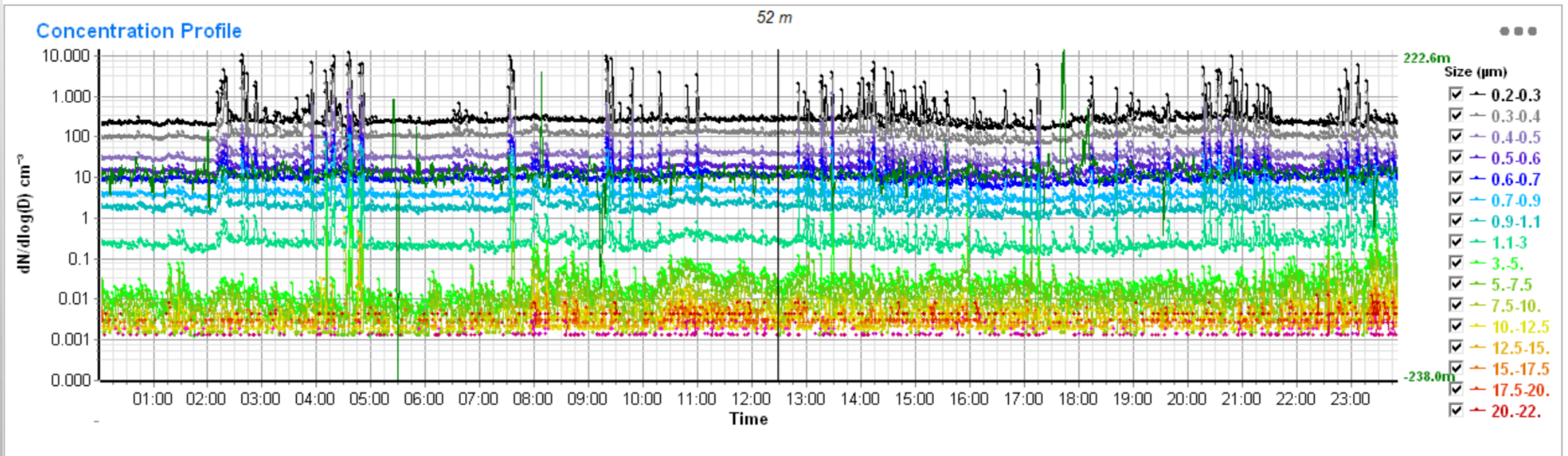
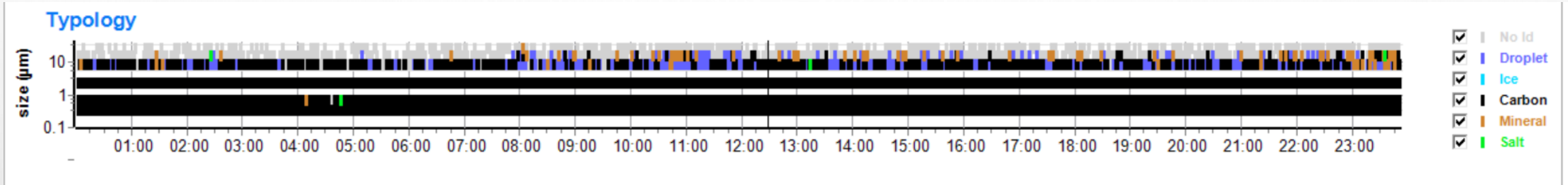
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**SNOW-DUST STORMS LONGYEARBYEN, APRIL 2024**



# LONGYEARBYEN 24.4.2024





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With EGU Science Journalist awardee Daniela de Lorenzo

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# DUSTDRONE PROJECT

## UK-ICELAND ARCTIC SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

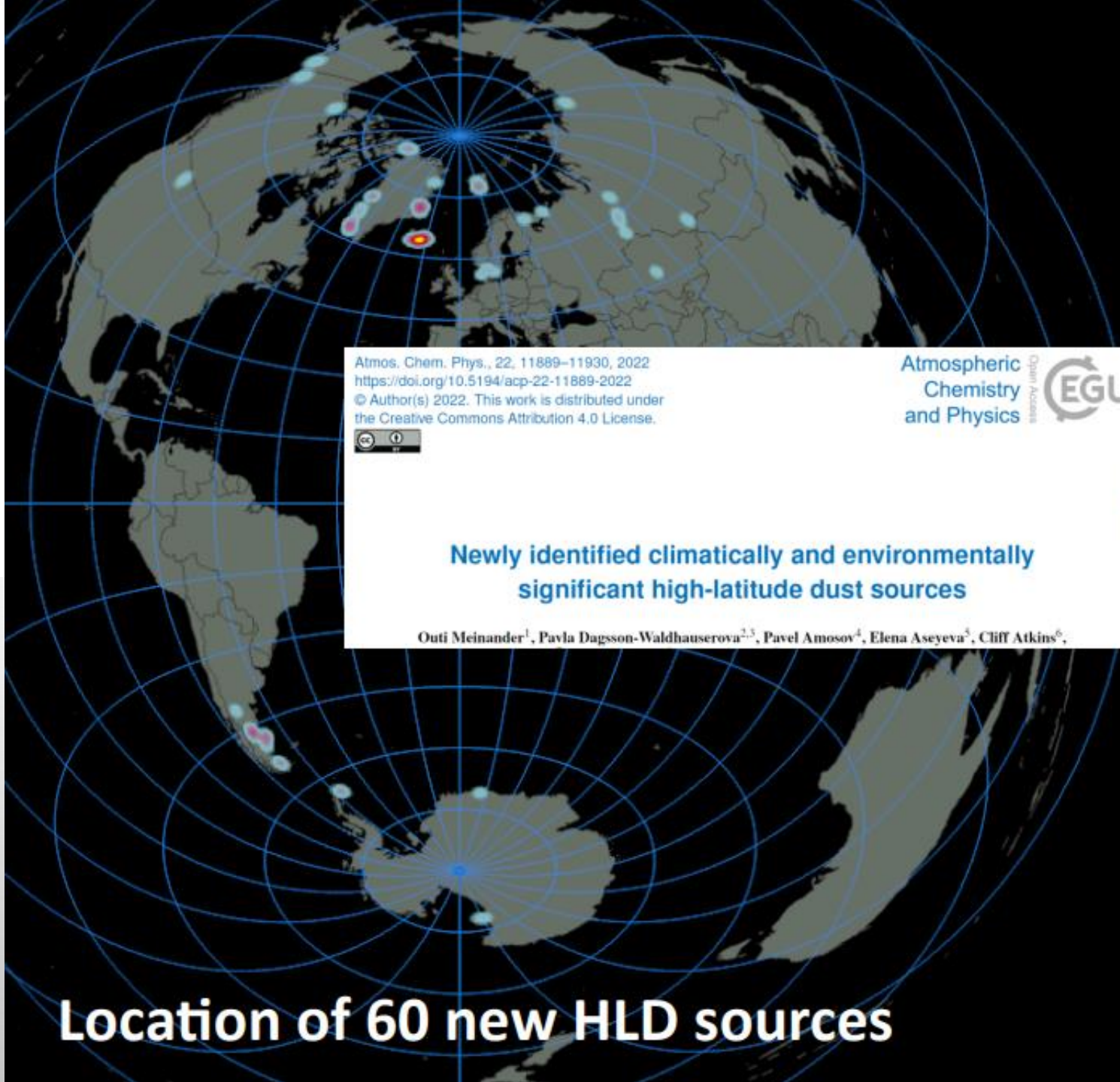
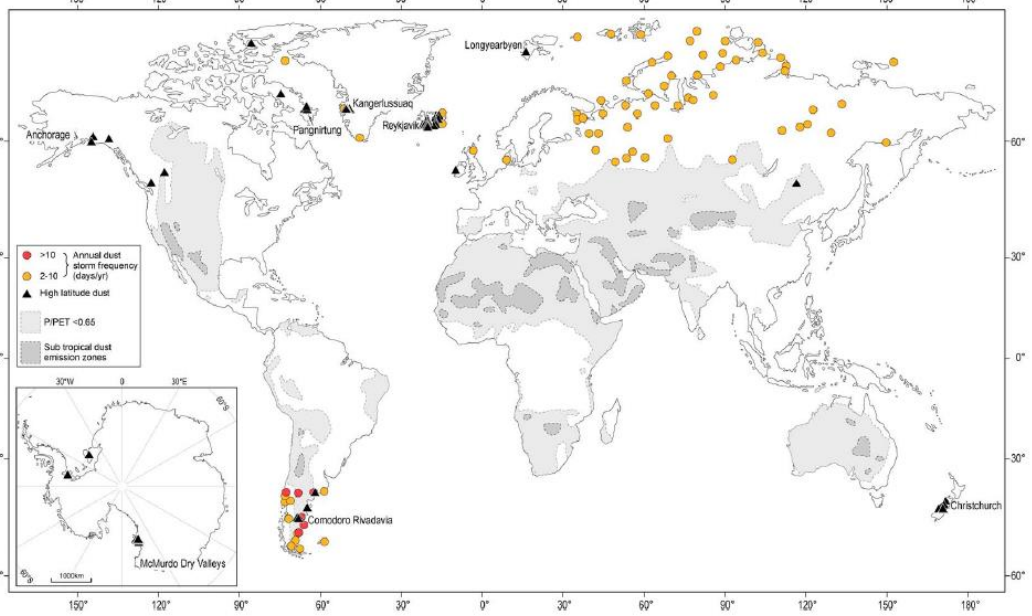
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**Newly identified climatically and environmentally significant high-latitude dust sources**

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**Figure 3.** Global observations of high-latitude dust where filled circles indicate dust storm frequency based on visibility data, and black triangles indicate georeferenced published observations of dust storms (see text for details). Areas where the precipitation: potential evapotranspiration ratio  $< 0.65$  (aridity index) [United Nations Environment Programme, 1997] and subtropical dust emission zones are included for reference.

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 10.1002/2016RG000518

**High-latitude dust in the Earth system**

Joanna E. Bullard<sup>1</sup>, Matthew Baddock<sup>1</sup>, Tom Bradwell<sup>2</sup>, John Crusius<sup>3</sup>, Eleanor Darlington<sup>1</sup>, Diego Gaiero<sup>4</sup>, Santiago Gasso<sup>5</sup>, Gudrun Gisladottir<sup>6</sup>, Richard Hodgkins<sup>7</sup>, Robert McCulloch<sup>8</sup>, Cheryl McKenna-Neuman<sup>9</sup>, Tom Mockford<sup>1</sup>, Helena Stewart<sup>1</sup>, and Thorstrur Thorsteinsson<sup>8</sup>

**Key Points:**  
 • High-latitude dust sources are located in paratropical regions  $< 50^{\circ}\text{N}$  and  $> 40^{\circ}\text{S}$ .

**Summary of the main dust sources:**  
**Northern Hemisphere** (Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Svalbard, Siberia, Scandinavia)  
**Southern Hemisphere** (Antarctica, New Zealand, and Patagonia)

**2022**

**Location of 60 new HLD sources**



# HIGH LATITUDE DUST AREAS – UPDATED COLLECTION

## Meinander et al. on Merging > 60 new HLD sources

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17 Dec 2021

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Short summary

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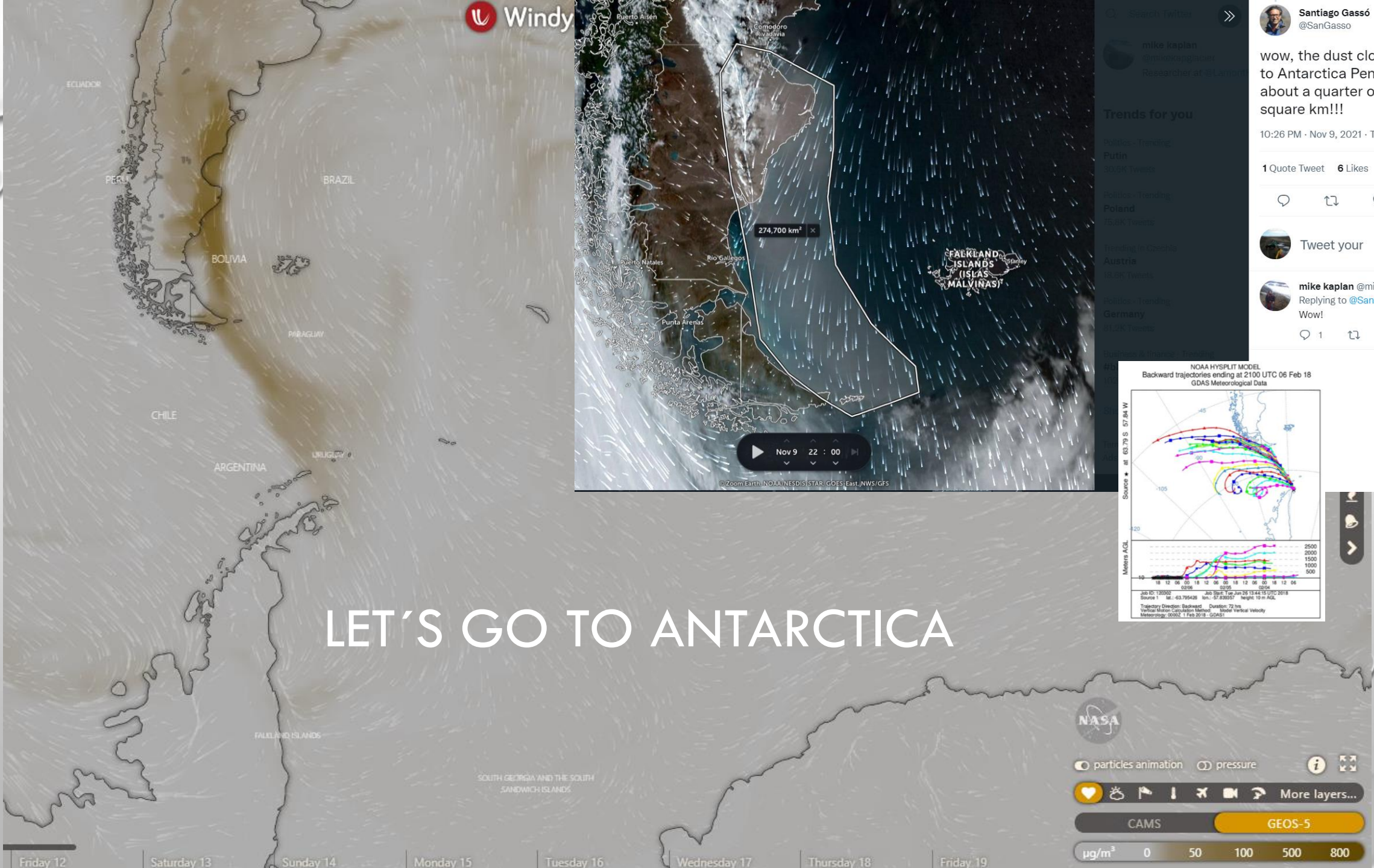
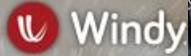
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- **Active HLD sources cover > 1,670, 000 km<sup>2</sup>** (excluding Antarctica)
- **1-5% of the global dust budget** (~100 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> of global dust budget)

**Summary of HLD climate impacts**



LET'S GO TO ANTARCTICA

**Santiago Gasso** @SanGasso

wow, the dust cloud heading to Antarctica Peninsula is about a quarter of million square km!!!

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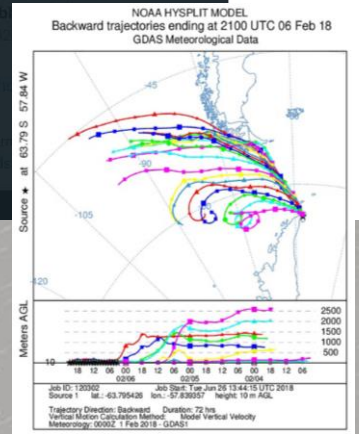
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# ANTARCTICA 2018-2025

## Extreme summer 2021/22



### James Ross Isle

- the most active/productive dust source in Antarctica



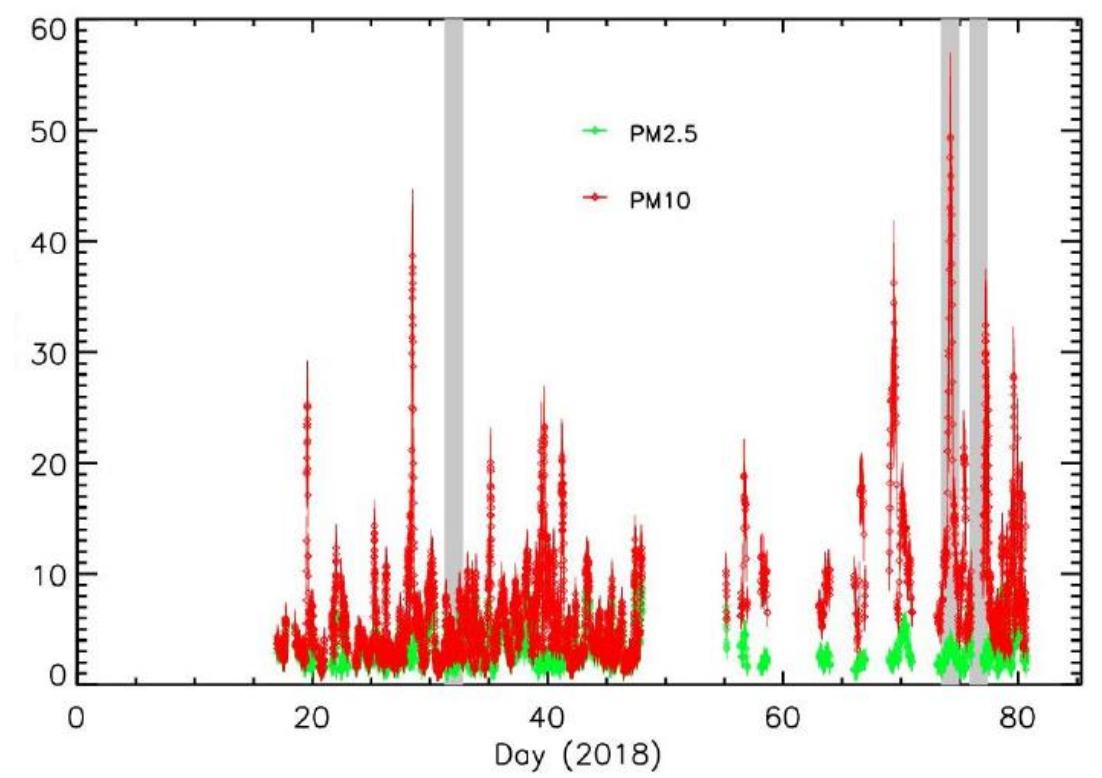
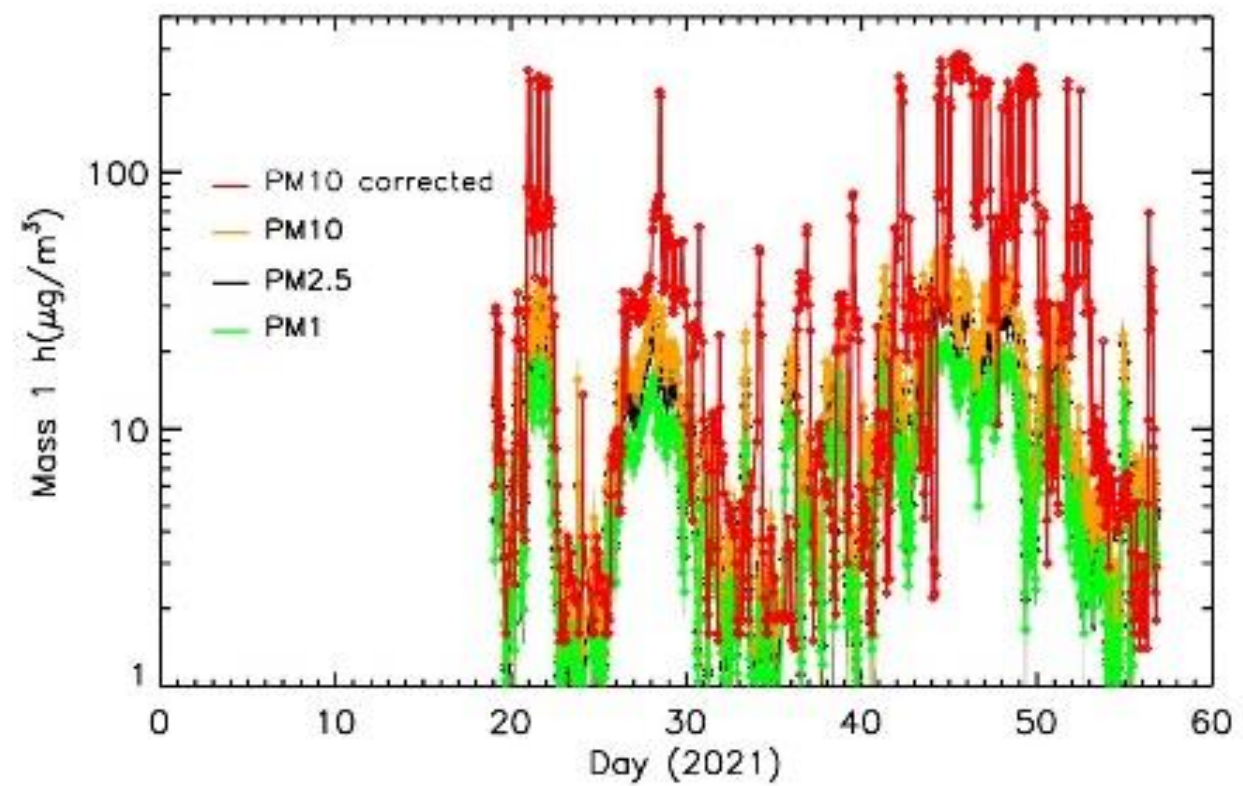




# ANTARCTICA 2021 – preliminary results

## Aerosol Concentrations in Relationship to Local Atmospheric Conditions on James Ross Island, Antarctica

Jan Kavan<sup>1\*</sup>, Pavla Dagsson-Waldhauserova<sup>2,3</sup>, Jean Baptiste Renard<sup>4</sup>, Kamil Láška<sup>1</sup> and Klára Ambrožová<sup>1</sup>

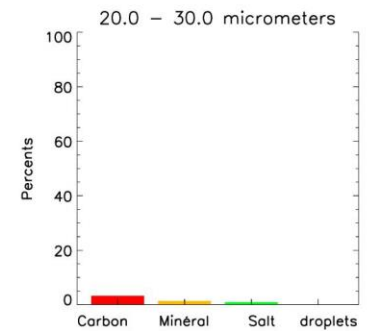
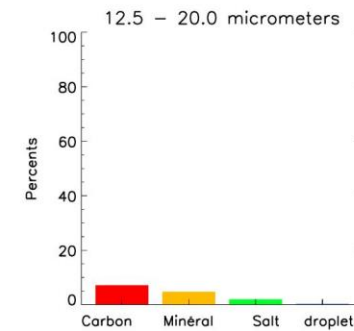
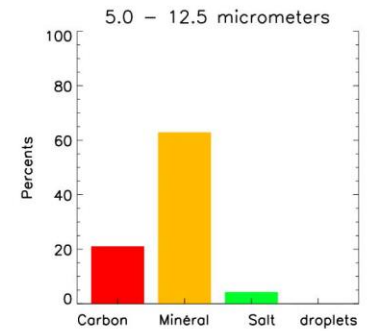
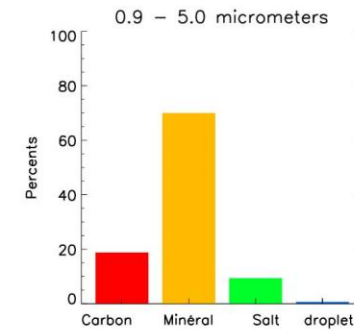
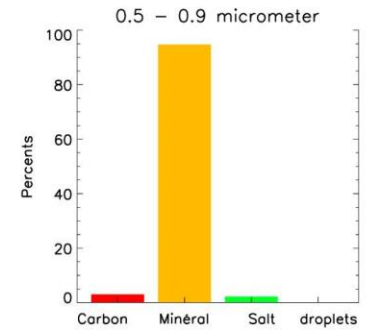
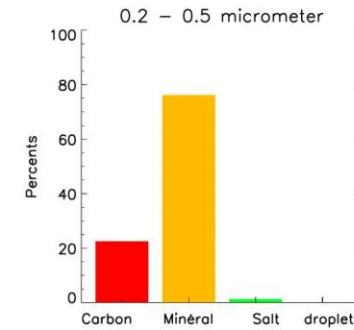
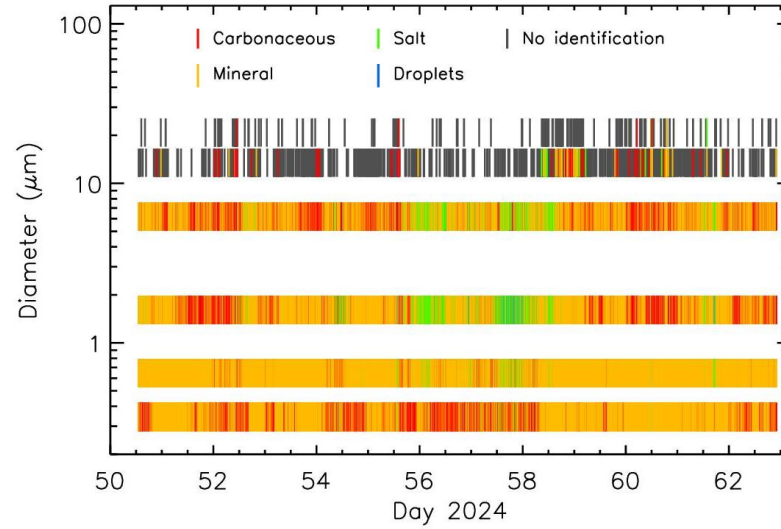
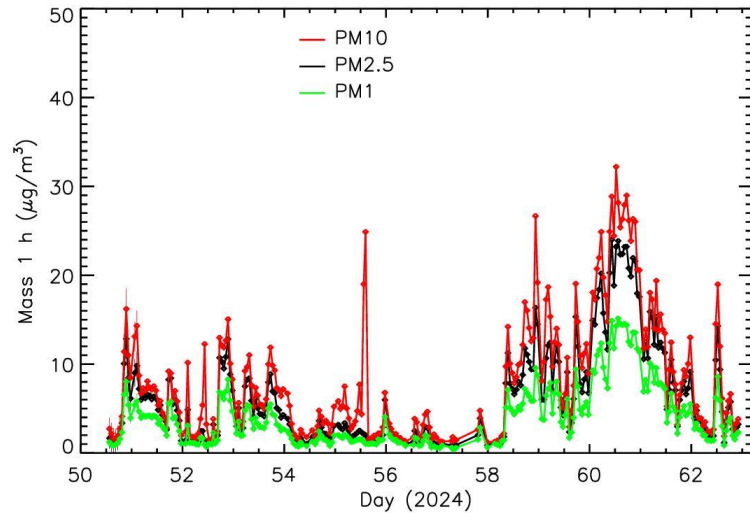
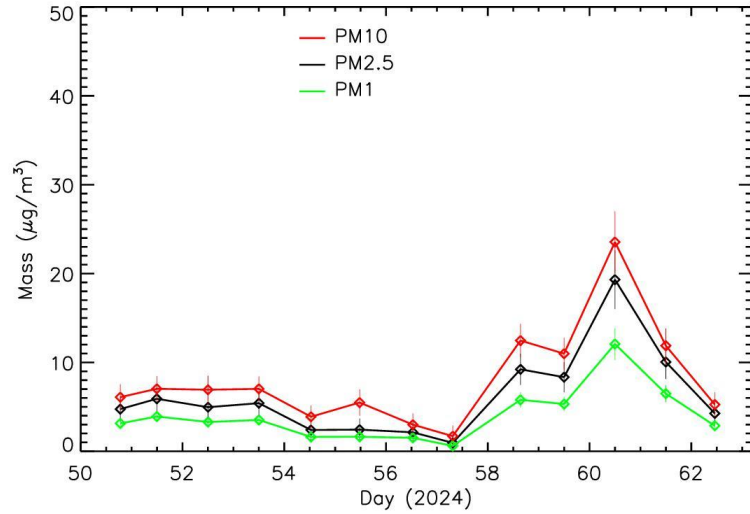


$PM_{10}$  were  $13.5 \pm 2.3$  ( $10.4 \pm 1.7$ )  $\mu g m^{-3}$  – recalculated **45.1** (**19.3**)  $\mu g m^{-3}$   
 $PM_{2,5}$  were  $11.5 \pm 2.2$  ( $8.7 \pm 1.6$ )  $\mu g m^{-3}$   
 $PM_1$  were  $7.3 \pm 1.1$  ( $5.8 \pm 0.9$ )  $\mu g m^{-3}$

Similar to air quality as in some of the most polluted EU cities – Madrid, Barcelona, London (Putaud et al., 2010)



# JAMES ROSS ISLE ANTARCTICA 2025



# DUST-CRYOSPHERE SESSION + MELTING GLACIERS



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Atmosphere-Cryosphere Interactions in Mountain and High-Latitude Environments

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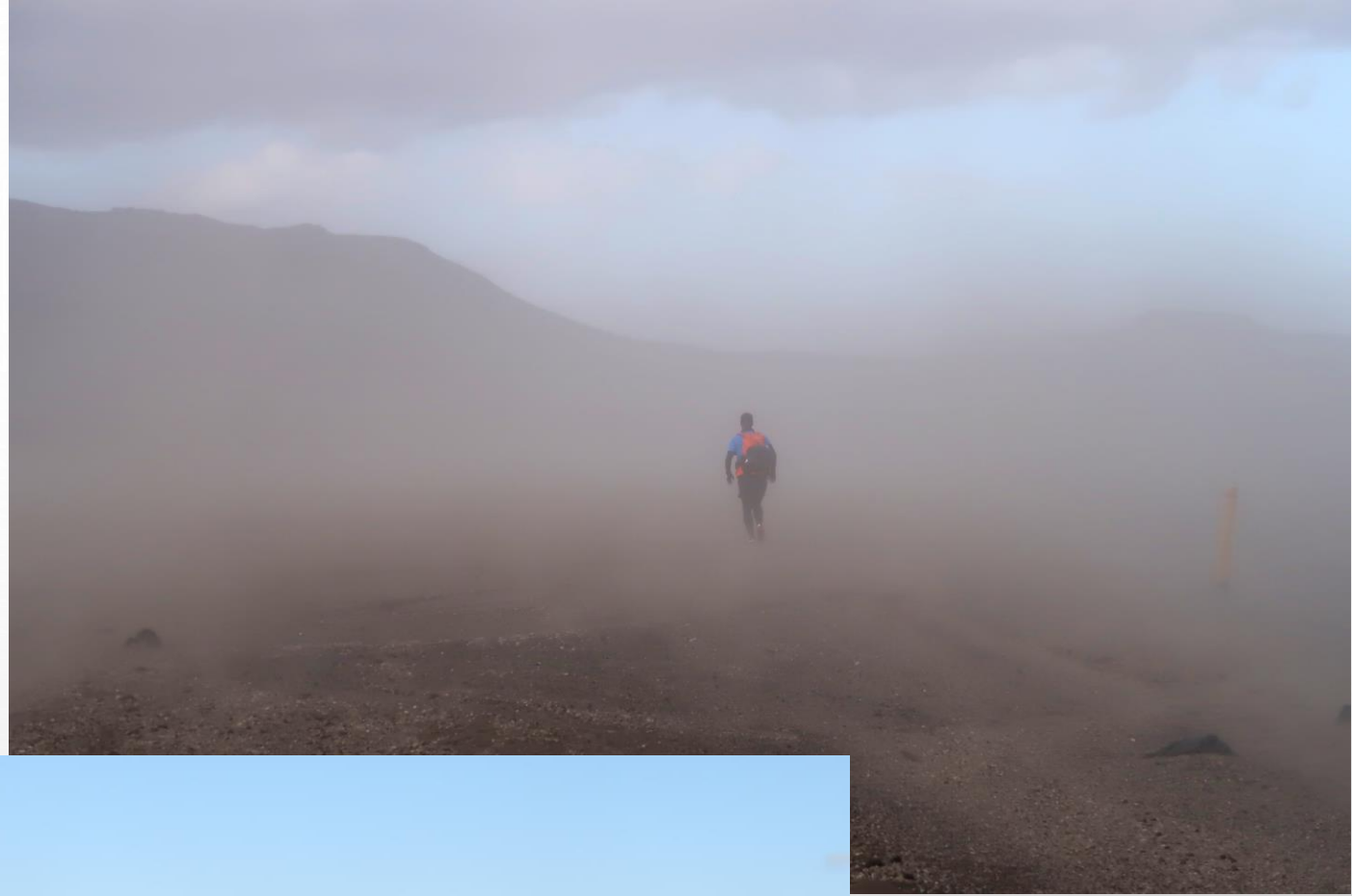




**Collapse of  
ice cave in  
Köttljökull  
on 10<sup>th</sup>  
June 2024**



# SOME PEOPLE LIKE DUST





## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10<sup>TH</sup> HLD WORKSHOP 11-12 FEB 2026 + DUST-ART EXHIBITION
- NOSA MEETING 2027 – ICELAND – 10-11 FEB 2027
- EUROPEAN AEROSOL CONFERENCE IN ICELAND - ?



Dyngjúsandur, NE Iceland  
= **Bodele of the North**

Waiting for the HLD



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**IF TIME ALLOWS: IMPACTS OF ICELANDIC DUST ON  
ATMOSPHERE (CLOUDS, ATM. CHEMISTRY AND RADIATION)**

# ICELANDIC DUST MAKES ICE IN CLOUDS

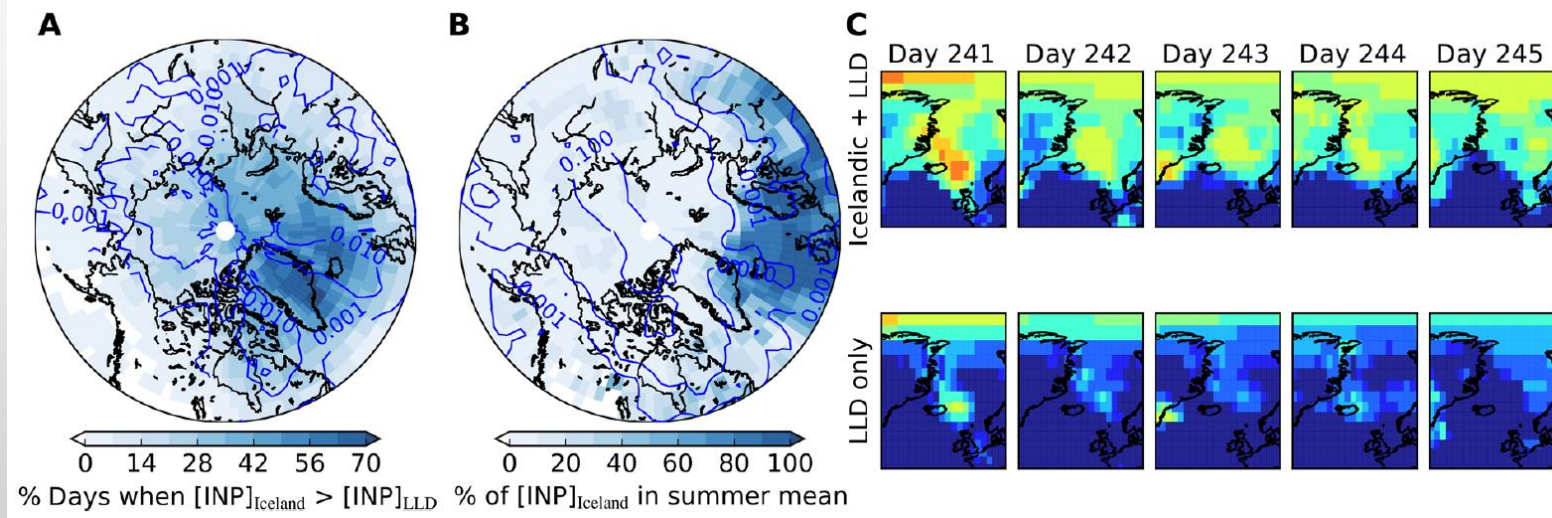
- Icelandic volcanic dust is an active Ice-Nucleating Particle (INP) similarly to Low Latitude Dust (LLD)
- Airborne Icelandic dust sampled from the aircraft is more active INP than LLD at temperatures above  $-17^{\circ}\text{C}$
- The greatest contribution of Icelandic dust to the INP population occurs during the summer over large areas of the North Atlantic and the Arctic at altitudes between 3-5.5 km, where mixed-phased clouds are known to occur.
- In future, increased INP concentrations would lead to a **reduction in supercooled water** and a **decrease in shortwave reflectivity** of clouds to produce a positive climate feedback, which has not yet been considered in climate simulations

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## Iceland is an episodic source of atmospheric ice-nucleating particles relevant for mixed-phase clouds

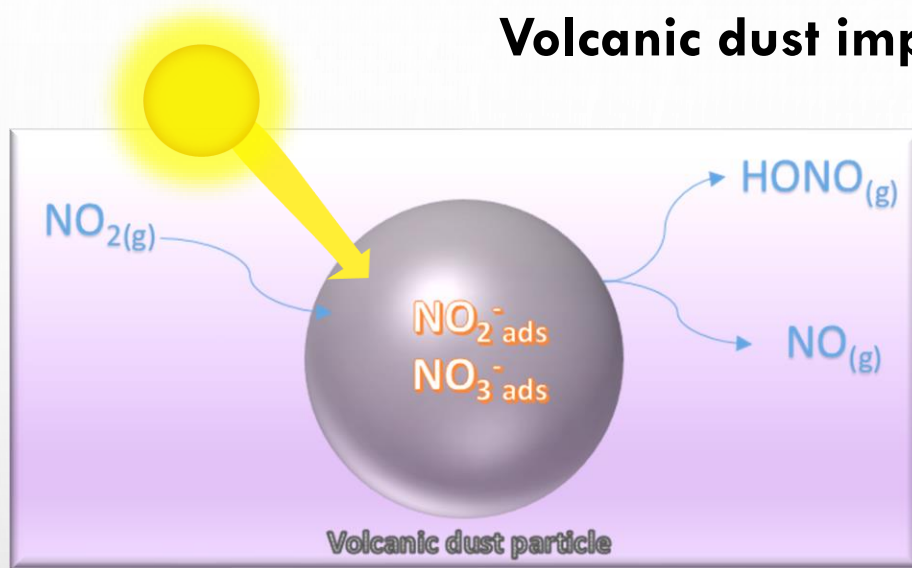
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- ice crystals in a mixed-phase cloud makes the cloud instable
- ice phase will grow at expenses of the liquid one, removing the liquid content
- clouds optically thinner, and therefore they have less albedo (less bright).



## Volcanic dust impacts on atmospheric chemistry



Dust particles scavenge efficiently  $\text{NO}_2$  acting as transported media of surface nitrites and nitrates.

Dust particles convert  $\text{NO}_2$  to HONO (nitrous acid), a very important precursor of OH radicals (HONO is photolysed during day time producing OH and NO)

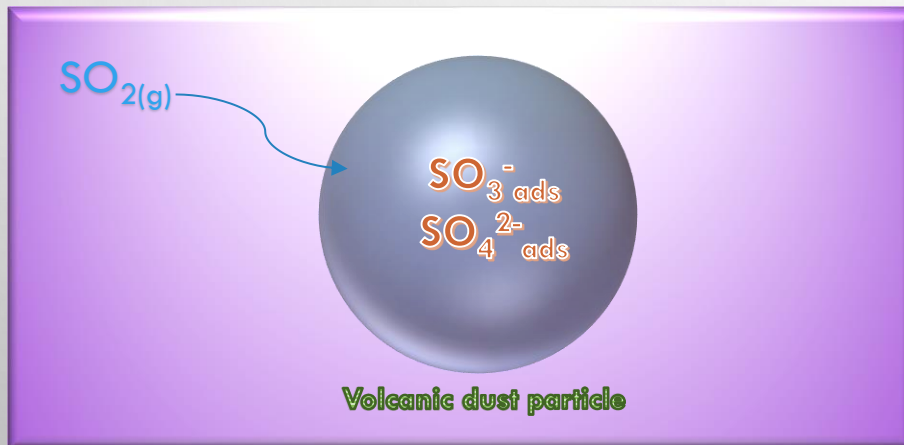


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Reactive uptake of  $\text{NO}_2$  on volcanic particles: A possible source of HONO in the atmosphere

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$\text{SO}_2$  is scavenged very efficiently on dust particles to form sulfites and sulfates. Therefore, the acidity of the particles can change as well as the hygroscopic and optical properties.

Urupina et al. (2019)



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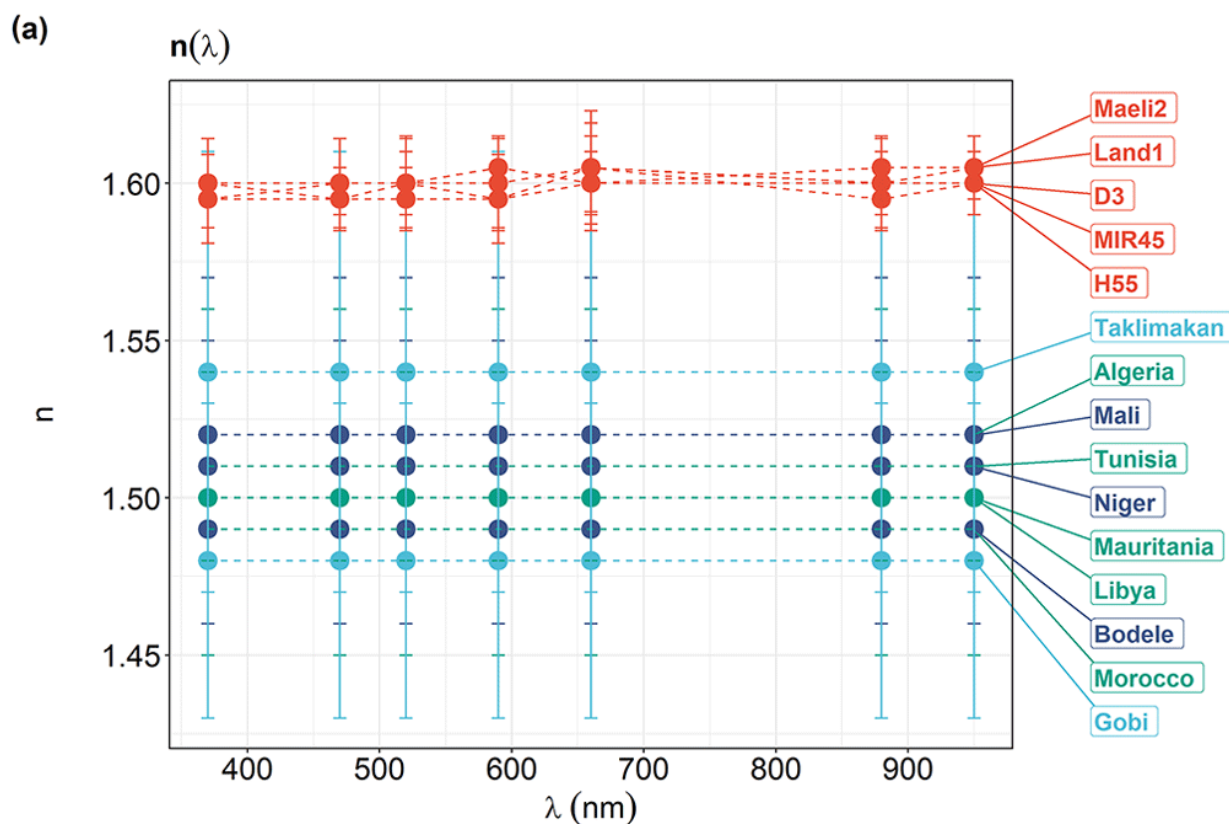
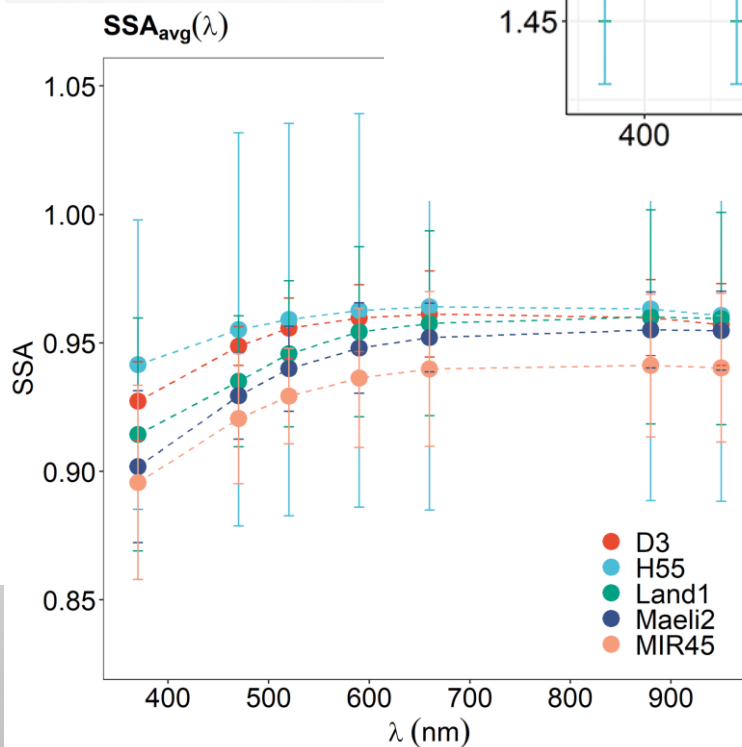
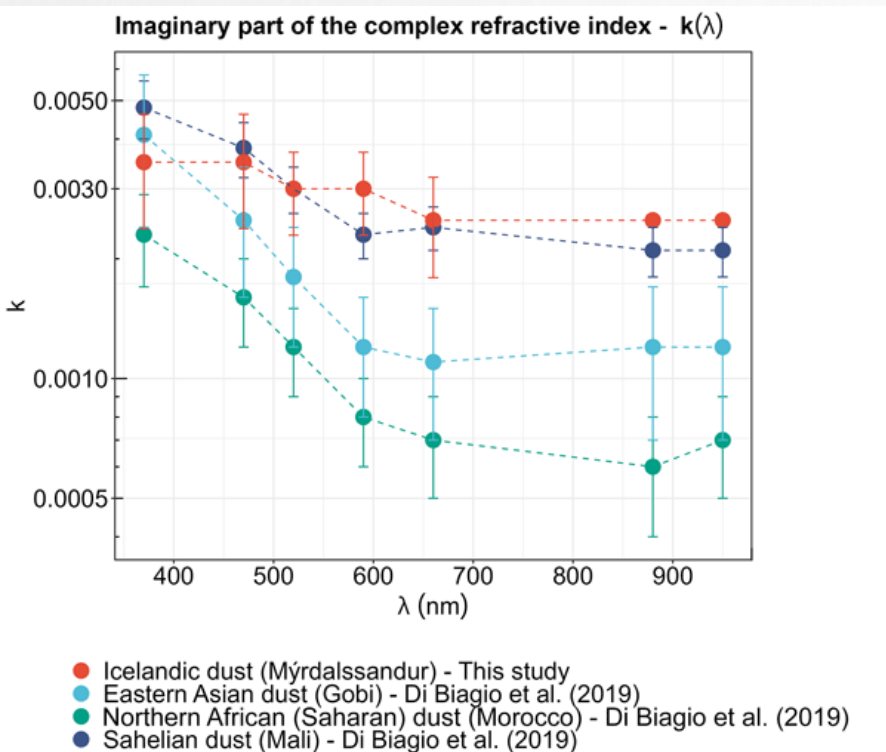
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Uptake and surface chemistry of  $\text{SO}_2$  on natural volcanic dusts

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## Complex refractive index and single scattering albedo of Icelandic dust in the shortwave part of the spectrum

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 Olafur Arnalds<sup>4</sup>, David Beddows<sup>1</sup>, A. Robert MacKenzie<sup>1</sup>, and Zongbo Shi<sup>1</sup>



- Icelandic dust tends to be more absorbing towards the near-infrared.
- In Icelandic dust,  $k(\lambda)$  between 660–950 nm was **2–8 times higher** than most of the dust samples sourced in northern Africa and eastern Asia.