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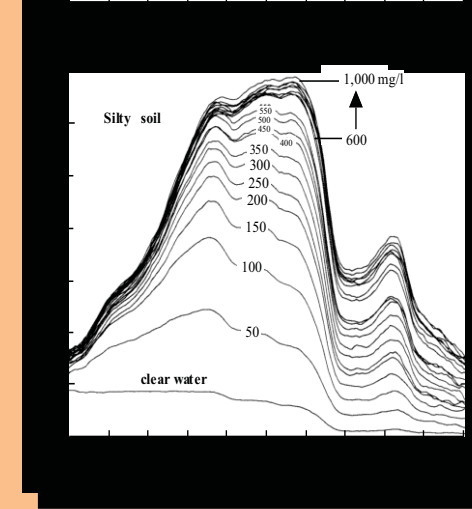
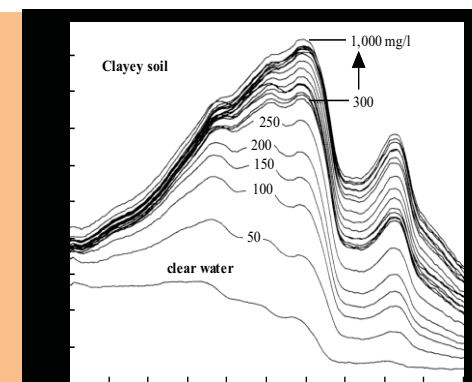
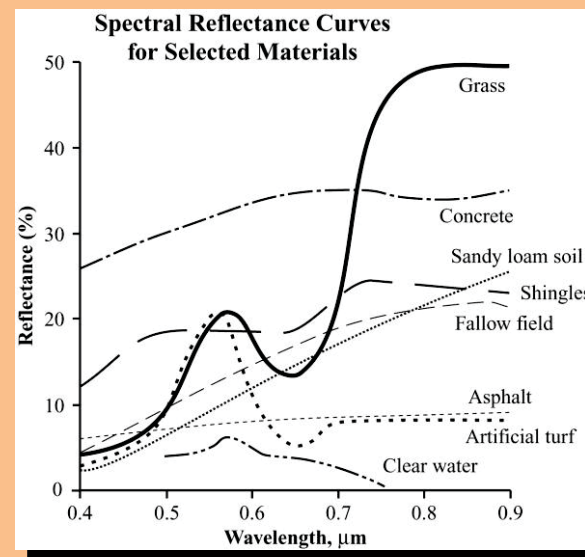
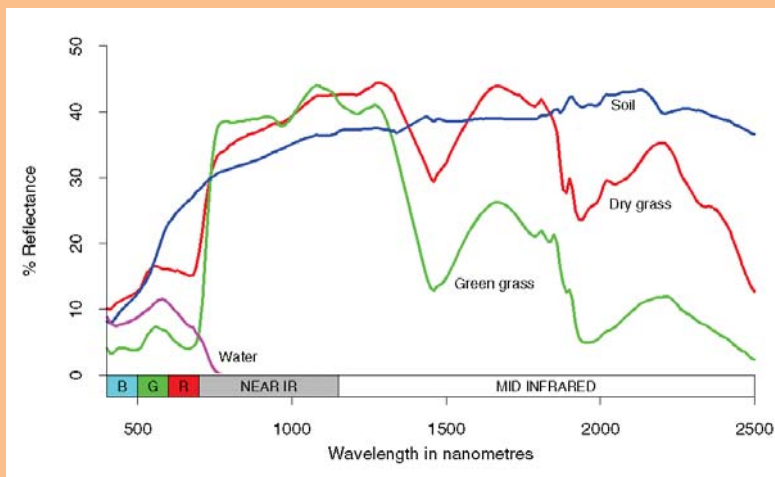
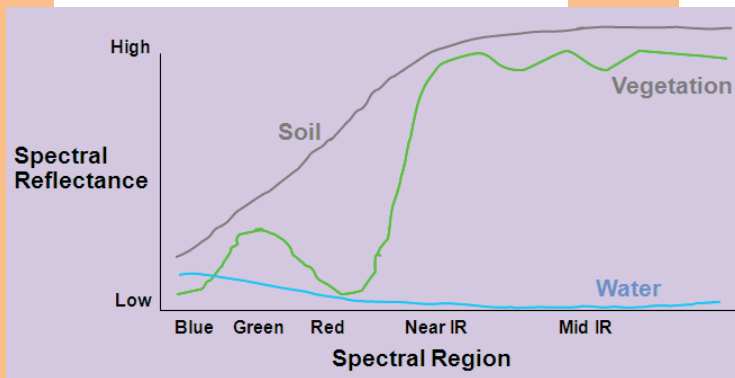
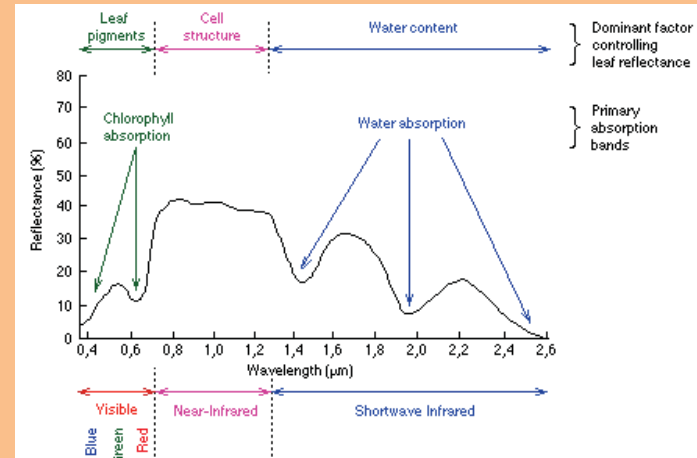
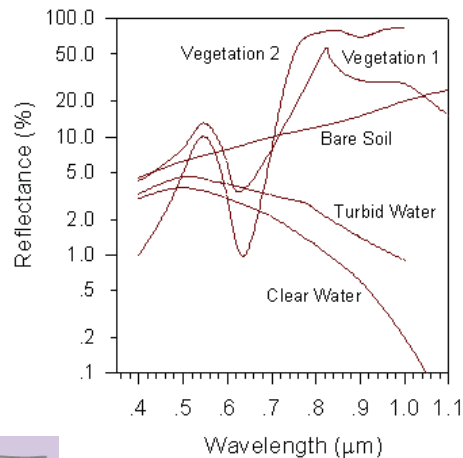
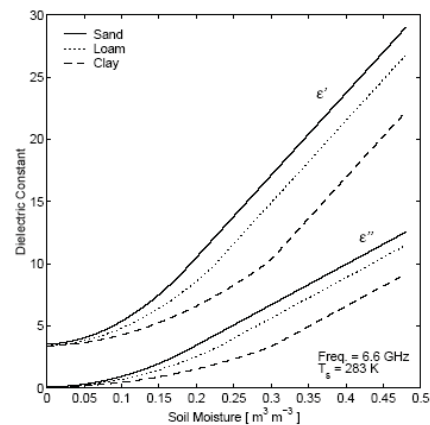
Optical Remote Sensing and applications in monitoring Earth and its surroundings

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**Optical Remote Sensing and Applications in
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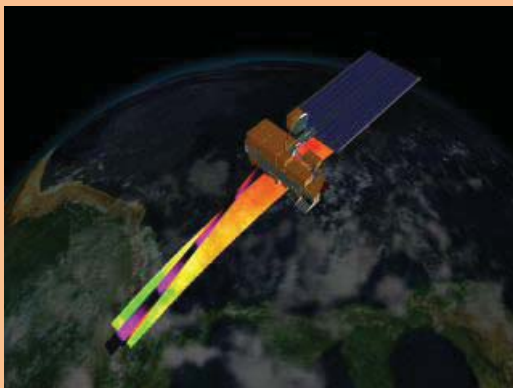
Multi Sensor Data to understand Natural Hazards and Coupling Process

Satellites

- MODIS
- MISR
- AVHRR
- OMI AURA
- SPOT VEG
- SCIAMACHY
- IRS
- TOMS
- AIRS
- MOPITT
- TRMM
- ASTER
- LANDSAT
- CALIPSO
- CloudSat etc



- Aerosols
- Clouds
- Water Vapor
- Greenhouse and other gases
CO, CO₂, NO_x, SO_x, CH₄
- Radiative Forcing
- Fog, Haze and Smog
- Vegetation
- Rainfall
- Drought
- Floods
- Hurricanes



Ground based

- Sun-photometer
 - CIMEL (AERONET)
- GPS
 - GPS Meteorology
- Automatic weather station
- Buoy
- Radio-sonde
- Survey

Models & other Data

- HYSPLIT
- ISCST3
- SBDART
- OPAC
- NCEP-CDC
- GPCP
- COLA

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- **Earth - Land, Land cover, Ocean and Atmosphere**
- **Land cover – Forests, Vegetation, Water, Snow and glaciers**
- **Earth Process – Plate motion**
- **Ocean - Ocean ecology, Harmful algal blooms, Ocean wave and wave height**
- **Snow - Characteristics and state of snow**
- **Glaciers - characteristics and movements**

Weather and Weather conditions

- Radio and Television News, using satellite Remote Sensing data

Natural Hazards –

- Earthquakes,
- Volcanoes,
- Landslides,
- Droughts,
- Floods,
- Forest Fire,
- Dust storms
- Cyclone/Hurricanes/Typhoons
- Oil spills
- Harmful algal blooms

Meteorological Parameters

- Rainfall
- Surface and Air temperature
- Surface Wind
- Water vapor
- Relative humidity
- CO, CO₂, NO_x, SO₂, and other trace gases
- Ozone

Pollution

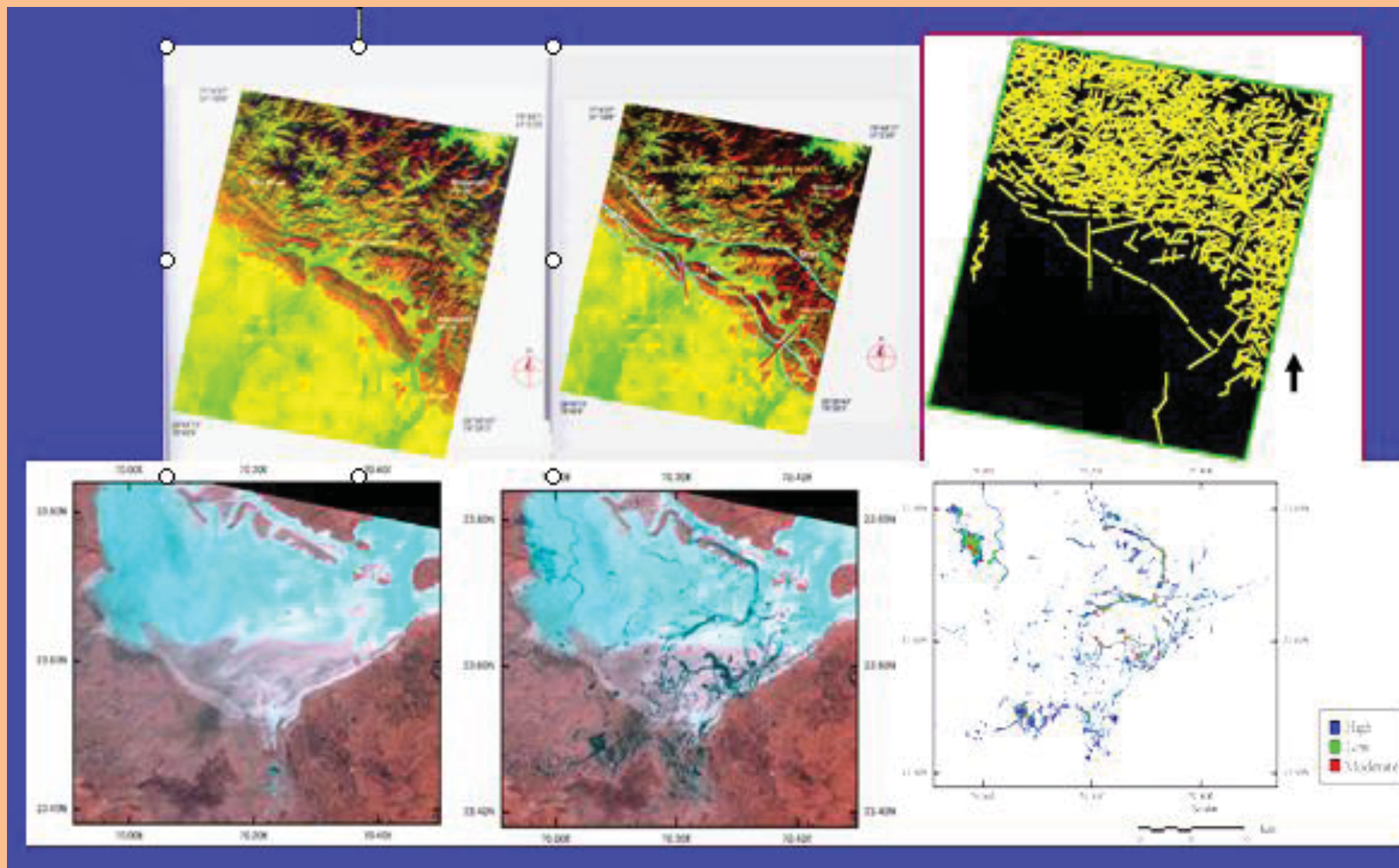
- Air Pollution
- Water Pollution
- Land contamination (soil characteristics)
- Snow contamination (due to dust)

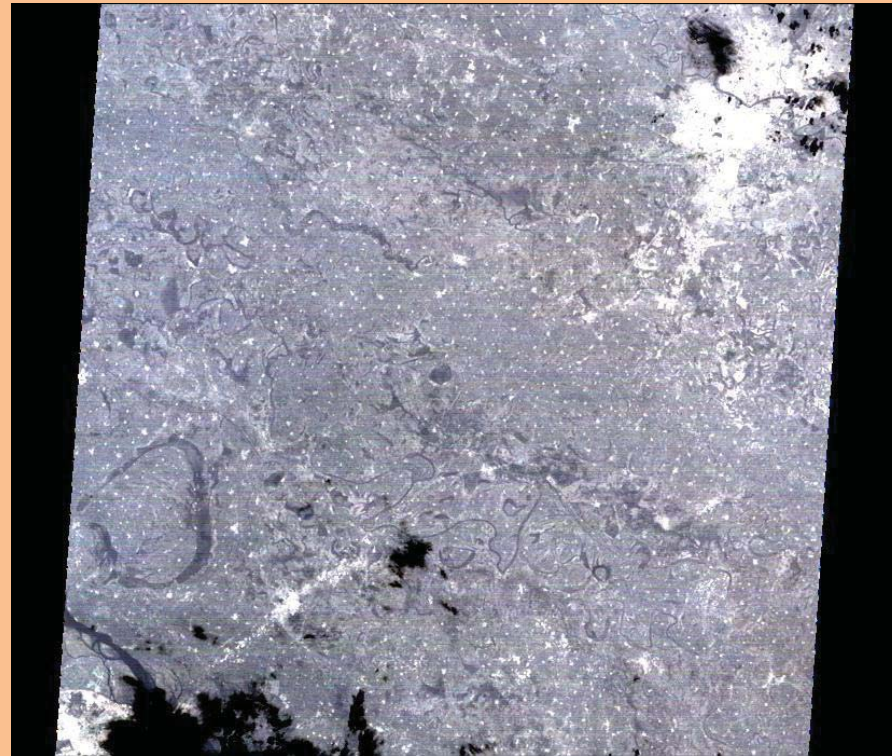
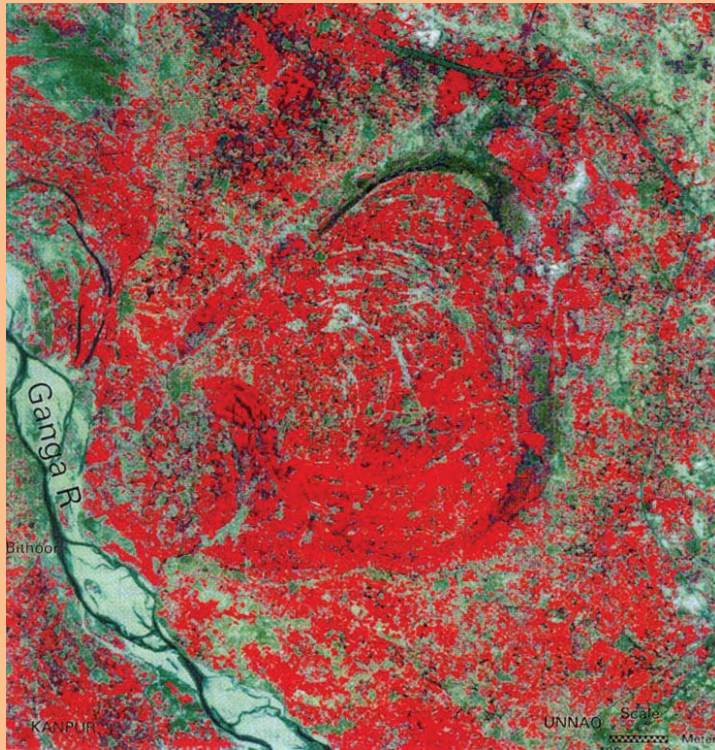
Agriculture applications

- Crop discrimination
- Crop Acreage estimation
- Crop yield
- Decision about irrigation
- Soil moisture
- Drought conditions

- Land Related applications
- Urban planning
- Maps
- Soil and Rocks, surface terrain
- Change detection studies

- Geological Applications

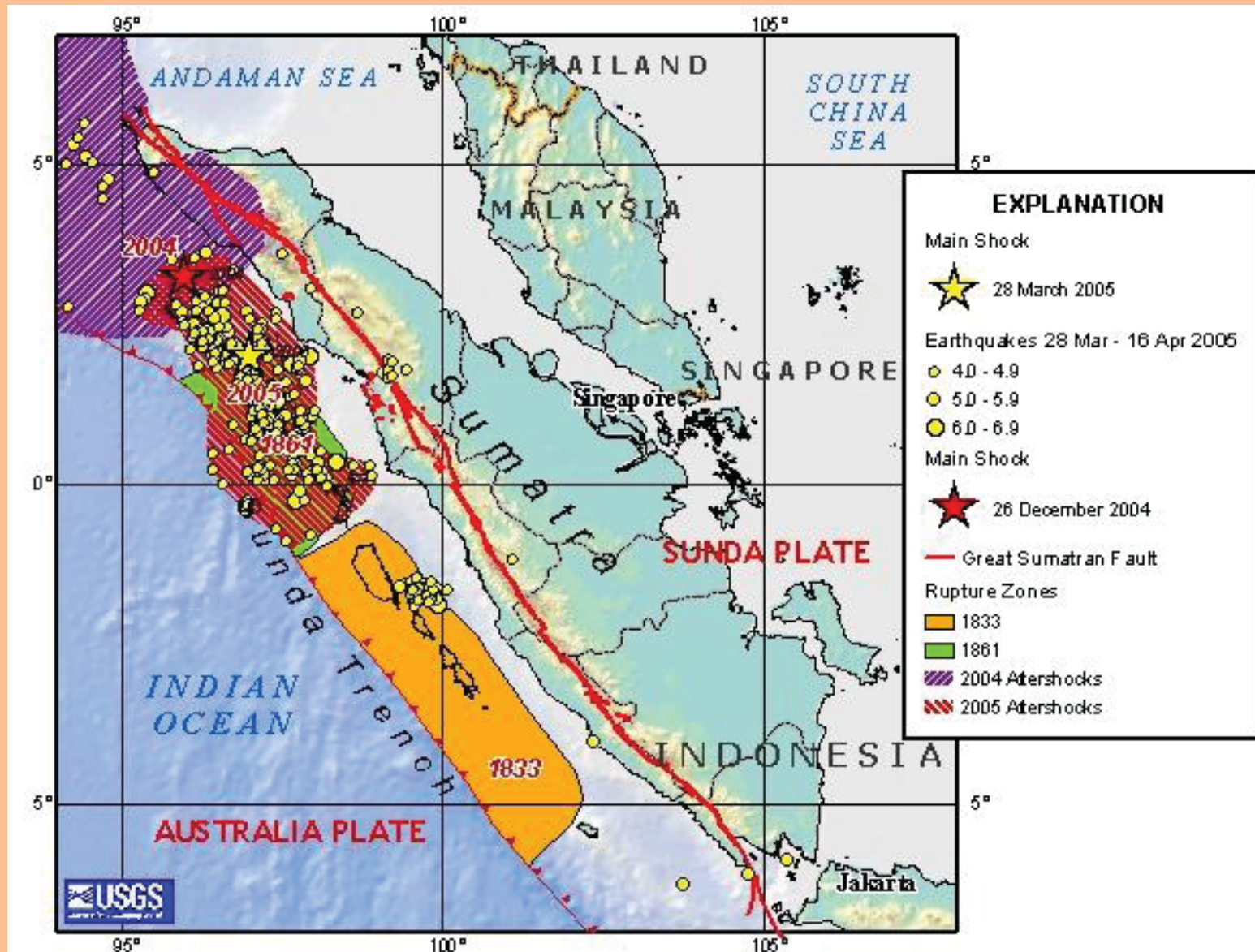




Satellite image showing the migration of river

Location of Epicenter

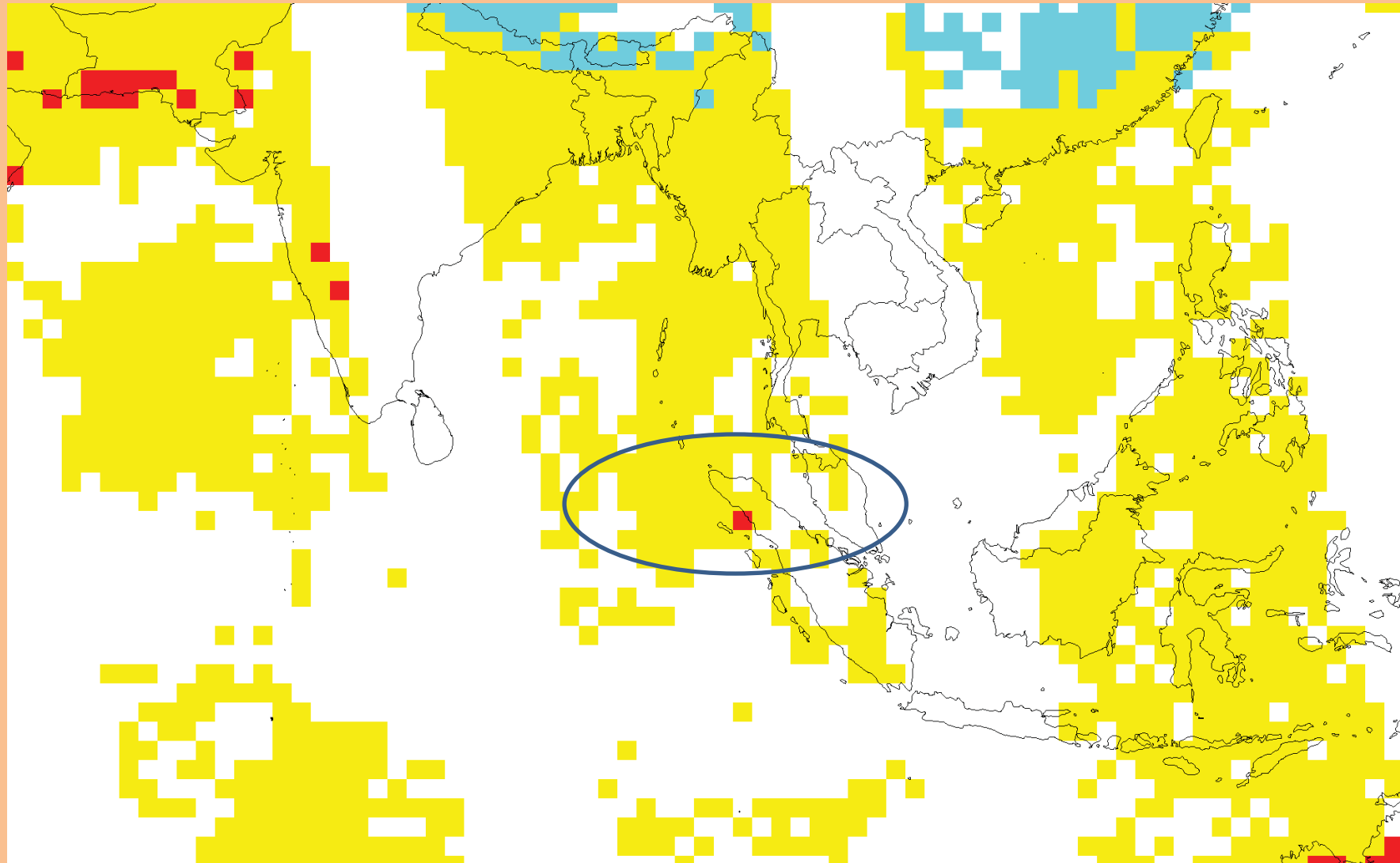
(Sumatra Earthquake; Dec 26, 2004 and March 28, 2005)



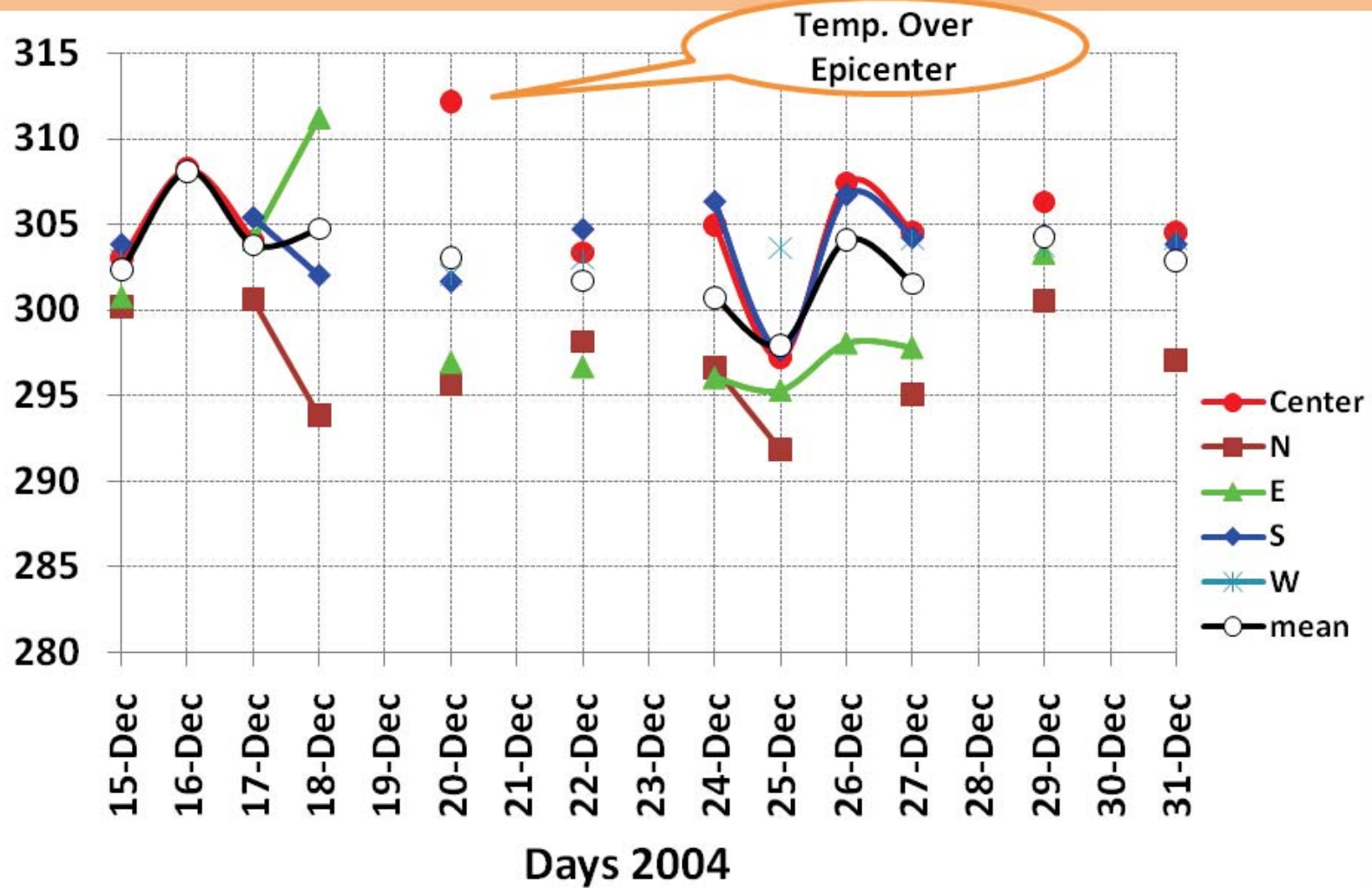
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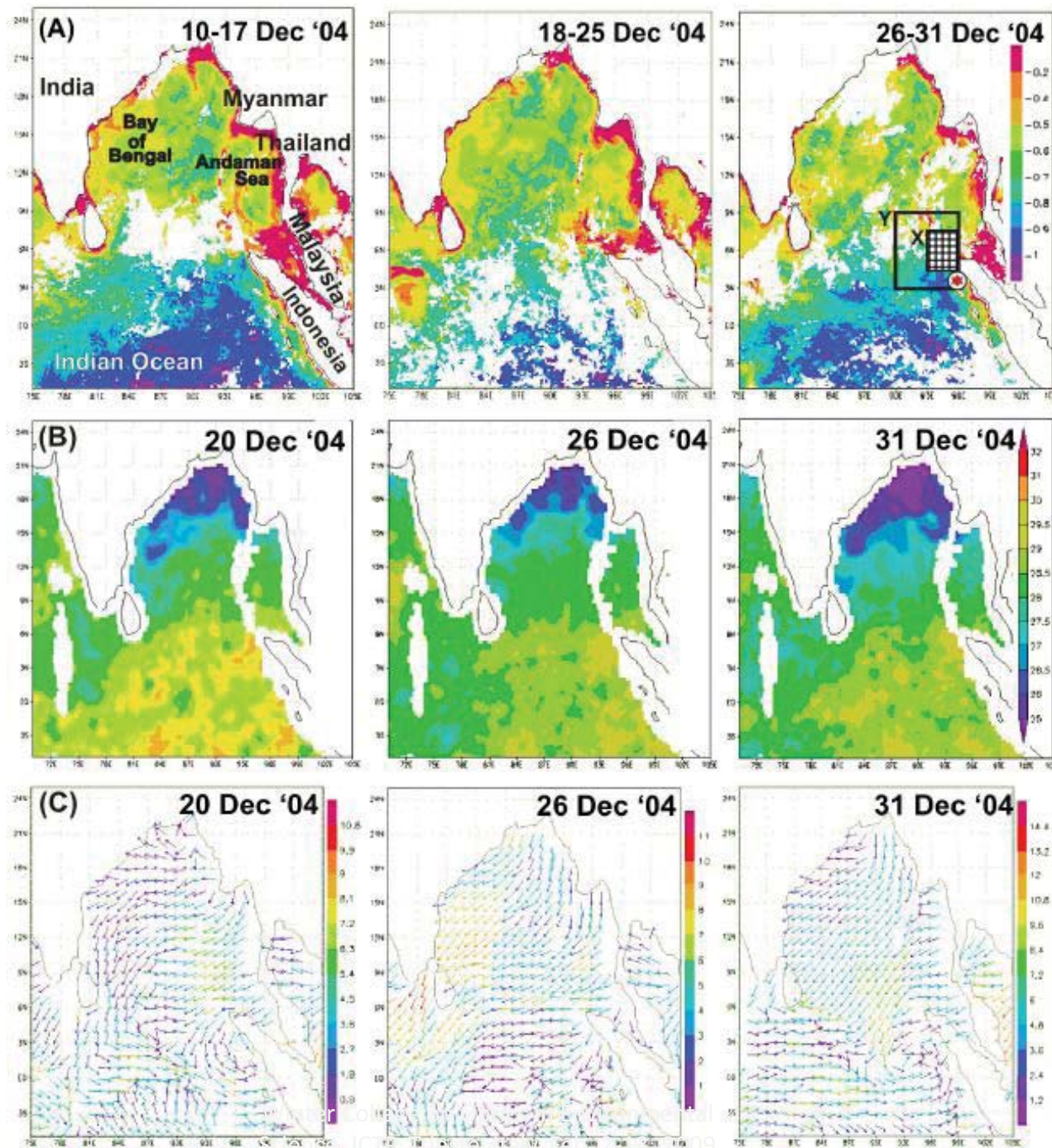
Surface Skin Temperature (Dec. 20, 2004)

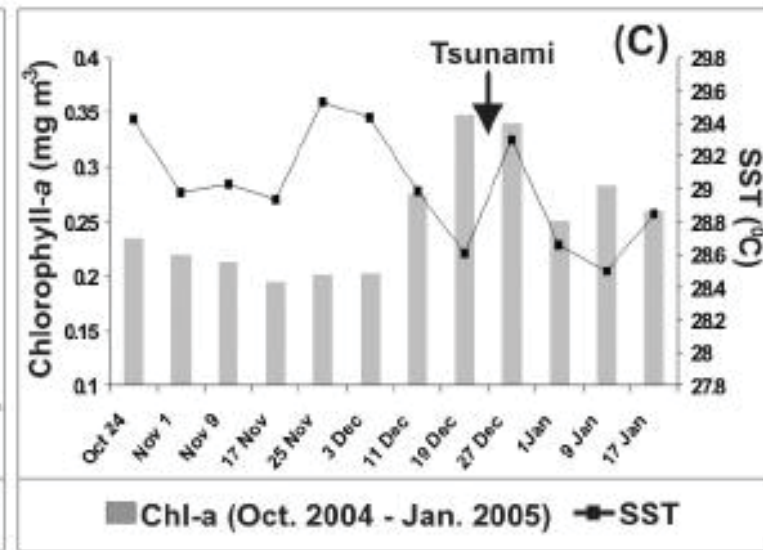
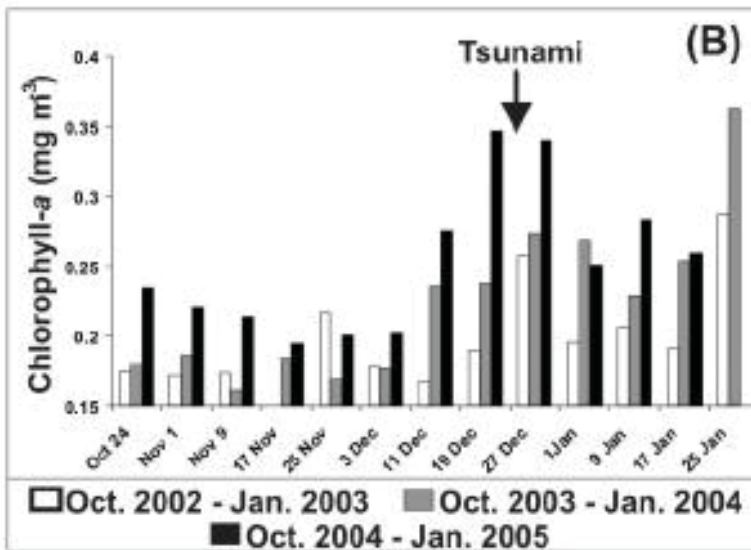
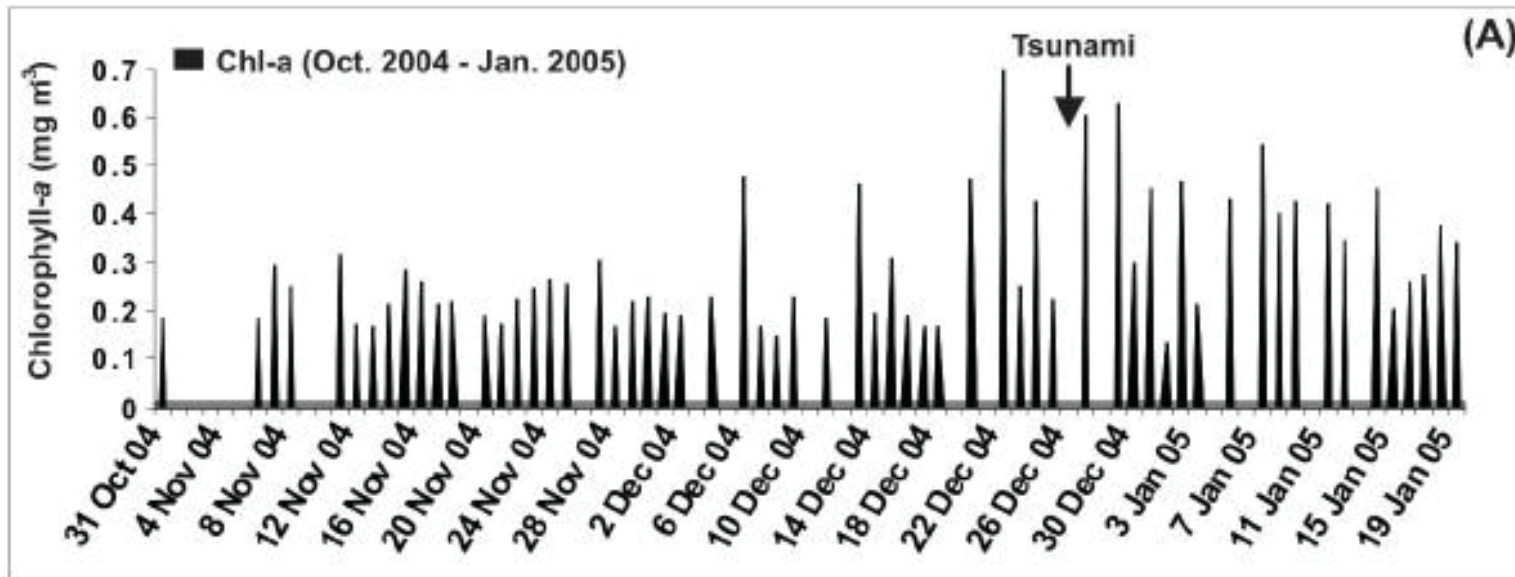
High value exactly over epicenter!! of Sumatra earthquake on Dec 26, 2004



AIRS - Surface Skin Temp. (Kelvin)







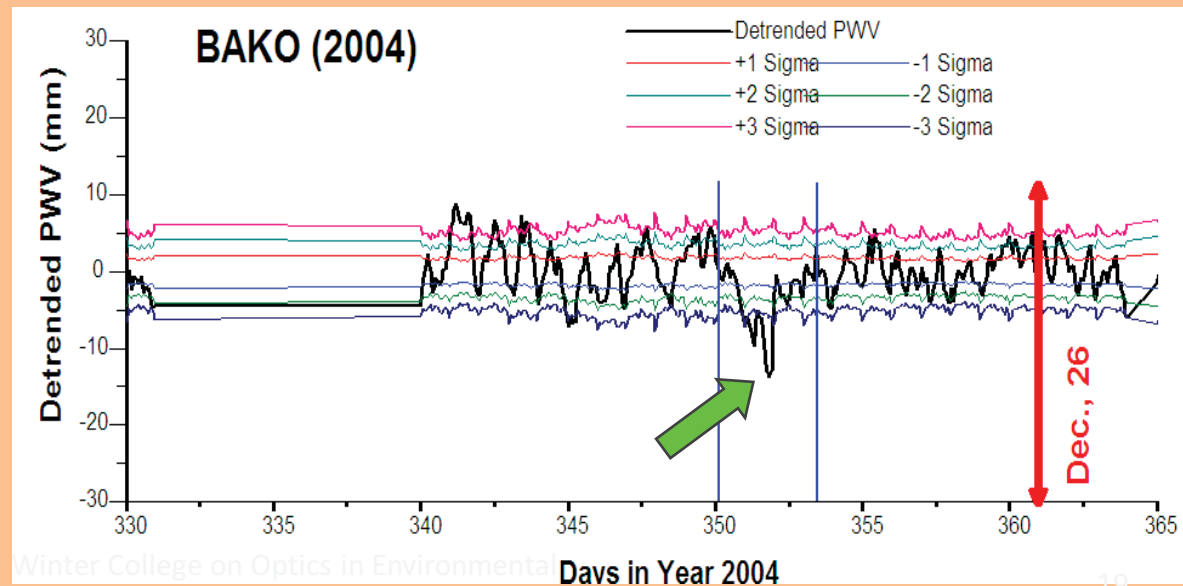
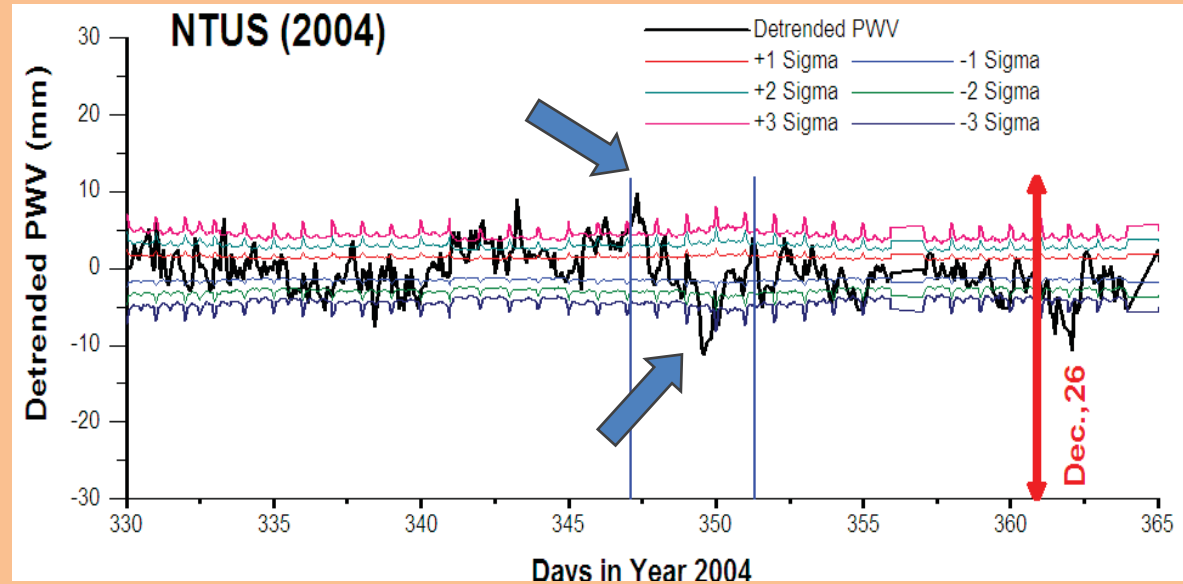
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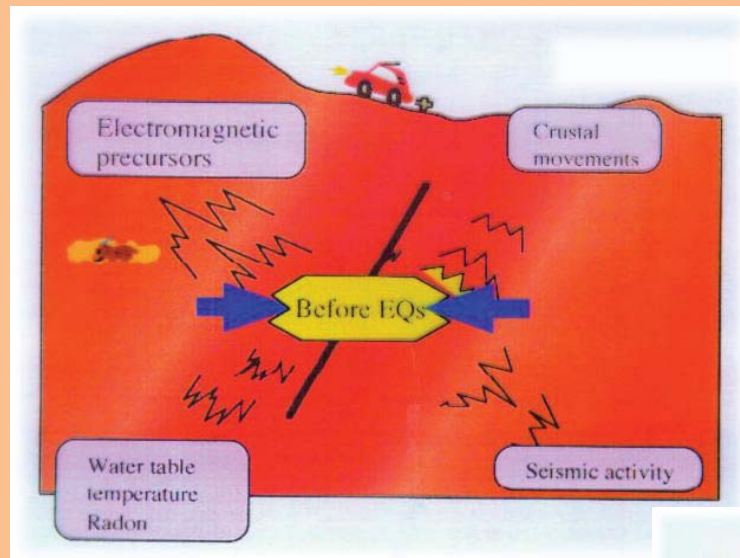
Sumatra Earthquake: Dec. 26, 2004

GPS Precipitable Water Vapor (mm): hourly



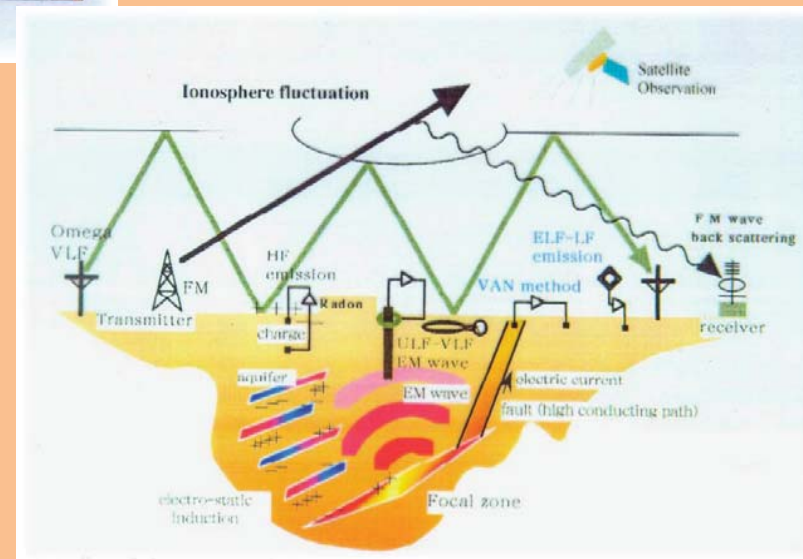
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Possible earthquake precursors

Current studies of electromagnetic methods for short-term EQ prediction.



Earthquakes – Land and Ocean

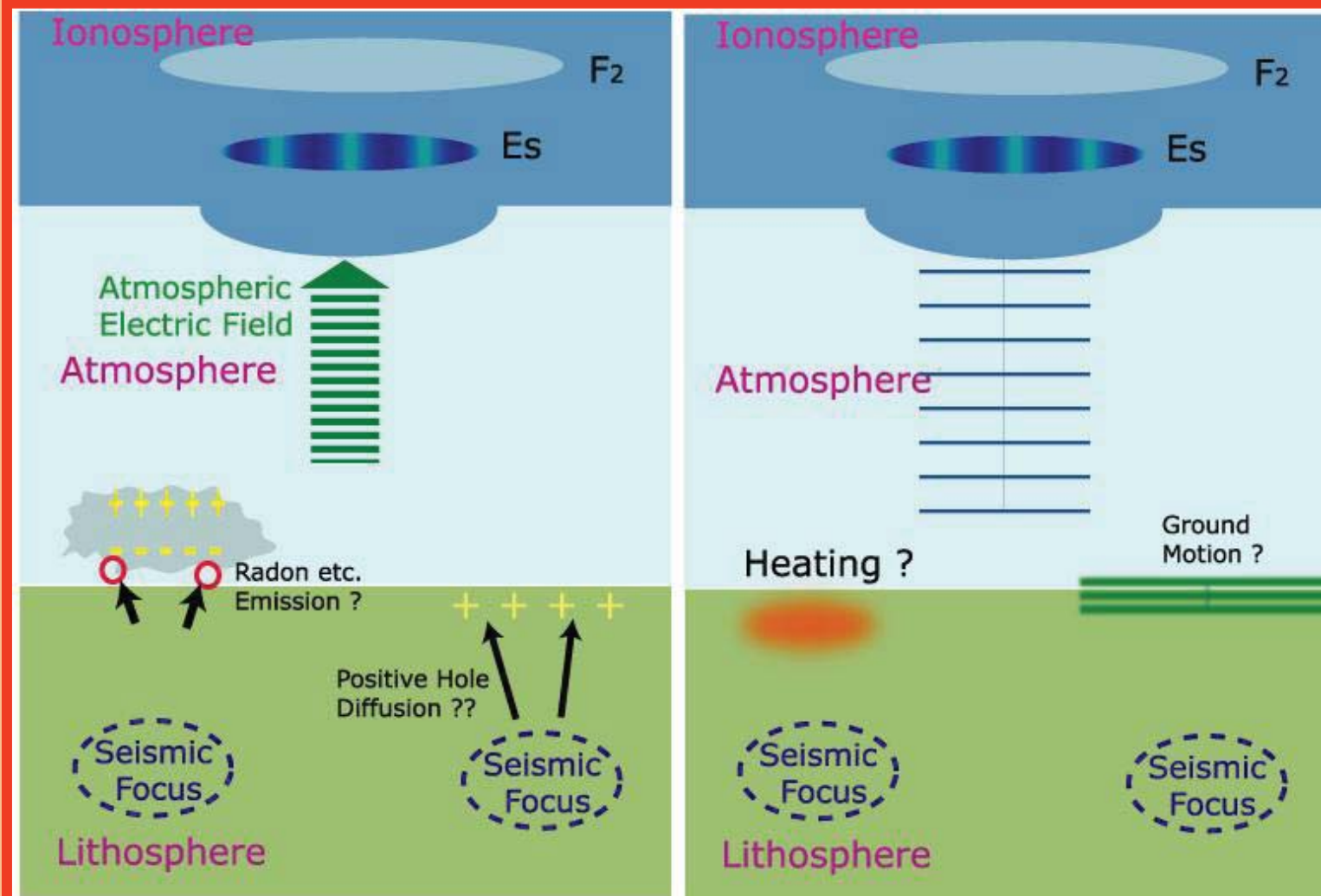
- Effect can be seen on the earth, ocean and atmosphere

atmosphere is linkage between land and Ocean

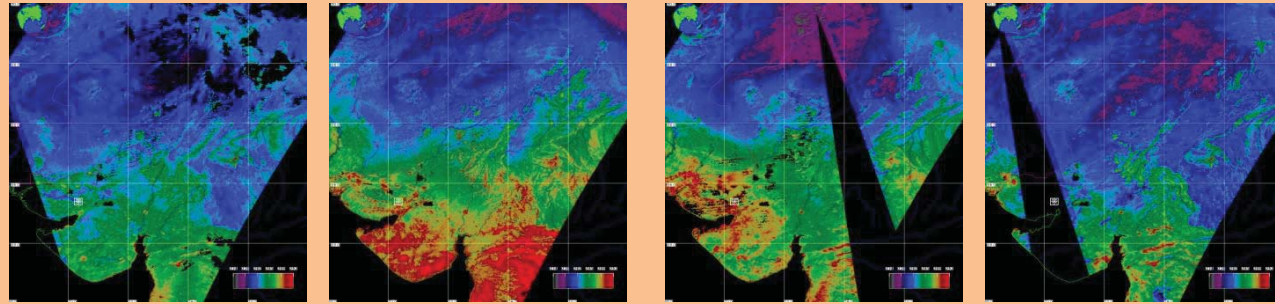
- Ground monitoring – using Geophysical methods

It was difficult to find complementary behavior

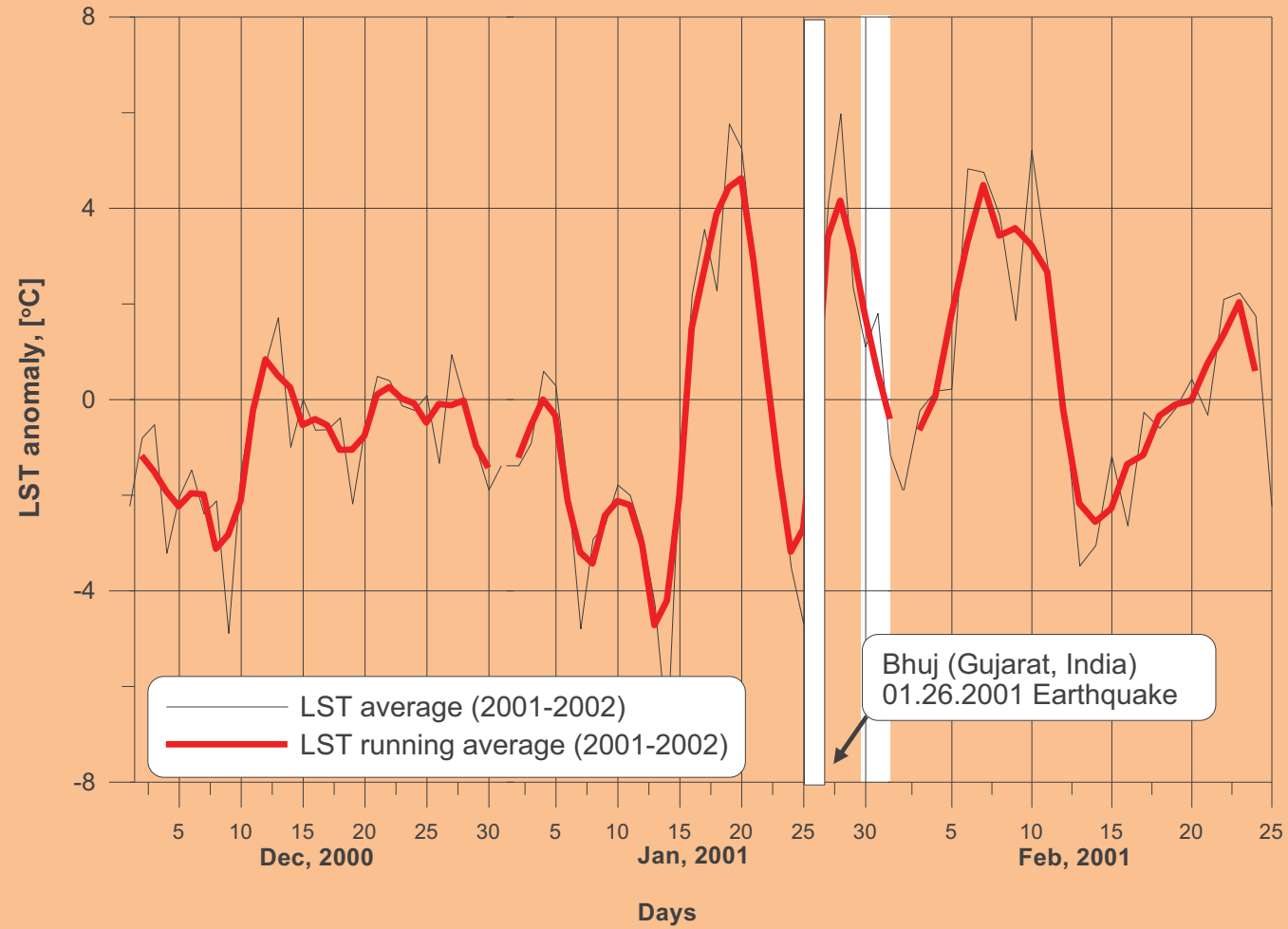
Lithosphere-Atmosphere-Ionosphere (LAI) Coupling



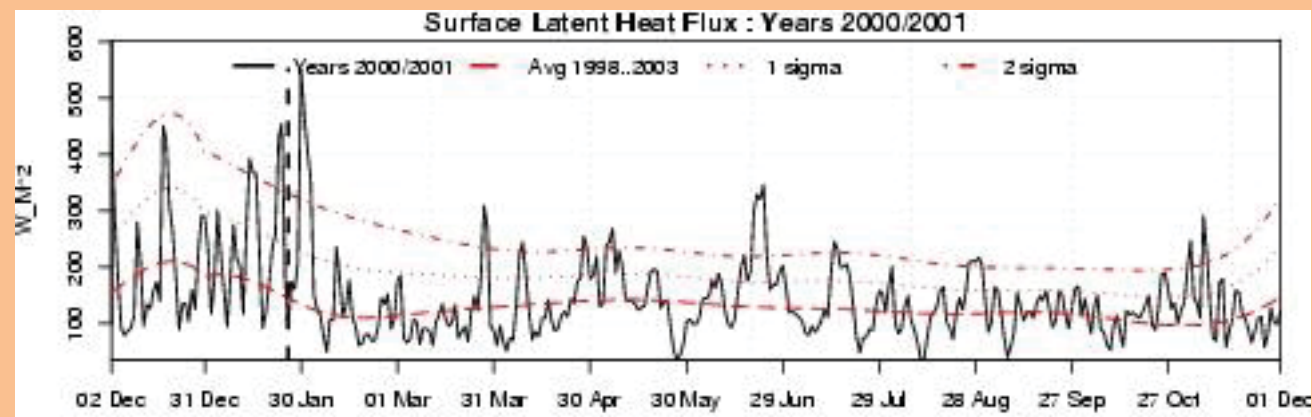
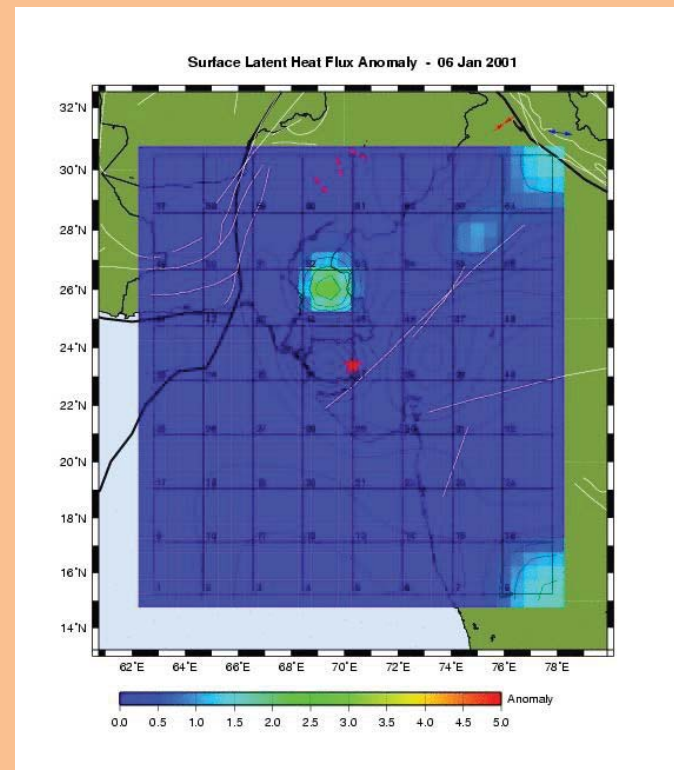
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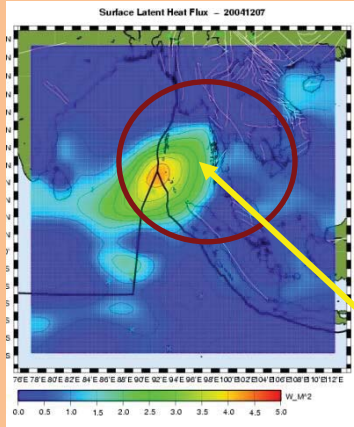
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M7.9 Bhuj, India, Jan 26, 2001

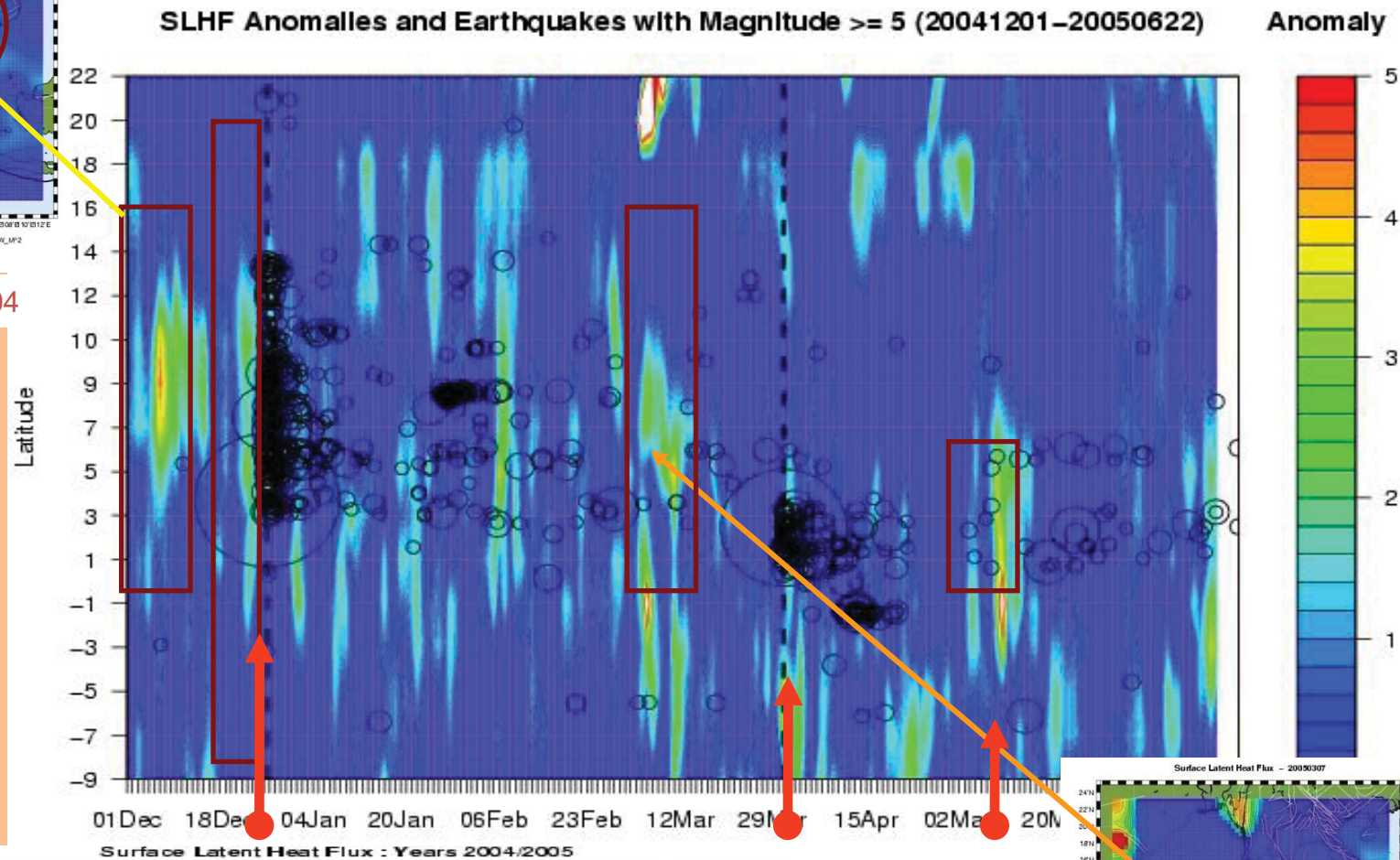


SLHF for Sumatra Dec, 2004 –June, 2005

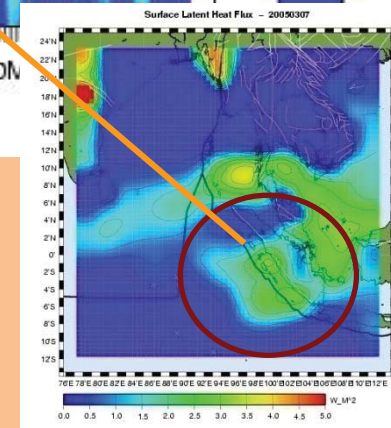
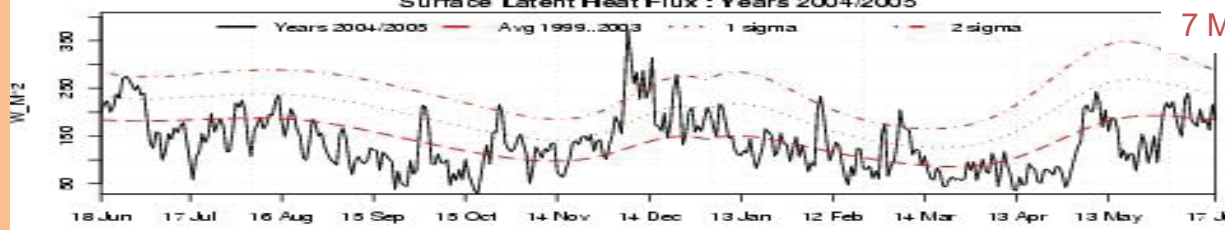


7 December 2004

SLHF Anomalies and Earthquakes with Magnitude ≥ 5 (20041201–20050622)



7 March 2005



Singh et al., IJRS, 2007

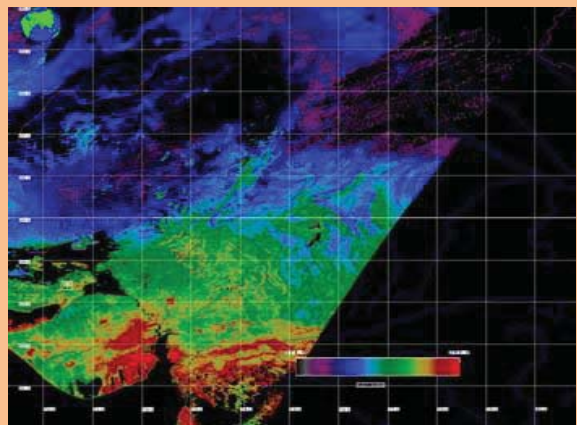


Pre-earthquake

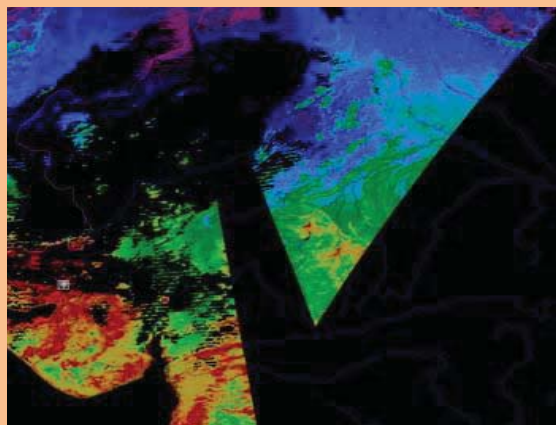


Post-earthquake

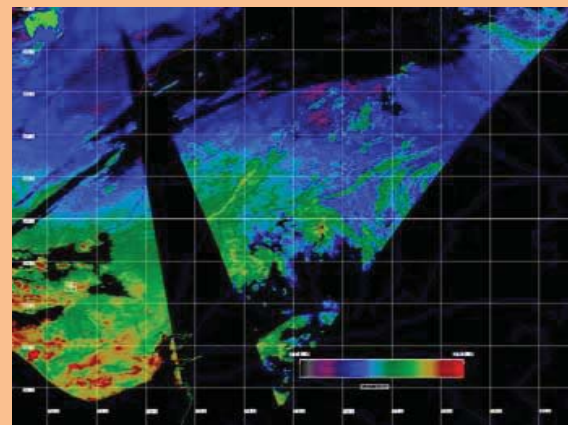
Complementary Parameters



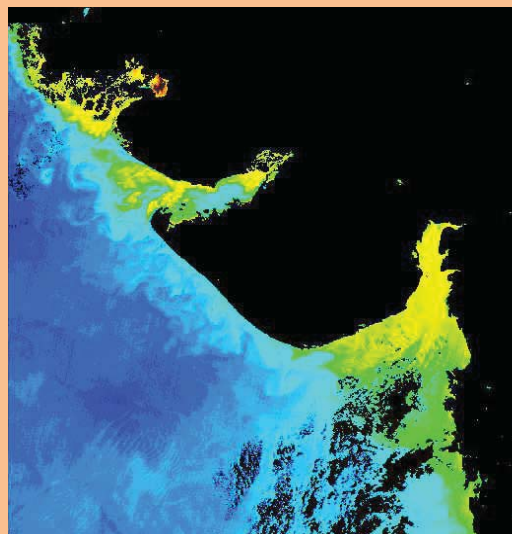
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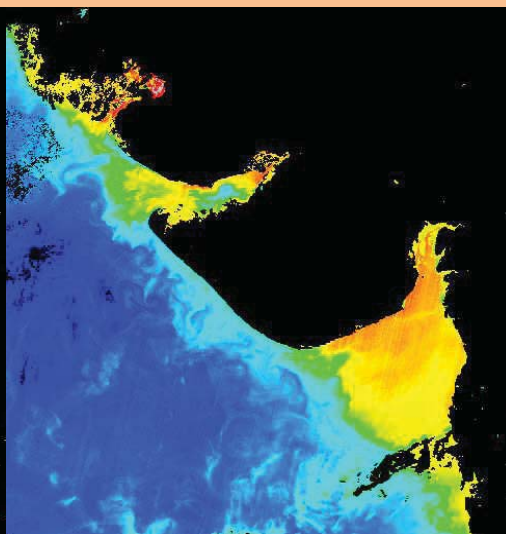
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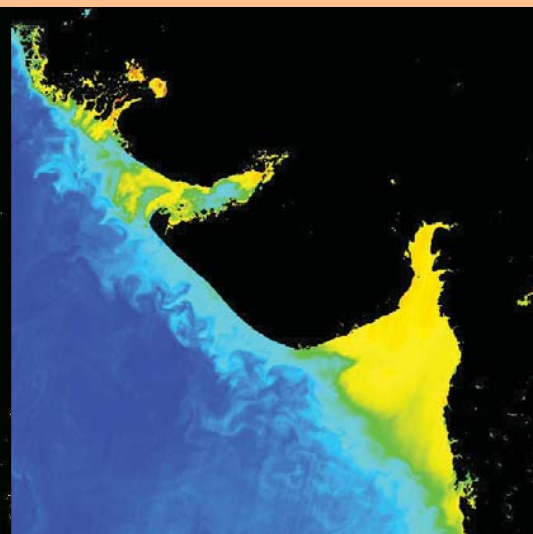
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(a) January 18, 2001



(b) January 26, 2001



(c) February 3, 2001

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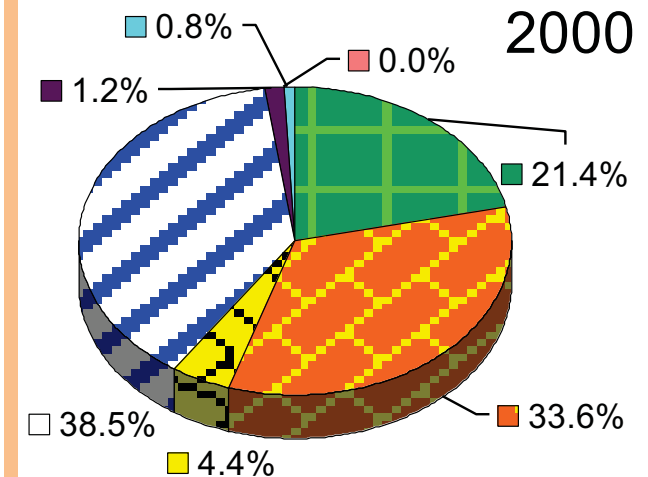
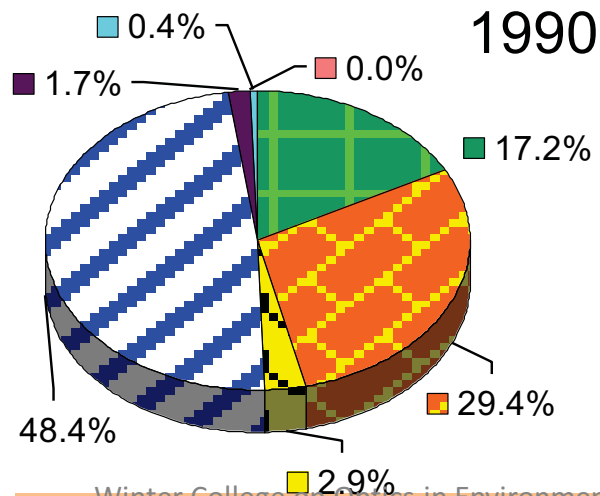
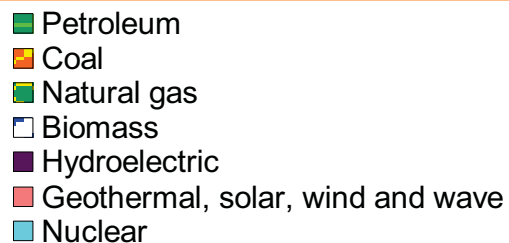
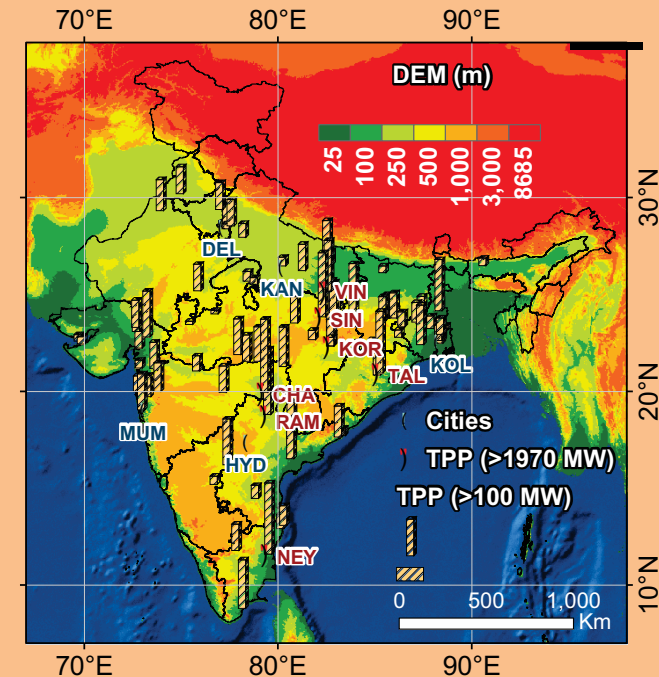
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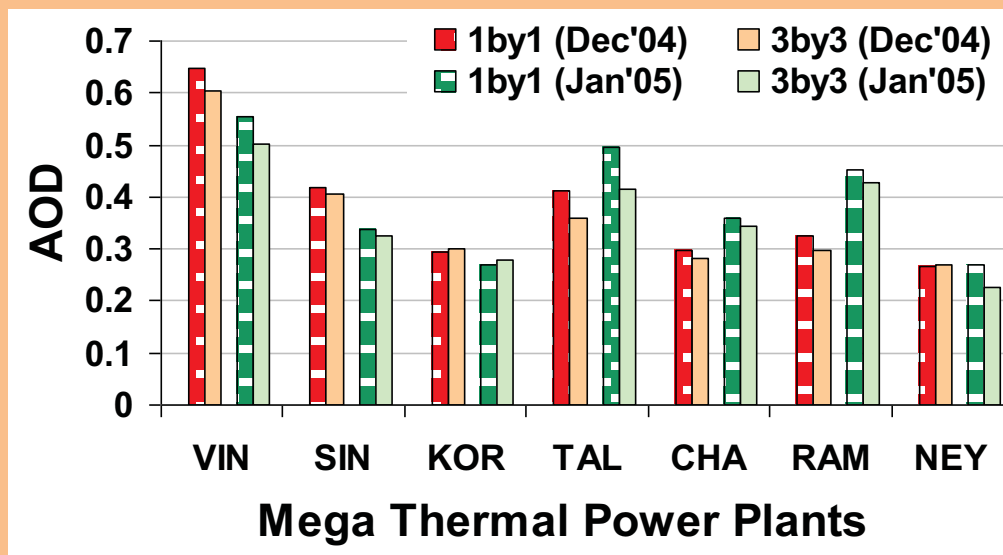
Atmospheric Pollution Associated with Power Plants

Growth in Energy Demand and Thermal Power Plants (TPP)

- 1980 to 2001
Increase in energy consumption by **208%** (4.16 to 12.8 quadrillion Btu).
- 1990 to 2000
Coal percent share has increased from **29.4% to 33.6%**
Share of biomass has declined by **9.9%**
- India is fifth (in the year 2001) in the world in carbon emissions (**251** million metric tons of carbon equivalent).



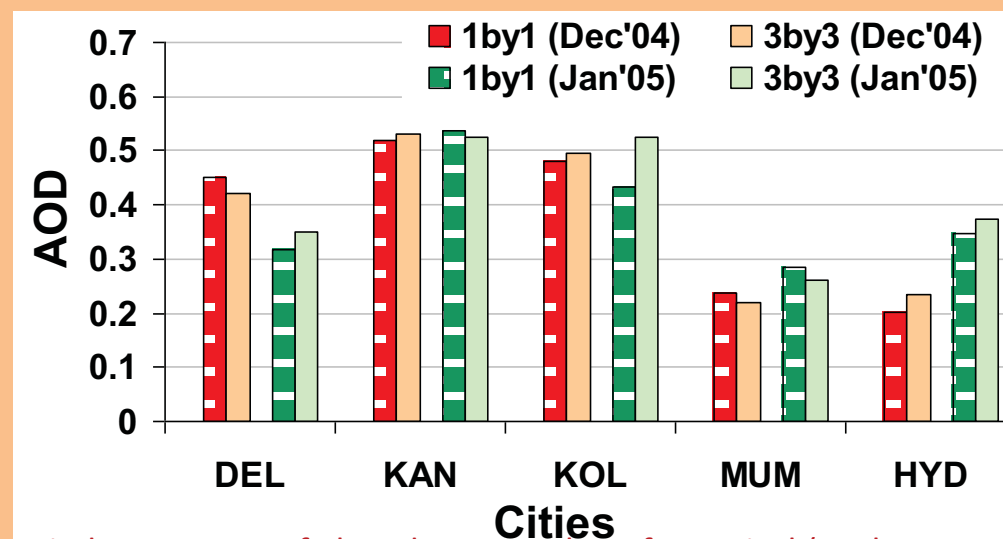
MISR (0.5 degree spatial resolution) AOD over major cities and mega thermal power plants (>1970MW).



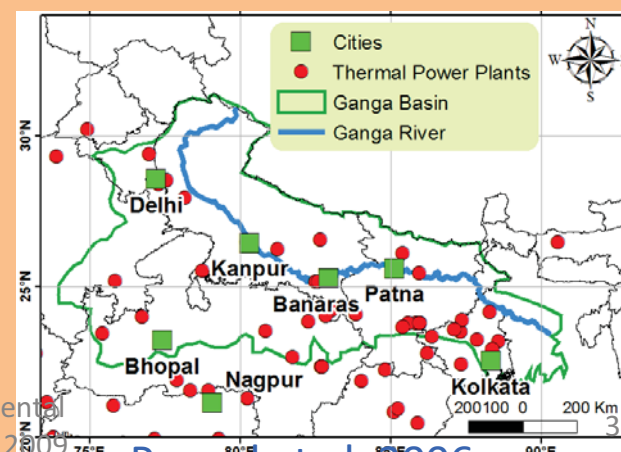
AOD is significantly higher over major TPP compared to major cities.

AOD over Hyderabad is only 0.2027-0.3466 compared to that of 0.3266-0.4529 (December 2004-January 2005) over Ramagundam TPP.

AOD is higher over power plant locations compared to surroundings.



Notable exceptions here are Korba and Neyveli TPP. Neyveli TPP is close to sea and effect of sea aerosols is likely to play role in the observed deviation from trend.

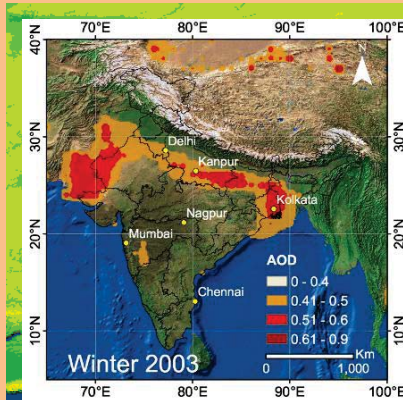


Window average of 1by1 denotes value of one pixel (0.5 by 0.5 degree) and 3by3 denotes average value for 1.5 by 1.5 degree area.

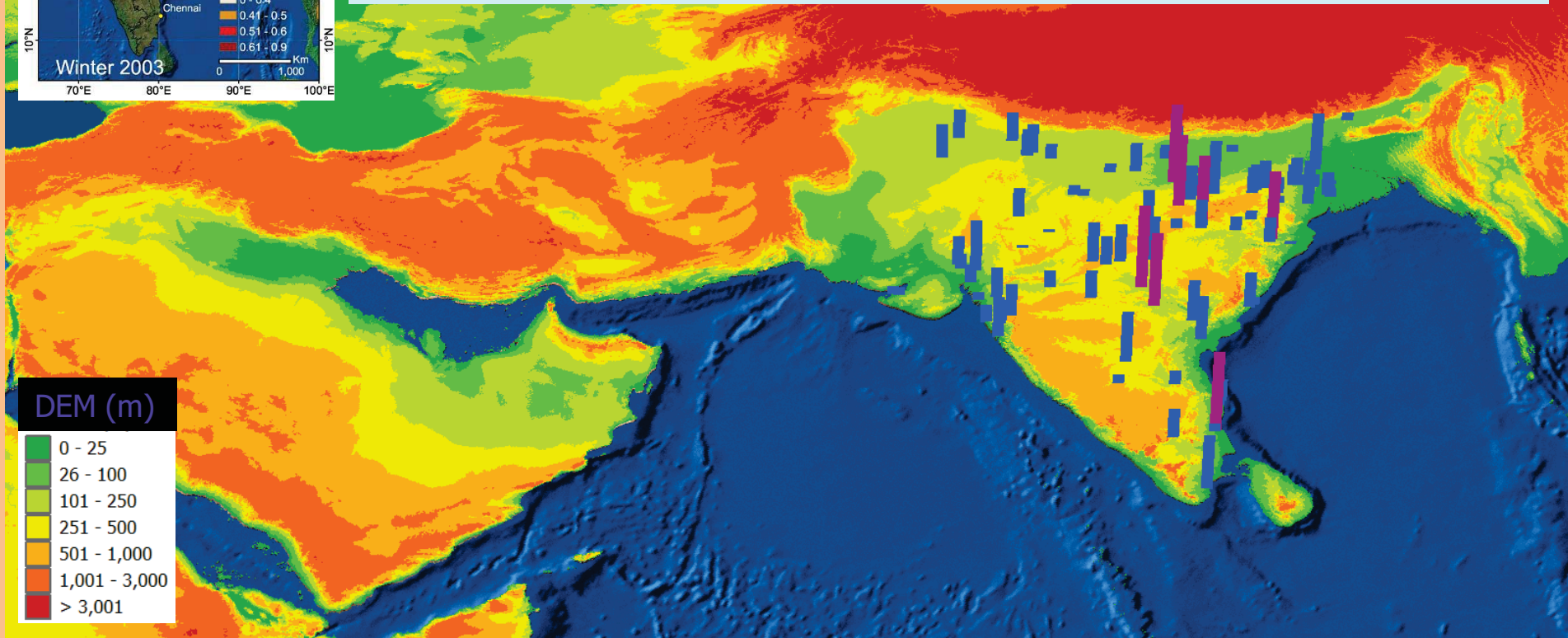
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Prasad et al. 2006

Thermal Power Plant Emissions in India: *cause for Higher Aerosol Loading during Winter Season over the Indo-Gangetic basin*



- ☐ Dense network of power plants in the eastern part of the Indo-Gangetic basin.
- ☐ During winter season, dense haze, fog and smog are seen over the IG basin.
- ☐ The light and dark green color show low topography of the IG basin, as a result pollutants are concentrated in the region especially during winter season.
- ☐ The point sources of pollutants are the emissions from the dense network of these coal based power plants.



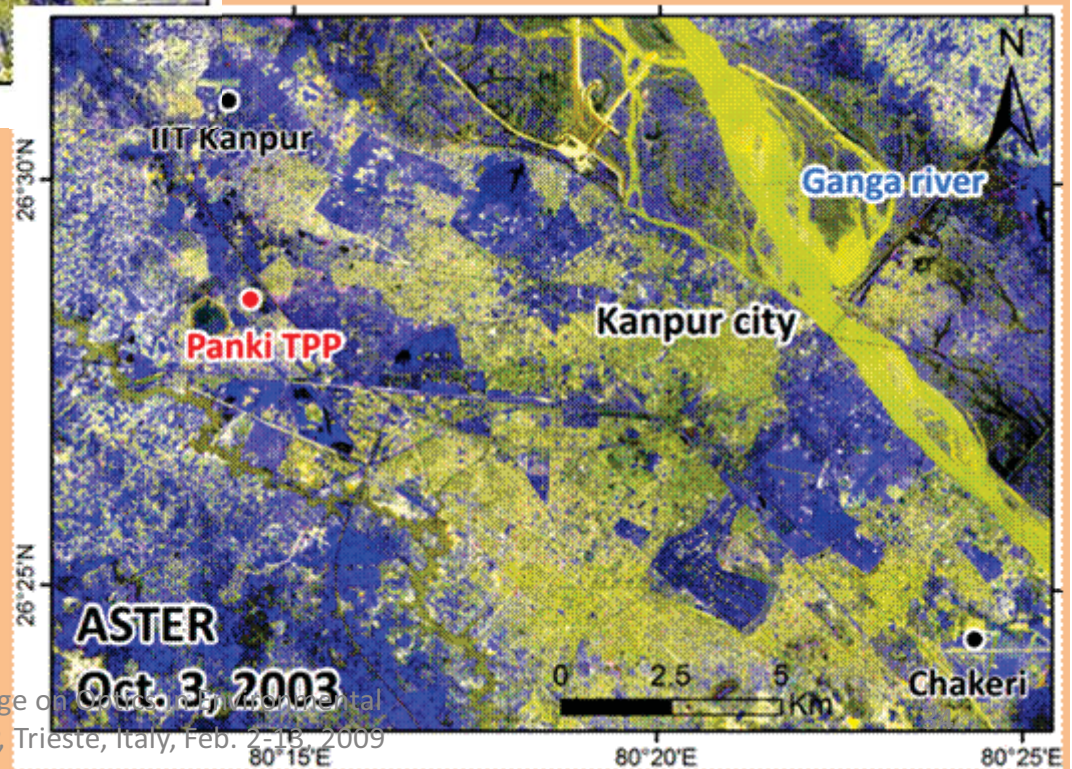
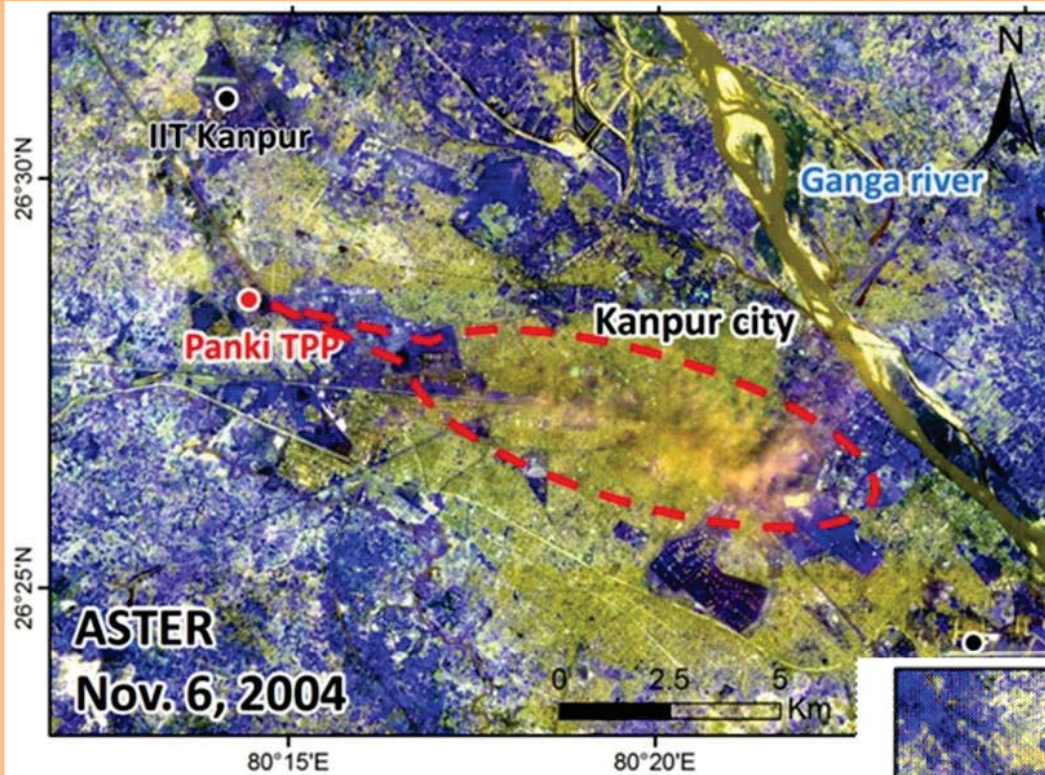
Location of cities, mega thermal power plants (TPP) (>1970MW) and all TPP >100MW in India.

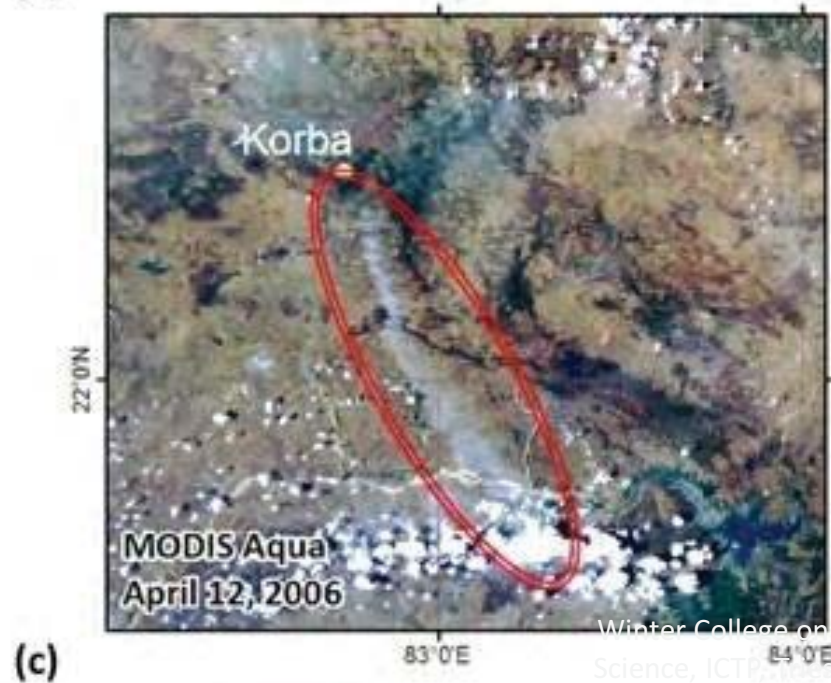
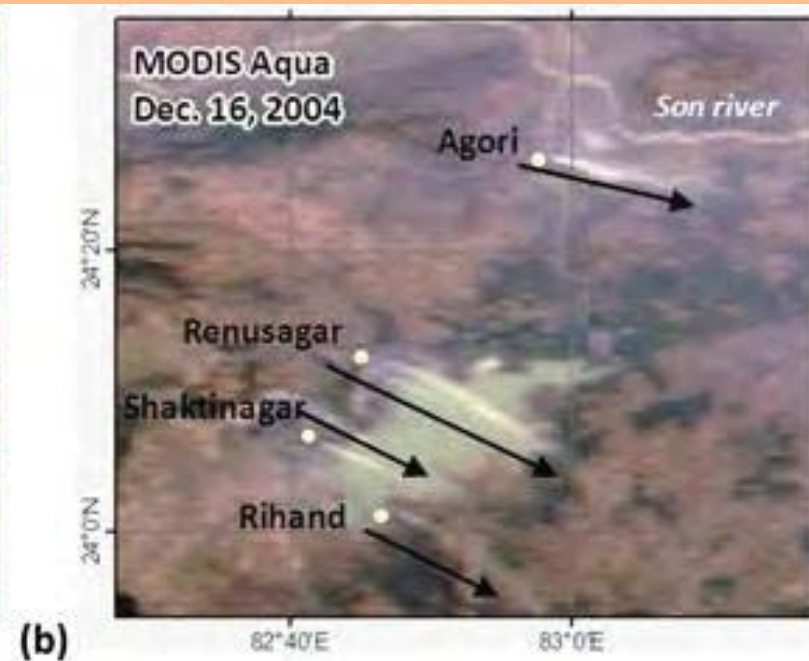
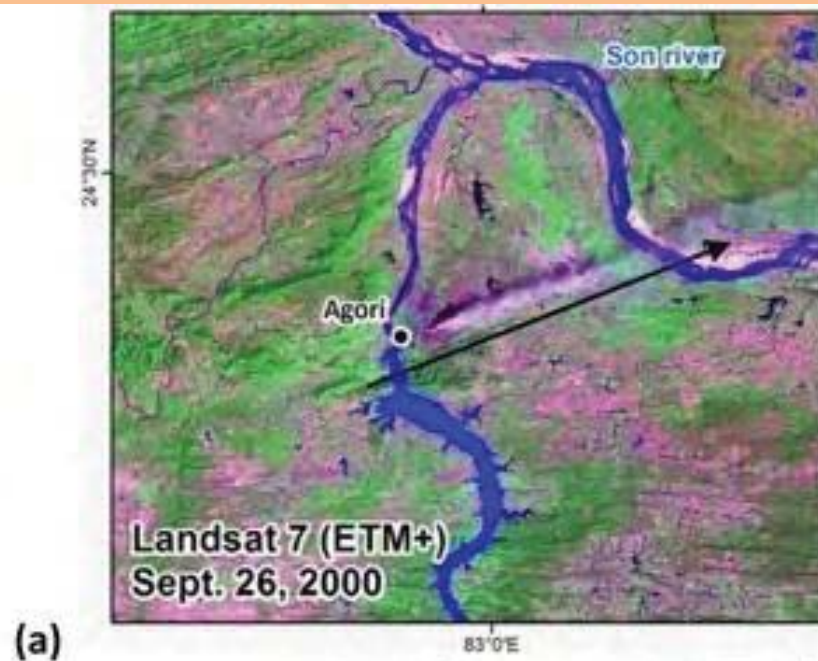


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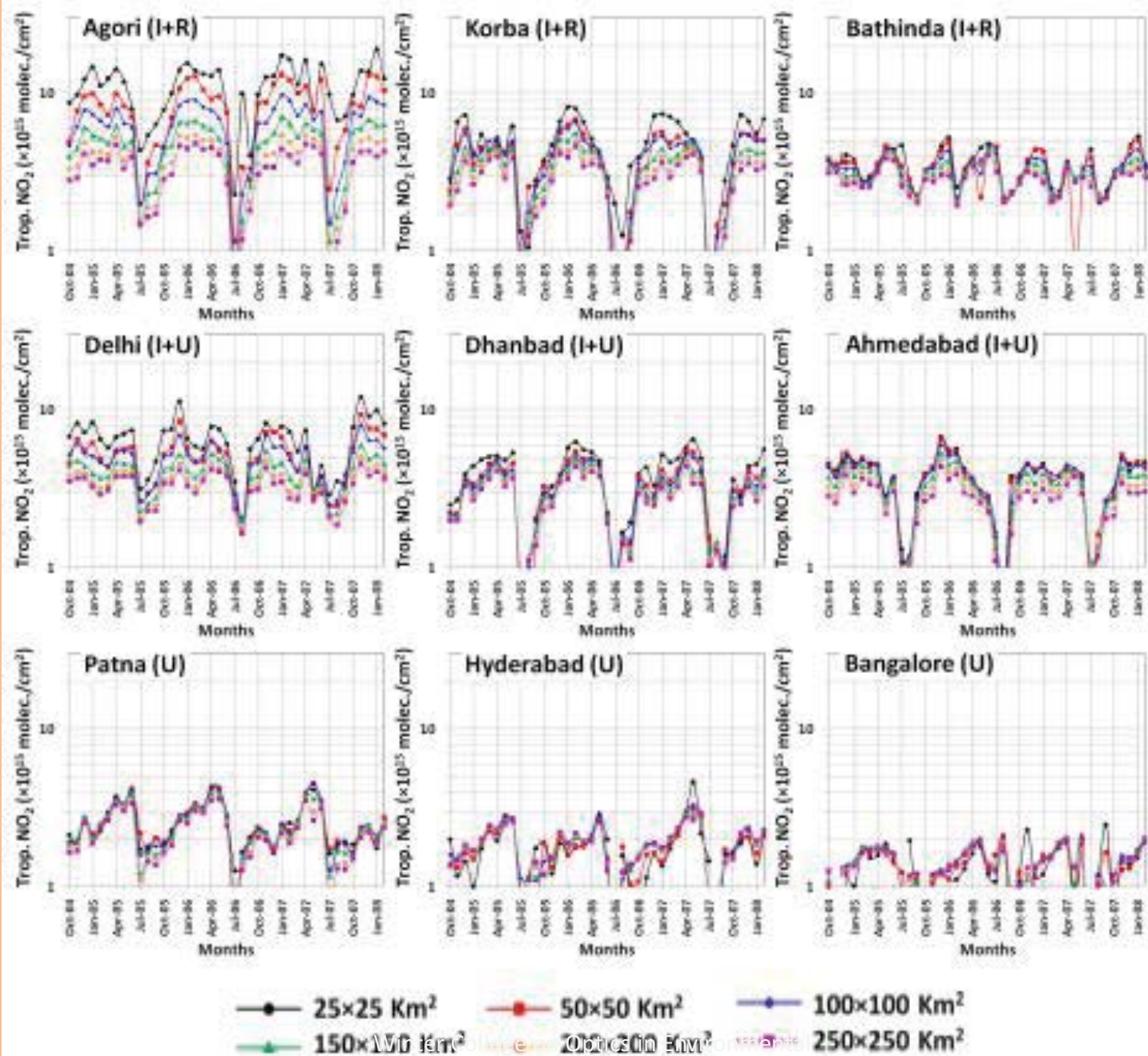
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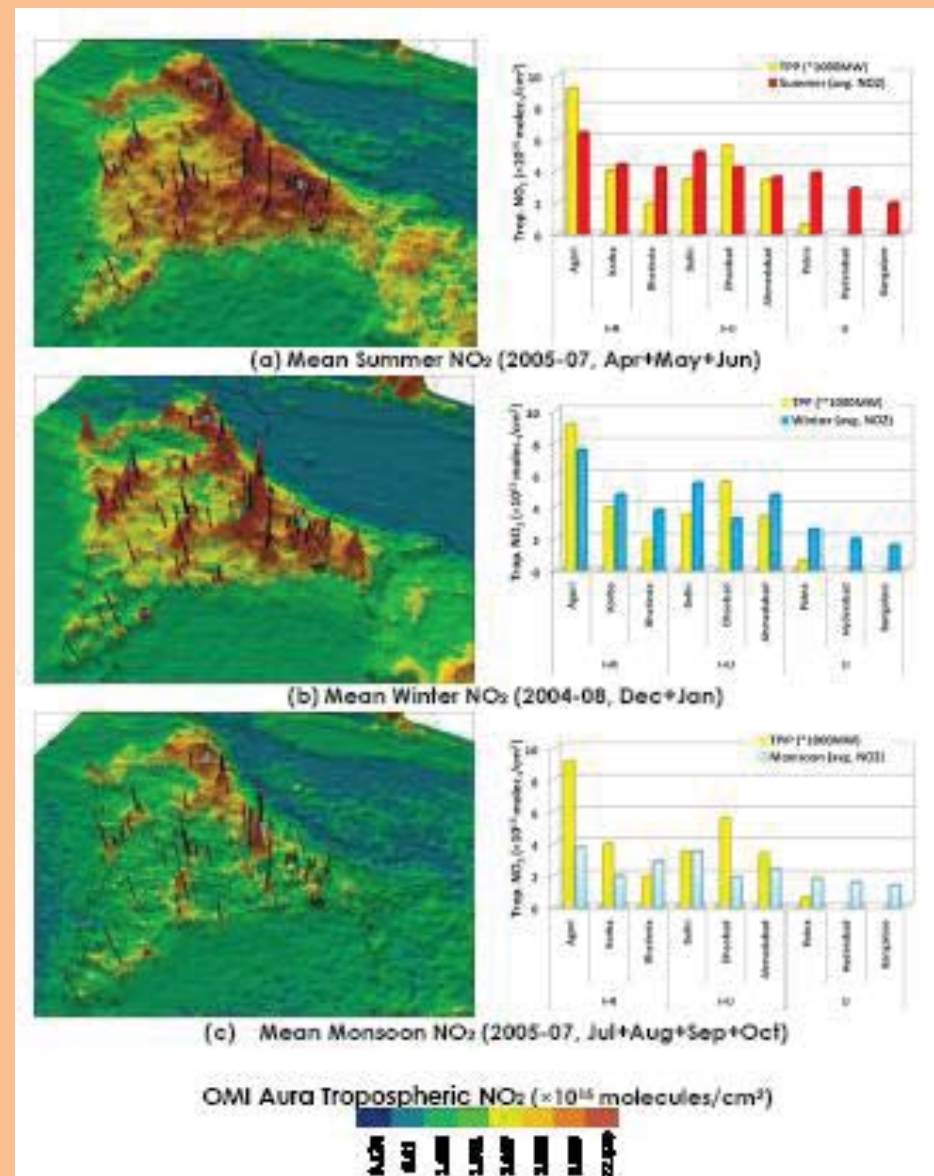
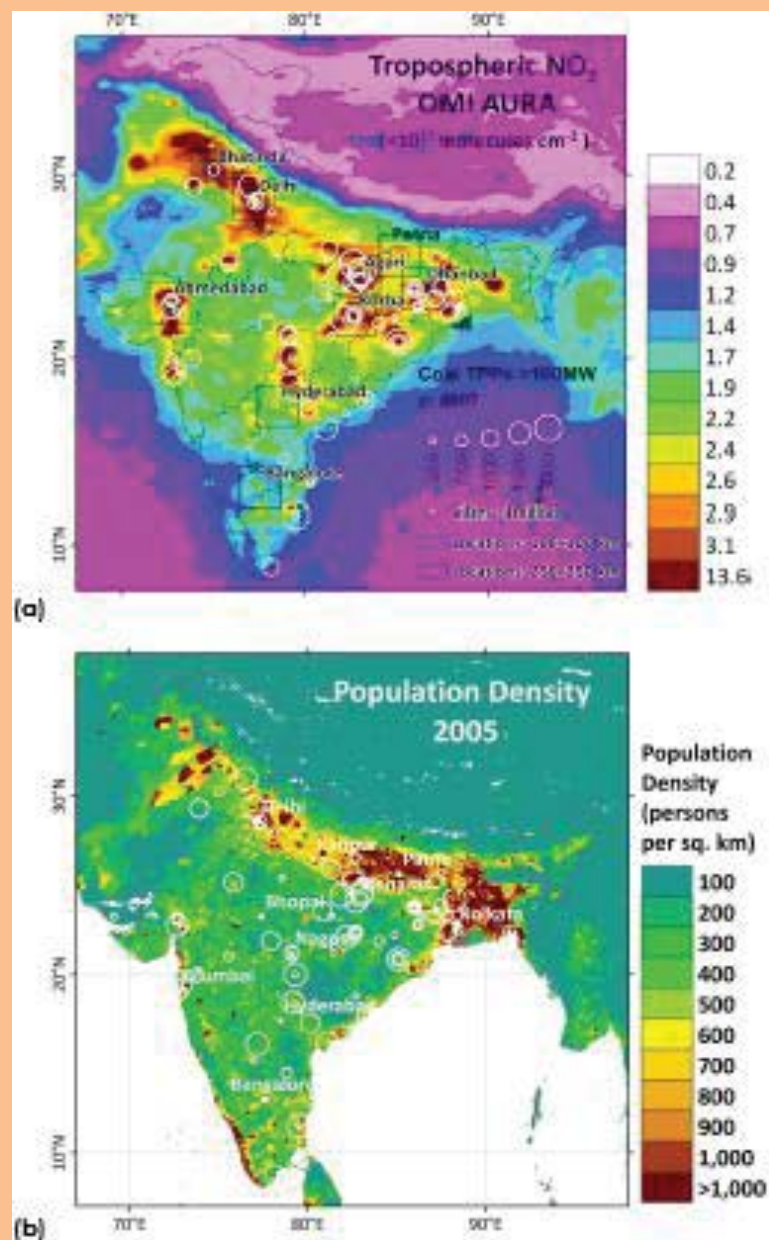








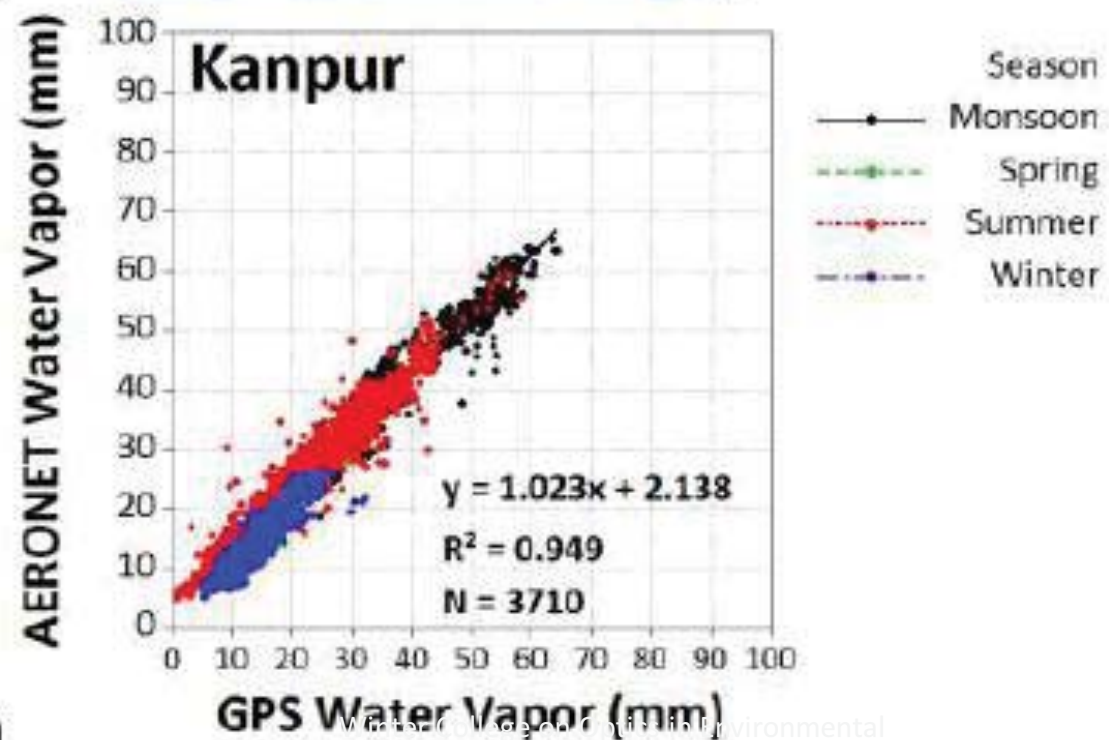




Atmospheric Water Vapor

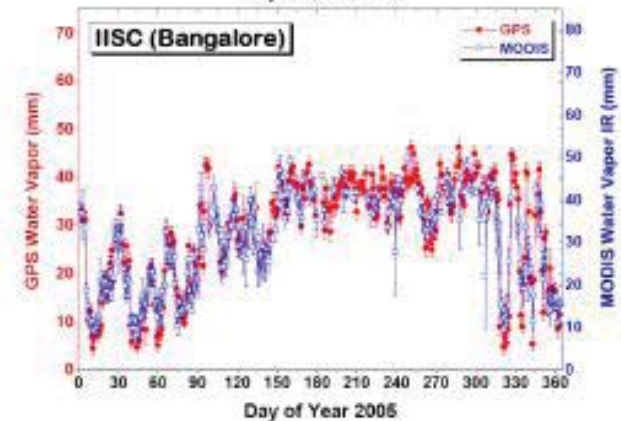
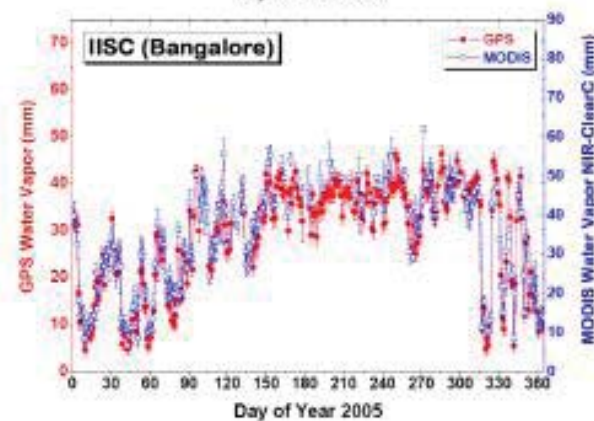
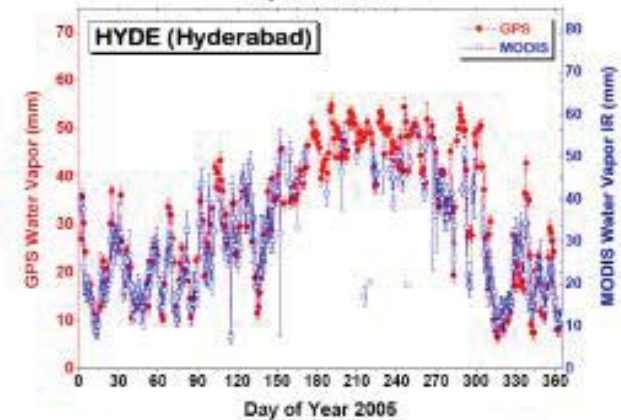
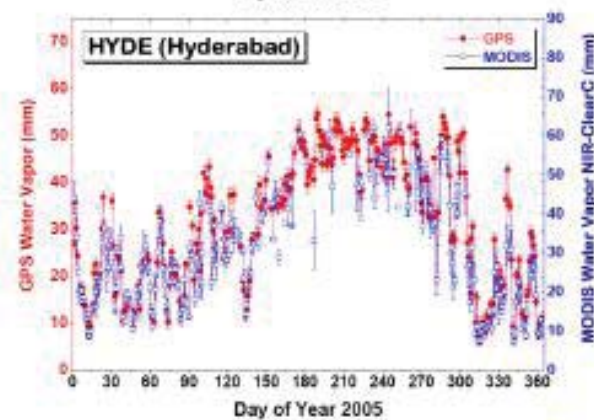
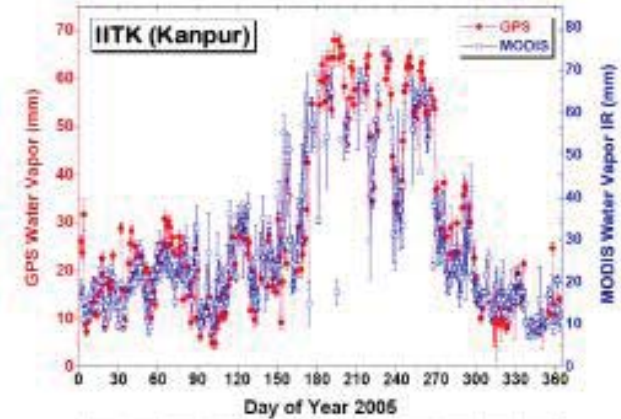
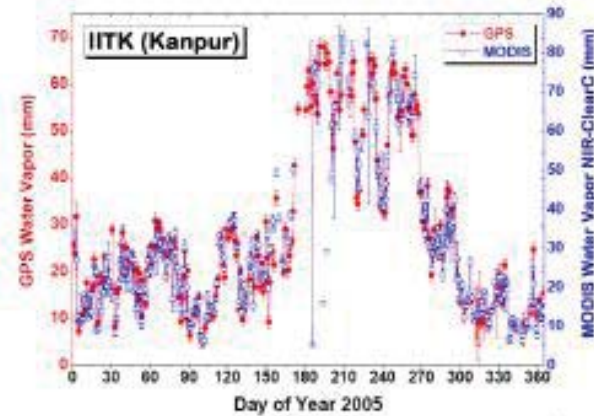
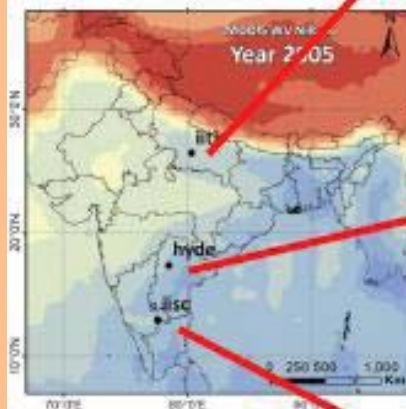


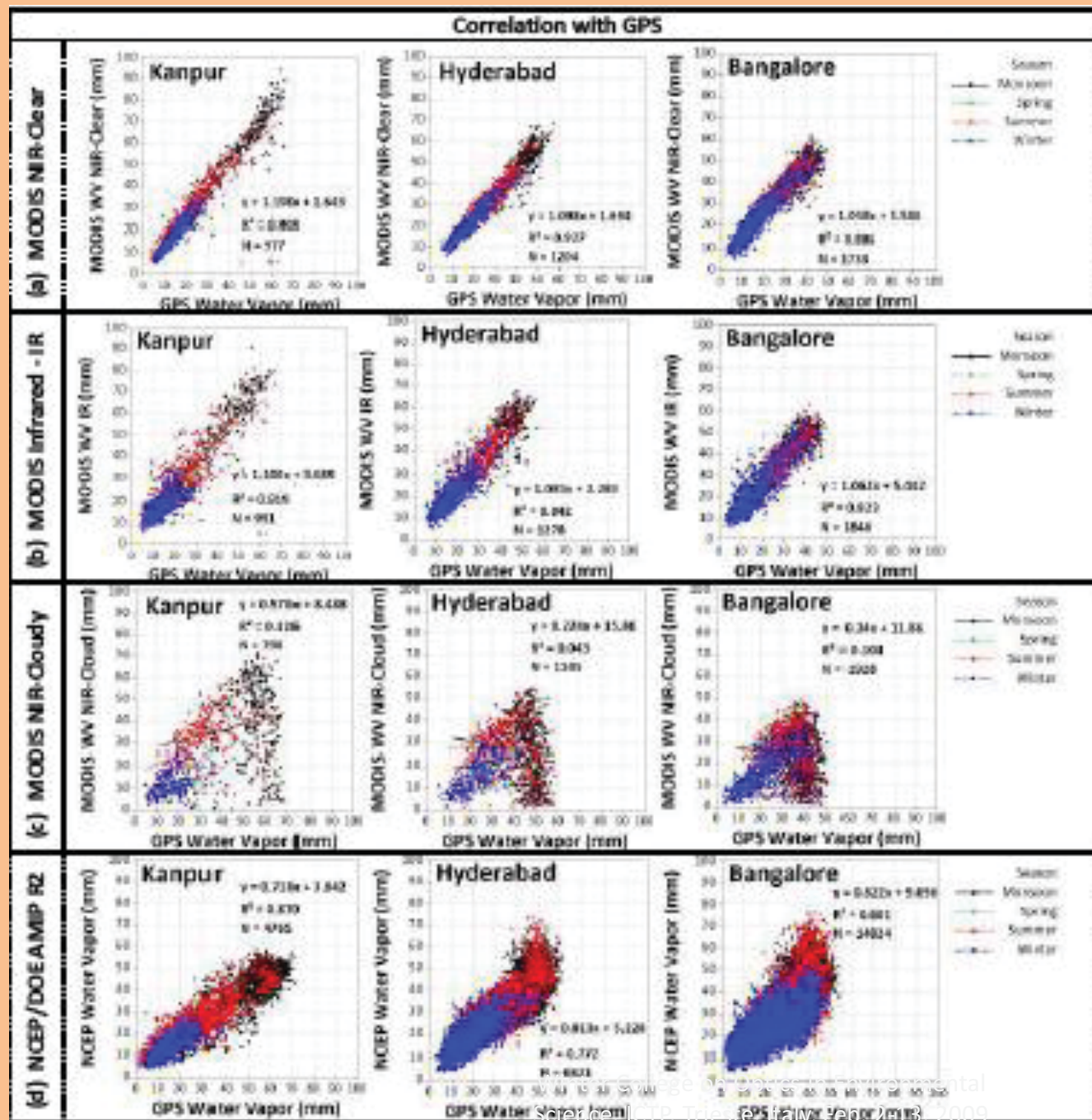
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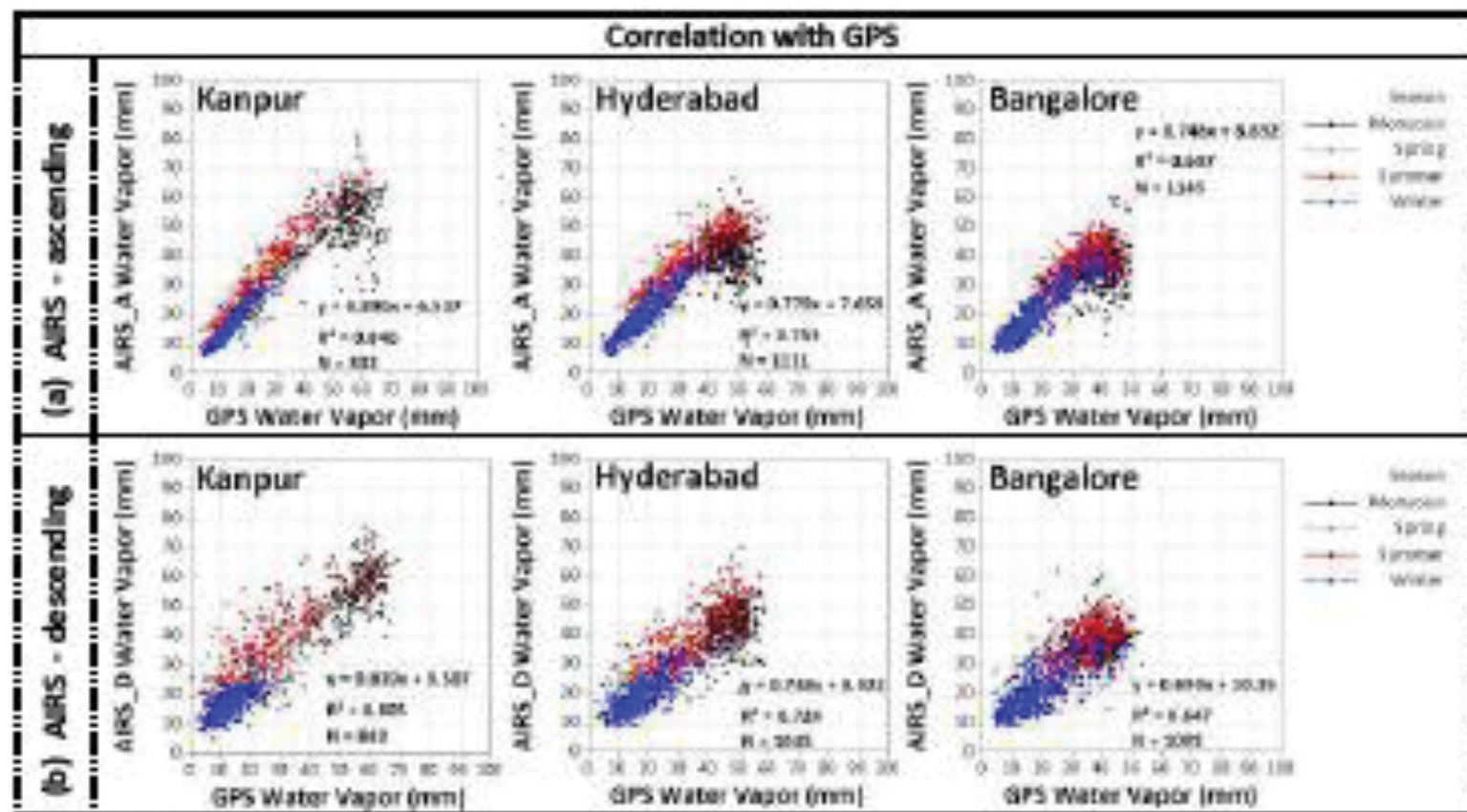
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MODIS (NIR-CC) and GPS Water

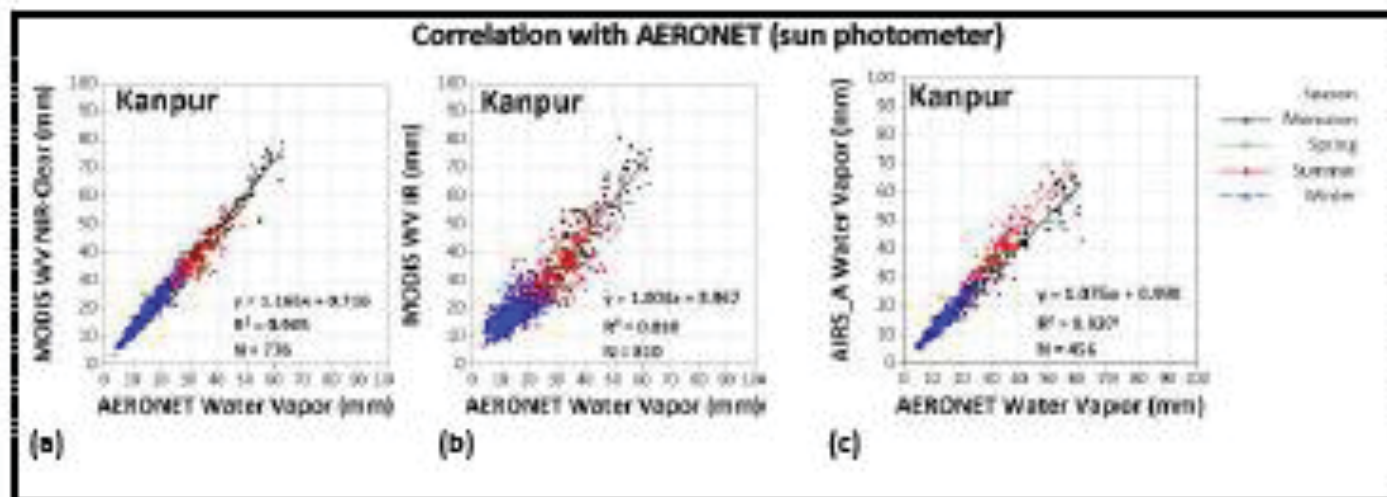




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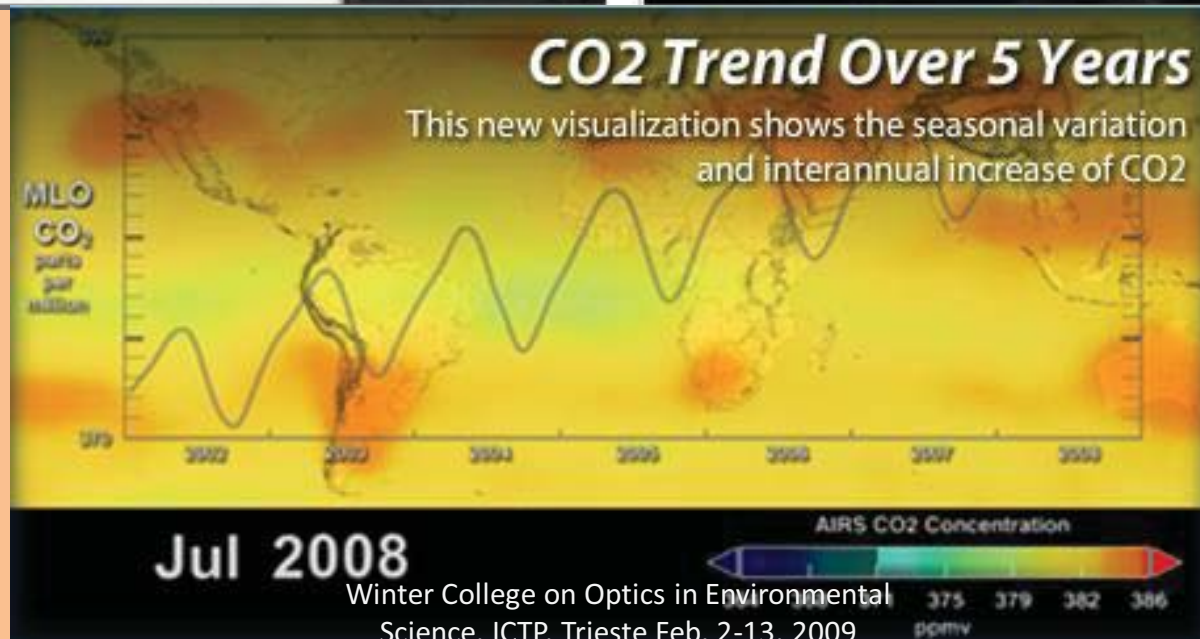
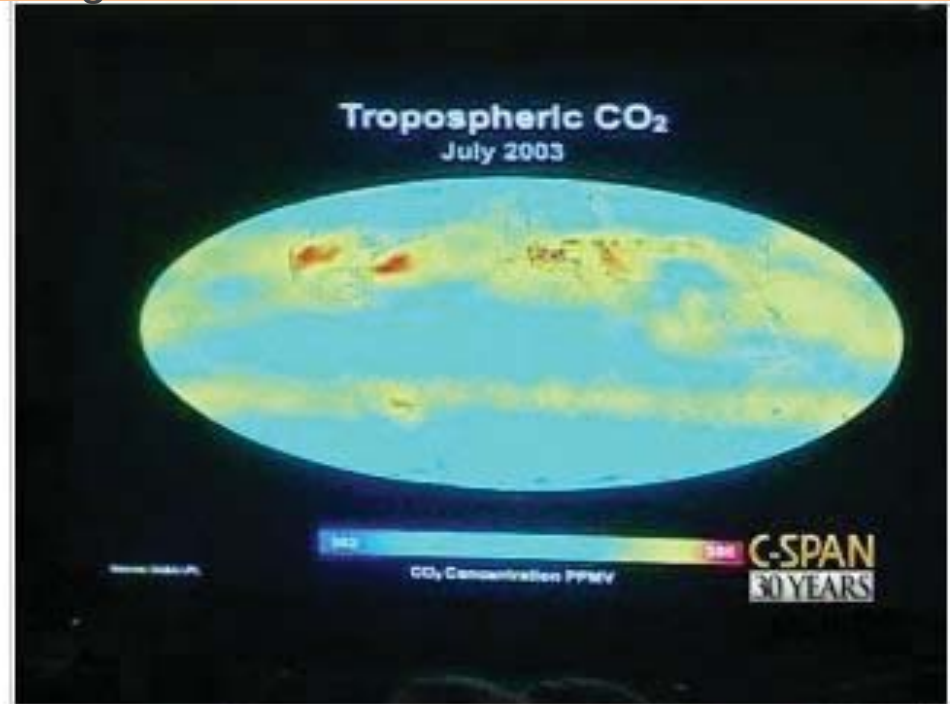


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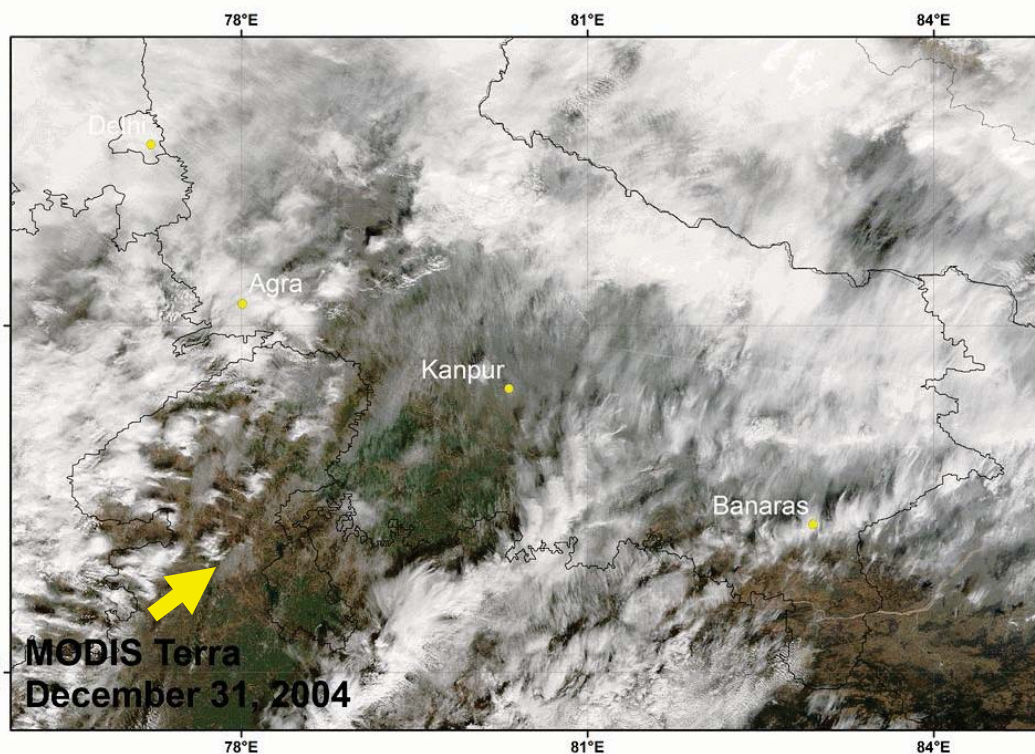
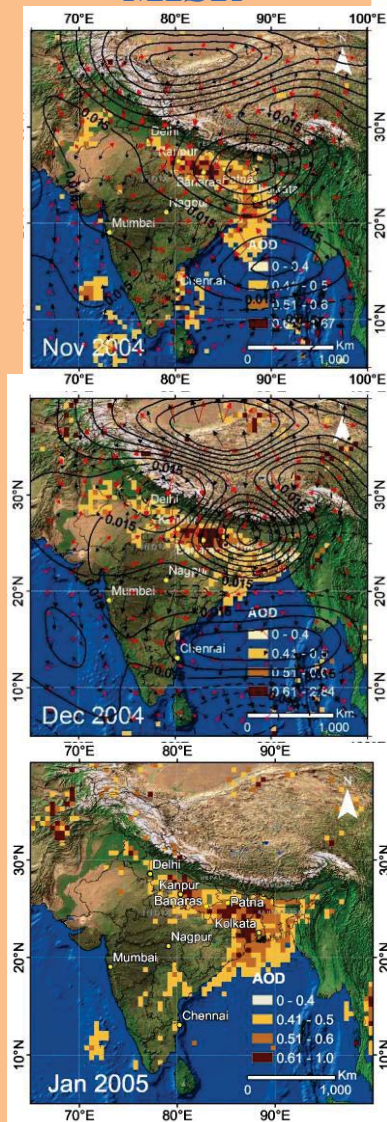
Carbon Monoxide



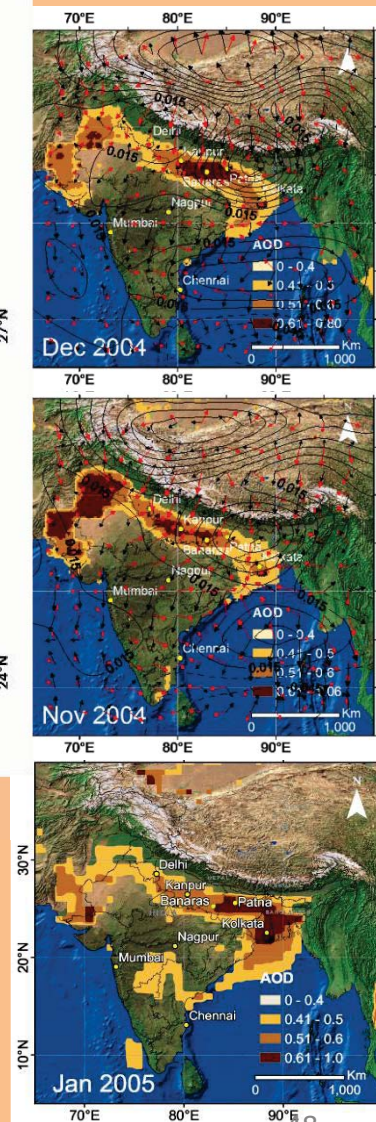
Dense Haze, Fog and Smog

Thick Haze and Smog Across Northern India

MISR



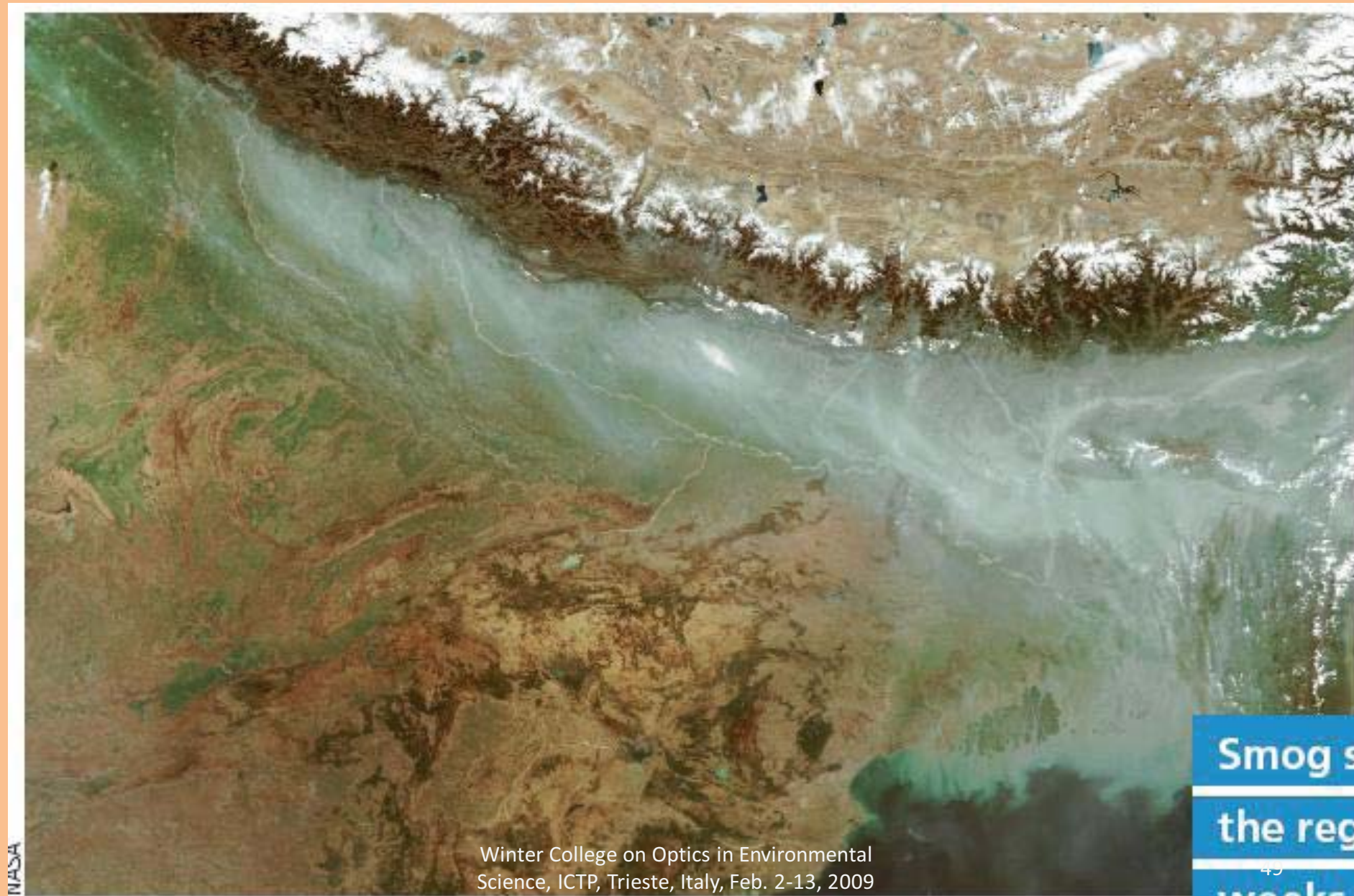
MODIS



Higher Aerosol
Optical Depth
(AOD)
Winter season,
2004-2005

December 1-31, 2004
MODIS Terra images

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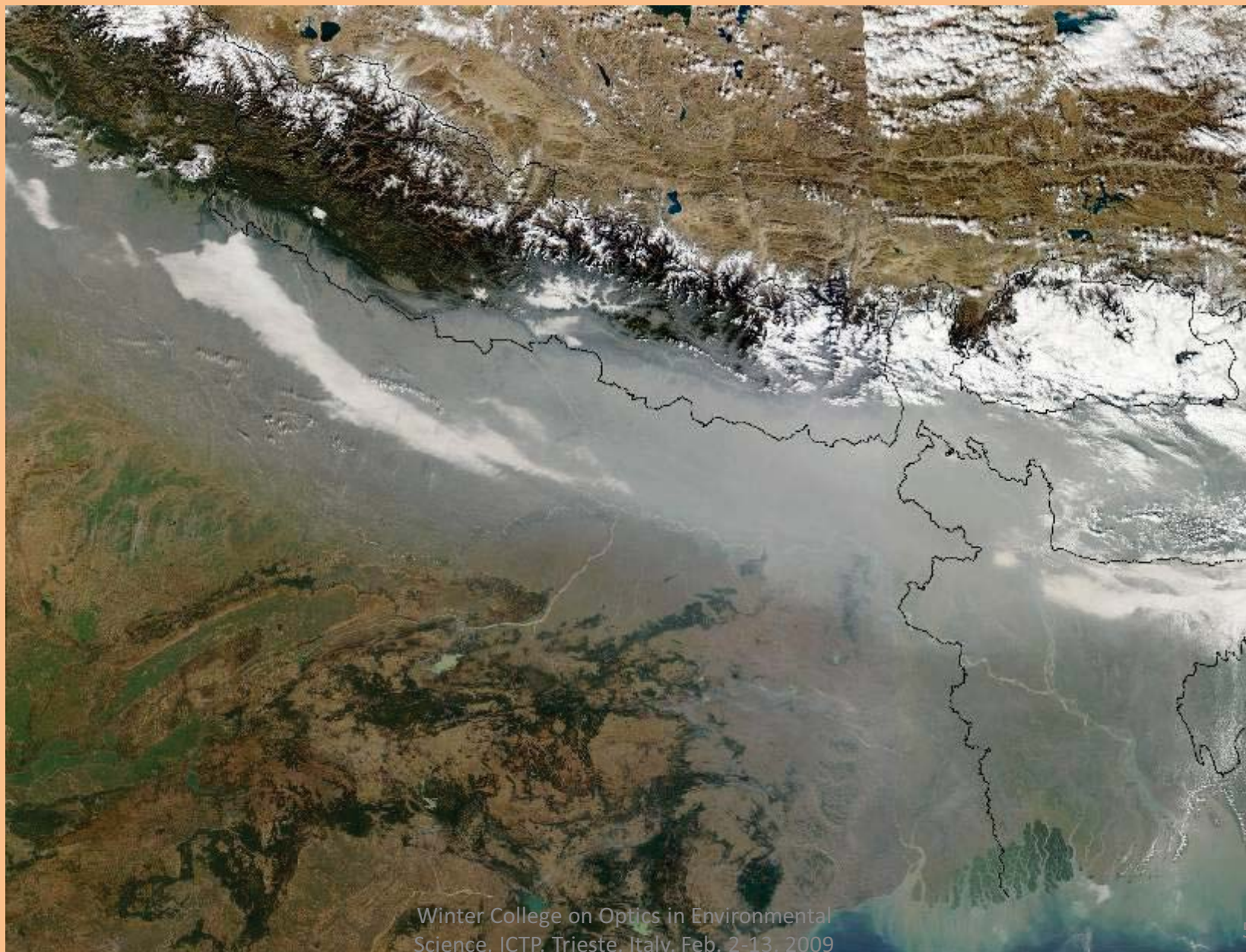
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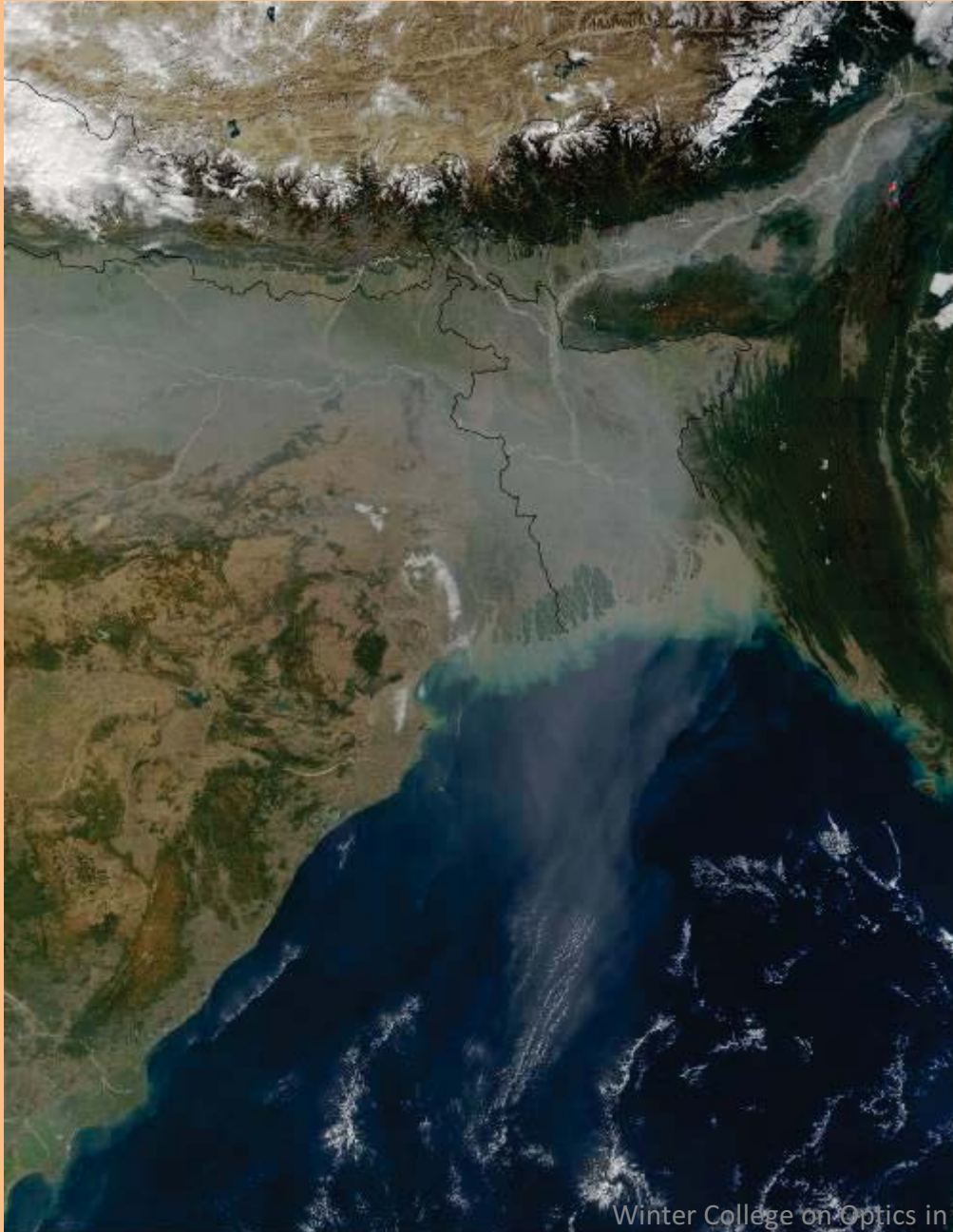


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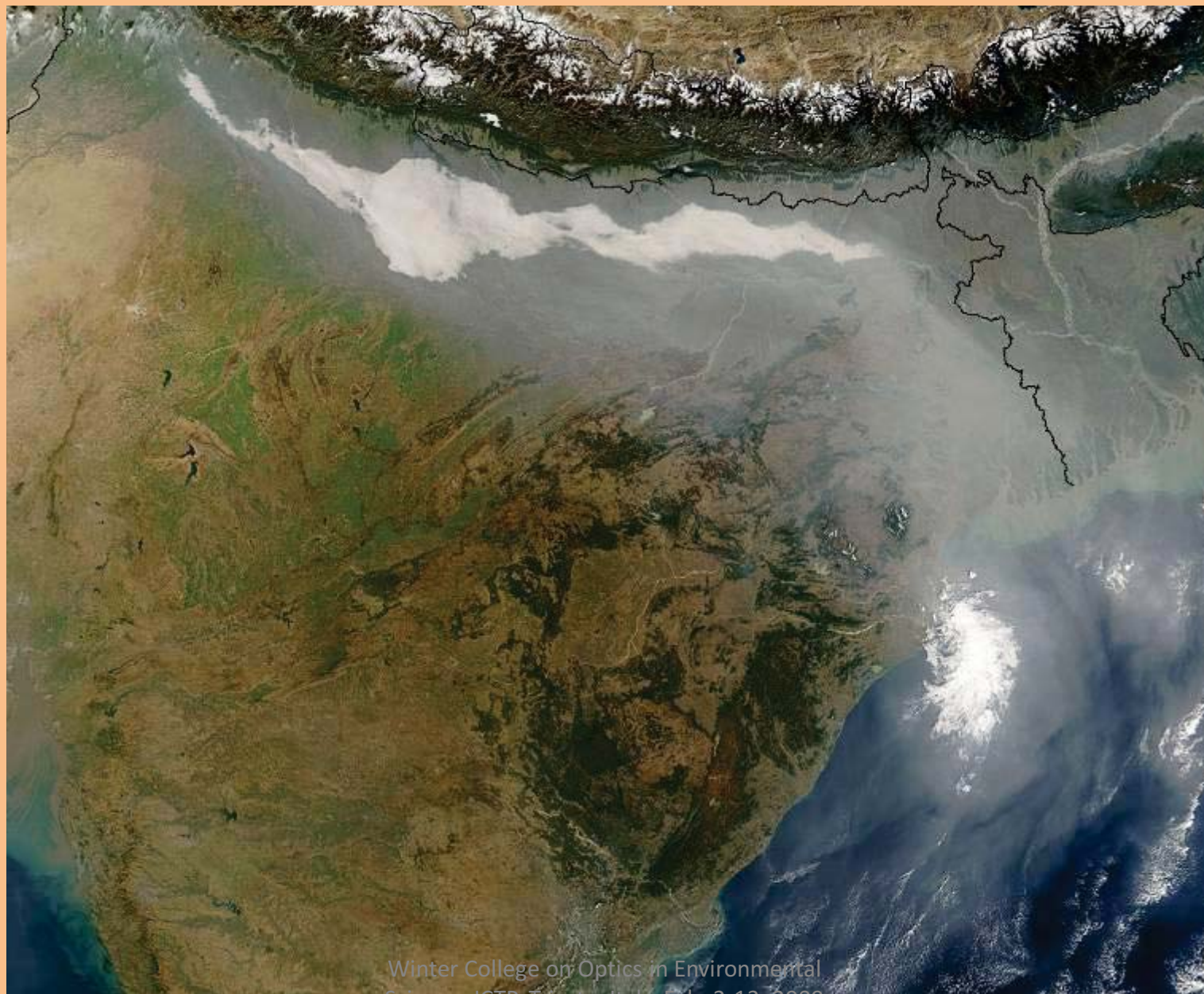
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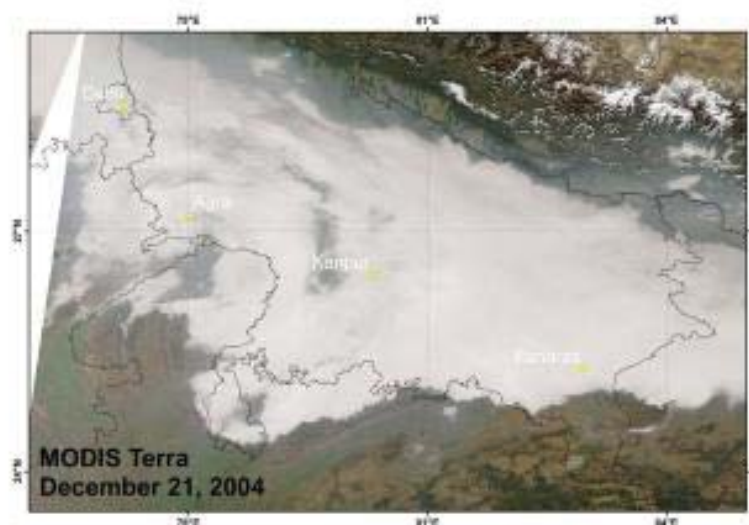
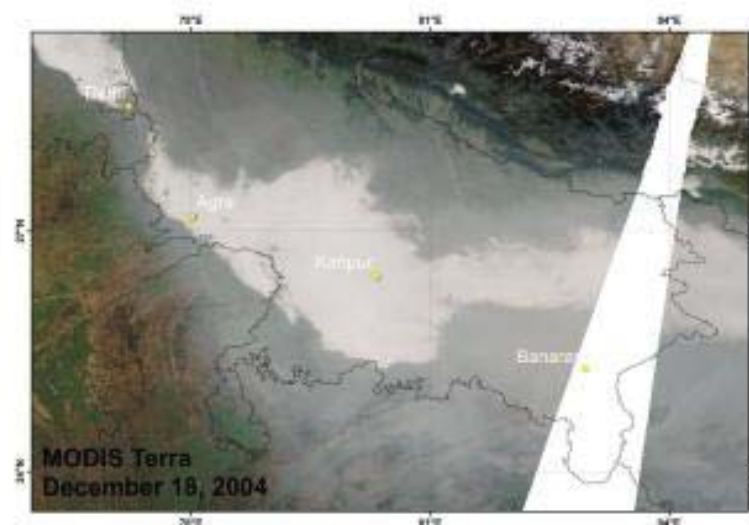
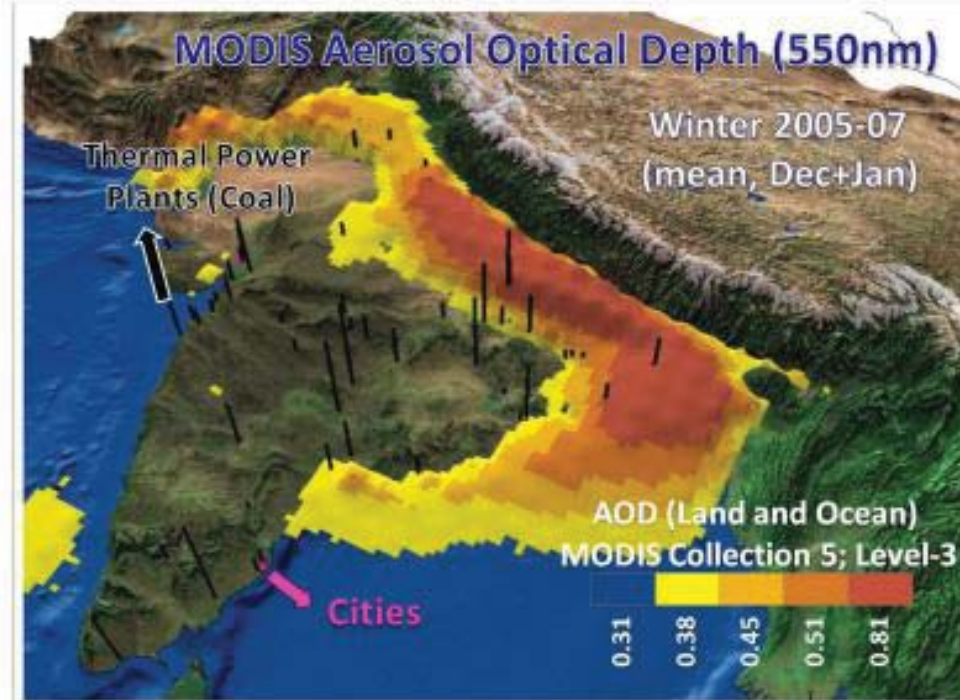
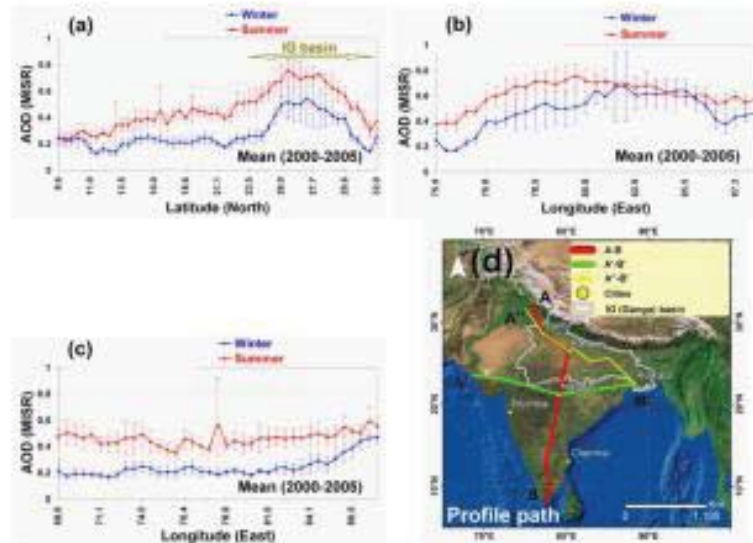
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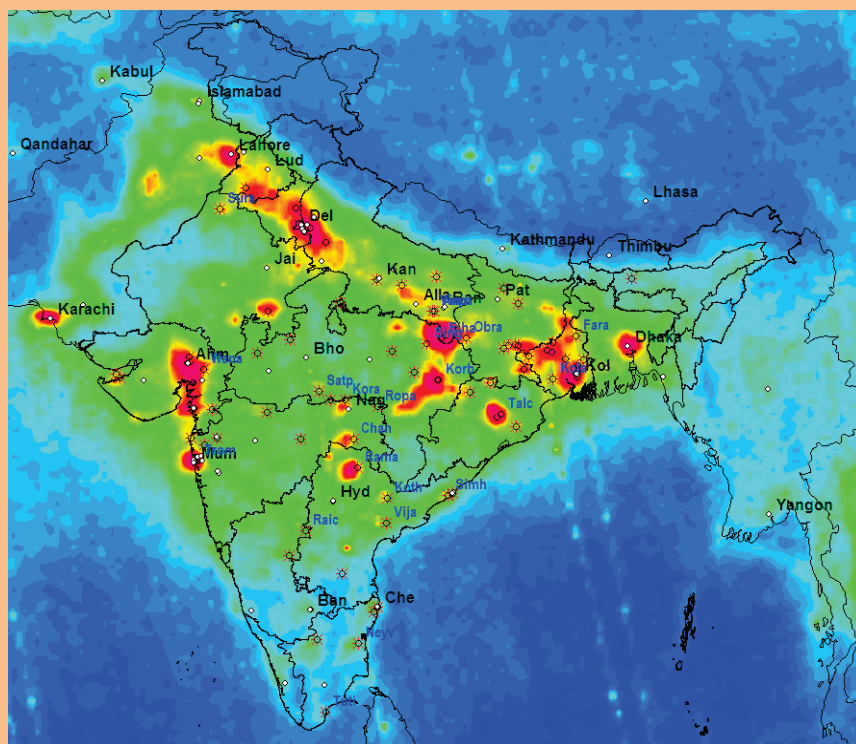
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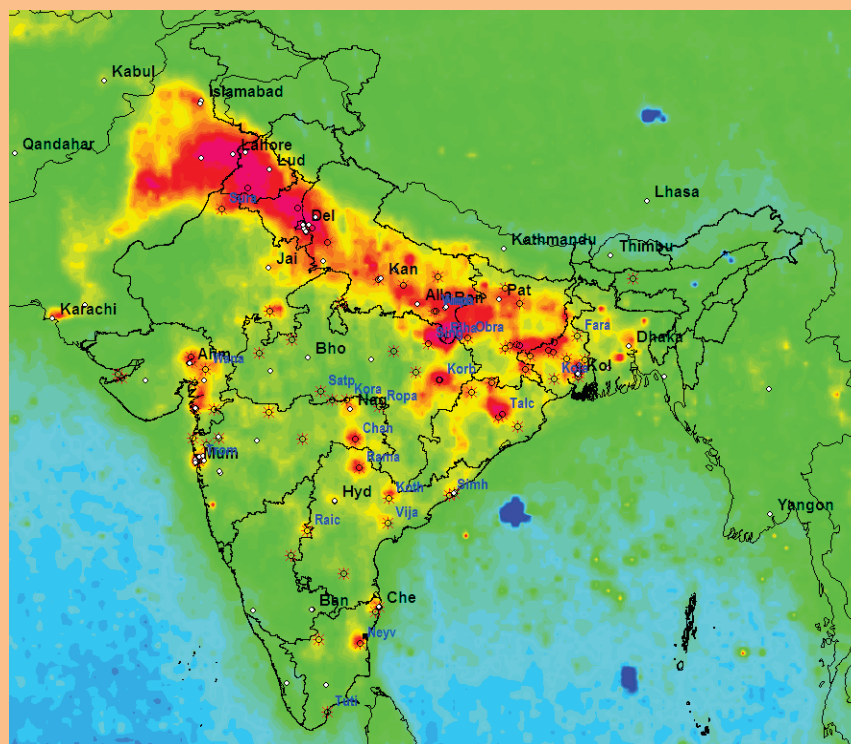
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Aerosols and Fog formation





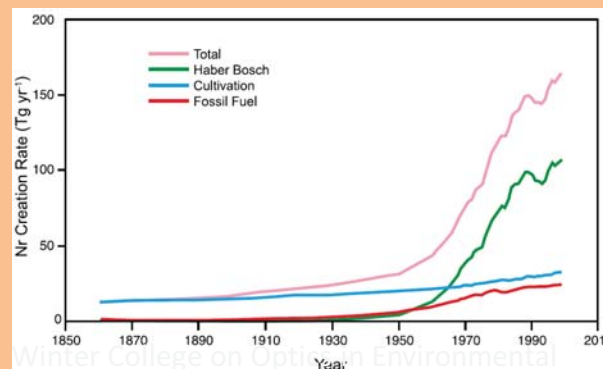
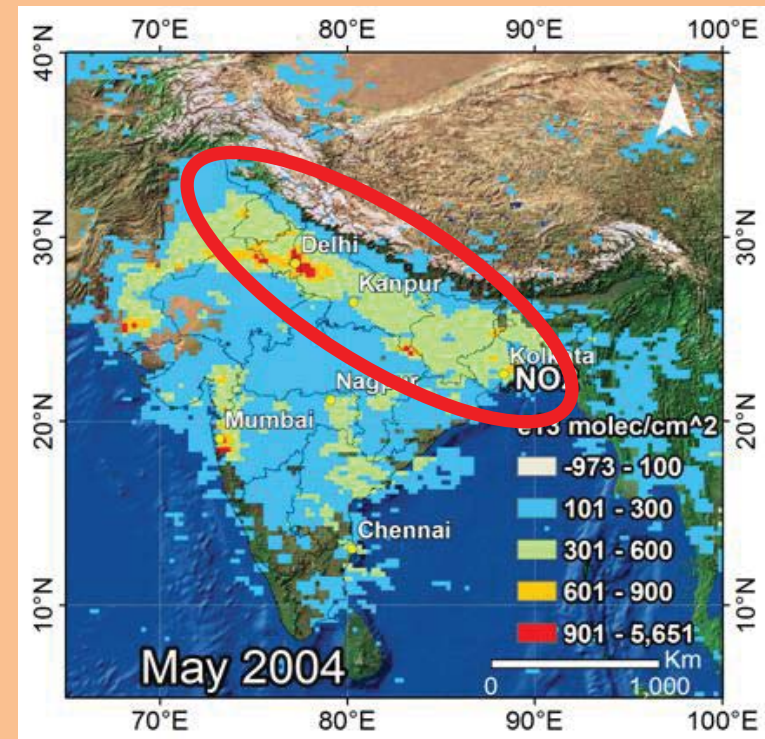
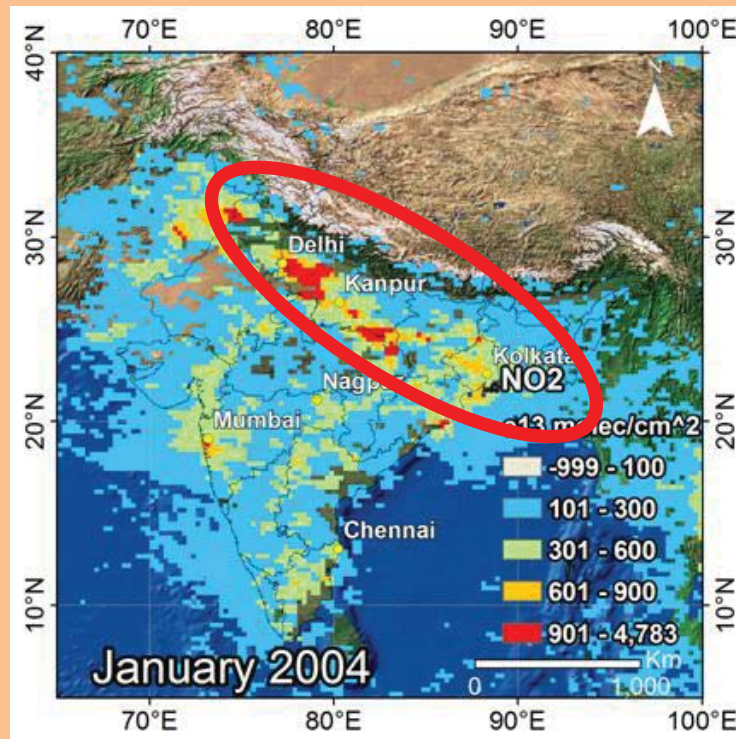
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Sciamachy Tropospheric NO_2

(relatively higher NO_2 level in the IG basin)



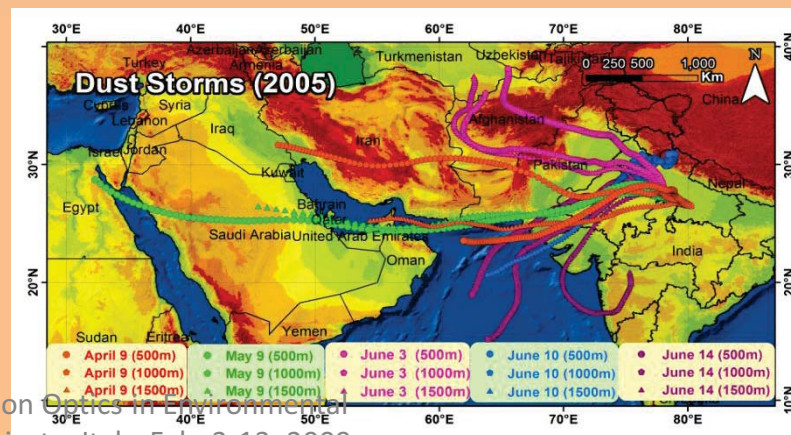
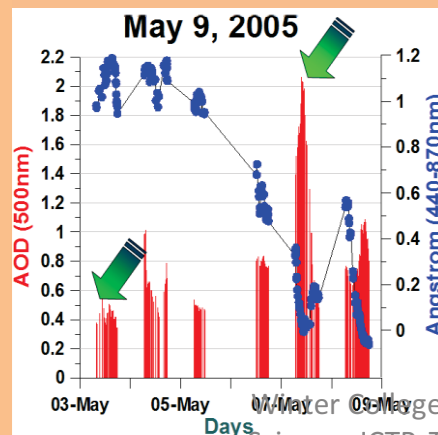
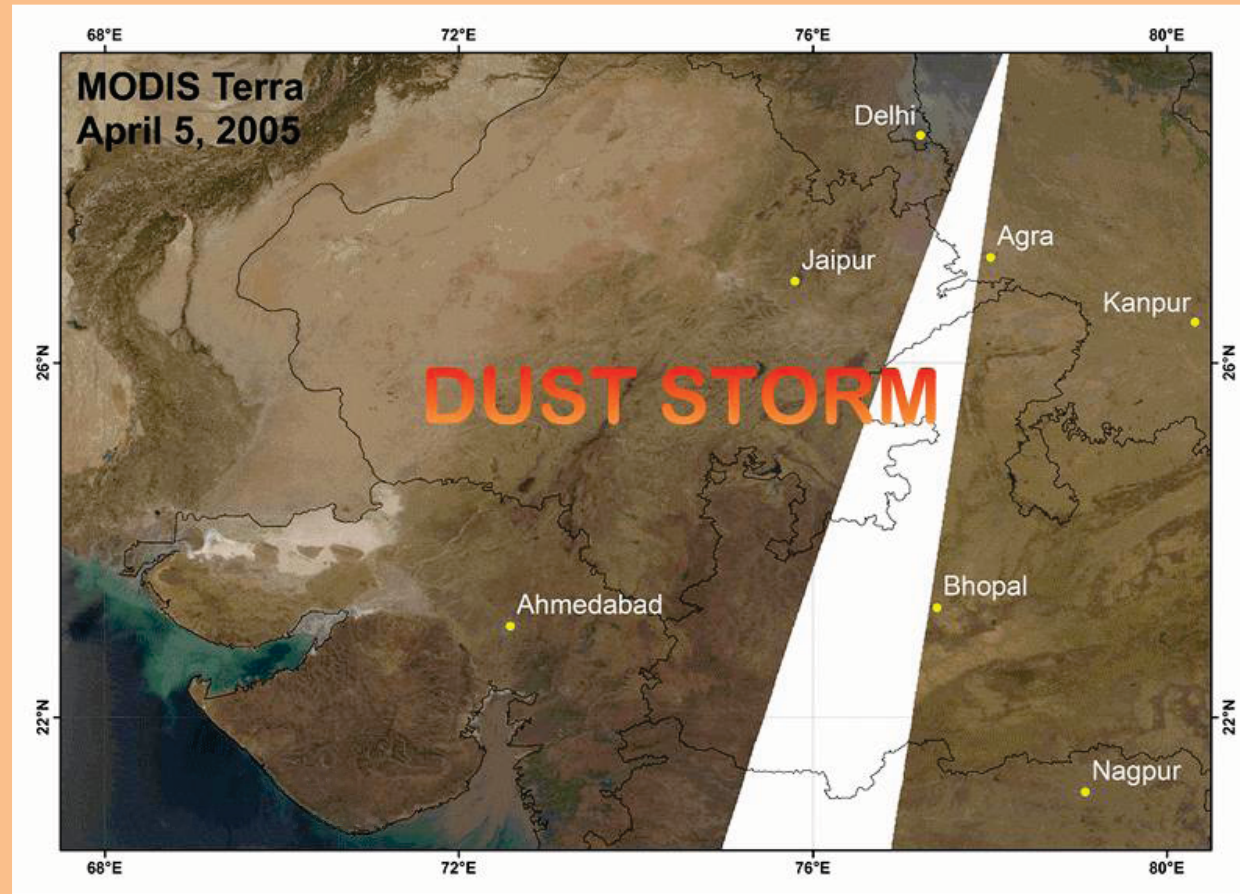
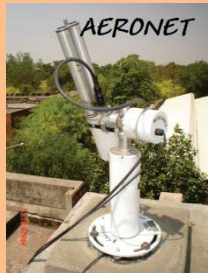
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Dust Storms

Dust Storms

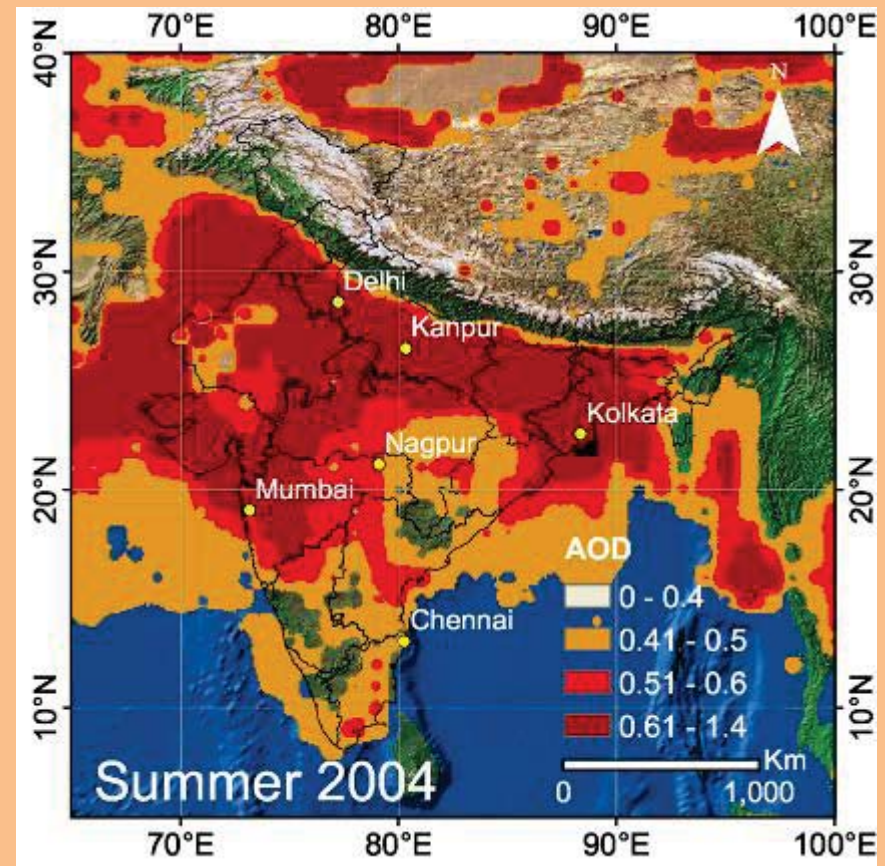
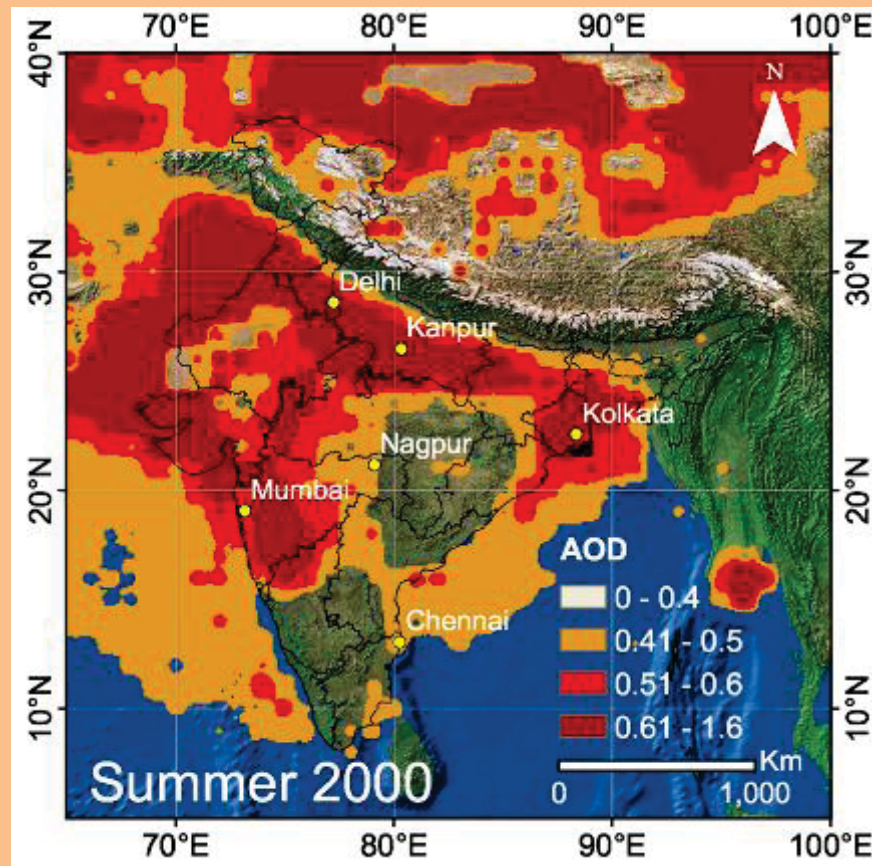
Satellite (daily)
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Ground based
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Sun-photometer

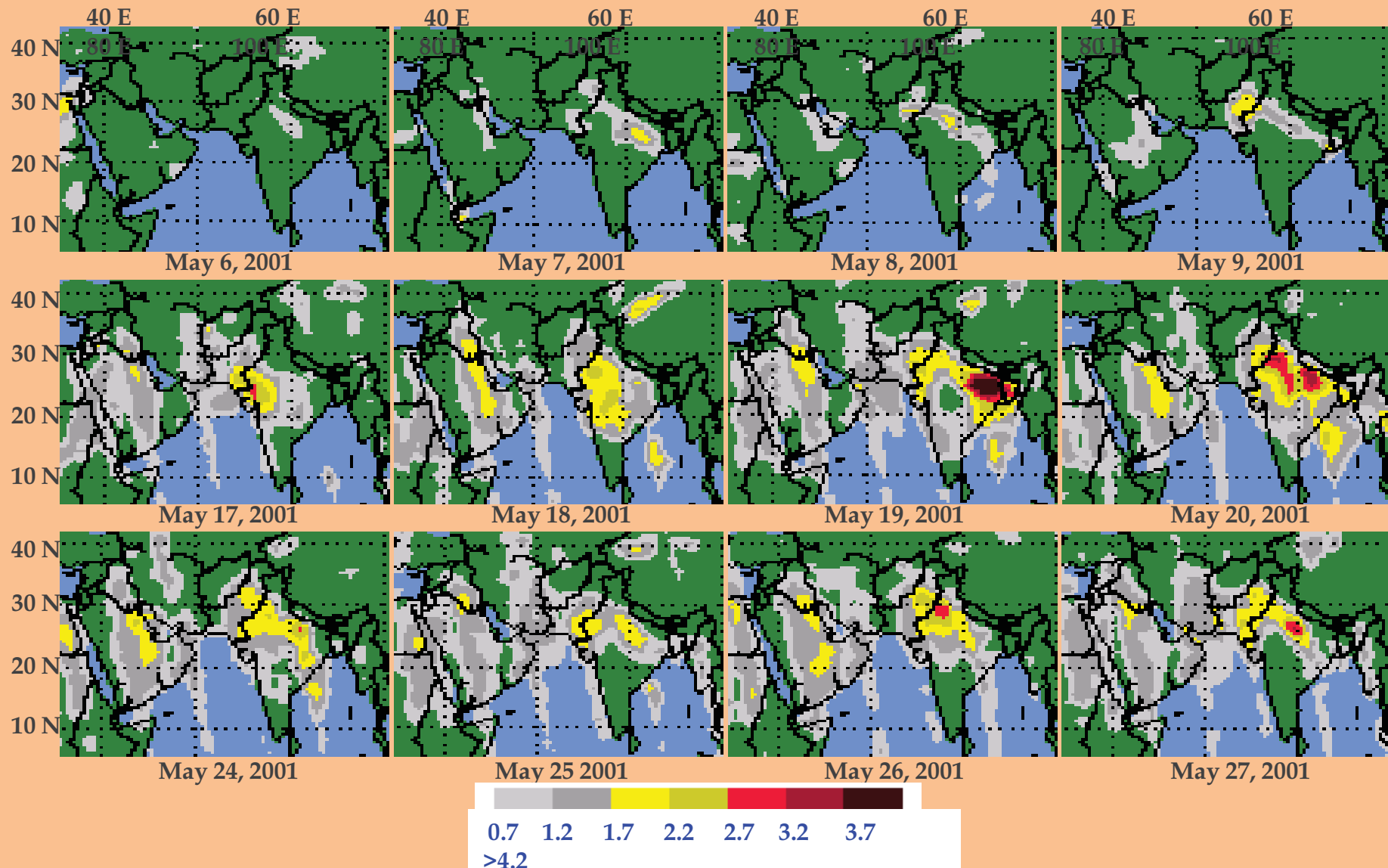


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Rise in AOD over the Indian Subcontinent (summer season)



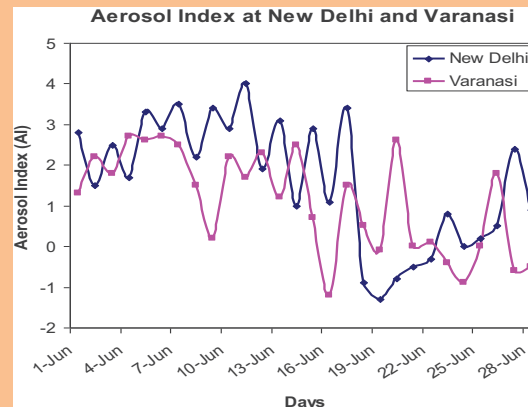
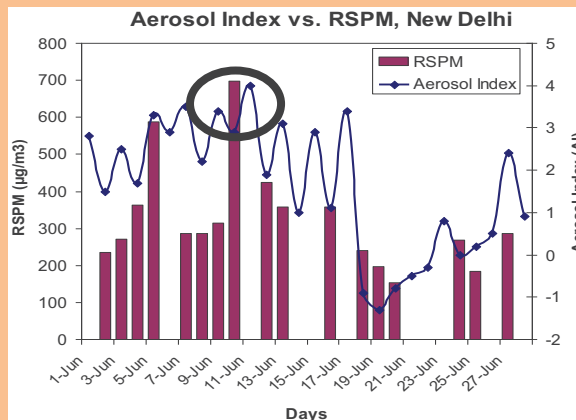
Spread of Dusts as seen in TOMS AI Images



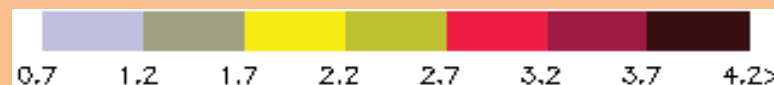
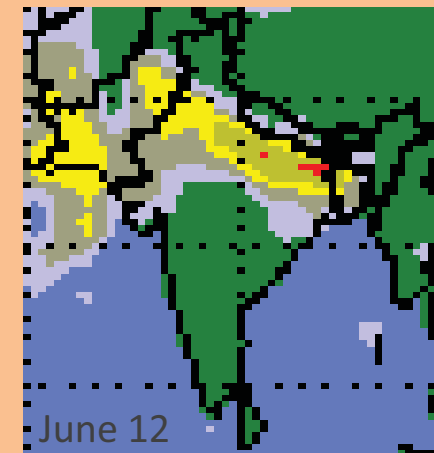
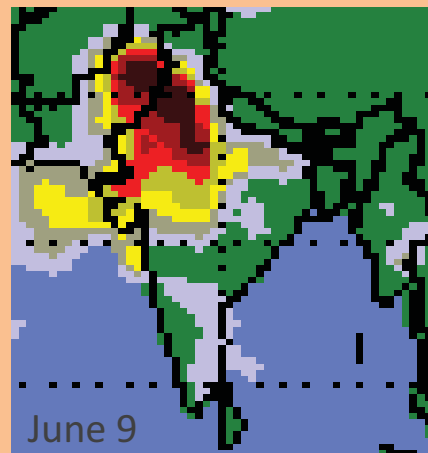
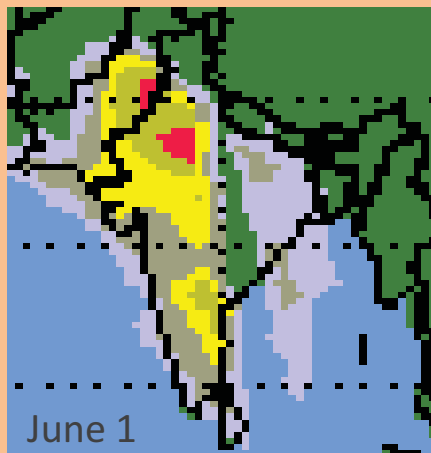
Aerosol Index

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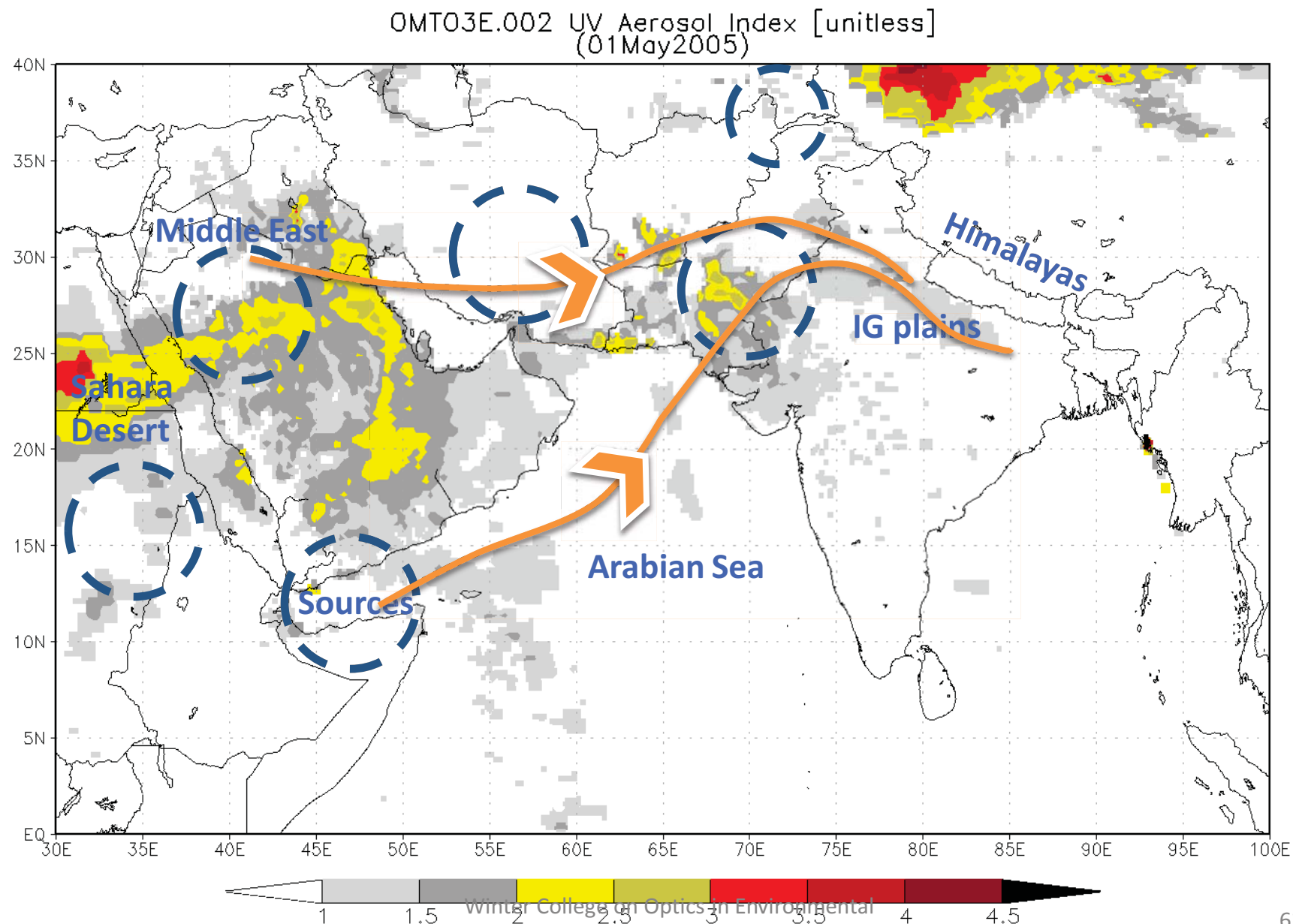
Aerosol Index vs. RSPM



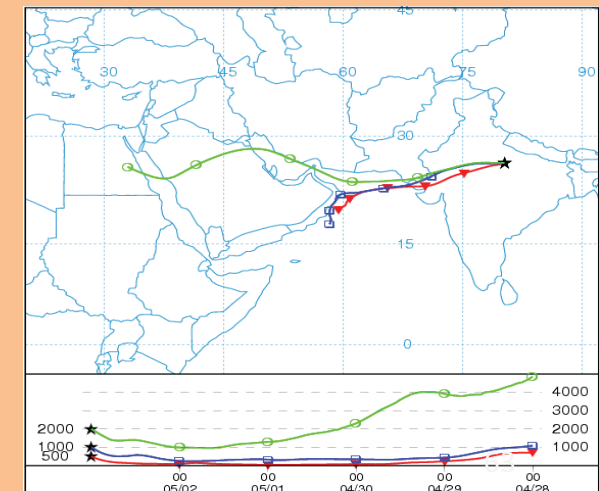
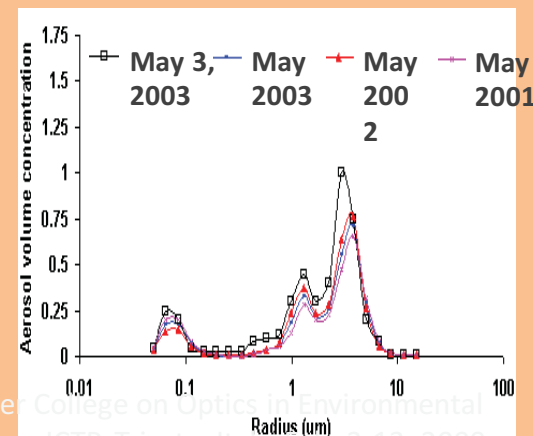
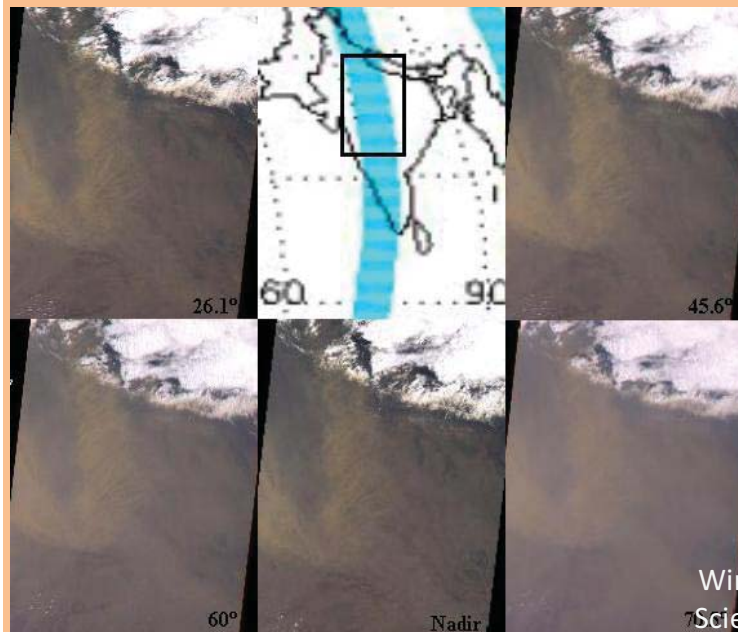
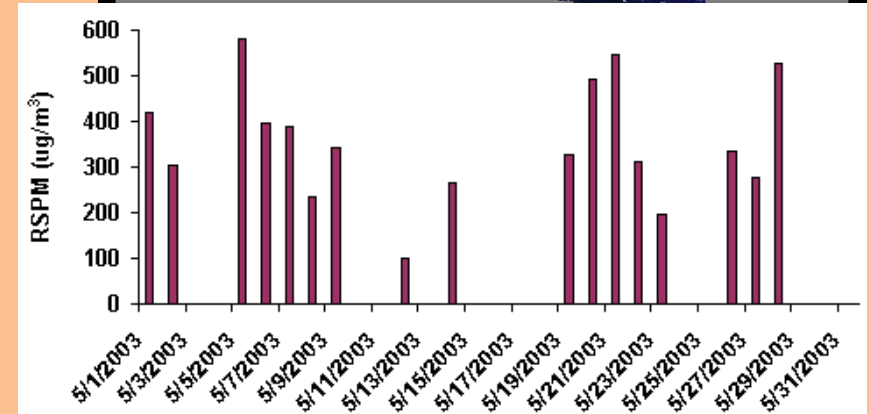
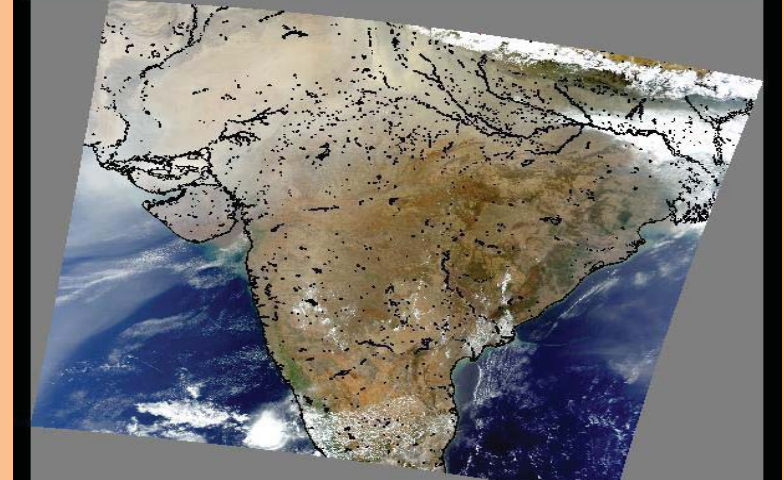
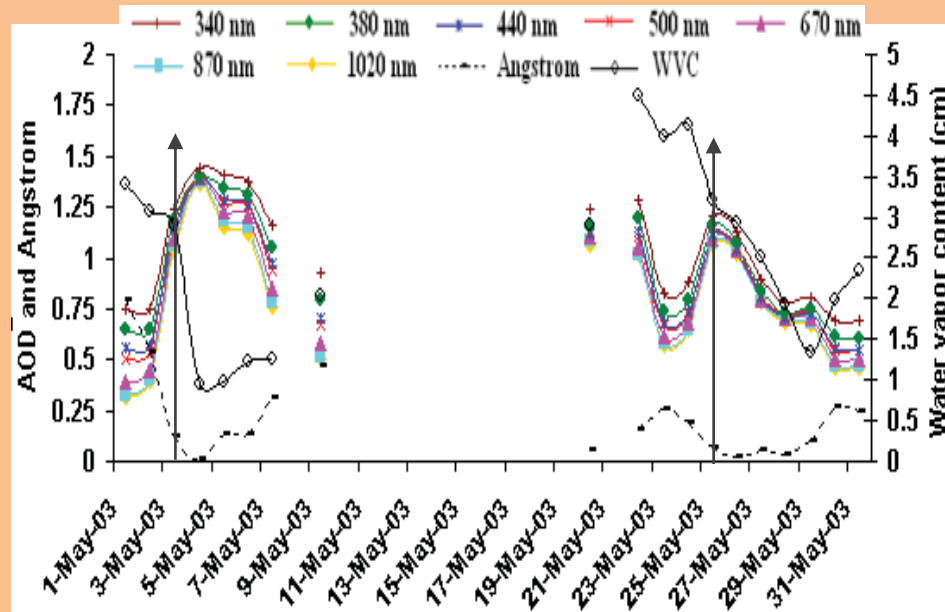
- Aerosol index (AI) data taken from TOMS shows maximum value due to the dust outbreak in the IG basin in June 2003.
- Ground based *Respiratory Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM)* data shows significant increase of particulate matter concentration in atmosphere, thus confirming the presence of dust particles.



Dust storms (May 7-8-9, 2005)



Remote Sensing of Dust Storms





Delhi Dust storm May 14, 2008



Rain after Dust storm of May 14, 2008

Delhi: Rain throws normal life out of gear



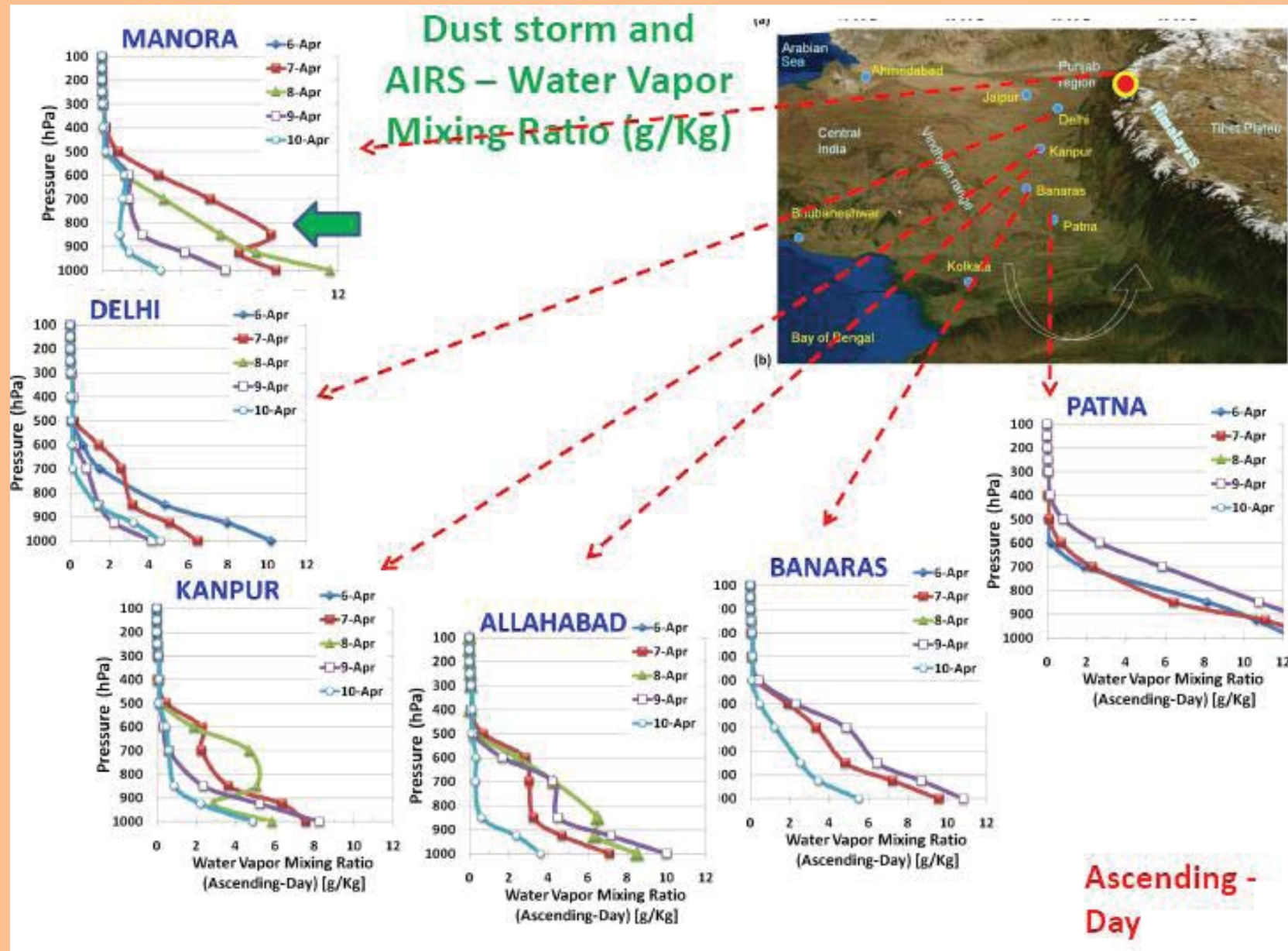
Press Trust of [India](#)

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 (New Delhi)

Heavy dust storm followed by torrential rains lashed the Capital on Wednesday, throwing normal life out of gear.

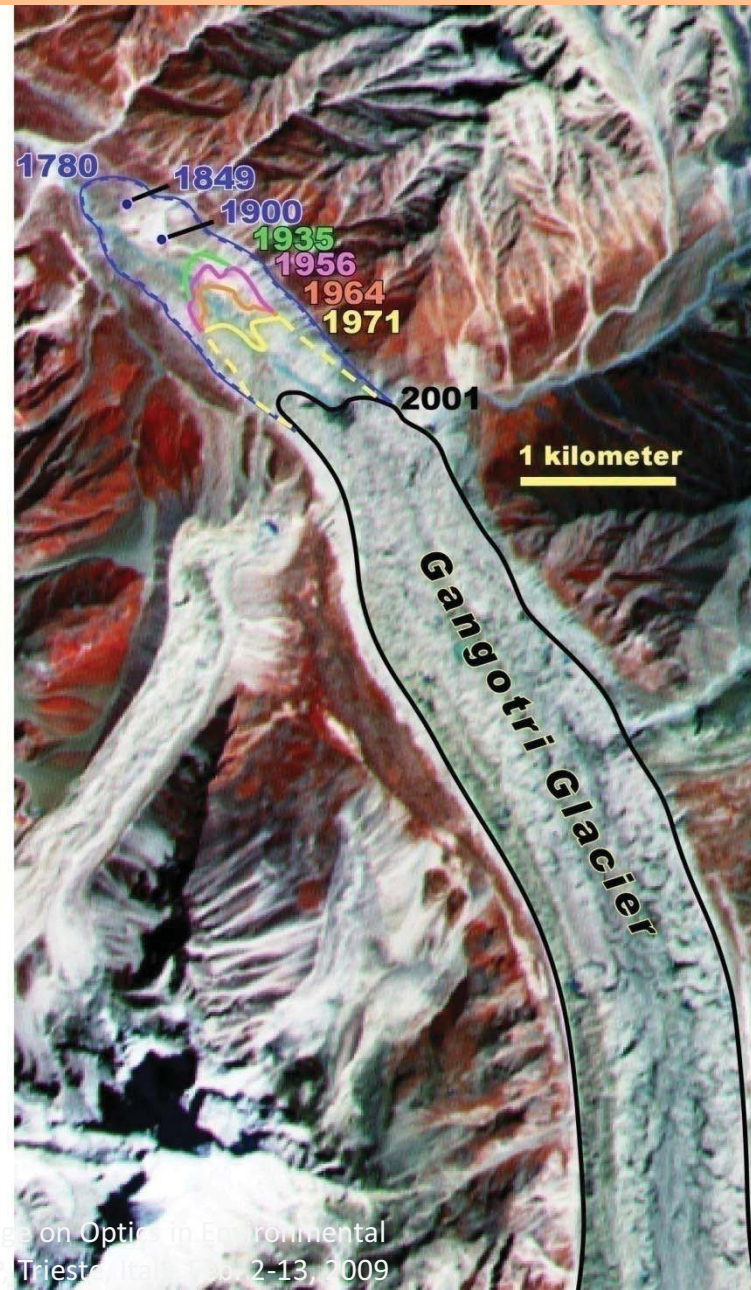
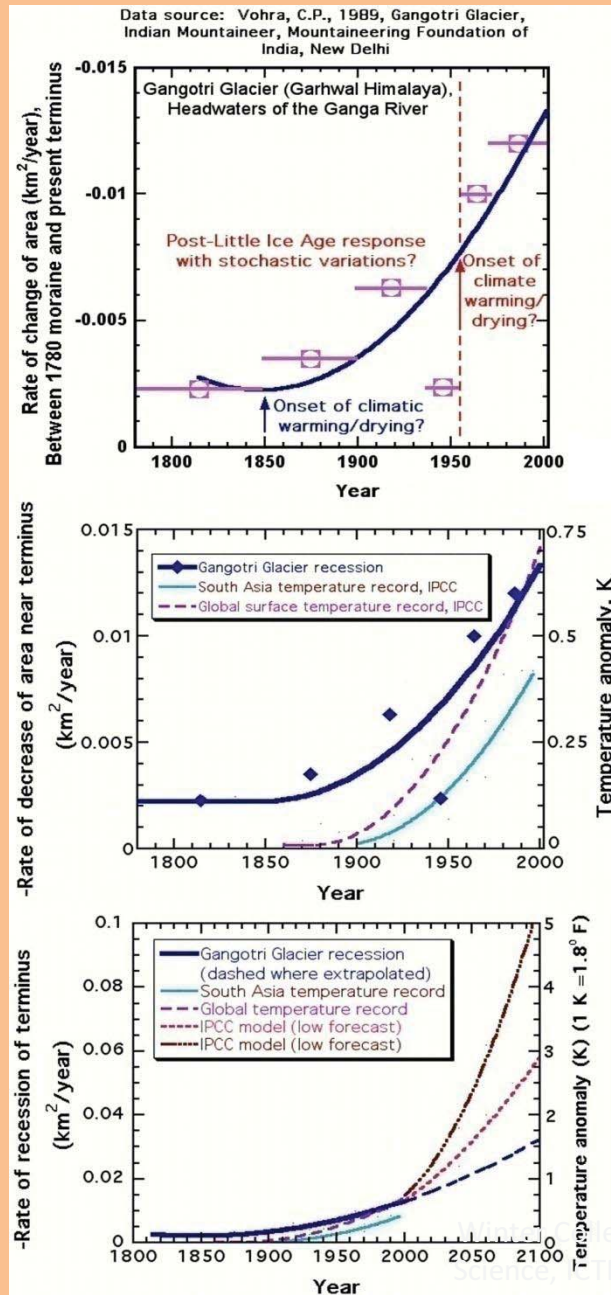
Office-goers had a tough time reaching their destination as heavy rains lashed the city from around 9 am.

There were also reports of trees being uprooted in many parts of the city.



Snow Mapping and Monitoring of Snow Environment

Gangotri Glacier, Garwhal Himalaya (India)



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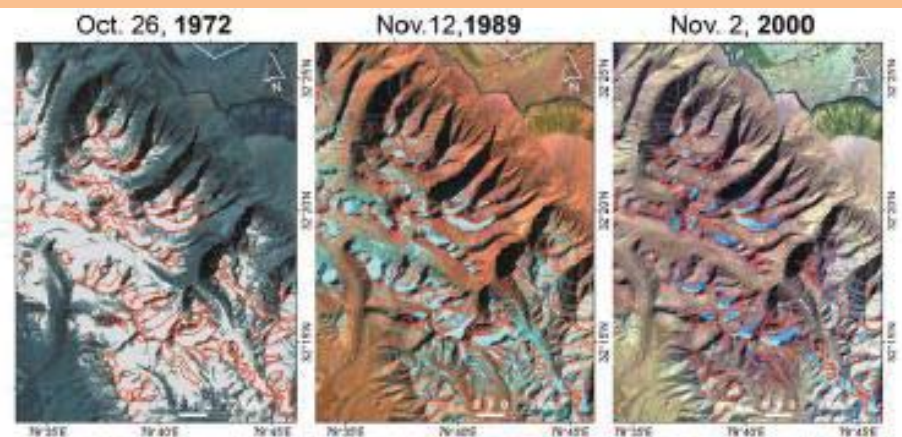


Fig. 1. Change in the snow and glacier cover in the western Himalayan region as shown in Landsat multispectral scanner (1972), thematic mapper (1989), and Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus (2000) images. Areas outlined in red indicate information from the GLIMS database.

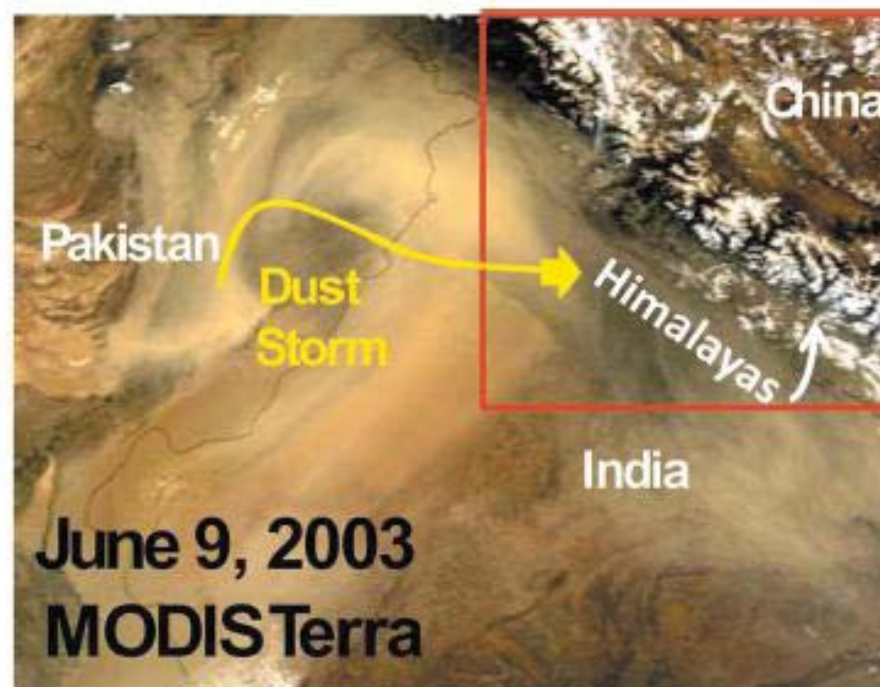
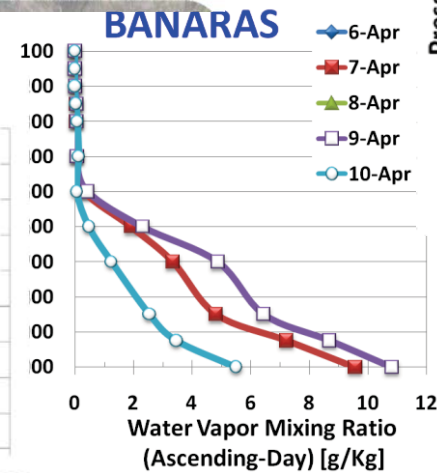
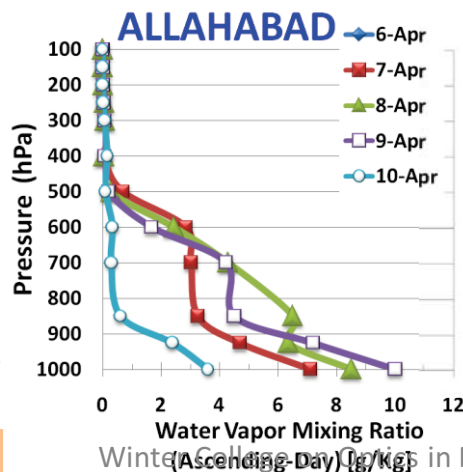
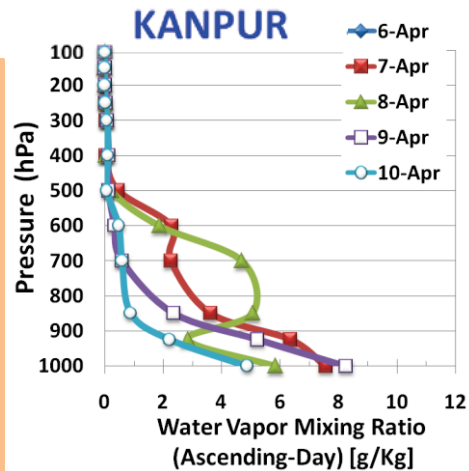
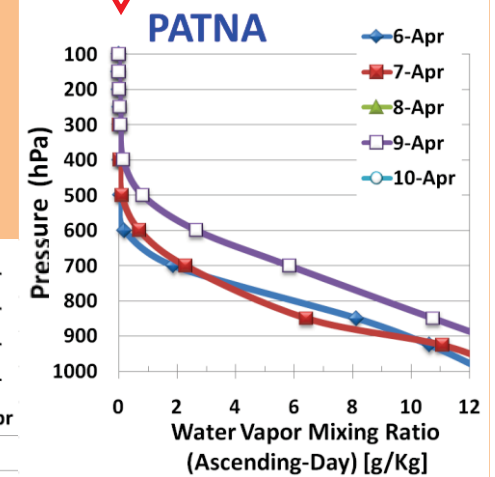
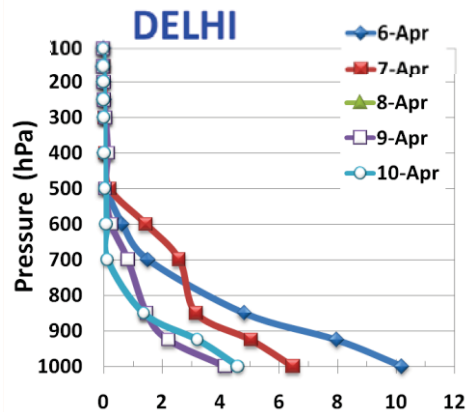
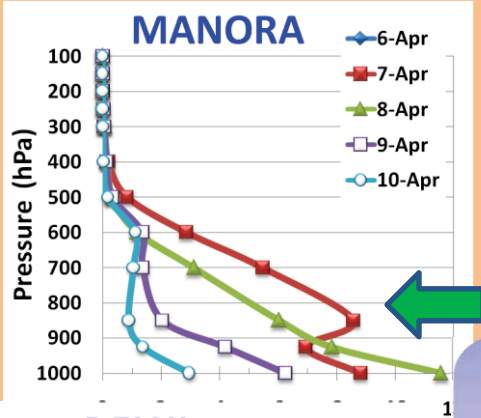
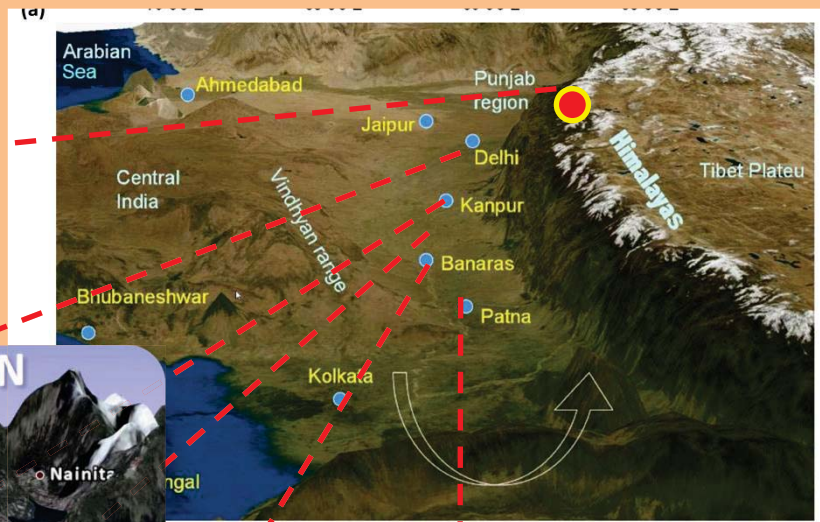


Fig. 2. Dust storms reach up to snow and glacier of Himalayas (box outlined in red) as visible in this 9 June 2003 MODIS Terra image obtained from the MODIS Web site (<http://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/>).

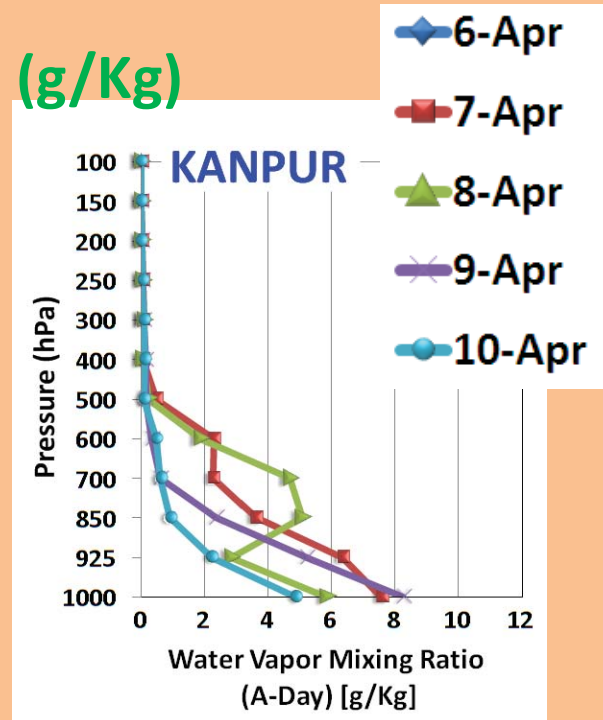
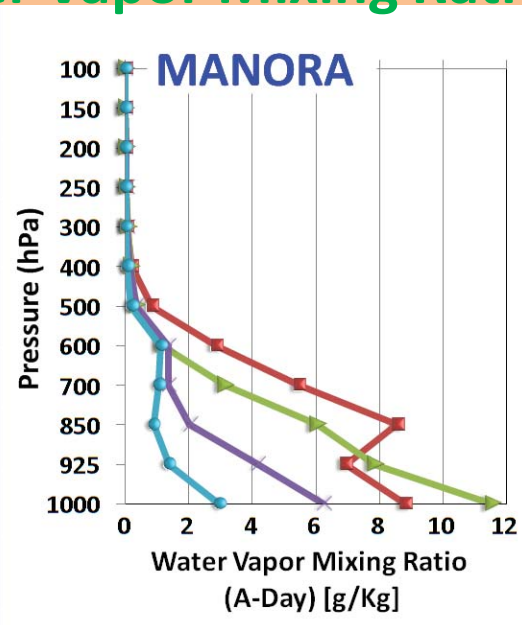
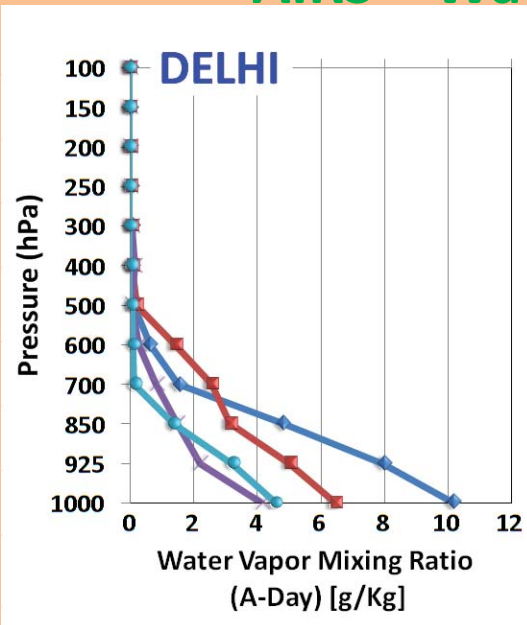
Dust storm and AIRS – Water Vapor Mixing Ratio (g/Kg)



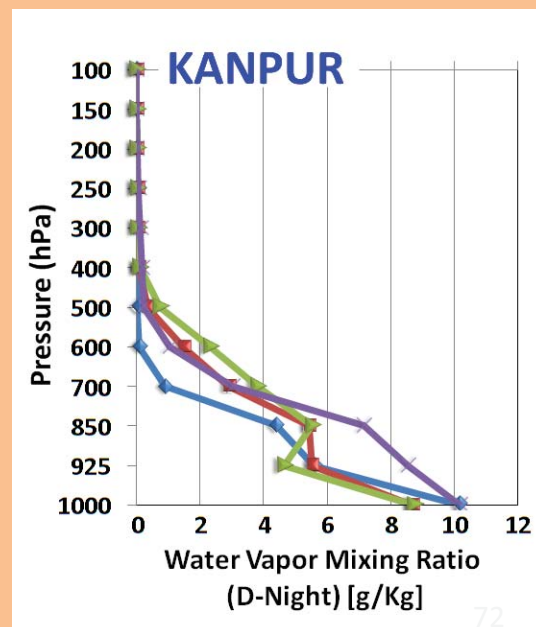
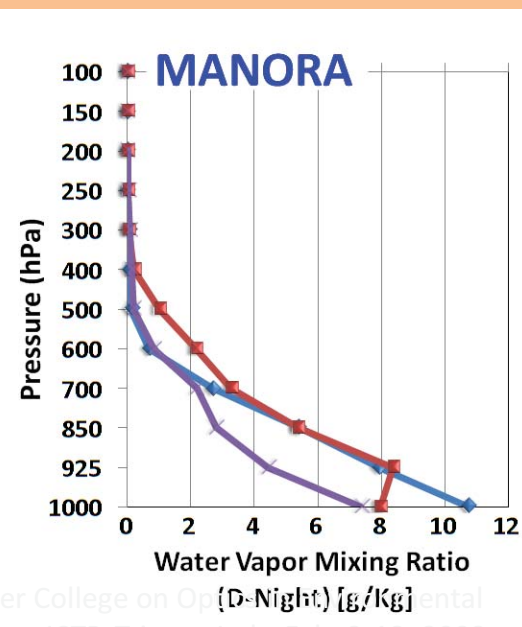
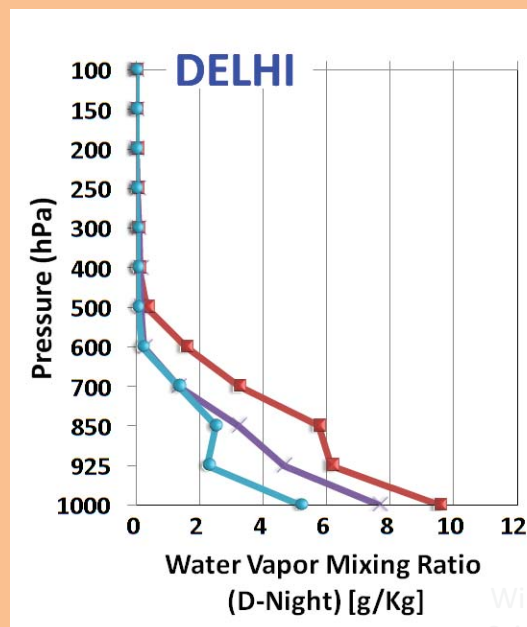
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AIRS – Water Vapor Mixing Ratio (g/Kg)

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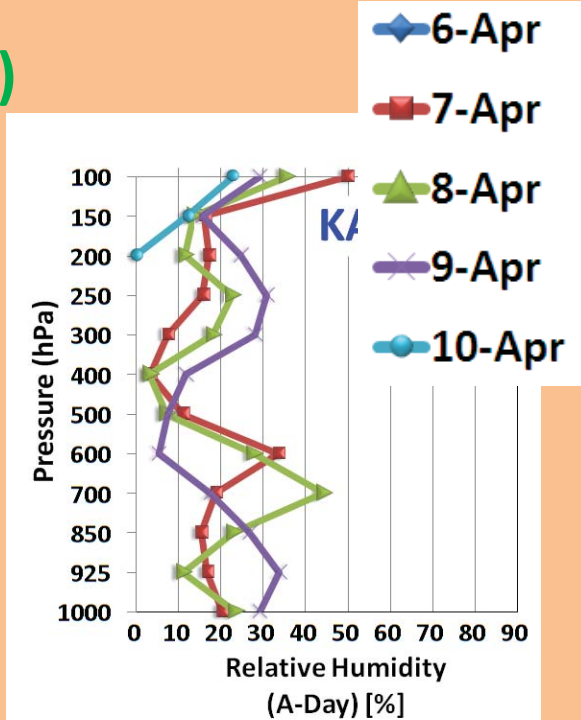
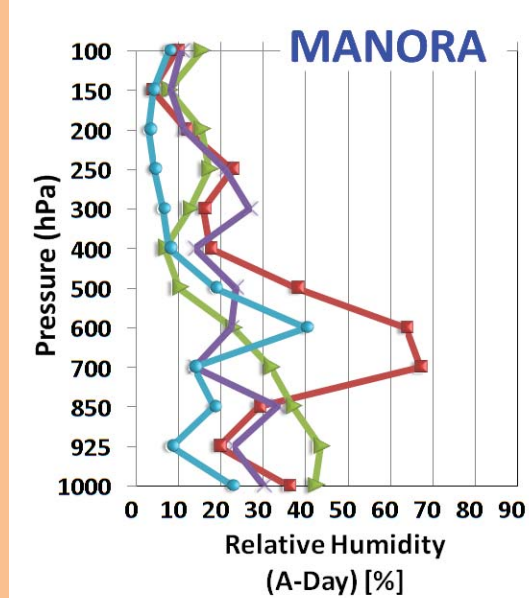
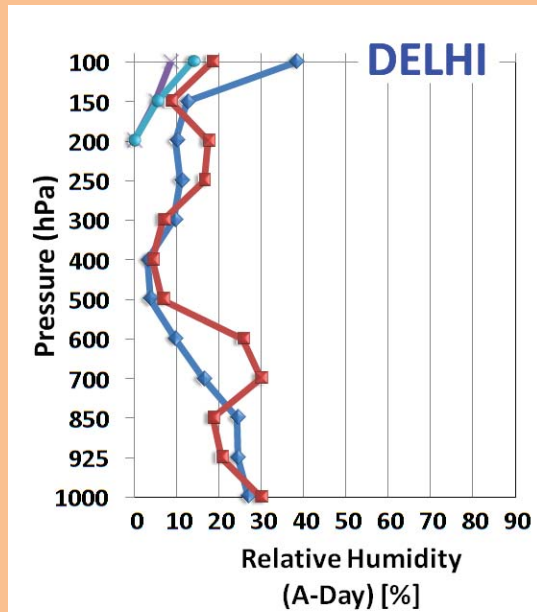


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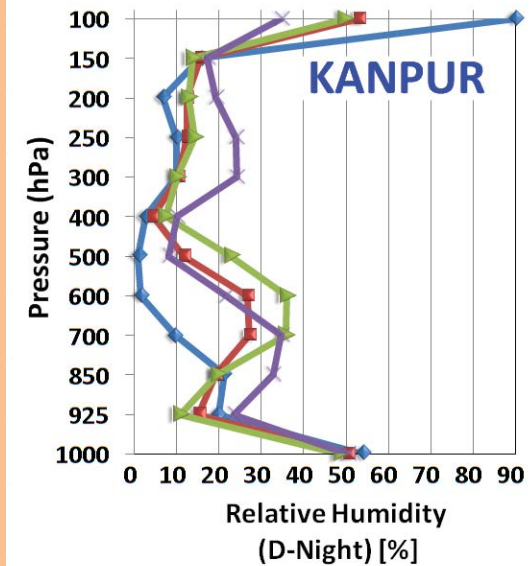
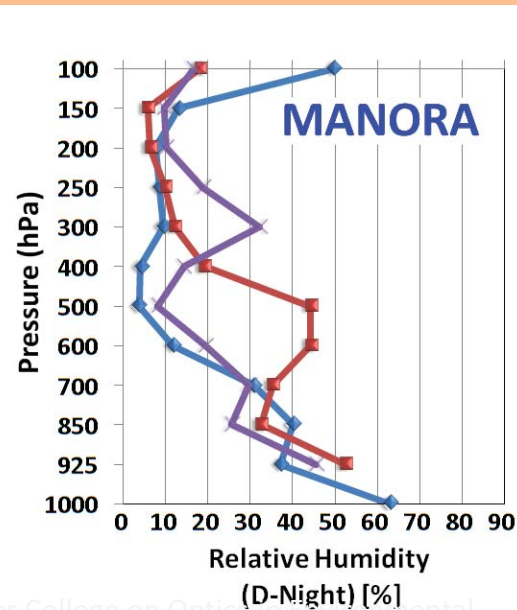
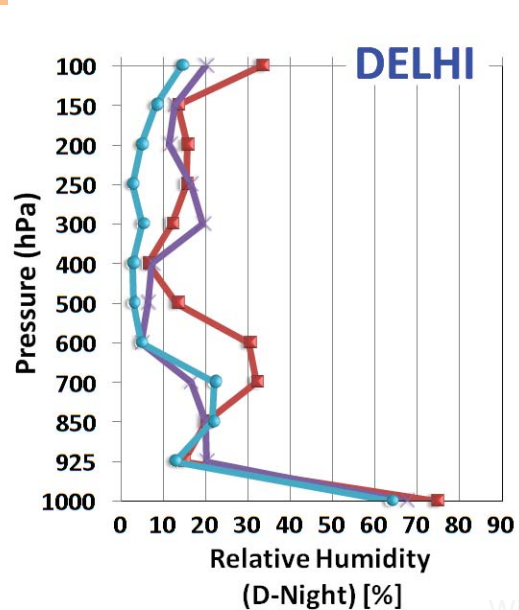


AIRS – Relative Humidity (%)

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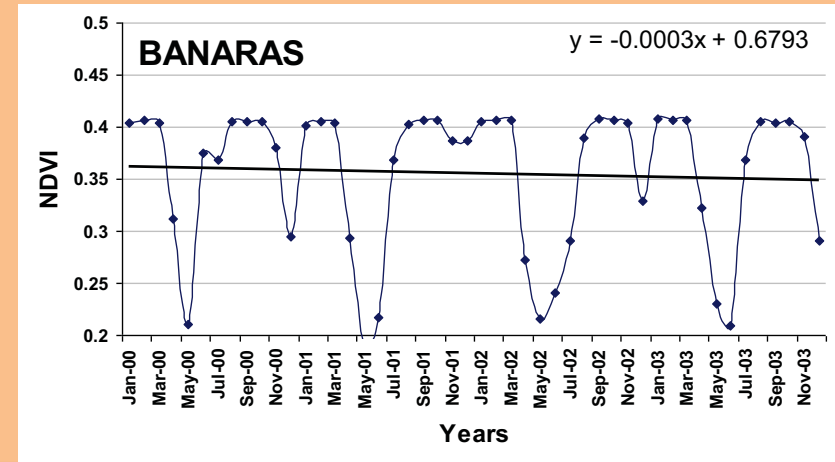
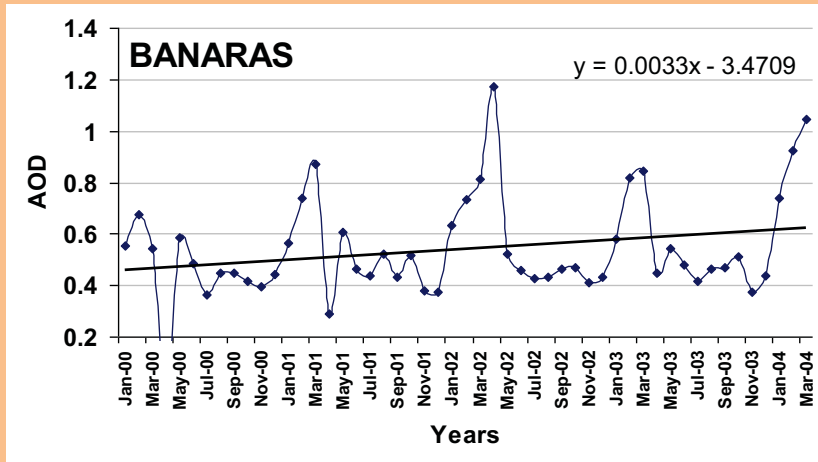
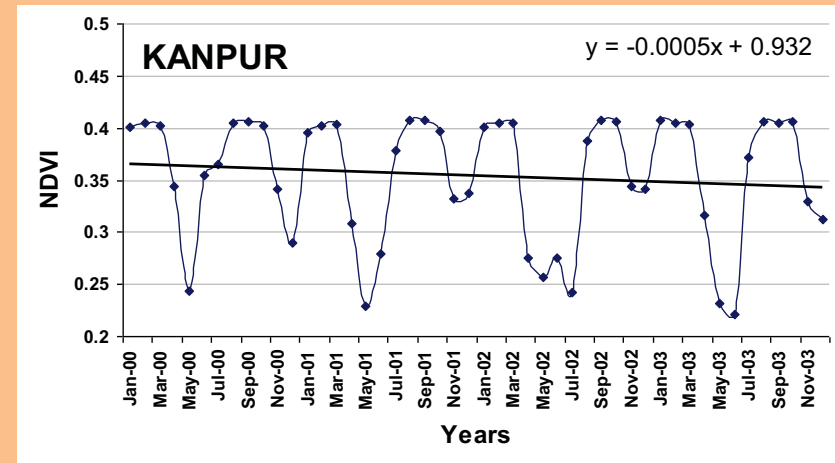
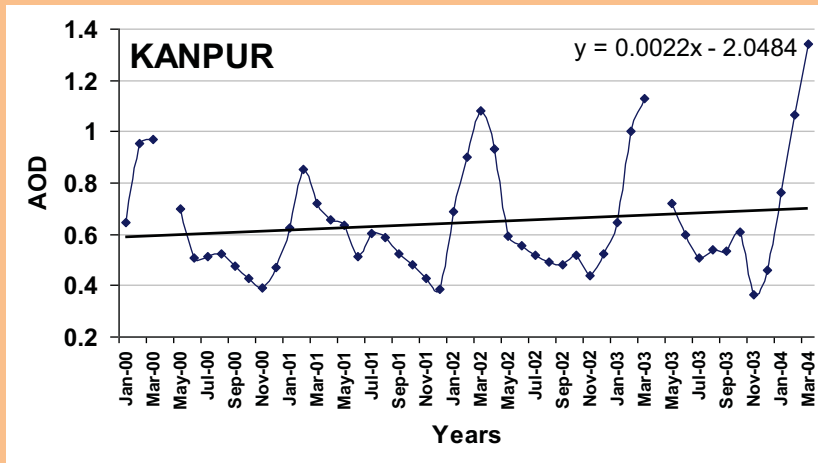


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Pollution and Vegetation

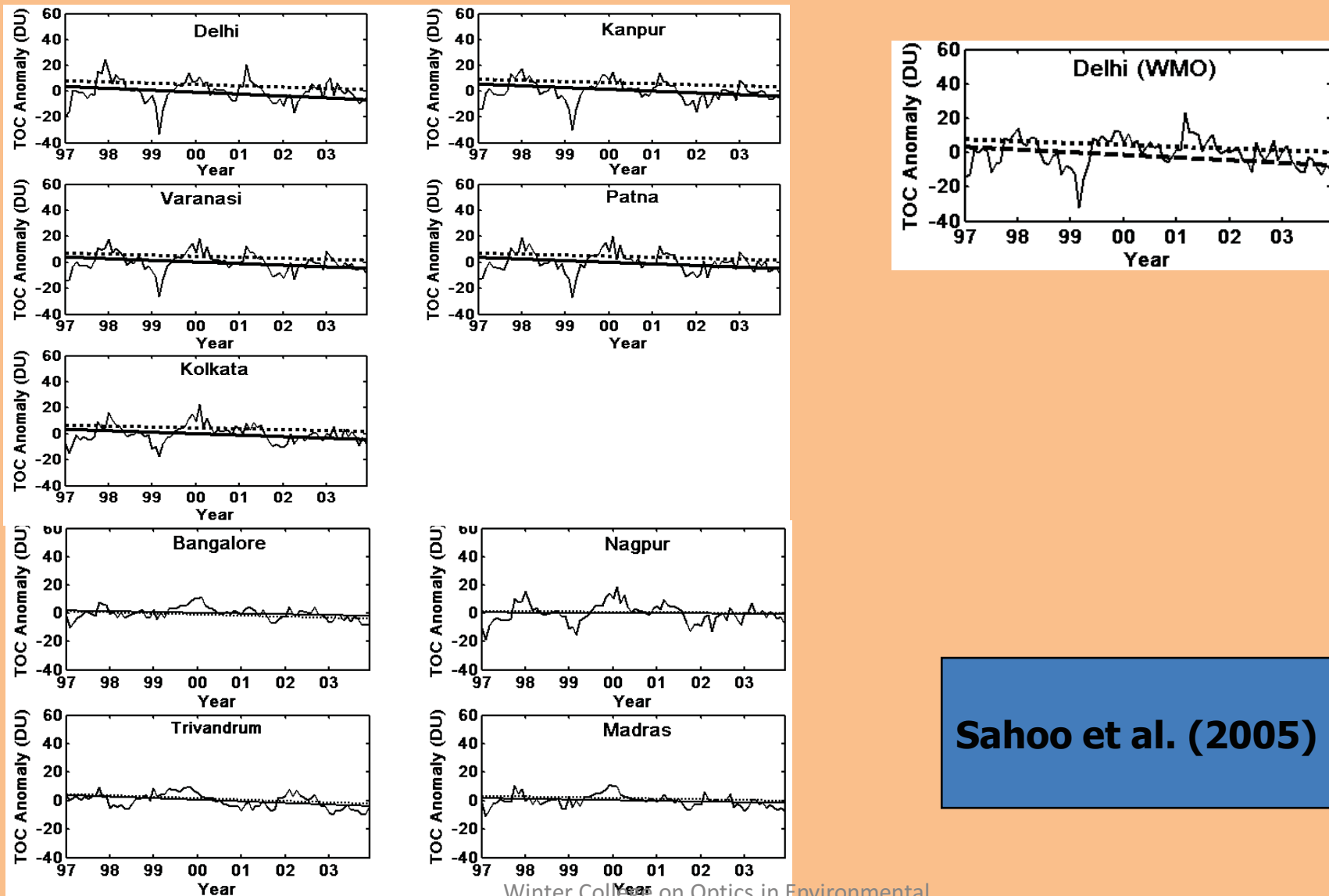
Effect of AOD on NDVI



- Percent decrease in NDVI is ~8% in Kanpur and ~5% in Banaras region (average of 100km²) corresponding to 16% and 32% increase in AOD over the same time period respectively.

Total Ozone Column

Large Difference between Projected (1979-1993) and Observed Trend (1997-2003)

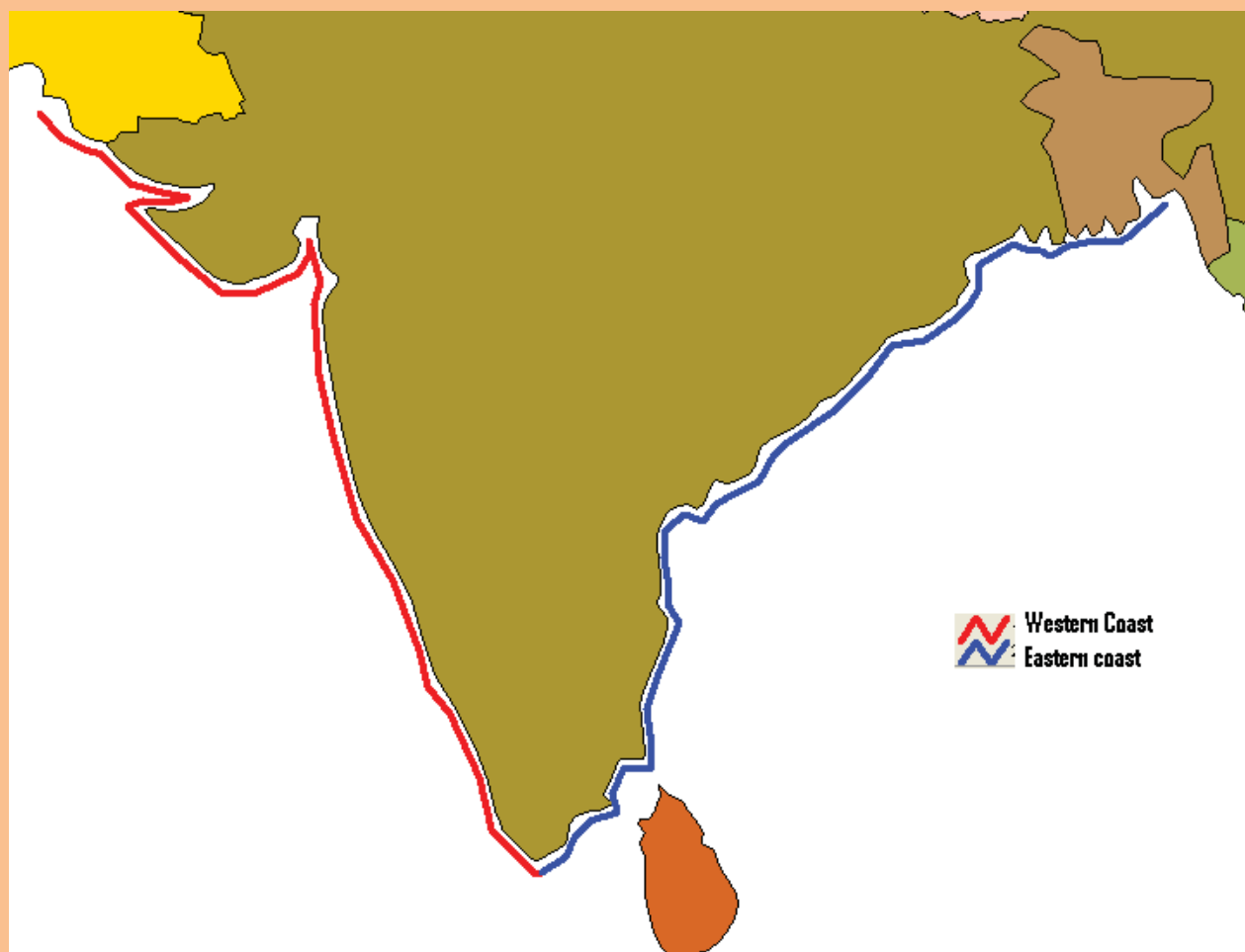


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Ozone depletion in the Ganga basin

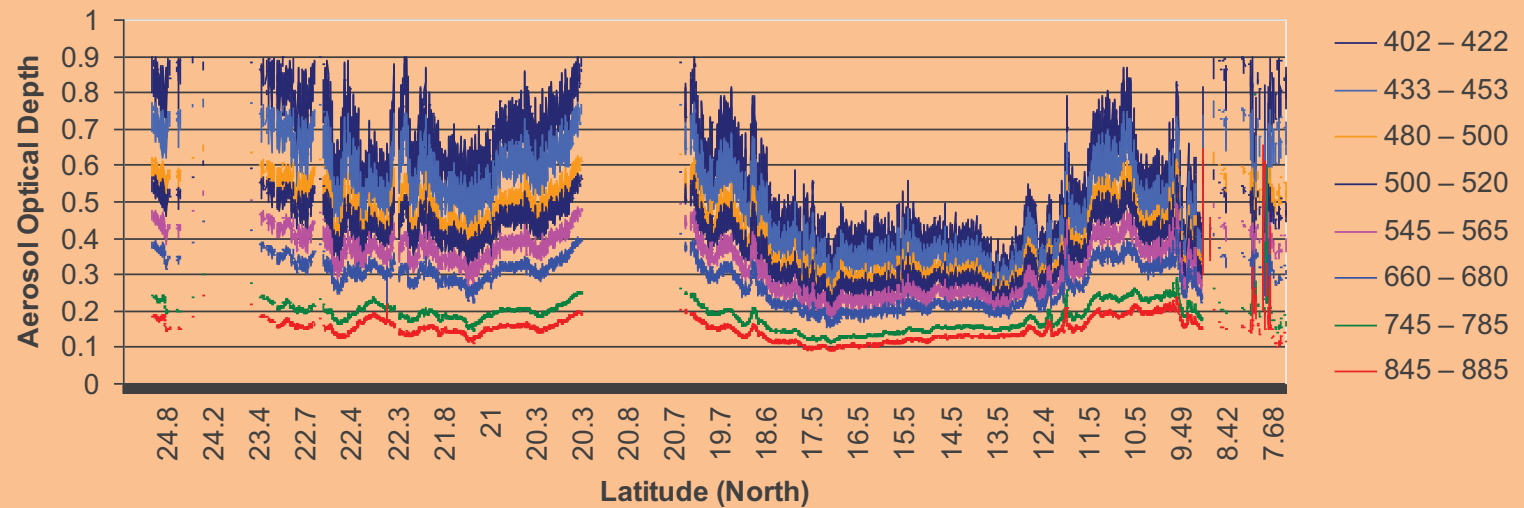


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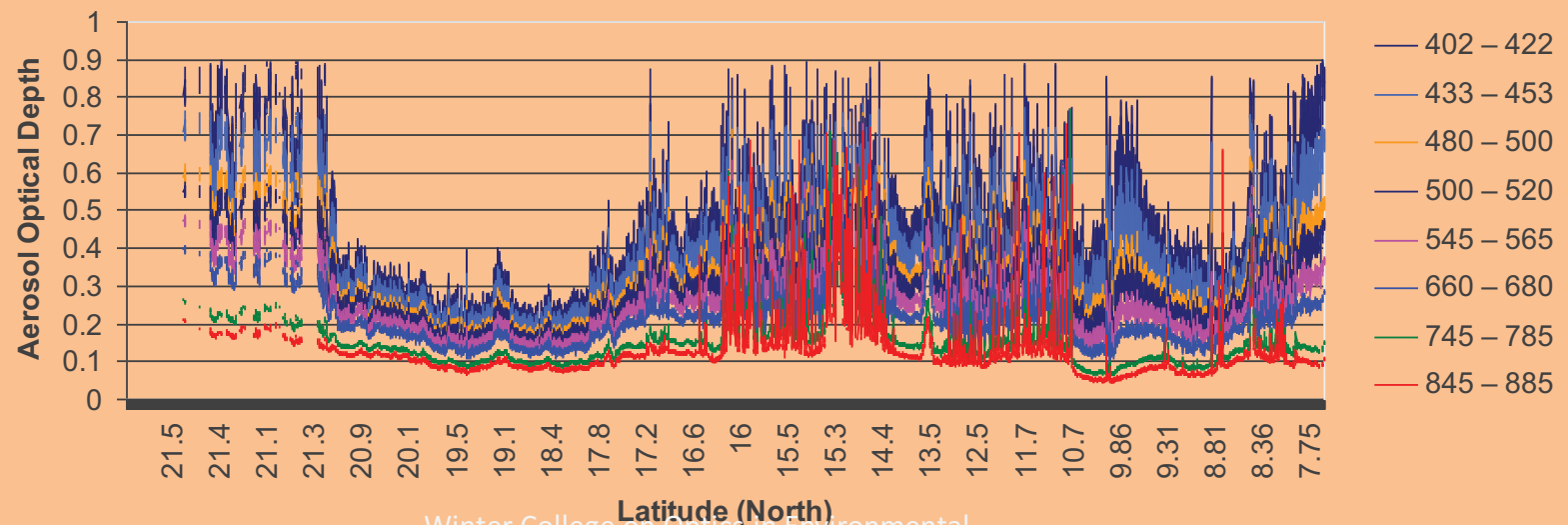
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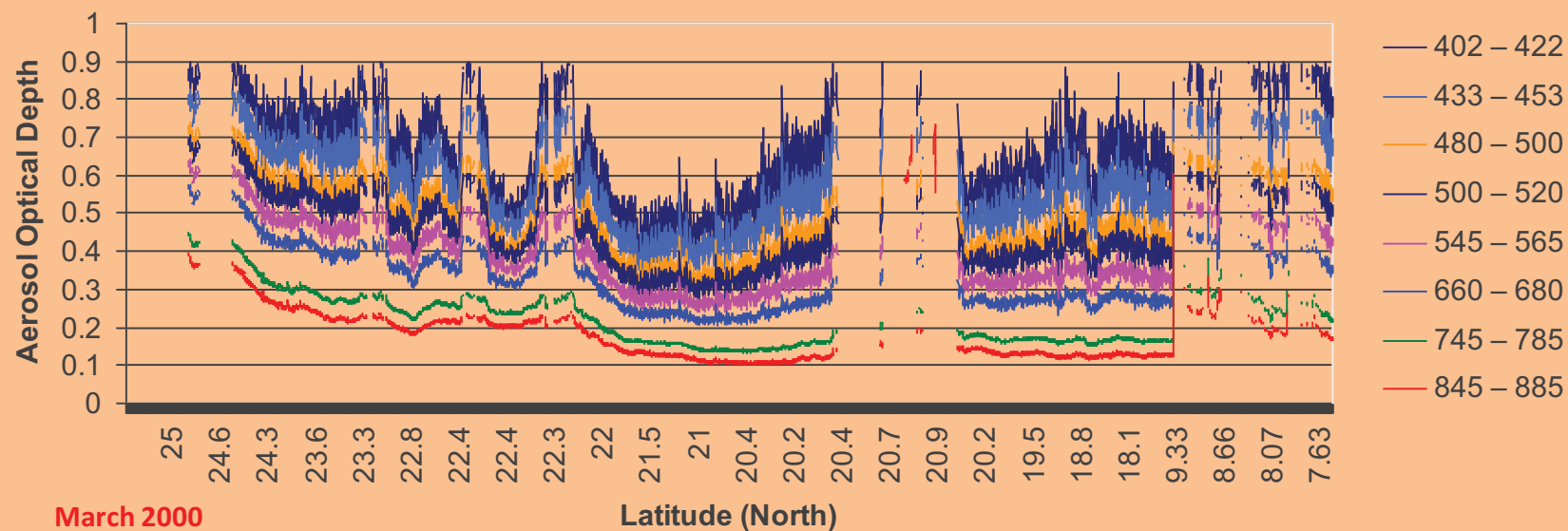


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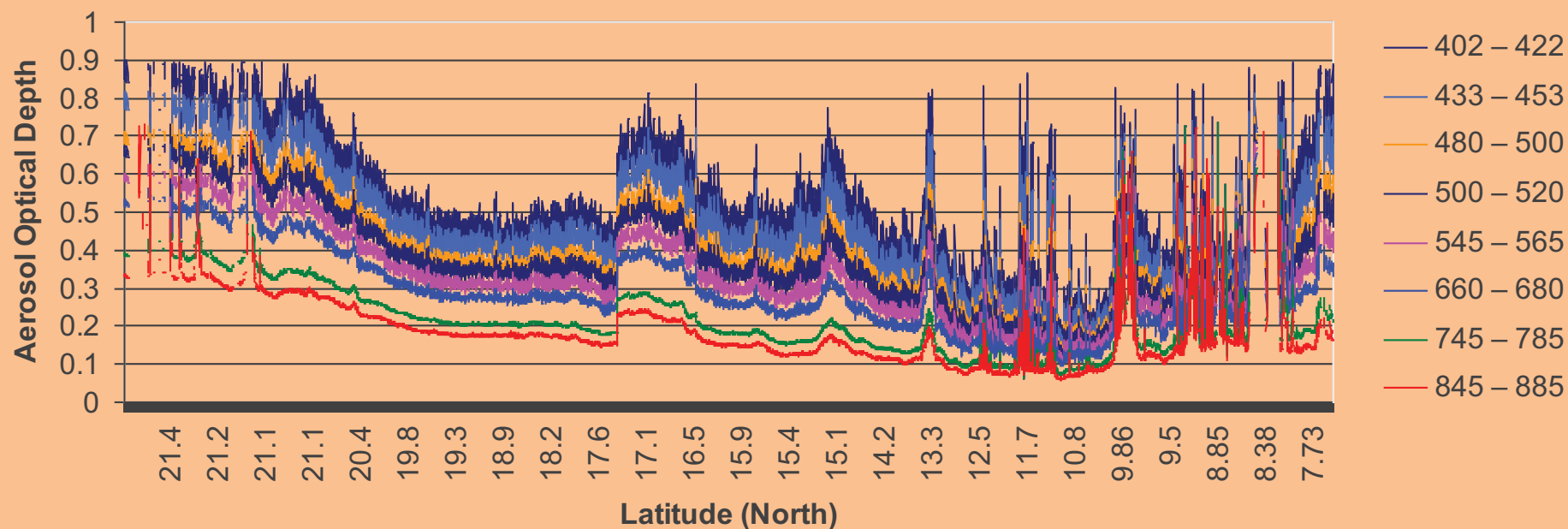
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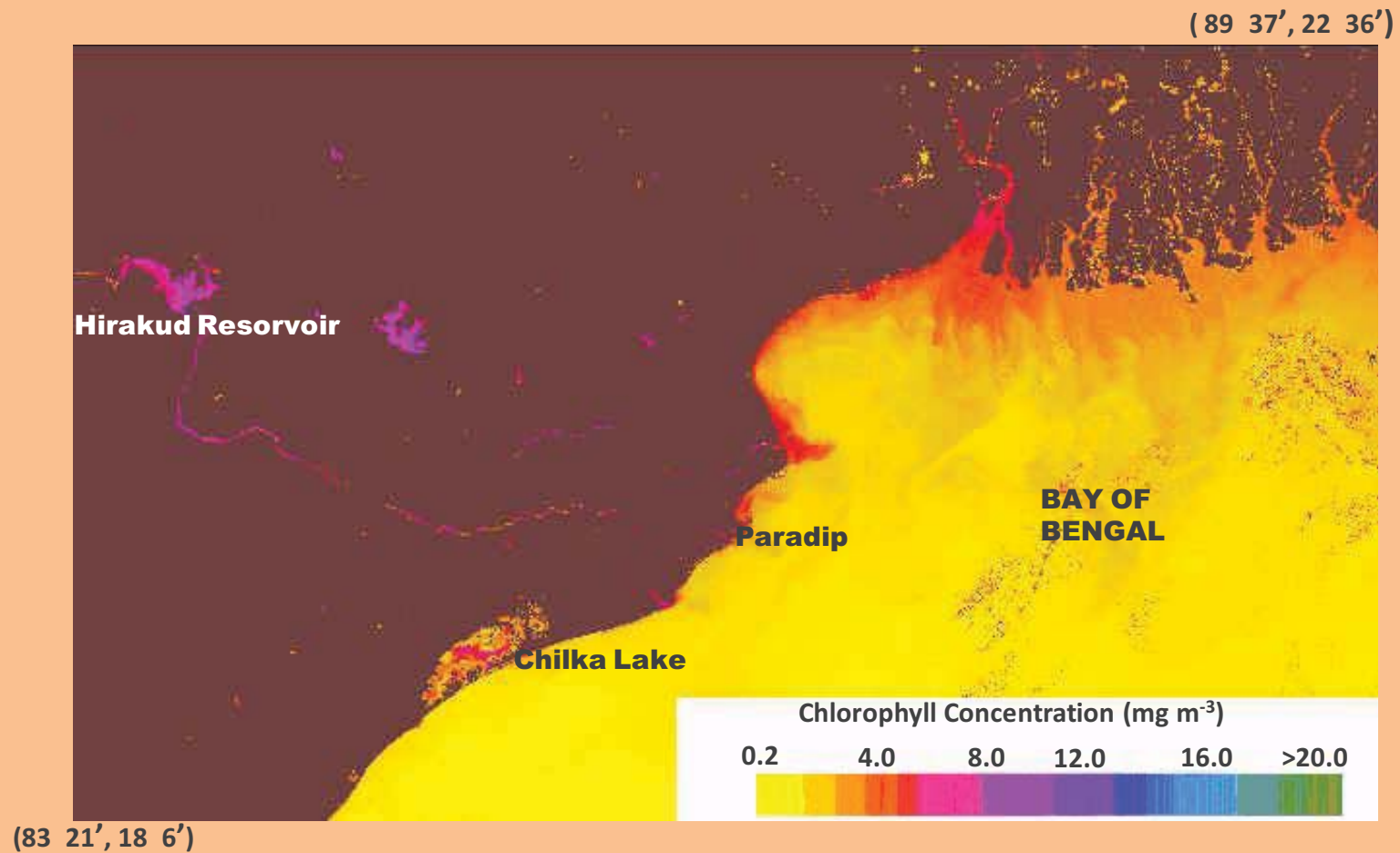
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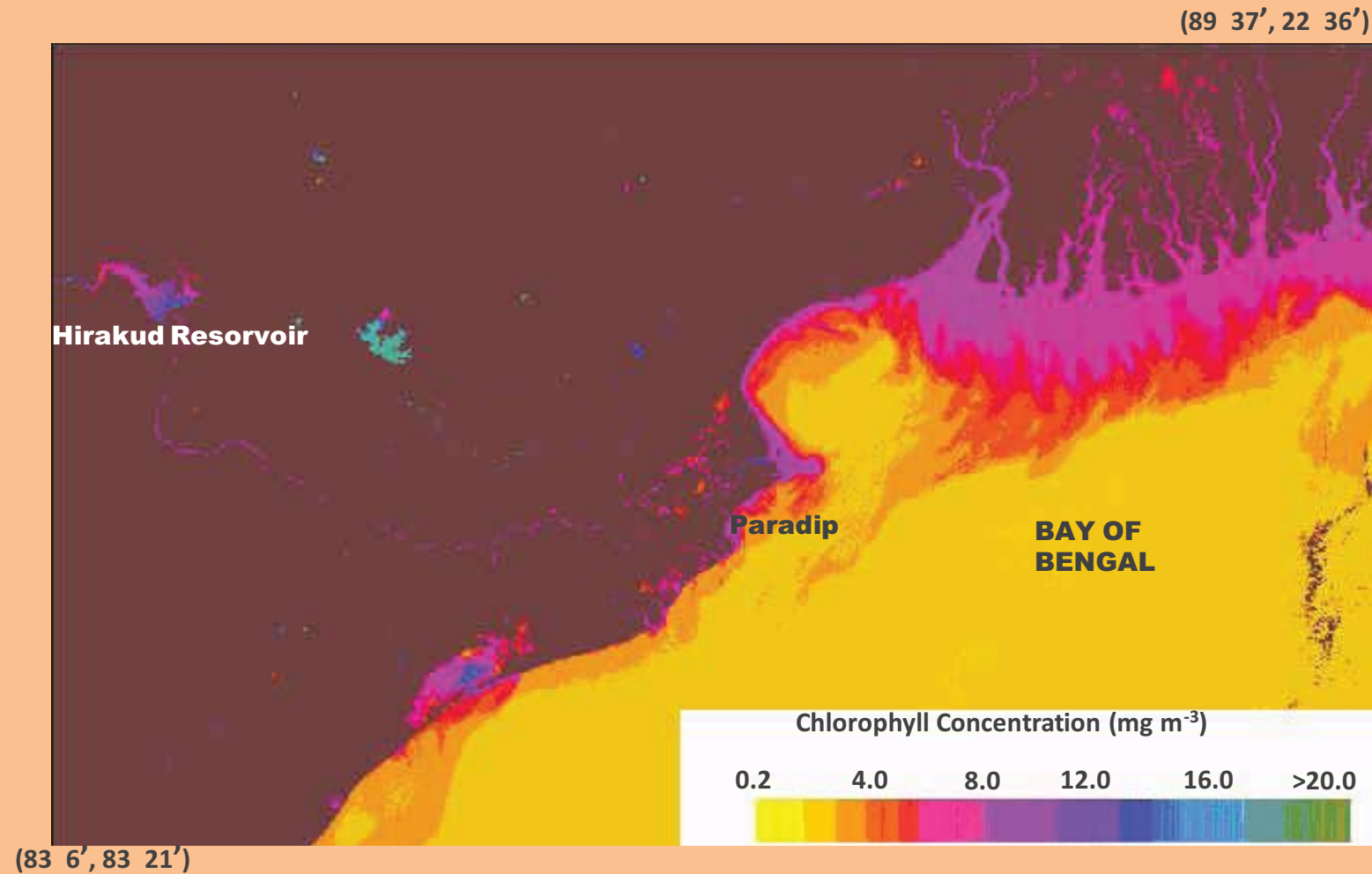
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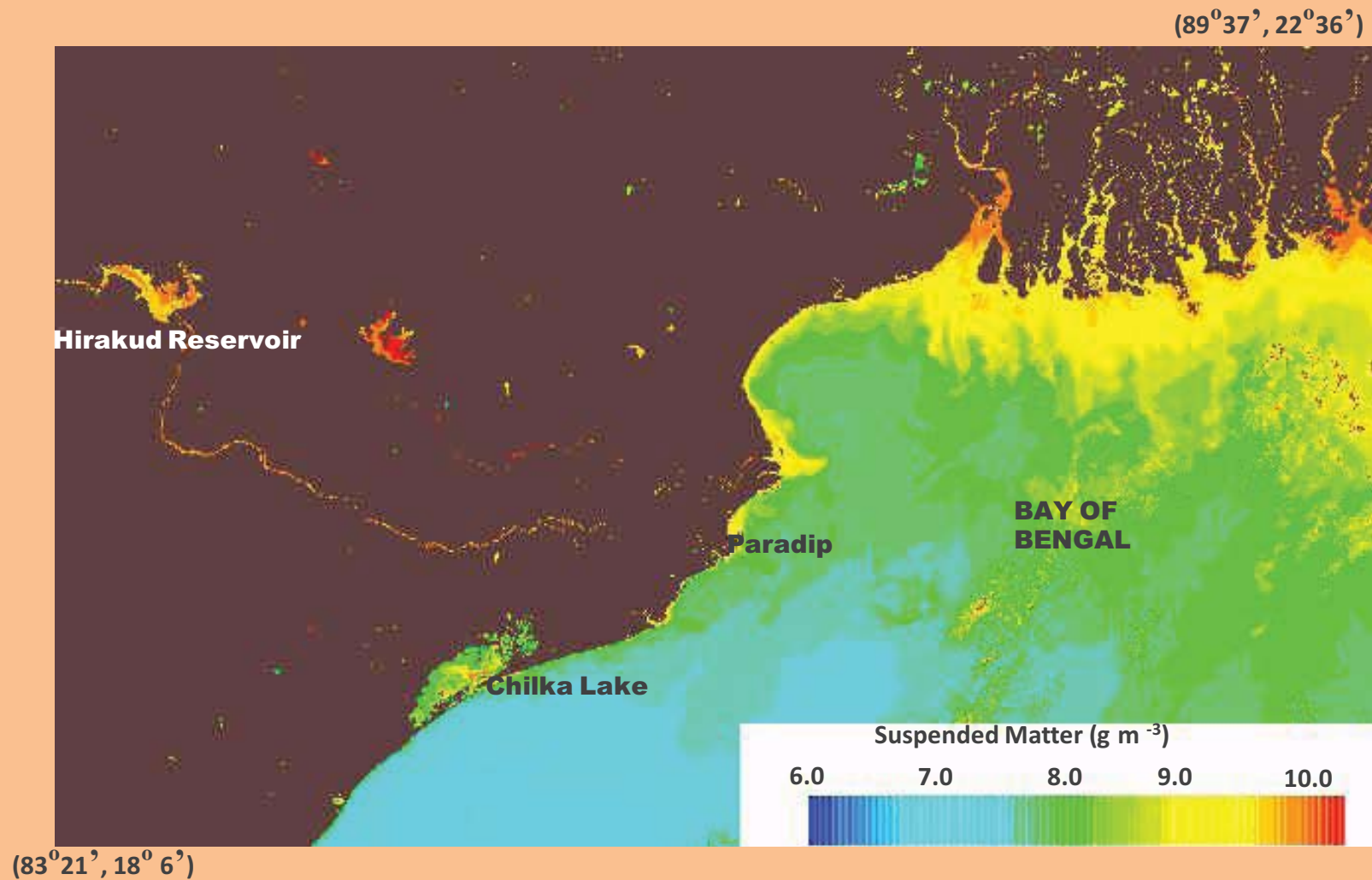
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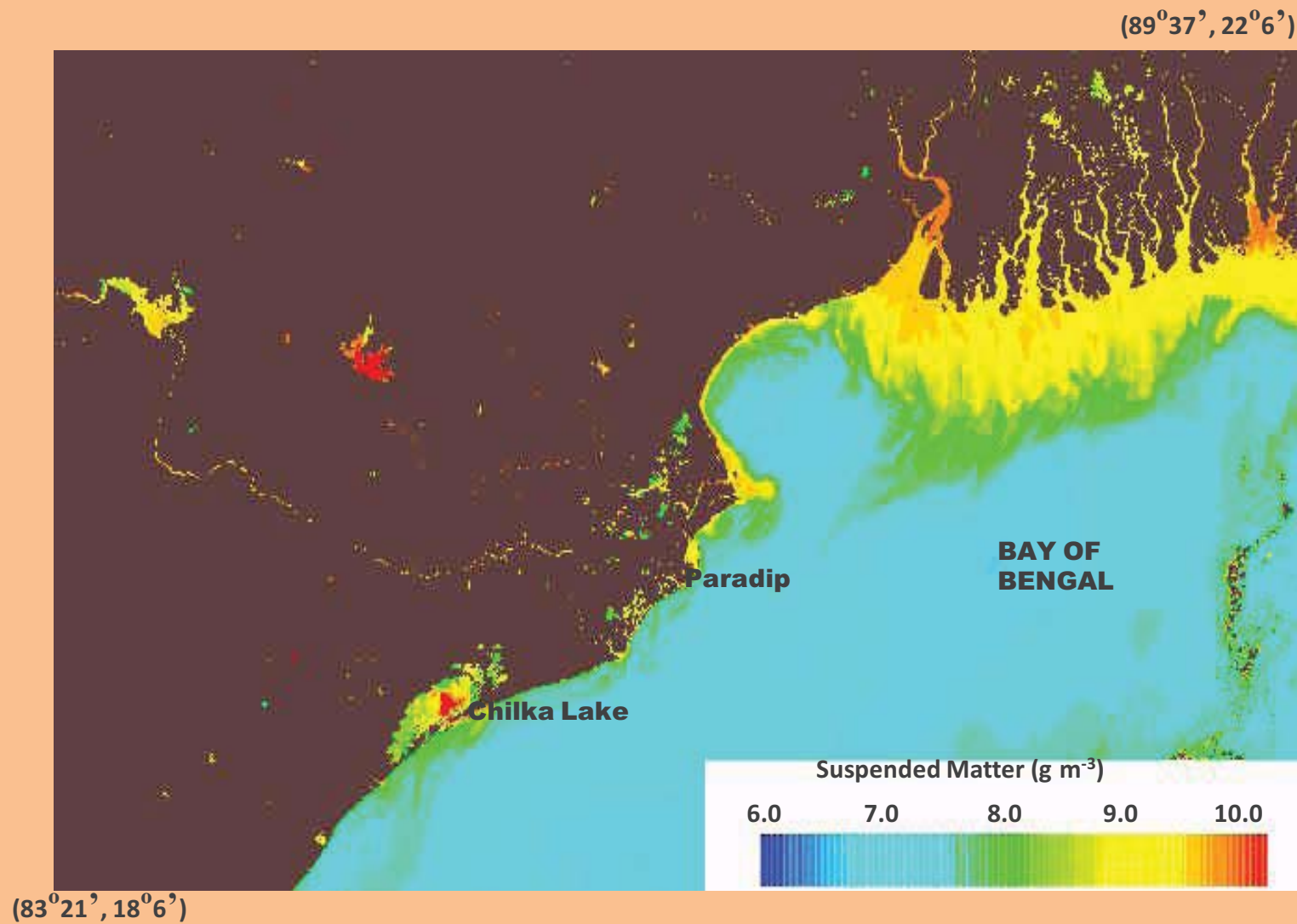
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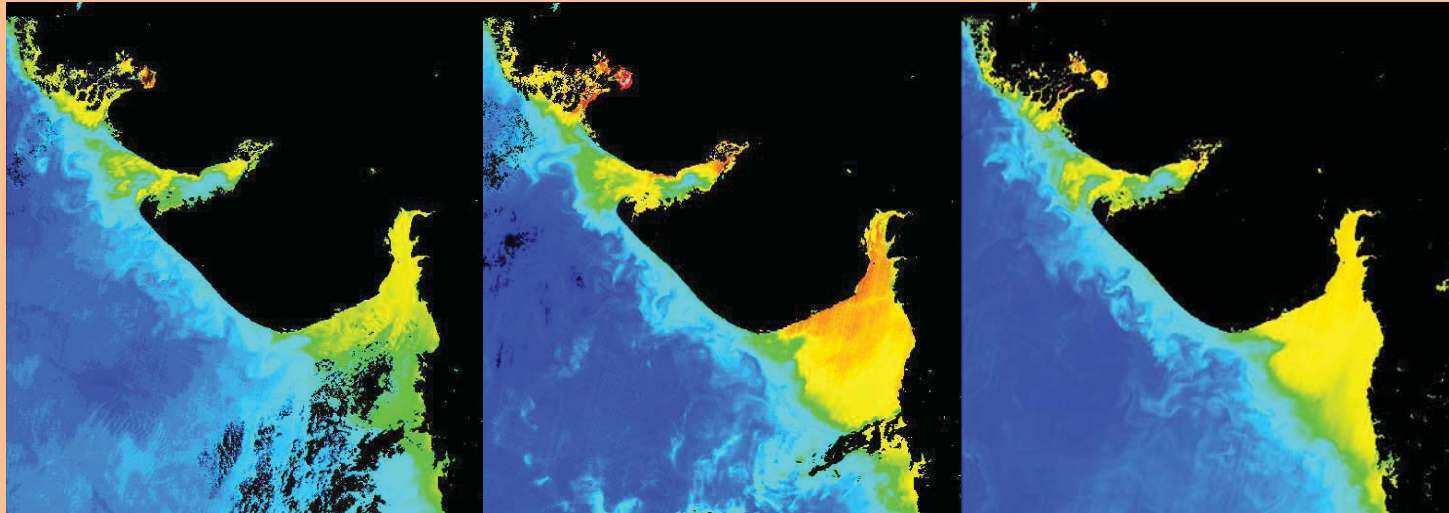
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Chlorophyll Concentration



(a) January 18, 2001

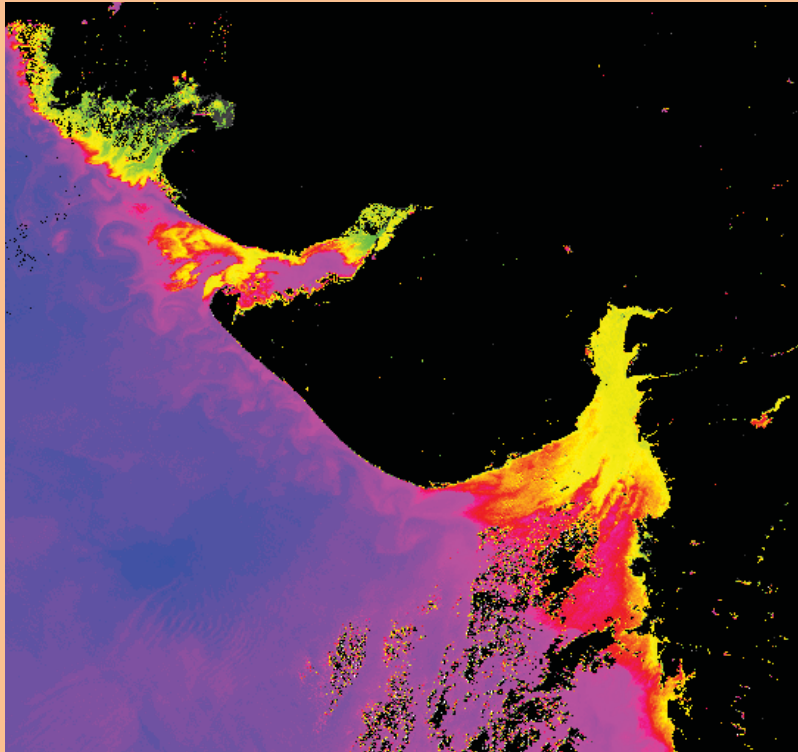
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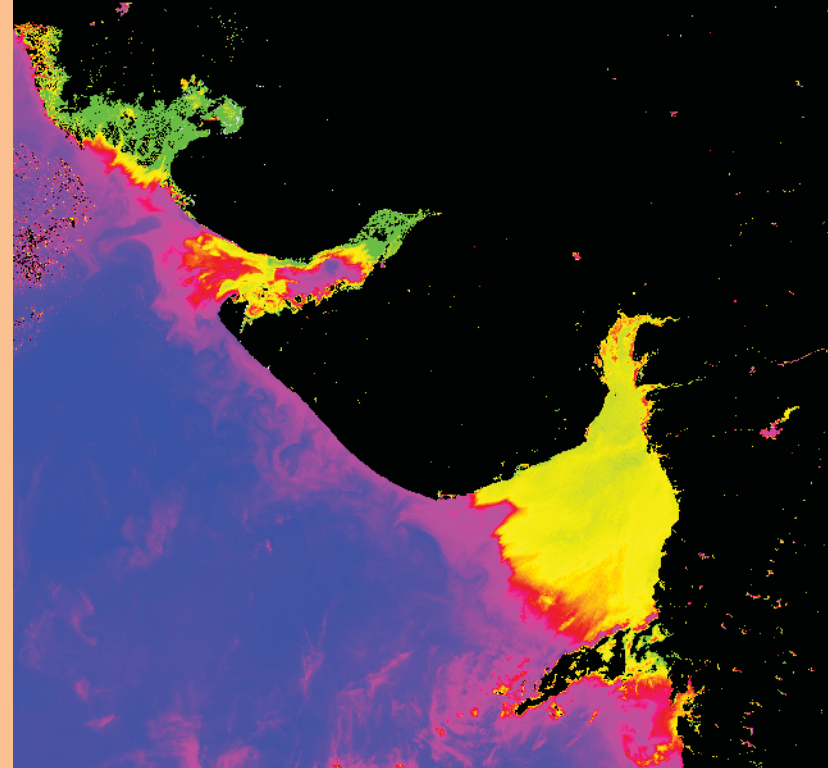


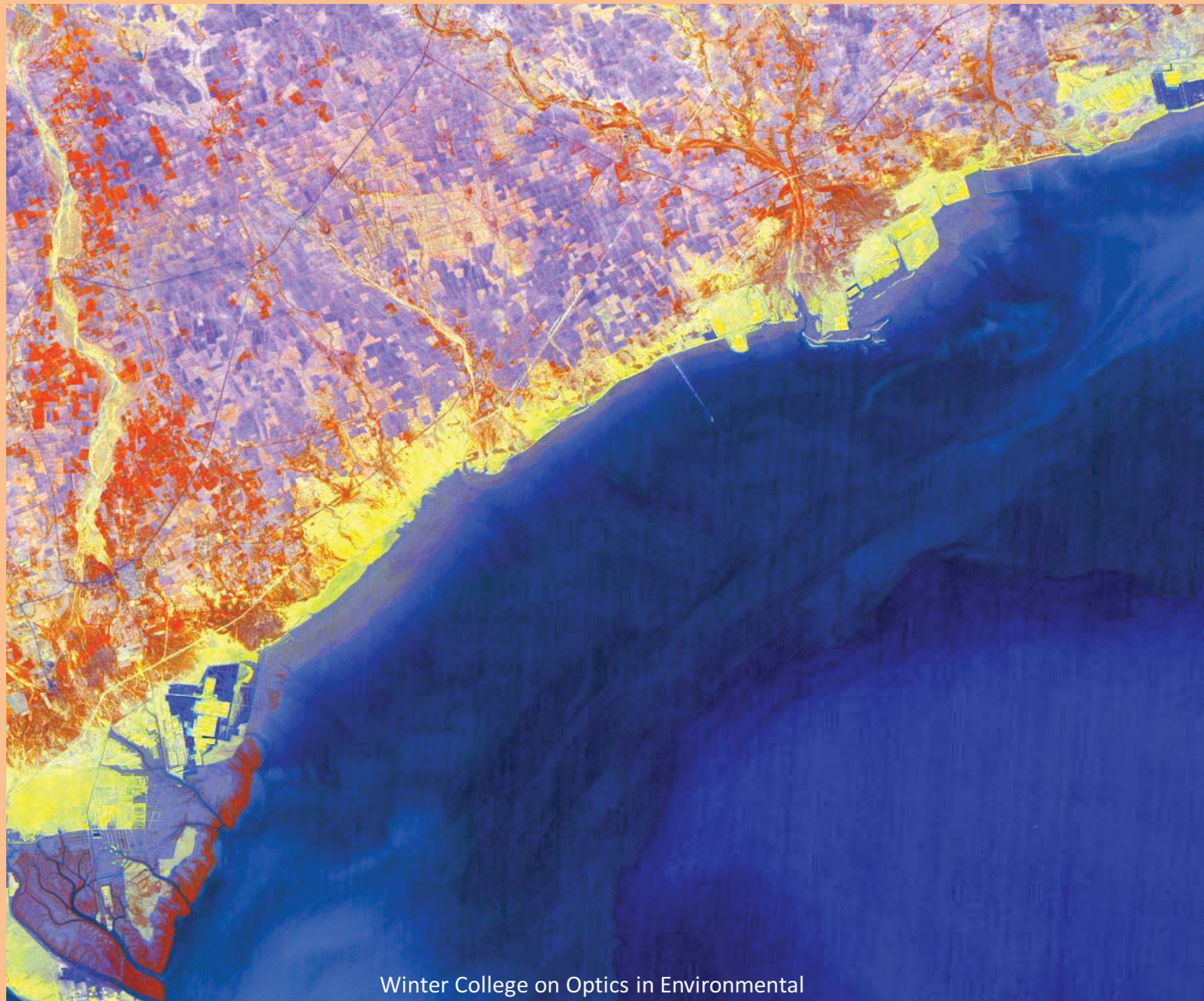
Suspended Solid Concentration

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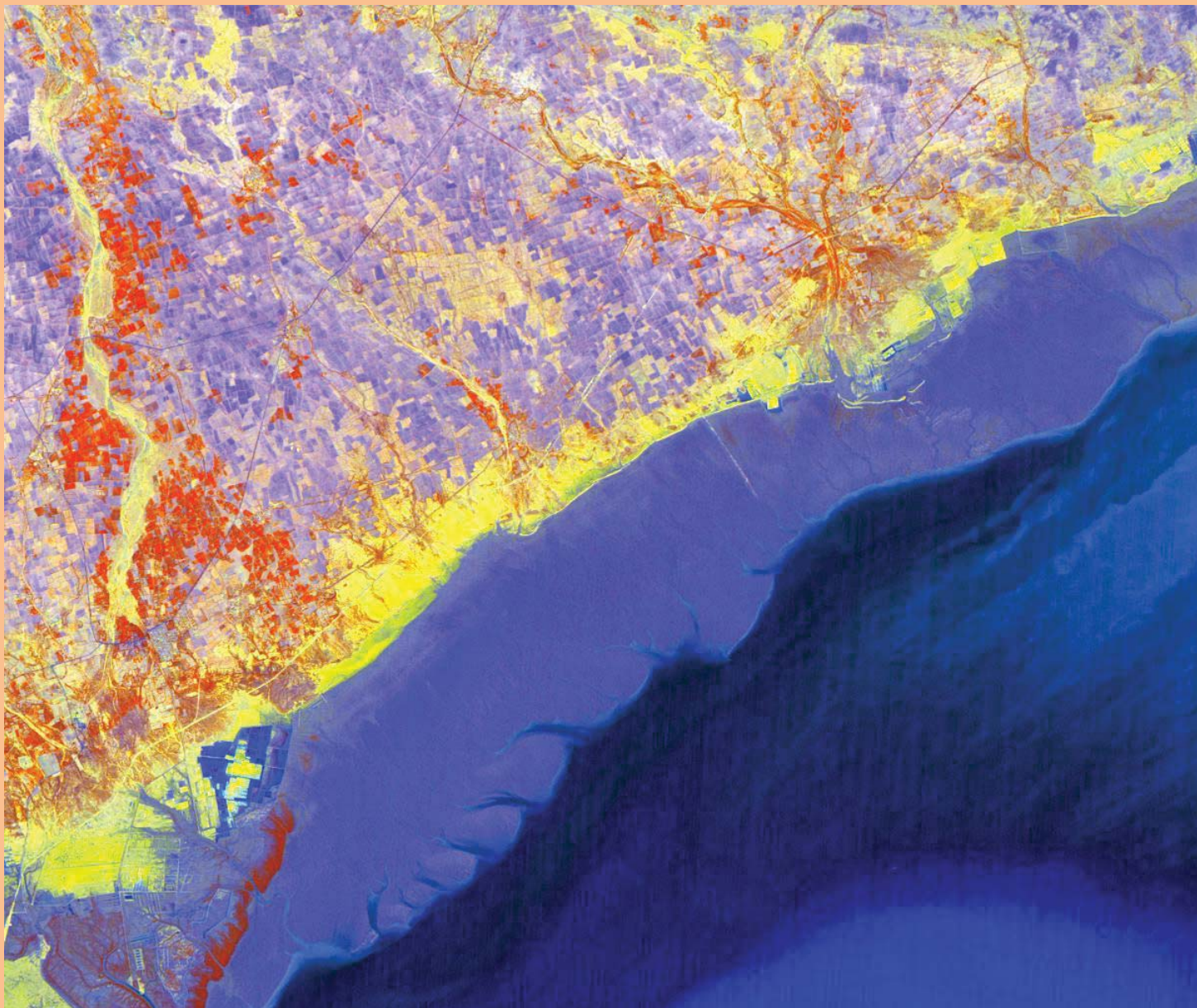


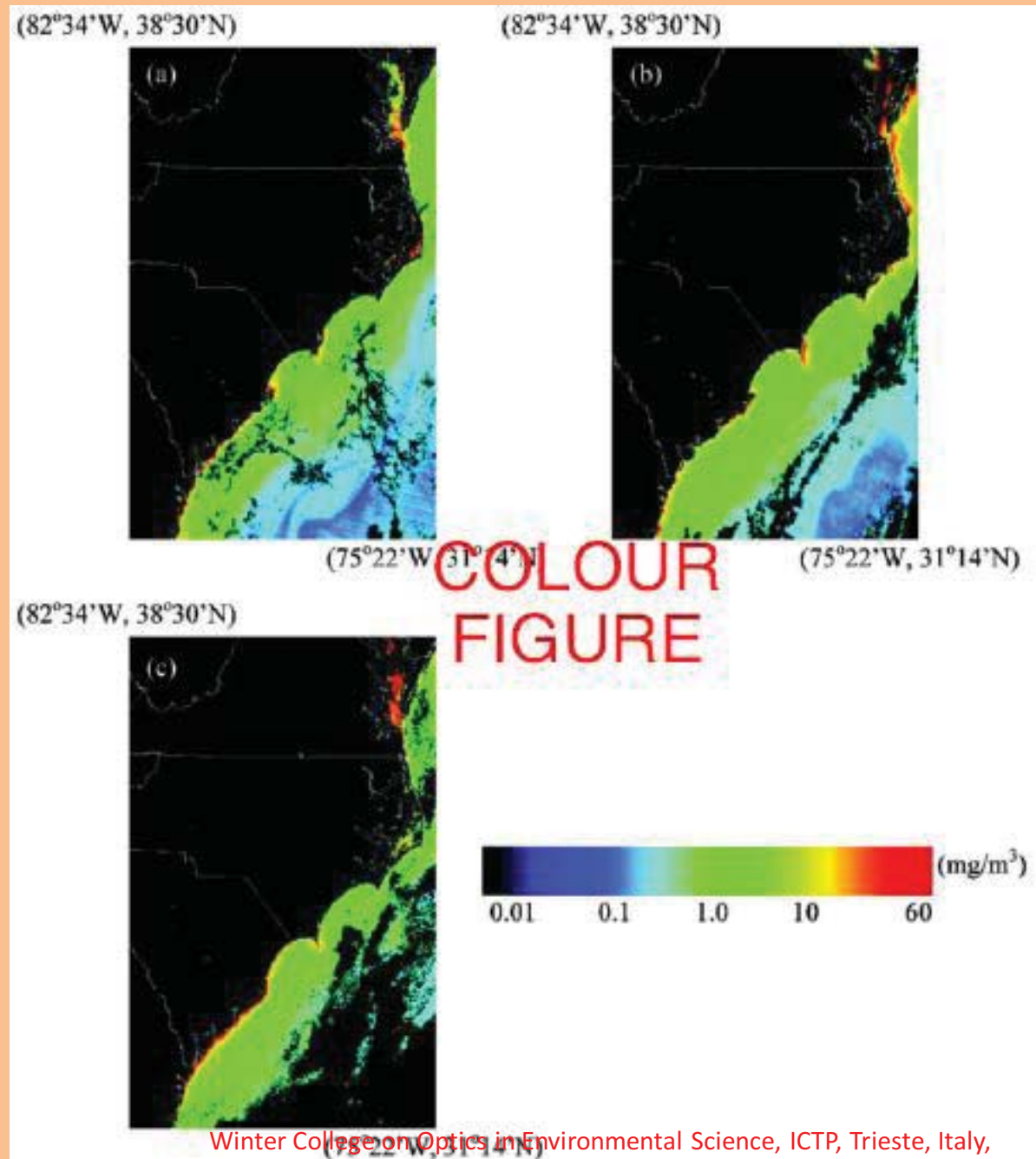
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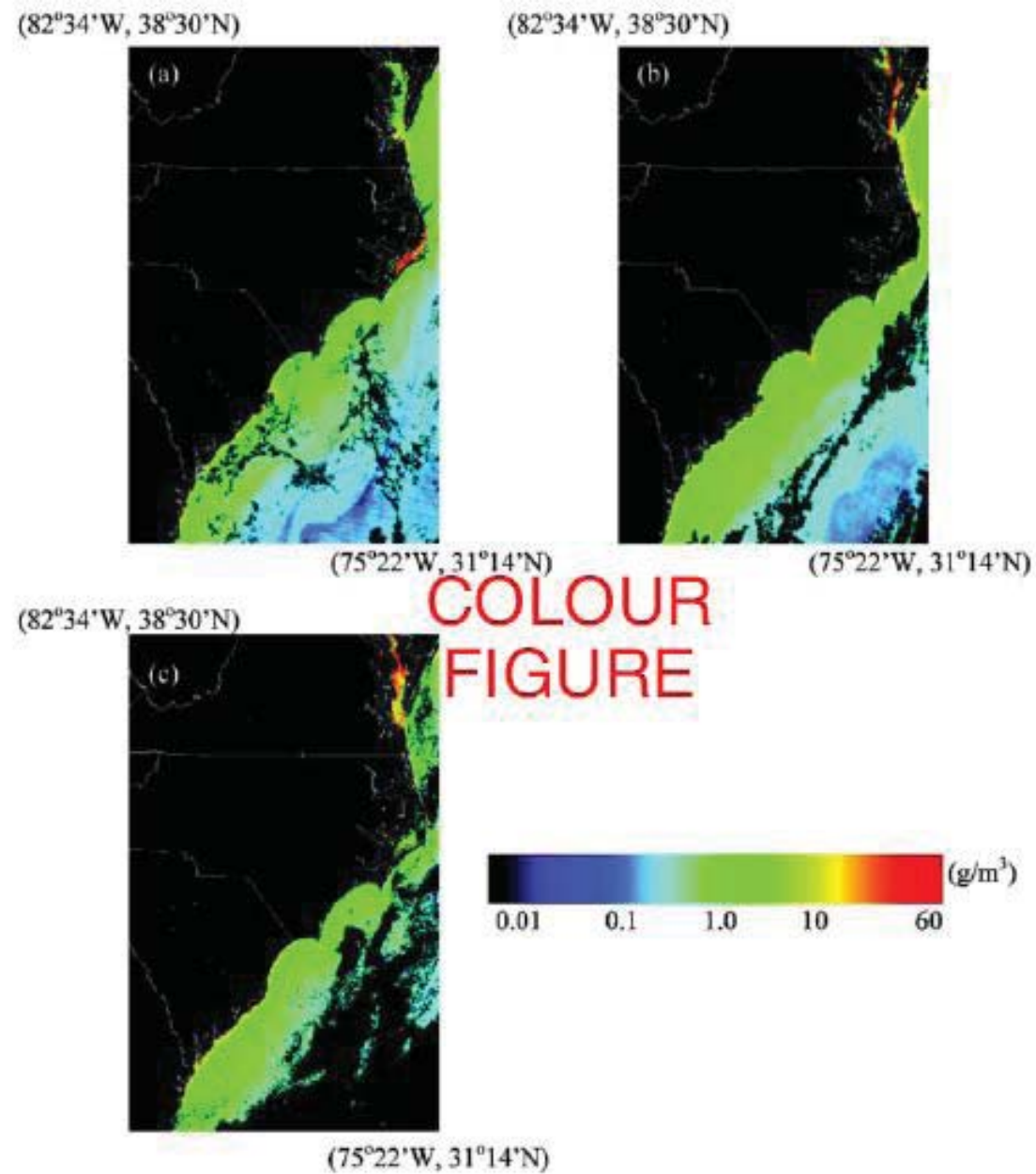
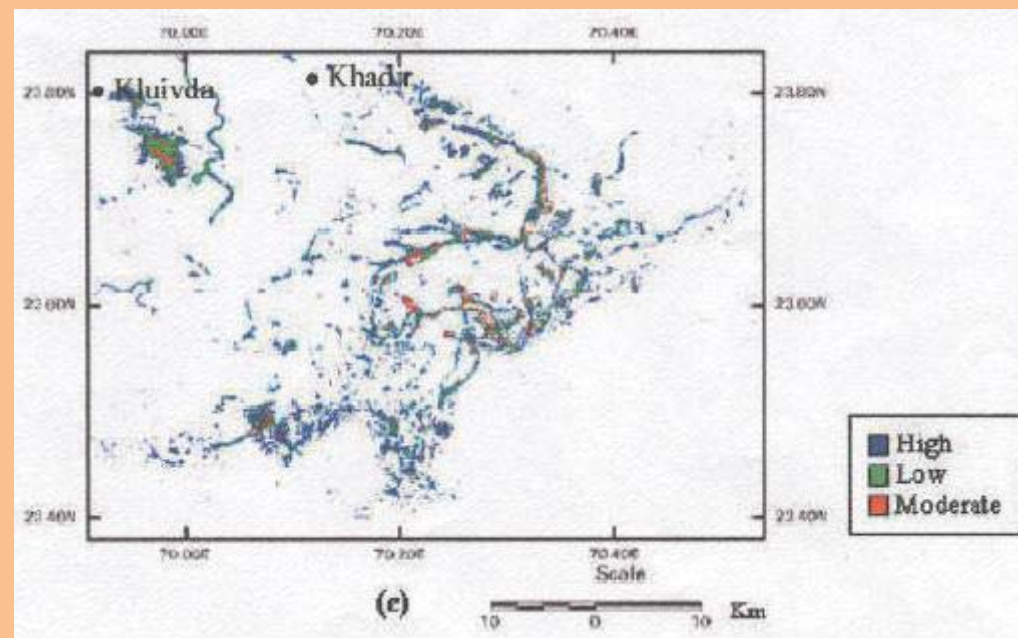
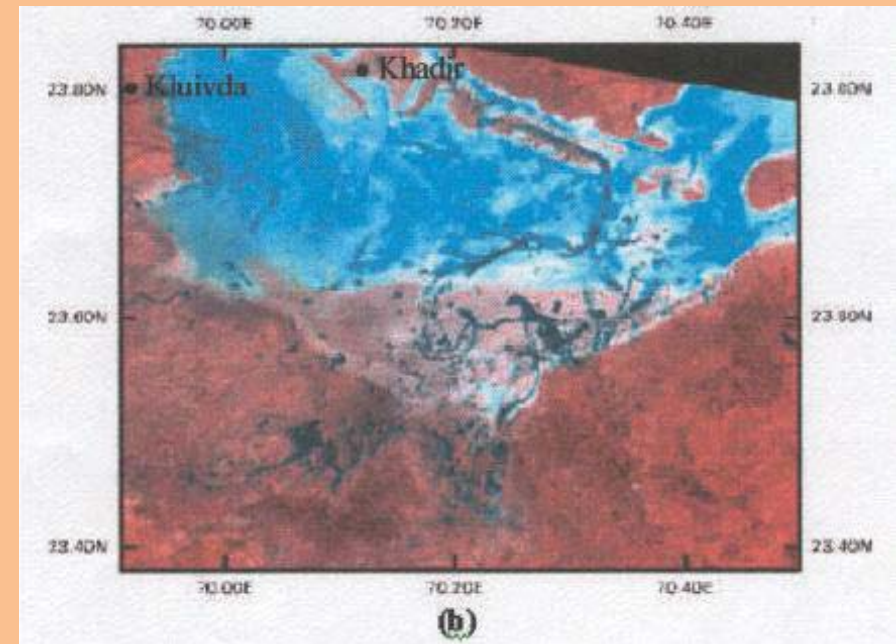
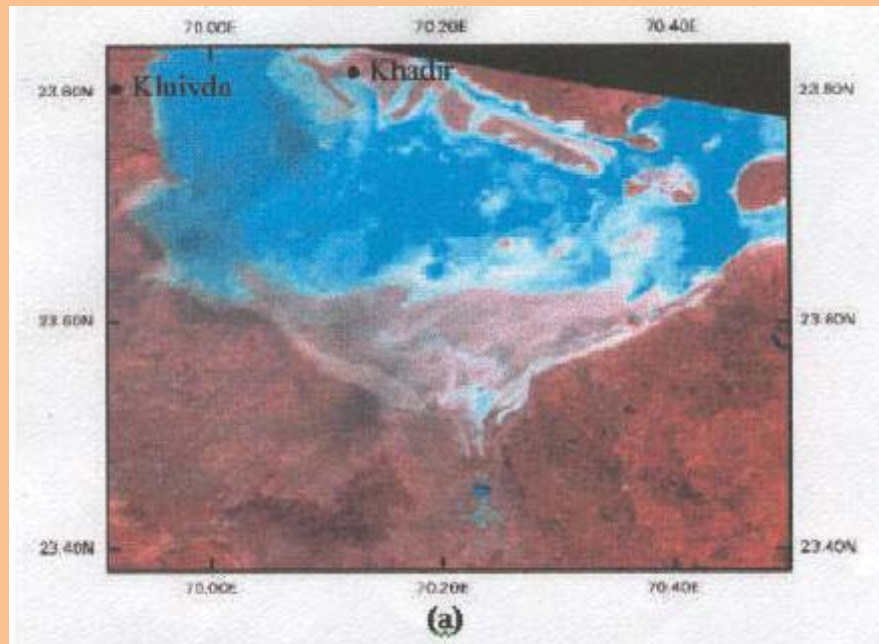
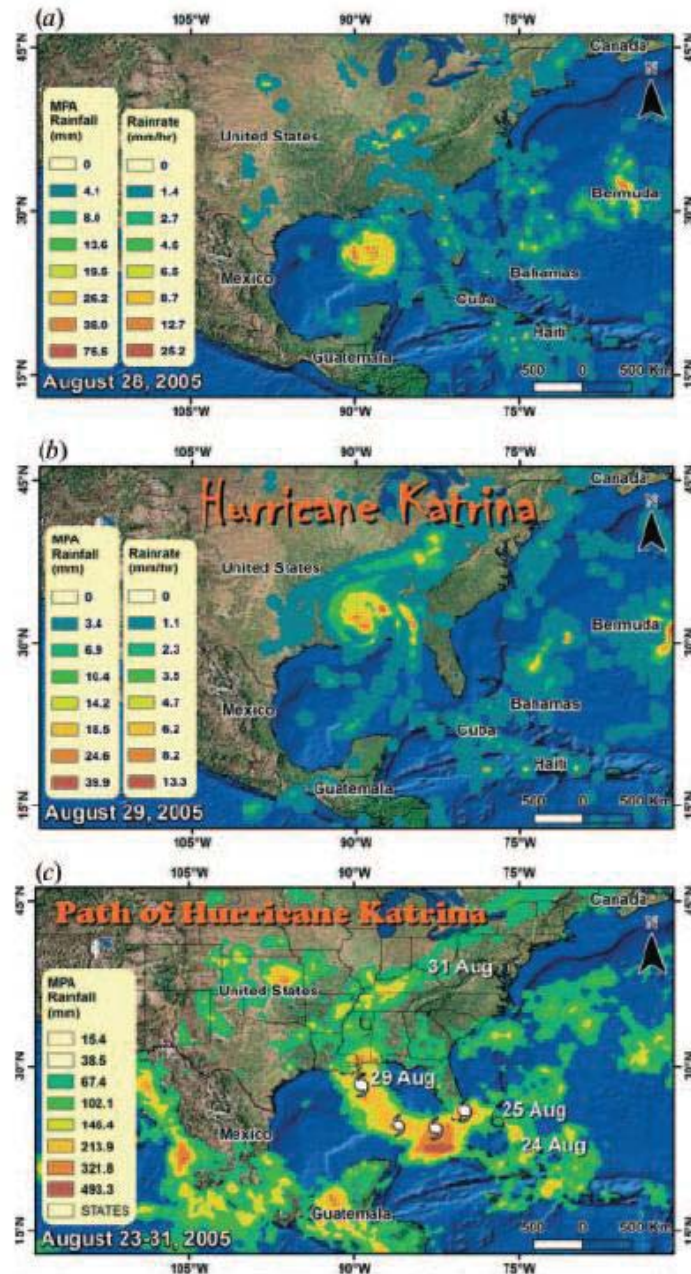


Figure 3. Suspended matter concentration along the east coast on (a) 2, (b) 19 and (c) 30 September 2003.



Surface manifestations after the Gujarat earthquake (IRS 1C LISS III data)

Hurricanes/Cyclone Typhoons,

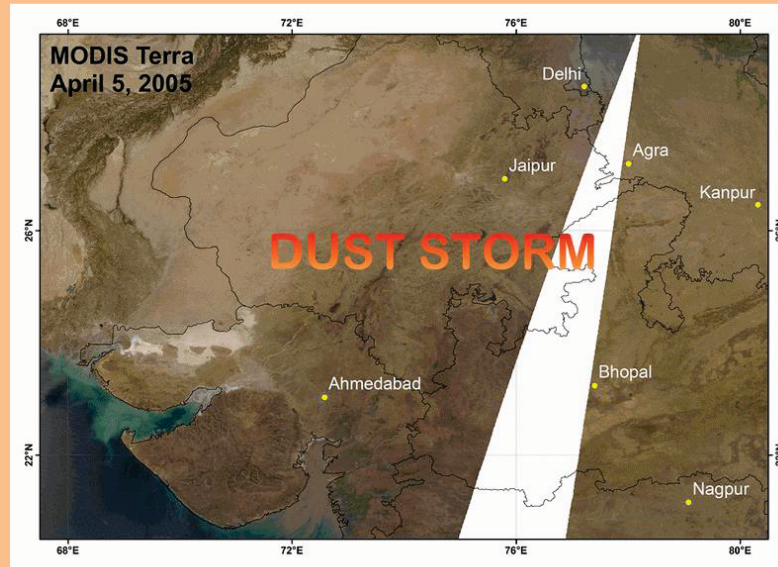


Changes in Ocean Parameters Associated with Dust Storms

Dust Storms

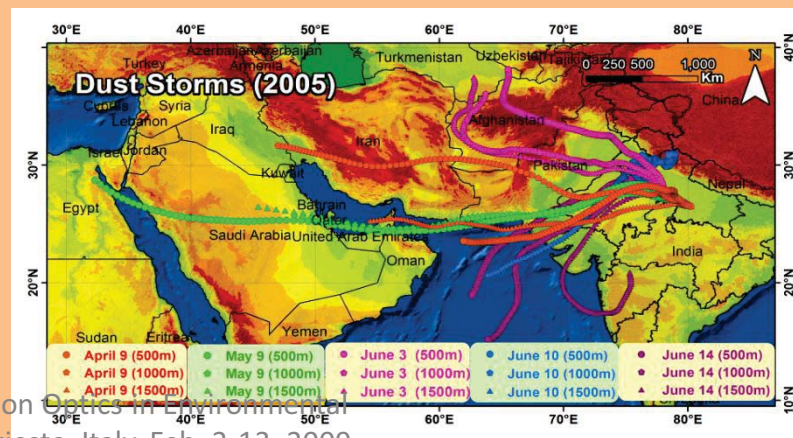
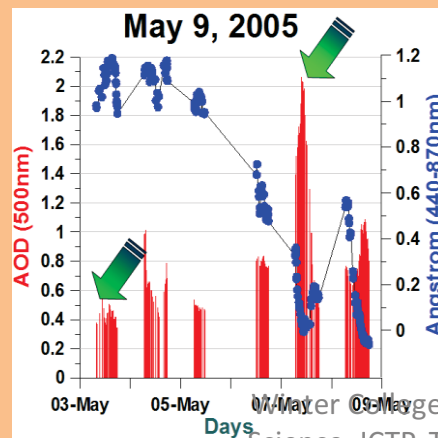
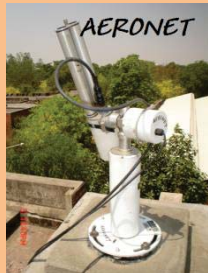
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(Prasad and
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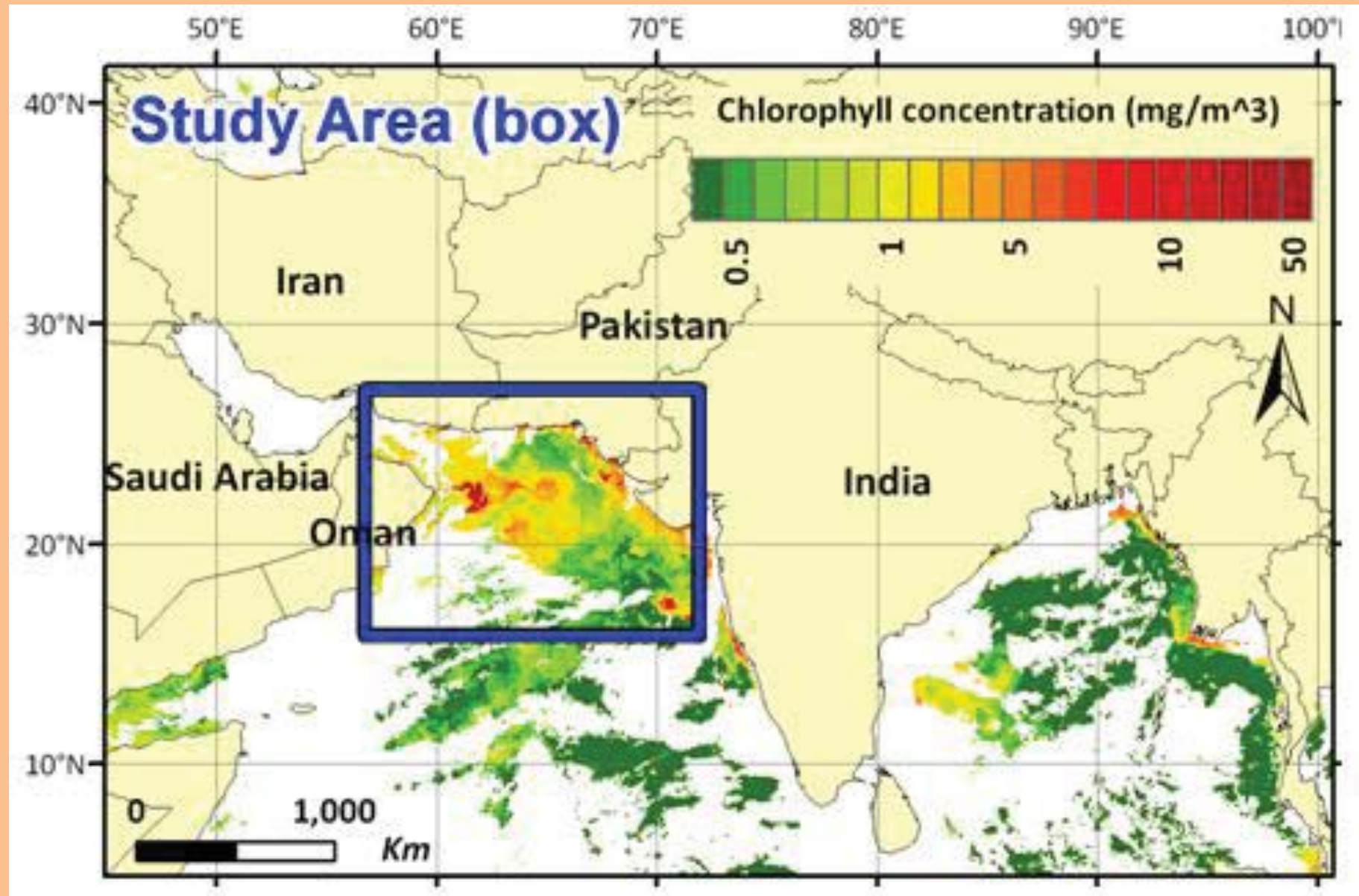


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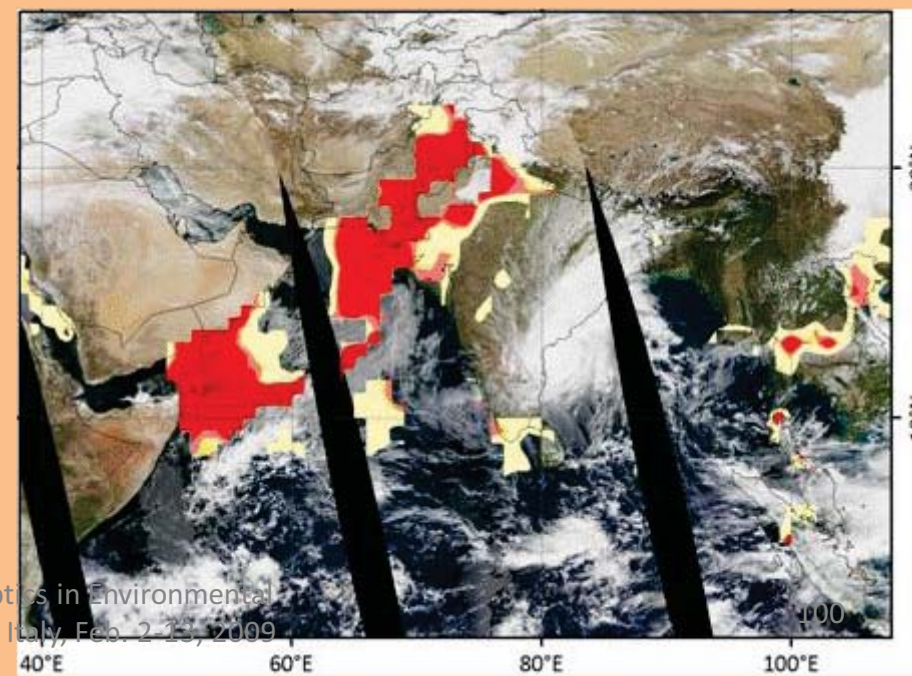
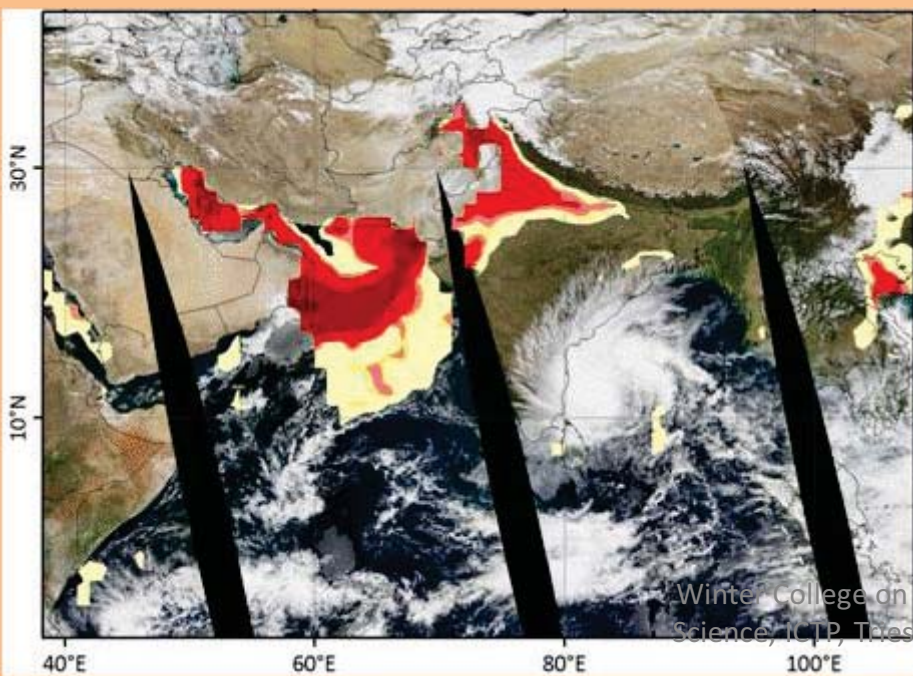
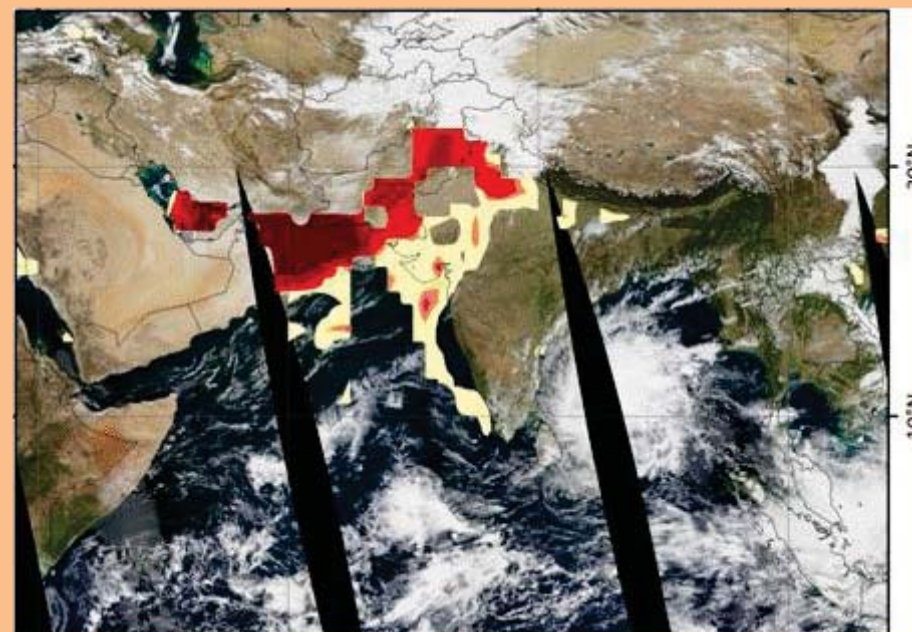
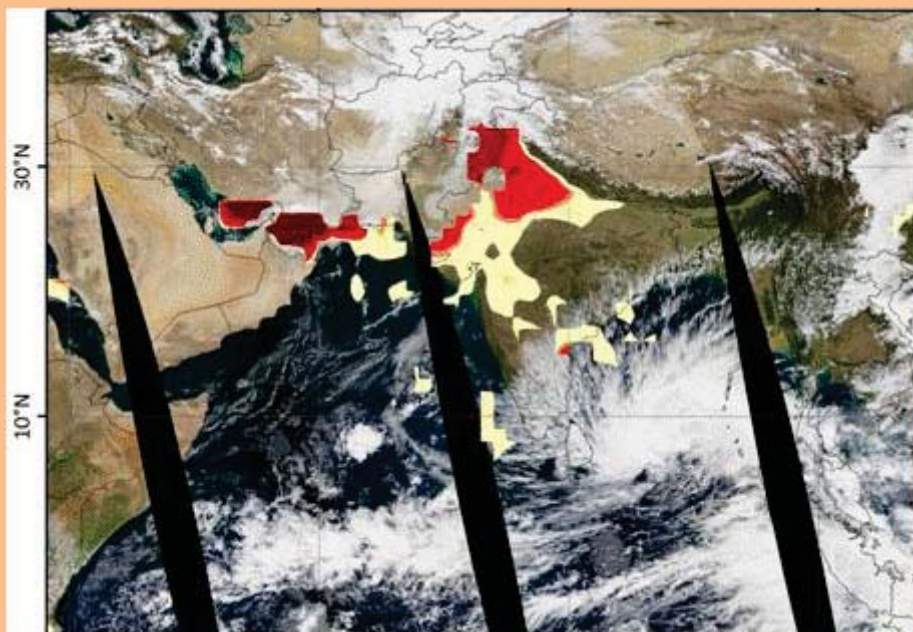


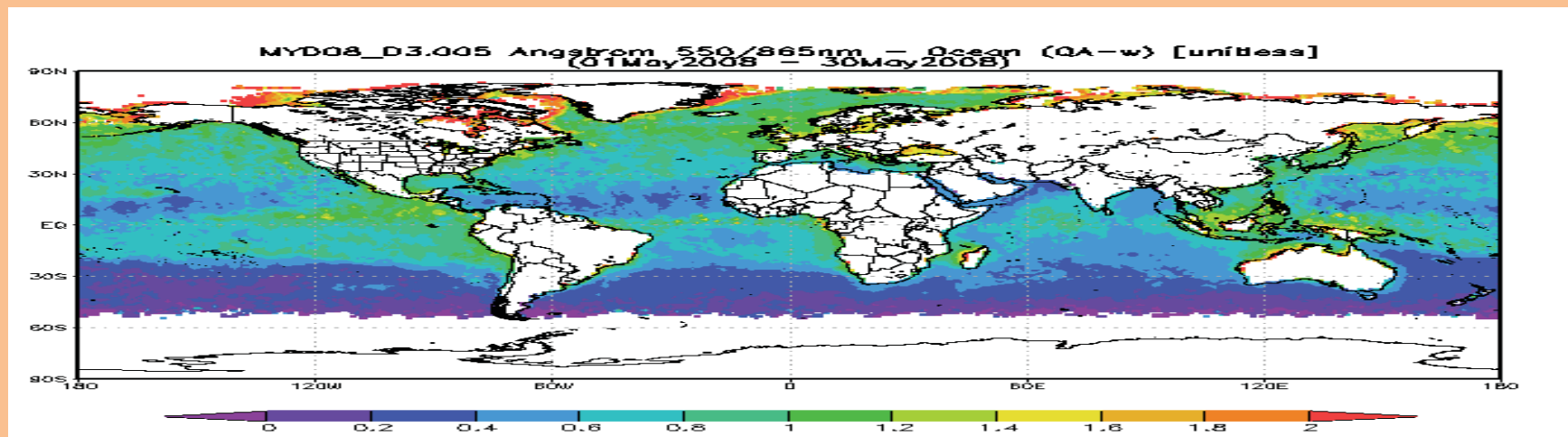
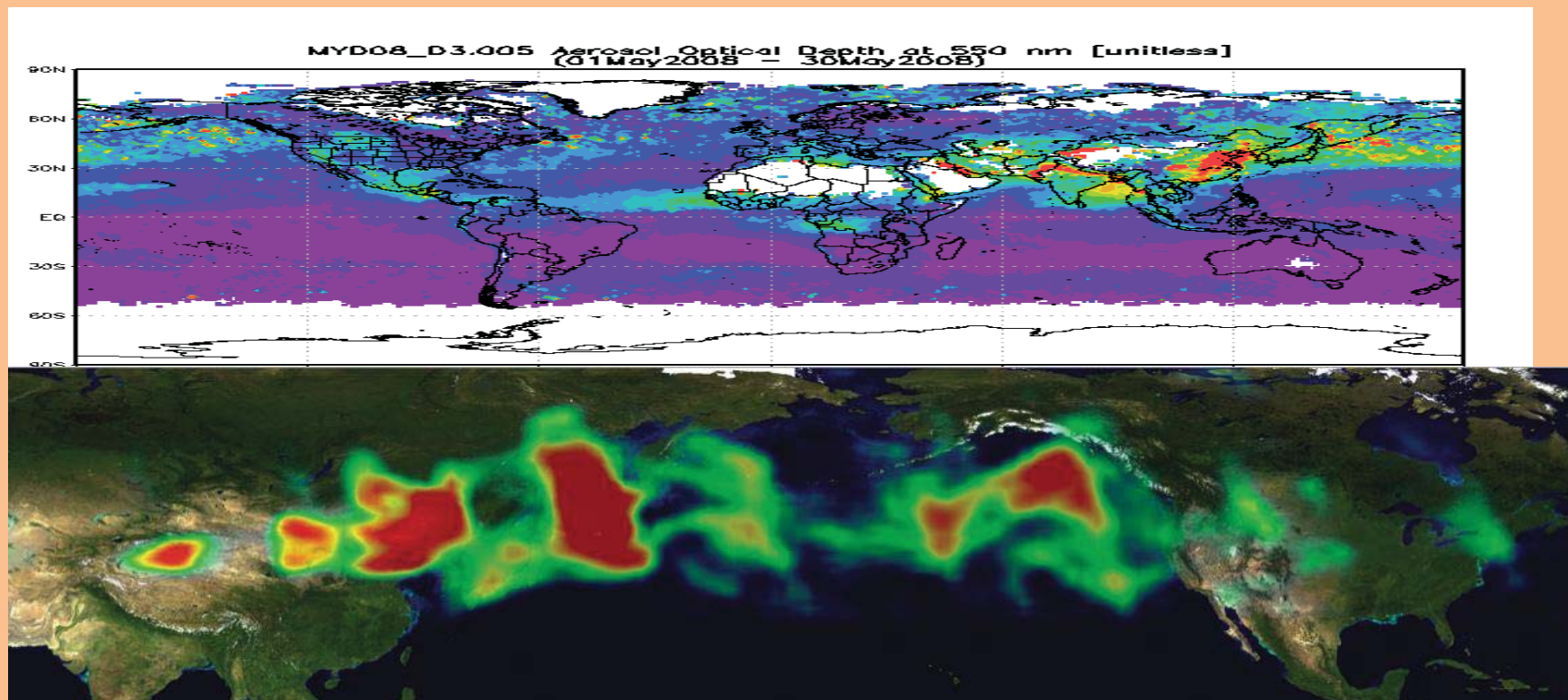
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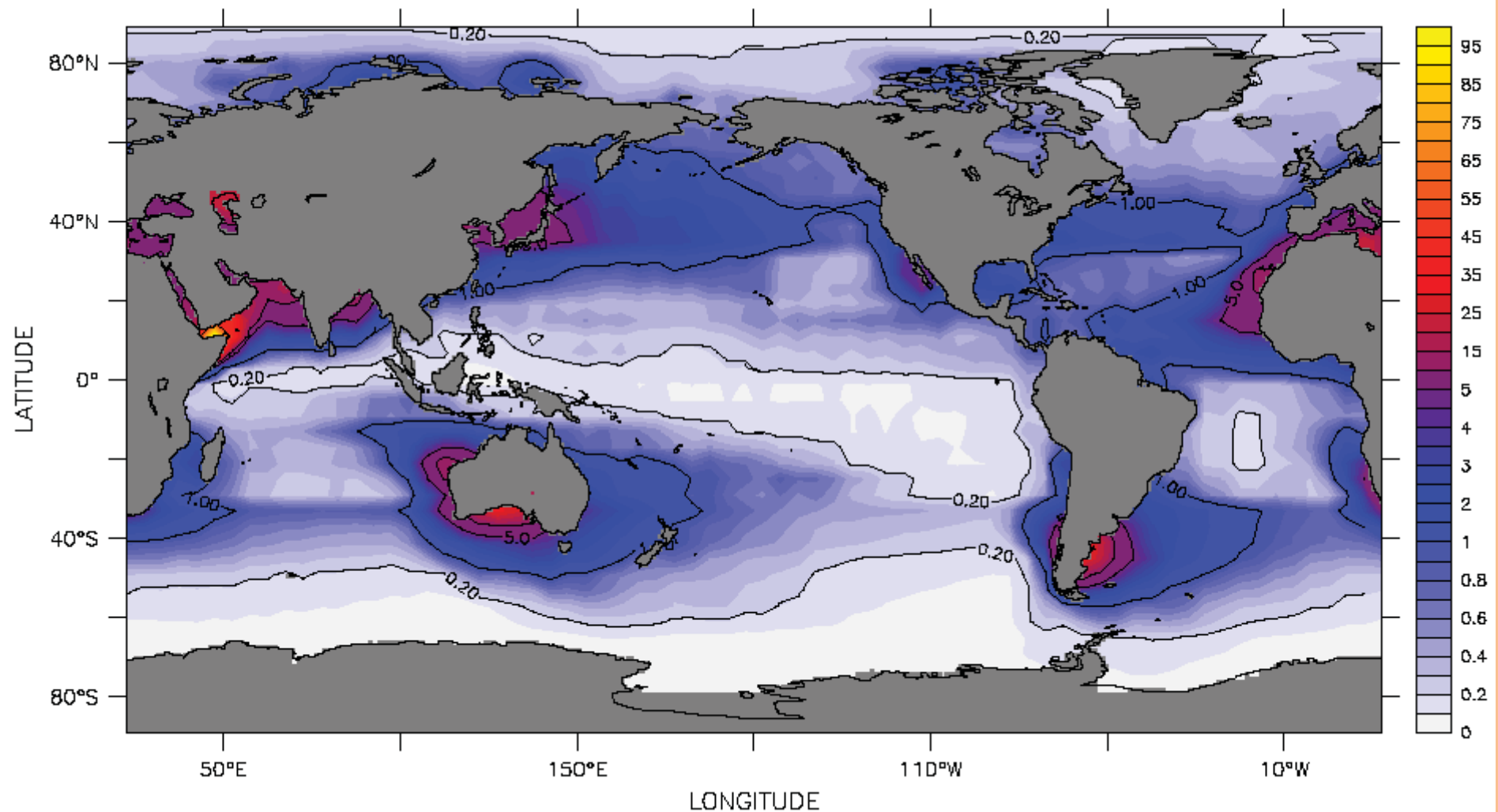


(Singh et al. 2008, JGR)

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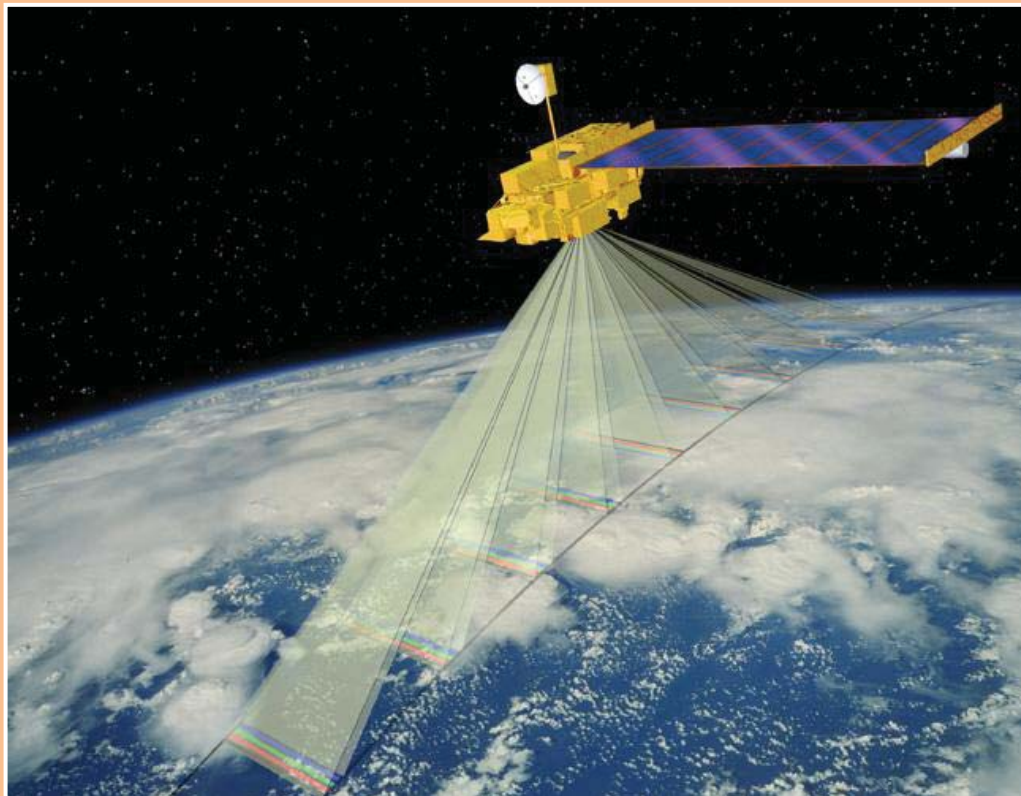


Dust deposition over the ocean:

The input of dust has different impacts in different oceanic environments

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(Tegen & Fung 1997)



**Nine view angles at Earth surface:
70.5° forward to 70.5° aft**

**Four spectral bands at each angle:
446, 558, 672, 866 nm**

**Seven minutes to observe each
scene at all 9 angles**

400-km swath

**Global coverage about once
per week**

275 m - 1.1 km spatial sampling

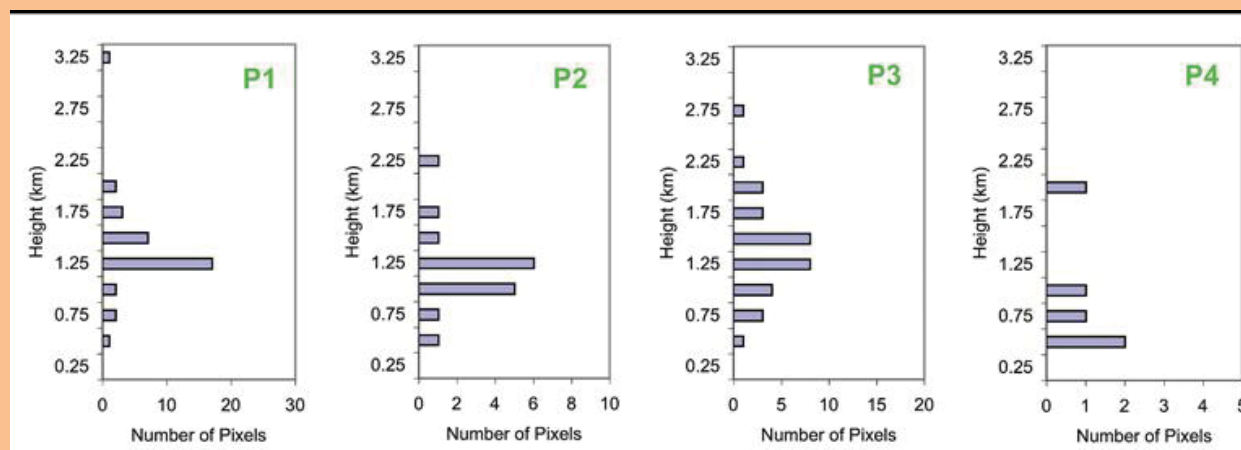
Air mass factors from 1 (nadir) to 3

**Scattering angles from ~60° to ~160°
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Plume dispersal from the World Trade Center, 9/12/2001



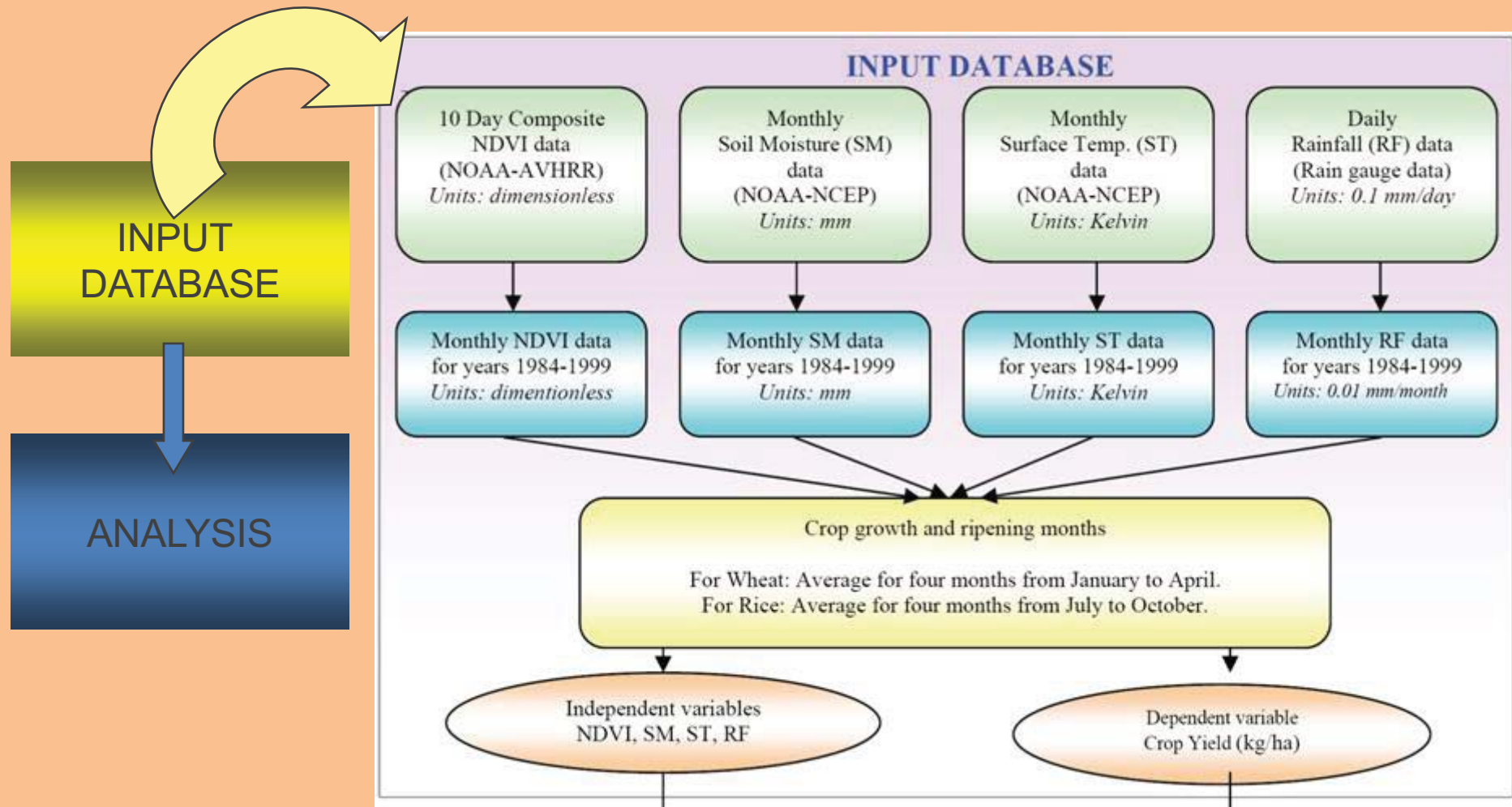
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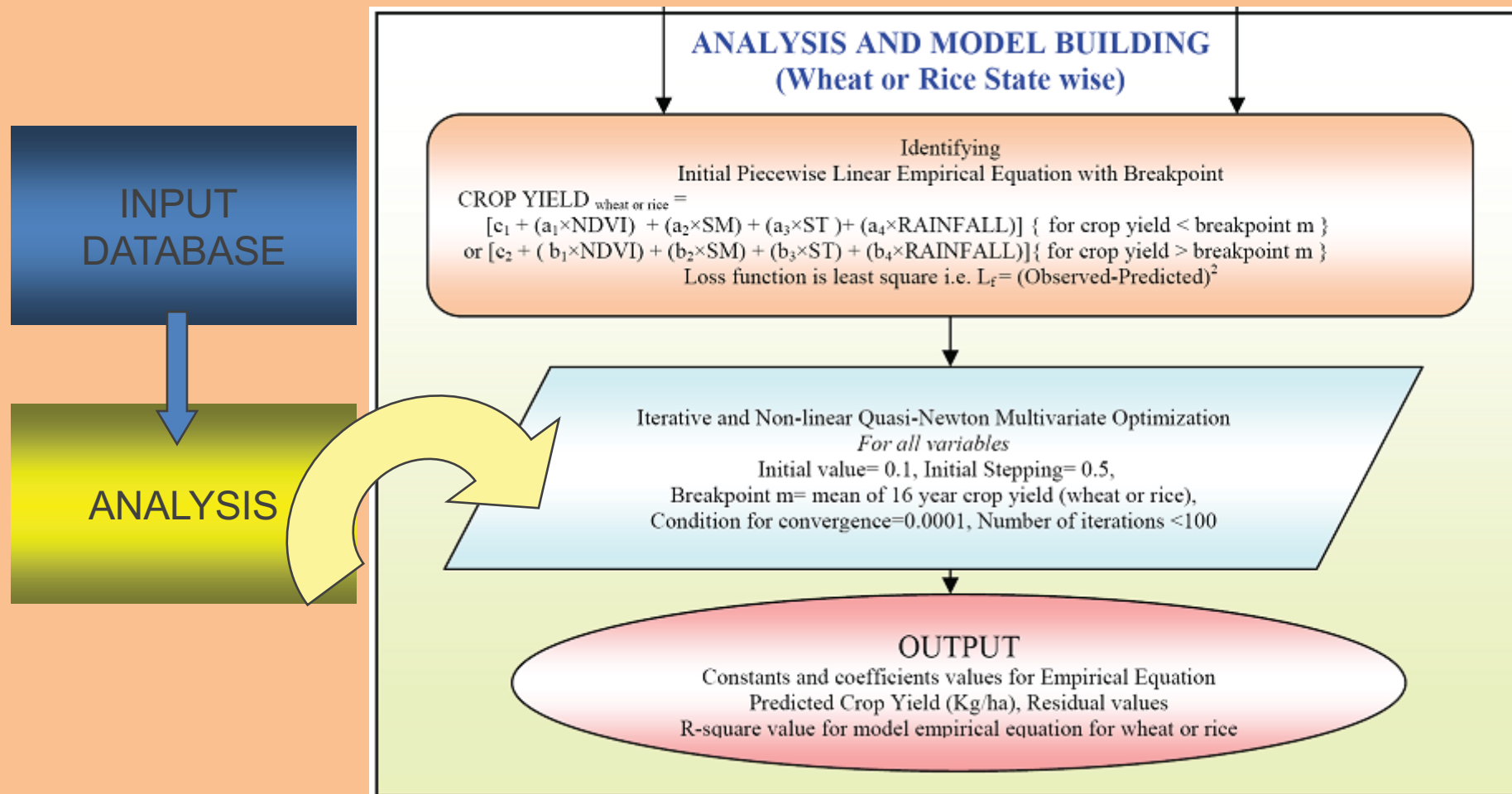


MISR
stereo
heights
of plume
patches

MISR provides key stereo-derived aerosol plume height, directionality, and timing data for initializing and checking high-resolution pollution transport models used to estimate hazardous aerosol and gas fluxes emanating from the burning WTC.

Flow Chart





Crop Yield Prediction

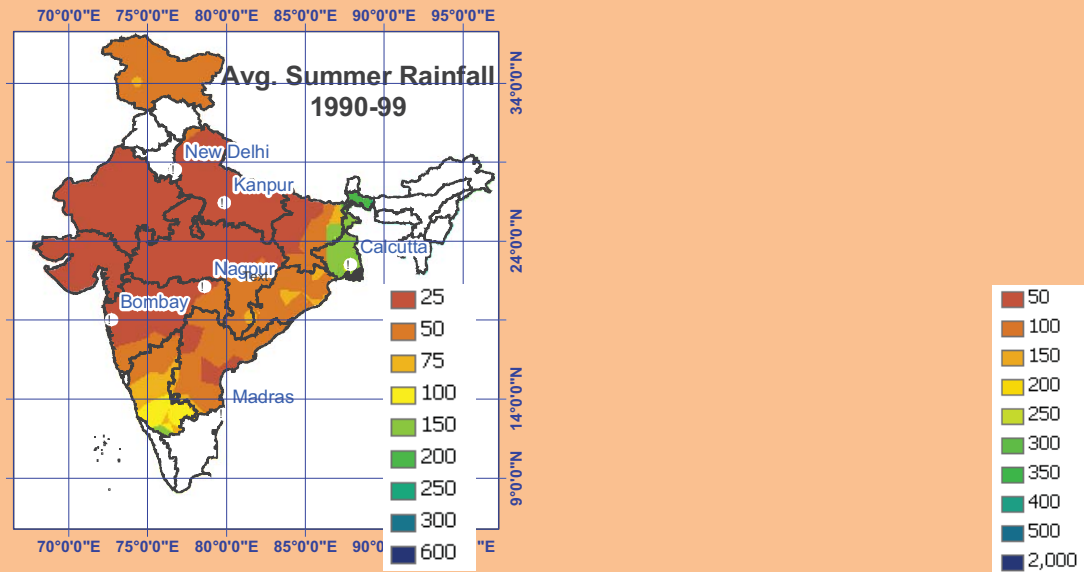
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- **SM:** Soil Moisture (1984-1999) - Monthly average [NCEP]
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- **Crop Yield** data for wheat and rice from 1984-1999 [Published Book]

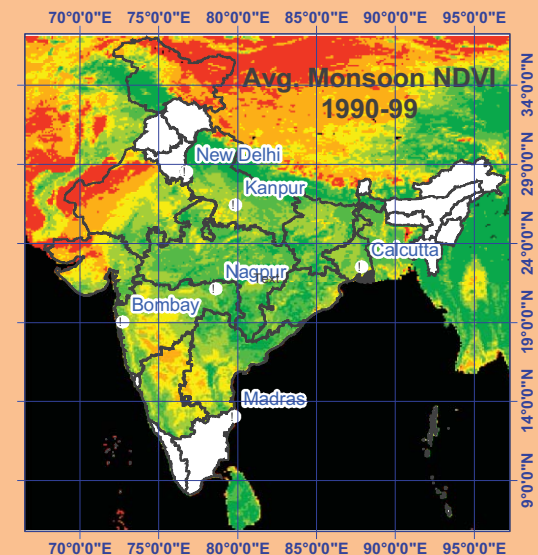
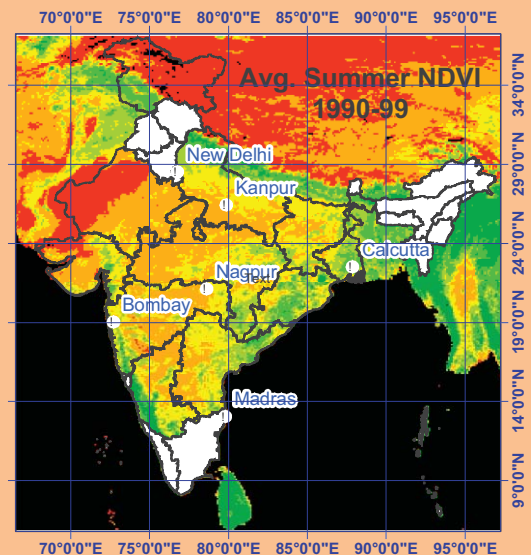
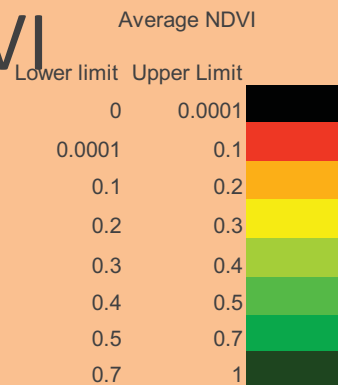
Strong spatial and temporal variation of above input parameters require division of agricultural areas into zones for crop yield modelling

Spatial Variation of Input parameters

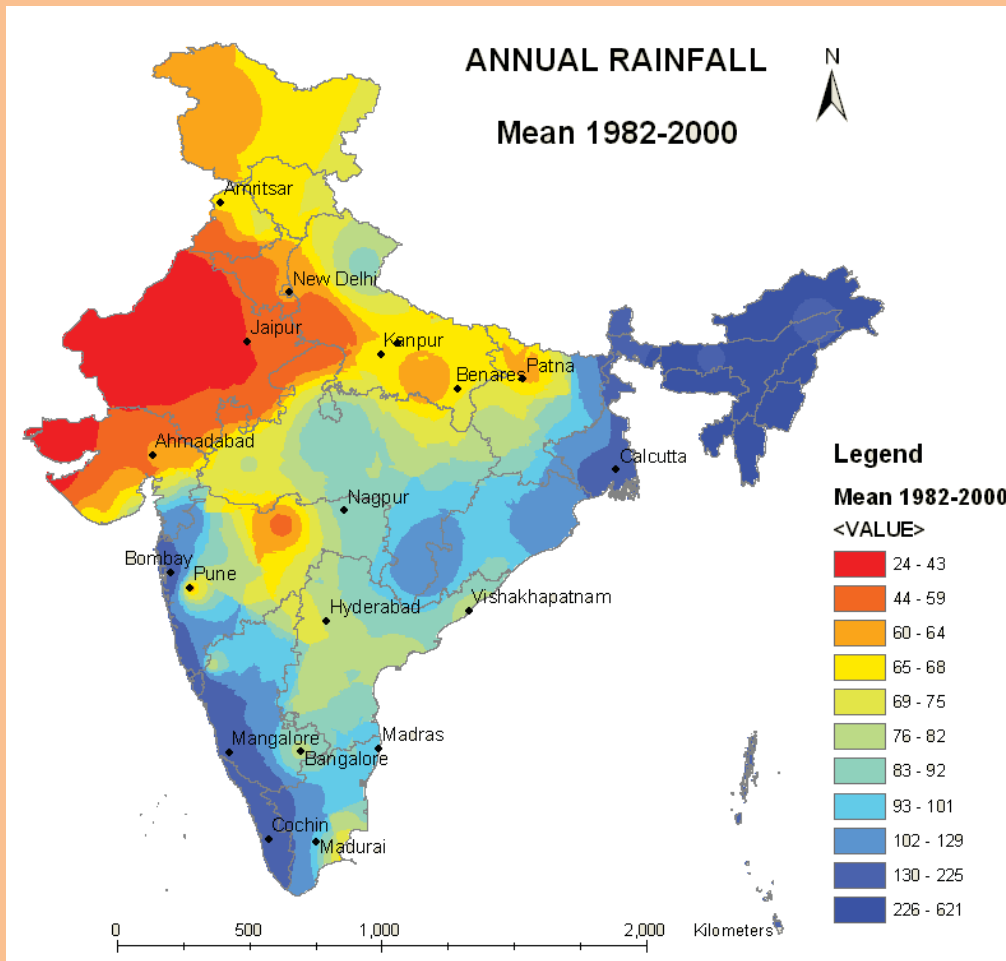
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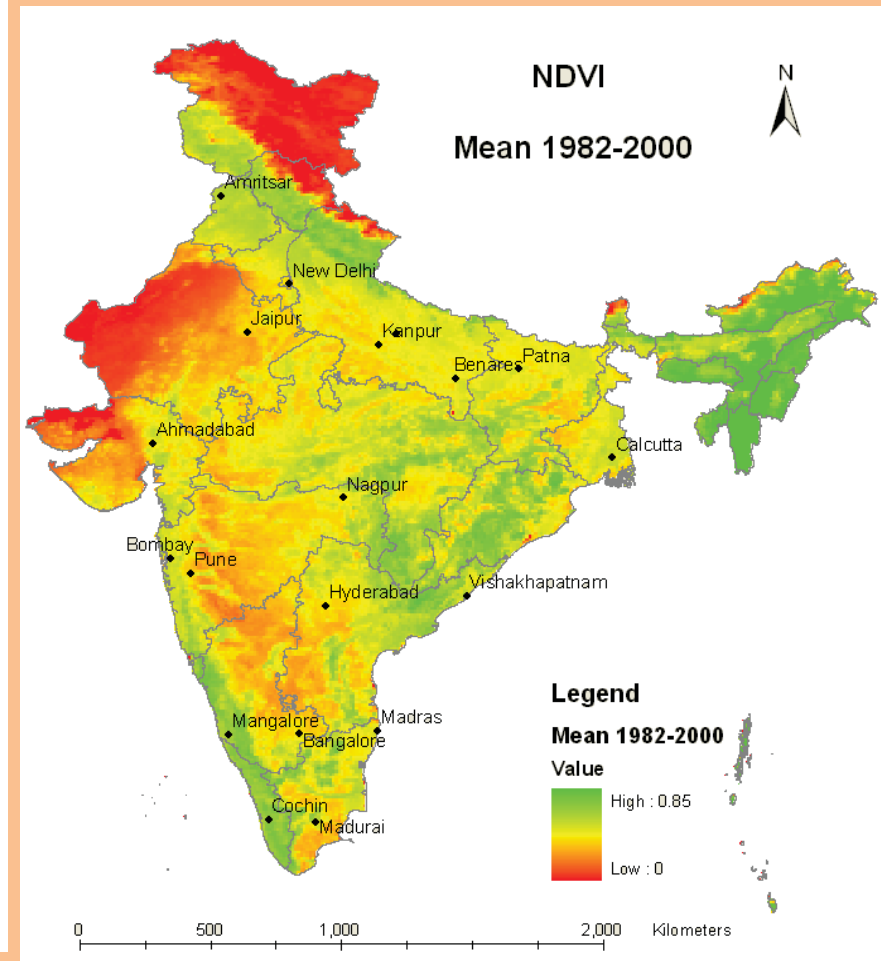
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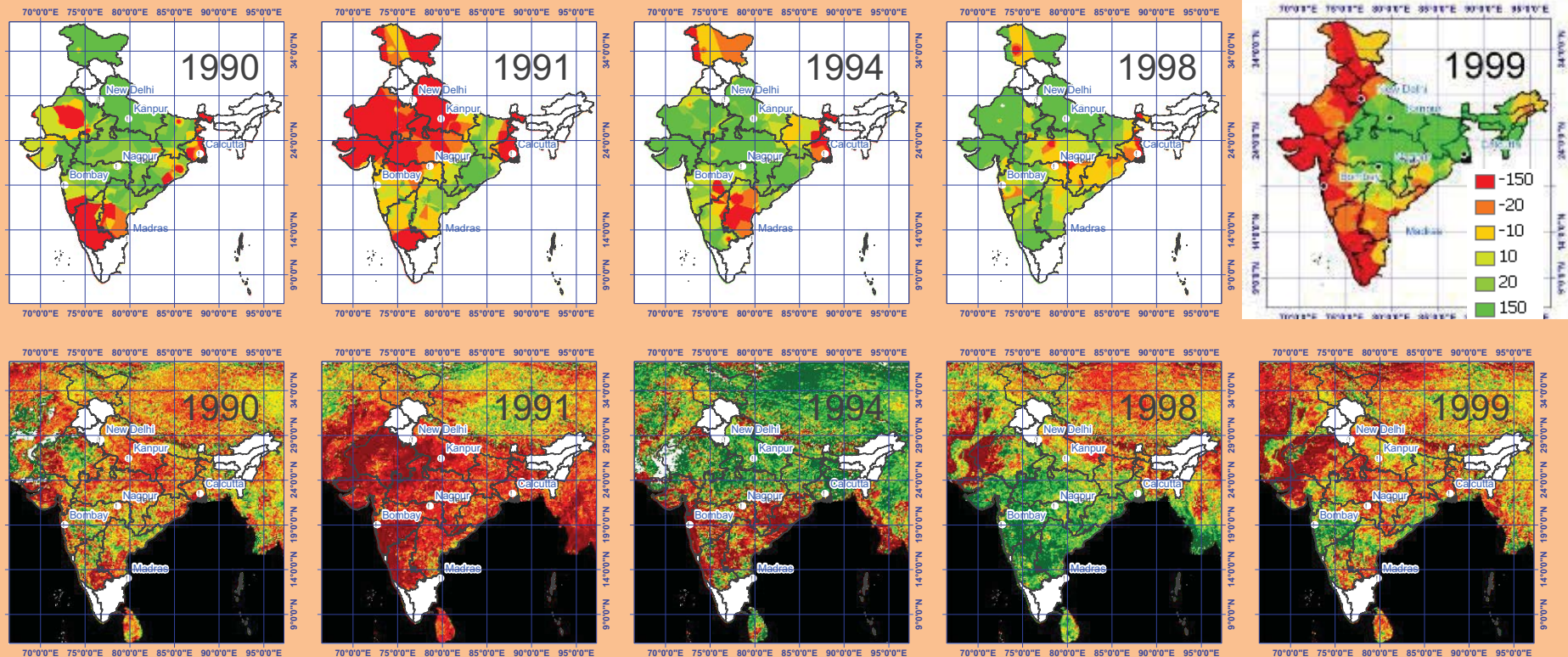
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**Annual AVHRR
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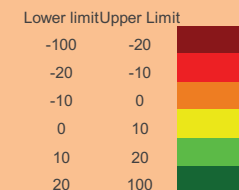
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Percent Deviation Rainfall Map - Monsoon season

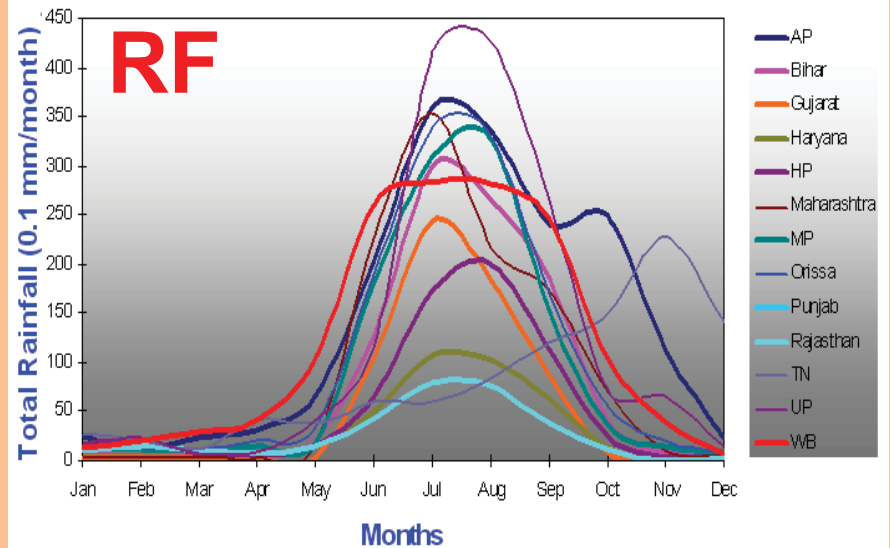
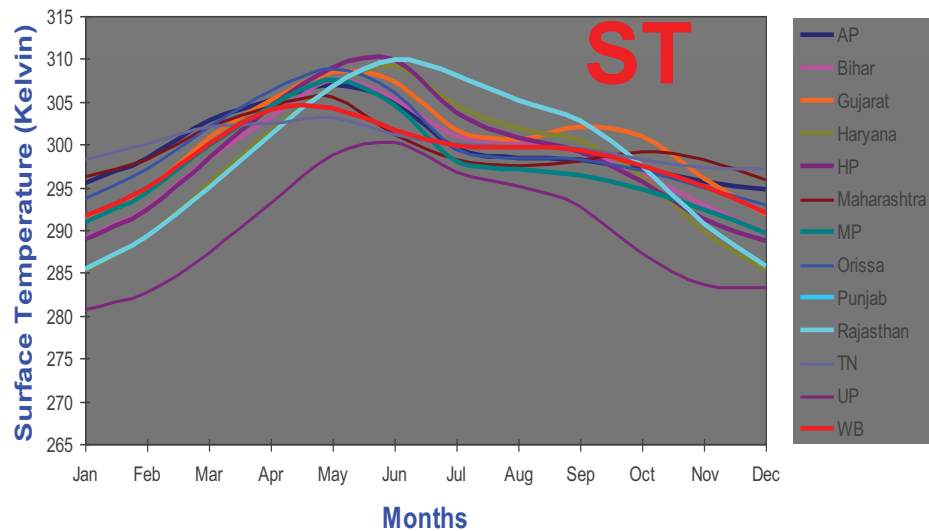
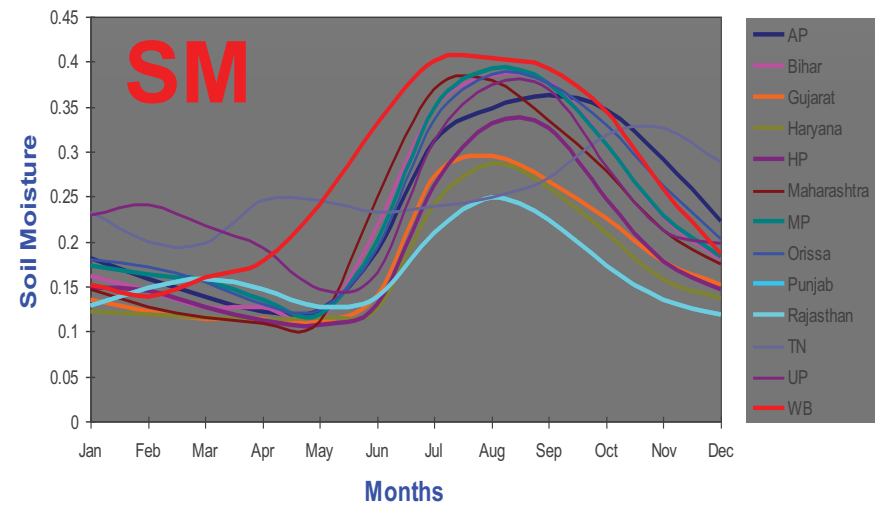
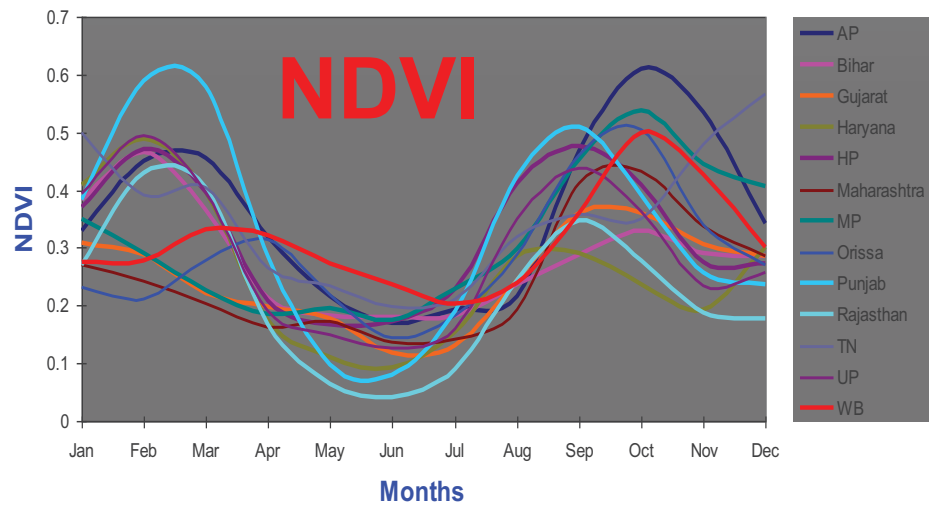


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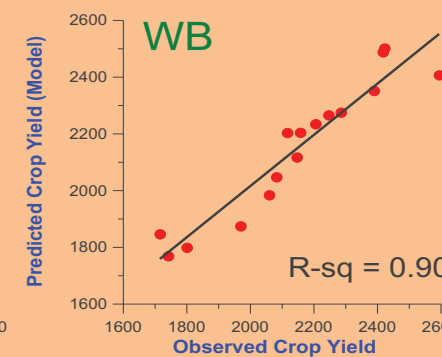
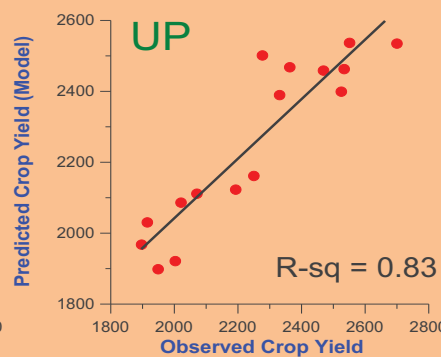
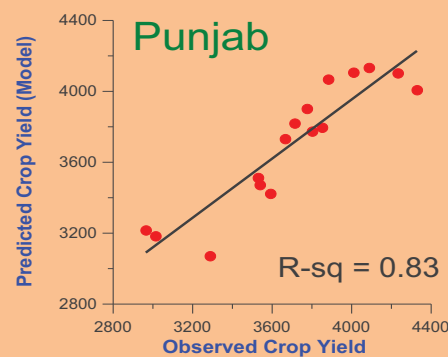
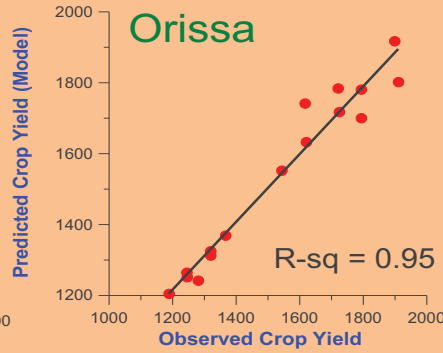
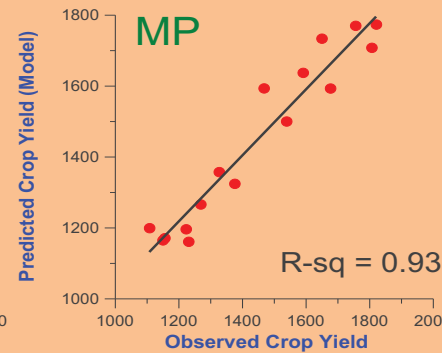
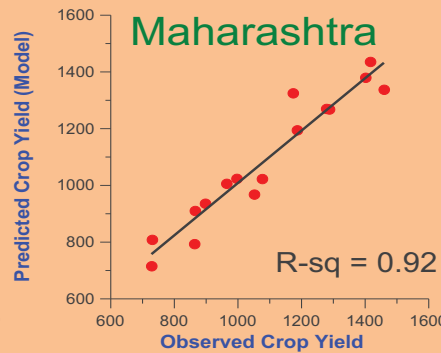
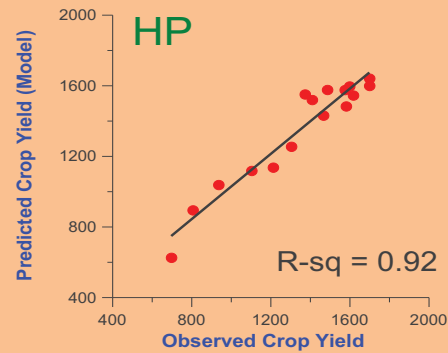
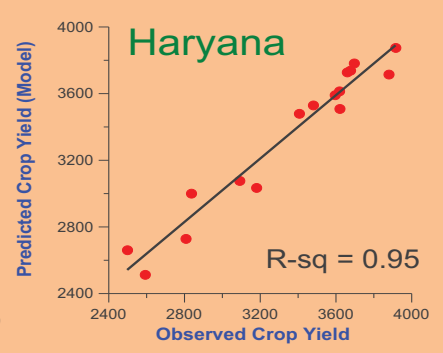
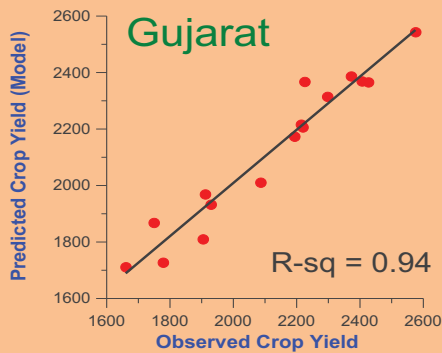
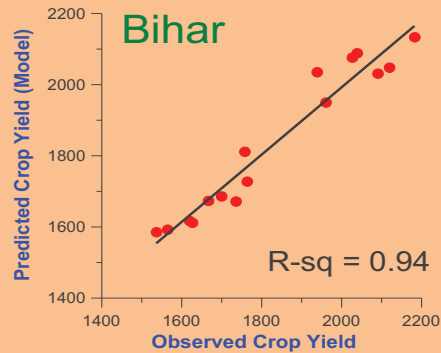
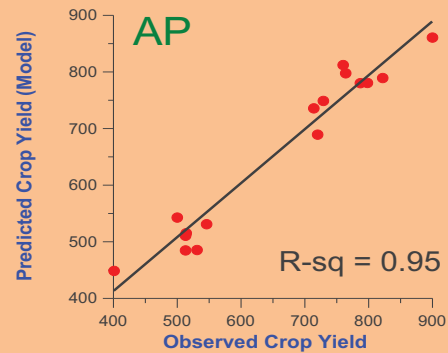
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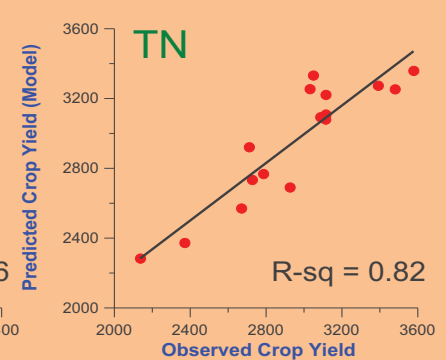
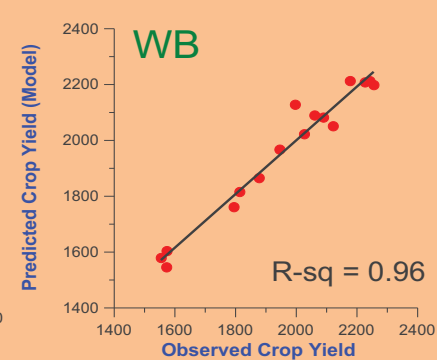
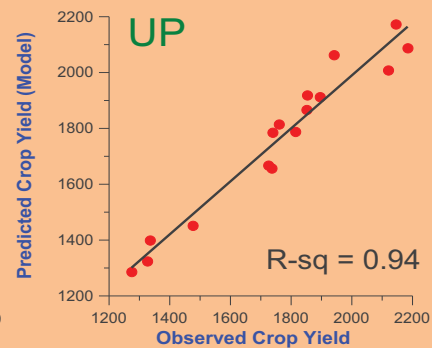
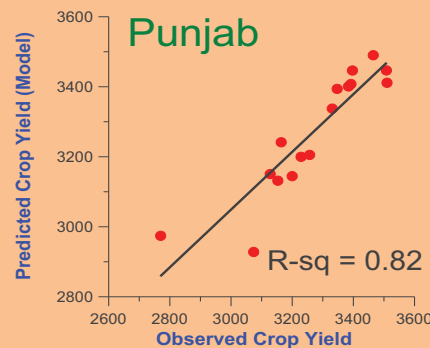
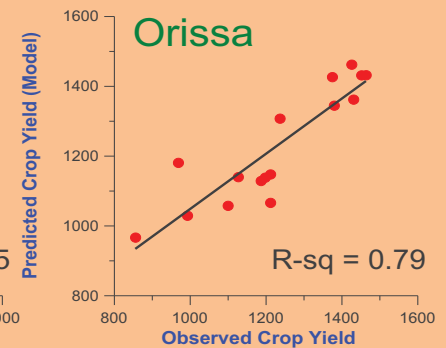
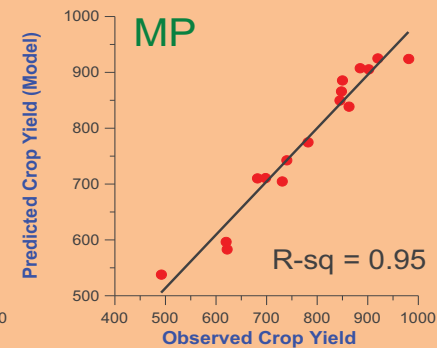
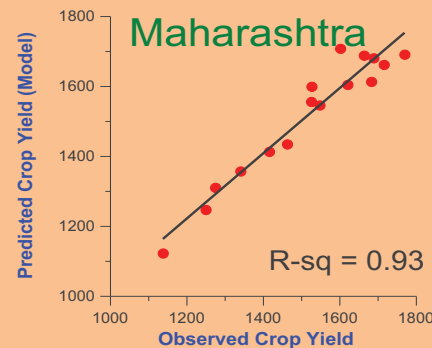
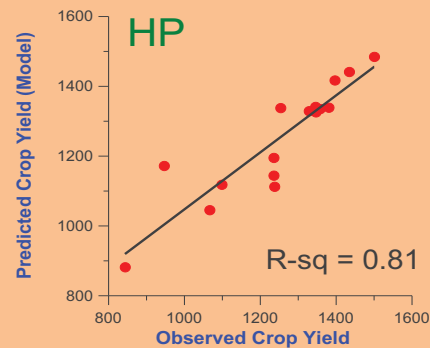
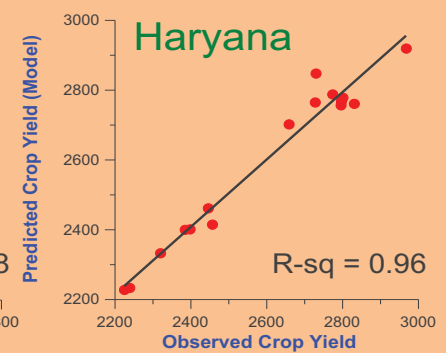
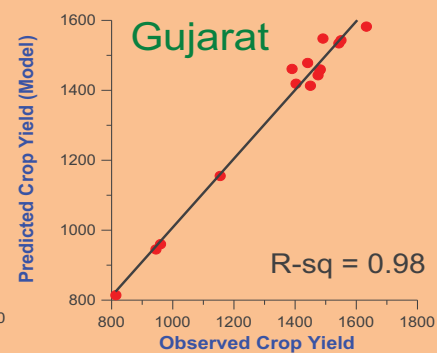
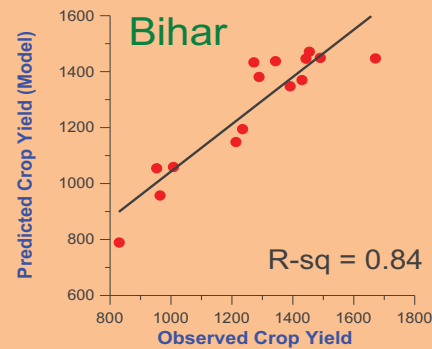
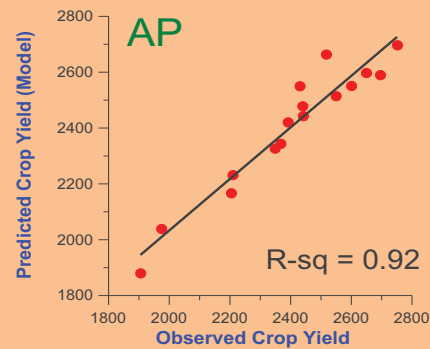
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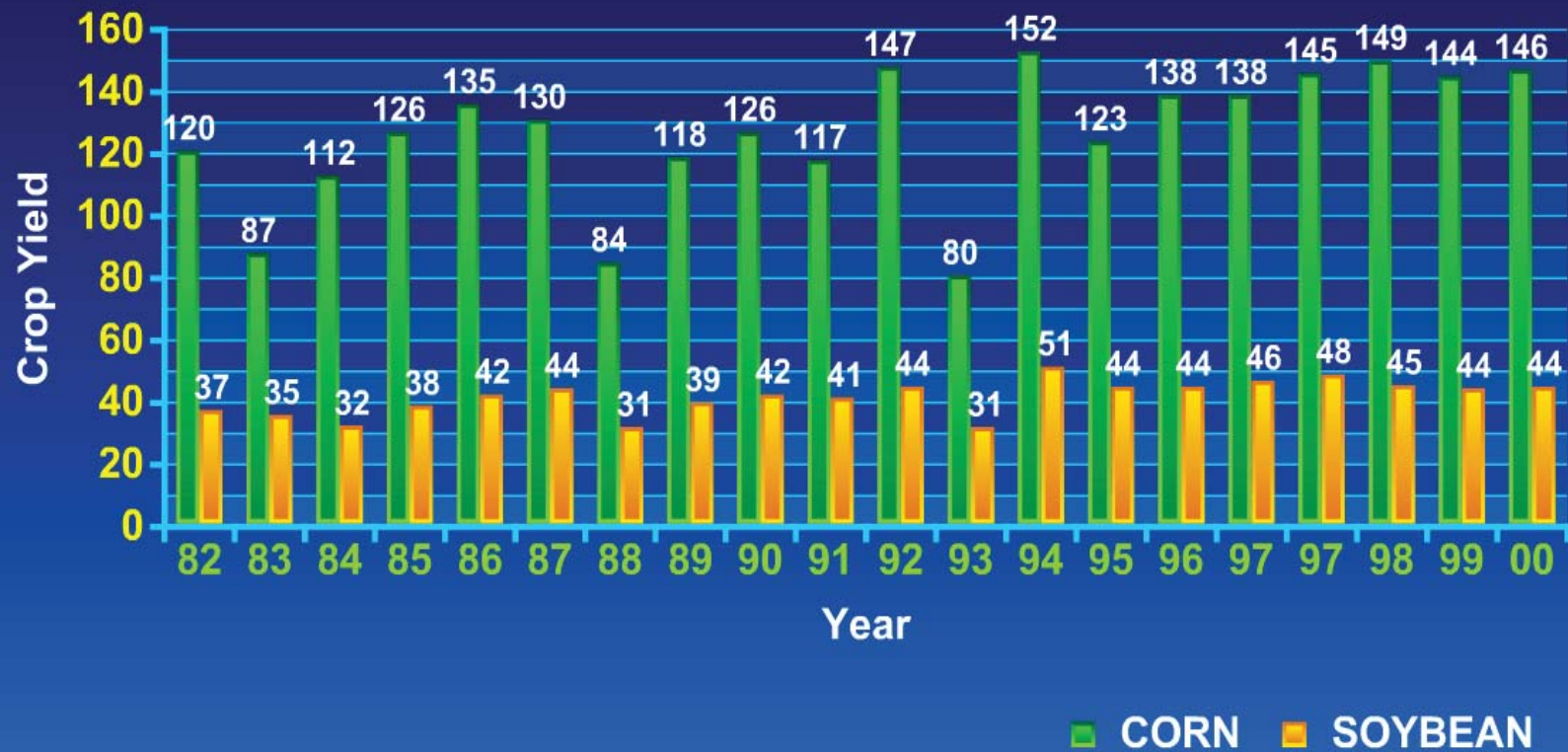
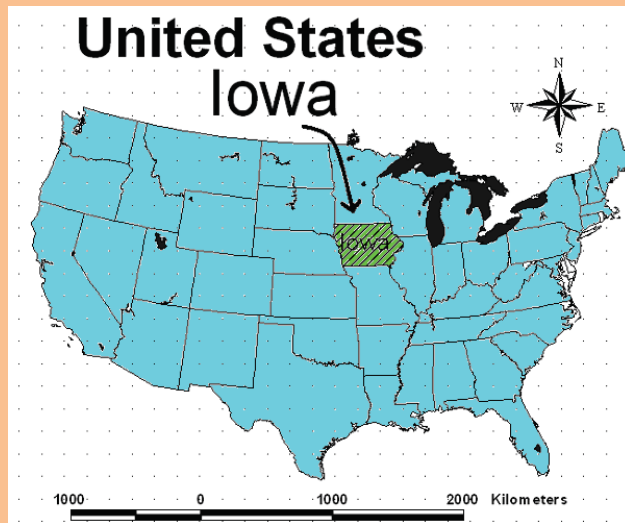


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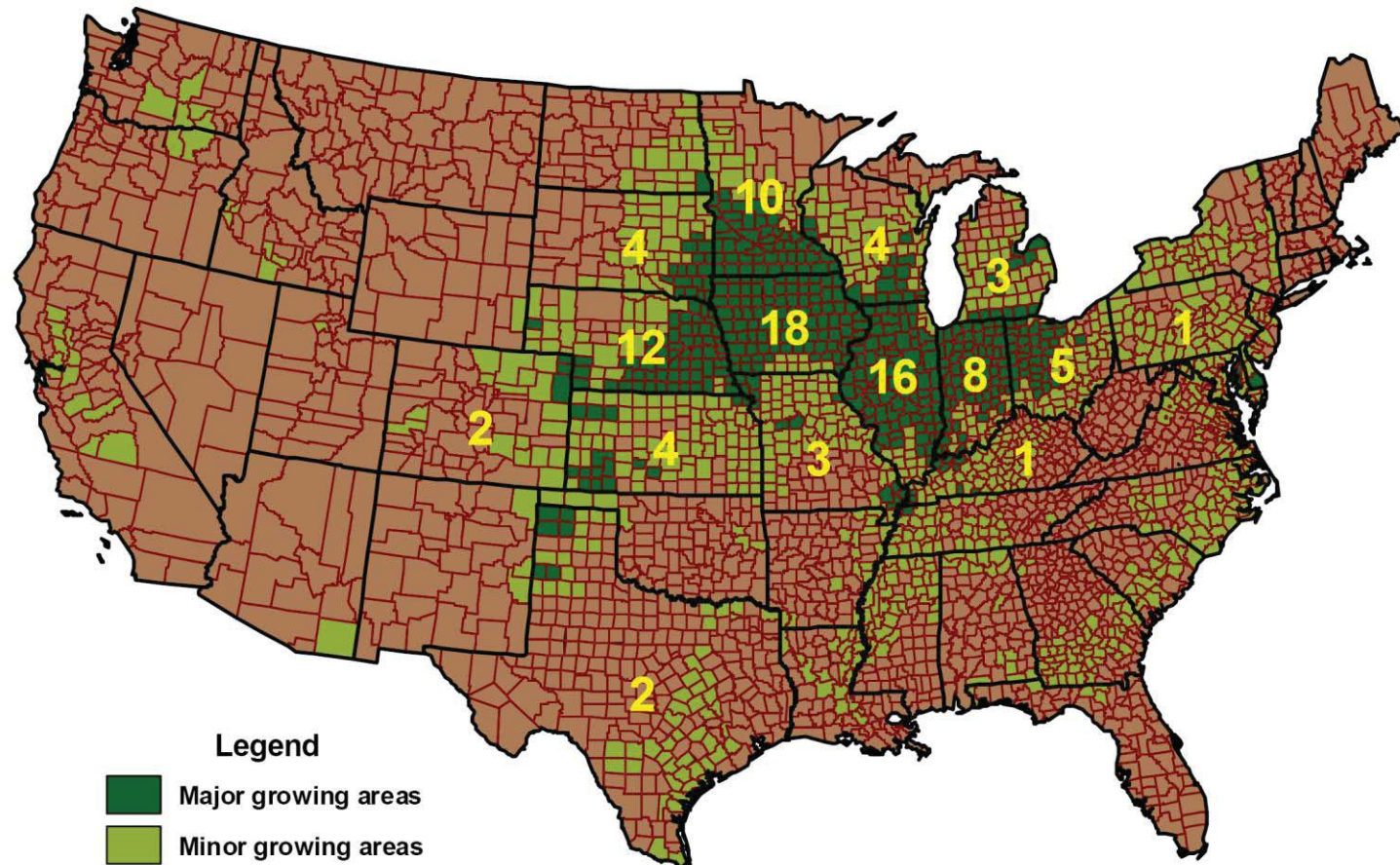
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United States: Corn

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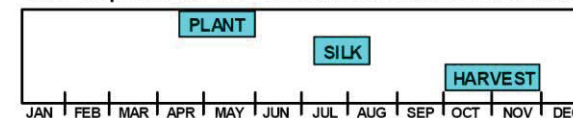


Legend

- Major growing areas
- Minor growing areas

- Major growing areas combined account for 75% of total national production annually
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Corn crop calendar for most of the Midwest United States



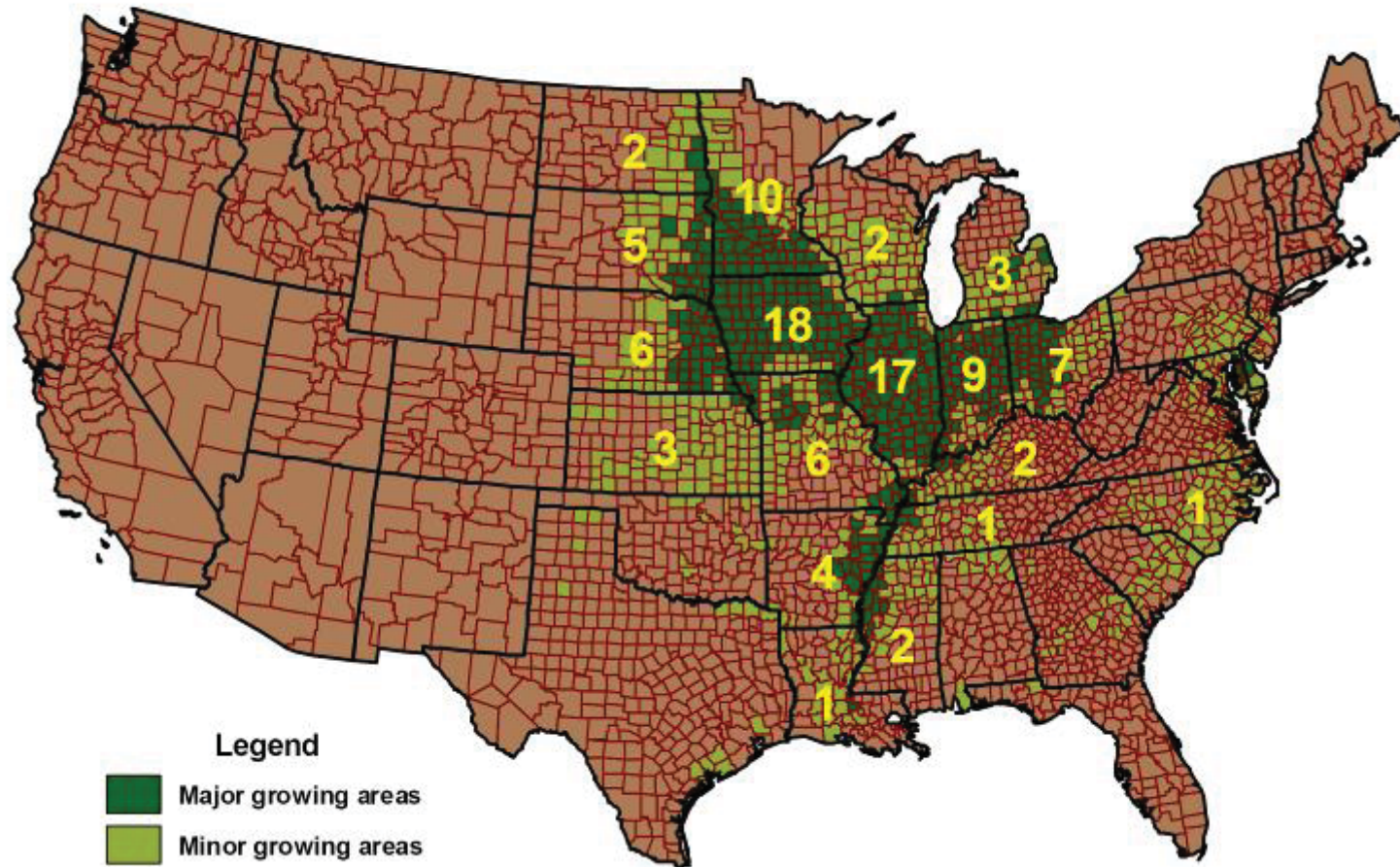
The corn crop calendar is typically 1 month ahead across the southern United States.



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United States: Soybeans

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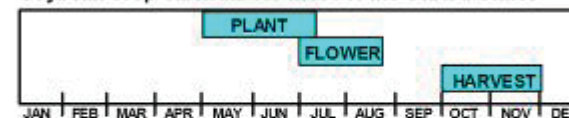


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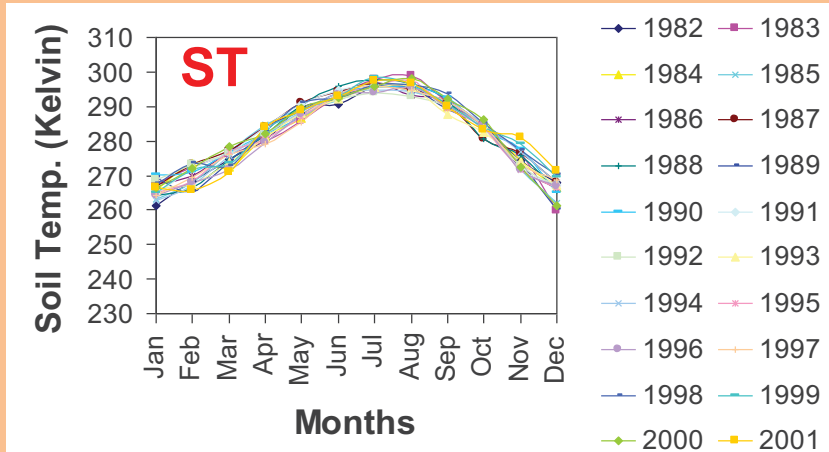
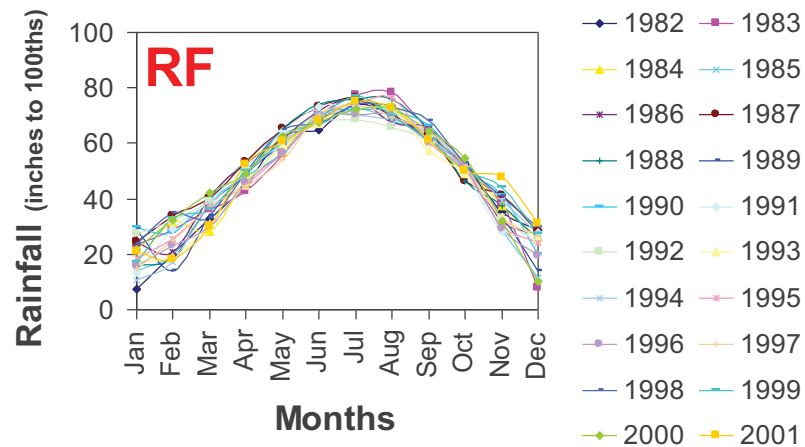
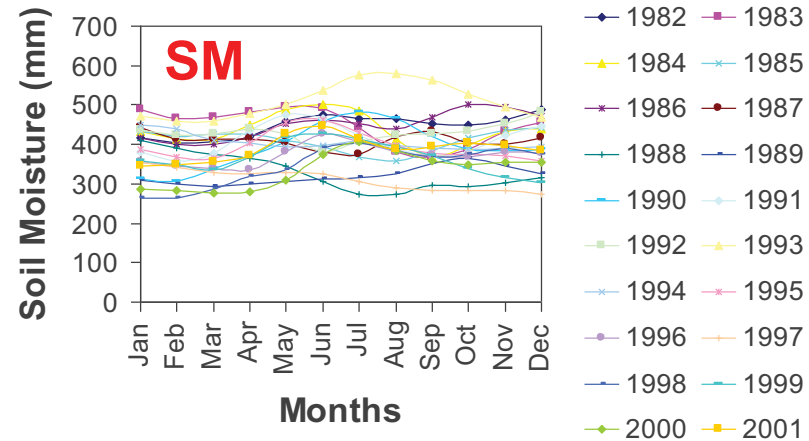
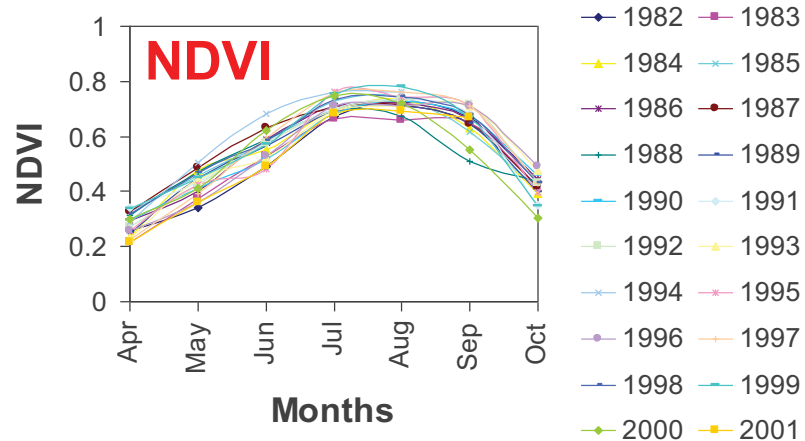
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Soybean crop calendar for most of the United States

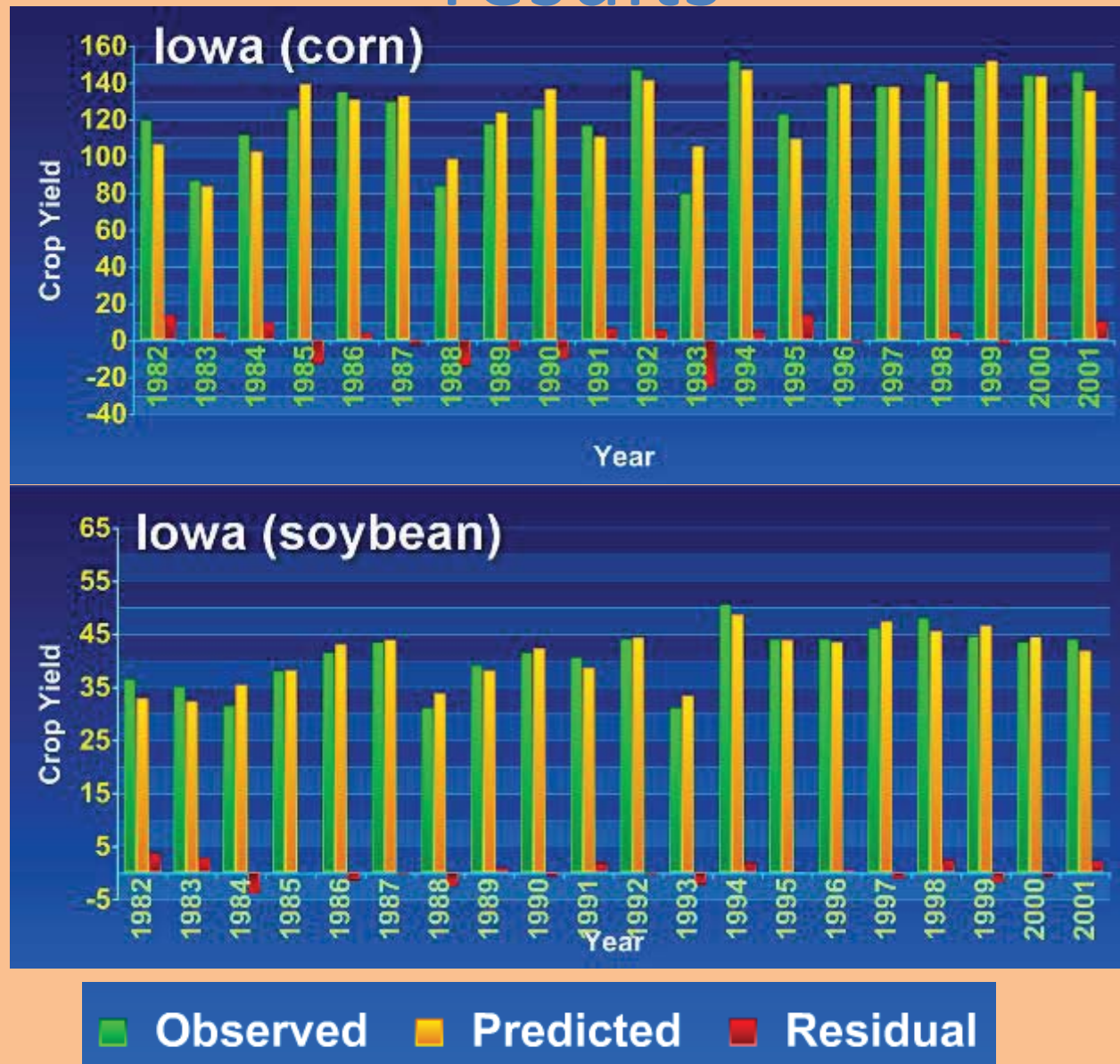


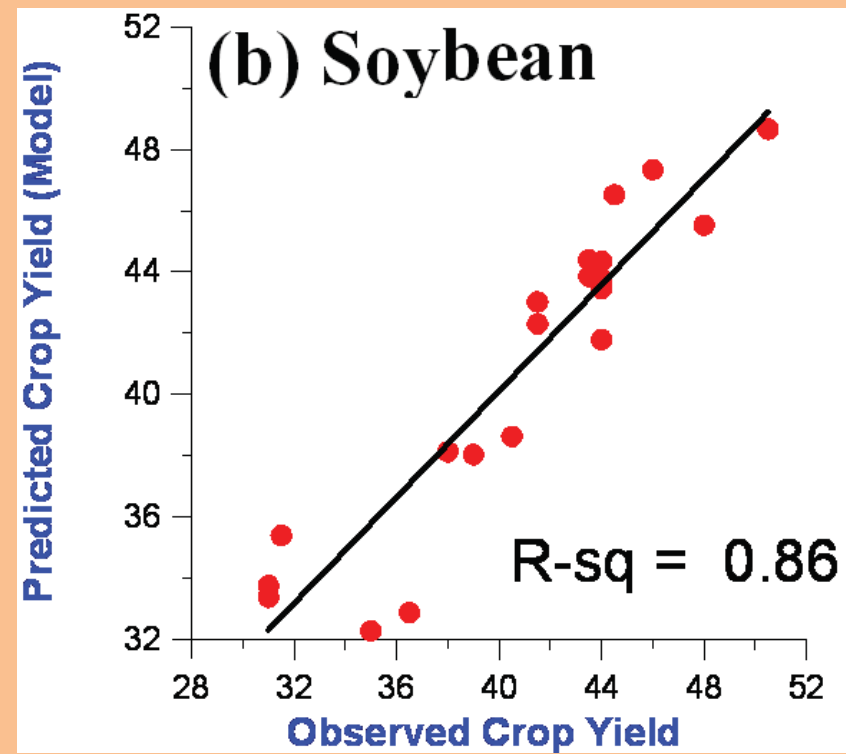
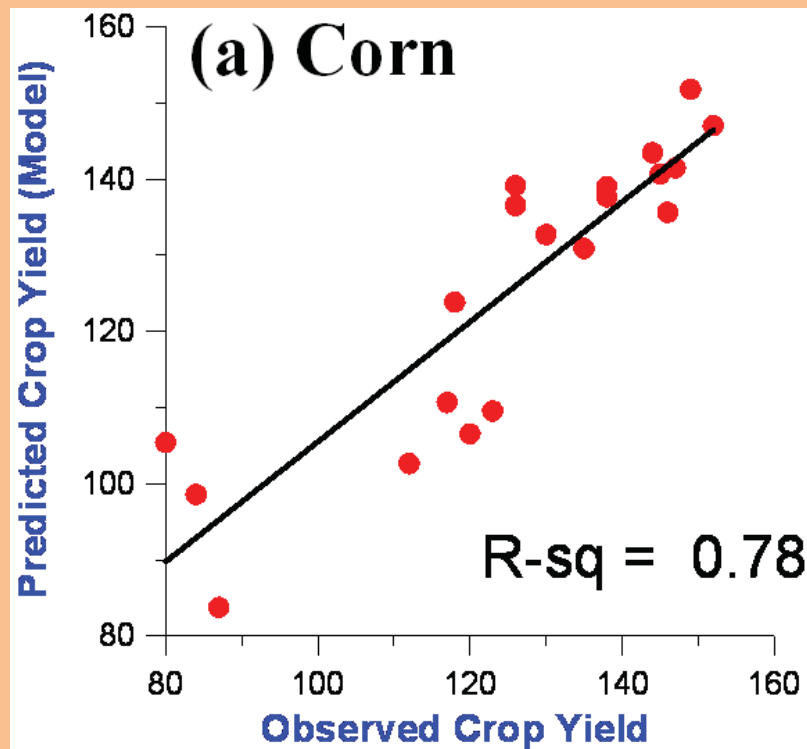
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