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Professional English

***Lecture 1
«Basic concept of
atmospheric aerosols»***

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OUTLINE

1. Introduction
2. Terminology
3. Natural sources of aerosols.
4. Atmospheric aerosol types.

Introduction

Aim of the subject

- is to train specialists having advanced study of the different atmospheric aerosol characters at local, regional and global scale.

The tasks of the subject

- the terminology relating to the atmospheric aerosol,
- sources of aerosols, aerosol formation processes and aerosol classification,
- aerosol effects on climate change,
- local and remote sensing to measure aerosols,
- analytical support used to determine of chemical and mineral composition of aerosols,
- get practical skills in determination of anthropogenic and natural mineral composition in samples of dust aerosols,
- consider some issues concerned with ecological-geochemical assessment of the urban areas in Western Siberia on base of aerosol study.

The subject
32 hours

Lectures
16 h.

Labs
16 h.


exam

presentation

report

2. Terminology

Translate the words

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- Hazes
 - Mists
 - Anthropogenic pollution
 - trace elements
 - To emit into the atmosphere
 - Primary and secondary aerosols
 - To originate/arise from
 - Particulate matter
 - Soot
 - ultra fine
 - Coarse
 - Aerosol optical depth

Terminology

Легкий туман

• Hazes

Густой туман

• Mists

Техногенное загрязнение

• Anthropogenic pollution

микроэлементы

• trace elements

Выбрасывать в атмосферу

• To emit into the atmosphere

Первичный и вторичный
аэрозоль

• Primary and secondary aerosols

Возникать, появляться

• To originate/arise from

Твердые частицы

• Particulate matter

сажа

• Soot

мелкодисперсный

• ultra fine

крупнодисперсный

• Coarse

Аэрозольная оптическая толща

• Aerosol optical depth

3. Natural sources of aerosols

The atmospheric aerosol is defined as an assembly of liquid and solid particles suspended in a gaseous medium, usually air, long enough to enable observation and measurement. With sizes typically around 100 nm.

Fog



Fume, smoke



Smog

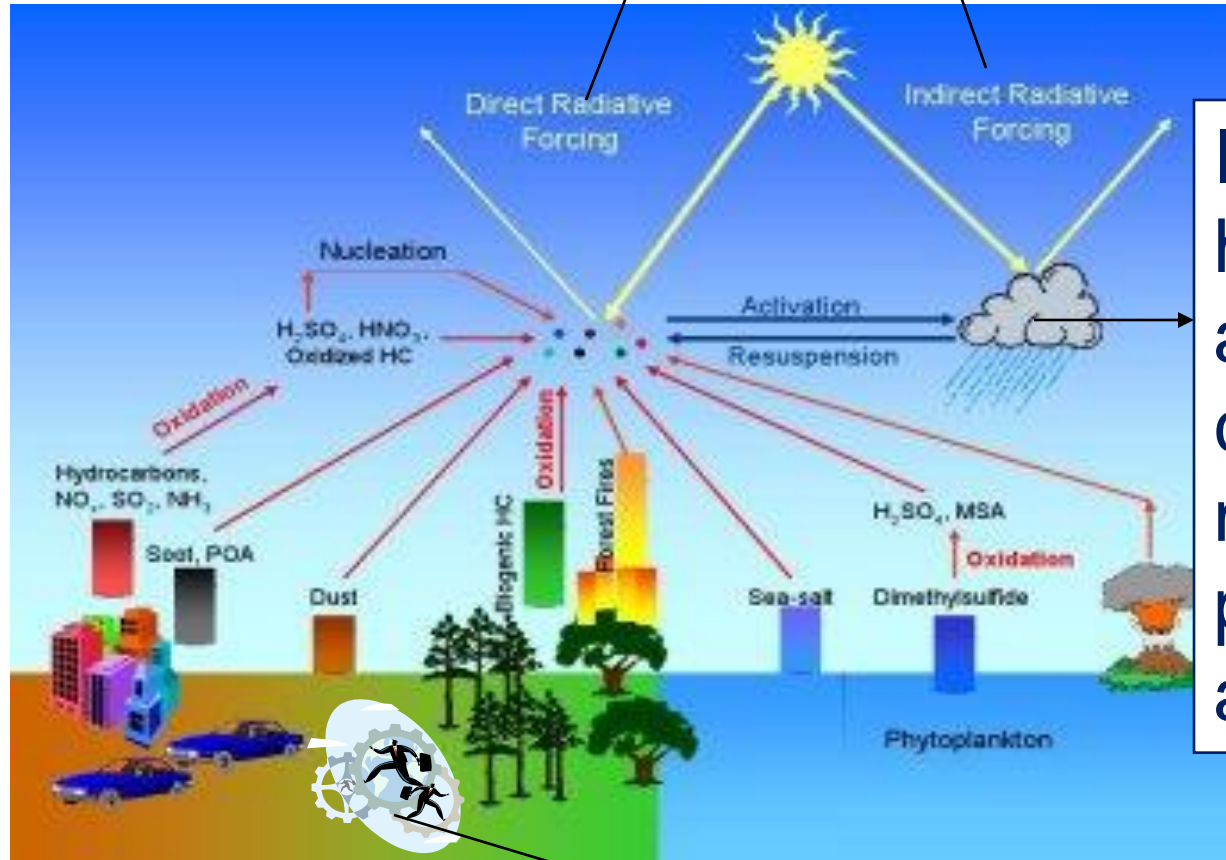


Hazes, mists



Atmospheric aerosols affect on environment quality

Changing the Earth's radiation balance



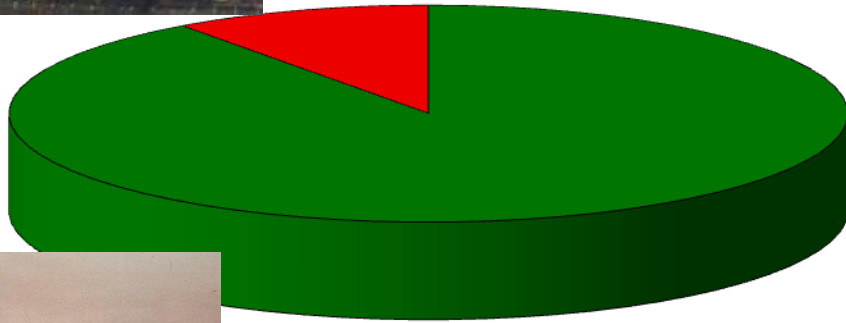
Influence on hydrology through aerosols impact on cloud microphysical processes and amount

Human health effects

Aerosol origin



Anthropogenic aerosols, 10%



Natural aerosols, 90%



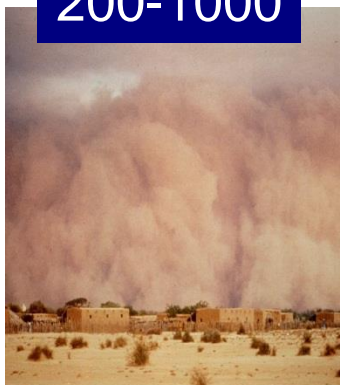
1. Primary aerosols
2. Secondary aerosols

Global emission estimates for primary aerosols, ml. t/year

Natural aerosols

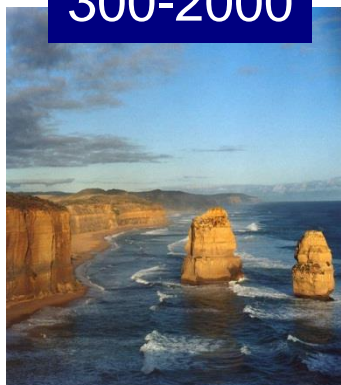
Soil dust

200-1000



Sea spray

300-2000



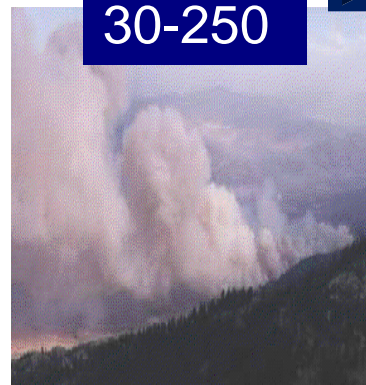
Volcanic dust

10-150



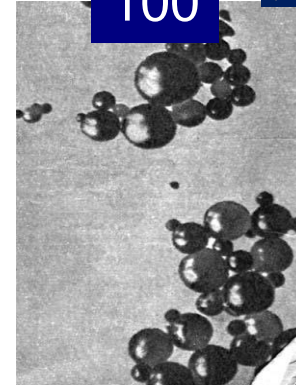
Forest and grassland fires, living vegetation

30-250

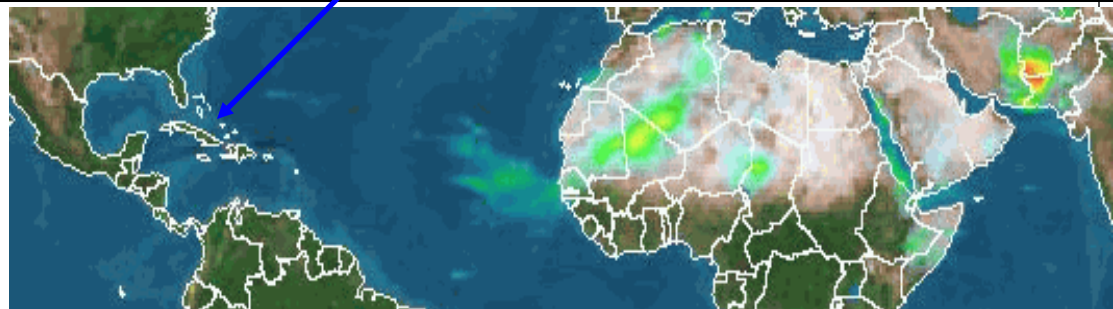
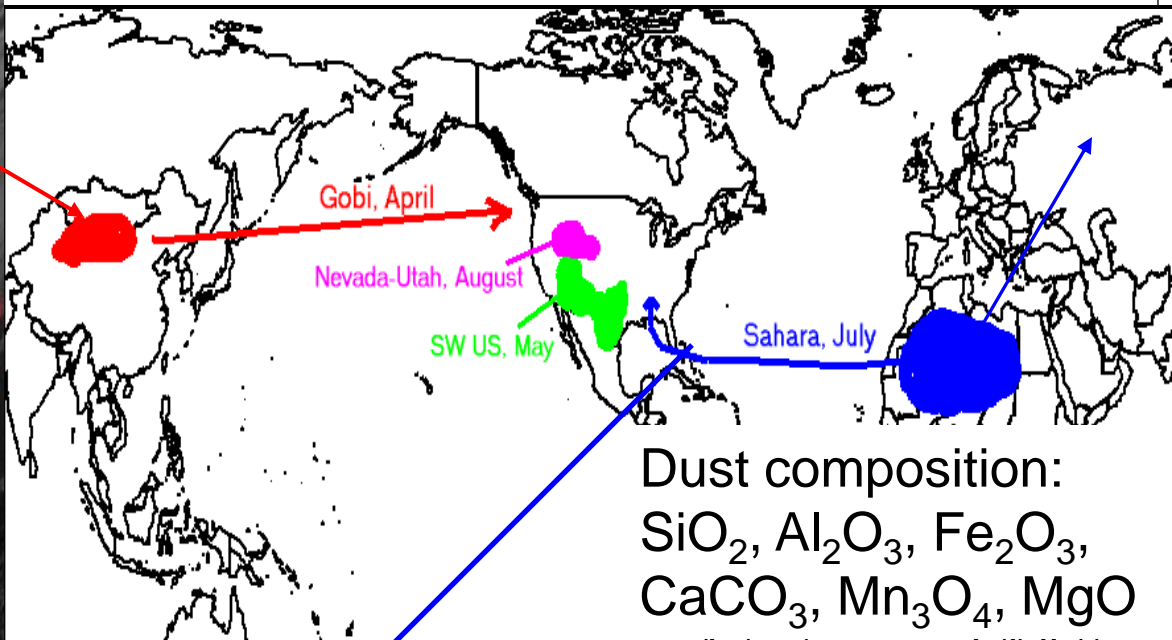
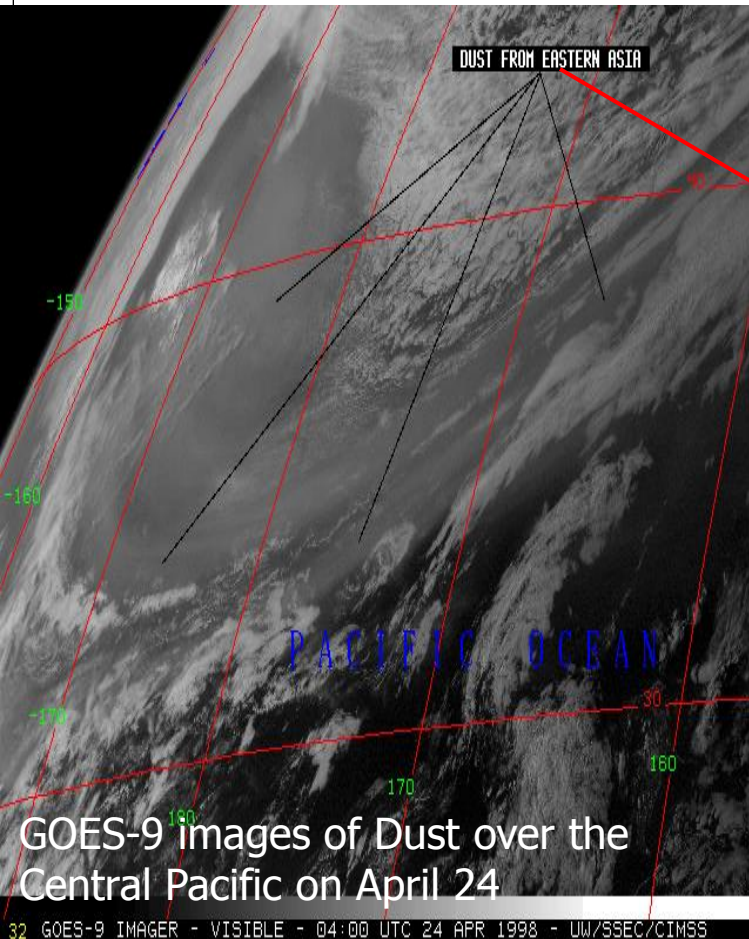


Cosmic dust

100



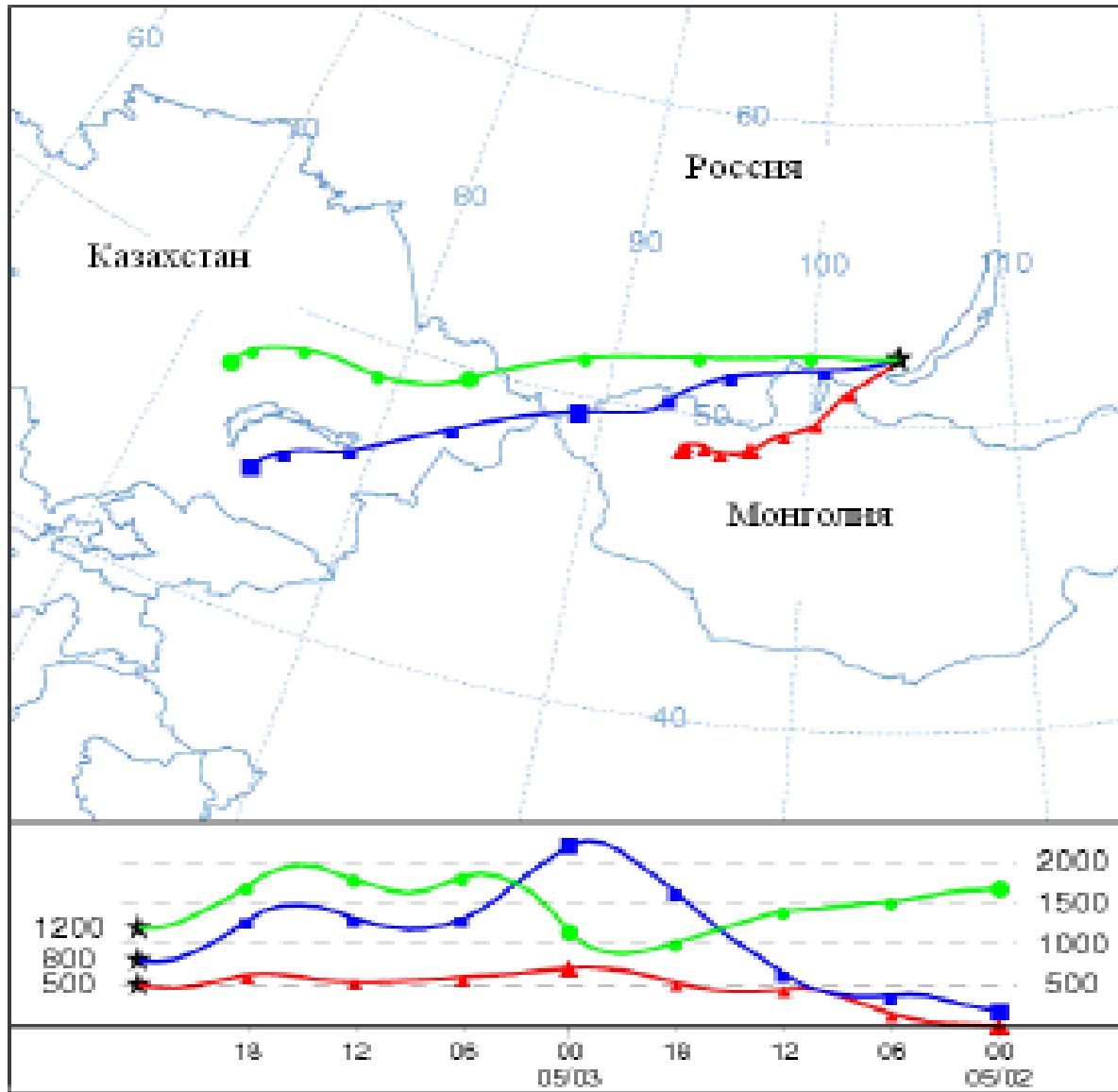
Sahara Dust Cloud over America and Europe



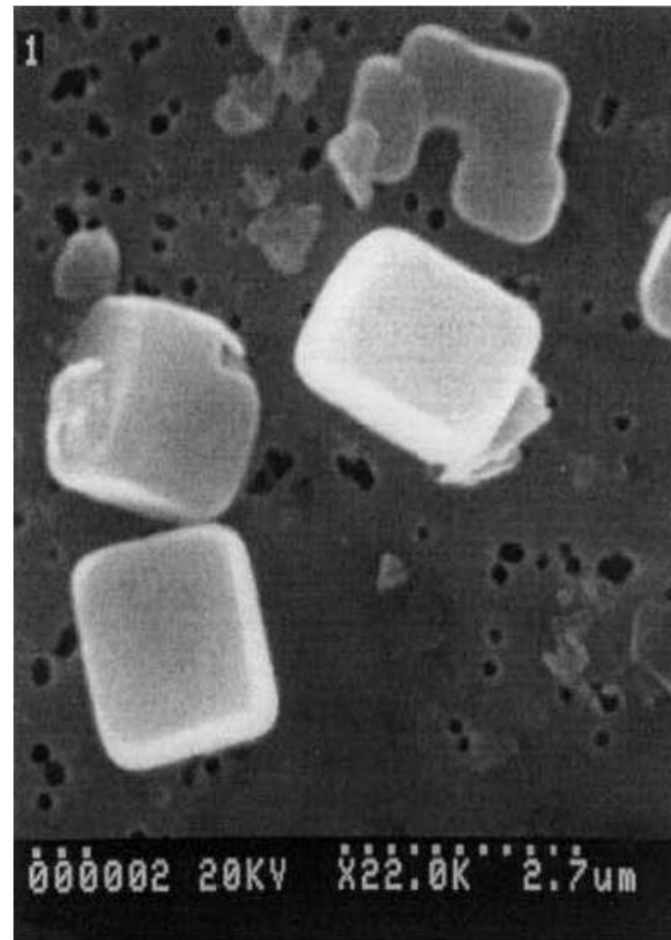
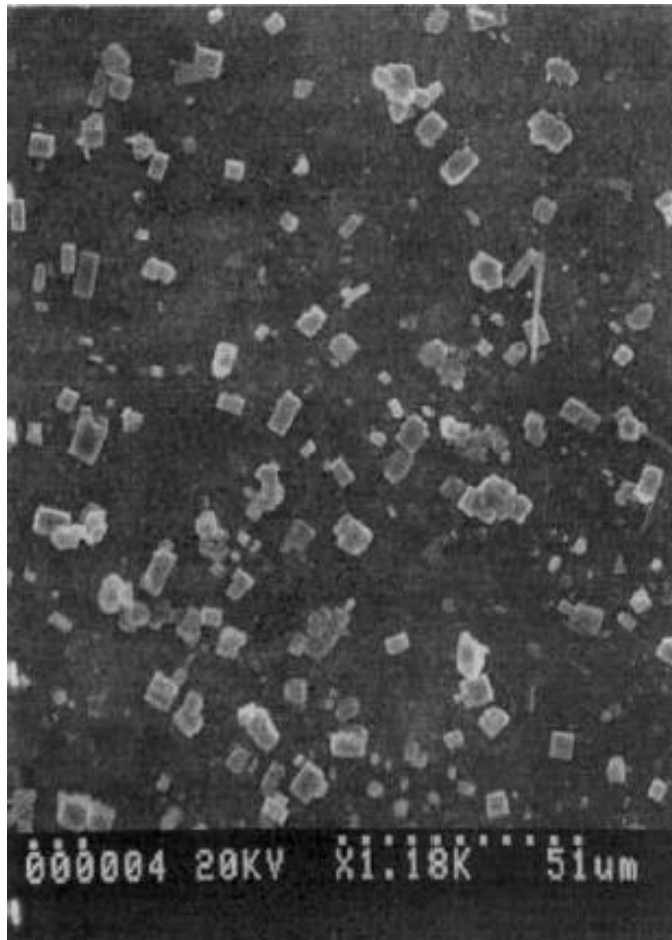
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Asian Dust cloud over Baikal lake (Irkutsk city), 2009

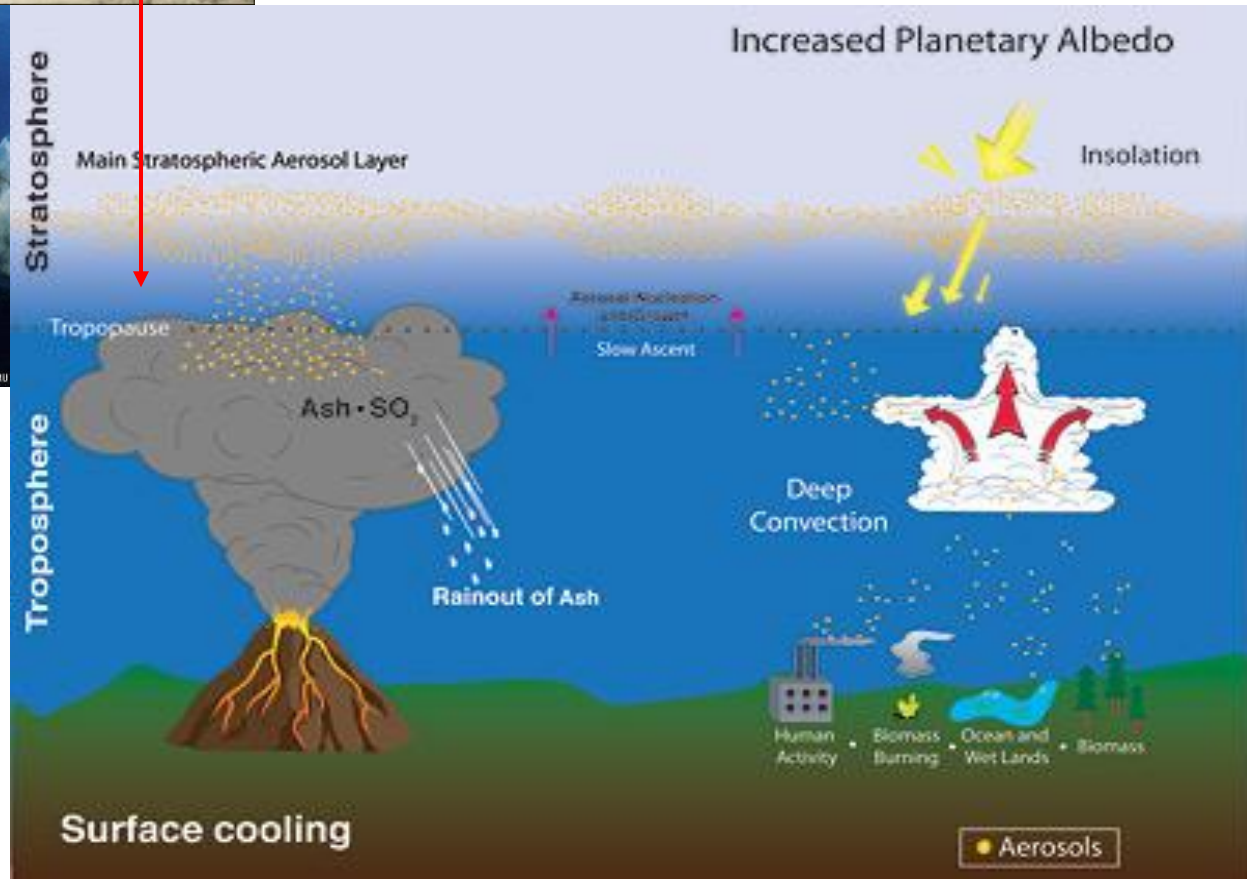
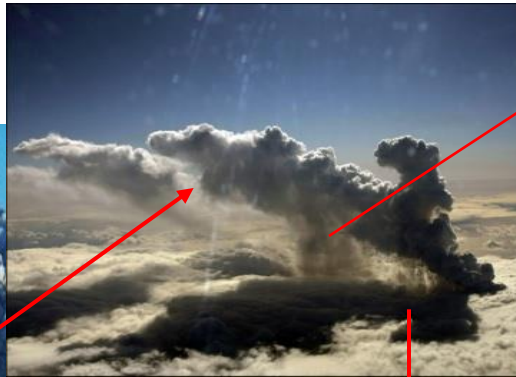


Scanning electron photographs of dried sea-salt particles for marine air conditions collected at Mace Head on the west coast of Ireland



Volcanic aerosols

- water-insoluble mineral particles,
- silicates,
- metallic oxides such as SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 and Fe_2O_3



Biological aerosols

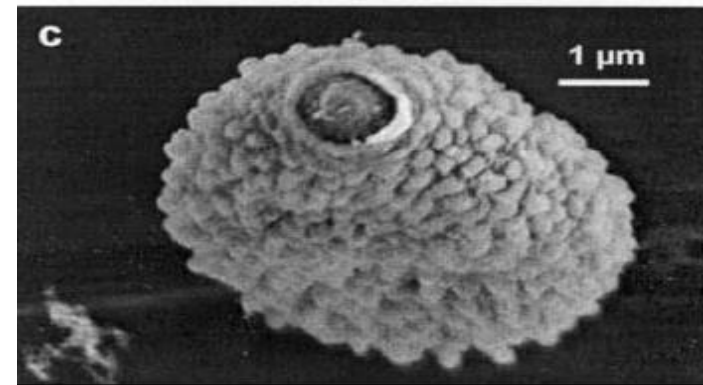
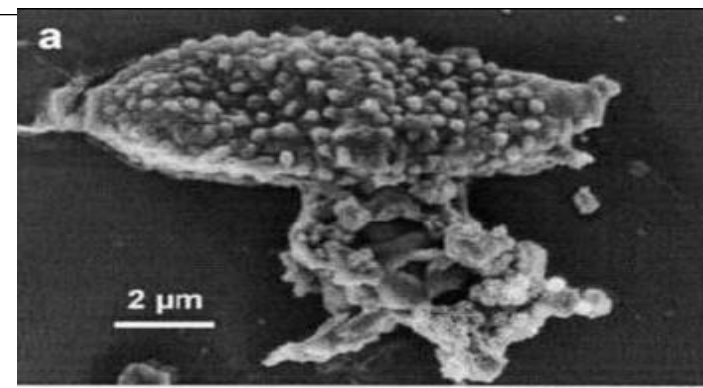


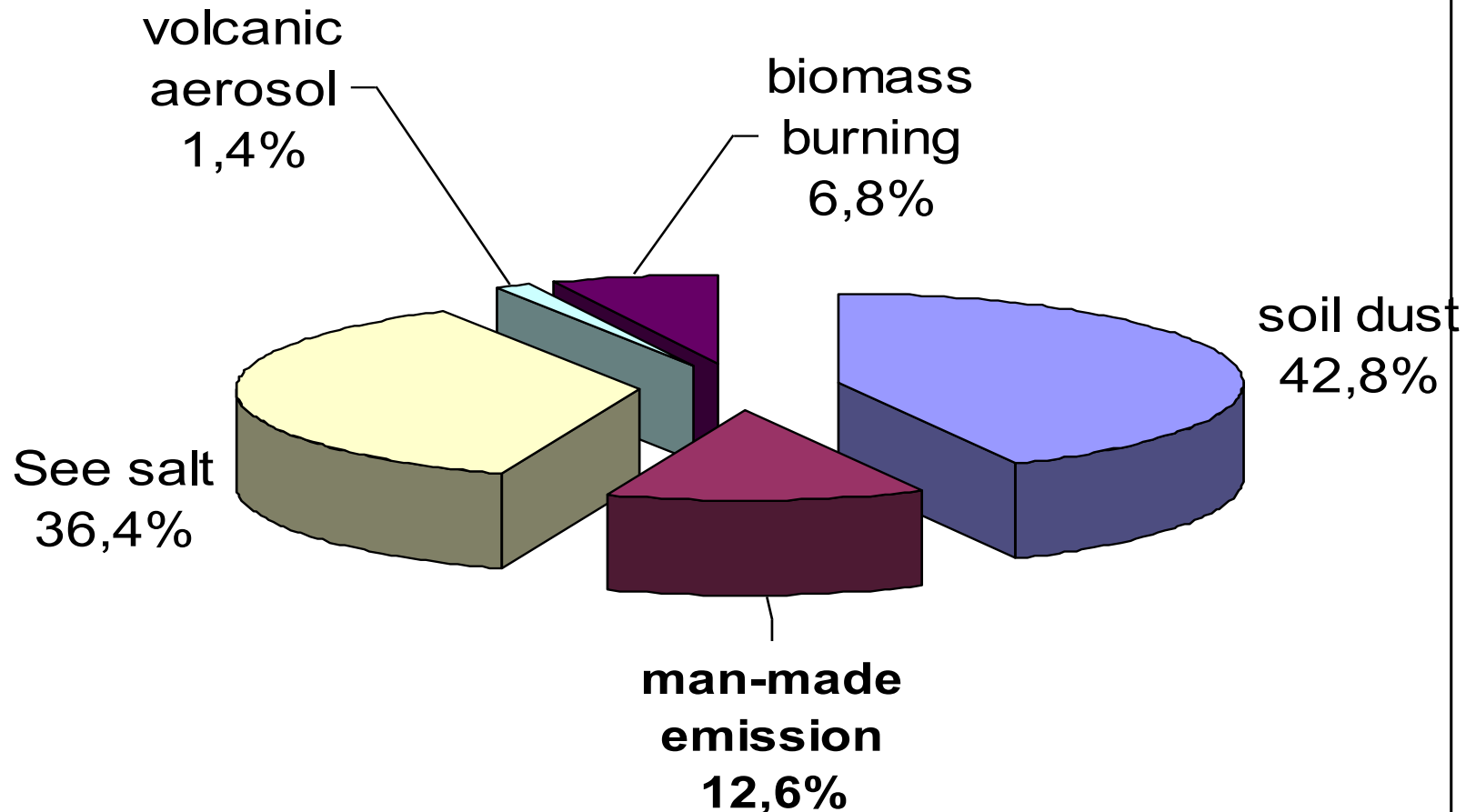
Table 1.3. Sizes of biological particles

Scanning electron photographs

Biological particles	Radius, μm
Viruses	0.05–0.15
Bacteria	0.1–4.0
Fungal spores	0.5–15.0
Pollen	10.0–30.0



Global balance of aerosol sources in 1980-s (Kiehl and Rodne, 1995)



4. Atmospheric aerosol types

Aerosol
types

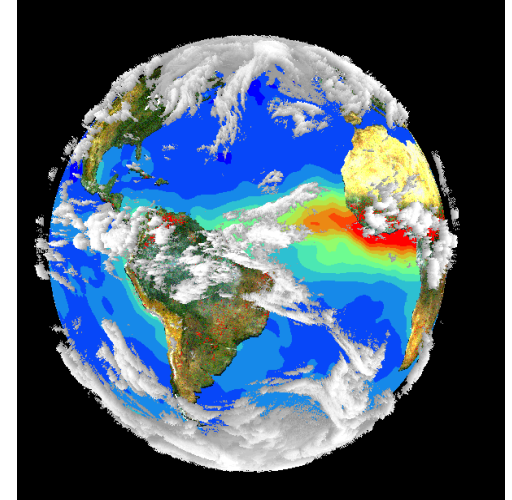
marine



terrestrial

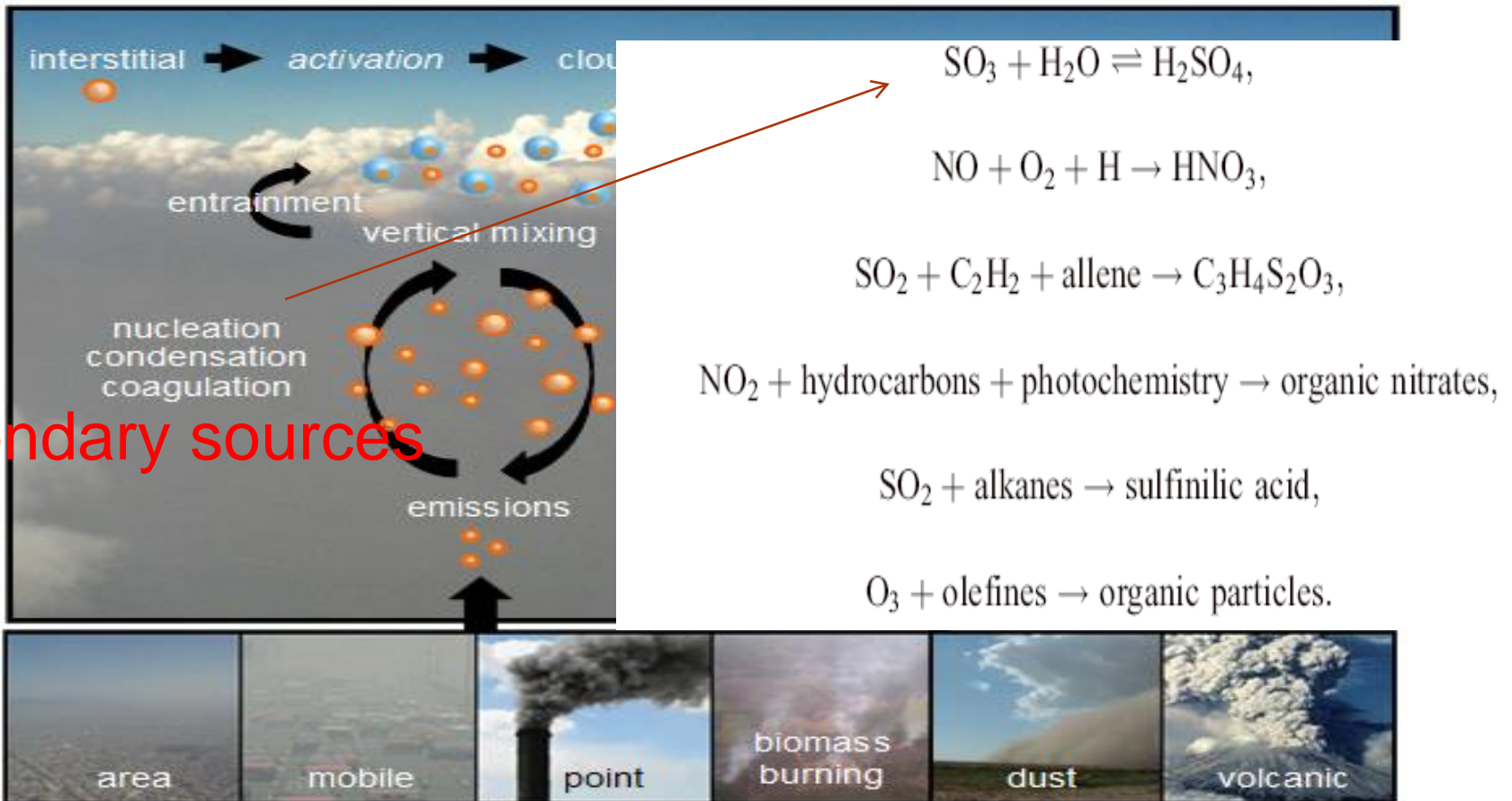


mixed



Secondary aerosols

are formed after chemical conversion in the atmosphere, which generally involves gases, pre-existing aerosols and water vapor.



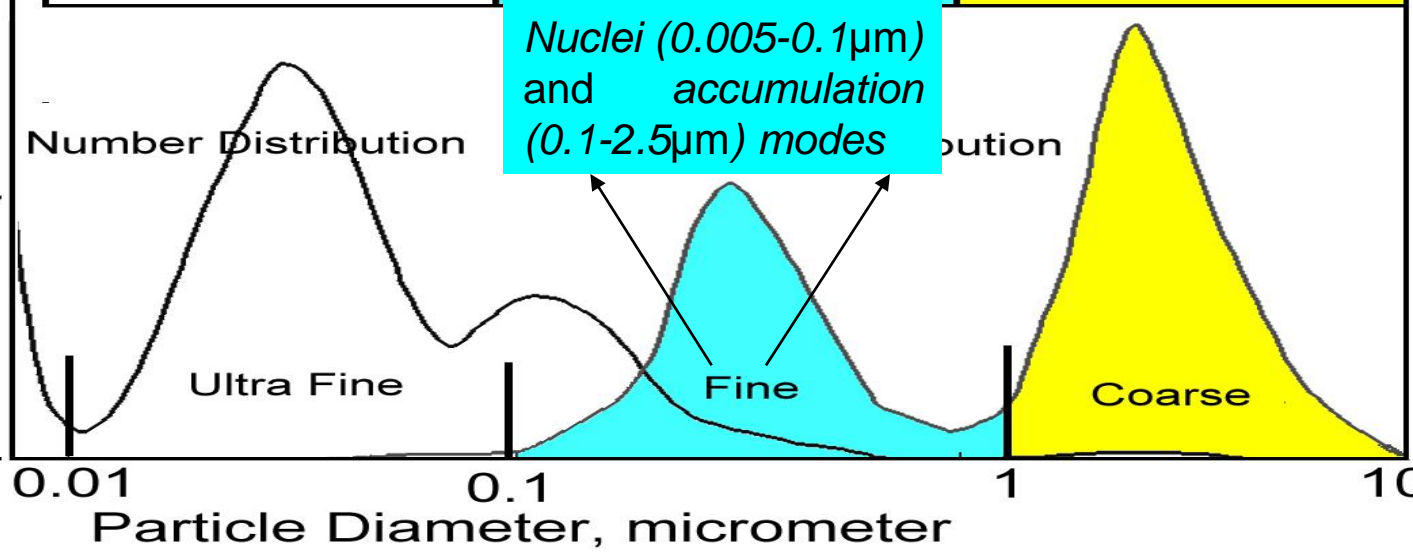
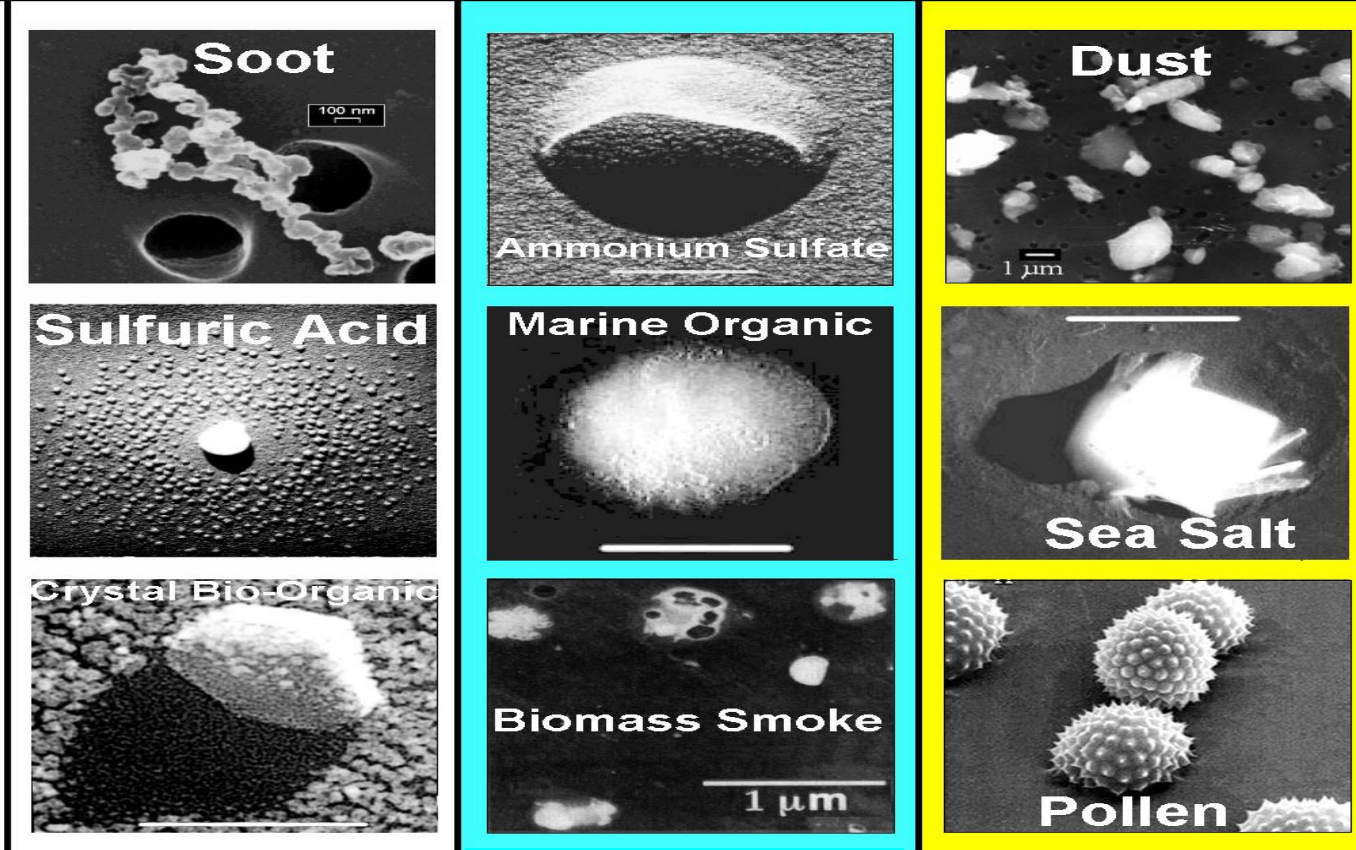
Secondary sources

Primary sources

Global emission estimates for secondary aerosols

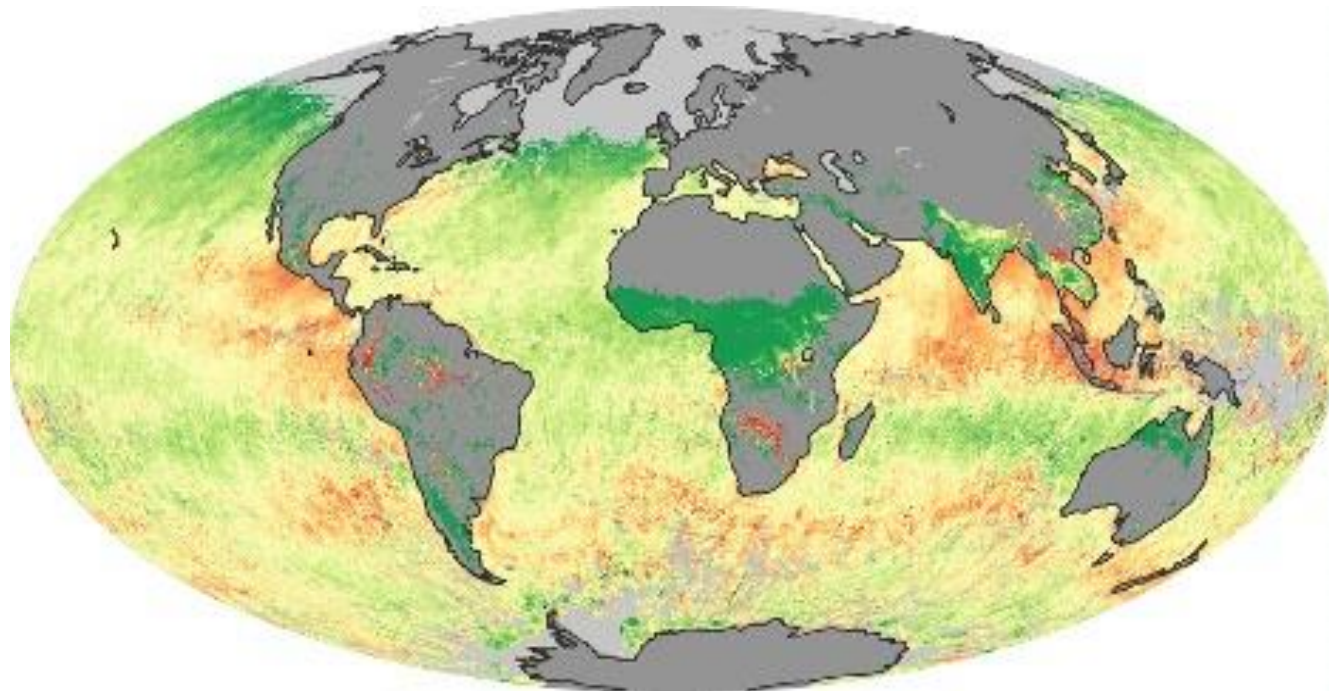
Secondary aerosol types	Mass, ml t/year
Natural source	
Sulfates	130-200
Ammonium hydrate	80-270
Nitrates	60-430
Organic matter from biogenic volatile organic compounds	75-200
Anthropogenic source	
Sulfates	75-200
Nitrates	30-35
Organic from anthropogenic volatile organic compounds	15-90

Particle size distribution



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Data of aerosol size distribution from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on NASA's Terra satellite



Green - coarse particles

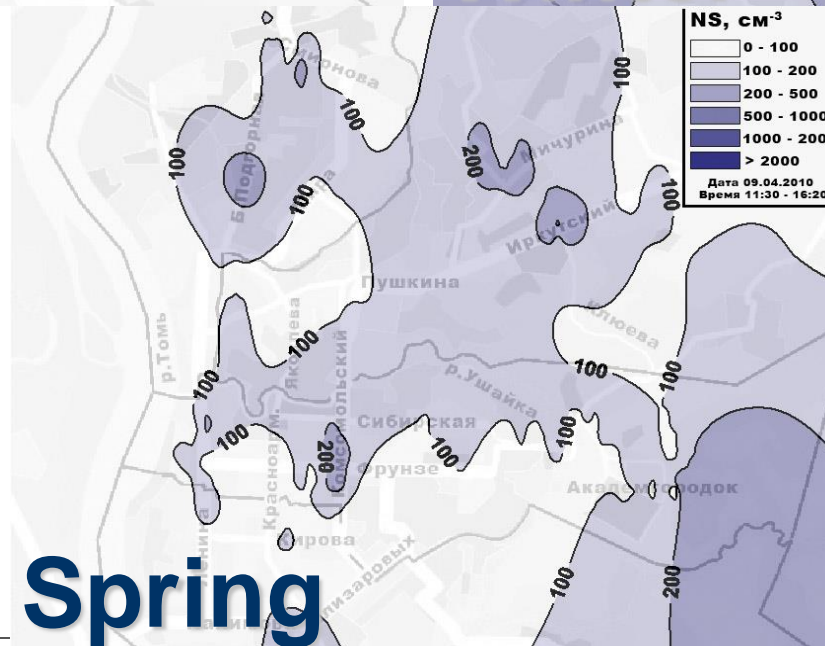
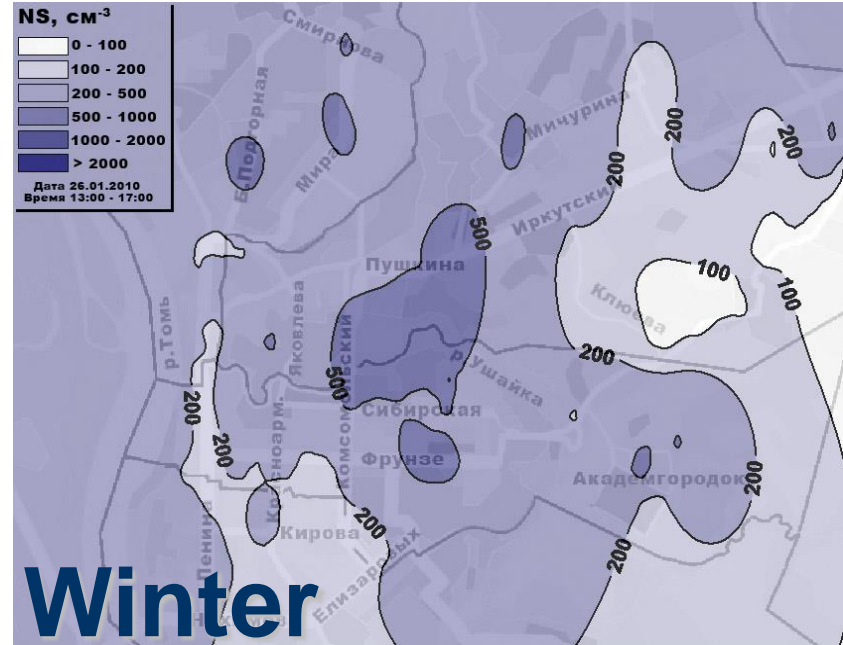
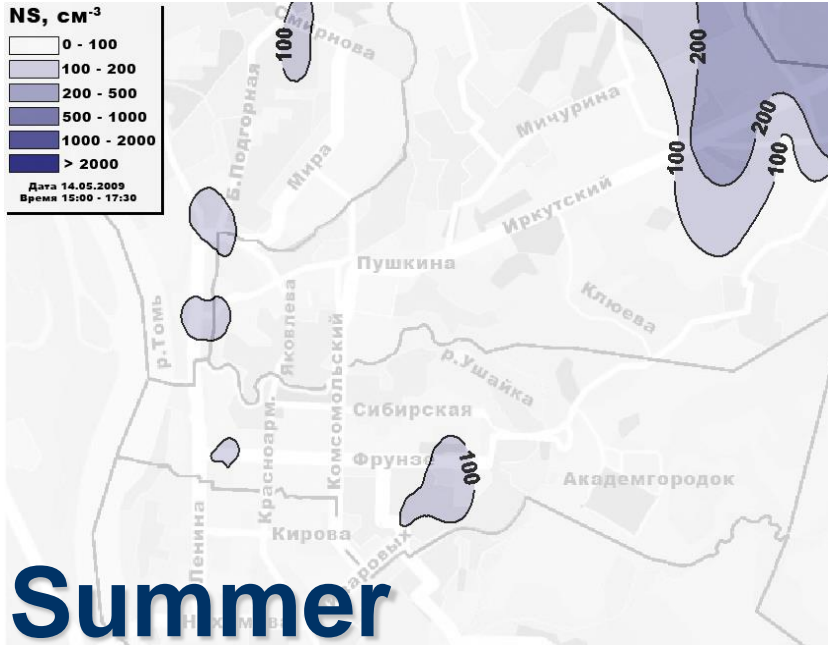
Red – fine and ultra fine particles

Yellow - mixture of the particles

Observed period monthly 2005-2008

Ultrafine aerosol concentration in Tomsk-city, 2009, sm^{-3}

Particle size: $1,3 < r < 15 \mu\text{m}$



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Aerosol lifetime in the atmosphere

The stratospheric lifetime of **coarse particles** is only about 1–2 months, **ultrafine modes** is 2 years.

Residence times of particles in the troposphere vary only from a few days to a few weeks.

