

# **AIR POLLUTION IN BANGLADESH: CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES FOR MITIGATION**

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**\$416 BILLION GDP**

**TOP GLOBAL PRODUCER OF RICE (3RD), TEA, POTATOES (7TH), TROPICAL FRUITS (6TH), JUTE (2ND) & FARMED FISH (5TH)**

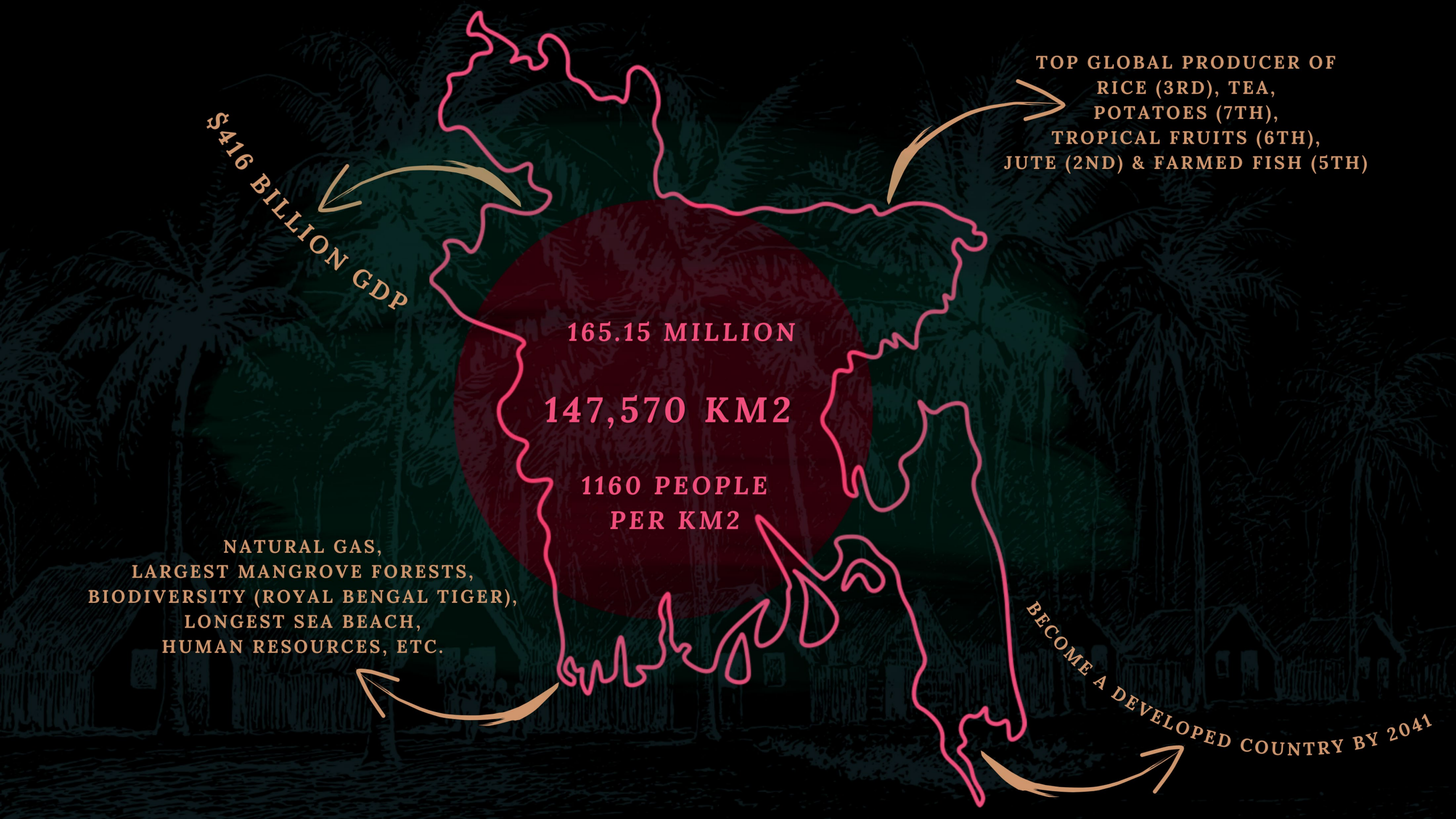
**165.15 MILLION**

**147,570 KM2**

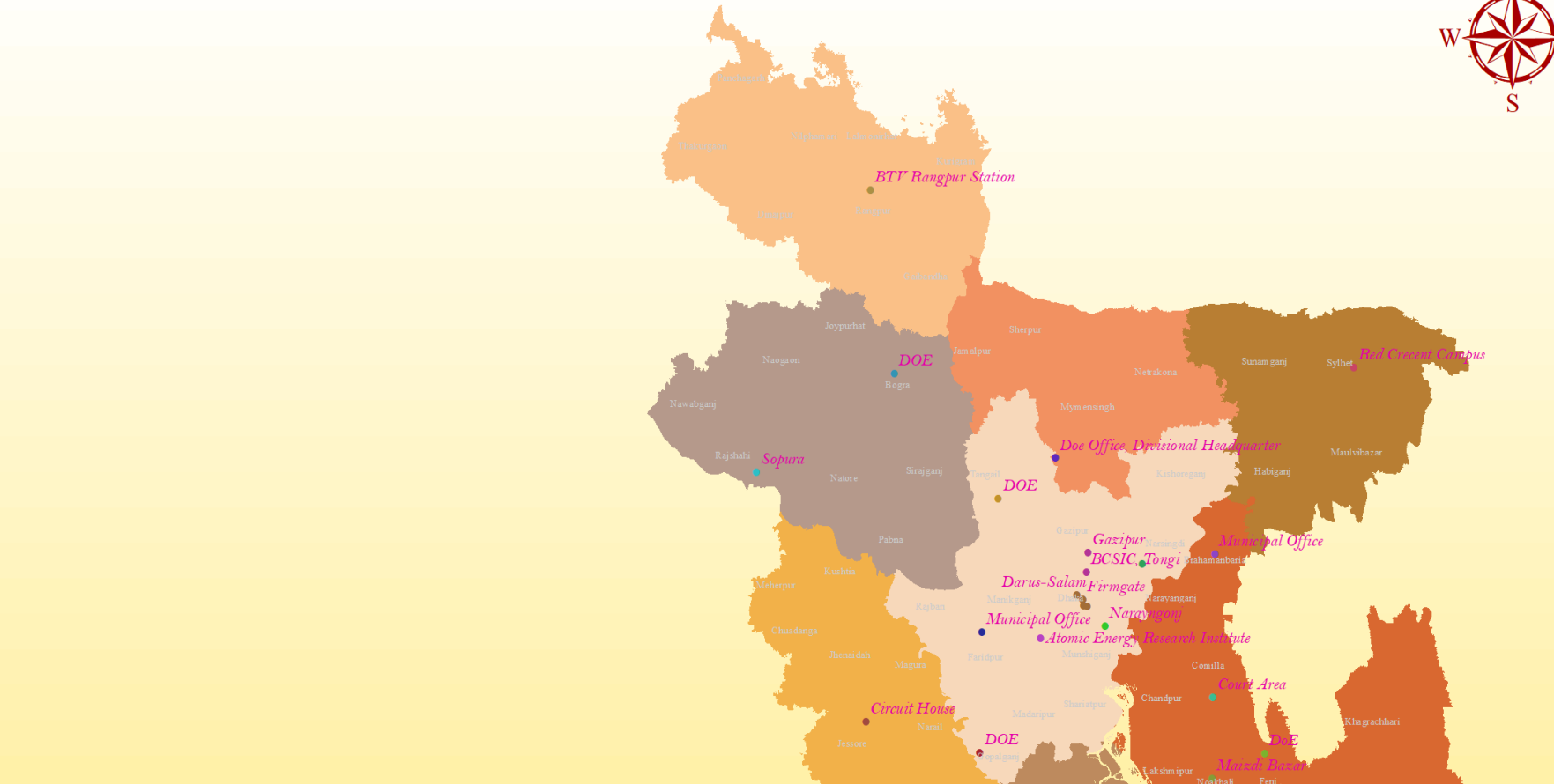
**1160 PEOPLE PER KM2**

**NATURAL GAS, LARGEST MANGROVE FORESTS, BIODIVERSITY (ROYAL BENGAL TIGER), LONGEST SEA BEACH, HUMAN RESOURCES, ETC.**

**BECOME A DEVELOPED COUNTRY BY 2041**

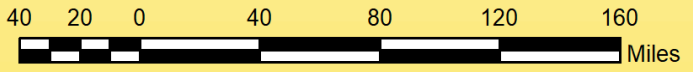


# Continuous Air Monitoring Stations (CAMS) in Bangladesh



**Legend**

<b>Station Locations</b>	● Dhaka	● Narsindhi	<b>Division</b>
● B.Baria	● Faridpur	● Noakhali	■ Barisal
● Bagerhat	● Feni	● Rajshahi	■ Chittagong
● Barisal	● Gazipur	● Rangpur	■ Dhaka
● Bogura	● Gopalganj	● Satkhira	■ Khulna
● Chattogram	● Jessore	● Savar	■ Mymensingh
● Chittagong	● Khulna	● Sylhet	■ Rajshahi
● Cox's Bazar	● Mymensingh	● Tangail	■ Rangpur
● Cumilla	● Narayngonj		■ Sylhet



SUB TOPIC 1 :  
FUNDAMENTAL IN AIR POLLUTION &  
AEROSOL - METEOROLOGY  
INTERACTIONS





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### Urgent Action Needed in South Asia to Curb Deadly Air Pollution

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## Delhi most polluted capital in world, finds air report

The city is topping the list for the fourth consecutive year. Delhi topped a list of 92 capital cities in 2020, 85 such cities in 2019, and 62 such cities in 2018.

**Dhaka Tribune**

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## Dhaka again ranked world's most polluted city

JUST IN

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## Lahore once again sets unique record of world's most polluted city

15°C

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## China's Hotan most polluted city in 2020, Ghaziabad at 2nd place: Report

World News  
Published on Aug 11, 2021 04:17 PM IST

Of the 50 most polluted cities worldwide, 49 are in Bangladesh, China, Pakistan, and India, according to the report.

# AIR POLLUTION HOTSPOT

## in South Asian Region


**The Daily Star**  
THURSDAY, January 26, 2023 | Journalism Without Fear or Favour

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Air pollution

## Dhaka tops list of cities with most polluted air in the world today

UNB, Dhaka  
Wed Jan 25, 2023 12:26 PM Last update on: Wed Jan 25, 2023 12:32 PM



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## Chronic air pollution and health burden in Dhaka city

Shafayet Ahmed Siddiqui, Md Jakaria, Mohammad Nurul Amin, Abdullah Al Mahmud, David Gozal  
European Respiratory Journal 2020 56: 2000689; DOI: 10.1183/13993003.00689-2020

Thursday, January 26, 2023

**NEWAGE Bangladesh**

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## Dhaka becomes world's most polluted AQI score of 323

United News of Bangladesh · Dhaka | Published: 10:37, Dec 15, 2022



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| **Air Pollution!**

IS THIS A NEW ' *silent spring* '   
FOR THE PEOPLE IN SOUTH ASIA



# AIR POLLUTION (WH QUESTIONS)

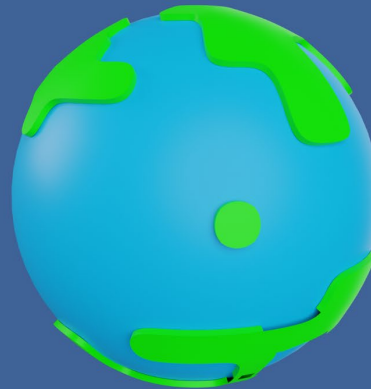
## WHAT IT IS

Air pollution occurs when harmful or excessive quantities of substances are introduced into Earth's atmosphere near surface.



## HOW IT OCCURS

A mixture of solid particles, liquid particles and gases are suspended in the air.



## WHICH SUBSTANCES

Substances include:

Gases: SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, O<sub>3</sub>, Biogenic organics, hydrocarbons, etc.

Particulate matter: smoke, dust, fumes, fly ash aerosols, BC, BrC, etc.

Radioactive materials and many other toxic metals.

Airborne pathogens.



## ANNOUNCEMENT

WHO reported that 9 out of 10 people breathe air containing high levels of pollutants.



## WHAT IT CAUSES

Air pollution kills an estimated 9 millions people worldwide every year. Life expectancy lost 6.7 years in Bangladesh.

(Vohra et al., 2022; HEI, 2022)

# Causes of air pollution from Iran to Indonesia



BEIJING, CHINA



HAZE / URBAN SMOG



NEW DELHI, INDIA

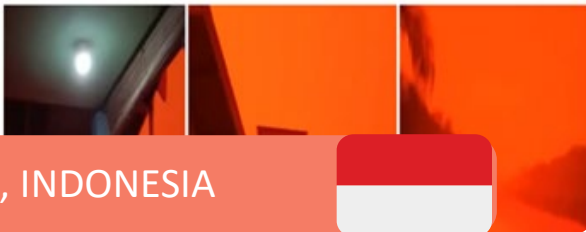
Indonesia

## 'This is daytime': bright red haze from Indonesian rainforest fires envelops city

Surreal footage shows Jambi swamped in thick cloud of pollution

Kate Lamb in Jakarta

Tue 24 Sep 2019  
03:25 BST



JAMBI, INDONESIA



DHAKA, BANGLADESH



LONDON, UK

# COMBUSTION GENERATED SMOKE EMISSIONS



NON FOSSIL FUEL

FOSSIL FUEL

WILD FOREST

PEAT SOIL

COAL

## PARTICULATE MATTER

- BC/EC
- OC
- BrC
- POC
- SOC

## COMBUSTION PROCESS



## METALS

- Pb
- Cd
- Hg
- Cs
- As
- Se

## GASES - INORGANIC ACIDS

- CO
- Ozone
- NO<sub>x</sub>
- SO<sub>2</sub>
- CH<sub>4</sub>
- CO<sub>2</sub>

## HYDROCARBONS

- BTEX
- Alkanes
- PAHs
- Dicarboxylic acid

## ORGANIC MOLECULES

- Aldehydes
- Phenols
- PAHs
- Biomass tracers

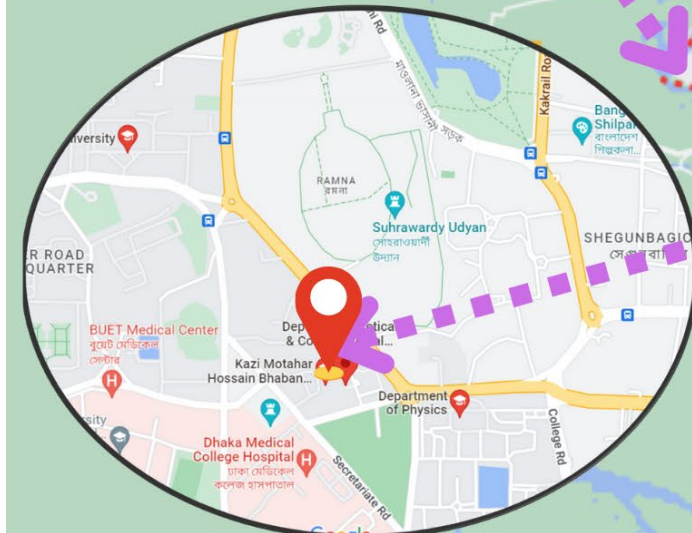
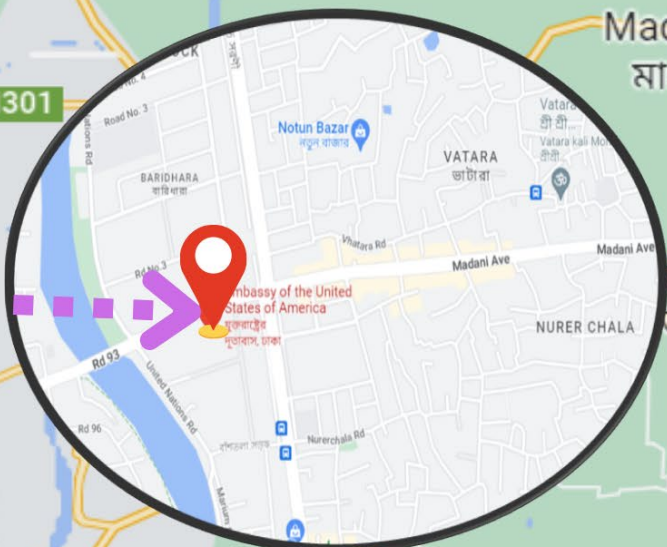
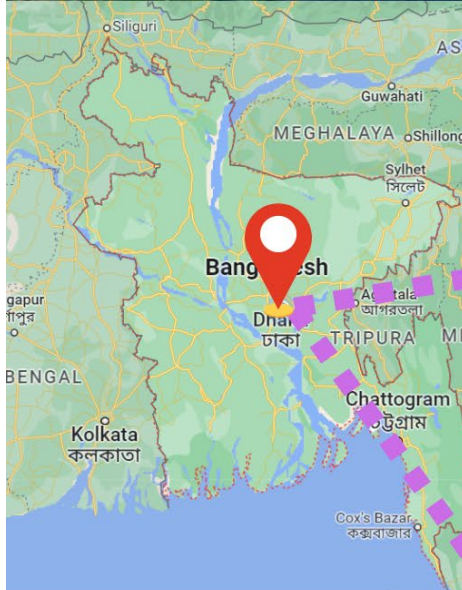
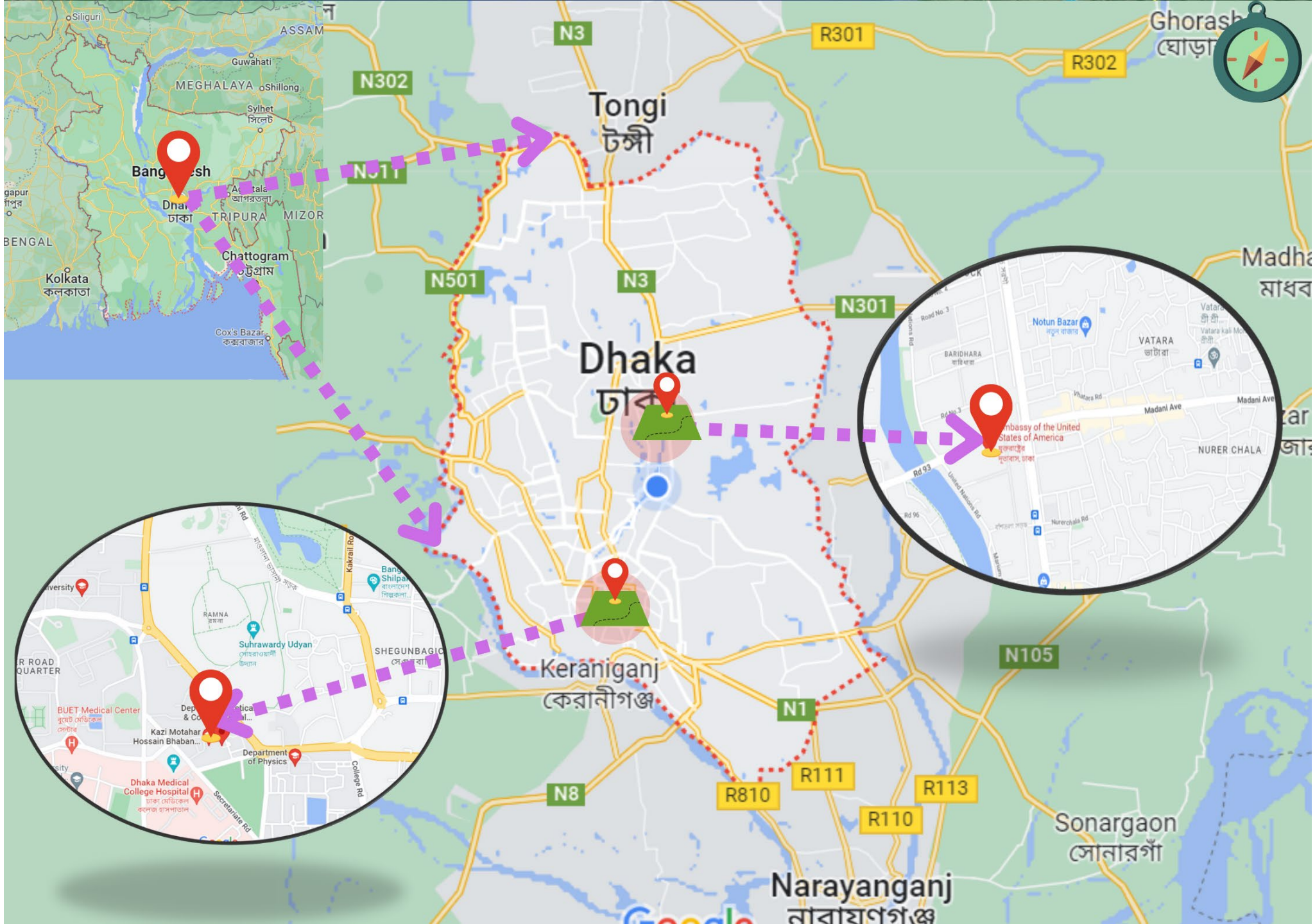
# Air pollution in Bangladesh:



Local or Transboundary effects???



Anthropogenic or natural causes???



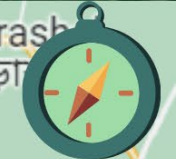
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Dhaka  
ঢাকা

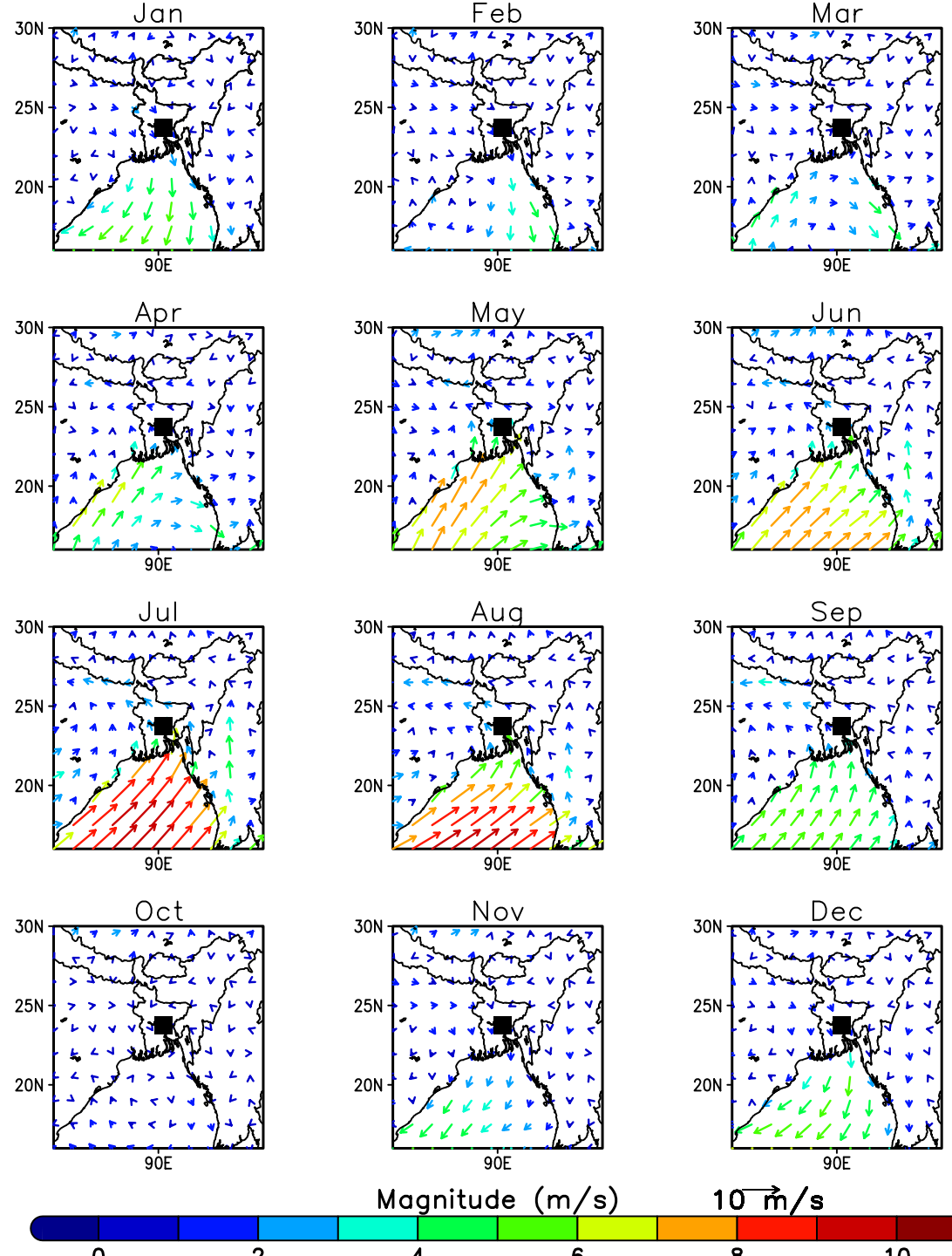
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কেরানীগঞ্জ

Narayanganj  
নারায়ণগঞ্জ

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The synoptic level of wind vector over the study site changes monthly in 2019:

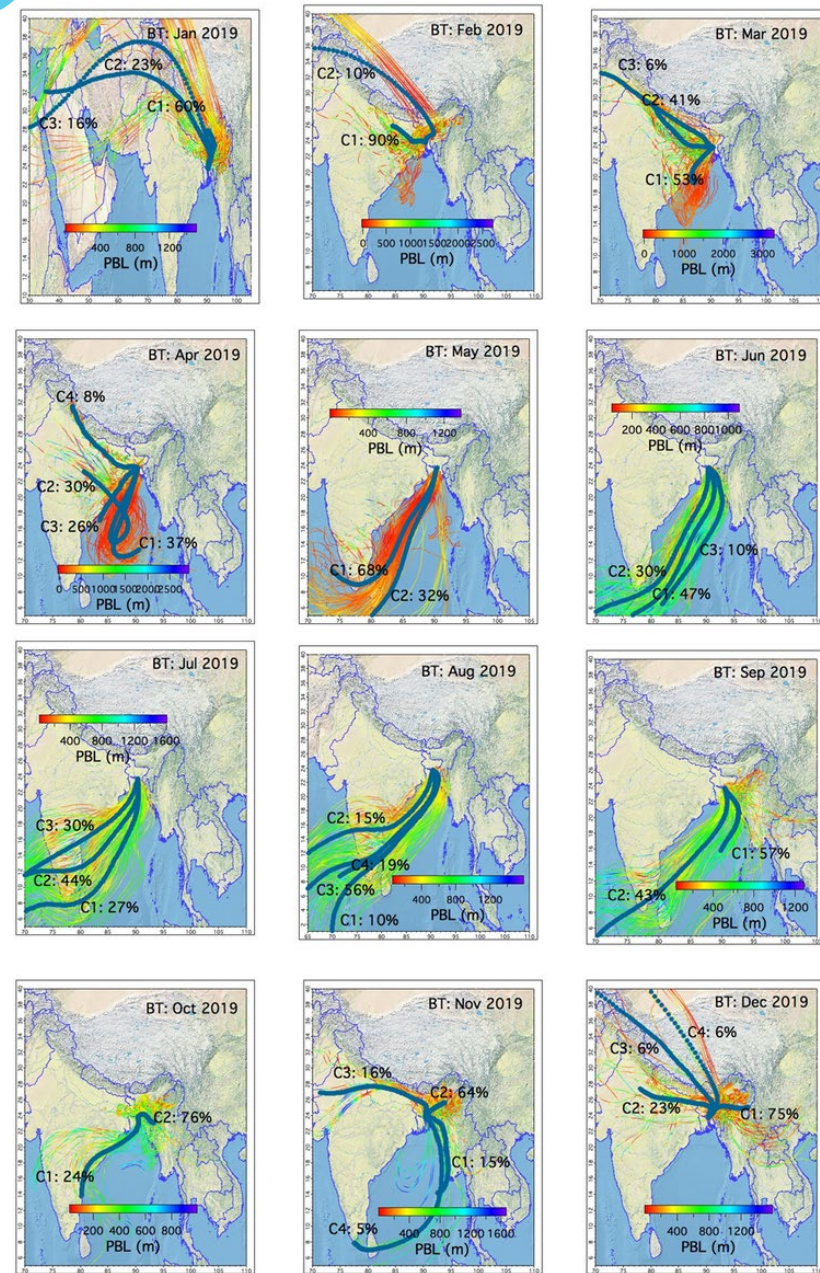




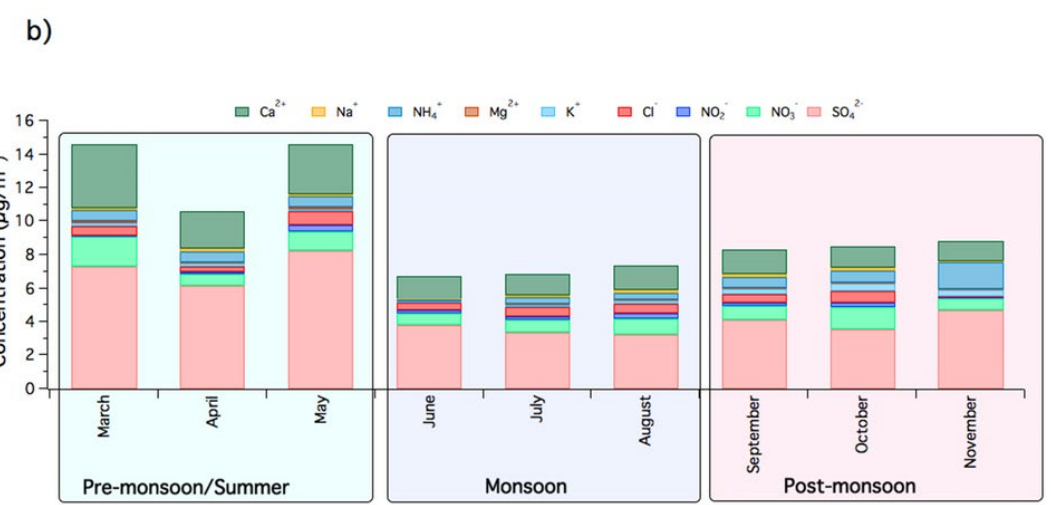
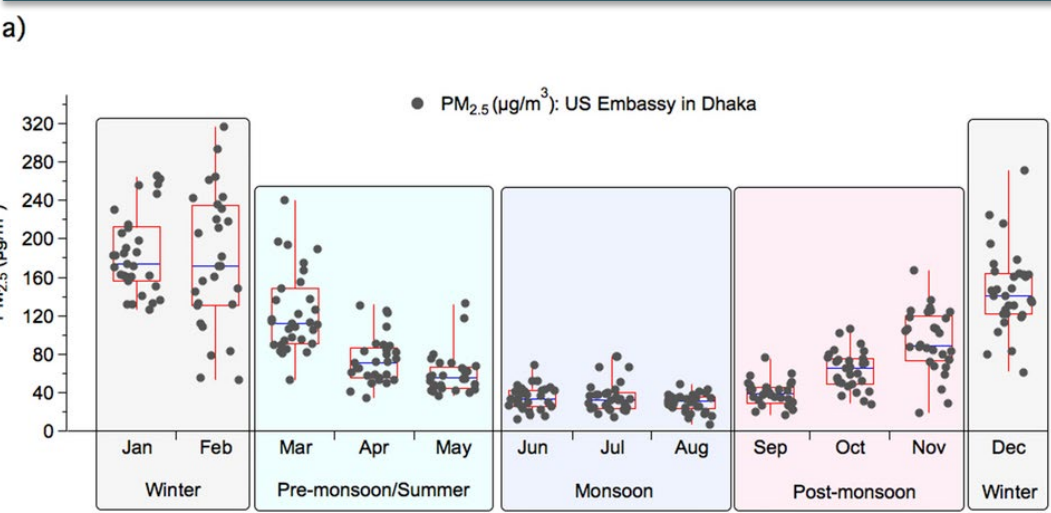
# Local Meteorology and Regional Circulation Impact on Aerosol Load over Dhaka City (Adapted from Norazman et. al. 2021 ACS Earth and Space Chem)

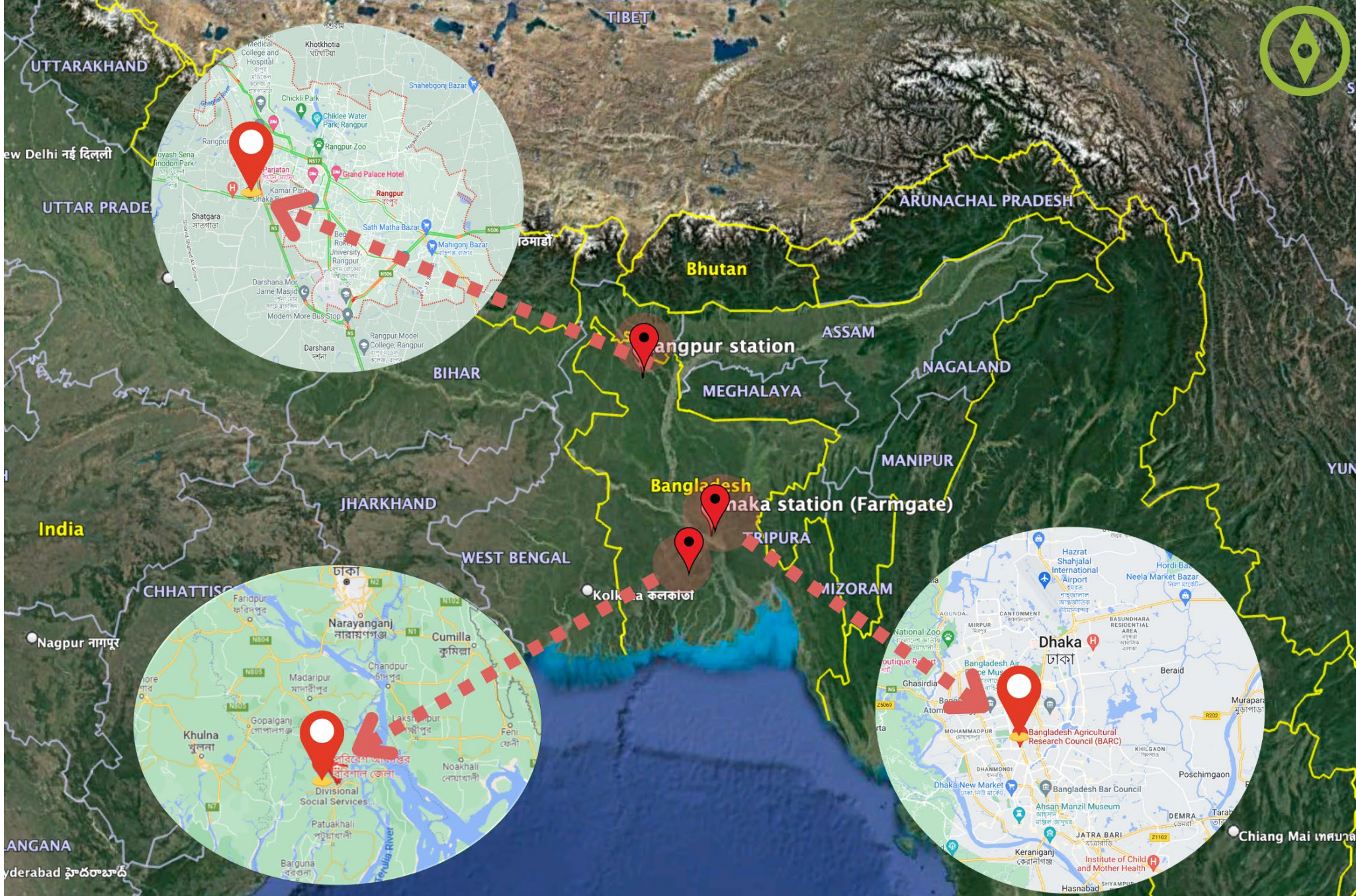


## Backward Trajectory Modeling



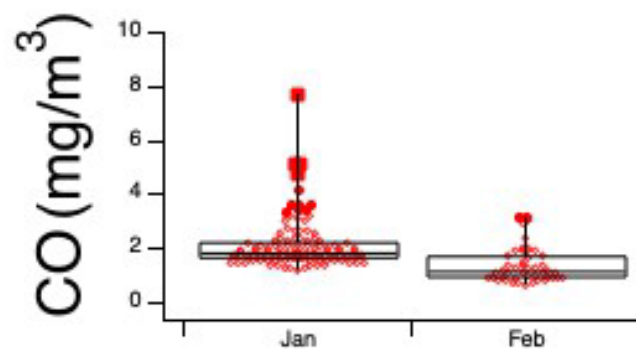
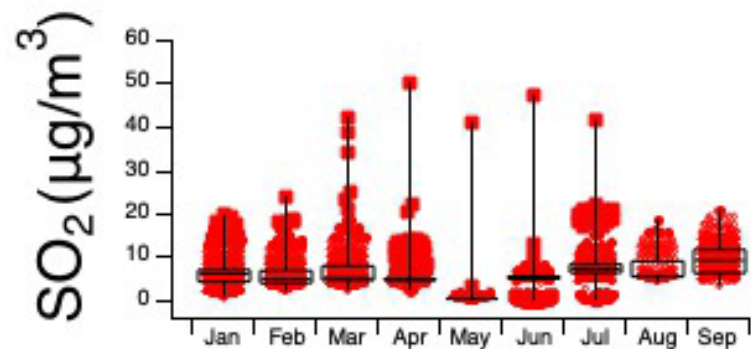
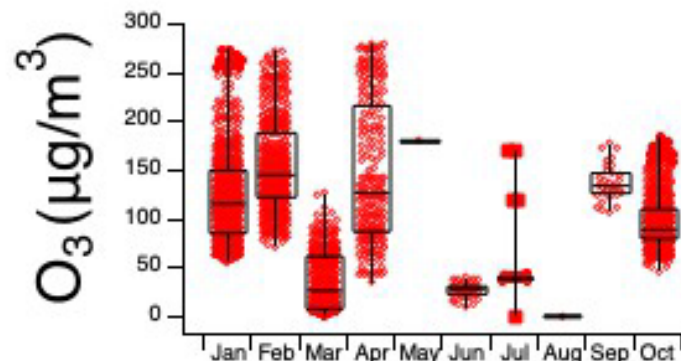
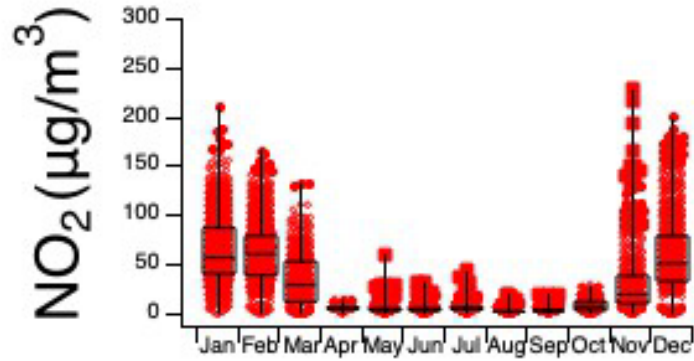
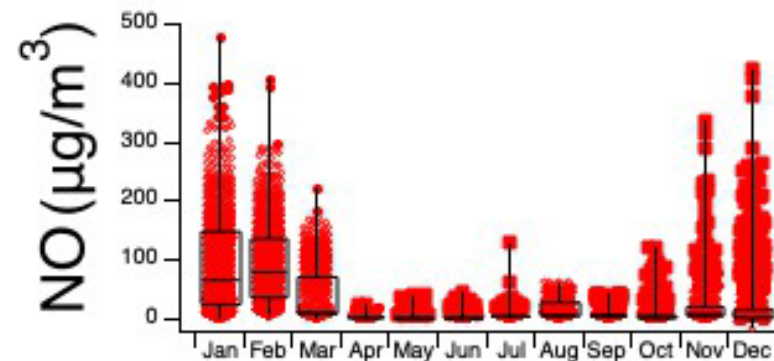
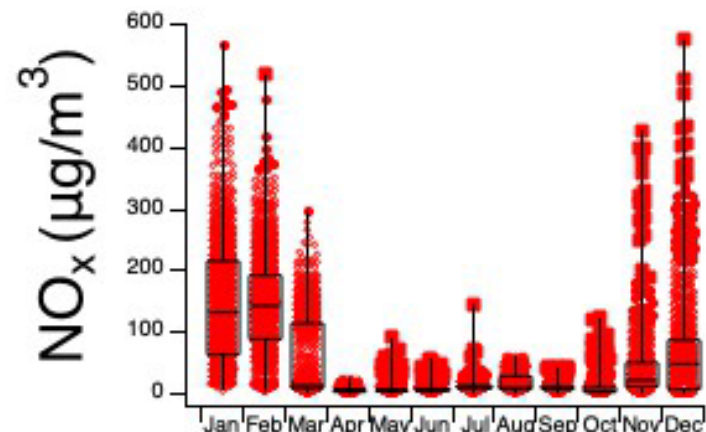
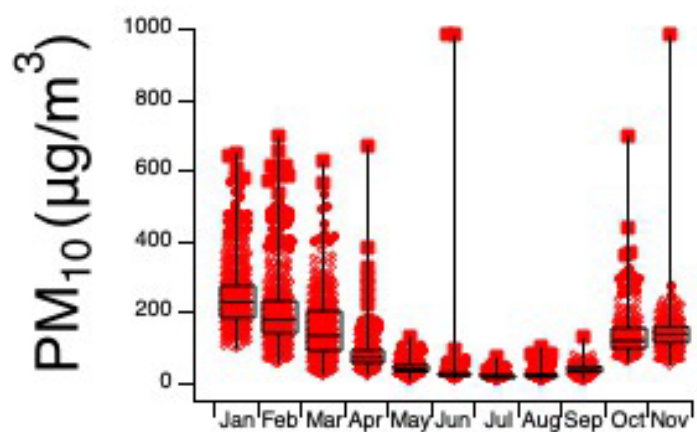
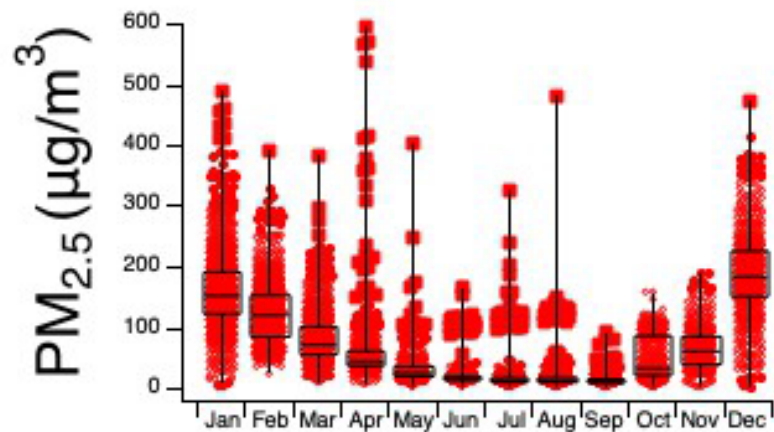
- ▶ Transport of air mass carry water vapour and pollutants
- Seasonal changes over Dhaka
- ▶ is very strong
- Himalaya during winter and
- ▶ Bay of Bengal during monsoon play significant role on the aerosol load over Dhaka
- The precursors of secondary
- ▶ aerosol are reported higher during dry winter months



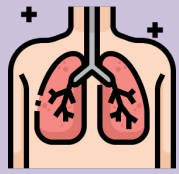


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Image Landsat / Copernicus

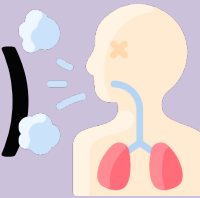




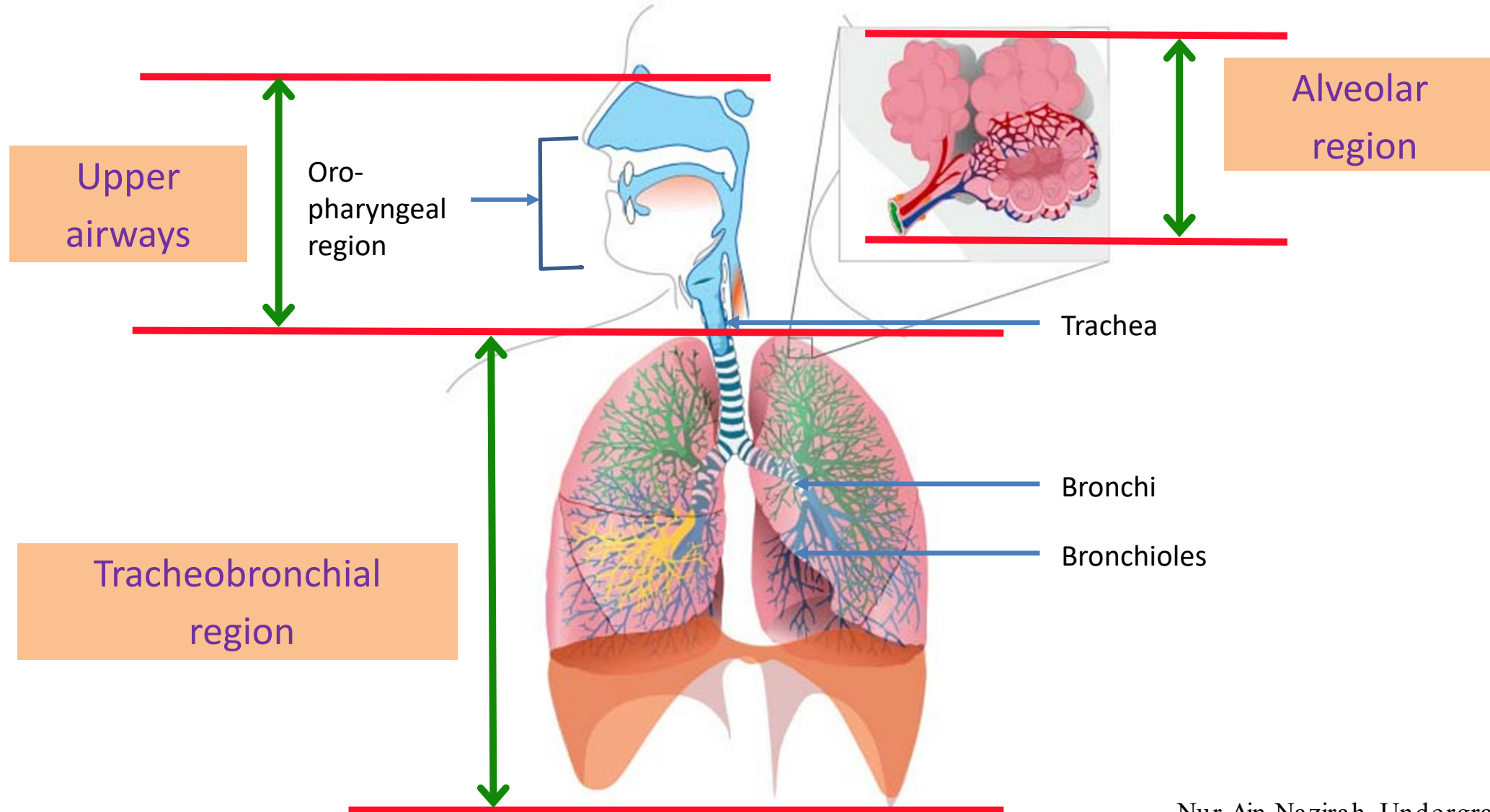
Barisal DOE Site (2020-2021)



# SUB TOPIC 2: RESPIRATORY DEPOSITION DOSE (RDD)



# RESPIRATORY DEPOSITION FLUX



# RESPIRATORY DEPOSITION DOSE (RDD)

- ▶ Mass deposition of heavy metals in the respiratory system is determined using:

$$M_{dep} = PM \times V_m \times (DF)$$

- ▶ There are three deposition factors according to the airways of particles, which are upper airway (UA), tracheobronchial region (TB) and alveolar region (AL).

- Only one deposition factor value will be obtained for each airway using PM2.5.

- ▶ The deposition factor for each of the airway is determined using the following equations:

## UPPER AIRWAY

$$DF_{UA} = IF \times \left( \frac{1}{1 + \exp(6.84 + 1.183 \ln d_p)} + \frac{1}{1 + \exp(0.924 - 1.885 \ln d_p)} \right)$$

where IF is the inhalable fraction, estimated by:

$$IF = 1 - 0.5 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + 0.00076 d_p^{2.8}} \right)$$

## TRACHEOBRONCHIAL REGION

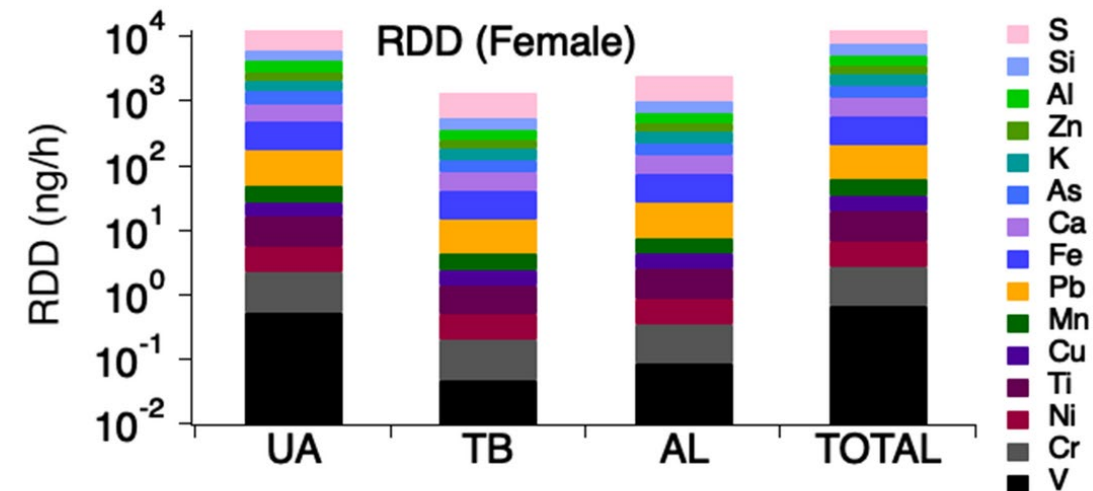
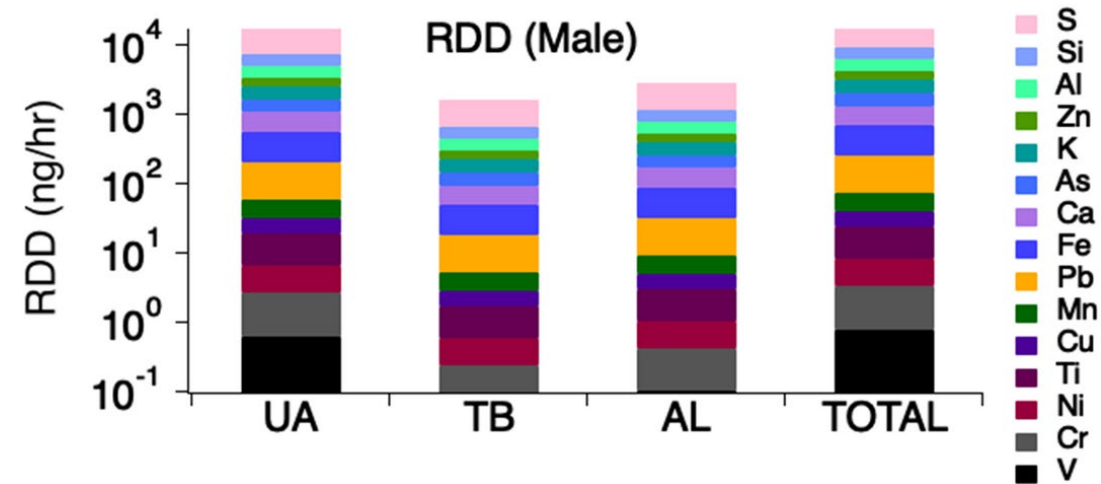
$$DF_{TB} = \left( \frac{0.00352}{d_p} \right) \left[ \exp(-0.234(\ln d_p + 3.40)^2) + 63.9 \exp(-0.819(\ln d_p - 1.61)^2) \right]$$

## ALVEOLAR REGION

$$DF_{AL} = \left( \frac{0.0155}{d_p} \right) \left[ \exp(-0.416(\ln d_p + 2.84)^2) + 19.11 \exp(-0.482(\ln d_p - 1.362)^2) \right]$$



# RESPIRATORY DEPOSITION DOSE (RDD)

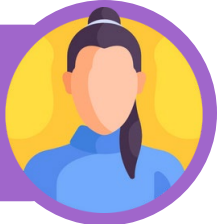
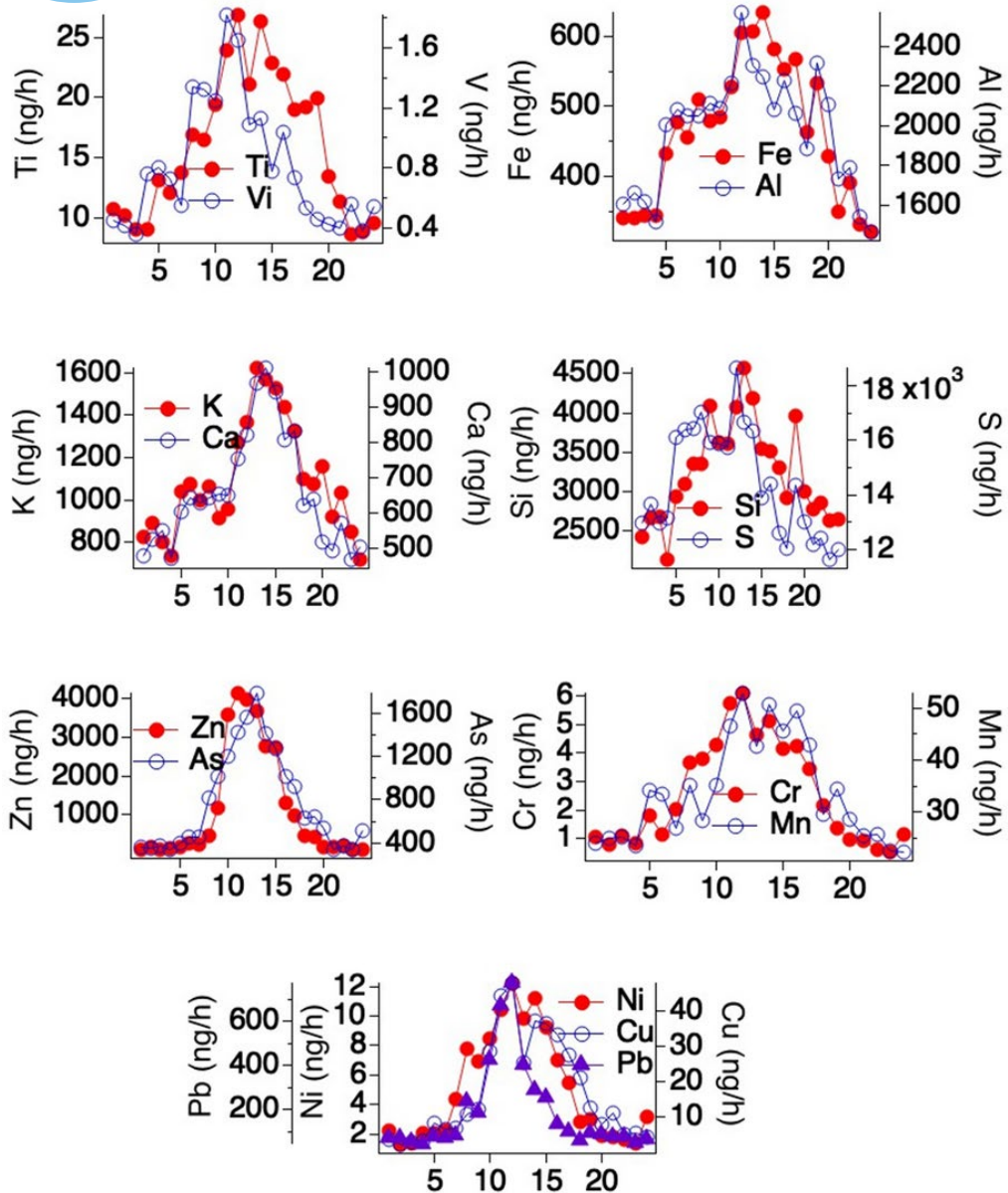


- The most toxic metals with public health concerns are As, Pb, Cd, Hg, and Cr.
- High deposition in UA is not very harmful because the mucus layer in UA will help to move the particles to the digestive system (Can-Terzi, Tecer & Sofuoglu, 2021).
- Male has higher RDD values than female. Males have a greater ventilation rate compared to females (Chalvatzaki et. al., 2018).
- Over 24 h, males inhale **0.578 mg** of metals while female inhale **0.482 mg** in Dhaka City.

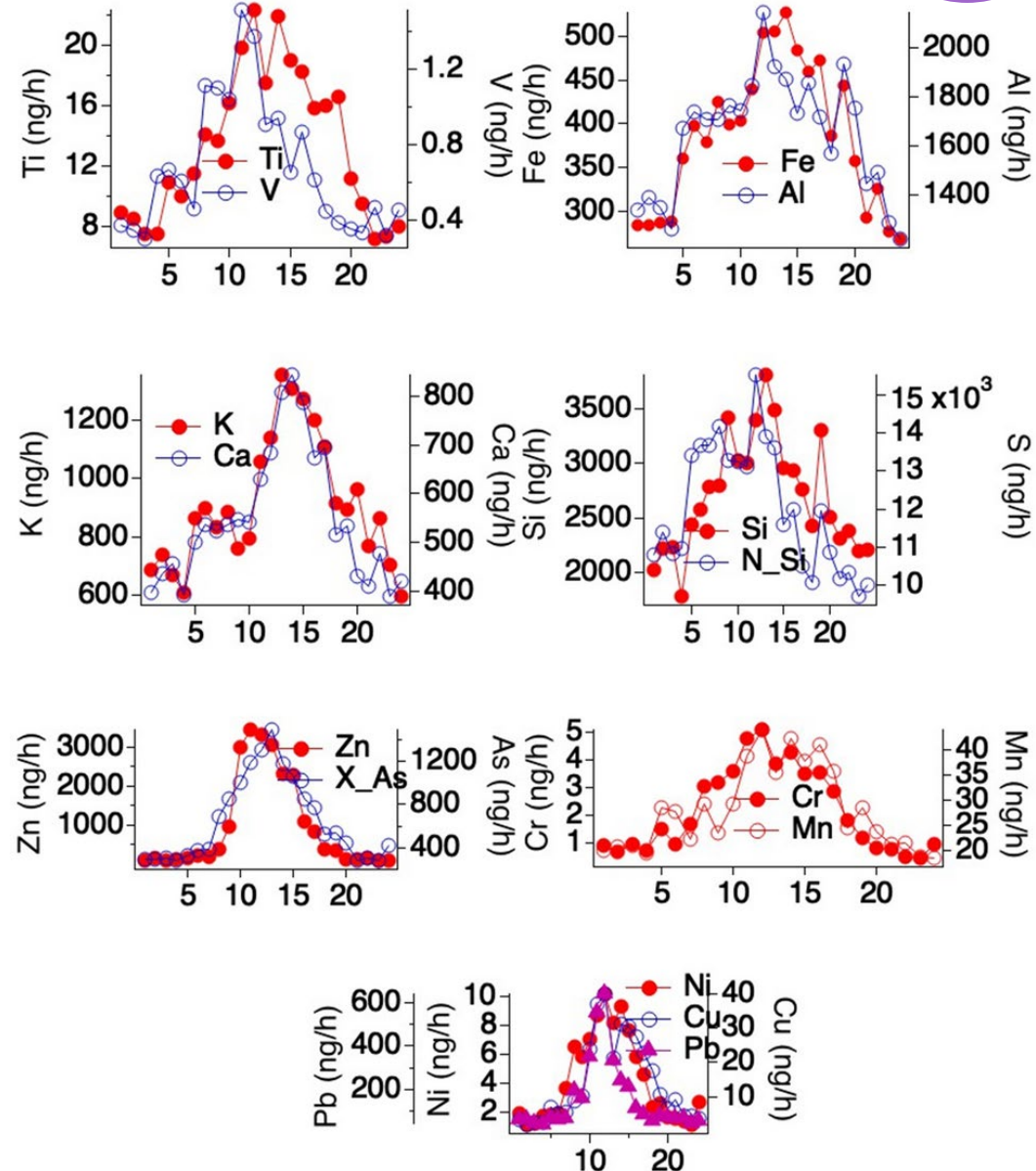




# Diurnal total RDD of metals (Male)

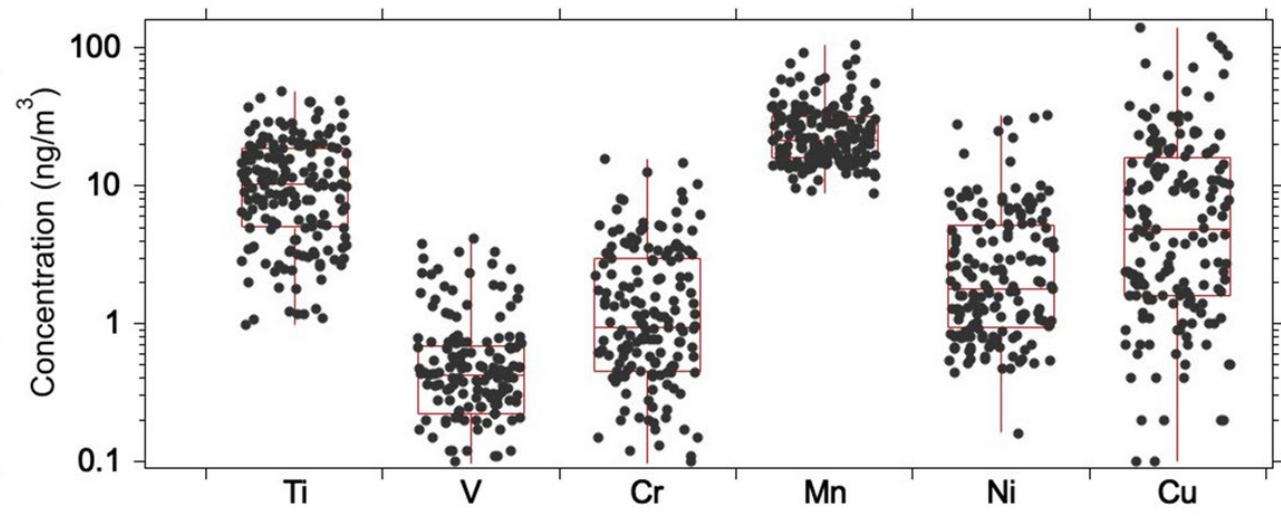
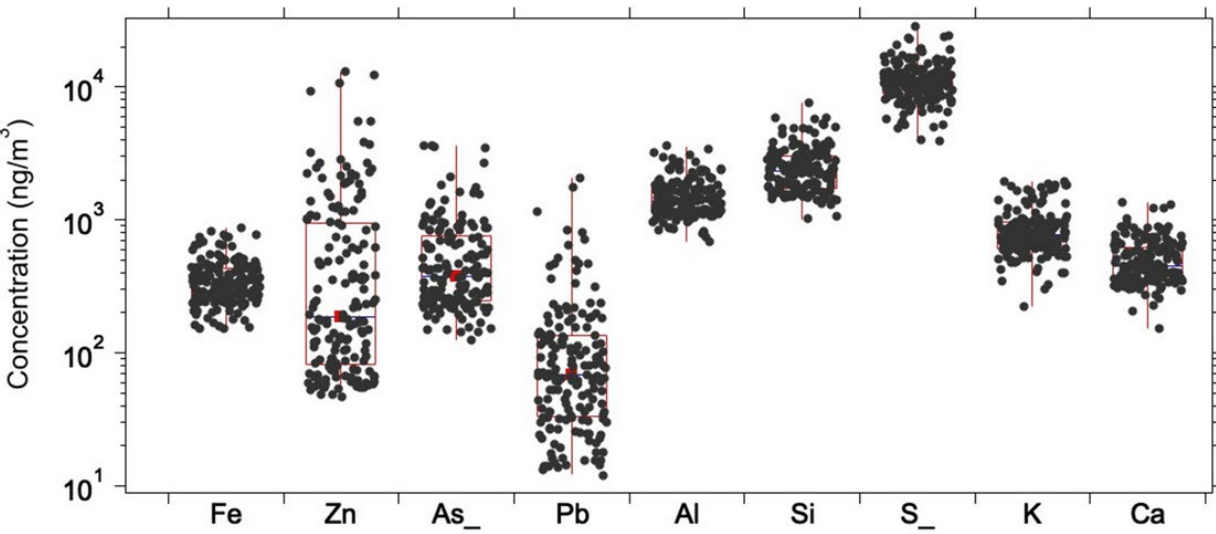
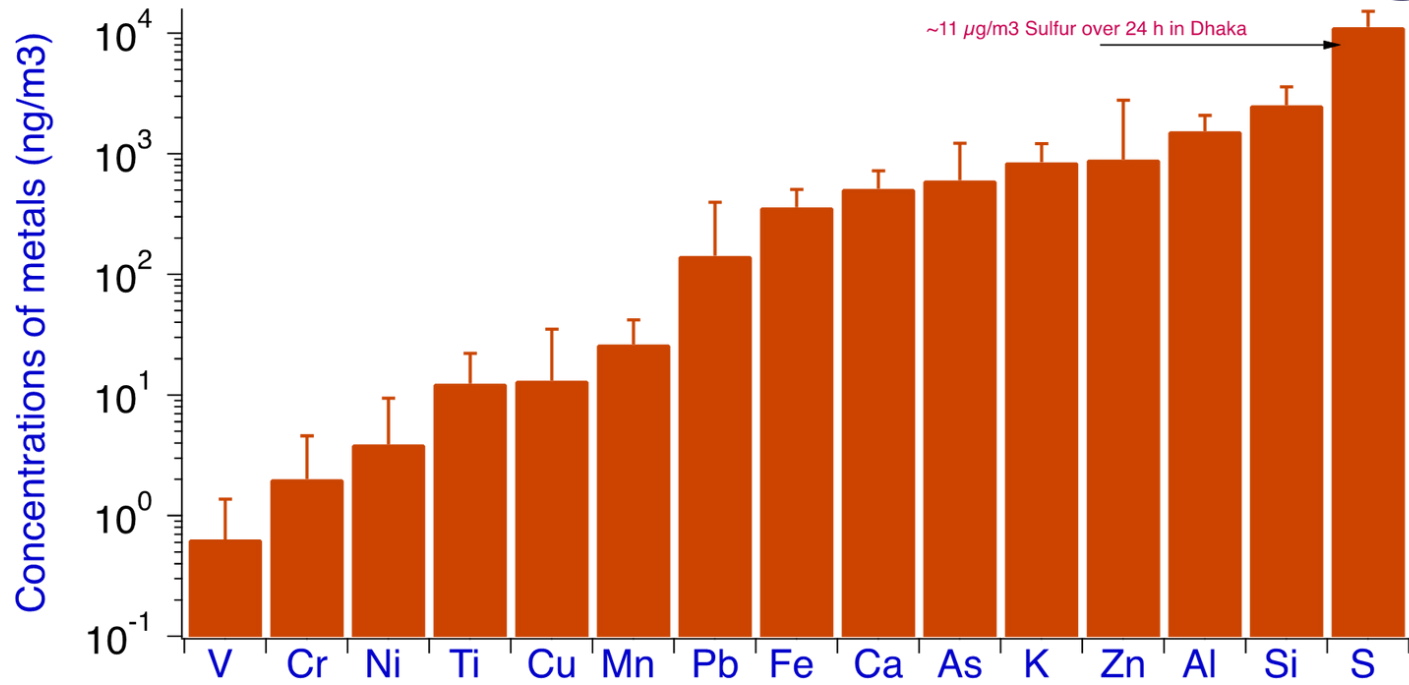


# Diurnal total RDD of metals (Female)

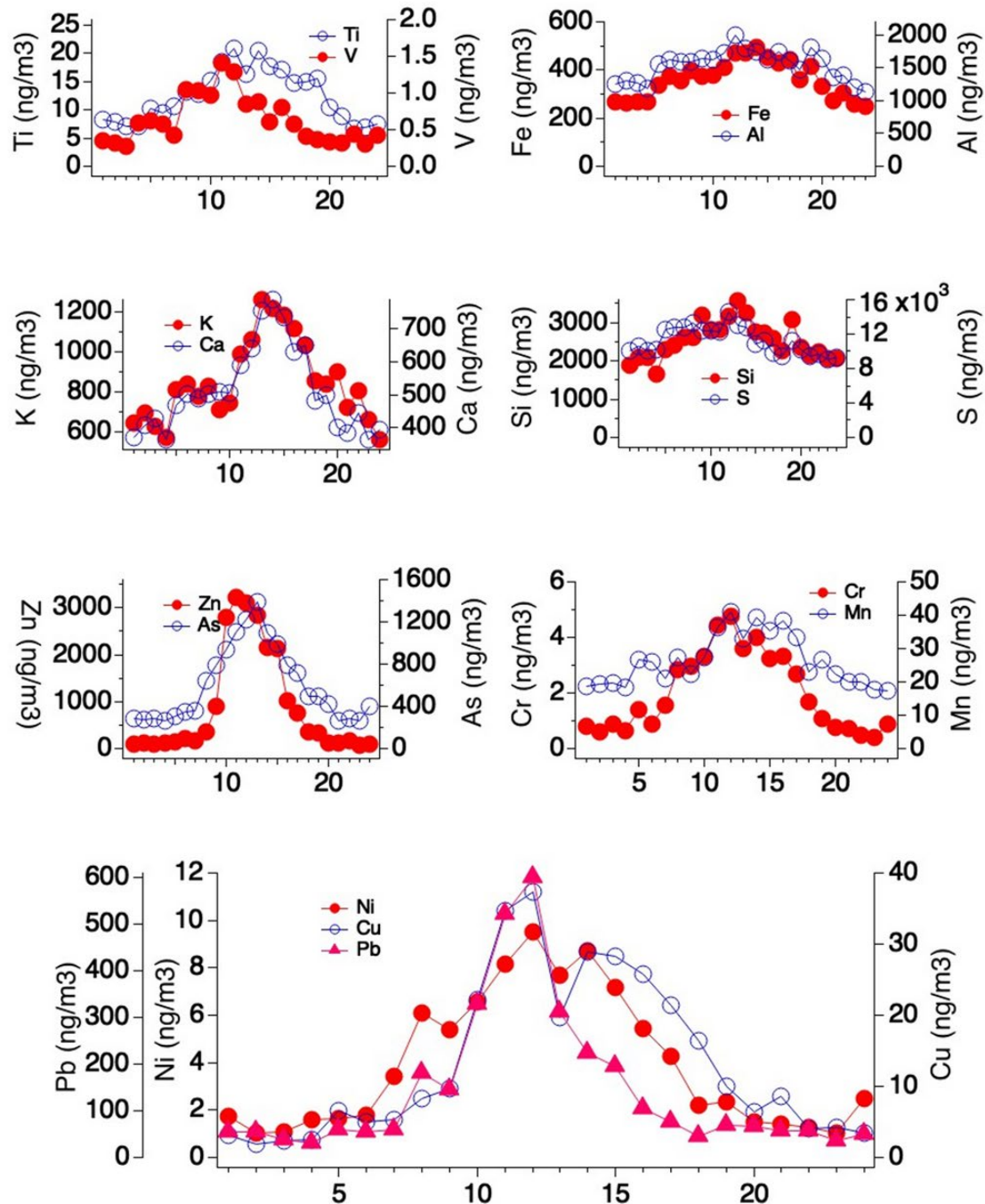


# Compositions of PM<sub>2.5</sub> from an urban site in Dhaka (real-time)

- Compositions pose huge health concerns:
- Cr 2.01 (0.02 - 15.83) ng/m<sup>3</sup>
  - As 603.21 (124.5 - 3615.9) ng/m<sup>3</sup>
  - Pb 143.18 (12 - 2060) ng/m<sup>3</sup>
  - S 11258.95 (3875.8 - 28428.5) ng/m<sup>3</sup>

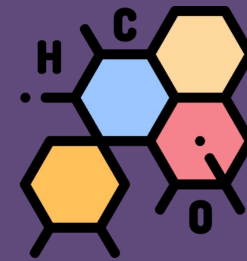


# Diurnal changes of the metals in PM<sub>2.5</sub>

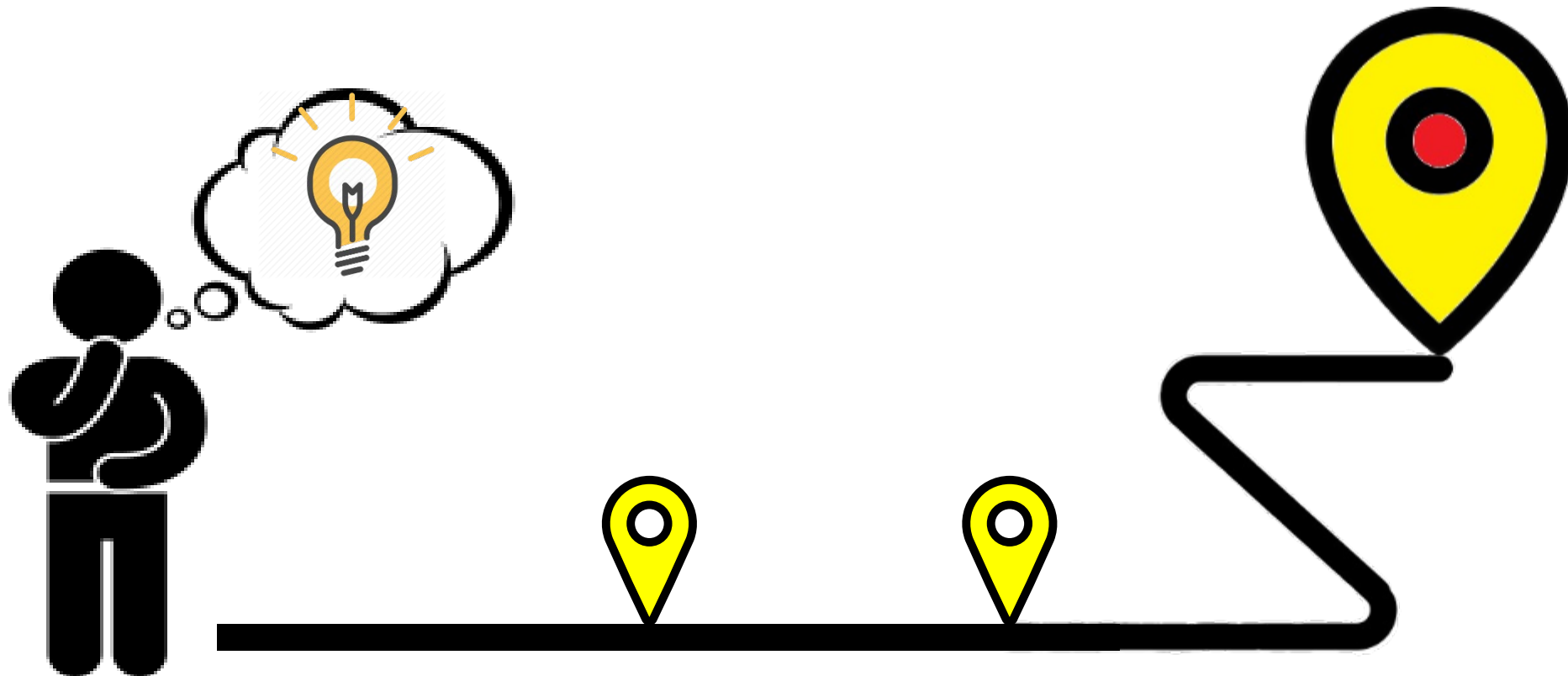


- » Metals from Earth-Crust show relatively flat distribution
- » Metals from anthropogenic origin peak in the middle of the day
- » Changes in short interval indicate the emission from local sources
- » Local meteorology also play important role to change the level of metals

# SUB TOPIC 3: CHEMOMETRIC APPLICATION IN AIR POLLUTION



# RECEPTOR MODELLING / CHEMOMETRIC APPROACH IN MITIGATION OF AIR POLLUTION



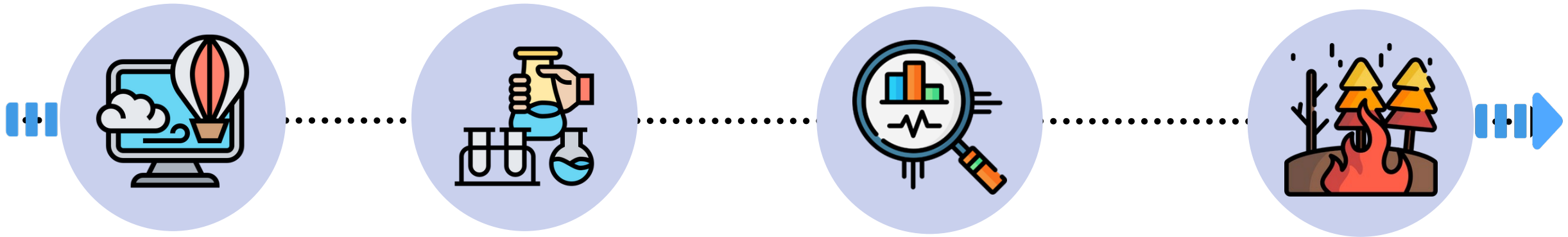
# CHEMOMETRICS



WHAT IS IT?



HOW DOES IT WORK?

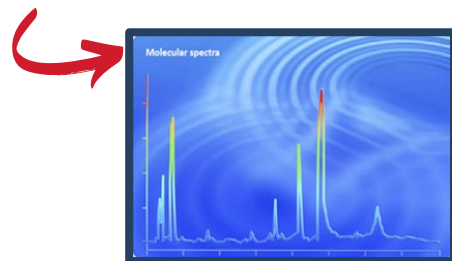


Air quality monitoring

Chemical analysis

Pattern recognition

Source identification



Multivariate  
Receptor  
Modelling

Wild fires  
Vehicle emissions

# LINK TO EXPLORE CHEMOMETRIC MODELS

1

**Traditional Mass Closure Model**

2

**Principal Component Analysis/Absolute Principal Component Analysis (PCA/APCS)**

3

**Positive Matrix Factorization (PMF) Model for environmental data analysis**

<https://www.epa.gov/air-research/positive-matrix-factorization-environmental-data-analyses>

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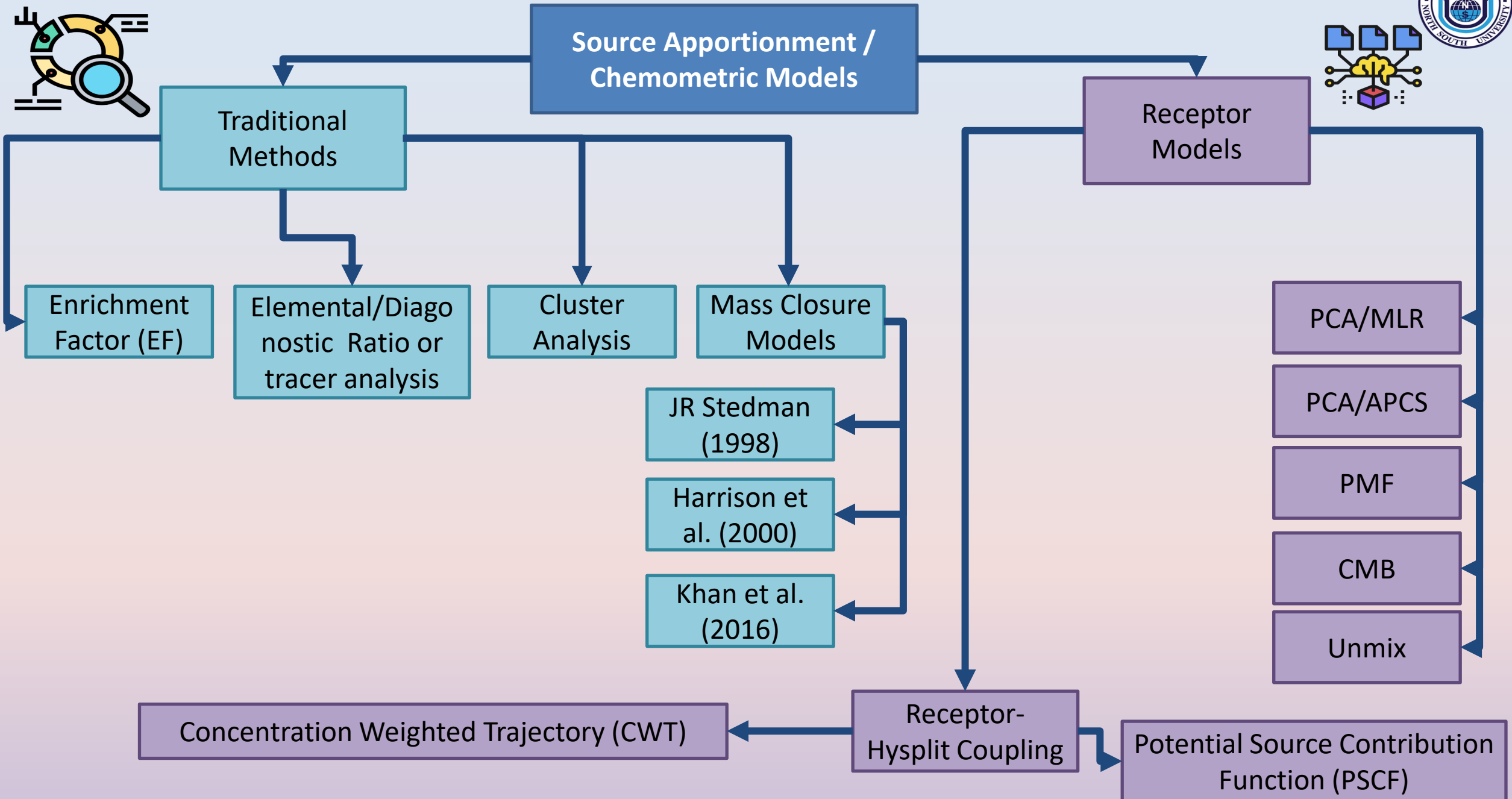
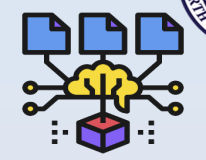
**Unmix 6.0 Model for environmental data analyses**

<https://www.epa.gov/air-research/unmix-60-model-environmental-data-analyses>

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**Chemical Mass Balance (CMB) Model**

<https://www3.epa.gov/scram001/receptorcmb.htm>





# OUR WORK AND APPLICATION OF CHEMOMETRIC AIR POLLUTION



AGU PUBLICATIONS



Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

10.1002/2016JD025894

### Key Points:

- Physical driving factors govern the concentration of  $PM_{2.5}$
- Morning and evening rush hours coincide with enhanced levels of  $CO$  and  $NO_2$
- EC is associated with biomass burning, while OC is mainly due to secondary sources

### Supporting Information:

- Supporting Information S1

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## Comprehensive assessment of $PM_{2.5}$ physicochemical properties during the Southeast Asia dry season (southwest monsoon)

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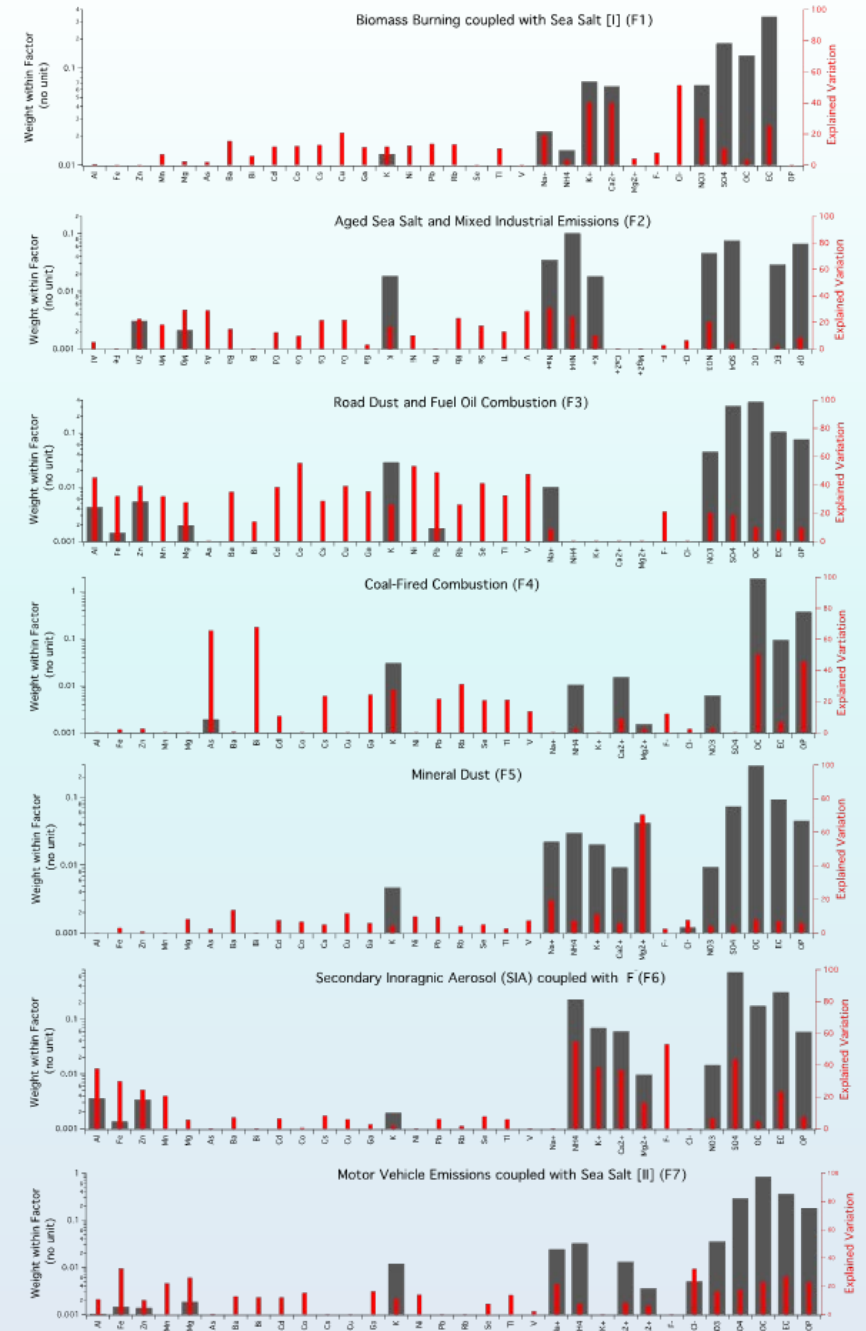
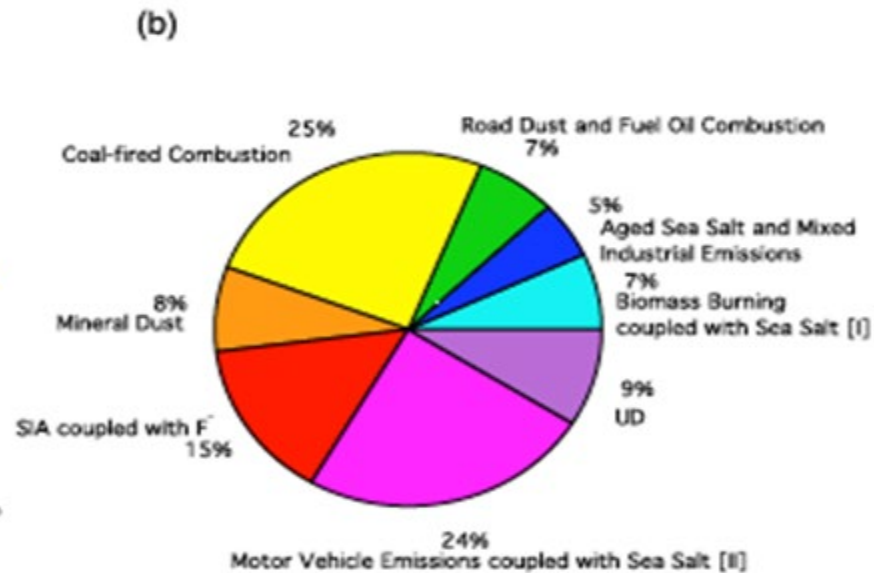
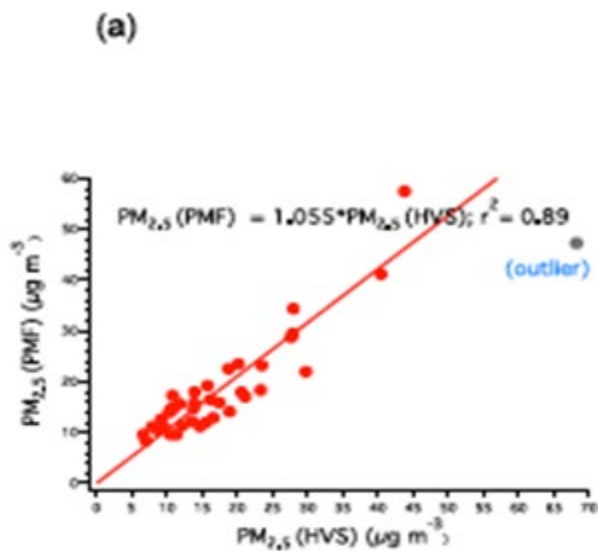
- PMF, a robust model has been comprehensively applied to explore the southeast Asian seasonal plume.
- Reported the emission sources of  $PM_{2.5}$  using metals, ions, carbon fractions, & PNC.
- Air mass plume during the moderate HAZE has been exclusively described using PMF.
- PSCF statistical function has been coupled with Factors derived from PMF to add info about source regions.

# OUR WORK AND APPLICATION OF CHEMOMETRIC AIR POLLUTION

## CHEMOMETRIC MODEL: PMF

PMF helps to know the contributing sources during MODERATE HAZE:

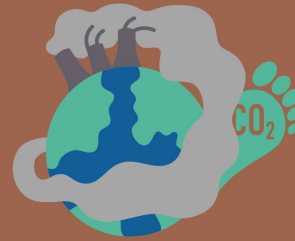
- Coal burning
- Motor vehicle
- Secondary inorganic
- Biomass burning, etc



PROPOSED MITIGATION STRATEGIES FOR AIR POLLUTION IN BANGLADESH  
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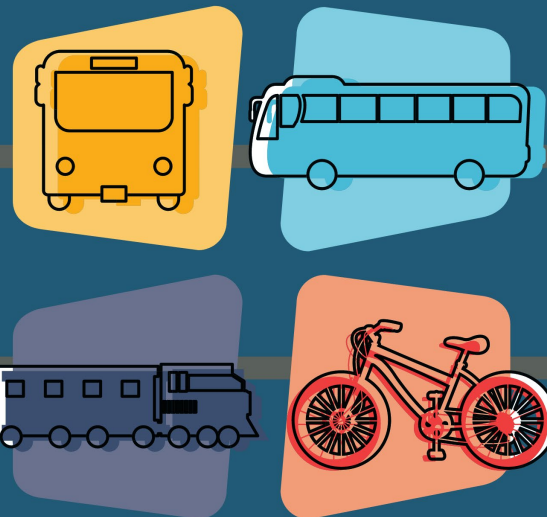
Regional agreements and political commitments for mitigating the local air pollution



Increase awareness on air pollution for health protection



Apply 3R's - Reuse, Reduce and Recycle to Municipal's Solid Waste



Urgent Call for Phasing out the Old fleets

Practice carpooling and reduce number of car trips

Use public transport

## IN SINGAPORE

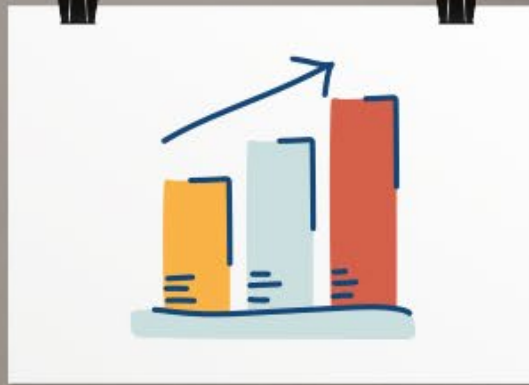
*Carbon-Tax*

*P S I*

Hourly Pollutant Standard Index

*C E M S*

Continuous Emissions Monitoring System



## IN IRELAND

*Renewable Electricity*

80% Conversion within 2030

*Reduce Food Waste*

by 50% by 2030

*Organic Land*

Increase to 350,000 hectares

\*\*\* Followed the EU Policies for Cleaner Europe \*\*\*

## IN CANADA

*Zero Emission*

Transit Fund

*A Q H I*

Forecasting Twice a Day

*Air Quality Alert*

at immediate risk from air pollution



going →  
**ZERO**  
WASTE



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