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Qualidade do ar e saúde humana. Aspectos gerais. O caso das intrusões de poeiras.



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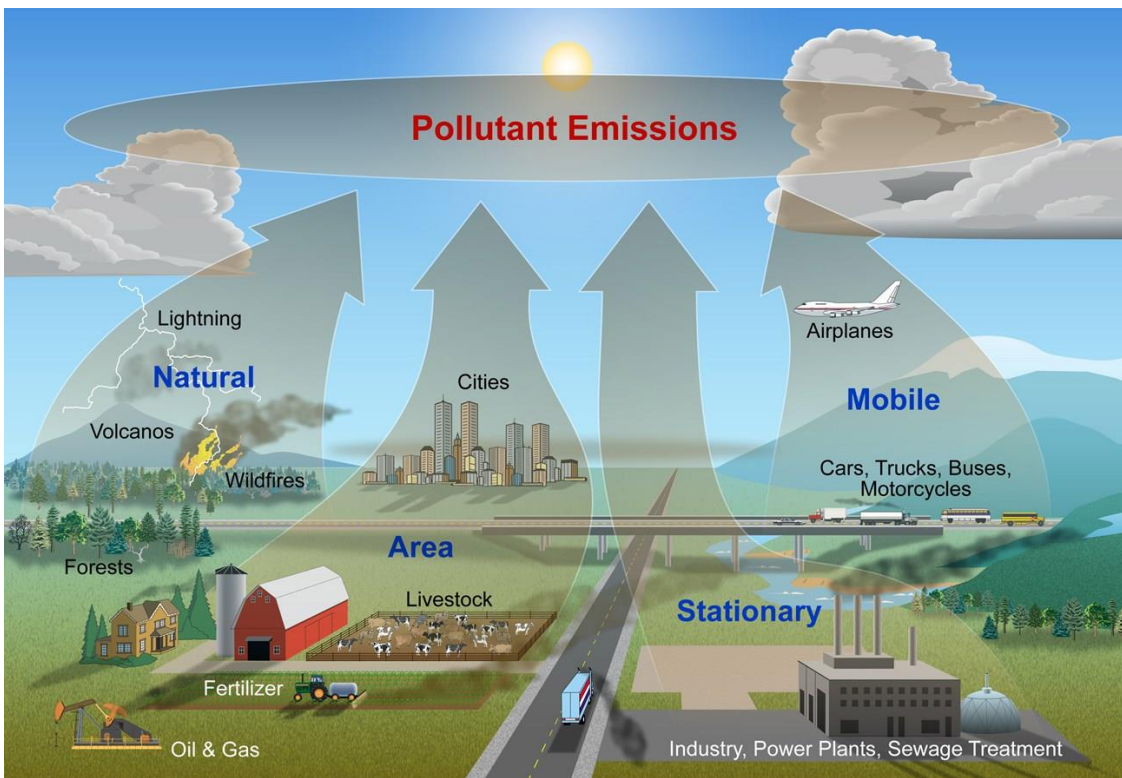
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Introdução

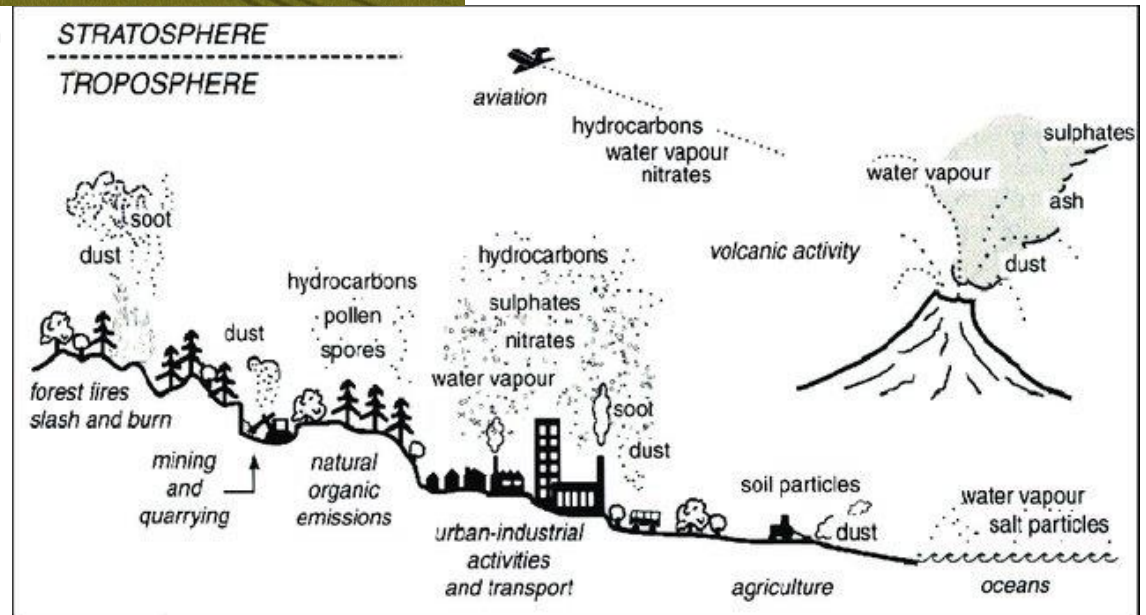


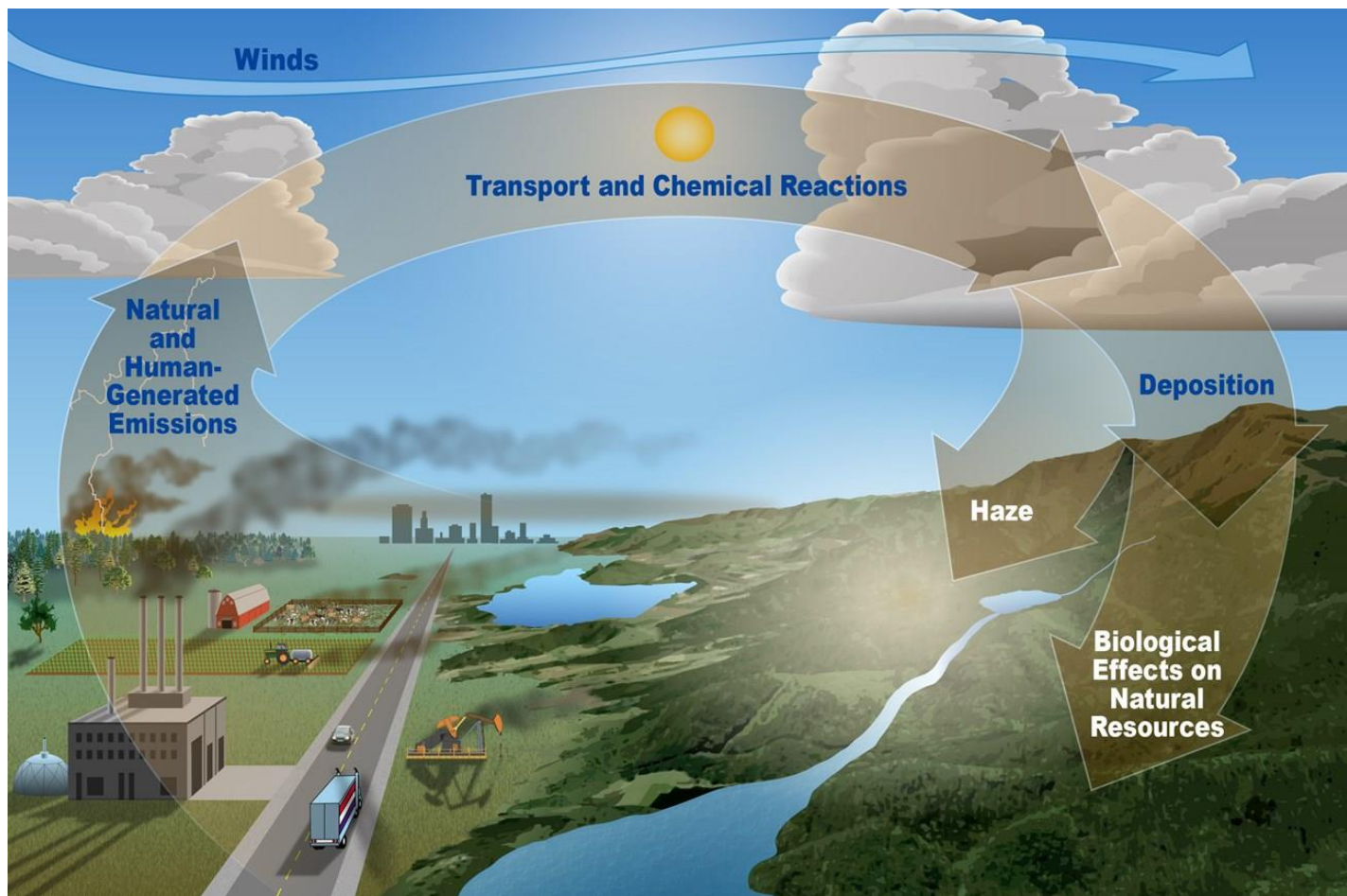
Fontes emissoras

Fonte: Kemp (2004)



Fonte: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/air/sources.htm>





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Principais poluentes atmosféricos

6 MAJOR AIR POLLUTANTS MONITORED BY THE EPA

NITROGEN OXIDES highly reactive gas primarily affecting the respiratory system

SULFUR OXIDES reactive gas linked to industry and affecting the respiratory system

PARTICULATE MATTER extremely small particles and liquid droplets in the air affecting the respiratory system and causing premature death

CARBON MONOXIDE odorless, colorless gas produced through combustion processes, deadly at high levels

GROUND-LEVEL OZONE gas that's a primary component of smog, affects respiratory and cardiovascular systems, and causes premature death

LEAD highly toxic metal that impacts cognitive function, hypertension, fertility, the circulatory system, and the immune system

Source: <https://www.epa.gov/lsa>

Partículas (matéria particulada)

Particle size	Penetration degree in human respiratory system
>11 μm	Passage into nostrils and upper respiratory tract
7–11 μm	Passage into nasal cavity
4.7–7 μm	Passage into larynx
3.3–4.7 μm	Passage into trachea-bronchial area
2.1–3.3 μm	Secondary bronchial area passage
1.1–2.1 μm	Terminal bronchial area passage
0.65–1.1 μm	Bronchioles penetrability
0.43–0.65 μm	Alveolar penetrability

Fonte: Manisalidis *et al.*, (2020)

Type	PM diameter [μm]
Particulate contaminants	Smog
	Soot
	Tobacco smoke
	Fly ash
	Cement Dust
Biological Contaminants	Bacteria and bacterial spores
	Viruses
	Fungi and molds
	Allergens (dogs, cats, pollen, household dust)
Types of Dust	Atmospheric dust
	Heavy dust
	Settling dust
Gases	Different gaseous contaminants

Fonte: Manisalidis *et al.*, (2020)

Impactos na saúde da poluição do ar

Headache and anxiety (SO_2)
Impacts on the central nervous system (PM)

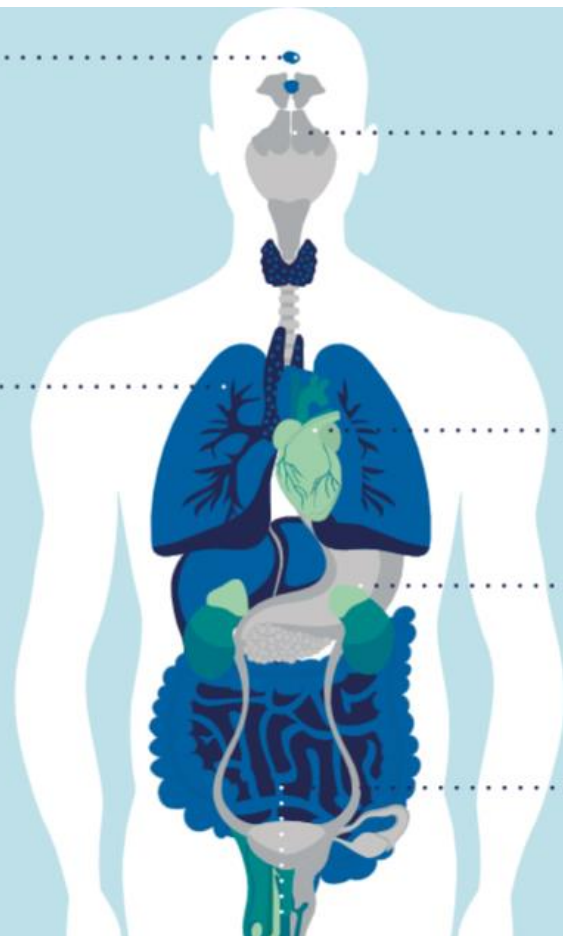
Irritation of eyes, nose and throat
Breathing problems (O_3 , PM, NO_2 , BaP)

Irritation, inflammation and infections
Asthma and reduced lung function (NO_2)
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (PM)
Lung cancer (PM, BaP)

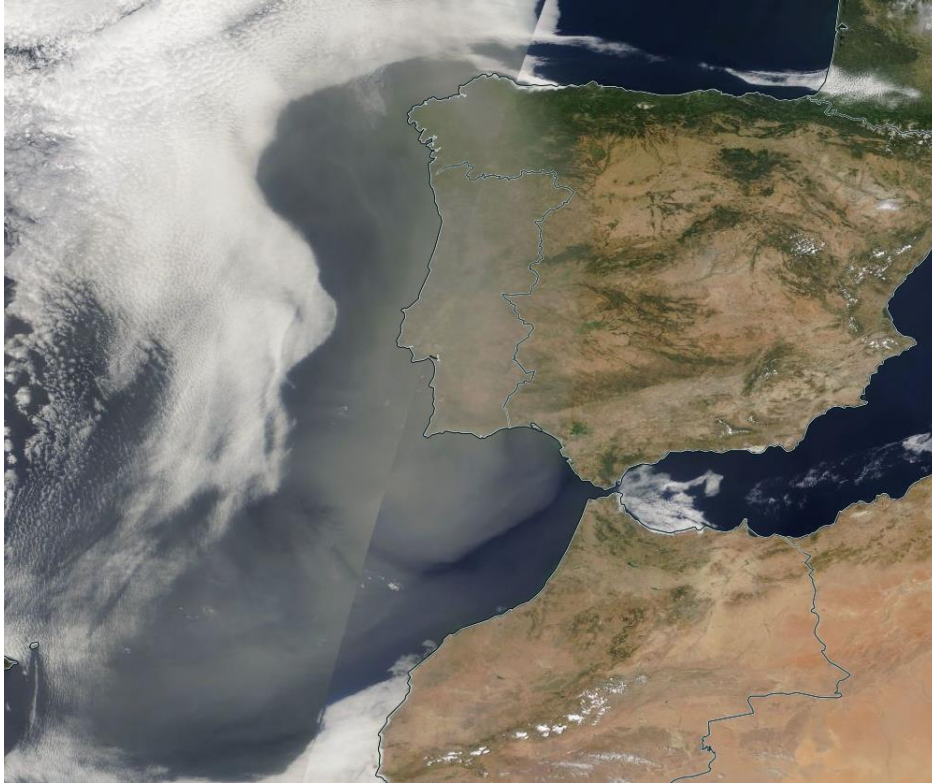
Cardiovascular diseases
(PM, O_3 , SO_2)

Impacts on liver, spleen and blood (NO_2)

Impacts on the reproductive system (PM)



Fonte: EEA, "[Healthy environment, healthy lives](#) ," 2019



5. As intrusões de poeiras norteafricanas e os seus impactos na saúde: o caso do Sul de Portugal

5.1. Introdução

Tempestades de poeiras

materiais de tamanho **siltoso** ou **argiloso**) são mobilizados e transportados na atmosfera ao longo de grandes distâncias.

eventos integram três fases: a **emissão** dos materiais da superfície, o seu **transporte** e a **deposição**.



Fonte: <https://archive.org/details/WestAfrica.A2005200>

Dust cycle

(Shao et al., 2011)

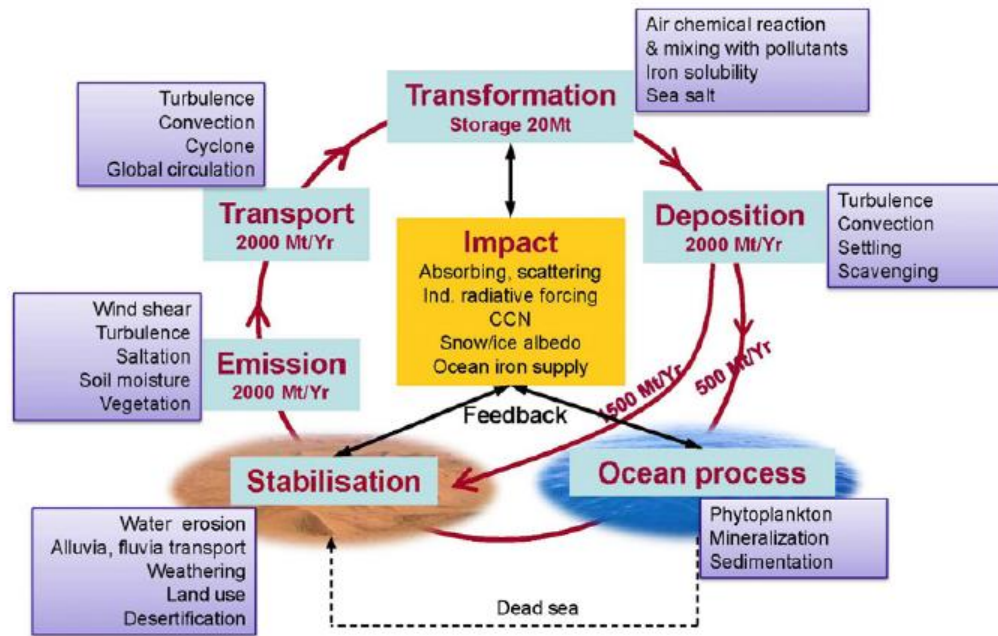
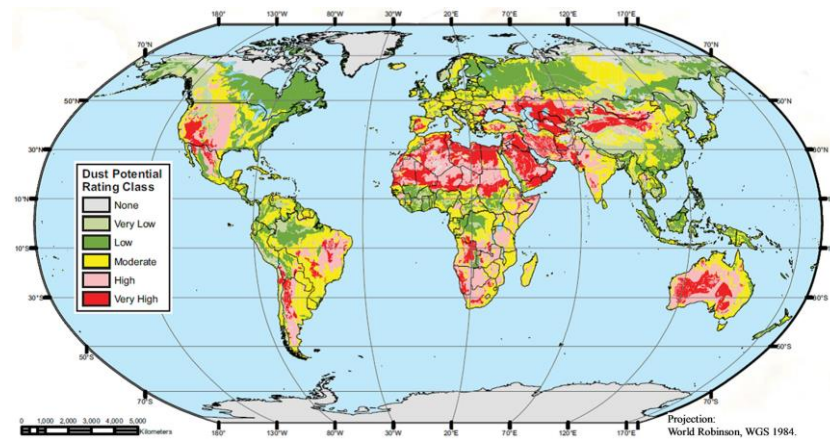


Fig. 2. An illustration of the dust cycle in the Earth system and the main processes in which dust plays an important role.

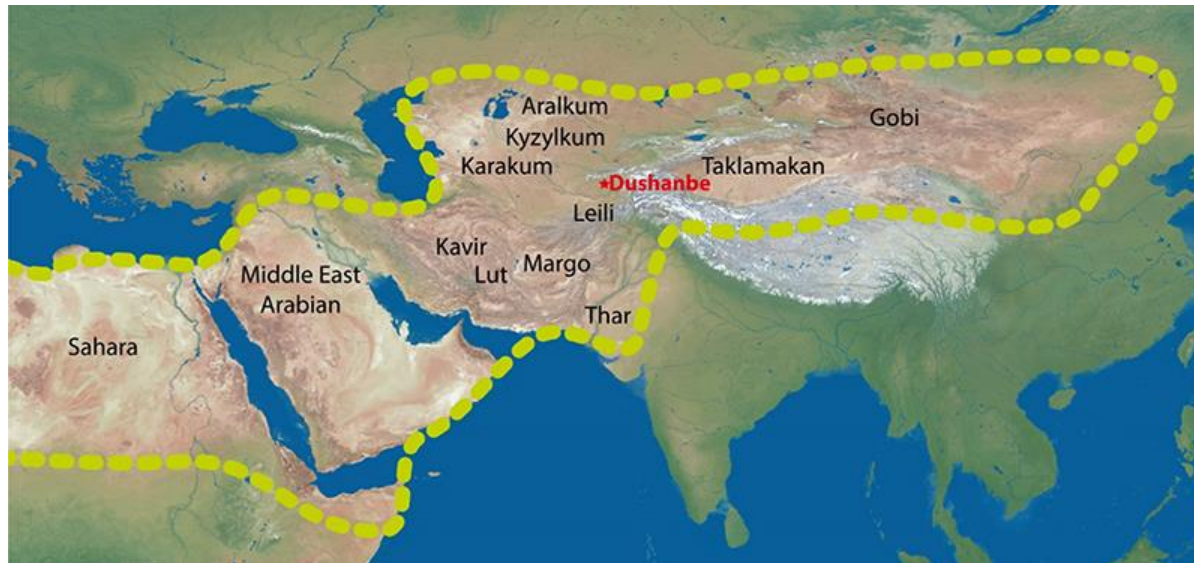
Dust emission: arid and semidry regions



Fonte: DTF - Integrated Desert Terrain Forecasting for Military Operations (2013).

- Maior extensão de áreas no hemisfério norte
- Sáara: cerca de 50% da emissão mundial de poeiras

Dust emission: "Dust belt"



FONTE: Hofer, J., Althausen, D., Abdullaev, S. F., Makhmudov, A. N., Nazarov, B. I., Schettler, G., Engelmann, R., Baars, H., Fomba, K. W., Müller, K., Heinold, B., Kandler, K., and Ansmann, A.: Long-term profiling of mineral dust and pollution aerosol with multiwavelength polarization Raman lidar at the Central Asian site of Dushanbe, Tajikistan: case studies, Atmos. Chem. Phys., 17, 14559–14577, <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-17-14559-2017>, 2017

Dust emission:

Antigos lagos secos - Bodelé



WADIS – vales secos



CHOTTS – depressões salinas



Depósitos de loess

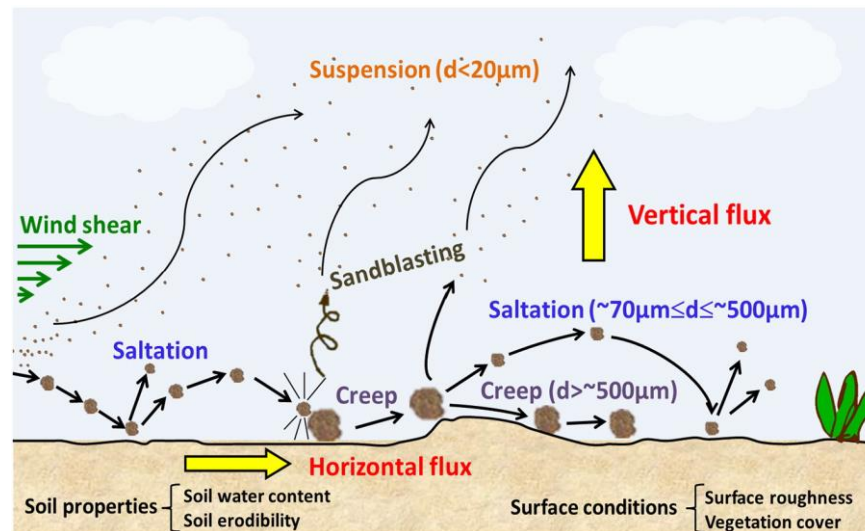


DUNAS – sistemas dunares



Dust transport:

Creeping, Saltation, Sandblasting, Suspension



Fonte: Gherboudj *et al.*, (2016)

Dust transport:

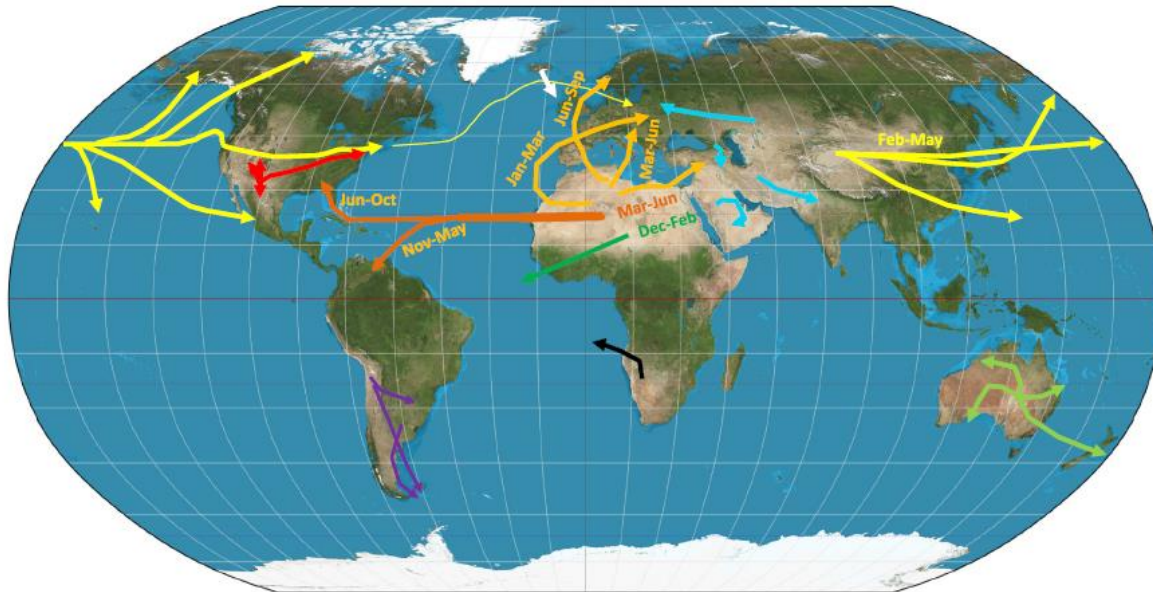


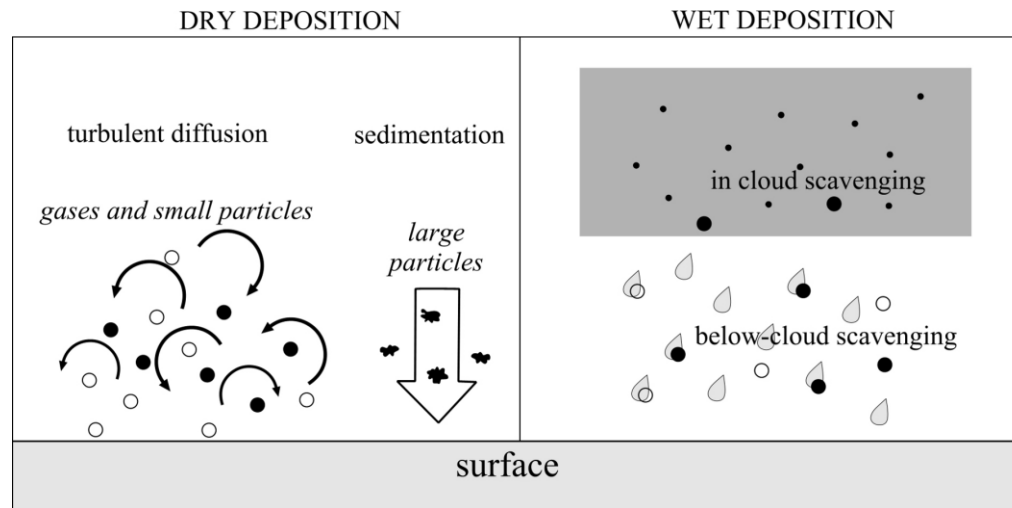
Fig. 2. Major desert dust transport fluxes, modified from Griffin (2007).

Fonte: Kellogg & Griffin (2006)

Dust deposition:

Gravidade (deposição seca): poeiras de maior dimensão
A deposição seca diminui com a distância à origem.

Precipitação (deposição húmida): poeiras de menor dimensão



Fonte: Leelosy et al (2014)

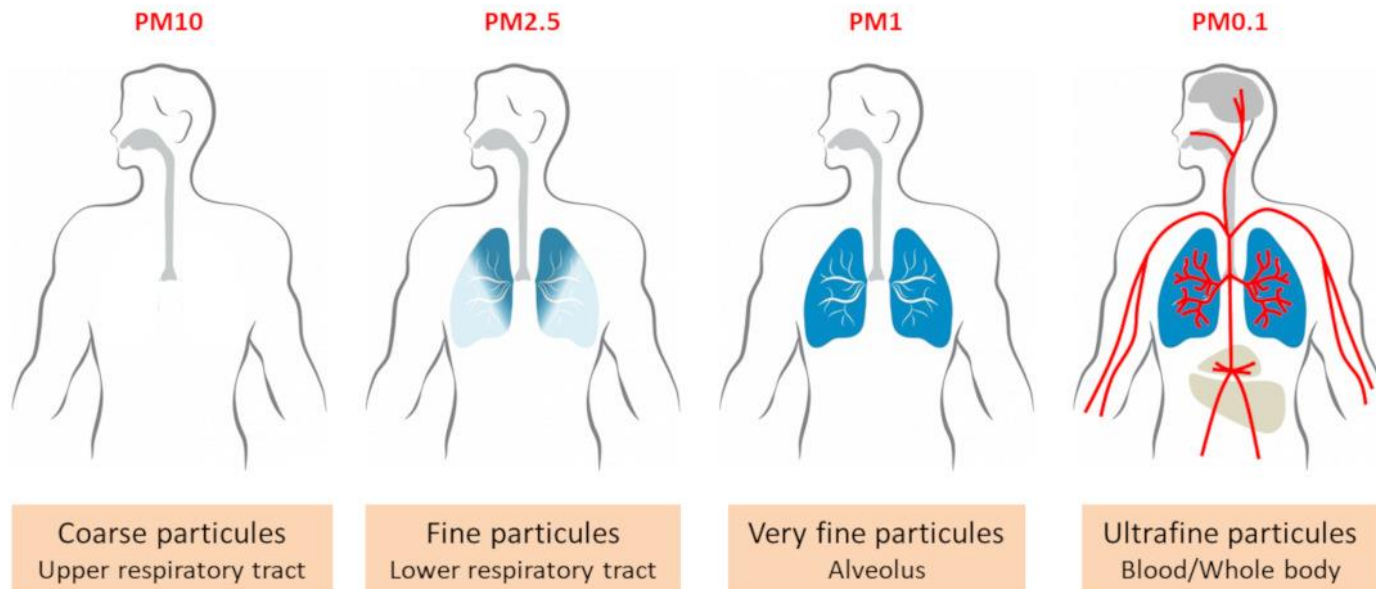
5.2. Efeitos das poeiras na saúde humana

- Forma de poluição que mais pessoas afeta
- Depois de inaladas, as poeiras são uma grave ameaça à saúde sobretudo se a exposição for prolongada, frequente ou mesmo permanente.
- PM₁₀: diâmetro aerodinâmico igual ou menor a 10 µm ou 0,01 mm
- PM_{2.5}: diâmetro aerodinâmico igual ou menor a 2.5 µm ou 0,0025 mm
- Mistura de substâncias sólidas e líquidas de origem orgânica ou não orgânica que se encontram suspensas no ar



Fonte: PrevQualar -

<http://www.prevqualar.org/content.action?cid=contentInformation>



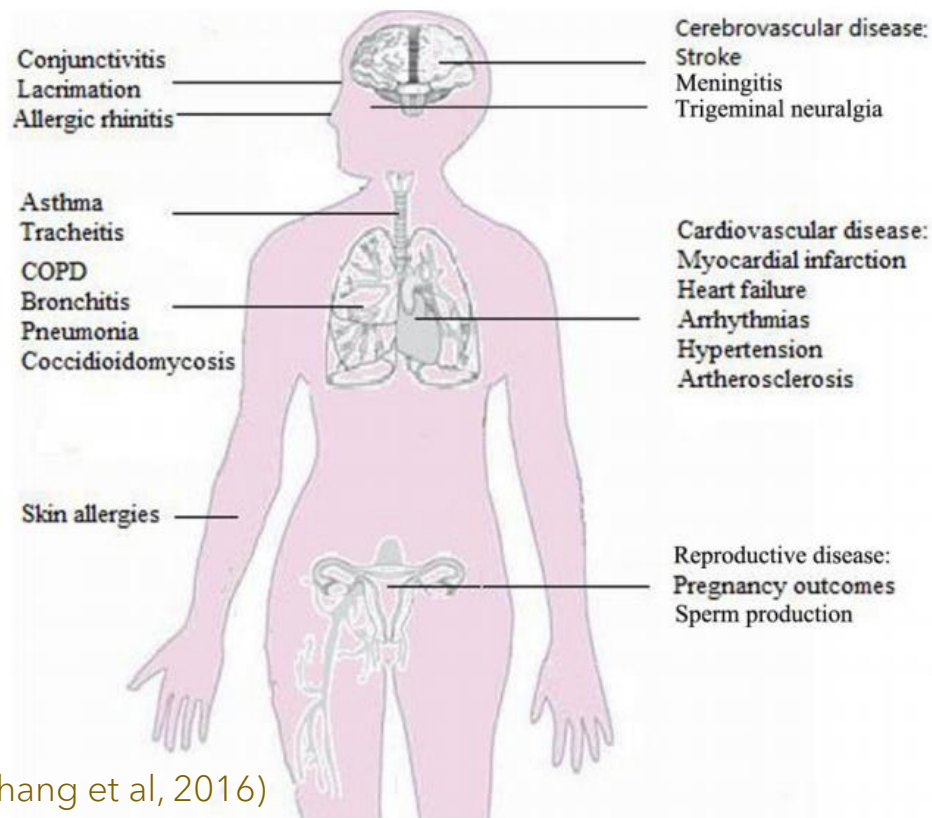
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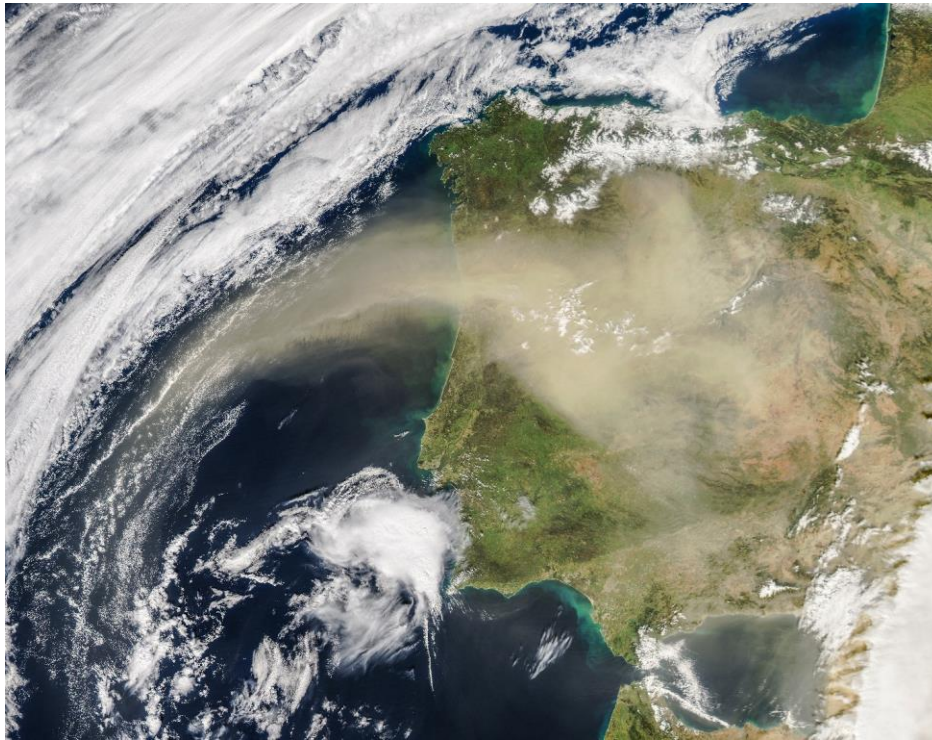
Doenças mais associadas aos efeitos das poeiras



(Zhang et al, 2016)

Doenças respiratórias
Doenças cardiovasculares
+
Coccidioimicose (Valley fever)
Pneumoconiose
Meningites meningócicas
Conjuntivites
Doenças dermatológicas

5.3. Dust intrusions in Portugal



21 Feb 2016

http://eoimages.gsfc.nasa.gov/images/imagerecords/87000/87566/iberianpeninsula_amo_2016052_lrg.jpg

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2005: monitorização regular pela APA e a FCT-UNL e publicação de relatórios anuais de “Identificação de eventos naturais”

Atualmente a APA divulga previsões destes eventos no seu site (https://qualar.apambiente.pt/node/eventos_naturais)

Limites legais para a saúde humana*:

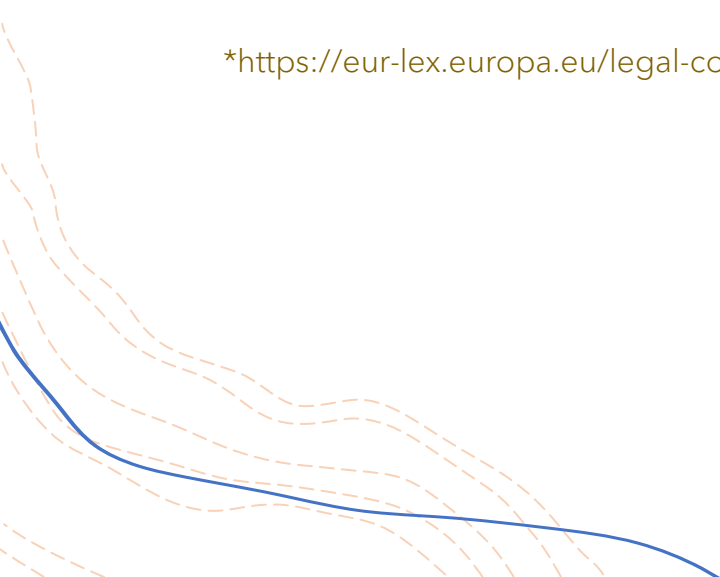
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5.3. Dust intrusions in Portugal

Limites legais para a saúde humana*:

- concentrações médias diárias PM10 – $50 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
- concentrações médias diárias PM2.5 – $25 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$

*<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/PT/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02008L0050-20150918&from=EN>



Article

Assessing Heatwaves and Their Association with North African Dust Intrusions in the Algarve (Portugal)

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Abstract: Heatwaves are an extreme meteorological event in which affected populations may also be exposed to deteriorated air quality conditions due to the increase in air pollutant concentrations, such as PM₁₀ (particulate matter < 10 µg/m³). In order to identify heatwaves (1973–2019) in the region of Faro (Algarve) during the hot season (April–September), the *Excess Heat Factor* (EHF) index was applied. The Mann–Kendall test revealed an upward trend in three heatwave metrics in Faro, and the trend of accumulated heat load (EHF load) was also positive as would be expected, but its signal was not statistically significant. An inventory of North African dust events (2006–2019) was made, and their simultaneous occurrence with heatwaves was assessed, pointing to only 20% of dust events of the Sahara occurring simultaneously with heatwave days. A cluster analysis was conducted on daily geopotential height fields at 850 hPa level over the 2006–2019 period, and four distinct patterns were identified as the most prominent synoptic circulations promoting both heatwave conditions and North African dust over the Algarve.

Keywords: atmospheric patterns; cluster analysis; *Excess Heat Factor*; PM₁₀; Saharan dust events

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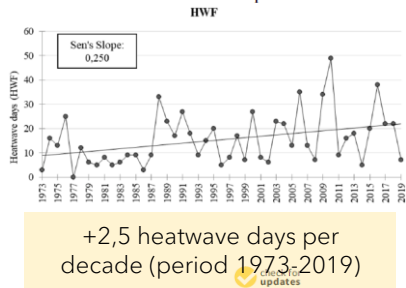


Figure 7. Interannual distribution of heatwaves and SD days and their simultaneity between 2006 and 2019.

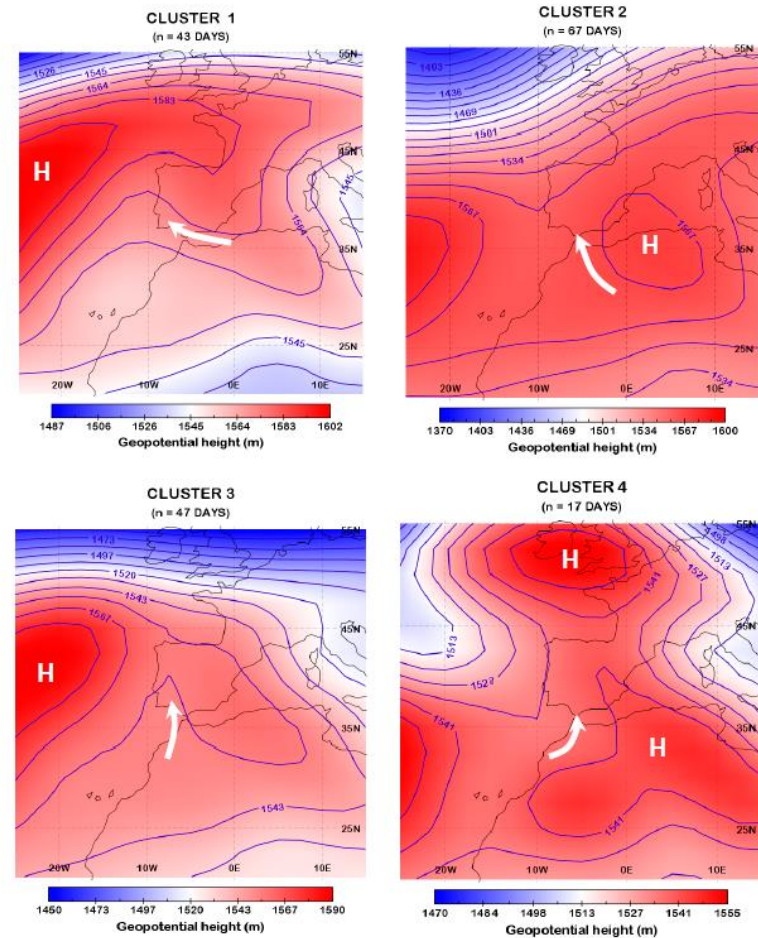
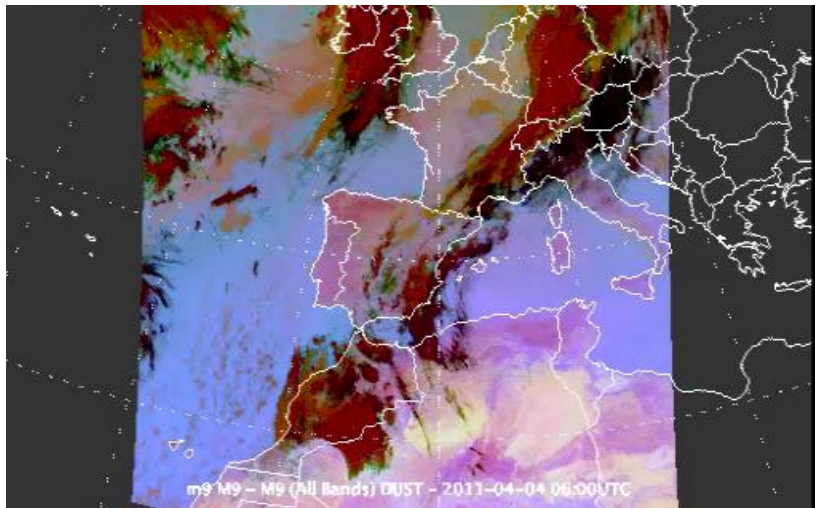


Figure 8. Atmospheric patterns (850 hPa geopotential height) related to the clusters of heatwave and SD days (2006–2019 period). The arrows indicate the direction of the airflow and “H” letters indicate the position of main high-pressure cores.



Evento extremo de 4 – 9 abril 2011

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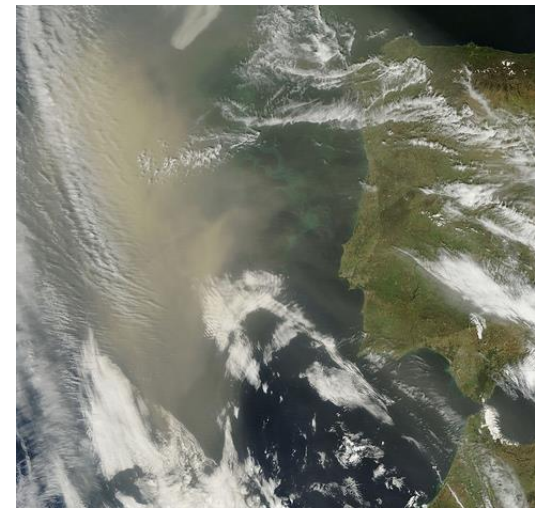


Imagem de satélite do dia 6 de Abril de 2011 (fonte: NASA EARTH OBSERVATORY).

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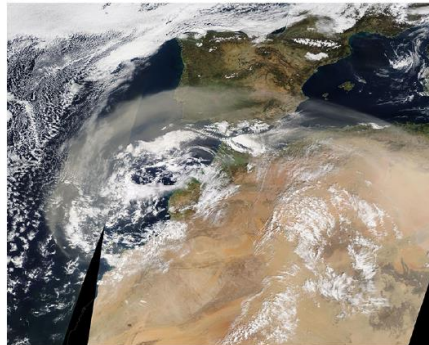
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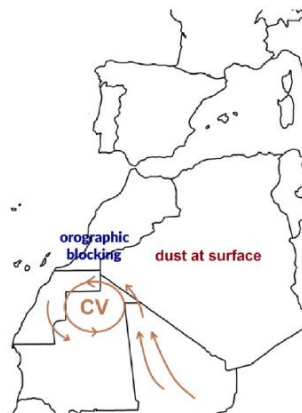
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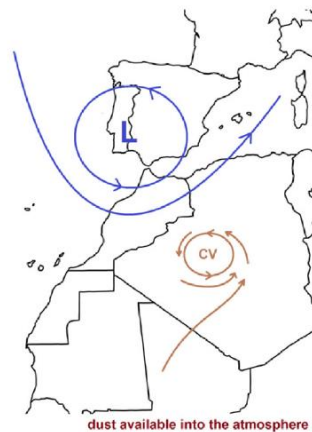
Fig. 3. a) MODIS Corrected Reflectance image on 21st February 2017. Source: <https://worldview.earthdata.nasa.gov/>; b) Picture of the dusty sky at Évora on 23rd February 2017 at 1115 UTC.

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a) PHASE I



b) PHASE II



c) DUST OUTBREAK

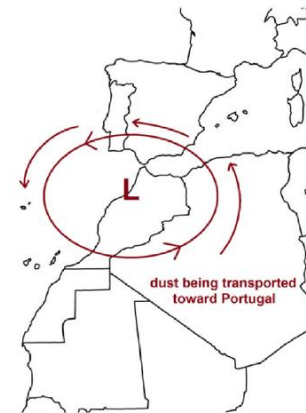
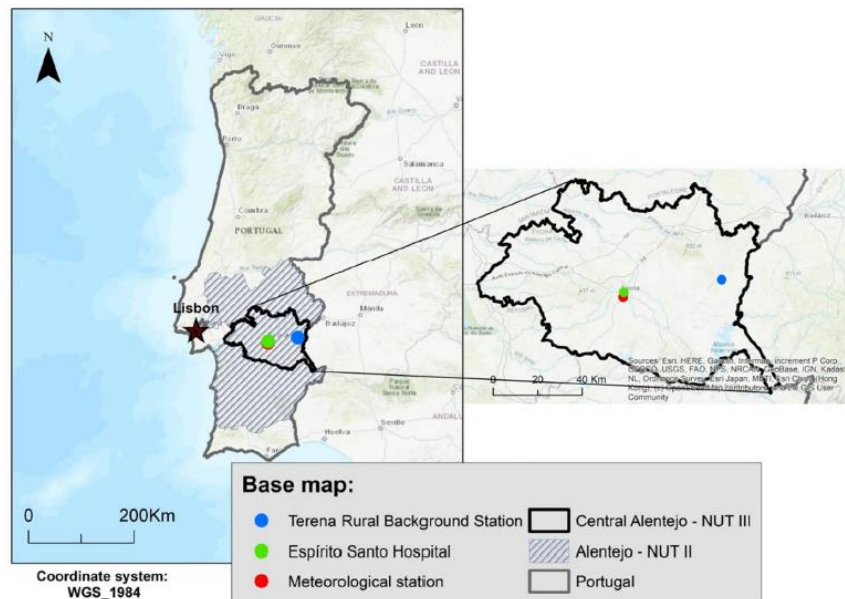


Fig. 14. Schematic representation of the main atmospheric configurations leading to the exceptional desert dust outbreak: a) PHASE I represents the early stage when dust is still found at surface, as well as the first stage of a cyclonic vortex (CV) development, b) PHASE II represents the stage when mineral dust has already been mobilized and dispersed into the atmosphere by the cyclonic vortex (CV) dynamics, and the approaching of a middle latitude low pressure system (L) from North, c) Dust outbreak stage shows the instant when the circulation associated with the low pressure system (L) already merged with the atmospheric circulation around the Atlas Mountains induced the transport of mineral dust toward Portugal.

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Intrusões de poeiras no Alentejo (Alentejo Central) e a sua relação com internamentos hospitalares por doenças respiratórias (Silva et al, 2021)

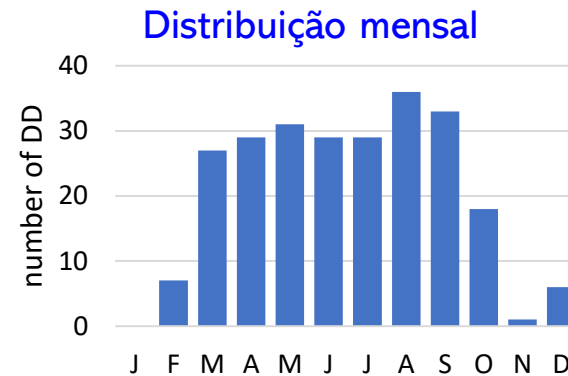
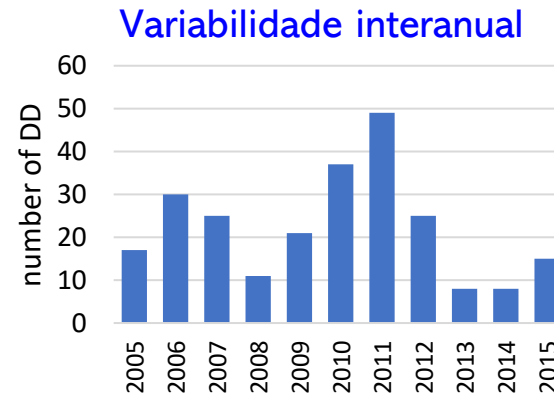
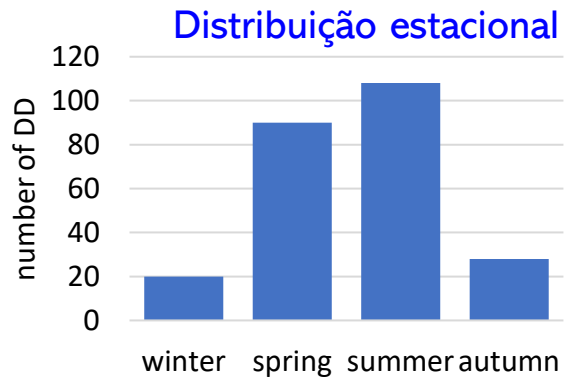


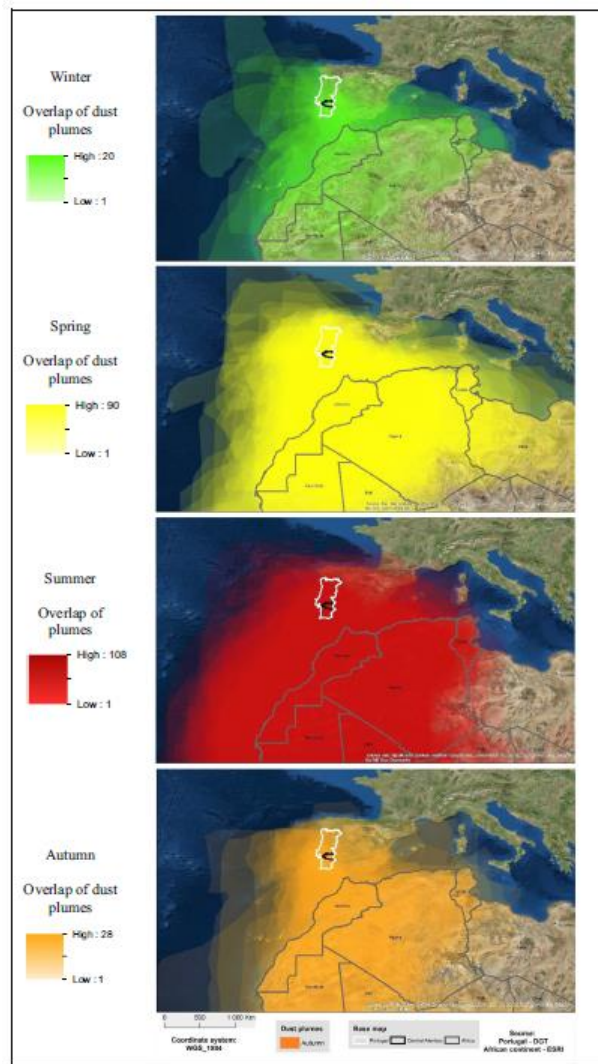
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- Inventários APA (2006-2015): 825 dias IPNA no Alentejo
 - 246 dias IPNA no Alentejo Central
- Imagens de satélite (MODIS)
- Dados meteorológicos Évora/Geofísico
- Concentrações PM10 e PM2.5 da estação de Terena
- Internamentos hospitalares urgentes no Hospital Espírito Santo (Évora) por patologias respiratórias

246 dias IPNA

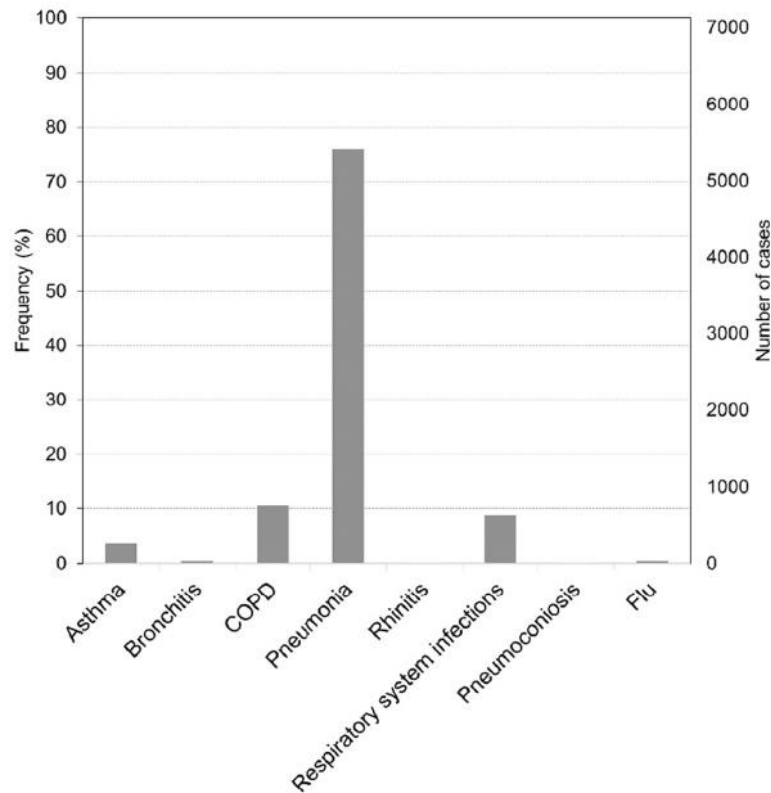
- Forte variabilidade interanual (8 a 49 dias/ano)
- Frequência maior no Verão e na Primavera (76% dias no semestre quente, Abril- Setembro)
- Agosto e Setembro são os meses com mais dias IPNA





- Delimitação das plumas e determinação da sua extensão espacial
- Maior extensão espacial das plumas no Verão (6x superior à superfície média das plumas de Inverno)
- Menos eventos, plumas menos extensas no Inverno; mas é no Inverno que os dias IPNA registam maior frequência de dias com excedência dos limites legais de concentração de poluentes PM10 e PM2.5

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Internamentos:

- Forte prevalência de internamentos por pneumonia
- Outras causas importantes:
 - Infecções respiratórias
 - DPOC e asma
- Maior frequência de internamentos no Inverno (37%), seguindo-se a Primavera (28%)
- Mais internamentos em dias IPNA que em dias sem poeiras

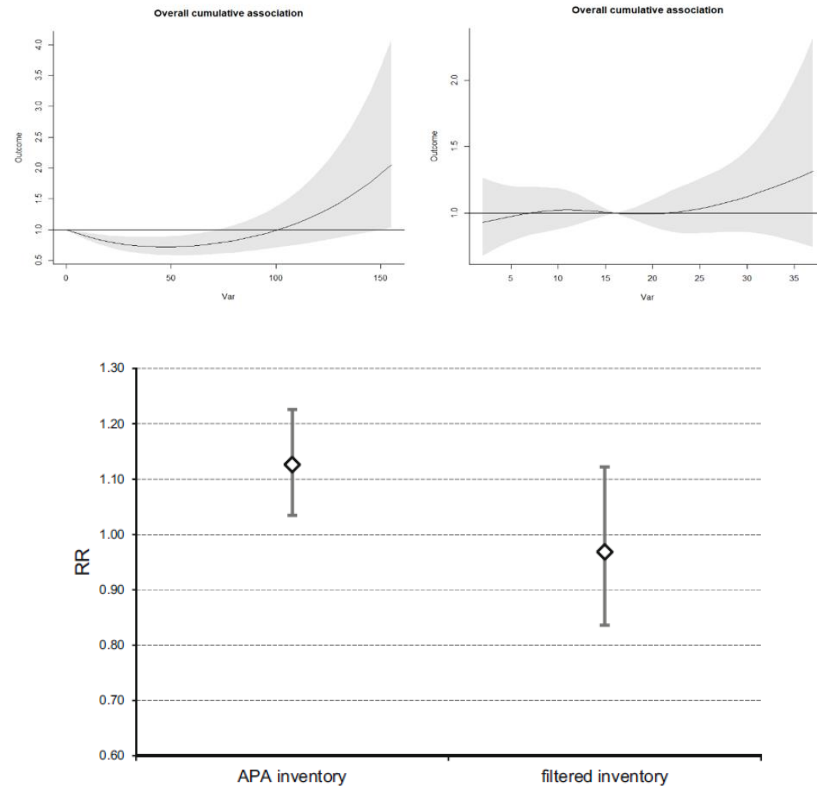
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* *Distributed Lag Non-linear Models*

Modelação DLNM* das hospitalizações por causas respiratórias com determinantes ambientais (variáveis climáticas, de qualidade do ar e presença/ausência de poeiras em circulação)

- Modelo final integrou a temperatura média e a concentração média diária PM10, além da presença/ausência de poeiras
- Risco relativo de internamento é 12% mais elevado nos dias com poeiras (amostra APA) que nos dias sem poeiras

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