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PROBABILISTIC DROUGHT FORECASTING for a BASIN-SCALE WATER RESOURCES OPERATION



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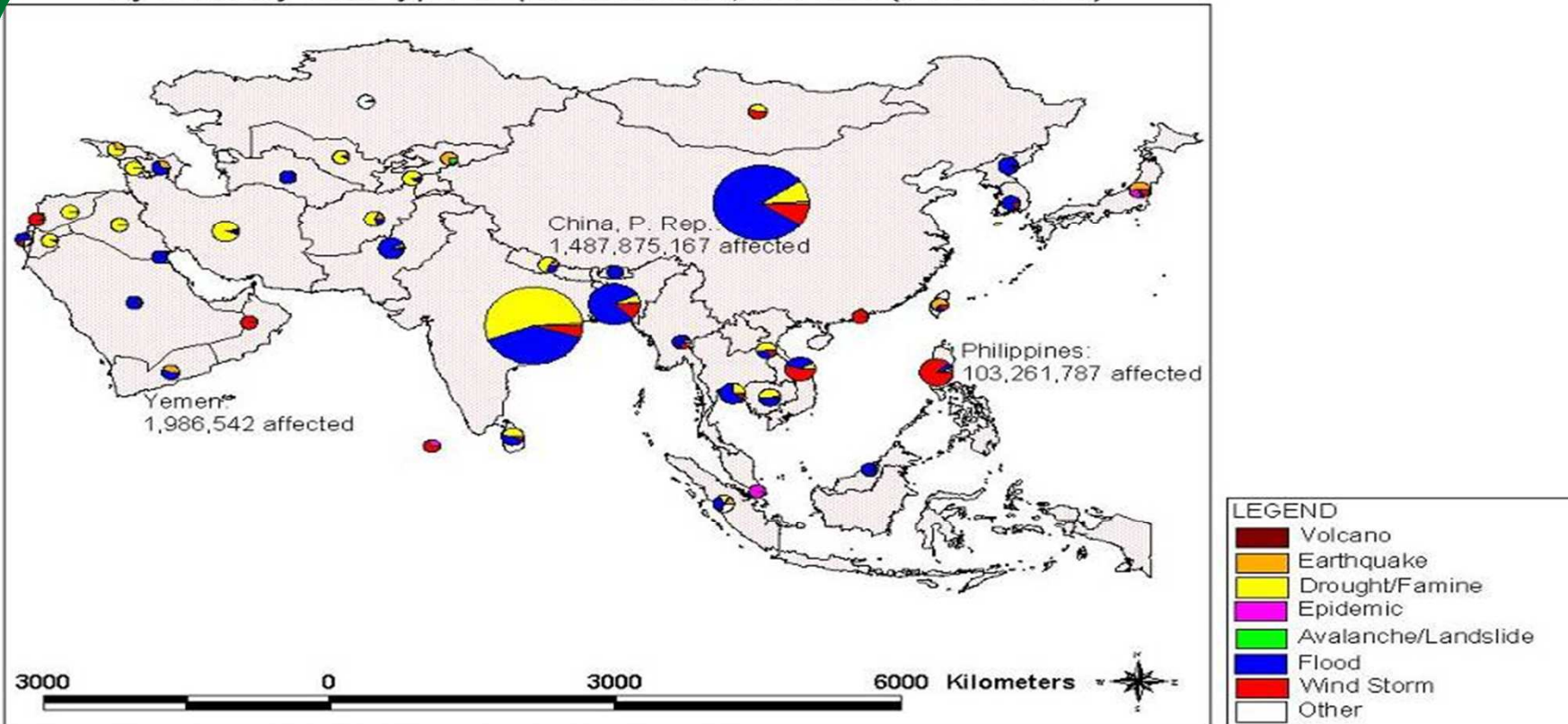
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- ❖ **THE AIM of the STUDY**
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 - ❖ **FORECASTING MODEL**
- ❖ **RESULTS**
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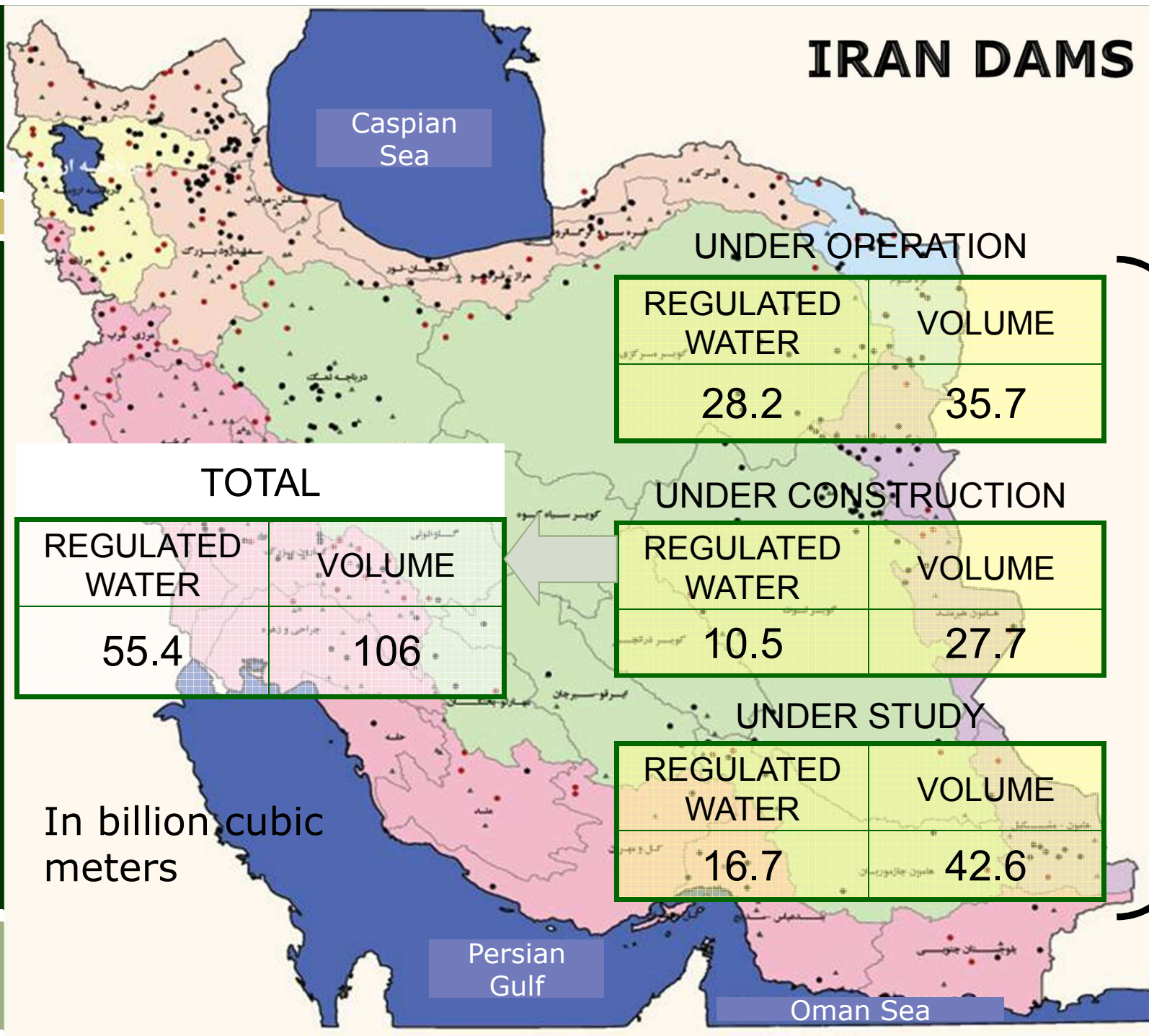
Drought is known as the deficiency of water in one or several components of the hydrological cycle. It occurs when the available water of a system is not sufficient to supply at least one of the ecological, environmental, agricultural, industrial and urban demands.

Distribution of people affected by natural disasters, by country and type of phenomena, in Asia (1975-2001)

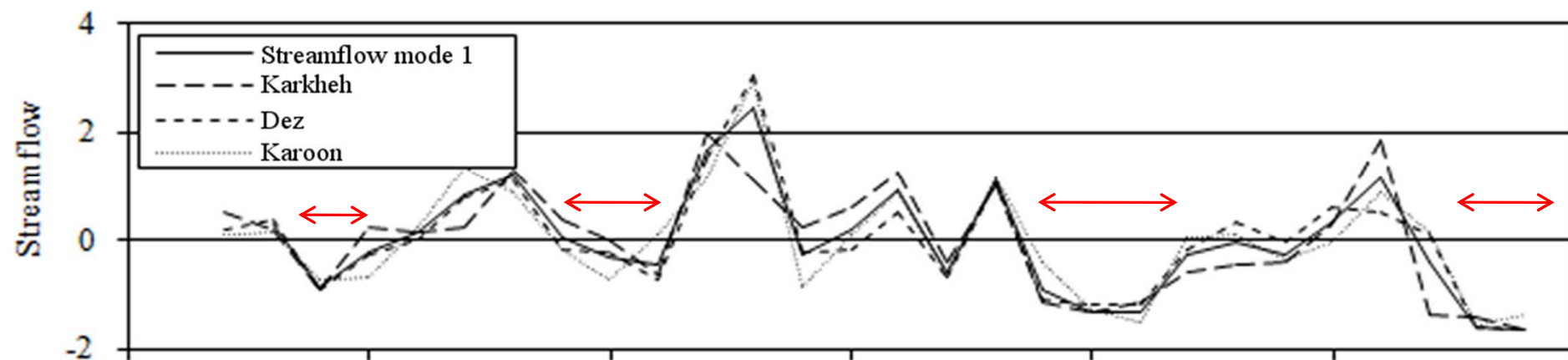
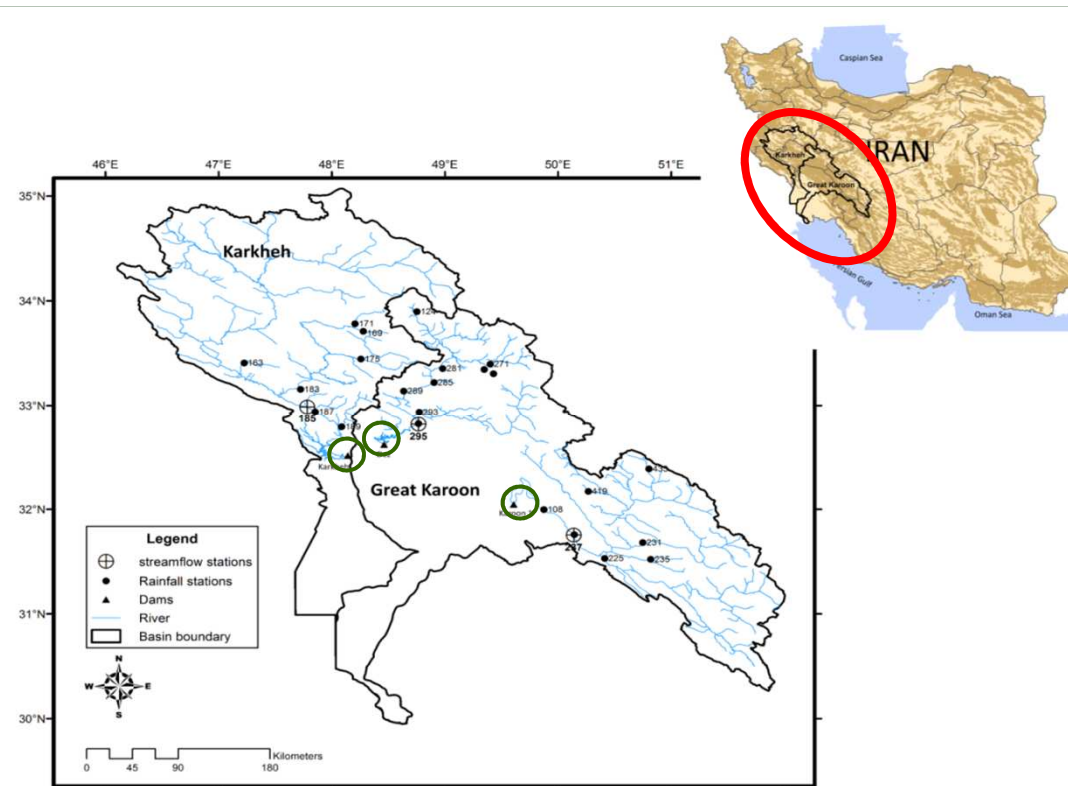


EM-DAT: The OFDA/CRED International Disaster Database
(<http://www.cred.be> ; email: cred@epid.ucl.ac.be)

IRAN DAMS



Drought is the leading hazard in economic losses each year in Iran. A drought forecasting system is needed to help early warning of drought events to assist decision makers deciding on the mitigating activities including hedging rules, contract negotiation, hydropower generation, and agricultural water allocation.



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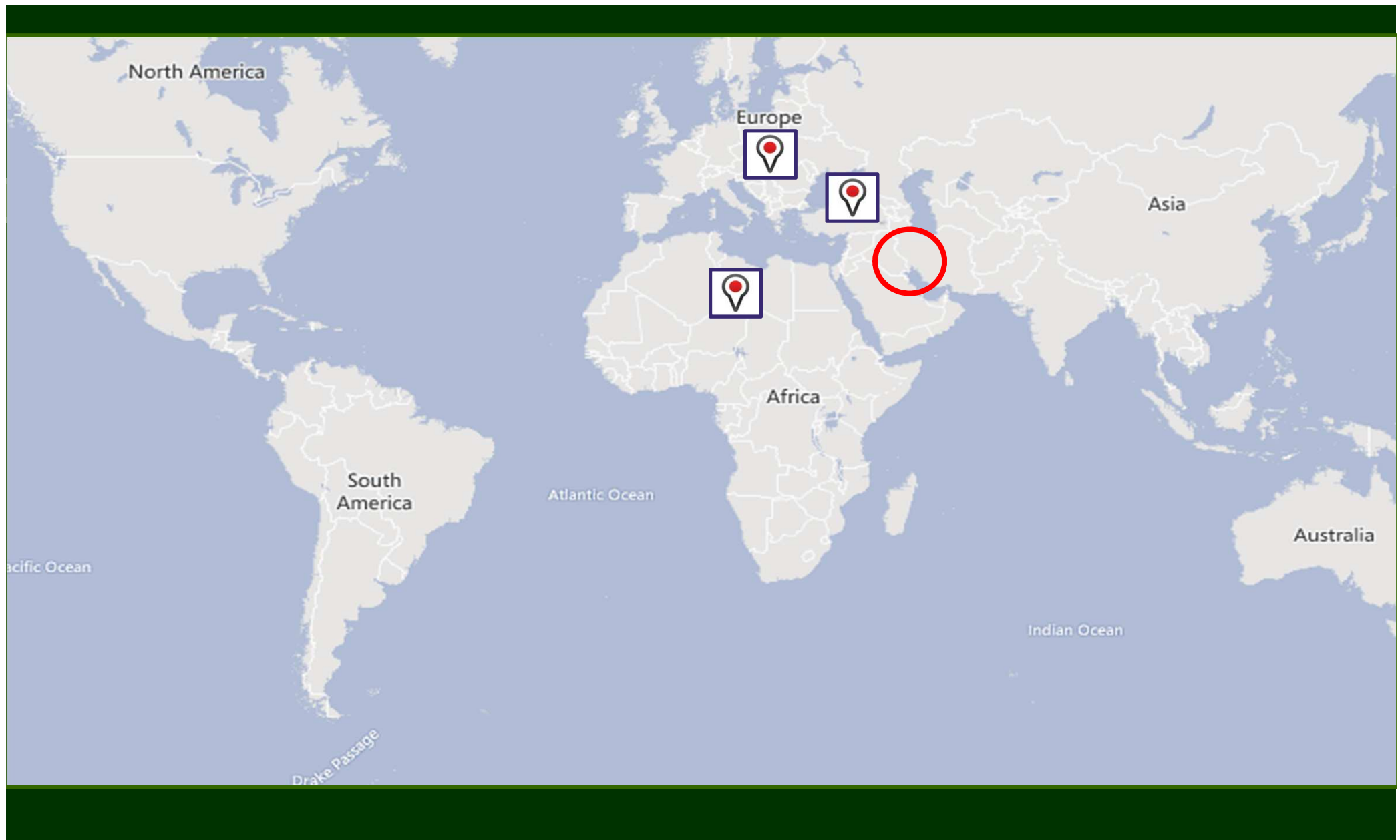
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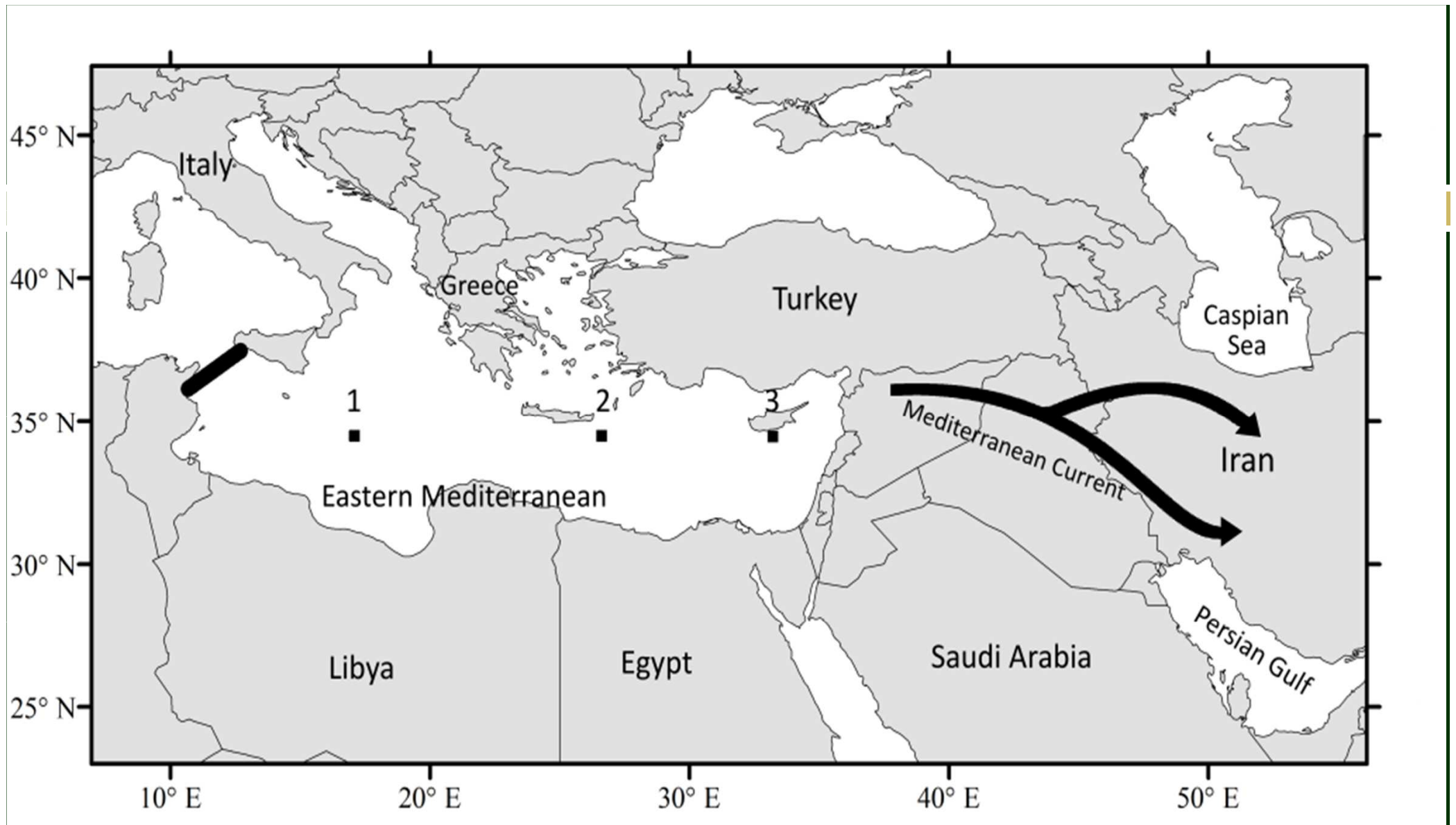
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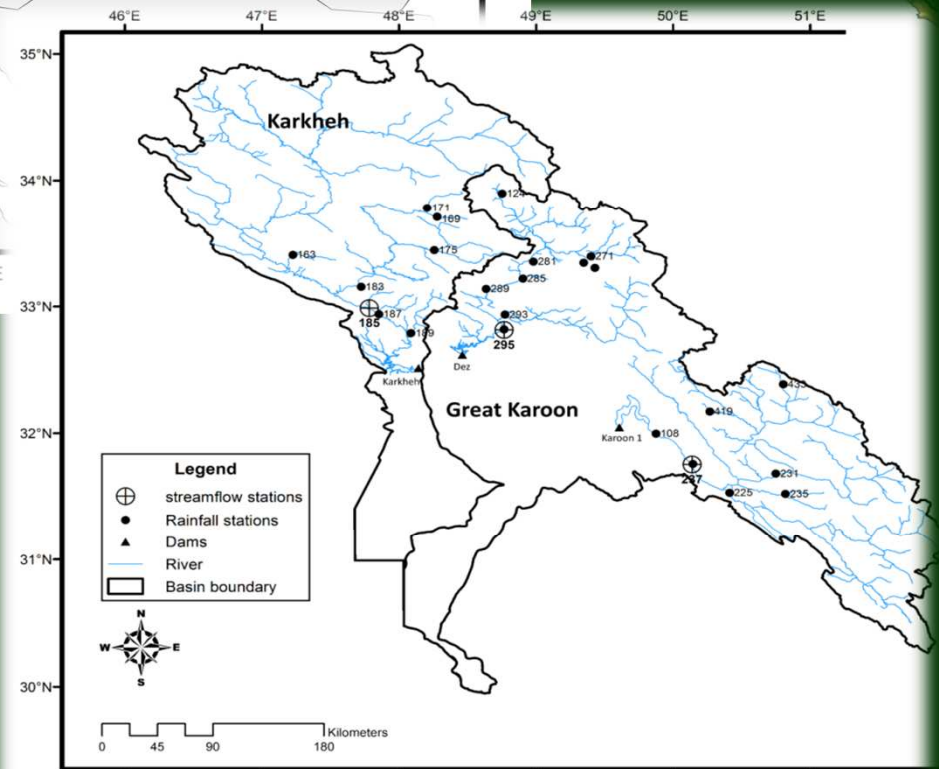
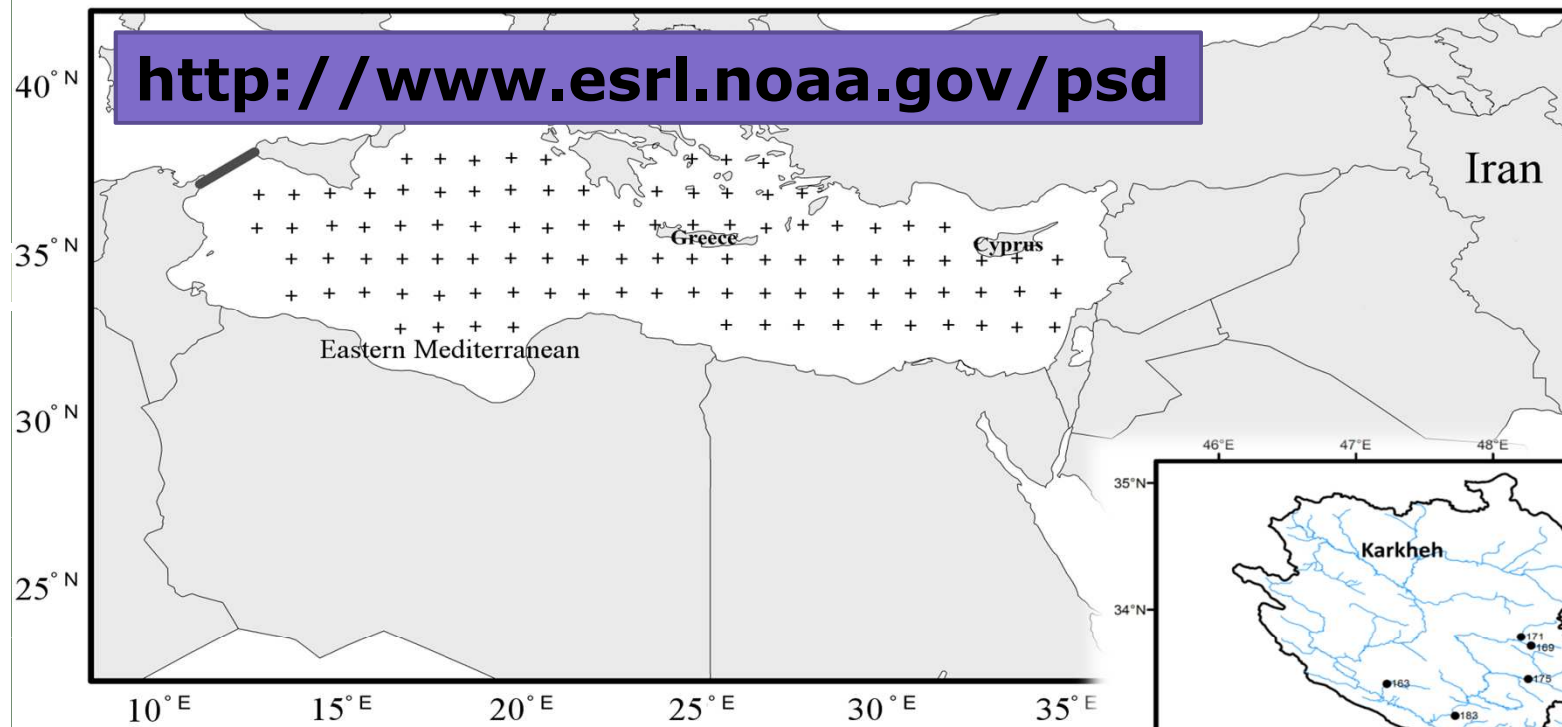


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**CLIMATE PREDICTORS:
SST OF MEDITERRANIAN SEA**



<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd>

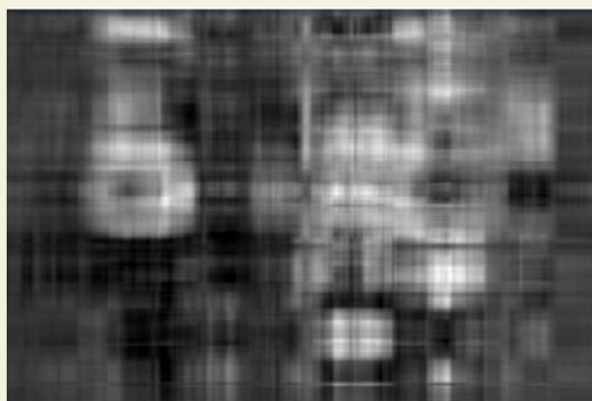


$$\mathbf{A}_{mn} = \mathbf{U}_{mm} \mathbf{S}_{mn} \mathbf{V}_{nn}^T$$

$$SVD(A_{gs}) = (U_{gg}, \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} s_{1,1} & \cdots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & s_{gs} \end{matrix}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, V_{ss})$$

A_{hd}

362*500



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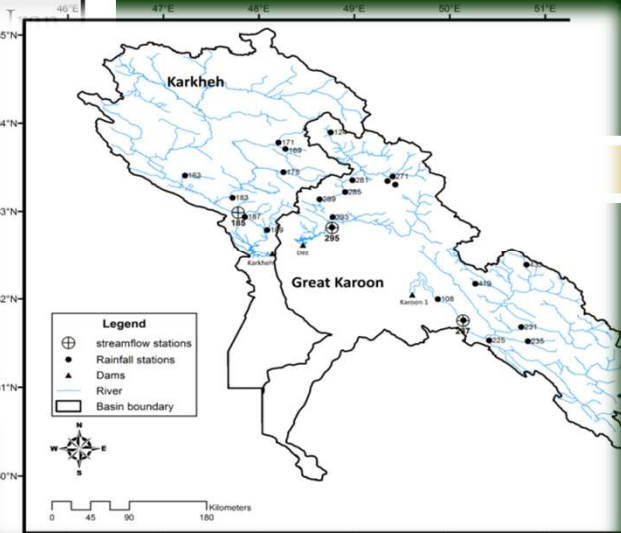
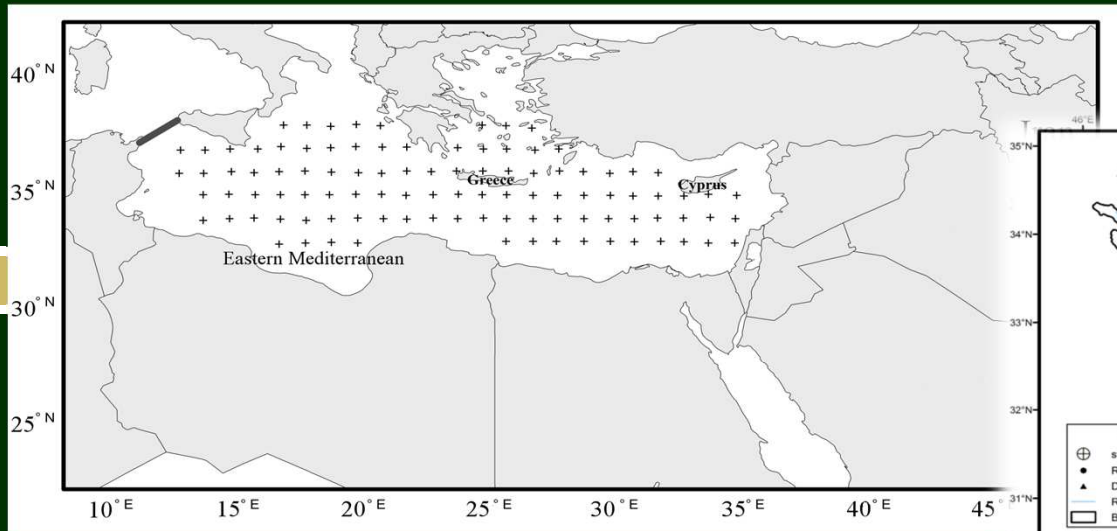
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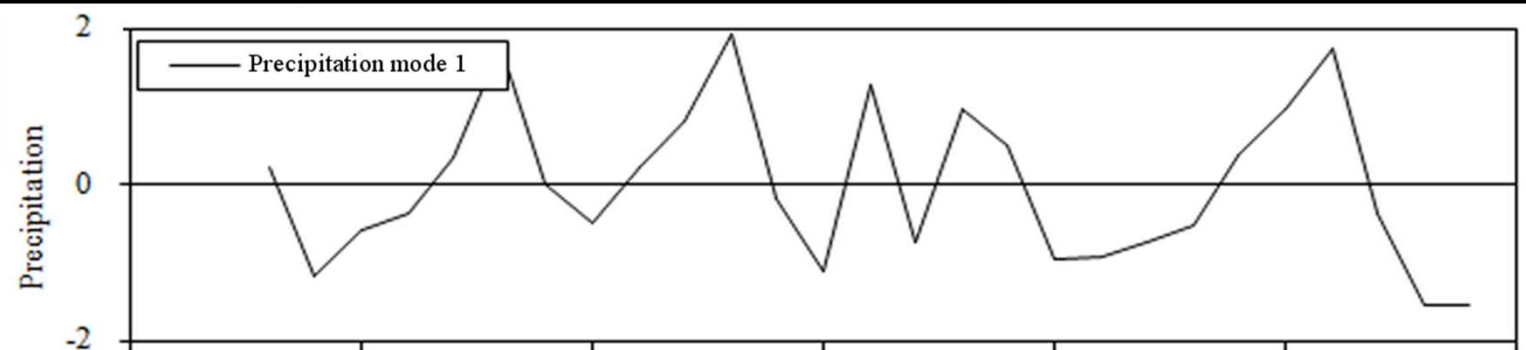
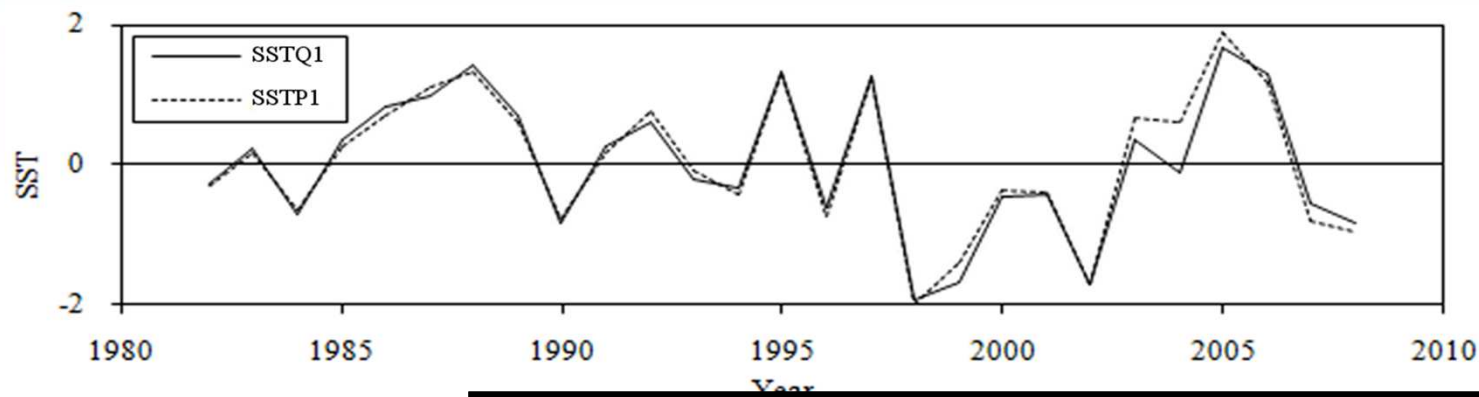


y =number of year of recorded data
 g =number of grids of recording SST
 s =number of precipitation stations

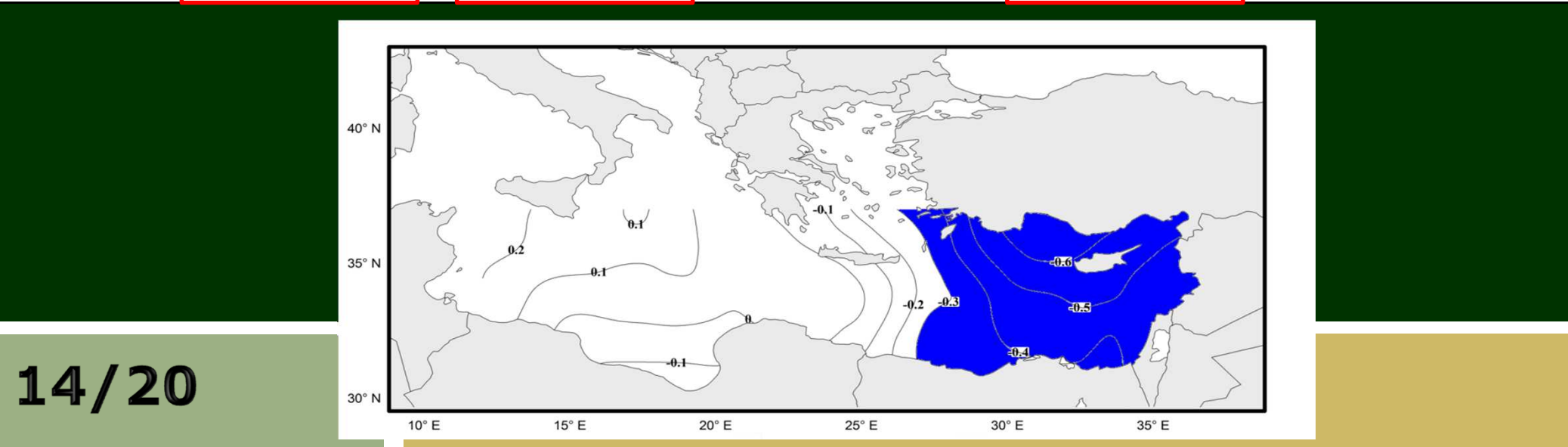
$$Cov = \frac{1}{y} \times \begin{bmatrix} sst_{1,1} & \cdots & sst_{1,y} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ sst_{g,1} & \cdots & sst_{g,y} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} p_{1,1} & \cdots & p_{1,s} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{y,1} & \cdots & p_{y,s} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$SVD(COVAR) = (U_{gg}, \begin{bmatrix} s_{1,1} & \dots & 0 \\ & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & s_{gs} \end{bmatrix}, V_{ss})$$

$$SSTP(i) = \begin{bmatrix} sst_{1,1} & \dots & sst_{1,g} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \dots \\ sst_{y,1} & \dots & sst_{y,g} \end{bmatrix} U(:, i)$$



Basin	SSTP1		SOI		NAO		PDO		AMO	
	Wet	Drought	Wet	Drought	Wet	Drought	Wet	Drought	Wet	Drought
Dez	-0.36	-0.34	-0.24	-0.12	-0.03	-0.09	0.14	0.14	0.06	-0.13
Karoon	-0.58	-0.45	-0.50	-0.38	0.22	0.03	-0.16	0.19	0.26	-0.46
Karkheh	-0.41	-0.35	-0.49	-0.31	0.30	-0.31	-0.04	0.29	0.12	-0.09
Average	-0.46	-0.39	-0.42	-0.27	0.17	-0.11	-0.03	0.20	0.15	-0.24



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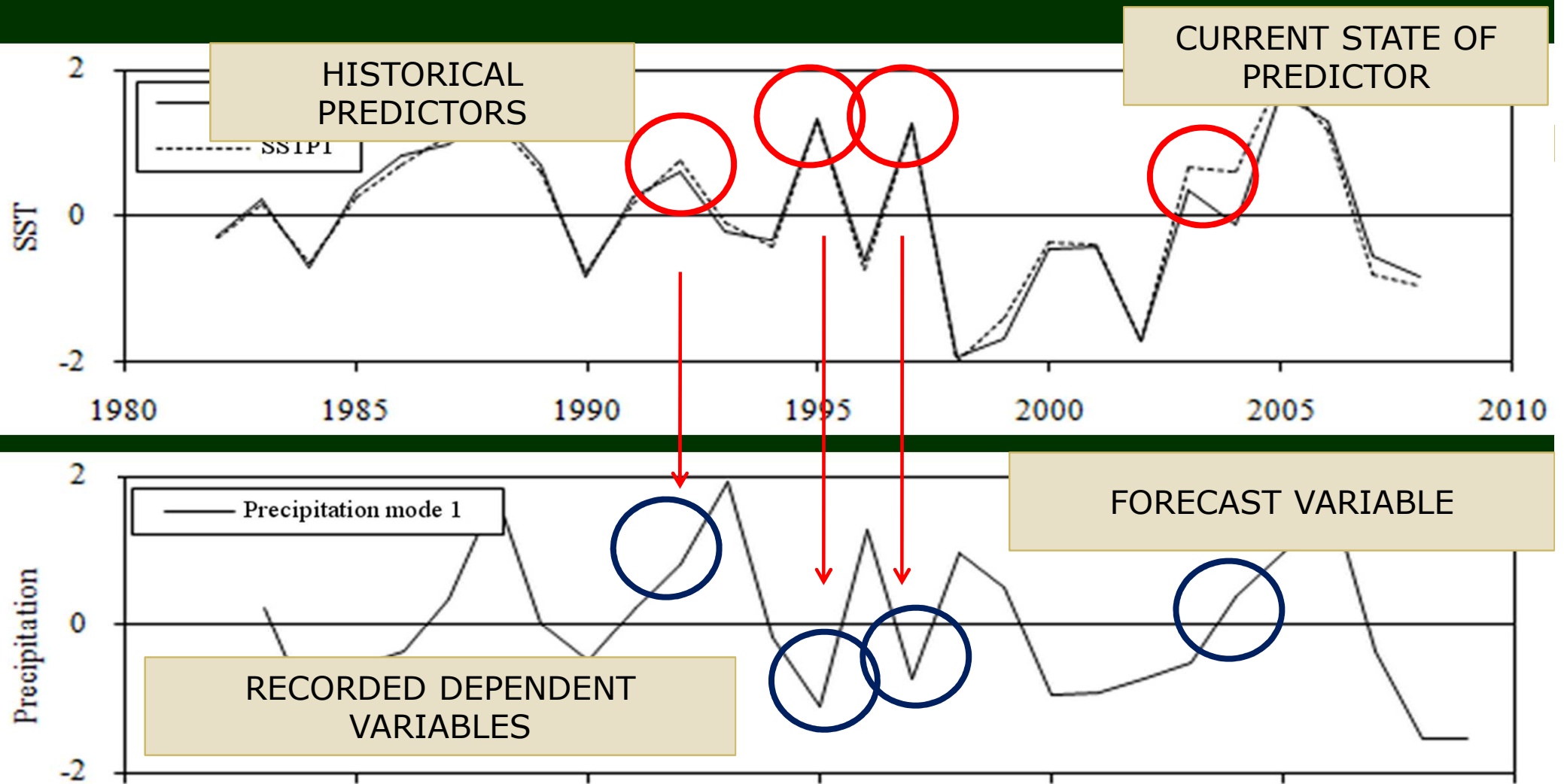
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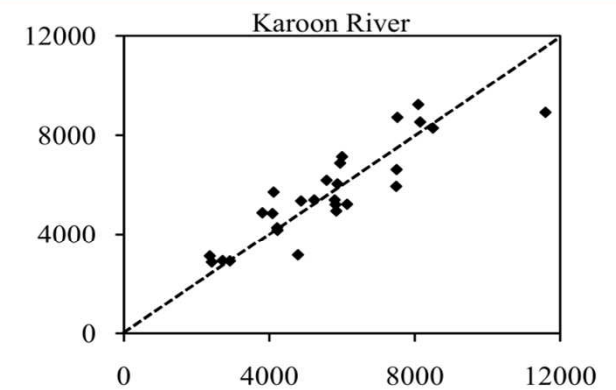
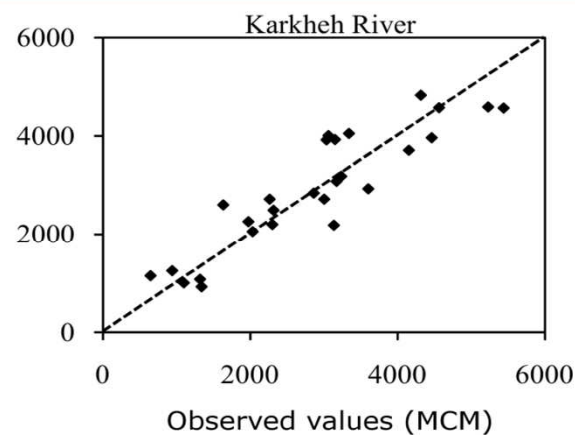
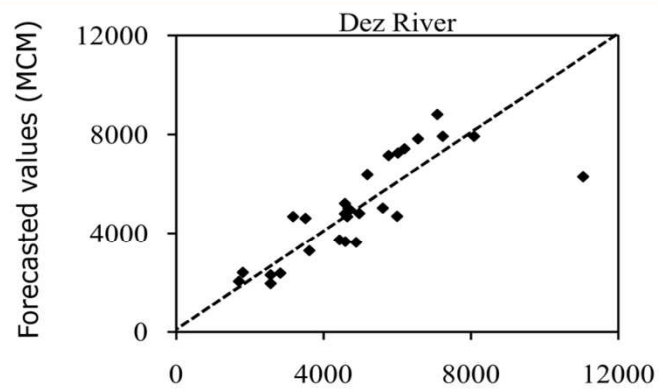
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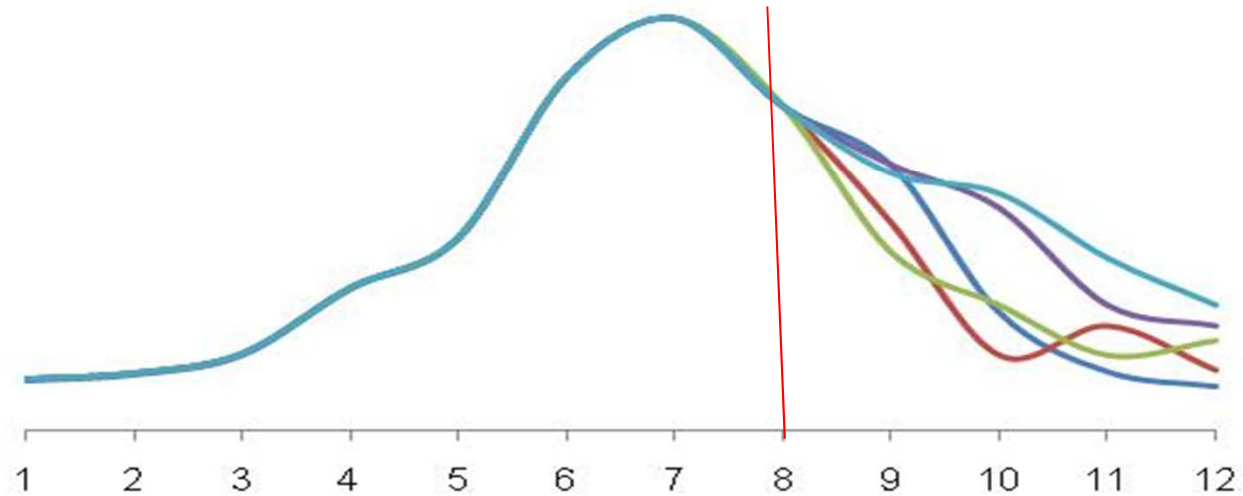
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$$Y_r = \sum_{k=1}^K f_k(\Delta_{rk}) Y_k - \sum_{k=1}^K f_k(\Delta_{rk}) E_k$$



May



PREDICTORS

SUMMER SST+SOI+PDO

Autumn SST+SOI+PDO+PREVIOUS
STR./RAI.

SNOW BUDGET + PREVIOUS
STR./RAI.

DEPENDANTS

OCT. to JAN. Streamflow

FEB. to MAY. Streamflow

Jun. to Sep.

AVERAGE FORECASTING ERR.

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FINAL RESULTS

❖ **SST of Mediterranean Sea Could be a Predictor for Climate Variation of Western Basins of Iran**

We Need Information from Physical and Dynamic Meteorology to Confirm the above Result

❖ **The Probabilistic Non-Linear Regression of K-NN is useful for Long-Lead Forecasting**

The approach of Multi-Model data Fusion Could Improved the Results

❖ **Developing a Decision Support System Could Significantly Improve the Efficiency of the Developed Models**

The Best Way to Predict the Future Is
to Invent It

Alan Kay

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