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1. Introduction

Air quality management plans based on knowledge of sources, appropriate air quality standards, accurate air quality data, and effective incentives; and enforcement policies is therefore needed to be adopted.

At this backdrop, real-time measurements of ambient level pollutants were made at 8 major cities (Namely, Dhaka, Narayangonj, Gazipur, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet) of Bangladesh. The data generated will be used to define the nature and severity of pollution in the cities; identify pollution trends in the country; and develop air models and emission inventories.

The program encompasses operation of the sampling and monitoring network, and quality assurance activities to ensure the quality of the data collected and disseminated by the CASE project.

CASE project monitors the criteria pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone, sulfur dioxide, PM10 and PM2.5. Monitoring is performed to demonstrate attainment or non-attainment of national ambient air quality standards to assess the trends of air pollution levels.

The main purpose of this report is to present, analyze and make available of these data to the general public, stakeholders, researchers and policy makers to develop effective air pollution abatement strategies. This report summarizes the air quality data collected at the different CAMS in operation under the Department of Environment (DoE) air quality monitoring network.

The basis for discussion of air quality has been the data collected from the Air Quality monitoring Network stations under DoE. The data have been quality controlled and the air pollution levels have been compared to the Bangladesh Ambient Air Quality Standard as adopted in 2005. Table 1 represents the current and approved air quality standards for Bangladesh.

Table 1: National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Bangladesh

Pollutant	Objective	Average
CO	10 mg/m^3 (9 ppm)	8 hours(a)
	40 mg/m^3 (35 ppm)	1 hour(a)
Pb	0.5 µg/m^3	Annual
NO_x	100 µg/m^3 (0.053 ppm)	Annual
PM10	50 µg/m^3	Annual (b)
	150 µg/m^3	24 hours (c)
PM2.5	15 µg/m^3	Annual
	65 µg/m^3	24 hours
O_3	235 µg/m^3 (0.12 ppm)	1 hour (d)
	157 µg/m^3 (0.08 ppm)	8 hours
SO_2	80 µg/m^3 (0.03 ppm)	Annual
	365 µg/m^3 (0.14 ppm)	24 hours (a)

Notes:

(a) Not to be exceeded more than once per year

(b) The objective is attained when the annual arithmetic mean is less than or equal to 50 ug/m^3

(c) The objective is attained when the expected number of days per calendar year with a 24-hour average of 150 µg/m^3 is equal to or less than 1

(d) The objective is attained when the expected number of days per calendar year with the maximum hourly average of 0.12 ppm is equal to or less than 1 (Source: AQMP, DOE).

2. Monitoring Network

The main objective of the Bangladesh AQM network is to provide reliable information to the authorities and to the public about the air quality in most populous cities of Bangladesh.

As a part of the air quality monitoring strategy, several objectives can be achieved, including:

- Establish source/receptor relationships;
- Identify which are the pollutants of concern and their current status;
- Show how widespread air pollution problems are and indicate the general extent of the public exposure;
- Provide benchmarks against which trends in overall air quality can be compared and devise performance indicators for assessing the impact of an air quality management plan or strategy;
- Provide a data base for evaluation of effects; of urban, land use management, and transportation planning; of development and evaluation of abatement strategies; and of development and validation of atmospheric processes and models.

Another objective in the monitoring and management programme is to provide input data for modeling. These data will serve as a background for performing air quality planning and abatement studies. Model results may also serve as input to other studies such as health related investigations and exposure assessments.

The ambient air quality monitoring network Bangladesh consists of eleven (11) fixed Continuous Air Monitoring Stations (CAMS). The locations of the 11 CAMS are shown in Figure 1. Brief description of the monitoring stations and the list of measured parameters recorded at each station are provided in Table 2.

Table 2: Description of Monitoring Network:

City	ID	Location	Lat/Lon	Monitoring capacity
Dhaka	CAMS-1	Sangshad Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar	23.76N 90.39E	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX, O3, and HC concentrations with meteorological parameters.
	CAMS-2	Firmgate	23.76N 90.39E	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX, O3, and HC with meteorological parameters.
	CAMS-3	Darus-Salam	23.78N 90.36E	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX and O3 with meteorological parameters.
Gazipur	CAMS-4	Gazipur	23.99N 90.42E	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX and O3 with meteorological parameters.
Narayangonj	CAMS-5	Narayangonj	23.63N 90.51E	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX and O3 with meteorological parameters.
Chittagong	CAMS-6	TV station, Khulshi	22.36N 91.80E	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX, O3, and HC with meteorological parameters.
	CAMS-7	Agrabad	22.32N 91.81E	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX and O3 with meteorological parameters.
Khulna	CAMS-8	Baira	22.48N 89.53E	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX, O3, and HC with meteorological parameters
Rajshahi	CAMS-9	Sopura	24.38N	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX,

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			88.61E	O3, and HC with meteorological parameters.
Sylhet	CAMS-10	Red Crecent Campus	24.89N 91.87E	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX and O3 with meteorological parameters.
Barisal	CAMS-11	DFO office campus	22.71N 90.36E	PM10, PM2.5, CO, SO2, NOX and O3 with meteorological parameters.

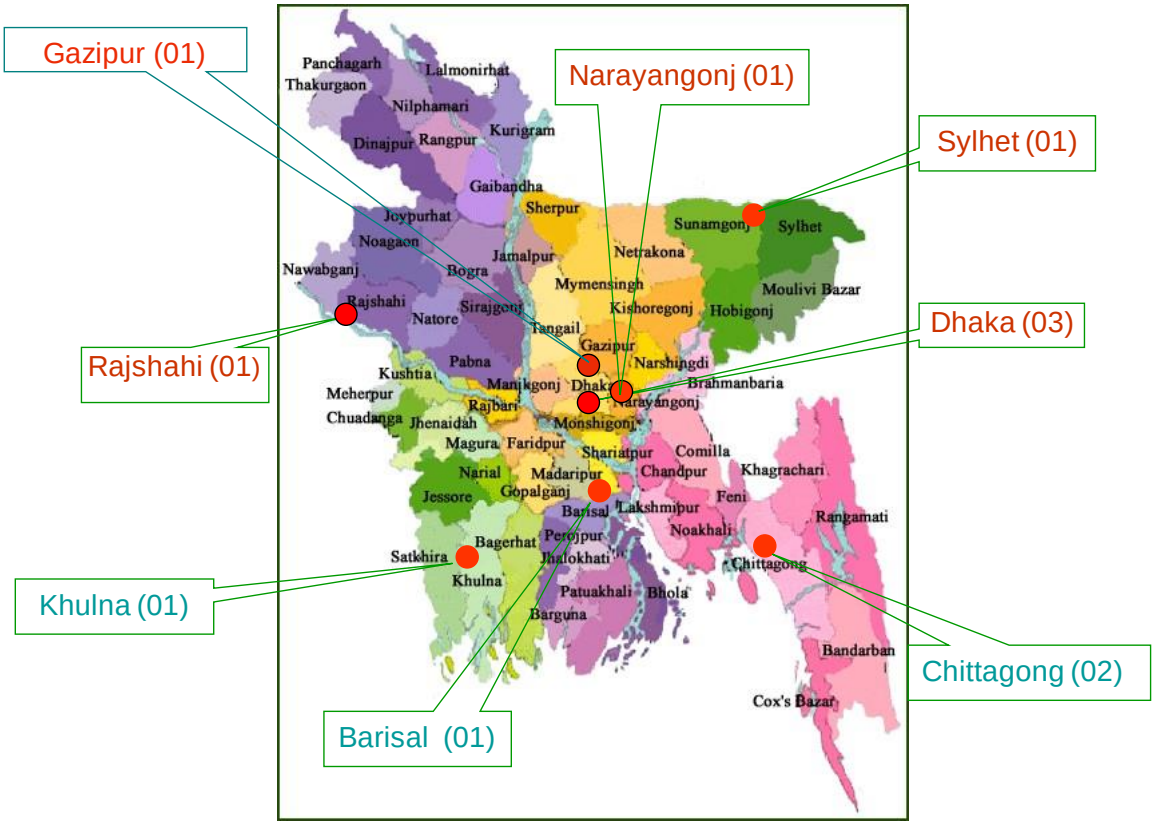

Figure 1: CAMS Location in Bangladesh

Monitoring data from network stations are transferred to a central data centre at the Department of Environment office in Dhaka and simultaneously transferred to Air Quality Management System based on NILU AIRQuis system established under BAPMAN project. The data are stored in AIRQuis database for quality check, control, evaluation, validation, statistical analysis. Quality controlled data are then stored in the final database for further analysis, reporting, presentations and future use.

3. Monthly Air Quality

The data presented in this report are based on measurements during July 2013 at 11 CAMS operated under DoE monitoring network. Table-3 summarizes the basic statistics of the data along with the data capture rate and the number of days for which specific pollutant exceeded the Bangladesh National Ambient Air Quality Standard (BNAAQS). Since NOx have only annual standard, so for this pollutant daily 24-hours average concentration levels were compared with the annual average. During data quality control some data were flagged as invalid and those were not included in the analysis. Time series plots based on the data generated in the CAMS are also given in Annexes.

In general the data availability (valid data) found to be over 80% except few parameters in all 11 CAMS. Some of the data were missing in Khulna CAMS due to data acquisition PC did not function properly, and also CAMS was kept shut down 4-5 days during the reporting month for routine repair/maintenance purpose which caused poor data capture rate. In case of data capture rate below 75% for a particular averaging time are not reported. A few of the analyzers at different CAMS were under maintenance and eventually the data capture rate for those parameters found low and in some cases no data was available. Inspection of the data shows there were no occurrences of non-compliance with respect to the BNAAQS for both PM10 as well as PM2.5 levels at all the stations. It is observed that the monthly average concentration level of PM2.5 and PM10 were around 30µg/m3 and 55µg/m3 respectively during the month of July 2013. 24-hours average PM levels in all cities are found low because of higher precipitation during the month. It is also observed that all the gaseous pollutants except NOx in few CAMS did not exceed the BNAAQS. In case of NO_x concentrations, there was non-attainment for 20 days at BARC (Dhaka), 02 days at Rajshahi CAMS, 01 day both at Darusslam and Sangsad Bhaban CAMS. The SO2 levels at Barisal CAMS although not exceeded the BNAAQS value (140 ppb), but found as high as 30.4 ppb.

In general PM pollution levels in the cities monitored during the reporting month was better compared to previous month in respect of public health. Usually in the dry seasons the pollution level reached its peak and gradually decreases when dry season is over which is reflected in the data monitored in all CAMS during month of July. It observed that average wind speed and precipitation compared to previous month of June has increased, which helped higher dispersion of the pollutants and this might be a reason for observed lower PM concentration.

Wind frequency distributions, also called Wind roses for all CAMS except TV-Station Chittagong and Khulna (no wind data available for those stations) under the monitoring network are presented in ANNEX. From the wind rose patterns, it is observed that the predominant wind direction during the month July 2013 were mainly from south-east to south-west direction with few exceptions.

4. Summary and conclusion

Data obtained from 11 CAMS operated under DoE air quality monitoring network during July 2013 have been analyzed and reported. Data availability was over 80% for all the criteria pollutant monitored at different CAMS. Air quality data for some pollutants were not reported because either the analyzer was not functional or the data capture rate was too low. From the analysis of the data following conclusion can be drawn:

- PM_{10} and $PM_{2,5}$ are the most critical pollutants and 24-hour average for both PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations were found compliance with the BNAAQS during the month of July 2013. It is observed that the average concentration level of PM2.5 and PM10 were around 30µg/m3 and 55µg/m3 respectively during the month of July 2013.
- All gaseous pollutants except NOx measured at 11 CAMS did not exceeded limit values except BARC, Rajshahi, Darussalam and Sangsad Bhaban stations. Maximum 24 hours NOx concentration at these stations found to be around annual average BNAAQS limit values (53 ppb).
- Due to increased average wind speed and precipitation during July-13, dispersion and wash out of pollutants has increased thus helped decreasing the pollution concentration levels.

Although manual data quality checks and screening performed, further strict quality assurance programme that will be developed for this programme will eventually improve the data quality. During the reporting month a number of analyzers did not produced data and need maintenance. Necessary action for maintenance of the analyzers will be taken.

Table 3: Summary Air Quality and Meteorological data measured during July 2013 at different CAMS operated under DoE

Parameter	unit	NAAQS	Summary	CAMS-1 (S-Bhaban)	CAMS-2 (BARC)[a]	CAMS-3 (D-salam)	CAMS-4 (Gazipur)	CAMS-5 (Narayonganj)	CAMS-6 TV-St (Chittagong)[a]	CAMS-7 Agrabad-(Chittagong)	CAMS-8 (Sylhet)	CAMS-9 (Khulna)[a]	CAMS-10 (Rajshahi)[a]	CAMS-11 (Barisal)
SO_2 -24 hr	ppb	140	Average	1.35	DNA*	2.44	2.20	1.27	3.14	2.13	DNA**	DNA**	DNA**	18.3
			Max	5.57	DNA*	3.32	3.54	2.85	6.19	4.83	DNA**	DNA**	DNA**	30.4
			Min	0.29	DNA*	1.71	0.29	0.79	0.79	0.30	DNA**	DNA**	DNA**	14.7
			Excedance(Days)	0	DNA*	0	0	0	0	0	DNA**	DNA**	DNA**	0
			Data capture(%)	71	DNA*	90	100	100	68	90	DNA**	DNA**	DNA**	100
NOx -24 hr	ppb	53 (Annual)	Average	23.1	54.5	32.3	10.0	9.17	DNA*	5.86	9.17	11.8	47.0	4.92
			Max	54.1	74.9	55.9	17.5	19.9	DNA*	20.1	14.5	20.2	61.6	11.3
			Min	1.63	38.7	15.6	4.41	2.61	DNA*	2.08	3.32	9.6	42.1	3.63
			Excedance(Days)	1	20	1	0	0	DNA*	0	0	0	2	0
			Data capture(%)	81	100	81	100	100	DNA*	87	100	45	48.4	100
CO- 1 hr	ppm	35	Average	DNA*	0.74	0.92	DNA*	0.38	0.77	0.30	1.44	1.12	0.50	0.64
			Max	DNA*	4.56	2.02	DNA*	1.06	1.93	1.32	3.75	4.52	0.84	5.91
			Min	DNA*	0.05	0.67	DNA*	0.26	0.30	0.05	0.95	0.05	0.02	0.39
			Excedance(Hour)	DNA*	0	0	DNA*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			Data capture(%)	DNA*	67	98	DNA*	100	94	90	96	56	67.7	100
CO-8hr	ppm	9	Average	DNA*	0.70	0.92	DNA*	0.38	0.77	0.30	1.44	1.08	0.49	0.64
			Max	DNA*	3.58	1.61	DNA*	0.68	1.44	0.72	2.64	4.23	0.63	3.68
			Min	DNA*	0.06	0.72	DNA*	0.28	0.39	0.11	1.01	0.05	0.03	0.41
			Excedance(Hour)	DNA*	0	0	DNA*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			Data capture(%)	DNA*	73	99	DNA*	91	97	96	99	75	89	99
O_3-1hr	ppb	120	Average	6.13	10.4	DNA*	14.6	8.40	13.4	DNA*	5.16	5.02	6.62	5.44
			Max	17.0	28.4	DNA*	43.1	22.9	21.1	DNA*	14.4	23.4	53.5	17.3
			Min	2.09	0.07	DNA*	3.84	1.49	7.68	DNA*	0.68	2.11	0.09	1.32
			Excedance(Hour)	0	0	DNA*	0	0	0	DNA*	0	0	0	0
			Data capture(%)	92	100	DNA*	99	100	95	DNA*	95	53	70	100
O_3-8hr	ppb	80	Average	6.13	10.4	DNA*	14.7	8.39	13.5	DNA*	5.13	5.16	7.09	5.45
			Max	12.8	15.8	DNA*	29.1	16.9	19.7	DNA*	13.2	12.4	31.2	11.6
			Min	2.64	7.80	DNA*	5.59	2.68	9.45	DNA*	1.39	2.40	0.27	1.89
			Excedance(Hour)	0	0	DNA*	0	0	0	DNA*	0	0	0	0
			Data capture(%)	93	99	DNA*	99	99	97	DNA*	99	64	89	99

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$PM_{2.5}$ -24hr	µg /m^3	65	Average	17.2	DNA*	21.5	19.0	14.5	29.4	18.1	15.0	23.2	23.2	23.4
			Max	29.1	DNA*	36.6	33.3	25.4	40.3	23.8	22.9	35.6	35.3	39.8
			Min	10.4	DNA*	13.2	7.31	6.86	19.0	10.3	7.76	11.4	16.6	17.0
			Excedance(Days)	0	DNA*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			Data capture(%)	87	DNA*	97	94	100	94	81	97	48	55	97
PM_{10} -24hr	µg /m^3	150	Average	48.0	53.1	52.9	30.7	49.7	47.3	39.4	36.5	48.7	DNA**	29.4
			Max	68.3	79.0	81.3	50.1	82.7	60.3	51.1	54.4	72.1	DNA**	42.6
			Min	32.1	26.3	30.9	16.8	22.4	23.7	22.8	21.8	22.1	DNA**	19.8
			Excedance(Days)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	DNA**	0
			Data capture(%)	84	100	87	68	100	94	81	58	42	DNA**	100
Solar rad. 1hr	watt/ m^2	NA	Average	149	DNA*	199	198	201	DNA*	210	199	DNA*	DNA*	182
			Max	870	DNA*	1138	974	993	DNA*	917	988	DNA*	DNA*	993
			Min	5.69	DNA*	5.38	5.83	3.89	DNA*	7.46	5.93	DNA*	DNA*	7.30
			Data capture(%)	92	DNA*	98	99	100	DNA*	95	96	DNA*	DNA*	100
Relative Humidity 1hr	(%)	NA	Average	77.2	DNA*	76.0	81.6	DNA*	DNA*	78.3	80.7	93.4	94.1	84.2
			Max	95.2	DNA*	94.1	99.4	DNA*	DNA*	94.5	95.7	100	99.7	98.1
			Min	52.8	DNA*	53.8	57.4	DNA*	DNA*	54.3	48.9	66.6	64.3	64.9
			Data capture(%)	92	DNA*	97	99	DNA*	DNA*	94	96	67	71	100
Ambient Temp. 1hr	(°c)	NA	Average	28.9	DNA*	28.8	31.5	32.0	DNA*	28.1	29.6	28.7	29.1	31.1
			Max	34.6	DNA*	34.3	37.1	41.9	DNA*	34.0	36.2	32.8	35.1	35.7
			Min	24.3	DNA*	15.0	26.5	29.3	DNA*	24.6	25.4	25.2	25.8	27.3
			Data capture(%)	92	DNA*	95	99	100	DNA*	94	96	67	71	100
Rainfall 1hr	(mm)	NA	Average	0.19	1.55	0.31	0.12	0.11	DNA*	0.20	0.24	DNA*	DNA*	0.23
			Max	12.1	5.27	14.4	5.79	5.64	DNA*	8.78	7.24	DNA*	DNA*	8.95
			Min	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	DNA*	0.01	0.01	DNA*	DNA*	0.01
			Data capture(%)	92	90	97	99	99	DNA*	95	96	DNA*	DNA*	82

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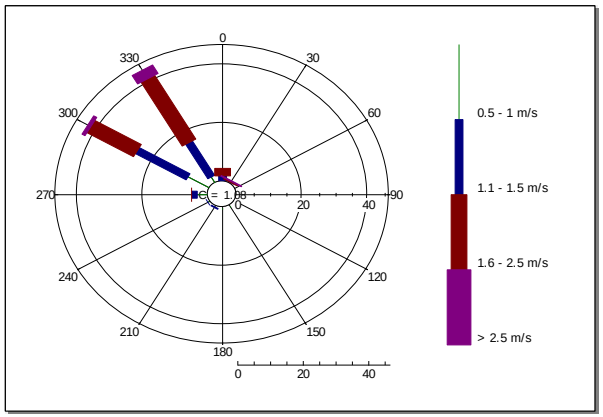
Wind Rose for all CAMS
Month of July, 2013

Wind Rose of Narayonganj CAMS for this month



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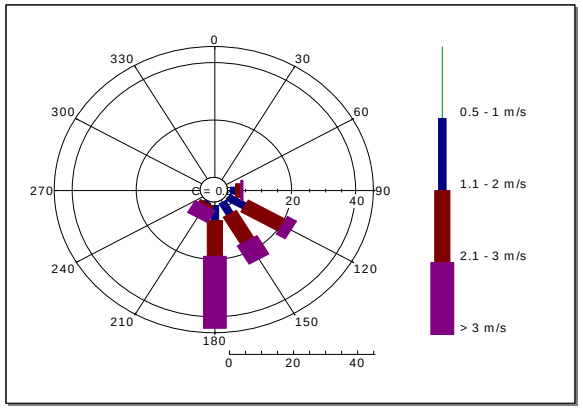

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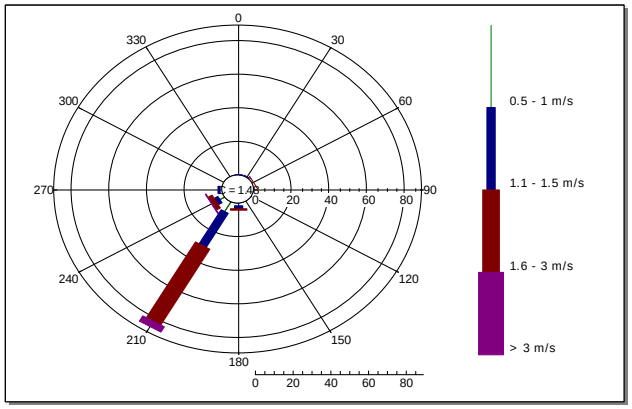

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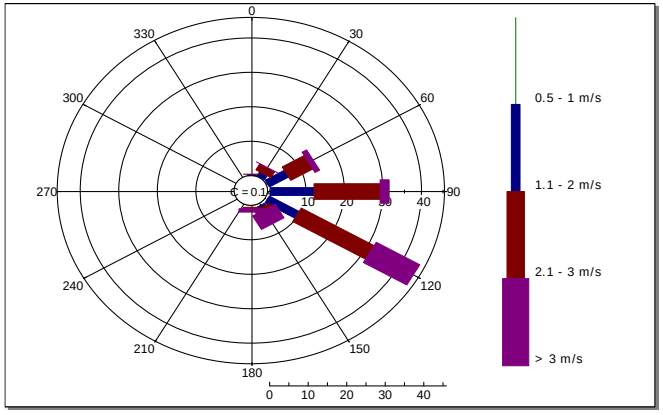

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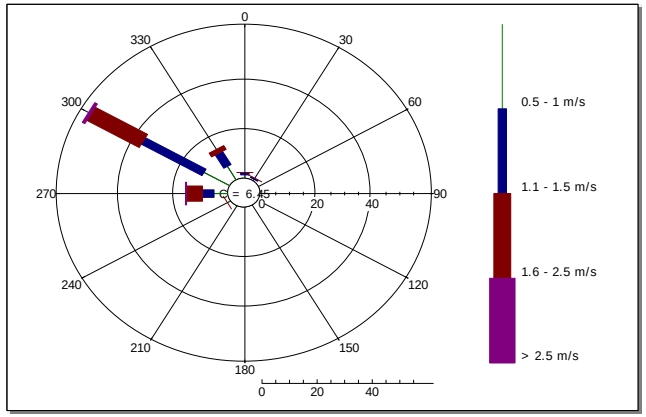

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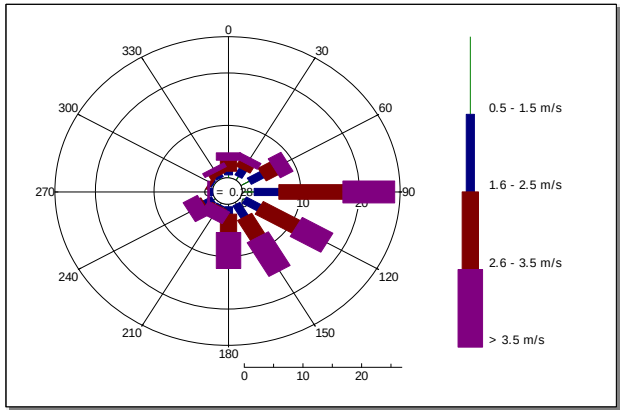
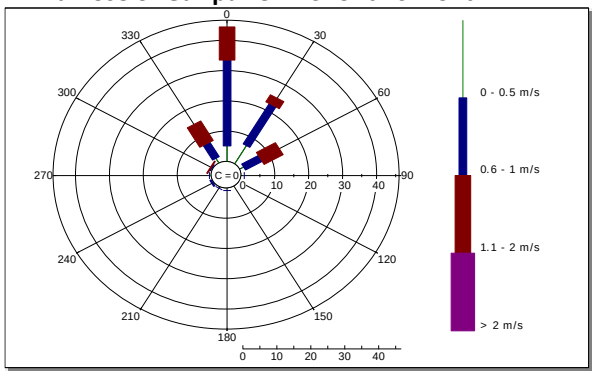


Figure 2: Wind frequency distributions (wind roses) from different CAMS monitored for July 2013 (cont'd).

Wind Rose for all CAMS
Month of July, 2013

Wind Rose of Gazipur CAMS for this month



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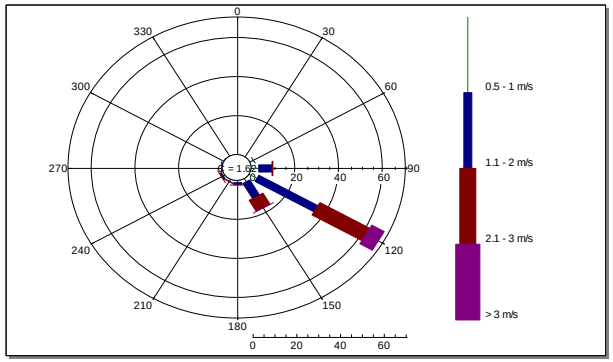

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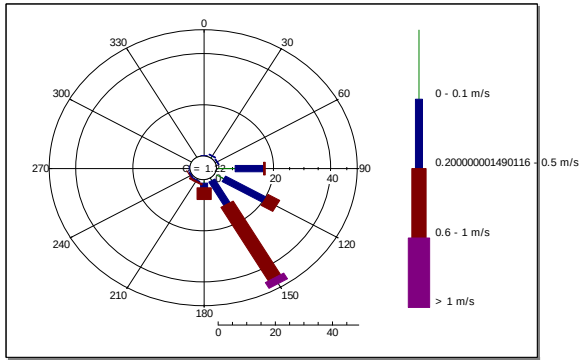

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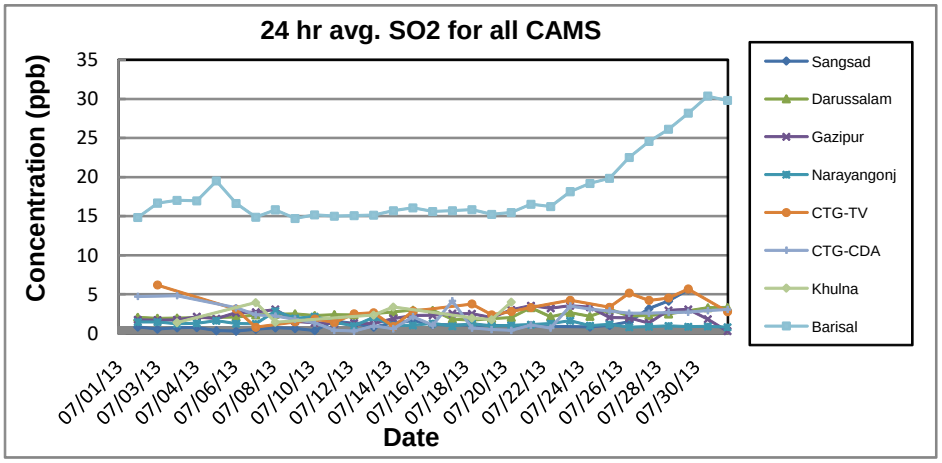

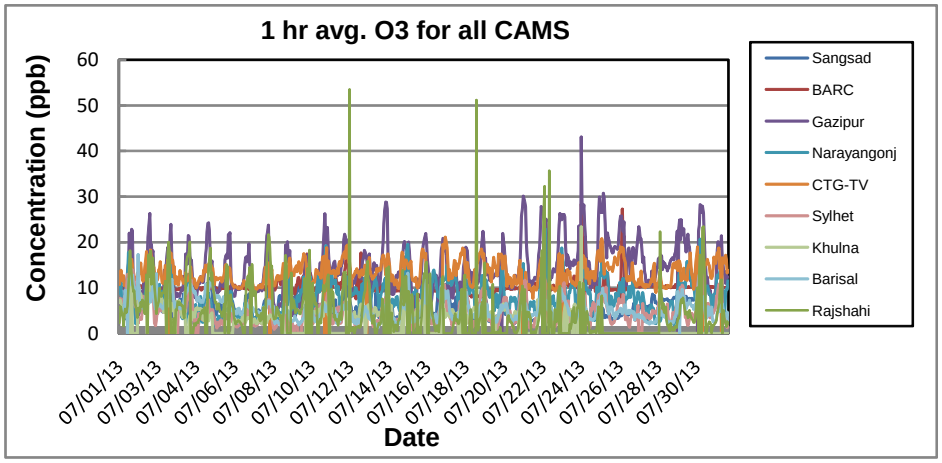

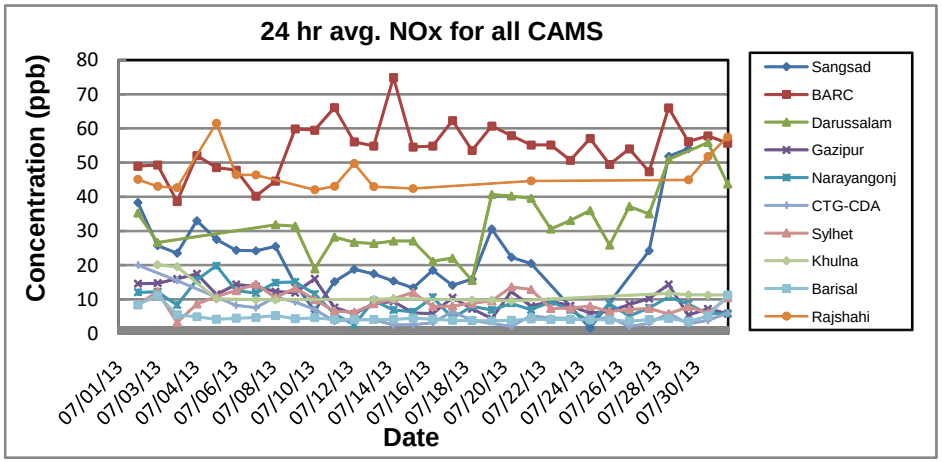

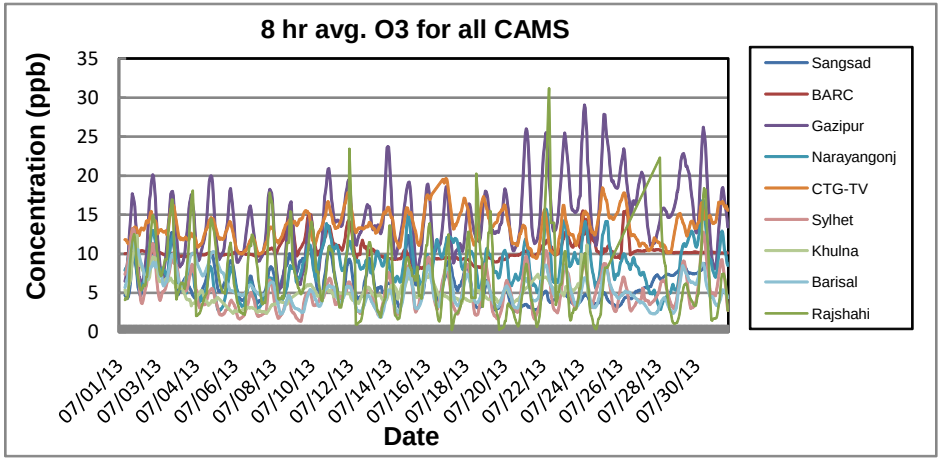

TIME SERIES OF ALL PARAMETERS (CO, PM10 AND PM2.5) MEASURED IN CAMS DURING JULY, 2013