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Abstract:

To give an up-to-date review of investigation advances in the Dust Storm (DS) in North China (NC). In this paper the three major stages of the study in NC was firstly reviewed, then some aspects of it, such as the observation, DS climatology, the circulation patterns of the DS outbreak, dust transport, the causes and trends of DS activity variations in NC and as the further problems to study, have been stated. Main points are as follows: 1) The dust sources of DS in China-Mongolia (CM) come mainly from Northwest China and Mongolia areas, with the intensifying of dust weather intensity (in the order of background atmosphere, dust haze, blowing dust, weak- to strong- and very strong-DS) their dust concentration increases by the ratio of about 3-fold. 2) There are five high occurrence areas of DS in NC, Mongolian DS occurs usually in the South of it. 3) The DS outbreak occurs mainly in the afternoon in spring months, strong wind, dust source and unstable air stratification are the three main elements forming DS. Two types of circulations triggering the DS: the pure cold front type and a cold front and squall line (or other meso-scale systems) mixed one are explored, the latter is the strong convective DS. The long distance transport of the dust depend on the lower level circulation. 5) In the past five decades the DS activities in NC change wavily. It changes with the degeneracy of ecology environment, particularly the interdecadal variation of lower level cyclone activities are Mongolia and others. 6) The importance of both comprehensive managing of ecology environment in forementioned five major DS occurrence areas in NC and setting up of DS forecasting and warning systems need to emphasis to combat with the DS, and also the numerical forecast and simulation studies of DS outbreak and dust transport need to intensify.

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