

Providing a Heating Degree Days (HDDs) Atlas across Iran Entire Zones

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Abstract: Considering fossil fuels depletion and increasing of energy demand in Iran, a special attention is required toward the energy conservation. Energy demand of building section in Iran is very high, which is as a result of many factors such as governmental huge subsidies for energy, lack of energy conservation culture in building inhabitants, poor insulation of buildings and poor heating or cooling control systems.

Most of buildings heating control systems in Iran do not respond properly to weather temperature changes during winters, therefore most of the time the interior temperature of these buildings exceed the comfort temperature, thus these buildings are not energy efficient and consume excessive amount of energy. The most important index to identify these buildings across the country is to know HDDs for each point of the country.

Unfortunately, up to now no comprehensive research has been conducted in Iran about HDDs, and thus no HDDs atlas has been provided, therefore it is essential for energy managers, engineers and in particular for the government to be supplied with HDDs for each point of Iran. By taking this fact into account, we decided to prepare a comprehensive HDDs atlas for Iran entire zones.

In this paper authorized temperature databases of 255 meteorological stations in 30 provinces of Iran have been collected from Iran meteorological organization, thereafter HDDs for each station were calculated, then a mathematical modeling (multiple regression analysis technique) was employed in order to simulate the HDDs of other places in Iran. Consequently, a HDDs Atlas across Iran entire zones was provided.

These results can widely be used in energy consumption planning and prediction of the heating energy demand in buildings and enhances the government abilities to manage the rate of energy consumption in buildings.

Keywords: Iran heating HDDs atlas, Energy management.

Nomenclature

<i>HDDs</i>	Heating Degree Days..... °C·day	<i>Lat</i>	latitude..... °N
<i>T_b</i>	base temperature °C	<i>Long</i>	longitude °E
<i>T_{mean}</i>	daily mean temperature	<i>Alt</i>	°C Altitude m

1. Introduction

Unfortunately, until now no comprehensive research about HDDs has been conducted in Iran. In this paper authorized daily temperature databases of 255 meteorological stations in 30 provinces of Iran have been collected, thereafter the annually HDDs for each station were calculated. Then a mathematical modeling (multiple regression analysis technique) was employed to simulate the HDDs of other places. Consequently, a HDDs Atlas across Iran was provided.

2. Methodology

Fundamentally HDDs are a summation of the differences between the outdoor temperature and base temperature over a specified time period. HDDs are a useful tool that can be used in the assessment of weather related energy consumption in buildings, according to Eq. (1).

$$\text{Heating energy demand (kWh)} = \text{Overall heat loss coefficient (kW} \cdot \text{°C}^{-1}) \times \text{HDDs (°C} \cdot \text{day)} \times 24 \text{ (h} \cdot \text{day}^{-1})$$

(The 24 is included to convert from days to hours.) (1)

In current study accessible authorized daily temperature databases have been collected from 255 meteorological stations (Fig. 1) during last 5 years.

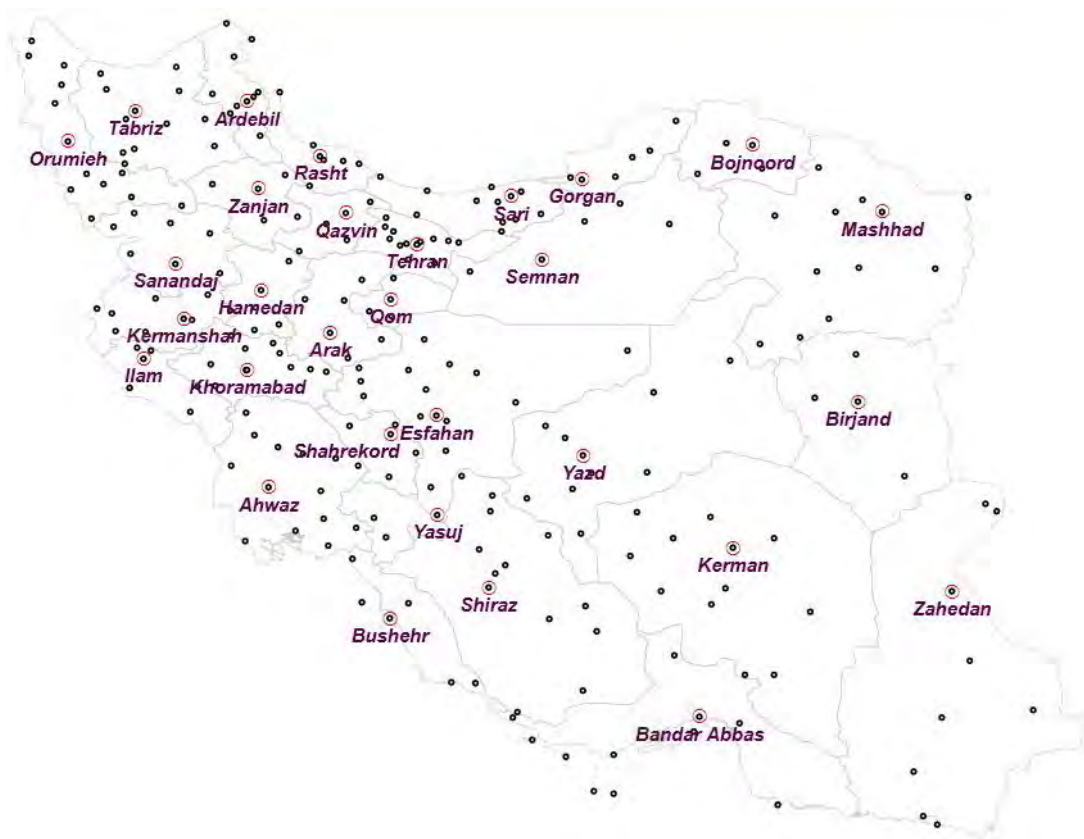


Fig. 1. Location of 255 Iran official meteorological stations in 30 provinces.

In this paper mean daily temperature method has been employed that is generally used in countries, such as USA [1] and Germany [2], where HDDs are calculated from the mean daily temperature. This makes the definition and calculation of HDDs simpler, and makes the reasonable assumption that efficient heating systems do not operate on days where outdoor temperature averages exceed the base temperature [3]. In this method we have applied Eq. (2).

$$\begin{cases} \text{HDDs} = T_b - T_{\text{mean}} & \text{if } T_b > T_{\text{mean}} \\ \text{HDDs} = 0 & \text{if } T_b \leq T_{\text{mean}} \end{cases}$$

(Based on local conditions, we assume $T_b = 18^\circ\text{C}$) (2)

To calculate HDDs, at first the mean temperature was calculated for each day of the year, Thereafter, by applying Eq. (2) HDDs were calculated. Then by summation of HDDs during each year, we obtained annually HDDs during 5 years, subsequently annually HDDs average during this period attained (Table.1.).

Afterwards by computerizing the calculated HDDs, spline multiple regression analysis technique was employed in order to simulate the annual HDDs over each other point of country. In this method, a two dimensional function (surface) has been constructed closely fits range of a discrete set of known data points (HDDS in 255 stations), so we could estimate HDDs values in other points of country. Spline surfaces are very popular in computerized regression because of the simplicity of their construction, their ease and accuracy of evaluation, and their capacity to approximate complex shapes through surface fitting and interactive design [4]. In this paper by constructing spline surface from calculated HDDs, the comprehensive HDDs Atlases were provided (Fig.2. and Fig.3.).

3. Results

In Table 1, for each 255 meteorological stations longitude, latitude, elevation and calculated annual HDDs average have been determined. These results show various kinds of climate zones in Iran.

Table 1. Calculated annual HDDs in Iran meteorological stations.

Station Name	Lat	Long	Alt	HDDs	Station Name	Lat	Long	Alt	HDD
Abadan	30.37	48.25	7	428	Boinzahra	35.77	50.07	1282	2098
Abadeh	31.18	52.67	2030	2076	Bojnoord	37.47	57.32	1091	2319
Abali	35.75	51.88	2465	3544	Bonab	37.33	46.07	1290	2549
Abarkuh	31.13	53.28	1524	1387	Bookan	36.53	46.22	1386	2600
Abbor	36.93	48.97	703	1503	Borazjan	29.25	51.17	90	263
Abumusa island	25.83	54.83	7	5	Borujen	31.95	51.30	2197	2937
Aghda	32.43	53.62	1150	1173	Borujerd	33.92	48.75	1629	2184
Ahar	38.43	47.07	1391	2869	Bostan	31.72	48.00	8	550
Ahwaz	31.33	48.67	23	406	Bostan Abad	37.85	46.85	1750	3533
Alasht	36.08	52.85	190	2820	Bushehr	28.98	50.83	20	253
Aleshtar	33.82	48.25	1567	2476	Chahbahar	25.28	60.62	8	12
Aliabad	36.90	54.87	140	1414	Chalderan	39.07	44.38	1788	3811
Aligudarz	33.40	49.70	2022	2649	Chitgar	35.70	51.13	1215	1737
Amol	36.47	52.38	24	1333	Damavand	35.72	52.07	1960	2928
Anar	30.88	55.25	1409	1337	Damqan	36.10	54.32	1155	1801
Anzali	37.47	49.47	-26	1408	Darab	28.75	54.53	1140	777
Aqdasiéh	35.78	51.62	1548	1911	Daran	32.97	50.37	2290	3042
Arak	34.10	49.77	1708	2363	Darehshahr	33.13	47.40	670	1065
Ardebil1	38.33	48.40	1314	3414	Dashtenaz	36.63	53.18	20	1318
Ardebil2	38.25	48.28	1332	3049	Dayyer	27.83	51.93	4	100
Ardestan	33.38	52.38	1252	1466	Dehdasht	30.78	50.55	820	889
Astara	38.42	48.87	-18	1676	Dehdoz	31.72	50.27	1457	1448
Avaj	35.57	49.22	2035	3087	Dehloran	32.68	47.27	232	473
Azna	33.45	49.42	1872	2801	Delijan	33.98	50.68	1524	1964
Babolsar	36.72	52.65	-21	1196	Deylaman	30.05	50.17	4	359
Badrabad	33.43	48.27	1155	1619	Dezful	32.27		83	523
Bafq	31.60	55.43	991	950	Dogonbadan	30.43	50.77	700	711
Baft	29.23	56.58	2280	1837	Dorud	33.48	49.07	1527	1953
Bam	29.10	58.35	1067	628	Doshantappeh	35.70	51.33	1209	1433
Bandar Abbas	27.22	56.37	10	86	Eivane Qarb	33.83	46.32	1170	1675
Bandar Torkaman	36.88	54.07	-20	1314	Eqlid	30.90	52.63	2300	2371
Baneh	36.00	45.90	1600	2459	Esfahan	32.62	51.67	1550	1952
Bavanat	30.47	53.67	2231	2148	Esfarayen	37.05	57.48	1216	2172
Behbahan	30.60	50.23	313	537	Eslam abad	34.12	46.47	1349	2276
Beshruiyeh	33.90	57.45	885	1450	Fasa	28.97	53.68	1288	1142
Biarjmand	36.05	55.83	1106	1905	Ferdos	34.02	58.17	1293	1587
Bijar	35.88	47.62	1883	3014	Firuzkuh	35.92	52.83	1976	3479
Bileh Savar	39.37	48.37	90	1937	Gariz	31.30	54.10	2100	2194
Birjand	32.87	59.20	1491	1651	Garmsar	35.20	52.27	825	1444

Table 1 (continued). Calculated annual HDDs in Iran meteorological stations.

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Geophysics	35.73	51.38	1419	1725	Kish island	26.50	53.98	30	17
Germi	39.05	48.05	749	2222	Komijan	34.70	49.32	1741	2734
Gilaneqarb	34.13	45.93	816	1167	Kuhdasht	33.53	47.63	1200	1818
Golmakan	36.48	59.28	1176	2259	Kuhrang	32.43	50.12	2285	3398
Golpayegan	33.47	50.28	1870	2318	Kushk Nosrat	35.08	50.90	948	1292
Gonabad	34.35	58.68	1056	1646	Lahijan	37.18	50.00	86	1445
Gonbade Kavous	37.25	55.17	37	1252	Lalehzar	29.52	56.83	2775	3127
Gorgan	36.85	54.27	13	1338	Lamerd	27.30	53.12	411	353
Haji Abad	28.32	55.92	931	638	Lar	27.68	54.28	792	561
Hamedan	34.87	48.53	1742	2805	Lavan	26.80	53.38	22	26
Hashtgerd	36.00	50.75	1613	2314	Lengeh	26.53	54.83	23	40
Hendiian	30.28	49.73	3	440	Lordegan	31.52	50.82	1580	1865
Hoseinieh	32.67	48.27	354	494	Mahabad	36.77	45.72	1385	2435
Ilam	33.63	46.43	1337	1776	Mahneshan	36.77	47.67	1282	2305
Imam Airport	35.42	51.17	990	1675	Mahshahr	30.55	49.15	6	409
Iranshahr	27.20	60.70	591	248	Makoo	39.33	44.43	1411	3126
Izadkhist	31.53	52.12	2188	2299	Malayer	34.25	48.85	1778	2459
Izeh	31.85	49.87	767	913	Malekan	37.13	46.10	1300	2501
Jajerm	36.95	56.33	984	1966	Maneh	37.50	56.85	890	1962
Jam-Tohid	27.82	52.37	655	534	Manjil	36.73	49.40	333	1343
Jask	25.63	57.77	5	10	Marand	38.47	45.77	1550	2891
Jolfa	38.75	45.67	736	2363	Maraqeh	37.40	46.27	1478	2445
Kabutar Abad	32.52	51.85	1545	1885	Maravetappeh	37.90	55.95	460	1409
Kahak	34.40	50.87	1403	1884	Marivan	35.52	46.20	1287	2463
Kahnooj	27.97	57.70	470	304	Marvast	30.50	54.25	1547	1415
Kalaleh	37.37	55.48	150	1324	Mashhad	36.27	59.63	999	1904
Kaleibar	38.87	47.02	1180	2540	Masjed	31.93	49.28	321	535
Kangavar	34.50	47.98	1468	2518	Mehran	33.12	46.18	150	711
Karaj	35.92	50.90	1313	2003	Mehriz	31.58	54.43	1520	1319
Kashan	33.98	51.45	982	1498	Meshkin	38.38	47.67	1569	2951
Kashmar	35.20	58.47	1110	1588	Meybod	32.22	53.97	1108	1411
Kenarak	25.43	60.37	12	41	Meymeh	33.43	51.17	1980	2742
Kerman	30.25	56.97	1754	1538	Miandoab	36.97	46.05	1300	2586
Kermanshah	34.35	47.15	1319	2012	Mianeh	37.45	47.70	1110	2359
Khalkhal	37.63	48.52	1796	3566	Minab	27.10	57.08	30	62
Khansar	33.23	50.32	2300	2752	Moallemkelay	36.45	50.48	1629	2325
Khark	29.27	50.33	4	205	Murche Khort	33.08	51.48	1669	1927
Khash	28.22	61.20	1394	914	Nahavand	34.15	48.42	1681	2398
Khodabandeh	36.12	48.58	1887	3037	Nahbandan	31.53	60.03	1211	1179
Khomein	33.65	50.08	1835	2346	Najafabad	32.60	51.38	1641	1798
Khor Birjand	32.93	58.43	1117	1316	Namin	38.42	48.48	1450	3055
Khoramabad	33.43	48.28	1148	1625	Naqdeh	36.95	45.42	1338	2598
Khoramdarreh	36.18	49.18	1575	2584	Natanz	33.53	51.90	1685	1993
Khorbiabanak	33.78	55.08	845	1186	Nayin	32.85	53.08	1549	1692
Khoy	38.55	44.97	1103	2660	Nayyer	38.03	47.98	1600	2932
Kiasar	36.23	53.53	1294	2263	Neyriz	29.20	54.33	1632	1149

Table 1 (continued). Calculated annual HDDs in Iran meteorological stations.

Station Name	Lat	Long	Alt	HDDs	Station Name	Lat	Long	Alt	HDDs
Neyshabur	36.27	58.80	1213	2129	Saravan	27.33	62.33	1195	655
Nikshahr	26.23	60.20	510	91	Sardasht	36.15	45.50	1670	2429
Noshahr	36.65	51.50	-21	1415	Sare Ein	38.17	48.10	1632	3303
Nourabad	34.05	48.00	1859	2798	Sari	36.55	53.00	23	1225
Omidieh	30.77	49.65	35	437	Sarpolezahab	34.45	45.87	545	1075
Orumieh	37.53	45.08	1316	2694	Saveh	35.05	50.33	1108	1600
Parsabad	39.65	47.92	32	1922	Semirom	31.33	51.57	2274	2568
Parsian	27.20	53.03	70	84	Semnan	35.42	53.55	1131	1610
Payam Karaj	35.78	50.83	1261	2153	Shahdad	30.42	57.70	400	447
Piranshahr	36.67	45.13	1455	2513	Shahrehabak	30.10	55.13	1834	1870
Poldokhtar	33.15	47.72	714	899	Shahrekord	32.28	50.85	2049	3020
Polesefid	36.13	53.08	610	1703	Shahreza	31.98	51.83	1845	2067
Qaen	33.72	59.17	1432	2001	Shahriar	35.67	51.02	2986	1817
Qarakhil	36.45	52.77	15	1348	Shahrud	36.42	54.95	1345	1956
Qare Ziaeddin	38.90	45.02	1108	2724	Shiraz	29.53	52.60	1484	1331
Qasre Shirin	34.53	45.60	376	860	Shushtar	32.05	48.83	67	390
Qazvin	36.25	50.05	1279	2168	Siahbisheh	36.22	51.32	2165	2881
Qeshm island	26.95	56.27	13	64	Silakhor	33.73	48.87	1497	2186
Qom	34.70	50.85	877	1553	Siri island	25.88	54.48	4	12
Qorveh	35.17	47.80	1906	2887	Sirjan	29.47	55.68	1739	1419
Quchan	37.07	58.50	1287	2509	Sonqor	34.78	47.58	1700	2568
Rafsanjan	30.42	55.90	1581	1270	Tabas	33.60	56.92	711	929
Ramhormoz	31.27	49.60	151	406	Tabriz	38.08	46.28	1361	2555
Ramsar	36.90	50.67	-20	1376	Tafresh	34.68	50.02	1979	2582
Rasht1	37.27	49.58	-10	1507	Takab	36.38	47.12	1765	3353
Rasht2	37.20	49.65	37	1457	Takestan	36.05	49.70	1283	2199
Ravansar	34.72	46.65	1380	2159	Takhtjamshid	29.93	52.90	1605	1487
Razan	35.38	49.03	1840	2902	Taleqan	36.17	50.77	1857	2920
Robat	33.03	55.55	1188	1378	Tehran	35.68	51.32	1191	1495
Rudan	27.97	57.18	220	84	Torbate Hey.	35.27	59.22	1451	2230
Rudsar	37.13	50.28	-19	1463	Torbate Jam	35.25	60.58	950	1969
Sabzevar	36.20	57.72	978	1669	Tuysarkan	34.55	48.43	1783	2471
Sad Dorudzan	30.22	52.43	1620	1482	Varamin	35.35	51.63	927	1603
Sahand	37.93	46.12	1641	2783	Yasuj	30.83	51.68	1832	1927
Salafchegan	34.48	50.47	1381	1799	Yazd	31.90	54.28	1237	1185
Salmas	38.22	44.85	1337	2955	Zabol	31.03	61.48	489	883
Saman	32.45	50.93	2057	2541	Zahak	30.90	61.68	495	838
Sanandaj	35.33	47.00	1373	2244	Zahedan	29.47	60.88	1370	1093
Saqez	36.25	46.27	1523	3015	Zanjan	36.68	48.48	1663	2884
Sarab	37.93	47.53	1682	3517	Zarand	30.80	56.57	1670	1422
Sarableh	33.78	46.57	1045	1513	Zarineh Obato	36.07	46.92	2143	3814
Sarakhs	36.53	61.17	235	1516	Zarqan	29.78	52.72	1596	1574
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Then spline method was applied to construct interpolated surface from above discrete set of results, to provide below Atlases (Fig.2. and Fig.3.).

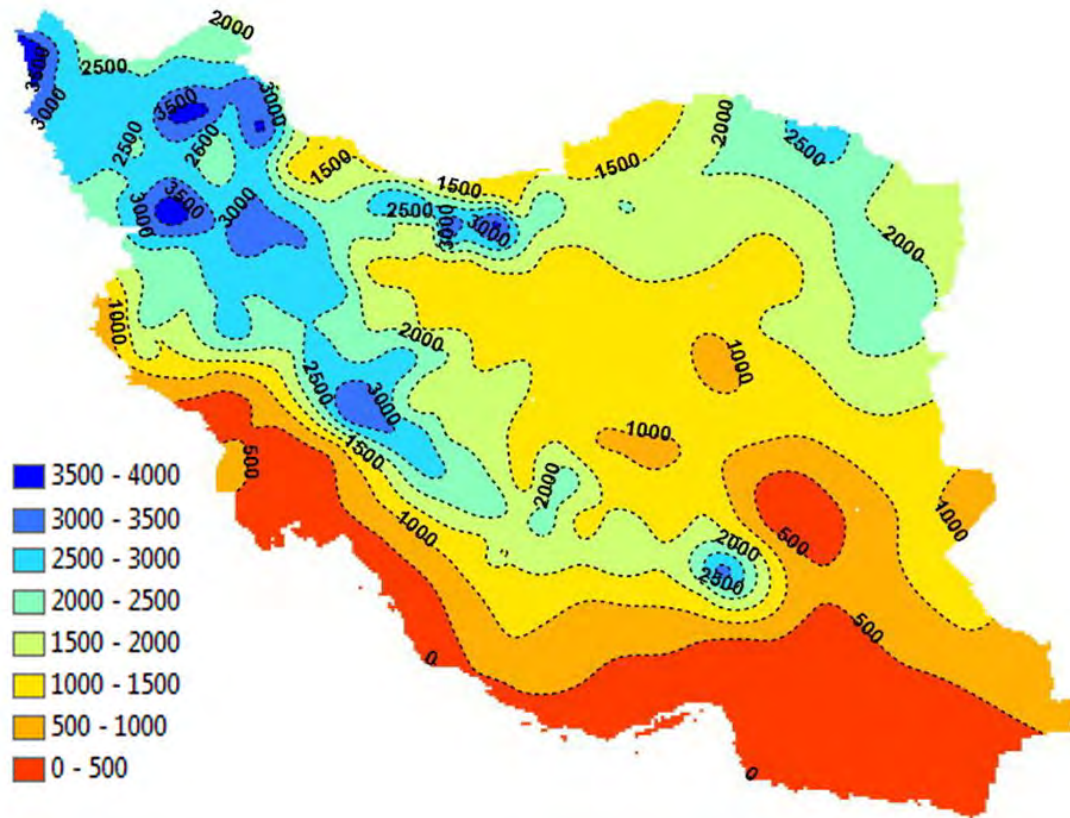


Fig. 2. Annual HDDs contours atlas over Iran entire zones, using spline interpolation

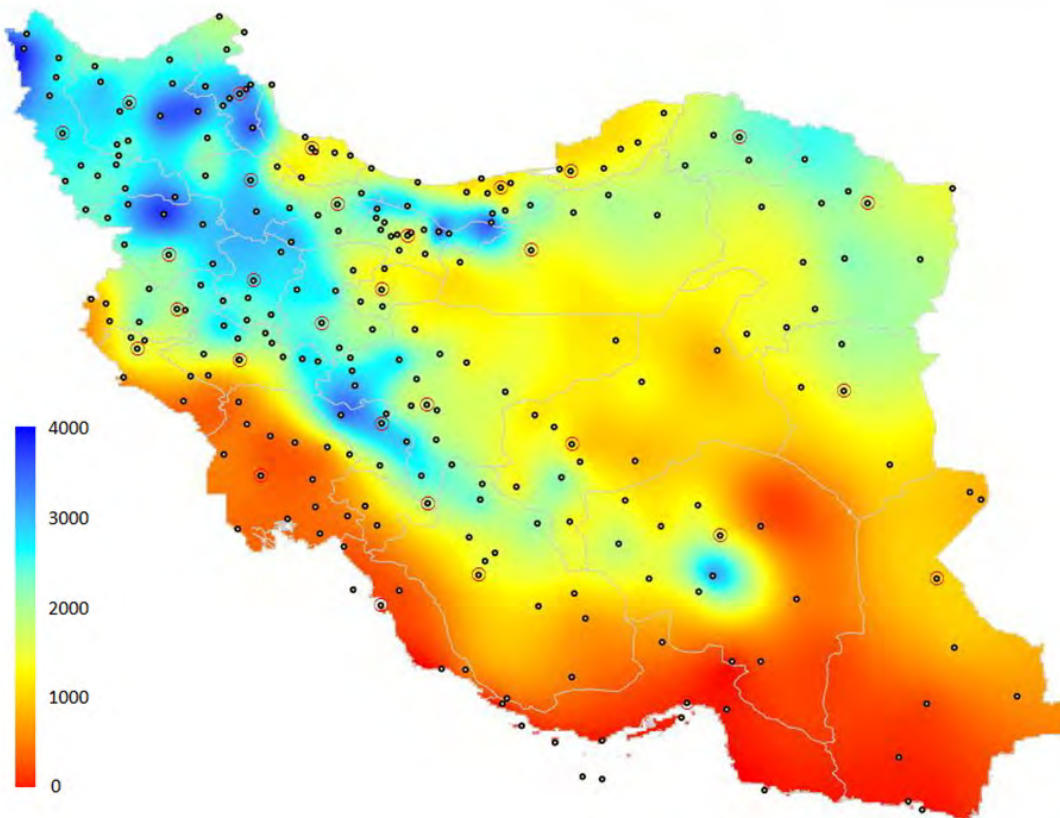


Fig. 3. Annual HDDs spectral atlas over Iran entire zones, using spline interpolation

The highest value of HDDs is in Zarineh Obato mountainous city (3814°C.day), in western region of Iran, and the lowest value of HDDs is in Abumusa island (5°C.day), in the southern region. This large difference in HDDs shows the intense contrast in the climatic characteristics between these two extreme geographic points (The geographical specifications of each point have been indicated in Table.1).

High values of HDDs can be observed in blue zones, mainly in northwestern regions of country, such as Chalderan (3811°C.day), Khalkhal (3566°C.day), and Ardebil (3414°C.day), and some western regions such as Zarineh Obato (3814 °C.day) as mentioned before. All of these points are located beside Zagros mountain range. In addition they also can be observed in northern regions such as Firuzkuh (3479°C.day) because of locating beside Alborz mountain range.

Low values of HDDs can be observed in red zones, mainly in southern regions of country such as Jask Island (10°C.day) and Chahbahar (12°C.day) because of Persian Gulf and Oman Sea climatic effects. They also can be observed in eastern regions of country such as Kahnuj (304°C.day) because of locating beside Lut desert.

Fig.3 shows high contrast values of HDDs in Iran that introduces the exceptional climates over Iran. The uniqueness of these climates originates from several variables such as mountains and deserts especially Zagros and Alborz mountain ranges, Persian Gulf and Oman Sea, in addition unique deserts like Markazi and Lut. In country with these variations of climates, proposing appropriate HDDs can prevent higher escalation in energy consumption.

In Iran with governmental huge subsidies on natural gas as a predominant heating energy carrier, government can set appropriate subsidies related on HDDs for each point of country.

4. Conclusions

HDDS over Iran entire zones, based on databases of 255 meteorological stations have been calculated and presented in a comprehensive table. Furthermore, contours and spectral atlas using spline interpolation have been demonstrated.

High contrast values of HDDs show the exceptional climates over Iran. In country with these variations of climates, proposing appropriate HDDs can prevent higher escalation in energy consumption.

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