

# Completing the meteorological archive missing data at the daily and sub-daily time scales

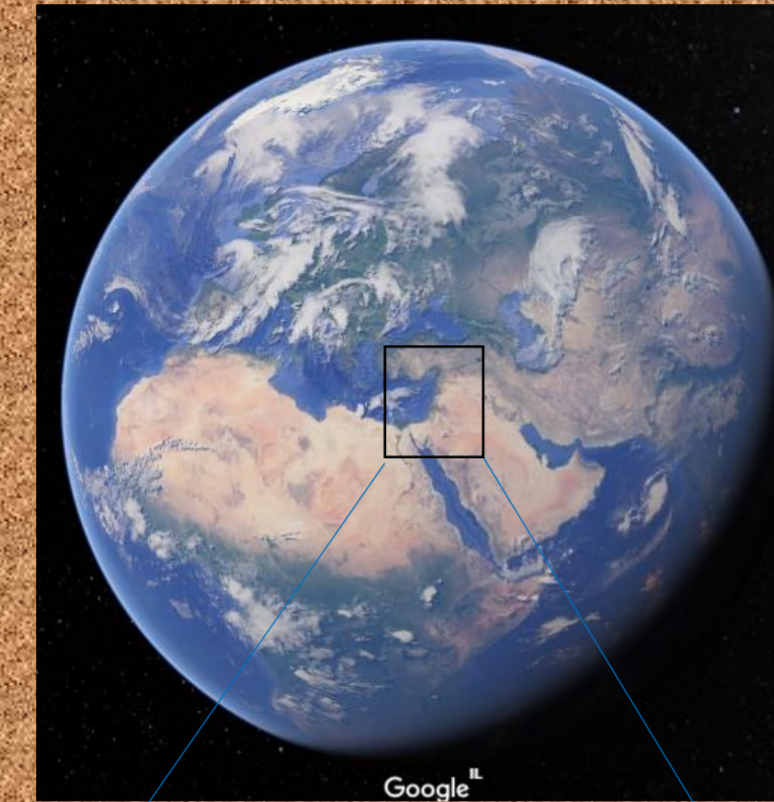
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"... a problem that is sufficiently interesting, yet sufficiently difficult, that it hasn't yet been solved, but the time for solving it has come now!" – Prof. Savas Dimopoulos, Stanford.  
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## Background

- (1) Several algorithms for objective completing the meteorological archive missing data **at the daily time scale** has been offered recently. Yet, a general workable solution for the regions with complex terrain and mixed climatology remains an open question due to uncertainty in defining the reference stations.
- (2) Regarding the problem of objective completing the missing data at the **sub-daily time scale**, as far as we know, **a solution has still to be found.**



Data S10, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO IBCAO Landsat/Copernicus



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## Solved Problems

The presented algorithms were developed in the Israel Meteorological Service (IMS)\* in 2018-2019.

**Algorithm 1. (A1) Completing the missing daily observations of maximum and minimum temperatures (TMAX, TMIN) for both the manual and automatic weather stations.**

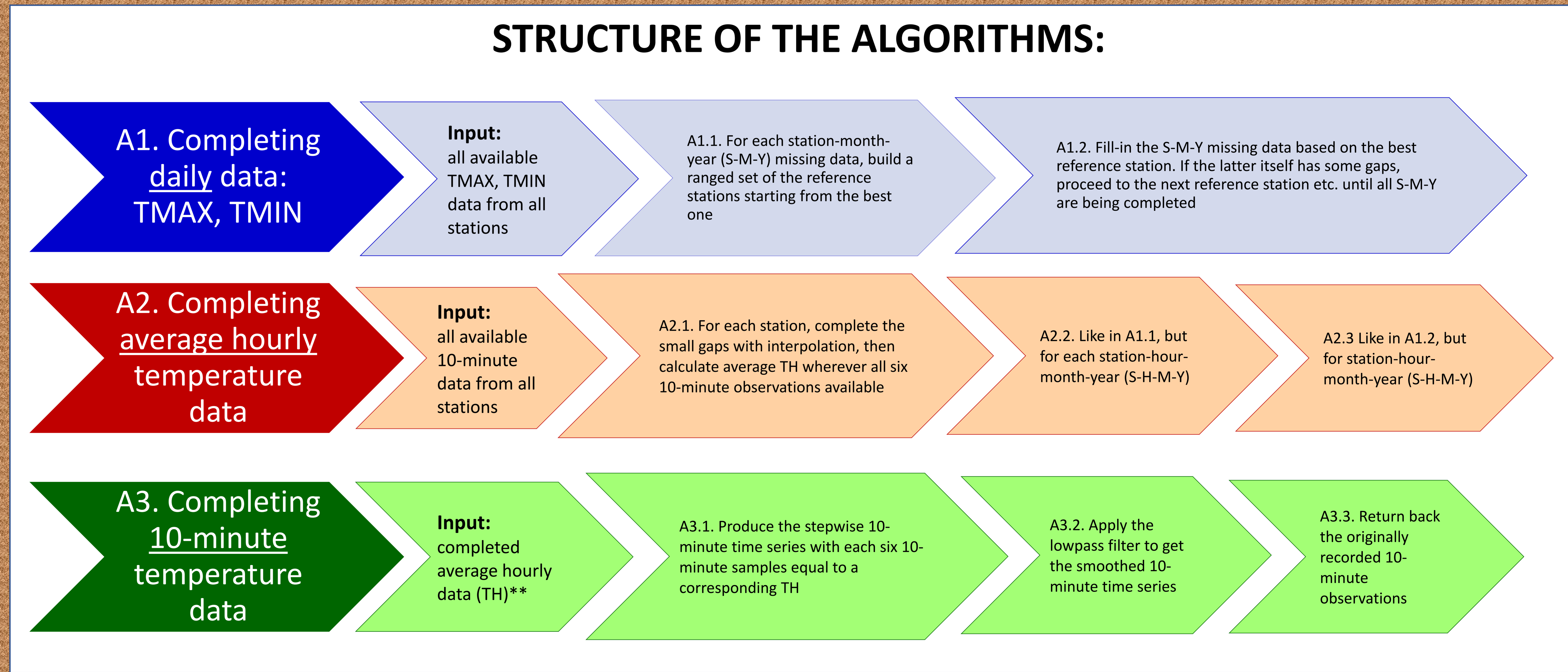
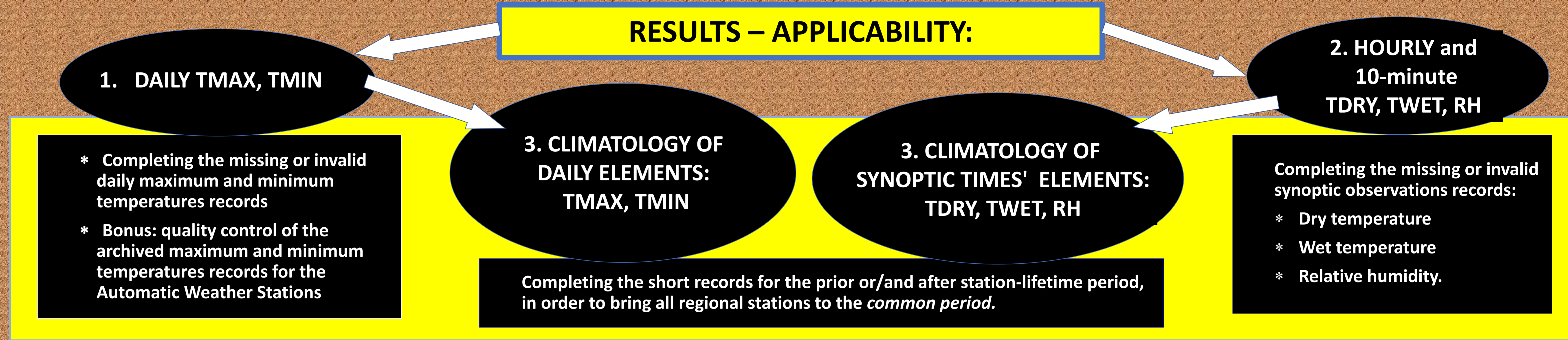
**Algorithm 2. (A2) Completing the missing average hourly temperature data (TH) for the automatic weather stations (AWS).**

- Algorithm 3. (A3) Completing the missing 10-minute temperature data for the AWS. These results allow:**
- completing the AWS missing observations at **synoptic times**;
  - **updating the completed daily TMAX, TMIN for the AWS (A.1)**
  - **Bonus:** extra quality control of the automatically archived daily TMAX, TMIN for the AWS.

These algorithms were developed and implemented based on the IMS historical and AWS's archives.



Location of the Israel Meteorological Service AWS  
<https://ims.data.gov.il/sites/default/files/IsraelIMS.pdf>



\*\* Direct completing of the 10-minute data produces the very noisy time series

Ref: S.Kotsiantis, A.Kostoulas, S.Lykoudis, A.Argiriou, K.Menagias, 2006. Filling missing values in weather data banks. 2nd IEE Int. Conf. on Intelligent Environ., 5-6 July, 2006, Athens, Greece, V. 1, pp. 327-334