

# Impact of air pollution on Health



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# Air pollution is one of the world's leading risk factors for death

## Air pollution is responsible for 5 million deaths each year

Air pollution – the combination of outdoor and indoor particulate matter, and ozone – is a risk factor for many of the leading causes of death including heart disease, stroke, lower respiratory infections, lung cancer, diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) in its *Global Burden of Disease* study provide estimates of the number of deaths attributed to the range of risk factors for disease.<sup>1</sup>

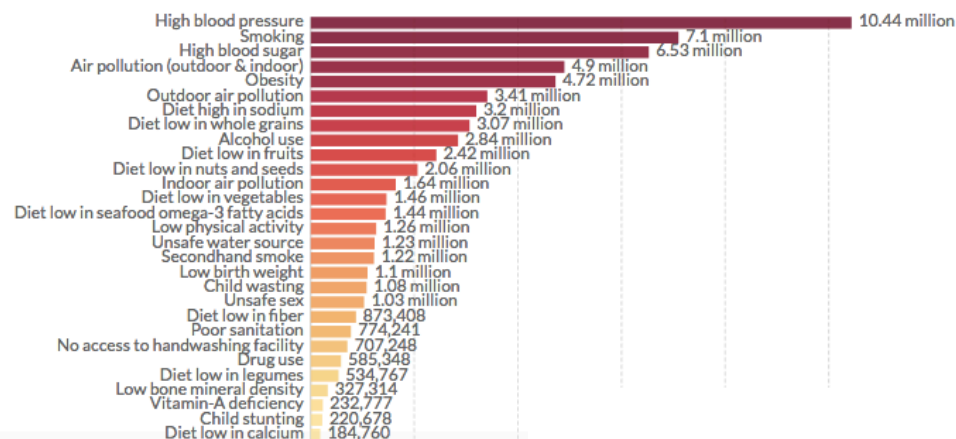
In the visualization we see the number of deaths per year attributed to each risk factor. This chart is shown for the global total, but can be explored for any country or region using the “change country” toggle.

Air pollution is one of the leading risk factors for death. In low-income countries it tops the list. In 2017, it was responsible for an estimated 5 million deaths globally. That means it contributed to 9% – nearly 1-in-10 – deaths.

### Number of deaths by risk factor, World, 2017

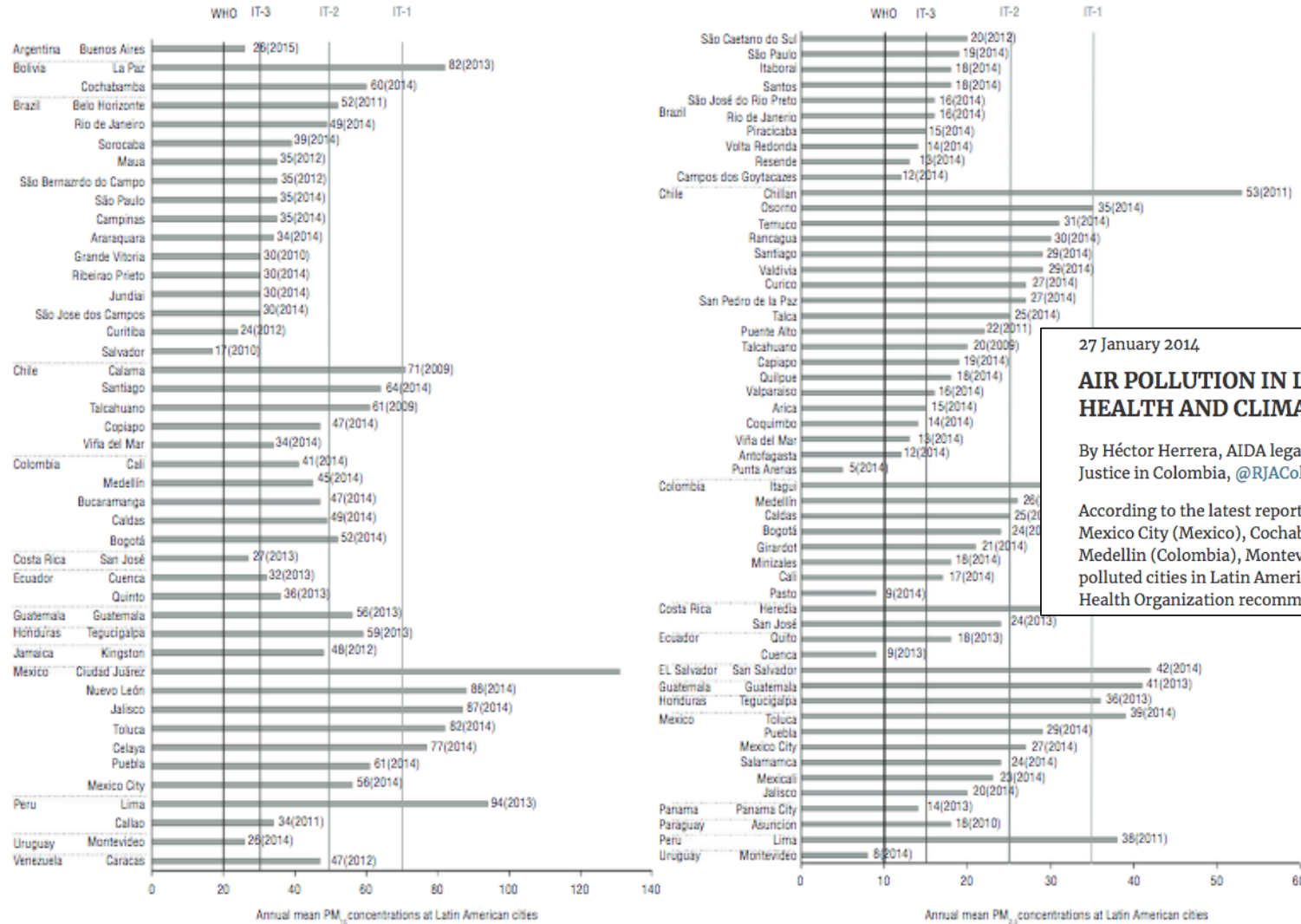
Total annual number of deaths by risk factor, measured across all age groups and both sexes.

Our World  
in Data



<https://ourworldindata.org/air-pollution>

**FIGURE 3. Particle matter (PM)<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> in cities of Latin America and the Caribbean and their situation compared with the World Health Organization–Air Quality Guidelines (WHO-AQG), 2010–2014**



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**AIR POLLUTION IN LATIN AMERICA AND ITS EFFECT ON OUR HEALTH AND CLIMATE**

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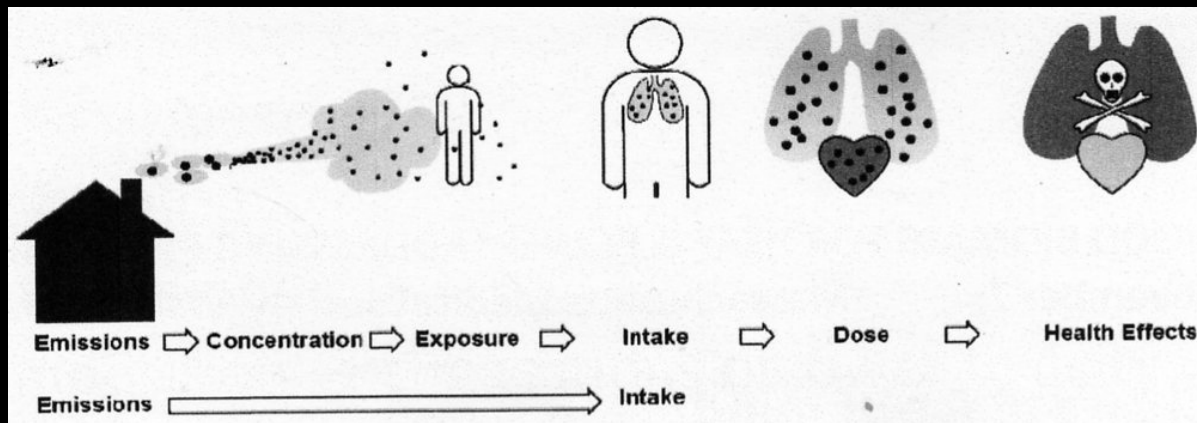
According to the latest report from the Clean Air Institute, Monterrey, Guadalajara and Mexico City (Mexico), Cochabamba (Bolivia), Santiago (Chile), Lima (Peru), Bogota and Medellin (Colombia), Montevideo (Uruguay) and San Salvador (El Salvador) are 10 most polluted cities in Latin America. In all of them, the level of air pollution exceeds World Health Organization recommendations.

LAC : 26 cities : 86 millions of people  
Air quality > WHO norms

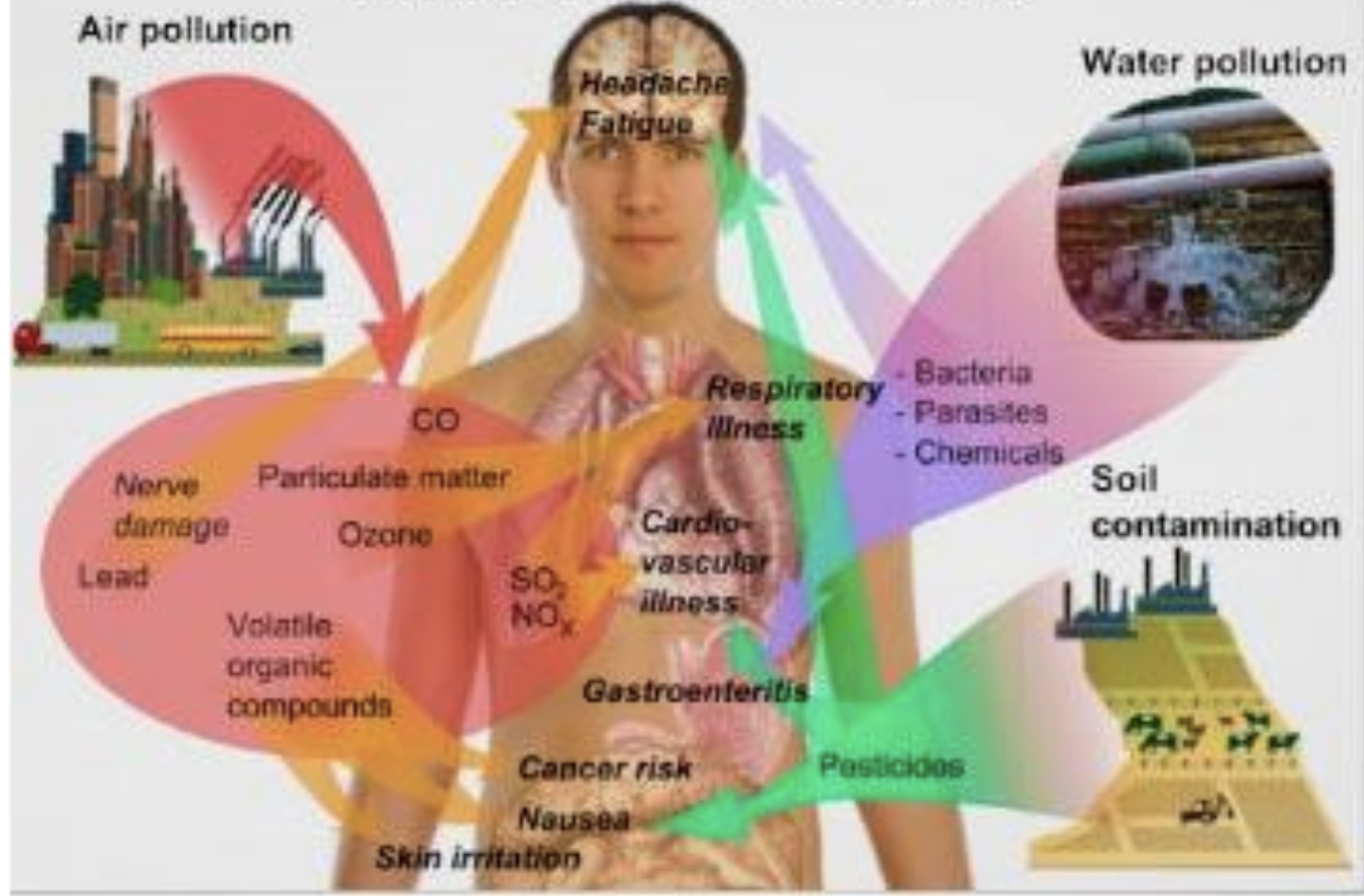
# "What We Breathe Impacts Our Health: Improving Understanding of the Link between Air Pollution and Health"

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# Health effects of pollution





## Pollution exposure => Health effect

Since the 1990s .... .. **epidemiological studies**  
(*Dockery et al., Shwartz et al., Pope et al....*)



London smog (1952) : 12000 deaths

### **Different types of exposure :**

- Short term (2 - 40 days) : better known (Daily Concentrations/Daily Mortality)
- Long term (many years) => more severe effect and less wellknown (ex. => long-term exposure/mortality (Pope et al. 2002)), exposure/life expectancy (WHO 2003)

**Dose-response functions (RR)** : Correlation between pollutant concentrations and health response hospital admissions/emergency visits for different types of diseases (morbidity) and premature deaths (mortality) : determination from time series (more frequent, short-term) and cohort studies (expensive, both short and long-term).  
Calculated with Poisson regression.

**Cohort** : More important effect for young children, elder people and sick people

HEALTH ENDPOINT	POLLUTANT	POP SECTOR	FUNCTION	SOURCE
Respiratory hospital admissions - daily exposures	PM10	All persons	$1.20 \times 10^{-5}$	Ostro 1994 as referenced in World Bank 1998
Respiratory hospital admissions - daily exposures	SO <sub>2</sub>	All persons	$2.01 \times 10^{-6}$	Maddison 1997 as referenced in WB 1998
Respiratory hospital admissions - daily exposures	NO <sub>2</sub>	All persons	$1.65 \times 10^{-6}$	Maddison 1997 as referenced in WB 1998
Cardiovascular hospital admission - daily exposures	PM10	All persons	$1.01 \times 10^{-7}$	Dockery et al 1989
Daily Mortality - daily exposures	PM10	>=65 years	$4.42 \times 10^{-7}$	EXMOD - as referenced by Nelson 2000
Daily Mortality - daily exposures	PM10	<65 years	$2.35 \times 10^{-8}$	EXMOD - as referenced by Nelson 2000
Daily Mortality - daily exposures	SO <sub>2</sub>	>=65 years	$1.01 \times 10^{-8}$	Watkiss and Holland - functions collated for application by the European Commission DG Environment
Daily Mortality - daily exposures	SO <sub>2</sub>	<65 years	$1.38 \times 10^{-9}$	Watkiss and Holland - functions collated for application by the European Commission DG Environment
Chronic Bronchitis - annual exposures	PM10	children (<5 years)	$1.61 \times 10^{-3}$	Dockery et al 1989
Chronic Bronchitis - annual exposures	PM10	adults (20 years+)	$4.90 \times 10^{-5}$	Abbey et al 1995
Restricted activity days (RAD) -daily exposures	PM	20-65 years	$1.60 \times 10^{-4}$	Rowe et al 1994 as referenced in van Horen 1996
Minor restricted activity days (MRAD) - daily exposures	SO <sub>2</sub>	20-65 years	$9.76 \times 10^{-3}$	Watkiss and Holland - functions collated for application by the European Commission DG Environment

**Example of dose-response functions (review from Scorgie et al., 2004)**

## What about dose-response functions in Latin American cities?

2 big reviews :

- Fajersztajn et al., 2017 (<https://doi.org/10.1007>)
- ✓ 1628 studies reviewed. Nine elected for the qualitative analysis and seven for the quantitative analyses.
- ✓ **Each 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  increments in daily  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  concentrations** are significantly associated with increased risk for respiratory and cardiovascular mortality in all-ages (polled RR = 1.02, 95% CI and RR = 1.01, 95% CI ).
- Cifuentes et al., 2005 (<http://www.iadb.org/sds/env>)

Exposure	Type of Endpoint	Endpoint (specific cause)	City/Country providing C-R functions	
Long-term	Premature Mortality	All cause	USA	
		Cardiopulmonary	USA	
		Lung cancer	USA	
	Illness or Disease	Chronic Bronchitis	USA	
Short-term	Premature Mortality	All cause mortality	Several LA cities / USA	
		Respiratory causes	USA	
		CVD causes	USA	
	Medical Actions	Hospital Admissions	Cardiovascular disease (ICD9 390-429)	USA
			Asthma	USA
			Dysrhythmias (ICD9 427)	USA
			Respiratory Causes (ICD9 460-519)	Sao Paulo/USA
			Pneumonia (ICD9 480-487)	Sao Paulo/USA
		Emergency Room Visits	Asthma (ICD9 493)	Sao Paulo
			Cardiovascular disease	Sao Paulo
			Ischemic Heart Disease	USA
			Respiratory Causes	Santiago
			Pneumonia and Influenza	USA
			Pneumonia (ICD9 480-486)	Santiago
			Lower-RSP	Santiago
		Medical Visits	Upper RSP symptoms (ICD9 460, 465, 487)	Santiago
			Asthma (ICD9 493)	Juarez
Illness or Disease		Asthma Attacks	USA	
		Acute Bronchitis	USA	
Days with Restriction in Activity		Work Loss Days (WLD)	USA	
		Restricted Activity Days (RAD)	USA	
		Minor Restricted Activity Days (MRAD)	USA	
		Shortness of Breath Days	USA	



## Mortality impacts in LAC : Time series studies

Higher RR(PM10) values for Infants and Elder  
Co-pollutant : few studies for Elder only  
Risk increased when co-pollutant

Heterogeneous results between the cities  
due to different factors (demography, culture,  
Socio-economy, mobility, sampling)

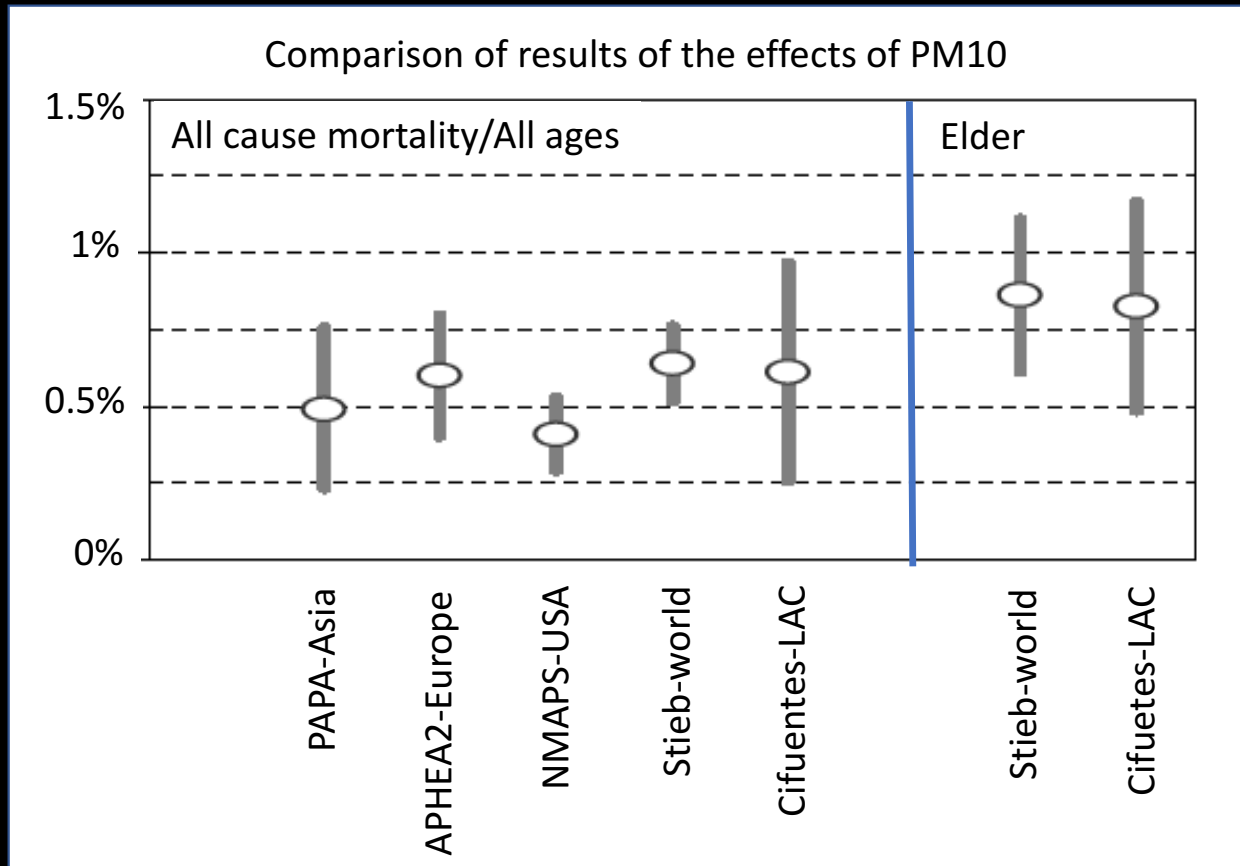
Cifuentes et al., 2005

Table IV-3 Summary estimates from the Meta-analysis of Latin-American studies of the effects of PM<sub>10</sub> on All Cause Mortality

Age group	City	Co-Pollutant	Number of studies	Metric	% Increase per 10 ug/m <sup>3</sup> PM10 (95% CI)		References
All Ages	All	none	6	FE	<b>0.41%</b>	(0.32% - 0.51%)	Borja-Aburto 1997, O'Neill 2004, Castillejos 2000, Cifuentes 2000, Ostro 1996, Gouveia 2000b, Borja-Aburto 1997, Castillejos 2000, Cifuentes 2000, Ostro 1996
				RE	<b>0.61%</b>	(0.26% - 0.97%)	
		none	4	FE	<b>0.70%</b>	(0.57% - 0.82%)	
				RE	<b>0.87%</b>	(0.55% - 1.19%)	
		O <sub>3</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> ; O <sub>3</sub>	4	FE	<b>0.43%</b>	(0.33% - 0.54%)	
				RE	<b>0.91%</b>	(0.38% - 1.44%)	
	Mexico City	none	3	FE	<b>0.24%</b>	(0.09% - 0.38%)	
				RE	<b>0.89%</b>	(-0.05% - 1.85%)	
		O <sub>3</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> ; O <sub>3</sub>	2	FE	<b>1.35%</b>	(0.89% - 1.82%)	
				RE	<b>1.37%</b>	(0.85% - 1.89%)	
Santiago	none	2	FE	<b>0.63%</b>	(0.49% - 0.76%)		
			RE	<b>0.64%</b>	(0.47% - 0.80%)		
	O <sub>3</sub>	2	FE	<b>0.38%</b>	(0.27% - 0.49%)		
			RE	<b>0.55%</b>	(0.03% - 1.07%)		
Elder 65+ yr	All	None	5	FE	<b>0.66%</b>	(0.51% - 0.81%)	Castillejos 2000, Ostro 1996, Sanhueza 1998, Gouveia 2000b, Saldiva 1995
				RE	<b>0.83%</b>	(0.48% - 1.17%)	
		O <sub>3</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> ; O <sub>3</sub>	3	FE	<b>0.56%</b>	(0.37% - 0.75%)	
				RE	<b>1.00%</b>	(0.24% - 1.77%)	
	México City	O <sub>3</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> ; O <sub>3</sub>	2	FE	<b>1.35%</b>	(0.76% - 1.95%)	
				RE	<b>1.35%</b>	(0.76% - 1.95%)	
	Santiago	None	2	FE	<b>0.61%</b>	(0.44% - 0.78%)	
				RE	<b>0.69%</b>	(0.30% - 1.08%)	
	Sao Paulo	none	2	FE	<b>0.71%</b>	(0.37% - 1.06%)	
				RE	<b>0.81%</b>	(0.13% - 1.51%)	
Infant < 18yr	All	None	3	FE	<b>2.73%</b>	(1.55% - 3.92%)	Loomis 1999, Linn 2000, Nishioka 2004
				RE	<b>2.94%</b>	(1.35% - 4.56%)	
	Sao Paulo	None	2	FE	<b>2.37%</b>	(1.05% - 3.72%)	
				RE	<b>2.59%</b>	(0.54% - 4.69%)	
		O <sub>3</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> ; O <sub>3</sub>	2	FE	<b>3.20%</b>	(1.29% - 5.16%)	
				RE	<b>3.20%</b>	(1.29% - 5.16%)	

Note: FE = Fixed effects estimate, RE= Random Effects Estimate. Mid estimates shown in bold, 95% Confidence interval (percentile 2.5 to percentile 97.5 is shown in parenthesis)

## Mortality impacts in LAC : Time series studies



PAPA : Asian cities (HEI 2004)

APHEA2 : 29 european cities (Atkinson et al., 2001)

NMAPS : 90 US cities (Samet et la., 2000)

Stieb study : 109 cities worldwide (Stieb et al., 2002)

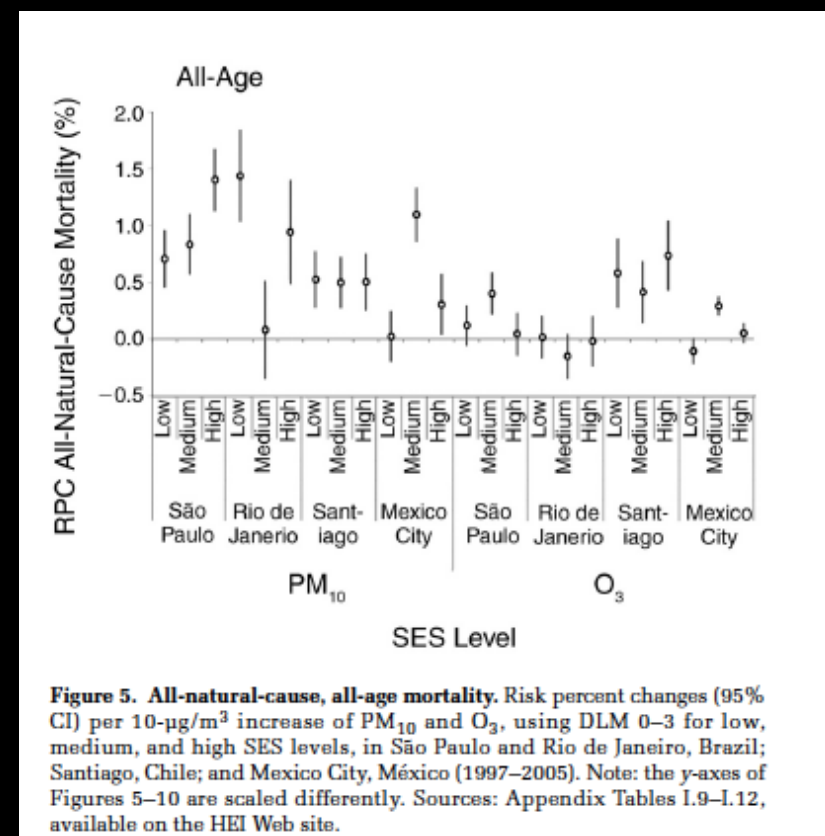
All ages : results from LAC comparable to European and Stieb studies

Elderly : Stieb slightly bigger than LAC

## Mortality impact in LAC : Time series

ESCALA project (supported by HEI) : 1997-2005  
Romieu et al., 2012  
Cifuentes et al. : Chili  
Gouveia et al. : Brazil  
Romieu et al. : Mexico  
9 cities/ PM10 and O3

Small but significant effect of daily exposure to PM10 and ozone on daily mortality  
Link with socioeconomical data



**Figure 5. All-natural-cause, all-age mortality.** Risk percent changes (95% CI) per 10- $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  increase of PM<sub>10</sub> and O<sub>3</sub>, using DLM 0-3 for low, medium, and high SES levels, in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Santiago, Chile; and Mexico City, México (1997-2005). Note: the y-axes of Figures 5-10 are scaled differently. Sources: Appendix Tables I.9-I.12, available on the HEI Web site.

## Mortality impact in LAC : no cohort studies in 2005

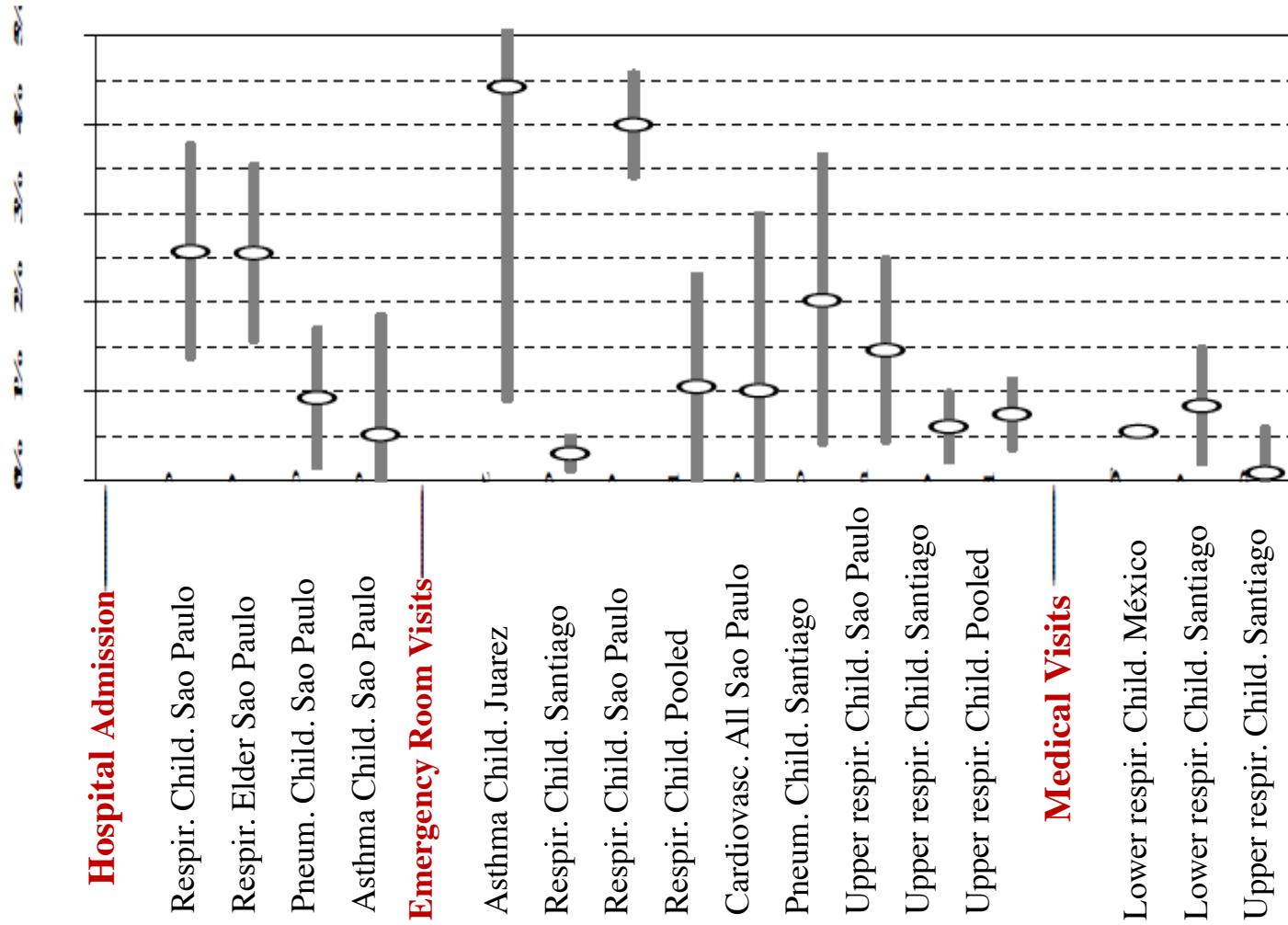
**Table IV-5 Risk estimates reported in the studies of the long-term exposure to particulate matter explain entries – central & confidence interval**

Cause	Location	Age Group	Cohort	C-R Specif.	Exposure metric	% change in deaths for given change in PM <sub>2.5</sub> (*)		Source
<b>All Cause mortality</b>								
	6 US cities	>24	8,192	Linear	Avg PM <sub>2.5</sub>	13.2%	(4.1% - 23.1%)	Dockery, Pope III et al. 1993
	151 US cities (ACS cohort)	>30	552,138 adults	Linear	Median PM <sub>2.5</sub>	5.7%	(1.5% - 10.0%)	Pope III, Thun et al. 1995
	California, USA	>27	6,338 non smoking	Linear	Avg PM <sub>10</sub>	0.1%	(0.1% - 0.1%)	Abbey, Nishino et al. 1999
<b>Cardio-pulmonary mortality</b>								
	151 US cities (ACS cohort)	> 30	552,138 adults	Linear	Avg. 79-83 PM <sub>2.5</sub>	5.9%	(1.5% - 10.5%)	Pope III, Burnett et al. 2002
					Avg PM <sub>2.5</sub>	9.3%	(3.3% - 15.8%)	
				Log-Linear	Avg. 79-83 PM <sub>2.5</sub>	1.2%	(0.3% - 2.0%)	Cohen, Anderson et al.
					Avg PM <sub>2.5</sub>	1.6%	(0.6% - 2.5%)	
<b>Lung cancer mortality</b>								
	151 US cities (ACS cohort)	> 30	552,138 adults	Linear	Avg. 79-83 PM <sub>2.5</sub>	8.2%	(1.1% - 15.8%)	Pope III, Burnett et al. 2002
					Avg PM <sub>2.5</sub>	13.5%	(4.4% - 23.4%)	
				Log-Linear	Avg. 79-83 PM <sub>2.5</sub>	1.7%	(0.3% - 3.1%)	Cohen, Anderson et al. 2004
					Avg PM <sub>2.5</sub>	2.3%	(0.9% - 3.8%)	

(\*) For linear CR the PM<sub>2.5</sub> change considered is 10 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. For the log-linear CR, the change considered is 10%  
 For example, if PM<sub>2.5</sub> decreases 20%, the % change in lung cancer mortality, based on average PM<sub>2.5</sub> (last line), equals -4.6% (2.3 \* (-20%/10%))

# Morbidity impacts in LAC : time series study

Figure IV-2. Percentage increase in baseline effects per  $10\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  of  $\text{PM}_{10}$  for morbidity endpoints in Latin-American studies

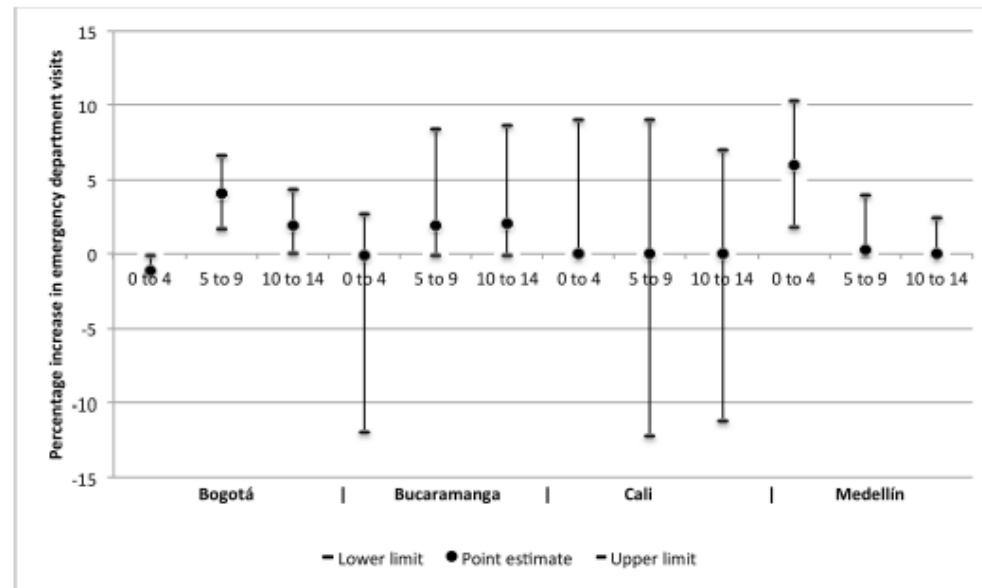


## Morbidity impacts in LAC : time series study

Short term effects of AP on  
respiratory morbidity in  
Colombia / 2011-2014

NO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
and PM<sub>10</sub>

Greater % increase for  
PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>  
Maximum for 5-9 yrs old  
and >60 yrs old



**Figure 1.** Percentage increases in emergency department visits by children for respiratory diseases associated with PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations, per age group, in the four cities in Colombia, 2011–2014. Point estimates and 95% confidence intervals for age groups of children in years.



## Other morbidity effects (not exhaustive):

Air pollution effect on **Asthma** morbidity in LAC cities

Forno et al. 2015, Wong et al. 2013

ISAAC study : 46500 children

Impact on lung function

Link with open fire cooking systems and Asthma

Importance of vitamin C and D levels on oxidative stress

Air pollution effect on **Neural** system during neonatal and post-natal period

Gouveia et al., 2018

Medeiros et al., 2009

Calederon-Garciduenas et al. 2015 (Mexico city)

MacIntyre et al. 2014 : 10 european birth cohorts

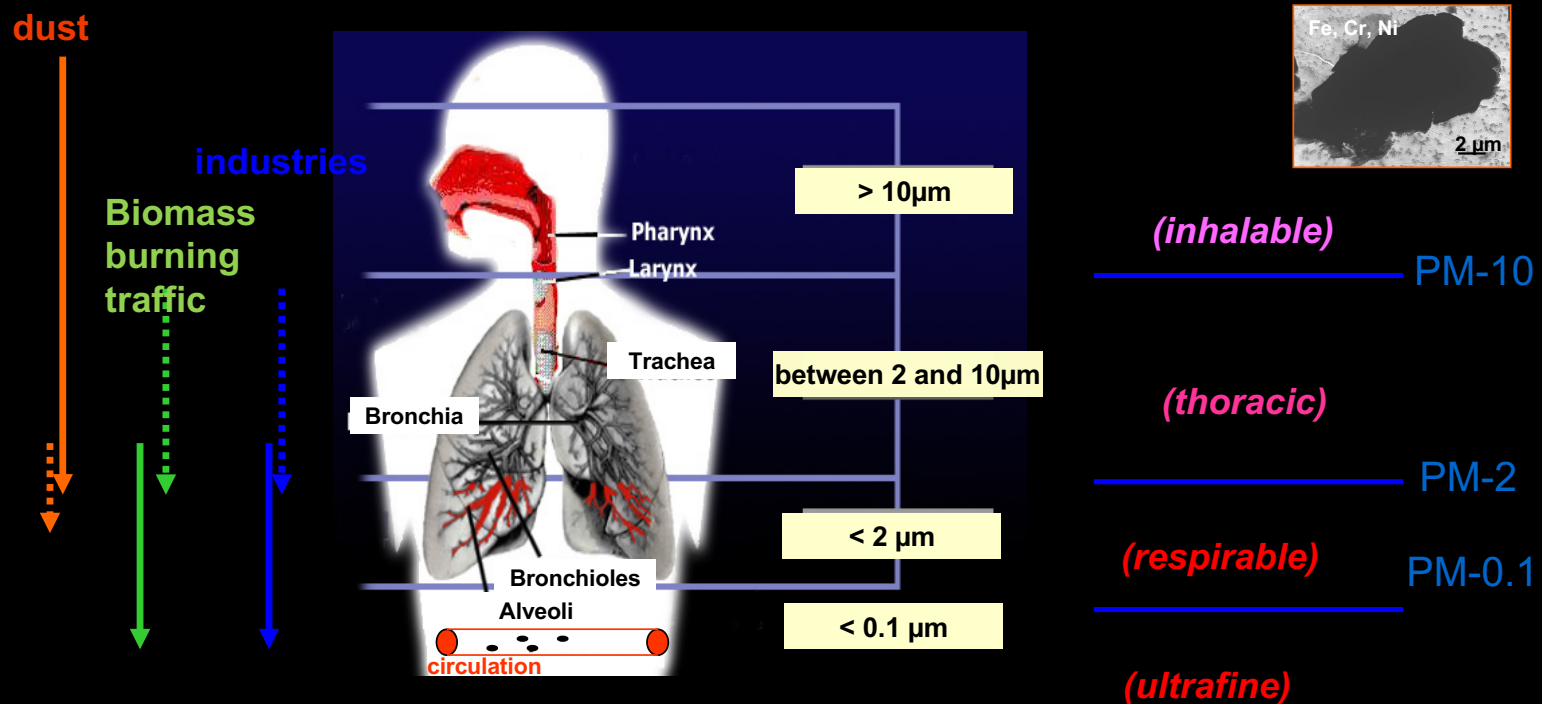
Air pollution on **Diabetes** : Bowe et al., 2018 ([https://doi.org/10.1016/S2542-5196\(18\)30140-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2542-5196(18)30140-2)),

The 2016 global and national burden of diabetes mellitus attributable to PM<sub>2.5</sub> air pollution (from a cohort study with US veterans).

# Mechanisms of damage? : Focus on aerosols and biological studies

Respiratory system penetration linked to particle size:

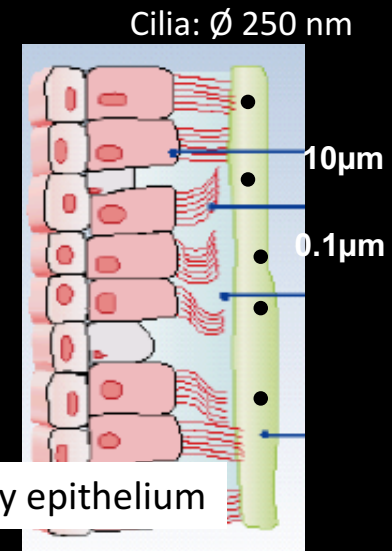
*inhalable, thoracic, respirable, ultra-fine*



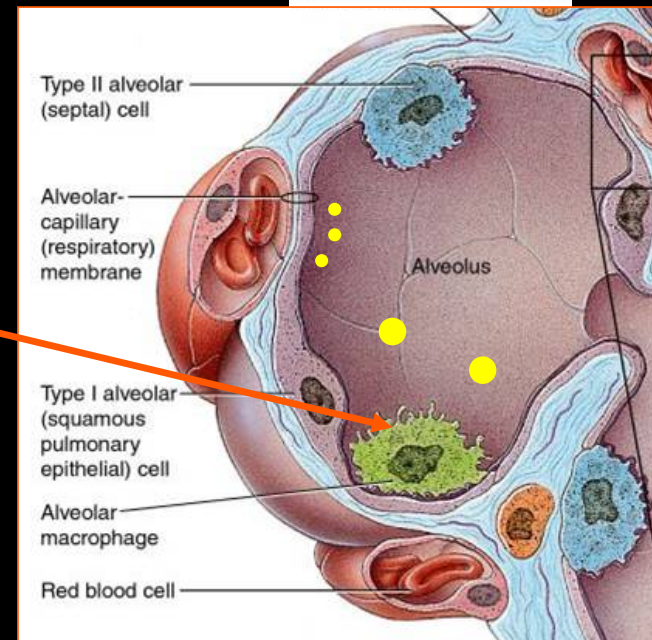
# Mechanisms of defense?

## Two clearance modes :

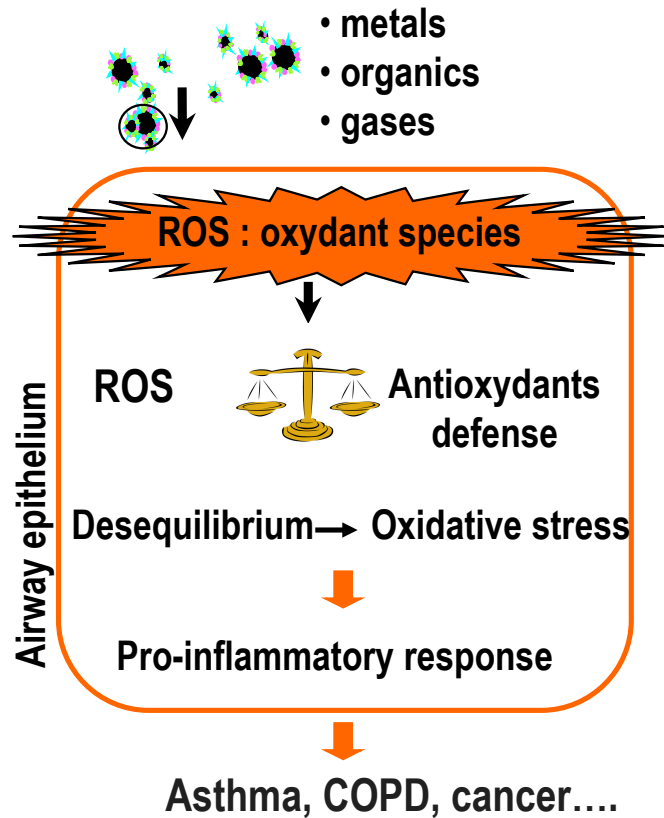
Clearance by epithelium cilia (rapid)



Alveoli clearance by macrophages (slow)



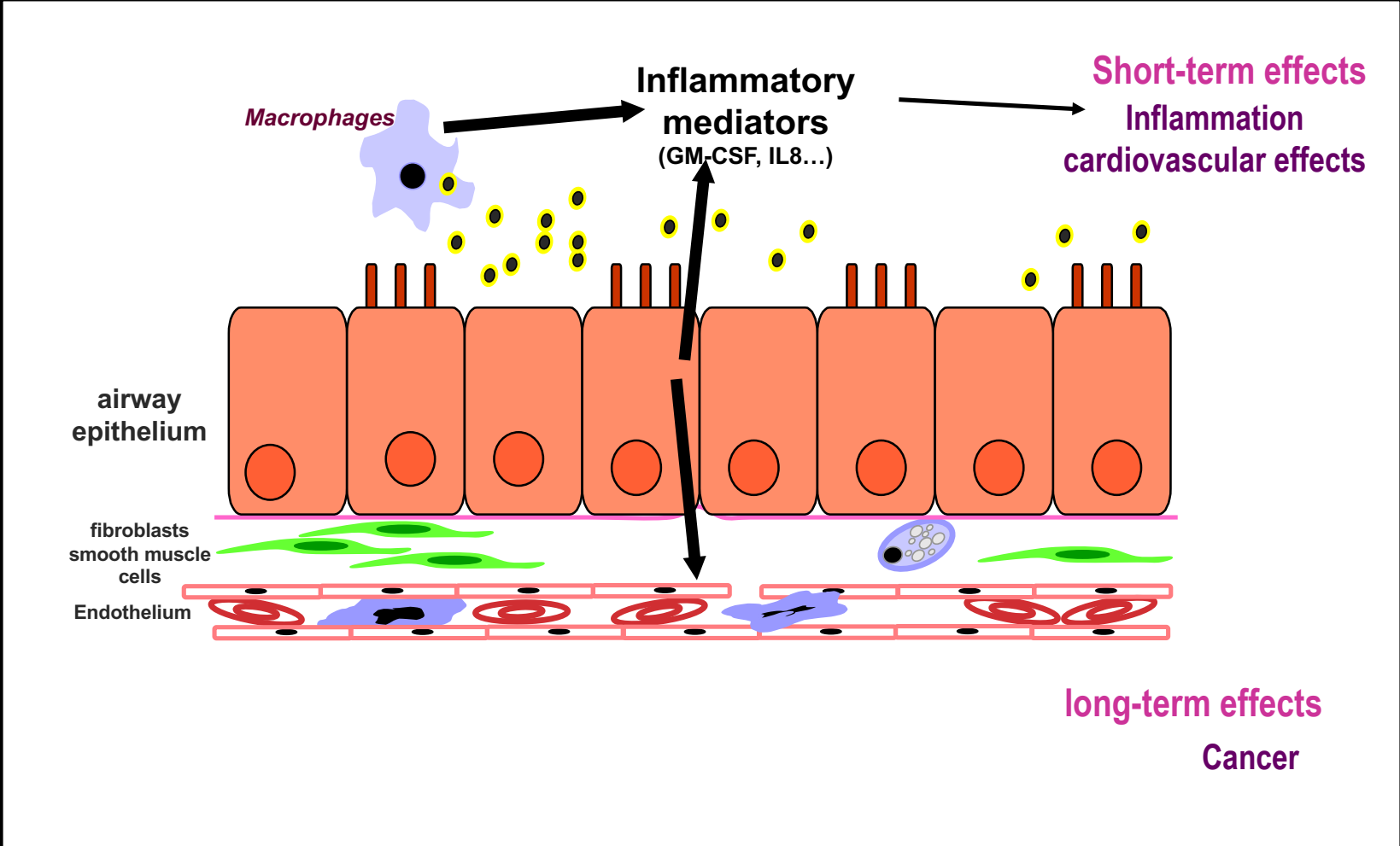
# Mechanisms of defense and biological damage



**Oxidative stress and inflammation : primary mechanisms to explain the impact of air pollution on health**

(Korten et al. 2017)

# Biological impact of particles



Adapted from A. Baeza,

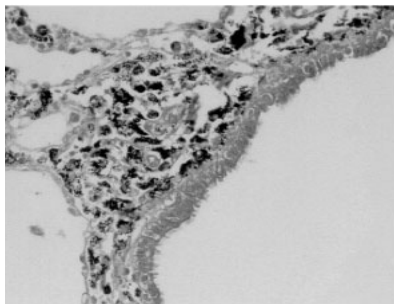
# Main important characteristics of particules responsible for biological effects

## Size and properties (solubility, hygroscopicity)

- Penetration
- Deposition
- Clearance



## Rétention (*Churg, 2000*)



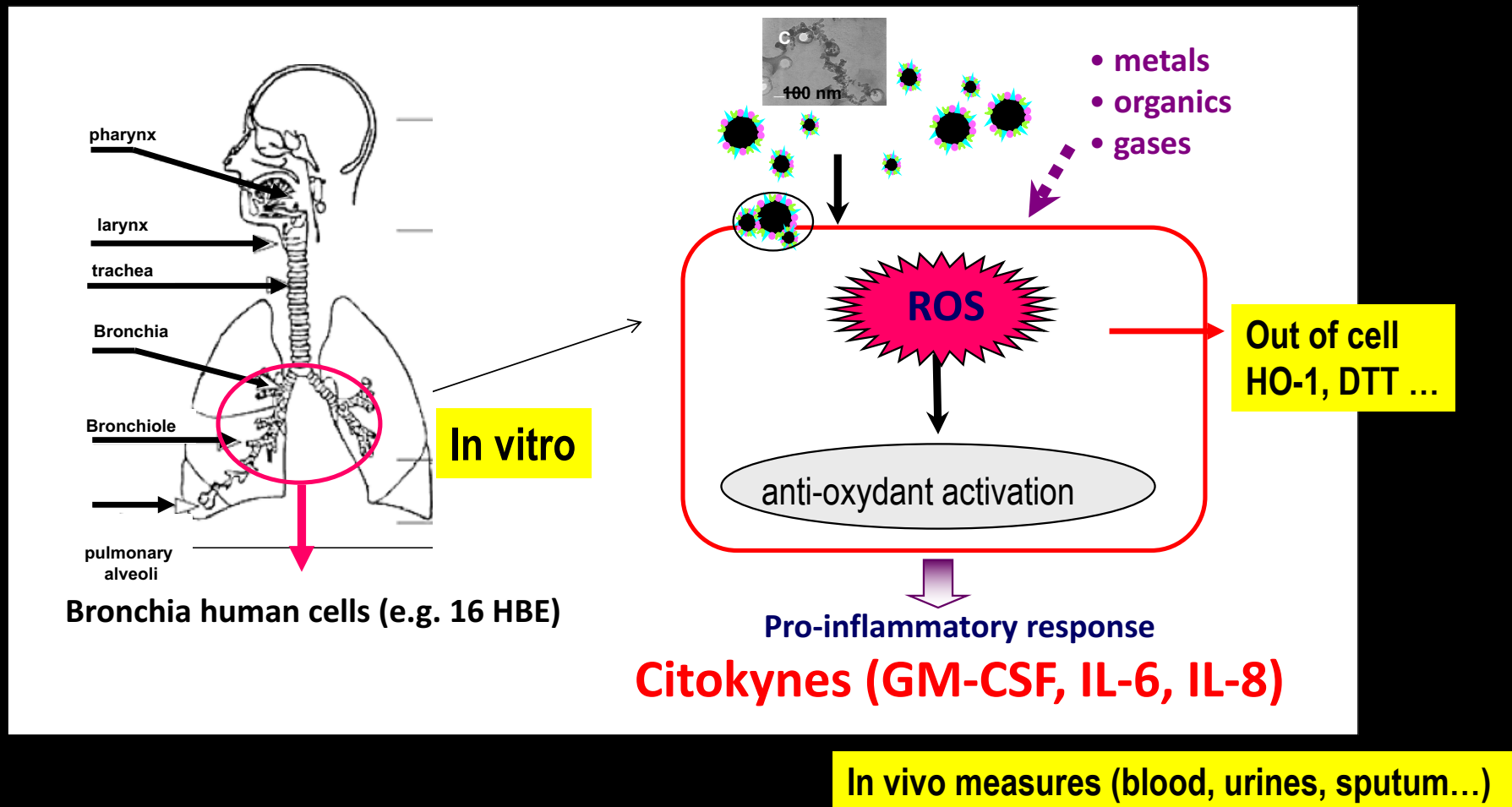
## Surface reactivity

## Chemical composition

- Metals
- organics
- inorganics



# How to measure : biological measurements



## Other inflammatory tracers

- Out of cells : particle pro-oxydant capacity (DTT chemical test for PAHs) or Reactive oxygen species measurements (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, fluorometry).
- Urines : see table
- Blood : glutathion tests

Pollutants	PAH	Gazolin	Diesel	NO <sub>2</sub>	Metals	Oxidative stress
<b>Biological tracer</b>	Urinary 1-hydroxypyrene	urinary trans, trans-muconic acid	Urinary 8-OHdG	urinary hydroxyproline ratio	Blood test: Ag <sup>+</sup> , Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Cd <sup>2+</sup>	Ratio GSH/GSSH (blood)
<b>Methodology</b>	HPLC ou kit ELISA	HPLC	ELISA Kit	hypronosticon test	ICP-MS	ELISA Kit
<b>Reference</b>	(Llop et al., 2008)	(Ong et al., 1996) (Boogaard et van Sittert, 1995)	(Lee et al., 2010)	(Perdelli et al., 2002)	(Shirali et al., 2004)	(Lee et al., 2010)

**Table 1**  
Characteristics of identified studies.

Study	Study location	Characteristics of subjects	Sampling technique	Exposure assessment
Bunn et al. (2001)	Leicester, UK	Healthy children (mean age 3 months to 16 years, n = 22)	BAL	Traffic. Distance from home to major road.
Kulkarni et al. (2005)	Gondar, Ethiopia and Leicester, UK	Women (n = 10) and children (n = 10) using biomass fuels for cooking from Ethiopia. Adults (n = 10) and children (n = 10) without exposure to biomass smoke from UK	IS	Biomass smoke.  Kitchen and biomass fuels classified into different categories.
Kulkarni et al. (2006)	Leicester, UK	Healthy children (mean age 11.5 years, n = 64) and asthmatic children (mean age 13.6 years, n = 9)	IS	Traffic. Modeled annual mean level of primary PM <sub>10</sub> at children's residence.
Fullerton et al. (2009)	Blantyre, Malawi	Healthy adults (n = 57)	BAL	Biomass smoke. Fuels for heating and cooking were categorized.
Jacobs et al. (2010)	Leuven, Belgium	Adults with diabetes (n = 137)	IS	Traffic. Recent (2 h) outdoor and indoor PM. Modeled PM <sub>10</sub> level (1 d, 1 wk, 1 m, 6 m, 1 yr) at subjects' residence.
Jacobs et al. (2011)	Leuven, Belgium	Adults with diabetes (n = 137)	IS	Traffic. Recent (2 h) outdoor and indoor PM. Distance from subjects' residence to major road was calculated.
Kalappanavar et al. (2012)	Davangere, India	Children from industrial area (mean age 13.5 years, n = 300) and children from a "green" zone <sup>a</sup> (mean age 13.6 years, n = 300)	IS	"Ambient air quality monitoring instrument" one week before study: PM <sub>10</sub> 1403 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (industrial area) vs 315 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ("green" area).
Nwokoro et al. (2012)	London, UK	Adult cyclists (n = 14) and non-cyclists (n = 14)	IS	Traffic. Personal exposure to black carbon monitored by aethalometer on a working day. Background PM <sub>10</sub> measured by monitoring station.
Brugha et al. (2014)	London, UK	Healthy children (mean age 9.3 years, n = 47), children with mild asthma (mean age 9.4 years, n = 13), children with moderate to severe asthma (mean age 11.6 years, n = 36)	IS	Traffic. Modeled residential PM <sub>2.5</sub> level and distance between home and main road.

## A new biomarker ...

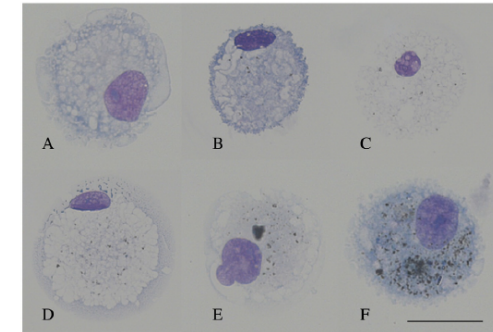


Fig. 1. Representative images of carbon loading in AM. AM were isolated from the sputum samples from one of the authors (YB). Sputum induction and processing were done according to the protocol used in Jacobs et al. (2010) and Pizzichini et al. (1996). AM were viewed under oil immersion ( $\times 1000$ ) and digital images of AM were obtained with a light microscope (Axioplan 2 Imaging; Zeiss, Zaventem, Belgium). Panel A shows an AM without carbon loading. Increasing levels of carbon loading are shown in Panel B through Panel F. Bar = 20 µm.

**Bai et al., 2015** : Carbon loading in airway macrophages as a biomarker for an individual exposure to particulate matter => Novel approach to assess personal exposure to combustion-derived particles (9 studies in Europ, adults and children)

Measure the Inhaled particles phagocytosed by airway macrophages of the epithelial surfaces in the alveoli. Macrophages are collected from BAL : bronchoalveolar lavage (invasive) or IS : induced sputum (non invasive)

# In vivo studies : respiratory parameters with spirometry

H : Height

W : Weight

**TLC : Total Lung Capacity**

FRC : Functional Residual Capacity

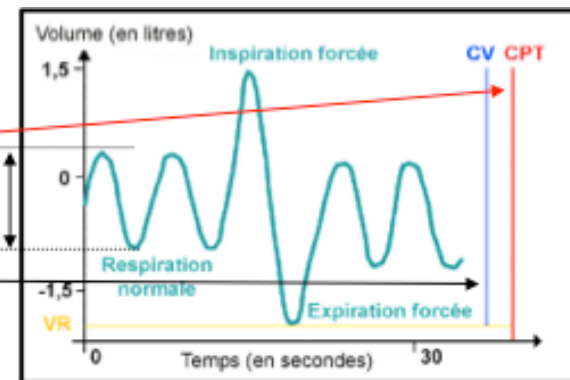
**VC : Vital Capacity**

Q : inspiratory flow rate

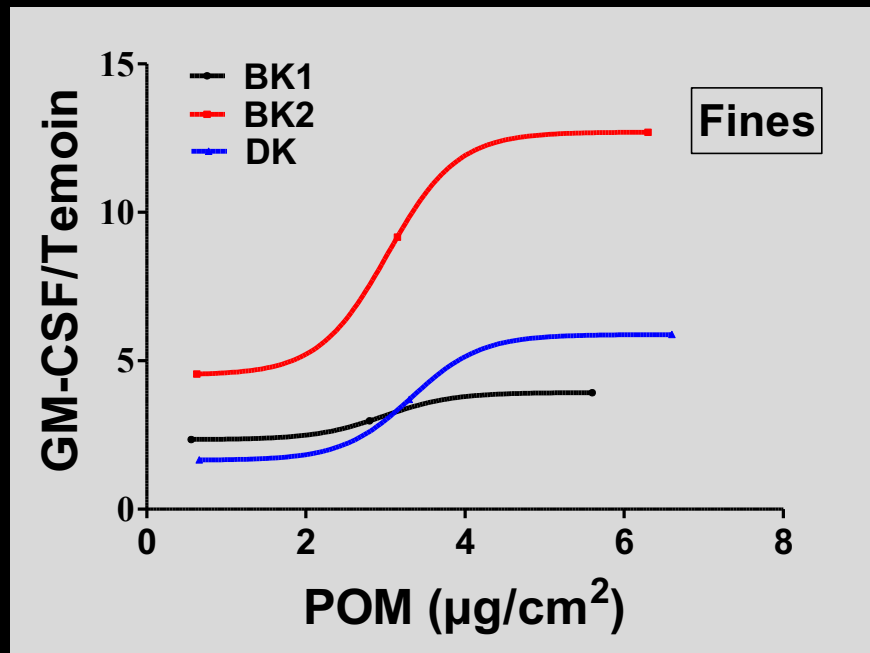
**VT : Tidal Volume**

VR : Ventillation rate

VT



## In vitro biological measurements : focus on POM/GM-CSF cytokine dose-response



➤ Better response for BK2 than for DK => due to POM solubility at Bamako?

	BK2	DK
WSOC/OC	0.8	0.25

➤ Incomplete sources (two stroke emissions and domestic fires) at Bamako (BK2) with relatively more OC and WSOC => bigger inflammatory responses than diesel sources at Dakar (DK).

## Biological measurements in LAC

**Table 1 – Levels of carboxyhemoglobin before and after the risk reduction program**

	Mean (% COHb) <sup>a</sup>	S.D. (% COHb) <sup>a</sup>	%<2.5 <sup>b</sup>	%>2.5 <sup>c</sup>	Range (% COHb)
Before	4.9*	4.3	45	55	1.05–13.88
After	1.0	0.14	100	0.0	0.65–1.30

The % of carboxyhemoglobin was measured as stated in Methods.

<sup>a</sup>Values are geometric data.

<sup>b</sup>Percentage of people with levels of carboxyhemoglobin below 2.5%.

<sup>c</sup>Percentage of people with levels of carboxyhemoglobin above 2.5%.

\* $p < 0.05$  when compared after intervention.

Torres-Dosal, Perez-Maldonado et al., et al., 2008 : Mexico => Wood as energy used by 27M of people  
Health risk reductions linked to 3 measures :  
soot removal on roofs and walls, floor paving and new wood-stove with a chimney



## Biological measurements in LAC

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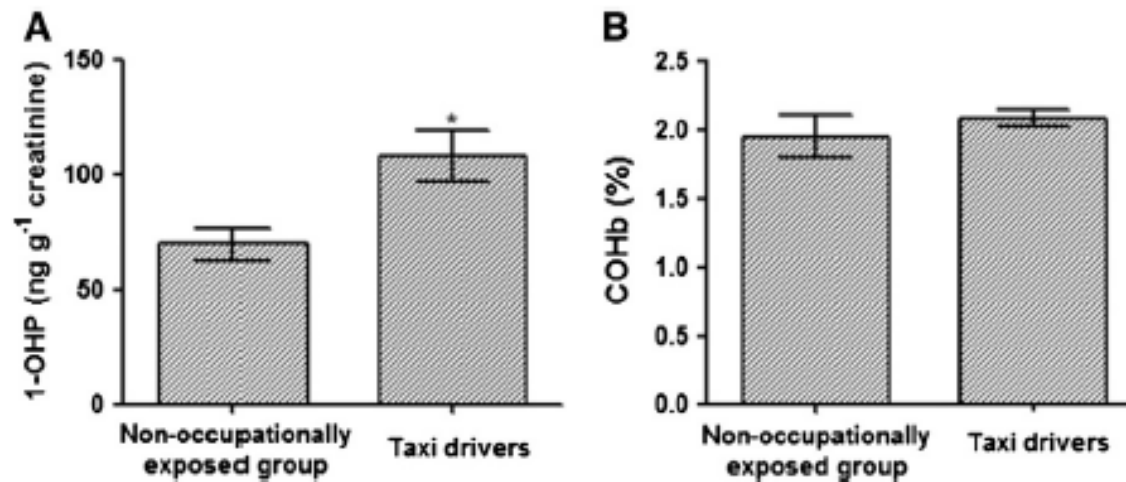


Fig. 2. (A) Urinary 1-hydroxypyrene levels (1-OHP) from non-occupationally exposed group (n = 21) and taxi drivers (n = 39). Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. \*p < 0.05. (B) Carboxyhaemoglobin levels (COHb) from non-occupationally exposed group (n = 21) and taxi drivers (n = 39).

Brucker et al., 2013 : Porto Alegre (South of Brazil)

Biomarker of exposure to PAH from traffic on 60 subjects (with urinary and blood tests)

## « The » relationship to calculate Excess mortality numbers .... At all scales

Un example: Excess mortalities due to 2005 to 2030 emission change ( $\Delta PM_{2.5}$ )  
=> Use the following relationships (Anenberg et al., 2010, Lelieveld et al., 2013)

$$\Delta death = y_0 * (1 - \exp(-\beta \Delta PM_{2.5})) * POP$$

where

$y_0$  is the baseline mortality rate (WHO) for different mortalities

POP is the exposed population (>30yrs)

$\beta$  is the concentration response factor

$$RR = (\exp \beta * \Delta PM_{2.5})$$

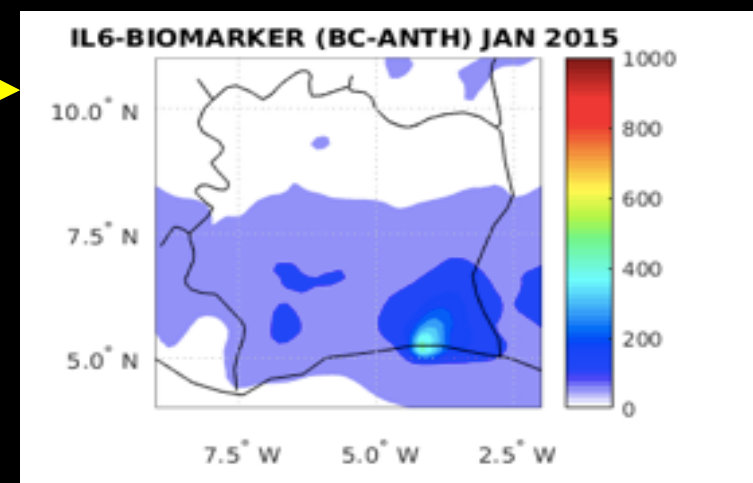
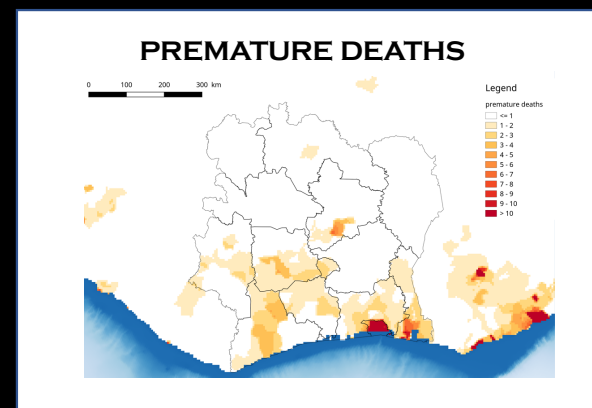
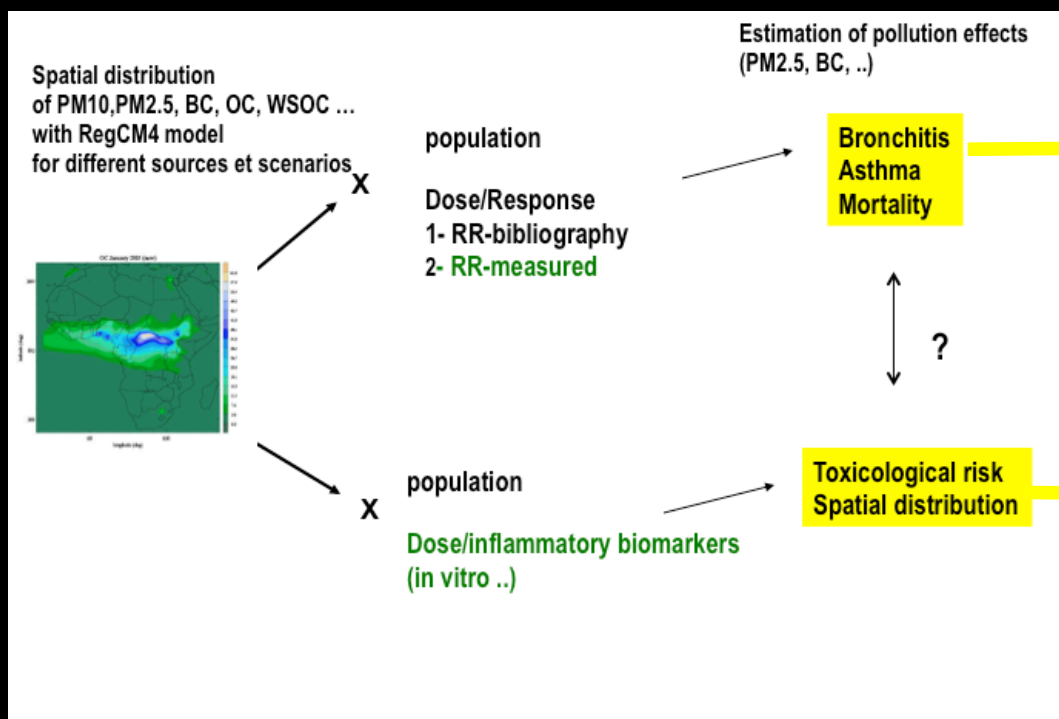
RR is the relative risk for a  $10 \mu m/m^3$   $PM_{2.5}$  increase

Here : RR (all causes) : 1.06 ; RR (lung cancer) : 1.06; RR (cardiopulmonary : 1.11); RR (respiratory diseases : 1.06) (=> miminim of litterature range)



Given by the model

# An example of Aerosol/Health Regional modeling



**Table 2.** Estimated annual mortalities  $\pm 1$  SD due to anthropogenic  $O_3$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ , assuming natural background only or LCTs (33.3 ppb for  $O_3$  and  $5.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for  $PM_{2.5}$ ) ( $\times 1,000$ ).

	$O_3$ respiratory		$PM_{2.5}$ cardiopulmonary		$PM_{2.5}$ lung cancer	
	Background	Threshold	Background	Threshold	Background	Threshold
Africa	63 $\pm$ 34	45 $\pm$ 30	154 $\pm$ 44	52 $\pm$ 33	3 $\pm$ 1	1 $\pm$ 1
North America	35 $\pm$ 17	25 $\pm$ 15	124 $\pm$ 37	65 $\pm$ 30	17 $\pm$ 7	10 $\pm$ 5
Europe	41 $\pm$ 21	23 $\pm$ 17	586 $\pm$ 149	383 $\pm$ 143	47 $\pm$ 17	31 $\pm$ 14
Asia	543 $\pm$ 253	370 $\pm$ 220	2,584 $\pm$ 618	1,991 $\pm$ 603	152 $\pm$ 53	122 $\pm$ 47
South America	18 $\pm$ 9	8 $\pm$ 6	48 $\pm$ 15	16 $\pm$ 9	2 $\pm$ 1	1 $\pm$ 1
Oceania	1 $\pm$ 1	0 $\pm$ 0	2 $\pm$ 1	0 $\pm$ 0	0 $\pm$ 0	0 $\pm$ 0
World	700 $\pm$ 335	470 $\pm$ 288	3,499 $\pm$ 864	2,506 $\pm$ 816	222 $\pm$ 80	164 $\pm$ 68

SDs reflect uncertainty in the CRF and simulated present-day concentrations (SD = 25% of simulated concentration).

Anenberg et al., 2010

**Table 1** Excess mortality attributable to ambient air pollution<sup>a</sup>

	Mortality ( $\times 10^3$ /year)	Deaths per 100 000 (year <sup>-1</sup> )	YLL ( $\times 10^6$ /year)	LLE (years)	Avoidable LLE (years)	Avoidable mortality ( $\times 10^3$ /year)	Mortality for disease categories ( $\times 10^3$ /year)					
							LRI	COPD	LC	CEV	IHD	Other NCD
Africa	957	81	40.0	3.1	0.7	230	378	36	7	113	224	199
East Asia	3112	196	67.4	3.9	3.0	2403	204	511	300	738	779	580
South Asia	2809	119	83.6	3.3	1.9	1660	478	509	61	383	981	397
West Asia	544	94	14.6	2.3	1.0	241	50	27	19	76	292	80
Europe	790	133	14.3	2.2	1.7	608	54	49	54	64	313	256
Australia	14	47	0.3	0.8	0.2	3	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.6	4	7
North America	360	74	7.5	1.4	1.1	294	24	40	24	14	112	146
South America	207	42	5.3	1.0	0.5	115	30	14	6	14	63	80
World	8793	120	233	2.9	1.7	5554	1218	1187	472	1403	2768	1745

Avoidable LLE and mortality were calculated by removing anthropogenic emissions in the model. Australia also includes other islands of Oceania. Data for all countries, including 95% uncertainty intervals, are given in the [Supplementary material online, Tables](#) (overall uncertainty about  $\pm 50\%$ ).

CEV, cerebrovascular disease; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; IHD, ischaemic heart disease; LC, lung cancer; LLE, loss of life expectancy; LRI, lower respiratory infections; NCD, non-communicable diseases; YLL, years of life lost.

<sup>a</sup>Excess mortality expresses the number of deaths over a given period that would not occur in the absence of exposure.

Lelieveld et al., 2013, 2020

26 LAC cities (86 M people)

If  $PM_{10}$  = norms : 13500 avoided deaths per year (2-2.6% of death avoided/yr)

If  $PM_{10}$  decrease of  $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  : 12-25% of deaths avoided

Cifuentes et al., 2005

Mexico City; Santiago; and São Paulo.

2000-2020 : 2 scenarios

Modest changes in fossil fuel use

Avoided in the three cities :

156,000 deaths, 4 million asthma attacks,

300,000 children's medical visits,

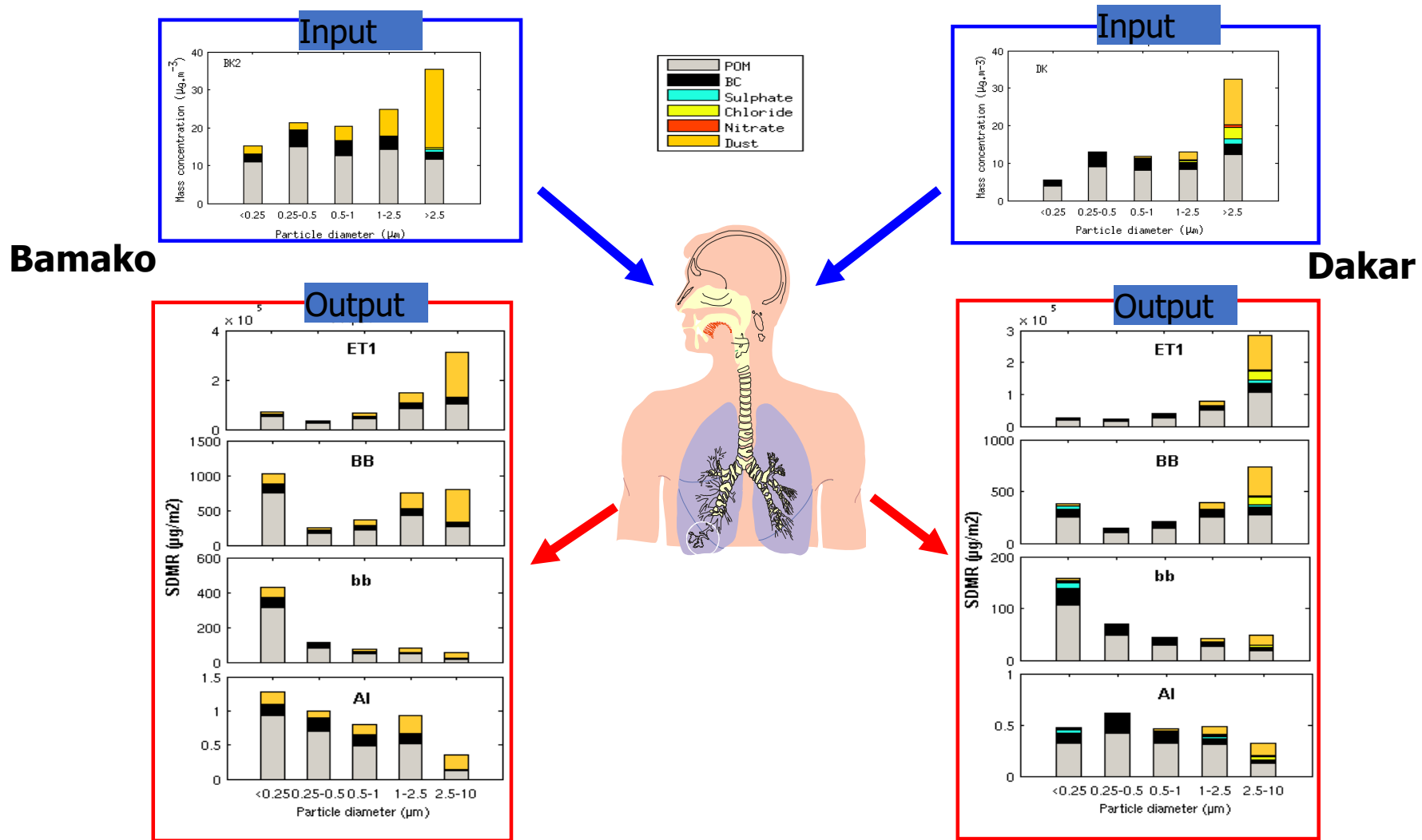
and almost 48,000 cases of chronic bronchitis

Bell et al., 2005

# Take-home messages

- **New proxys for health such as aerosol oxydant capacity are really important for long-term crossed air pollution and health studies**
- **Need to integrate sociological factors within the calculation of dose response functions (people vulnerability to air pollution)**
- **Do not separe urban studies on health and climate (we need win-win results).**
- **Reconciling epidemiological studies with process (biological) studies : need more cohort studies with personal exposure measurements (exposology) : a way to act on source mitigation.**

# The inhaled aerosol is not the same than in alveoli



**Importance of size and chemical composition**

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**Thanks for your attention**

