

# ENVE 576

# Indoor Air Pollution

## Spring 2013

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### Lecture 12: April 16, 2013

1. Exam solutions and review
2. Indoor air pollution in developing countries

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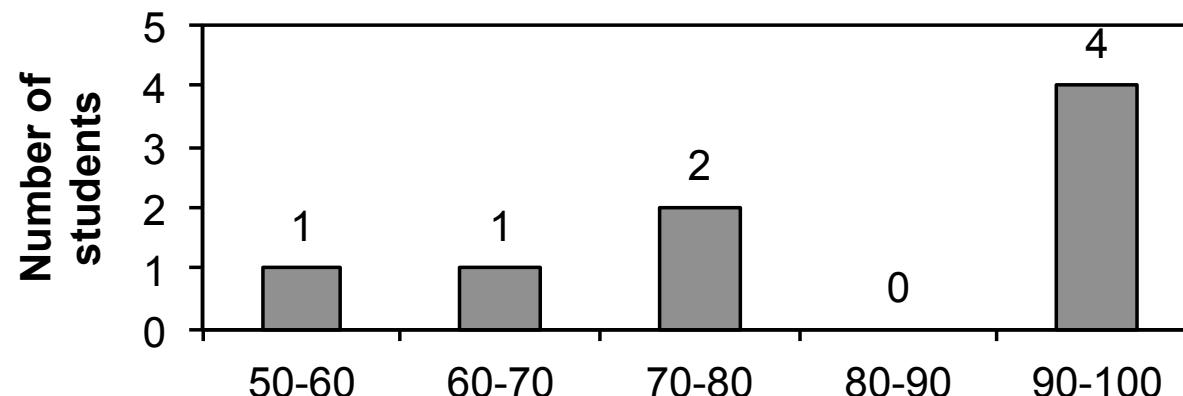
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# Exam

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- Your exams have been graded
  - Returned via email or in class
- Grade distribution:

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>
1	35	34 (0.96)	30 (0.86)	35 (1.0)
2	40	34 (0.86)	20 (0.50)	40 (1.0)
3	75	60 (0.80)	35 (0.47)	75 (1.0)
4	75	60 (0.81)	40 (0.53)	75 (1.0)
5	75	53 (0.70)	0 (0.00)	75 (1.0)
Total	300	241	171	293
<b>Total %</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>98%</b>



# Status of grades

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- We have had 4 HW assignments so far (225 total points)
  - 1 more is still scheduled (for a total of 300 points)
- We have had 1 exam (300 points)
- You have a final project and presentation due (400 points)
- Total: 1000 possible points
- Suggestion:
  - We ignore HW 5 and make your final project and presentation worth 475 points (47.5% of your total grade)
  - Will give you more time for your project

# Final projects

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- Papers and presentations due in 2 weeks
  - Guidelines are on BB
    - 8 pages single-spaced conference paper
    - 12-15 minute technical presentation
  - Pick an environment, a pollutant, and an exposure control strategy
  - New grading system:
    - Paper is worth 300 points
    - Presentation is worth 175 points
- 6 out of 9 of you completed the anonymous course survey online
  - 5 answered the question about when they would prefer to present
    - 3 want to present final projects last day of class (April 30)
    - 2 want to present during our exam time (May 7)
  - So what's it going to be?

# Follow-up from last time

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- Last week's guest lecture: Ian Cull
  - How was it?
  - What did he cover?
- Remaining topics I'd like to cover
  - Developing countries (**today**)
  - Infectious disease transmission (next week)
  - Applications and standards (next week)
  - Final presentations (last class?)
- Not going to have a make-up class from March
  - More time to work on your projects

# Exam solutions

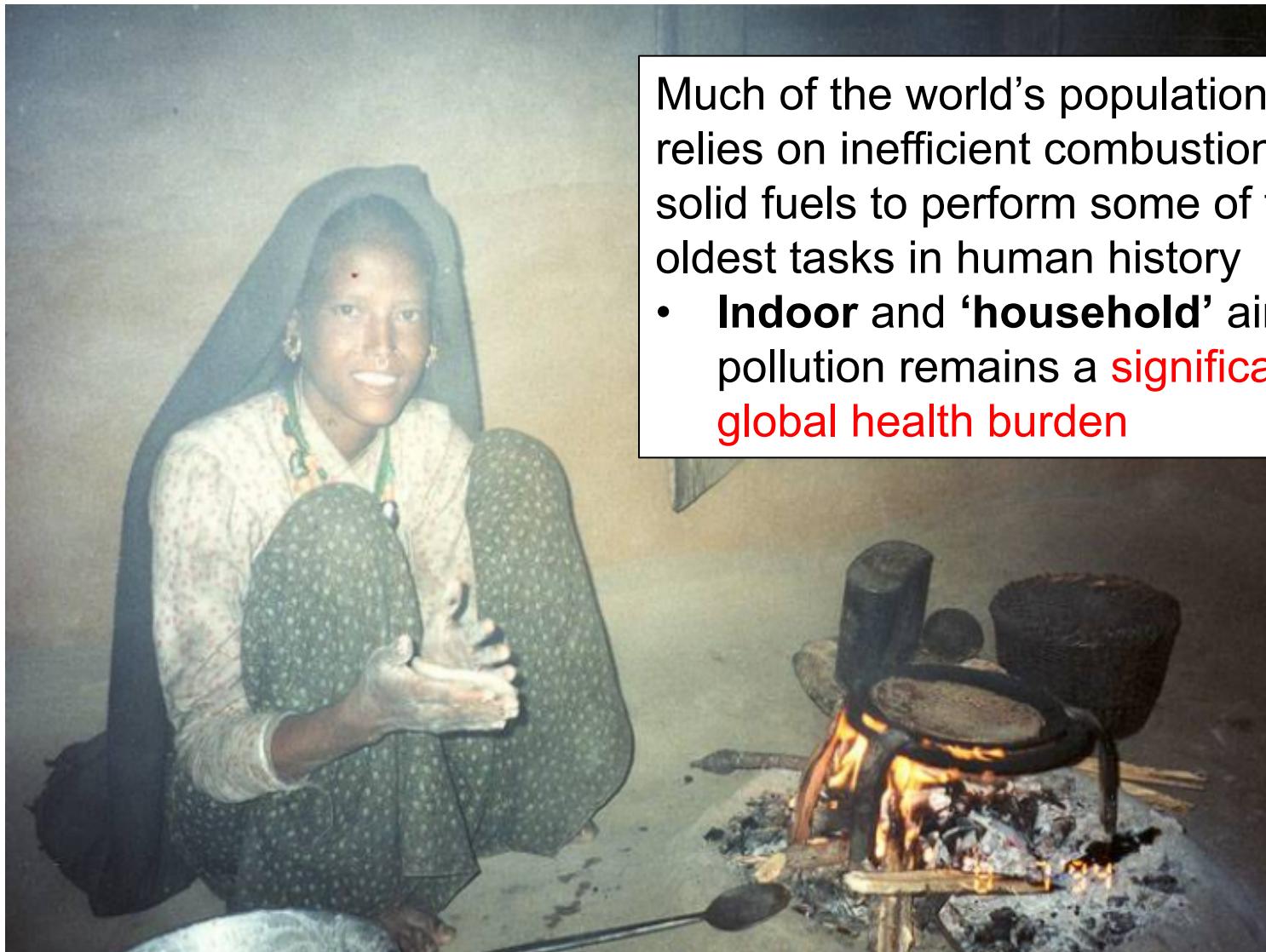
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# Today's lecture

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- Indoor air pollution in developing countries
  - We could have an entire class on this topic!

# Indoor air pollution in developing regions of the world



Much of the world's population relies on inefficient combustion of solid fuels to perform some of the oldest tasks in human history

- **Indoor and 'household' air pollution remains a significant global health burden**

# Indoor air pollution in developing countries

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- Let's start with a video
  - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3Zsj4Lfs\\_o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3Zsj4Lfs_o)

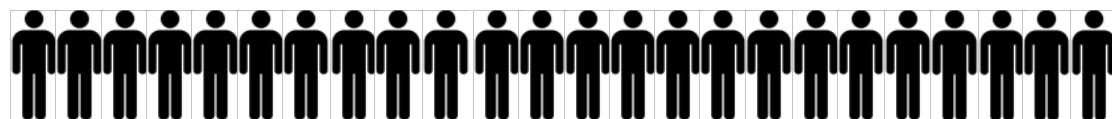
# Biomass burning across the world

One-third of the world's population burns biomass for:

Cooking   Heating   Lighting

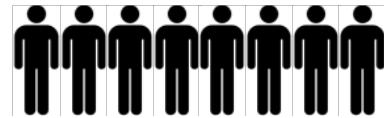
Fuels used include:

Wood, dung, crop residue



2.4 billion people

Coal



800 million people



= 100 million people

# Cooking and heating

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- Poor ventilation (no flues or hoods)
- Low combustion efficiency
  - High levels of products of incomplete combustion

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# Lighting

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- 1.6 billion people use fuel-based lighting after dark
  - Kerosene, diesel
- Indoor air pollution + substandard luminance + fire

# Pollutants emitted from biomass burning

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Particulate matter (UFPs, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>)

Carbon monoxide (CO)

Nitrous oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)

Sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>) (coal)

Metals (coal)

Hydrocarbons (HC; e.g. naphthalene)

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (e.g. benzo[a]pyrene)

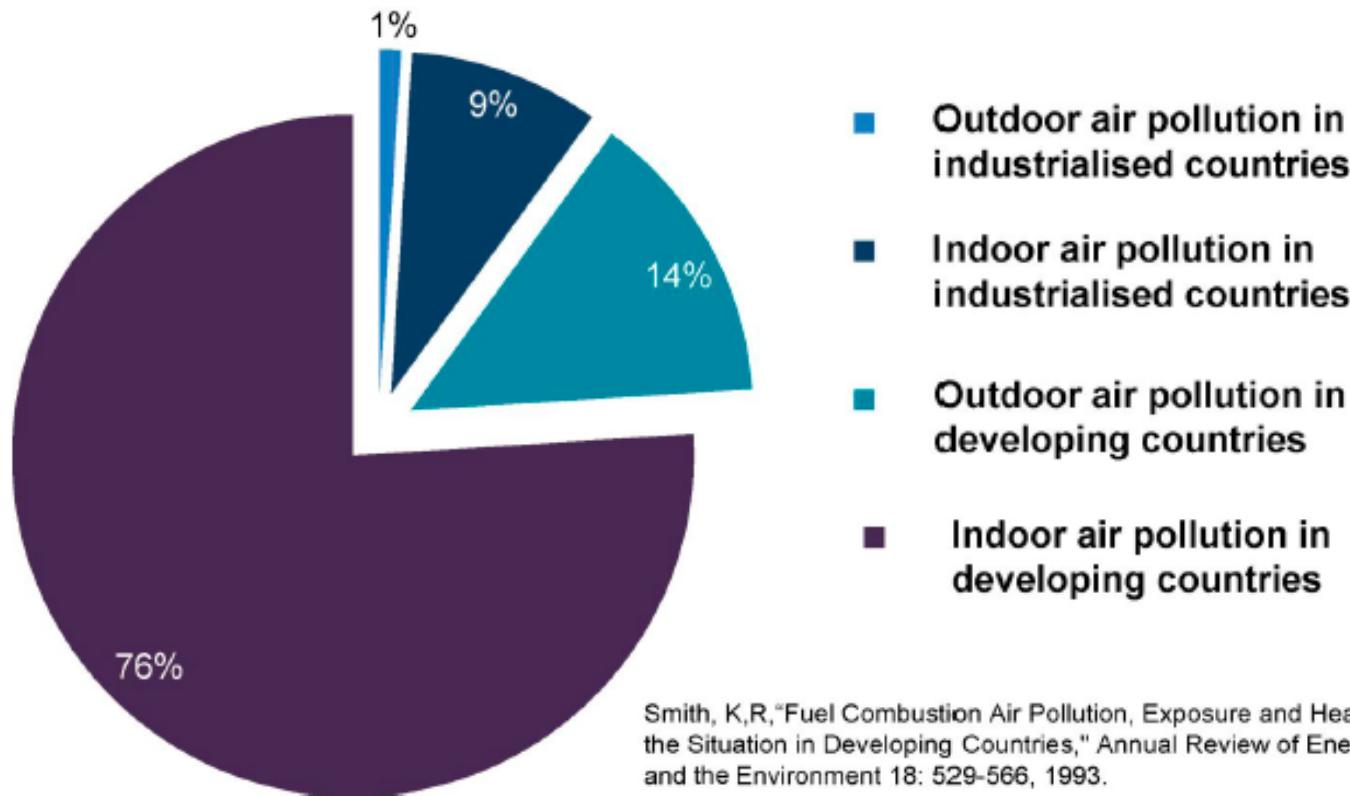
Oxygenated organics (e.g. formaldehyde) (wood)

Free radicals

**Combustion efficiency is far less than 100%**

# Global exposure to particulate matter

Total global exposure to particulate matter pollution

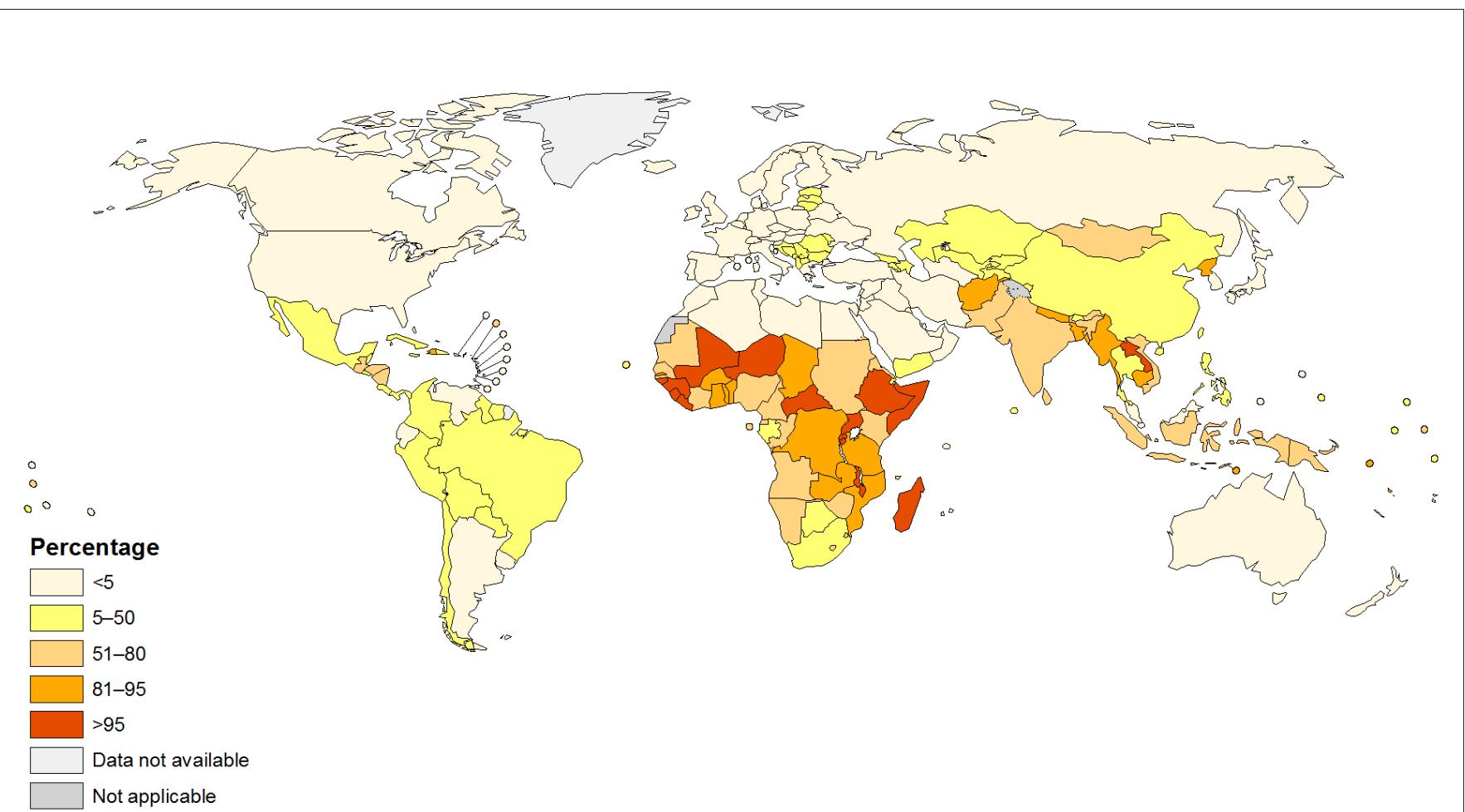


# **GLOBAL HEALTH**

and indoor air pollution

# Population using solid fuels (%), 2010

## Total



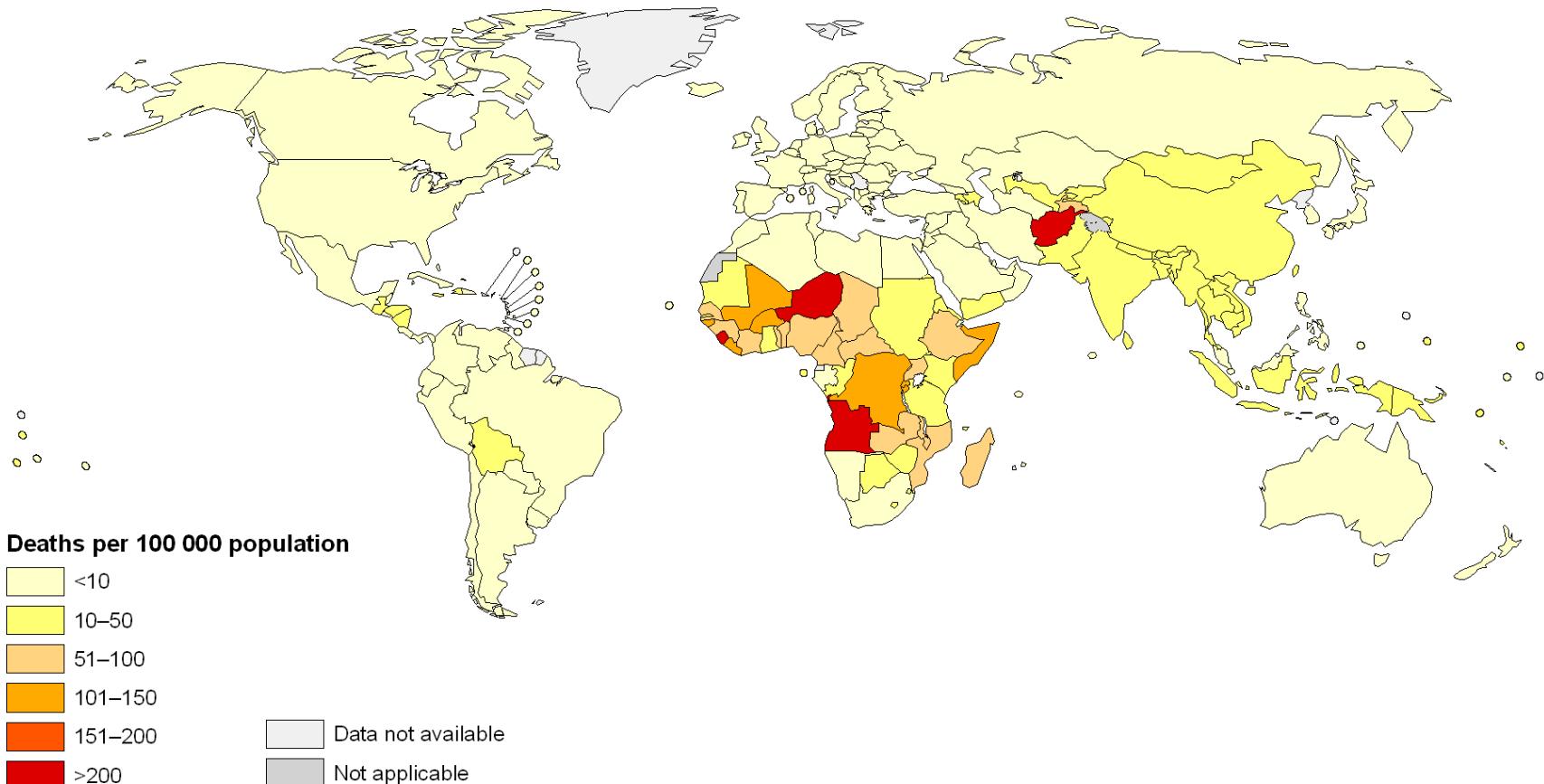
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## Deaths attributable to household air pollution, 2004

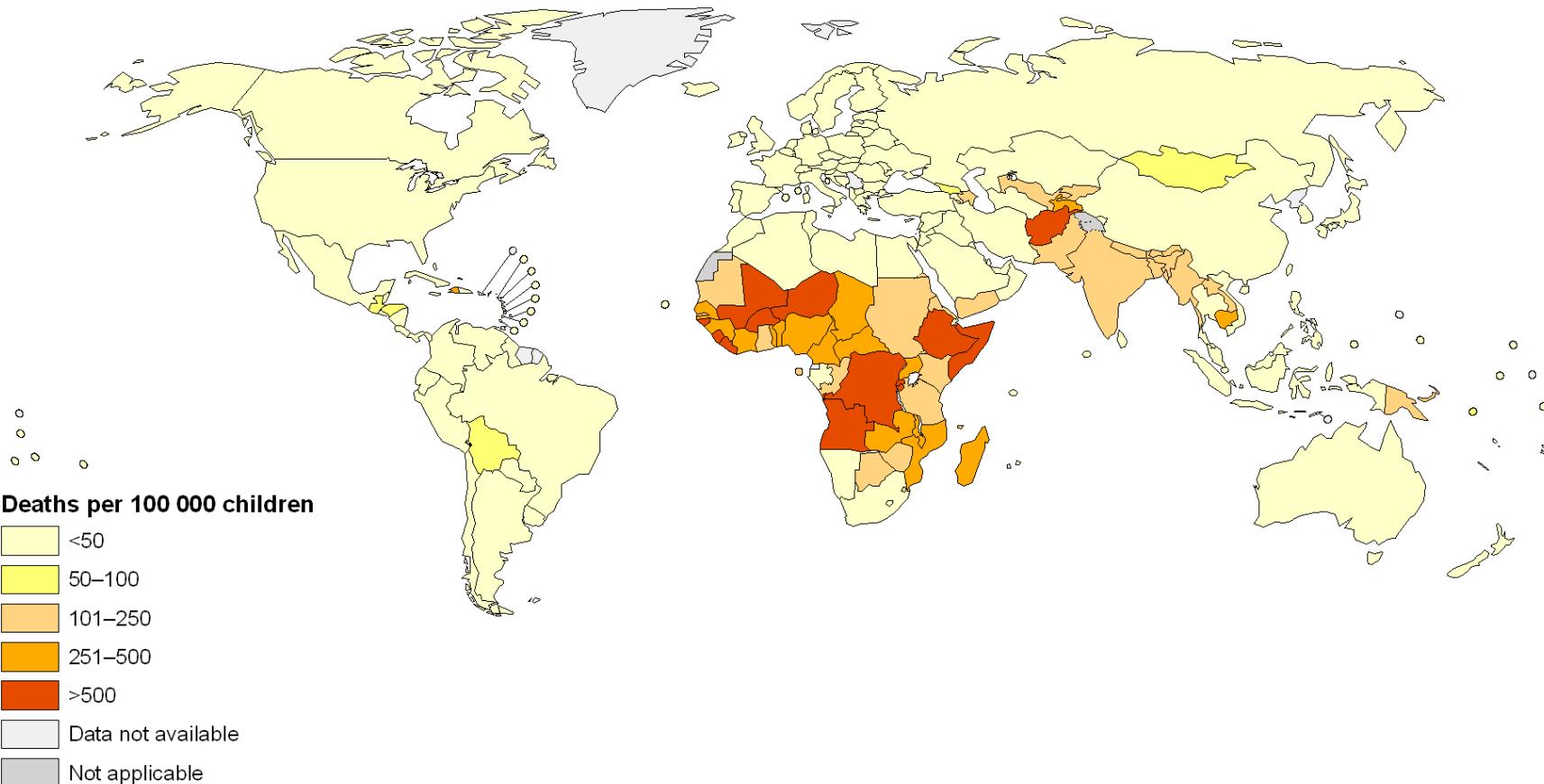


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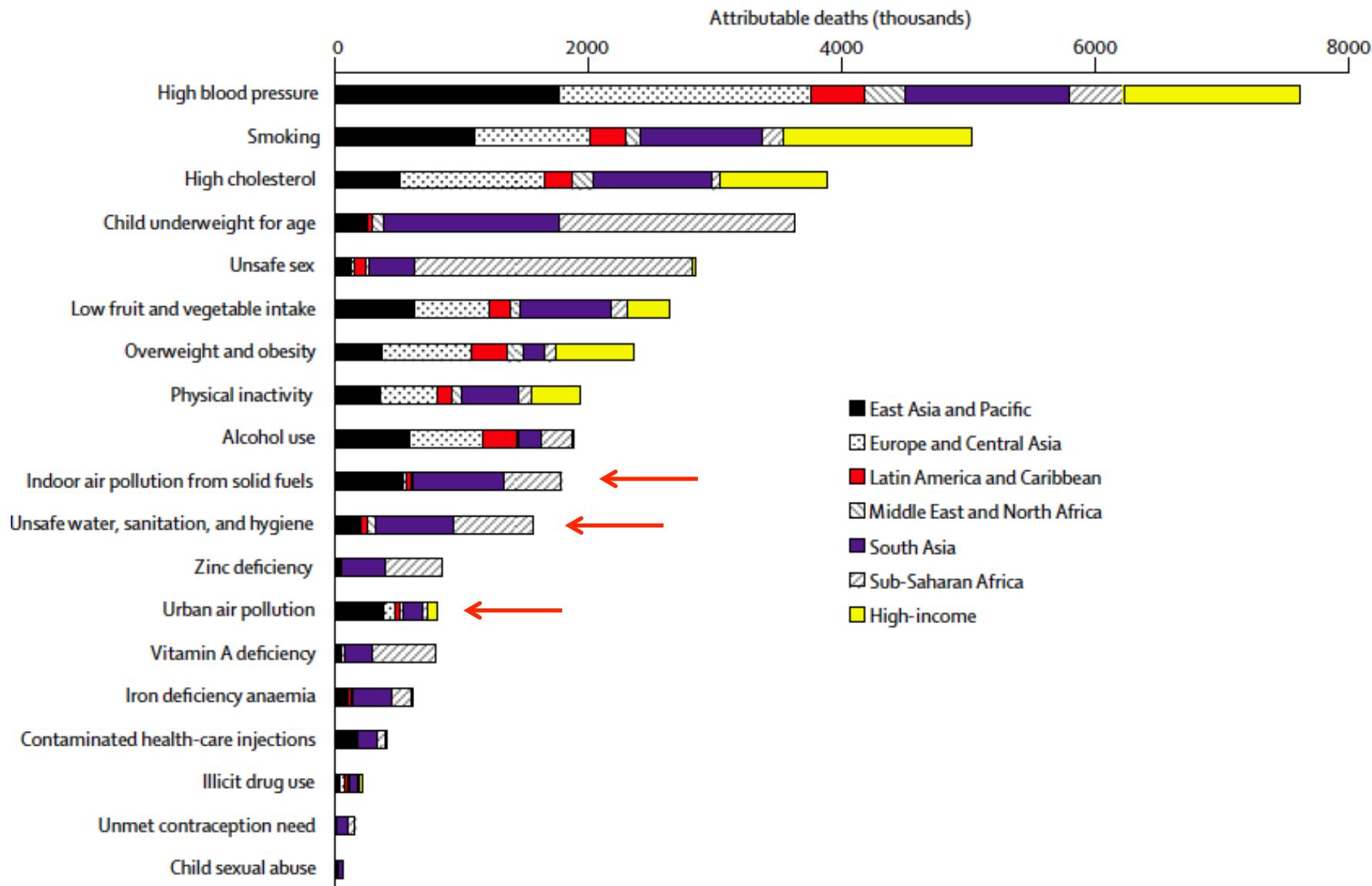
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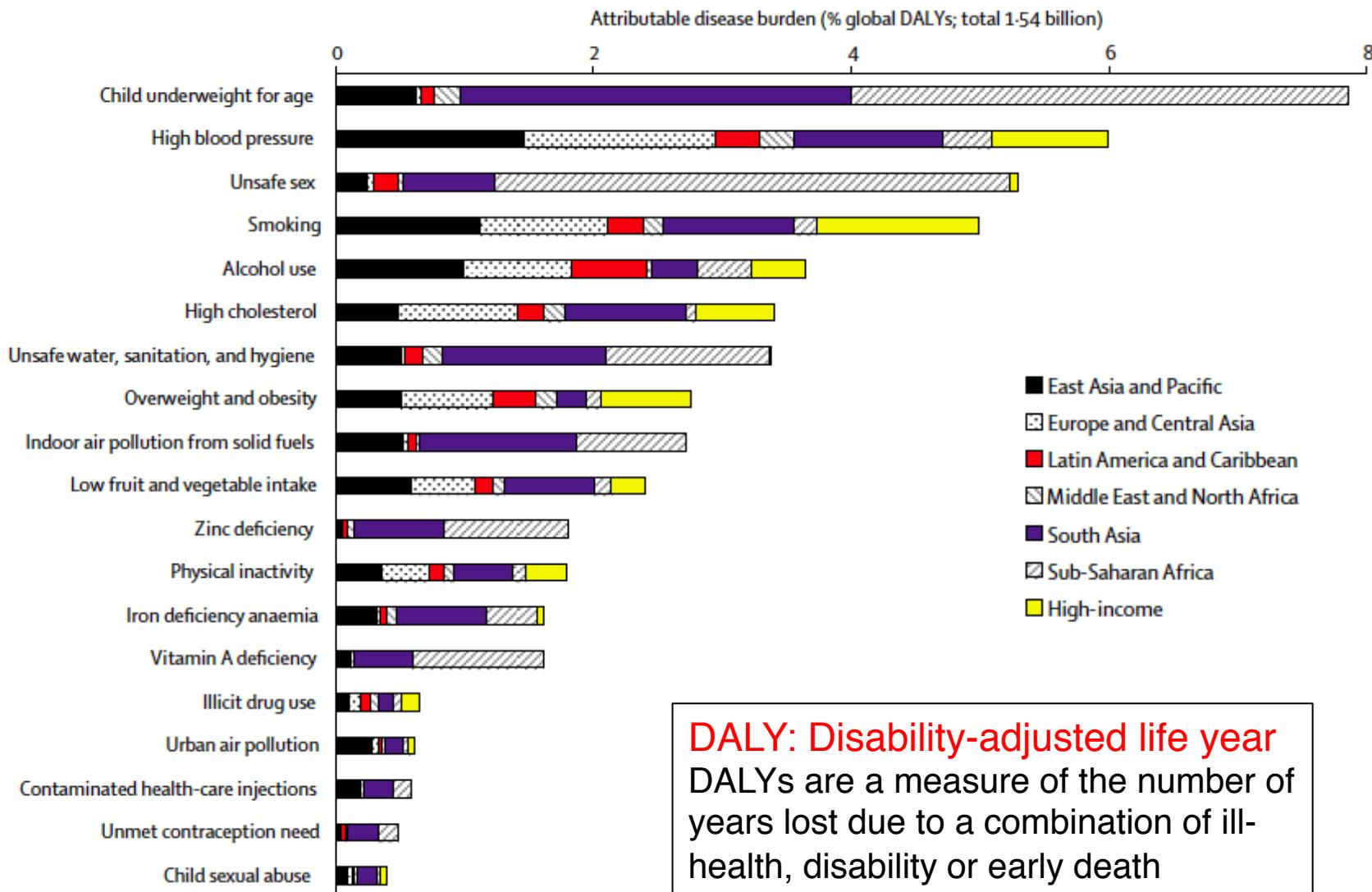
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# Global risk factors for mortality



# Global disease burden



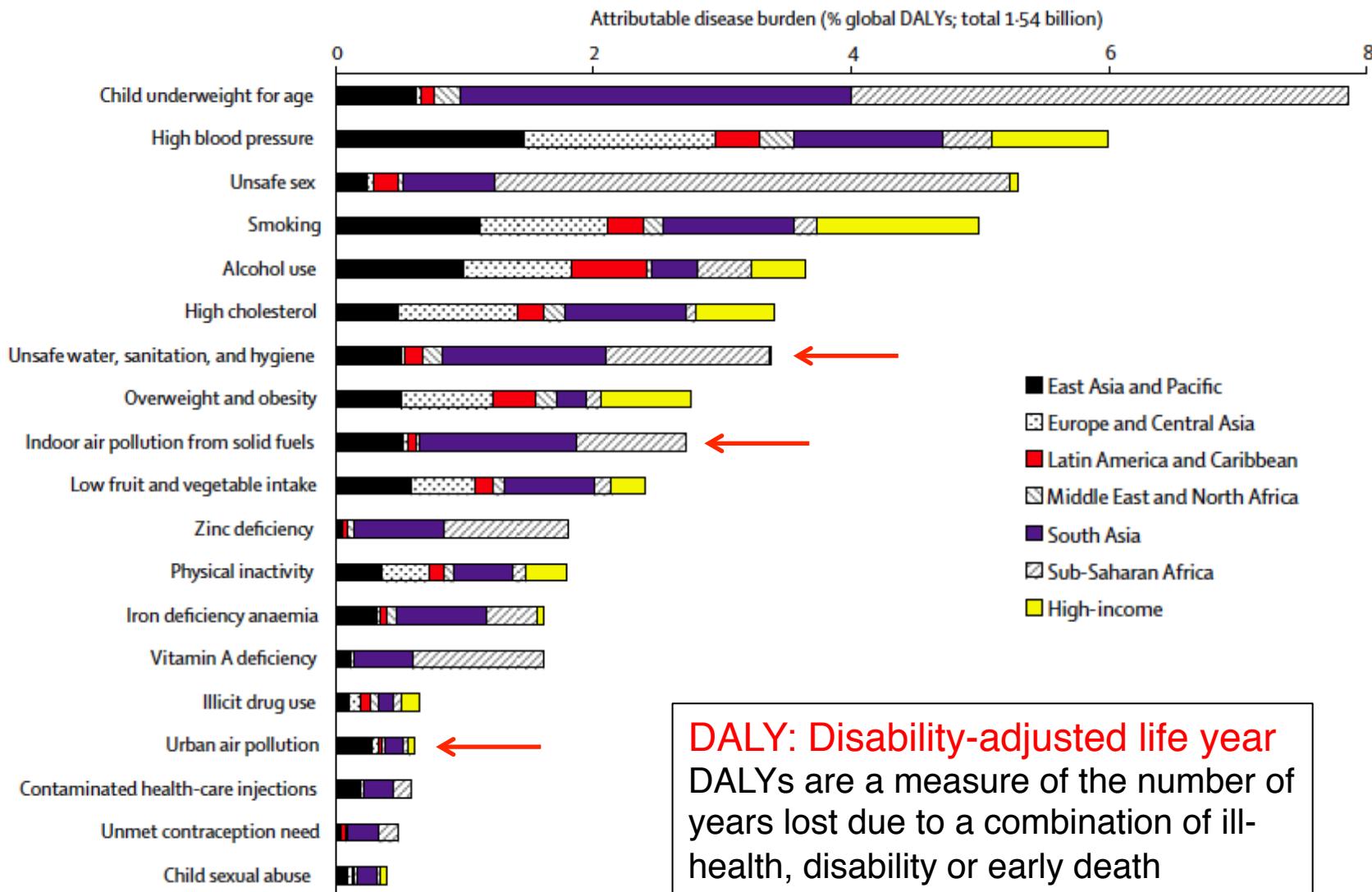
**DALY: Disability-adjusted life year**  
DALYs are a measure of the number of years lost due to a combination of ill-health, disability or early death

# DALY: Disability Adjusted Life Year

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- Measure of overall disease burden
  - # of years lost due to illness, disability, or early death
  - Combines mortality and morbidity (existence of ill-health)
  - DALY = YLL + YLD
    - Years of Life Lost + Years Lived with Disability
  - **1 DALY = 1 year of healthy life lost**
    - Relative to the longest avg life expectancy in the world
    - Japan, 82.6 years
  - Example: Cancer causes 25 DALYs per 1000 people
    - US population ~307 million → 7.7 million life years

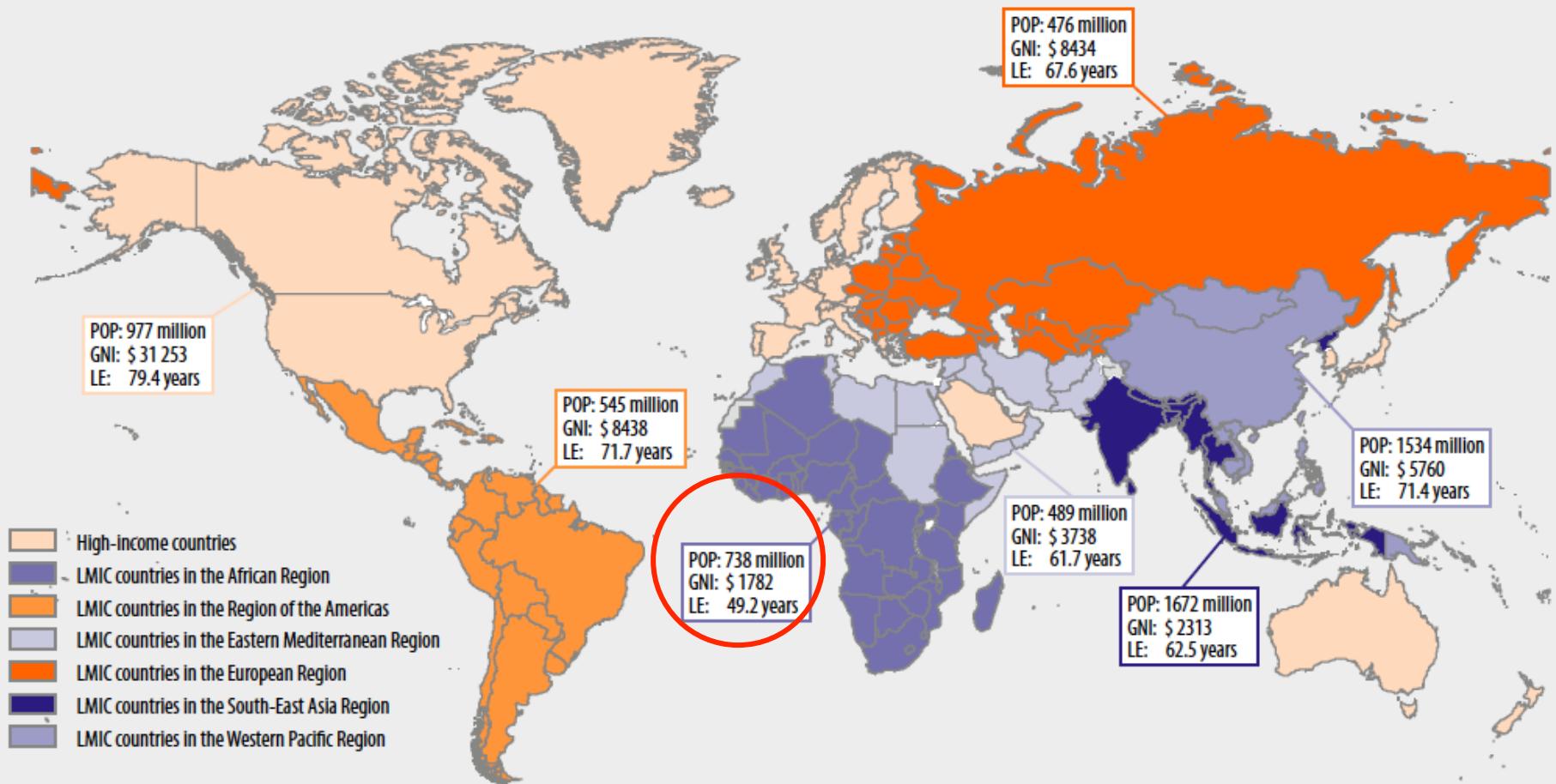
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# Global life expectancy

Map 1: Low- and middle-income countries grouped by WHO region, 2004

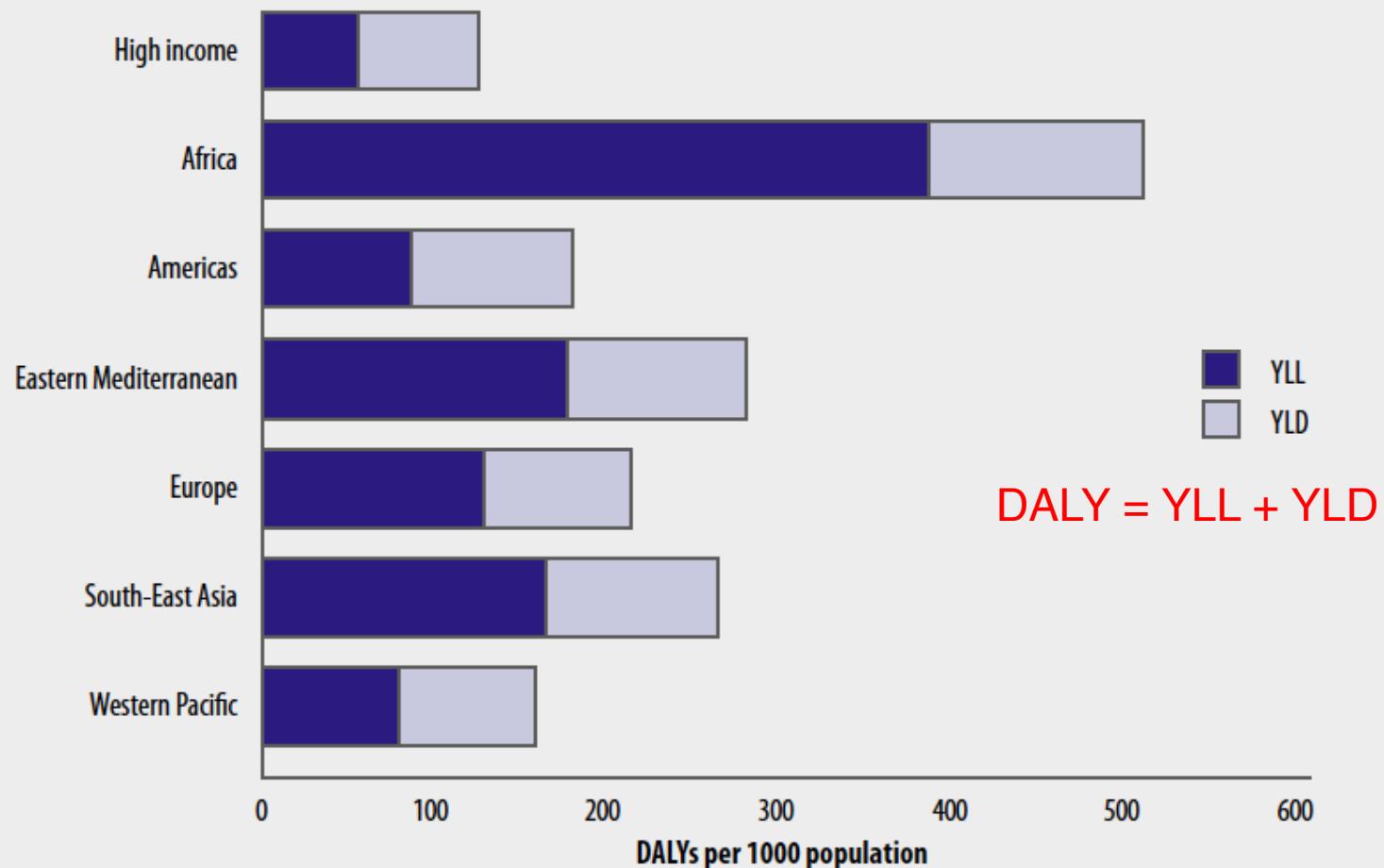


**POP** = population; **GNI** = gross national income per capita (international dollars); **LE** = life expectancy at birth;

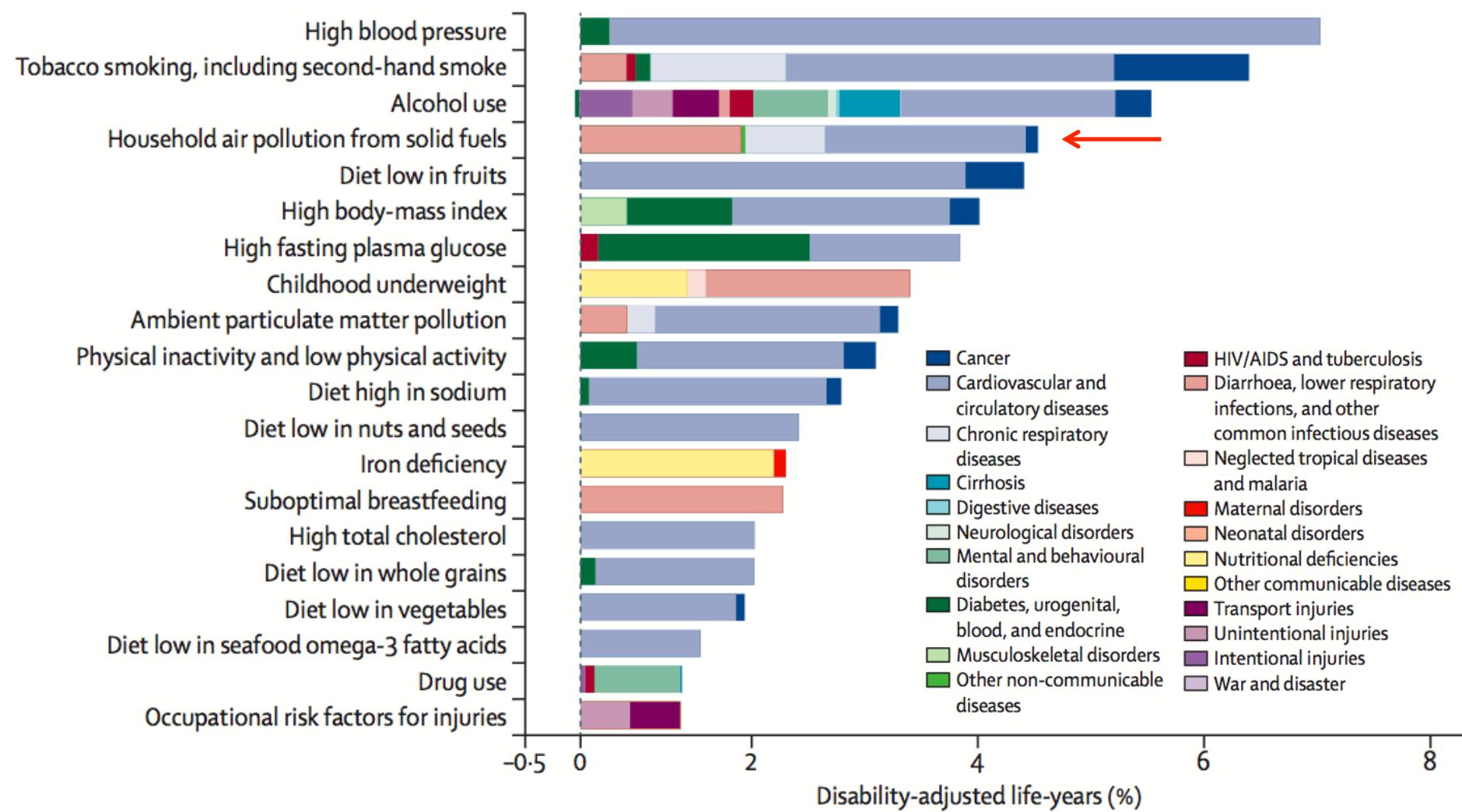
**LMIC** = low- and middle-income countries

# Global DALYs

Figure 20 : YLL, YLD and DALYs by region, 2004



# Global disease burden: 2010 update



Women and young children are especially at risk!

# Adverse health effects of biomass burning

**Table 3** Respiratory diseases associated with solid fuel use

Health outcome	Meta-analysis RR (95%CI) <sup>19*</sup>
Strong evidence <sup>†</sup>	
Acute lower respiratory infection (ALRI) in children <5 years of age in developing countries	2.3 (1.9–2.7) 1.78 (1.45–2.18) <sup>23</sup>
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in women >30 years of age, mainly homemakers residing in rural areas of developing countries	3.2 (2.3–4.8) 2.14 (1.78–2.58) <sup>18</sup>
Lung cancer (coal smoke exposure) in women >30 years of age	1.9 (1.1–3.5)
Moderate evidence <sup>‡</sup>	
COPD in men >30 years of age	1.8 (1.0–3.2)
Lung cancer (coal-smoke exposure) in men >30 years of age	1.5 (1.0–2.5)
Lung cancer (biomass smoke exposure) in women >30 years of age	1.5 (1.0–2.1)
Asthma in children aged 5–14 years	1.6 (1.0–2.5)
Asthma, >15 years of age	1.2 (1.0–1.5)
Tuberculosis, >15 years of age	1.5 (1.0–2.4)
Insufficient evidence <sup>§</sup>	
Upper airway cancer	
Low birth weight and perinatal mortality	
Cardiovascular diseases	

\*Meta-analysis results from reference 19, unless otherwise stated.

<sup>†</sup>Strong evidence: Some 15–20 observational studies for each condition, from developing countries. Evidence is consistent (significantly elevated risk in most, although not in all, studies); the effects are sizable, plausible, and supported by evidence from outdoor air pollution and smoking.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>‡</sup>Small number of studies, not all consistent (especially for asthma, which may reflect variations in definitions and condition by age), but supported by studies of outdoor air pollution, smoking, and laboratory animals.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>§</sup>Insufficient for quantification based on available evidence.<sup>19</sup>

RR = relative risk; CI = confidence interval.

# Pollutant-specific adverse health effects

**Table 2** Health-damaging pollutants as products of incomplete combustion of solid fuels<sup>11,12,21</sup>

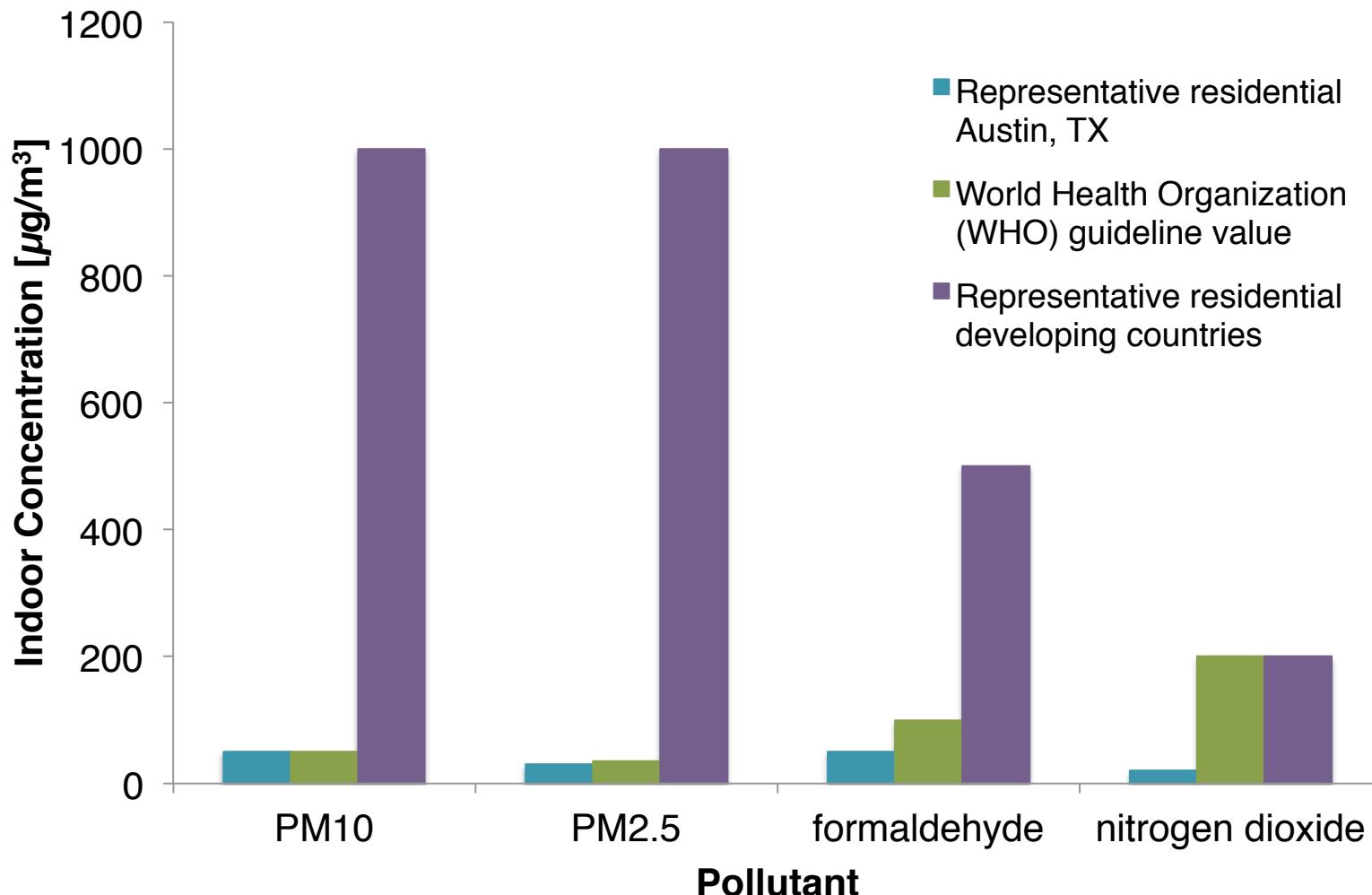
Smoke phases	Characteristics	Mechanism and associated health effects
Particulate	Variety of particulates, different size and composition Respirable size, mean aerodynamic diameter <10 µm (PM <sub>10</sub> ) Fine particles <2.5 µm (PM <sub>2.5</sub> ) can be deposited in the lower respiratory tract Organic and inorganic (metals, for example) pollutants can be carried by particulate matter In some cases, carcinogenic pollutants are attached to the particle, for example, higher molecular weight (5-ring and more) polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) such as benzo(a)pyrene	Cause irritation and oxidative stress (additive to other compounds) producing lung and airway inflammation, hyperresponsiveness, and in long-term exposures airway remodeling and emphysema Reduced mucociliary clearance and macrophage response Carcinogenic
Gaseous	Carbon monoxide (CO)  Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )  Sulfur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ), mainly from coal  Hundreds of different hydrocarbons Aldehydes and ketones Lower molecular weight (2–4 ring) PAHs  Some of these are classified as carcinogenic: 1,3 butadiene; benzene; styrene, and formaldehyde	Binds to hemoglobin interfering with transport of oxygen Headache, nausea, dizziness Low birth weight, increase in perinatal deaths. Feto-toxicant, has been associated with poor fetal growth  Irritant, affecting the mucosa of eyes, nose, throat, and respiratory tract Increased bronchial reactivity, longer-term exposure increases susceptibility to infections  Irritant, affecting the mucosa of eyes, nose, throat, and respiratory tract Increased bronchial reactivity, bronchoconstriction  Adverse effects are varied, including eye and upper and lower respiratory irritation, systemic effects Carcinogenic

Others possible are arsenic and fluorine from coal combustion.

# **QUANTIFYING EXPOSURES**

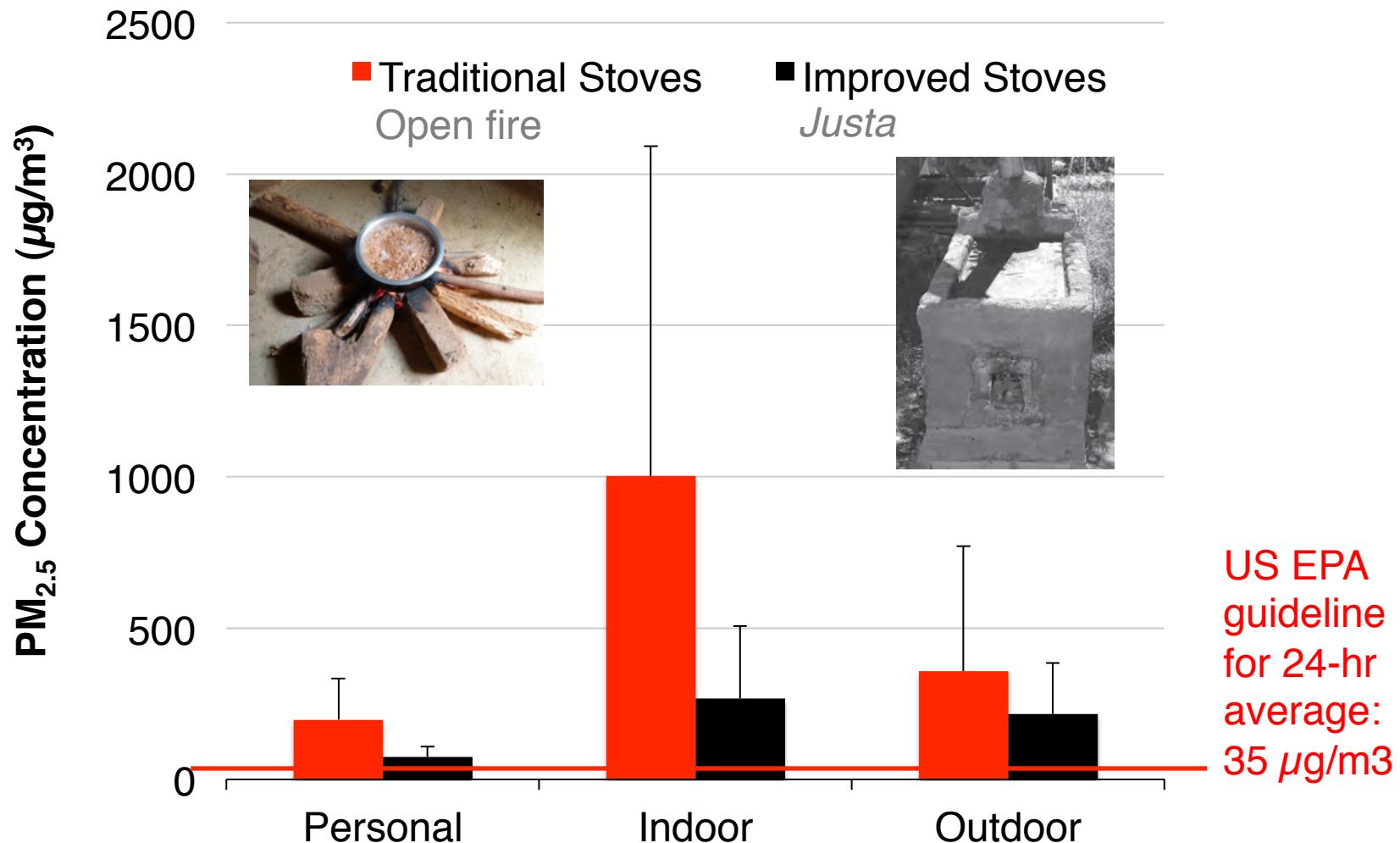
Indoor and household air pollution

# Representative pollutant concentrations

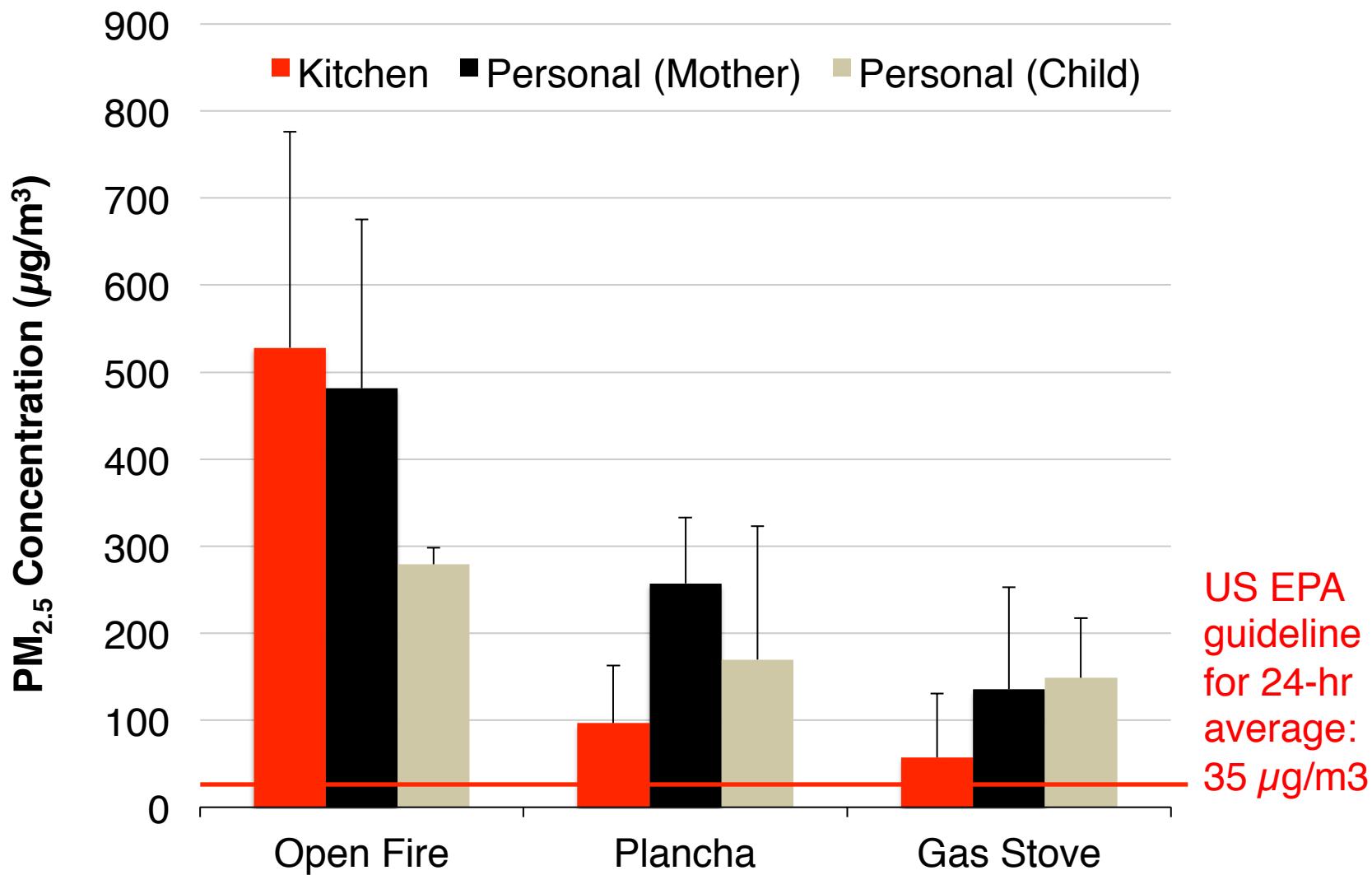


# New and old stoves in Honduras: PM<sub>2.5</sub>

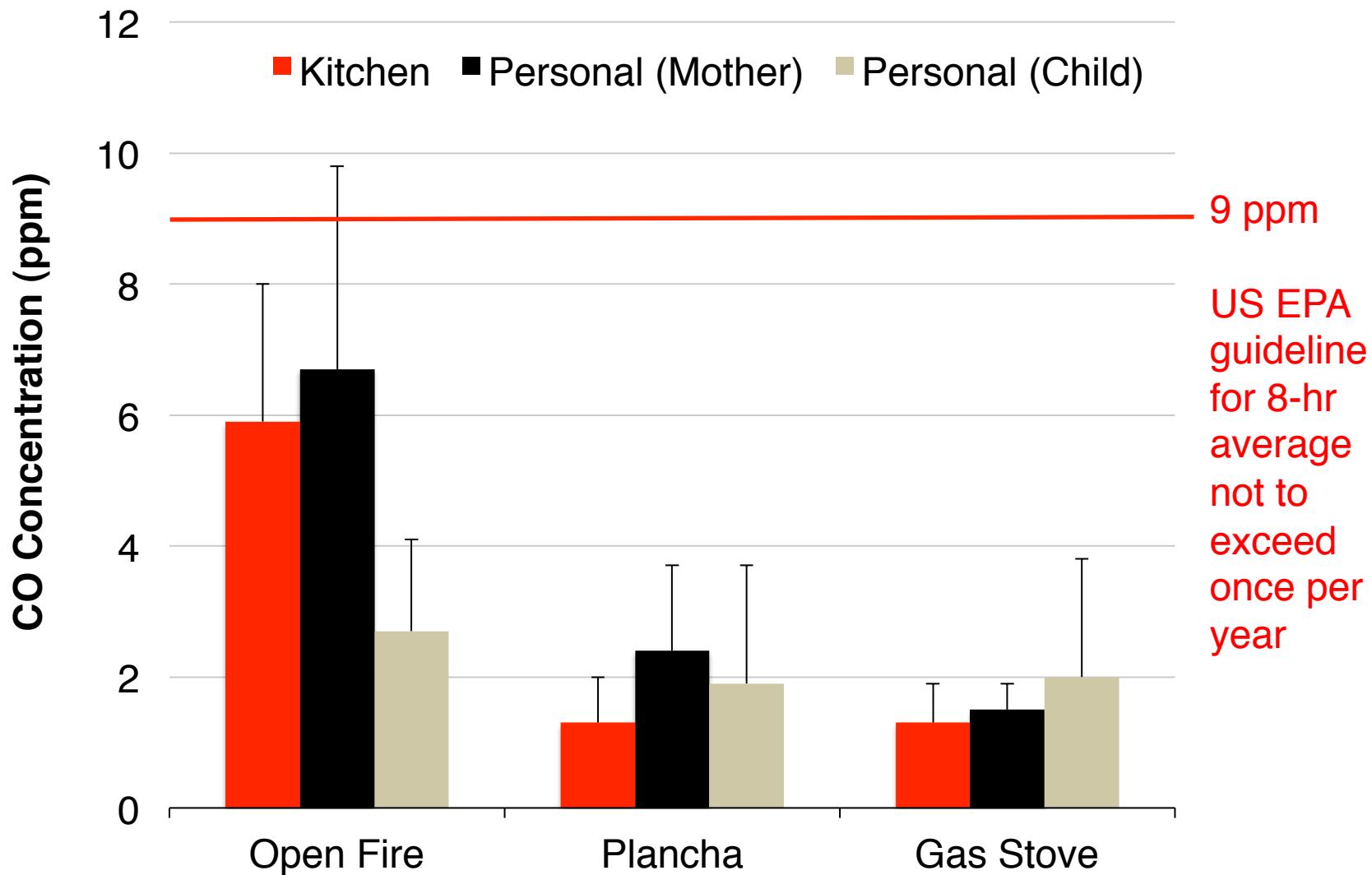
~30 homes each group



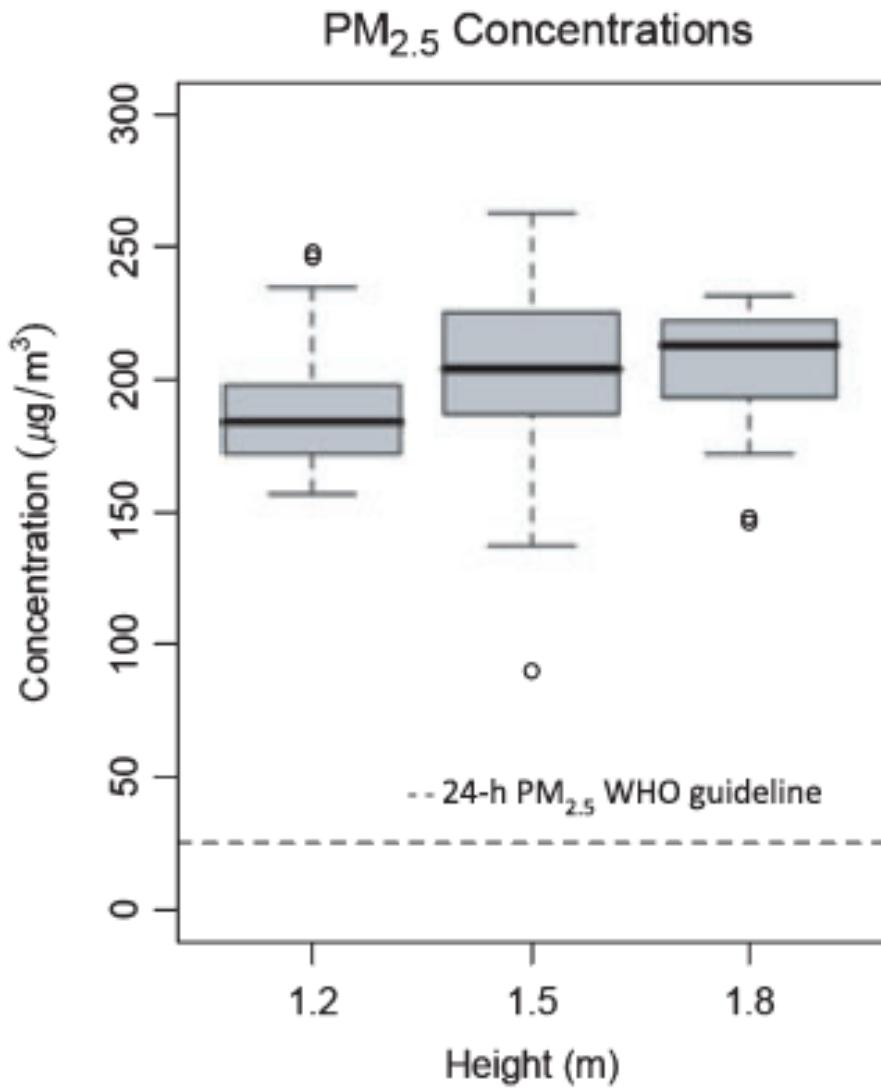
# New and old stoves in Guatemala: PM<sub>2.5</sub>



# New and old stoves in Guatemala: CO



# Kenya: Fuel-based lighting



Simple wick lamps



Test kiosk



# What pollutants do we measure?

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Carbon monoxide and PM

Why mostly only these two?

What are characteristics of desired equipment?

inexpensive

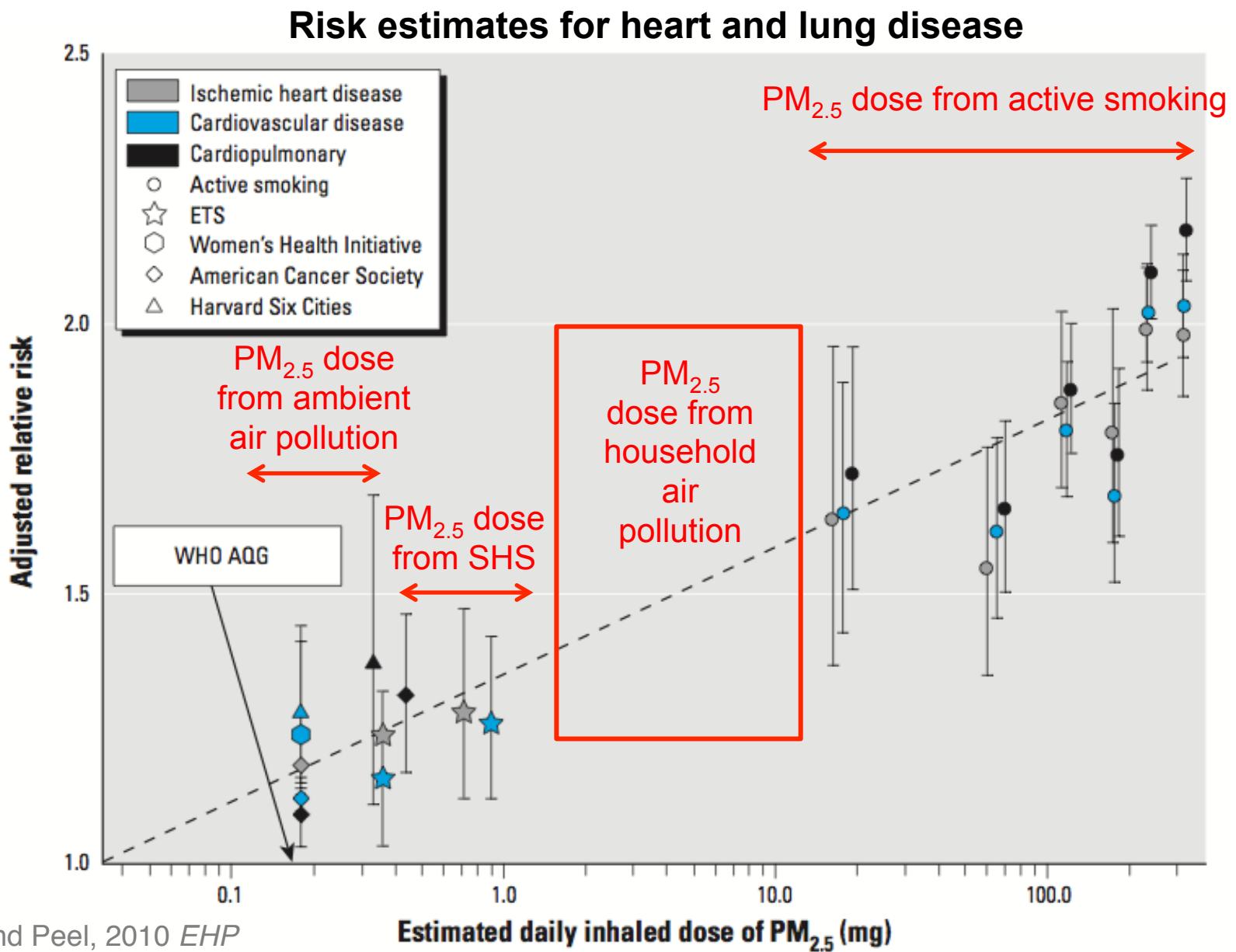
reliable

field calibrated

have continuous monitoring capacity

have sufficient data storage

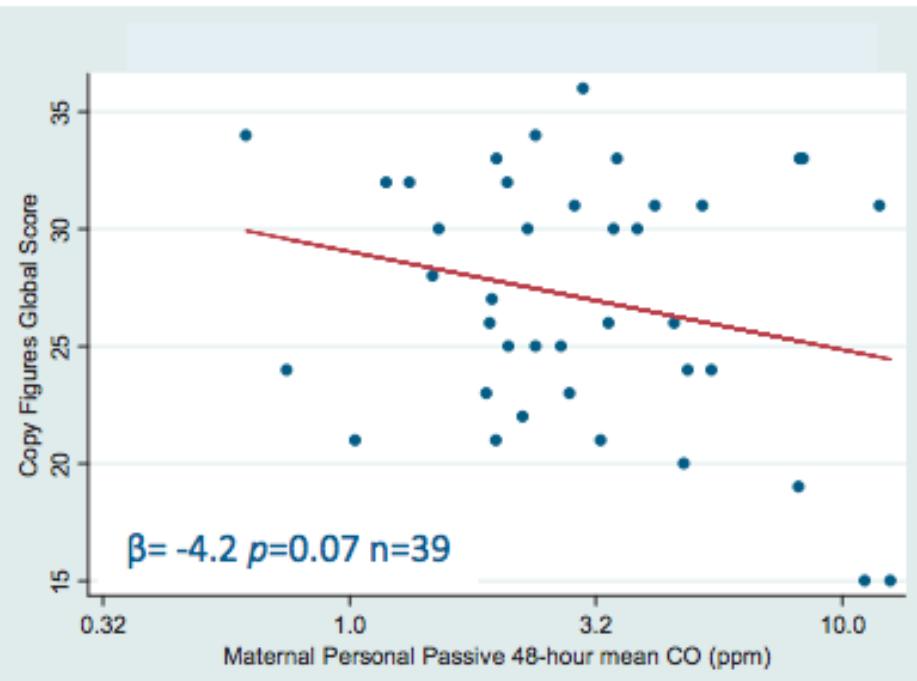
# What do these exposures mean for health effects?



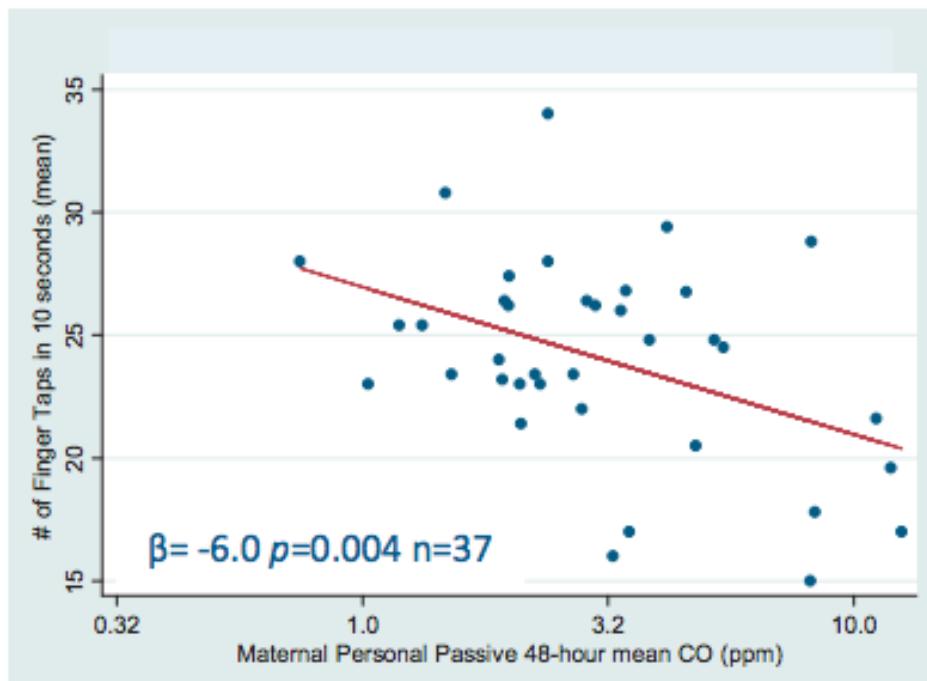
# **OTHER IMPACTS**

# Recent evidence of neurological effects

(A) Bender Gestalt-II Copy Figures Phase



(D) Reitan-Indiana Finger Tapping



Neurodevelopmental performance among school age children in rural Guatemala is associated with prenatal and postnatal exposure to carbon monoxide, a marker for exposure to woodsmoke

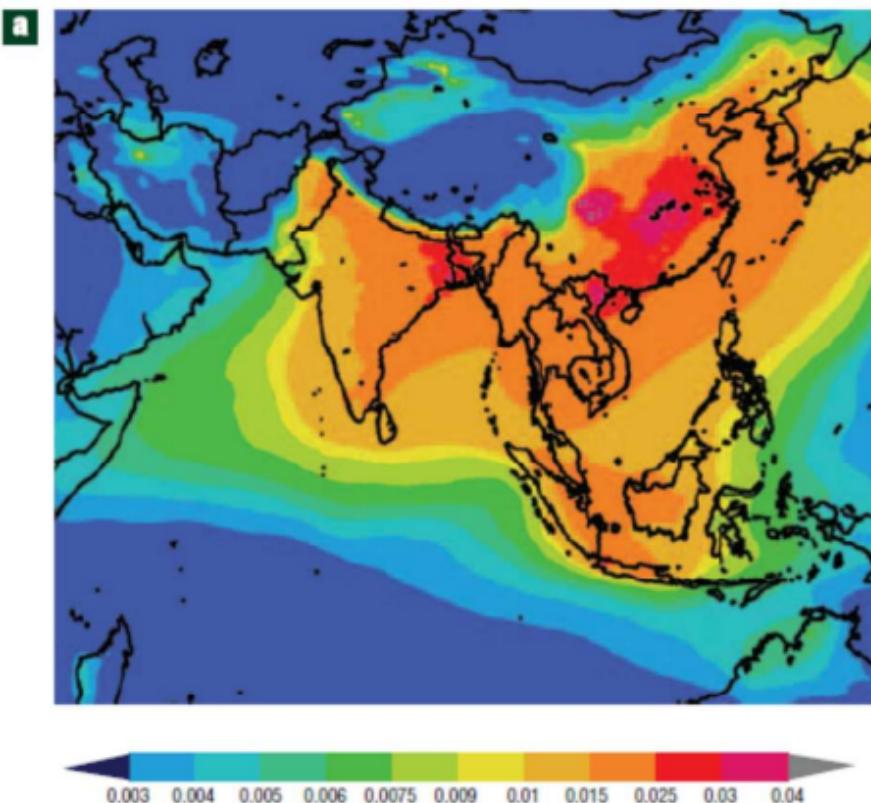
Linda Dix-Cooper<sup>a</sup>, Brenda Eskenazi<sup>b</sup>, Carolina Romero<sup>c</sup>, John Balmes<sup>a,d</sup>, Kirk R. Smith<sup>a,\*</sup>

Dix-Cooper et al., 2012 *NeuroToxicology*

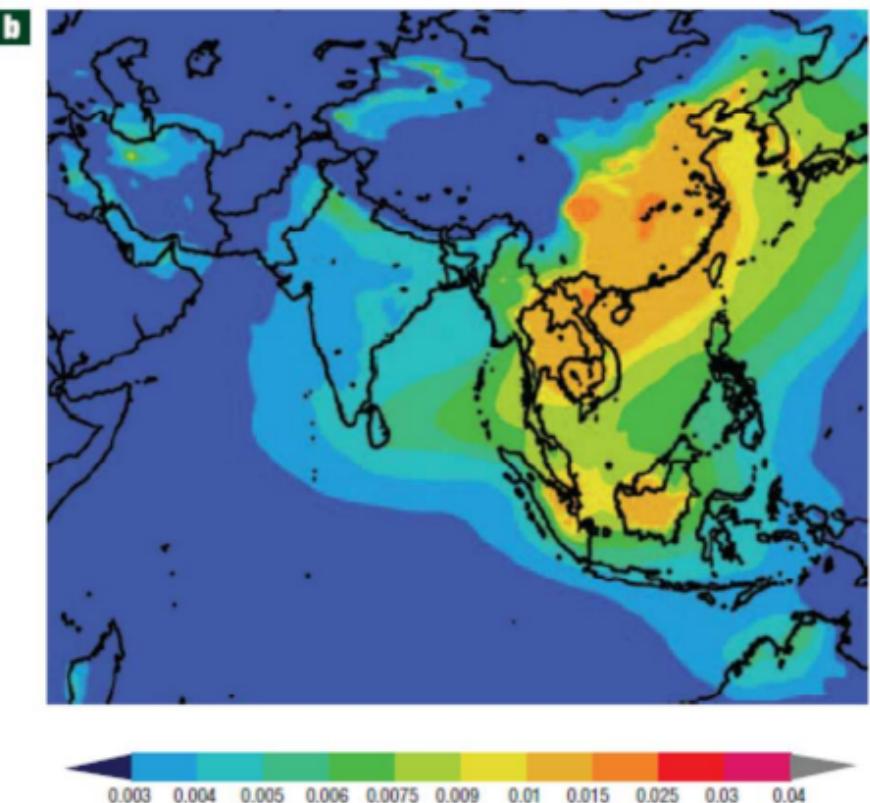
# Climate impacts

- Black carbon (BC) with and without cookstove burning:

**With cookstoves**



**Without cookstoves**

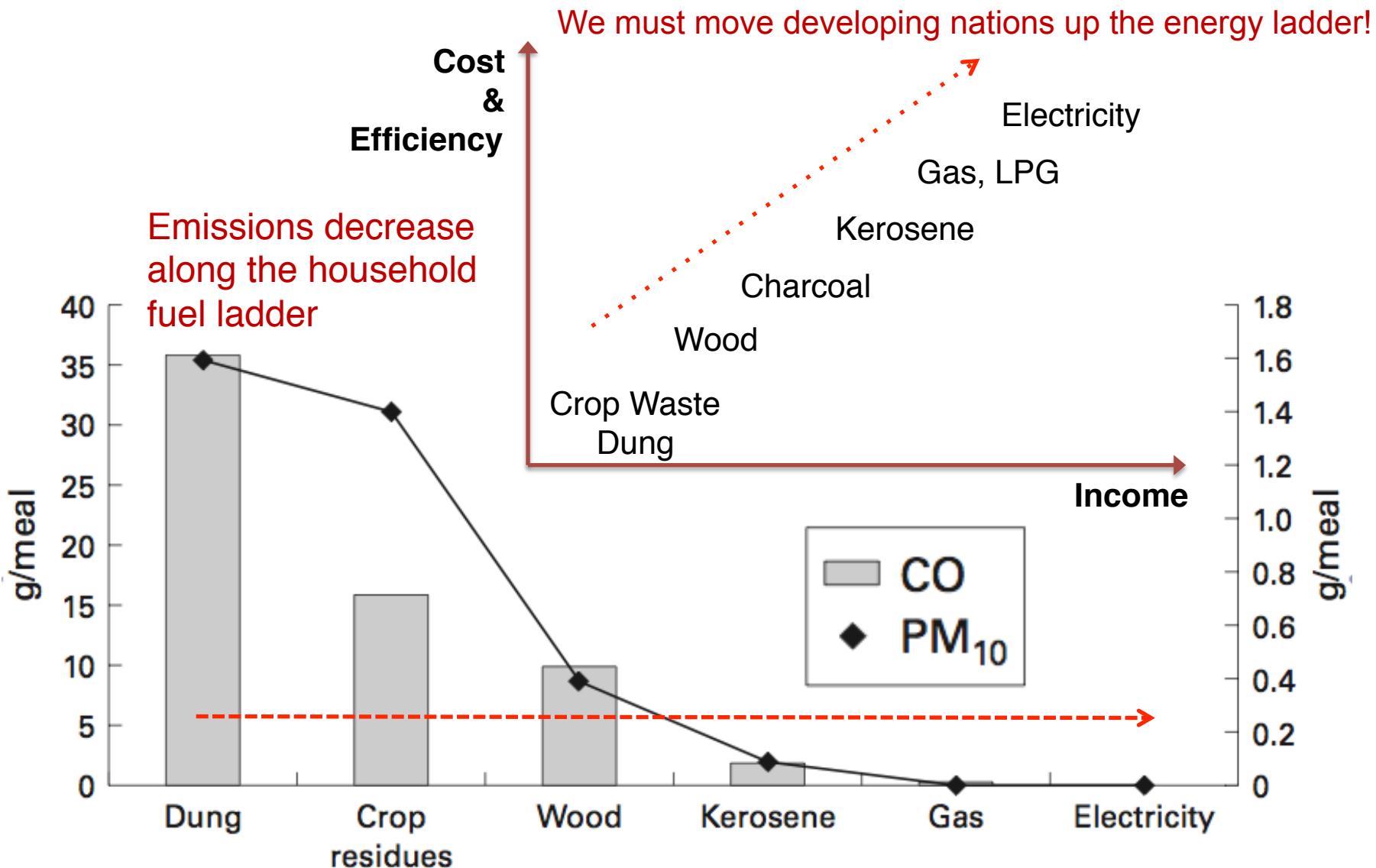


- BC is a contributor to global warming

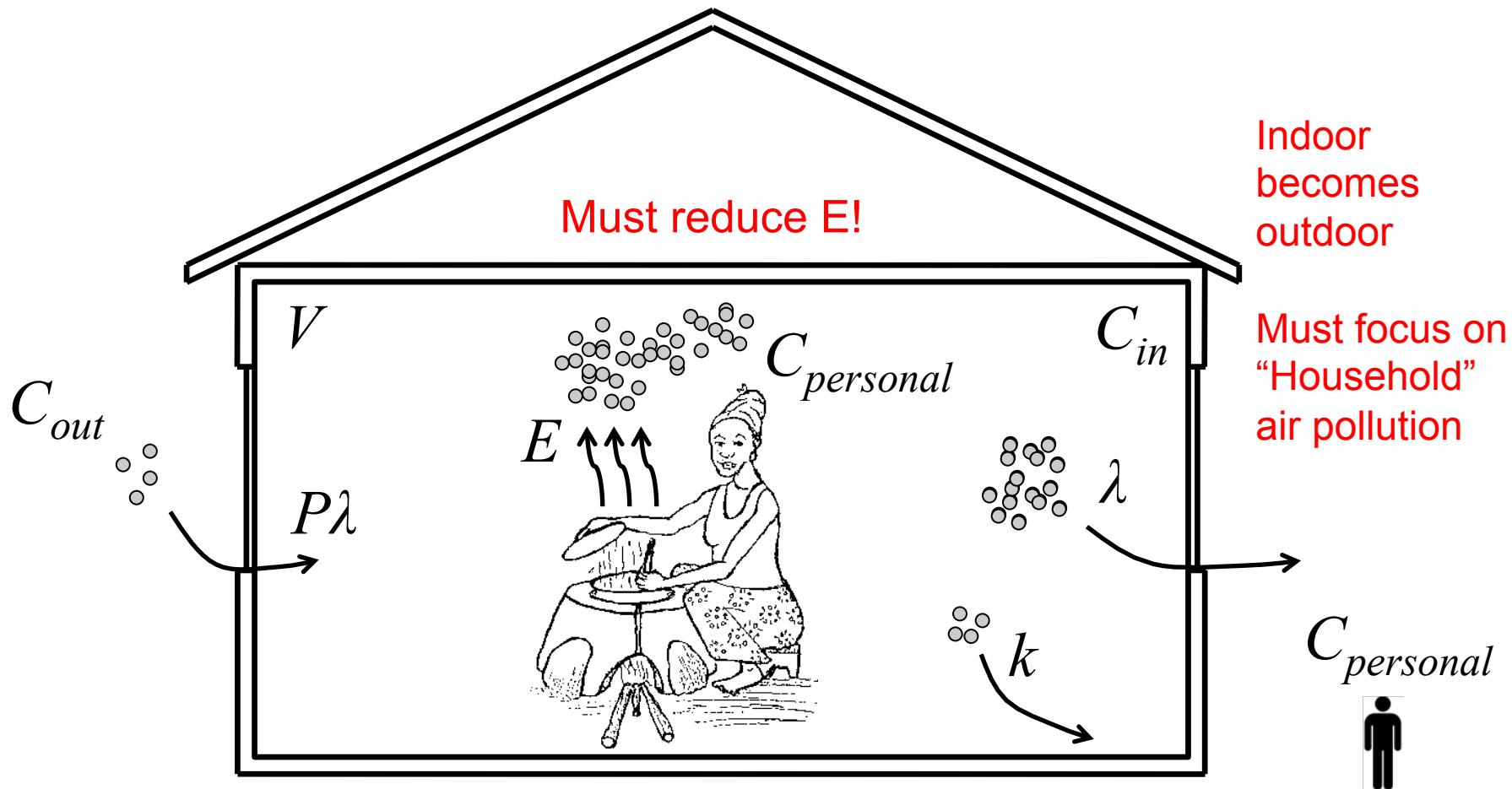
# **INTERVENTIONS**

Clean cook stove campaigns

# The energy ladder



# Fundamental parameters driving exposures



$C_{in}$  = Indoor concentration of pollutant  $C_{out}$  = Outdoor concentration of pollutant  $P$  = Penetration factor (-)  
 $\lambda$  = Air exchange rate ( $hr^{-1}$ )  $k$  = Indoor loss rate ( $hr^{-1}$ )  $V$  = Volume of home ( $m^3$ )  $E$  = Emission rate ( $mg hr^{-1}$ )

# Cook stove emissions

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$$\text{Emission Rate, } E = \frac{\text{Emission Factor}}{\text{Energy Density}} \times \text{Stove Power}$$

$$\text{Stove Power} = \frac{\text{Cooking Energy Needed}}{\text{Cooking Time} \times \eta}$$

*Emission Rate, E* = mg pollutant per hour

*Emission Factor* = mg pollutant per kg of fuel

*Energy Density* = MJ per kg of fuel

*Stove Power* = MJ per hour

*Efficiency* = MJ delivered per MJ burned

# Calculating emission rates

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## Typical values | Traditional Stove

- $\text{EF}_{\text{PM2.5}} = 5.2 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$
- Energy density of wood  $18 \text{ MJ kg}^{-1}$
- Stove power  $= 4.9 \text{ kJ s}^{-1}$ 
  - Cooking energy needed  $= 11 \text{ MJ}$
  - Thermal efficiency  $= 14\%$
  - Cooking time  $= 4.5 \text{ hours}$

$$E = \frac{5.2 \text{ g PM}_{2.5}}{\text{kg fuel}} \times \frac{\text{kg fuel}}{18 \text{ MJ}} \times 4.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{\text{MJ}}{1000 \text{ kJ}} = 5 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{hr}}$$

# Indoor concentrations

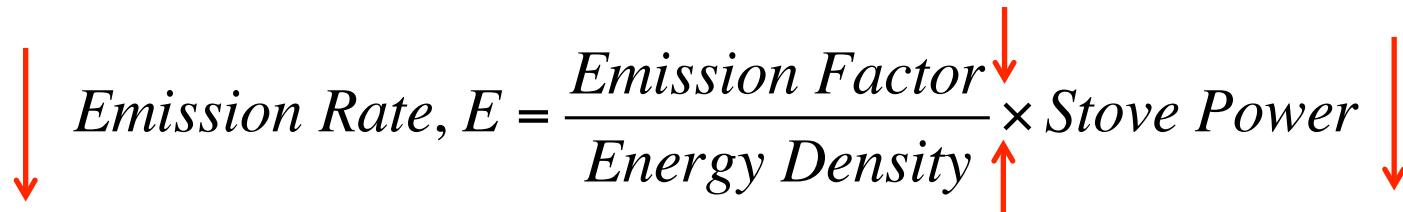
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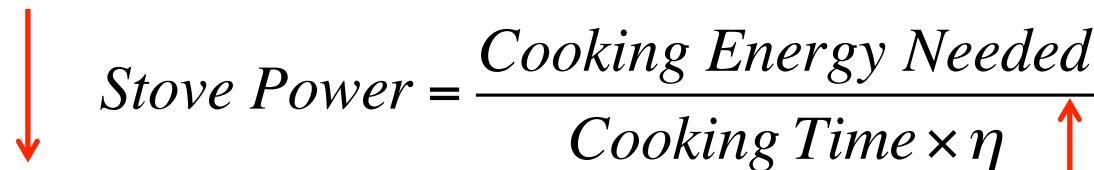
$$C_{ss} = PC_{out} + \frac{E/V}{\lambda + k} = \frac{E}{\lambda V}$$

- AER,  $\lambda = 25 \text{ hr}^{-1}$
- Kitchen volume,  $V = 30 \text{ m}^3$
- $E_{PM2.5} = 5 \text{ g hr}^{-1}$
- $C_{ss} = 0.0067 \text{ g m}^{-3} \approx 7 \text{ mg m}^{-3} \approx 7000 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
- WHO PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard =  $35 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
- **200 times higher**

# Cookstoves: What has to change?

- Everything!

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Stoves must get better  
Fuels must get better

Can't just add a chimney

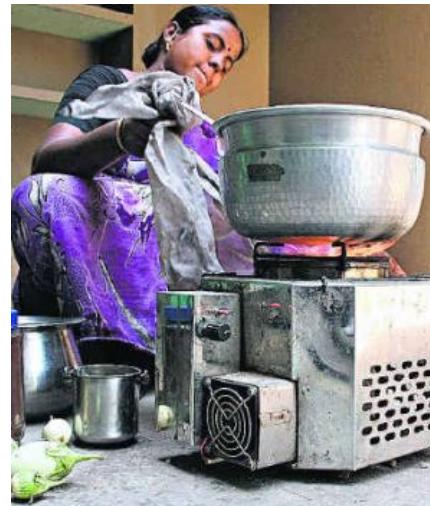
Cookstoves are major sources of outdoor pollution

31-44% of primary PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions in China  
50-56% in India

# Enter: clean cook stoves

## What is a clean cook stove?

1. Meets social, resource, income, and behavior needs
2. Improved performance relative to baseline conditions
  - Pollutant emissions and energy efficiency
3. Scalable through markets or other mechanisms

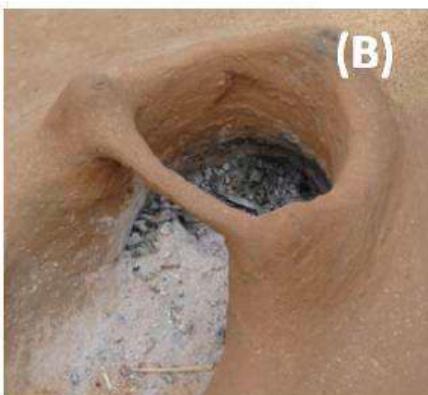


# Example stoves

Traditional  
biomass *chulha*



Traditional coal  
*chulha*



Improved *chulha*



Kerosene



(A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

(E)

(F)

(G)

(H)



Biogas

Commercial  
biomass *bhati*

Commercial coal  
*bhati*

LPG stove

# Example stoves



Fig. 1 – Stoves tested: A. Ecostove, B. VITA, C. UCODEA charcoal, D. WFP rocket, E. 3-stone fire, F. Philips, G. 6-brick rocket, H. Lakech charcoal, I. NLS, J. UCODEA rocket.

# Ongoing research

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- Emissions tests continue to be improved and conducted on more stoves
  - Often stark contrasts between laboratory and field test results
  - Some have turned to modeling efforts in stove design
- Exposure measurement studies continue to be conducted
  - Often coupled with health outcome studies
  - These take time, effort, and \$\$\$ to do it right (i.e., randomized trials)
- The elephant in the room: **cook stove adoption**

# Barriers to widespread adoption

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- Previous reports have shown that stove implementation campaigns have been costly
  - And often result in poor adoption
- People often prefer their old inefficient stoves
  - Tradition or cooking preference
- People often use a mix of old and new stoves
  - “Stove stacking”
- People often alter their new stoves, diminishing effectiveness
- New stoves have had excessive costs
- Failures to integrate women in the stove design process

# Social and behavioral aspects

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- Stove adoption in El Fortin, Nicaragua
  - Problems with “culturally unfamiliar” stoves
  - Unfamiliar fuel types
- Surveyed 124 cooks in semi-rural Nicaragua
  - 1 year after introduction of improved cookstoves
- 48% still used their traditional open fire stoves
  - Often mixed
- Almost all preferred the new stove overall
- Many made adjustments to new stoves
  - Removing the plancha (griddle surface)
  - Leaving edges unsealed

# For more information

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## Indoor Air Pollution in Developing Countries: Research and Implementation Needs for Improvements in Global Public Health



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### Barriers and research and implementation needs

- Costs of improved cook stove programs have been too high
  - Costs must come down
- Research and implementation agencies need to integrate
  - Lab testing, field testing, and implementation together
- Mixed successes with stove adoption
  - Wide array of researchers need to work to understand adoption
- Indoor (and household) concentrations are still too high after new stoves
  - Engineers need to continue to develop cleaner and more efficient stoves
- Health assessments remain limited to draw robust conclusions
  - Need to standardize measurements/metrics to conduct larger scale intervention studies
- Instrumentation is a significant barrier to exposure studies
  - Need to develop low-cost reliable sensors

# **GET INVOLVED**

# Partnership for Clean Indoor Air

The Partnership for Clean Indoor Air

<http://www.pciaonline.org/>



537 partner organizations contributing resources and expertise to reduce pollutant exposure from cooking and heating practices in households around the world.

## Essential elements of effective, sustainable household energy and health programs:

1. Meeting the needs of local communities for clean, efficient, affordable and safe cooking and heating options
2. Improved cooking technologies, fuels and practices for reducing indoor air pollution
3. Developing commercial markets for clean and efficient technologies and fuels
4. Monitoring and evaluating the health, social, economic and environmental impact of household energy interventions

# Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves is a new public-private partnership to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and combat climate change by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions. The Alliance's 100 by '20 goal calls for 100 million homes to adopt clean and efficient stoves and fuels by 2020.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves. At the top left is the logo 'GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN COOKSTOVES'. At the top right are language links: English, Español, and 中文. Below the logo is a sub-headline: 'The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves is a public-private initiative to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and combat climate change by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions.' To the right of this is the text 'An Initiative Led by The UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION'. A search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the placeholder 'Search ...' is located on the right. The main navigation menu includes links for OVERVIEW, THE ALLIANCE, RESOURCES, ABOUT US, and WORKING GROUPS. The central feature is a large photograph of a woman and two children sitting near a traditional cookstove. A blue banner at the bottom of this photo contains the text: 'Exposure to cookstove smoke doubles a child's risk of contracting pneumonia.' and 'photo by: Michael Benanav'. To the right of the photo is a 'LEARN MORE' section with five cards: 'The Martha Stewart Show' (with a photo of Martha Stewart), 'Impact and Solution' (with a photo of a fire), 'Improve Health' (with a photo of a person), 'Help Women' (with a photo of a woman), and a 'VIEW ALL POSTS >' link. Social media icons for RSS, Facebook, and Twitter are also present.

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1.9 million people die each year due to inefficient and dangerous cookstoves.  
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 **Help Women**  
Women and children are exposed to toxic fumes emitted from unhealthy cookstoves.  
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Exposure to cookstove smoke doubles a child's risk of contracting pneumonia.  
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# Resources for getting involved

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- Some EWB resources
  - GA Tech: [http://ewb-gt.org/?page\\_id=1568](http://ewb-gt.org/?page_id=1568)
  - Michigan Tech: <http://ewb.students.mtu.edu/>
- Some important academic groups in this field
  - Kirk Smith, UC-Berkeley: <http://ehs.sph.berkeley.edu/krsmith/>
  - Ashok Gadgil, LBL: <http://cookstoves.lbl.gov/>
  - Tami bond, UIUC: <http://www.hiwater.org/>
  - CSU Engines Lab:  
<http://www.eecl.colostate.edu/research/household.php>
  - Modi group, Columbia: <http://modi.mech.columbia.edu/>
  - Duke: <http://sites.duke.edu/cookstove/>
- Other important groups
  - Berkeley Air Monitoring Group: <http://www.berkeleyair.com/>
  - Trees, Water, People: <http://www.treeswaterpeople.org/>
  - Aprovecho: <http://www.aprovecho.org>
  - Bioenergylists: <http://www.stoves.bioenergylists.org/>