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IAQ measurement techniques

IAQ in developing countries

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Today's lecture

- Today:
 - Take-home exam due
- 1. IAQ measurement techniques
- 2. IAQ in developing countries

IAQ MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES

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Motivation

- Throughout this course we've described a variety of indoor airborne pollutants
- Most can be categorized into:
 - Inorganic gases (e.g., O₃, CO, CO₂)
 - Organic gases (e.g., VOCs, aldehydes, SVOCs)
 - Particulate matter
 - Mass
 - Number
 - Biological
- But we haven't discussed how to measure all of these yet
 - Other than particulate matter last week

MEASURING INORGANIC GASES

CO, CO₂, and O₃

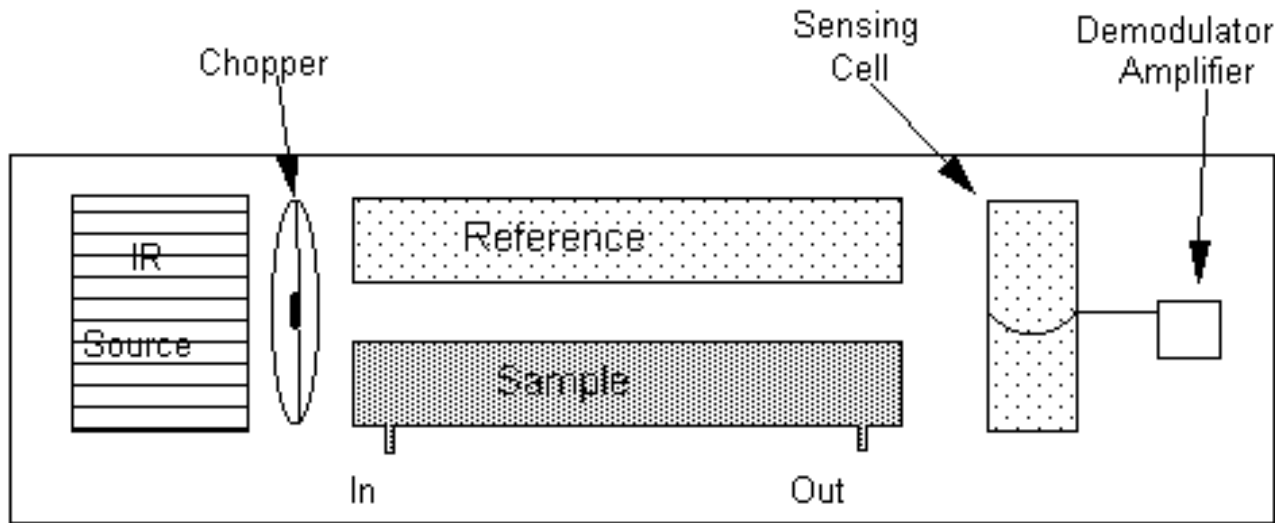
Techniques for measuring CO

- Electrochemical (common for hand held or home devices)
 - Two electrodes
 - Oxidize CO to CO₂ → generates electric current
- Biomimetic (gel cell)
 - Synthetic hemoglobin – darkens in presence of CO (color change)
- Semiconductor (wires of tin dioxide / ceramic base)
 - CO reduces resistance
 - Works for high CO concentrations
- Non-Dispersive Infrared Detection (NDIR)
 - Relies on absorption band (similar for other instruments, e.g. CO₂)

Techniques for measuring CO₂

- Non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) → most common
- Electrochemical (reduce CO₂ → generate current)
- Photoacoustic (CO₂ absorbs light energy → measure pressure change)
 - Photoacoustic effect relates pressure change to CO₂ conc.
- Potentiometric (CO₂ into solution – changes pH)
- Gas chromatography w/ MS or TCD
 - High sensitivity
 - High cost

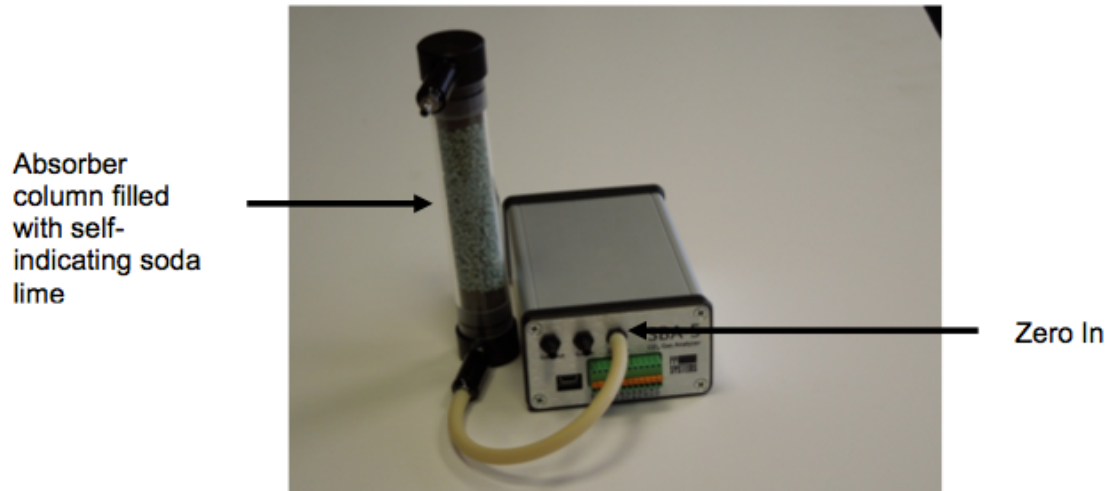
Non-dispersive infrared (NDIR)



- Measures the infrared light absorbed by CO₂ as it passes through a flow-through IR absorption cell
 - CO₂ peak absorbance @ 4.3 μm (higher CO₂, higher absorption)
 - Possible interference from other species (H₂O, CO)
 - Interferences from other IR-absorbing gases are minimized by use of a highly wavelength-specific detector

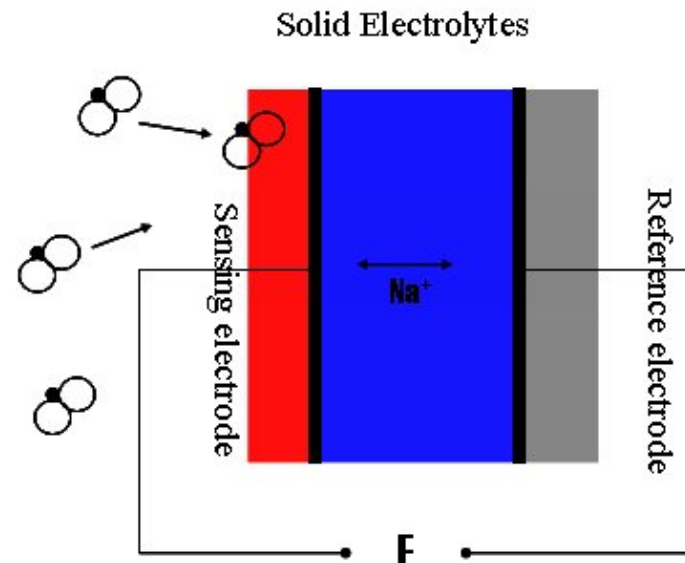
Dealing with interference and NDIR

- PP Systems SBA-5 CO₂ analyzer
- IR beam at 4.26 μm (similar to light bulb)
- Positioned at one end of a tube with a sensor sensitive to photons at 4.26 μm at the other end
- The cell absorbs CO₂ and the sensor reading decreases
- New feature: auto-zero w/ soda lime



Electrochemical sensing

- CO₂ diffuses into the sensor through a porous membrane to the working electrode
 - Causes electrochemical reaction, oxidizes the target gas
- This reaction results in an electric current that passes through the external circuit



Ozone measurements: Diffusion badges

- Personal diffusion badges
 - Diffusion-based; chemical coating
 - The principle component of the coating is nitrite ion, which in the presence of ozone is oxidized to nitrate ion on the filter medium
 - $\text{NO}_2^- + \text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{NO}_3^- + \text{O}_2$
 - After sample collection, the filters are extracted with ultrapure water and analyzed for nitrate ion by ion chromatography
 - Useful for inexpensive, long-term samples



Ozone measurements: UV absorbance



- Measure ozone by comparing transmission of light through a detection cell (ozone peak absorbance at 254 nm)
 - UV, not IR
- Light intensity measurements are made with ozone present and with ozone removed
 - Ozone measured using Beer-Lambert Law

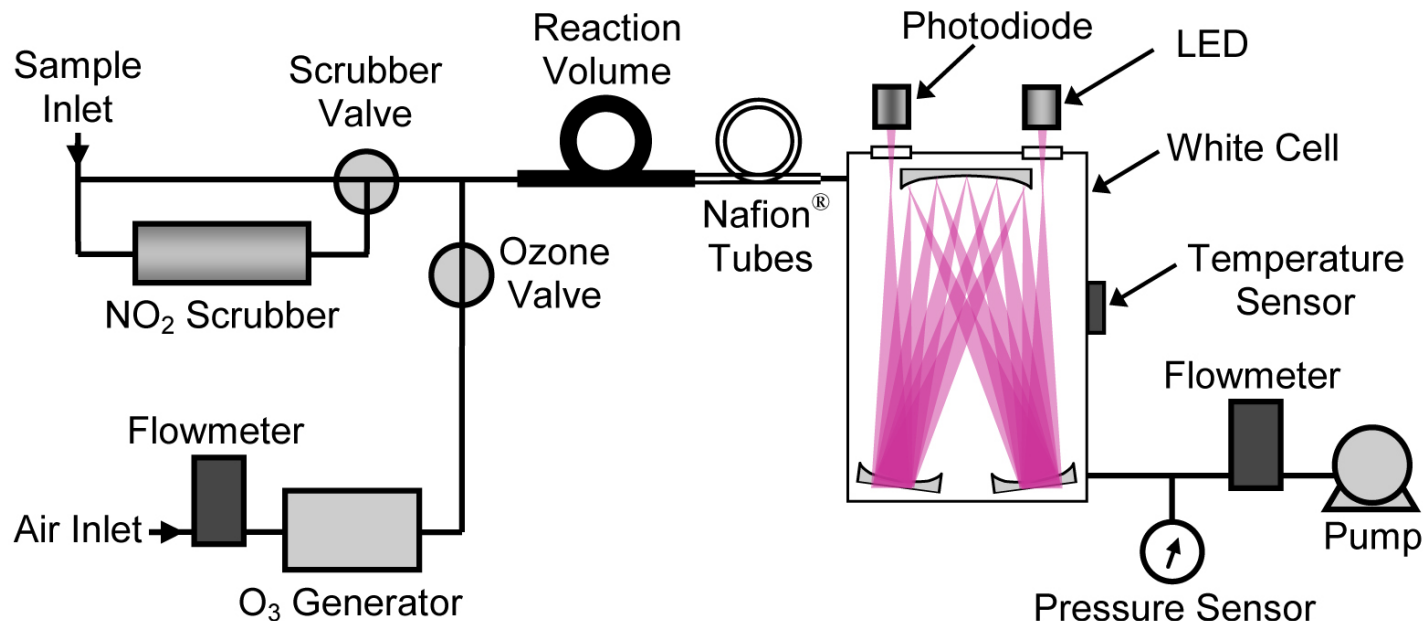
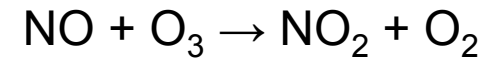
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NO_x measurements: UV

- UV example: 2B Technologies Model 405
- Measures NO_x = NO + NO₂



- NO₂ is measured using absorbance at 405 nm
- NO is measured by 100% conversion of NO with O₃
 - Measured by bypassing NO₂ scrubber and measuring light intensity with and without adding O₃ to convert NO to NO₂

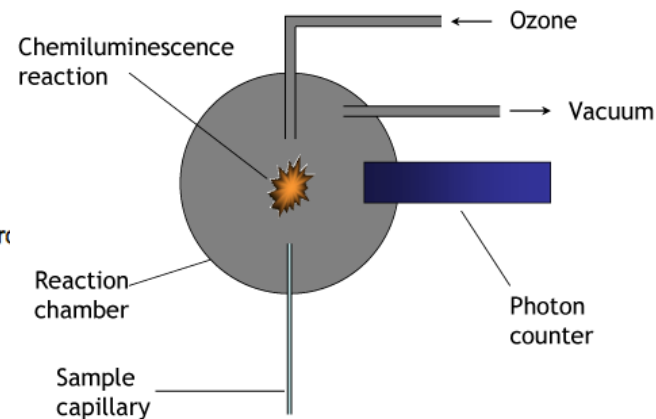
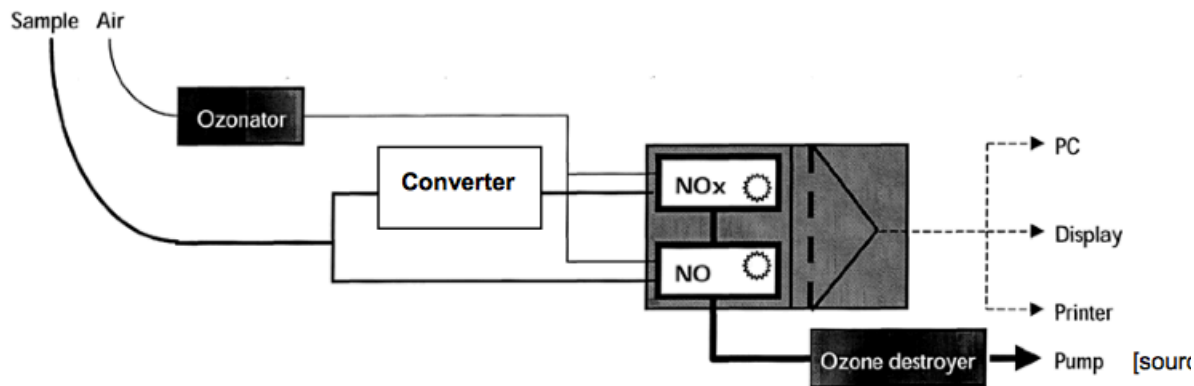


NO_x measurements: Chemiluminescence

- Reaction between NO and O₃ emits light
- Photons produced are detected by a photo multiplier tube
 - Output voltage is proportional to NO concentration



Nitrogen monoxide + Ozone ==> Nitrogen dioxide + Oxygen



MEASURING ORGANIC GASES (VOC AND SVOC)

Sample Collection Methods

- Two methods:

1. Real-time measurement/analysis

- Generally has a sensor (mostly FID, PID)
- Some have separation (w/ GC) + sensor
- Also: colorimetric tubes (general: MDL > 1 ppm)



2. Collect air sample for laboratory analysis

- Whole-volume samplers (canisters, bags)
- Concentration samplers (sorbents, SPME)
 - Either case: preservation and analysis in laboratory

Canister samples

- Whole volume
- Grab versus integrated
- EPA Methods TO-14/15
- Benefits:
 - Inert/impermeable
 - Lots of experience
 - Multiple analyses can be done
- Drawbacks
 - Bulky
 - Requires cleaning
 - Can get scratched
 - Sample stability (reactions)



1 – 15 L



400 mL

Tedlar bags

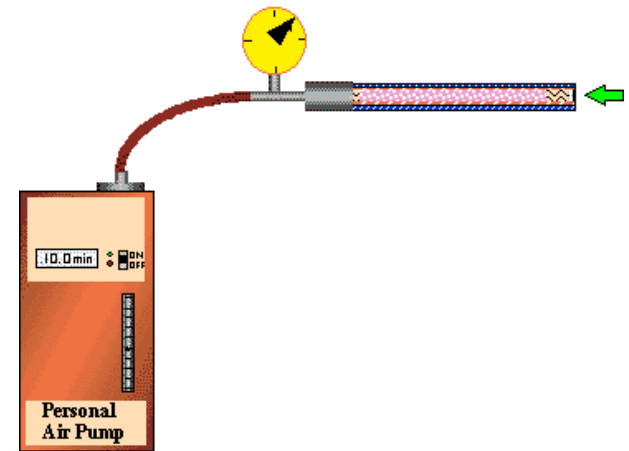
- Whole volume
- Tedlar = polyvinylfluoride
- Pump to collect (unlike canisters)
- Benefits:
 - Inert / impervious (like cans)
 - Repeat samples (like cans)
 - Lighter than cans
 - Lower initial cost than cans
- Disadvantages:
 - Not as reusable as cans
 - Susceptible to tearing
 - Requires cleaning
 - Stability with some compounds



0.5 – 100 L

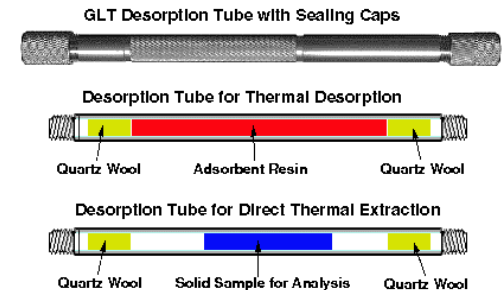
Sorbent sampling

- VOC adsorbs to solid adsorbent
- Passive sampling
 - Similar to ozone badge but w/out reaction
 - Integrated sample over 24 hours, etc.
 - Indoor, personal, outdoor
- Active Sampling
 - Pump air through a packed tube
 - Collect mass over known volume
 - $C = m/V$
 - Short-term vs. integrated
 - More control, but more difficult



Sorbent tubes

- EPA Method TO-17 = TD/GC/MS (important)
- Various sorbents can be used
 - TO-17 page 33
 - Need to match VOC types/ranges with sorbent
- Some issues
 - Method detection limit, precision, accuracy (pg. 28/29)
 - Sample preservation
 - Breakthrough volume
 - Artifact formation (especially via ozone)
 - Sorbent pre-conditioning / breakdown over time
- Use of multi-sorbent beds
- Focus on Tenax-TA



Sorbent: Tenax-TA

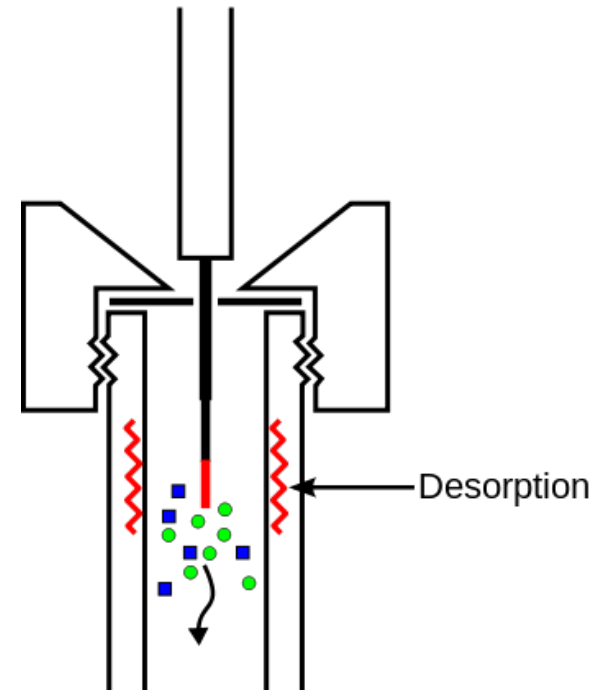
- 2,6-diphenylene oxide polymer resin (porous)
- Specific area = 35 m²/g
- Pore size = 200 nm (average)
- Density = 0.25 g/cm³
- Various mesh sizes (e.g., 60/80)
- Low affinity for water (good for high RH)
- Non-polar VOCs ($T_b > 100$ °C); polar ($T_b > 150$ °C)
 - lighter polar – Carbotrap and Carbopack-B common
- Artifacts w/ O₃: benzaldehyde, phenol, acetophenone

Solid-Phase Micro-Extraction (SPME)

- Uses a fiber coated with an extracting phase:
 - PDMS / DVB / Carboxen
- Benefits
 - Highly concentrating for many indoor VOCs (ppt levels)
 - Can get VVOCs
 - Reusable
 - Relatively low cost
 - Small / light weight
 - Possible use in other media
 - Ease of injection to GC

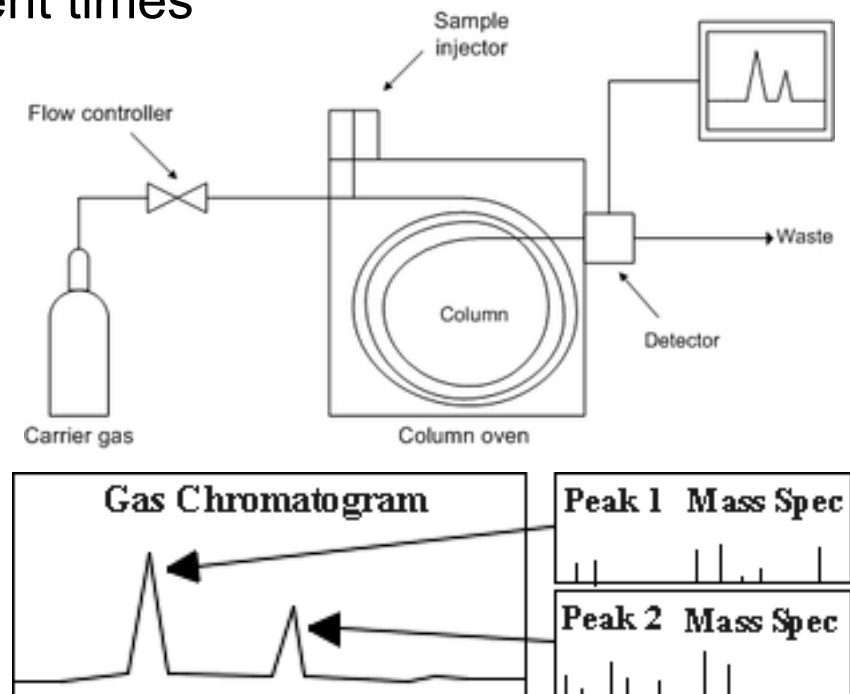
- Drawbacks

- Less experience / acceptability
- Preservation issues
- Difficulties w/ calibration

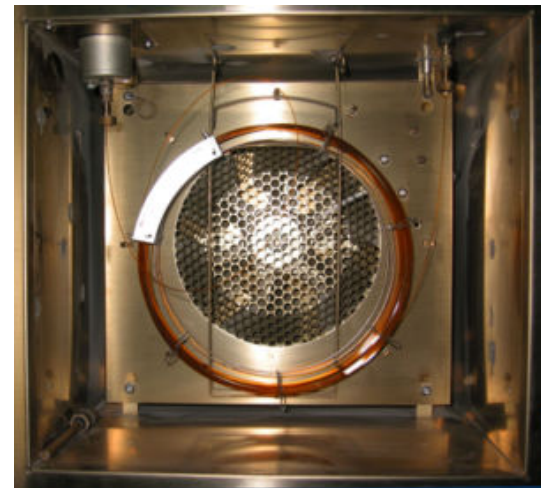
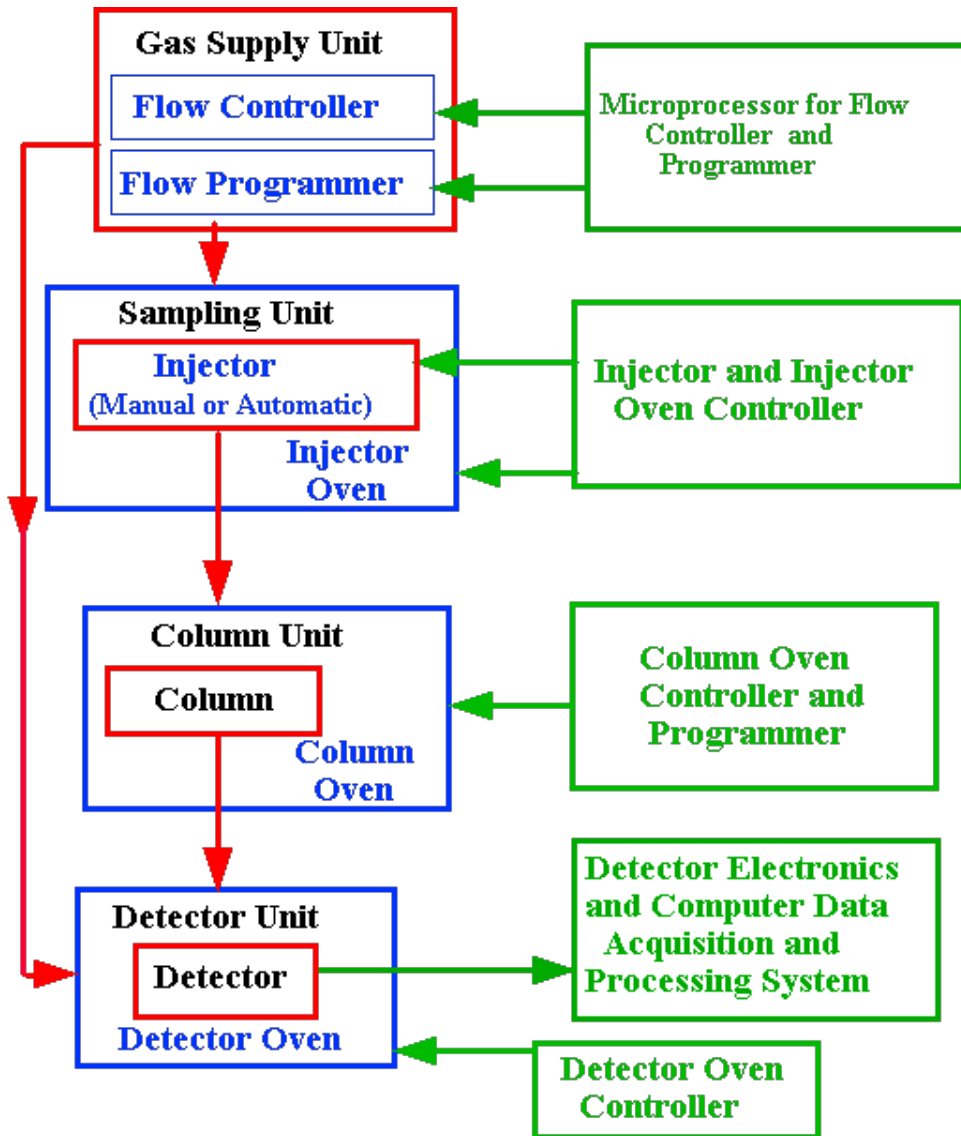


Gas Chromatography (GC)

- GC is used to separate compounds
 - Compounds are vaporized into an inert carrier gas through a capillary column
- Capillary column
 - Stationary microscopic layer of liquid or polymer on inert solid support inside a piece of glass or metal tubing
 - Causes compound to elute at different times
 - Retention time
- Thermal program of GC oven
- Temporal passage to a detector
 - Analyze “peaks”
 - Analyze molecular fragments (MS)



Gas Chromatography (GC)



GC issues

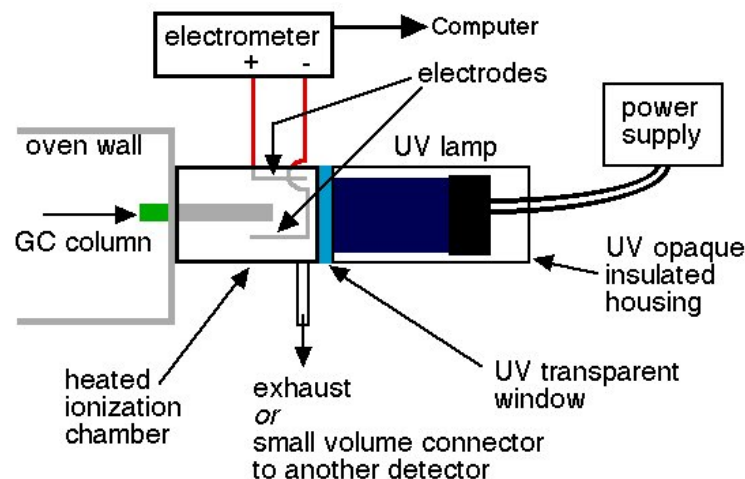
- Type of injection?
- Need to cryo focus for low molecular weight volatiles?
- Type of column?
- Type of detector?
 - If MS, model of detection
- Temperature programs
- Instrument calibration / response

Detectors

- Flame ionization detector (FID)
 - Photoionization detector (PID)
 - Electron capture detector (ECD)
- } Non-specific or speciated (w/ GC)
- Mass spectrometer (MS)
- } w/ speciated (w/ GC)
- These are primary detectors for VOCs in indoor air
 - Specific uses vary considerably

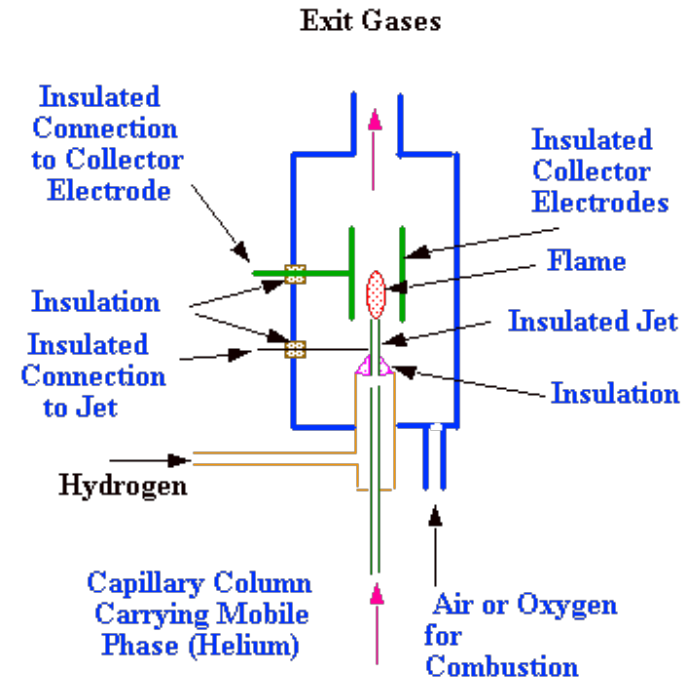
Photoionization Detectors (PID)

- UV light ionizes VOCs --- $R + h\nu \rightarrow R^+ + e^-$
- Collected by electrodes = current
- VOCs with different ionization potential
- Benefits
 - Simple to use
 - Sample non-destructive (relatively)
- Drawbacks
 - No identification/speciation
 - Highly variable responses
 - Not all VOCs detected
 - Lamp burnout / contamination



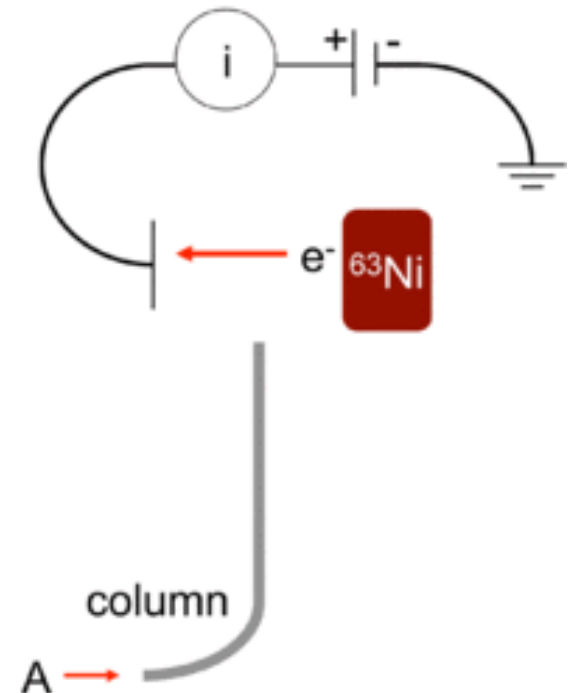
Flame Ionization Detectors (FID)

- Relatively simple system
- Hydrogen flame → ions formed
 - Ions migrate to plate, generate a current
 - Hydrocarbons have molar response proportional to the number of carbon atoms in their molecule
- Detection – typical to pg/s
- Benefits
 - Rugged, low cost, workhorse
 - Linear response over wide range
 - Insensitive to H₂O, CO₂, SO₂, CO, NO_x
- Drawbacks
 - No identification
 - Lower response if not simple HC
 - Destructive testing



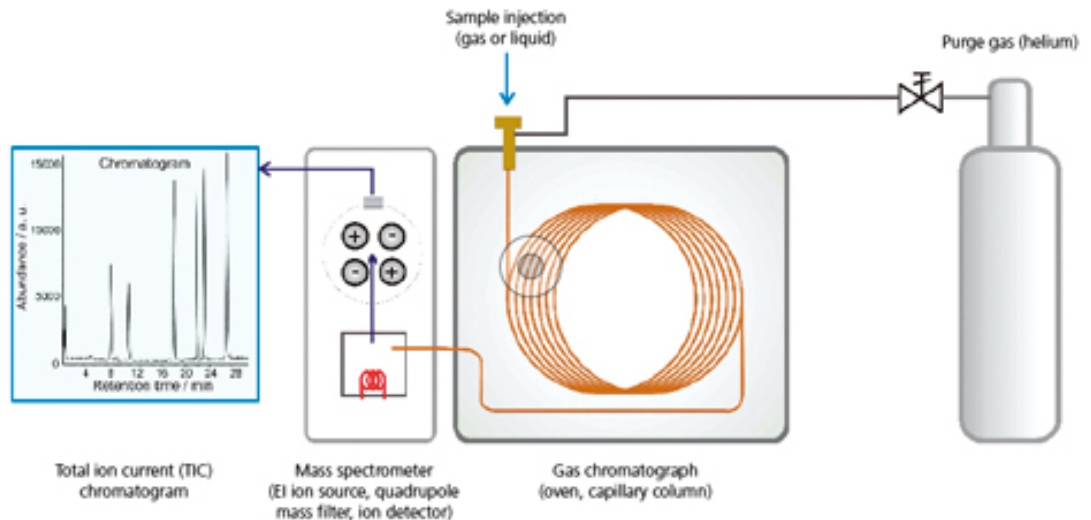
Electron Capture Detectors (ECD)

- Low energy Beta emitter = ^{63}Ni in make-up gas (Nitrogen)
- e^- attracted to positively charged electrode (anode)
- Molecules in sample absorb e^- and reduce current
 - effective: halogens (e.g., SF_6), nitrogen-containing compounds
- Benefits
 - 10-1000 times more sensitive than FID
 - femtogram/s ----- ppt levels
- Drawbacks
 - More limited linear range than FID
 - Radiological safety requirements
 - O_2 contamination issues
 - Response strong function of T, P, flow rate



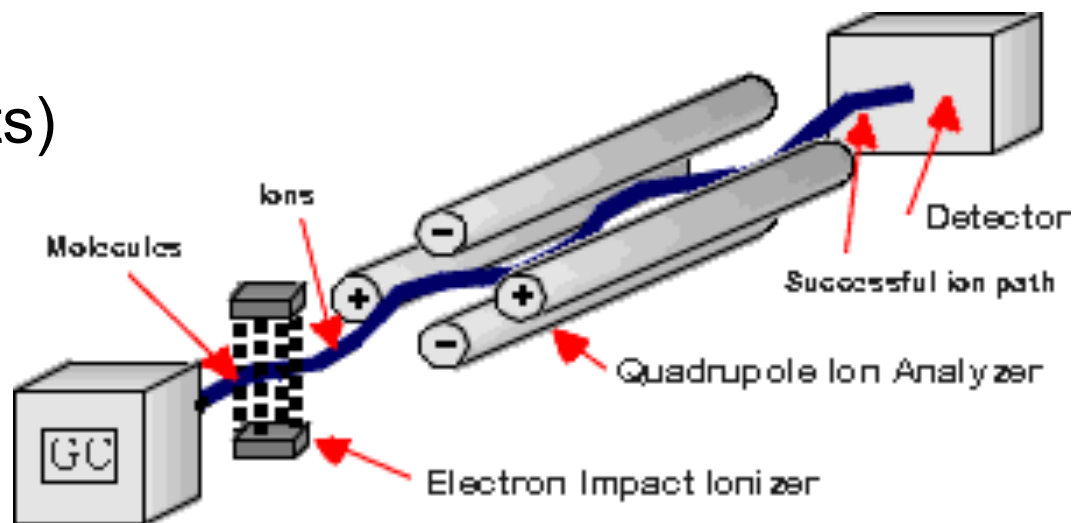
Mass Spectrometer (MS)

- Bombard molecules w/ intense electron source (ionization)
 - Generates positive ion fragments
- Ions accelerate to have same kinetic energy, then deflect in a magnetic field, where deflection is a function of molecular weight
- Use fragment fingerprint to identify molecule
- Quantify amount of fragments to determine mass
- Most common MS = quadrupole
- Benefits
 - “Gold standard”
 - Amount AND identific
- Drawbacks
 - Cost
 - Complexity
 - Maintenance

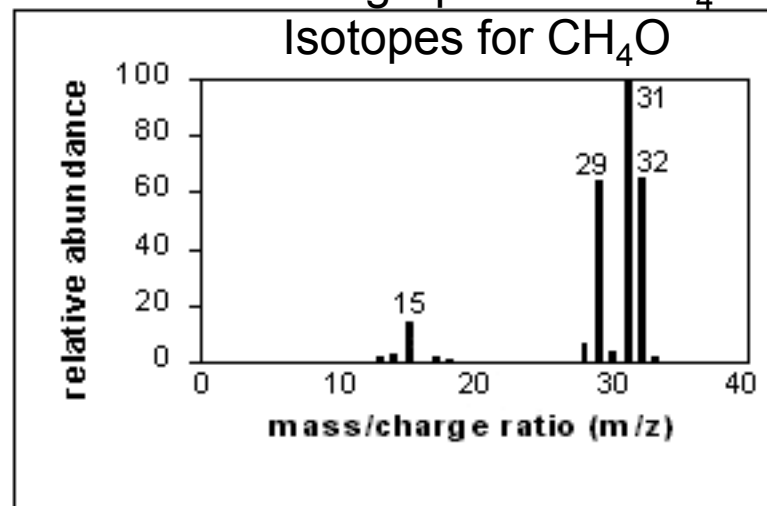


Quadrupole MS

- Electron source
- Four rods (electromagnets)
 - Applied Voltage
 - DC/AC components
 - Voltages = $f_n(\text{time})$
 - Affects trajectory
 - Selective M/Z to detector
 - m/z = mass-to-charge ratio
 - Ionization makes $z = 1$
- Cycles different M/Z
- Yields mass spectrum
- Always same for a molecule
- System in vacuum



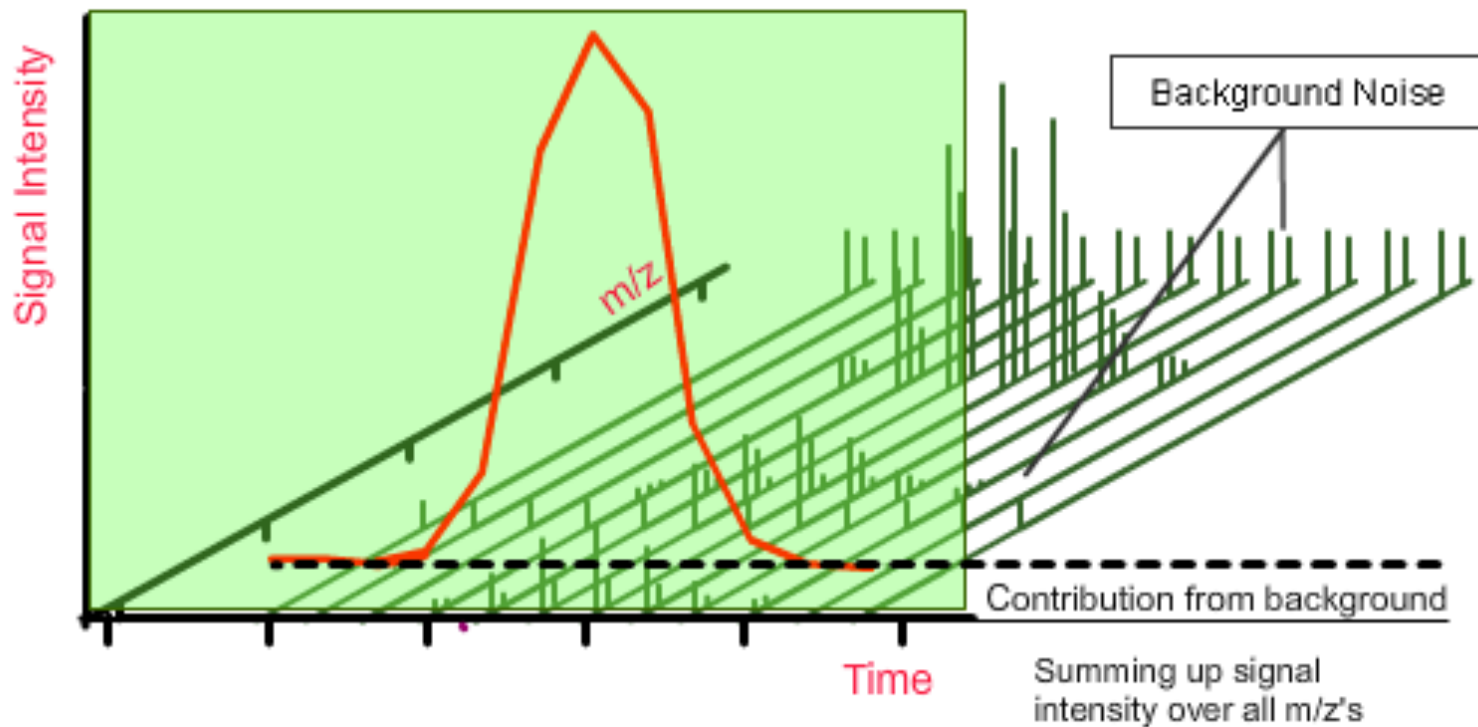
“Fingerprint” for CH_4O :
Isotopes for CH_4O



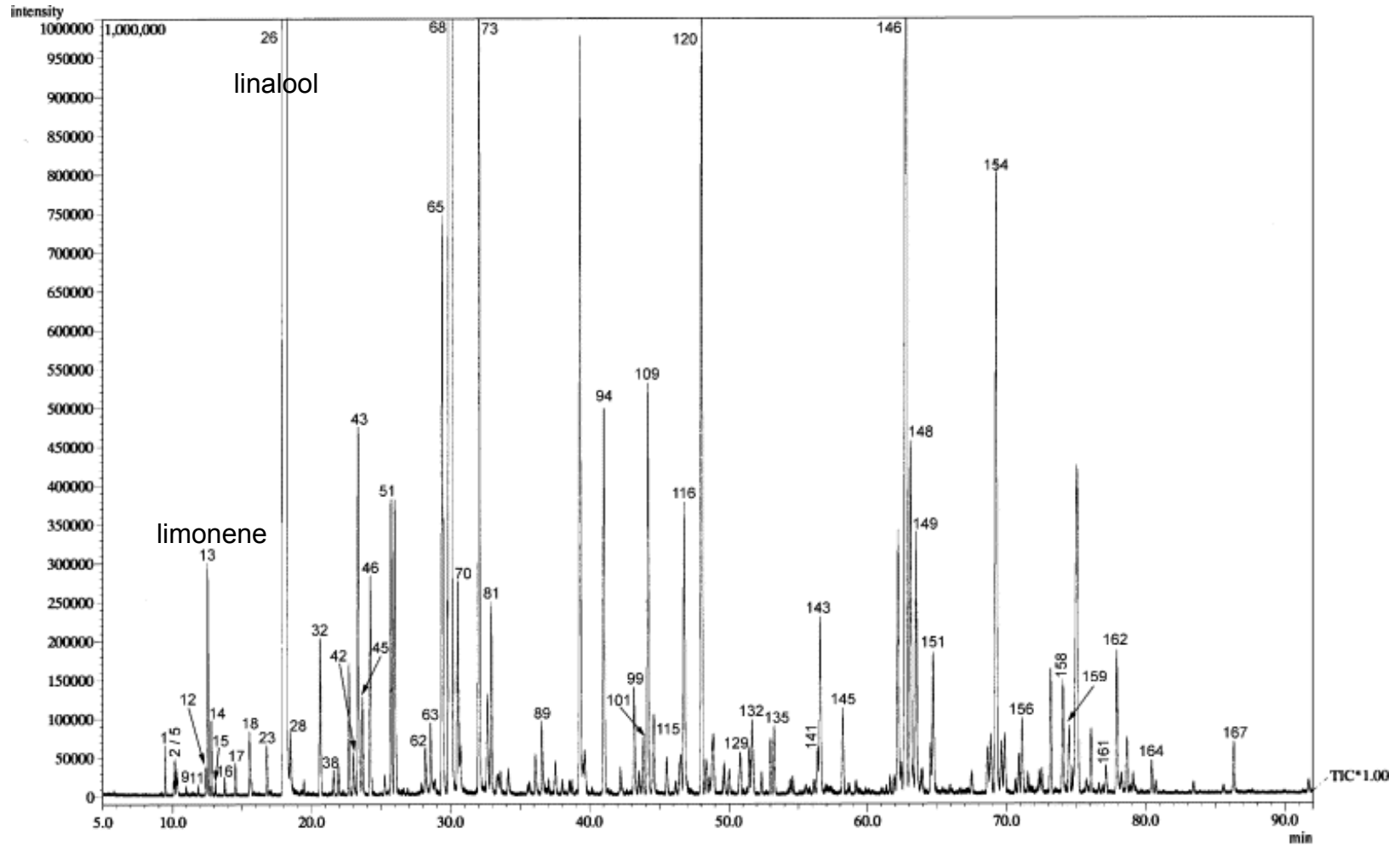
ions	m/z
CH_3OH^+	32
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{OH}^+$	31
$\text{HC}\equiv\text{O}^+$	29
H_3C^+	15

Total Ion Chromatogram (TIC)

Sum up intensities of all mass spectral peaks belonging to the same scan

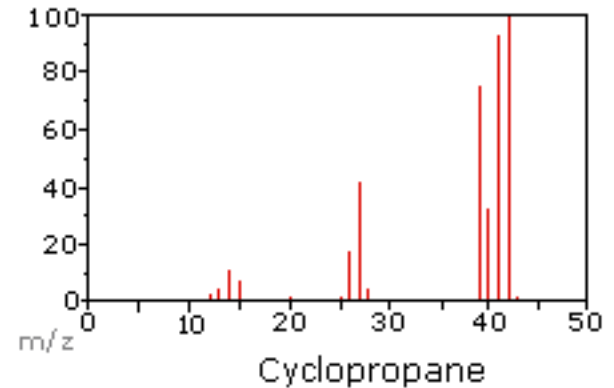
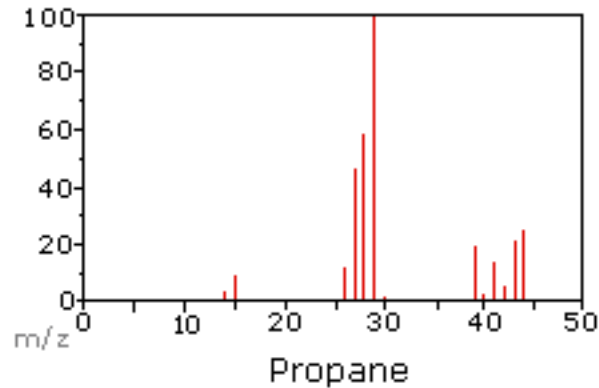
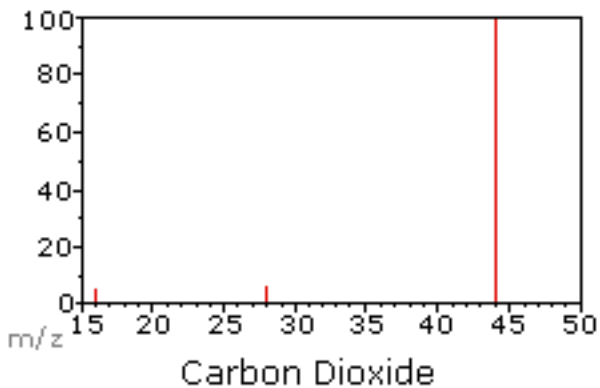
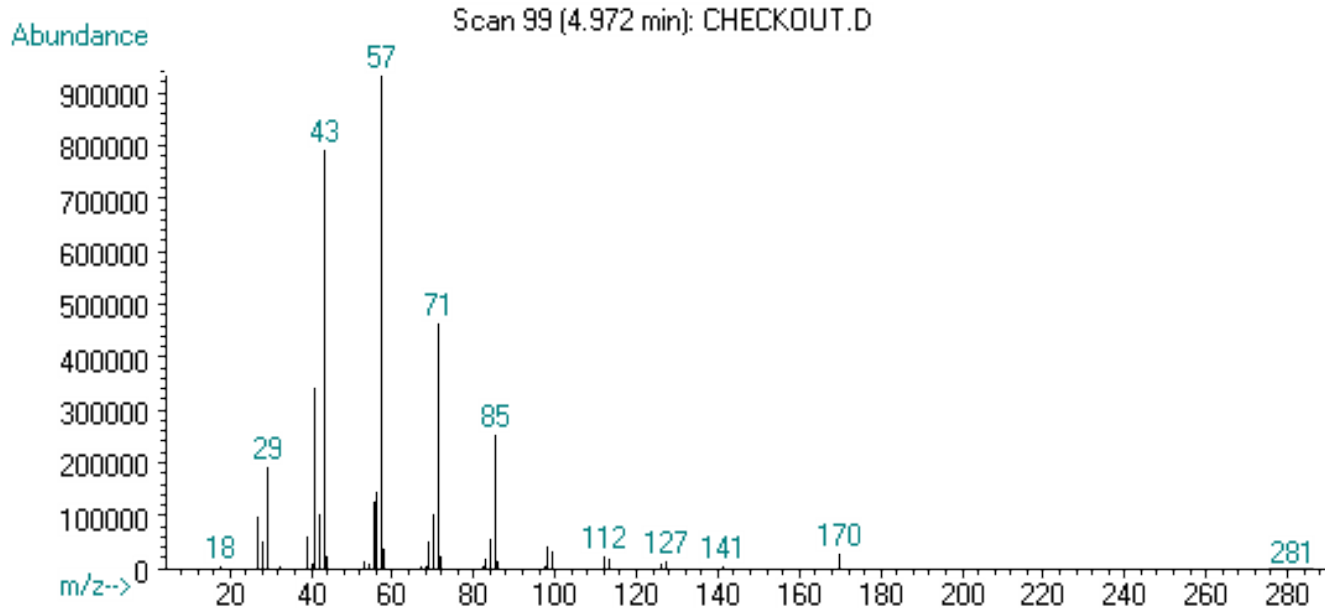


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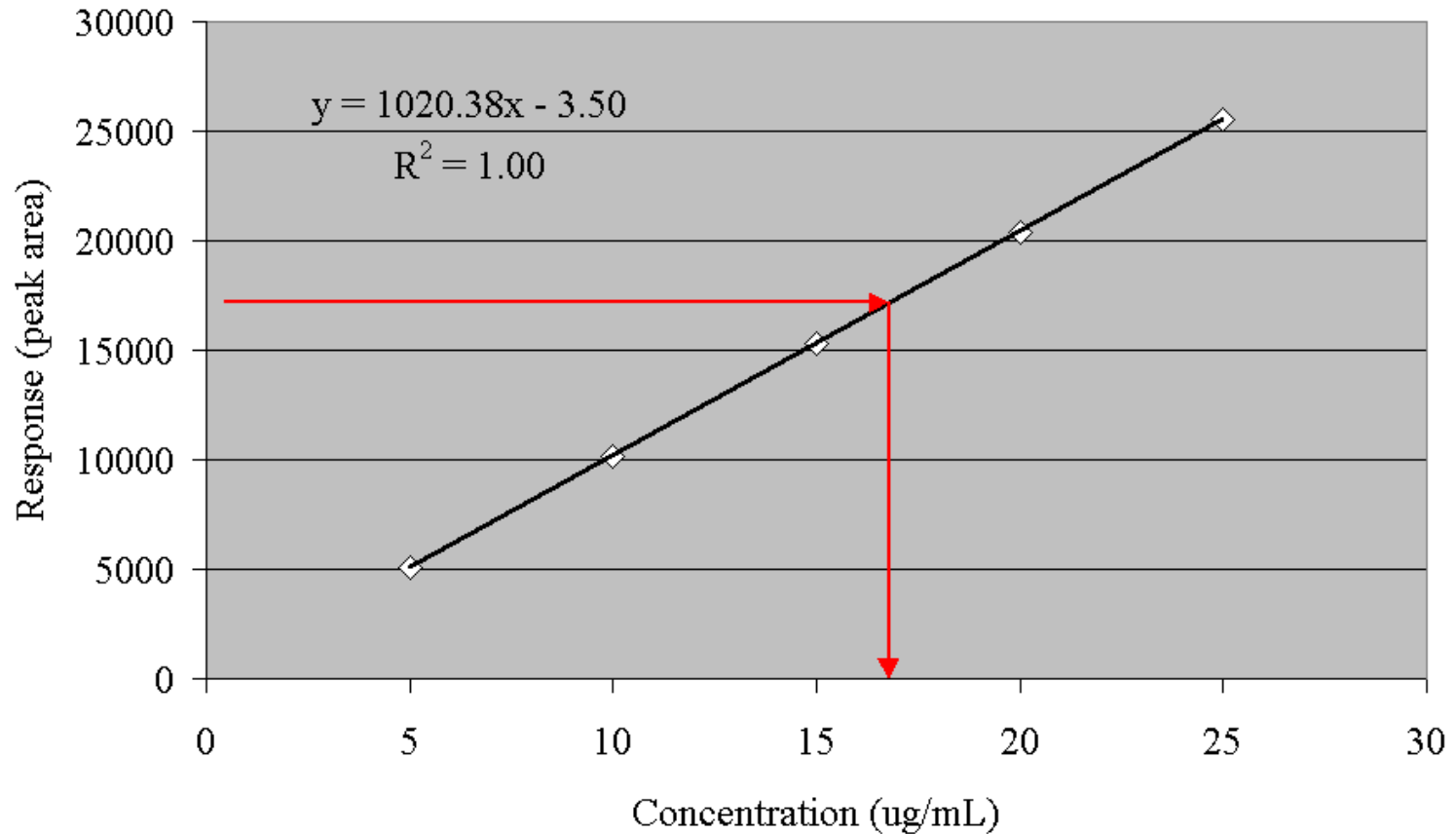
Mass spectrum

Example mass spectrum (fingerprint)



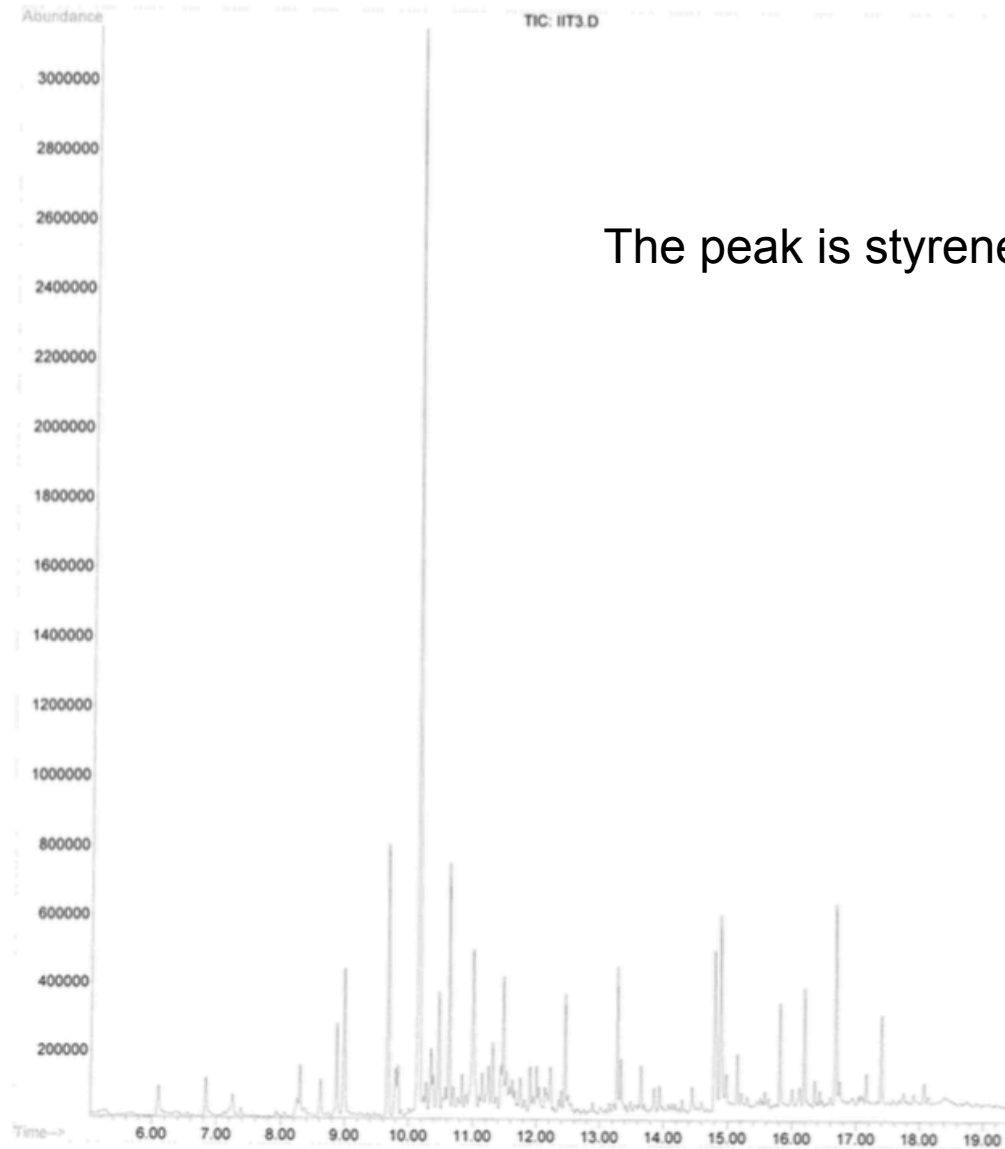
Calibration curves

Calibration Curve for Compound X



$$\text{Response Factor} = \frac{\text{Peak Area}}{\text{Calibration Concentration}}$$

Real VOC data w/ library compound search

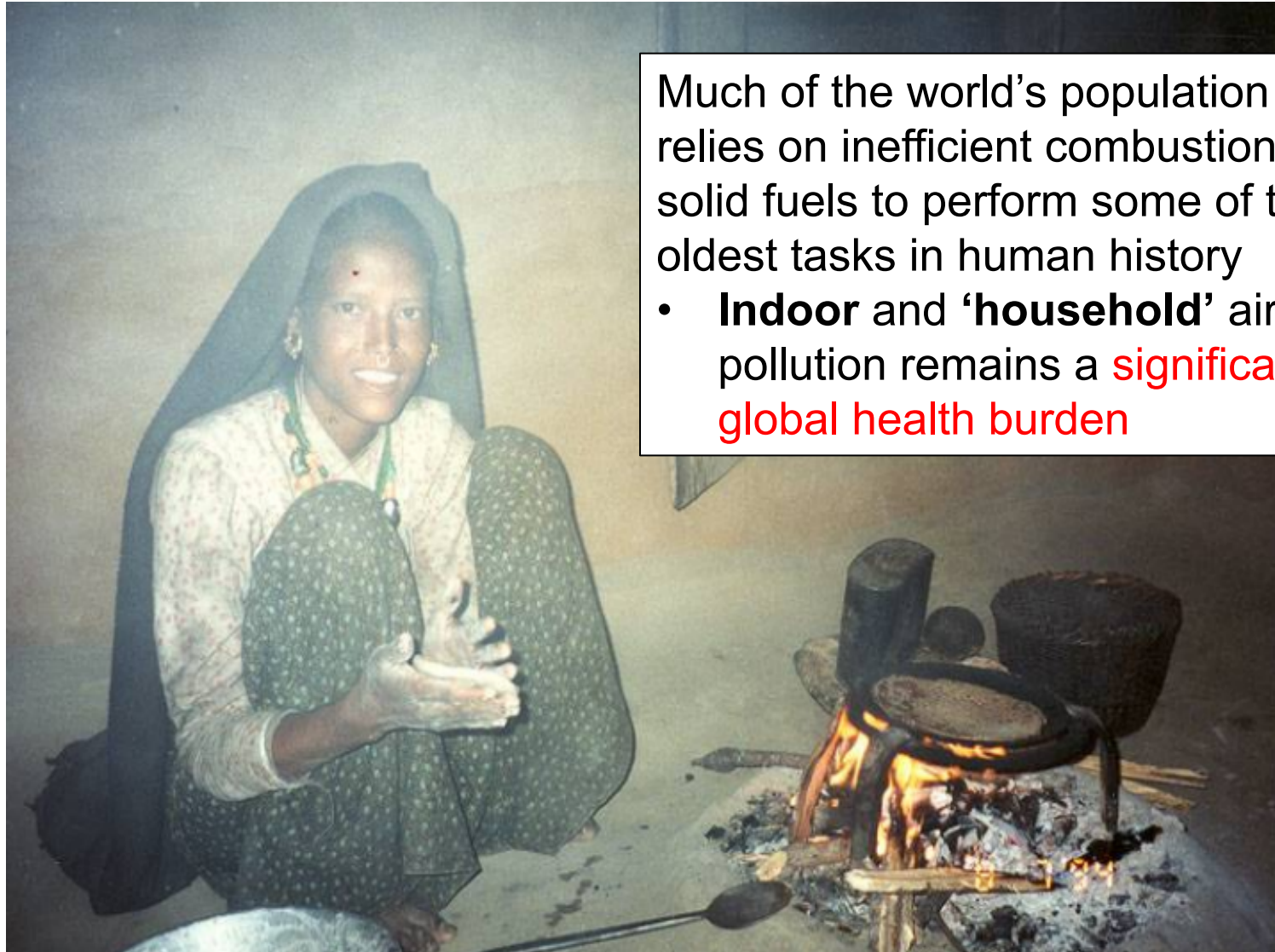


Summary of VOC measurements

- VOCs important in indoor environments
- Many types of VOCs
 - Different properties
 - Different effects
 - Different sample collection and analysis protocols
- Sampling and analysis protocols NOT TRIVIAL
 - Many types of collection methods
 - Many types of analysis detectors and methods
 - A lot of issues involved w/ sample/analysis decisions
 - A lot can go wrong (difficult business)
 - Cumbersome and costly, but very important

INDOOR AIR POLLUTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

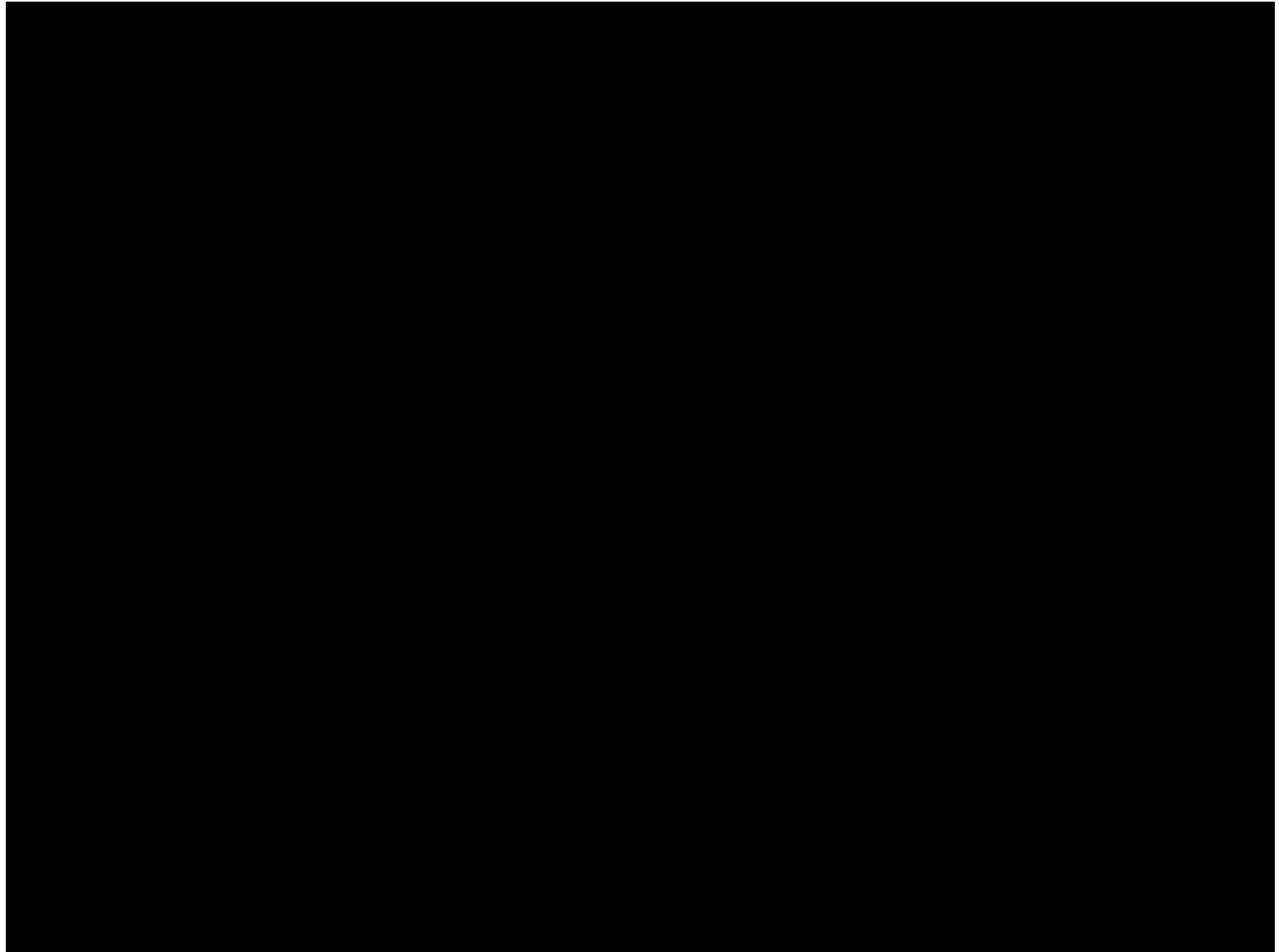
Indoor air pollution in developing regions of the world



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



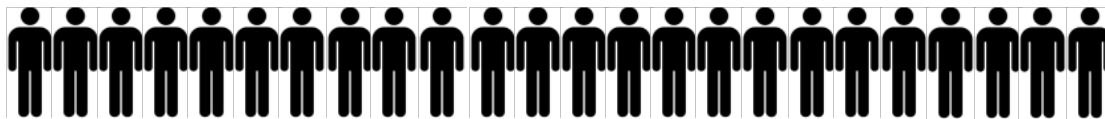
Biomass burning across the world

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

Cooking Heating Lighting

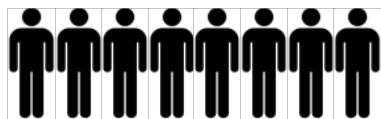
Fuels used include:

Wood, dung, crop residue



2.4 billion people

Coal



800 million people

 = 100 million people

Cooking and heating



- 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

Particulate matter (UFPs, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀)

Carbon monoxide (CO)

Nitrous oxides (NO_x)

Sulfur oxides (SO_x) (coal)

Metals (coal)

Hydrocarbons (HC; e.g. naphthalene)

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

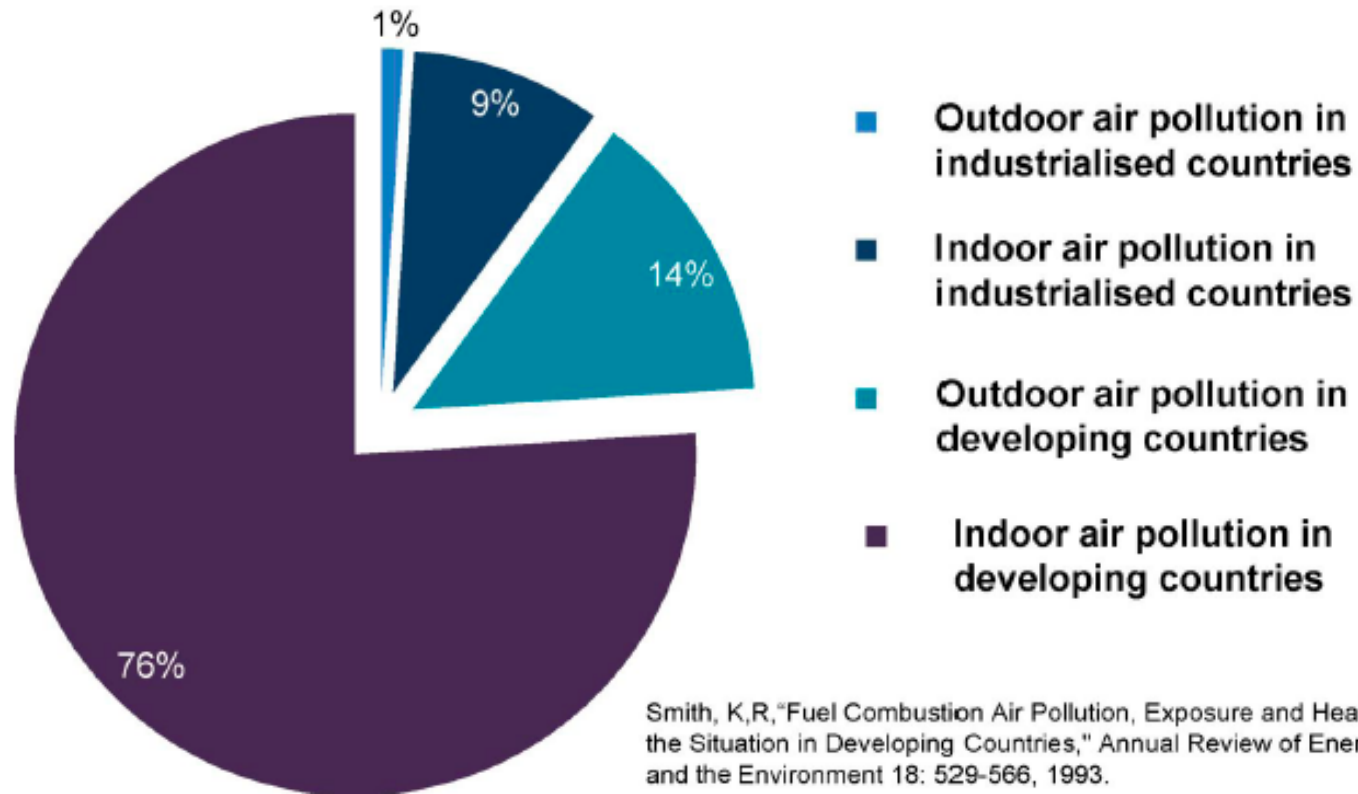
Oxygenated organics (e.g. formaldehyde) (wood)

Free radicals

Combustion efficiency is far less than 100%

Global exposure to particulate matter

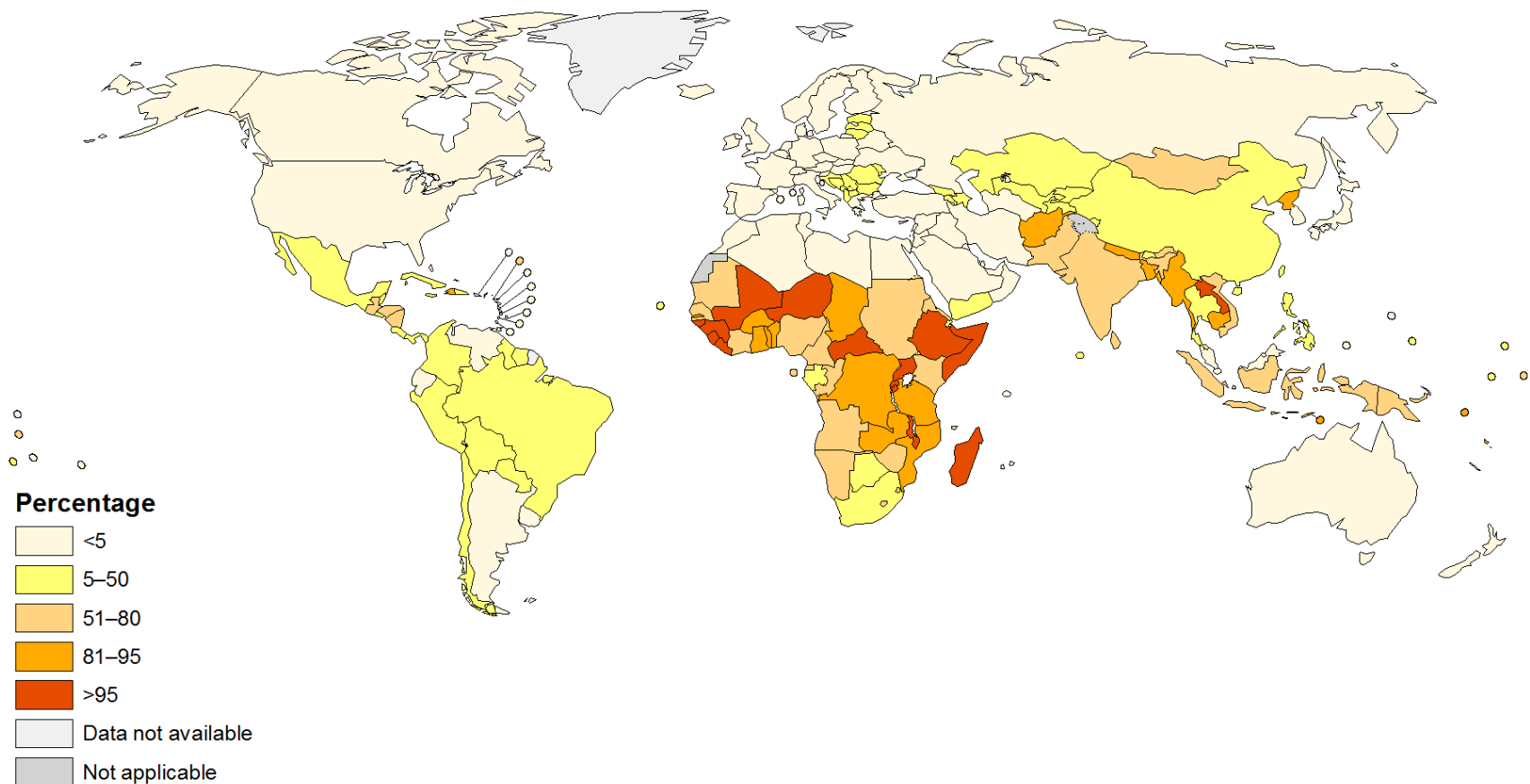
Total global exposure to particulate matter pollution



GLOBAL HEALTH

and indoor air pollution

Population using solid fuels (%), 2010 Total



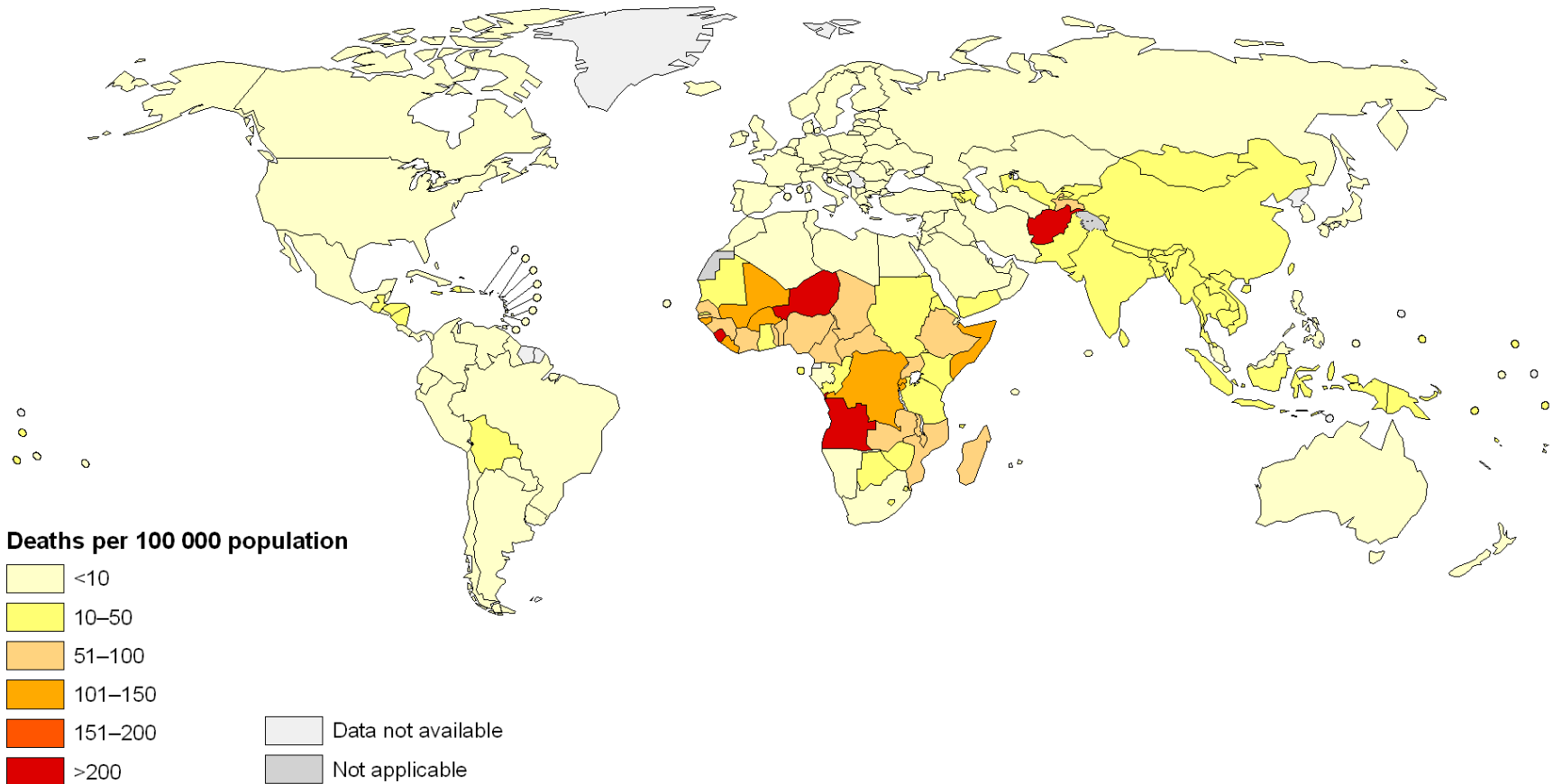
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Deaths attributable to household air pollution, 2004



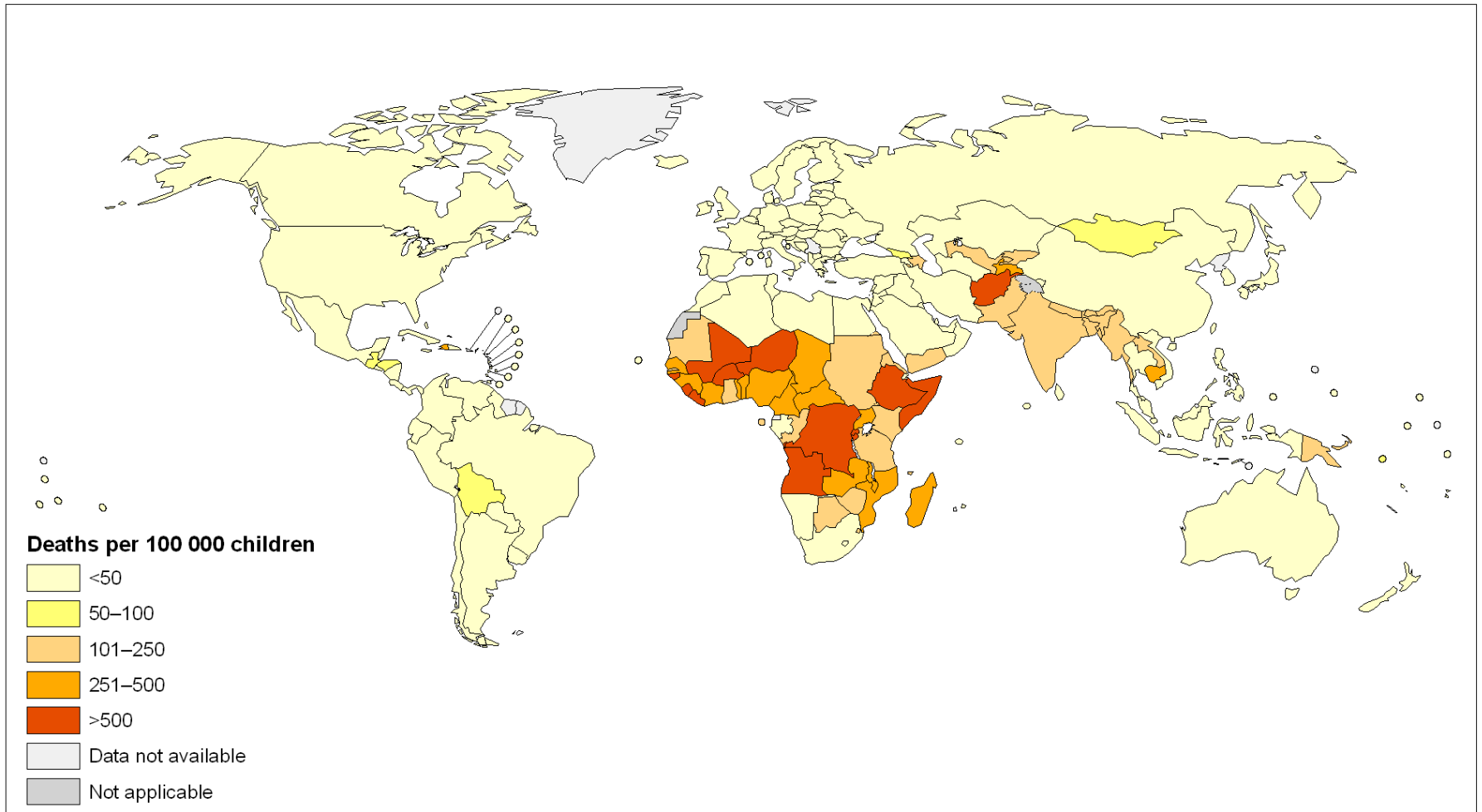
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Deaths attributable to household air pollution in children aged under 5 years, 2004



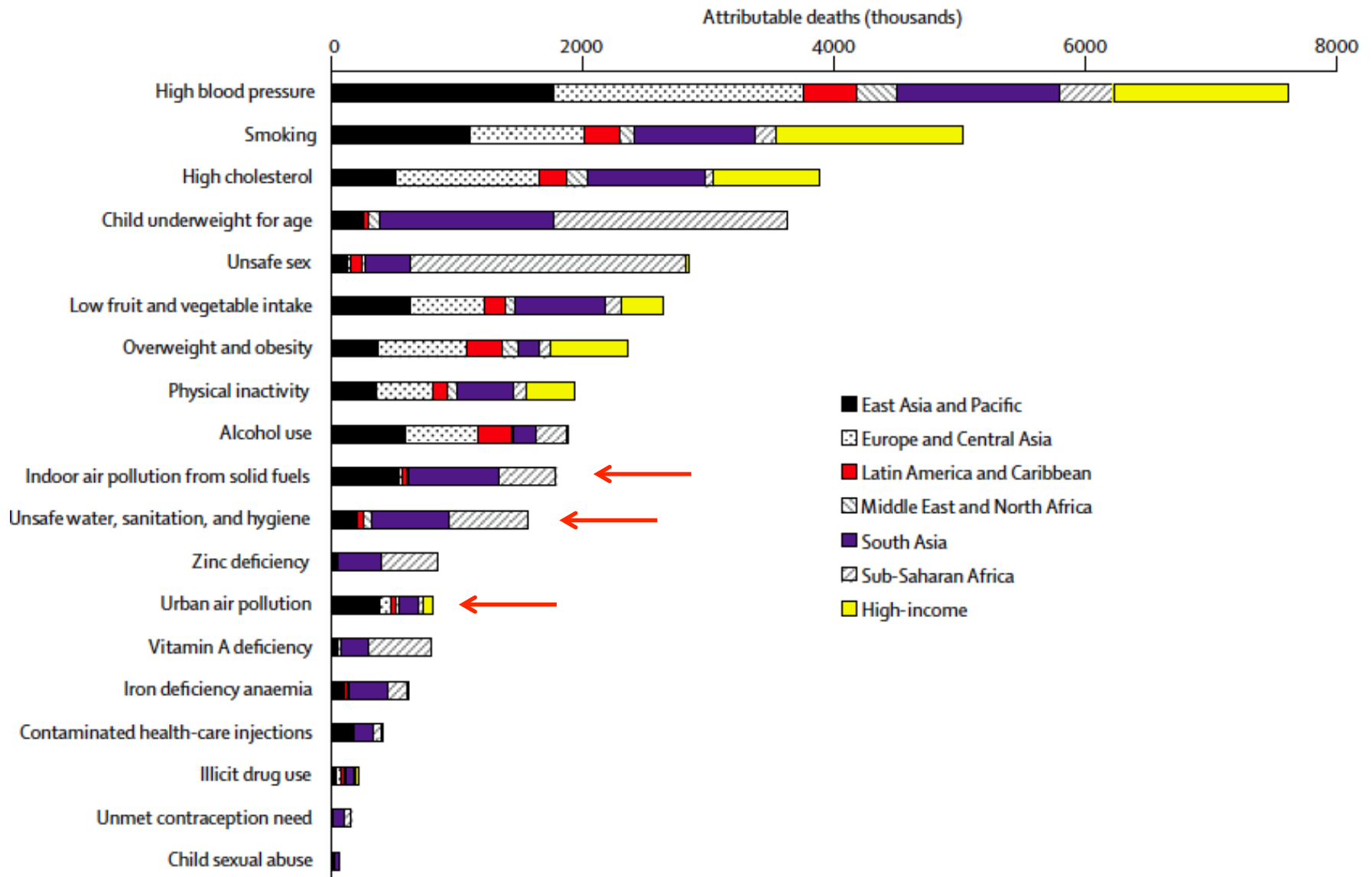
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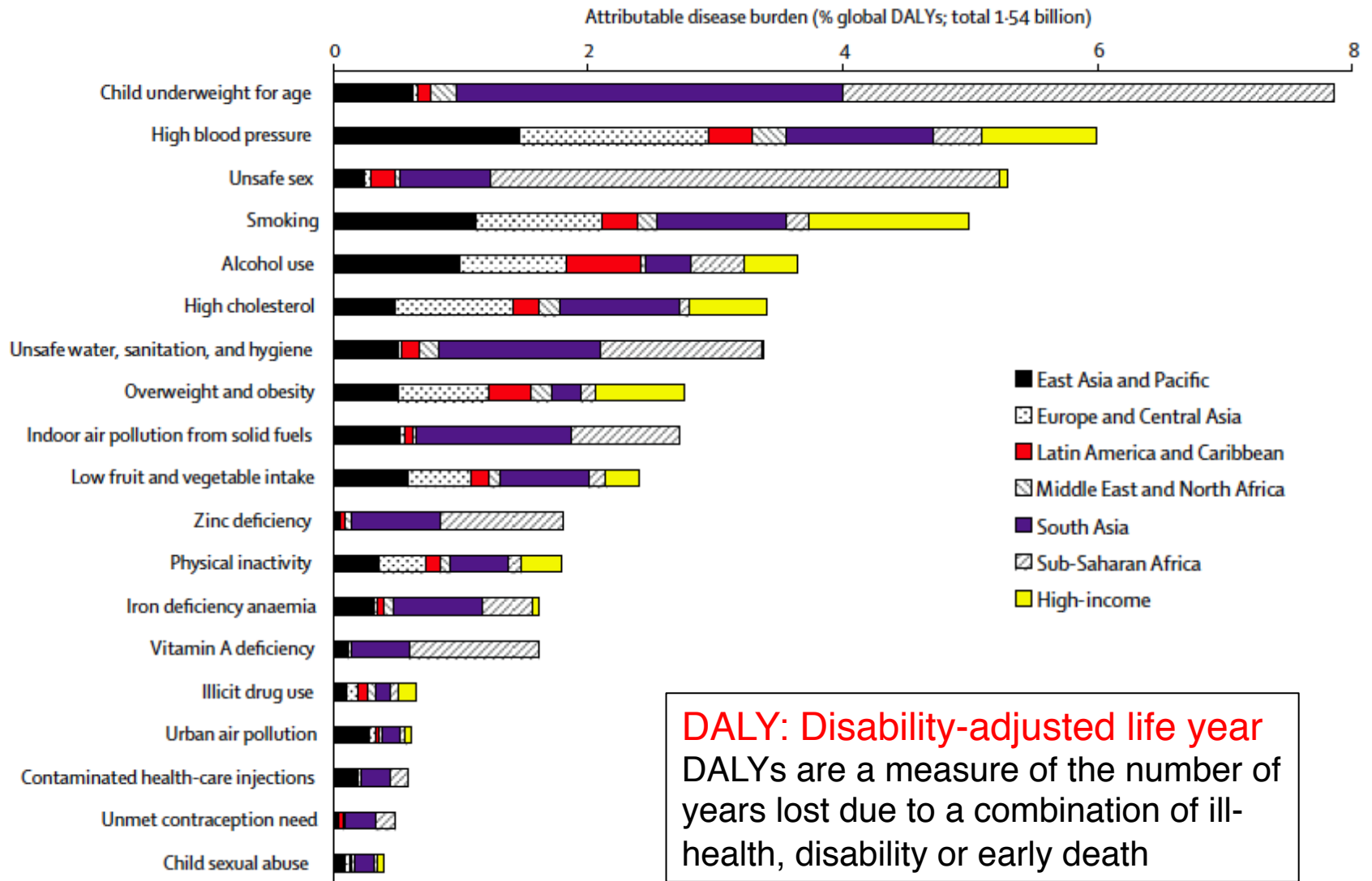


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Global risk factors for mortality



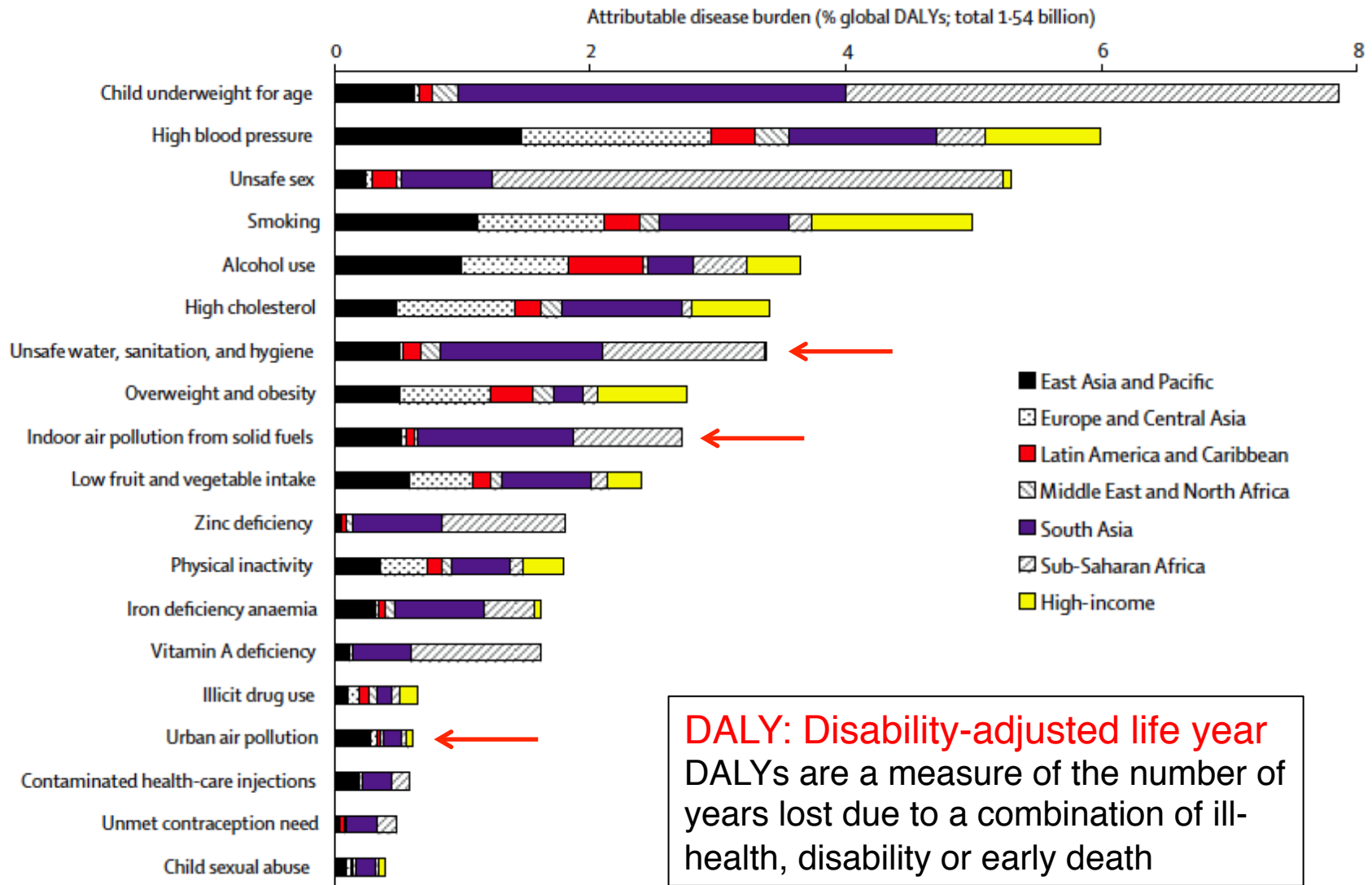
Global disease burden



DALY: Disability Adjusted Life Year

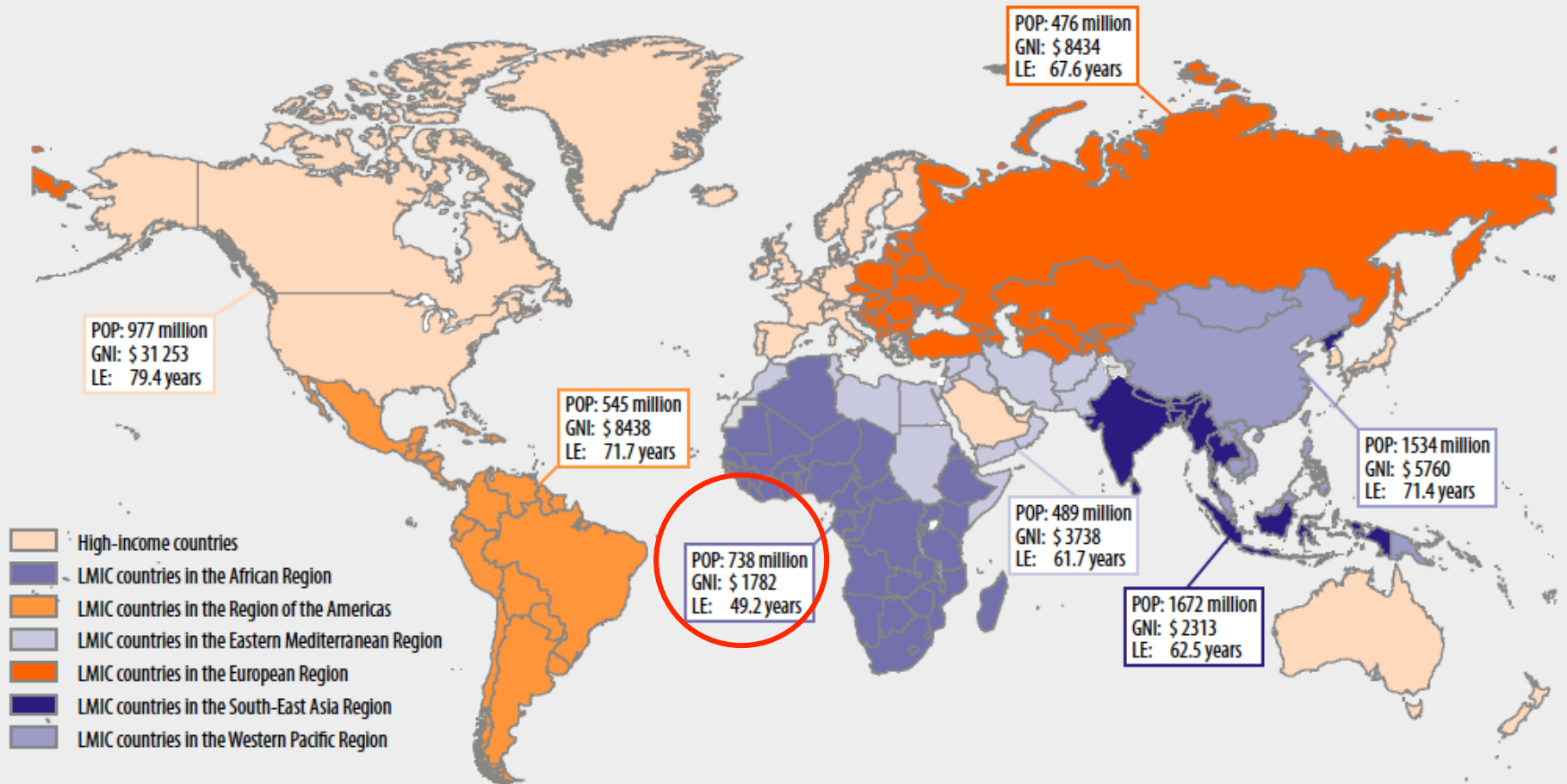
- Measure of overall disease burden
 - # of years lost due to illness, disability, or early death
 - Combines mortality and morbidity (existence of ill-health)
 - DALY = YLL + YLD
 - Years of Life Lost + Years Lived with Disability
 - 1 DALY = 1 year of healthy life lost
 - Relative to the longest avg 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

Global disease burden



Global life expectancy

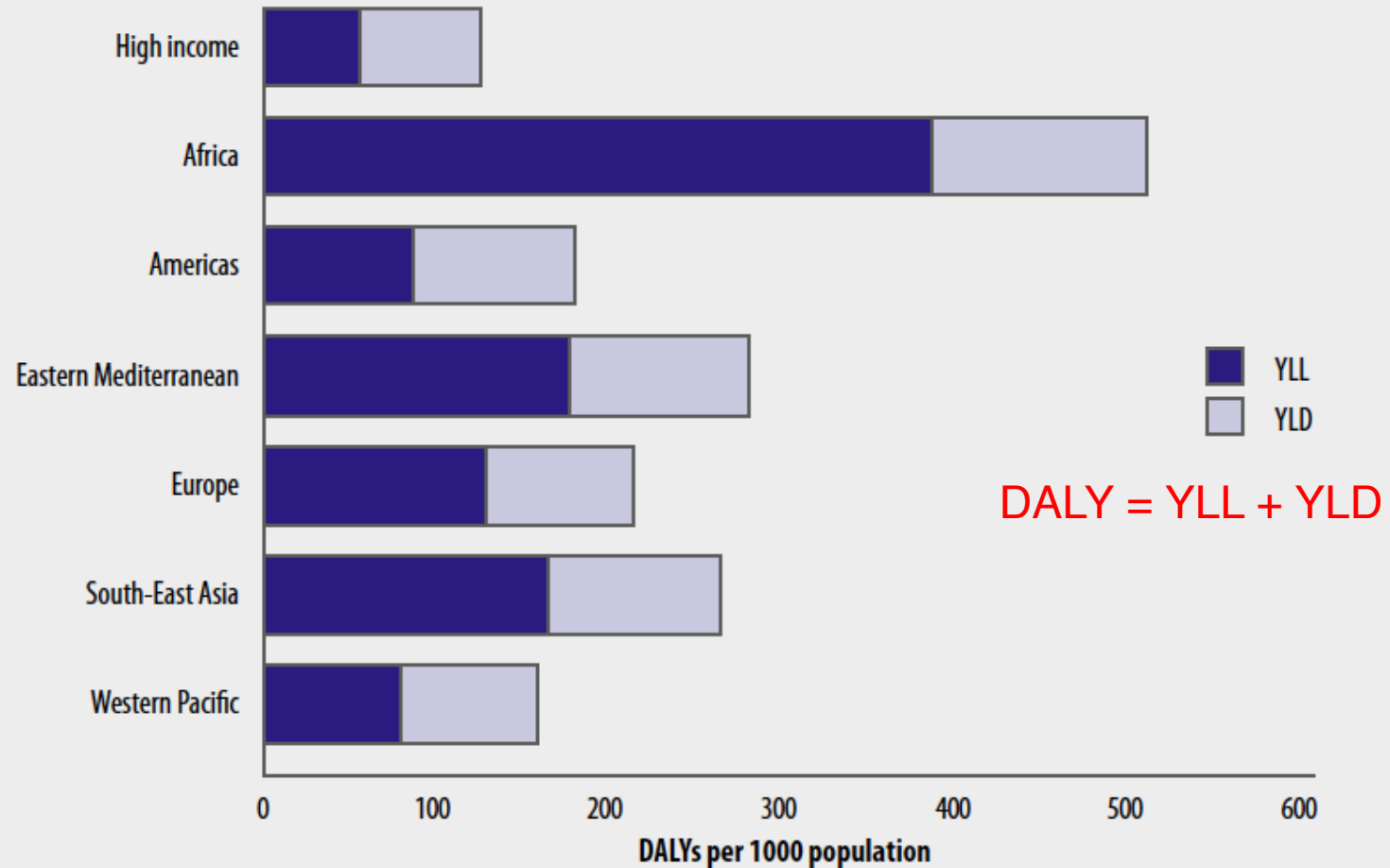
Map 1: Low- and middle-income countries grouped by WHO region, 2004



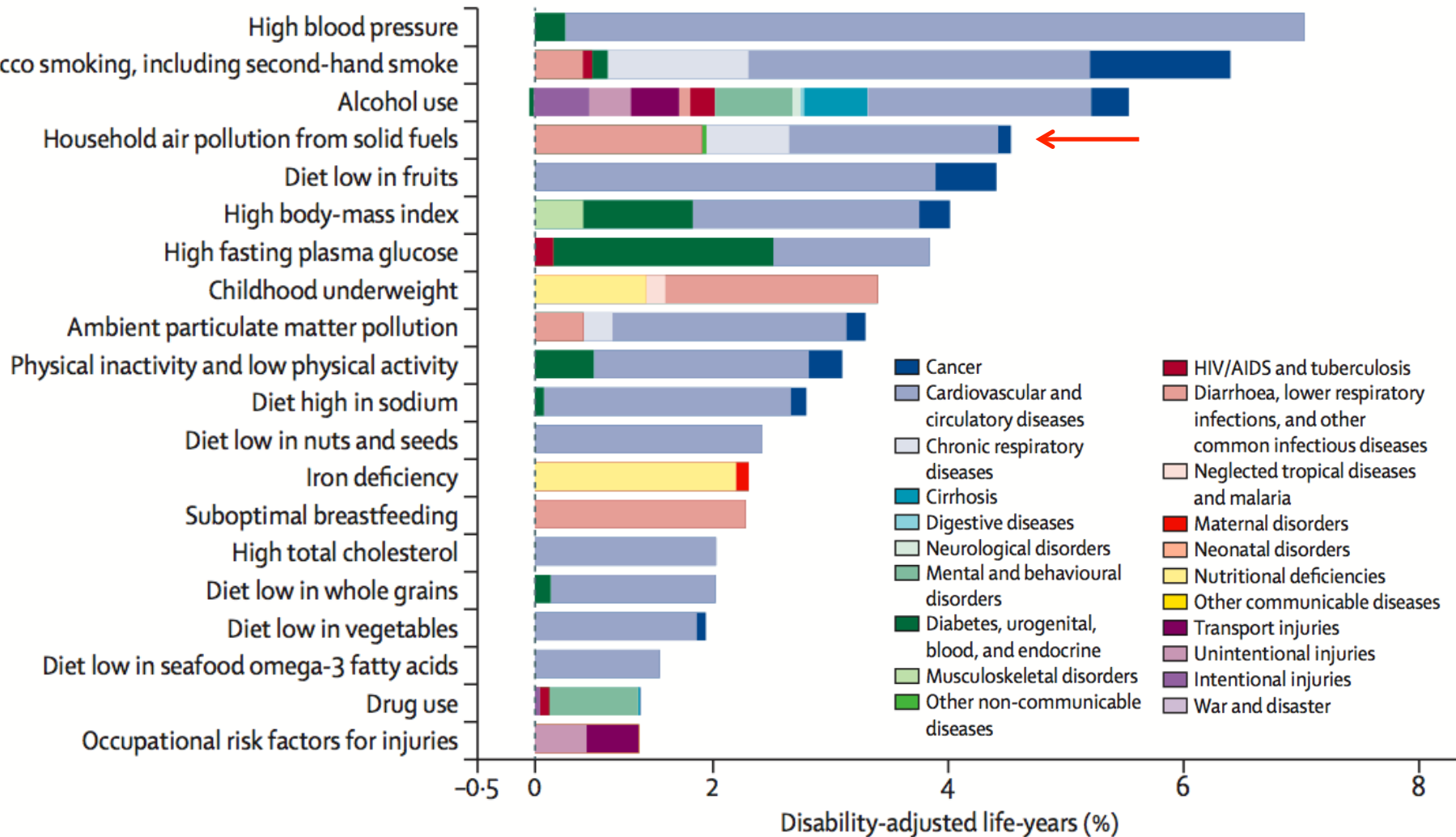
POP = population; **GNI** = gross national income per capita (international dollars); **LE** = life expectancy at birth;
LMIC = low- and middle-income countries

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) ^{19*}
Strong evidence[†]	
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) ²³
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) ¹⁸
Lung cancer (coal smoke exposure) in women >30 years of age	1.9 (1.1–3.5)
Moderate evidence[‡]	
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[§]	
Upper airway cancer	
Low birth weight and perinatal mortality	
Cardiovascular diseases	

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

[†]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.¹⁹

[‡]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.¹⁹

[§]Insufficient for quantification based on available evidence.¹⁹

RR = relative risk; CI = confidence interval.

Pollutant-specific adverse health effects

Table 2 Health-damaging pollutants as products of incomplete combustion of solid fuels^{11,12,21}

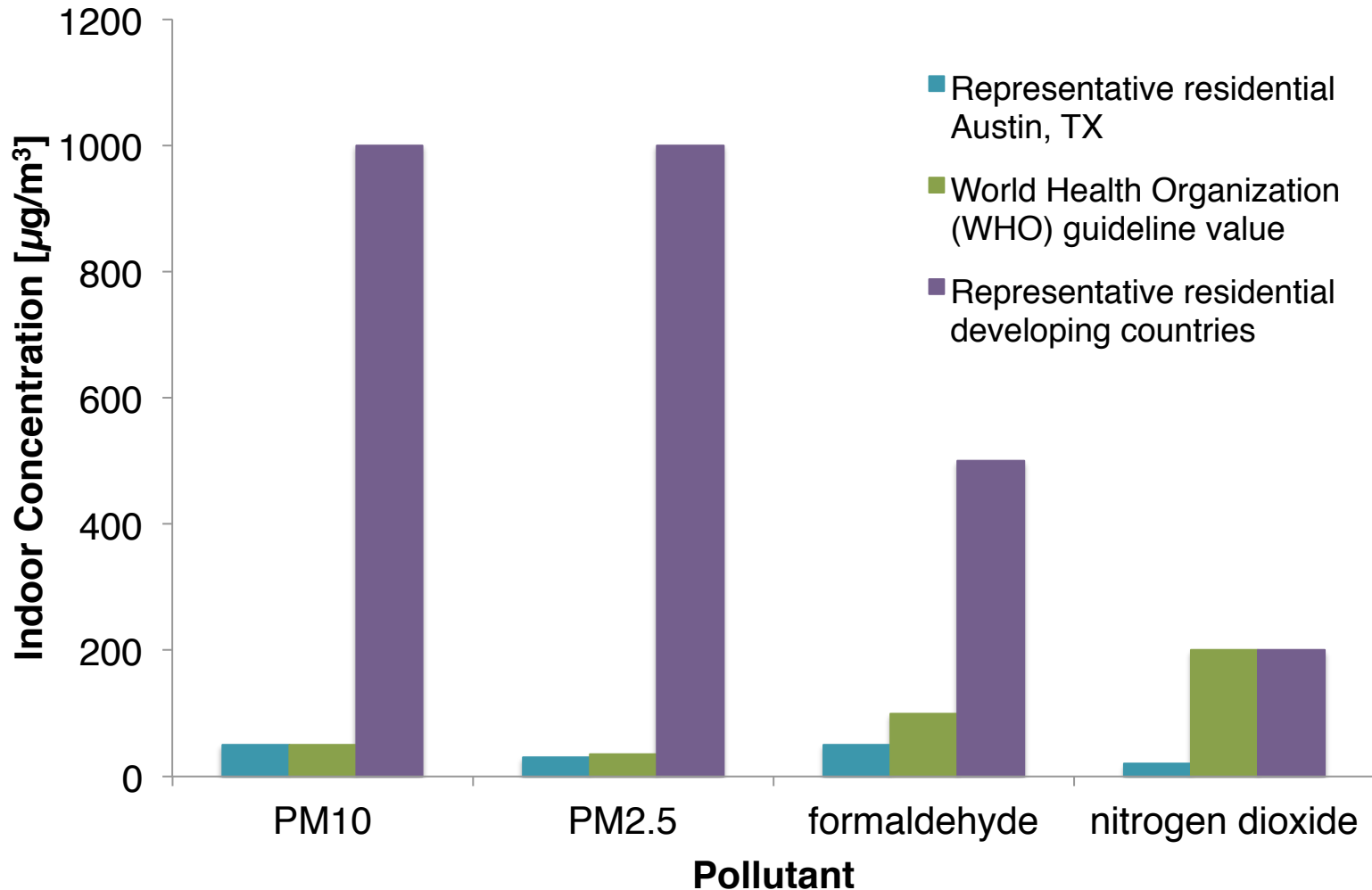
Smoke phases	Characteristics	Mechanism and associated health effects
Particulate	<p>Variety of particulates, different size and composition</p> <p>Respirable size, mean aerodynamic diameter <10 µm (PM₁₀)</p> <p>Fine particles <2.5 µm (PM_{2.5}) can be deposited in the lower respiratory tract</p> <p>Organic and inorganic (metals, for example) pollutants can be carried by particulate matter</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Cause irritation and oxidative stress (additive to other compounds) producing lung and airway inflammation, hyperresponsiveness, and in long-term exposures airway remodeling and emphysema</p> <p>Reduced mucociliary clearance and macrophage response</p> <p>Carcinogenic</p>
Gaseous	<p>Carbon monoxide (CO)</p> <p>Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)</p> <p>Sulfur dioxide (SO₂), mainly from coal</p> <p>Hundreds of different hydrocarbons</p> <p>Aldehydes and ketones</p> <p>Lower molecular weight (2–4 ring) PAHs</p> <p>Some of these are classified as carcinogenic: 1,3 butadiene; benzene; styrene, and formaldehyde</p>	<p>Binds to hemoglobin interfering with transport of oxygen</p> <p>Headache, nausea, dizziness</p> <p>Low birth weight, increase in perinatal deaths. Feto-toxicant, has been associated with poor fetal growth</p> <p>Irritant, affecting the mucosa of eyes, nose, throat, and respiratory tract</p> <p>Increased bronchial reactivity, longer-term exposure increases susceptibility to infections</p> <p>Irritant, affecting the mucosa of eyes, nose, throat, and respiratory tract</p> <p>Increased bronchial reactivity, bronchoconstriction</p> <p>Adverse effects are varied, including eye and upper and lower respiratory irritation, systemic effects</p> <p>Carcinogenic</p>

Others possible are arsenic and fluorine from coal combustion.

QUANTIFYING EXPOSURES

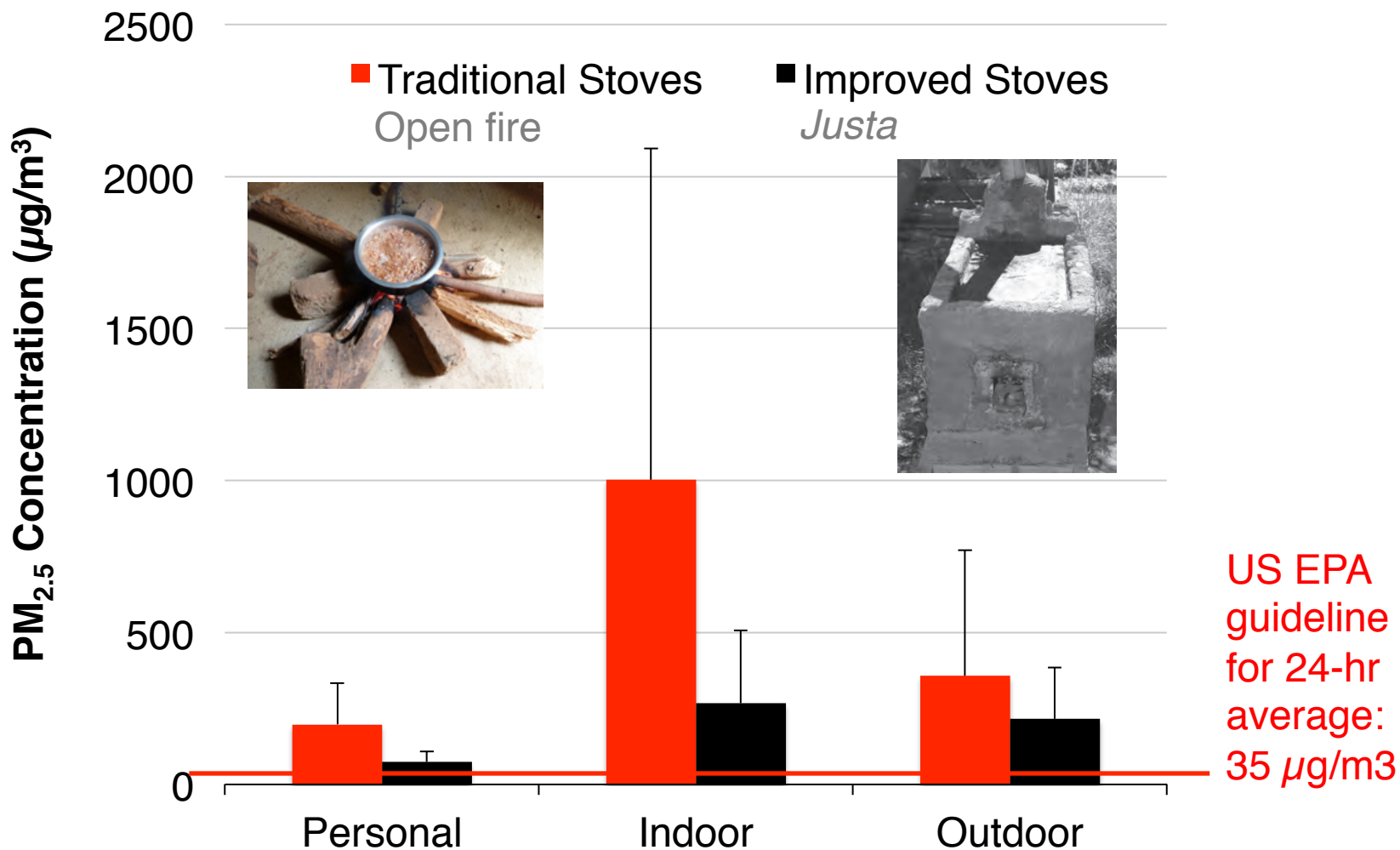
Indoor and household air pollution

Representative pollutant concentrations

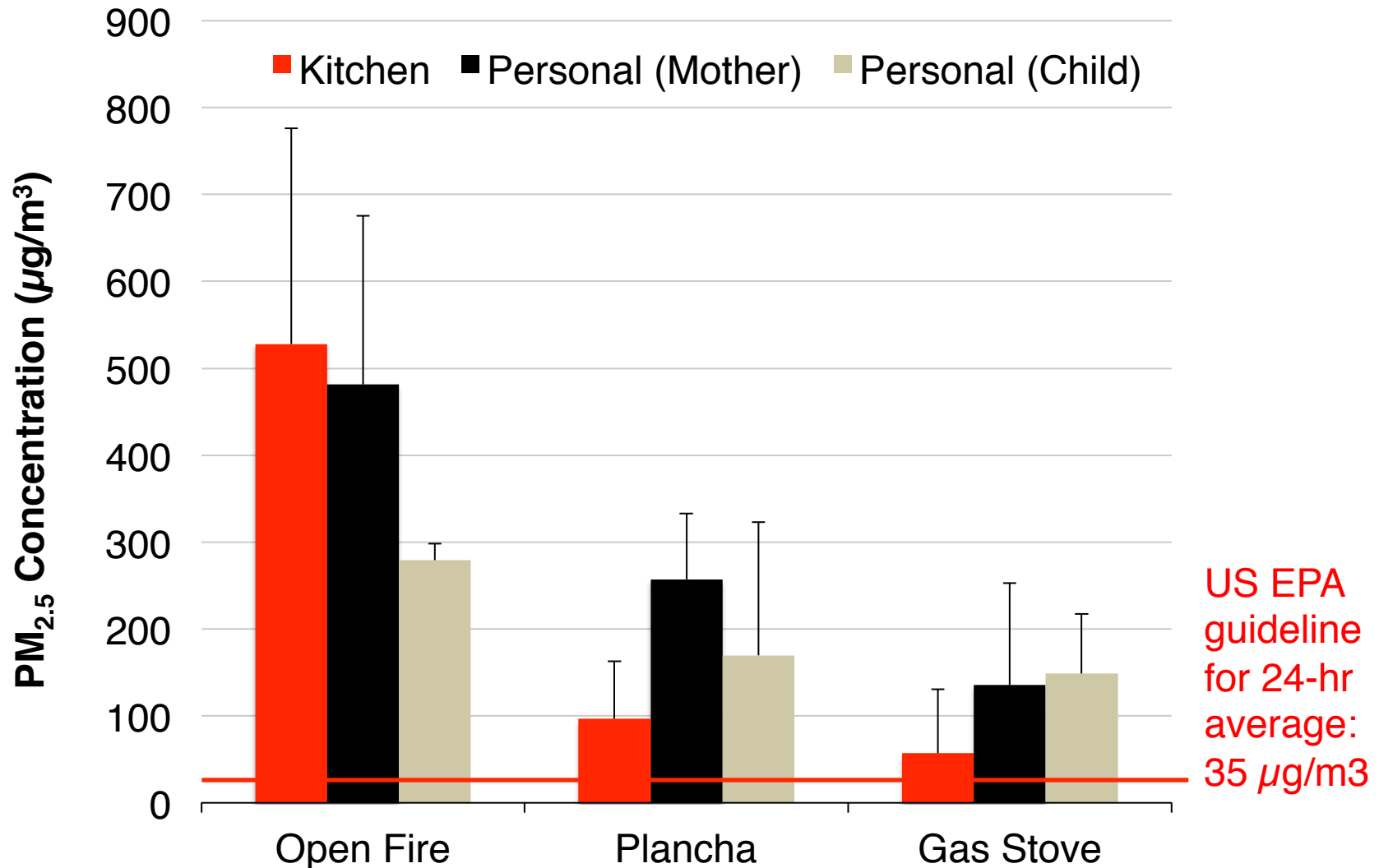


New and old stoves in Honduras: PM_{2.5}

~30 homes each group

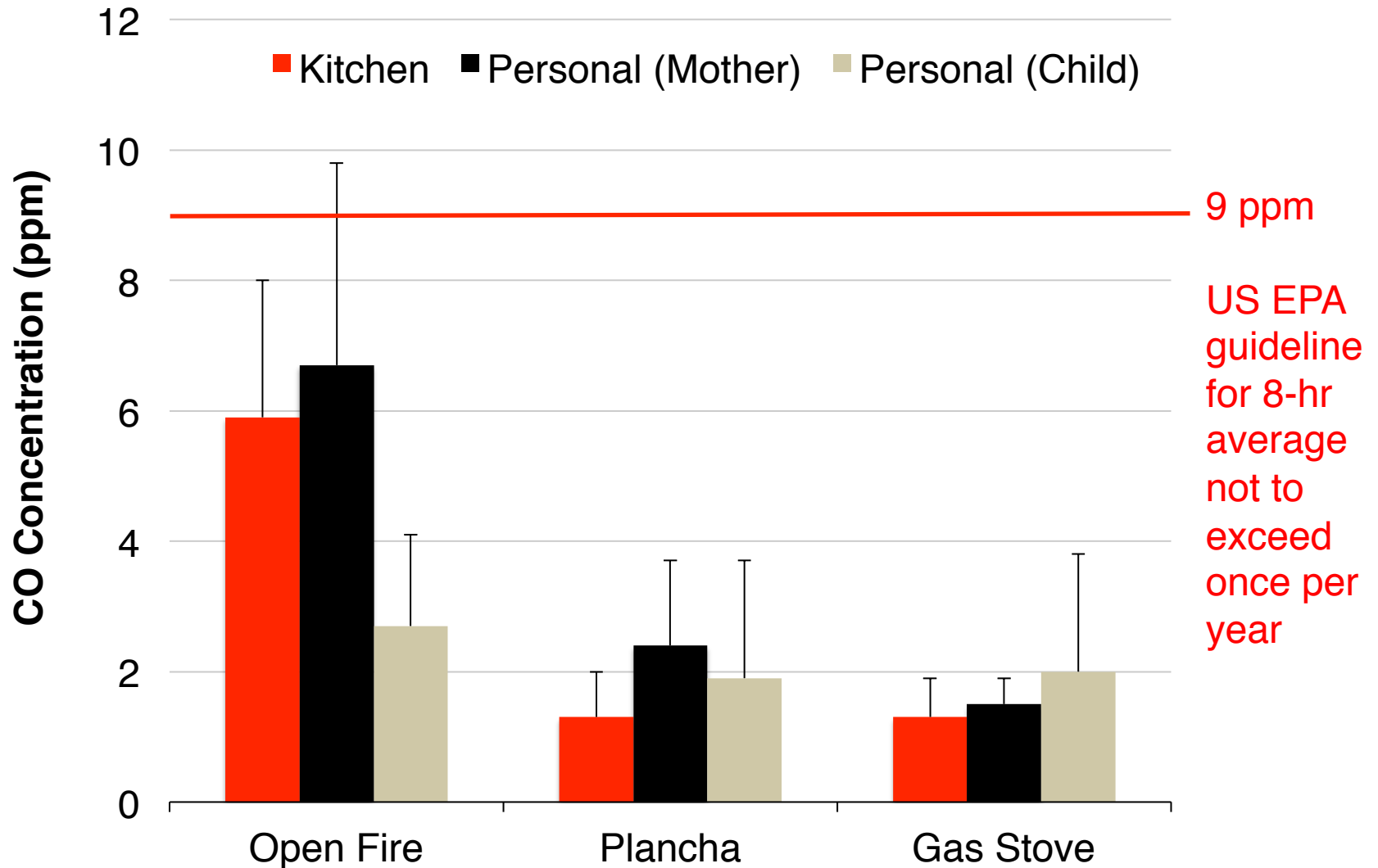


New and old stoves in Guatemala: PM_{2.5}



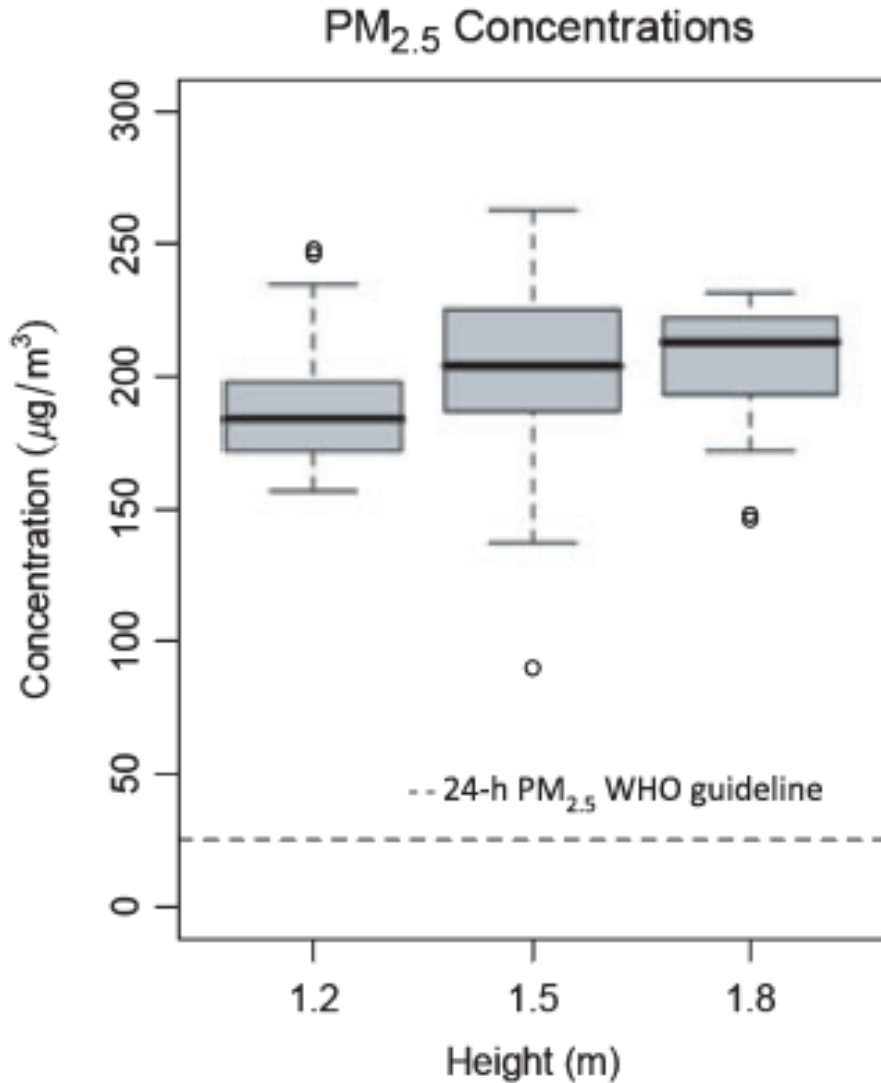
US EPA
guideline
for 24-hr
average:
35 µg/m³

New and old stoves in Guatemala: CO



9 ppm
US EPA
guideline
for 8-hr
average
not to
exceed
once per
year

Kenya: Fuel-based lighting



Simple wick lamps



Test kiosk



What pollutants do we measure?

Carbon monoxide and PM

Why mostly only these two?

What are characteristics of desired equipment?

inexpensive

reliable

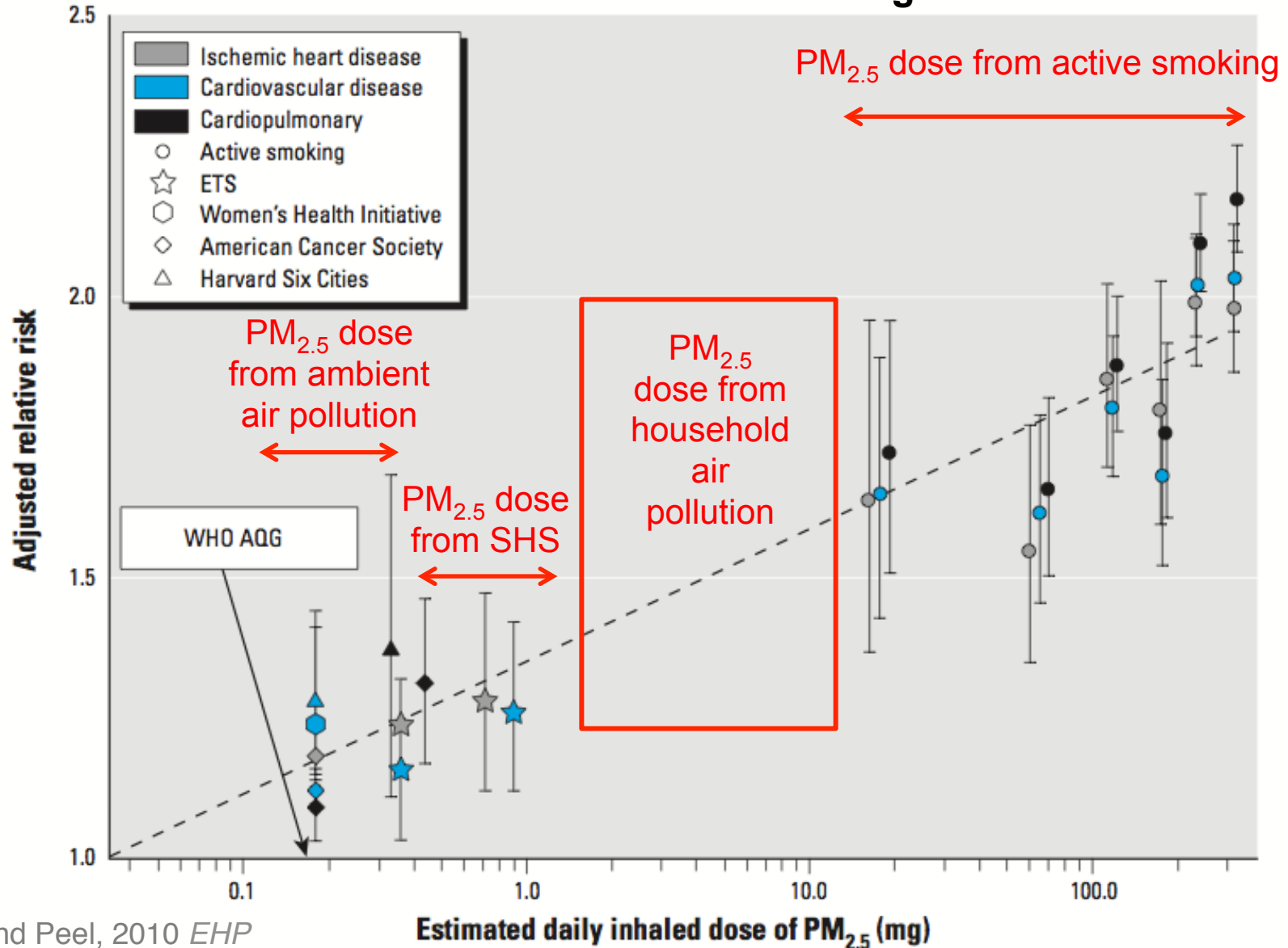
field calibrated

have continuous monitoring capacity

have sufficient data storage

What do these exposures mean for health effects?

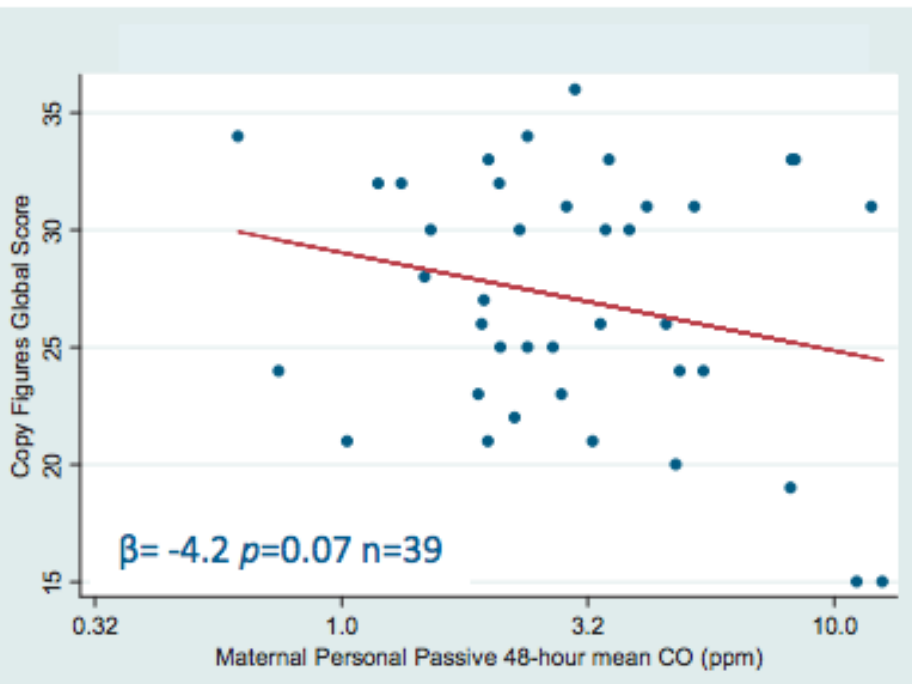
Risk estimates for heart and lung disease



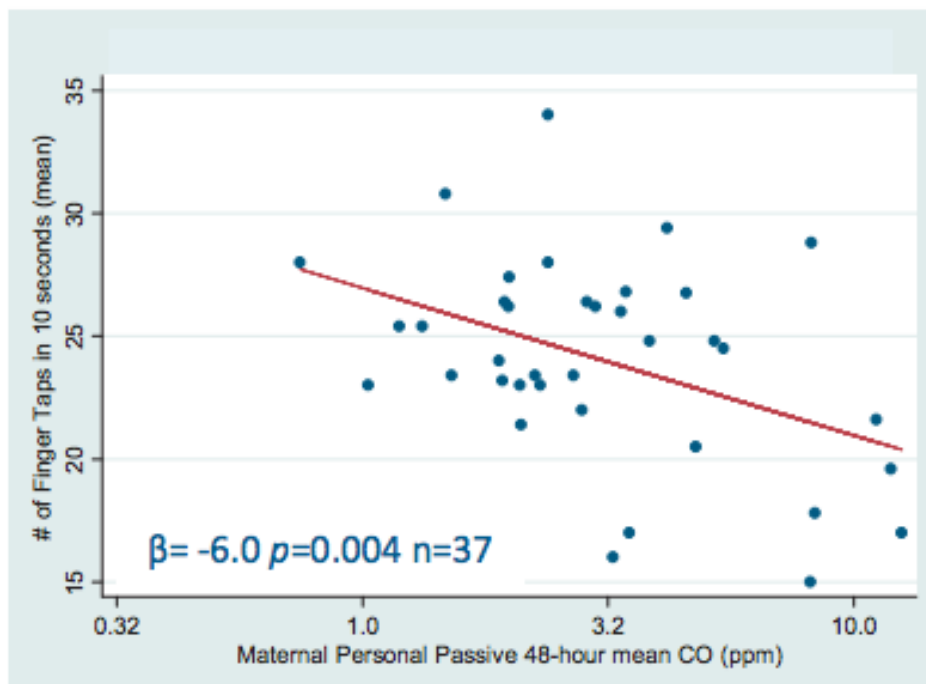
OTHER IMPACTS

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

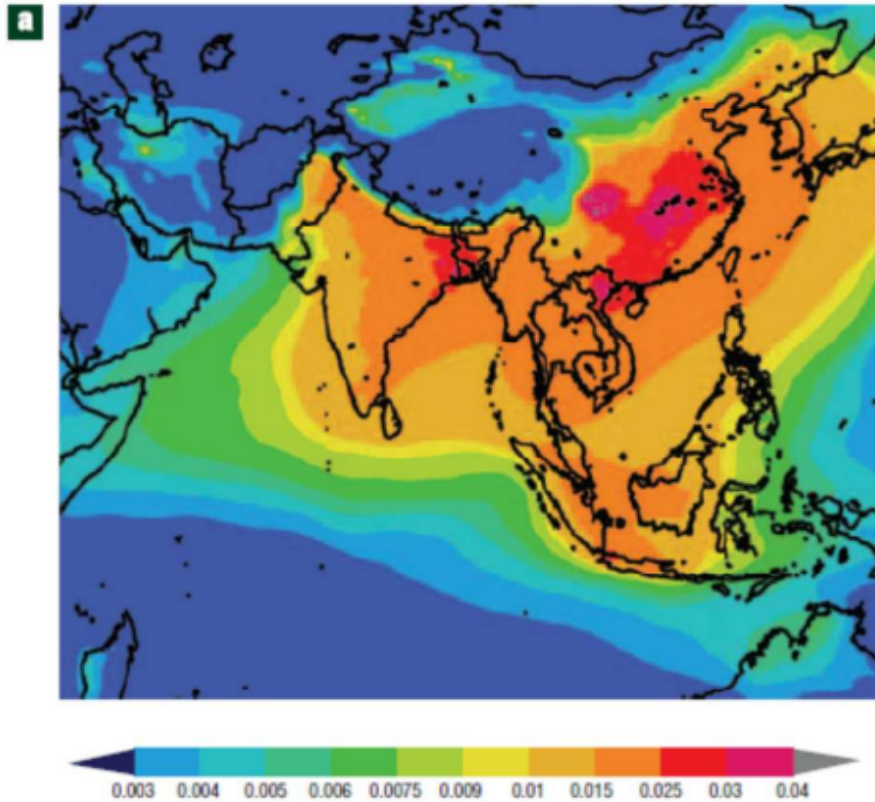
Linda Dix-Cooper^a, Brenda Eskenazi^b, Carolina Romero^c, John Balmes^{a,d}, Kirk R. Smith^{a,*}

Dix-Cooper et al., 2012 *NeuroToxicology*

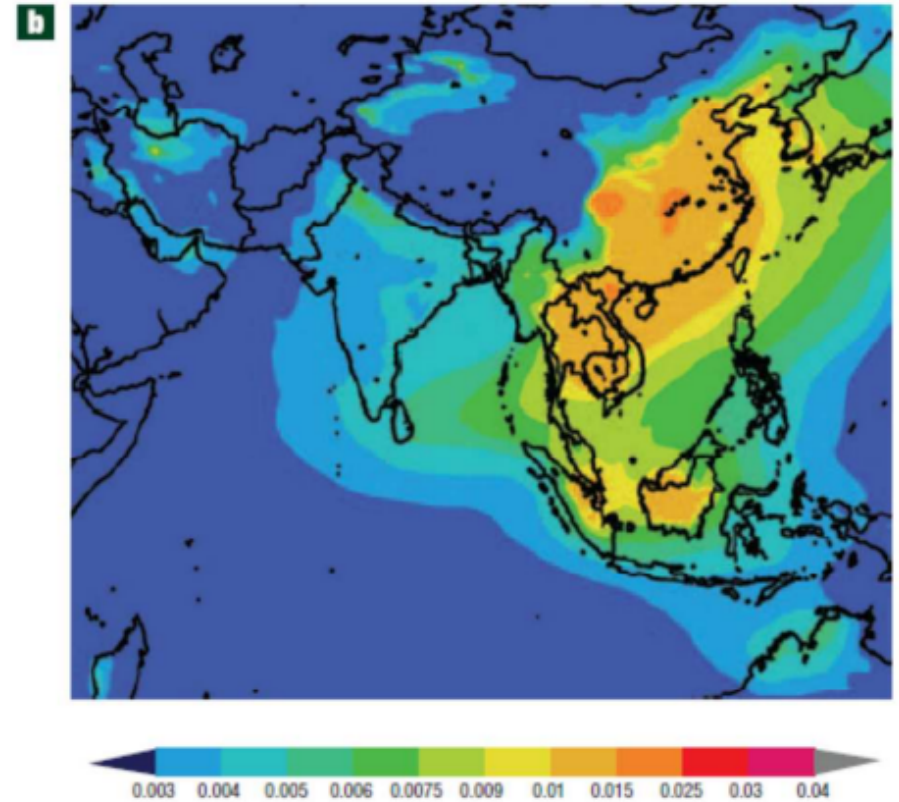
Climate impacts

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

With cookstoves



Without cookstoves

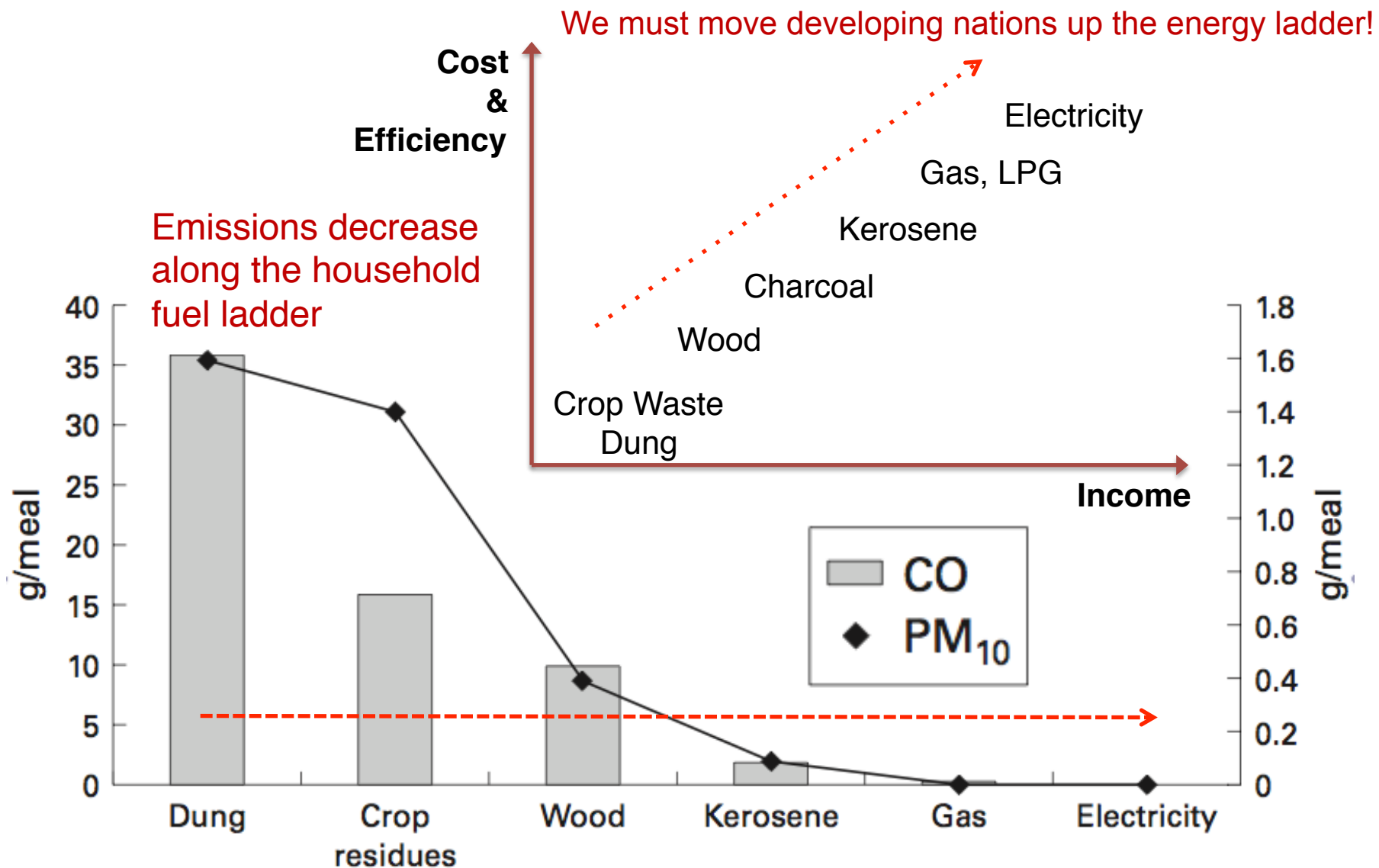


- BC is a contributor to global warming

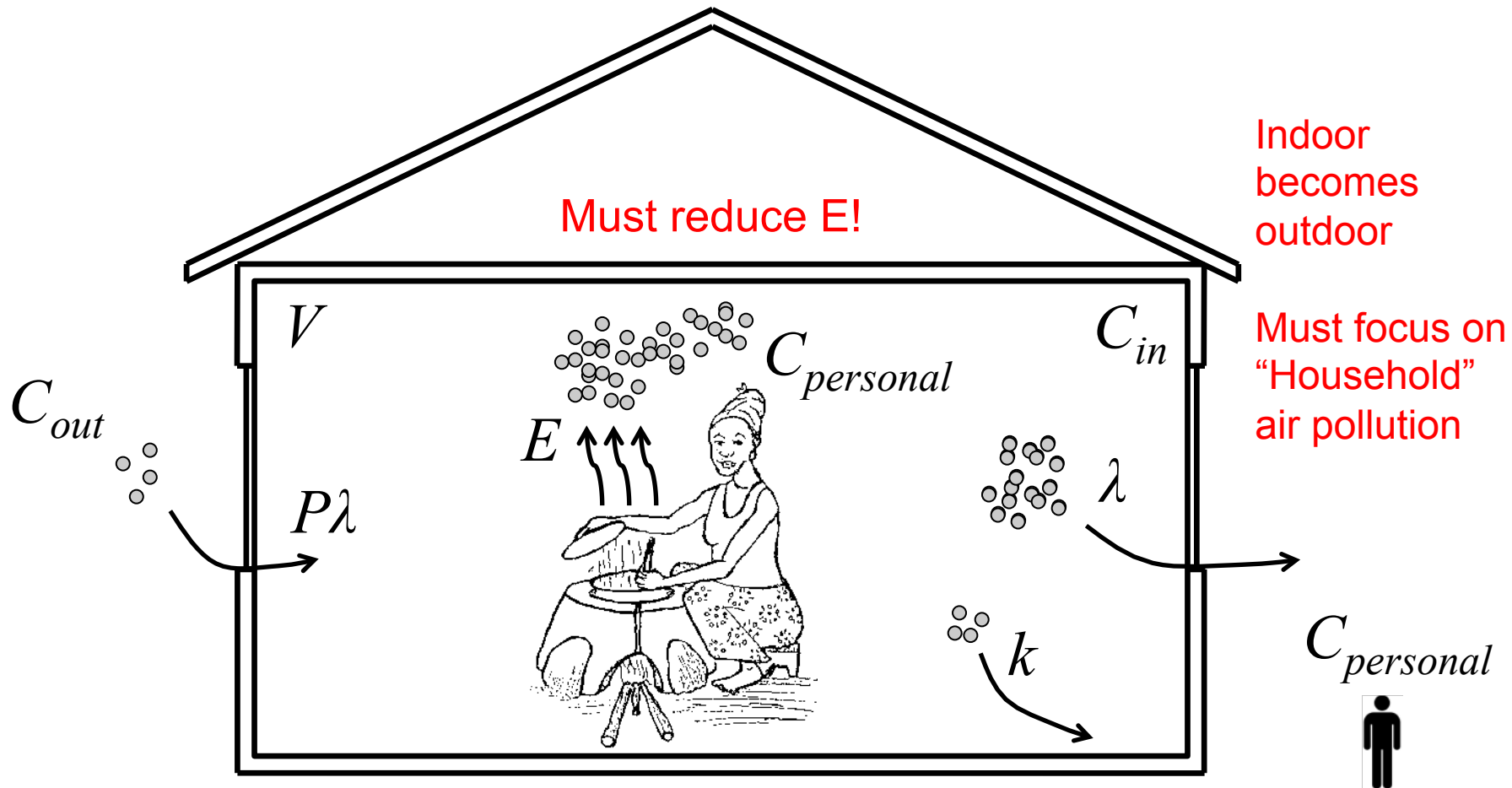
INTERVENTIONS

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 (-)
 λ = 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

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

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

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

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

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

Typical values | Traditional Stove

- $EF_{PM_{2.5}} = 5.2 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$
- Energy density of wood 18 MJ kg^{-1}
- Stove power = 4.9 kJ s^{-1}
 - Cooking energy needed = 11 MJ
 - Thermal efficiency = 14%
 - Cooking time = 4.5 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

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

- AER, $\lambda = 25 \text{ hr}^{-1}$
- Kitchen volume, $V = 30 \text{ m}^3$
- $E_{\text{PM}_{2.5}} = 5 \text{ g hr}^{-1}$
- $C_{ss} = 0.0067 \text{ g m}^{-3} \approx 7 \text{ mg m}^{-3} \approx 7000 \text{ }\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
- WHO $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ standard = $35 \text{ }\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
- **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_{2.5} 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

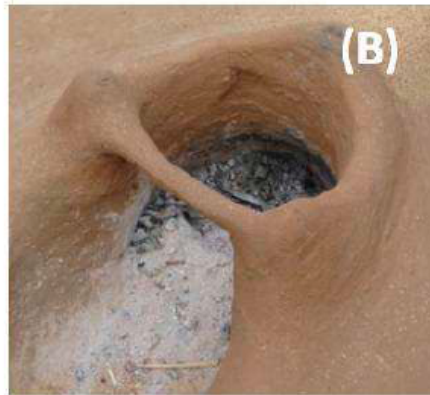


Example stoves

Traditional biomass *chulha*



Traditional coal *chulha*



Improved *chulha*



Kerosene



Biogas



Commercial biomass *bhati*



Commercial coal *bhati*



LPG stove

Example stoves

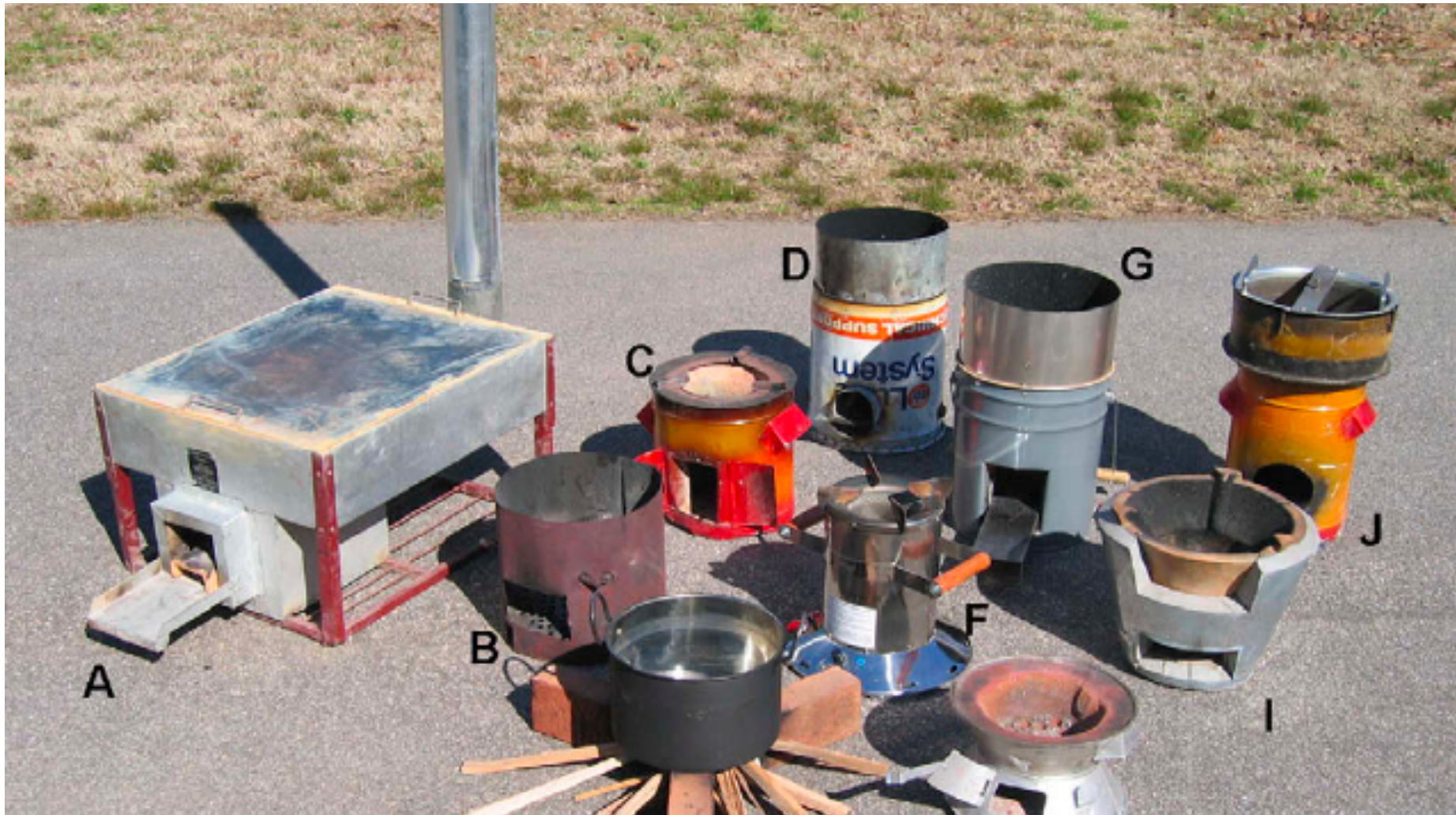


Fig. 1 – Stoves tested: A. Ecostove, B. VITA, C. UCODEA charcoal, D. WFP rocket, E. 3-stone fire, F. Philips, G. 6-brick rocket, H. Lakech charcoal, I. NLS, J. UCODEA rocket.

Ongoing research

- 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

- 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

- 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



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

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

The Partnership for Clean Indoor Air



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. The header is green and features the organization's logo on the left, a mission statement in the center, and the United Nations Foundation logo on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Overview, The Alliance, Resources, About Us, and Working Groups, along with a search bar. The main content area is white and features a large image of a woman and two children sitting next to a traditional open hearth. A blue banner at the bottom of the image contains the text: "Exposure to cookstove smoke doubles a child's risk of contracting pneumonia." Below the image is a "LEARN MORE" section with social media icons and four article teasers: "The Martha Stewart Show", "Impact and Solution", "Improve Health", and "Help Women". A "VIEW ALL POSTS" link is at the bottom right of the content area.

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- Impact and Solution**
3 billion people use dirty, inefficient cookstoves and open fires to cook their food.
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- Improve Health**
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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Resources for getting involved

- Some EWB resources
 - GA Tech: 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>
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