

Inhalation Toxicities of Ambient Particles

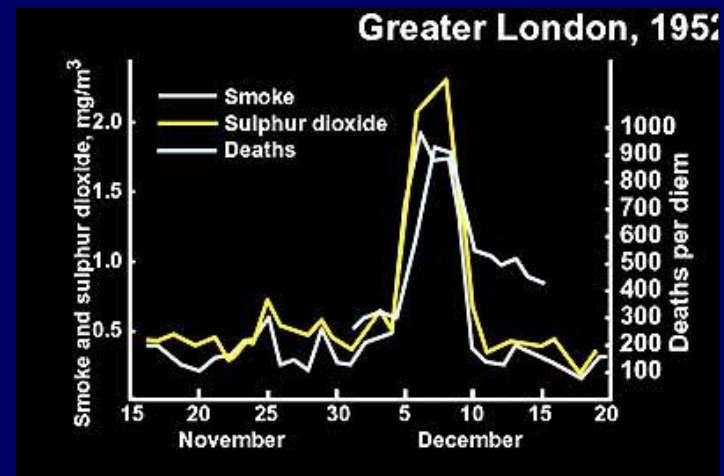
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Outlines

- Acute toxicity of ambient particles
 - Changes of heart rate , blood pressure and heart rate variability
- Sub-chronic toxicity of ambient particles
 - Glucose homeostasis and cardiovascular damages in hyperglycemic and healthy rats



The London Fog of 1952



Ambient PM exposure and health effects

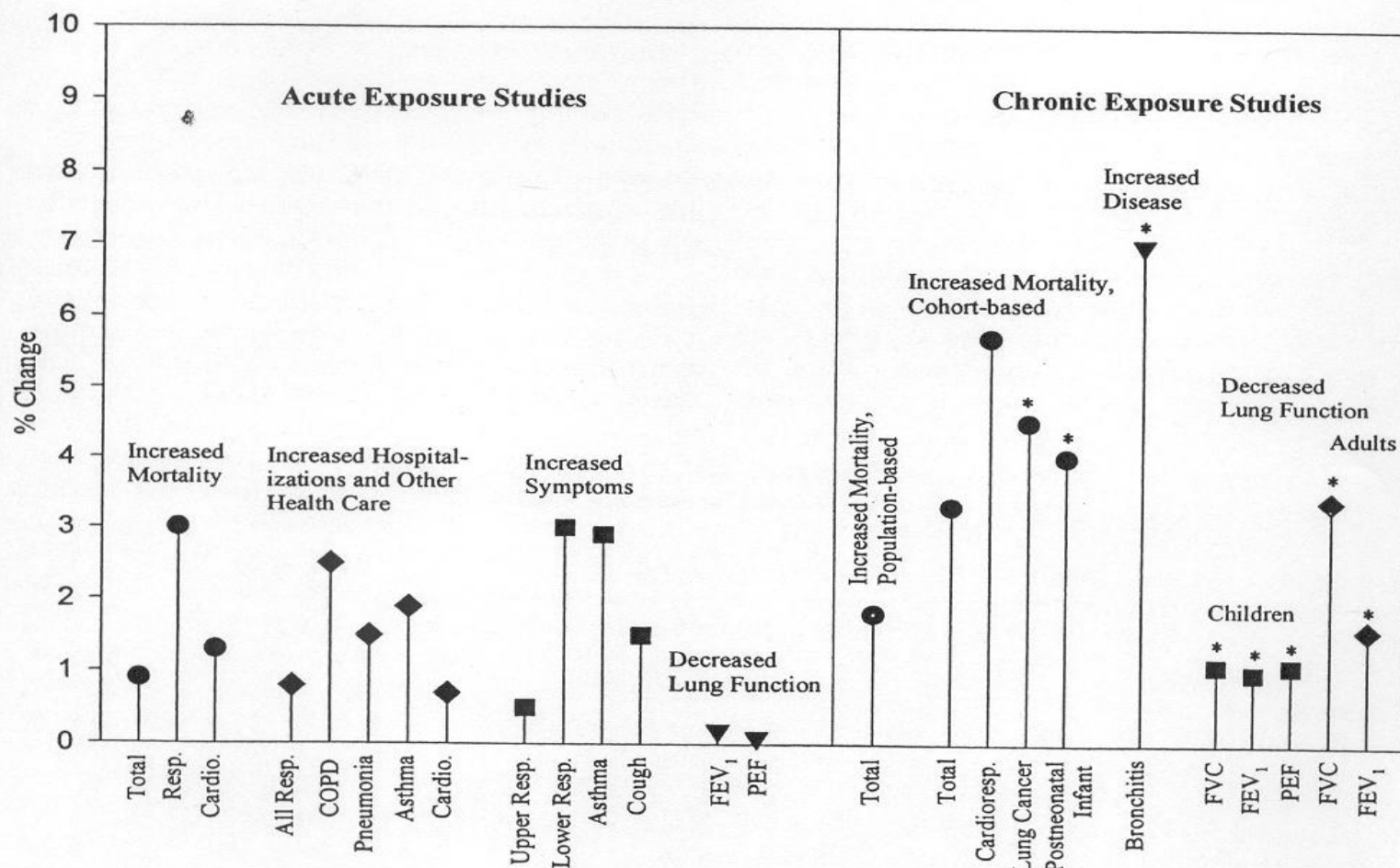
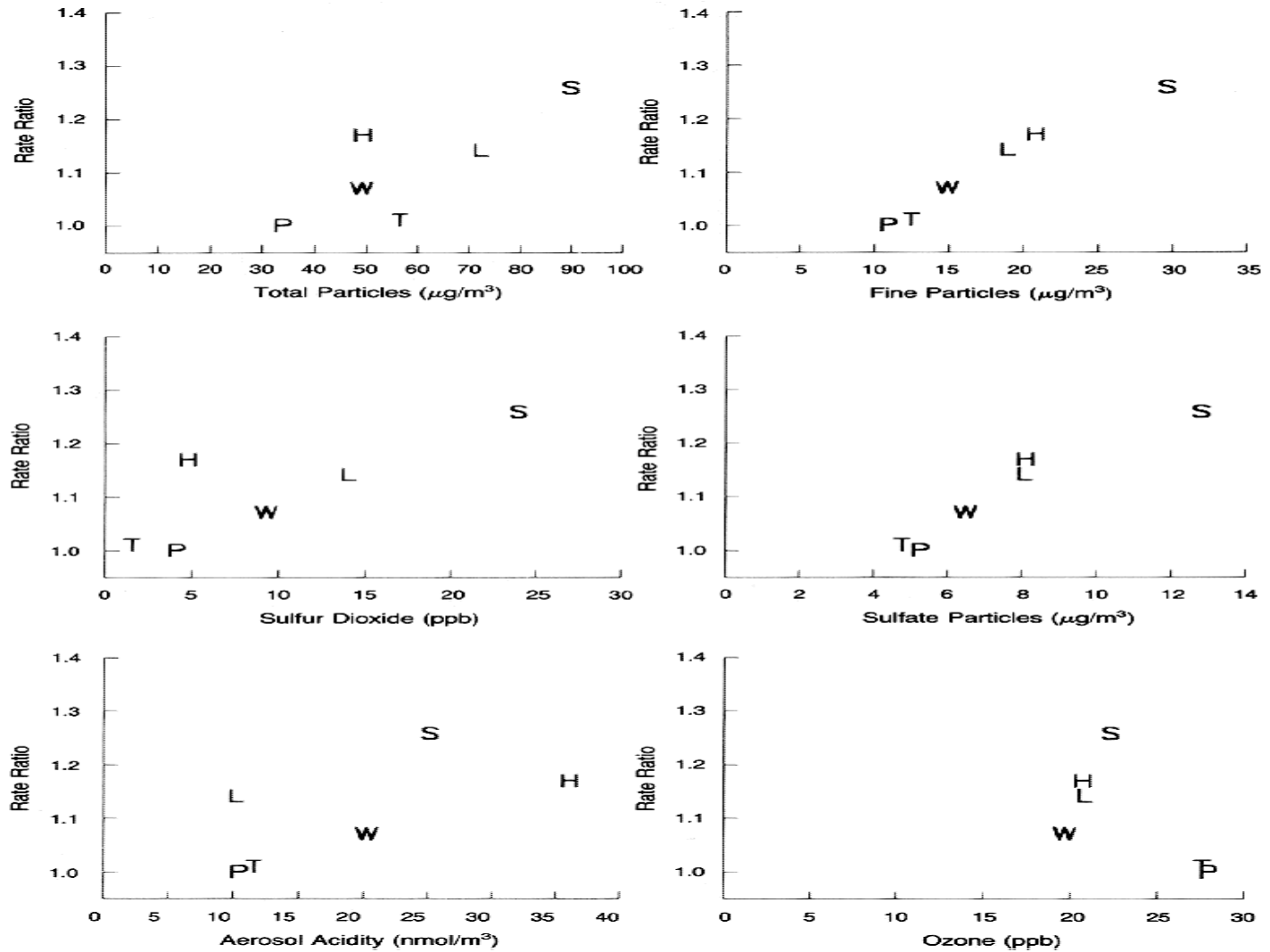


FIG. 7. Stylized summary of observed health effects, approximate percent change in health endpoints per 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ increase in PM_{10} or a 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ increase in $\text{PM}_{2.5}$. *Indicates estimate based on very limited or inconsistent evidence.

Harvard Six Cities study



Dockery et al., NEJM, 1993

Particulate Matter: What is It?

A complex mixture of extremely small particles and liquid droplets

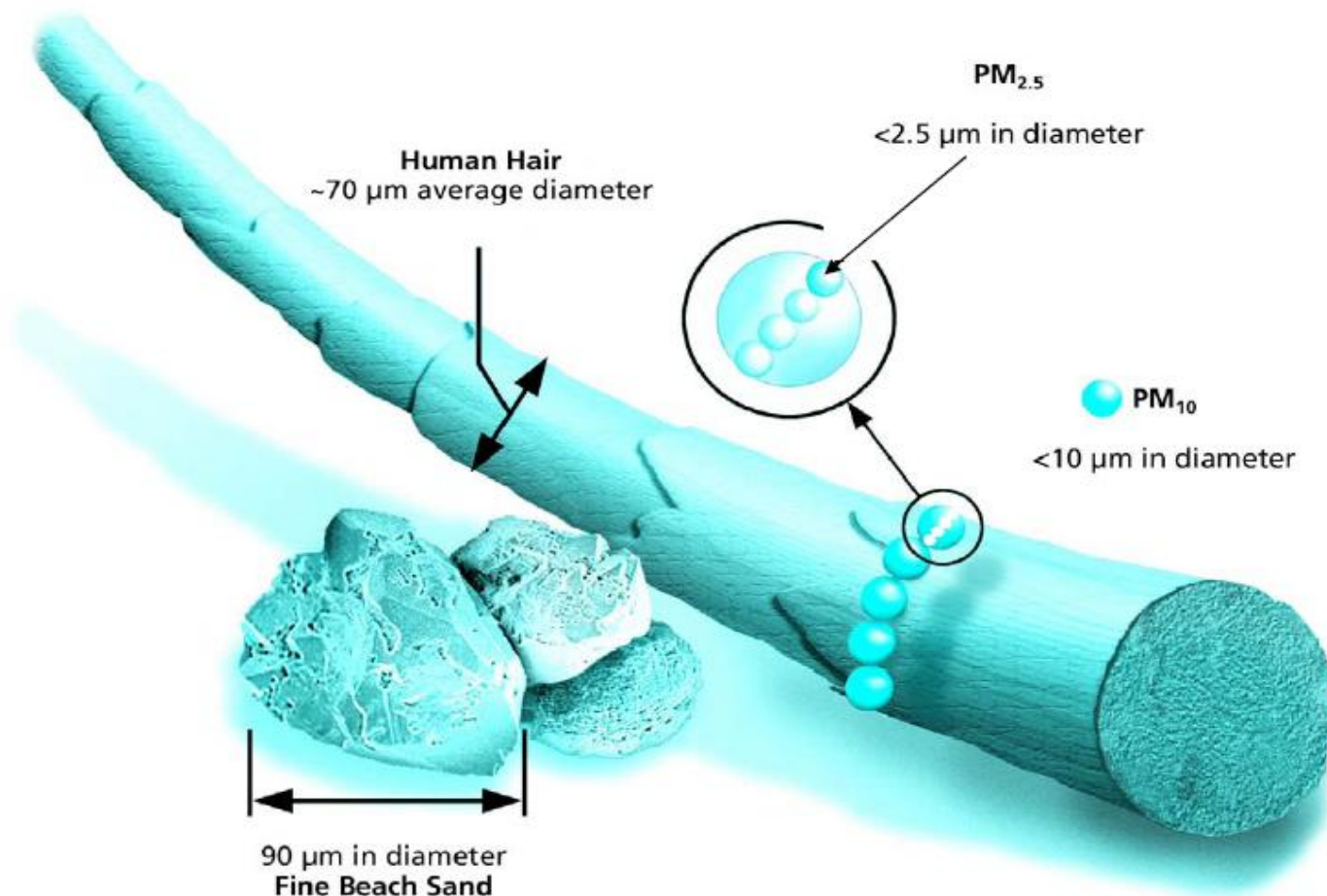


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PM Components: fine and coarse

Fine Particles

Combustion, gases to particles

Sulfates/acids
Nitrate
Ammonium
Organics
Carbon
Metals
Water



Sources:

Coal, oil, gasoline, diesel, wood combustion
Transformation of SO_x, NO_x, organic gases
including biogenics
High temperature industrial
processes
(smelters, steel mills)
Forest fires



Exposure/Lifetime:

Lifetime days to weeks, regional distribution
over urban scale to 1000s of km

Inhalable Coarse Particles

Crushing, grinding, dust

Resuspended dusts
(soil, street dust)
Coal/oil fly ash
Aluminum, silica,
iron-oxides
Tire and brake wear
Inhalable Biological
Materials
(e.g., from soils,
plant fragments)



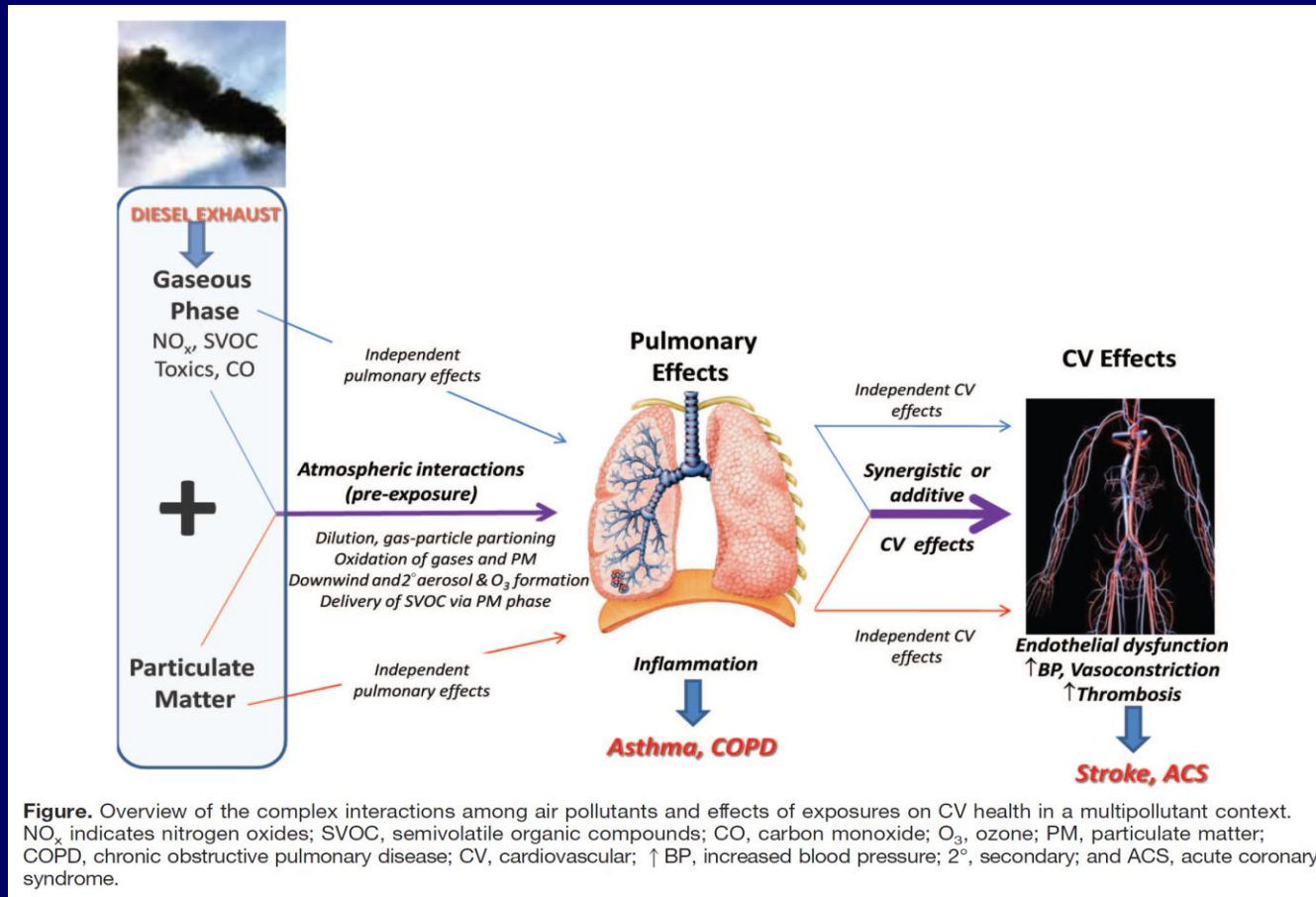
Sources:

Resuspension of dust tracked onto roads
Suspension from disturbed soil (farms, mines,
unpaved roads)
Construction/demolition
Industrial fugitives
Biological sources

Exposure/Lifetime:

Coarse fraction (2.5-10 µm) lifetime of hours to
days, distribution up to 100s km

Biological plausibility and mechanisms

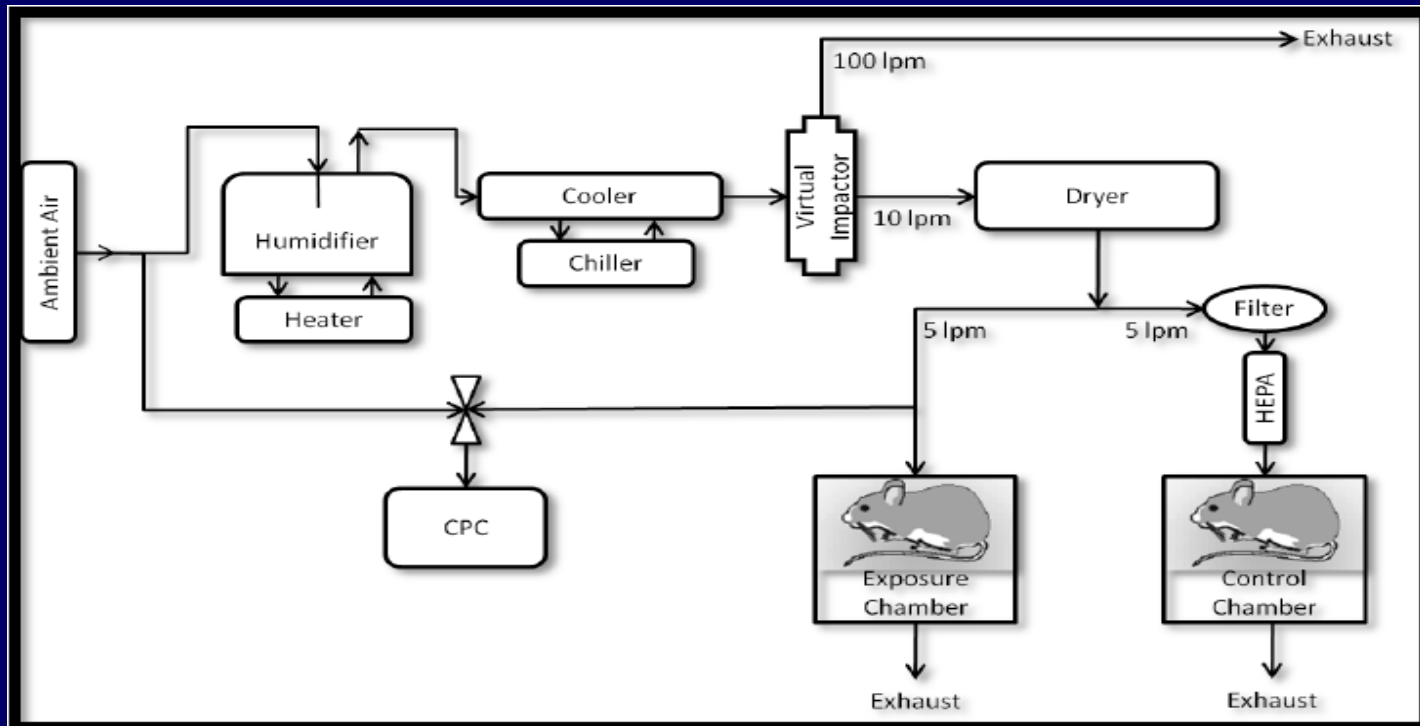
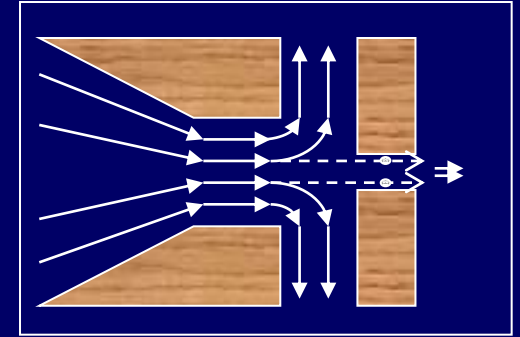


Acute toxicity of ambient particles

- Construction of an exposure system
- Telemetry system to monitor changes of heart rate , blood pressure and heart rate variability
- Self-controlled design and statistical analysis

Ambient particle concentrator

- By Sioutas et al., USC
- 10 folds of concentration
- PM 0.01~2.5 μm .
- Saturator, cooler, virtual impactor, and dryer.

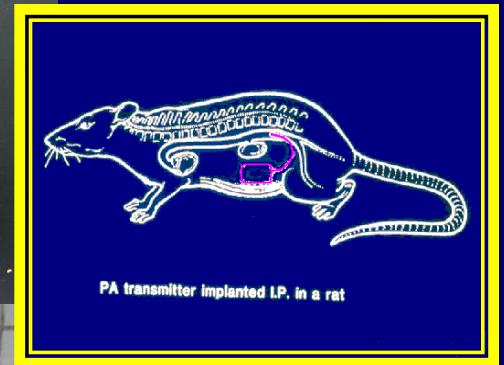
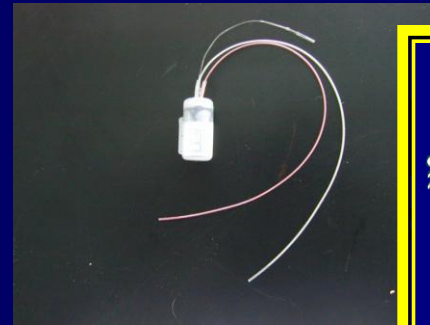


Ambient Particle Concentrator



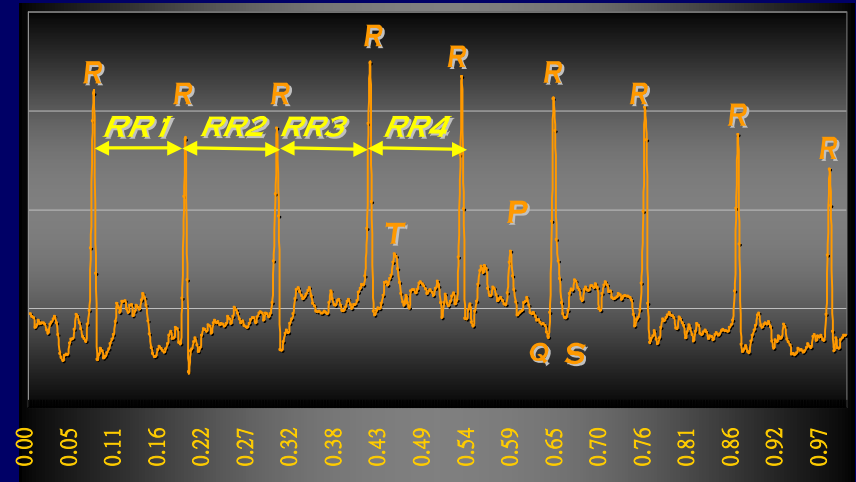
Telemetry system

- Telemetry
 - Activity
 - ECG signals
 - Arterial Blood Pressure
 - Body Temp
- Data management and programming by Dr. CC Chang



Autonomic cardiac function parameters

- Heart rate
- Blood pressure
- Heart rate variability (HRV)
 - SDNN
 - The 5-minute standard deviation of the NN intervals
 - RMSSD
 - The 5-minute root mean square of successive differences of adjacent NN intervals

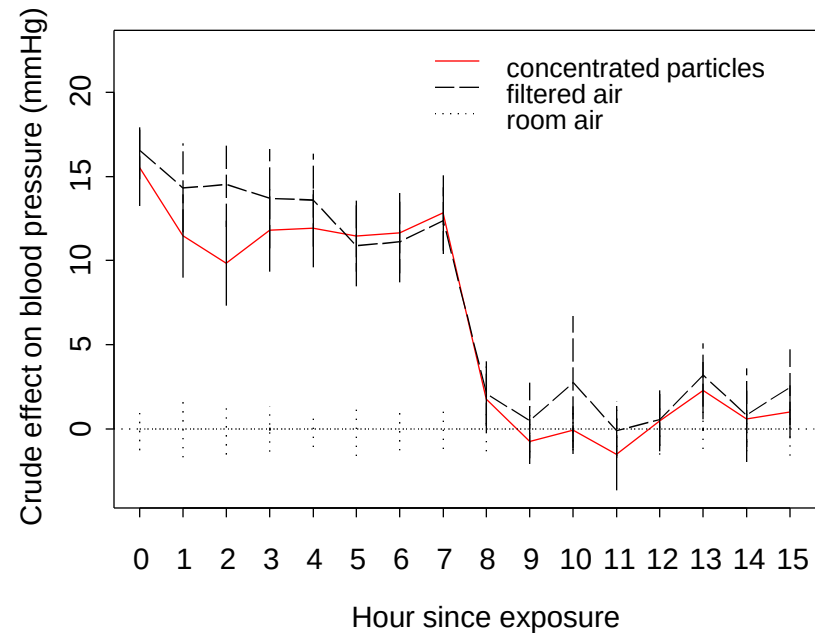
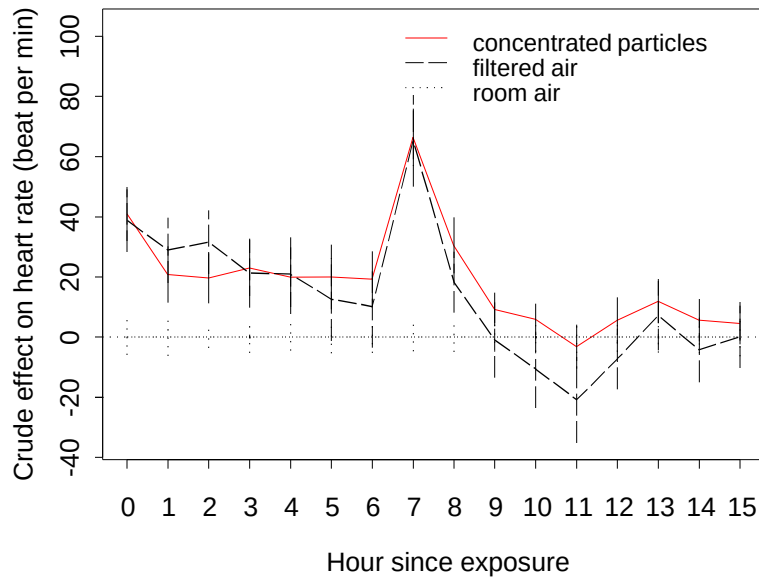


$$\text{rMSSD} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (rr_{i+1} - rr_i)^2}{nc}}$$

Study design

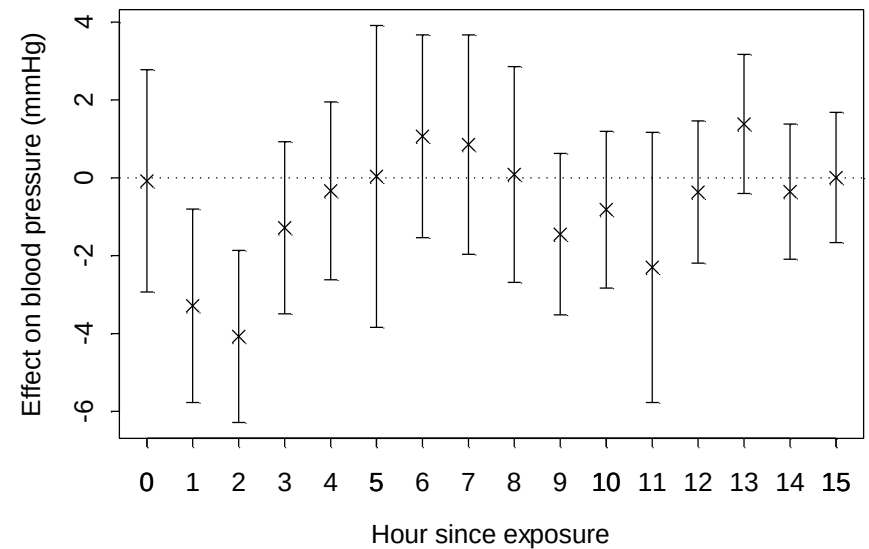
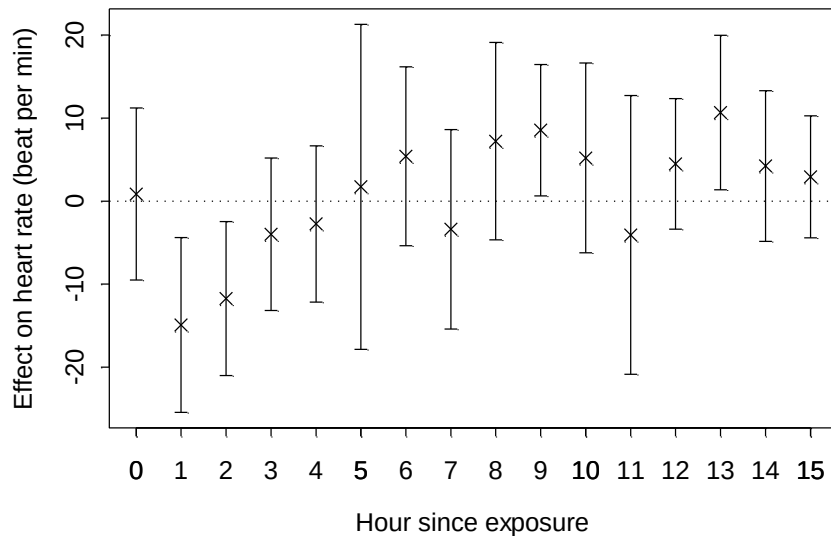
- Crossover self-controlled design with repeated exposure to CAP, filtered air and room air.
 - Inter-individual difference and environmental changes
- Same time of the day
 - Circadian
- Mixed-effects model
- Small number of animals

Heart rate and blood pressure in pulmonary hypertensive rats



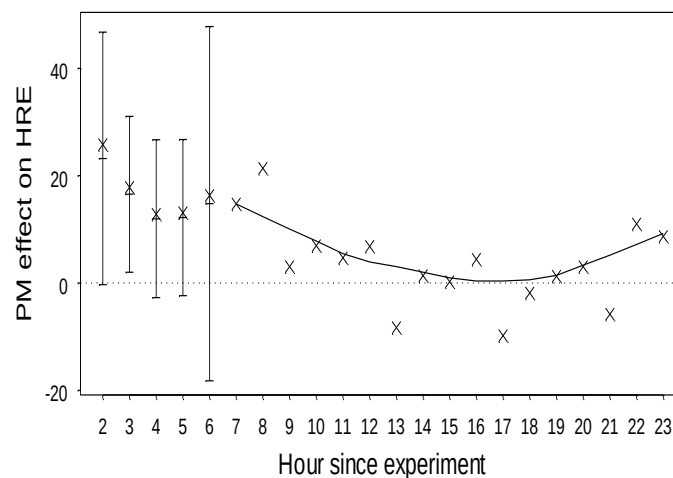
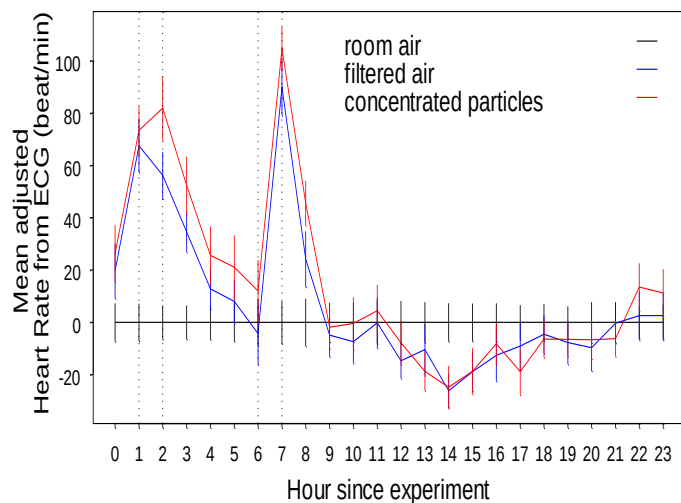
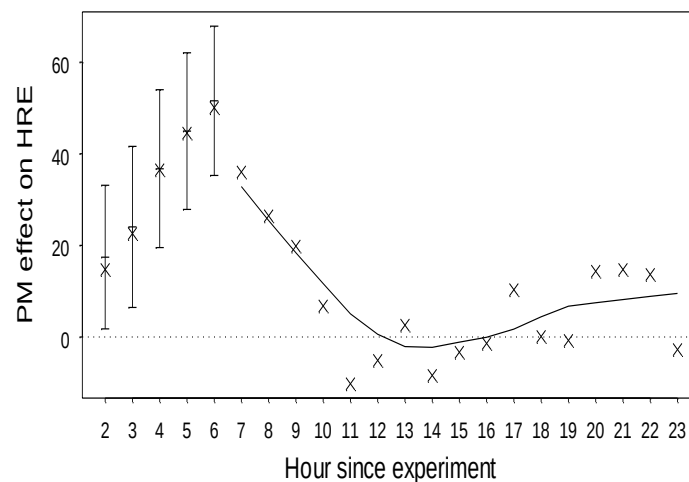
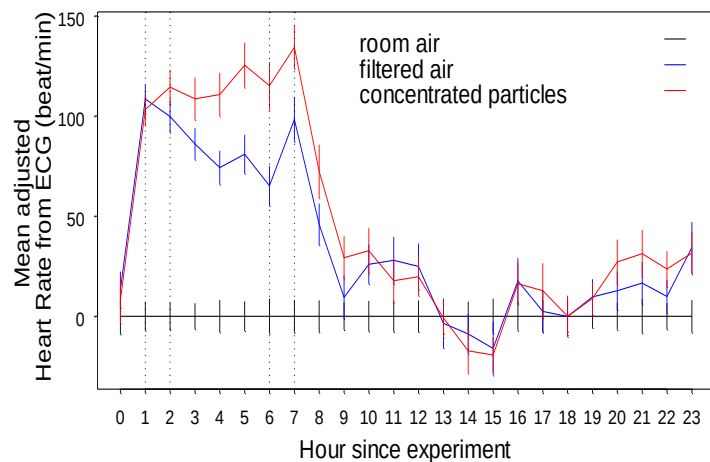
Cheng et al., EHP,
2003

PM effects on heart rate and blood pressure

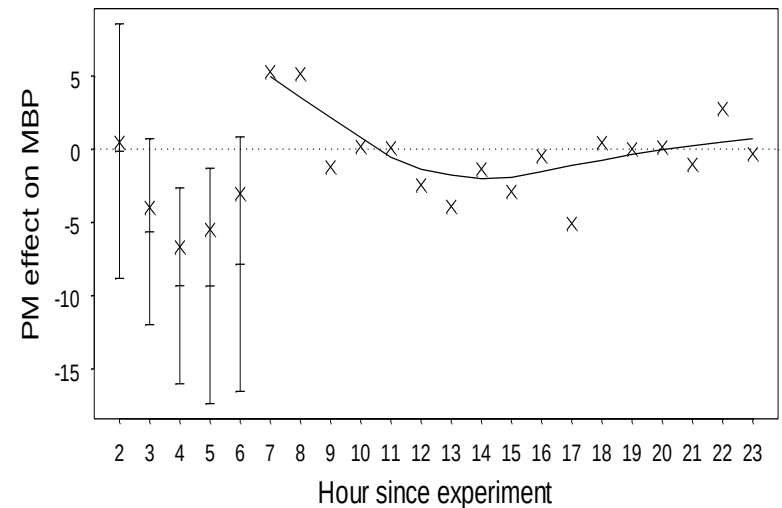
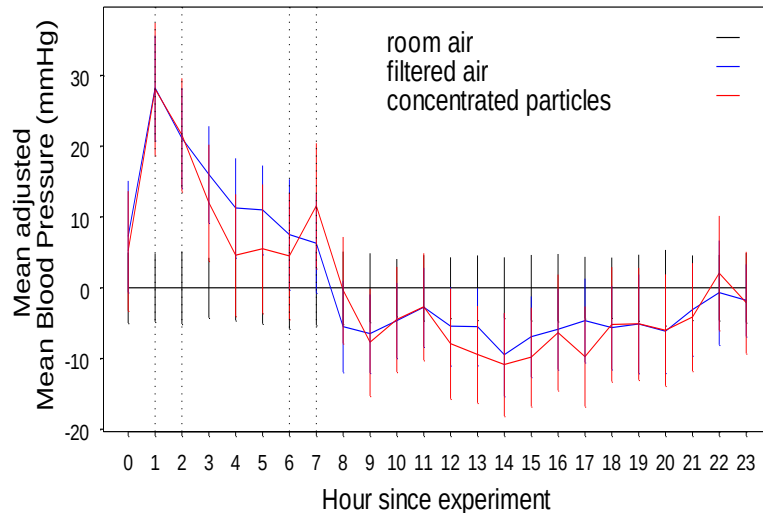
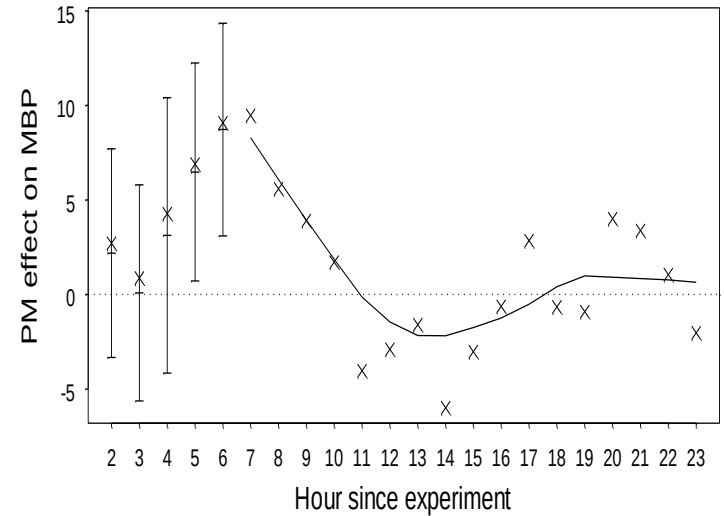
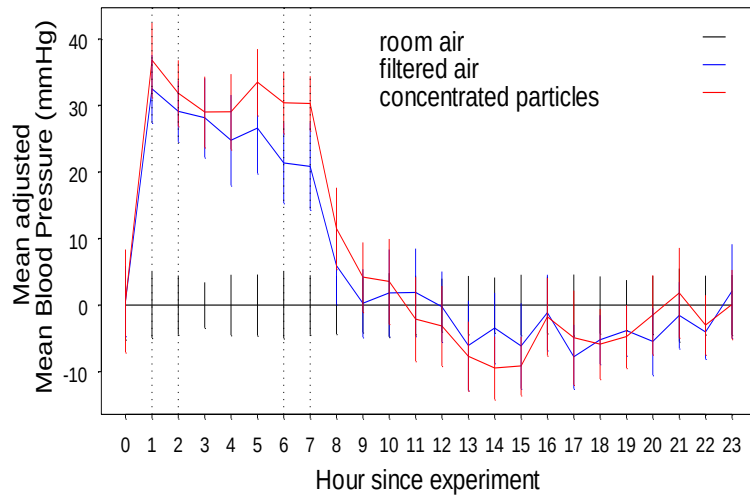


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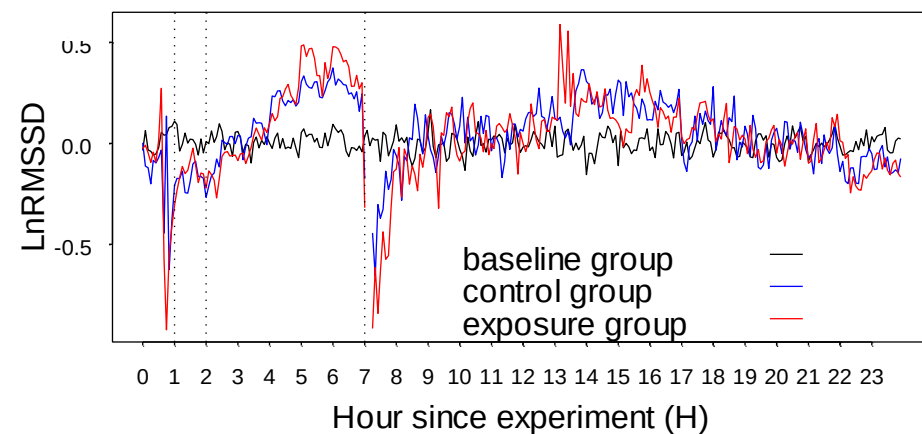
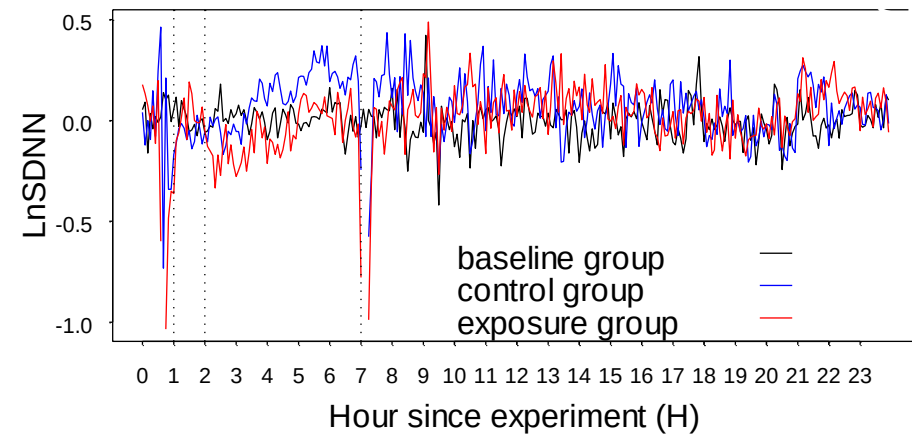
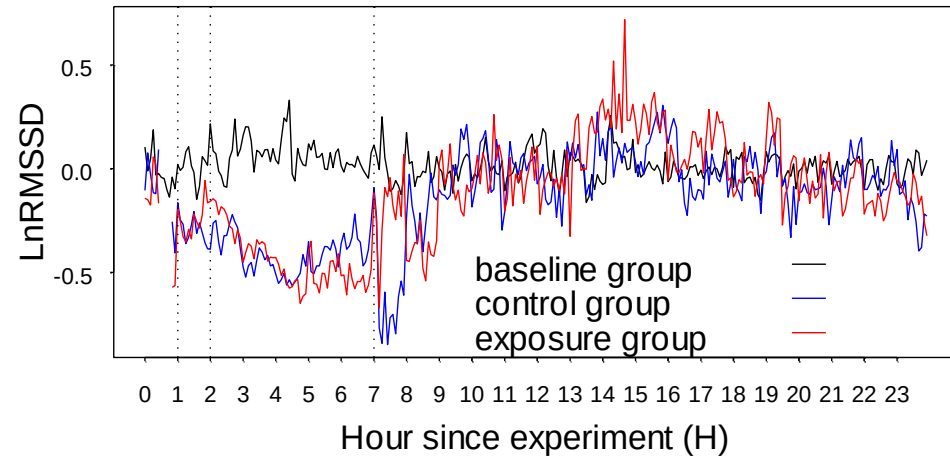
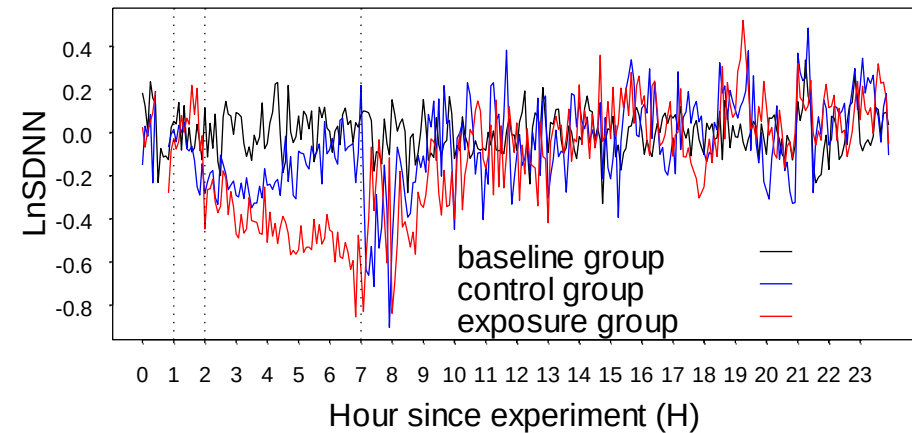
Heart rate changes during and after CAP exposures in spontaneously hypertensive rats (SHR)



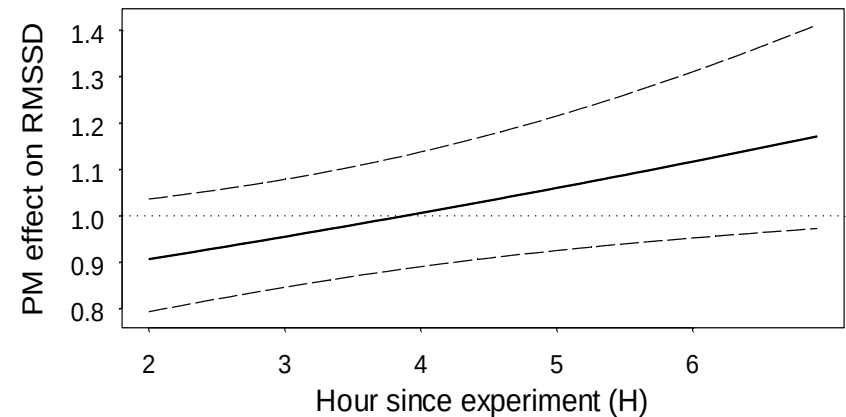
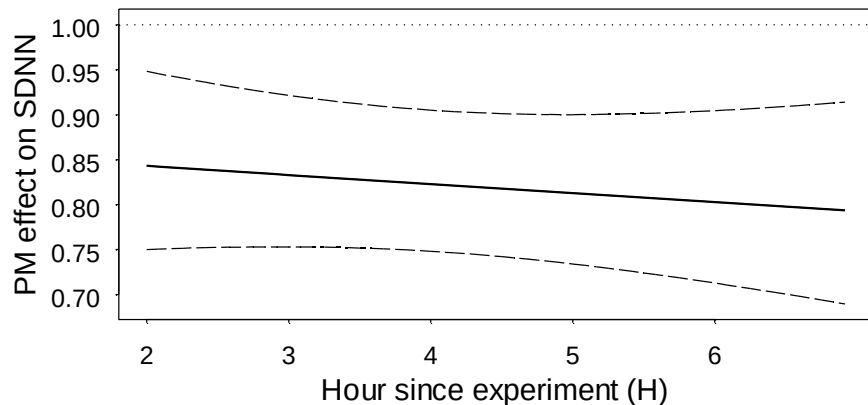
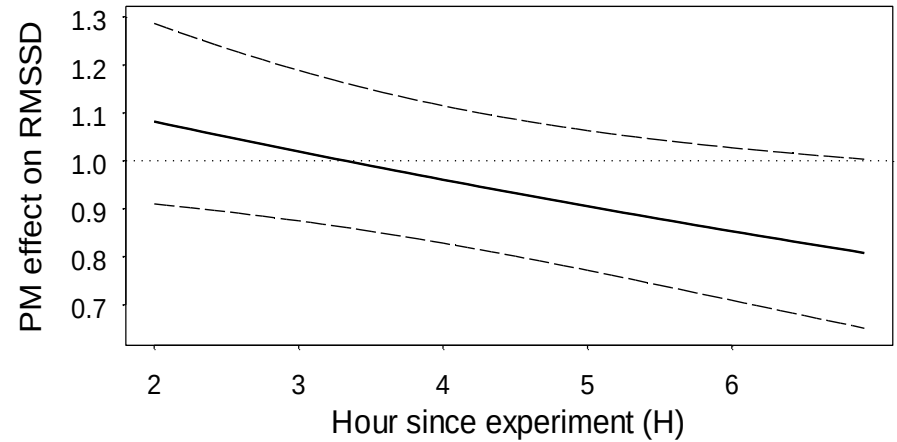
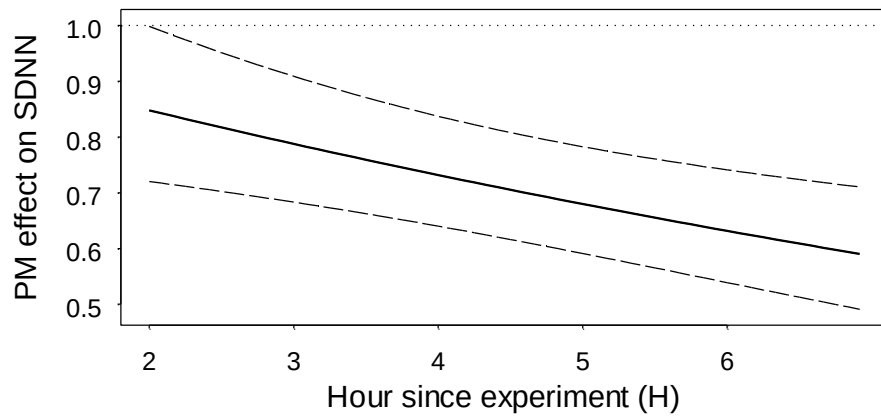
Blood pressure changes during and after CAP exposures



Log-transformed SDNN and RMSSD during and after CAP exposures

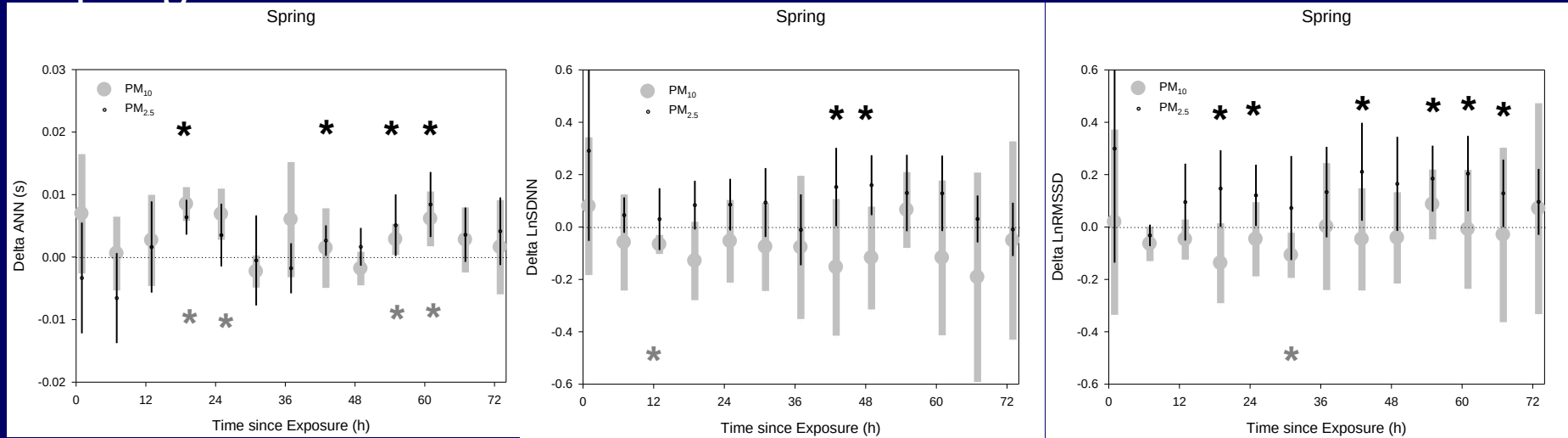


The estimated mean PM effects with 95% CI on SDNN and RMSSD

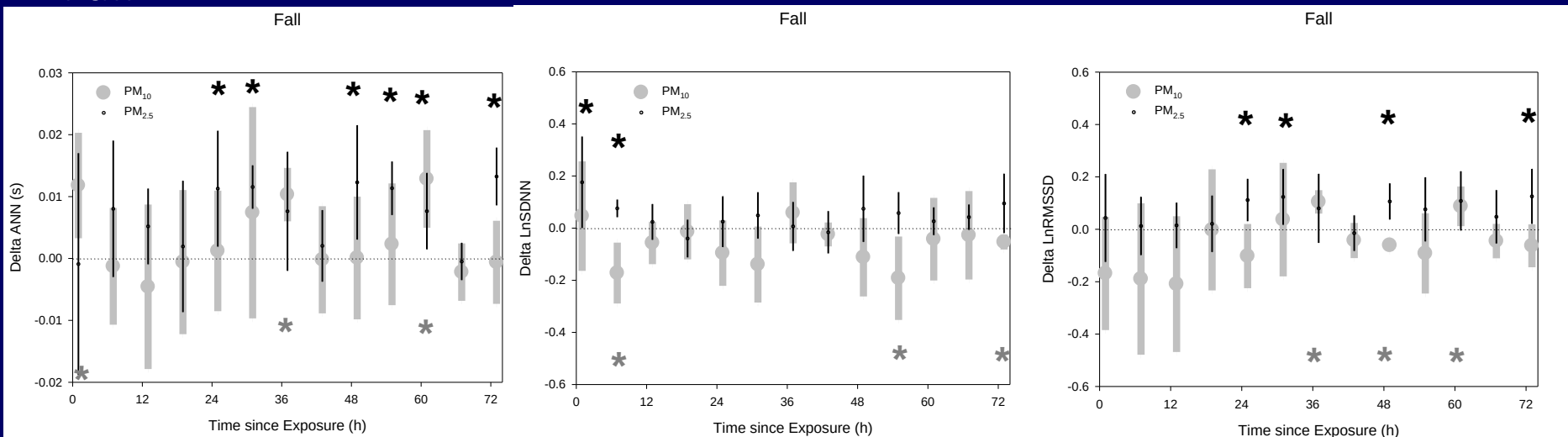


HRV induced by PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ in SHR: IT

Spring



Fall



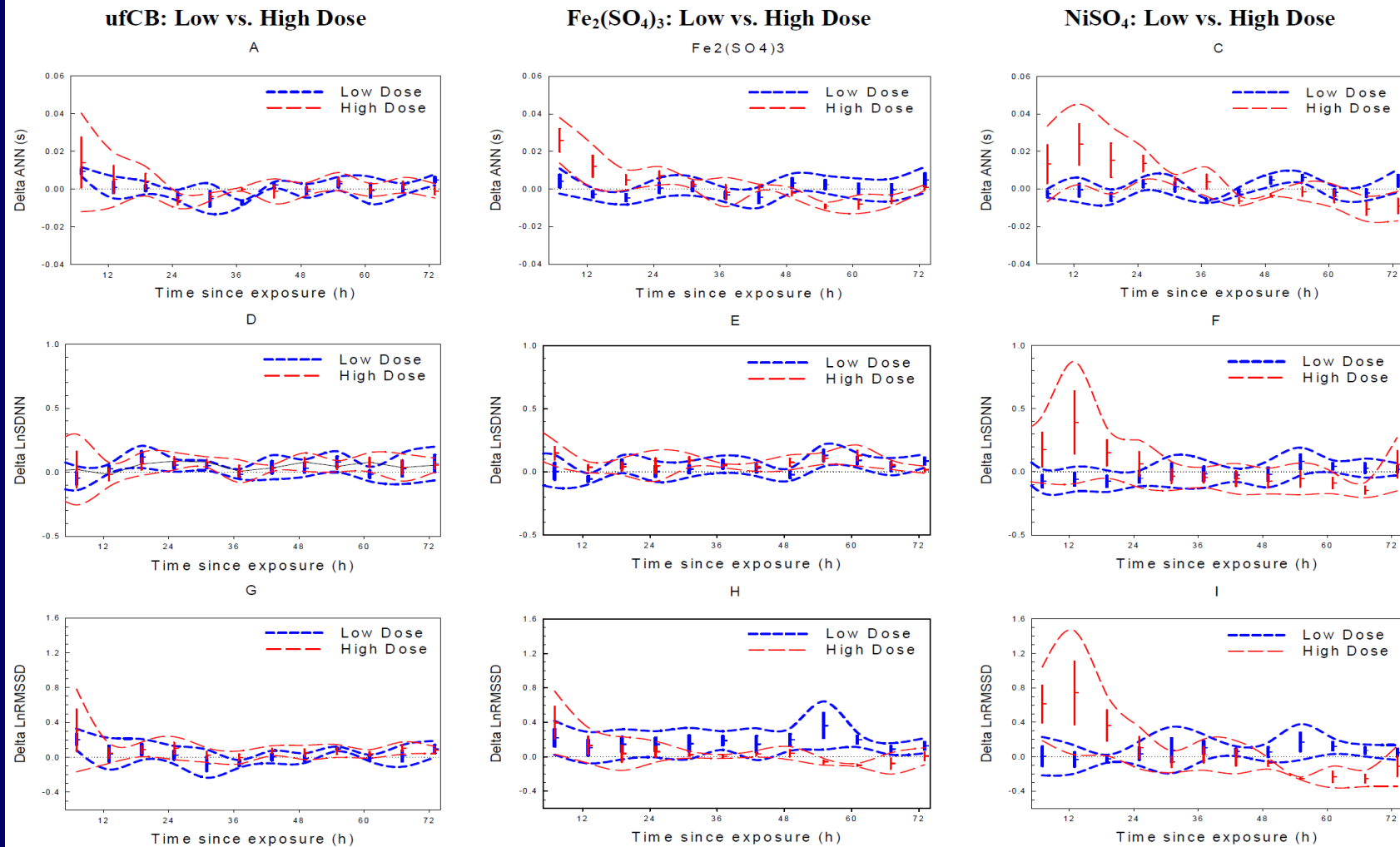
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RMSSD

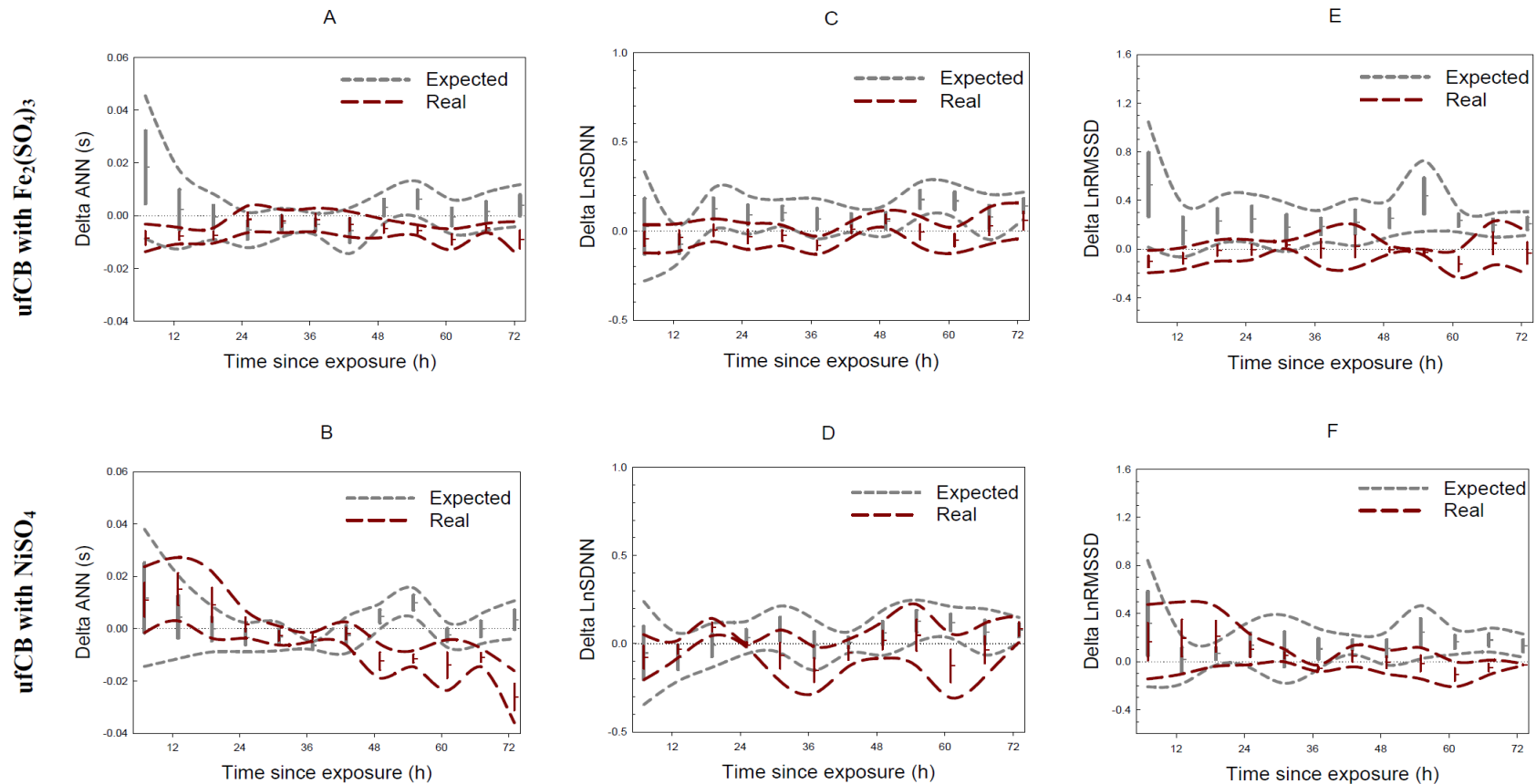
Heart rate variability by different components of PM: IT

Figure 3.

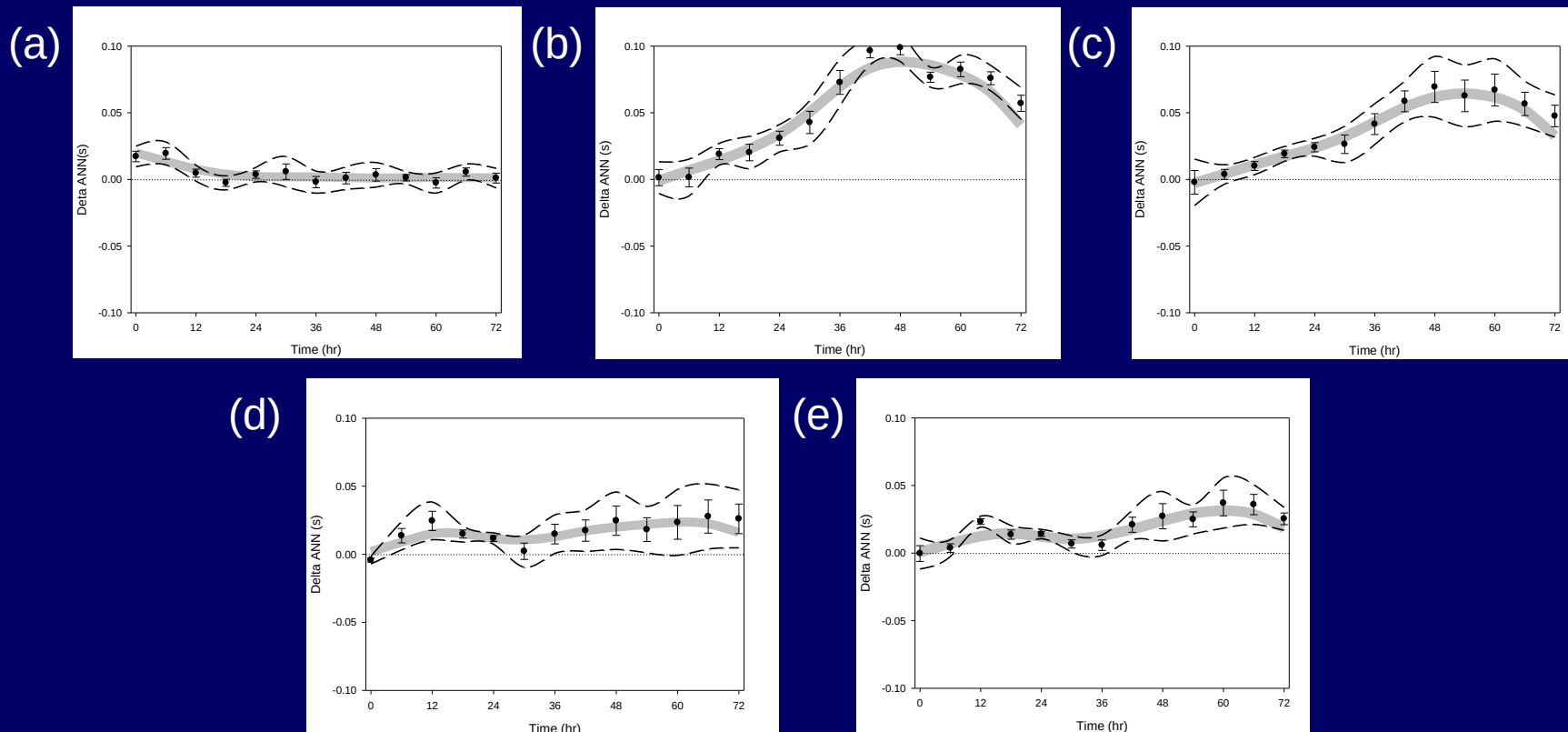


Heart rate variability by combined effects of PM components: IT

Figure 4



Nickel regulated heart rate: IT

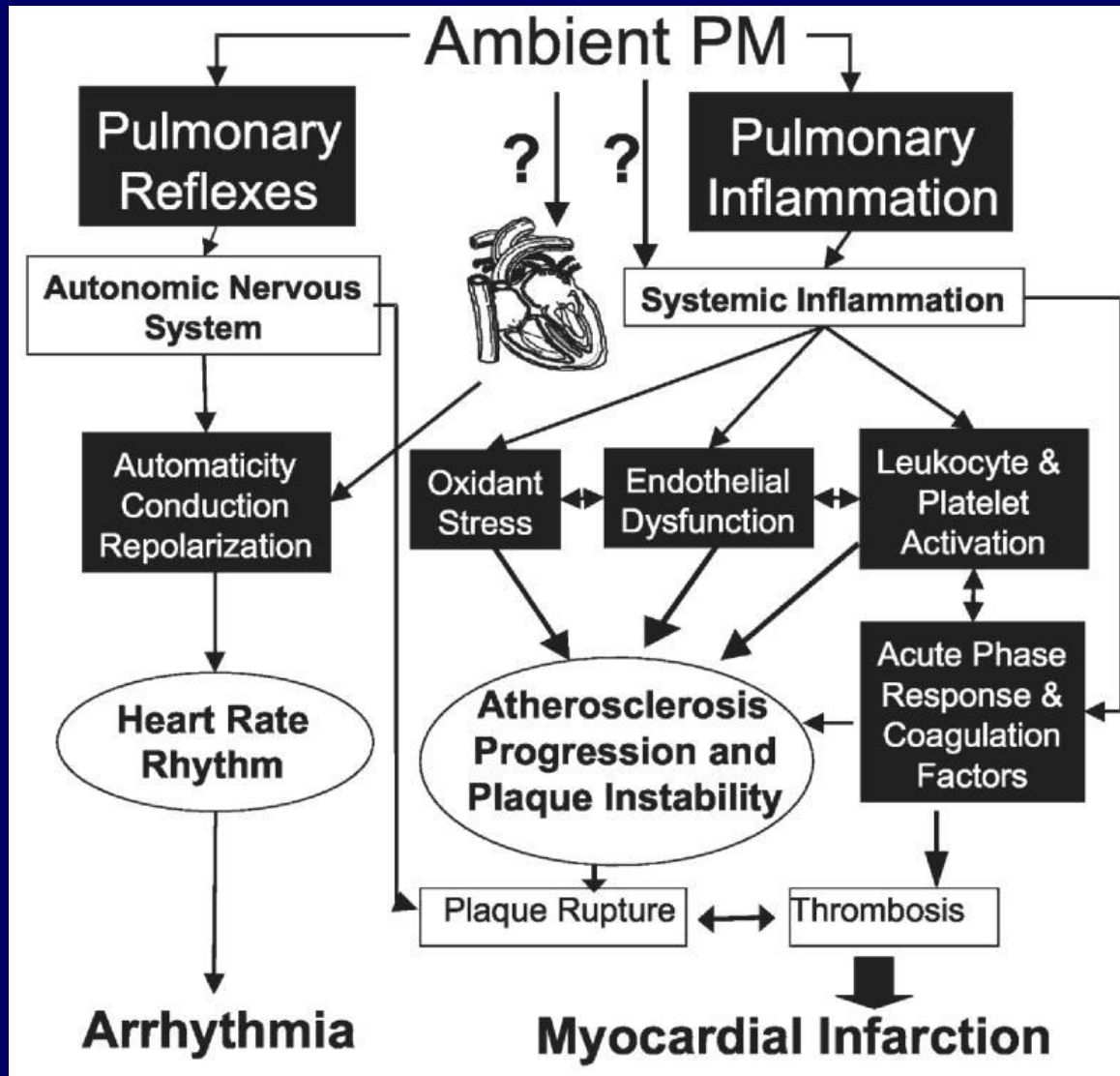


(a) WKY; (b) SHR; (c) SHR treated with NAC*1; (d) SHR treated with NAC*4; (e) SHR treated with Celecoxib*4. NAC, N-acetylcystein, antioxidant; Celecoxib, anti-inflammatory agent

Summary

- PM induces the alterations of cardiac autonomic function.
- PM components account for the difference of effects.
- PM-induced autonomic dysfunction is mediated through oxidative stress and inflammation.
- Our results support the epidemiological findings.

Proposed biological mechanisms linking PM with cardiovascular disease



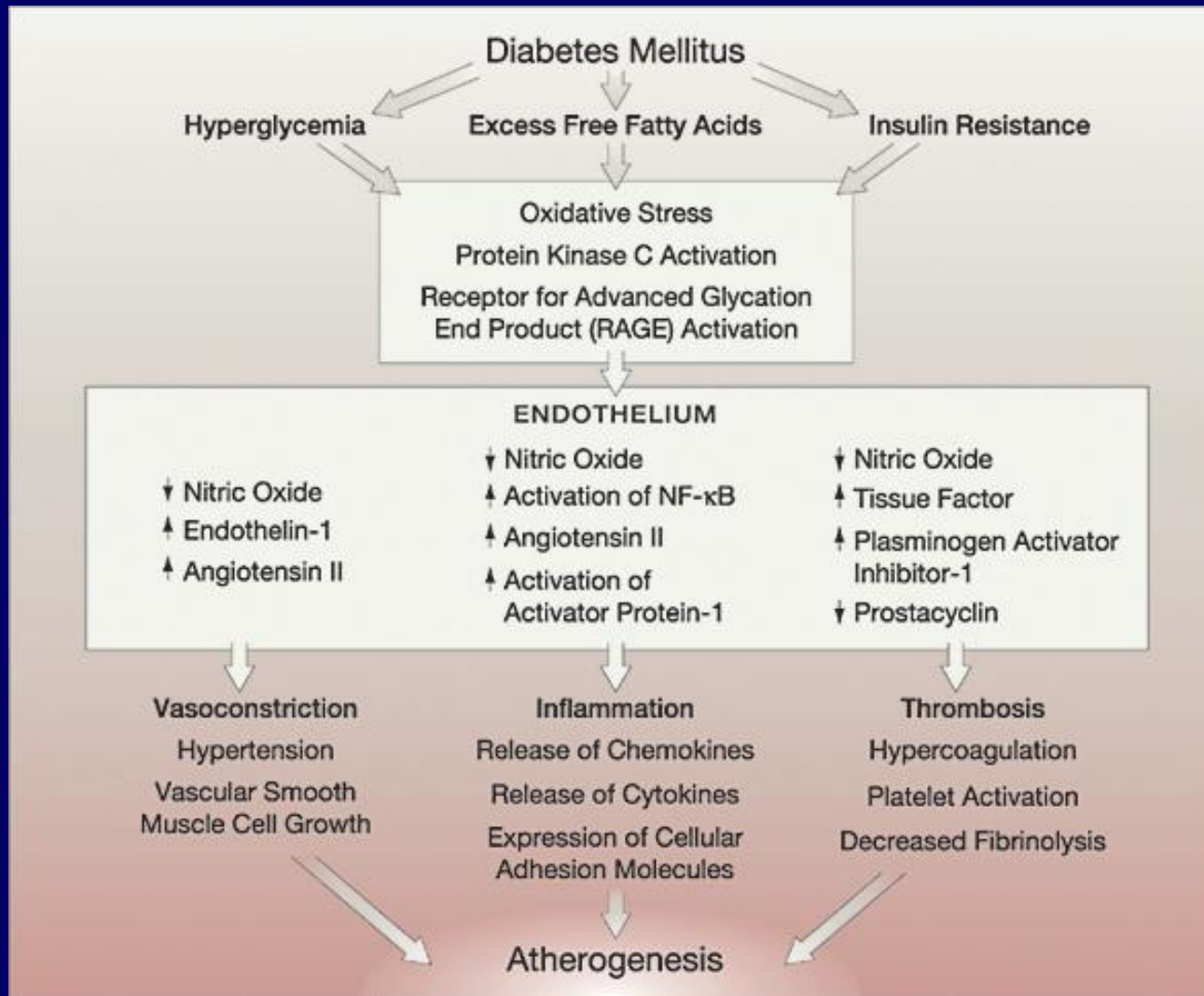
Brook et al., *Circulation*.
2004; 109: 2655-2671

Diabetics have **double the risk** of a PM₁₀ -associated cardiovascular admission compared with nondiabetics.

TABLE 2. City-Specific Percentage Increase, for a 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Increase in PM₁₀, in Hospital Admissions for Cardiovascular Disease by Concurrent Diagnosis for Diabetes and by Age Group

	With Diabetes		Without Diabetes	
	%	95% CI	%	95% CI
Chicago	2.0	1.4–2.6	0.9	0.6–1.3
≤75 years	1.9	1.1–2.7	0.7	0.2–1.2
75+ years	2.0	1.1–3.0	1.2	0.8–1.7
Detroit	1.6	1.0–2.3	1.2	0.9–1.5
≤75 years	1.3	0.5–2.2	1.2	0.7–1.7
75+ years	2.1	1.0–3.1	1.2	0.7–1.6
Pittsburgh	1.5	0.8–2.2	1.2	0.9–1.6
≤75 years	1.8	0.9–2.7	0.6	0.1–1.2
75+ years	0.9	–0.2–2.0	1.6	1.2–2.1
Seattle	2.2	0.9–3.5	0.9	0.4–1.5
≤75 years	1.9	0.1–3.7	0.8	0.0–1.6
75+ years	2.7	0.7–4.8	0.9	0.2–1.6

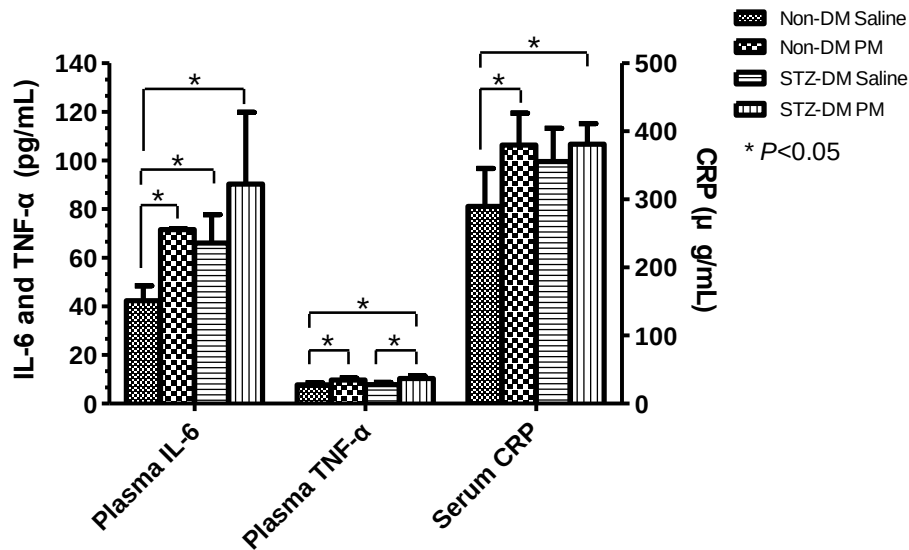
Pathophysiology of diabetes



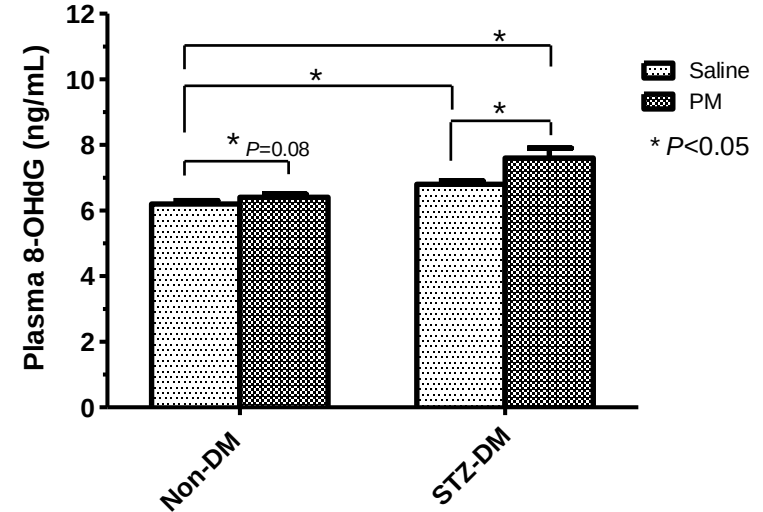
Beckman et al.,
JAMA, 2002, 287:
2570-2581

Markers induced by PM: IT

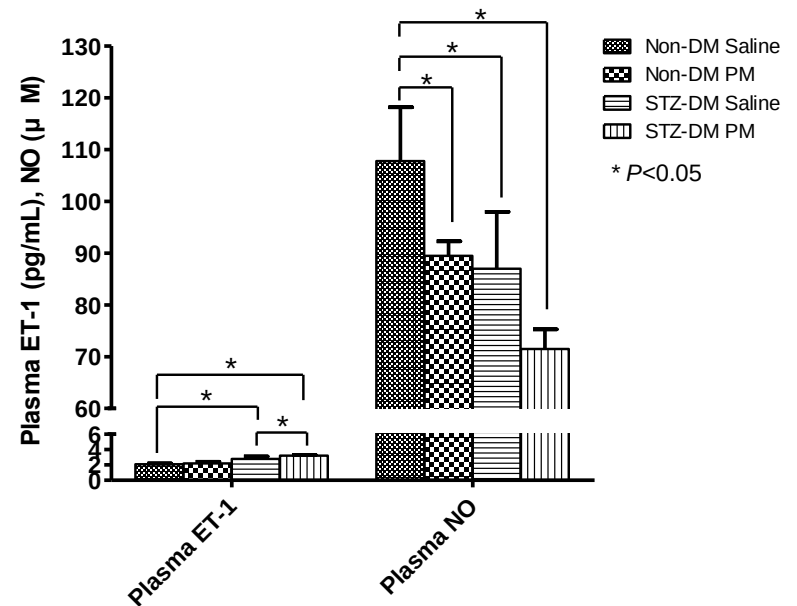
Markers of inflammation in rats



Markers of oxidative stress in rats



Markers of endothelial function in rats



Traffic-Related Air Pollution and Incident Type 2 Diabetes: Results from the SALIA Cohort Study

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EHP, 2010

Association of long term PM exposure and risk factors of atherosclerosis

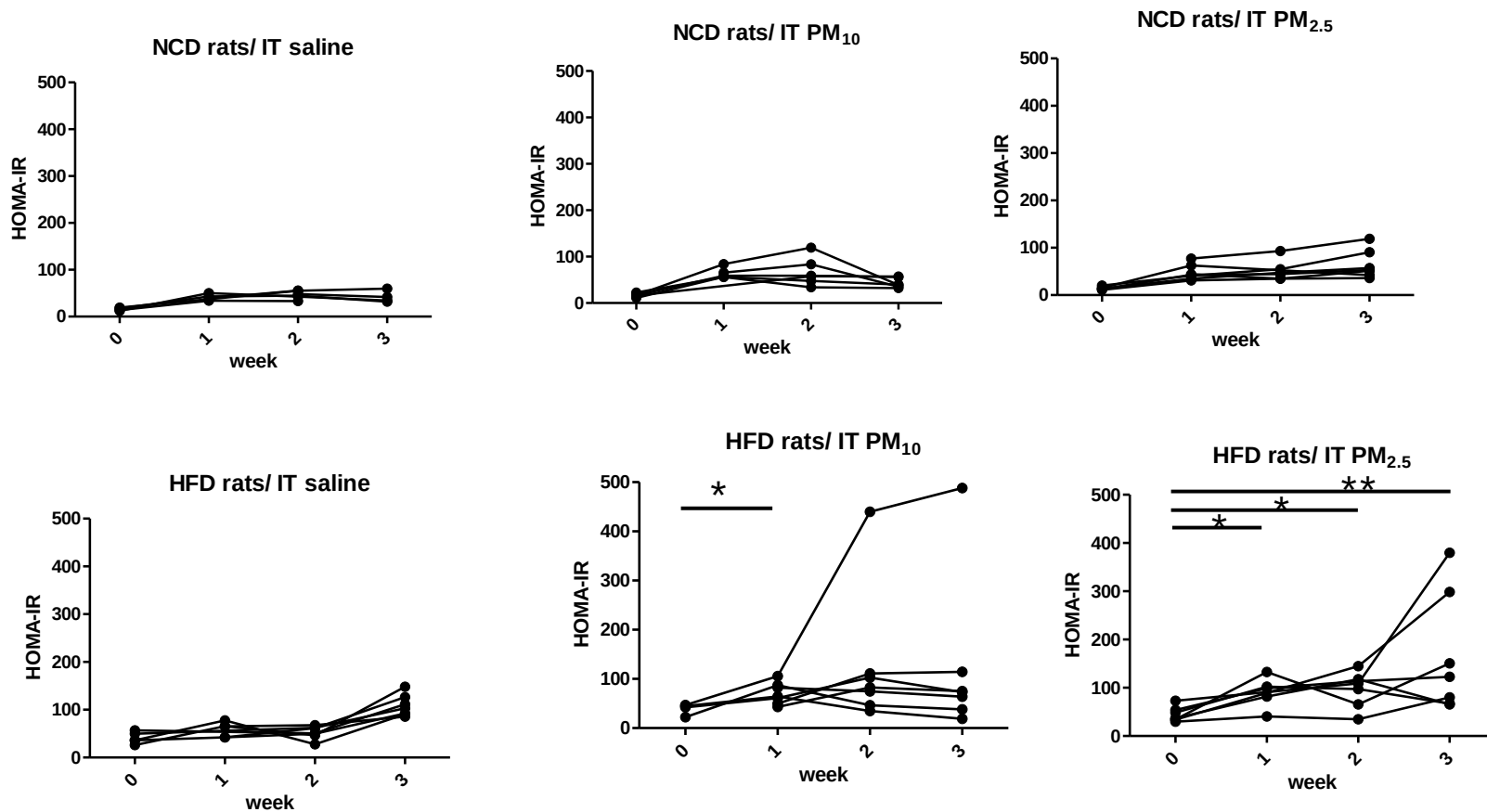
Table 4 Changes (95% CI) in blood pressure and blood markers for interquartile range increases in annual air pollution estimated by generalised additive models

	PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³)	PM _{2.5} (µg/m ³)	O ₃ (ppb)	NO ₂ (ppb)	SO ₂ (ppb)
Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	16.34 (12.27 to 20.42)	32.08 (21.57 to 42.58)	21.51 (16.90 to 26.13)	14.40 (10.98 to 17.82)	0.97 (−5.22 to 7.15)
Diastolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	14.87 (12.73 to 17.02)	31.29 (25.43 to 37.14)	20.56 (18.14 to 22.97)	12.43 (10.63 to 14.23)	0.55 (−2.72 to 3.83)
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	42.86 (34.59 to 51.13)	75.39 (54.30 to 96.48)	56.47 (47.26 to 65.69)	39.31 (32.38 to 46.24)	1.53 (−10.95 to 14.00)
Triglycerides (mg/dl)	3.39 (−14.13 to 20.91)	30.65 (−18.27 to 79.57)	2.13 (−18.10 to 22.36)	−0.94 (−15.61 to 13.73)	−22.16 (−48.56 to 4.25)
HDL-cholesterol (mg/dl)	−1.19 (−4.17 to 1.79)	0.19 (−2.29 to 2.67)	−0.48 (−3.69 to 2.73)	−0.15 (−1.93 to 1.63)	0.76 (−1.22 to 2.74)
Fasting glucose (mg/dl)	22.88 (14.93 to 30.82)	36.55 (19.20 to 53.90)	21.10 (12.03 to 30.17)	17.03 (10.37 to 23.69)	4.95 (−7.05 to 16.95)
Haemoglobin A1c (%)	1.40 (1.11 to 1.69)	2.24 (1.47 to 3.00)	1.30 (0.97 to 1.63)	1.08 (0.84 to 1.33)	0.20 (−0.23 to 0.64)
Interleukin 6 (pg/ml)	0.38 (0.08 to 0.68)	0.24 (−0.58 to 1.06)	0.14 (−0.18 to 0.46)	0.32 (0.06 to 0.59)	0.05 (−0.38 to 0.49)
Neutrophils (%)	11.80 (9.81 to 13.78)	16.77 (11.33 to 22.21)	13.74 (11.50 to 15.99)	9.54 (7.88 to 11.21)	−1.46 (−4.45 to 1.53)

All models are adjusted for age, sex, body mass index, current smoking, drinking, and smooth functions of visit date and yearly temperature.

HDL, high-density lipoprotein; PM₁₀, particulate matter <10 µm in aerodynamic diameter; PM_{2.5}, particulate matter <2.5 µm in aerodynamic diameter; NO₂, nitrogen dioxide; O₃, ozone; SO₂, sulfur dioxide.

PM and insulin resistance (IT)



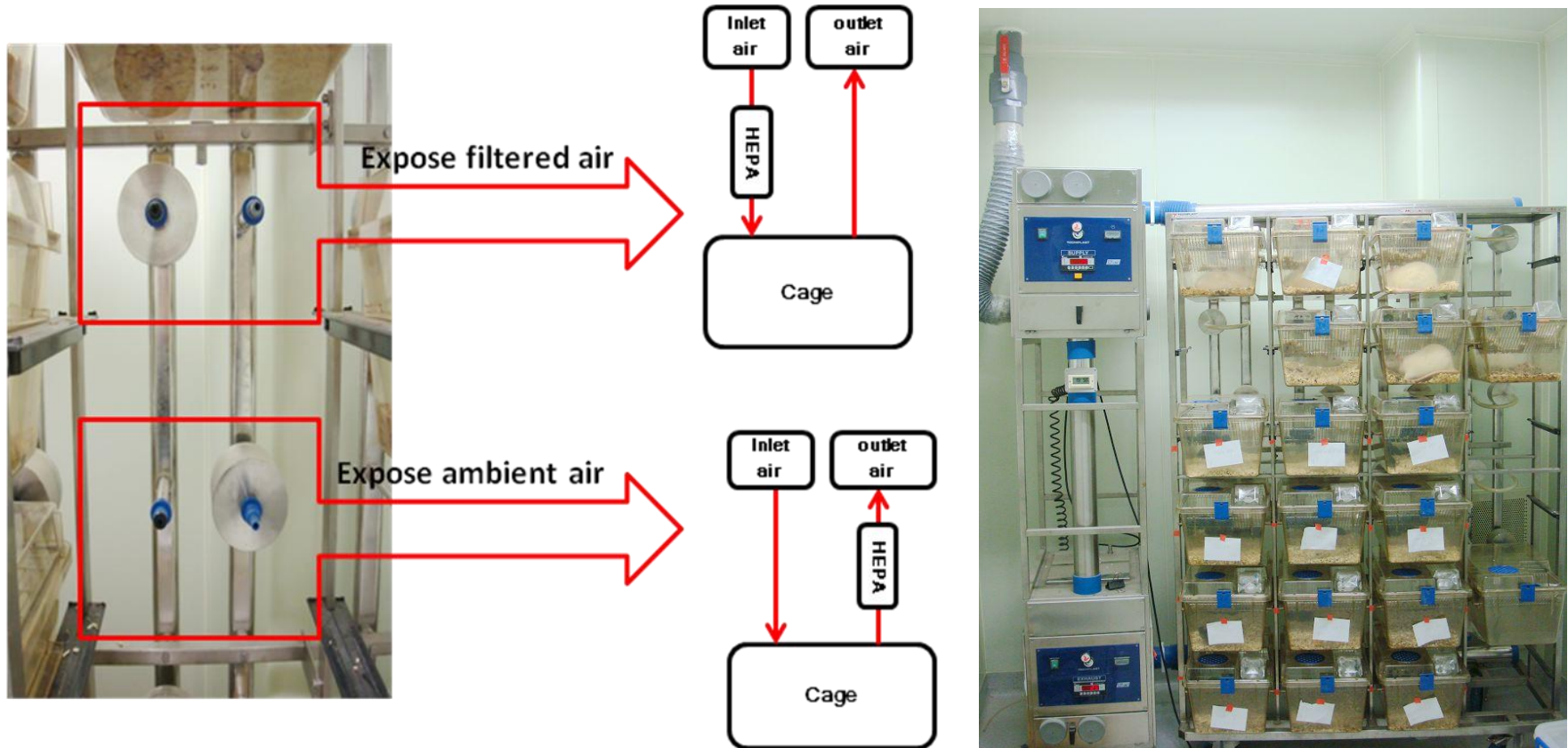
HOMA HOMA-IR index= $\text{insulin } (\mu\text{U/mL}) \times \text{glucose } (\text{mmol/L}) / 22.5$
(换算 glucose 1 mg/dL= 0.0555 mmol/L)

Sub-chronic toxicity of ambient particles

- Construction of chronic exposure system
- Insulin resistance and cardiovascular damages in hyperglycemic and healthy rats

Individual ventilation exposure system (IVC)

Taipei Air Pollution Exposure System for Health Effects (TAPES)



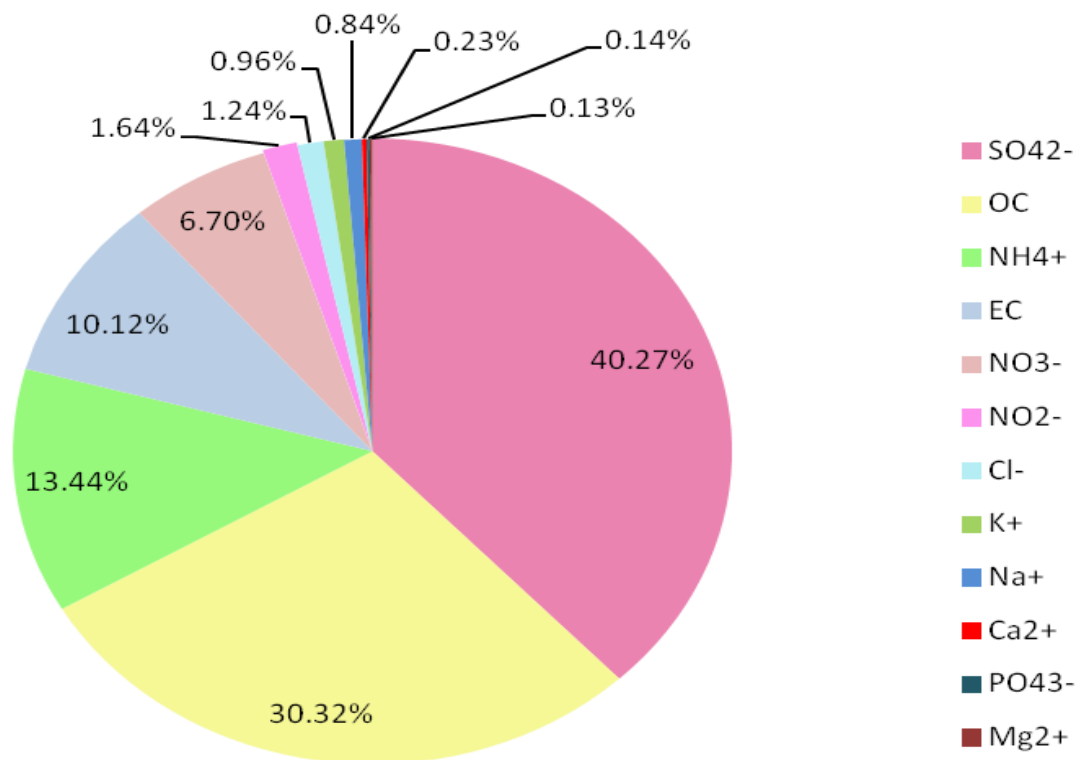
Located at the 9th floor, College of
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TAPES

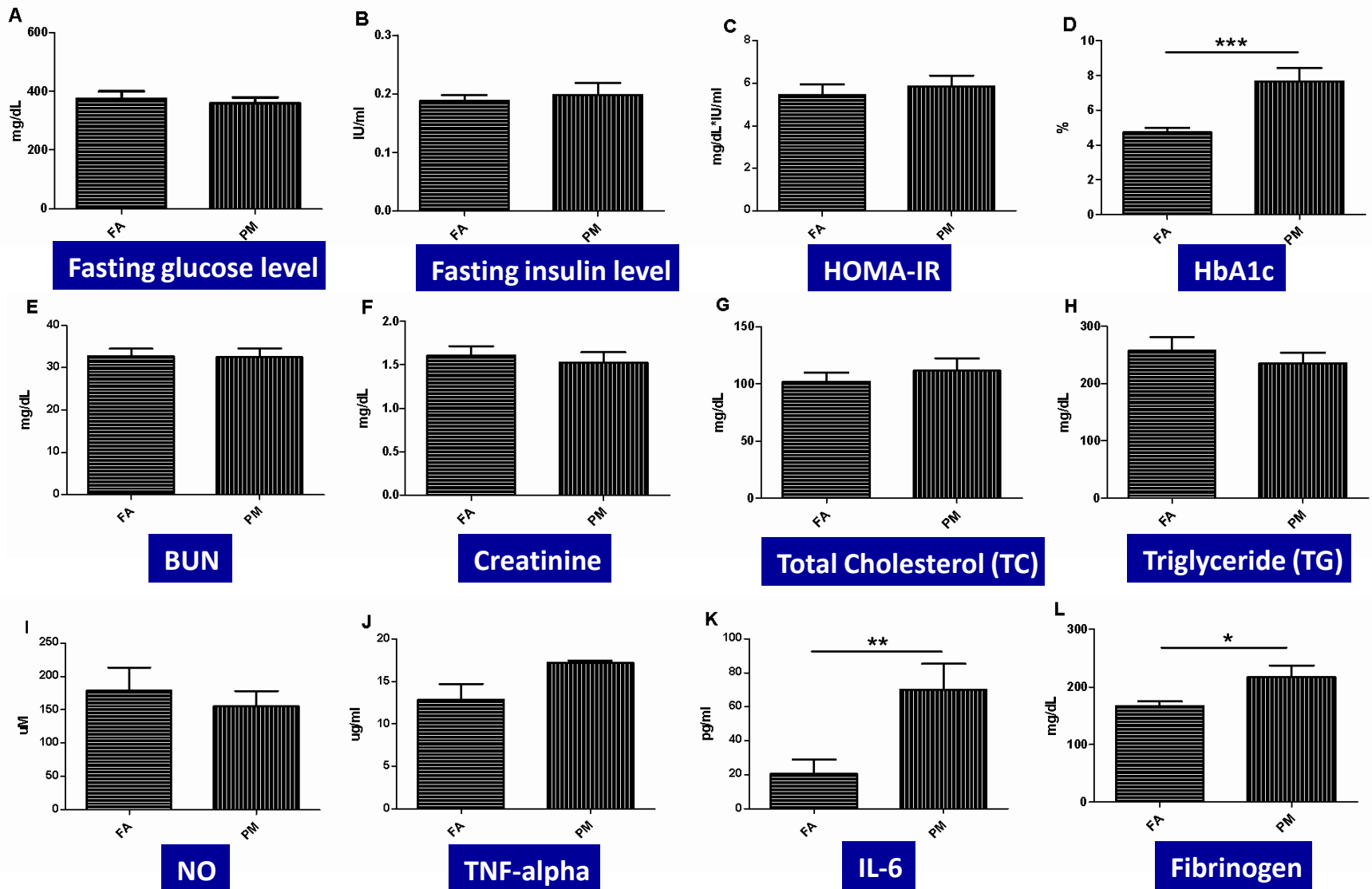
- $PM_{10-2.5}$: 0.4%; $PM_{2.5}$: 99.6%
- $PM_{2.5}$ loss: 20%
- Components reflect urban $PM_{2.5}$ air pollution during winter time in Taipei: no selection
- Difference of PM levels in chambers within 20%
- No difference for gas pollutants between exposure and control chambers

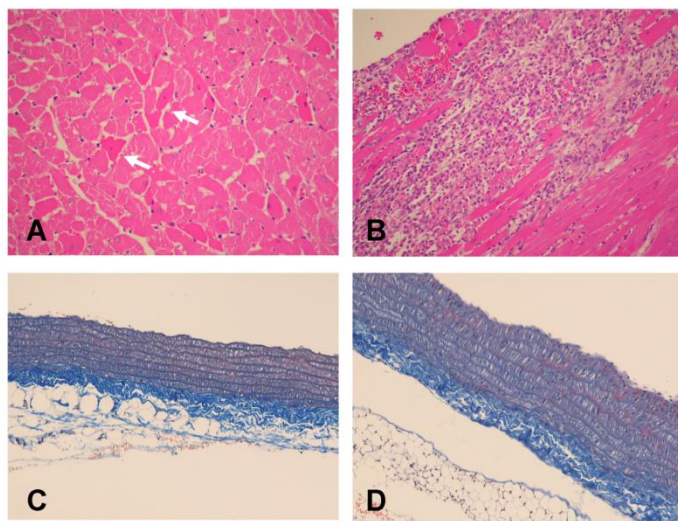
Concentration and components of PM_{2.5}

- 13.3 (µg/m³) during experiment
- Guidelines or standards
 - WHO: 10
 - USA: 12
 - Taiwan: 15



Effects of PM in hyperglycemic rats

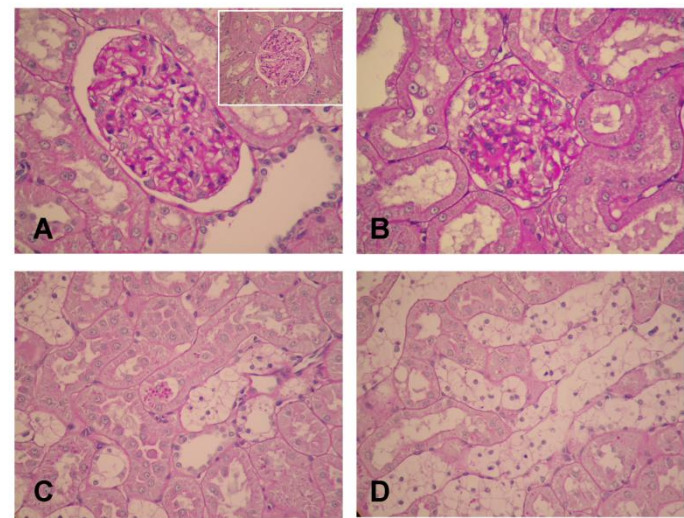




FA

PM

Figure 2. Representative photomicrographs of Hematoxylin-Eosin staining of myocardium (A and B), Masson's trichrome staining of abdominal aortic sections (C and D). Original magnification X200.



FA

PM

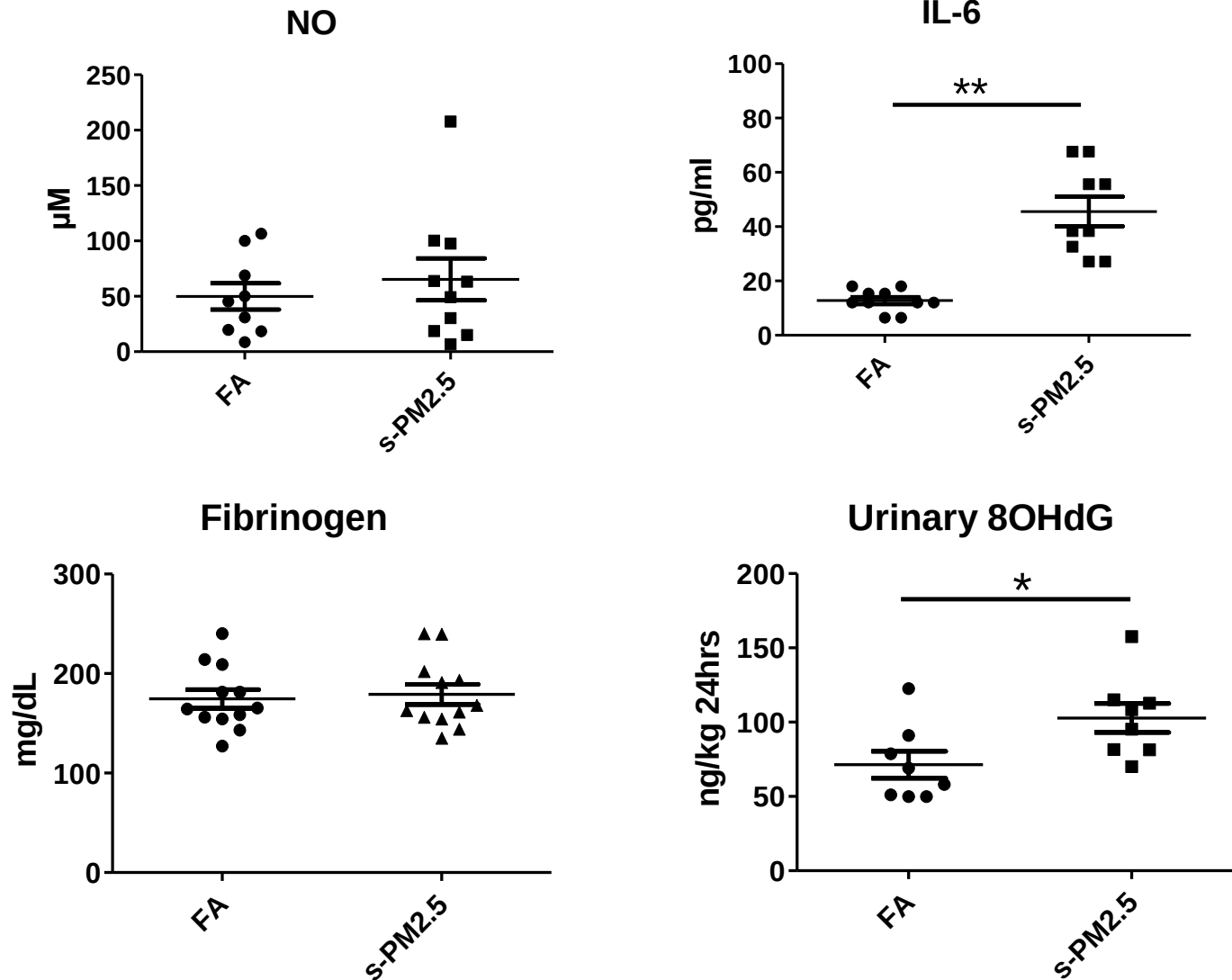
Figure 3. Representative photomicrographs of Periodic Acid-Schiff staining of glomerulus (A and B) and tubules of the kidney (C and D). Original magnification X200.

Table 1. Semi-quantitative measurements of histopathology in STZ-induced type 1 DM rats exposed to FA and PM. *p<0.05

Organ Score		FA	PM
Heart	Severity of inflammation (score 1-4)	0.08 (0.22)	1.10 (0.93)*
Aorta	Medial thickness (mm)	0.11 (0.02)	0.16 (0.02)*
Kidney	Glomerular score (grade 0-4)	0.86 (0.43)	0.91 (0.36)
	Glomeruli with advanced glomerulosclerosis (%)	30.6	47.2 *
	Tubular damage index (grade 0-3)	1.15 (0.36)	1.76 (0.77)*

Data are presented as mean (SD).

Effects of PM in healthy rats



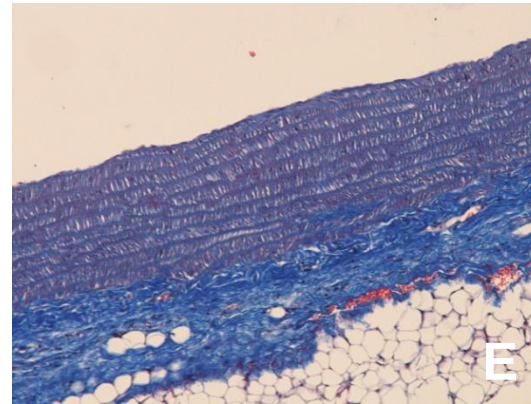
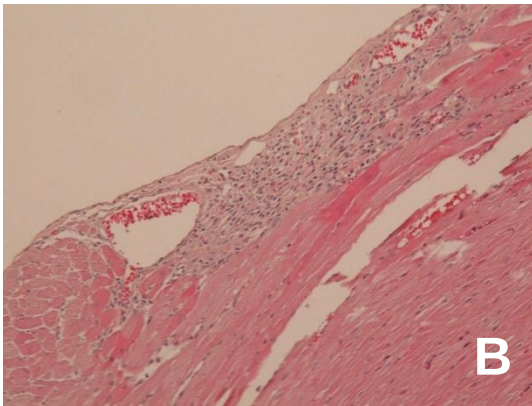


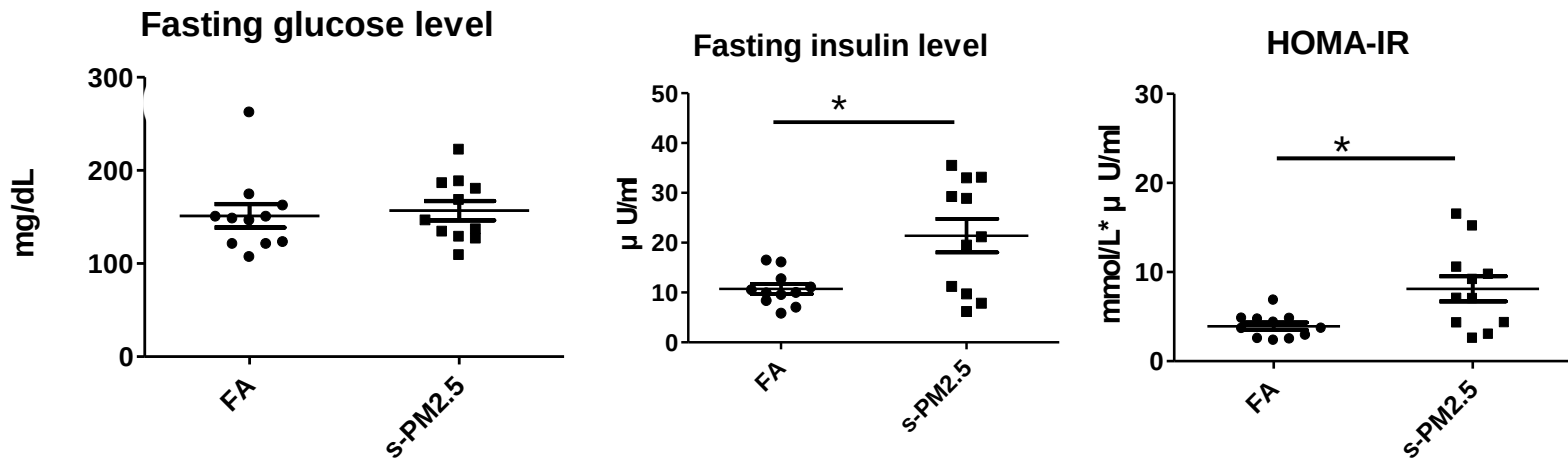
Figure 4. Representative photomicrographs of Hematoxylin-Eosin staining of the myocardium (A and B) and Masson's trichrome staining of abdominal aortic sections (D and E). Semiquantitative measurements are illustrated in (C) and (F). FA indicates filtered air. S-PM_{2.5} indicates straight ambient particles of <2.5 μm. *p<.05.

Box plot showing the distribution of scores for FA and S-PM2.5. The y-axis is labeled 'score' and ranges from -1 to 4. The x-axis has two categories: 'FA' and 'S-PM2.5'. The 'FA' group has a median score of 0, with most data points clustered around 0. The 'S-PM2.5' group has a median score of approximately 0.9, with data points ranging from 0 to 1.4.

Figure 2 is a scatter plot showing the relationship between FA (Foliar Area) and S-PM2.5 (Sulfate Particulate Matter 2.5). The y-axis is labeled 'mm' and ranges from 0.10 to 0.20. The x-axis has two categories: 'FA' and 'S-PM2.5'. For 'FA', there are 6 data points (circles) with a mean of approximately 0.122 mm and a standard deviation of approximately 0.010 mm. For 'S-PM2.5', there are 6 data points (squares) with a mean of approximately 0.138 mm and a standard deviation of approximately 0.010 mm. A horizontal line with an asterisk (*) above it connects the two groups, indicating a significant difference (p < 0.05).

Semiquantitative measurements

Effects of PM in healthy rats



Summary

- PM-induced macro- and micro-vascular changes are more susceptible in hyperglycemic subjects.
- PM may induce diabetes through insulin resistance.
- The role of oxidative stress and inflammation on the development of insulin resistance needs further study.

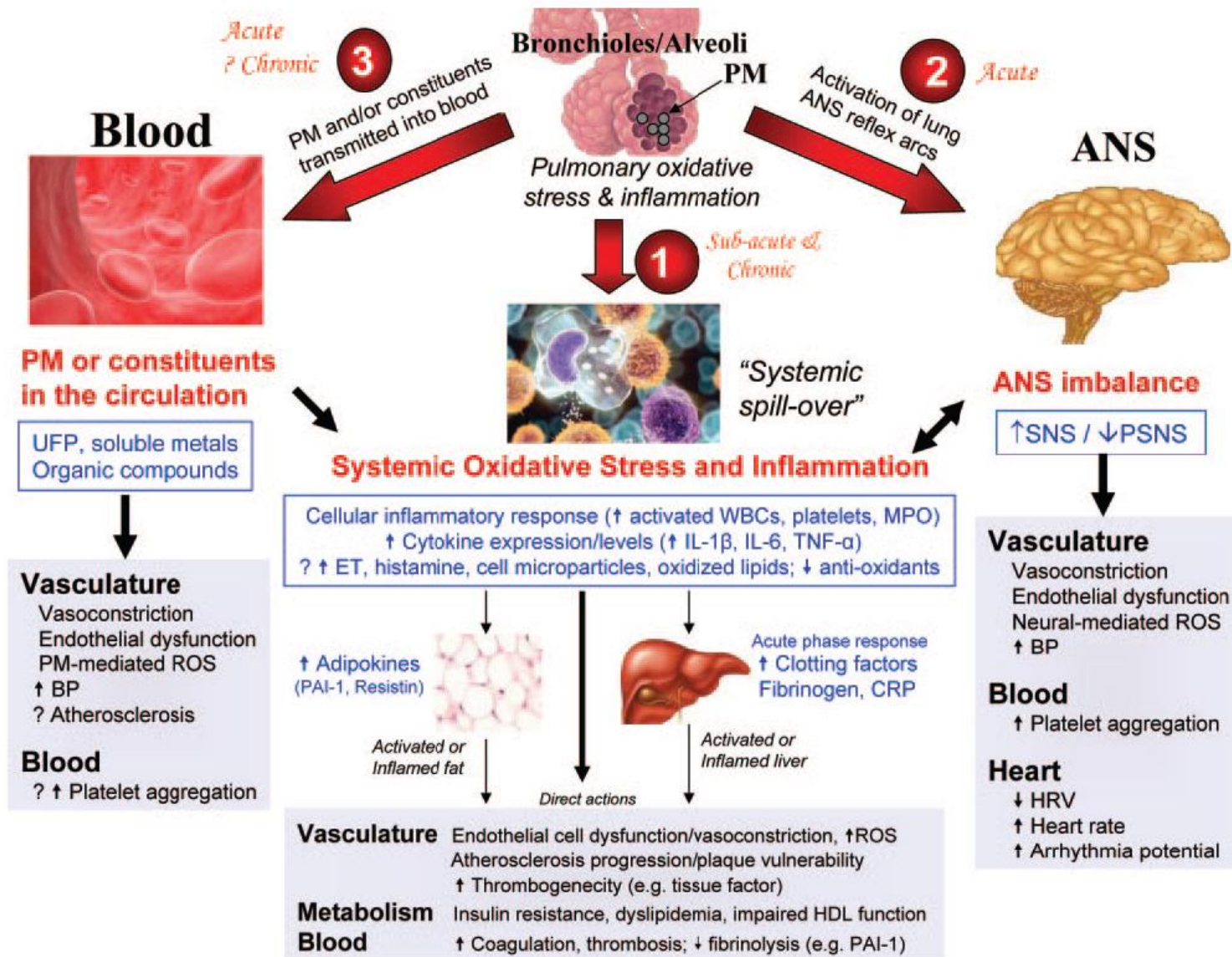
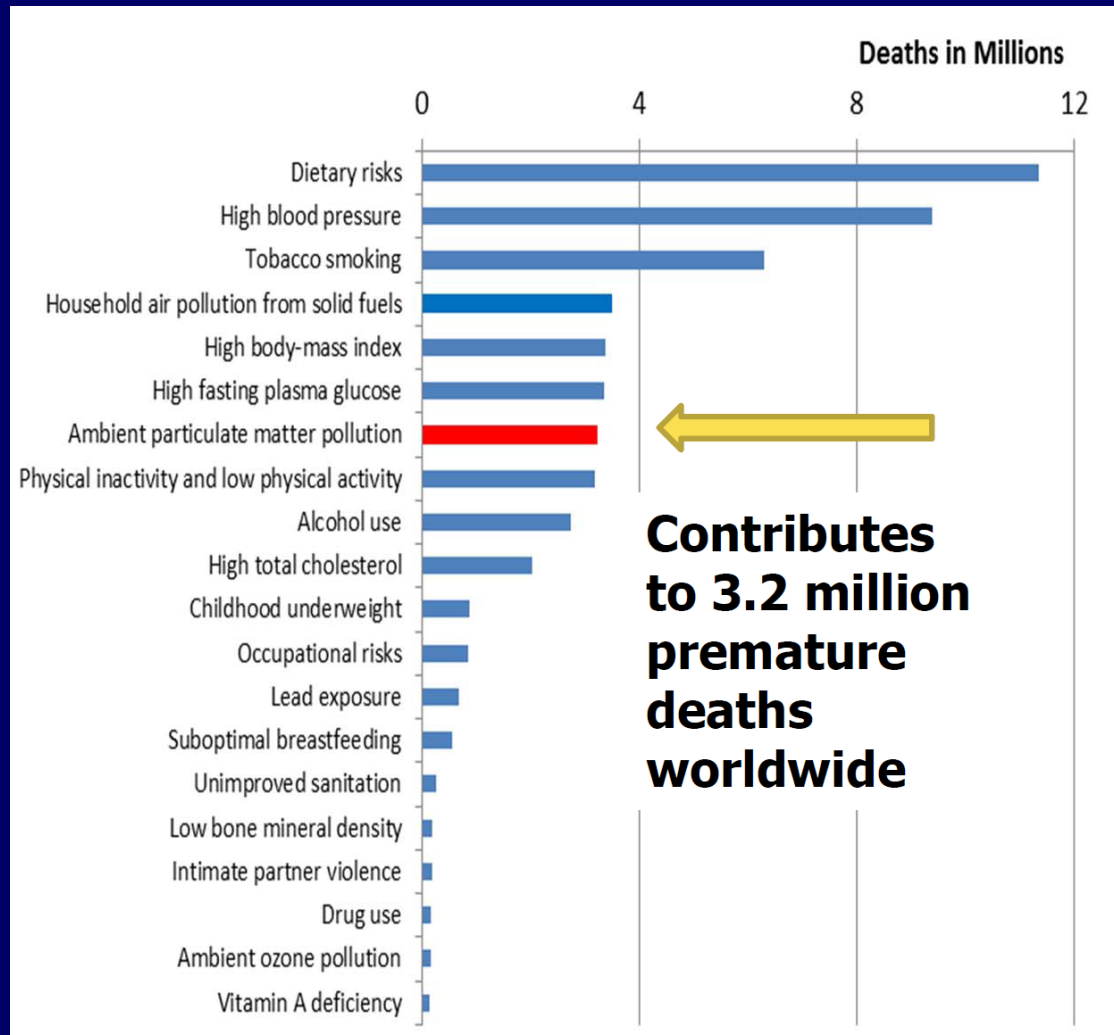


Figure 3. Biological pathways linking PM exposure with CVDs. The 3 generalized intermediary pathways and the subsequent specific biological responses that could be capable of instigating cardiovascular events are shown. MPO indicates myeloperoxidase; PAI, plasminogen activator inhibitor; PSNS, parasympathetic nervous system; SNS, sympathetic nervous system; and WBCs, white blood cells. A question mark (?) indicates a pathway/mechanism with weak or mixed evidence or a mechanism of likely yet primarily theoretical existence based on the literature.

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Future studies

- Toxicity of other organs and systems, e.g., central nervous system toxicity and behavior changes
- Components and sources of ambient particles responsible for the toxicity

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