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None of these activities have any connection with air pollution

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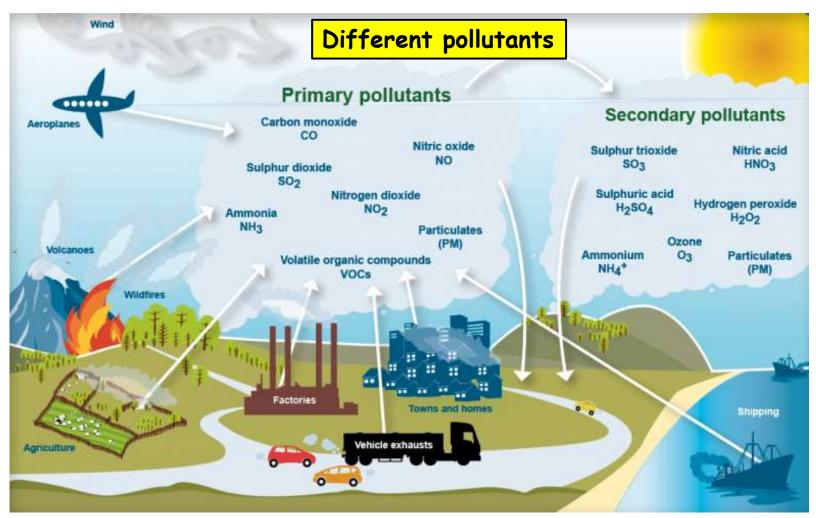
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In addition to outdoor air pollution, indoor smoke is a serious health risk for some 3 billion people who cook and heat their homes with biomass, kerosene fuels and coal.



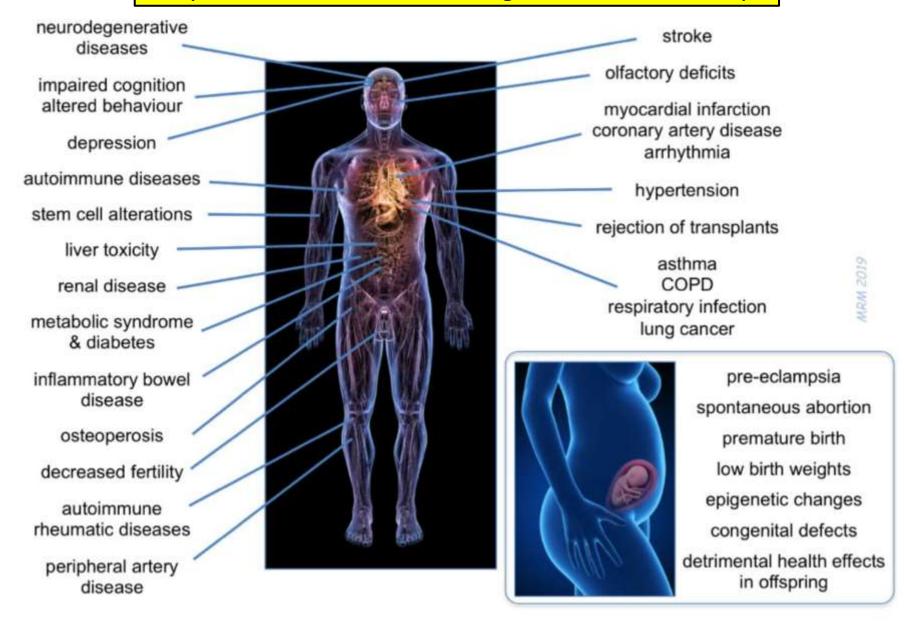
# Deaths attributable to air pollution by country (yearly)



AAP: Ambient air pollution

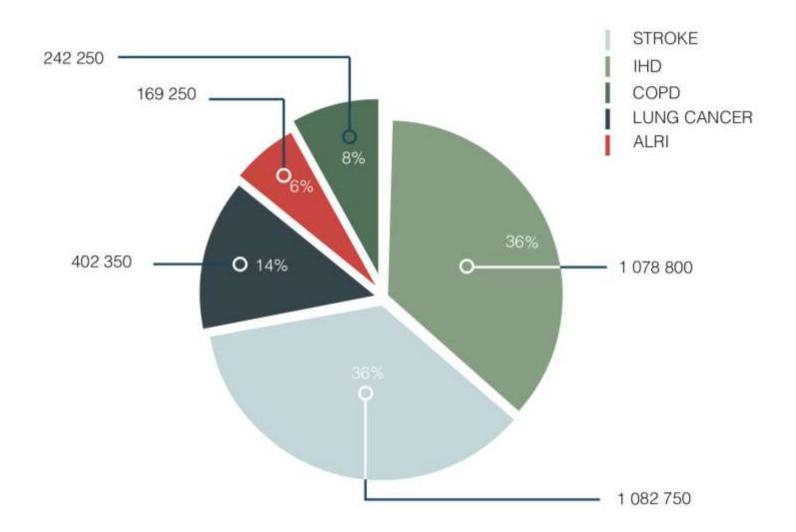


### Air pollution has effects throughout the whole body



What are the main causes of death after air pollution exposure?

# Deaths attributable to air pollution





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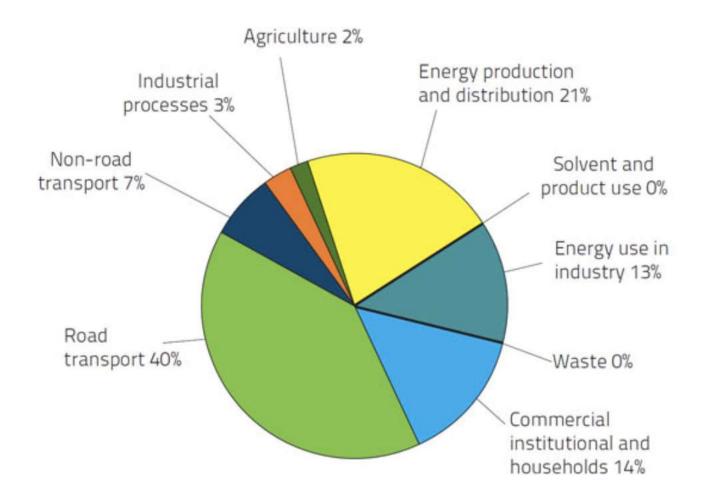
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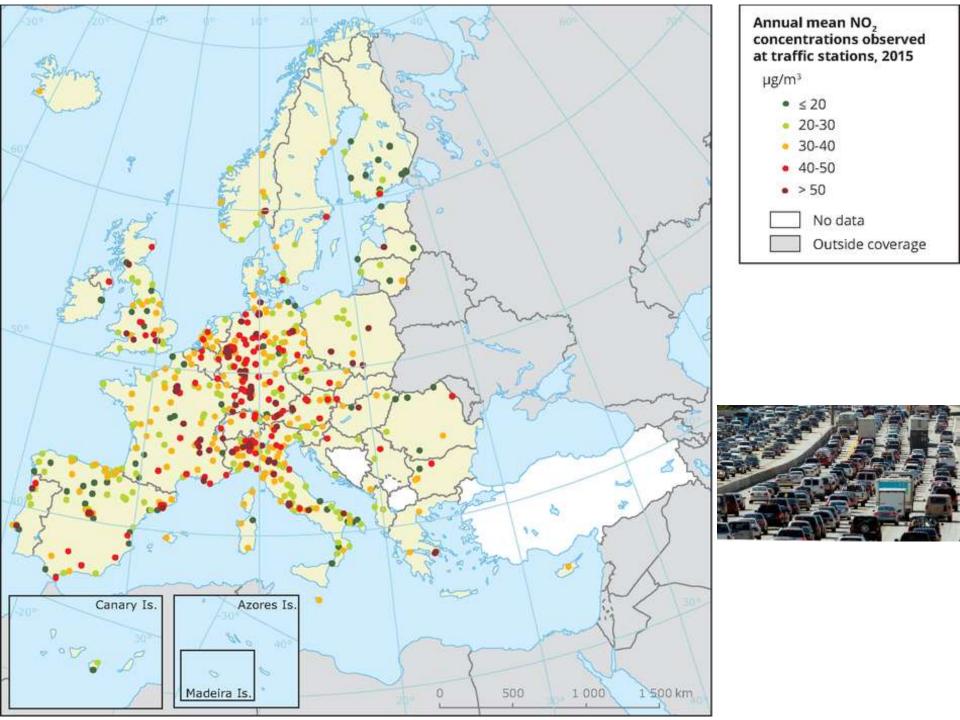
NO<sub>x</sub> (NO - NO<sub>2</sub>)



### NOx emissions in the EU -share of emissions by sector group, 2011

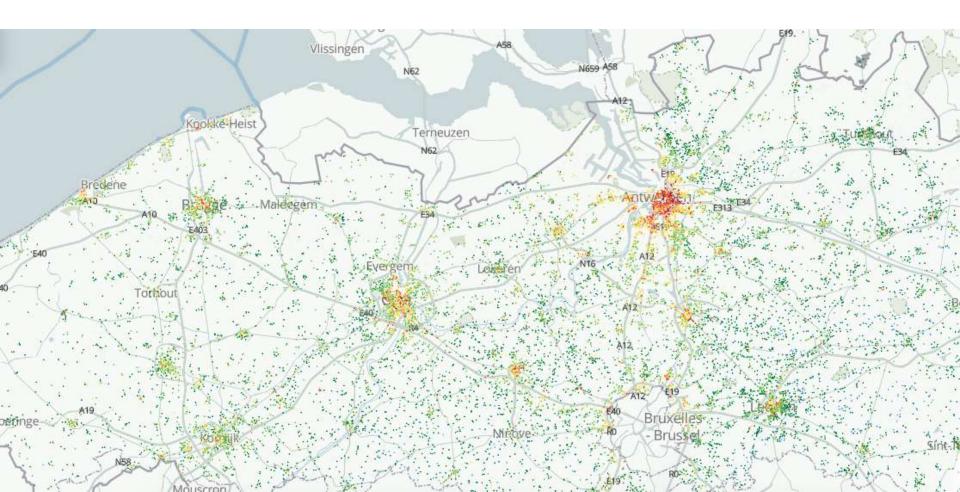


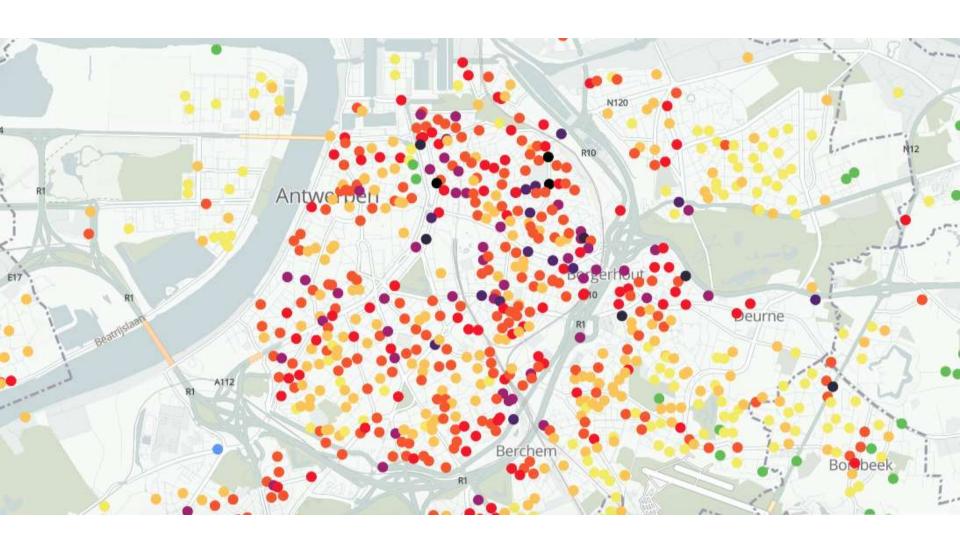
Source - European Union emission inventory report 1990-2011 under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Trans-boundary Air Pollution (LRTAP)



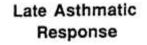


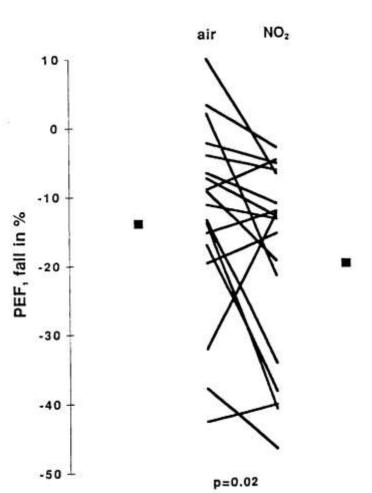
# 20 000 citizens from Flanders received $NO_2$ detectors Levels measured for the first time at an individual scale





# Nitrogen Dioxide Exposure Enhances Asthmatic Reaction to Inhaled Allergen in Subjects with Asthma





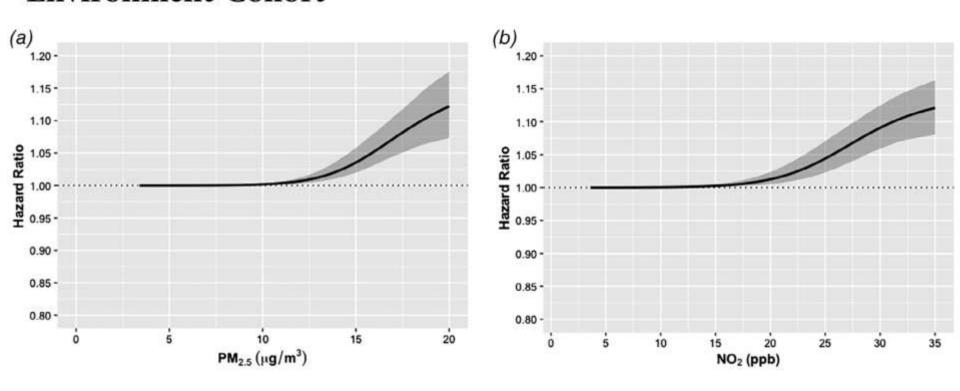
Asthma patients 30 min NO<sub>2</sub> or air exposure Allergen challenge



# NO<sub>2</sub> is related to increased cancer incidence



# Exposure to ambient air pollution and the incidence of lung cancer and breast cancer in the Ontario Population Health and Environment Cohort

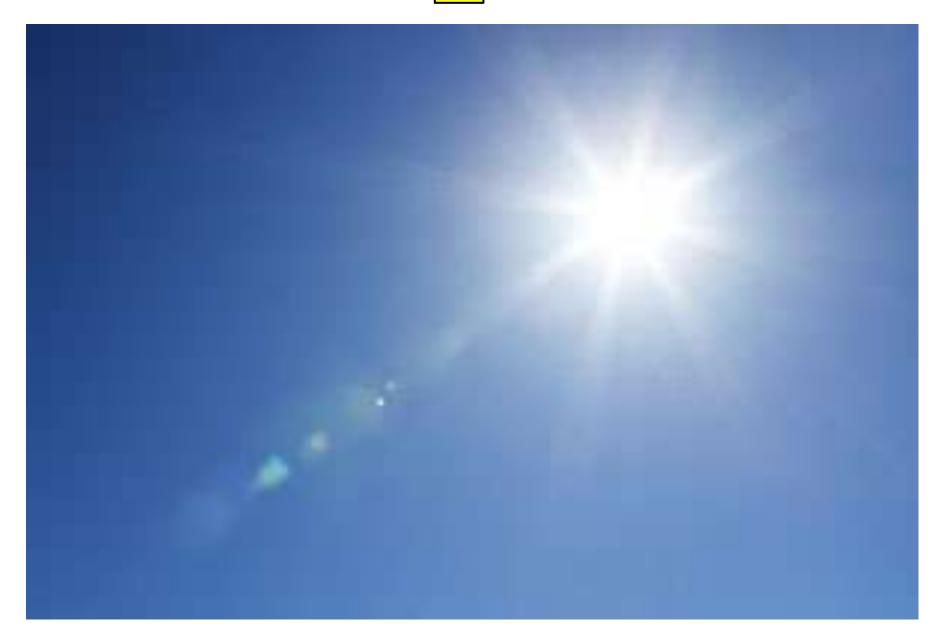


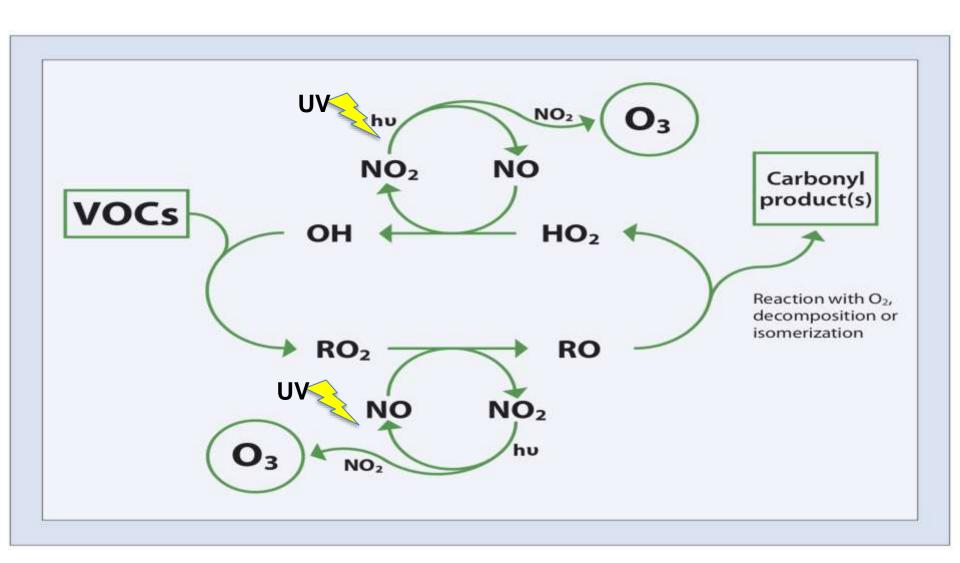
### Air pollution affects lung cancer survival

# Air pollution affects lung cancer survival

Sandrah P Eckel, Myles Cockburn, Yu-Hsiang Shu, Huiyu Deng, Frederick W Lurmann, Lihua Liu, Frank D Gilliland

- 352 053 patients with newly diagnosed lung cancer during 1988-2009 in California
- All-cause mortality recorded
- Air pollution exposure estimated half of the study participants (45.4%) lived more than 1500 metres away from a major interstate motorway
- Negative association between pollution and survival
- For patients with early stage disease, risk of death from any cause was
  - 30% greater for NO<sub>2</sub>
  - 26% greater for PM<sub>10</sub>
  - 38% greater for PM<sub>2.5</sub>
  - 4% greater for O<sub>3</sub>





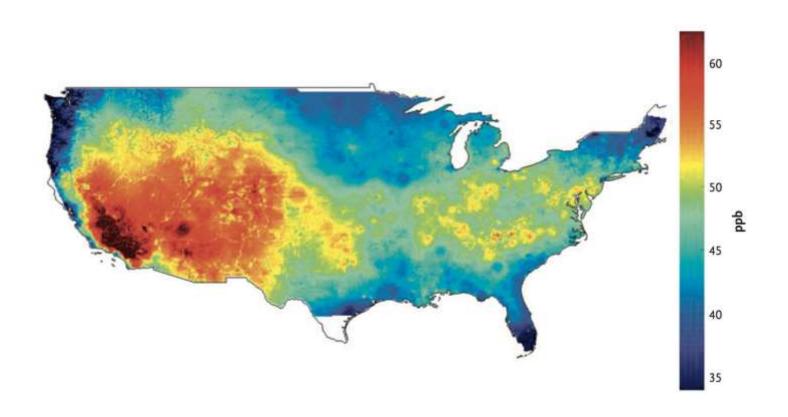
# High ozone concentration

Great smog 1952





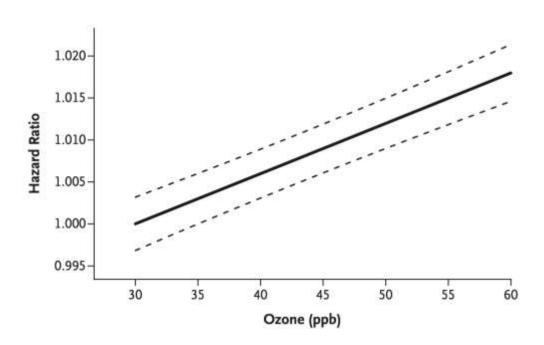
## Ozone warm season concentration



Di et al. NEJM 2019

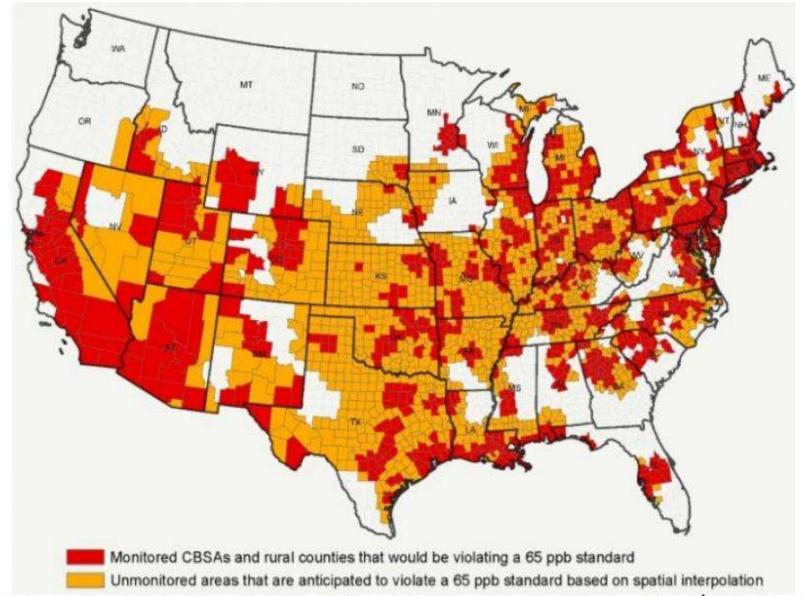
# Correlation with all-cause mortality

#### Exposure to ozone



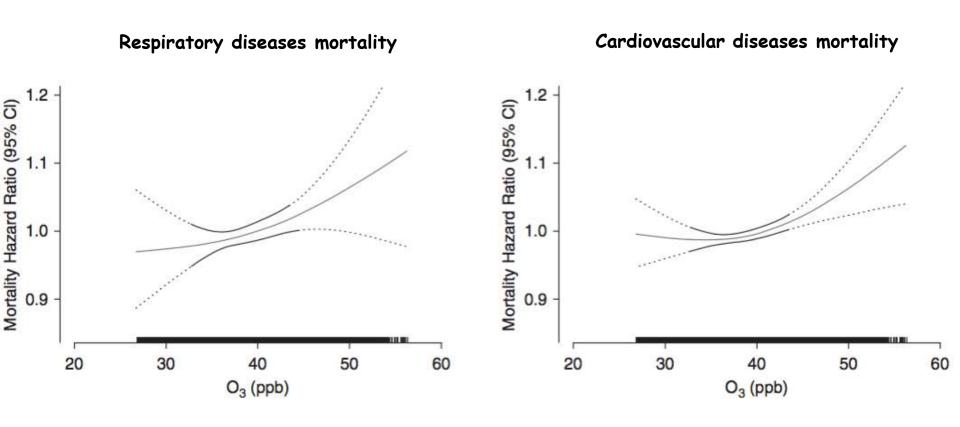
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# Long-Term Exposure to Ozone and Cause-Specific Mortality Risk in the United States

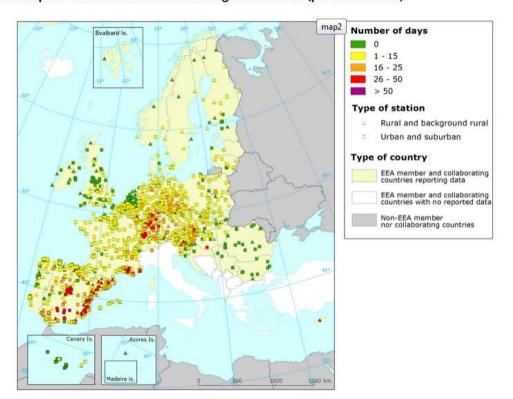


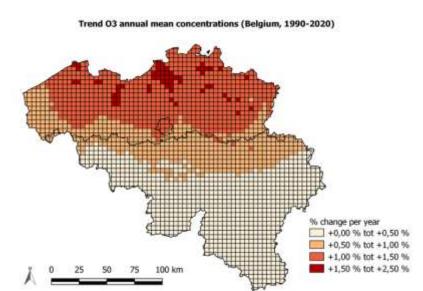
American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine Volume 200 Number 8 | October 15 2019

# O<sub>3</sub> dose-response curves

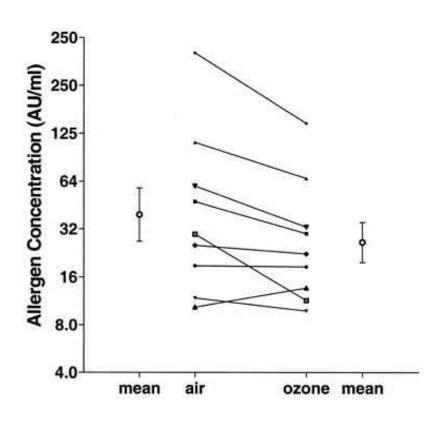


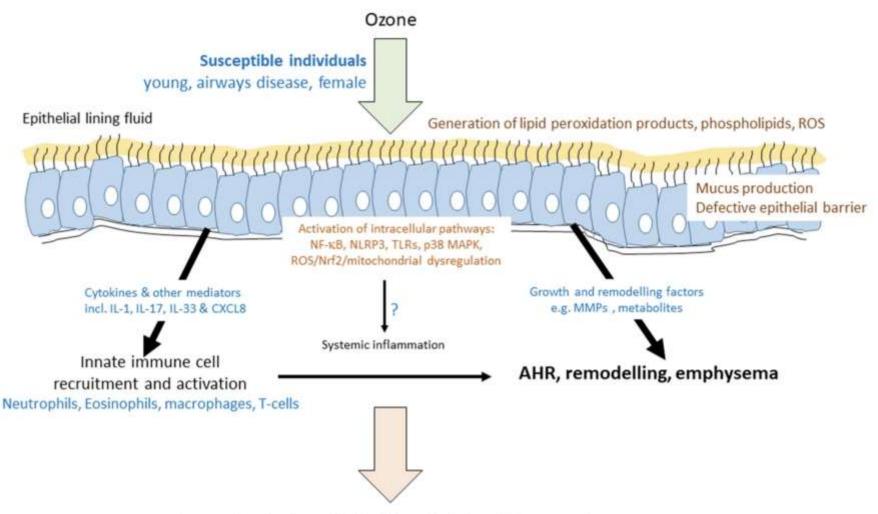
Map 2. Number of days on which ozone concentrations exceeded the long-term objective for the protection of human health during summer 2014 (provisional data)





# Ozone increases the responsiveness to allergens in asthmatics



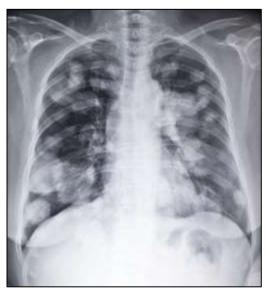


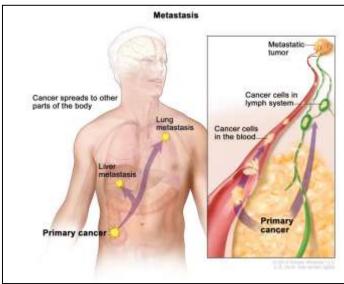
Lung attacks, hospitalization, QoL, healthcare costs

Mumby et al. Front Immunol 2019

Cancer Type	Main Sites of Metastasis
Bladder	Bone, liver lung
Breast	Bone, brain, liver lung
Calon	Liver lung peritoneum
Kidney	Adrenal gland, bone, brain, liver, lung
Lung	Adrenal gland, bone, brain, liver, other lung
Melanoma	Bone, brain, liver lung skin, muscle
Pancreas	Liver lung peritoneum
Prostate	Adrenal gland, bone, liver lung
Rectal	Liver lung peritoneum
Stomach	Liver turns peritoneum
Thyroid	Bone, liver lung
Uterus	Bone, liver lunn peritoneum, yagina

# Lung metastasis

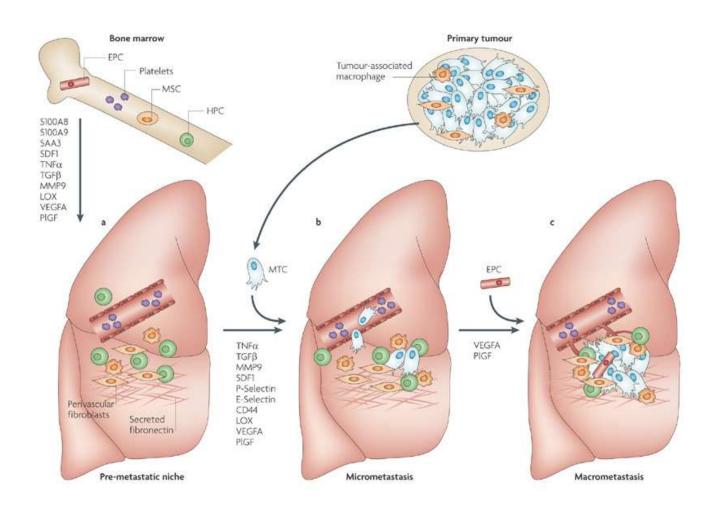




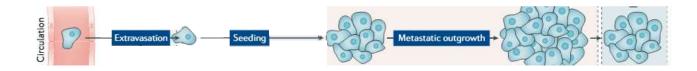
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Lungs are among the most frequent sites of metastatic growth from extra-thoracic malignancies

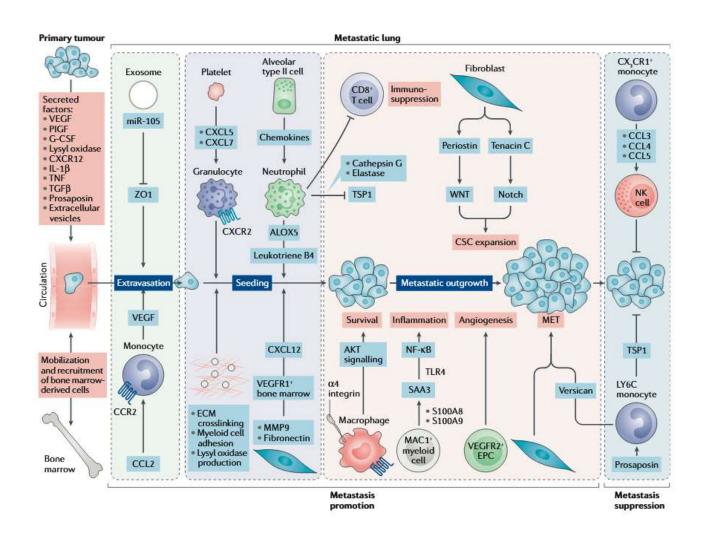
## Pre-metastatic niche



# The lung metastatic niche and metastatic cascade



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Nasser K. Altorki, 2019, nature reviews













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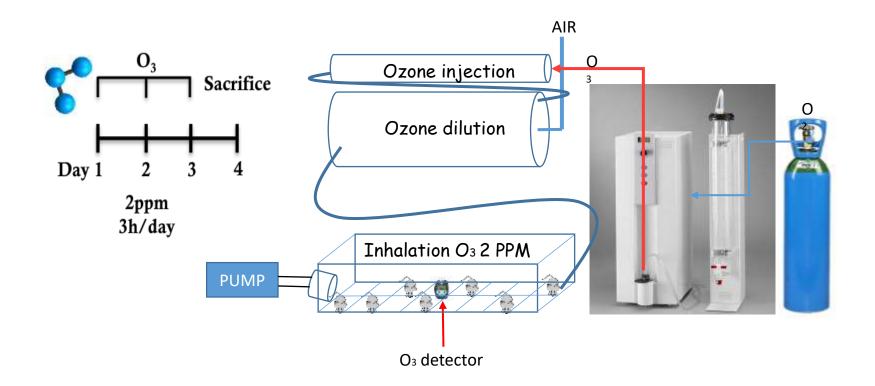
## Ozone-primed neutrophils promote early steps of tumour cell metastasis to lungs by enhancing their NET production

Natacha Rocks, <sup>1</sup> Céline Vanwinge, <sup>1</sup> Coraline Radermecker, <sup>2,3</sup> Silvia Blacher, <sup>1</sup> Christine Gilles, <sup>1</sup> Raphael Marée, <sup>4</sup> Alison Gillard, <sup>1</sup> Brigitte Evrard, <sup>5</sup> Christel Pequeux, <sup>1</sup> Thomas Marichal, <sup>2,3,6</sup> Agnes Noel, <sup>1</sup> Didier Cataldo <sup>1,7</sup>



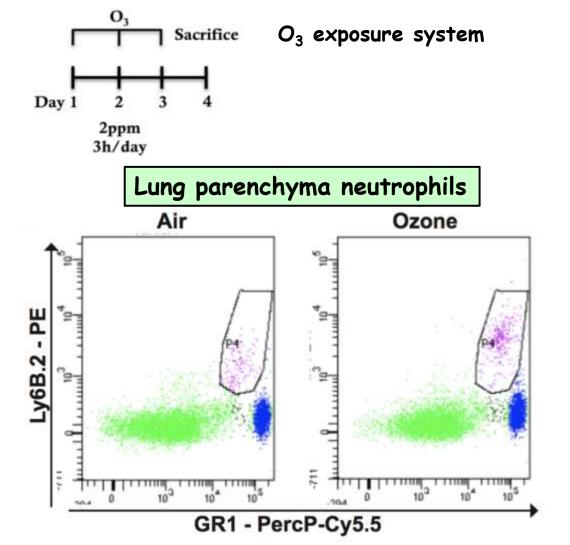


## Development of a mouse model of pulmonary ozone exposure

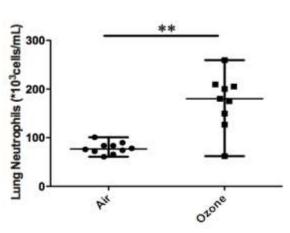




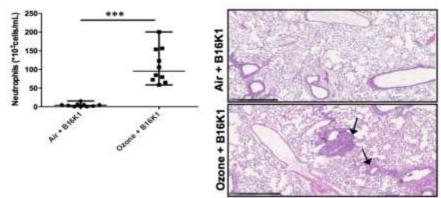
## Ozone exposure induces lung neutrophilic inflammation



## **BAL** neutrophils

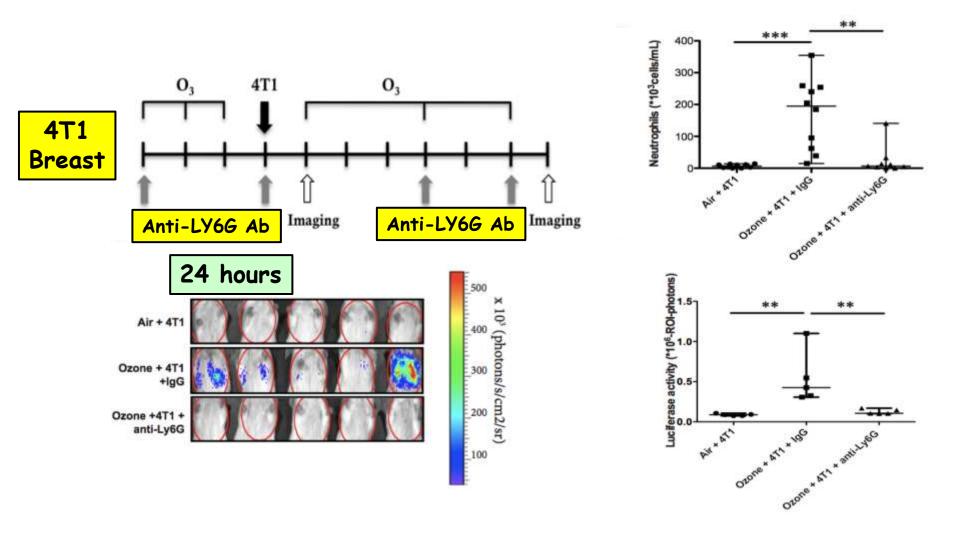


## Ozone exposure triggers mouse breast and melanoma cancer cell dissemination Imaging 4T1 Breast B16K1 Sacrifice B16K1 Melanoma Day 1 2 3 4 5 29 30



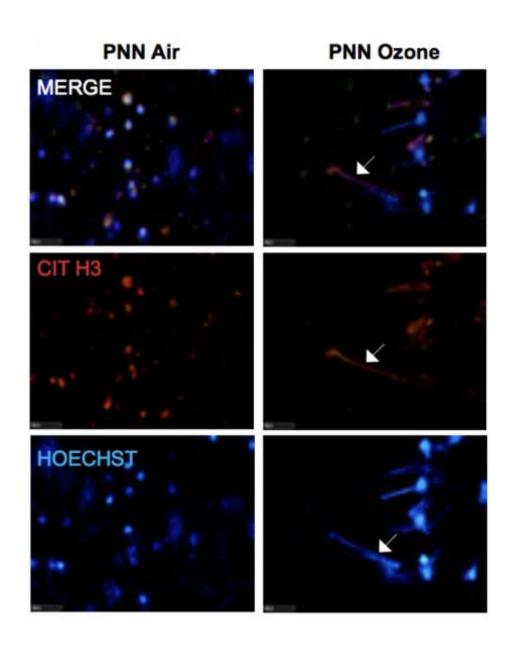
Rocks N, et al. Thorax 2019

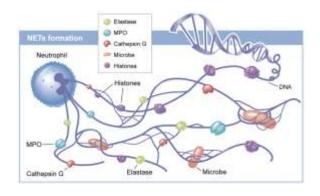
# Neutrophils depletion blocks breast cancer cell dissemination in $O_3$ -exposed animals



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## $O_3$ -exposed animals display NETs in vitro and in lung parenchyma





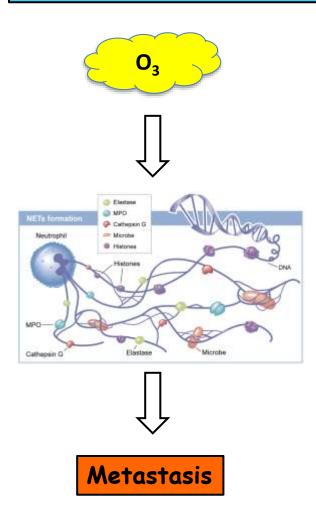
## NETs inhibition decreases lung metastasis in $O_3$ -exposed animals

## Pad4 KO animals 24 hours 7 days Luciferase activity (\*106 ROI-photons WT c 106 (photons/s/cm2/sr) Ozone + 4T1 Mrp8;Cre+;Pad4 \*\*\* Ozone + 4T1 7 days Luciferase activity (\*106 ROI-photons) Tumor area/total lung area x 107 (photons/s/cm2/sr) 0.010 WT 60-Ozone + 4T1 40 0.005 Mrp8;Cre+;Pad4 \*\*\* 0.000

Ozone + 4T1

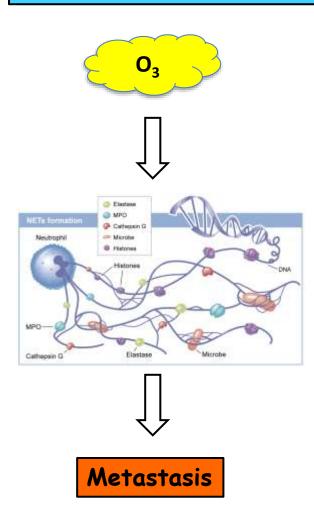
Similar results with Pad4 inhibitors or DNAse

# Ozone increases lung metastasis by NETs formation

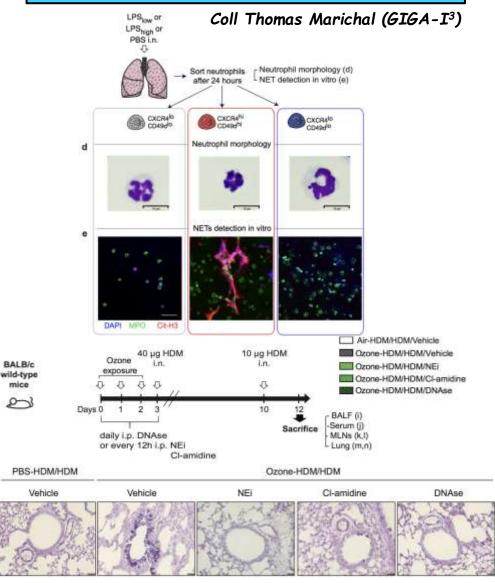


Thorax 2019 (IF 9.65)

# Ozone increases lung metastasis by NETs formation



Ozone-induced NETs contribue to sensitization to airborne allergens



Thorax 2019 (IF 9.65)

Nature Immunology 2019 (IF 21.81)

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## **Particle Category**

## Diameter (µm)

## Size comparisons

(if the PM was 100,000 times bigger):



Coarse: PM<sub>10</sub>

2.5 - 10.0



football (220 mm)



Fine: PM<sub>2.5</sub> -

< 2.5

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golf ball (40 mm)



Ultrafine PM (nanoparticles)

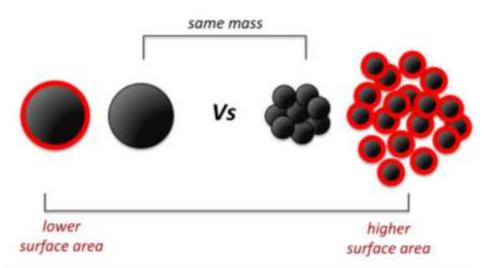
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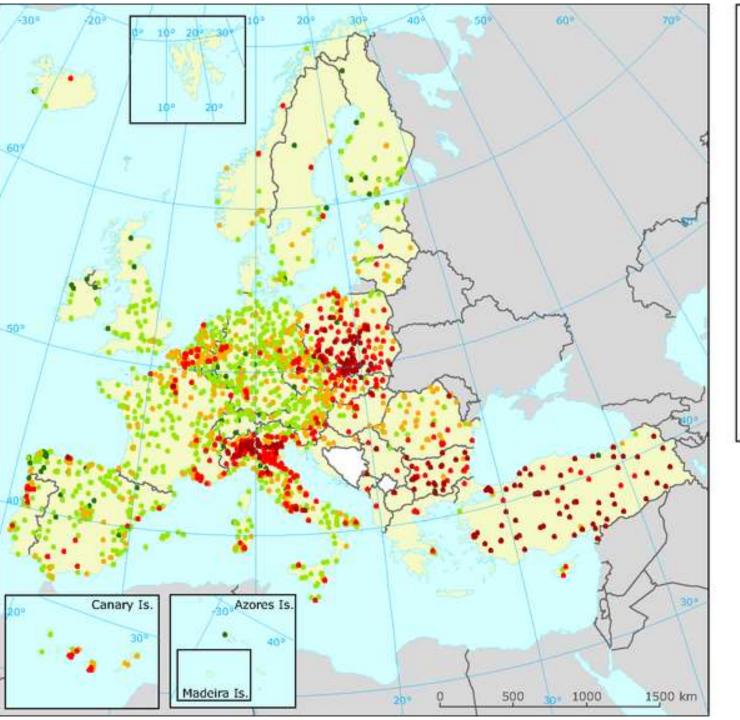


large grain of sugar (1-2 mm)

### 'fine' particle

#### 'ultrafine' particles



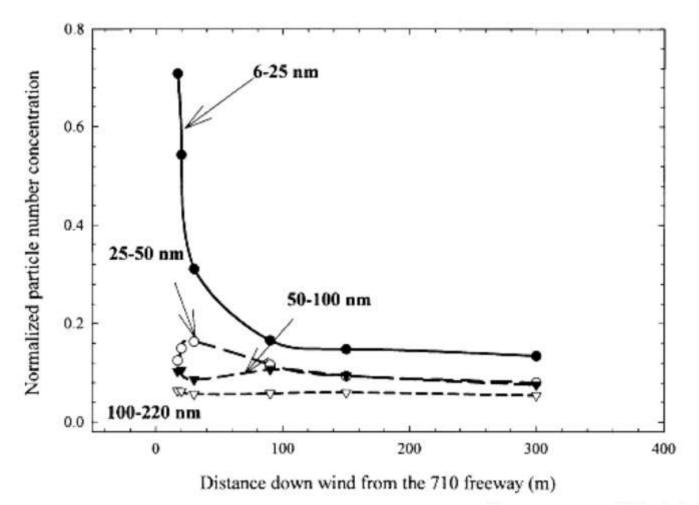


90.4 percentile of PM<sub>10</sub> concentration in 2012, based on daily average with percentage valid measurements >= 75 % in µg/m<sup>3</sup>

- ≤ 20
- 20-40
- 40-50
- 50-75
- > 75
- No data
- Countries/regions not included in the data exchange process

## PM concentration gradient when approaching motorways

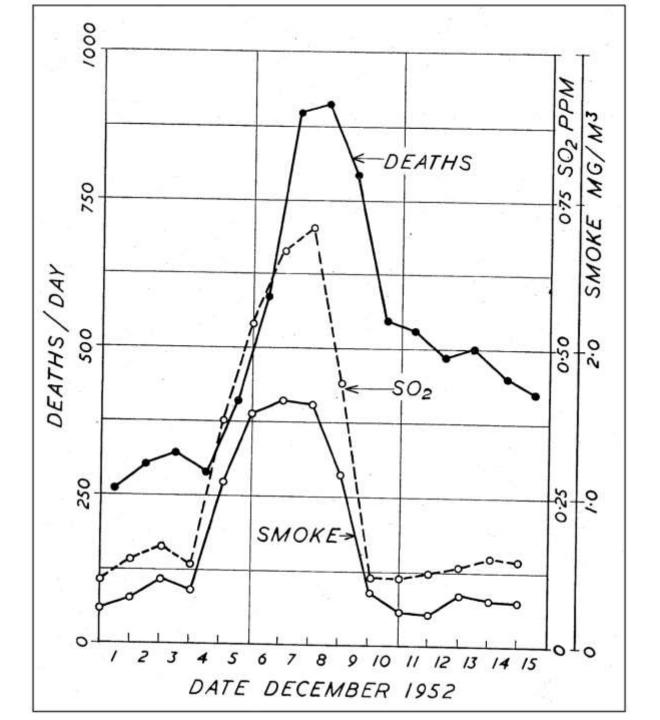
Near-highway pollutants in motor vehicle exhaust: A review of epidemiologic evidence of cardiac and pulmonary health risks Doug Brugge\*1, John L Durant<sup>2</sup> and Christine Rioux<sup>3</sup>



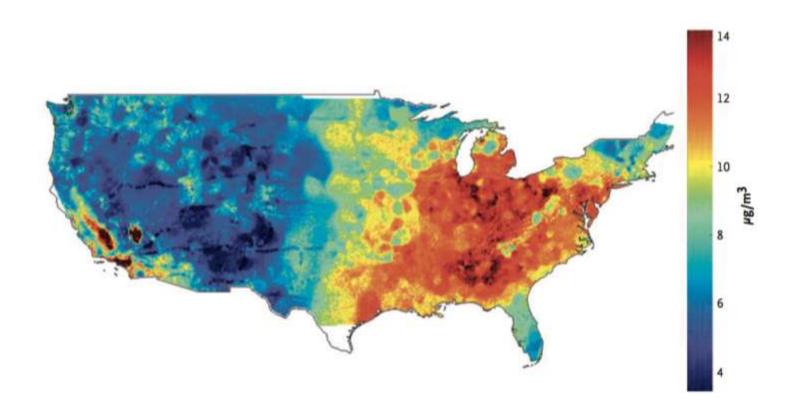
## London great smog - 1952







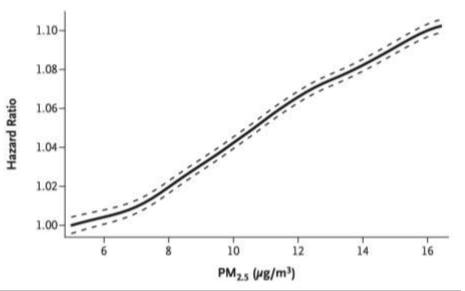
## PM 2.5 average concentration



Di et al. NEJM 2019

## Correlations with all-cause mortality

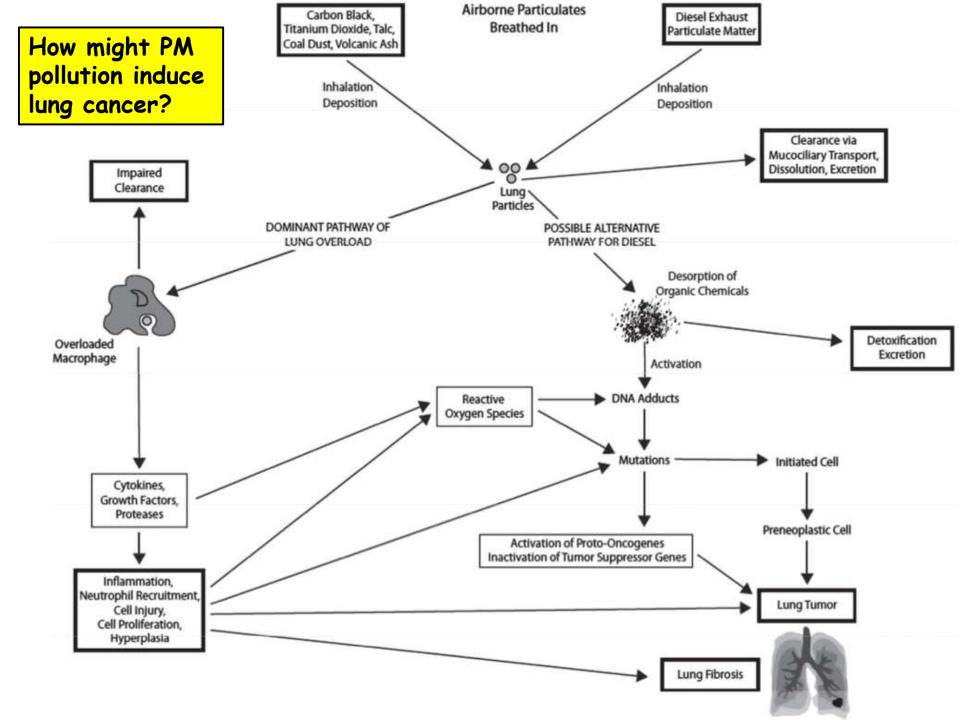
#### Exposure to PM 2.5



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Miller & Newby, Cardiovasc Res, 2019

Cardiovascular morbidity and mortality



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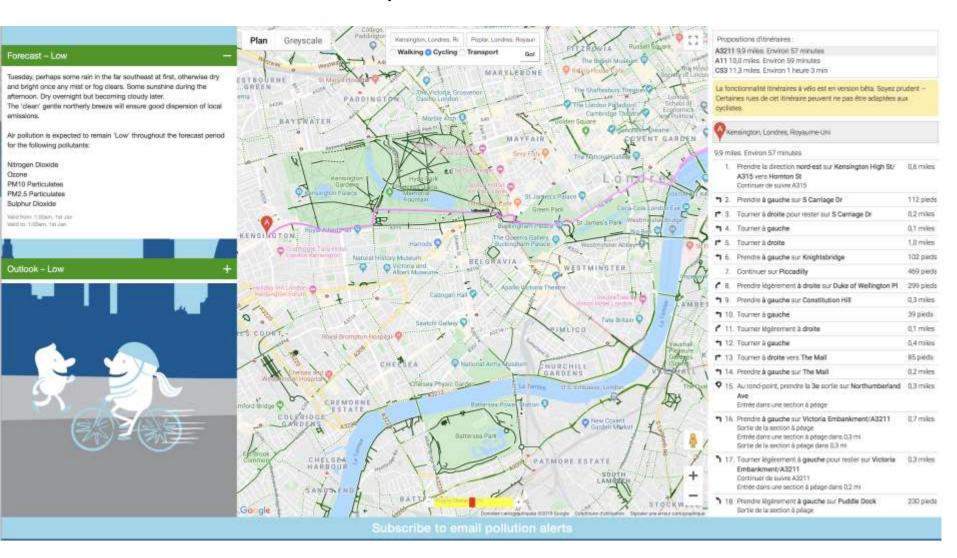
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## Can we avoid air pollution?

## Public information experiment: CityAir app (London)

#### Allows to select low pollution routes



## And it works!

Respiratory and cardiovascular responses to walking down a traffic-polluted road compared with walking in a traffic-free area in participants aged 60 years and older with chronic lung or heart disease and age-matched healthy controls: a randomised, crossover study

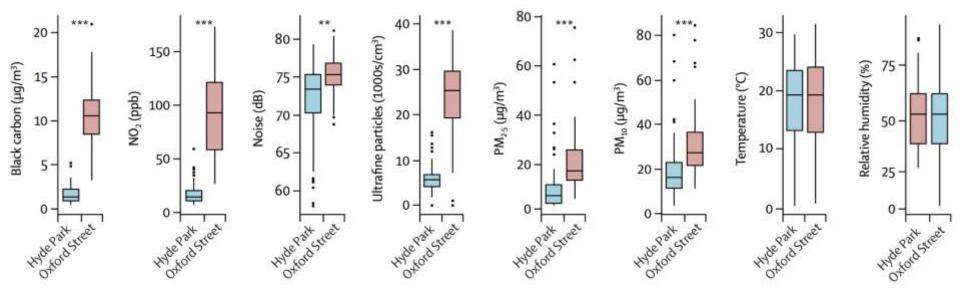
Rudy Sinharay\*, Jicheng Gong\*, Benjamin Barratt, Pamela Ohman-Strickland, Sabine Ernst, Frank J Kelly, Junfeng (Jim) Zhang, Peter Collins, Paul Cullinan, Kian Fan Chung



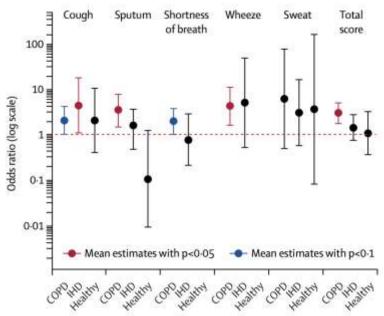
- 40 Healthy volunteers, 40 COPD, 40 Ischaemic heart disease
- 2 hours walking
- Oxford street versus Hyde park
- Measurements of black carbon, NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>



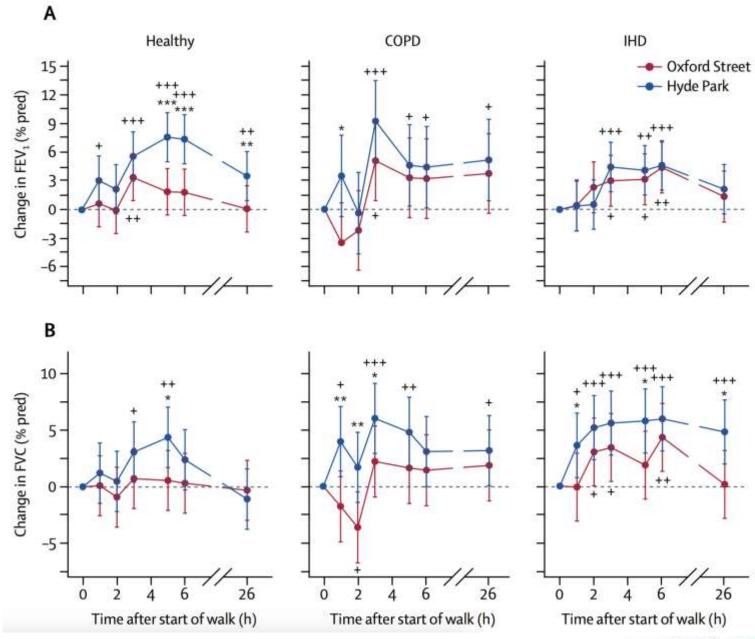
## Pollutant levels



## Odds ratio of getting worse symptoms in Oxford street



## Lung function



Lancet 2018; 391: 339-49



## Low Emission Zone .brussels

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<sup>\*</sup> A maximum of 8 days' per year and per vehicle is available by purchasing a paid-for day pass.

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#### Patients should be advised to

- Recognize the risk of short term exposure to air pollution
- Use air pollution monitors (internet or small devices)
- Be aware that indoor pollution is lower during peaks ( $O_3$  and PM)
- Avoid outdoor exercises during peaks
- Know that long term risks exist
- Revise house location if exposure is important
- Change their lifestyle to be encline to active transport



## What will be the solution(s)?











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# Backup slides

## PM<sub>10</sub> composition

	$\mu g/m^3$		$\mu g/m^3$
PM <sub>10</sub> mass	22.61±1.26	Ammonium	0.16±0.03
Organic Carbon (OC)	4.19±0.20	Barium	$0.08\pm0.003$
Sulfate	4.00±0.34	Zinc	0.08±0.01
Elemental Carbon (EC)	$3.26\pm0.17$	Copper	$0.04\pm0.03$
Chloride	2.52±0.41	Titanium	0.02±0.004
Nitrate	$1.92\pm0.13$	Manganese	$0.02\pm0.002$
Iron	0.85±0.04	Lead	0.02±0.002
Calcium	$0.43\pm0.03$	Vanadium	$0.01\pm0.002$
Silicon	0.35±0.02	Chromium	0.01±0.001
Aluminium	$0.17\pm0.02$	Nickel	$0.01\pm0.001$

# Air pollution and lung cancer incidence in 17 European cohorts: prospective analyses from the European Study of Cohorts for Air Pollution Effects (ESCAPE)



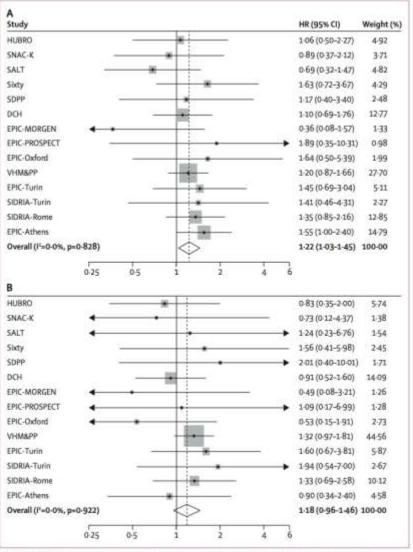


Figure 3: Risk for lung cancer according to concentration of particulate matter in each cohort study



In the ACS cohort study, <u>lung cancer incidence</u> increased by 8% per  $10~\mu g/m^3$  increase in  $PM_{2.5}$  levels, measured as between-city difference

In a Danish cohort study, lung cancer incidence increased by 3.7% per  $10~\mu g/m^3$  increase in NOx, used as a marker of exposure to traffic-related pollutants. Most importantly, particles – in particular those from diesel engines – are loaded with carcinogens.

The Californian Environmental Protection Agency as well as the International Agency for Research on Cancer list diesel exhaust as an established carcinogen. ERS white book

## International Agency for Research on Cancer



#### PRESS RELEASE N° 213

12 June 2012

#### IARC: DIESEL ENGINE EXHAUST CARCINOGENIC

Lyon, France, June 12, 2012 — After a week-long meeting of international experts, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), which is part of the World Health Organization (WHO), today classified diesel engine exhaust as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1), based on sufficient evidence that exposure is associated with an increased risk for lung cancer.

#### Group 1: The agent is carcinogenic to humans.

This category is used when there is *sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity* in humans. Exceptionally, an agent may be placed in this category when evidence of carcinogenicity in humans is less than *sufficient* but there is *sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity* in experimental animals and strong evidence in exposed humans that the agent acts through a relevant mechanism of carcinogenicity.