



Co-benefit Thinking to Link Atmospheric Chemistry Research to Pollution-Reduction Policy

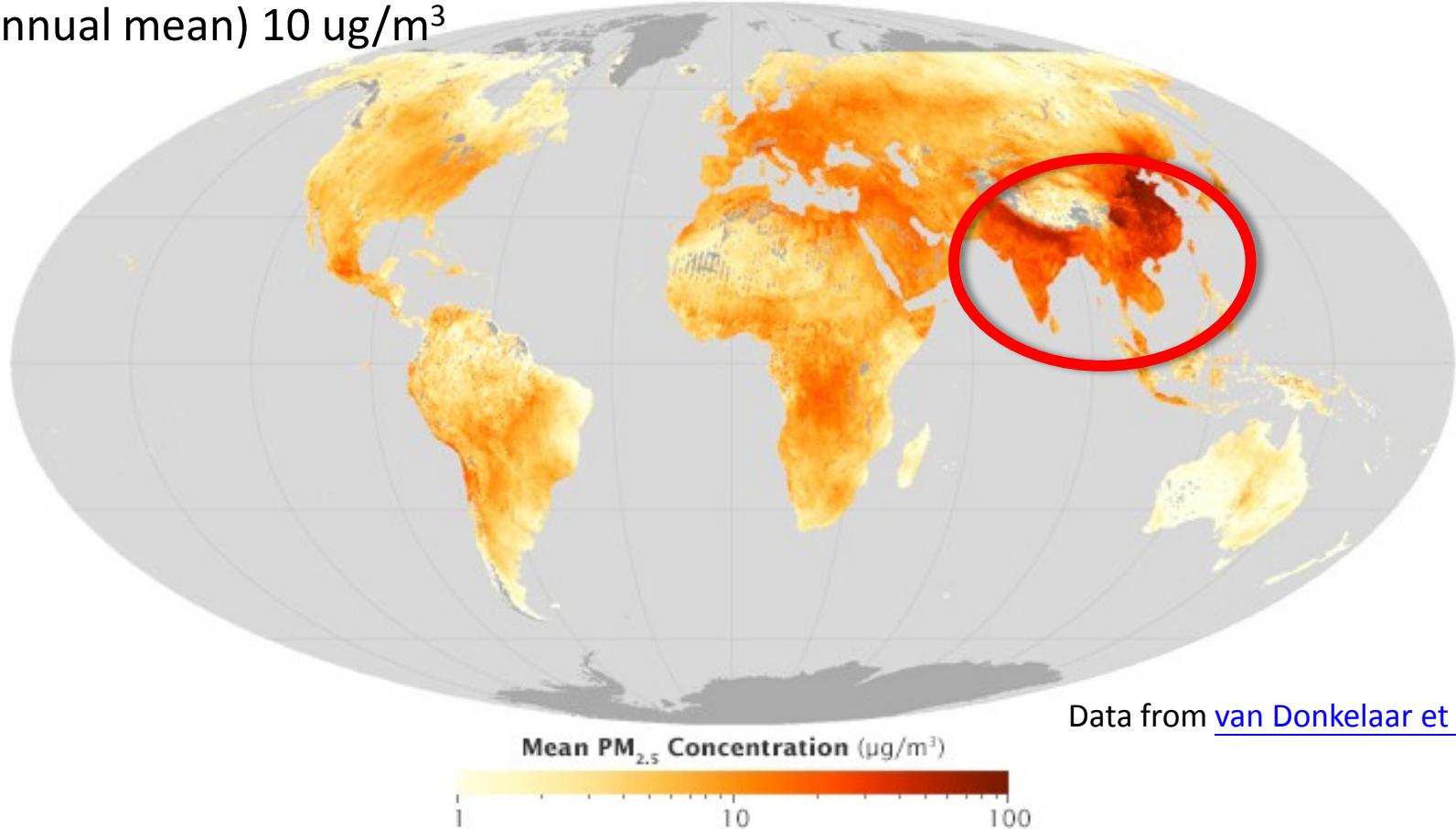
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Fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) concentration for 2010-2012 without dust and sea salt included

PM2.5: Particulate matter (or aerosols), aerodynamic diameter is less than 2.5 micrometer

- a classified human carcinogen, a major environmental health problem
- World Health Organization (WHO) recommended guideline for PM_{2.5}: (annual mean) 10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Climate Change makes air pollution worse

Air pollution: a dark cloud of filth poisons the world's cities

The number of annual deaths caused by pollution around the world is now greater than malaria and HIV combined, according to a recent study, with scientists warning that fatalities could reach 6 million a year by 2050



Heavy smog in the Lujiazui financial district of Shanghai.
Photograph: Corbis

<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2016/jan/16/winter-smog-hits-worlds-cities-air-pollution-soars>

air pollution contributed to heart disease, stroke, lung cancer, bronchitis, emphysema and acute infections

[Brauer et al., 2016; The Guardian, Feb. 12, 2016]

Scientists: air pollution led to more than 5.5 million premature deaths in 2013

More than half of the deaths were in India and China, and researchers compared air pollution problem to the conditions under centuries of industrial revolution



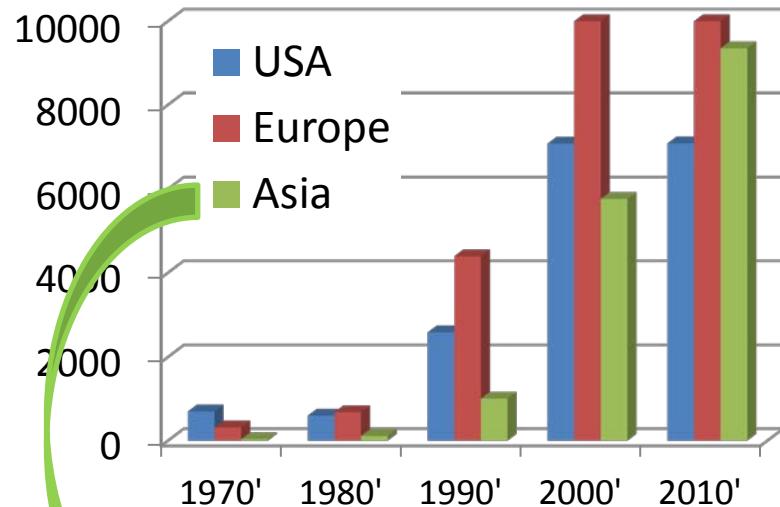
According to scientists, conditions caused by air pollution killed 1.6 million people in China and 1.4 million people in India in 2013. Photograph: Xiaolu Chu/Getty Images

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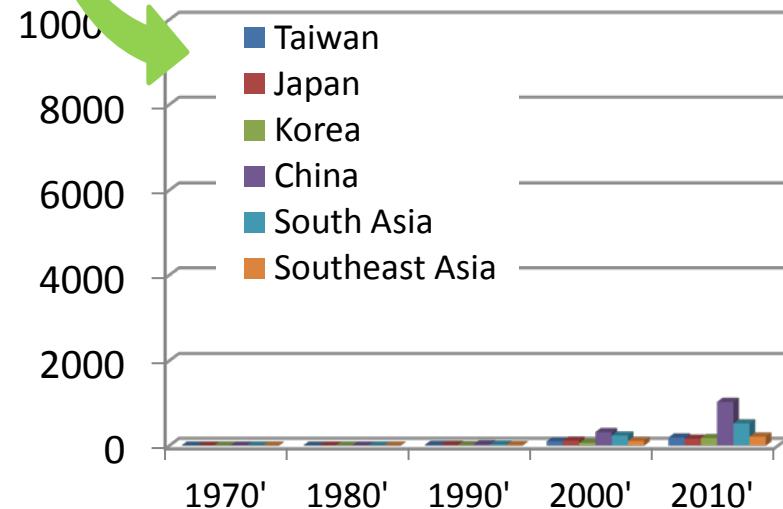
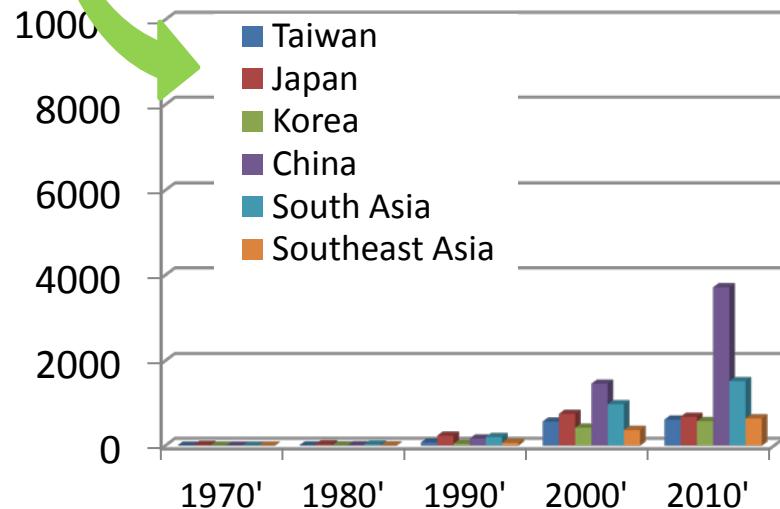
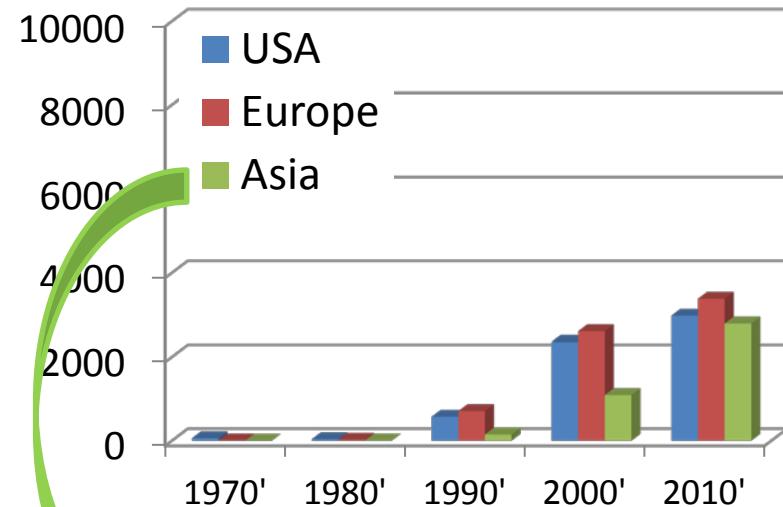
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Co-benefits

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A systems approach to evaluating the air quality co-benefits of US carbon policies

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Because human activities emit greenhouse gases (GHGs) and conventional air pollutants from designed to reduce GHGs can have co-benefits for air quality that may offset some or all of the

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LETTERS

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Co-benefits of mitigating global greenhouse gas emissions for future air quality and human health

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duce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions often
ted air pollutants, bringing co-benefits for air

Global GHG emission reductions are modelled in the
Representative Concentration Pathway 4.5 (RCP4.5) scenario¹⁸

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Air pollution co-benefits of low carbon policies in road transport: a sub-national assessment for India

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Pursuing air pollutant co-benefits of CO₂ mitigation in China: A provincial leveled analysis

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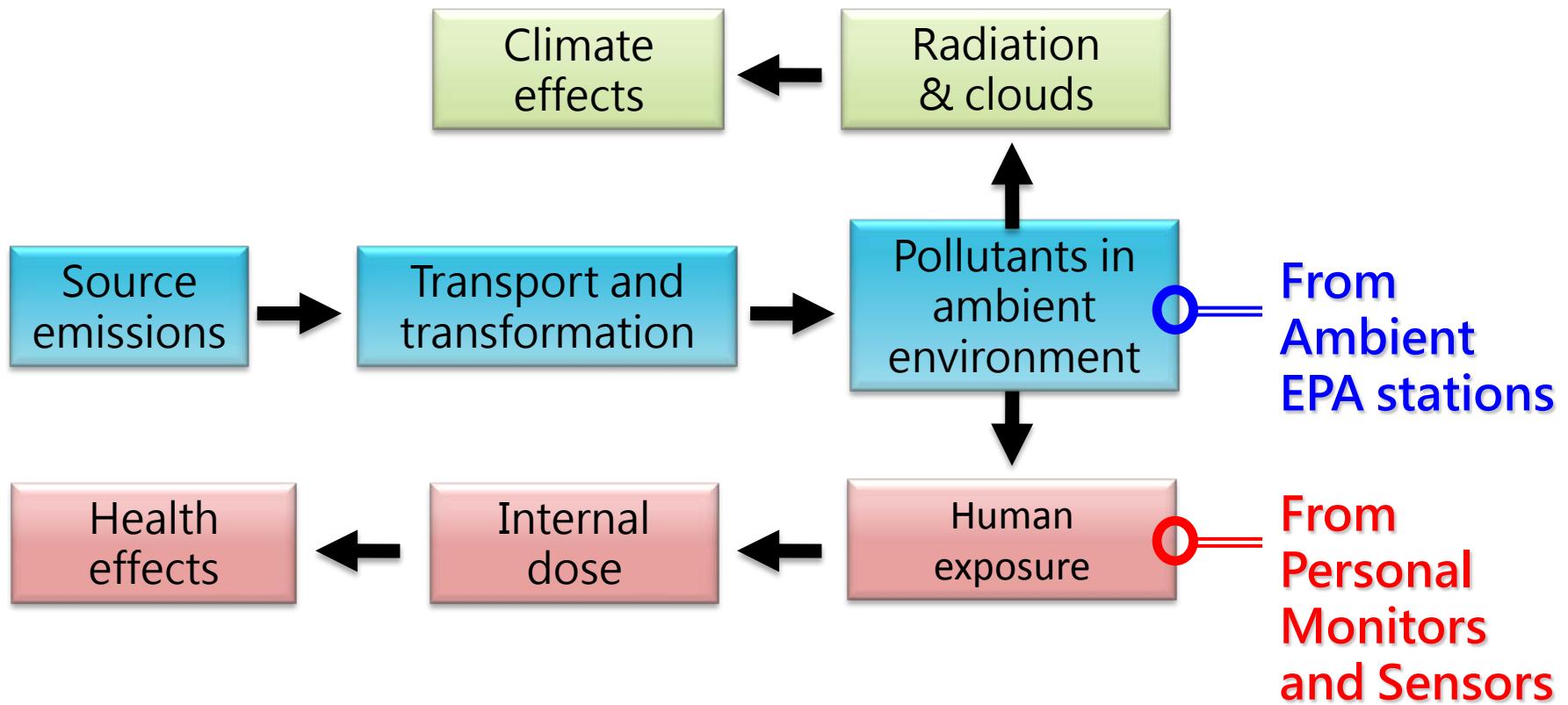
Emphases in **futureearth**
research for global sustainability

- Fundamental to user-inspired Earth system research
- Cross-disciplinary collaboration
- Stakeholder engagement
- International collaboration

Co-Benefit Thinking

- Scientists and society
- Among different disciplines
- Among scientists and different stakeholders
- Among countries

Progression of Pollutants from Emissions to Health/Climate Effects

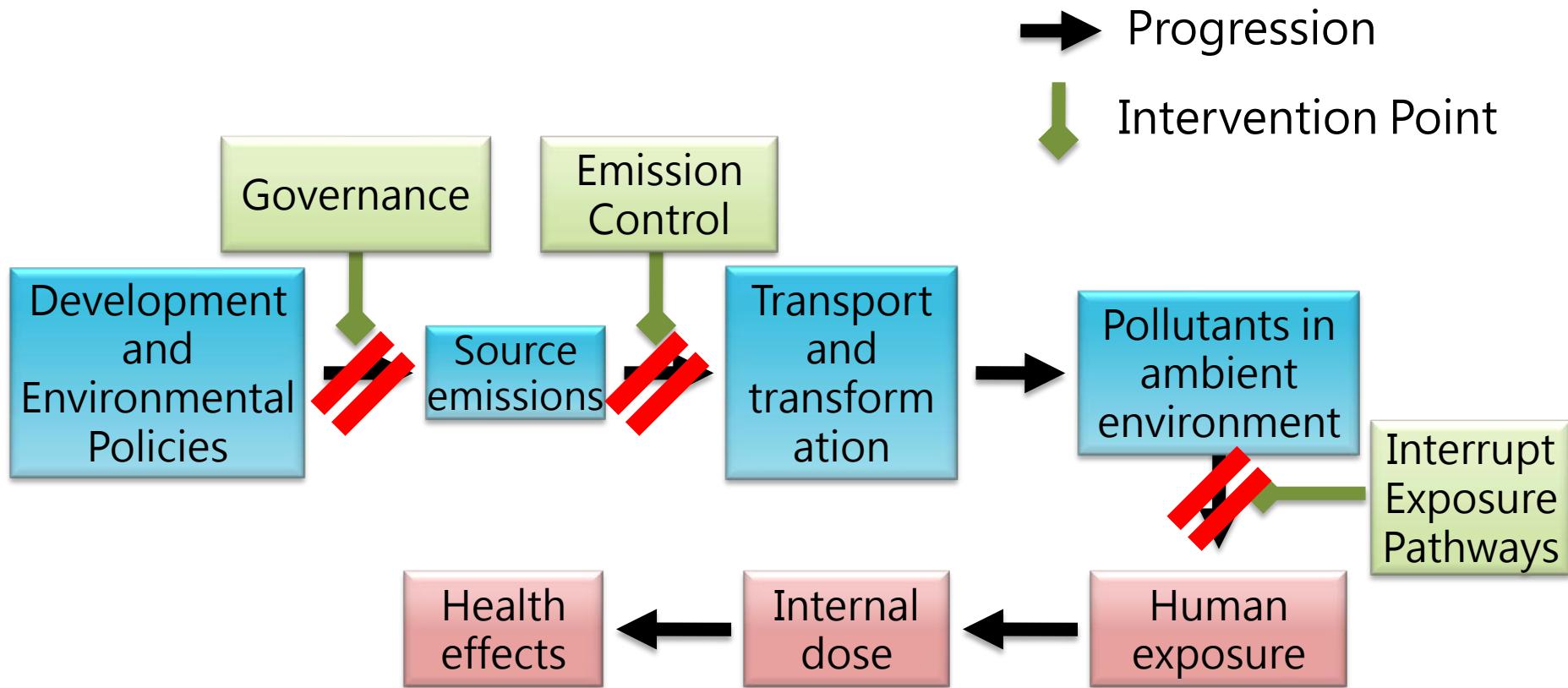


Why is “PM_{2.5} exposure concentration” important?

- More accurate estimates for exposure, more accurate estimates for damage coefficients of exposure-health relationships
 - 17% increase in all-cause mortality when more spatially resolved exposure estimates were used for a LA subgroup of the American Cancer Society population (Jerrett et al., 2005) compared with 6% increase in an earlier study for 10ug/m³ increase in PM_{2.5} for ACS population (Pope III et al., 2002)
- People are directly exposed to freshly emitted aerosols with different physio-chemical properties compared to ambient aerosols
- Peak exposures, which may induce asthmatic attacks and other health effects, are much higher than ambient levels



Potential intervention points to reduce health impacts of air pollution





Scientific Challenges Could Be Tackled by Atmospheric Chemists

- **Physio-chemical properties** of freshly emitted particles from community sources and personal activities
 - What are the **critical physio-chemical properties** and **major toxic constituents** of PM which are responsible for health effects?
 - What are the **damage coefficients** in health impacts with more accurate assessment on human exposure?
- **Chemical Processes** which links to policy response
 - ex. **Chemical transformation mechanisms** of particles after encountering with building materials
- **Source apportionment** of air pollutants in the ambient air and human exposure
 - ex. Analytical methods for organic molecular markers
- **Other personal sensing devices**



Questions asked ourselves

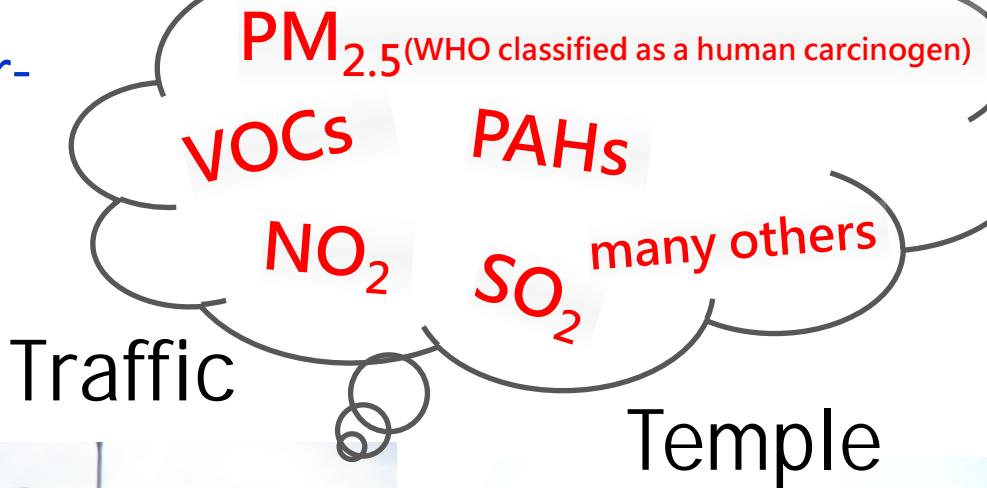
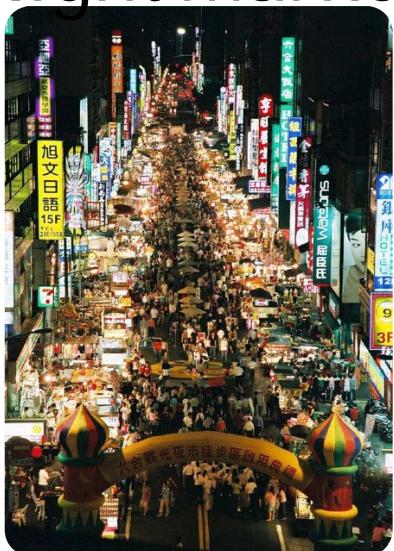
- What are the **controllable factors** that your study can identify?
- Can you provide **policy recommendations** that can reduce the impacts of the identified controllable factors and actually reduce air pollutant levels
- What policy recommendations can you make based on your study results that are different compared to previous policies?

■ Regional Aspect: Community Air-Pollutant Sources in Asian Cities

Asian style restaurant



Night market



Hair salon



Temple



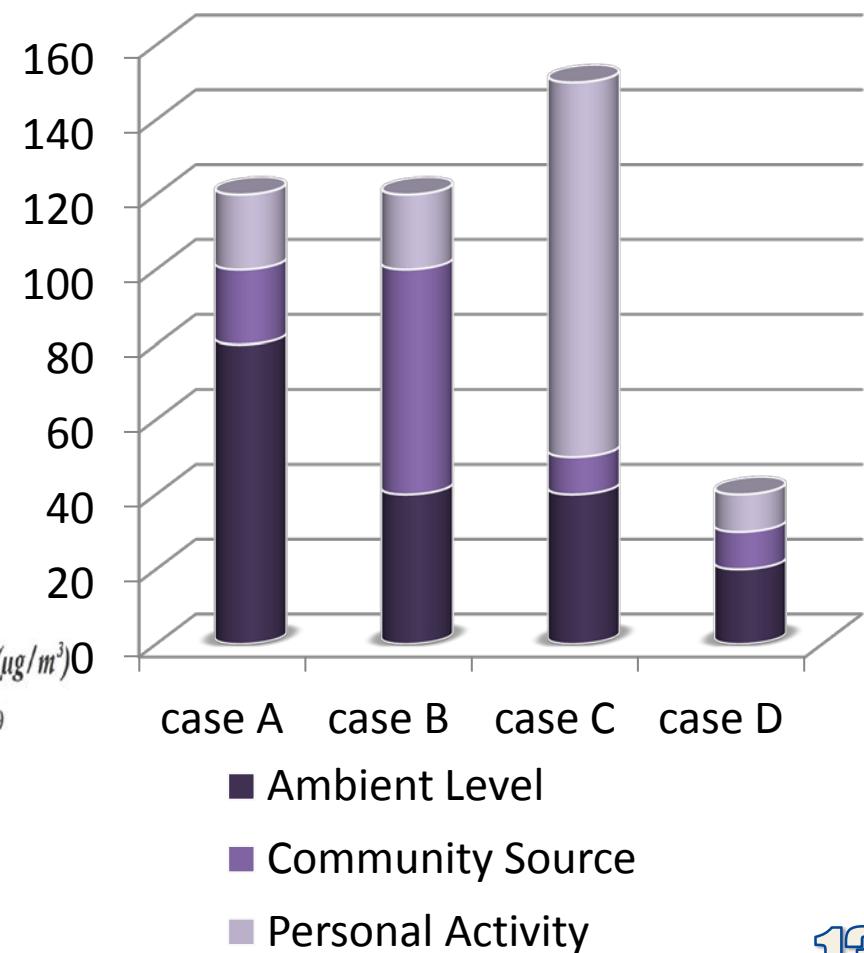
Car salon



Spatial Variability of PM_{2.5} levels within a Taiwanese community



Exposure Level = Ambient level
+ Community source contribution
+ Personal activity contribution



light-weight personal PM_{2.5} Sampler



PEM

- Personal Environmental Monitors
- SKC 761-203
- 37 mm Teflon filter

Elutriator

- Avoid wind interfering
- Carbon-filled Teflon surface to prevent static effect

Pump

- Portable with battery
- Flow rate: 4 L/min

- Subjects wear this sampling package for 24-hour to assess daily exposure
- 2-kg weight with low-level noise and vibration
- Need micro-balance with readability of 1 ug

Contribution of incense burning to indoor PM₁₀ and particle-bound polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons under two ventilation conditions

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Abstract Burning incense to worship is a common practice prevalent in Asian societies. The concentrations of PM₁₀ and particle-bound polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) resulting from incense burning

Worshippers' Exposure to Particulate Matter in Two Temples in Taiwan

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Participants' exposure to PM_{2.5} and gaseous/particulate polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons during the Ma-tsue Goddess parade

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Generation rates and emission factors of particulate matter and particle-bound polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons of incense sticks

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Scientific work and study designs for Worshippers' Exposure (started since 1998)

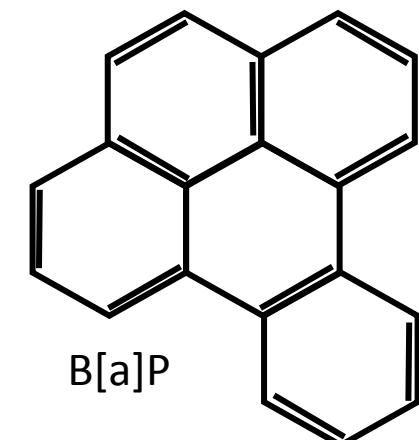
Controllable Factors!

Focus	Setting	Exposure factors
Emission Factors	Laboratory	Incense materials, combustion condition
Daily worshipping	Household environments	Closed vs. ventilated conditions; distance from censers; during-burning vs. after-burning
Monthly worshipping	temples	No. of incense used; no. of censers; No. of incense left in censers; dates of visit;
Annual worshipping	Ta-chia Ma-tzu Goddess Parade	Before parade vs. during parade; Time stayed in temples; riding motorcycles vs. driving cars

Worshippers' Exposure to PM_{2.5} and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)

[Lung and Liu, 2011, *Analytical Chemistry*, 83(12):4955-4961]

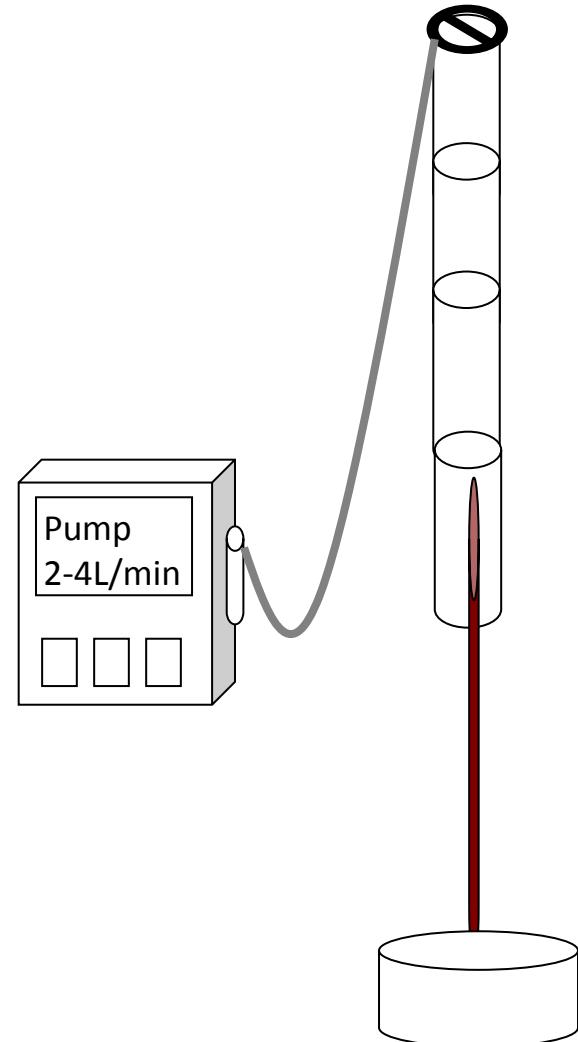
- Incense-burning:
 - a long-lasting Chinese traditional to pay respect to ancestors
 - a ceremonial practices in Buddhism and Taoism;
60% of Taiwanese are either Buddhism or Taoism
[Taiwan IOSH, 2000]
 - producing PM_{2.5} and particulate PAHs
- PAHs
 - 16 PAHs: USEPA Priority Pollutants
 - **Probable carcinogens**
 - **most toxic one:** Benzo[a]pyrene
 - GC-MS and LC-MS/MS for analysis



Emission Factors of Incense-burning

[Lung & Hu, Chemosphere, 50, 673-679, 2003]

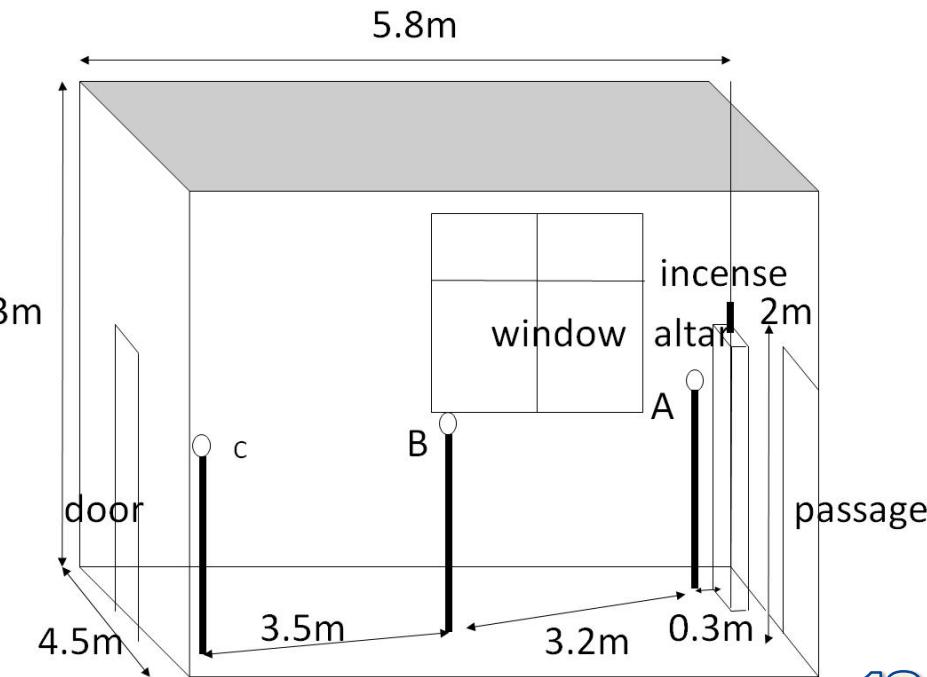
- Objectives: assessing emission factors of $PM_{2.5}$ and PAHs in the lab
- $PM_{2.5}$
 - Emission rate: 561.1-661.4 $\mu g/min$ per stick
 - Emission factors: 19.8-43.6 mg/g ; **32.6-52.7 mg/stick**
 - **Higher than one cigarette:** $14 \pm 4 mg PM_{2.5}$
- PAHs
 - Emission rate
 - Emission factors 17.1-25.2 $\mu g/g$; **28.3-30.5 $\mu g/stick$**
 - Higher than one cigarette: 1 μg PAHs



Worshippers' Exposure in Indoor Environments

[Lung & Kao, 2003]

- Objectives:
 - quantify indoor PM exposures under two conditions: closed and ventilated
 - examine concentration change with time and distance
- Findings:
 - closed condition: **723 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, 9 times** background concentration,
 - ventilated condition: **178 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, 1.7~2 times** background concentration
- Real household experiments



Worshippers' Exposure to PM_{2.5} in Temples

[Lung & Kao, JAWMA, 53, 130-135, 2003]

- Objectives :
 - Quantify personal PM_{2.5} exposure of worshippers during temple visits
 - Evaluate the contribution of various exposure factors

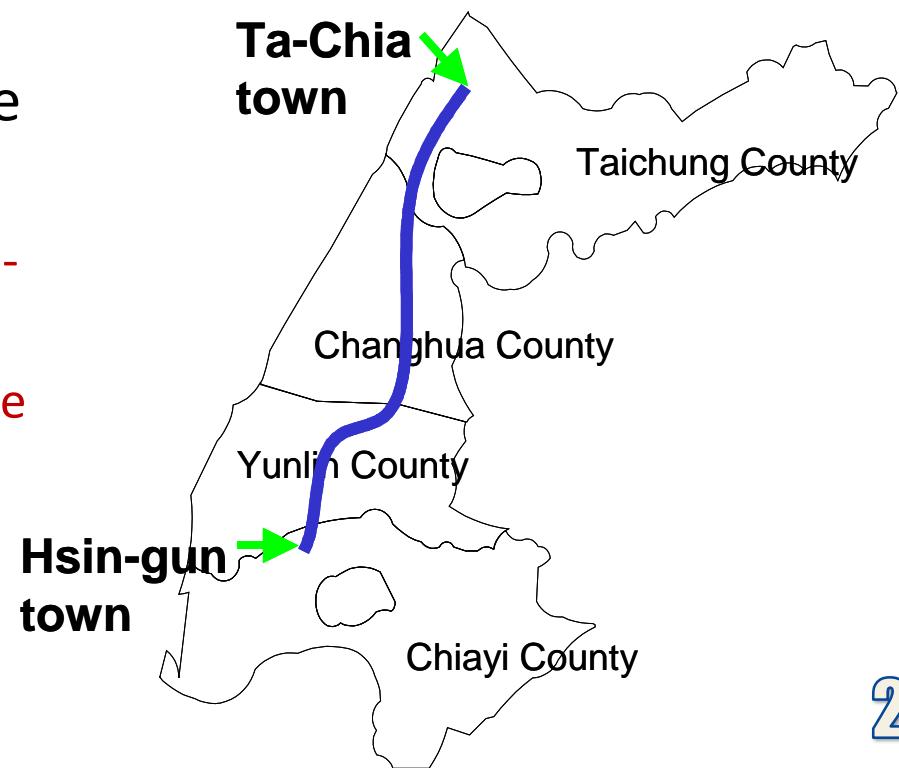
- Findings:
 - (1) PM inside temples were 4-6 times higher than outside
 - (2) Each incense stick in the censer contributed 0.52 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to worshippers' exposure
 - (3) Exposures in the temple with more censers and sticks used had higher (124 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) exposure



Exposure To $PM_{2.5}$ and Gaseous/Particulate PAHs during The Ma-tzu Goddess Parade

[Lung et. al, Journal of Exposure Analysis and Environmental Epidemiology, 14(7) 536-543, 2004]

- Objectives: Assess $PM_{2.5}$, gaseous and particulate PAH exposures to paraders
- Findings: Quantifying contribution of various exposure factors
 - $PM_{2.5}$ Exposure in **parade** were **1.6-2.2 times higher** than otherwise
 - Exposure of **motorcycle** riders were **1.8 times** of those of car drivers
 - Incremental $PM_{2.5}$ exposure increase was able to be quantified



Winner of “Chiu-sen Award 秋森獎” in 2004 from Chinese Association for Aerosol Research in Taiwan



- For contribution of incense-burning research, exposure characterization, and exposure factor evaluation for PM and particulate PAHs

Xingtian's ban on incense upsets vendors, not visitors

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By Yeh Kuan-yu / Staff reporter, with CNA



•On average, 2.5 registered temples in each community in Taiwan, accounting for a significant portion of PM2.5 emission in Taiwan

Longshan Temple halves censers used in worship

SPIRITUAL POLLUTION: The policy change follows earlier measures to cut the number of sticks used in worship, as well as refusing to accept donated incense

By Abraham Gerber / Staff reporter

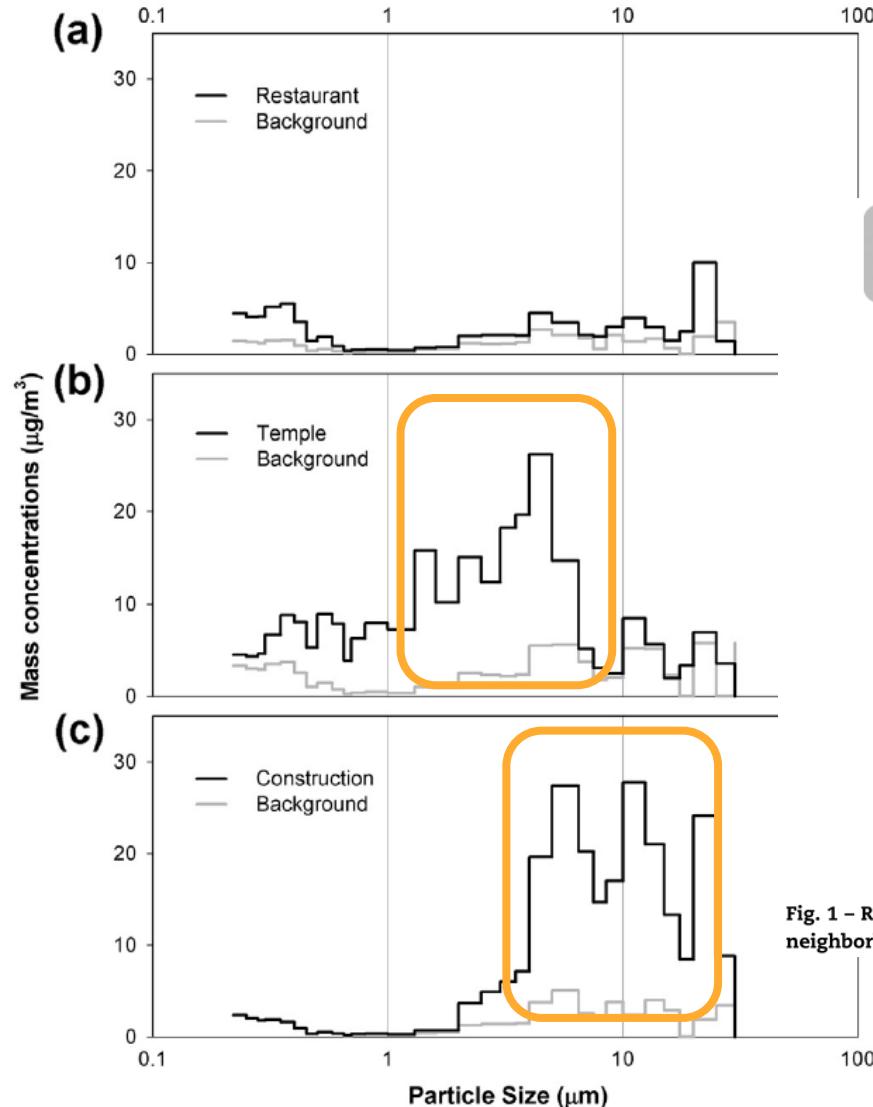


Longshan Temple (龍山寺) in Taipei yesterday closed access to more than half of its censers following concerns over incense smoke polluting the surrounding area.

Red lids capped four of the temple's seven censers, as the temple prepared to move them into storage.

Variability of intra-urban exposure to particulate matter and CO from Asian-type community pollution sources

[Lung et al., Atmospheric Environment, 83:6-13, 2014]



Inequality of Asian-type neighborhood environmental quality in communities with different urbanization levels

[Lung et al., Environmental Science & Policy, 38:1-10, 2014]

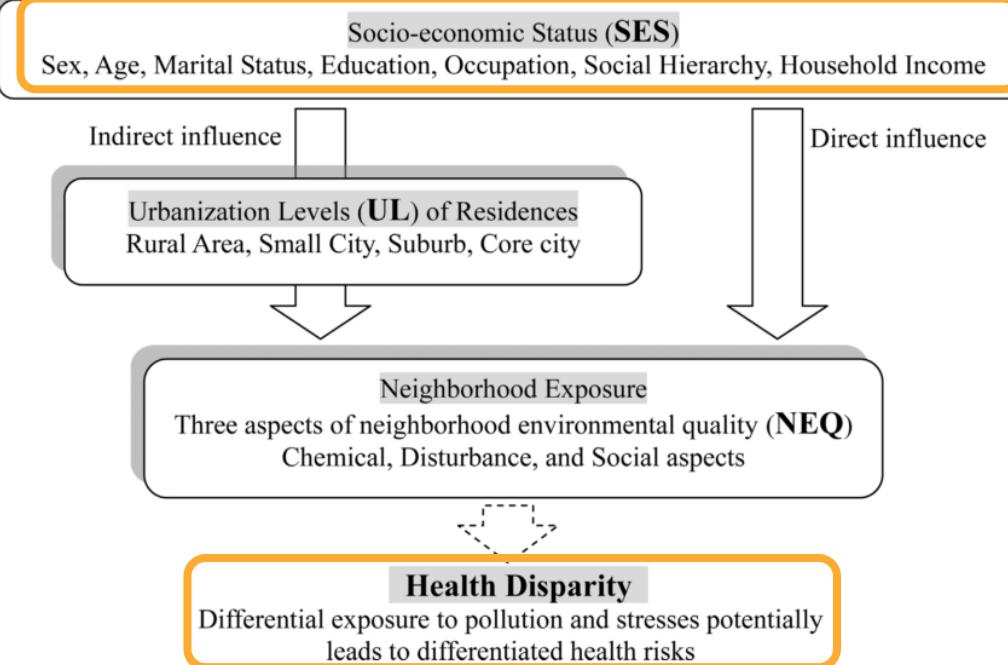


Fig. 1 – Research framework of this study, focusing on the pathways of social inequality leading to inequality of neighborhood exposure, which may in turn result in health disparity.

Summary and Suggestions

- Co-benefit thinking to link Atmospheric Chemistry to Health-related Air Pollution Research
 - What are the **controllable factors** that our studies can identify? (Lab, monitoring, and modeling studies)
 - What **policy recommendations** can we make based on our study results that can further reduce air pollution levels?
- Integration and communication for air pollution transdisciplinary collaboration to solve the air pollution problems

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Thank you very much for your attention!

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