

Environmental hazards – air pollution and noise as novel risk factors

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Pollution

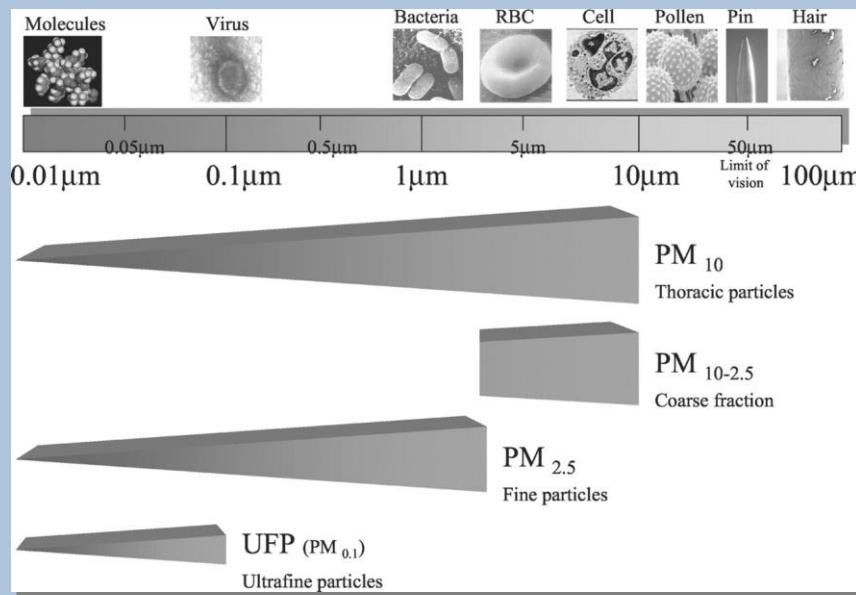


Global Burden of Disease Study 2012, Lancet

Disability-adjusted life-years (%)	
Physiological risk factors	
High blood pressure	53%
High total cholesterol	29%
High body-mass index	23%
High fasting plasma glucose	16%
Alcohol use	33%
Tobacco smoking, including second-hand smoke	31%
Dietary risk factors and physical inactivity	
Diet low in nuts and seeds	40%
Physical inactivity and low physical activity	31%
Diet low in fruits	30%
Diet low in seafood omega-3 fatty acids	22%
Diet low in whole grains	17%
Diet high in sodium	17%
Diet high in processed meat	13%
Diet low in vegetables	12%
Diet low in fibre	11%
Diet low in polyunsaturated fatty acids	9%
Diet high in trans fatty acids	9%
Diet high in sugar-sweetened beverages	2%
Air pollution	
Ambient particulate matter pollution	22%
Household air pollution from solid fuels	18%
Other environmental risks	
Lead exposure	4%

Pollution

- Airborne particulate matter (PM)
- Ozone
- Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)
- Volatile organic compounds (benzene)
- Carbon monoxide (CO)
- Sulphur dioxide (SO₂)

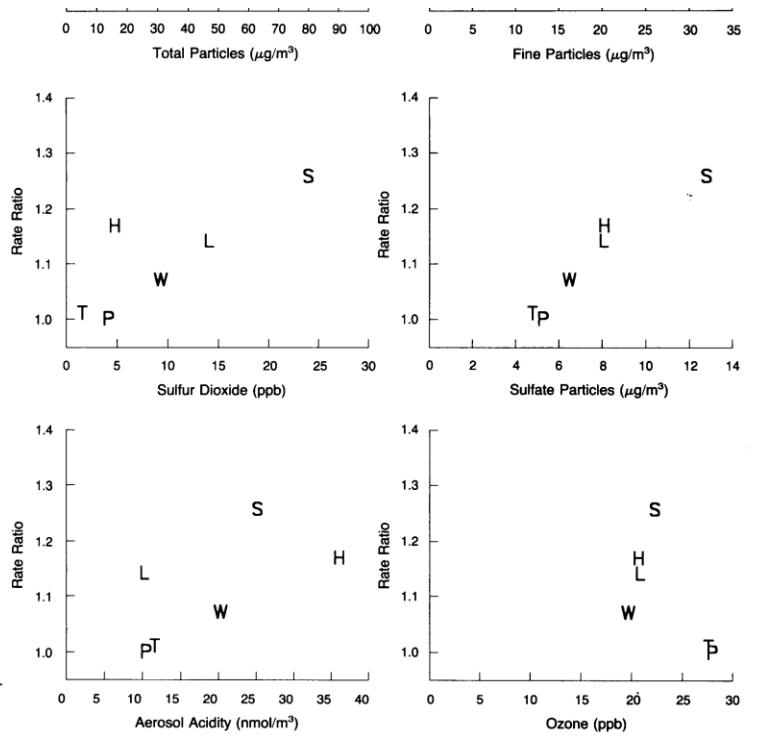


- Road traffic
- Power generation
- Industrial sources
- Residential heating

Six-cities and APHEA studies: HR 1.26-1.97

The Temporal Pattern of Respiratory and Heart Disease Mortality in Response to Air Pollution

Antonella Zanobetti,¹ Joel Schwartz,¹ Evi Samoli,² Alexandros Gryparis,² Giota Touloumi,² Janet Peacock,³ Ross H. Anderson,³ Alain Le Tertre,⁴ Janos Bobros,⁵ Martin Celko,⁶ Ayana Goren,⁷ Bertil Forsberg,⁸ Paola Michelozzi,⁹ Daniel Rabchenko,¹⁰ Santiago Perez Hoyos,¹¹ H. Erich Wichmann,¹² and Klea Katsouyanni²

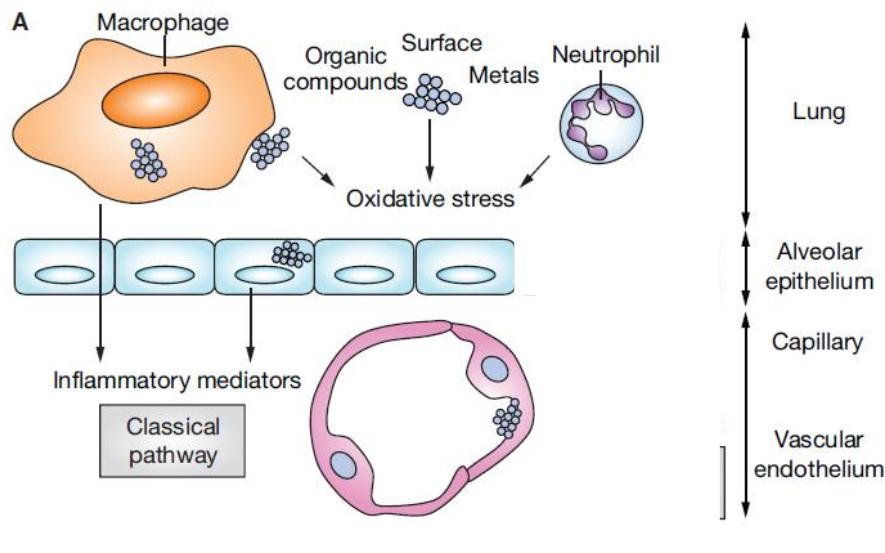


Not the result of harvesting
(mortality displacement, or advancement of death by no more than a few days for severely ill individuals)

N Engl J Med 1993;329:1753–1759

Mechanistic insight

Classical pathway



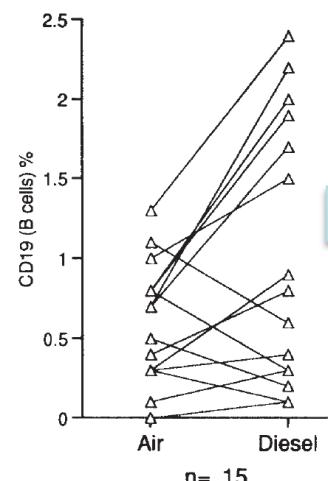
Mills Nat Clin Pract 2009

- CRP
- Plasma fibrinogen
- Plasma viscosity
- Adhesion molecules

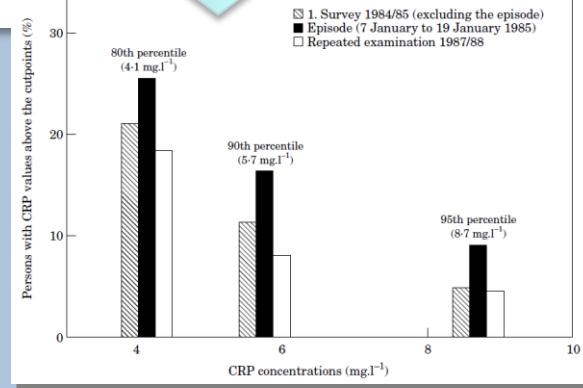
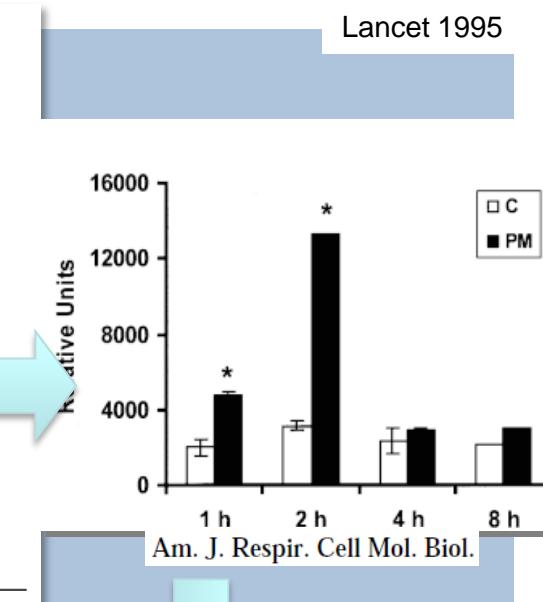
Particulate air pollution and acute health effects

B lymphocytes

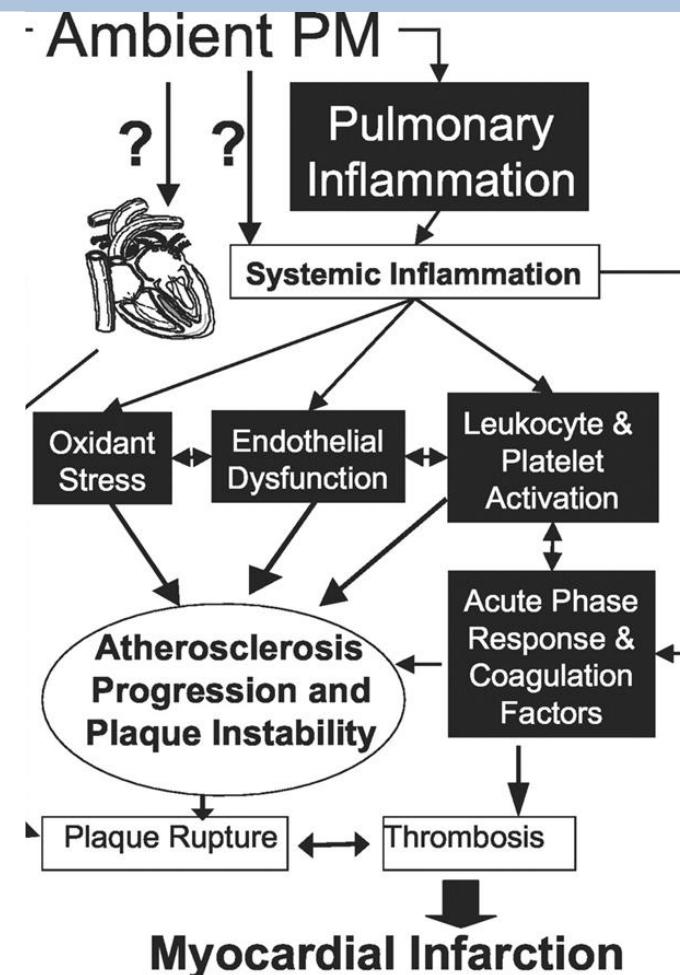
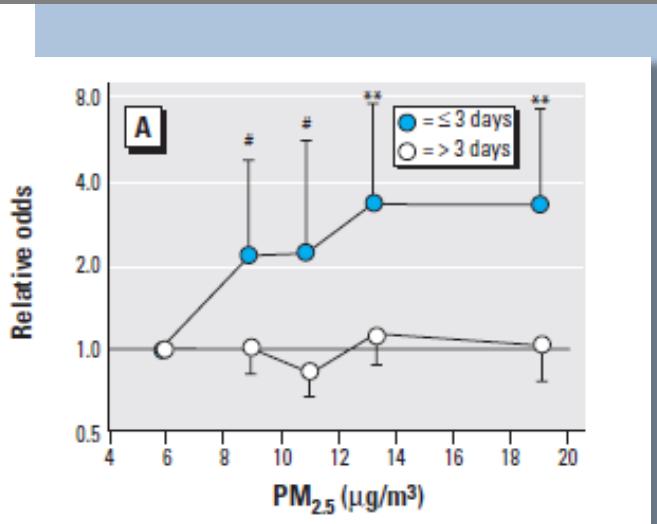
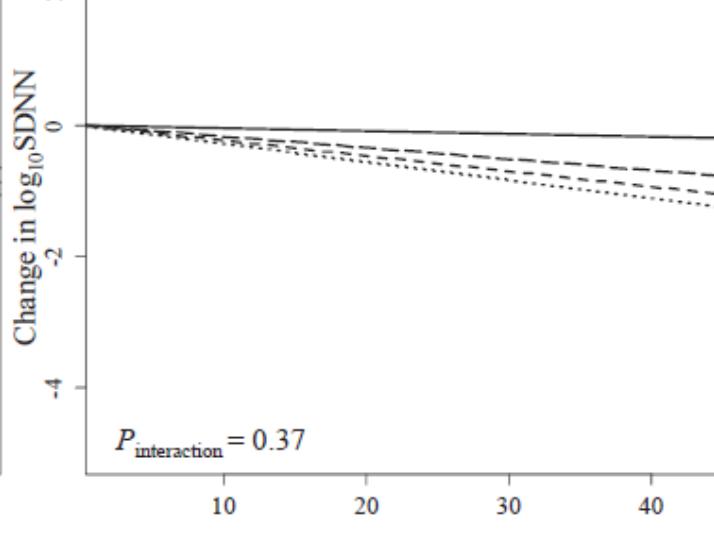
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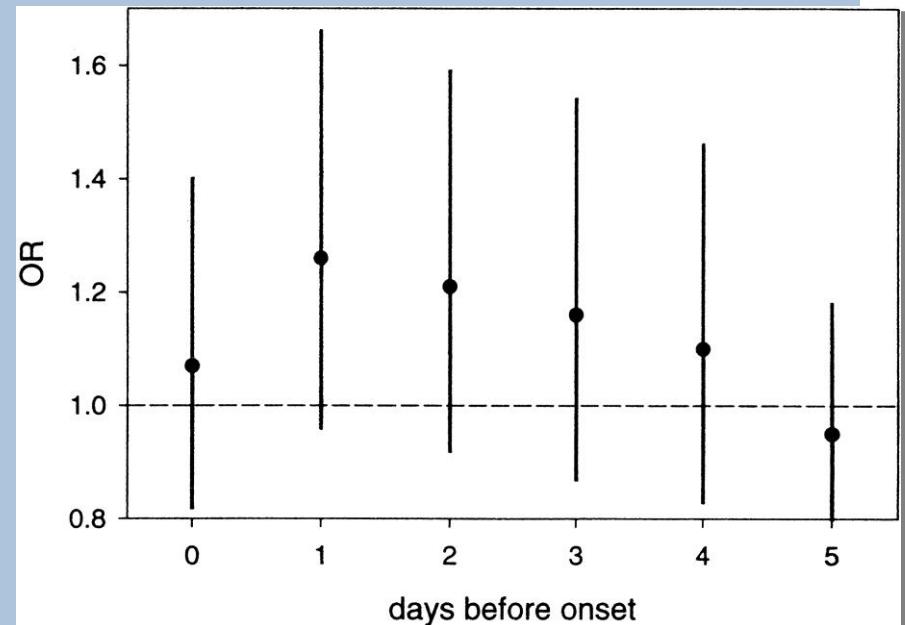
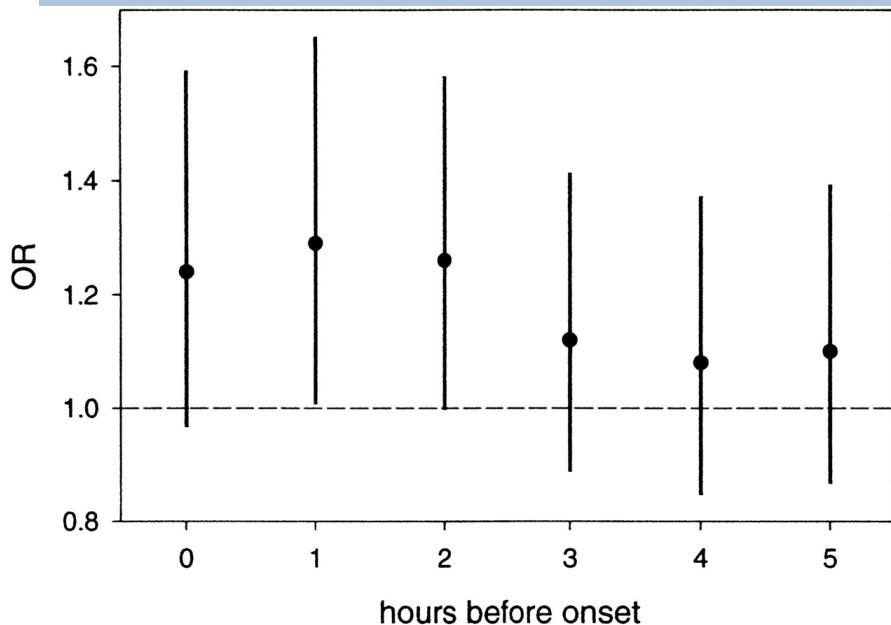
Lancet 1995



Oxidative stress



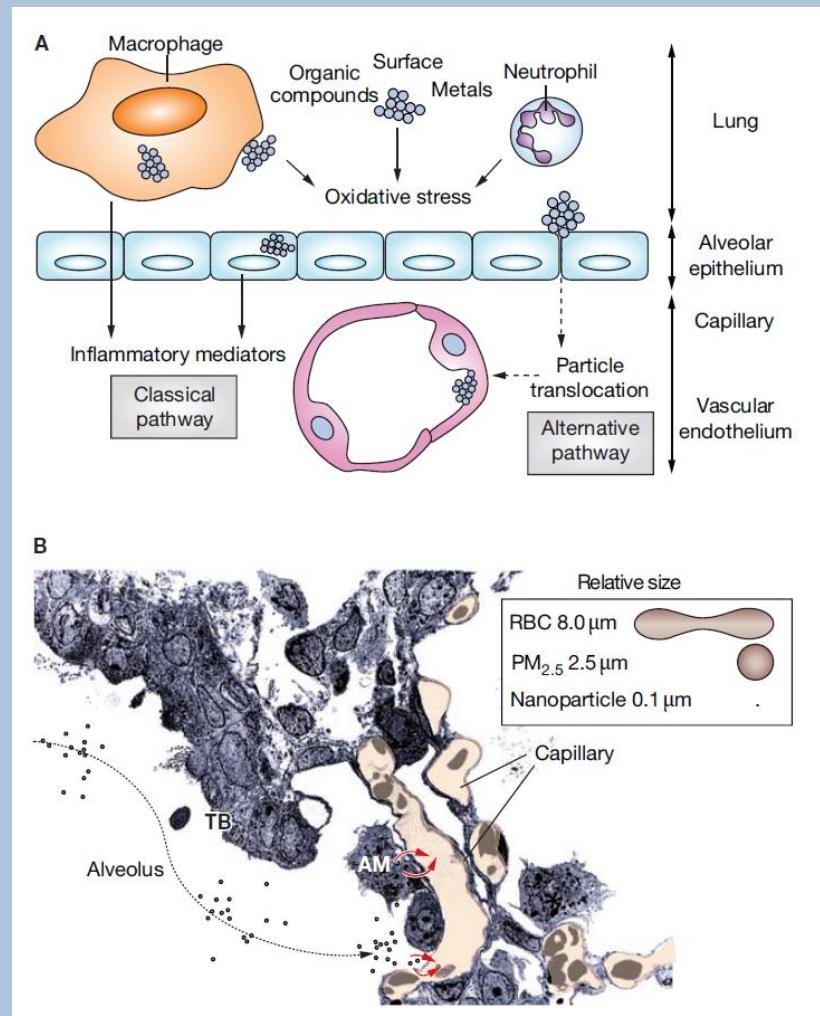
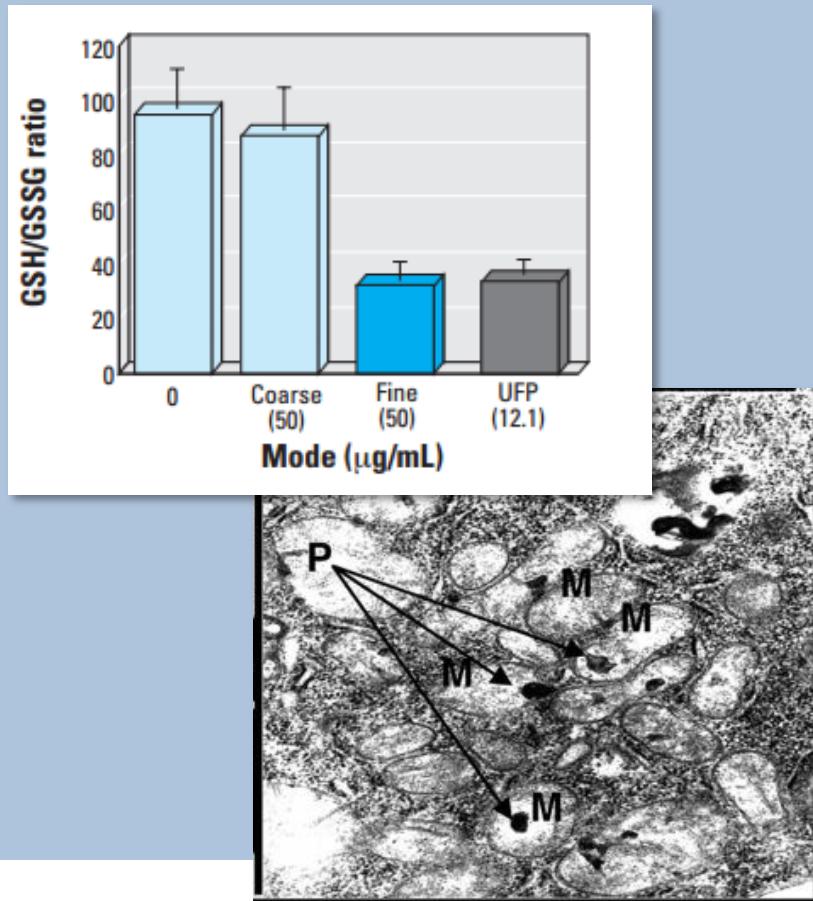
„Reverse preconditioning“



Peters Circulation. 2001

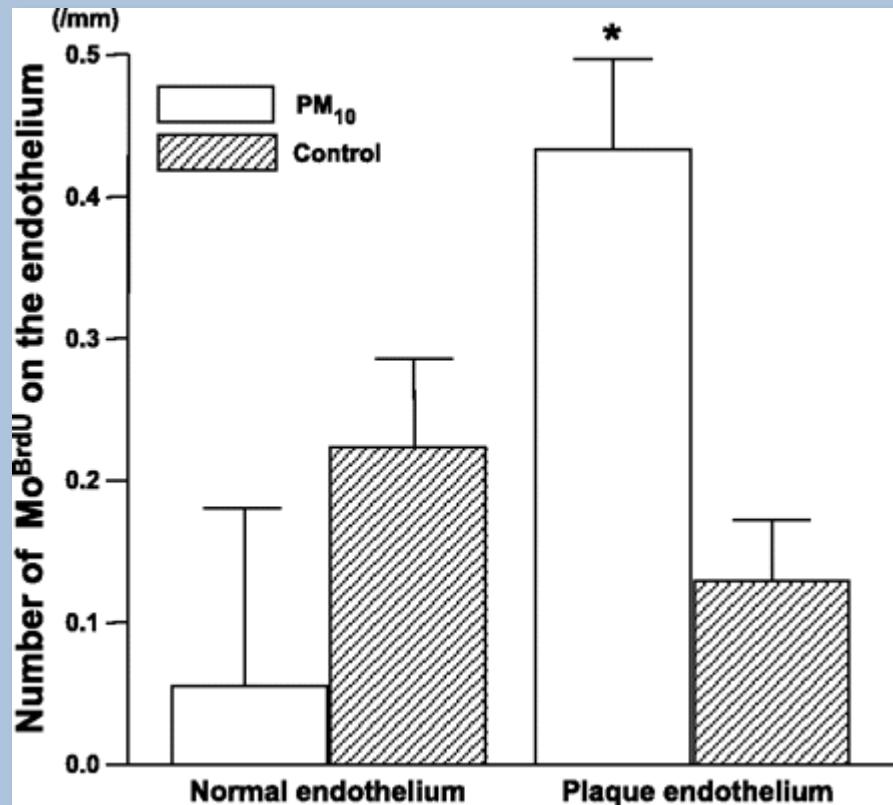
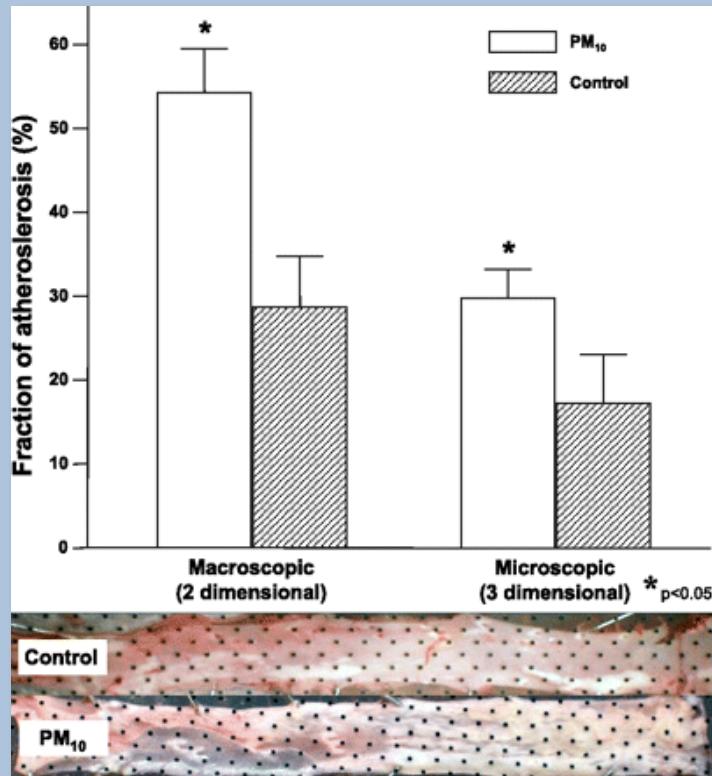
Mechanistic insight

Alternative pathway: direct translocation



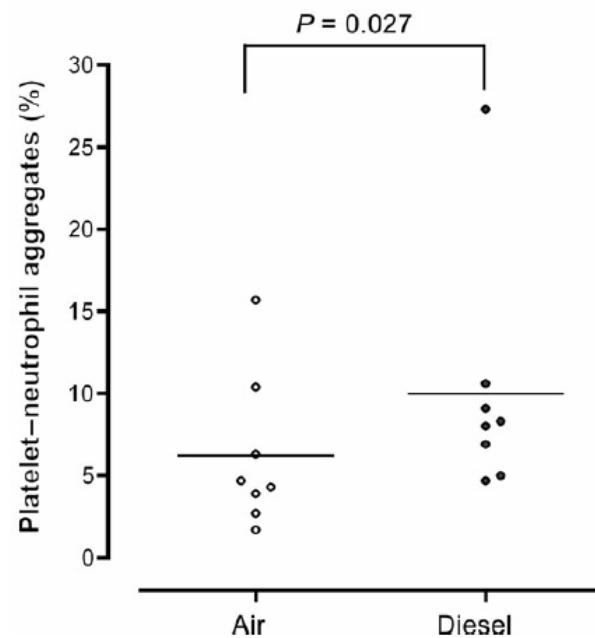
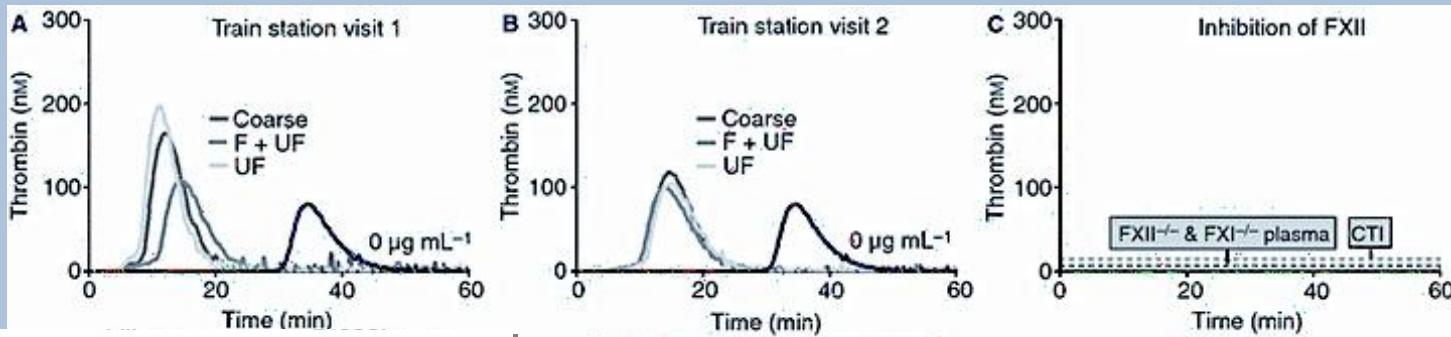
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Factor XII activation is essential to sustain the procoagulant effects of particulate matter

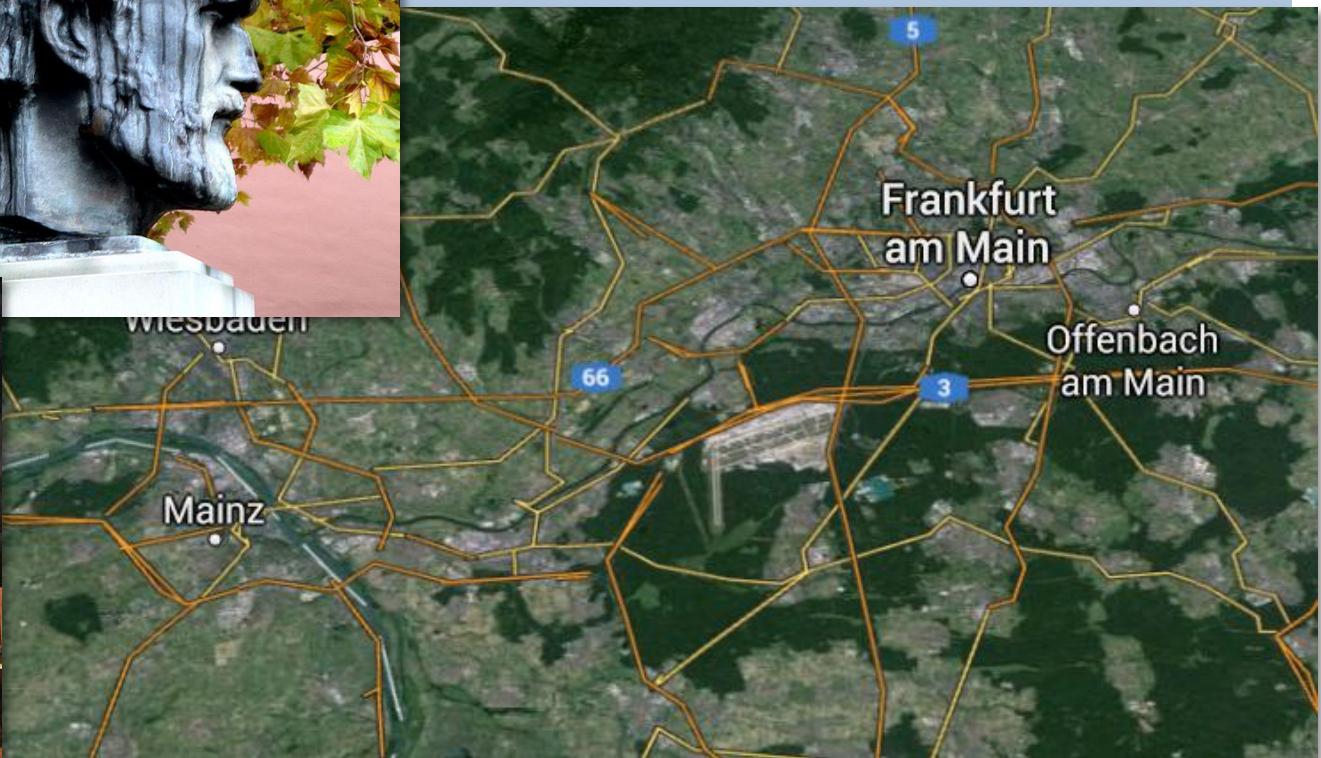


Kilinc et al, J Thromb Haemost 2011
Courtesy Prof H. Ten Cate

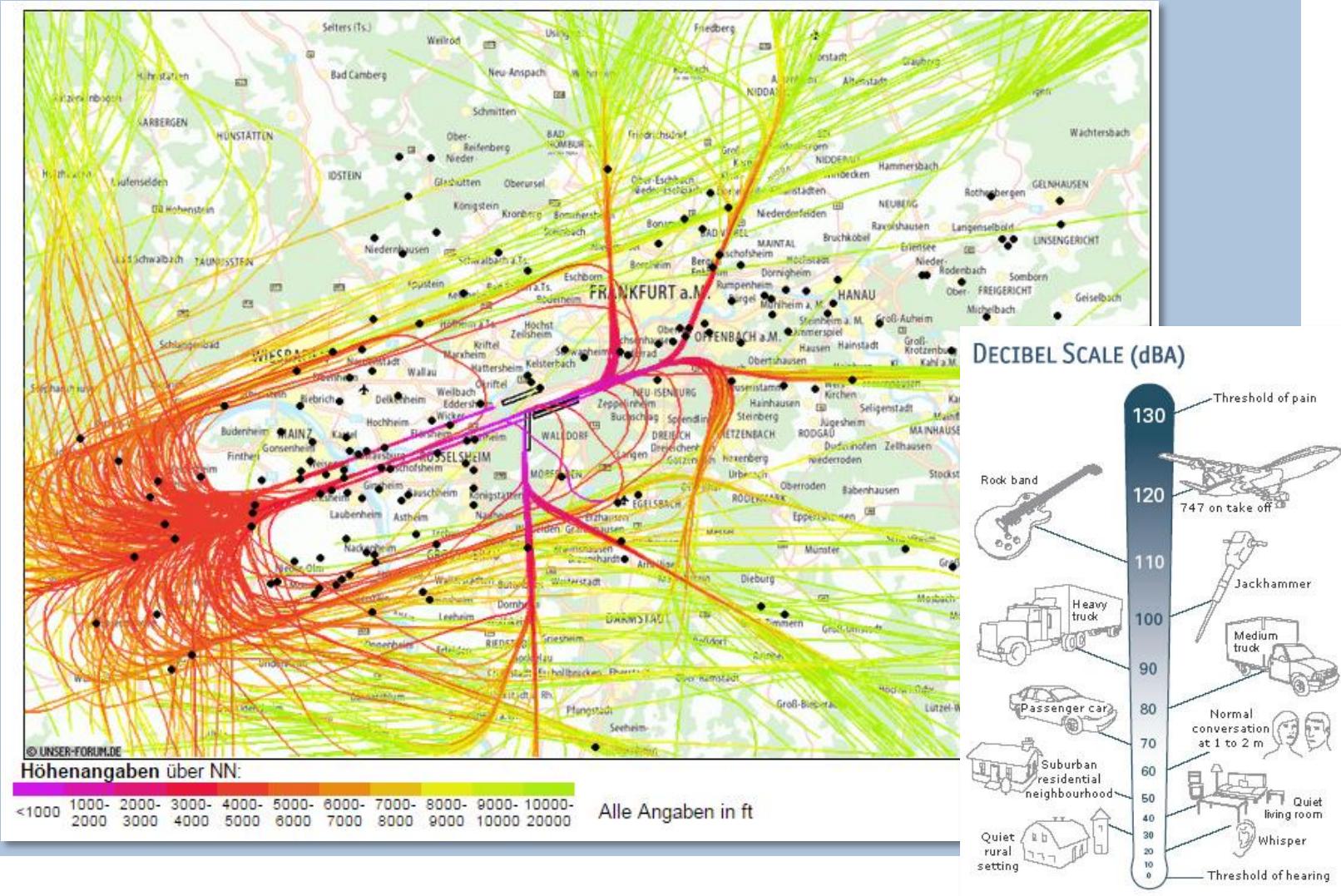
Diesel exhaust inhalation increases thrombus formation in man[†]

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(Aircraft) noise

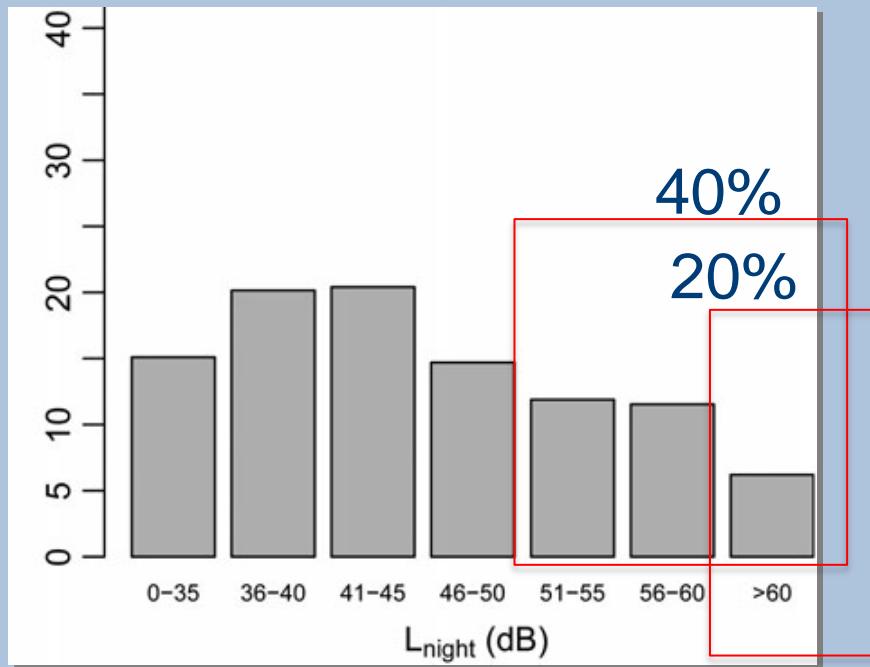
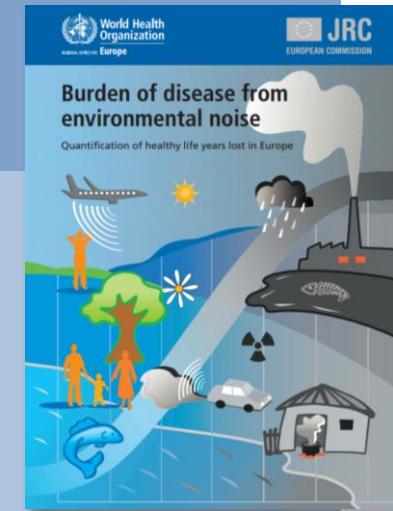


Noise



How loud is too loud?

- WHO recommends <40dB(A) during the night
<55dB(A) during the day



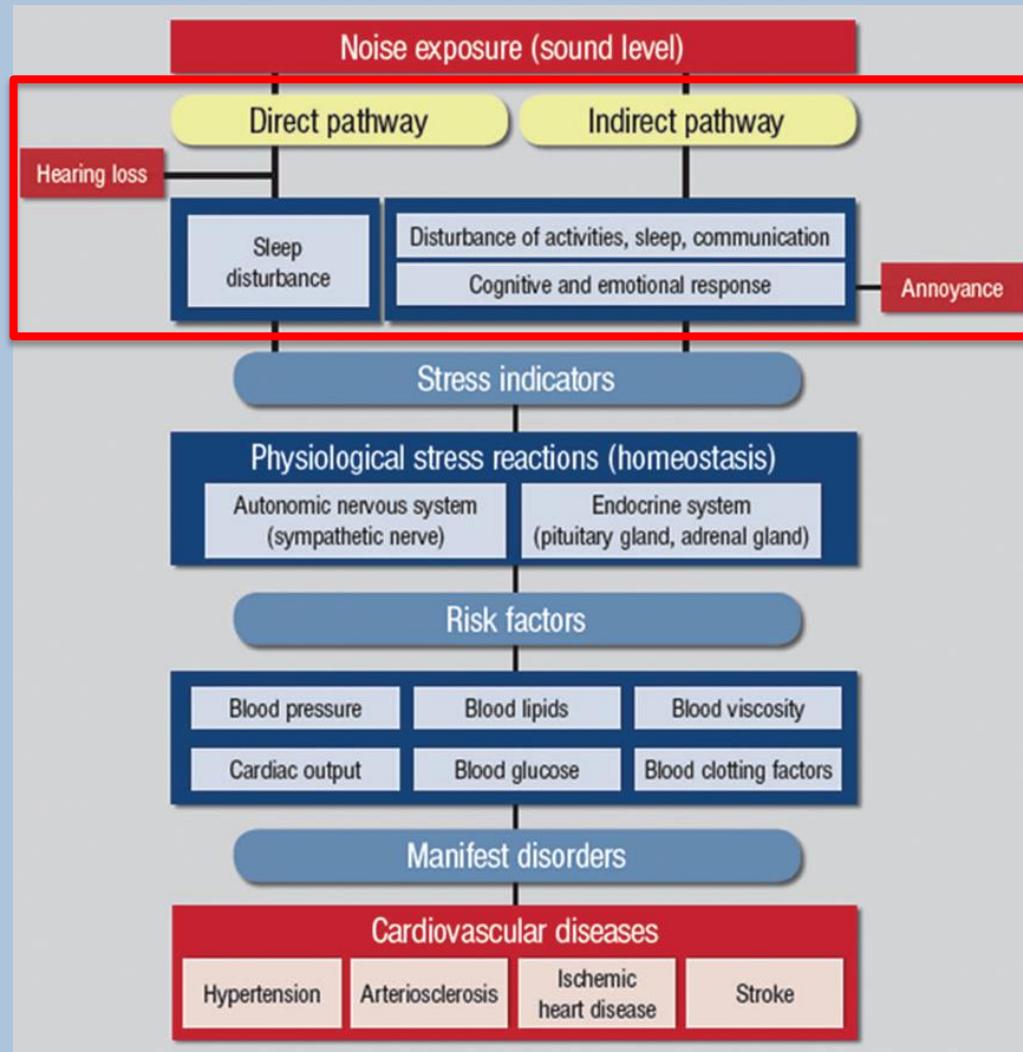
Kälsch Eur H J 2013

HR 1.07-1.18

Groups at risk:

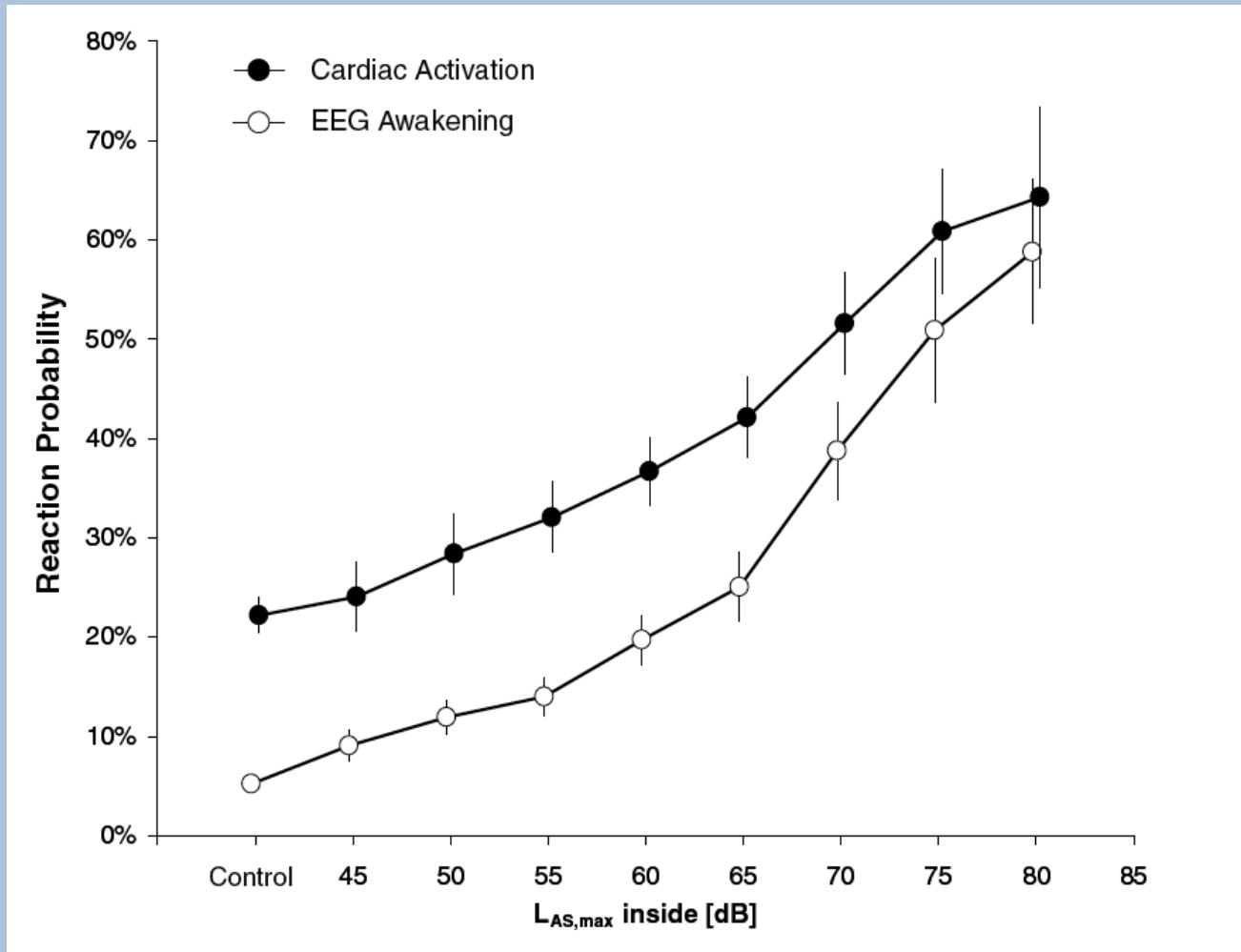
- Children
- Chronically ill, elderly
- Shift workers
- Less affluent

Pathophysiological reactions to stress

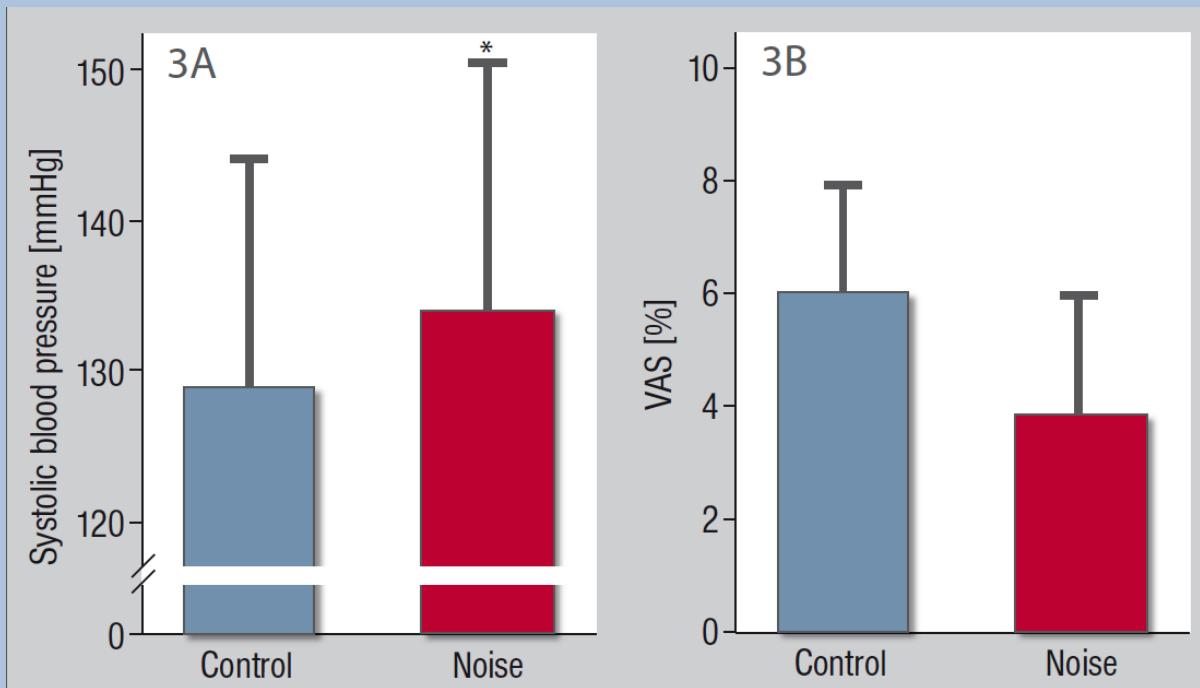
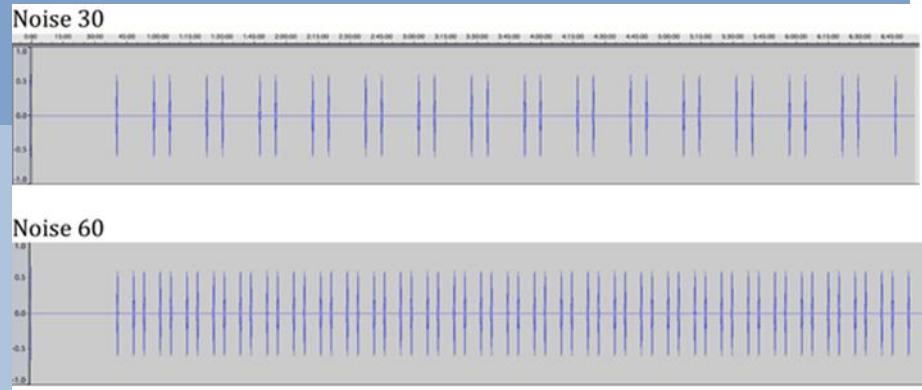


Henry and
Stephens, 1977

Subcortical arousal – annoyance is not necessary

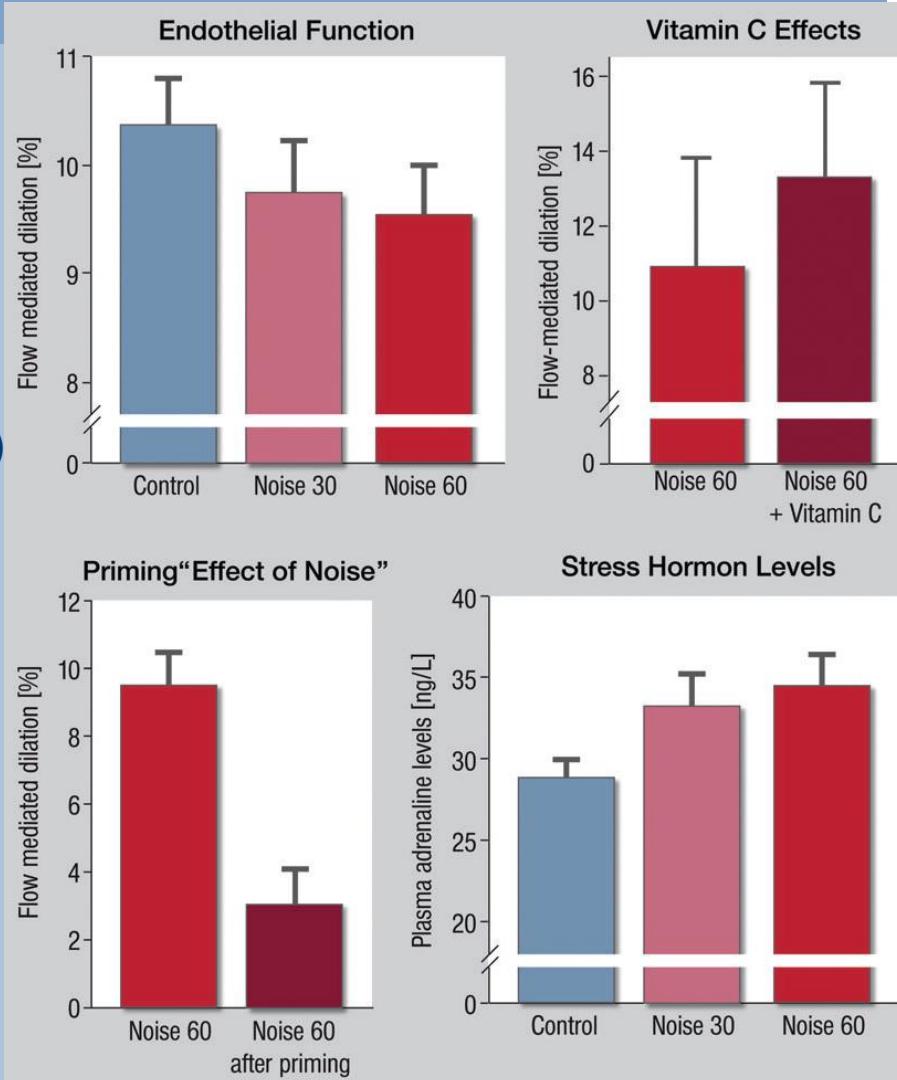


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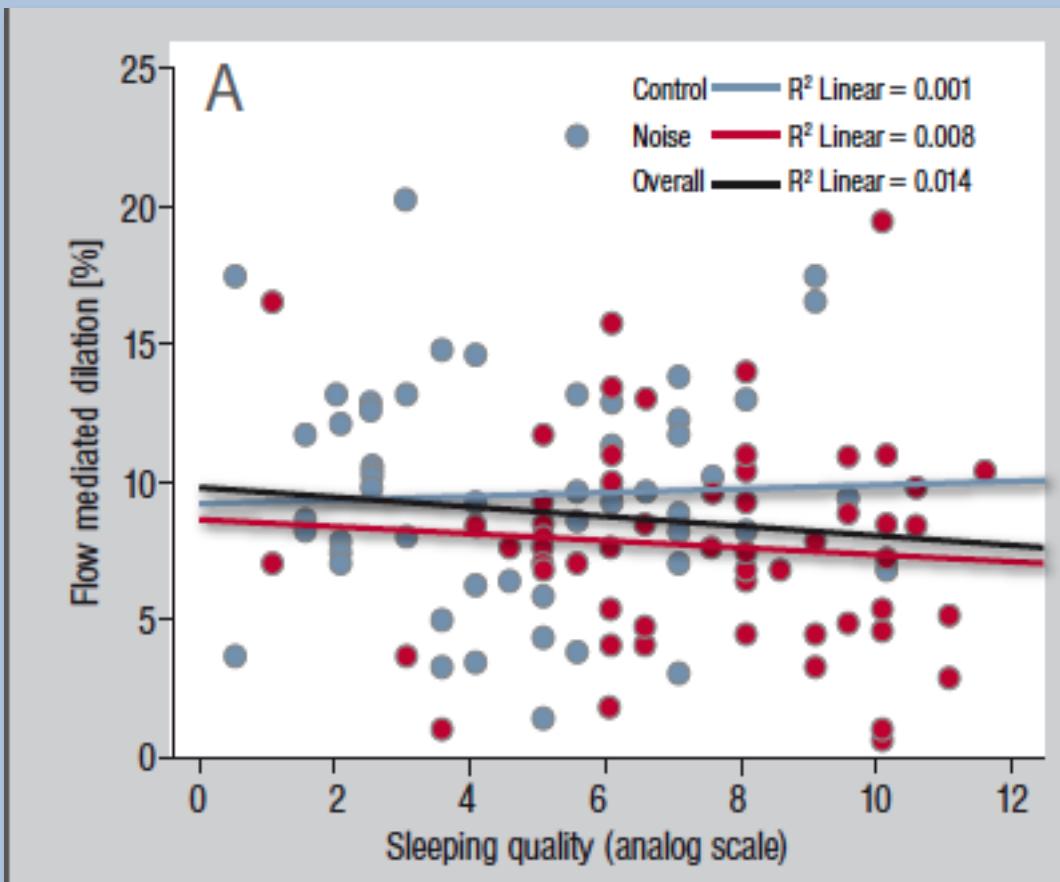


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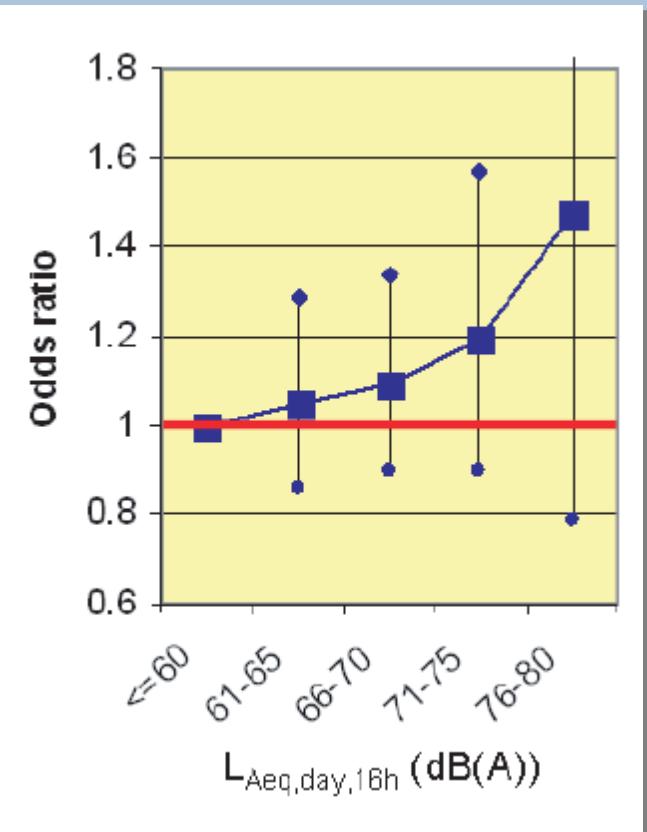
- Aircraft noise at night induces:
 - Endothelial dysfunction
 - Oxidative stress
 - Catecholamine release
 - Increased vessel stiffness(PTT)
- Impaired sleep quality
- No habituation, rather priming
- Independent of annoyance



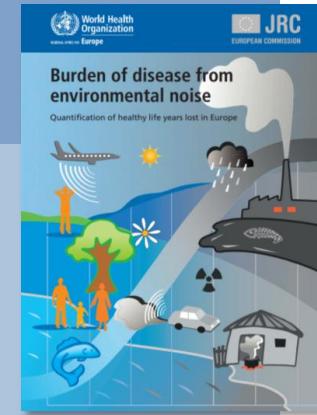
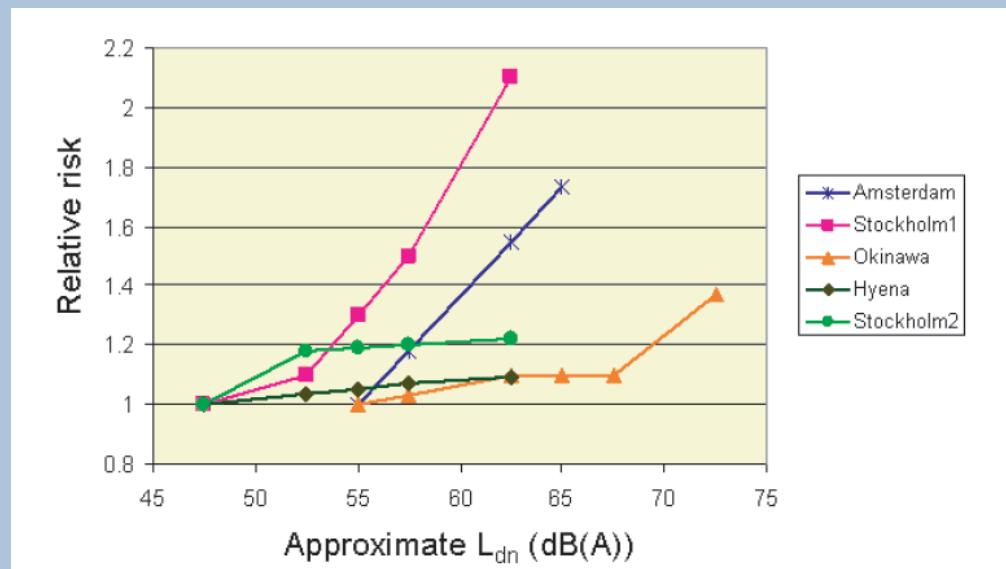
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OR 1.07-1.17 in different studies



- Hypertension
- Ischaemic heart disease
- Stroke
- Dementia
- Diabetes mellitus



Are air pollution and traffic noise independently associated with atherosclerosis: the Heinz Nixdorf Recall Study

Hagen Kälsch¹, Frauke Hennig², Susanne Moebus³, Stefan Möhlenkamp¹, Nico Dragano⁴, Hermann Jakobs⁵, Michael Memmesheimer³, Raimund Erbel¹, Karl-Heinz Jöckel³, and Barbara Hoffmann^{2,6*}, on behalf of the Heinz Nixdorf Recall Study Investigative Group

Conclusion

Long-term exposure to fine PM and night-time traffic noise are both independently associated with subclinical atherosclerosis and may both contribute to the association of traffic proximity with atherosclerosis.

Implications:

- Ischemic heart disease
- Arrhythmias
- Heart failure
- ICD discharge
- Hypertensive crises
- Ischemic stroke

- Habituation/priming, harvesting
- Annoyance
- Additive effect
- No randomized study possible
- Political implications

Summary

