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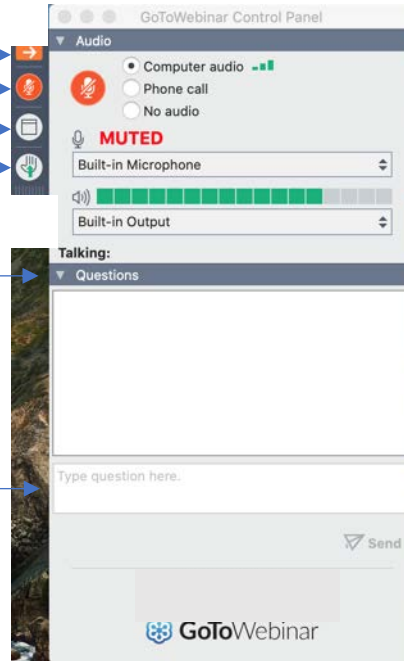
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Measurements and Modeling for Quantifying Air Quality and Climatic Impacts of Residential Biomass or Coal Combustion for Cooking, Heating, and Lighting

- How would a feasible set of interventions for residential cooking, heating, or lighting in a developing part of the world impact air quality and climate?
- What is the realistic range and timeframe of foreseeable benefits to air quality and climate of various interventions in cooking, heating, or lighting practices in a developing part of the world, considering regional constraints (e.g., acceptability and availability of different technologies or fuels) and sustainability of alternate fuels or technologies?

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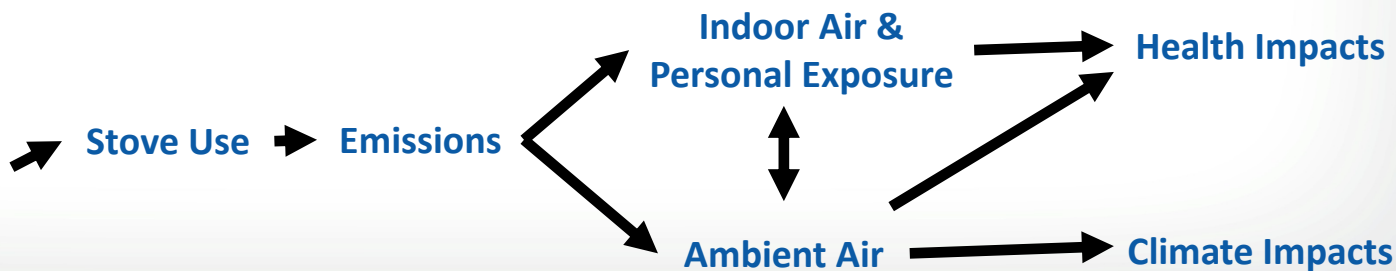
8 countries

13 field locations

>70 Publications



Technology
Fuel
Availability
Costs
Preferences





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- Household Sources of Primary and Secondary PM in Northern India
Kirk Smith, UC Berkeley; Ajay Pillarisetti, Emory University

- Experimental Stove Interventions in Northern and Southern India
Rob Bailis, Yale Univ/Stockholm Environment Institute



- Health Impacts of Household Energy Intervention in Tibet
Jill Baumgartner, Univ of Minnesota/McGill University

- Mapping Feasible Residential Solutions for Cooking and Heating
Tami Bond, Univ of Illinois/Colorado State University



- Air Quality and Climate Impacts of Cooking and Lighting Emissions in the African Sahel
Michael Hannigan, Univ of Colorado, Boulder

- Quantifying the Benefits of Improved Cookstoves:
An Integrated Lab, Field, and Modeling Study
John Volckens, Colorado State University



Quantifying the climate, air quality, and health benefits of improved cookstoves:

an integrated laboratory, field and modeling study

John Volckens, Kelsey Bilsback, Jeff Pierce

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Our Driving Questions

- Why don't lab measurements of cookstove emissions agree with field observations?
- What is the magnitude and variability of air pollution emitted from residential solid fuel combustion on the planet?
- What would happen to global climate and air quality if everyone who burns solid fuels could move up 'one rung' (or more) on the energy ladder?

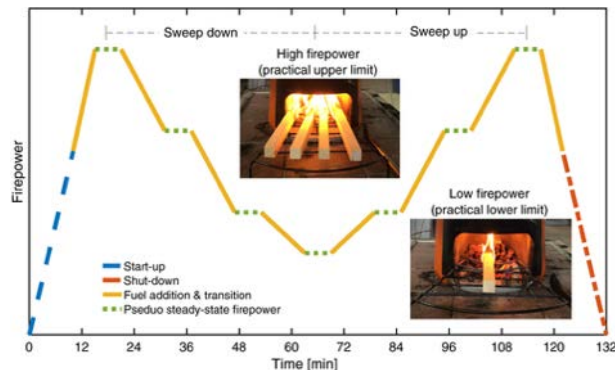
Labwork



A “drive-cycle” approach to stove testing provides more realistic data on pollutant emissions (more on this from Kelsey Bilsback in a minute!)

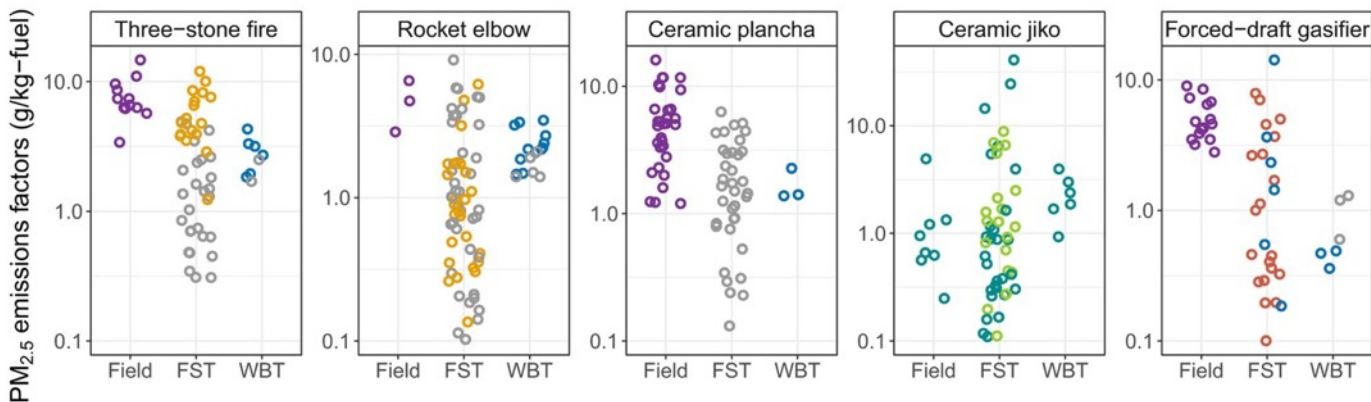
*Methodology incorporated into **ISO 19867-1**:
Laboratory Testing of Cookstoves*

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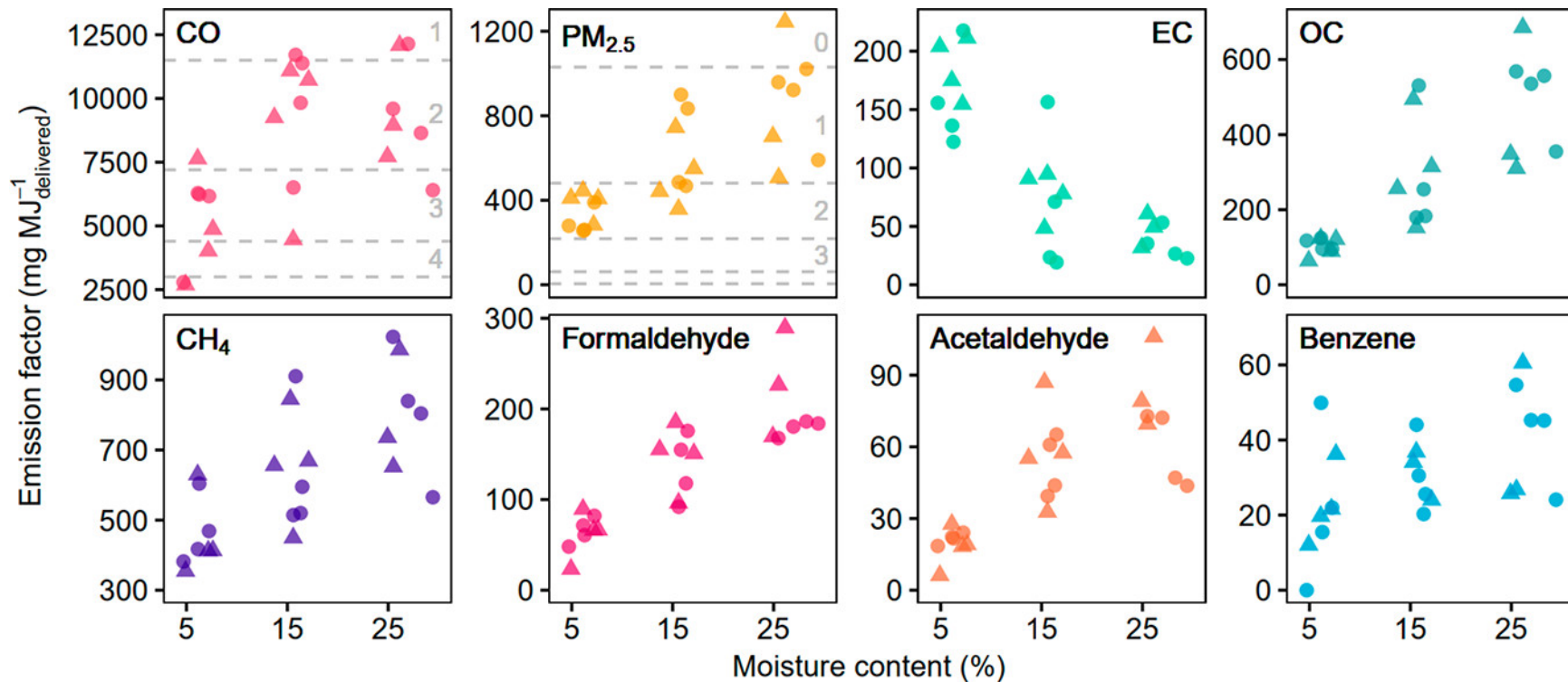


Bilsback et al. *Indoor Air* (2018)

○ Douglas fir (milled) ● Coconut (briquettes) ● Eucalyptus (pellets) ● Wood (collected)
● Eucalyptus (split) ● Hardwood (lumps) ● Red oak (milled)



Cookstoves emit more than just PM and CO. Many factors combine to modulate air pollutant emissions.



Fieldwork

Goal: Characterize emissions from $n=40$ homes across 4 countries

Honduras



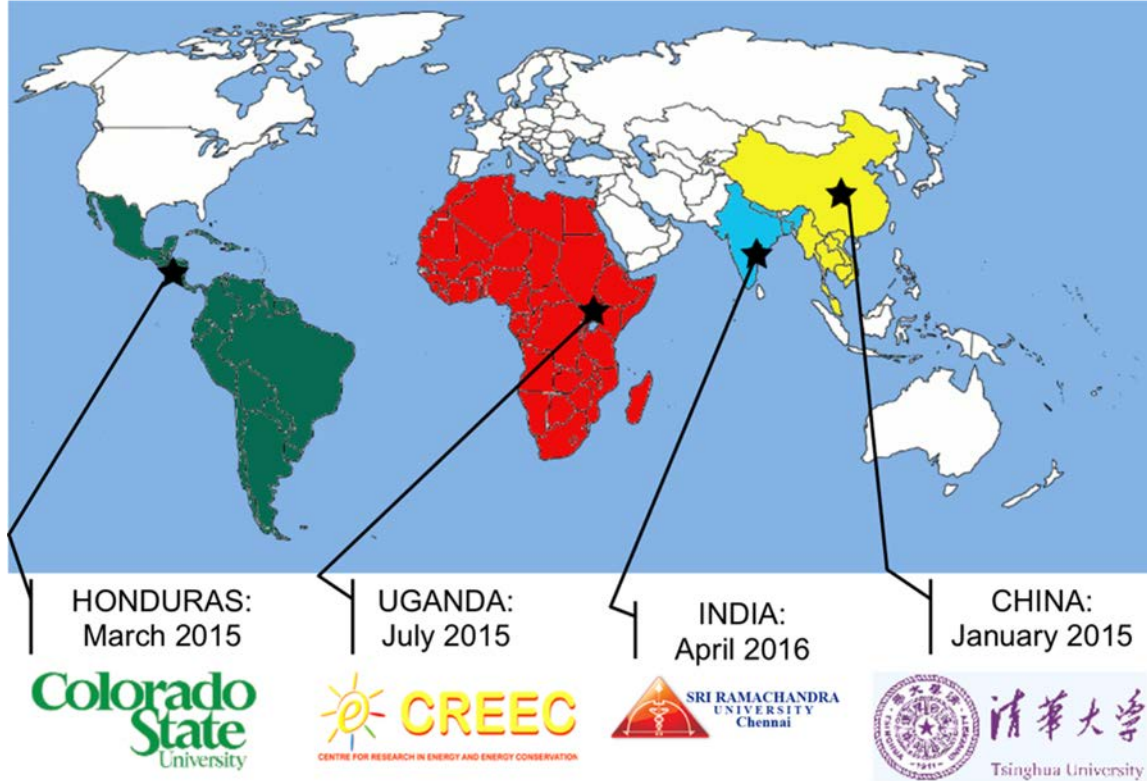
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China



India



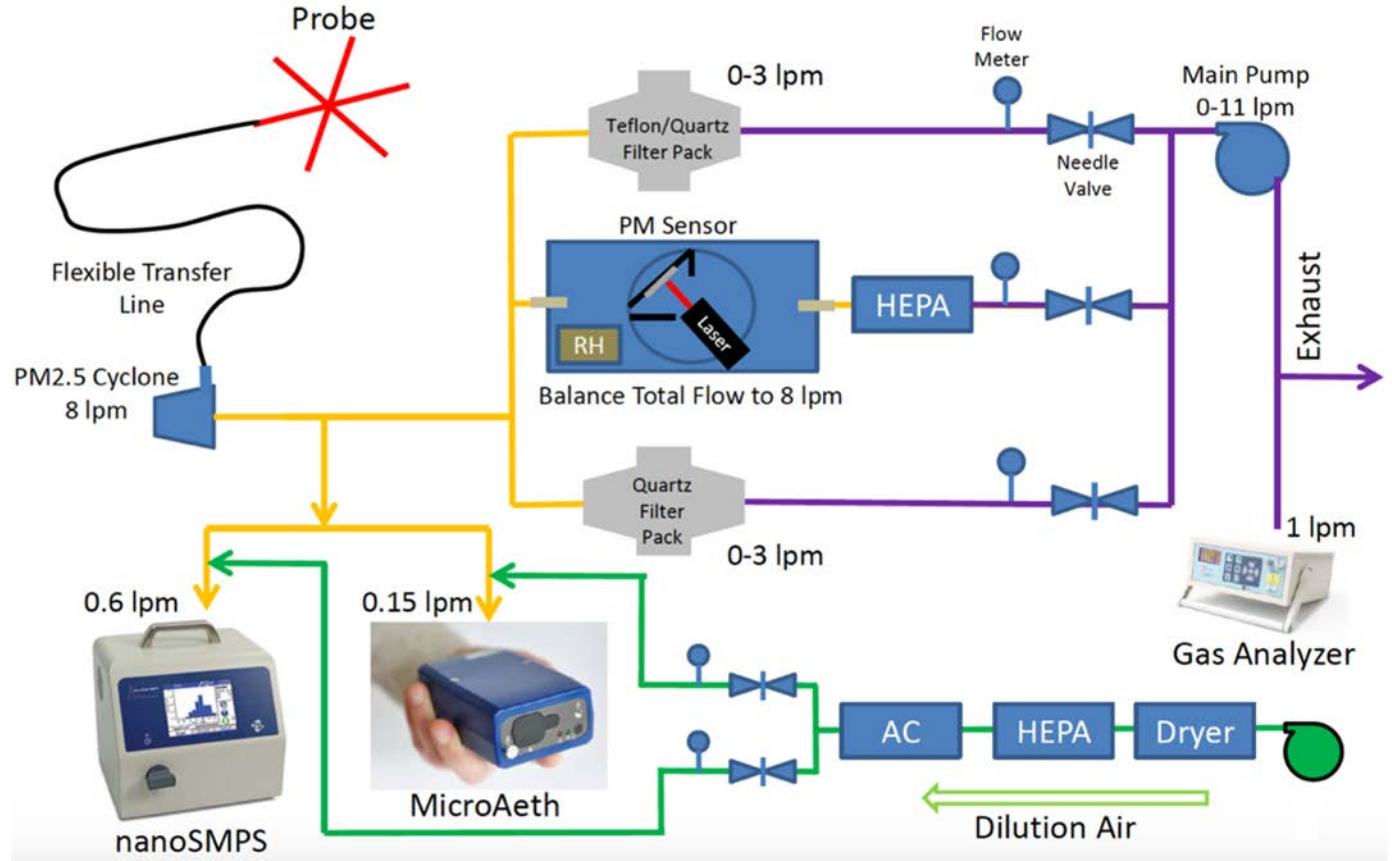
Quantifying cookstove emissions in the field **is not easy**

Particle Emissions

Size distribution
Elemental carbon
Organic carbon
PM_{2.5} mass

Gas Emissions

Carbon monoxide
Carbon dioxide
Total VOC





India



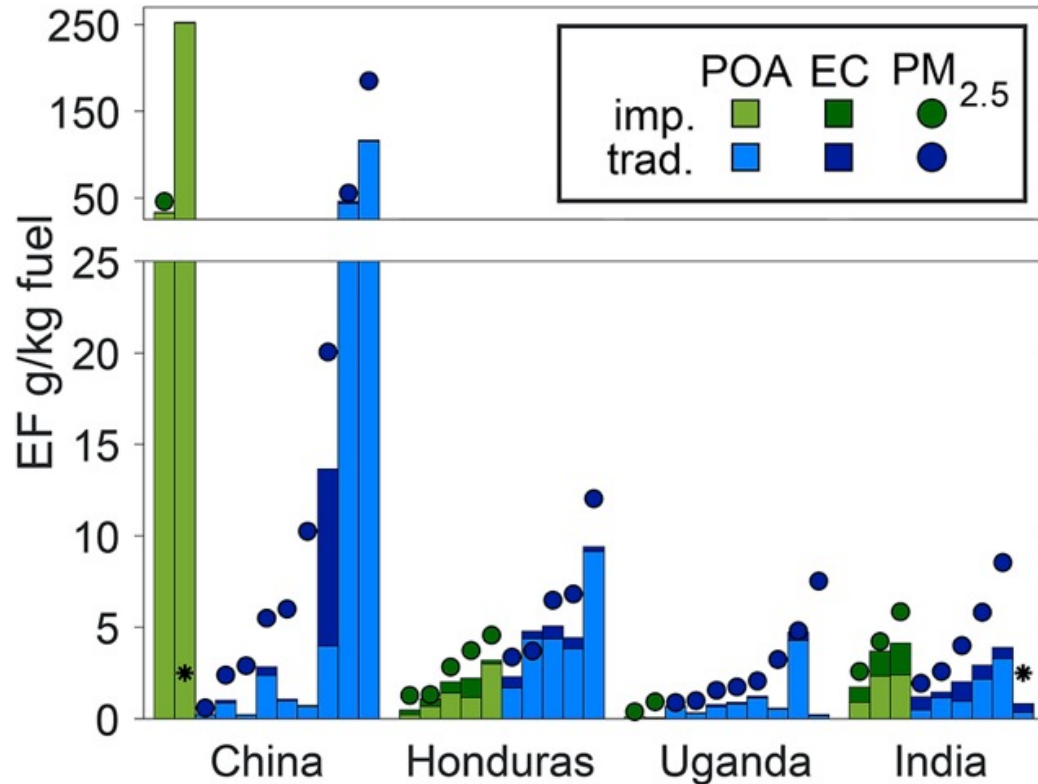
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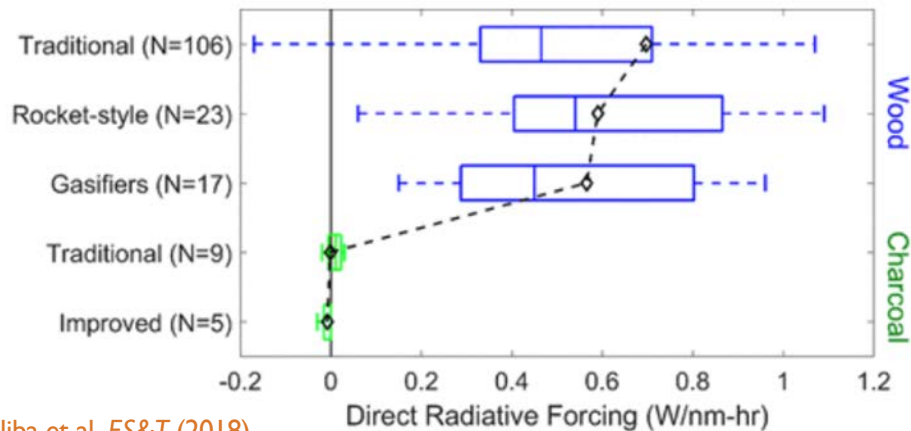


Stoves are just like vehicles. There are fleet-to-fleet differences and super-emitters, too.



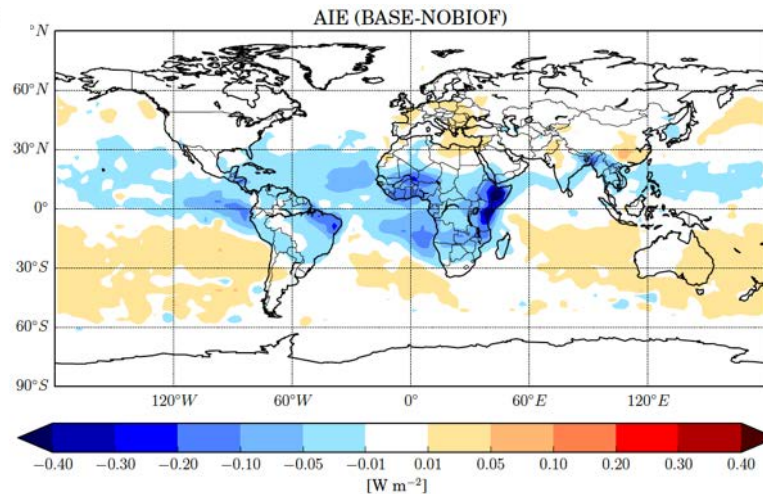
Modeling

Models suggest that a switch to “improved” solid-fuel stoves will have minimal impact on climate (more of this from Jeff Pierce in a minute!)

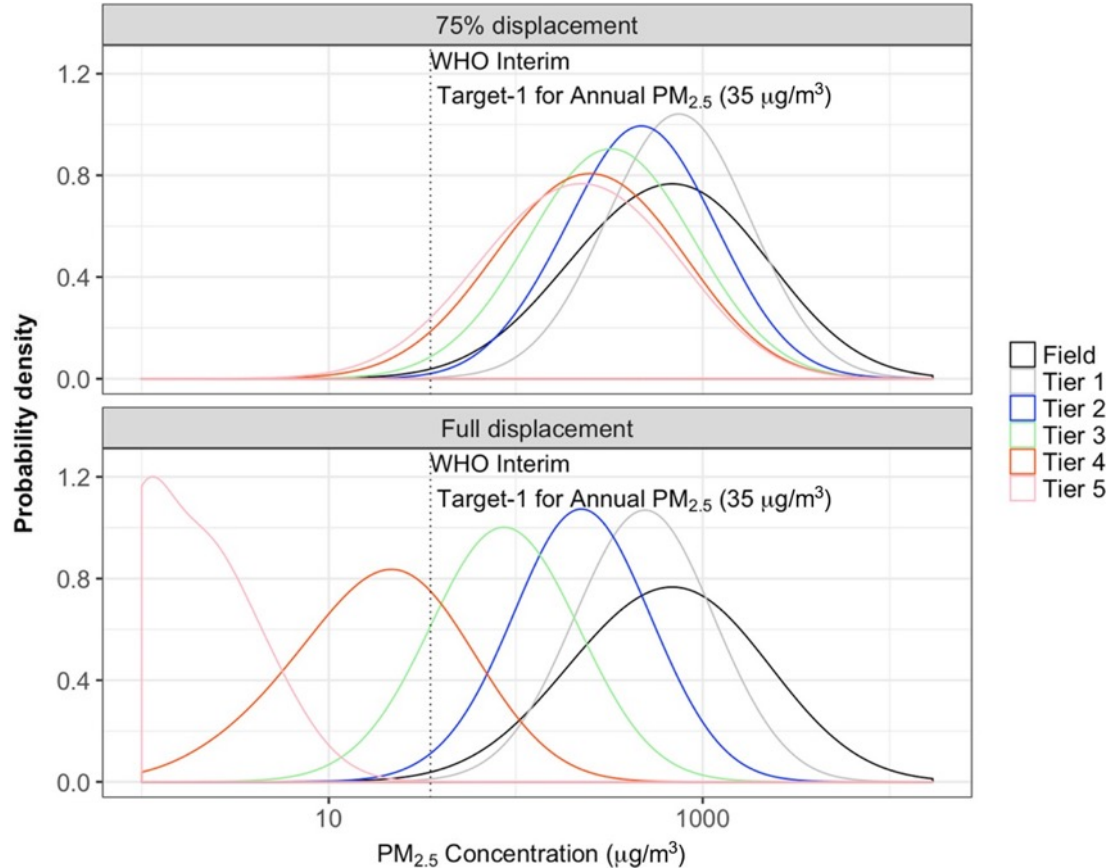


Saliba et al. *ES&T* (2018)

Kodros et al. *ACP* (2015)



Only stoves that meet “Tier 4 or 5” emissions guidelines can achieve household $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ levels at the WHO interim guideline of $35 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.





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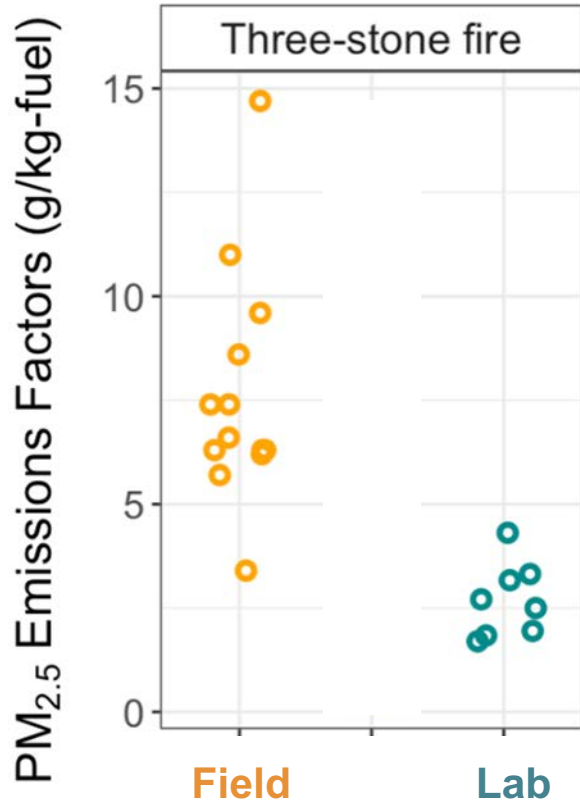
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Cookstove emissions are poorly quantified



Knowledge gap: Laboratory and real-world emissions measurements do not agree



Firepower is the rate of heat released from combustion

High firepower



Low firepower

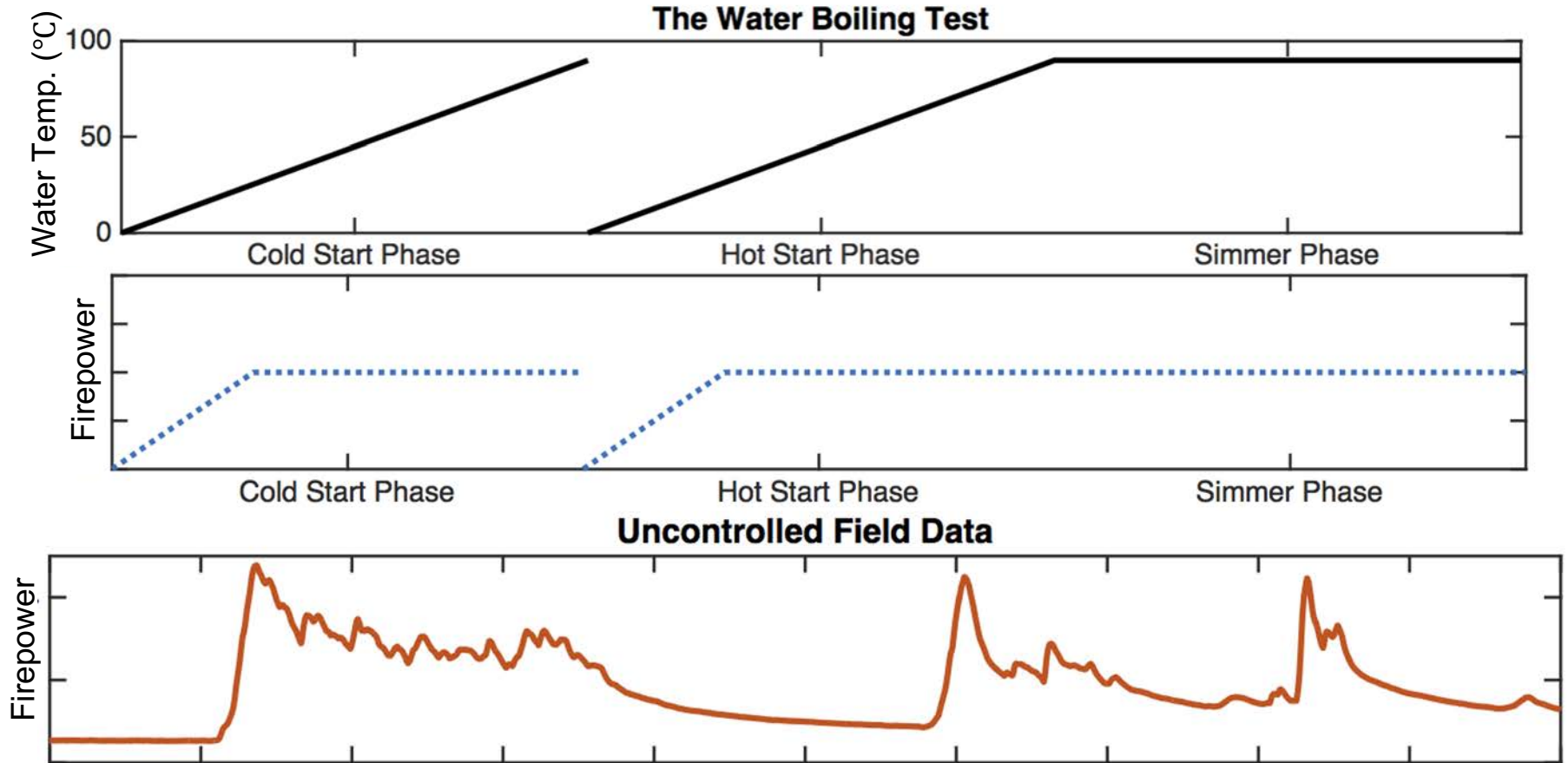


$$FP = LHV_{fuel} \cdot \dot{m}_{fuel}$$

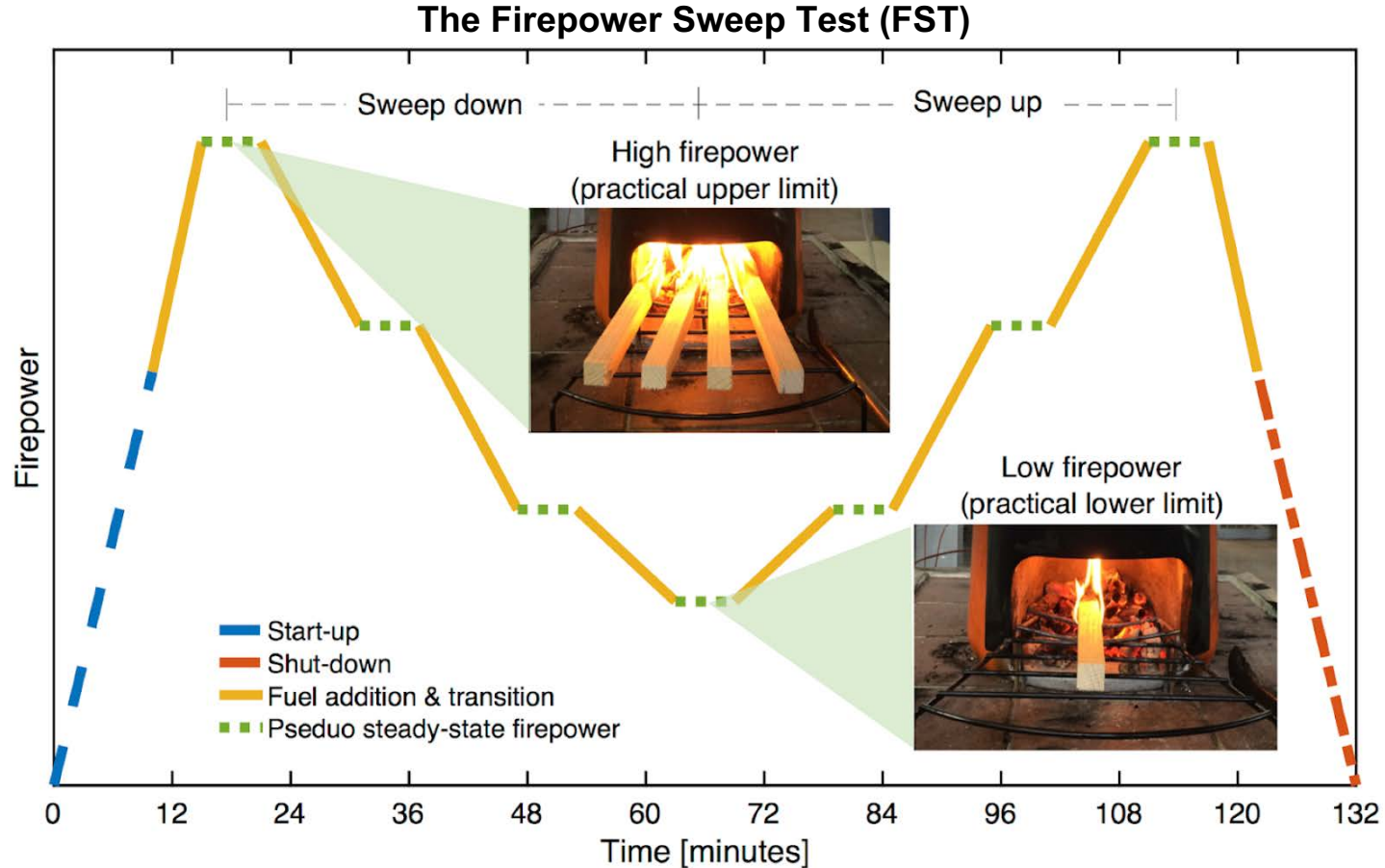
LHV_{fuel} Lower heating value of the fuel

\dot{m}_{fuel} Fuel burn rate

Water Boiling Test (WBT) does not capture real-world operating conditions



We developed a lab protocol to test stoves under a range of operating conditions



We used the FST to test a range of stoves and fuels



Open fires



Improved forced-draft stoves

Improved natural-draft stoves

Charcoal stoves

Douglas fir (milled), Eucalyptus (split), Coconut charcoal (briquettes),
Hardwood charcoal (lumps), Red Oak (milled), Eucalyptus (pellets)

Modified combustion efficiency (MCE) is an indicator of combustion condition

$$MCE = \frac{\Delta CO_2}{\Delta CO + \Delta CO_2}$$

ΔCO_2 Background-corrected
mixing ratio of CO_2

ΔCO Background-corrected
mixing ratio of CO

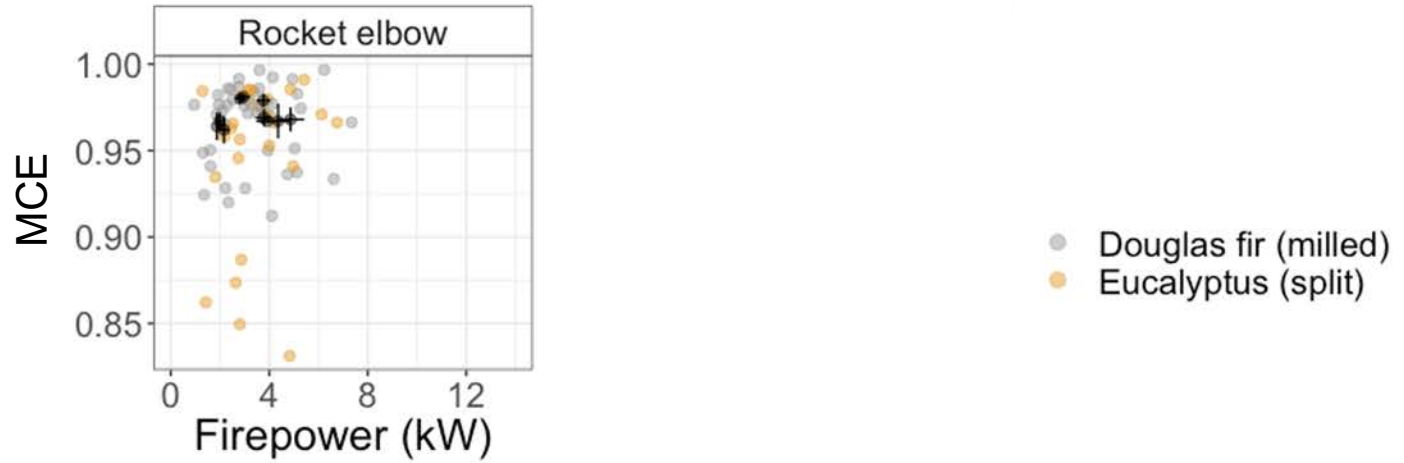


Flaming combustion

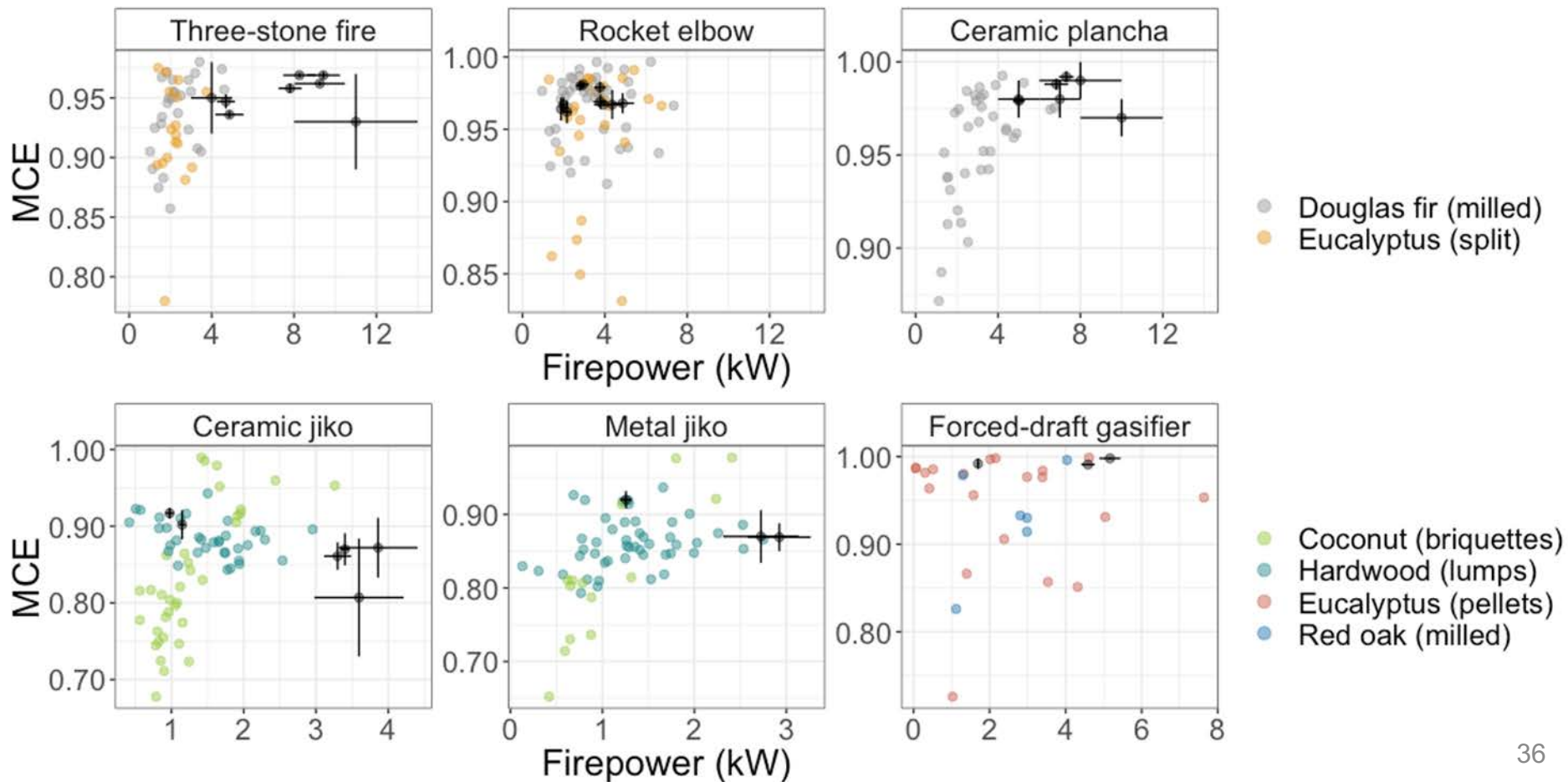


Smoldering combustion

FST results in a wider range of operating conditions than the WBT

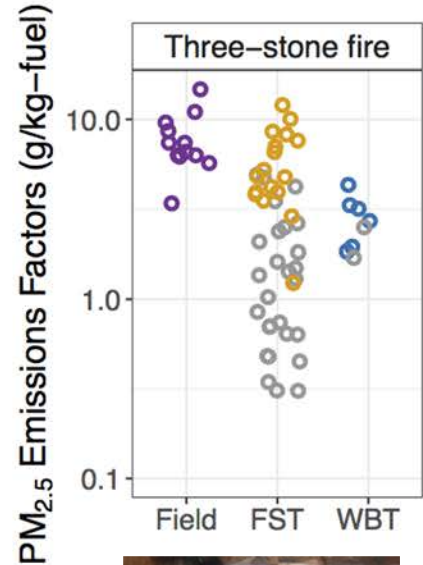


FST results in a wider range of operating conditions than the WBT

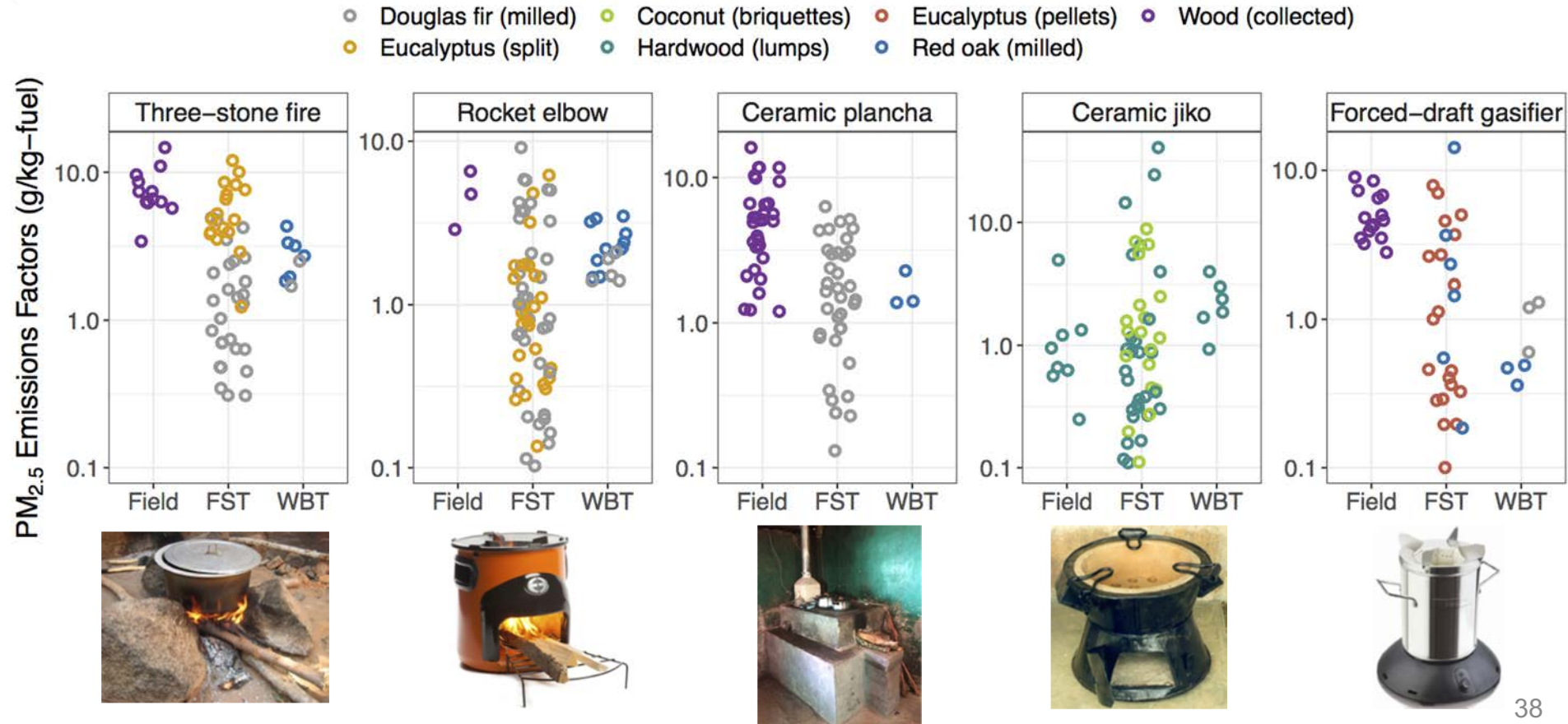


FST spans the range of emissions seen during in-home use

- Douglas fir (milled)
- Coconut (briquettes)
- Eucalyptus (pellets)
- Wood (collected)
- Eucalyptus (split)
- Hardwood (lumps)
- Red oak (milled)



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Practical Implications

- By varying firepower, real-world emissions can be better replicated.
- Multiple-firepower laboratory tests can better predict which stove technologies will lead to substantially improved indoor air quality.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

WILEY

The Firepower Sweep Test: A novel approach to cookstove laboratory testing



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Free text available on ResearchGate

Knowledge gap: Cookstoves emit thousands of pollutants...

CO

Carbon dioxide

Dioxins and furans

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

Nitrogen oxides

Volatile organic compounds

Methane

Semi-volatile organics

Heavy metals

Inorganic ions

Carbohydrates

PM_{2.5}

Black carbon

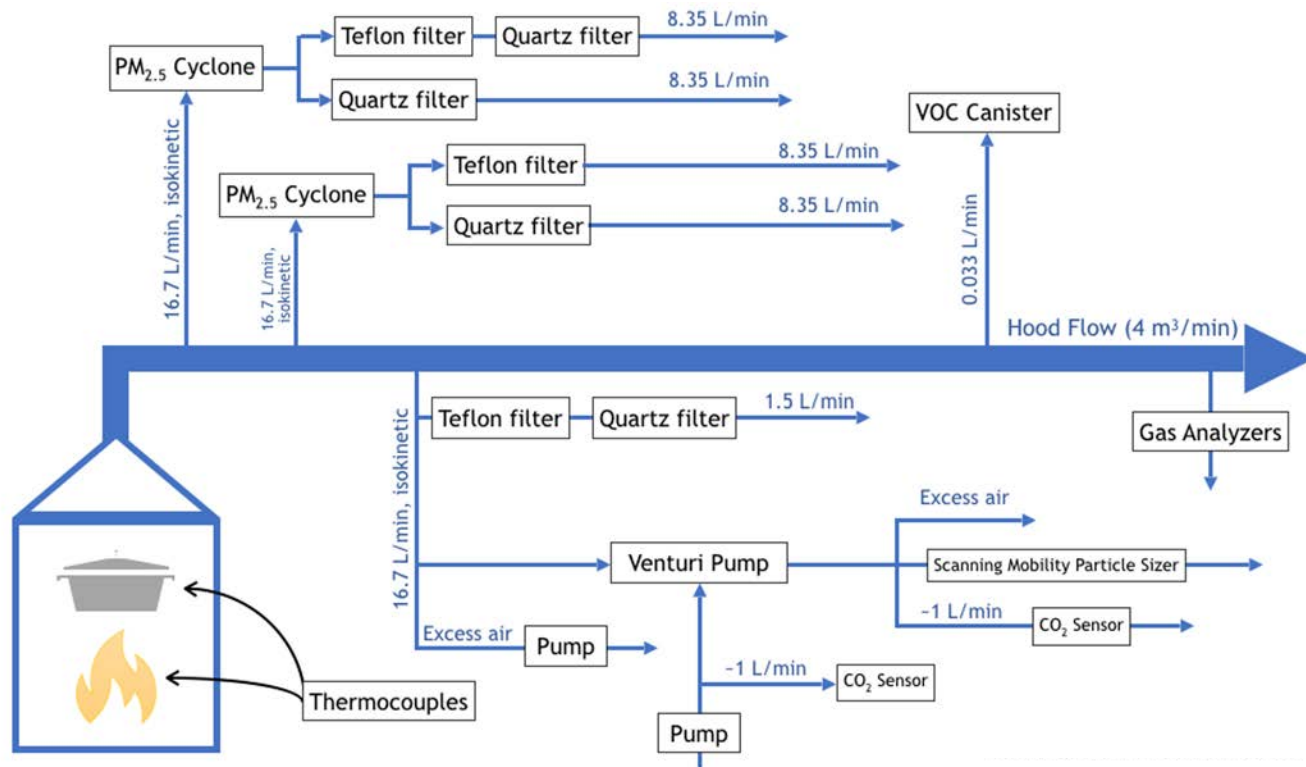
Organic carbon

Minerals



...but most studies only measure PM and CO, and most health studies only consider PM exposure.

We measured 120 smoke constituents



Particle Emissions

Size distribution (10- 400 nm)

Elemental carbon

Organic carbon

Light absorption and scattering

PM_{2.5} mass

Inorganic ions

(SO₄⁻, NO₃⁻, NH₄⁺, etc.)

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

Carbohydrates

Gas Emissions

Carbon monoxide

Carbon dioxide

Methane

Volatile organic compounds

(e.g., hydrocarbon alkanes,

alkenes, aromatics –

benzene, toluene, xylene, etc.)

Carbonaceous Carbonyls

(formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, etc.)

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

We tested 26 stove-fuel combinations



Traditional open fires



Charcoal stoves

Wood fuels:

Douglas fir
Eucalyptus
Oak

Pellet fuels:

Eucalyptus pellets
Lodgepole pine pellets

Charcoal fuels:

Hardwood lumps
Coconut briquettes

Fossil fuels:

Kerosene
LPG



Insulated natural-draft stoves



Kerosene stoves

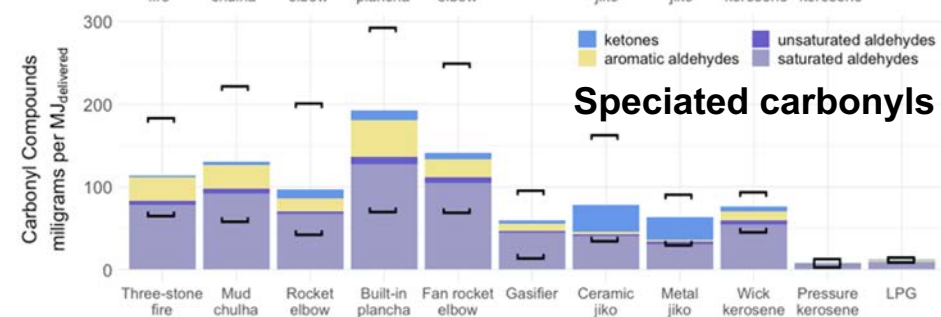
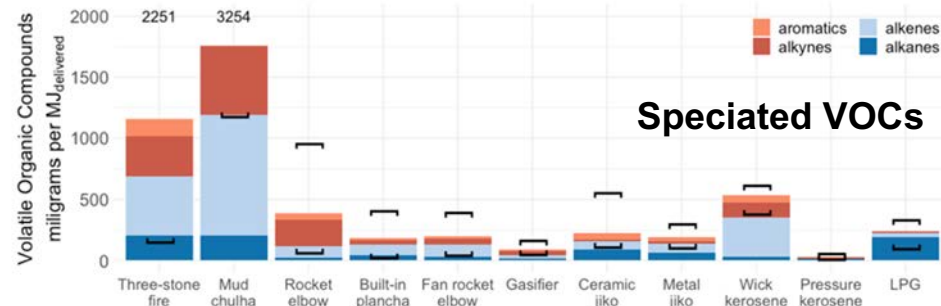
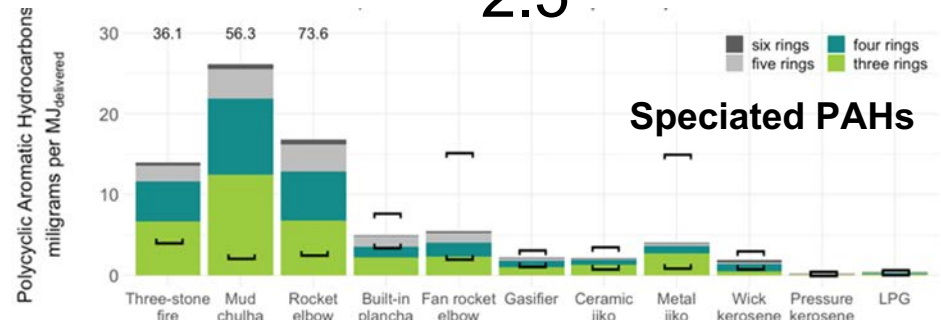
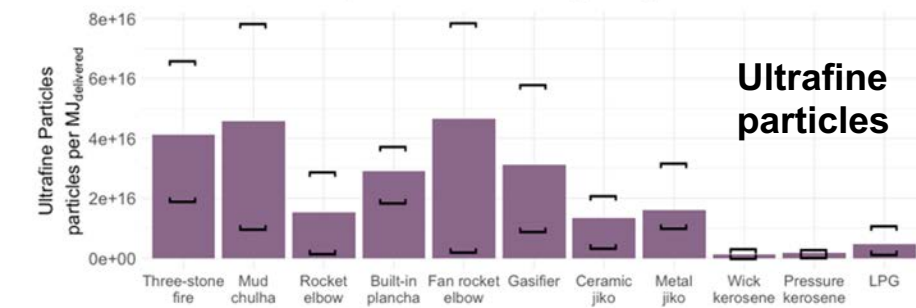
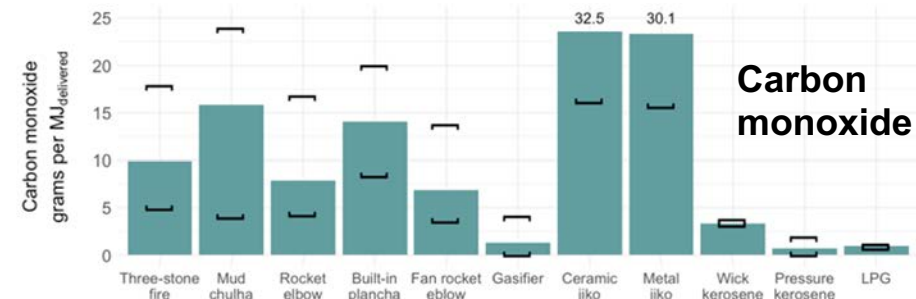
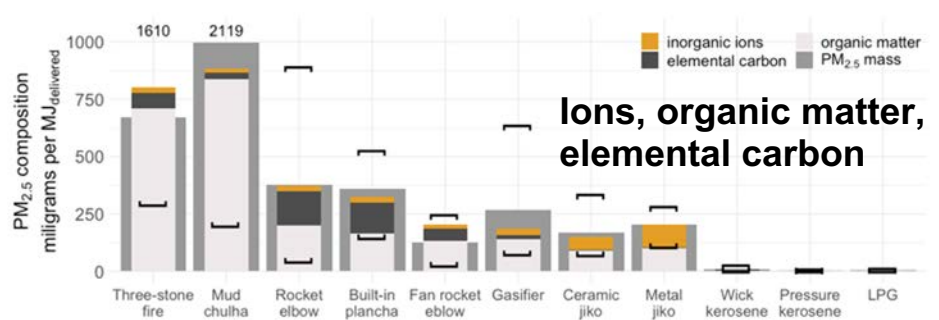


LPG stove

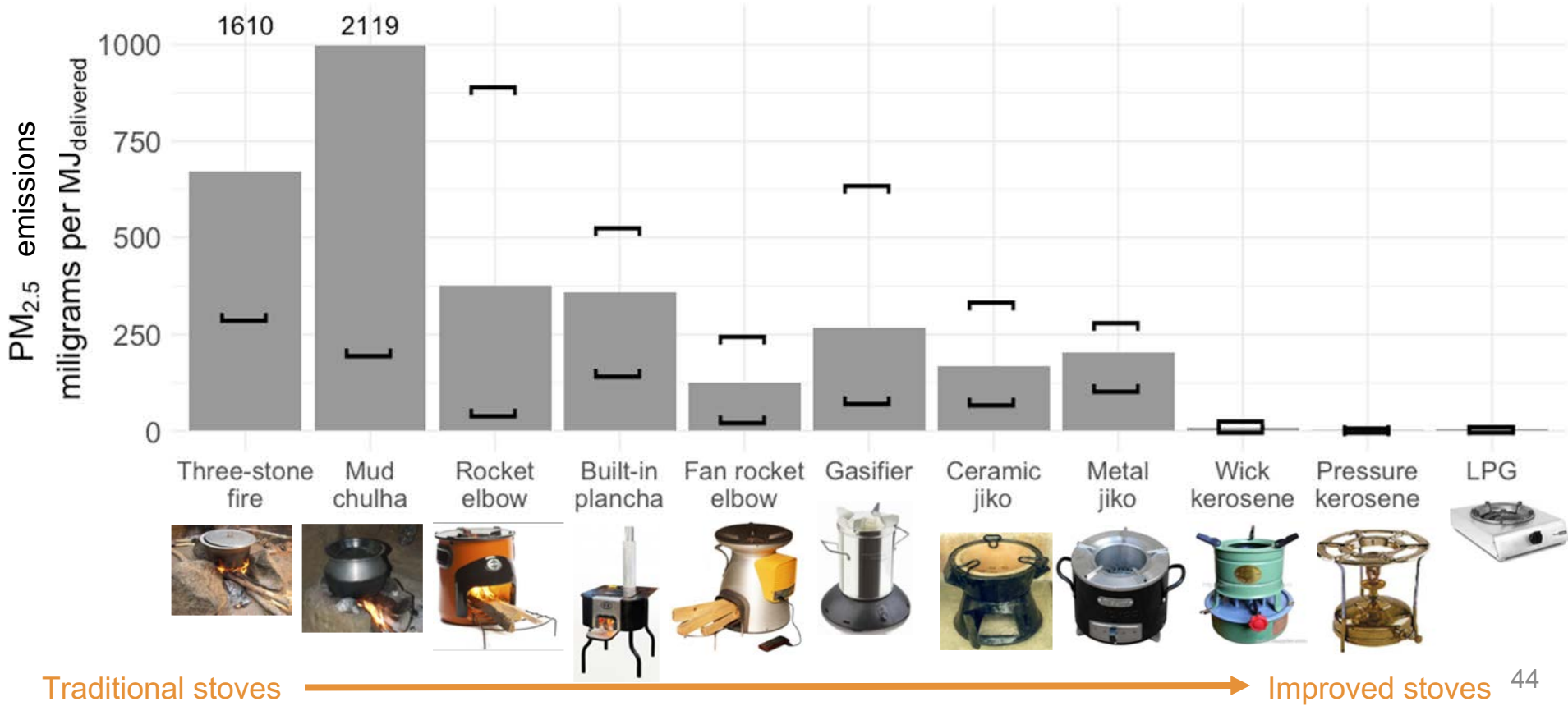


Insulated forced-draft stoves

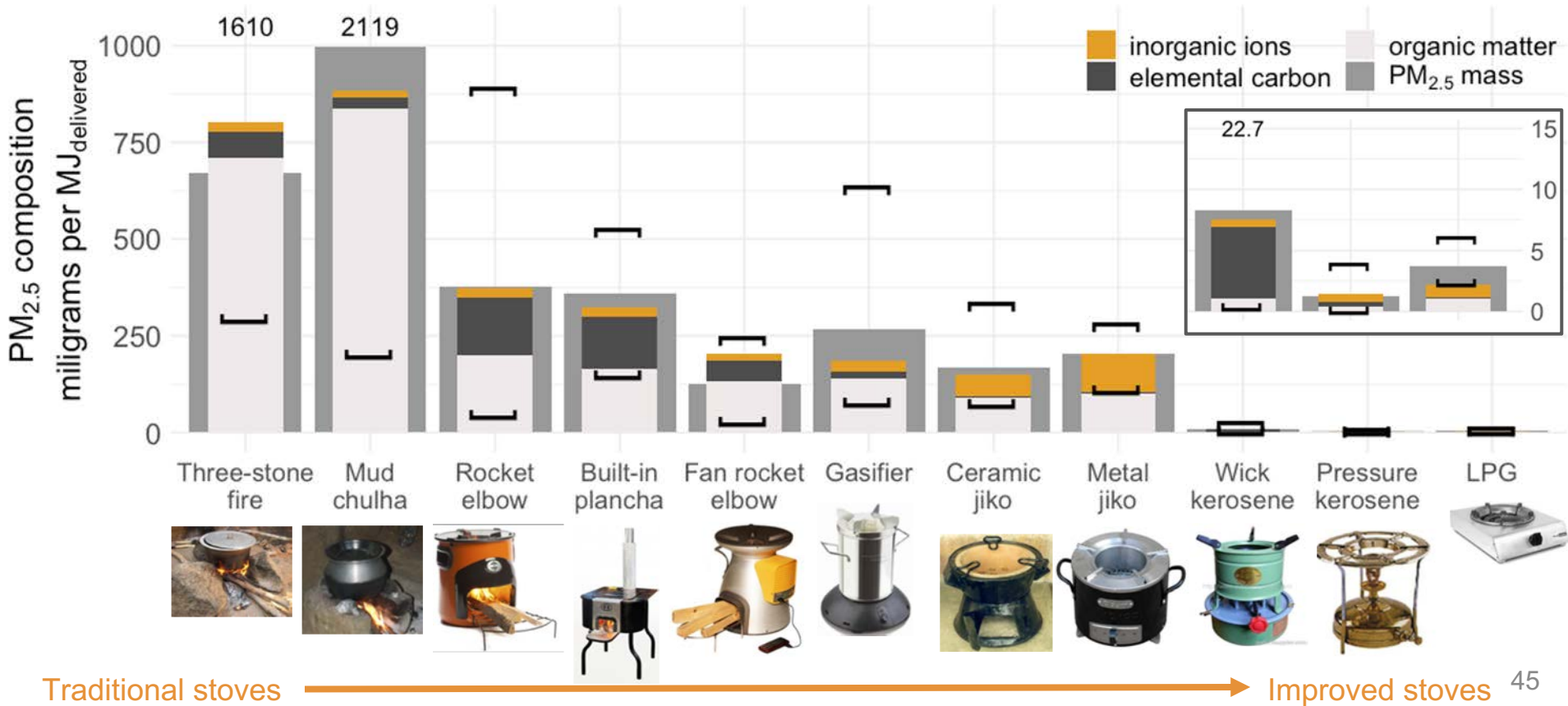
Stoves emit much more than PM_{2.5} and CO



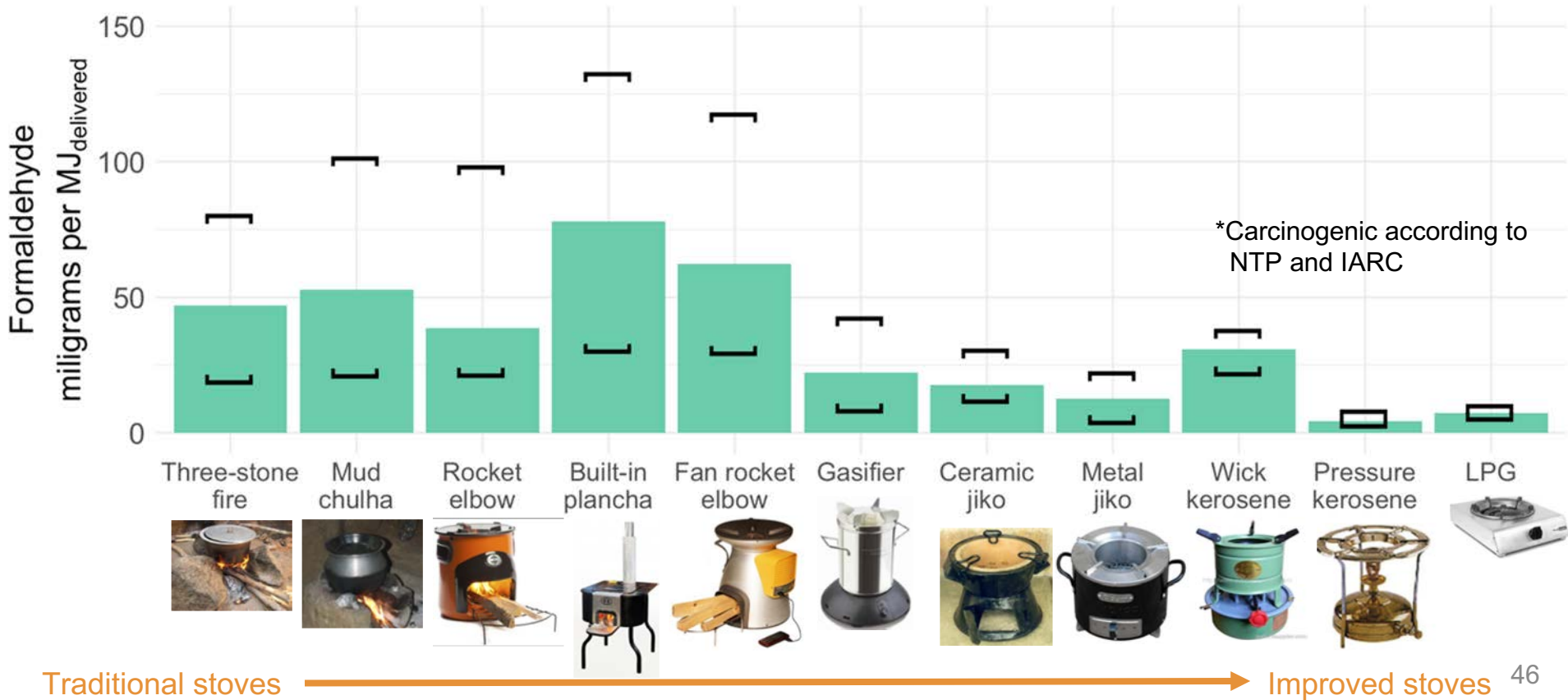
Improved stoves tend to emit less PM_{2.5}



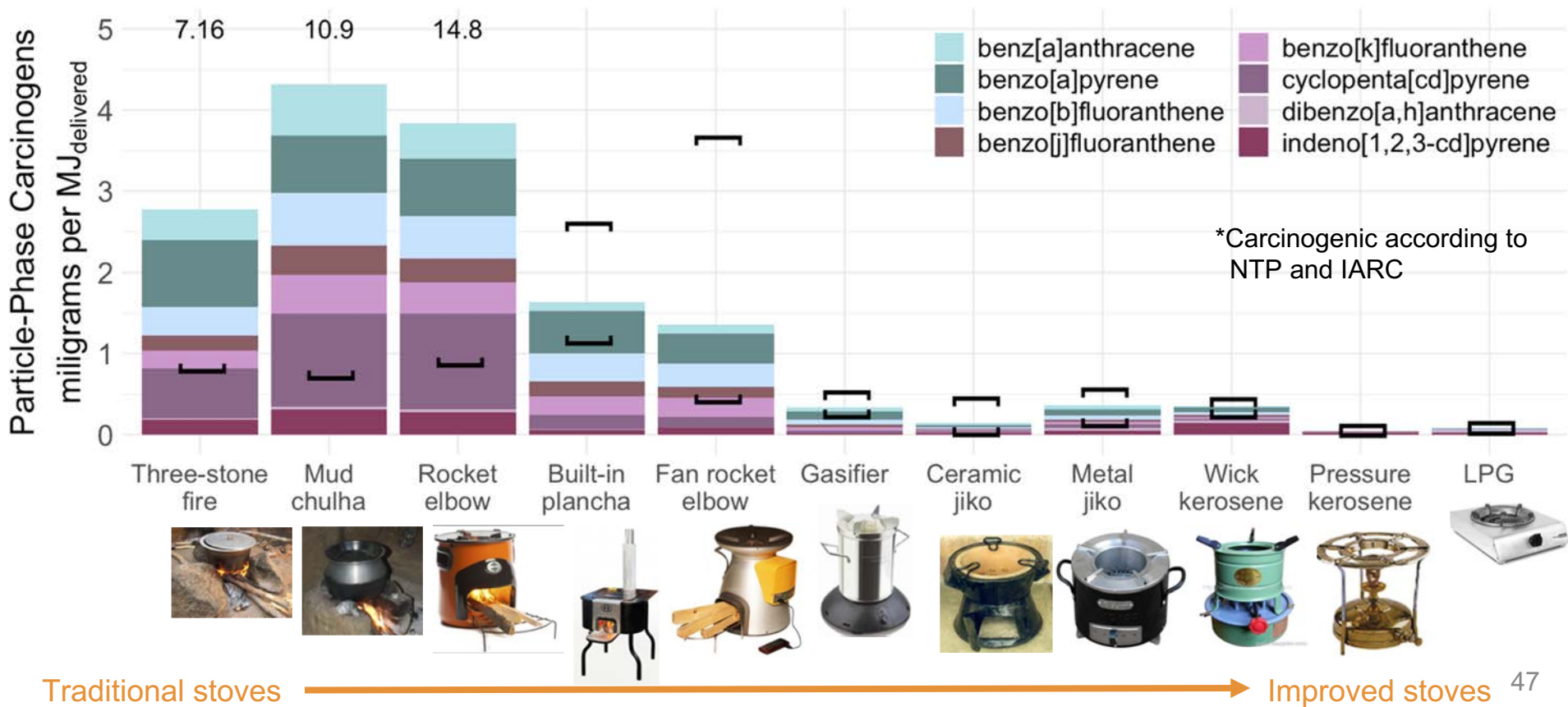
PM_{2.5} composition varies by stove type



Improved stoves do not always reduce all harmful pollutants



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Practical Implications

- Improved stoves reduce many but not all harmful pollutants.
- PM_{2.5} and CO are not strong predictors of health and climate relevant pollutants.
- We recommend measuring pollutants, beyond PM_{2.5} and CO, before new stoves are disseminated to users.



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A Laboratory Assessment of 120 Air Pollutant Emissions from Biomass and Fossil Fuel Cookstoves

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Estimates of climate and health impacts from solid-fuel use:

How certain are we?

And what does this imply for decision making?

Jeff Pierce, Jack Kodros, and many others (acknowledged on papers throughout)



Outline

- Aerosol climate forcings from residential solid-fuel use (SFU)
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- Greenhouse gases: CO₂, CH₄, VOCs
 - Complicated: Was it biomass fuel? Will replacement energy also emit greenhouse gases?
- Aerosol effects:
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 - Semi-direct effect (feedbacks of direct effect on clouds)

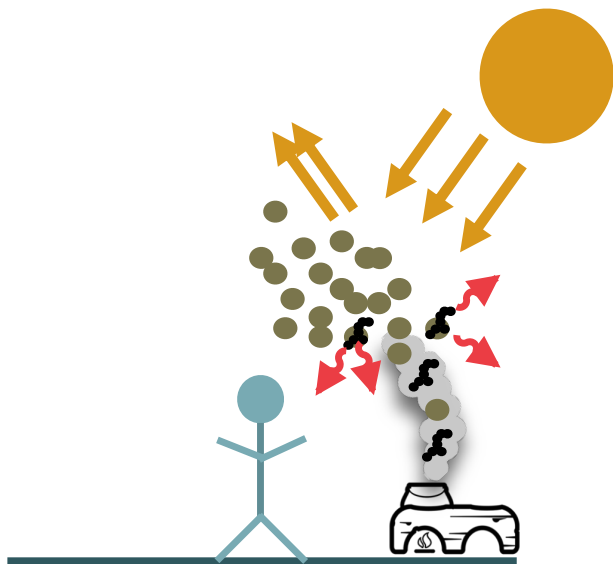
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Aerosols emitted from solid fuel use impacts climate in a variety of ways

Direct radiative effect

- interact with solar radiation

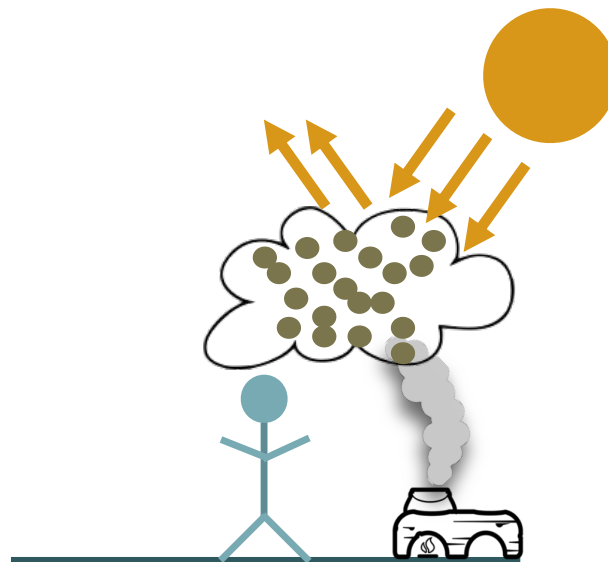


↑ aerosol mass,	↑ extinction
Organic carbon (scatters)	
Black carbon (absorbs)	

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Aerosol indirect effect (AIE)
- alter cloud properties

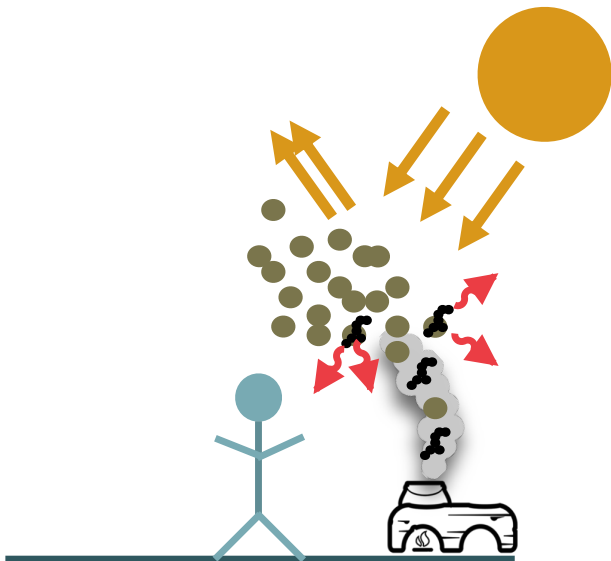
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Aerosols emitted from solid fuel use has both **positive (warming)** and **negative (cooling)** radiative effects

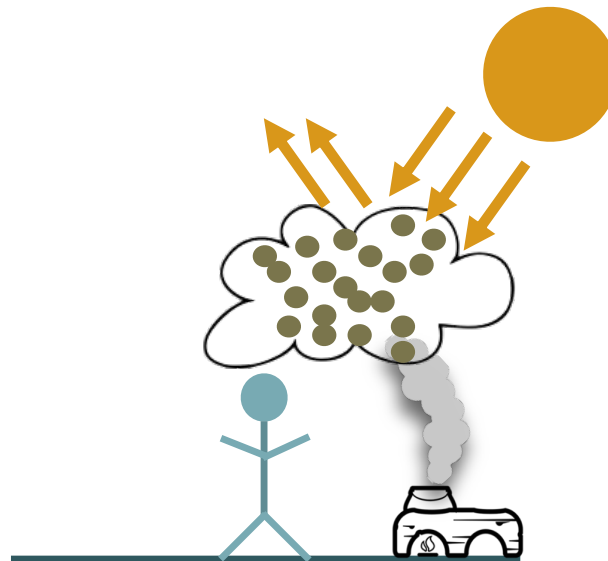
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Aerosol indirect effect

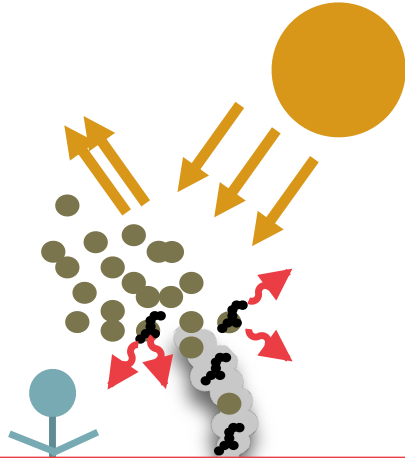
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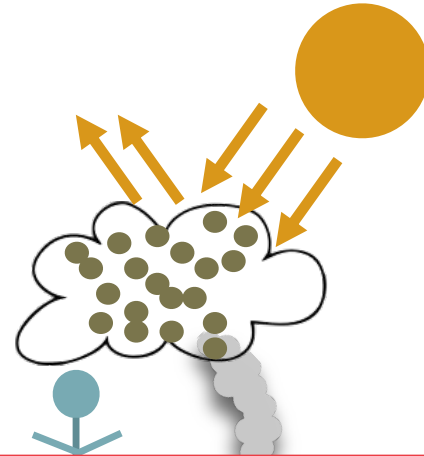
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What are the climate impacts of PM from SFU?

- **Black carbon** absorbs radiation contributing a **positive** direct effect.
- **Organic carbon** scatters radiation leading to a **negative** direct effect.
- Both species have a **negative** indirect effect.

A number of studies suggest reducing BC emissions to produce climate/health co-benefits

Commentary

A black-carbon mitigation wedge

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Health and climate benefits of cookstove replacement options

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Global Air Quality and Health Co-benefits of Mitigating Near-Term Climate Change through Methane and Black Carbon Emission Controls

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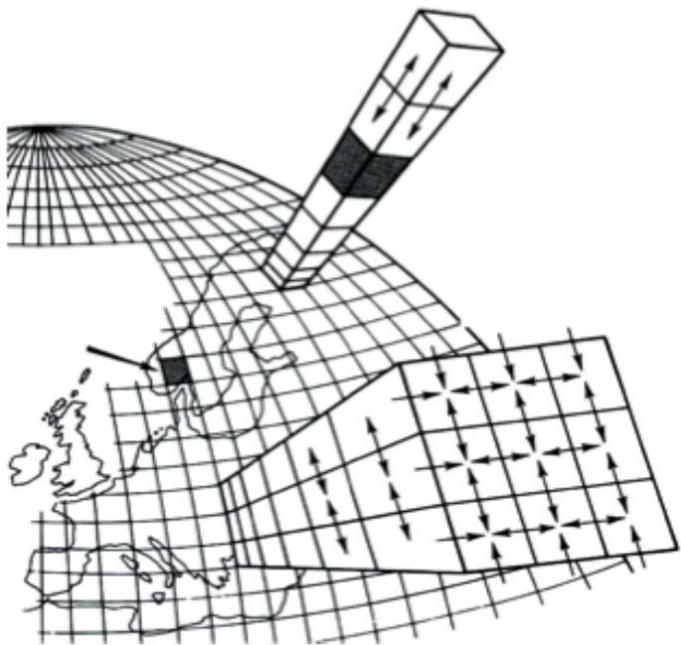
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Our finding:

Uncertainties in solid-fuel use climate forcings are large.
Unclear if a co-benefit exists.

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Estimate climate forcings using a global chemical-transport model

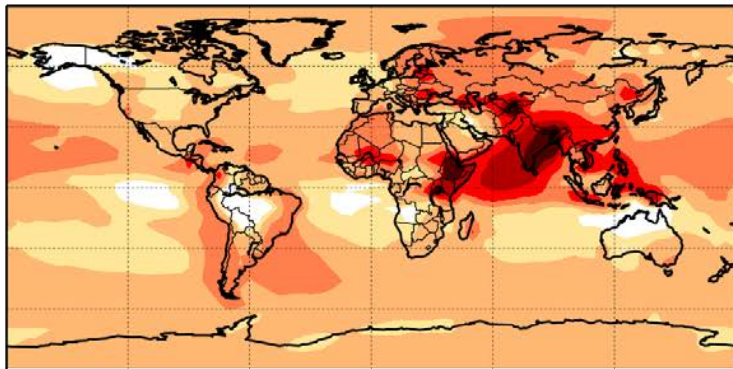


- GEOS-Chem-TOMAS
- Global model of gases and aerosol amount, composition, and size
- Includes
 - Emissions
 - Chemical/physical transformations
 - Transport by winds
 - Deposition (removal)

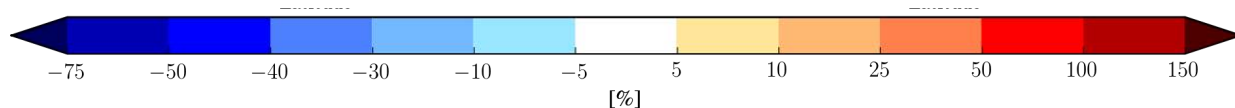
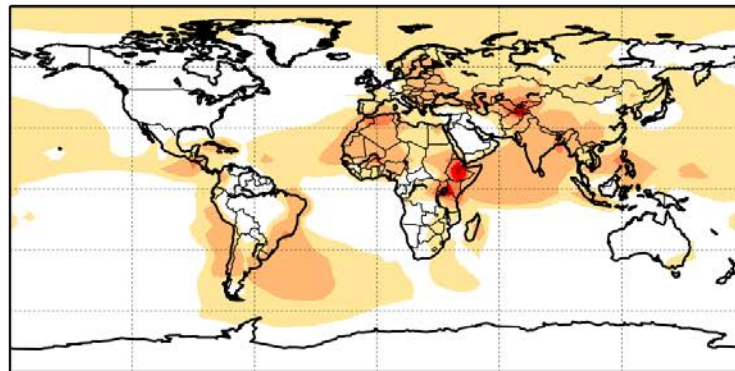
What happens when we “turn on” SFU emissions in the model?

BC and OA mass increases

Black carbon % change at surface
Global Mean: 30%



Organic aerosol % change at surface
Global Mean: 8%



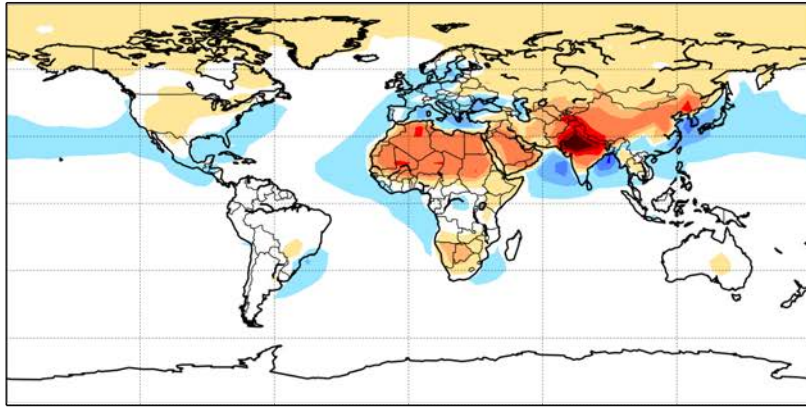
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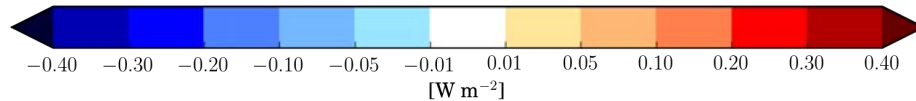
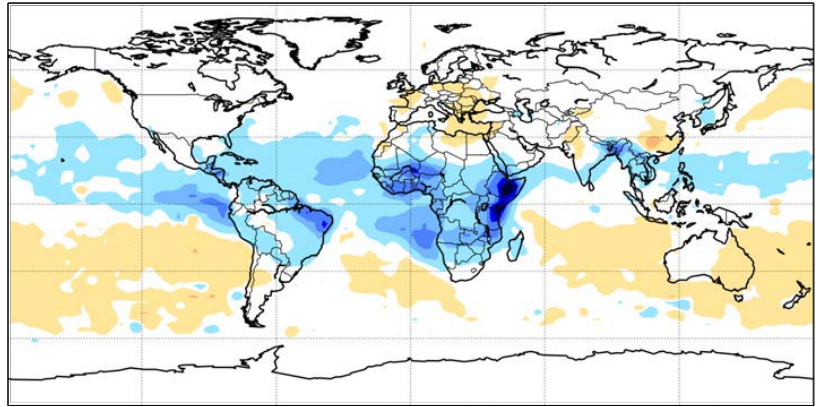
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Direct radiative effect
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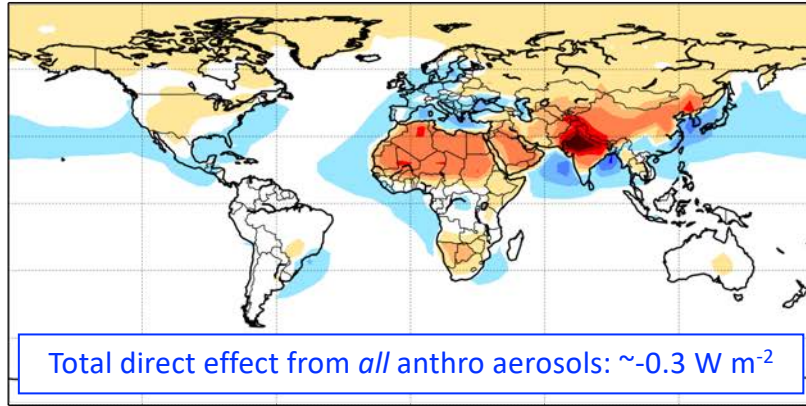


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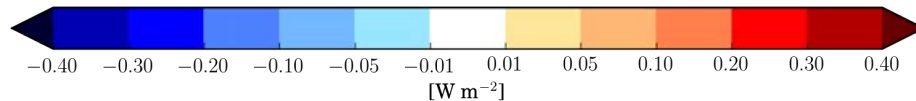
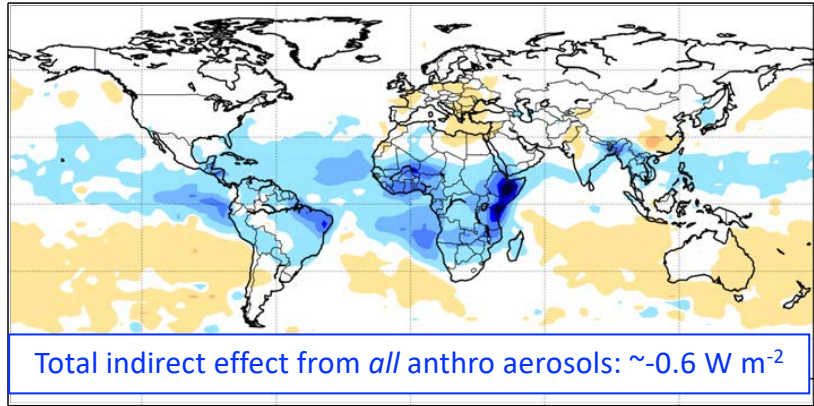
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- Near-source evolution of all properties

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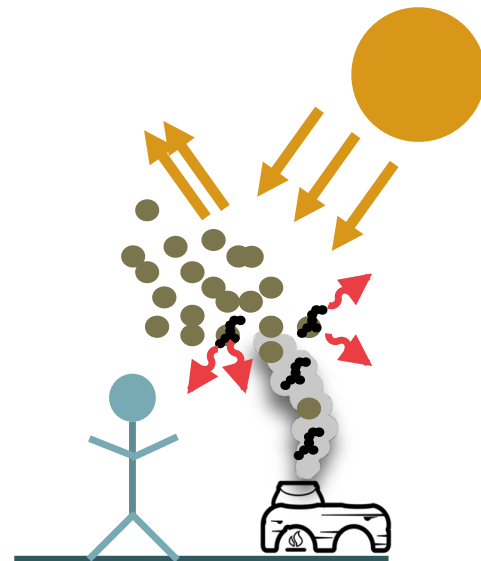
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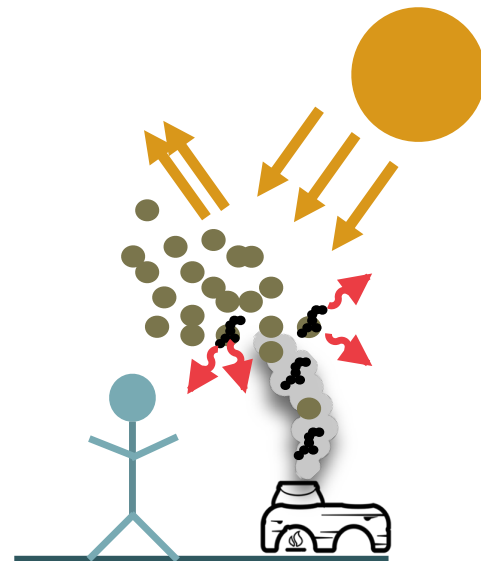


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-0.02 to +0.06 W m⁻²

Global *indirect* effect uncertainty:
-0.02 to +0.01 W m⁻²

Residential solid-fuel use take home

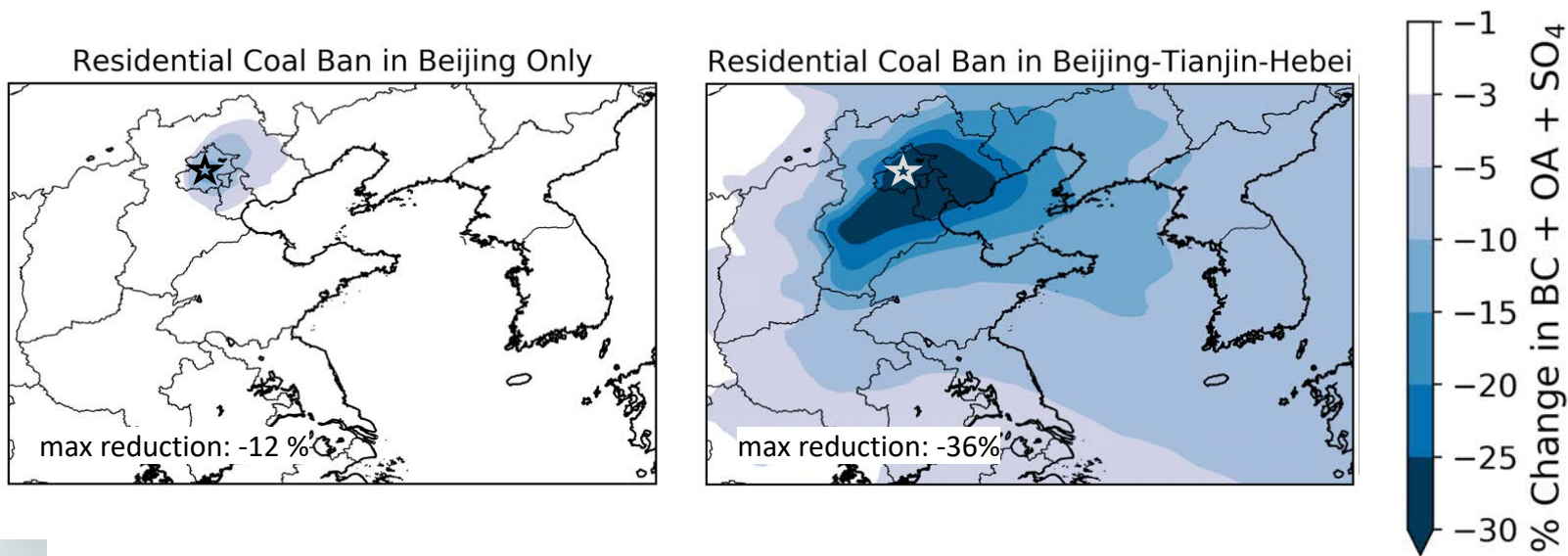
- Uncertainties in climate effects are larger than the signal
 - We don't even know the overall sign
- The “co-benefits” framing of SFU controls is oversimplified and uncertain*, in my opinion

*We did not estimate the aerosol “semi-direct effect” here, which may be the key to achieving a co-benefit; however, model estimates of the semi-direct effect are less certain than the direct and indirect effects

How to move forward...

- Need to big effort to convert lab and field findings into regionally relevant emissions and properties in models
 - We have a *lot* of information to work with
- Radiative closure experiments in regions undergoing rapid energy transitions (e.g. Beijing area)

Government-mandated switch from residential coal to electric heating is providing an “natural experiment” to test model estimates



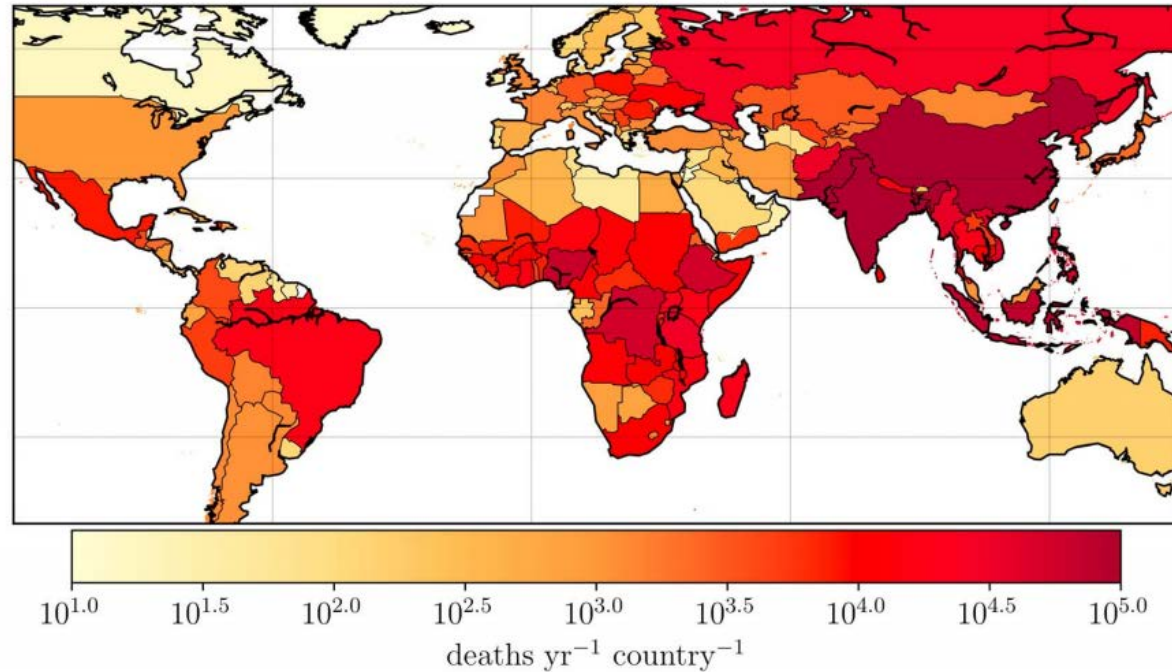
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We estimate 2.5-3.5 million deaths* attributable to *indoor + outdoor* exposure to solid fuel use particulate matter

*About half of mortalities attributable to all particulate matter sources

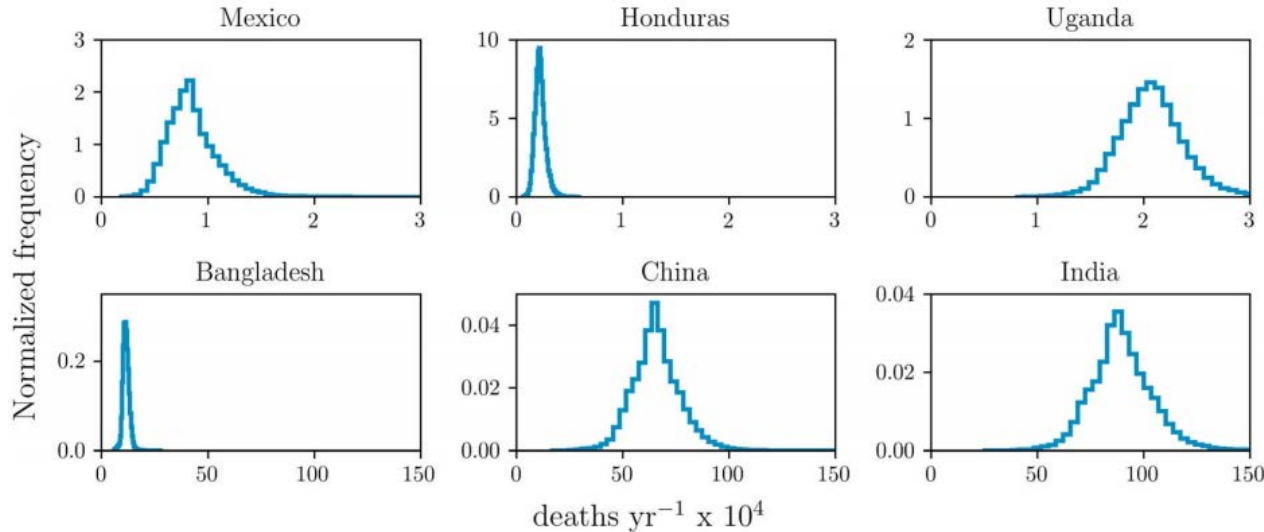


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There are also many dimensions of uncertainty in the solid-fuel use (SFU) *mortality estimates*

- Vital statistics (baseline mortality rates)
- Concentration response function (risk vs. exposure)
- Ambient (outdoor) particulate matter (PM) concentration
- Indoor PM concentration in homes w/ SFU
- % of ambient (outdoor) PM from SFU
- % of people indoors w/ SFU (and fraction of time indoors)

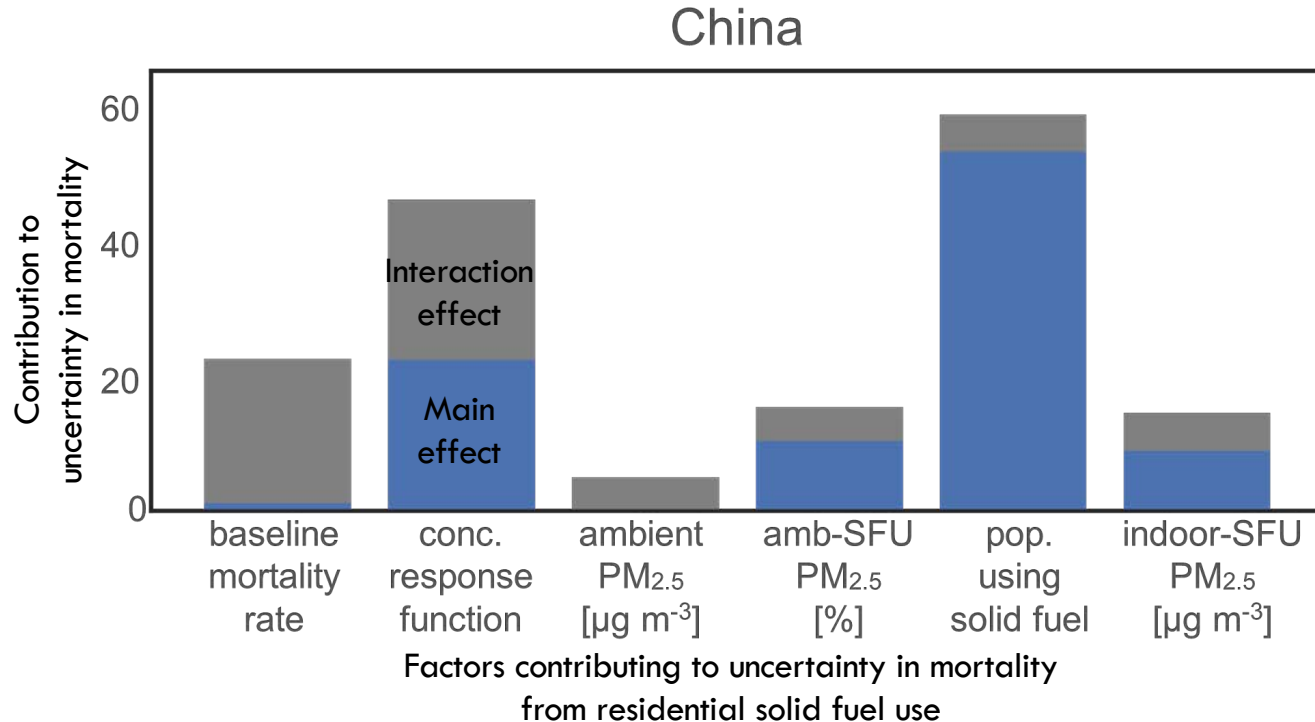
Uncertainties are substantial,
but attributable mortality rates are always large



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What dominates uncertainties in mortality estimates?

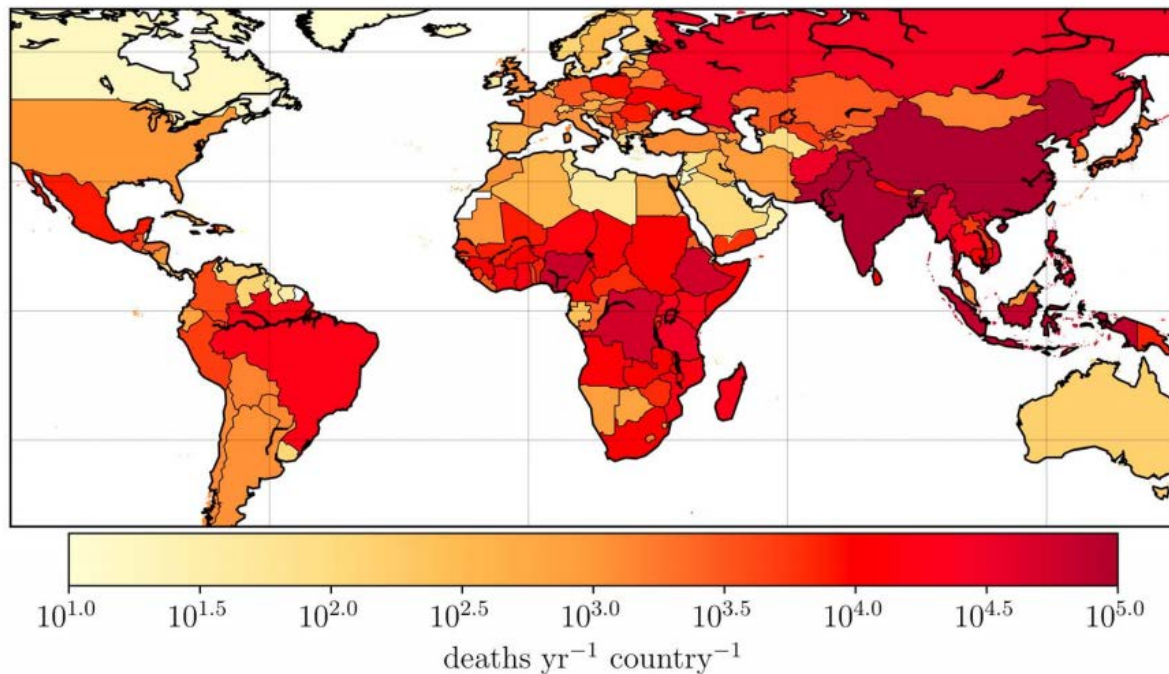
- *Concentrations response functions*
- *Estimates of who is inside SFU homes and how much*



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But unlike the climate effects, we are confident that the mortality rates from SFU aerosol are positive and large!

And a large fraction of the mortalities attributable to pollution



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Take home

- The climate radiative effects of residential solid-fuel (SFU) use aerosol are relatively small
 - < ~10% of overall anthropogenic aerosol radiative effects
 - The magnitude/sign is very uncertain
- The estimated mortality rates attributable to SFU are large
 - ~50% of overall mortality due to all-source PM exposure (indoor + outdoor)
 - The uncertainty is smaller than the best estimate
- *The potential health benefits should drive pushes to reduce emissions from residential SFU*

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