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Cardiovascular Effects of Urban and Rural Coarse Particulate Matter in Adults (**COARSE-CAP**)

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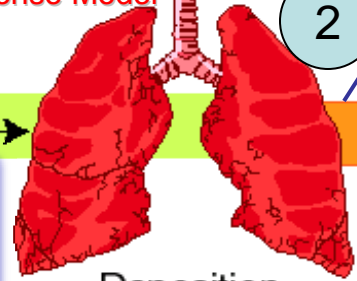
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PLAUSIBLE BIOLOGICAL MECHANISMS

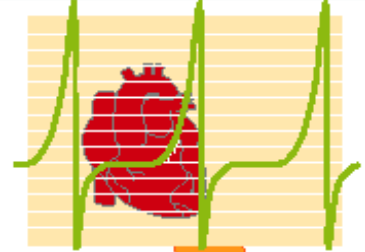


Hierarchical Oxidative Stress Response Model

Inhalation →
? Coarse PM_{2.5-10}



Deposition in Alveoli (pulmonary inflammation)



Arrhythmia (sudden death)

Autonomic Imbalance

Autonomic Reflex arcs
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Systemic Inflammation

Circulating PM constituents

Mediators of Oxidative stress



Vascular Dysfunction (Vasoconstriction, Hypertension)

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Circulating PM constituents

Transition metals (Zn, V, Fe, Ni)
Organics, PAH, quinones
Ultrafine PM
Vapors: SVOC, VOC



Atherosclerosis (plaque progression & instability)

Circulating PM constituents



Altered Blood Rheology (Increased viscosity, pro-thrombotic)

Few Studies with Controlled Exposure to Coarse PM

- Exposure to concentrated coarse air pollution particles causes mild cardiopulmonary effects in healthy young adults
 - *Graff DW, et al. Environ Health Perspect 2009; 117: 1089*
Chapel Hill CAP (2 hr x 89 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) to 14 healthy young adults
 - 20 hrs post \downarrow TPA (32.9%), \downarrow SDNN (14.4%)
 - No PFT changes, mild increase in lung PMN 20 hrs post-CAP
- Altered heart-rate variability in asthmatic and healthy volunteers exposed to concentrate
 - *Gong H, et al. Inhalant Toxicol 2004; 16: 335*
Los Angeles suburb (2 hr x 157 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) to 12 asthmatics and 4 healthy adults
 - Small \uparrow HR and \downarrow SDNN 4-24 hrs post-CAP(more in healthy)

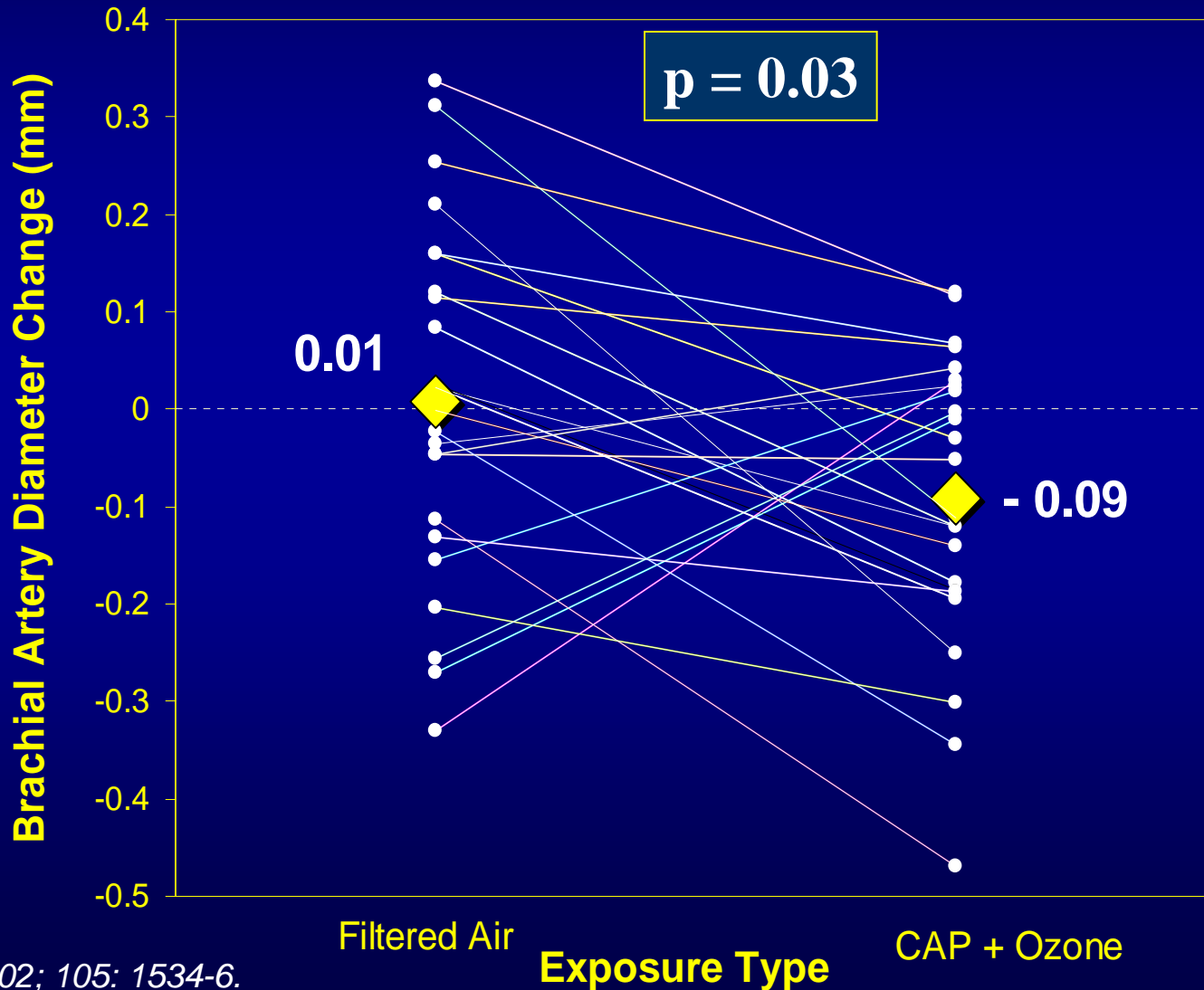
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Updated **Overall Hypothesis**

Short-term exposure to coarse PM, from both rural and urban sources, promotes pro-vasoconstrictive vascular dysfunctions via biological pathways related to

autonomic imbalance (rapid) and endothelial dysfunction (delayed) with (a) larger effects in obese vs lean subjects and (b) promotes metabolic insulin resistance syndrome

Brachial Artery Diameter Changes in Response to Air Pollution versus Filtered Air



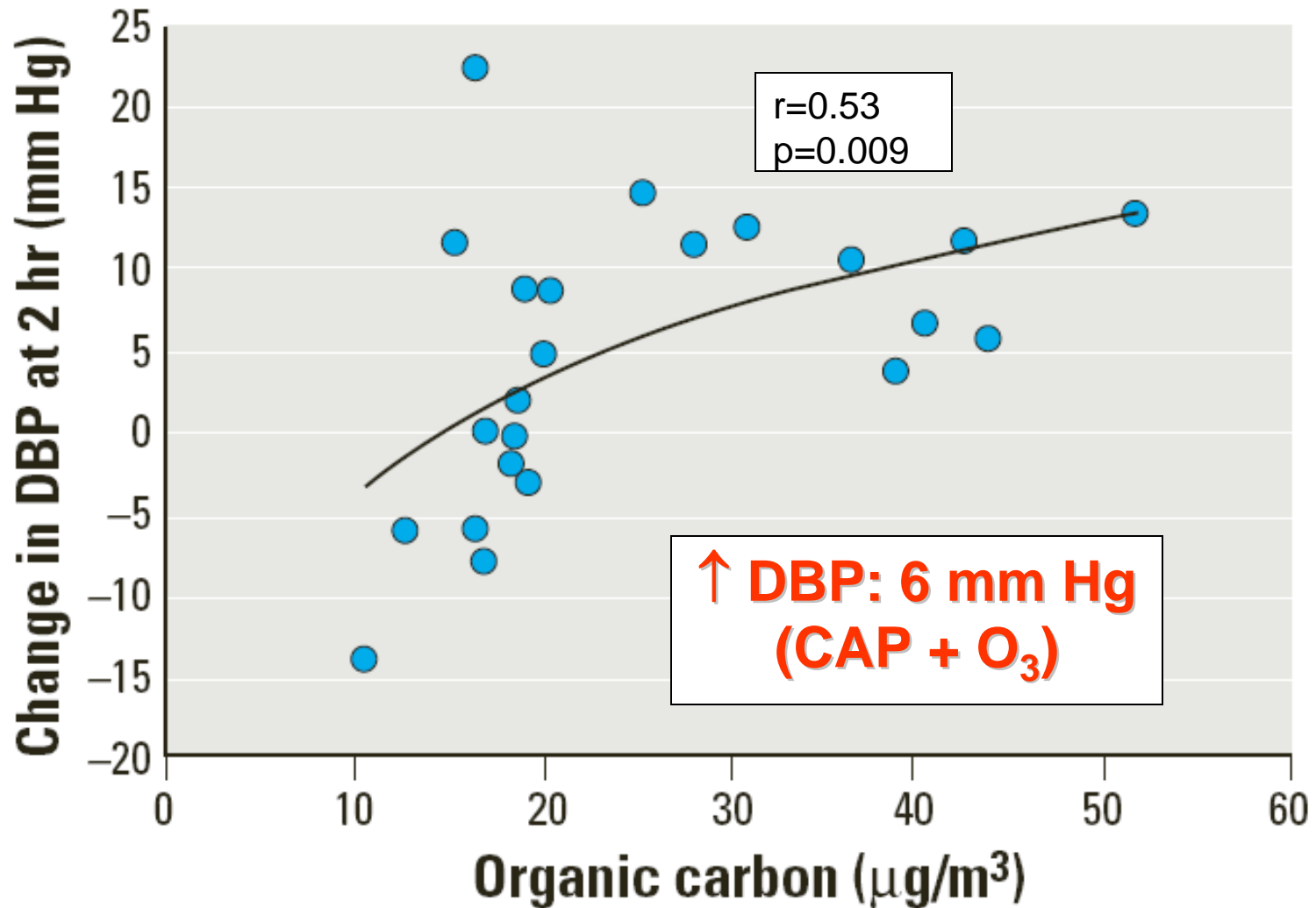
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p = 0.03

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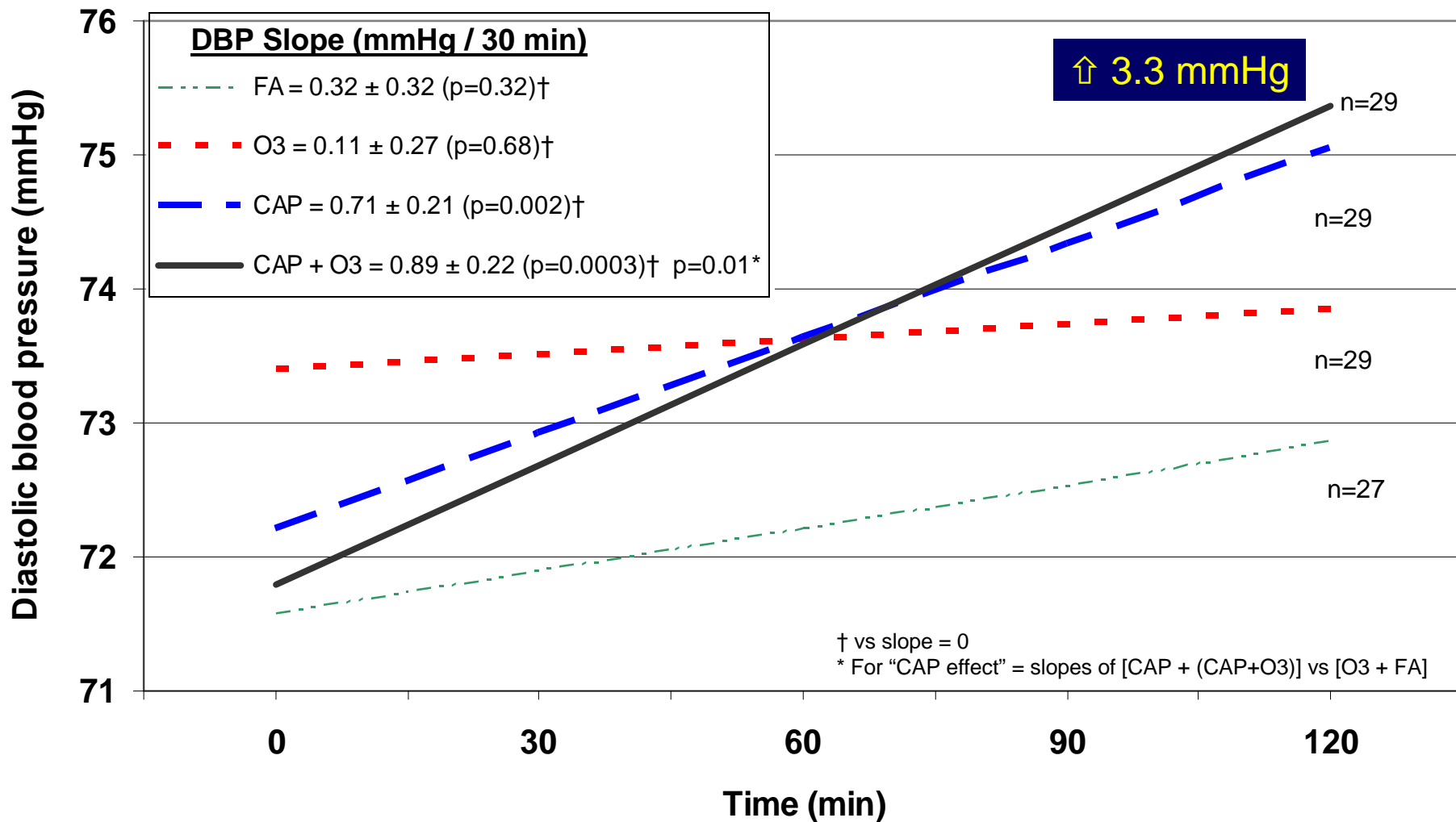
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Blood Pressure Responses to Concentrated Ambient PM_{2.5} (CAP) versus Filtered Air



CLEANAIR STUDY: DBP Changes during Exposures in Toronto

FA (filter air); O3 (ozone); CAP (concentrated ambient fine particulate matter); DBP (diastolic blood pressure)



DBP correlates: (1) ↑ CAP mass* (2) ↓ heart rate variability (SDNN)

Endothelial Function (Toronto)

N=31

24 post – pre-exposure FMD changes

- FA: $2.7 \pm 9.0\%$ (n=30) p=0.11
- O3: $-0.9 \pm 7.5\%$ (n=29) p=0.50
- CAP: $-2.9 \pm 6.2\%$ (n=28) p=0.02
- CAP+O3: $-2.3 \pm 6.4\%$ (n=28) p=0.07

No change in NMD at any time point, or FMD immediately post exposures

↓ FMD correlates: ↑ CAP mass*, ↑ TNFα**

*β = -2.3% per 100 μg/m³

**r = -0.26, p=0.023

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Specific Aim 1

To demonstrate that coarse CAP exposure causes acute vascular dysfunctions in health adults (n=50)

- Coarse PM (CAP) [150-300 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$] for 2 hrs triggers vascular dysfunctions at rural (Dexter) + urban (Dearborn) sites (vs filtered air).

Primary outcomes: ↓ brachial artery diameter (vasoconstriction)
 ↑ intra-exposure diastolic blood pressure (BP)

- The vascular dysfunctions are mediated by CV autonomic balance
 ↓ HRV correlated and temporally related to vasoconstriction.

Update: ↑BP related to autonomic Δ ; ↓FMD related to systemic inflammation

- To further elucidate the CV impact of coarse PM by novel CV outcomes
 - Continuous BP/hemodynamics (Finometer)
 - Central aortic hemodynamics, arterial compliance (SphygmoCor)
 - Microvascular endothelial function (EndoPAT2000)

Update: Novel metabolic, pro-inflammatory biomarkers and outcomes

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Specific Aim 2

To explore potential differences in outcome responses between **obese (BMI>30, n=25) versus lean (BMI<27, n=25)** adults elicited by both CAP sources (urban vs rural locations).

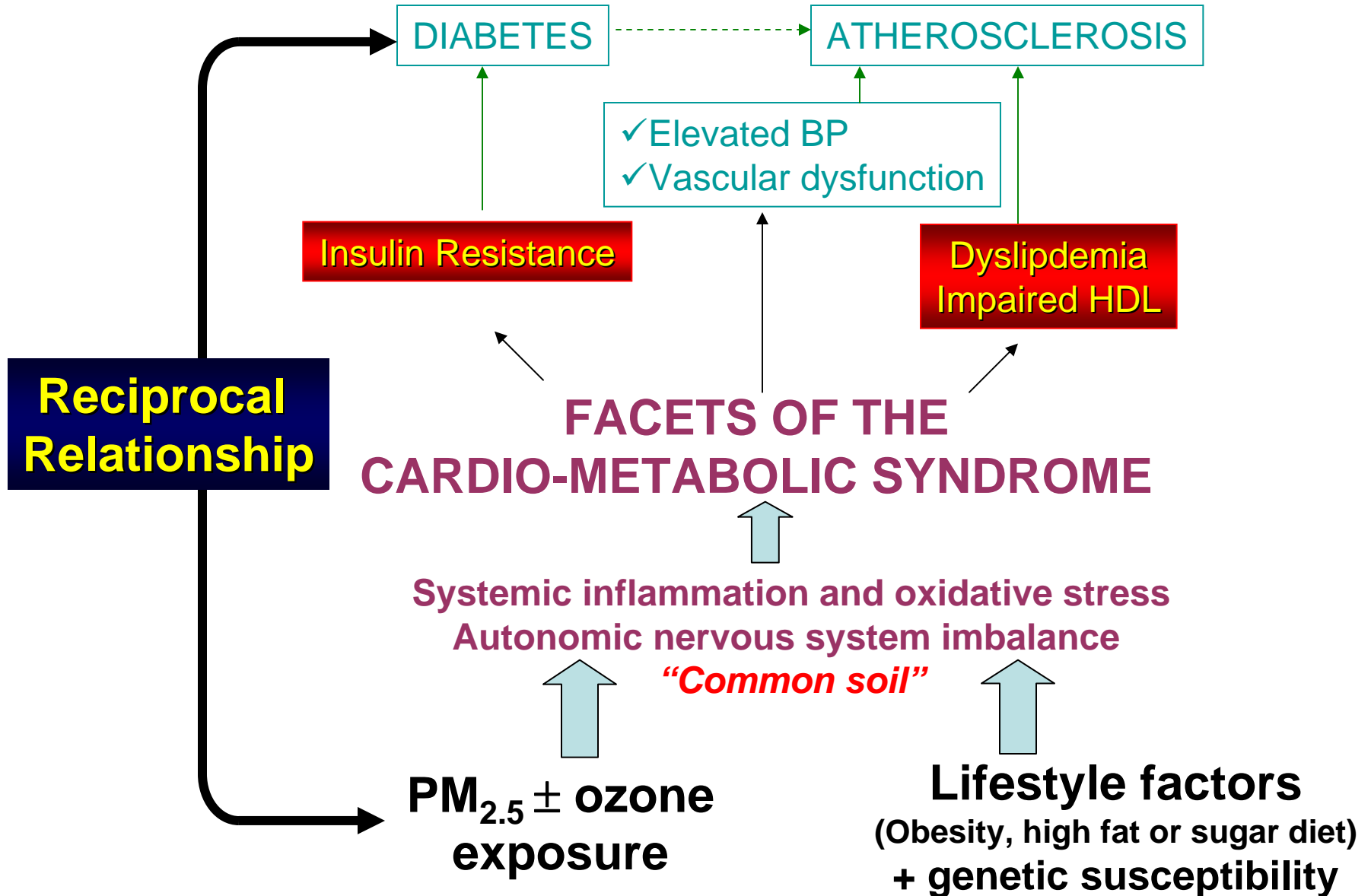
- Compare CV responses due to urban (Dearborn) vs. rural (Dexter) coarse CAP in Michigan [and Toronto – ongoing Harvard EPA Center]
- Compare CV responses between obese and lean subjects and the interaction effects of BMI/metabolic syndrome parameters (e.g. basal BP) on corresponding outcomes

Why Obesity as an Effect Modifier

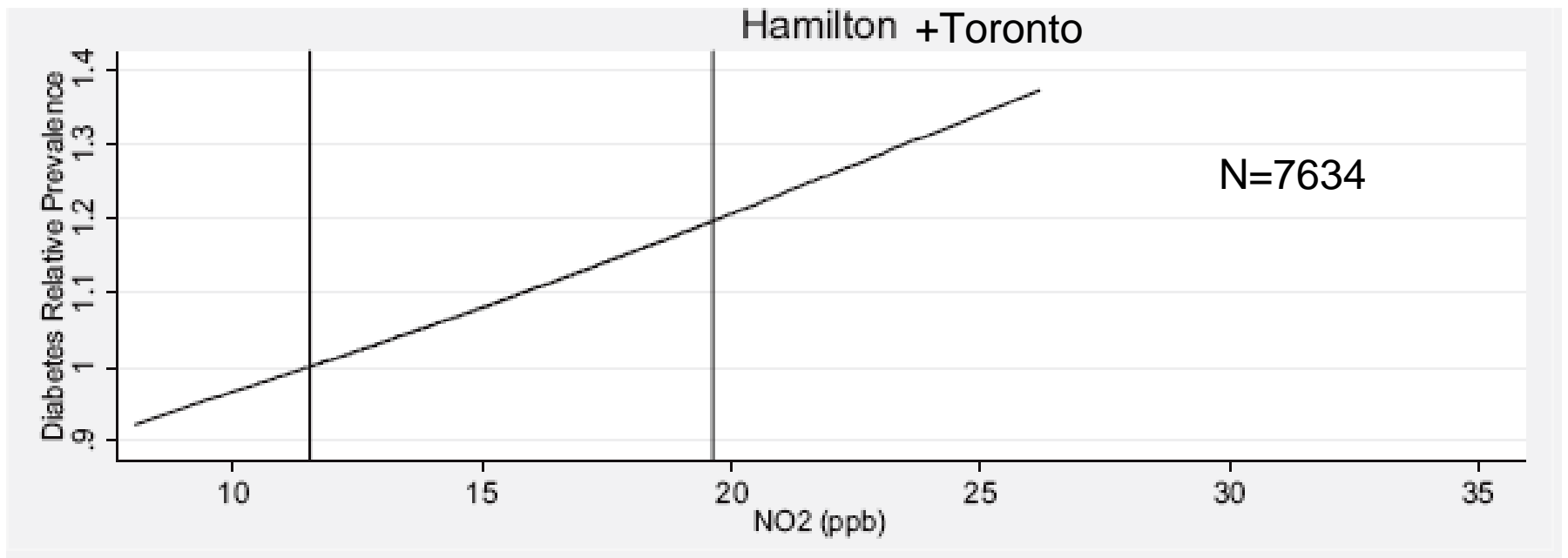
- WHI + Nurses' Health Cohort studies
 - Higher RR in subjects with BMI>30 for CV mortality
- Obese subjects (BMI>30) have larger increase in BP related to ambient PM
 - Detroit Healthy Environments Partnership
 - *Dvonch et al. Hypertension 2009*
 - Traffic exposure in U.S. Boston Puerto Rican cohort
- Obesity increases risk for inflammation related to PM
 - NHANES (WBC); Seniors in St. Louis (CRP)

WHY METABOLIC PARAMETERS

Inter-relationships between the Cardio-metabolic Syndrome and Air Pollution



The Relationship Between Diabetes Mellitus and Traffic-Related Air Pollution

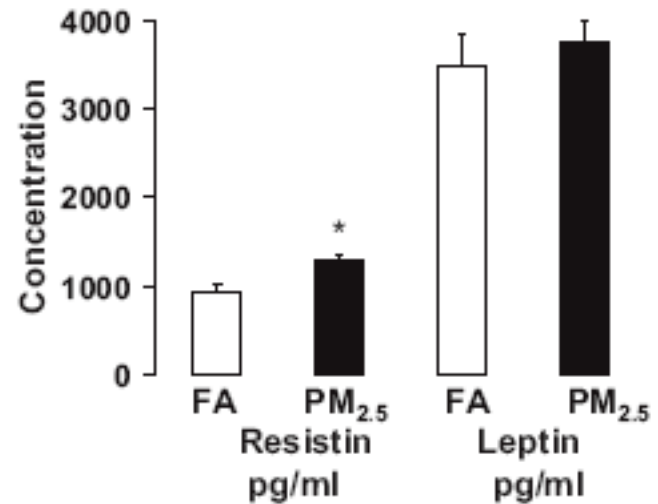
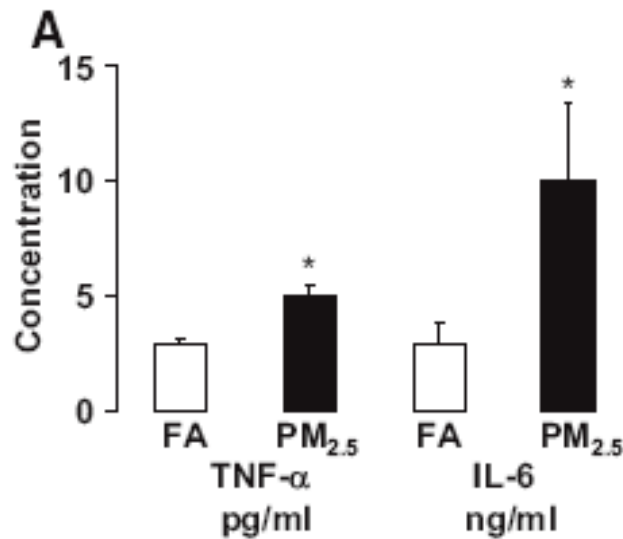
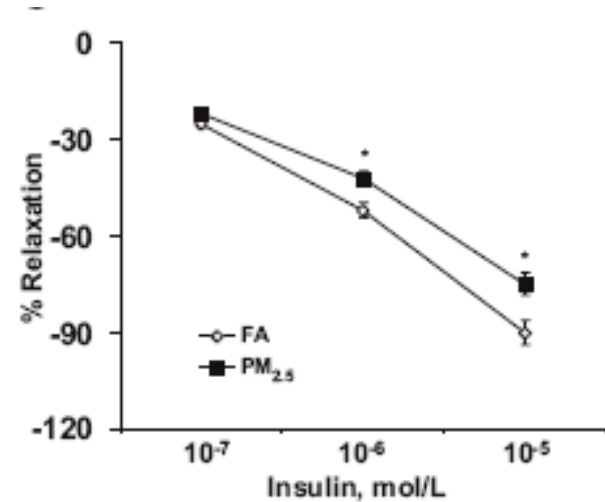
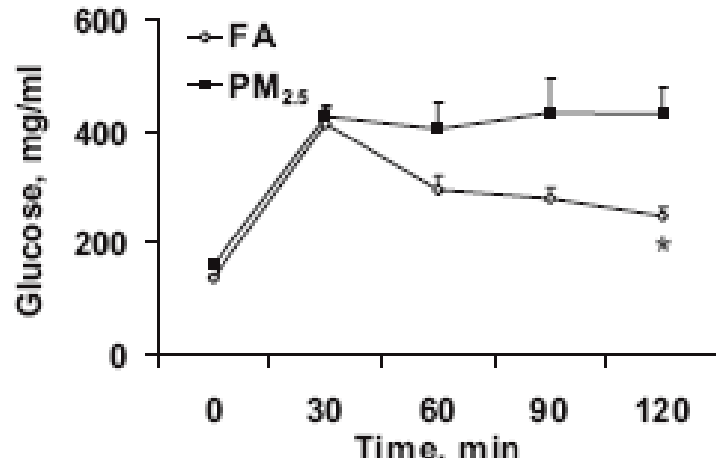


In Women

OR = 1.04 per 1 ppb NO₂

↑ IQR (4 ppb) NO₂ = ↑ 17% DM

Ambient Air Pollution Exaggerates Adipose Inflammation and Insulin Resistance in a Mouse Model of Diet-Induced Obesity



Coarse-CAP Status

- Construction of Harvard 2-stage coarse concentrator
- Construction with Jack Harkema (MSU) of AIRCARE-2 and installation of concentrator and exposure chamber
- Experimental updates and IRB/University approvals
- Modifications to exposure site locations
- Oct 2010 – Completion of site modifications for electrical powering of AIRCARE-2 facility at Dexter
- Oct 2010 – Study protocols commence at Dexter

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Specific Aim 3

To elucidate the coarse CAP constituents and sources responsible for the CV responses.

- **Detailed assessment of the differences in coarse PM composition and sources between the experimental sites.**
- **Correlate CAP composition with CV outcomes for insights into constituents and sources responsible for triggering biological CV responses.**

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Coarse PM characterization:

Continuous PM by TEOM and TSI APS.

Teflon filters: gravimetric total mass.

Inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS): trace elements (e.g., Fe, Ni, Zn, Cu)

Ion chromatography: sulfate, nitrate, chloride, potassium, sodium and ammonium.

Thermal-optical-transmission analysis: total organic and elemental carbon.

Biological: Endotoxin (LAL)

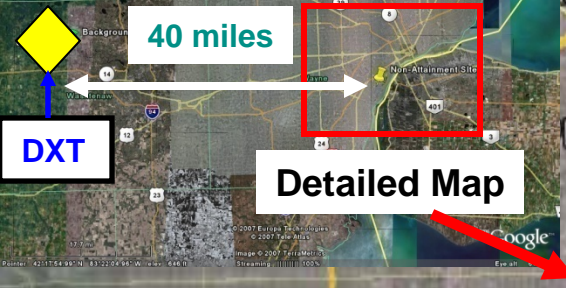
Source Apportionment:

PM will be quantified and categorized based on the chemical composition

Multivariate receptor modeling methods, Positive Matrix Factorization (PMF)

Associations between the health outcomes and the individual pollutants and CAP components as well as their likely sources

Dexter Site



Dearborn Monitoring Site



Monitoring Sites



Dexter

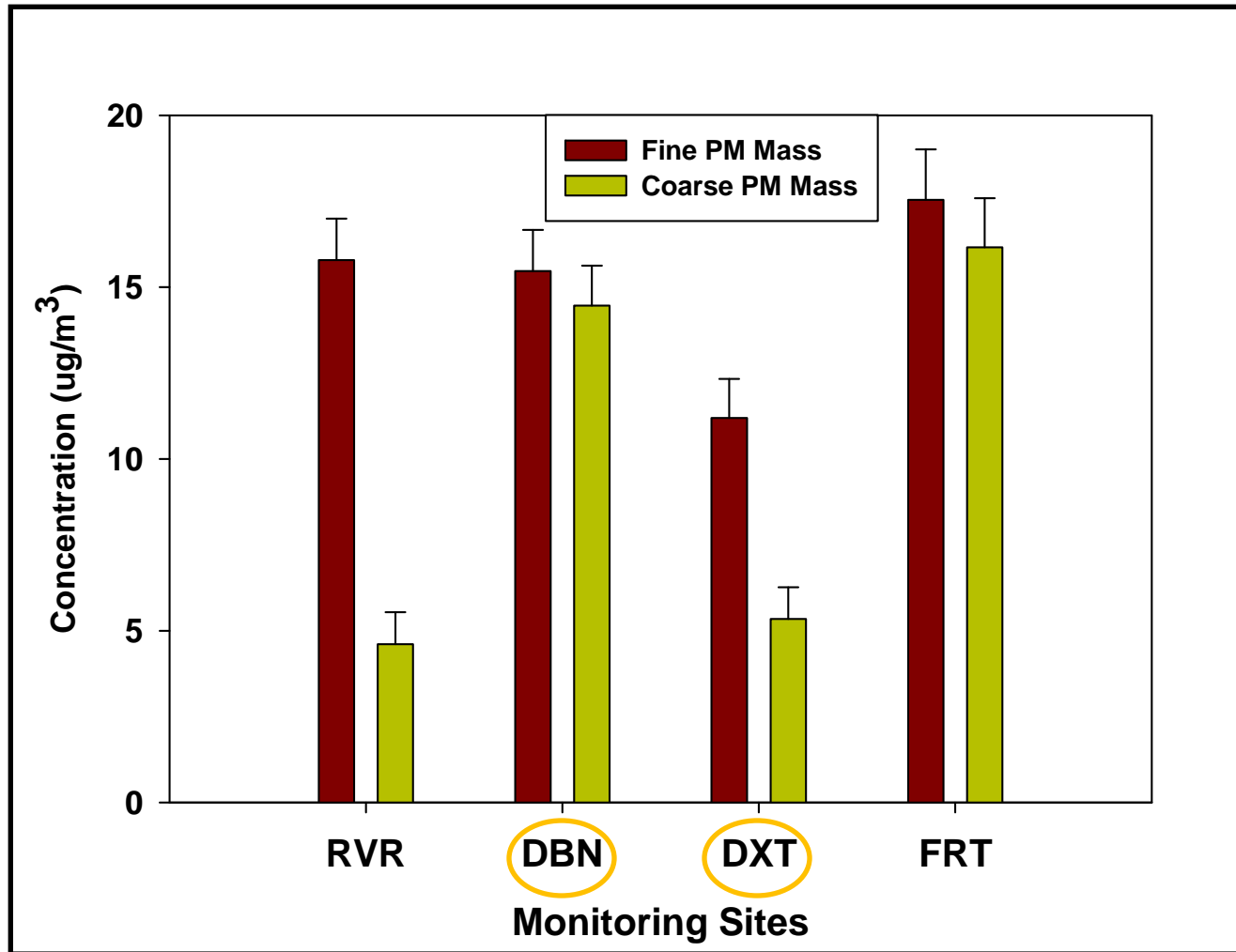
Dearborn



Dearborn Site



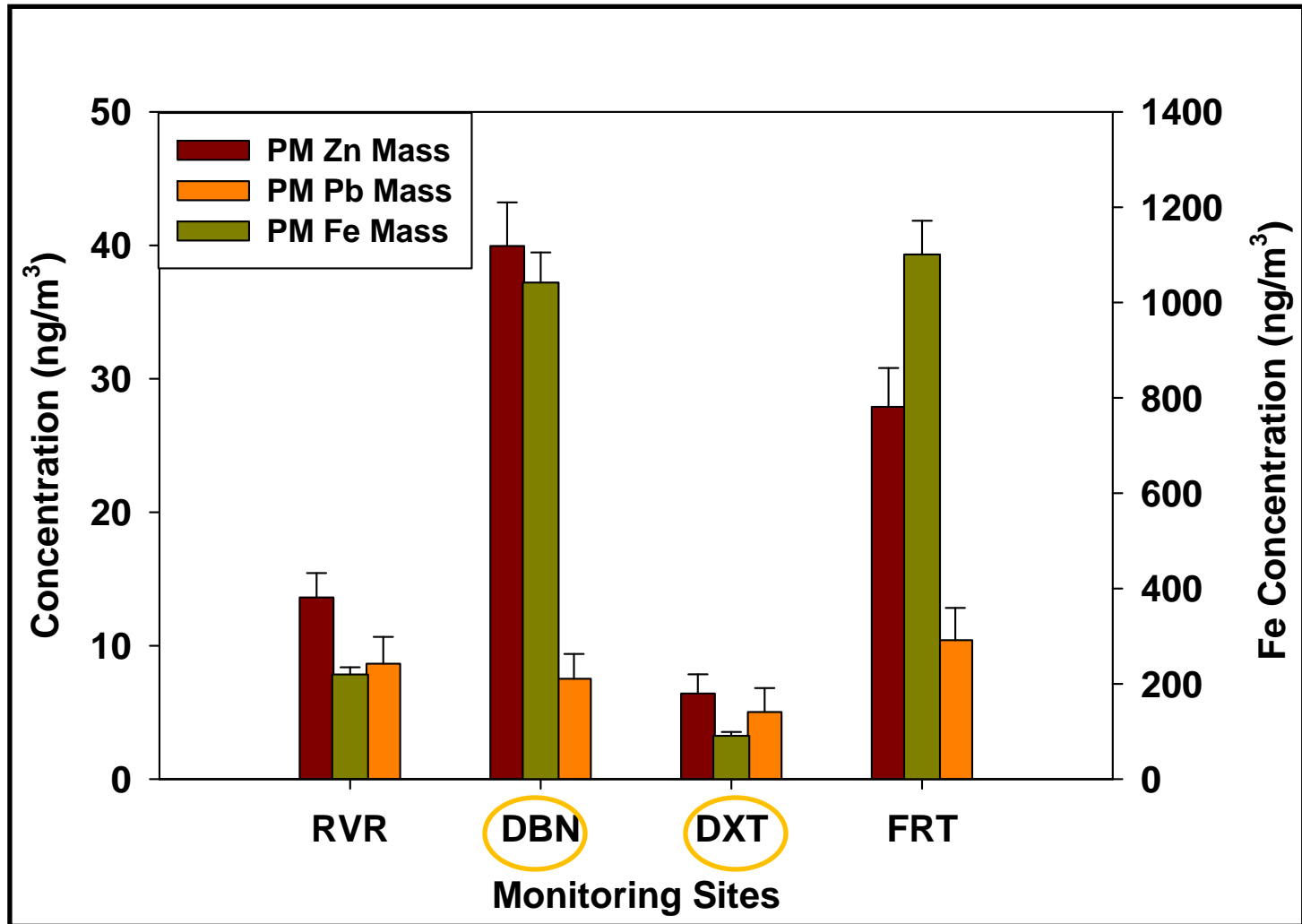
PM Dichot Mass - Spatial Results



USEPA-NERL / Univ-Michigan Collaborative Study (July-August 2007)

Spatial Results

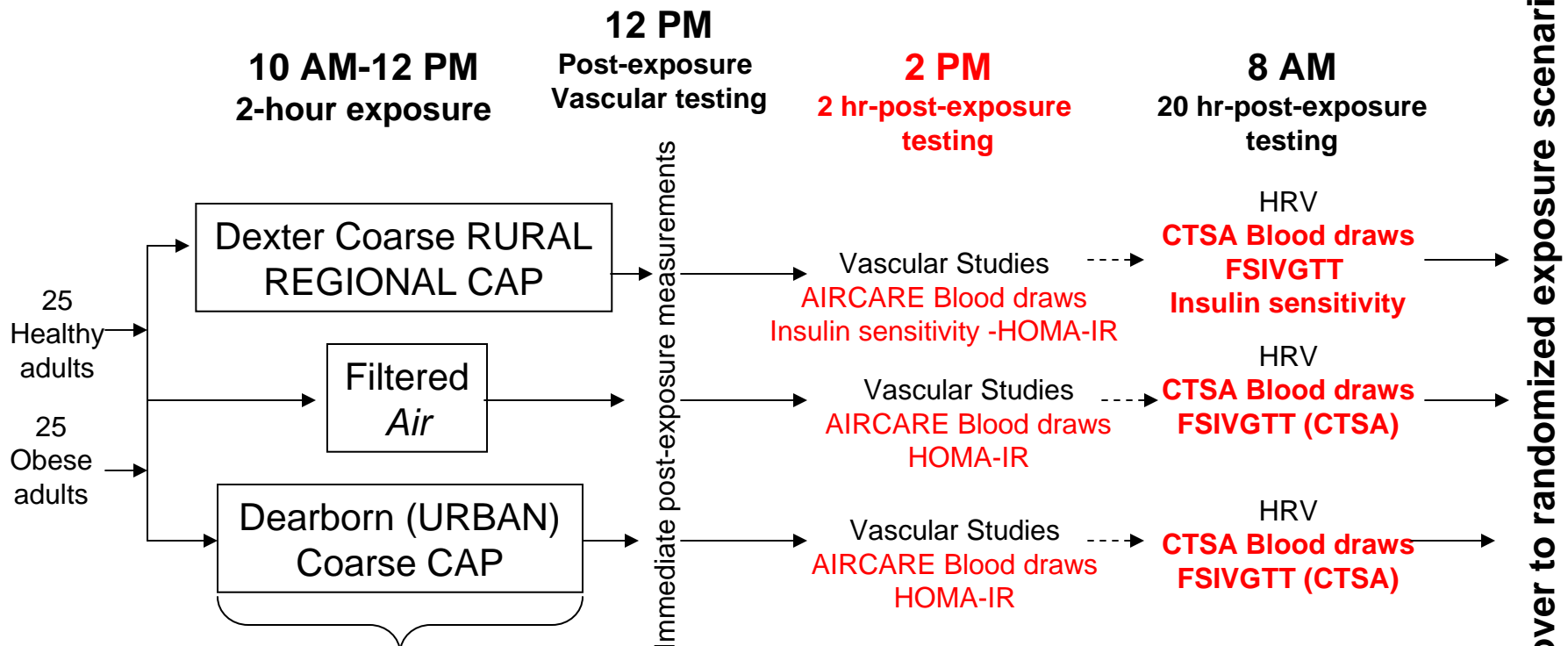
Coarse PM Species (XRF)



Updated Coarse-CAP Protocol

Coarse CAP = 150-300 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Exposure dose allowed to change along with ambient levels



INTRA-EXPOSURE TESTING
BOTH EXPOSURES
Ambulatory BP monitoring
HRV monitoring

MODIFIED TIME LINE

Oct 2010-Sept 2011: Dexter coarse CAP + FA
Oct 2011- April 2012: Dearborn coarse CAP

Cross-over to randomized exposure scenarios

Method	Effect Assessed	Specific Parameter Measured
Ultrasound	Basal vascular tone	Brachial artery diameter
Finometer	Arterial hemodynamics	Cardiac output and Systemic Vascular Resistance
Omron 780	Systemic BP	Brachial BP: Average of 2 nd and 3 rd arm BP
SphygmoCor	a) Arterial compliance b) Pulse wave analyses	a) Carotid-femoral PWV b) Central aortic BP levels, augmentation index Aix)
Terason Ultrasound	Brachial (conduit) vascular function	Flow-mediated dilatation (endothelial function) Nitroglycerin-mediated dilation (NMD)
EndoPAT	Microvascular endothelial function	Finger tonometer-determined microvascular endothelial-dependent dilatation (RI)
CV outcomes to take place while subject is <u>intra-chamber during 2-hour long exposure</u>		
AMBP	Continuous BP/HR	Rapid systemic arterial BP change during exposure
Holter ECG	Continuous ECG/HRV	Time/frequency domain heart rate variability metrics.

UPDATED BIOMARKERS AND OUTCOMES

Plasma Endotoxin level	Circulating blood endotoxin concentrations
CARDIAC and VASCULAR BIOMARKERS	
EPC levels/function (flow cytometry)	Endothelial progenitor cell vascular repair function
Cardiac echo – RF tissue Doppler	Novel cardiac diastolic function parameter
PRO-INFLAMMATORY AND METABOLIC	
TLR-2 and TLR-4 (flow cytometry)	Monocyte Toll-like receptor expression
Monocytes CD ¹⁴⁺ CD ¹⁶⁺ vs CD ¹⁴⁺ CD ¹⁶⁻	Circulating monocyte pro-inflammatory sub-types
Adipocytokines/cytokines/CBC <i>Adiponectin, IL-1beta, IL-6, TNF-alpha</i>	Adipocyte function and cytokine changes
HDL function; PON-1 activity <i>Prevention of LDL oxidation</i>	Dysfunctional HDL particles
Lipoproteins (<i>NMR lipoprofile</i>)	Lipoprotein phenotypes (LDL-P#; LDL-P size)
HOMA-IR (glucose x insulin/405)	Metabolic insulin sensitivity
**FSIVGTT using MinMOD (S₁)	Metabolic insulin sensitivity

Coarse-CAP

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