What Goes Around Comes Around: Chasing Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons from the Beijing Olympics to the U.S. West Coast

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PAH Emissions and Outflow from China

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37.300
   #1 China = 114,000 tons/year
     (22% of World's PAH emissions)
   #2 India = 90,000 tons/year
   #3 U.S. = 32,000 tons/year
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   Lung cancer is 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of
   death in Chinese men and women
   PAH emissions are increasing in developing
   countries
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Lang, Tao, and Simonich et al, Environ. Sci. Technol. 2008, 5196-5201

A New Look at 'Old' PAHs.....

- 20 Parent PAH
- 10 Methyl-PAH
- 22 High Molecular Weight PAH (MW>302)
- 27 Nitro-PAH
- 19 Oxy-PAH
- 34 Hydroxy-PAH
- 15 Chlorinated PAH
- 11 Brominated PAH

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2008 Beijing Olympic Games



- Beijing Olympic Games: Aug 8-24
- Source Control Period: Jul 20 Sept 20



PAH Concentrations



Significant reductions in MW< 300 PAH (26% - 73%), MW 302 PAH (22% -77%), NPAH (15% - 68%), OPAH (25% - 53%) measured during the source control and Olympic periods. Wang and Simonich et al, *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, **2011**

Toxicity Study - Ames Assay



ΣNPAH and ΣOPAH concentrations were 8% of the parent PAH concentrations, while the direct-acting mutagenicity was 200% higher than the indirect-acting mutagenicity.

Wang and Simonich et al, Environ. Sci. Technol., 2011

Toxicity Study - Comet Assay



The toxicity of PM and percent DNA damage were not statistically different between the source control and non-source control periods.

Wang and Simonich et al, Environ. Sci. Technol., 2011

Direct and Indirect Mutagenicity



Wang and Simonich et al, Environ. Sci. Technol., 2011

Comparison of Ames and Comet Assays



Wang and Simonich et al, Environ. Sci. Technol., 2011

PAH Risk Assessment – RPF Approach

 Relative Potency Factor (RPF) – ratio of the compound potency relative to the potency of an index PAH, i.e. benzo[a]pyrene (BaP);

$$CancerRisk = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \textcircled{C}_{PAH_{i}} \times RPF_{i} \times UR_{BaP}$$

$$BaP_{eq-i}$$

- UR_{BaP} Inhalation unit risk of BaP
 - "the calculated, theoretical upper limit possibility of contracting cancer when exposed to BaP at a concentrations of one microgram per cubic meter of air for a 70 year lifetime" (OEHHA 1993, 2005)
 - Based on a rodent study: 1.1×10⁻⁶ (ng/m³)⁻¹ (*OEHHA*, 2005) Based on an epidemiology study: 8.7×10⁻⁵ (ng/m³)⁻¹ (*WHO*, 2000)

Jia and Simonich et al, *Environmental Health Perspectives*, **2011**

PAH Risk Assessment – RPF Approach

• RPFs from an EPA draft under review by the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program (USEPA 2010)

	PAH	Abbreviation	RPF
	Anthracene	ANT	0
L2 priority	Benz[a]anthracene	BaA	0.2
	Benzo[b]fluoranthene	BbF	0.8
	Benzo[g,h,i]perylene	BghiP	0.009
pollutant	Benzo[k]fluoranthene	BkF	0.03
PAHs	Chrysene	CHR	0.1
	Dibenz[a,h]anthracene	DahA	10
	Fluoranthene	FLA	0.08
	Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pryene	IcdP	0.07
	Phenanthrene	PHE	0
	Pyrene	PYR	0
	Benzo[a]pyrene	BaP	1
5 MW 302 PAHs	Dibenzo[a,l]pyrene	DBalP	30
	Naphtho[2,3-e]pyrene	N23eP	0.3
	Dibenzo[a,e]pyrene	DBaeP	0.4
	Dibenzo[a,i]pyrene	DBaiP	0.6
	Dibenzo[a,h]pyrene	DBahP	0.9

BaP_{eq} Concentration During the Olympics



Jia and Simonich et al, Environmental Health Perspectives, 2011

BaP_{eq} Concentration Reduction



Jia and Simonich et al, Environmental Health Perspectives, 2011

Cancer Risk Assessment



Estimated cancer risk is 46% lower due to source control measures if they were sustained over time.

The total excess cancer risk would be underestimated by 23% if the 5 MW 302 PAHs were not included in the estimate

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Mt. Bachelor Source Regions



Asian and North American Source Regions



Western U.S. Urban Source Regions

Primbs and Simonich et al, Environ. Sci. Technol. 2008, 6385-6391.

Gas and Particle Phase PAHs



- Gas phase PAHs <u>not correlated</u> with particle phase PAH concentrations
- Gas phase PAHs <u>positively correlated</u> with Fluorotelomer Alcohol (FTOH), PCB, retene, and levoglucosan concentrations (p<0.05)
- Particle phase PAHs <u>not correlated</u> with FTOH, PCB, retene or levoglucosan concentrations (p<0.05)
- Anthracene <u>positively correlated</u> with other gas phase PAH and FTOH concentrations (p<0.05)

Primbs and Simonich et al, Environ. Sci. Technol. 2008, 6385-6391.

Trans-Pacific Transport of Particulate Phase PAHs



Primbs and Simonich et al, *Environ. Sci. Technol.* **2008**, 6385-6391.

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PAH Emissions from Siberian Fires





June 2, 2003

June 2, 2003

10-day Air Mass Back Trajectories

Marys Peak and Cheeka Peak

PAH Air Concentrations

Marys Peak and Cheeka Peak

Genualdi and Simonich et al, Environ. Sci. Technol. 2009, 1061-1066



Simonich et al, Chemico-Biological Interactions, 2010



Simonich et al, Chemico-Biological Interactions, 2010

Simulating Photochemical Transformation During Trans-Pacific Transport







Personal PAH Exposure - China











Personal PAH Exposure - CTUIR





Simonich et al, Chemico-Biological Interactions, 2010



OH-PAHs Measured

1-OH-Nap

3-OH-Fla

Nap 2-OH-Nap 2-OH-AntQn Flo 9 Phen 1,3-OH-Nap 2,6-OH-AntQn 7 1,5-OH-Nap 1-OH-Cry 1,6-OH-Nap 2-OH-Cry 3 1,7-OH-Nap 3-OH-Cry Flon 2 1 2,6-OH-Nap 4-OH-Cry 2,7-OH-Nap 6-OH-Cry $\overset{||}{O}$ AntQn 2-OH-Flo 3-OH-BcPhen **BcPhen** 2 3-OH-Flo 2-OH-BaA 1 Pyr BaA 2 Cry 1 9-OH-Flo 3-OH-BaP 2-OH-Phen 7-OH-BaP 4 3-OH-Phen 9-OH-BaP 6 4-OH-Phen 10-OH-BaP 12 11 BaP BbF 1-OH-Flon 12-OH-BaP Fla 10 2-OH-Flon 11-OH-BbF 9 1-OH-Pyr 7

OH-PAHs in Human Urine



15 of 33 OH-PAHs detected in urine sample

OH-PAHs in Beijing Particulate Matter



14 of 33 OH-PAHs detected in particulate matter sample 1- and 2-OH-Nap, 2-OH-Flo, 3-OH-Phen, 3-OH-Fla, 1-OH-Pyr, 3-OH-Cry, 2-OH-BaA, 3-OH-BcPhen were detected both in urine and PM samples

Conclusions

- Significant reduction in PAH concentration and inhalation cancer risk during Beijing Olympic source control measures
- NPAH and OPAH made up a significant portion of overall mutagenicity of PM_{2.5} in Beijing
- MW 302 PAH concentrations significantly contributed to the overall inhalation cancer risk
- PAHs undergo episodic trans-Pacific atmospheric transport to the U.S. West Coast
- Experiments underway to simulate the photochemical transformation of PAHs during trans-Pacific atmospheric transport
- Personal exposure studies underway in China and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

OSU SRP Renewal: Non-biomedical Project

"Formation of novel PAH Intermediates in Complex Environmental Mixtures and Evaluation of Human Exposure"

Predict, identify and quantify novel PAH intermediates at Superfund sites pre- and post-remediation, using computational methods, as well as laboratory and field experiments, in order to determine the importance of human exposure to these intermediates.

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