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Climate Change: Managing the Health and Performance Impacts of Air Pollution and Heat on Exercise and Training

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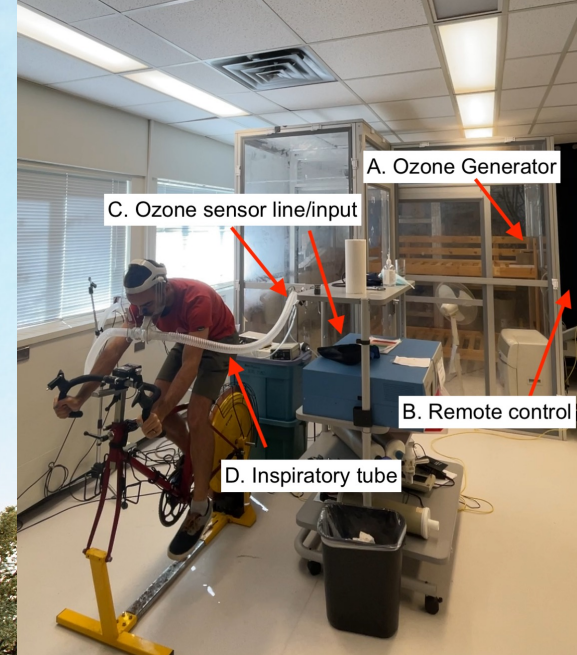
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A photograph showing two industrial smokestacks at the bottom of the frame. Thick, dark grey smoke billows from the stacks, rising and spreading across the sky. The smoke is illuminated from the side, creating a dramatic play of light and shadow, with some edges appearing bright and others in deep shadow. The overall atmosphere is hazy and polluted. The text 'AIR POLLUTION' is centered in the middle of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

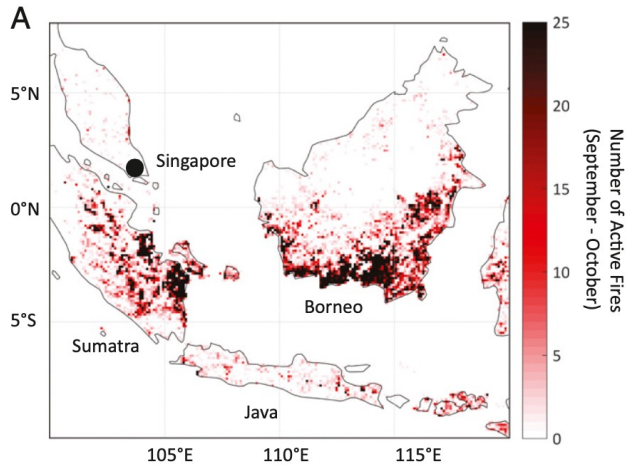
AIR POLLUTION

Why is Air Pollution Relevant to Climate Change?

- Air Pollution \neq Greenhouse Gases
 - More frequent heat waves – ground level ozone
 - Wildfire frequency and severity – Particulate Matter



Singapore Haze



- Burning of Indonesian peat
- Deforestation fires
- Agricultural waste burning

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Case 1

IAAF World Athletics Championships DOHA 2019™ بطولة العالم لألعاب القوى - الدوحة

- ...there has been some concern about the air quality and it's potential health impact on the athletes...
- ...this morning at 9am was 112ug/m³ and that is rated "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups". The forecast is for the AQI to move to "Unhealthy" tomorrow and to hover there for most of next week...
- ...the marathon and race walk events ...are all occurring at night with start times either 11:30pm or 12am ...
- ...some staff are concerned that we are placing our athletes at serious health risk by allowing them to compete in these events...



Visit stateofglobalair.org to explore data for your country or region.

Case 2

Tokyo Olympic Games



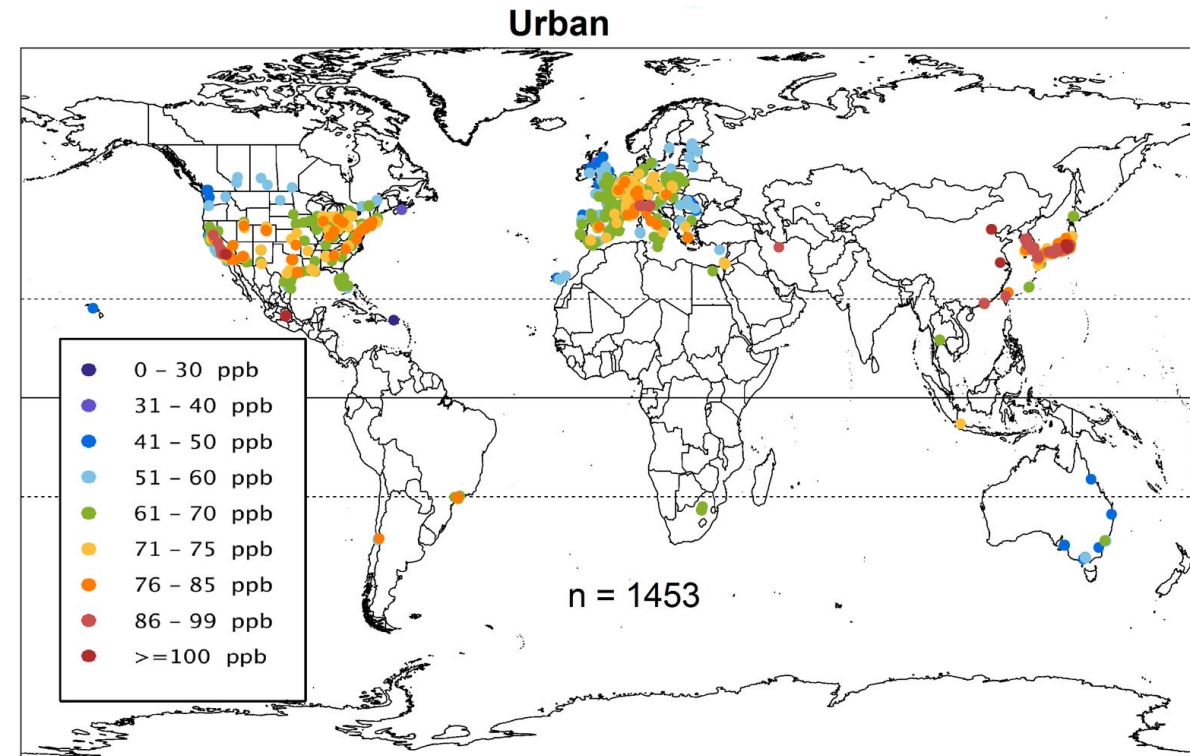
TOKYO 2020



- Temperatures >30 C (mean 32.2C) with humidity $\sim 70\%$
- Generally lower levels of particulate matter especially at night
- Highest ozone levels in the OECD – Games held during peak ozone season

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The Problem with Intense Exercise



Dirty air affecting your health? Pedal harder



A cyclist pedals along in traffic on Danforth Ave. near Woodbine in Toronto on Oct. 21, 2013. A study presented at the annual conference of the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology in Toronto in October suggested an increase of exercising benefits when pushing harder and breathing polluted air more deeply.

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LIFESTYLE • HEALTH

Exercising when air pollution levels are high can do more harm than good

Exercising when air pollution levels are high can end up doing more harm than good, writes Rachel Jacqueline

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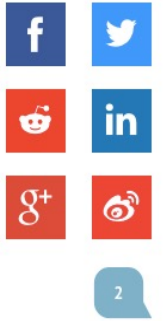
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Runners should check pollution levels before exercising outdoors. Photo: David Wong



pollution levels before exercising outdoors. Photo: David Wong

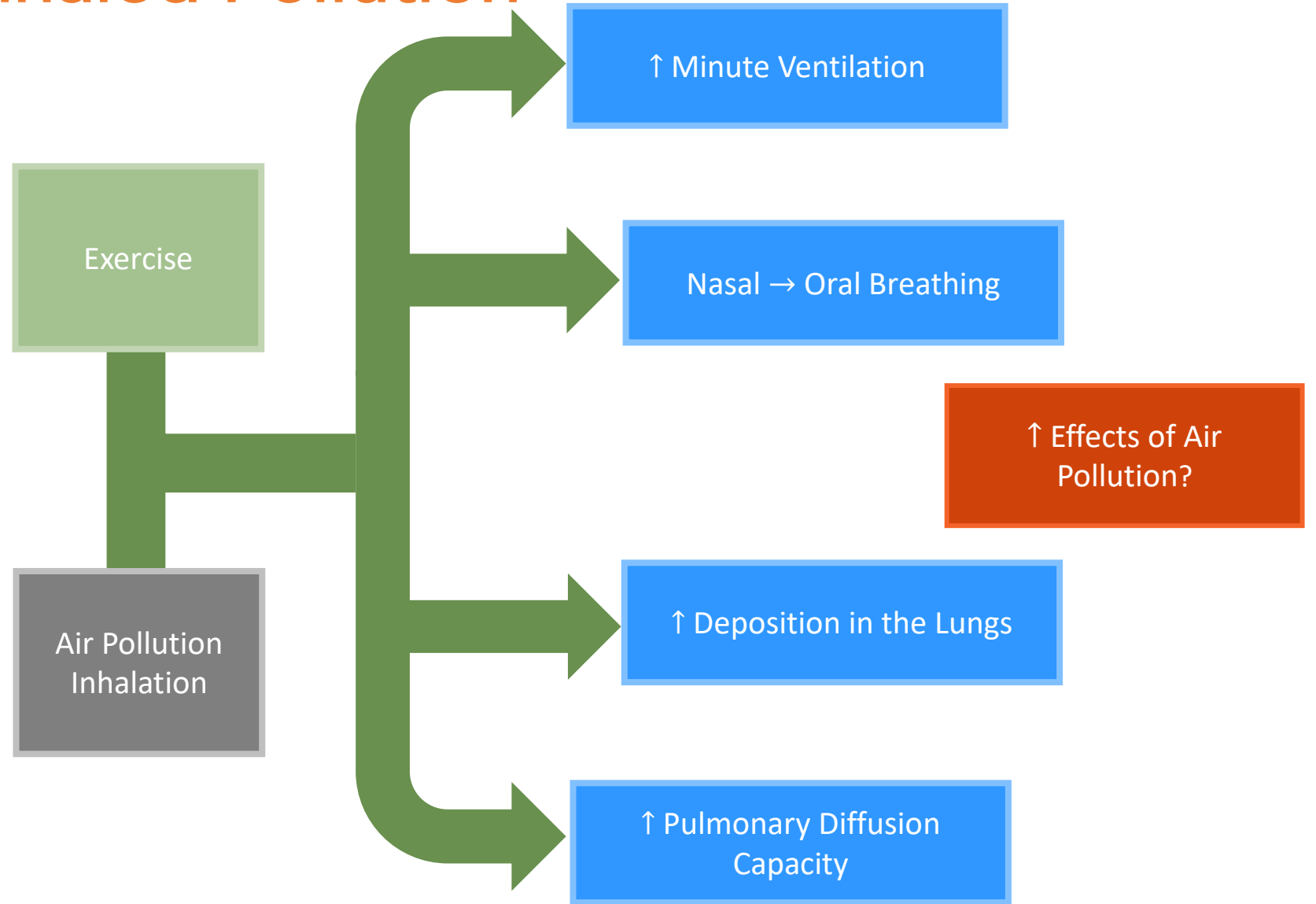
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Exercise and Inhaled Pollution



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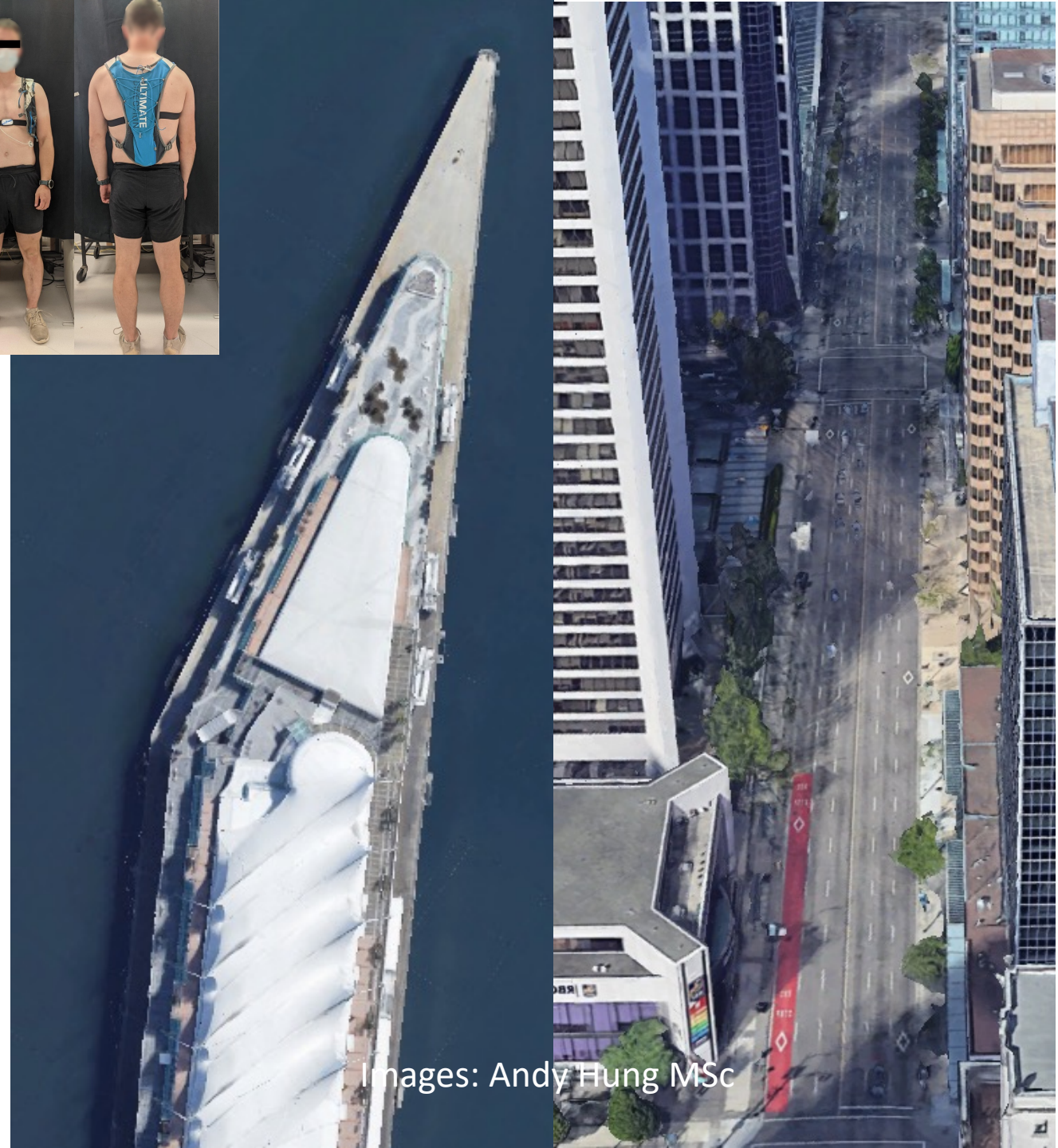
Air Pollution Recipe

- Gases
 - Ozone, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen (NO_2 , NO), etc.
- Particles
 - Solid particles, or liquid droplets like dust, metal, black carbon, pollen



Research Models

- Real World Acute Exposures
 - Realistic pollution exposures
 - Tough to generate control exposures, with blinding
 - Good Pollution Recipe



Images: Andy Hung MSc

Research Models

- **Laboratory Acute Exposures**
 - Controlled consistent pollution exposure
 - Sham condition, blinding crossover design
 - Lack of long-term results
 - Approximate Recipe



Research Models

- Real World Epidemiology Studies
 - Long-term results -
 - Large sample sizes
 - Control groups and blinding lacking
 - Confounders
 - Good Pollution Recipe



Health Effects of Air Pollution

- 4.2 Million deaths/year – predominantly LMIC
- Cardiovascular
 - Ischaemic heart disease and stroke
- Respiratory
 - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease And Lower Respiratory tract Infections (18%)
 - Lung Cancer (6%)
- Diabetes
 - Increased incidence of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus with PM_{2.5} exposure ~10%
- Cognitive
 - Associated with decreased cognitive function and dementia



A Study of the Combined Effects of Physical Activity and Air Pollution on Mortality in Elderly Urban Residents: The Danish Diet, Cancer, and Health Cohort

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BACKGROUND: Physical activity reduces, whereas exposure to air pollution increases, the risk of premature mortality. Physical activity amplifies respiratory uptake and deposition of air pollutants in the lung, which may augment acute harmful effects of air pollution during exercise.

2008), cycling during rush hour on a h traffic route (Strak et al. 2010), or hiking high air pollution days (Korrick et al. 1). Similarly, exposure to air pollution

Habitual exercise is associated with reduced risk of diabetes regardless of air pollution: a longitudinal cohort study

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Association of Physical Activity with Incidence of Dementia Is Attenuated by Air Pollution

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Benefits of physical activity not affected by air pollution: a prospective cohort study

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Chronic Health Effects Summary

- AIR POLLUTION = BAD
- EXERCISE = GOOD



The Acute Effects of Exercising in Air Pollution: A Systematic Review of Randomized Controlled Trials

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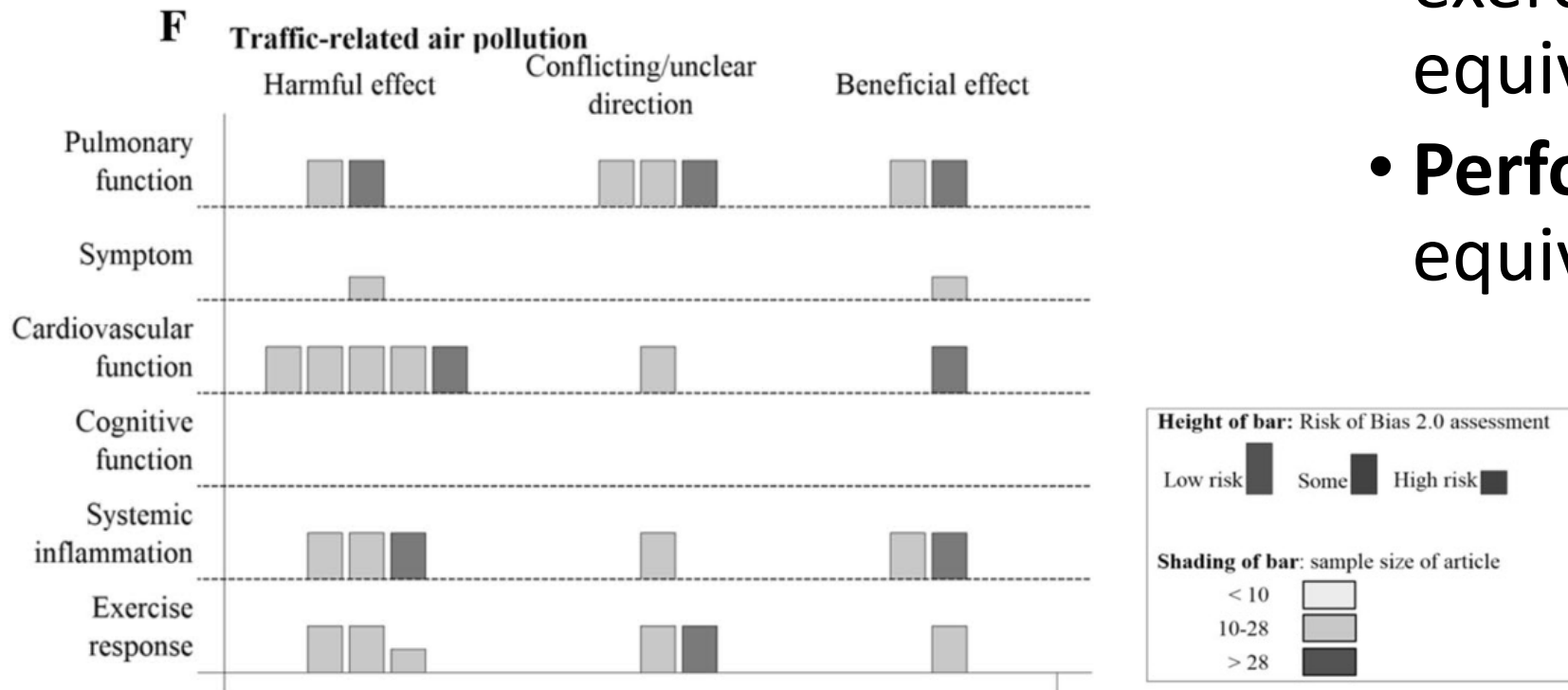
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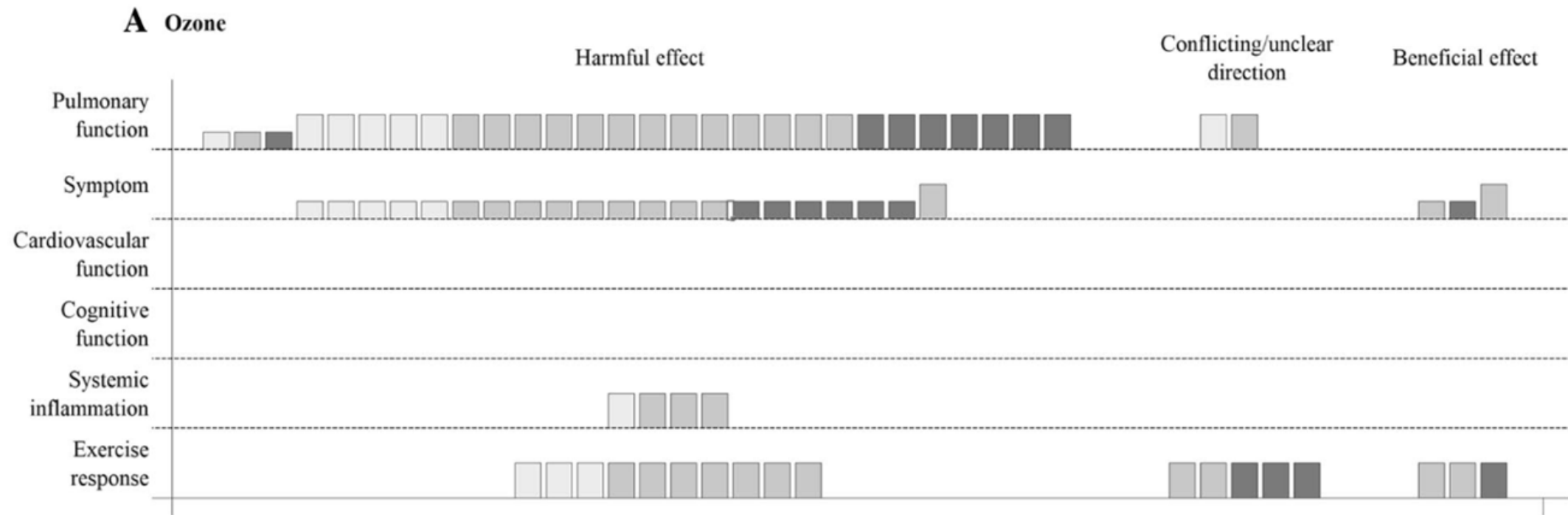
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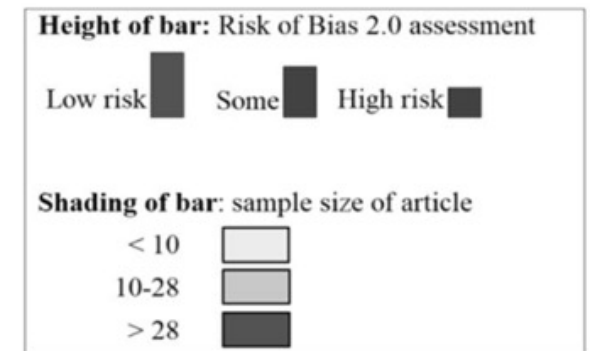
- Traffic-related air pollution
 - High in particulates
 - Acute **Health** effects of exercise are somewhat equivocal
 - **Performance** Effects are equivocal



Ozone Effects

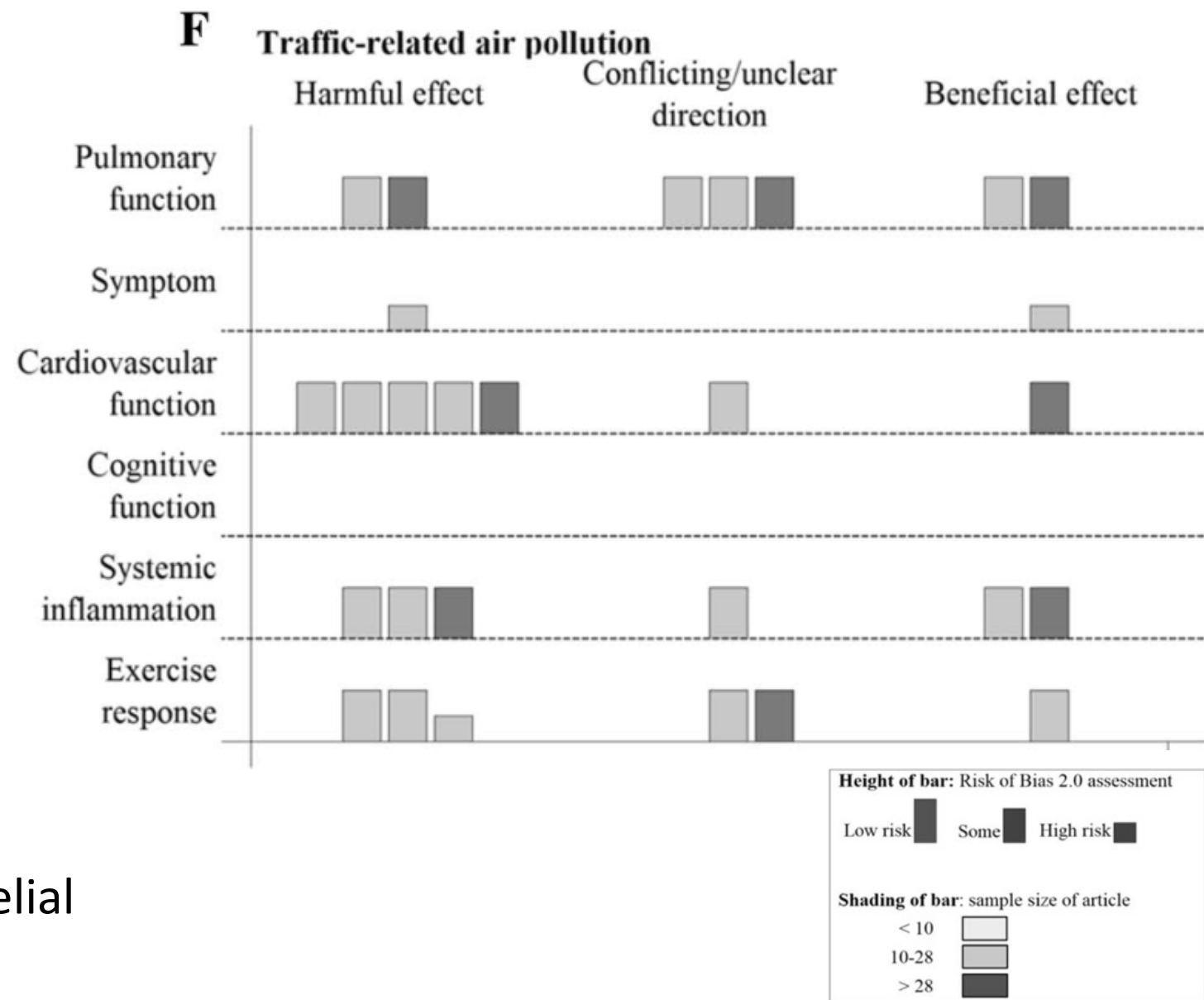


- Consistent worsening of lung function (FVC, FEV1, FEF25-75)
- Consistently increases symptoms
 - Cough and dyspnoea
 - When O₃ levels higher than ~120ppb
- Increased inflammatory markers (IL-6, neutrophils)



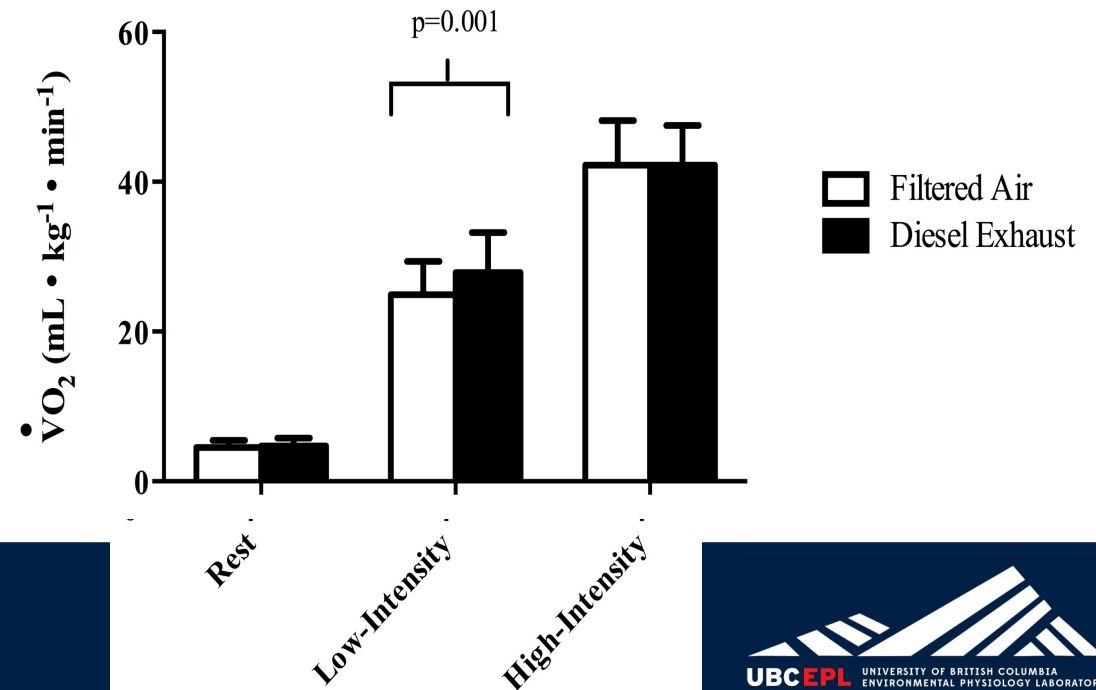
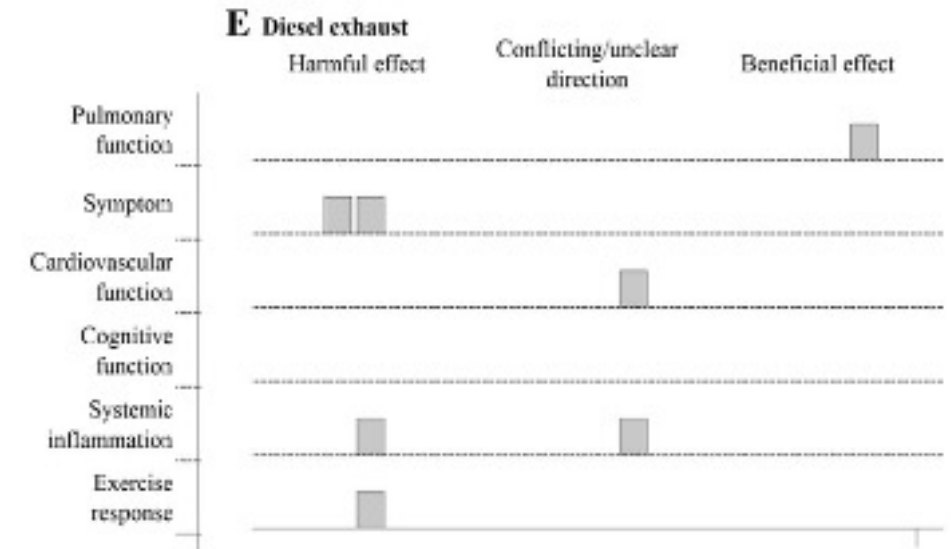
23 Traffic-related Air pollution - TRAP

- Inconsistent effect on:
 - Lung function
 - Exercise response
 - Symptoms
 - Inflammatory responses
- Cardiovascular responses
 - Likely increase in blood pressure
 - Heart rate variability and endothelial function unclear



24 Diesel Exhaust (DE) Effects

- No effect on lung function or heart rate variability
- Inconsistent effect on symptoms
 - Small effect in one study
- No real effect of exercise intensity



Acute Health Effects Summary

- Ozone
 - Decreased lung function compared to filtered air
 - Increased symptoms compared to filtered air
- TRAP and Diesel Exhaust
 - Inconsistent acute health effects

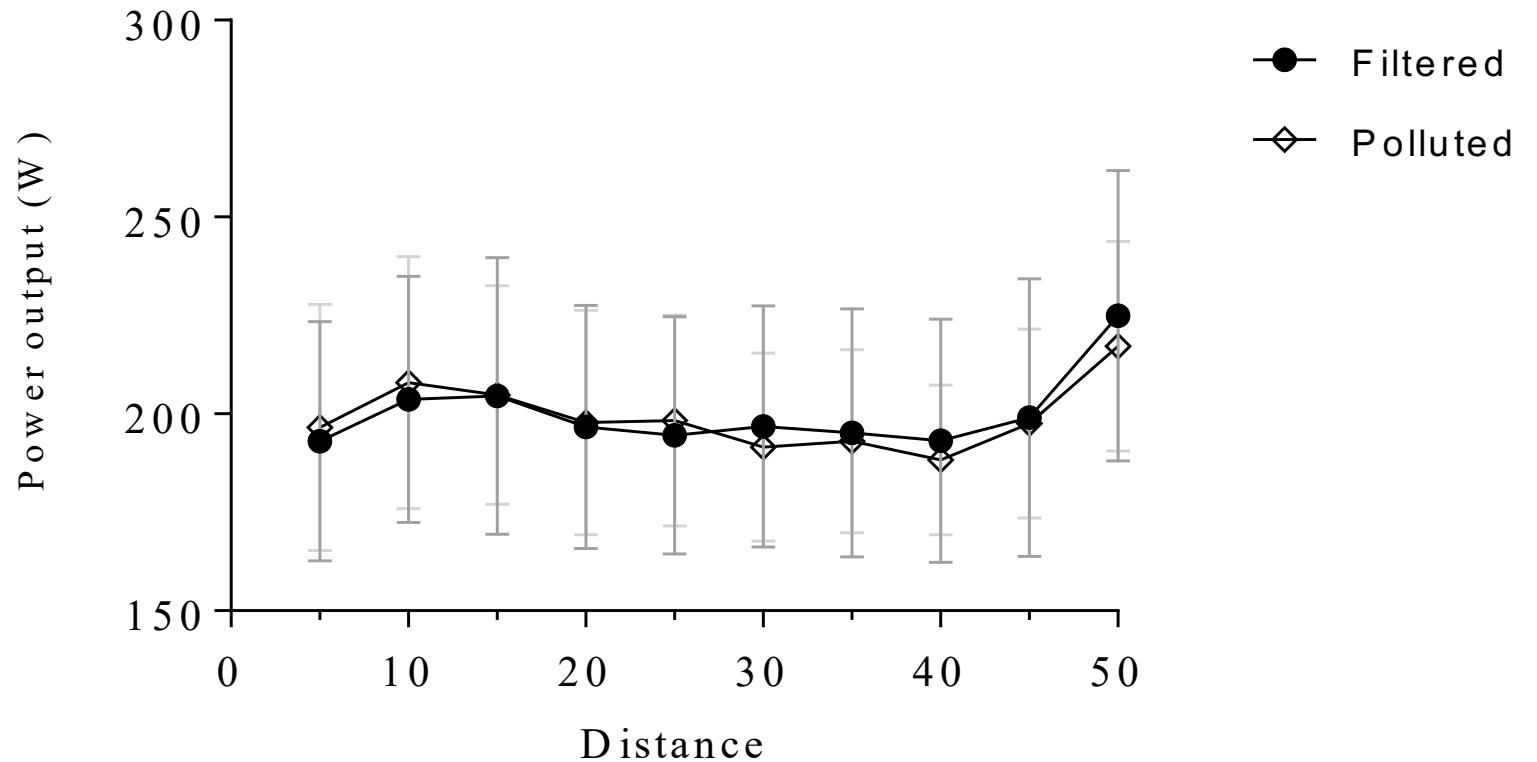
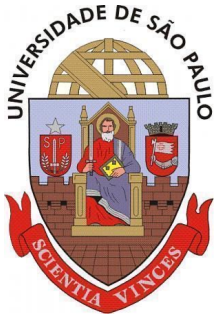
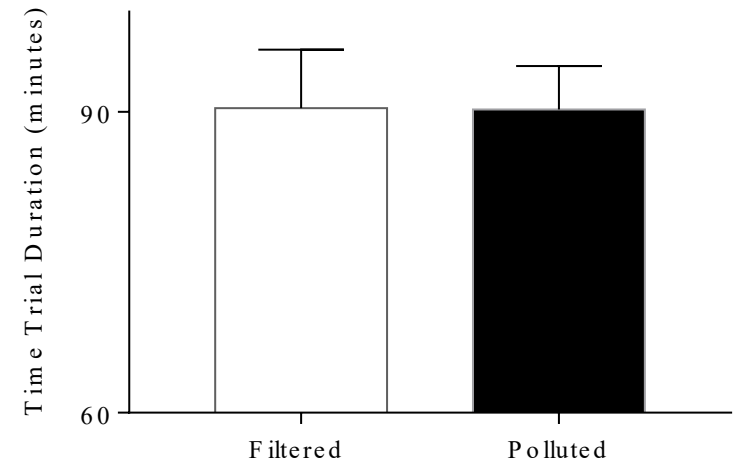
Performance Effects - TRAP

Research Article

Effects of air pollution exposure on inflammatory and endurance performance in recreationally trained cyclists adapted to traffic-related air pollution

André Casanova Silveira ✉*, Julio Satoshi Hasegawa, Ramon Cruz, Monique Matsuda, ... See all authors

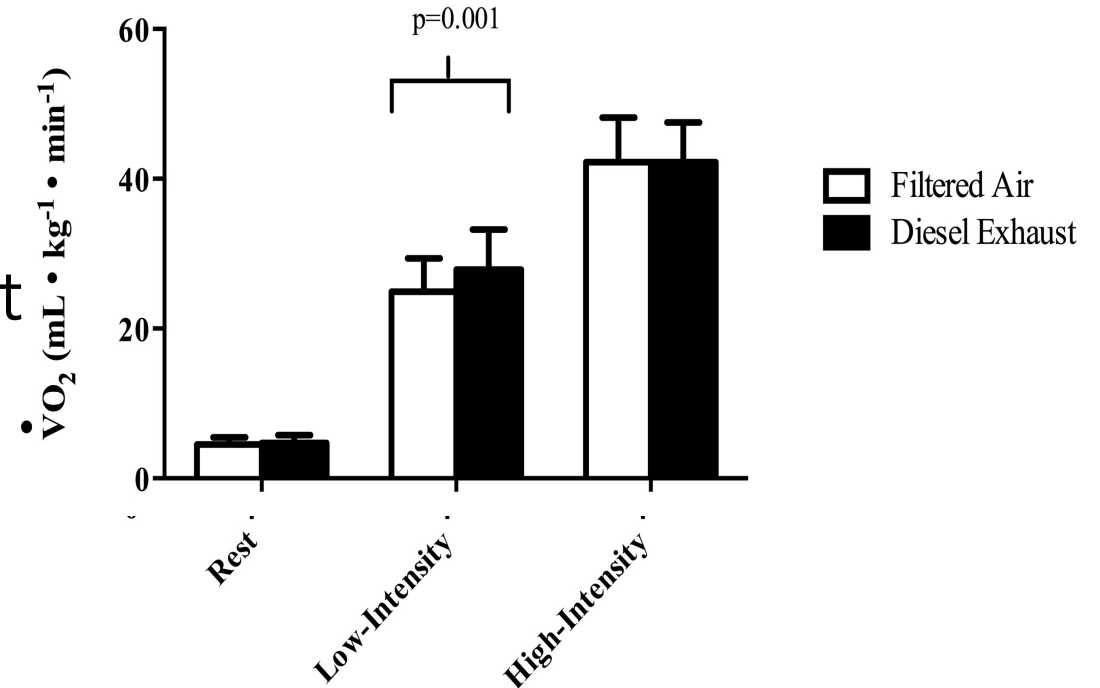
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Performance Effects - Diesel

- Diesel Exhaust Exposure study
- Healthy males 30 min cycling
- Increased perceived effort
- At low intensity, increased oxygen cost



Ozone and Performance



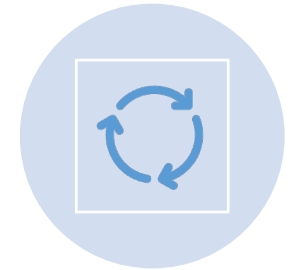
DECREASED VO2MAX
DURING EXERCISE



DECREASED RUNNING
PERFORMANCE



SYMPTOMS
INCREASED



ADAPTATION?

Ozone and Adaptation

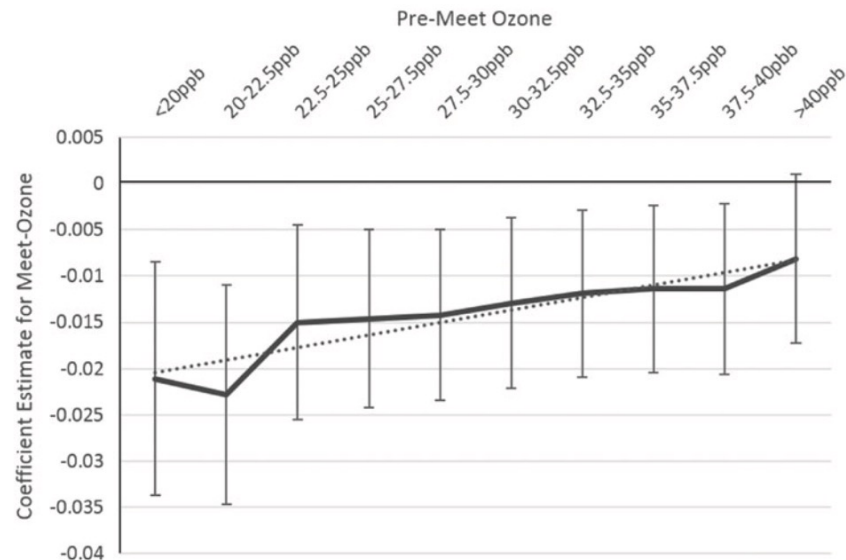
Health Economics

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Ambient air pollution and human performance: Contemporaneous and acclimatization effects of ozone exposure on athletic performance

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Effects of ozone exposure on four consecutive days on work performance and $\dot{V}O_{2\max}$

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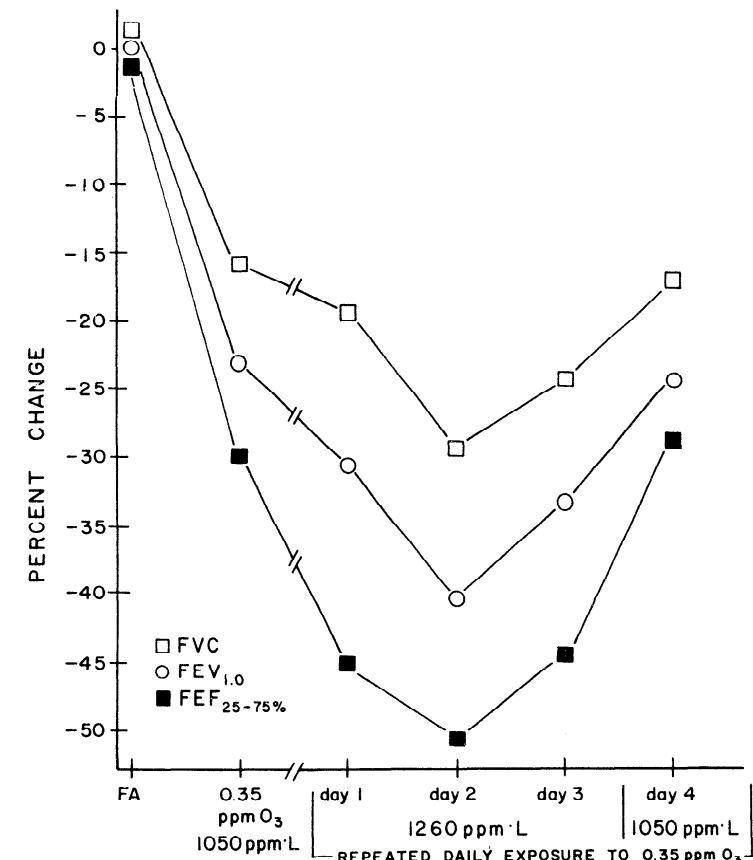
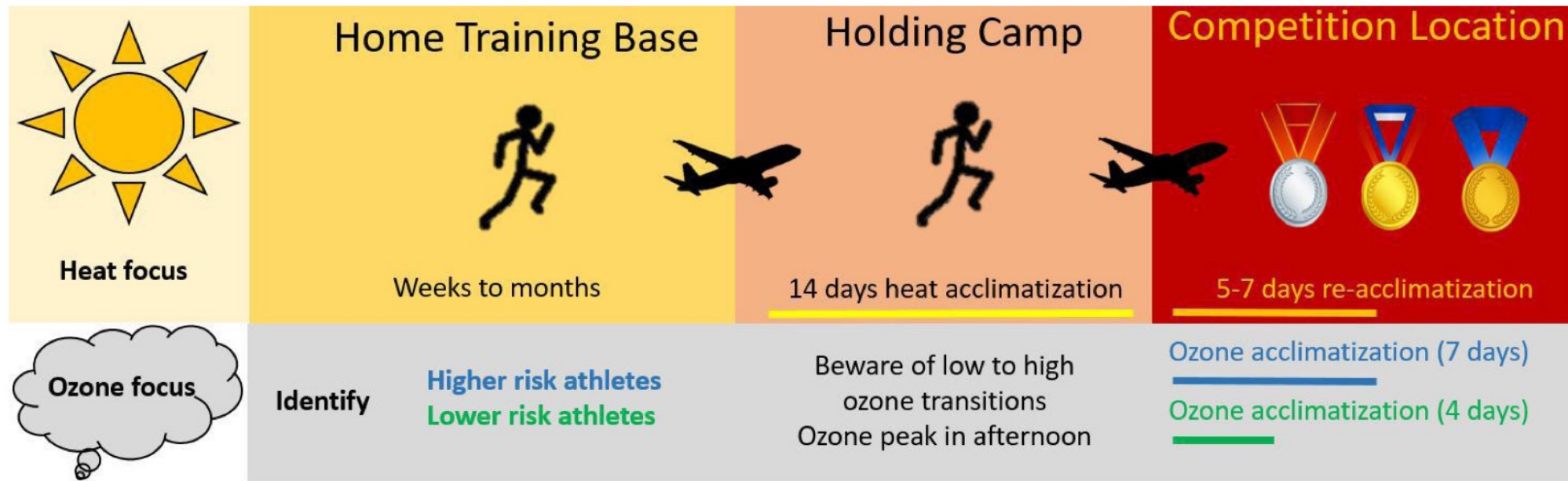


FIG. 3. Percent change in pulmonary function on initial exposure and as a result of 4 consecutive days exposure to 0.35 ppm O₃. See text for definitions and additional details.

Ozone and Heat



- | Athlete performance checklist | Athlete health checklist |
|---|---|
| ➤ Heat/humidity gauge <input type="checkbox"/> | ➤ Medication <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ➤ Cloud cover forecast <input type="checkbox"/> | ➤ Individual symptom time course <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ➤ Acclimatization plan <input type="checkbox"/> | ➤ Travel/Jet lag <input type="checkbox"/> |

Figure 1 Summary of how to concurrently prepare to compete in the heat with high levels of ozone. An athlete performance and health checklist for science and medicine staff.

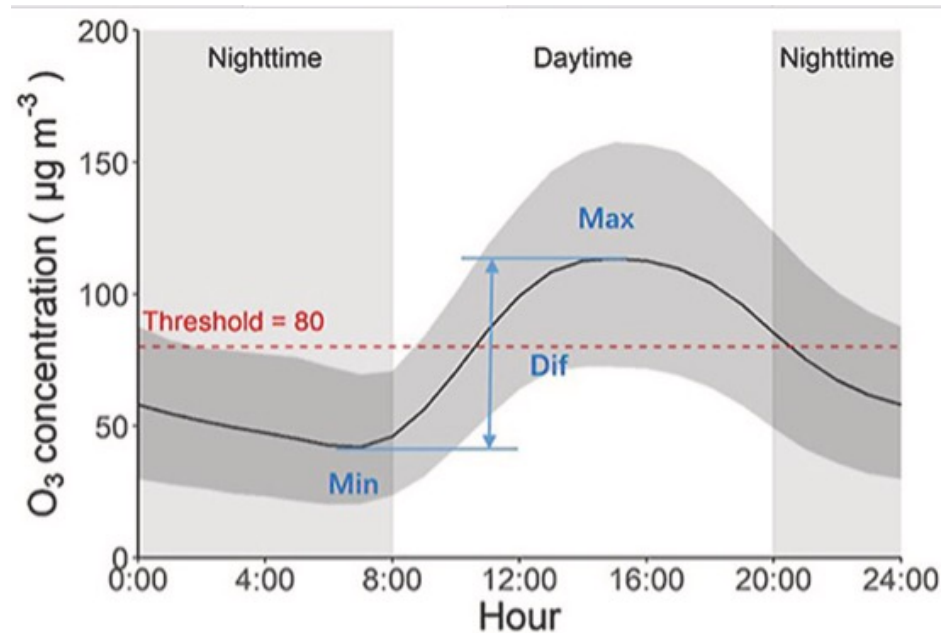
Performance Effects Summary

- Ozone
 - Decreased VO₂max during exercise
 - Decreased running performance
 - Symptoms increased
 - Adaptation?
- TRAP and DE
 - inconsistent performance effects
 - Possible increased symptoms
 - Possible increased HR and metabolic cost

Pollution in Time

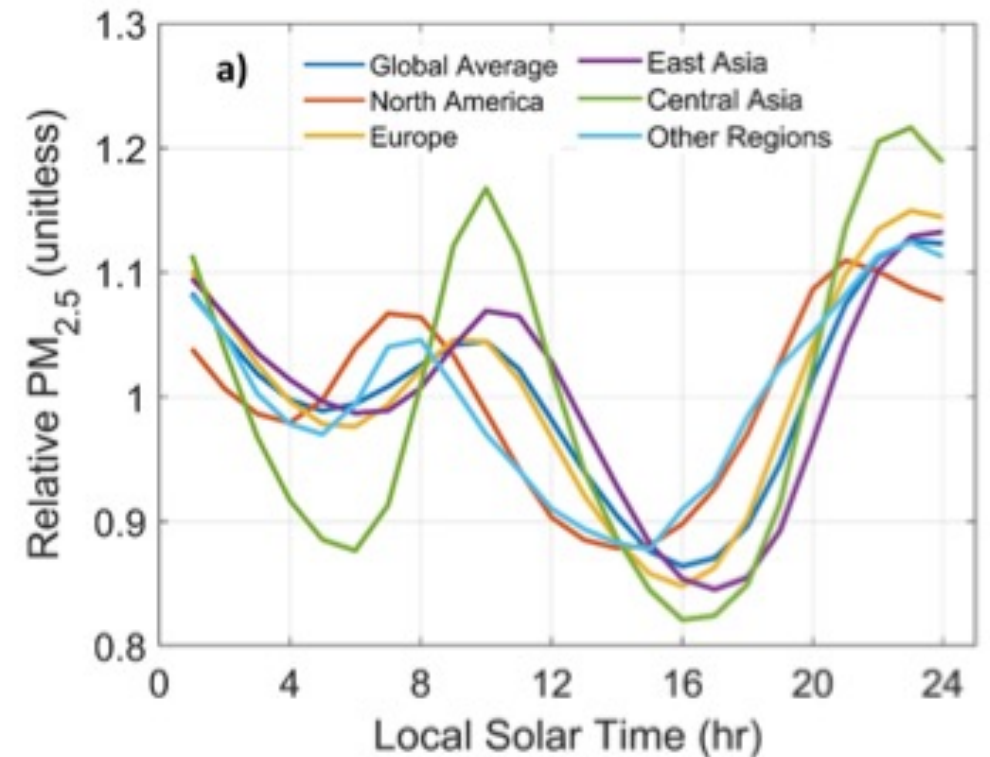
The diurnal cycle of summer tropospheric ozone concentrations across Chinese cities: Spatial patterns and main drivers[☆]

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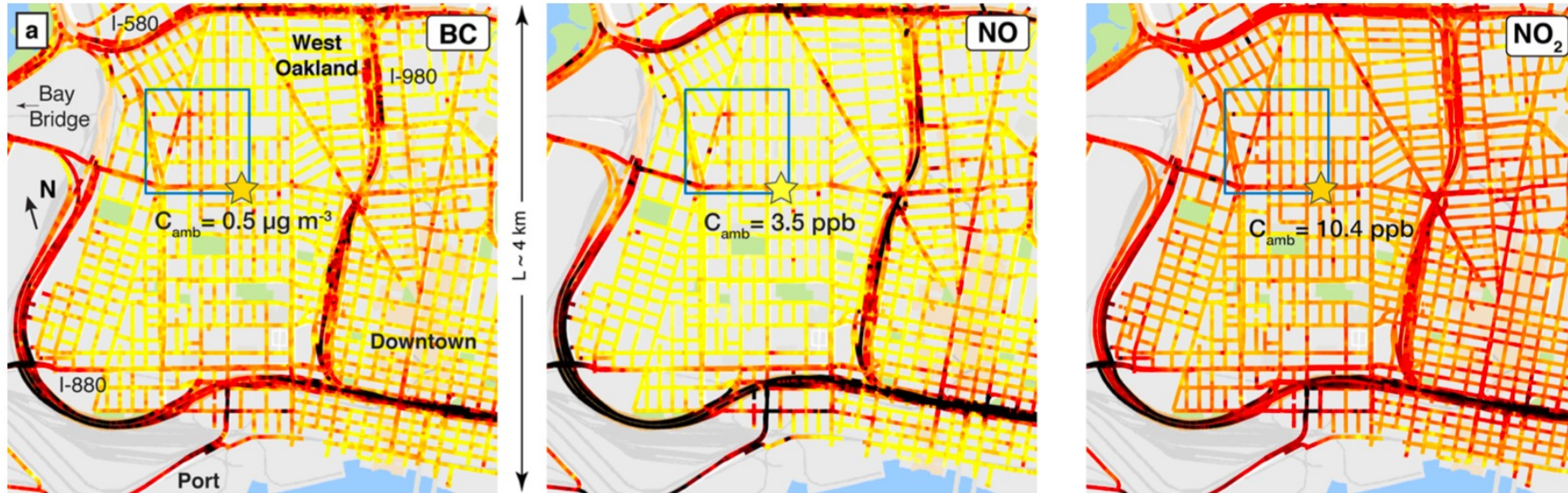


Diurnal Patterns in Global Fine Particulate Matter Concentration

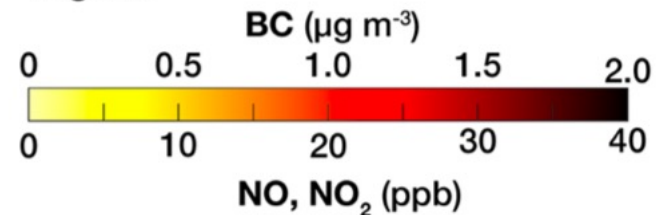
Max I. Manning^{*,†,⊕}, Randall V. Martin^{†,‡}, Christa Hasenkopf[§], Joe Flasher[§], and Chi Li^{†,⊕}



Air Pollution Location Effects



Legend



★ = concentration C_{amb} at fixed-site monitor

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Masks

- Limited research
 - Studies of walking in Beijing
 - Wearing masks for 48 hours
 - Some HRV and SBP changes
- 3M 8812 recommended
 - ~3% penetrance of Diesel
 - Comfortable to wear
 - Langrish et al. 2009
- Recommended for high particulate sites
 - When not training



Monitoring/Forecasting

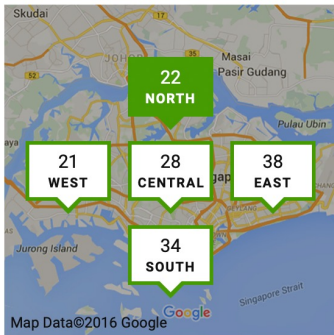
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WHO WE ARE LATEST UPDATE AIR QUALITY HOTSPOT HEALTH ADVISORY MEDIA RESOURCES

24-hr PSI 1-hr PM2.5

AIR QUALITY



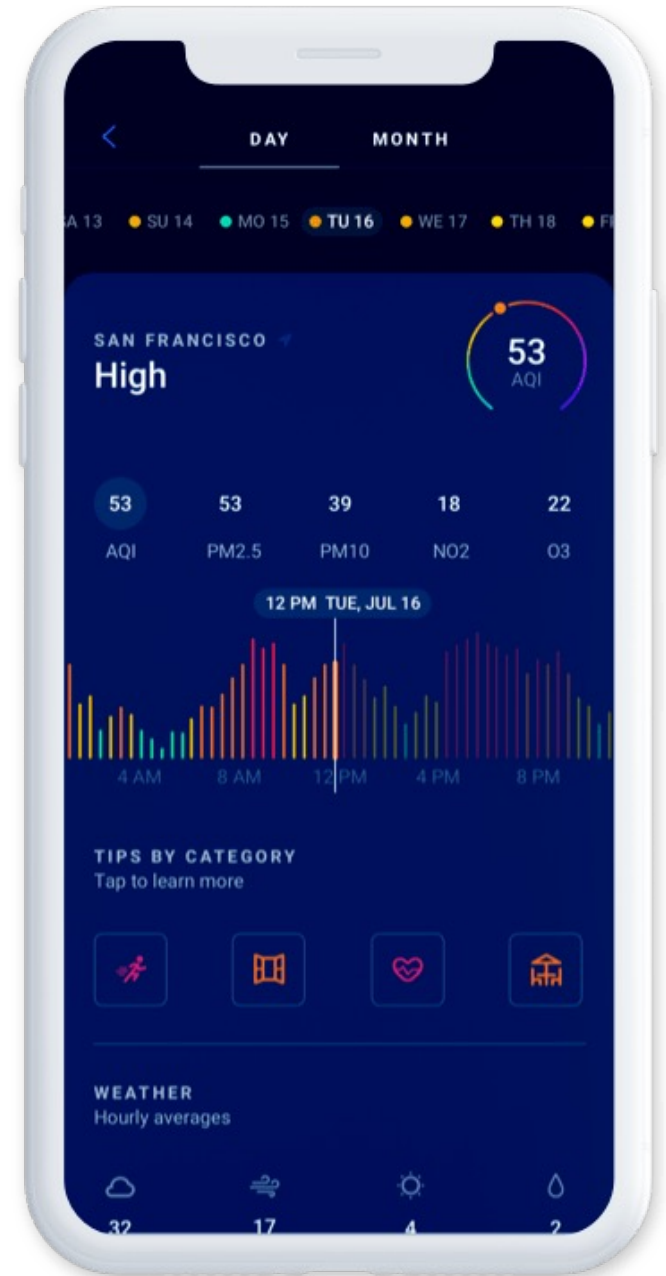
22 Good
PSI Value
At 1am on 31 Oct 2022

PSI Value	Air Quality Descriptor
0 - 50	Good
51 - 100	Moderate
101 - 200	Unhealthy
201 - 300	Very unhealthy
Above 300	Hazardous

Maps are to be used solely for displaying air quality/hotspot information, and not for any other purpose. All maps are not to scale and are for illustrative purposes only.

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Competition Recommendations - Ozone

- Avoid pollution as much as possible pre- competition
 - Travel to and from competition
- Stabilize asthma and EIB with medications and proper warm-up
- Anticipate symptoms: chest tightness, dyspnoea
- Some evidence that anti-oxidants may decrease ozone effects
 - 2 weeks of:
 - Vitamin C 250-500 mg OD
 - Vitamin E 100 mg OD
- Consider Adaptation



TOKYO 2020



Competition Recommendations for primarily PM/TRAP

- Avoid pollution as much as possible pre- competition
 - Travel to and from competition
- Stabilize asthma and exercise-induced bronchoconstriction with medications and proper warm-up
- Reassurance on performance
 - Minimal performance effects during competition
- Consider masks that filter particulate in very high pollution environments

IAAF World Athletics Championships

DOHA 2019TM

Training Recommendations

- Check Pollution Forecast
- Avoid pollution as much as possible
 - Separate by time
 - Separate by distance
 - **Minimise non-exercise pollution exposure**
- On high pollution days
 - Shorter, more intense workouts
 - Move training to better environment
 - Extra care in those with respiratory disease
 - Salbutamol/albuterol safe in asthma and exercise induced bronchoconstriction



HEAT

The 2022 Europe report of the *Lancet* Countdown on health and climate change: towards a climate resilient future

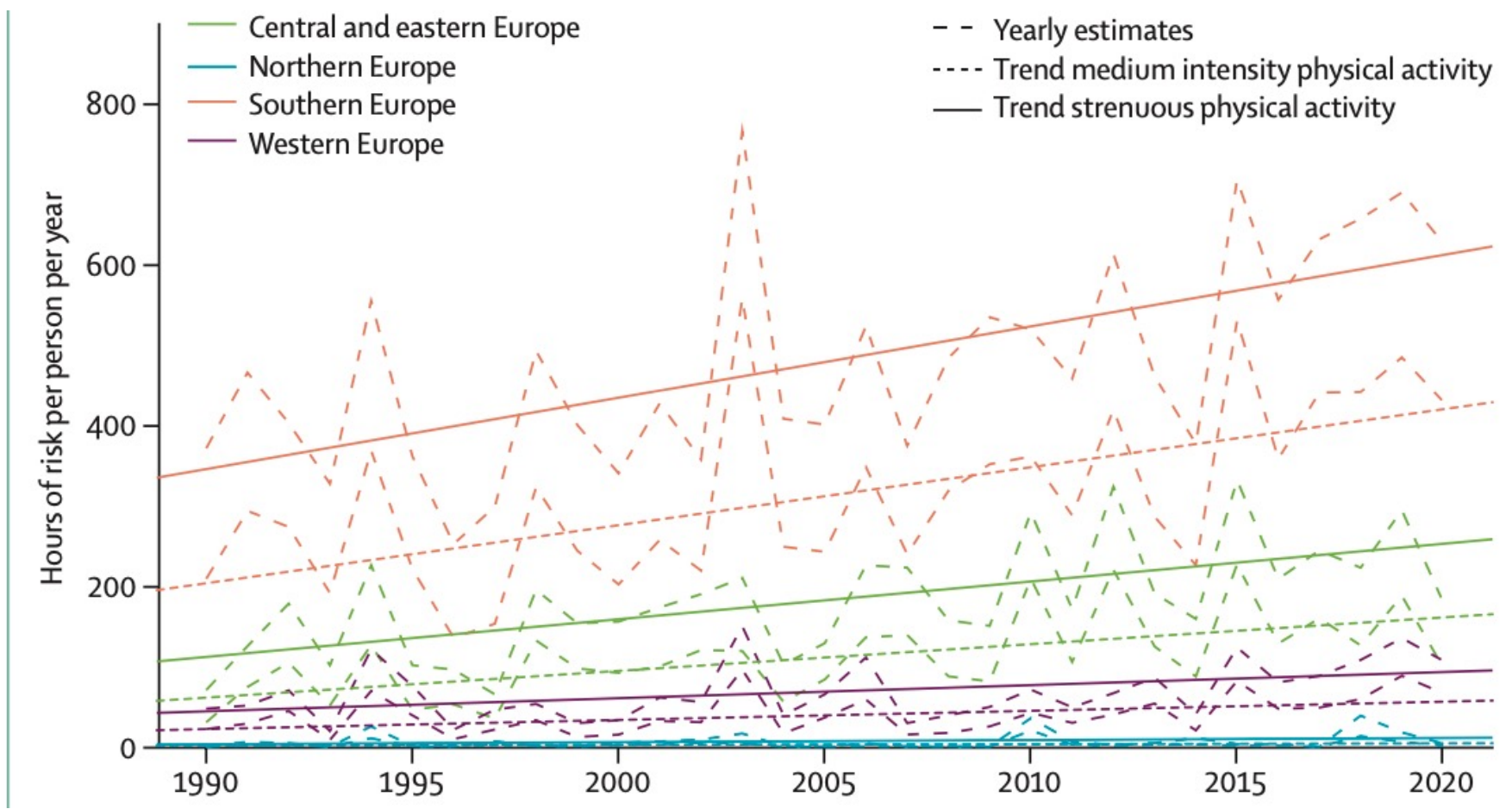


Figure 1: Heat and human health in Europe

(A) Hours of risk per person per year (1990–2020) with 95% confidence intervals for physical-activity-related heat stress per European region, for activities of medium and high intensity.

Tokyo Environmental Conditions and Performance

Athlete Medical Services at the Marathon and Race Walking Events During Tokyo 2020 Olympics

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TABLE 2 | Percentage of athletes who did not finish (%DNF).

Event	Number of finishers	Number of DNF	%DNF	Completion rate
Men's 20 km race walk	52	5	8.8%	91.2%
Women's 20 km race walk	53	5	8.6%	91.4%
Men's 50 km race walk	47	12	20.3%	79.7%
Men's marathon	76	30	28.3%	71.7%
Women's Marathon	73	15	17.0%	83.0%

DNF, did not finish.

Tokyo Environmental Conditions and Performance

	Temp	Humid	Humidex
6am	25	85%	34
7am	27	80%	37
8am	28	80%	39
9am	31	75%	44
9:30am	33	65%	45
	% of PB	% of SB	Min PB
Medalists	-2.5%		
Top 8	-2.7%		
Entire Field	-6.7%		



	Temp	Humid	Humidex
6am	26C	79%	35
7am	27C	70%	35
8am	28C	67%	36
9am	29C	66%	38
	% of PB	% of SB	Min PB
Medalists	-5.9%		-8.72
Top 8	-5.3%		-7.87
Entire Field	-6.6%		-10.58

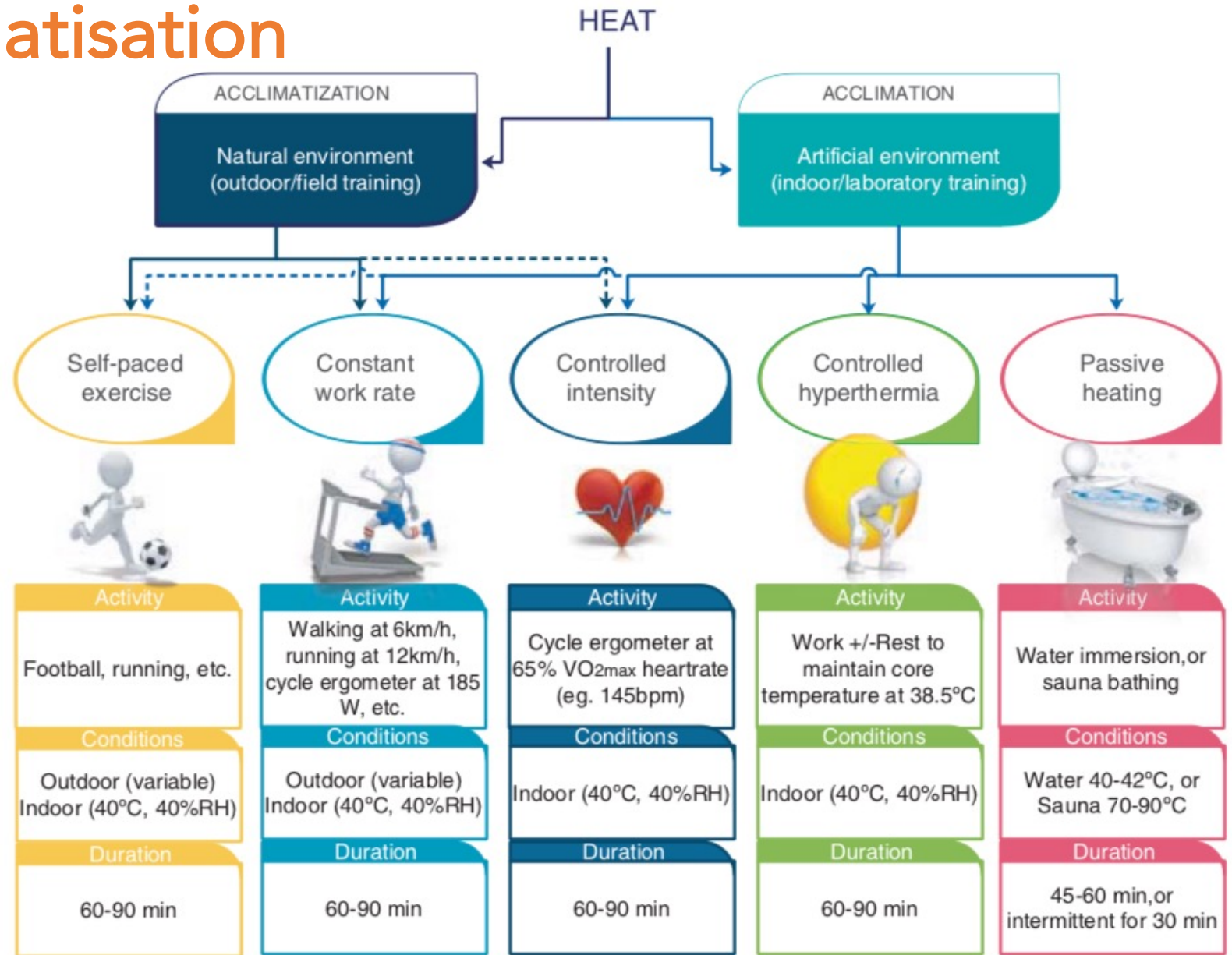


Three Pillars of Performance in the Heat

- Heat Acclimation/Acclimatization
- Heat Mitigation
 - Pre-event
 - Per-event
- Hydration Strategy



Acclimation/acclimatisation

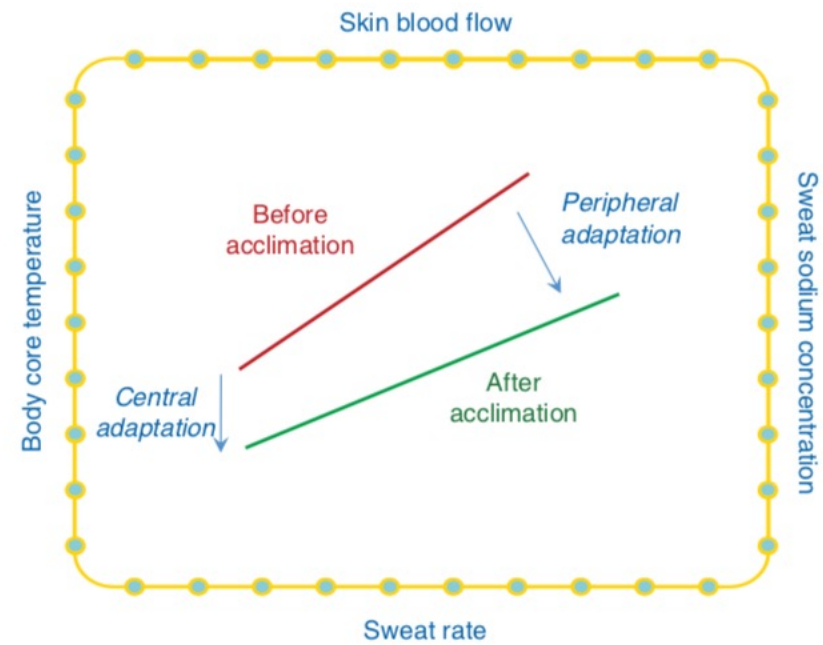


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Fig. 8.5 Overview of heat acclimation methods. Based on Daanen et al. [121]

Acclimation

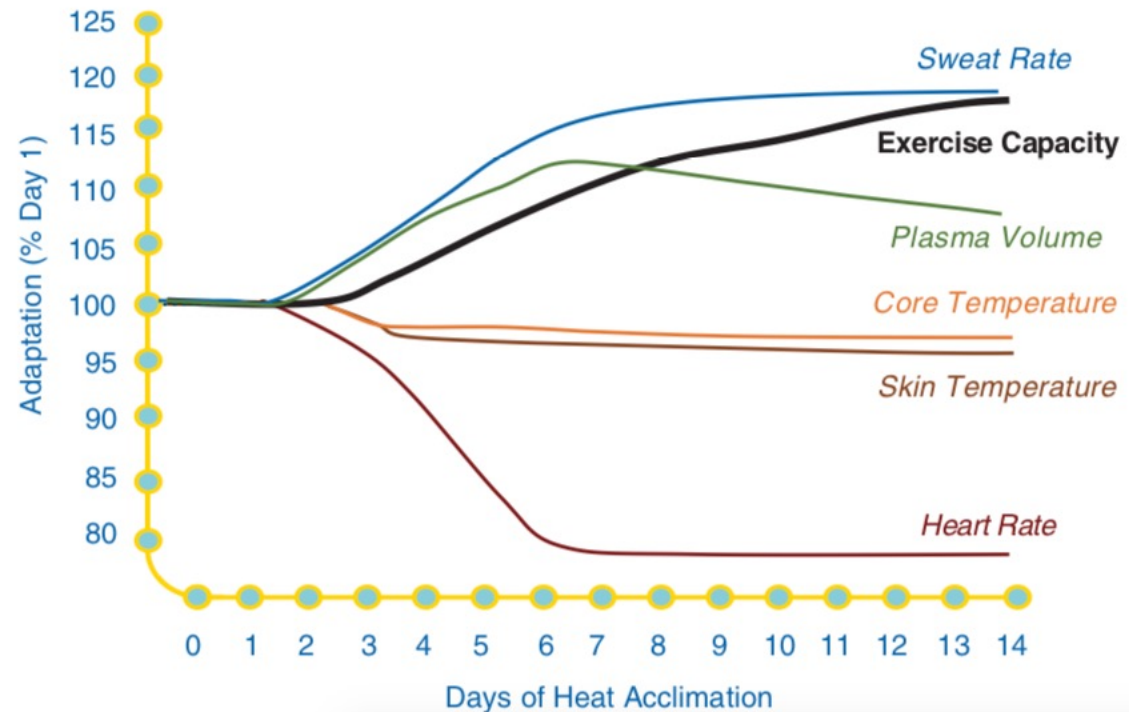
Fig. 8.1 Heat acclimation lowers the core temperature threshold for sweating and increases the rate and sensitivity of response. Heat acclimation decreases also sweat sodium concentration. Based on Periard et al. [3]



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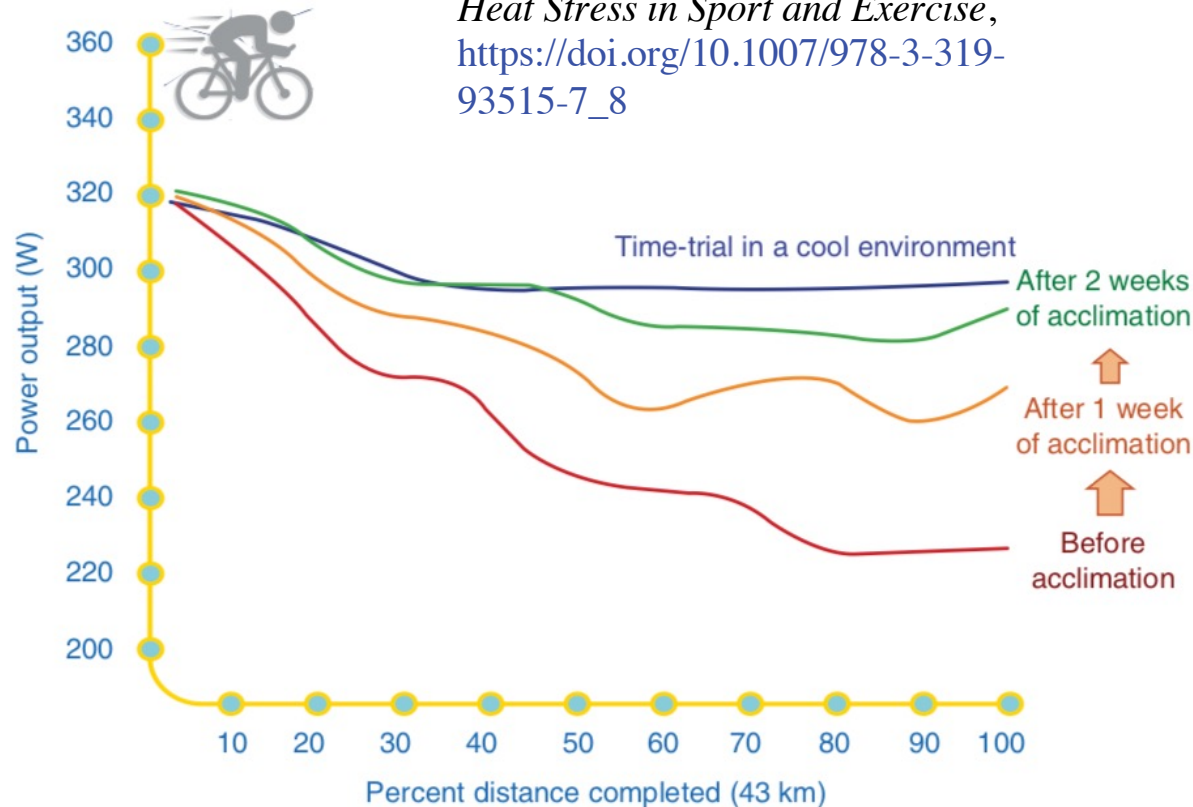


Fig. 8.7 Power output during a 43 km cycling time trial in cool ambient conditions (blue line) and in hot ambient conditions on the first (red line), the 6th (orange line), and the 14th (green line) days of heat exposure. Based on data from Racinais et al. [100]

The Efficacy of Heat Acclimatization Pre-World Cup in Female Soccer Players

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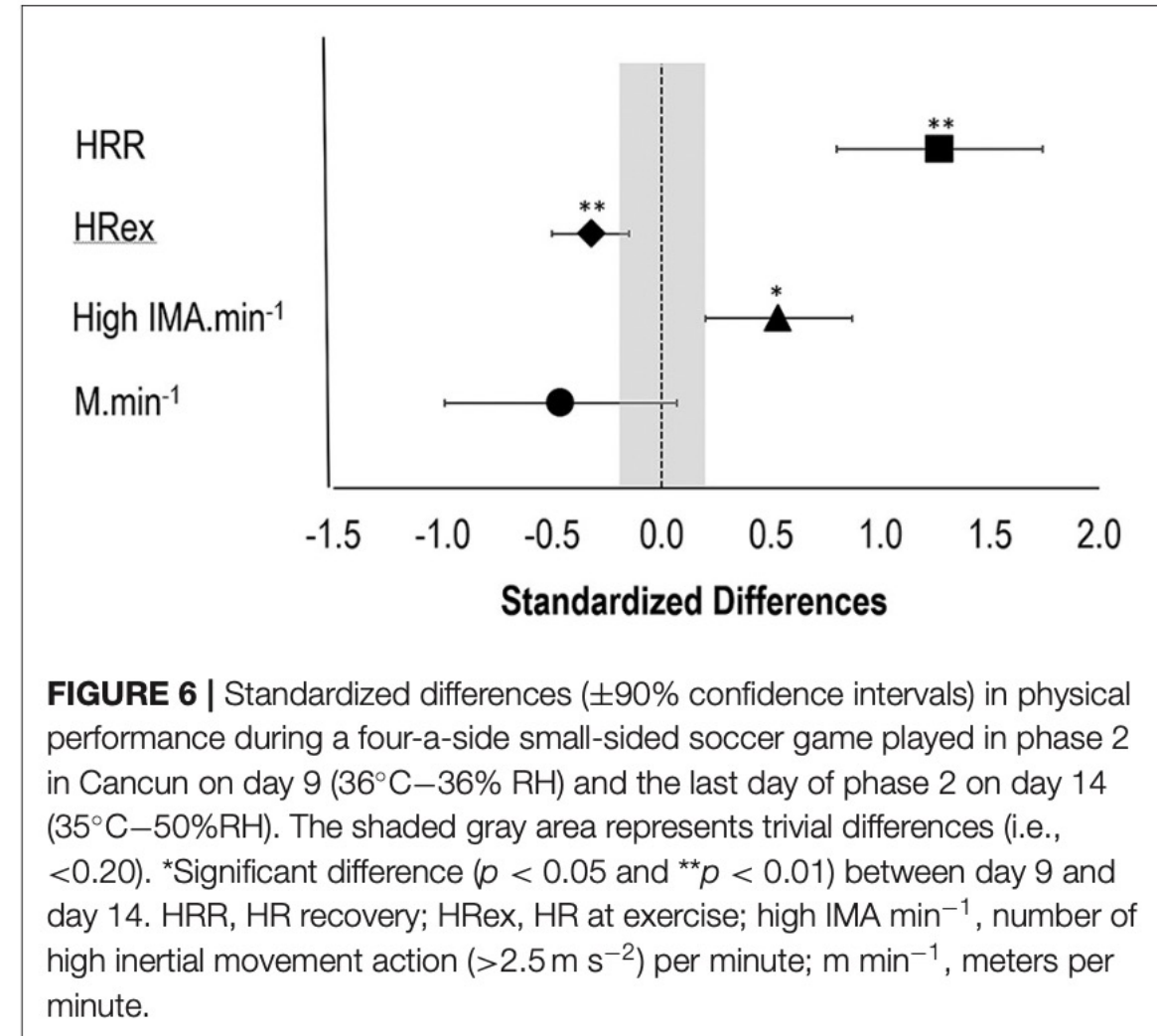


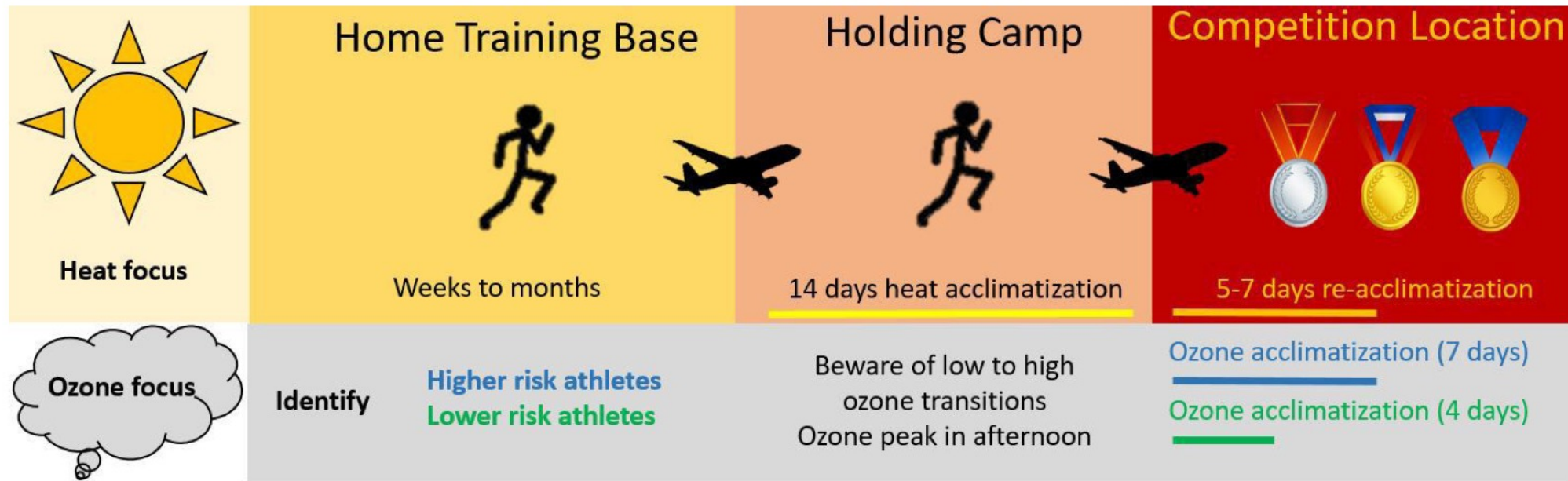
FIGURE 6 | Standardized differences ($\pm 90\%$ confidence intervals) in physical performance during a four-a-side small-sided soccer game played in phase 2 in Cancun on day 9 (36°C – 36% RH) and the last day of phase 2 on day 14 (35°C – 50% RH). The shaded gray area represents trivial differences (i.e., < 0.20). *Significant difference ($p < 0.05$) and ** $p < 0.01$) between day 9 and day 14. HRR, HR recovery; HRex, HR at exercise; high IMA min^{-1} , number of high inertial movement action ($> 2.5 \text{ m s}^{-2}$) per minute; m min^{-1} , meters per minute.

Acclimatisation Camp

- Heat acclimatisation
- Hydration experimentation
- Hydration/Cooling practice
- Relationship building
- Minimisation of distractions
- Ozone acclimatisation?



Ozone and Heat

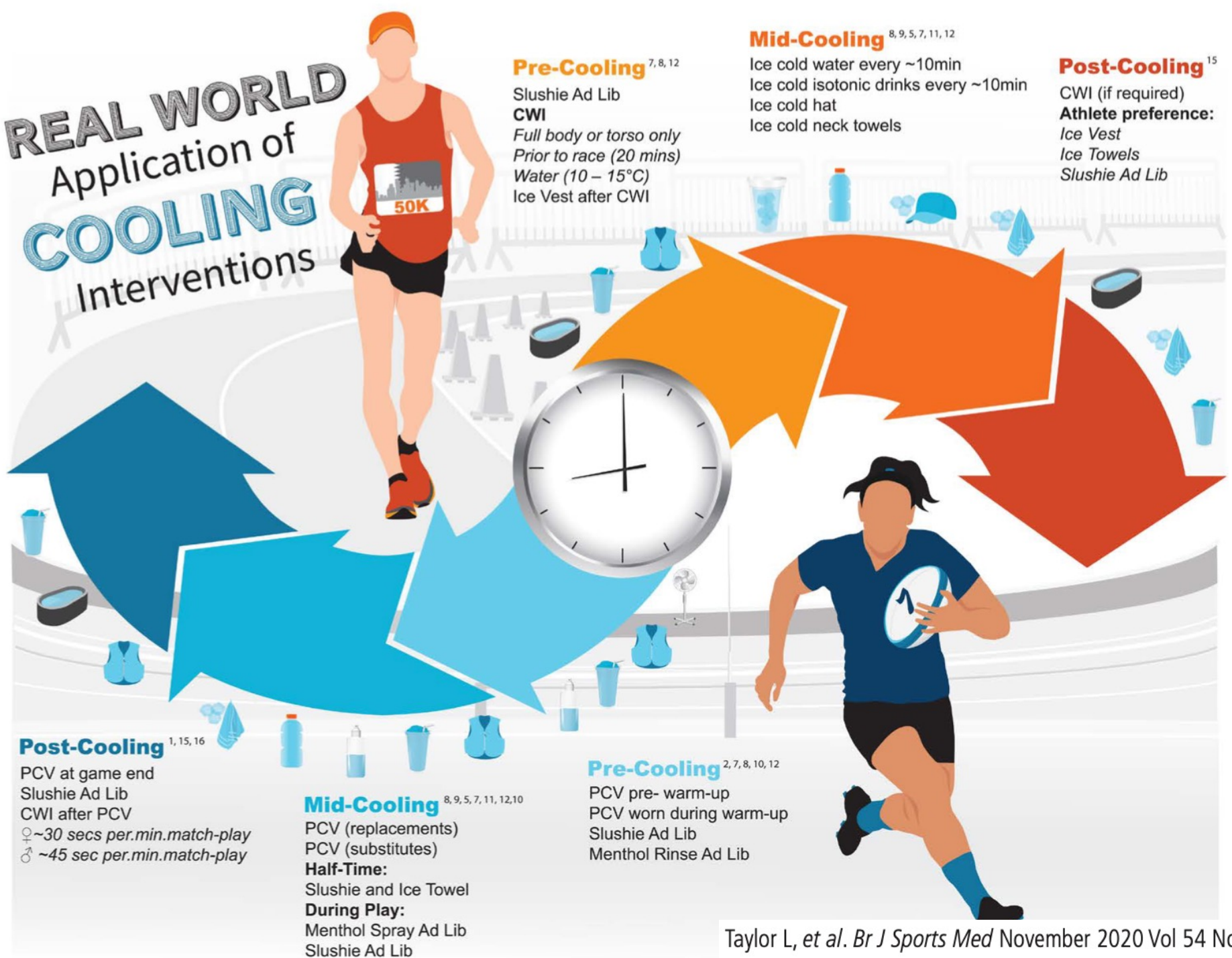


- | Athlete performance checklist | Athlete health checklist |
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| ➤ Heat/humidity gauge <input type="checkbox"/> | ➤ Medication <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ➤ Cloud cover forecast <input type="checkbox"/> | ➤ Individual symptom time course <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ➤ Acclimatization plan <input type="checkbox"/> | ➤ Travel/Jet lag <input type="checkbox"/> |

Figure 1 Summary of how to concurrently prepare to compete in the heat with high levels of ozone. An athlete performance and health checklist for science and medicine staff.

Precooling Percooling

REAL WORLD Application of COOLING Interventions



Pre-Cooling^{7,8,12}

Slushie Ad Lib
CWI
 Full body or torso only
 Prior to race (20 mins)
 Water (10 – 15°C)
 Ice Vest after CWI

Mid-Cooling^{8,9,5,7,11,12}

Ice cold water every ~10min
 Ice cold isotonic drinks every ~10min
 Ice cold hat
 Ice cold neck towels

Post-Cooling¹⁵

CWI (if required)
Athlete preference:
 Ice Vest
 Ice Towels
 Slushie Ad Lib

Post-Cooling^{1,15,16}

PCV at game end
 Slushie Ad Lib
 CWI after PCV
 ♀ ~30 secs per.min.match-play
 ♂ ~45 sec per.min.match-play

Mid-Cooling^{8,9,5,7,11,12,10}

PCV (replacements)
 PCV (substitutes)
Half-Time:
 Slushie and Ice Towel
During Play:
 Menthol Spray Ad Lib
 Slushie Ad Lib

Pre-Cooling^{2,7,8,10,12}

PCV pre- warm-up
 PCV worn during warm-up
 Slushie Ad Lib
 Menthol Rinse Ad Lib

Pre Cooling

- Immersion – torso
 - 10-15C
- Vests
- Slushies/cool drinks
- Avoid shivering

- Shorter warm-up







Per Cooling

- Ice cold drinks (water/electrolyte)
- Ice cold towels
- Ice cold hats
- Ice necklaces

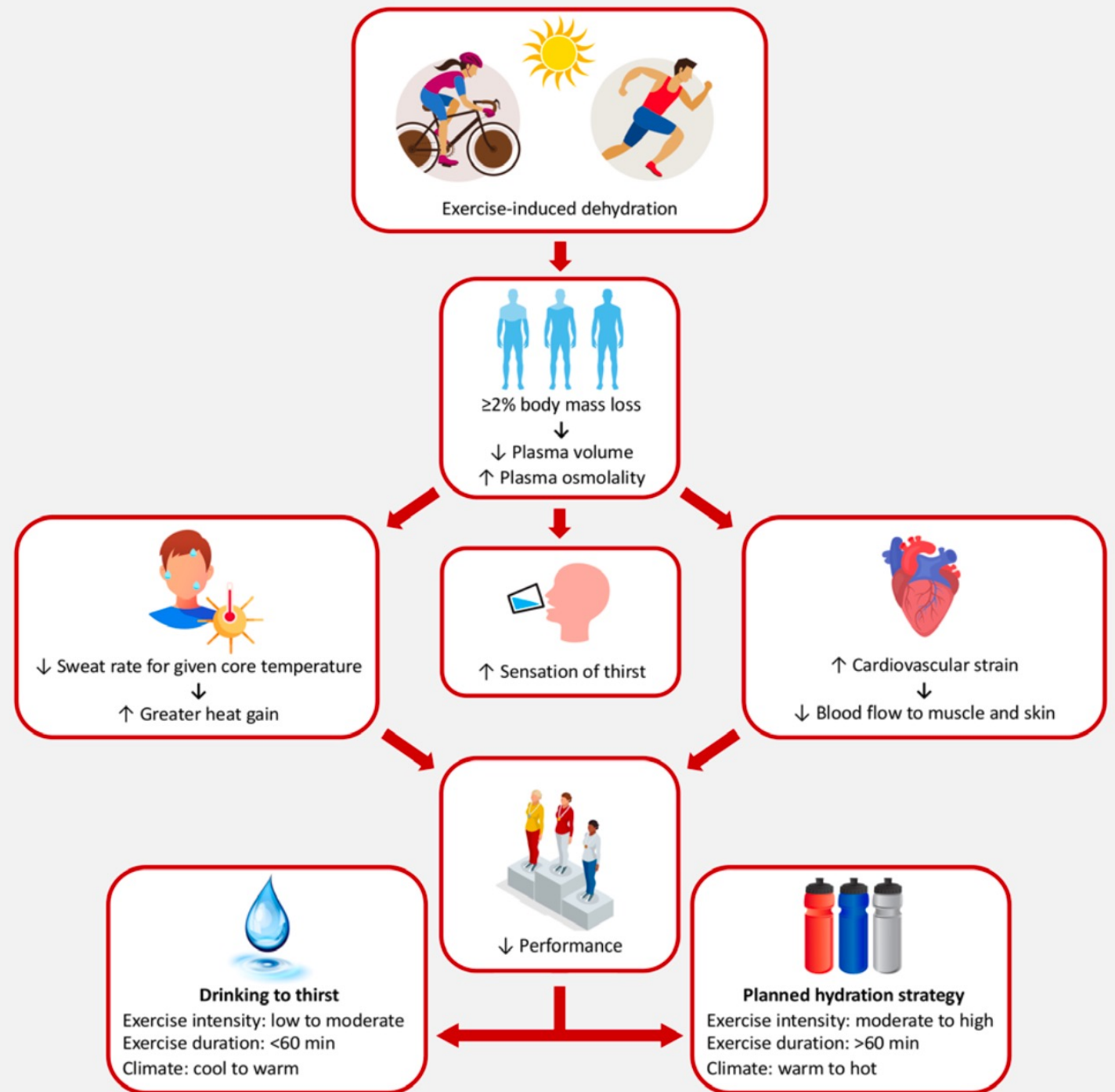


Hydration

Hydration for the Tokyo Olympics: to thirst or not to thirst?

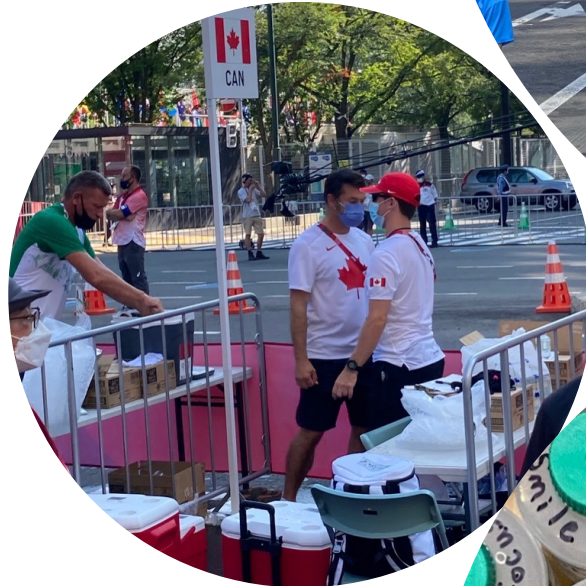
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Hydration Planning

- Fluid tolerability/concentration
- Hand offs
- Team Communication
- Athlete SST Individual Meetings
- Discuss and Plan Contingencies



Logistics – Plan Ahead

- Site visit
 - Supplies/Equipment
 - Water/ice
 - Familiarisation
 - Practice handoffs
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- AVOID
 - Shivering
 - GI distress



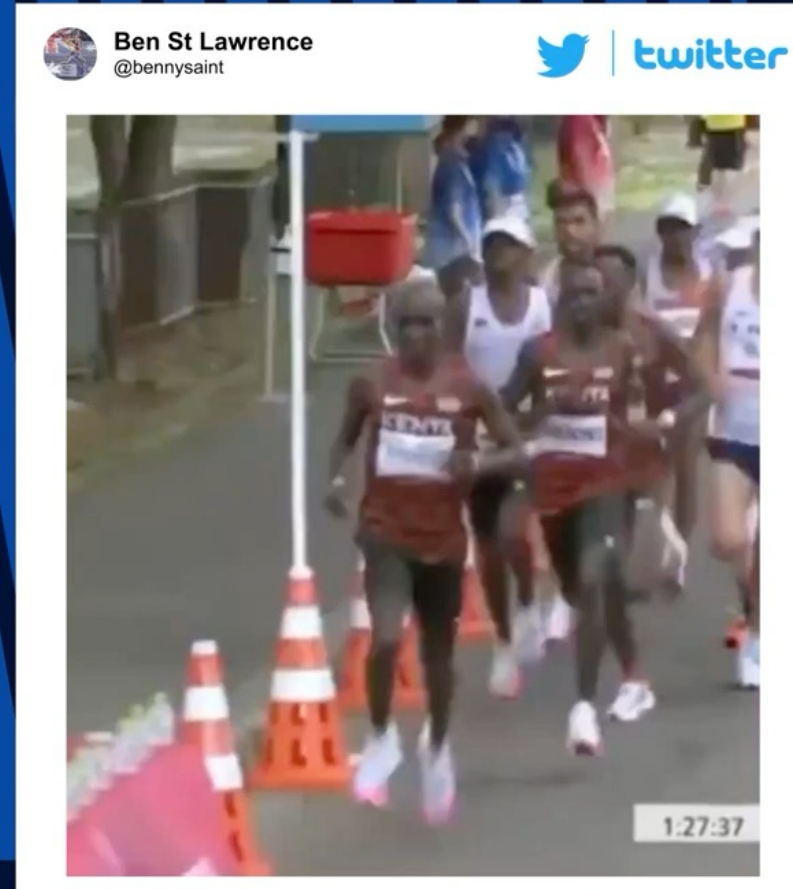
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Take Home Messages

- Monitor Environmental Conditions and Forecasts – Separate in Time and Space
- Always consider the relevant Air Pollution Recipe - Adapt your strategy to this Recipe
- Employ a Three-Pronged Strategy for Heat - Acclimation, Mitigation, Hydration



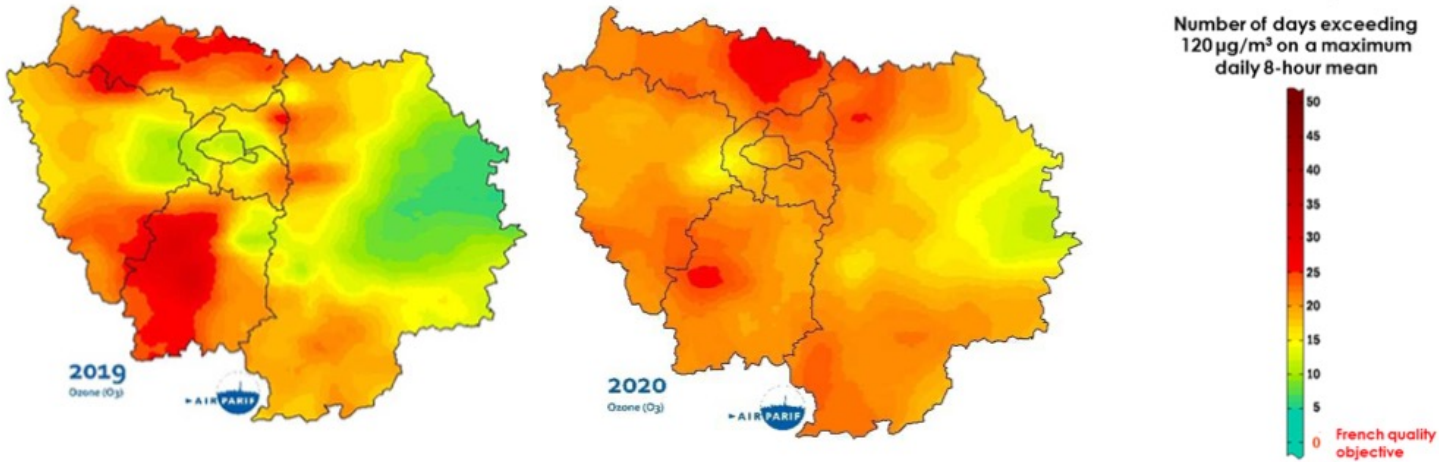
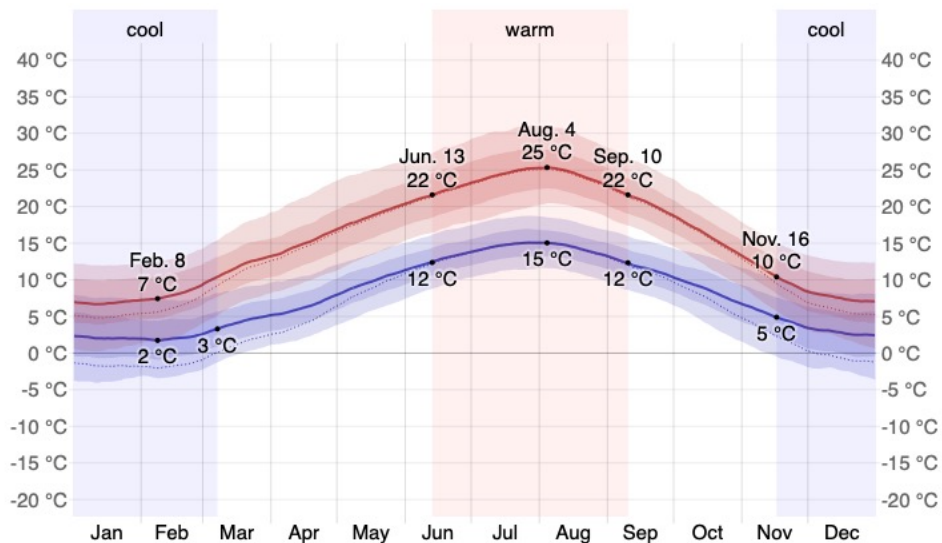
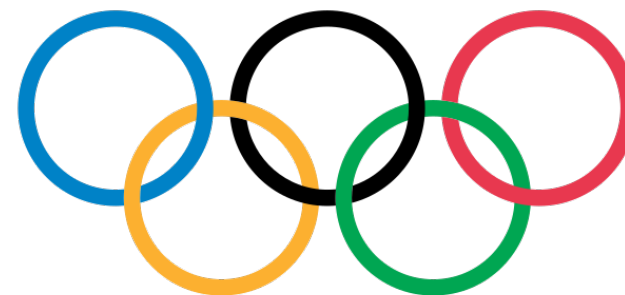


Figure 22: number of days exceeding the French quality objective (=EU long-term objective) threshold of 120 µg/m³ on a maximum daily 8-hours mean (objective = no exceedance) for ozone (O₃) in the Paris region in 2020



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