



The history of occupational and environmental exposure to carcinogens

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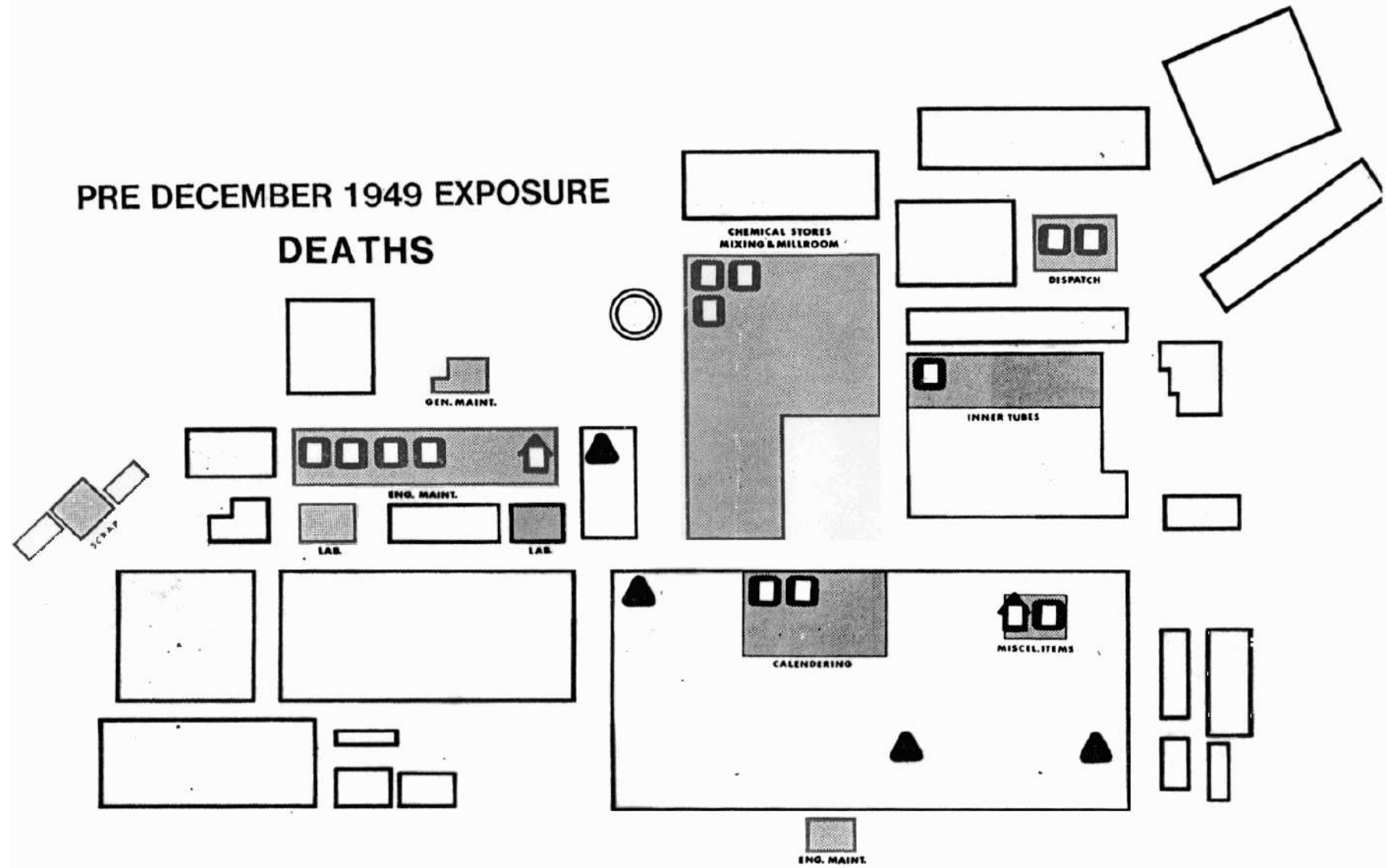
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Occupational and Environmental cancer



- About 4% of all cancers are due to work exposures, but varies by country. Estimates for environmental exposures are not well developed
- Exposures to well-identified carcinogens are still here!
- Environmental and particularly workplace exposures decline in high-income countries and increase in middle-income countries
- New risks arise, including climate change
- Historically very productive cancer research (with important findings and some failures); boost from exposome research (environment)
- Valid exposure assessment is a key characteristic of studies on occupational & environmental cancer
- Environmental and Occupational cancer prevention is a global problem!



Rubber-Tire Industry "Michelin", England

- We still have working conditions like those in this Michelin factory 70 years ago but today, in most cases, we have to evaluate less pronounced risks
- This makes epidemiological research more complex

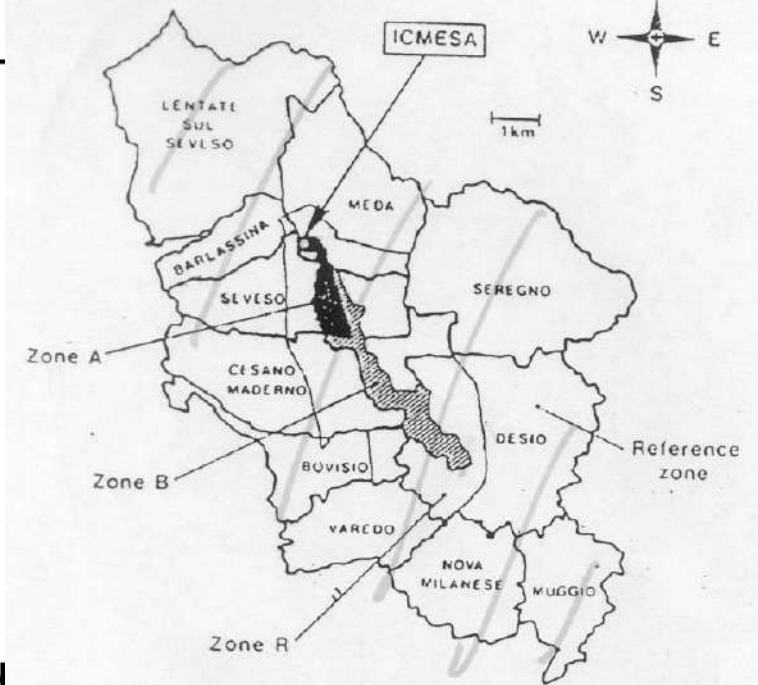
THE LANCET

Seveso accident, 1976

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ORIGINAL ARTICLES



Cancer mortality in workers exposed to chlorophenoxy herbicides and chlorophenols

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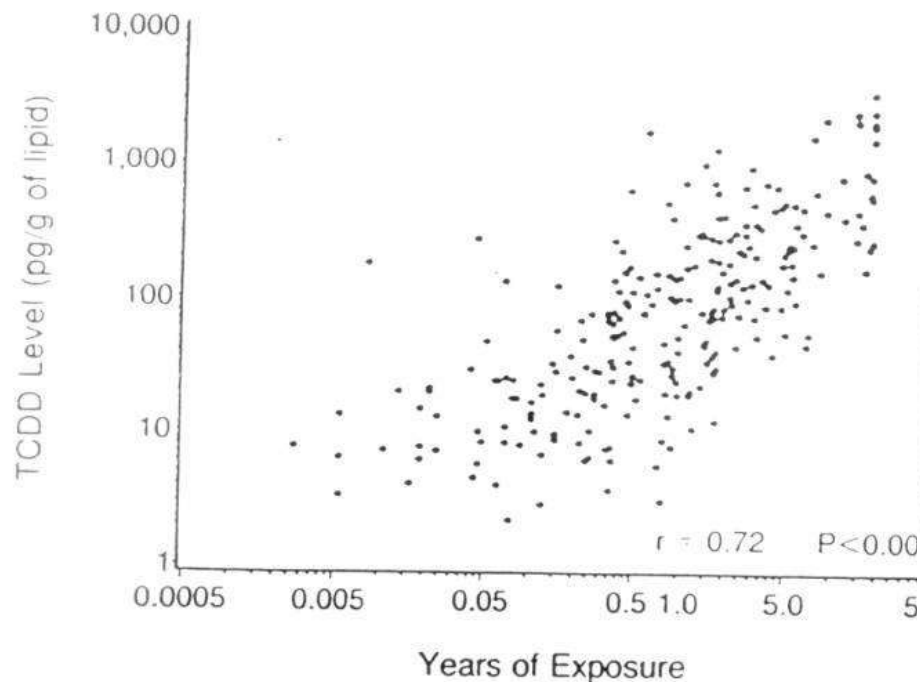
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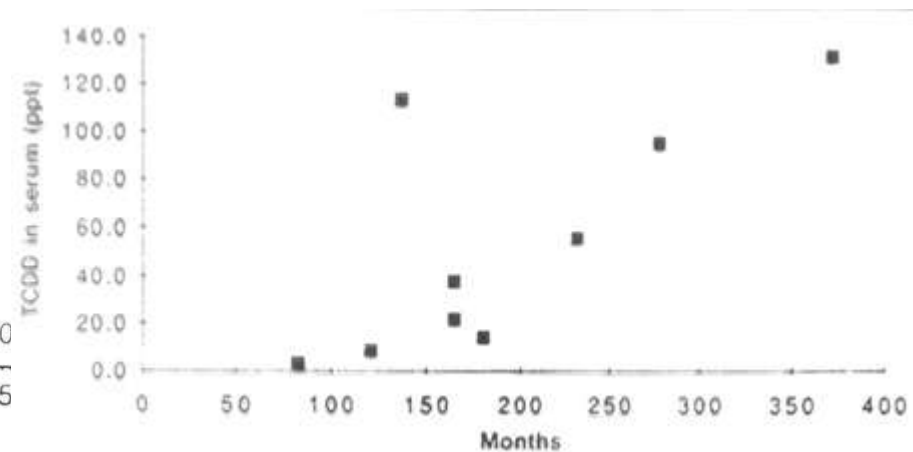
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Dioxins research: studies in workers became conclusive only when we provided valid exposure assessment models

Serum levels of TCDD in 253 US workers, according to years of exposure. (Fingerhut et al, NEJM 1991)

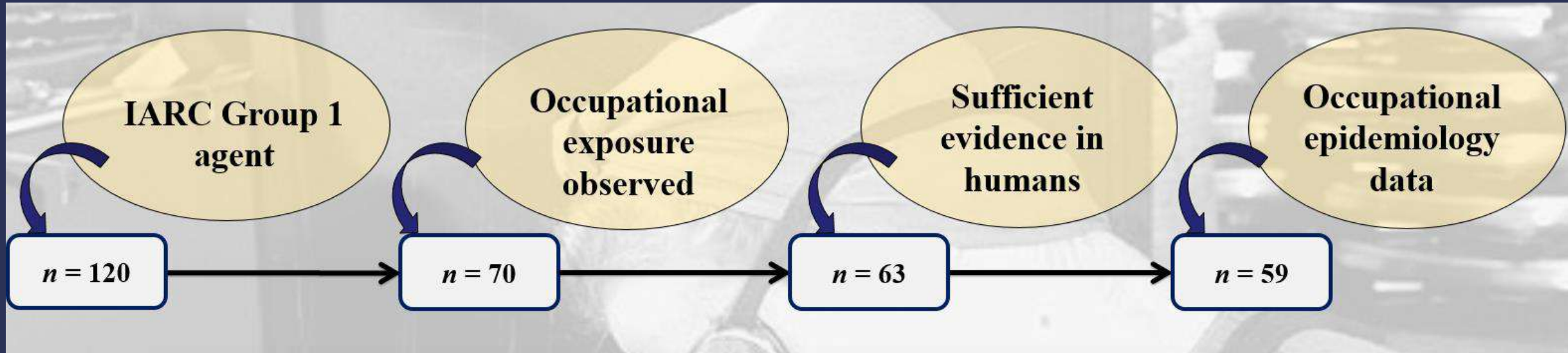


Concentration of TCDD in serum of New Zealand applicators in relation to total months spent spraying 2,4,5-T. (Smith et al, JNCI. 1992)



Valid exposure assessment is a key feature for occupational epidemiological studies

Occupational cancer studies crucial for Group 1 identification



Afer Loomis D, Guha N, Hall AL, Straif K (2018). Identifying occupational carcinogens: an update from the IARC Monographs. *Occup Environ Med.* 75:593–603. PMID:[29769352](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29769352/)

Research in occupational epidemiology has been very important for the identification and regulation of carcinogens

40%

(Doll & Peto 1981)

4% of all cancers in Italy, both sexes

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Mortality 193.706 * 4% = 7.748

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(but is 4% a valid estimate for today?)

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Global and regional burden of cancer in 2016 arising from occupational exposure to selected carcinogens: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016

GBD 2016 Occupational Carcinogens Collaborators

OEM 2020, Tim Driscoll

Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Occupational Cancer 2016

- There were an estimated 349,000 (269,000 to 427,000) deaths in 2016 due to exposure to occupational carcinogens, representing 3.9% (3.2% to 4.6%) of all cancer deaths
- 79% of deaths in men; 88% were in people between 55 and 79 years old
- Lung cancer 86%, mesothelioma 7.9% and laryngeal cancer 2.1%

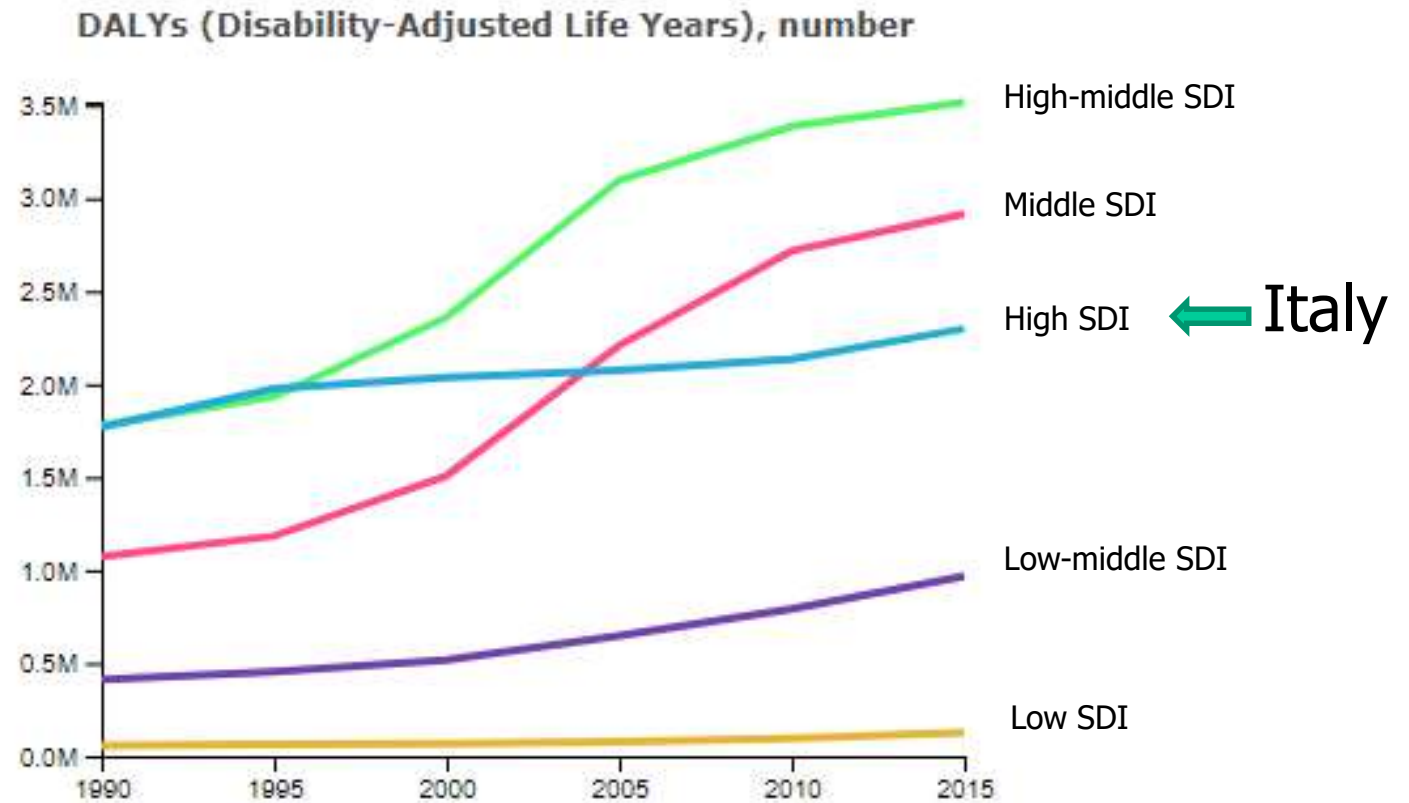
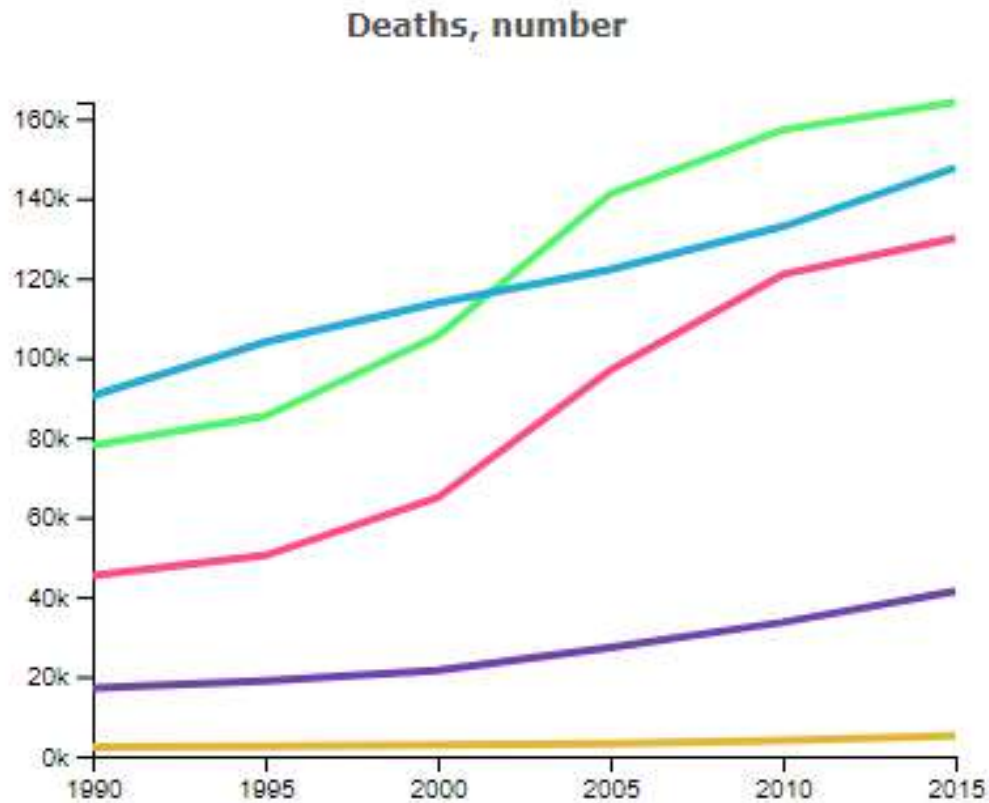
but

- major cancers (eg, bladder cancer) were not included; underestimation of the true load

Exposures GBD 2016

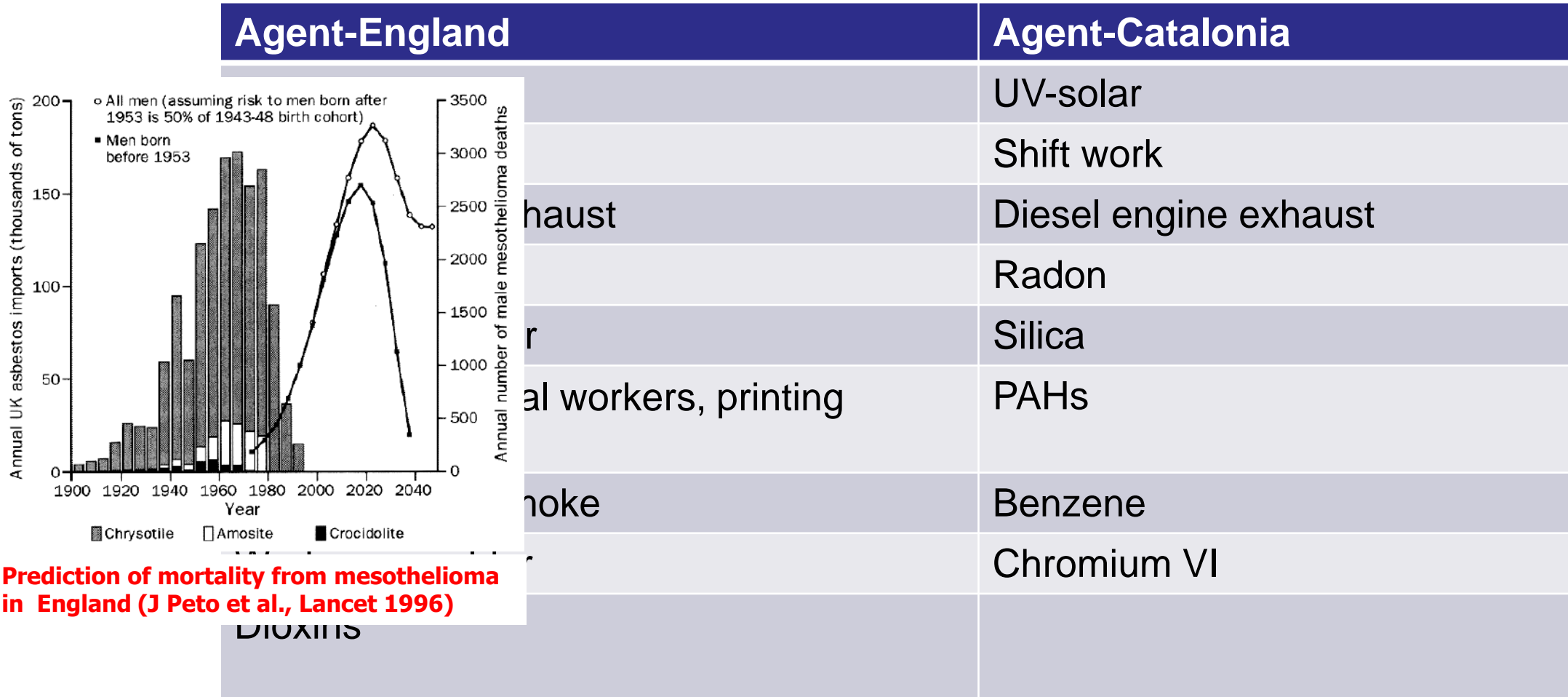
- Asbestos was responsible for the largest number of deaths from occupational carcinogens (63%)
- Other important risk factors were passive smoking in the workplace (14%), silica (14%), and diesel engine exhaust (5%)
- High-income countries, largely due to asbestos-related cancers
- In other countries, cancer deaths caused by passive smoking, silica and diesel engine fumes were more prominent

Global Burden of Disease – Deaths and DALYs from occupational carcinogens by Social Development Index (SDI)



(<http://ghdx.healthdata.org/gbd-results-tool>)

Major Occupational Human carcinogens (Group 1/2A- IARC)



Major Occupational Human carcinogens (Group 1/2A- IARC)

Agent-England	Agent-Catalonia
Asbestos	UV-solar
Silica	Shift work
Diesel engine exhaust	Diesel engine exhaust
Radon	Radon
Work as a painter	Silica
Mineral oils (metal workers, printing industry)	PAHs
Second Hand Smoke	Benzene
Work as a welder	Chromium VI
Dioxins	

These 8 agents constitute 85% of all occupational carcinogens in Catalonia
(from CarexCat, Dept Treball, Mayte Martí)

The identification of a similar proportion of cancers attributed to work exposures (4%), 40 years after Doll & Peto (1981), may not be as surprising:

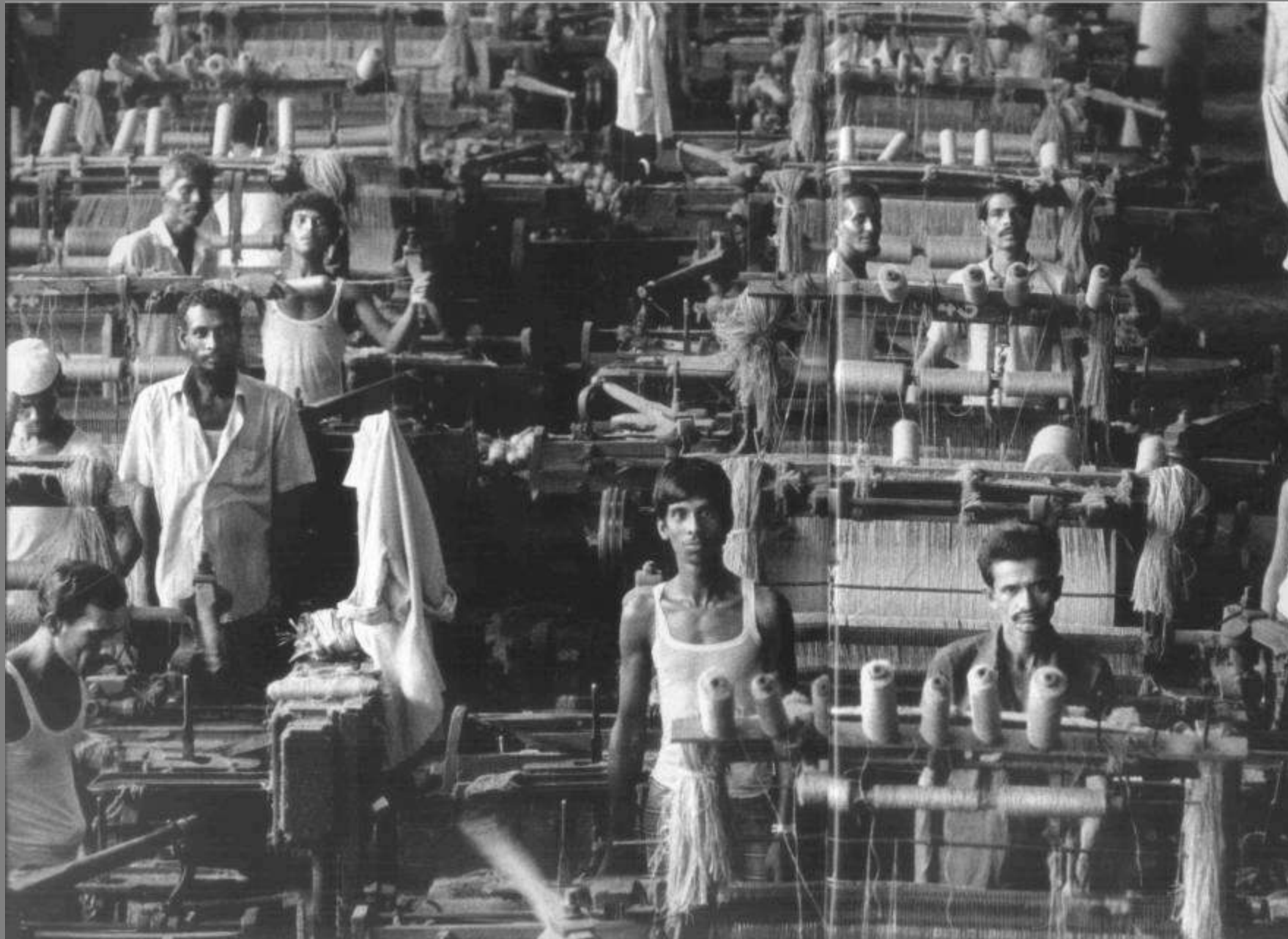
- Exposures went down in HICs
- Exposures went up in MICs
- Doll & Peto may have underestimated because there was much less knowledge on occupational cancer at that time

Occupational cancer

Present and future

Trends in occupational exposure to carcinogens

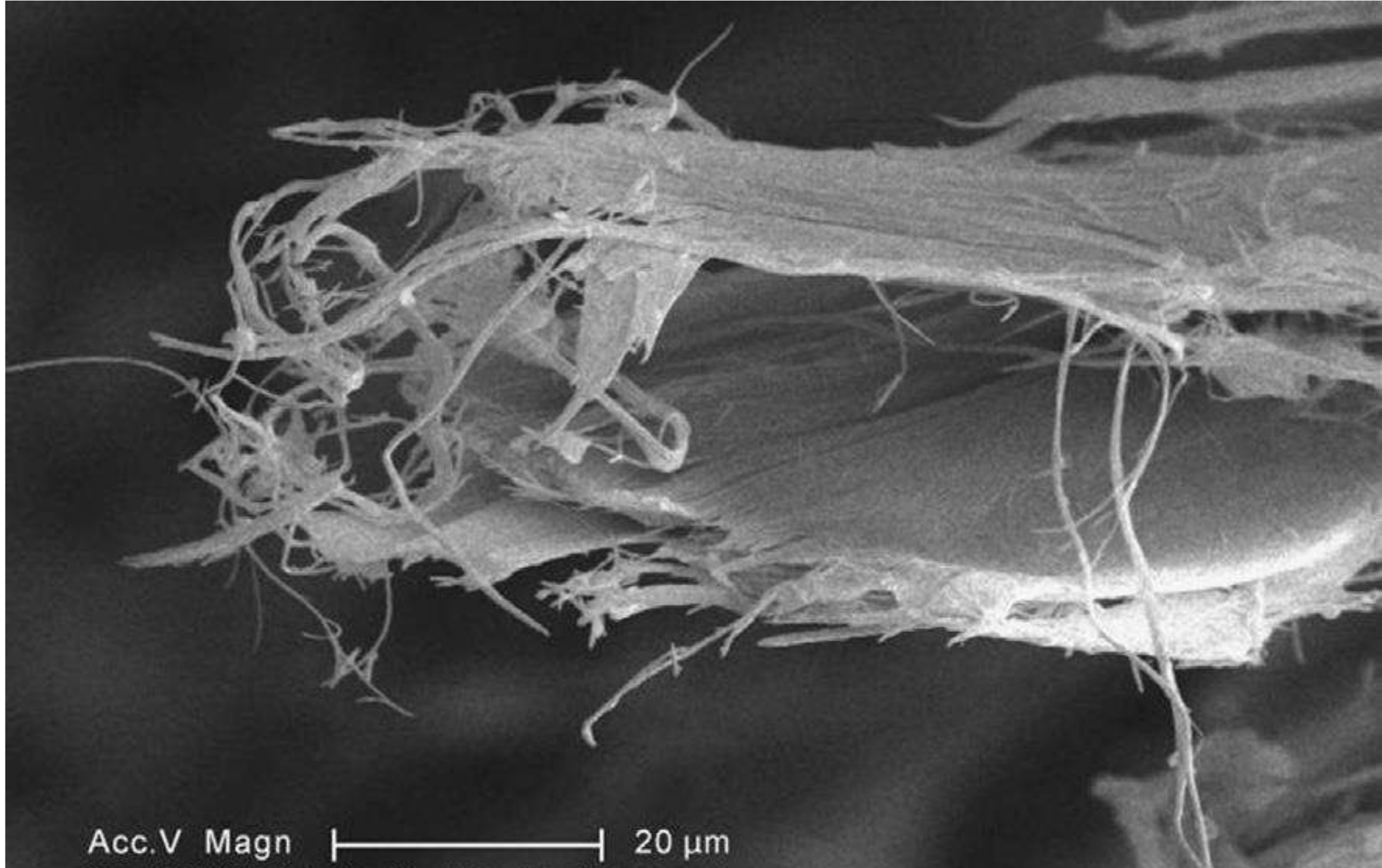
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**Textiles, Bangladesh
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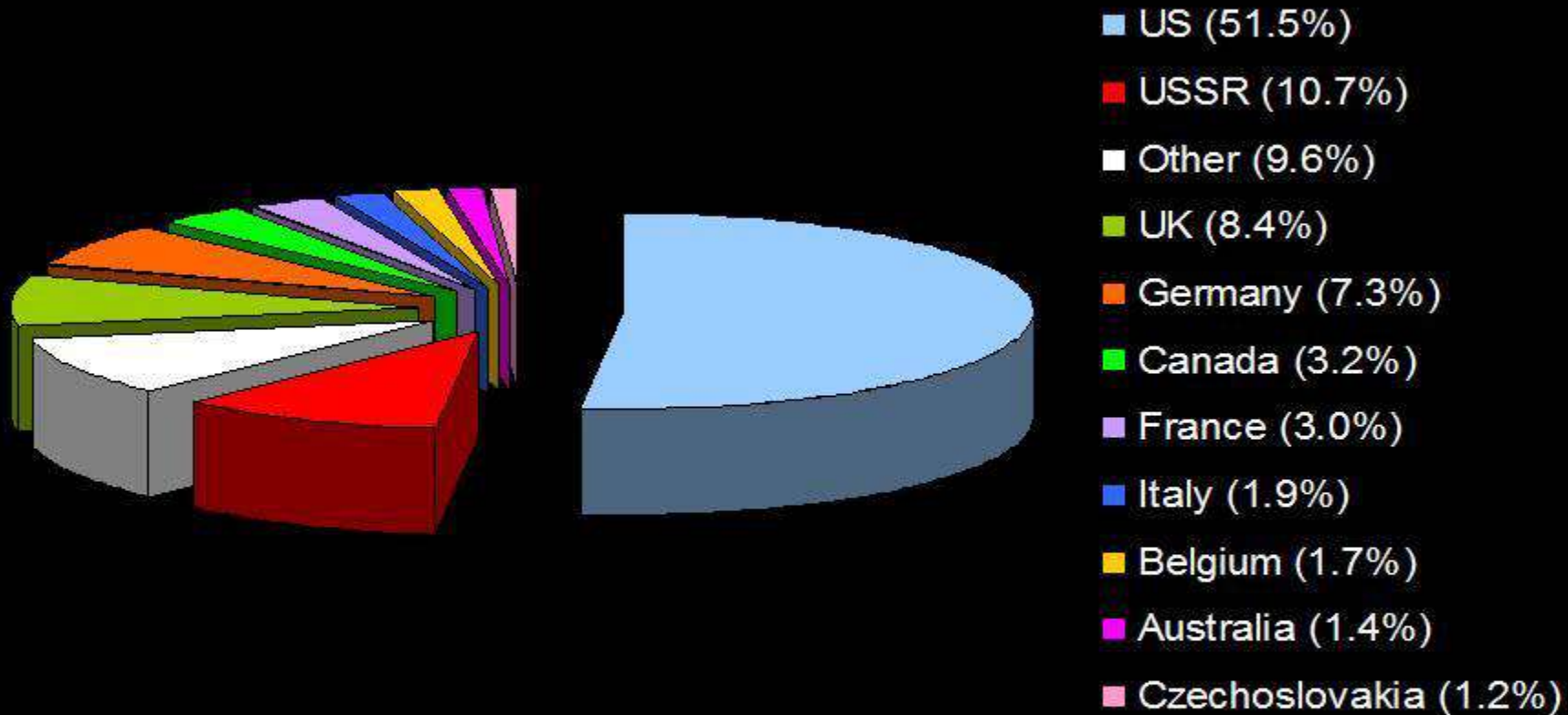


**Ship dismantling
Bangladesh
C. Salgado**



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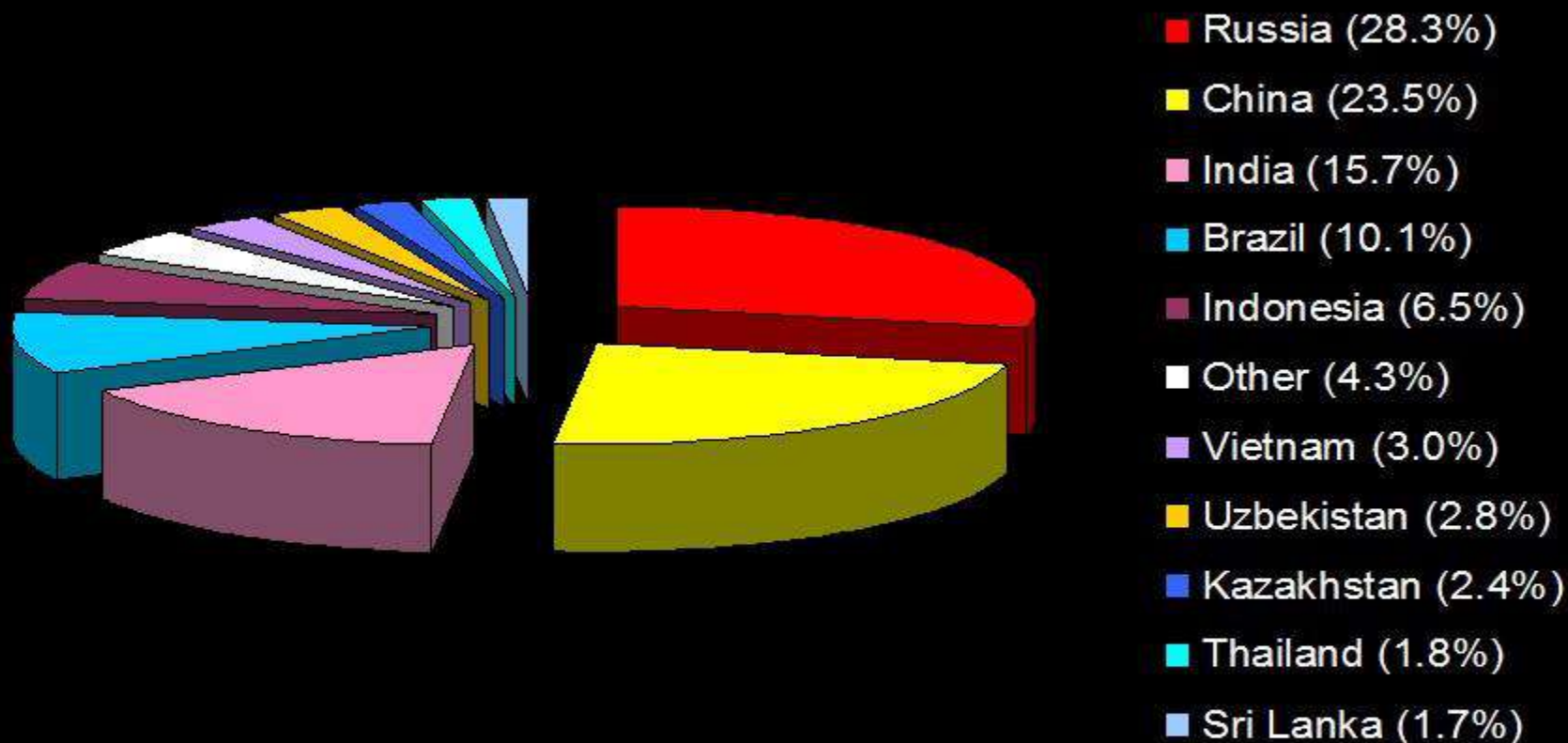
Global Asbestos Fiber Consumption, 1950



Notes:

- Based on USGS data on apparent asbestos consumption.
- Figure for Germany is the combined percentage for East and West Germany.
- Belgium, above refers to Belgium and Luxembourg.
- Other: around 40 smaller consumers listed by the USGS.

Global Asbestos Fiber Consumption, 2015



Notes:

- Total consumption: ~2,027,000 tonnes
- Based on 2015 USGS data on apparent asbestos consumption.

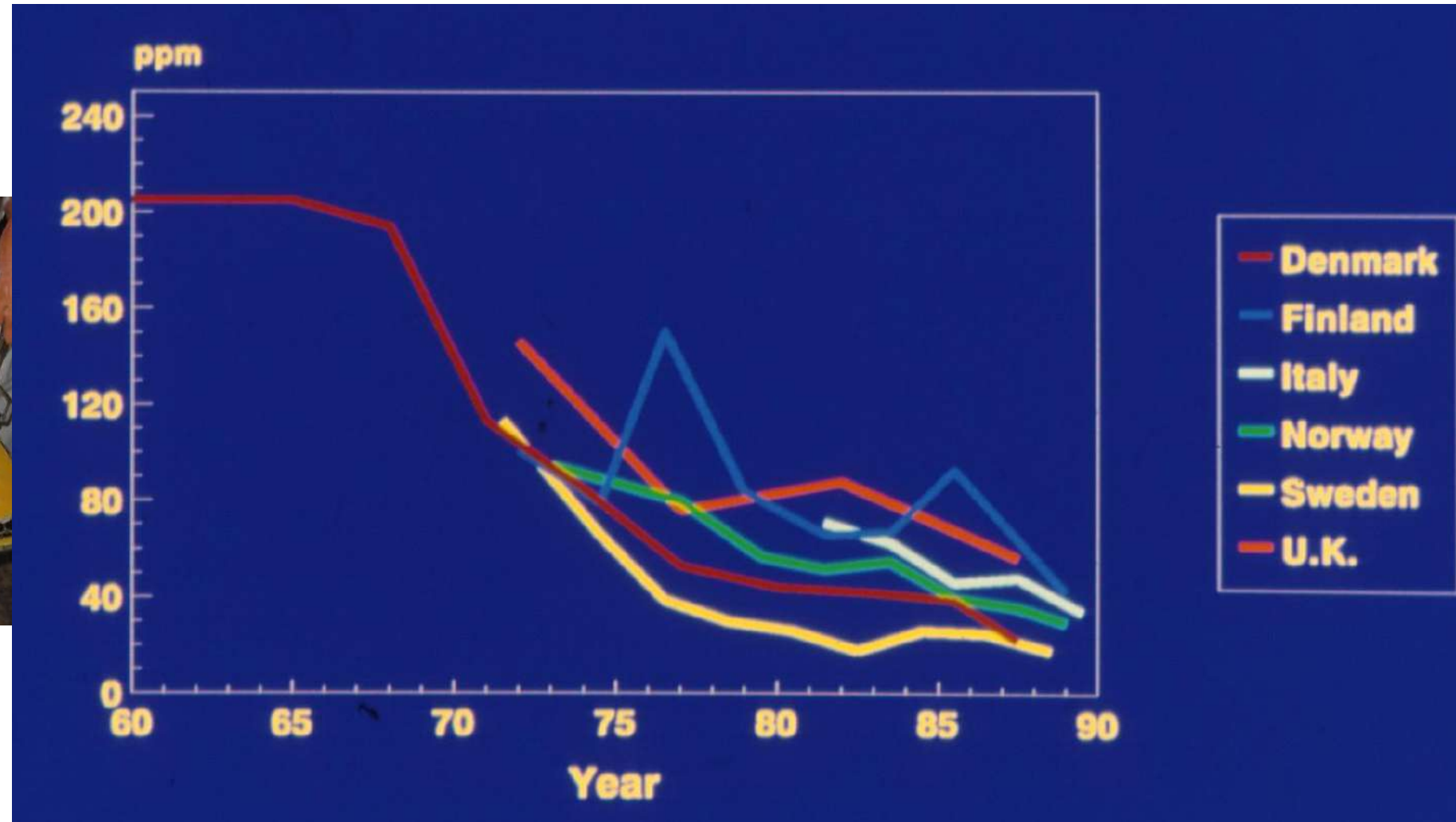
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Exposure to styrene among workers (laminators) in the reinforced plastics industry, 1960-1990



Workplace near Bologna



Interventions to Reduce Exposures in the Workplace 1960-2019 (n=146)

	1960–2019	
Number of articles	146	
	<i>n</i>	%
TYPES OF EXPOSURE		
Chemical	114	78.1
Biological	30	20.5
Both chemical and biological	2	1.4
STUDY LOCATION^P		
LIC	3	2.1
LMIC	10	6.8
UMIC	12	8.2
HIC	111	76.0
Not reported	10	6.9

60% of included interventions were considered to be effective or successful

Sensible best practice advice can be used to address exposures that are excessively high

Further reducing exposures will require more sophisticated evidence-based interventions to ensure that trends in declining exposures and negative health impacts continue and occur globally

It is important to apply properly designed occupational intervention studies that allow evaluating the effectiveness of the intervention to further expand the evidence on cost-effective interventions

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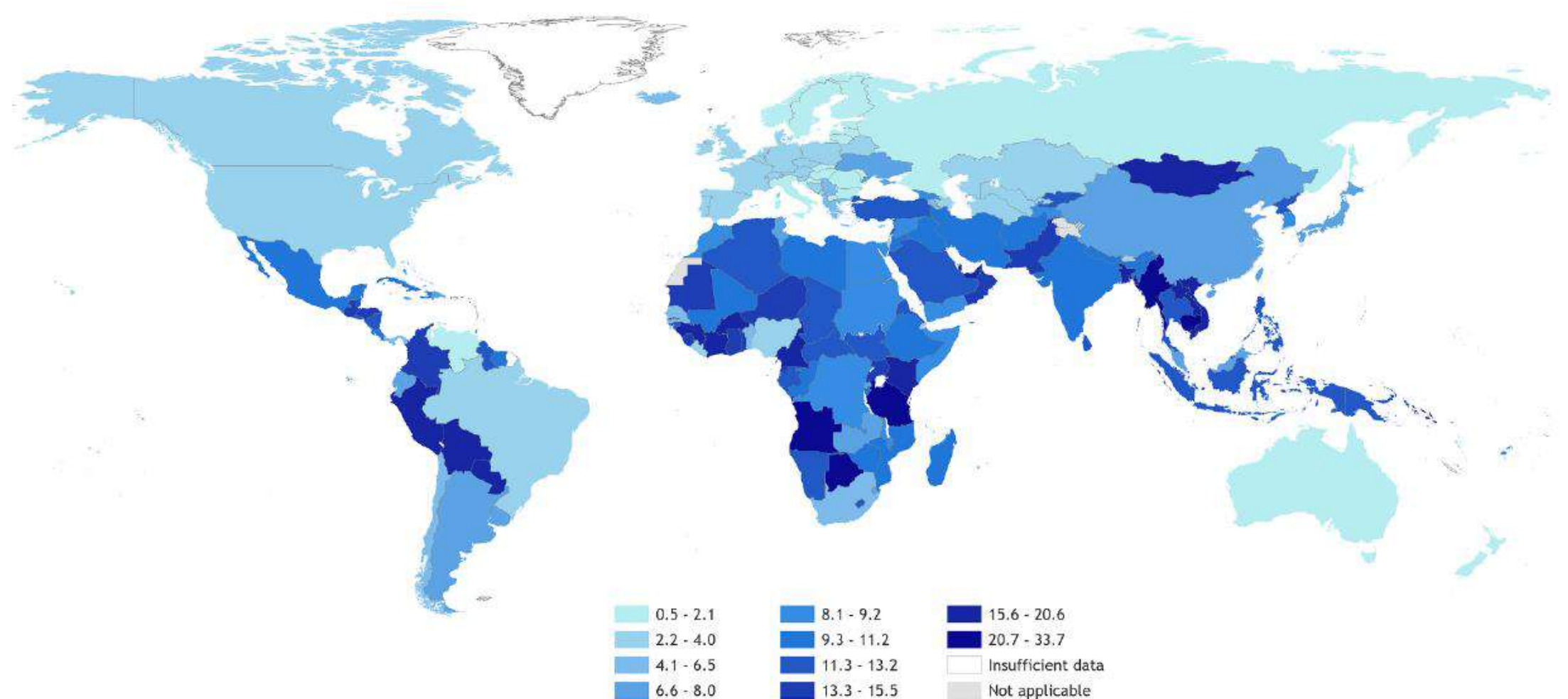
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- ▶ More efficient control of exposure to known carcinogens in High Income Countries through elimination, substitution, and specific and general measures of hygiene and security
- ▶ Introduction of new materials and technologies that could be associated with increased risks, or changes in work conditions and employment patterns that could have a direct or indirect association with cancer



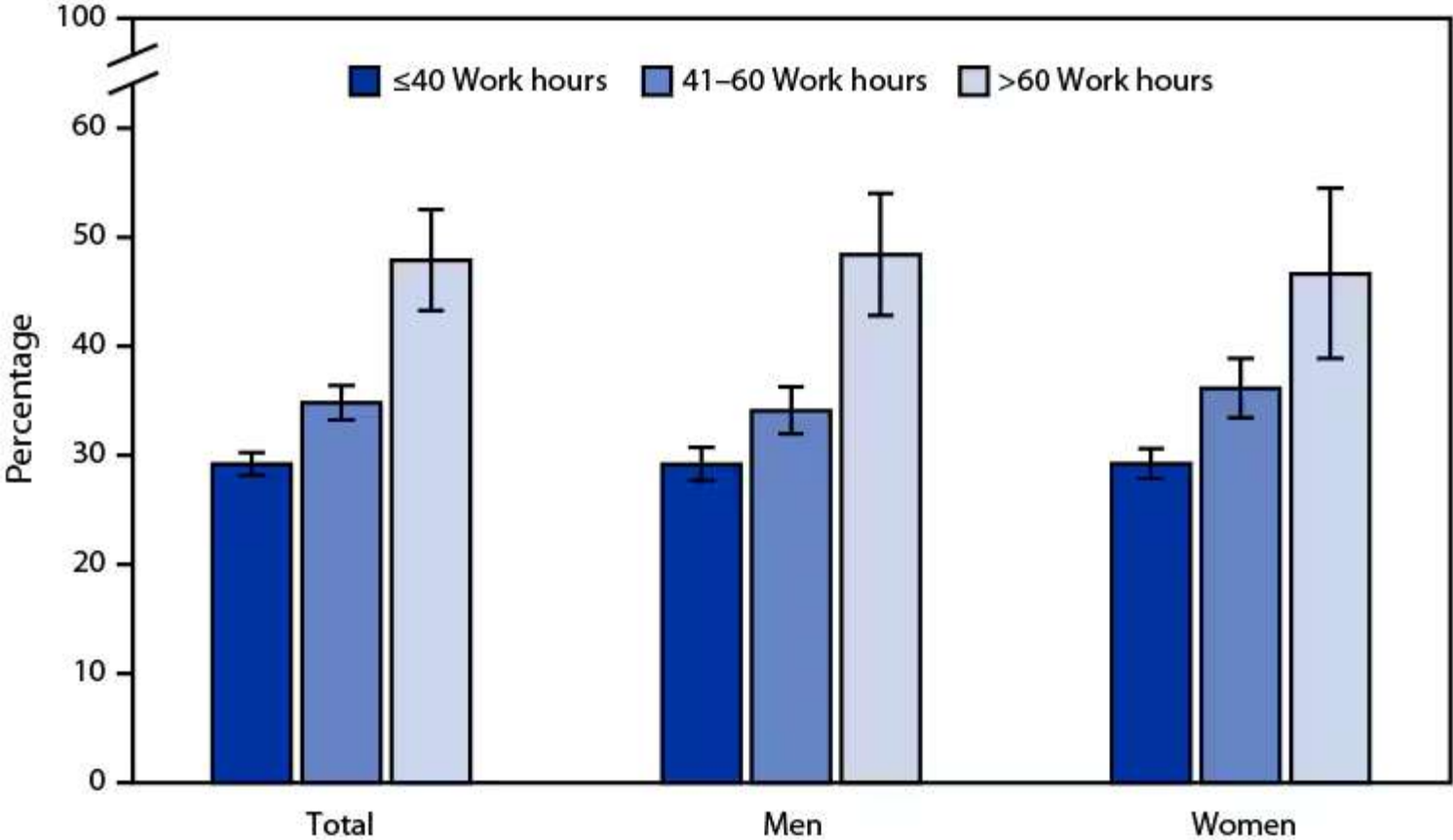
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Working Time

Proportion (%) of population exposed to long working hours (≥ 55 hours/week), 2016, 194 countries

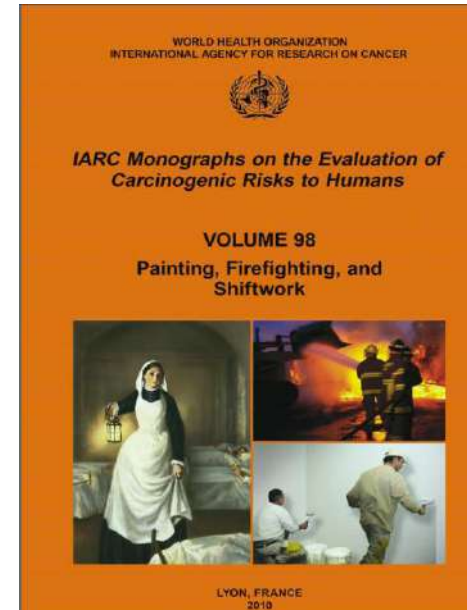


Percentage of Employed Adults Aged ≥ 18 Years Who Slept < 7 Hours per 24-Hour Period, by Sex and Number of Work Hours per Week — United States, 2022

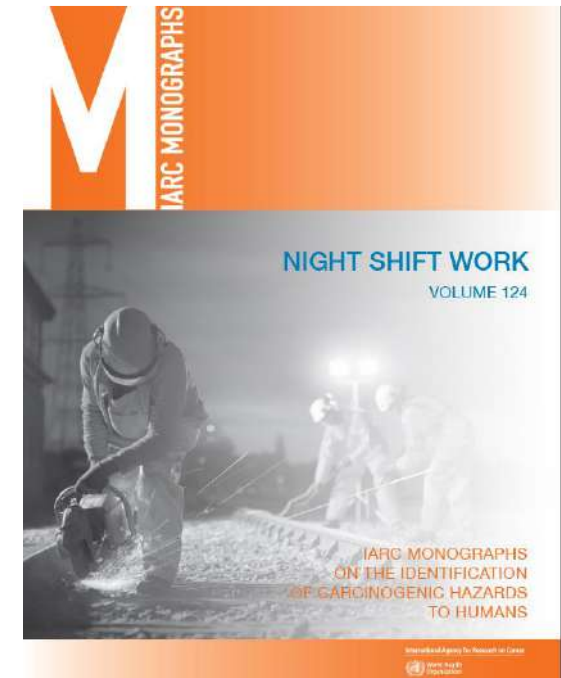


Carcinogenicity of shift work

- **Sufficient** evidence from animal studies
- **Limited** evidence from epidemiological studies
- **Strong evidence** in experimental systems, based on findings consistent with immunosuppression, chronic inflammation, and cell proliferation **but Not strong** evidence from mechanistic studies in humans.



2019: “Night shift work is probably carcinogenic to humans” (Group 2A)
Breast, Prostate, Colorectal



In Catalonia night-shift work is the second most prevalent exposure associated with cancer (n=136.000 workers, from CarexCat)



Credit Cristina Calderer

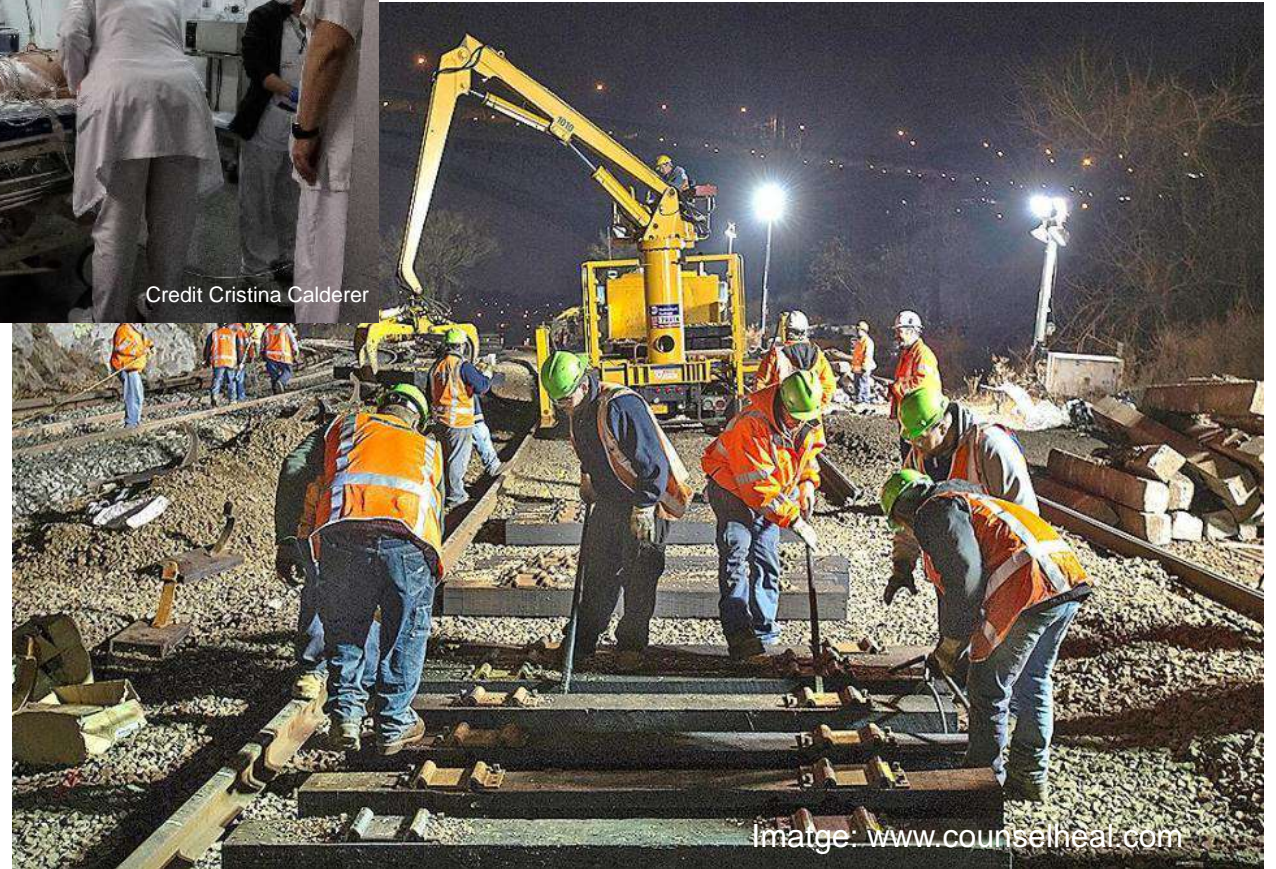
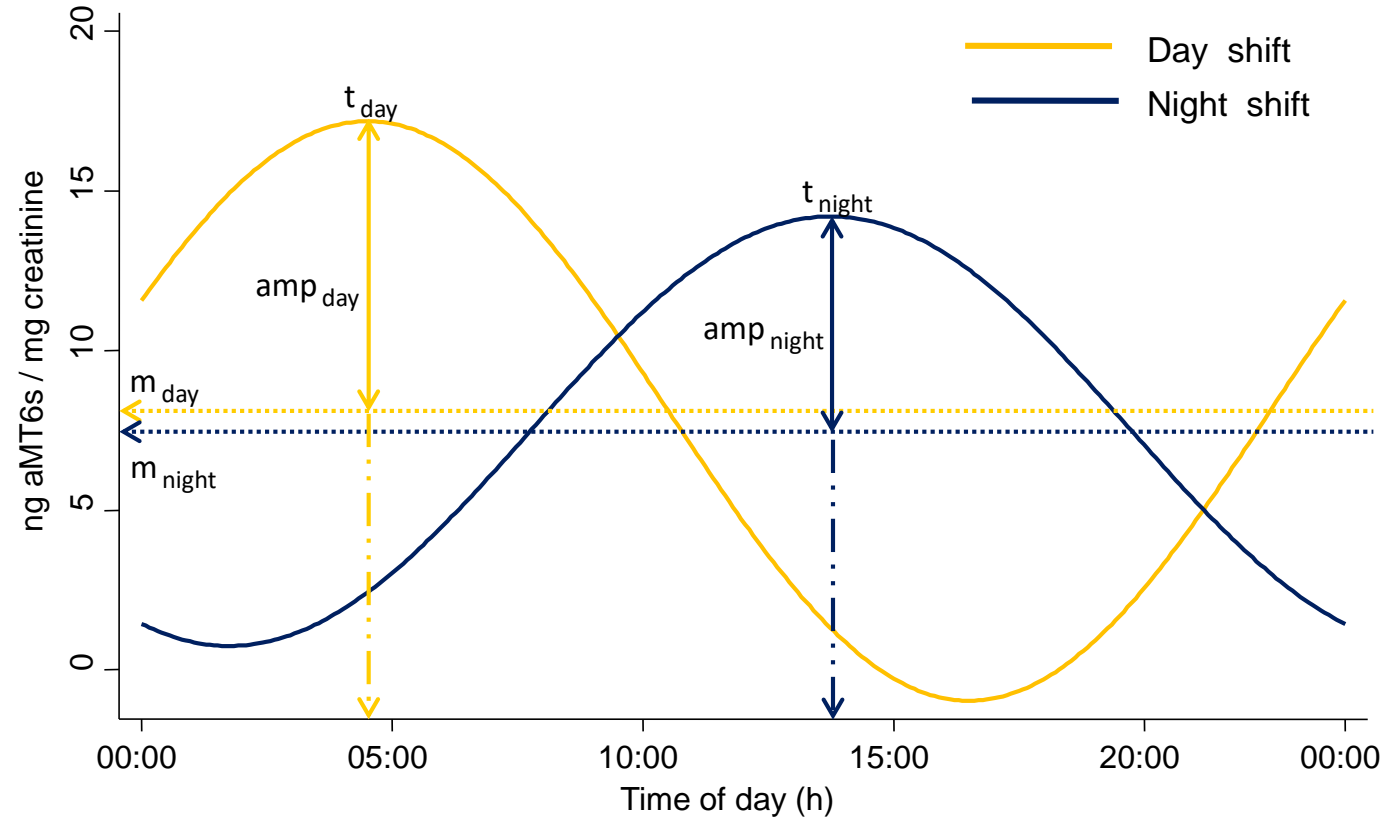


Image: www.counselheal.com

Melatonin in end of 3 weeks night shift and end of 3 weeks day shift. Cosinor model – 50 subjects **Hormonit study**



(Barbara Harding, SJWEH 2022)

Contrary to what is usually assumed, the best evidence on night shift and cancer comes from case-control studies. The evaluation of Exposure in most cohort studies is crude.

Night shift work & breast cancer in 5 population based case-control studies

Australia, Canada, France, Germany, and Spain; 6093 breast cancer cases and 6933 population controls

	Ever night shift	
All	1.12	[1.00-1.25]
Premenopausal	1.26	[1.06-1.51]
Postmenopausal	1.04	[0.90-1.19]
	More than 3 nights/wk	
All	1.26	[0.97-1.63]
Premenopausal	1.80	[1.20-2.71]
Postmenopausal	0.92	[0.65-1.31]

(Emilie Cordina-Duverger, EJE 2018)

Night shift work and prostate cancer risk. MCC-Spain (cases n=1095, population controls 1388)



Ever night shift OR=1.14 (95%CI 0.9-1.4)

Intensity related night-shift exposure

Duration (>28yrs) OR=1.38 (95%CI 1.1-1.8)

Cumulative nights (>2857) OR=1.30 (95%CI 1.0-1.7)

Association Between Night-Shift Work and Risk of Overall Prostate Cancer, PROtEuS study, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 2005–2012

Night-Shift Work Metric	OR ^a	95% CI
Never engaged in night-shift work	1.00	Referent
Ever engaged in night-shift work	1.07	0.92, 1.26
Cumulative duration of night-shift work, years		
≤4.00	1.10	0.84, 1.44
4.01–11.00	1.01	0.76, 1.34
11.01–21.00	1.17	0.86, 1.59
>21.00	1.04	0.77, 1.38
<i>P</i> for trend	0.61	

(Barul C, 2019)

Climate change

- Changing working environments
 - Heat stress
- Changing exposure patterns
 - Allergens
 - Agricultural practice - pesticides



Key enabling technologies, the Green Deal

Key enabling technologies and the European Green Deal, are rapidly transforming the European economy, production systems, and labour market.

New materials are introduced and mitigation measures, e.g. circular economy, result in **new exposures**.

Knowledge gaps. Research on new solutions should integrate risk assessment with implementation of sustainable technologies (e.g. green chemistry).



Effects of hazardous materials from the green energy transition and the circular economy on human health




Cobalt mining
DR Congo



eWaste
Ghana

Pesticides and cancer: one of the failures of Occupational cancer research



A very small number of pesticides are classified as human carcinogens (Group 1) by the IARC, and some, for example Lindane, are not currently used

Why are so few pesticides classified as human carcinogens by IARC/WHO?

The lack of convincing evidence for pesticides shows the difficulties in assessing the carcinogenicity of many chemical agents in human populations, and the lack of research in large parts of the world where exposures are high

Health Effects of Pesticide Exposure in Latin American and the Caribbean Populations: A Scoping Review

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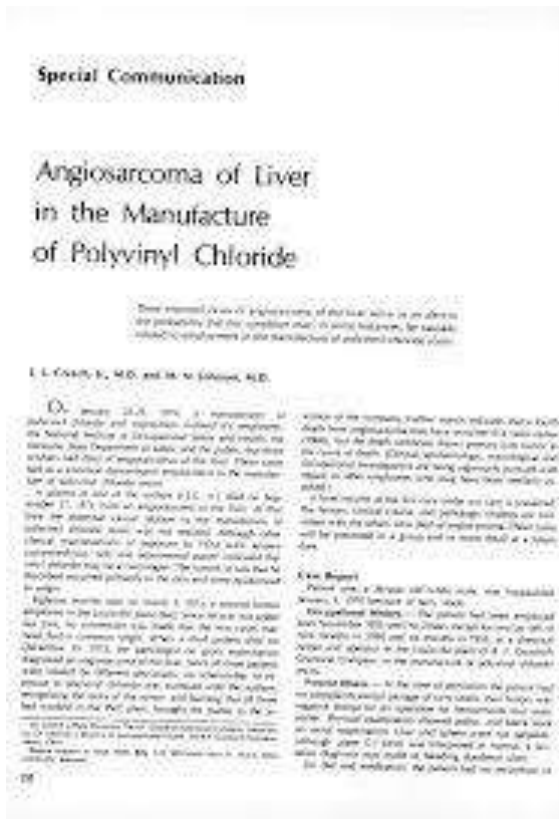
- Se identificaron 233 publicaciones de 16 países que cumplieron con los criterios de inclusión.
- Genotoxicidad, problemas neuroconductuales, efectos placentarios y teratogenicidad, **cáncer**, función tiroidea, efectos reproductivos, resultados del nacimiento y crecimiento infantil, y otros
- La mayoría de los estudios publicados se realizaron en Brasil (37 %, n= 88) y México (20 %, n= 46)

The evolution of research in Occupational cancer

Phases in occupational cancer research

• *The case-series phase*

Creech JL Jr, Johnson MN. Angiosarcoma of liver in the manufacture of polyvinyl chloride (*J Occup Med.* 1974; 16: 150-1)



Between September 1967 and December 1973, 4 cases of angiosarcoma of the liver were diagnosed among men employed in the polyvinyl chloride polymerization section of a B.F. Goodrich plant near Louisville, Kentucky.

Angiosarcoma of the liver is an exceedingly rare tumor. It is estimated that only about 25 such cases occur each year in the United States

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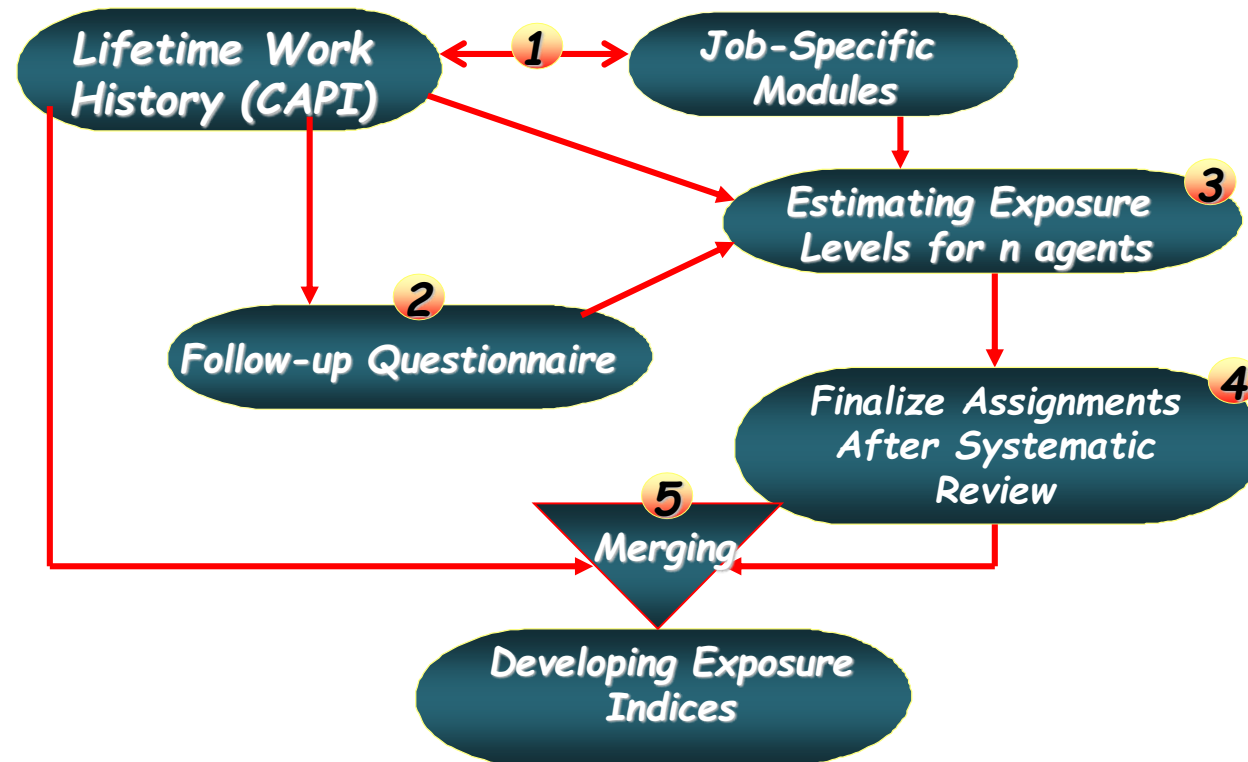
Principal evidence leading to the identification of occupational carcinogens (Group 1 IARC)

<u>Carcinogen</u>	<u>Case Reports</u>	<u>Case-Control</u>	<u>Cohort Retrospective</u>	<u>Cohort Prospective</u>	<u>Mechanistic Data</u>
Aminobiphenyl			X		
Aromatic amines	X		X		
Arsenic	X		X		
Asbestos			X		
Benzene	X	X	X		
Benzidine		X	X		
Beryllium			X		
Cadmium			X		
Chloromethyl ethers				X	
Chromium			X		
Dioxin			X		X
Erionite	X				
Ethylene oxide			X		X
Mustard gas			X		
Nickel					X
Pitch, Tar, Sorts	X				
Radon		X			
Silica					X
Talc	X			X	
Vinyl chloride	X				
Wood dust		X	X		X

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- ***Advanced exposure assessment phase*** (development of advanced methods for exposure assessment in cohort and case-control studies)

Siemiatycki J, Richardson L, Gérin M, Goldberg M, Dewar R, Désy M, Campbell S, Wacholder S. *Associations between several sites of cancer and nine organic dusts: results from an hypothesis-generating case-control study in Montreal, 1979-1983.* Am J Epidemiol. 1986; 123: 235-49.



Trish Stewart, Mustafa Dosemeci (NCI), Hans Kromhout (UU) and many others




Ana, carrying
the 63
occupational
modular
questionnaires.
EPICURO study
(Spanish bladder
Cancer Study)

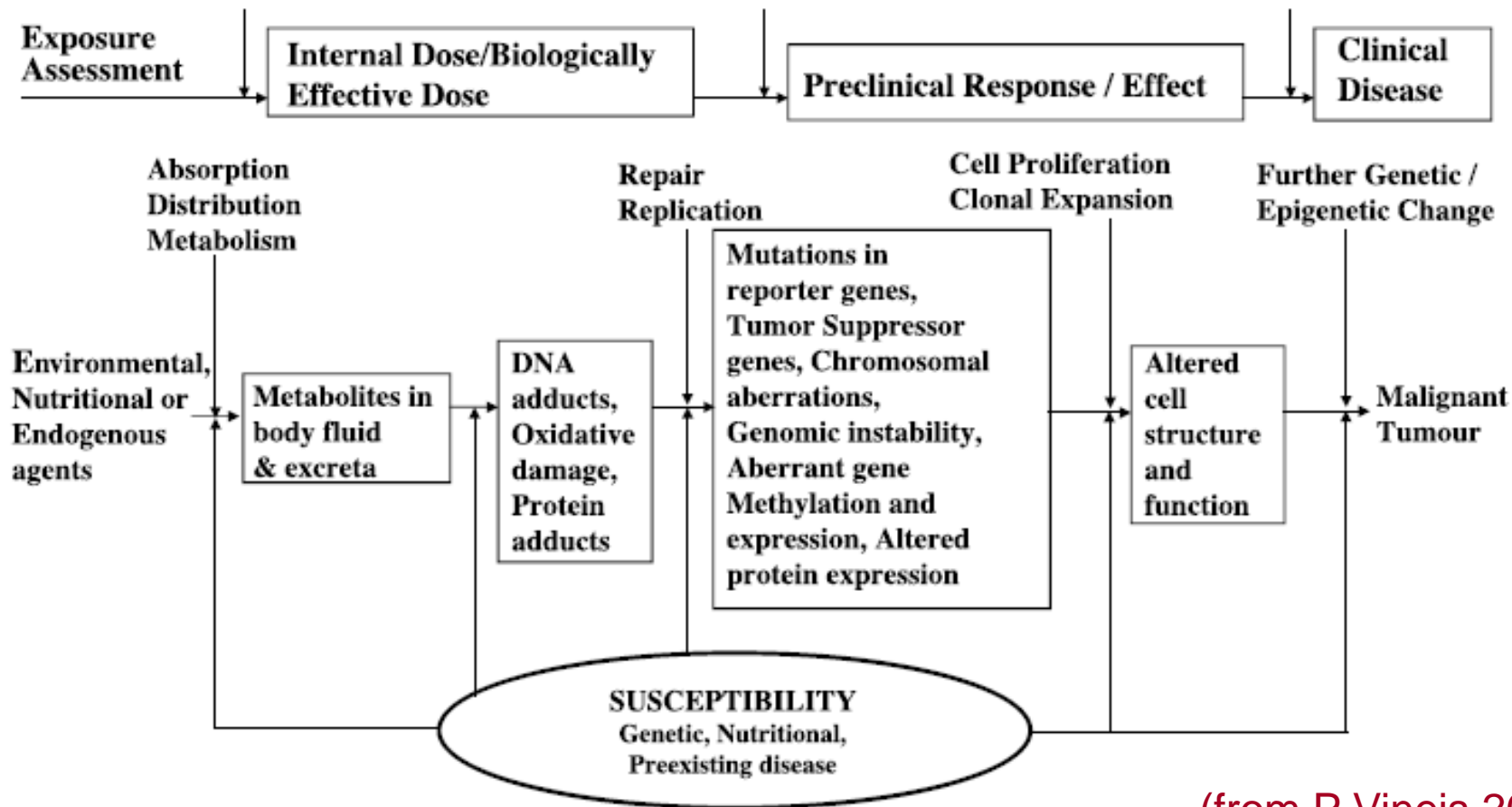
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Epidemiology

Exposure  Disease and public health action

Molecular epidemiology



(from P Vineis 2007)

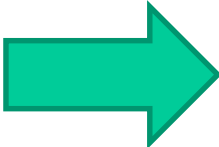
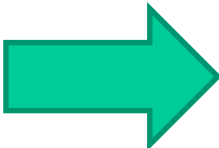
Use of mechanistic data – the case of ethylene oxide (IARC 1994)

5.5 Evaluation¹

There is *limited evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of ethylene oxide.

There is *sufficient evidence* in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of ethylene oxide.

In making the overall evaluation, the Working Group took into consideration the following supporting evidence. Ethylene oxide is a directly acting alkylating agent that:

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- (i) induces a sensitive, persistent dose-related increase in the frequency of chromosomal aberrations and sister chromatid exchange in peripheral lymphocytes and micronuclei in bone-marrow cells of exposed workers;
 - (ii) has been associated with malignancies of the lymphatic and haematopoietic system in both humans and experimental animals;
 - (iii) induces a dose-related increase in the frequency of haemoglobin adducts in exposed humans and dose-related increases in the numbers of adducts in both DNA and haemoglobin in exposed rodents;
 - (iv) induces gene mutations and heritable translocations in germ cells of exposed rodents; and
 - (v) is a powerful mutagen and clastogen at all phylogenetic levels.

Overall evaluation

Ethylene oxide *is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1)*.

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- ***Newer trends: exposome*** (external and internal and pathways); ***pooled analyses*** (sharing of data); ***record linkage*** (big data); ***emphasis on cohort studies*** (with exceptions); ***new approaches to causal inference***

The Exposome

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Recognizing the disparity in current knowledge between genes and environmental exposures, Chris Wild (2005) defined the “exposome” representing *all environmental exposures (including those from diet, lifestyle, and endogenous sources) from conception onwards*, as a quantity of critical interest to disease etiology.

Features of the Exposome

1. Holistic – many exposures
2. Life-course – dynamic
3. New tools / technology
4. Integrate biological responses (“internal exposome”)
5. Untargeted discovery

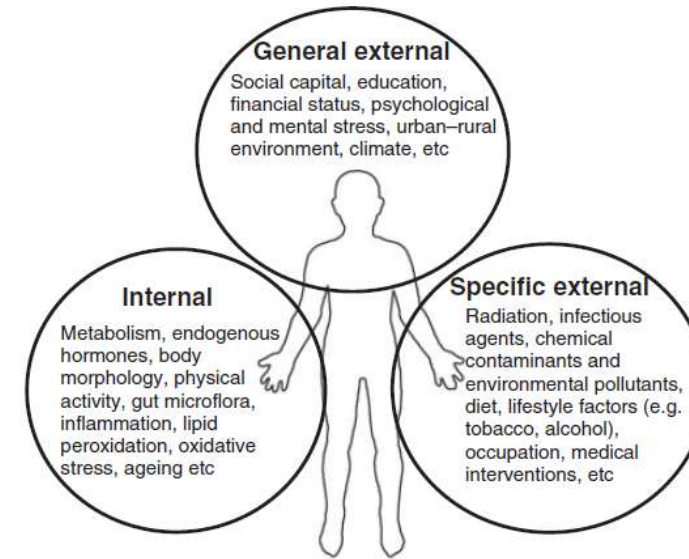
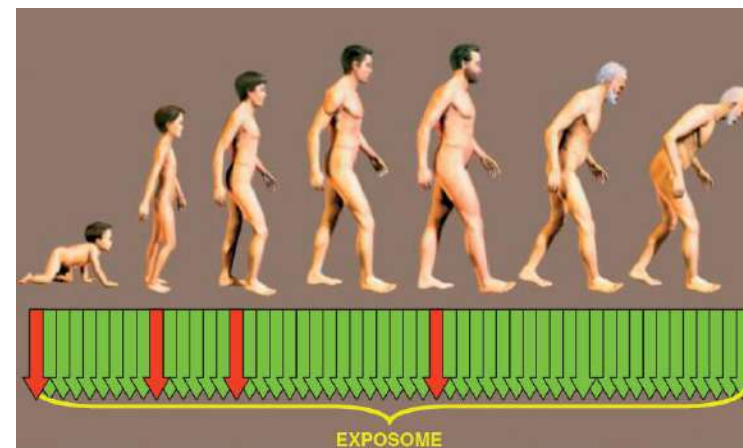
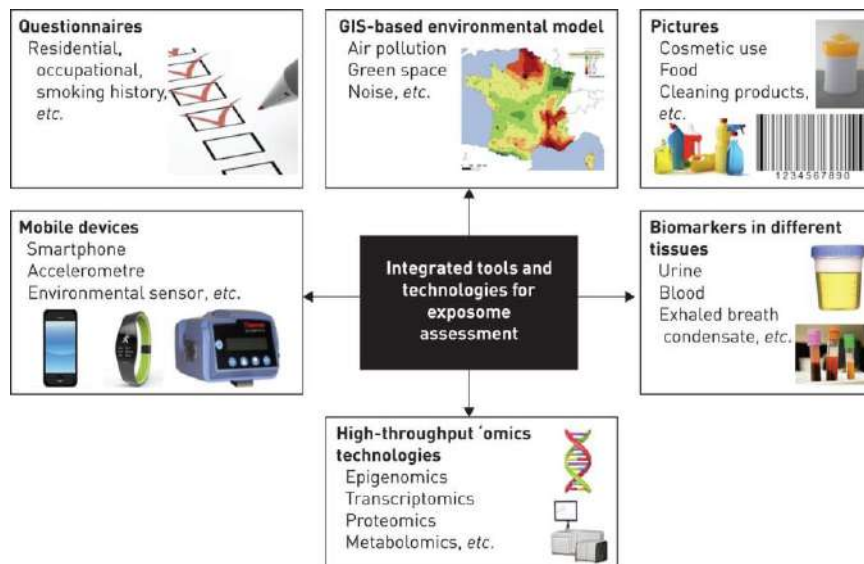
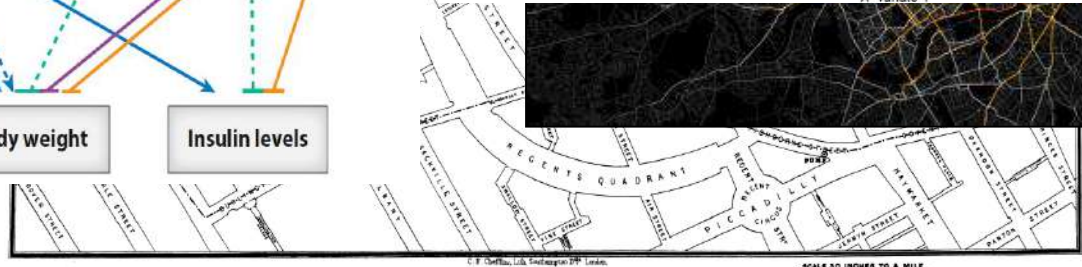
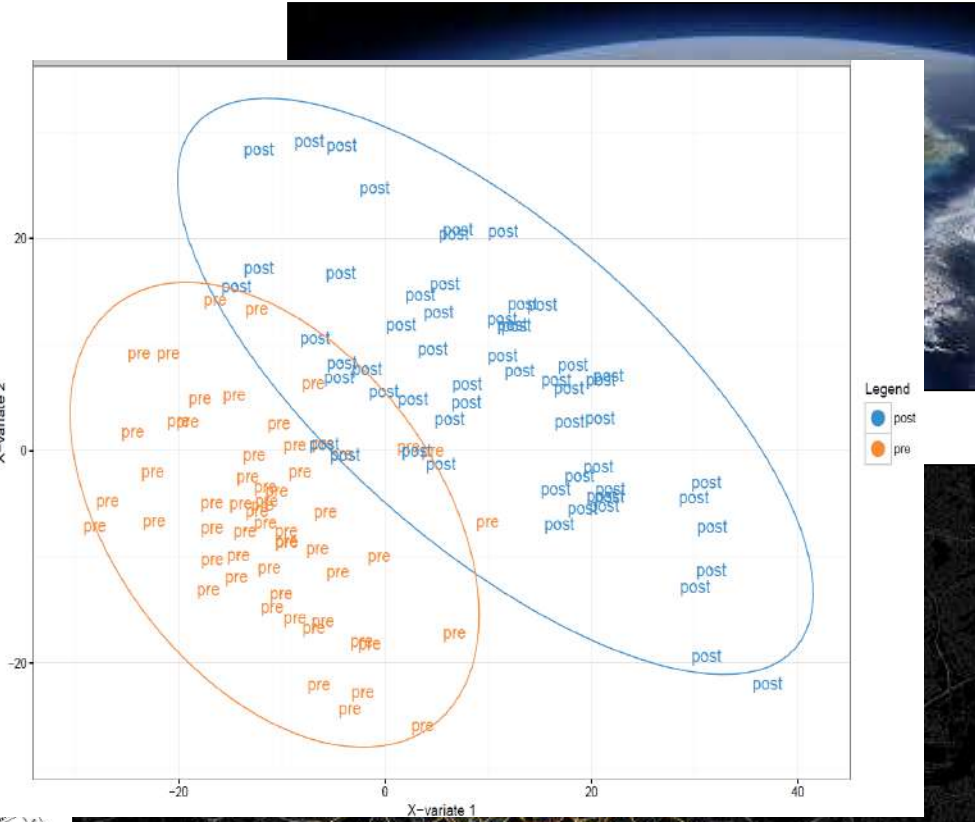
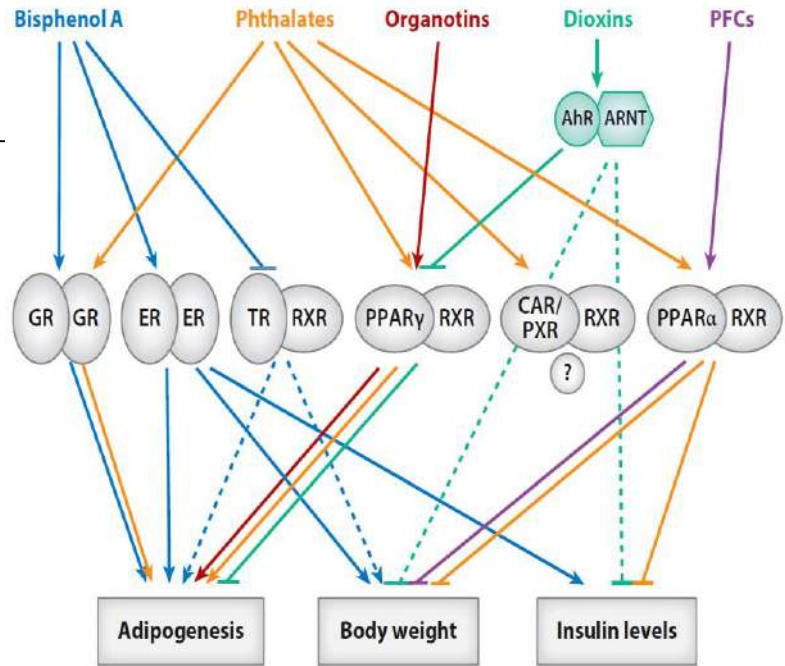
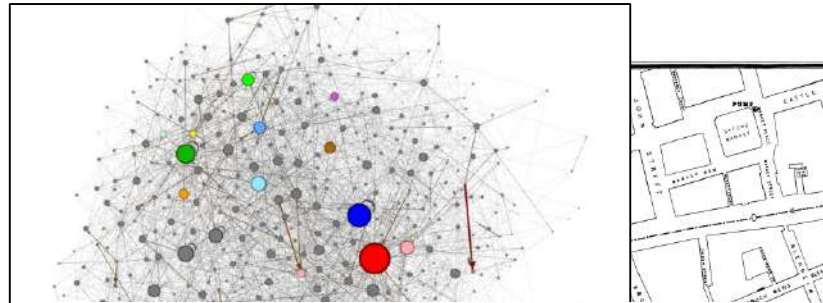


Figure 1 Three different domains of the exposome are presented diagrammatically with non-exhaustive examples for each of these domains



“Modern” Epidemiology

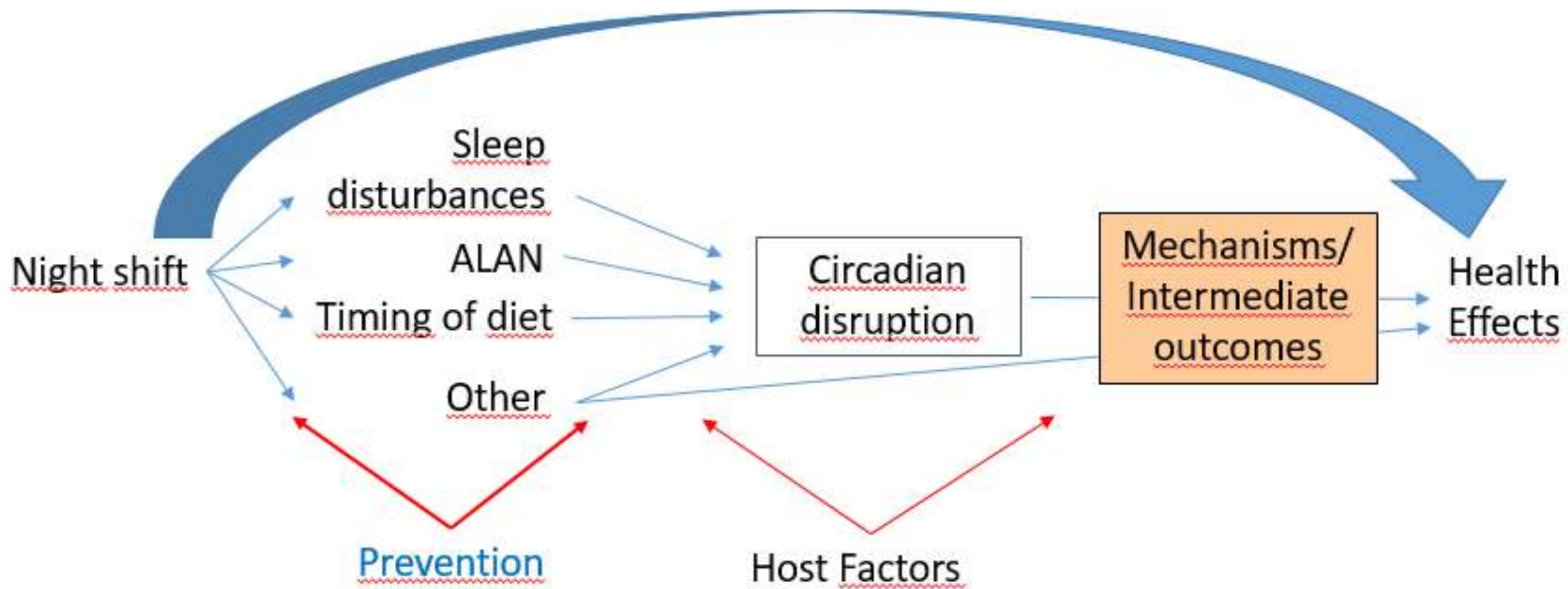


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Night shift



Health Effects



Pooling of data

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META-ANALYSIS



Night shift work and breast cancer: a pooled analysis of population-based case-control studies with complete work history

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Occupational Exposures

Occupational exposures and odds of gastric cancer: a StoP project consortium pooled analysis

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Occupational heat exposure and prostate cancer risk: A pooled analysis of case-control studies

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25 centers and hundreds of researchers and stakeholders contributing

The project has ended but the centers have activated a new coordination action (SPHERA)

<https://spheraresearch.org/the-consortium/>



Research Goal 2.4 Changing work and employment conditions

- Climate change, key enabling technologies, the Green Deal and occupational health
- Changing and ageing workforce
- Working time
- Changing employment patterns
- Neglected occupational diseases
- Monitoring, electronic health records, and surveillance in occupational health

Prevention of Occupational Cancer

	Involuntary	Voluntary
Preventable	Occupation	Tobacco
No Preventable	Genetics	Reproductive factors

Involuntary + Preventable → High priority for public health

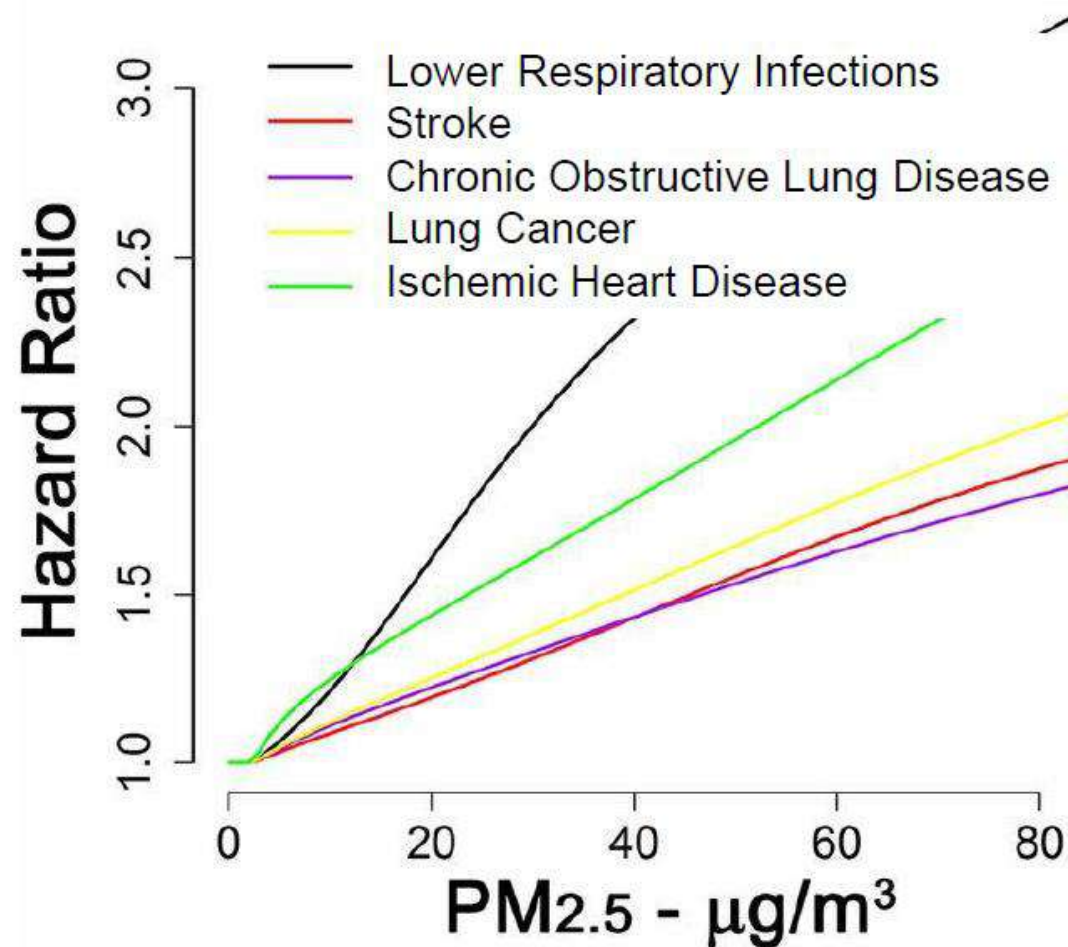
Environment and Cancer

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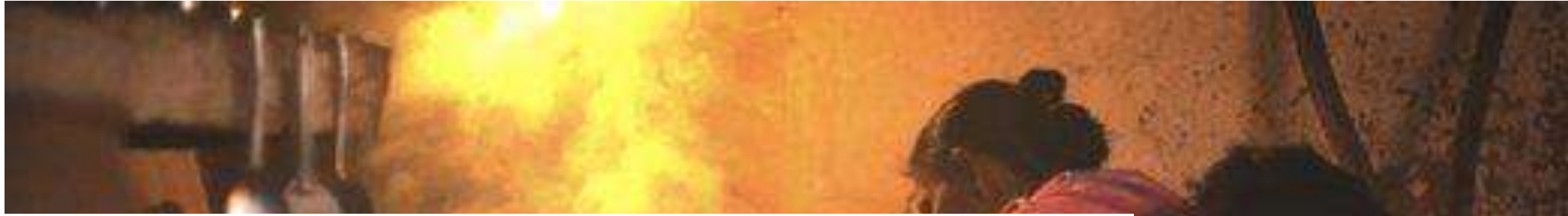
Outdoor air-pollution, Delhi, India



New dose-response curves and stronger evidence on cause specific mortality (Burnett, PNAS 2018)



Indoor air pollution





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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Effects of Cooking with Liquefied Petroleum Gas or Biomass on Stunting in Infants

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Water



Arsenic in drinking water



Photo from IARC Monograph 2004



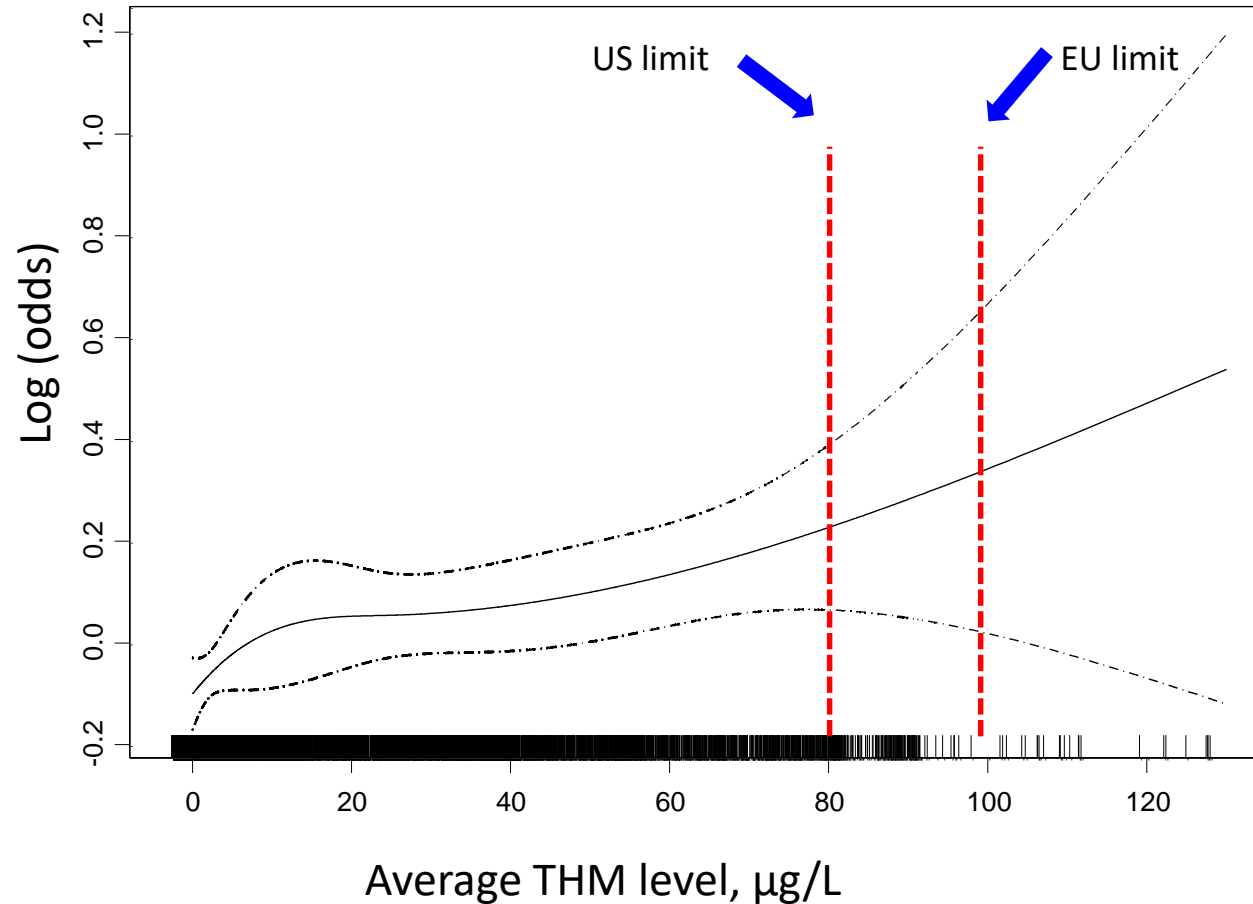
Art exhibition, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Chemicals in water: Disinfection by-products (DBPs)

Disinfectant (e.g. chlorine) + organic matter → DBPs

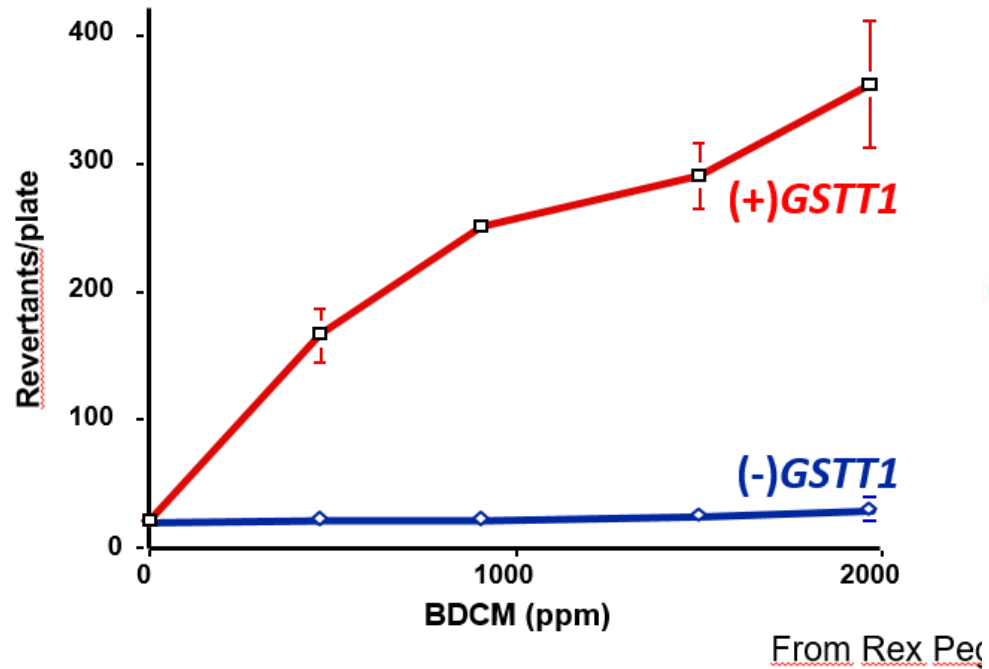
- First detected in 1974
- Complex mixture \approx 700 compounds
- Most common: Trihalomethanes (THM): CHCl_3 , CHCl_2Br , CHClBr_2 , CHBr_3
- Maximum level EU: $100 \mu\text{g/L}$; USA $80 \mu\text{g/L}$
- Several prevalent DBPs are animal carcinogens (at high doses)
- Several less prevalent are more toxic than THMs

Pooled analysis case-control studies. Bladder cancer risk and average exposure to trihalomethanes (THMs), both sexes

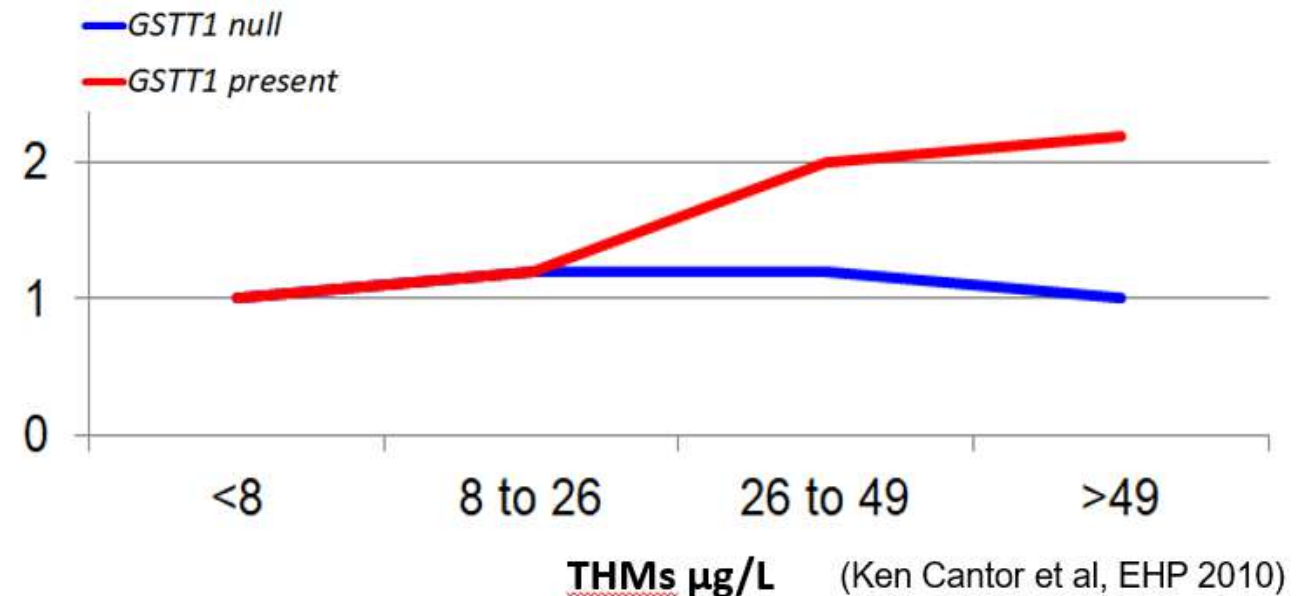


Glutathione S-Transferase Theta (*GSTT1*) metabolizes brominated THMs to mutagenic intermediates

Mutations produced in *Salmonella* TA1535 (+)*GSTT1* and (-)*GSTT1* by bromodichloromethane



Odds Ratios for the combined effects of polymorphic forms of *GSTT1* and trihalomethane (THM) levels in water on bladder cancer risk, Spain



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Chloroform
 Bromodichloromethane
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3-Chlorobenzeneacetonitrile
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 3,4,5-Tribromo-1H-pyrazole
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Non-halogenated DBPs/contaminants

Propionamide
 Benzaldehyde
 Benzoic acid methyl ester
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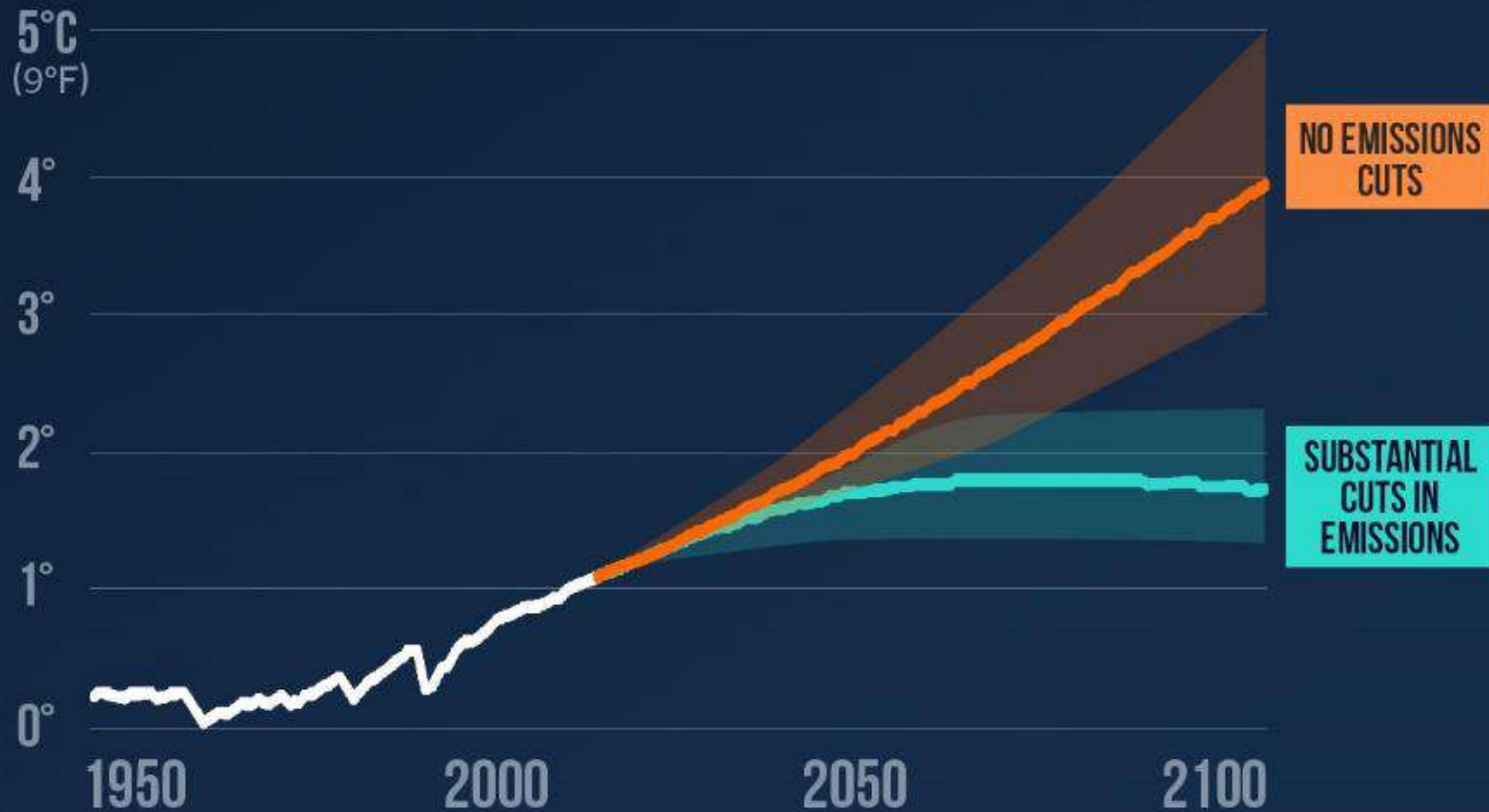
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The evaluation of mixtures is complex and with a difficult solution. Recent advances in the statistical analysis of mixtures

FUTURE TEMPERATURES

WARMING DEPENDS ON CHOICES TODAY



Global surface temperature (°C) anomaly relative to 1850-1900
High warming scenario: SSP3-7, Low warming scenario from SSP1-2.6.
Source: IPCC AR6 WG1

Infections and Cancer: which could be affected by climate change?

- Some more than others, but we do not have valid predictions and modeling of future changes
- *H. Pylori* (stomach cancer)
- *S Haematobium* (Bladder cancer)
- Hepatitis viruses, perhaps through indirect mechanisms
- EBV, Burkitt's lymphoma in connection with changes in malaria?
- Lyme's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma-subtypes??
- Zika virus, glioblastomas??

We have limited knowledge on potential effects of climate change on cancer

Occupational and Environmental cancer



- About 4% of all cancers are due to work exposures, but varies by country. Estimates for environmental exposures are not well developed
- Exposures to well-identified carcinogens are still here!
- Environmental and particularly workplace exposures decline in high-income countries and increase in middle-income countries
- New risks arise, including climate change
- Historically very productive cancer research (with important findings and some failures); boost from exposome research (environment)
- Valid exposure assessment is a key characteristic of studies on occupational & environmental cancer
- Environmental and Occupational cancer prevention is a global problem!

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