

# **ULAANBAATAR CITY'S PM AIR POLLUTION AND BLACK CARBON STUDY**



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# Why PM Air Pollution is important?



# Terminology

Black Carbon = Particles largely black in colour

CO = Carbon monoxide

MNS = Mongolian National Standard

NO<sub>2</sub> = Nitrogen Dioxide

O<sub>3</sub> = Ozone

PM = Particulate matter

PM<sub>2.5</sub> = Particles smaller than 2.5 microns

PM<sub>10</sub> = Particles smaller than 10 microns

SO<sub>2</sub> = Sulfur Dioxide

WHO = World health Organisation target



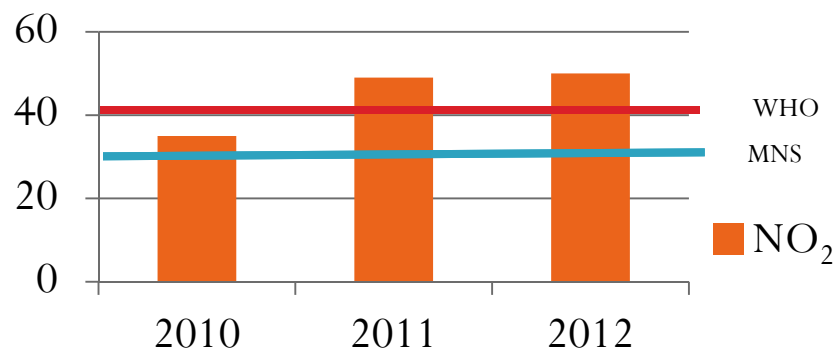
## Main Air Quality Indicators (MNS 4585) 2007

- $\text{SO}_2$  ( $10\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  annual,  $20\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  daily)
- $\text{NO}_2$  ( $30\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  annual,  $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  daily)
- $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  !!! (Dangerous and unknown)
- $\text{PM}_{10}$  ( $50\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  annual,  $100\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  daily)
- $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  ( $25\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  annual,  $50\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  daily)
- CO (10000 ppm? 8 hours)
- $\text{O}_3$  ( $100\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  8 hours)

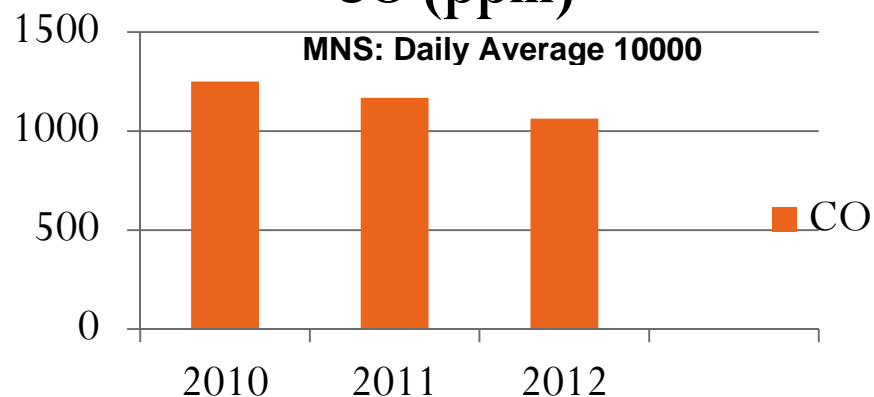


# Air pollution Indexes ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

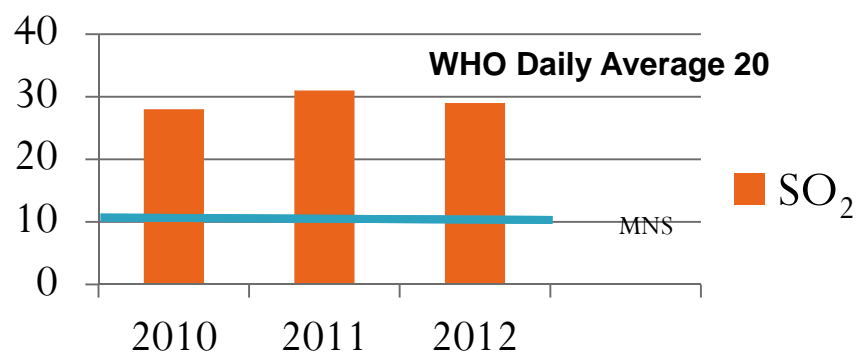
## $\text{NO}_2$ ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )



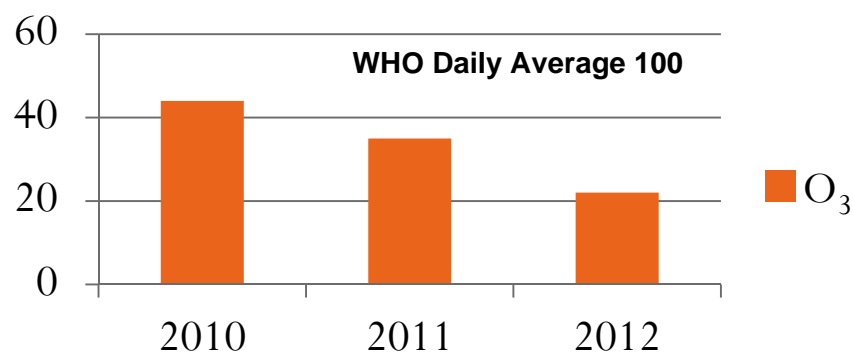
## CO (ppm)



## $\text{SO}_2$ ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )



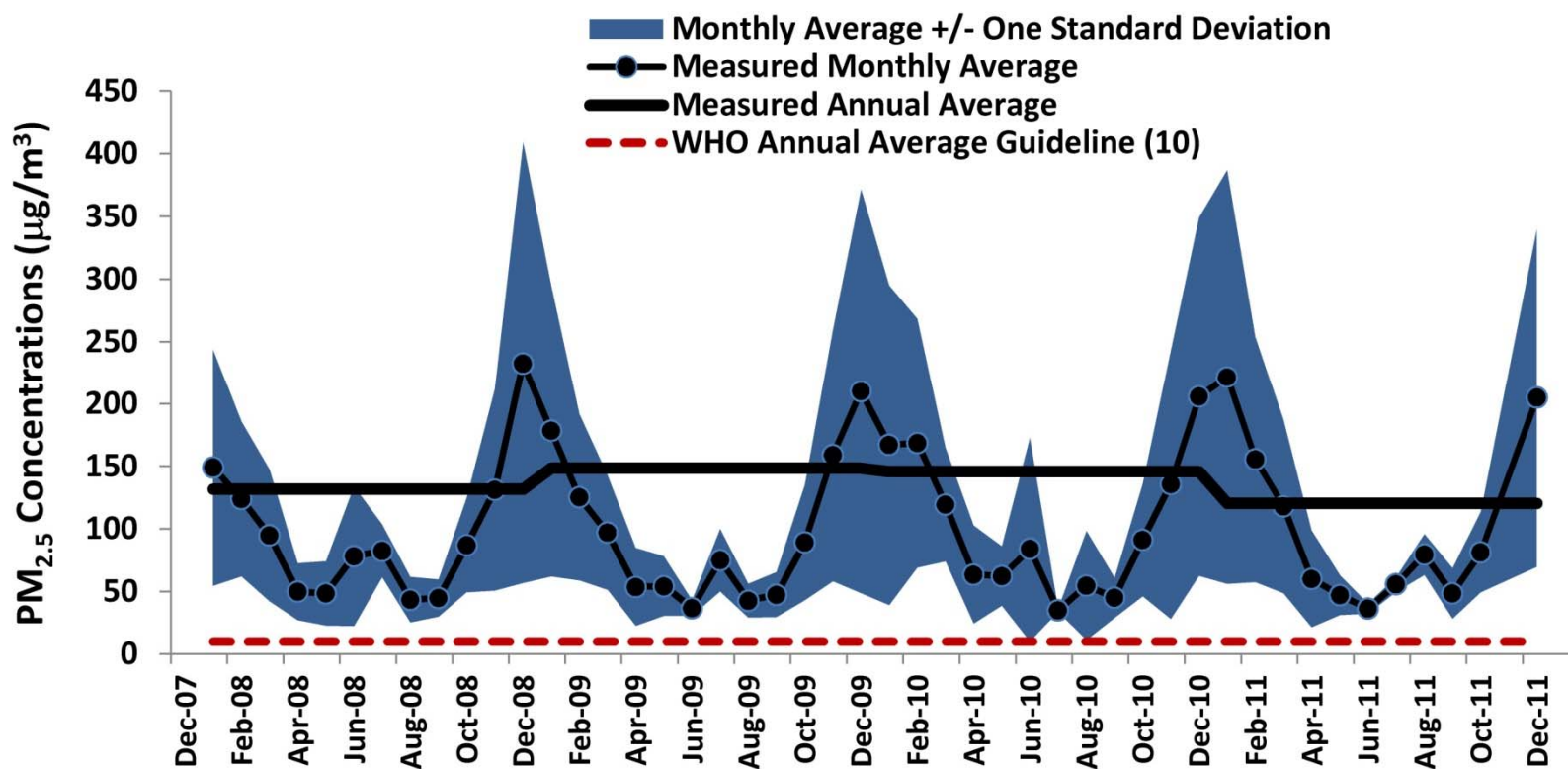
## $\text{O}_3$ ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )



**\*NAMEM Air Quality Agency Data averaged from 9 monitoring stations**

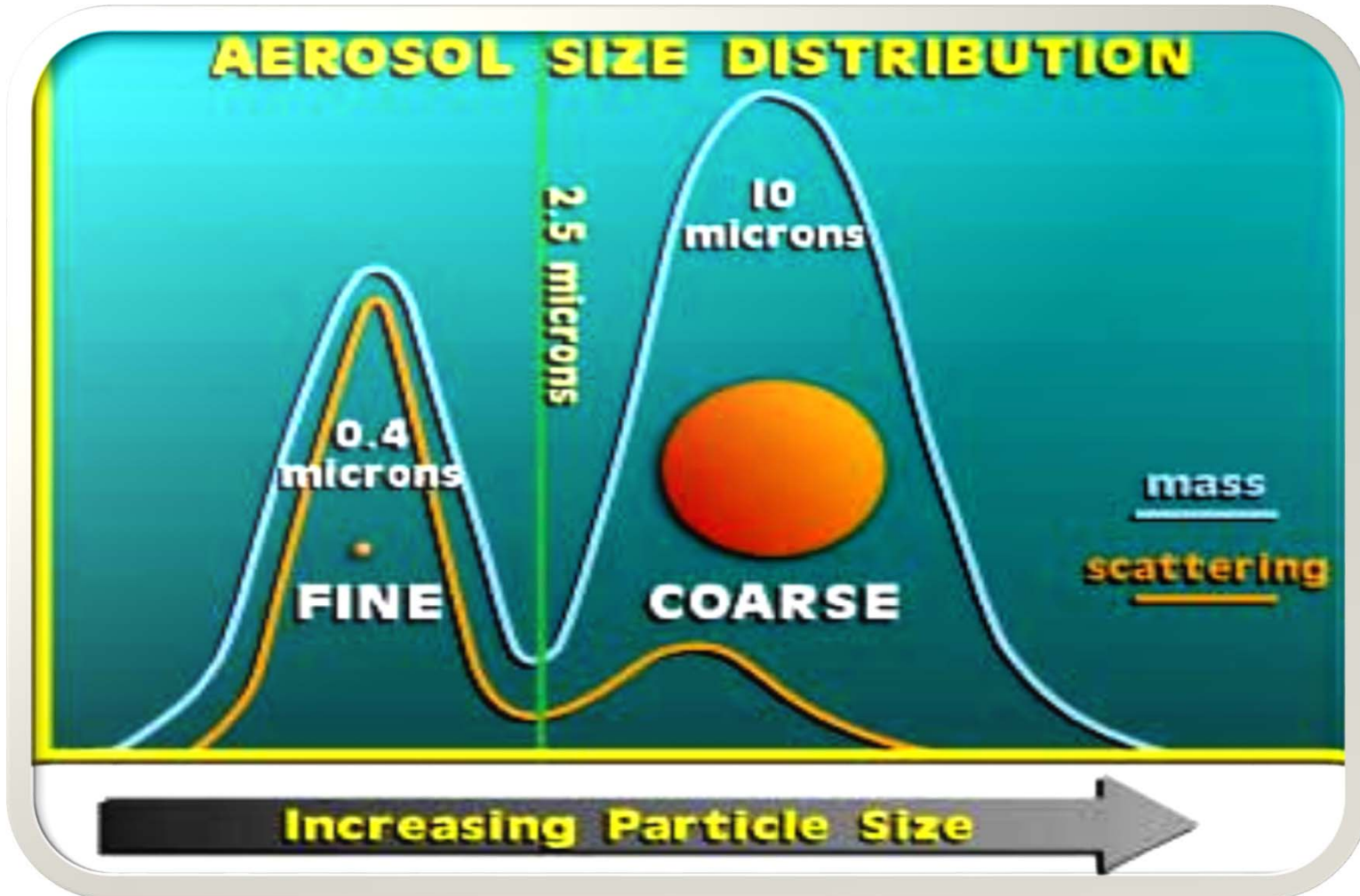


## PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations by month from the NAMEM air monitoring station in Ulaanbaatar





# Particulate Matter Distribution





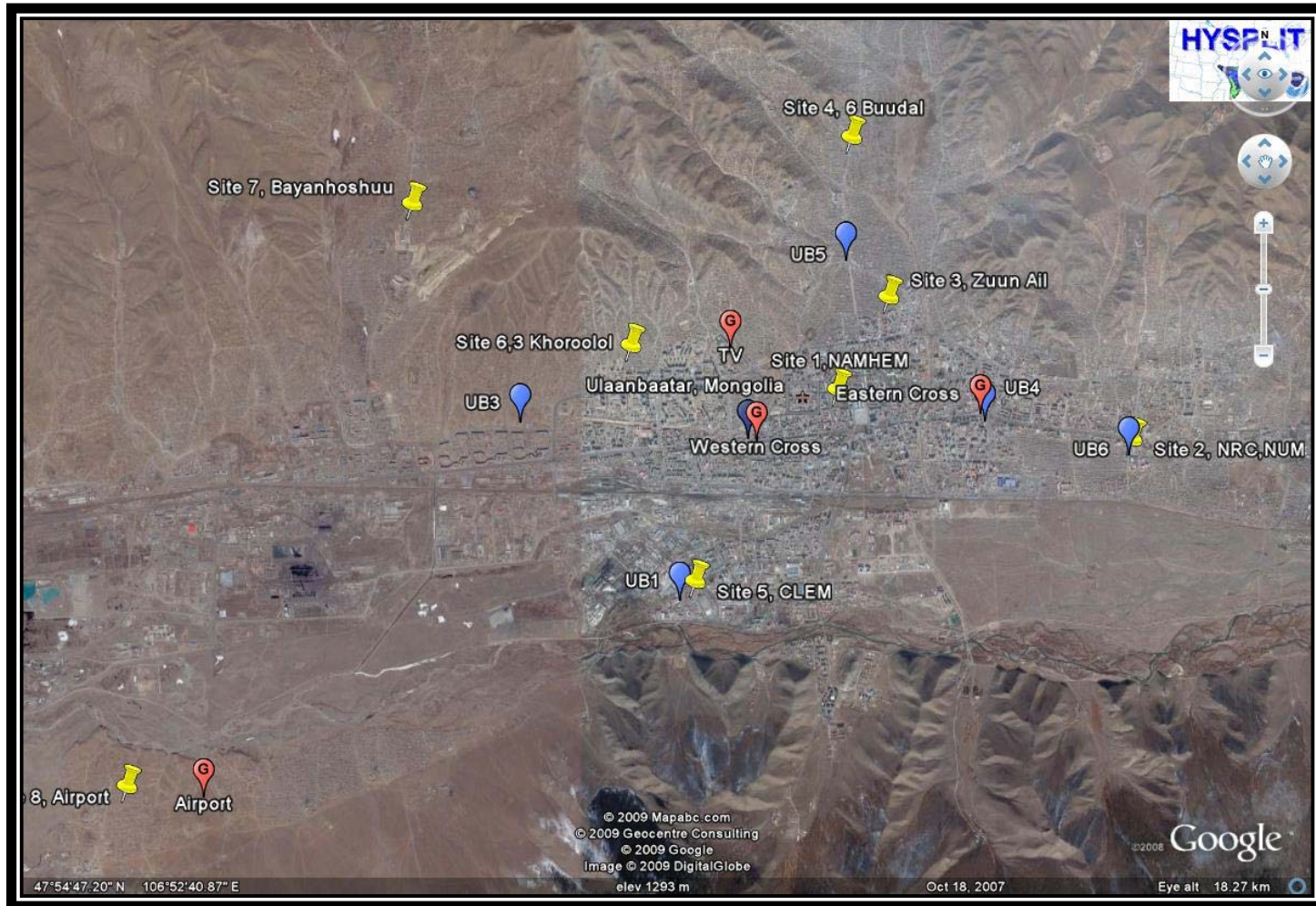
# Methodology

- Position of sampler:  
UB City      Nuclear Research Center  
                    Zuun Ail  
                    3 Horoolol
- Duration: 2004.10 – 2013.6
- Height of sampling: 1.6m, 4m, 6m.
- Sampling frequency: Twice a week
- Sampler: GENT Sampler with Polycarbonate filters , Dusttrak
- Type of analysis: PIXE, XRF
- BC measurement: Reflectometer, MicroAethalometer
- Data interpretation was made using software EPA PMF1.1(USA)

*PIXE analysis were done in the New Zealand Institute of Geosciences and Nuclear Sciences, 30 elements were analysed*



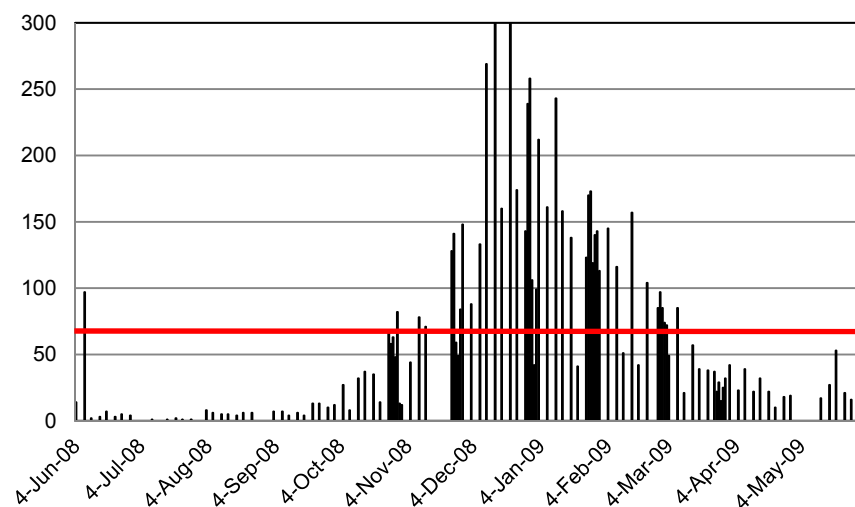
# Sampling Sites



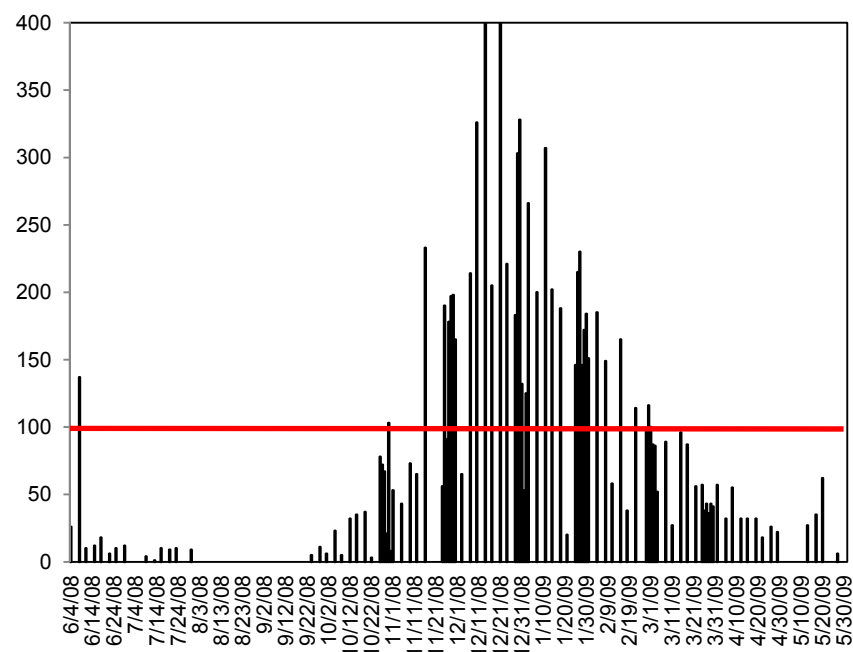


## Typical seasonal time series of PM daily concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

Timeseries PM2.5(NAMHEM)

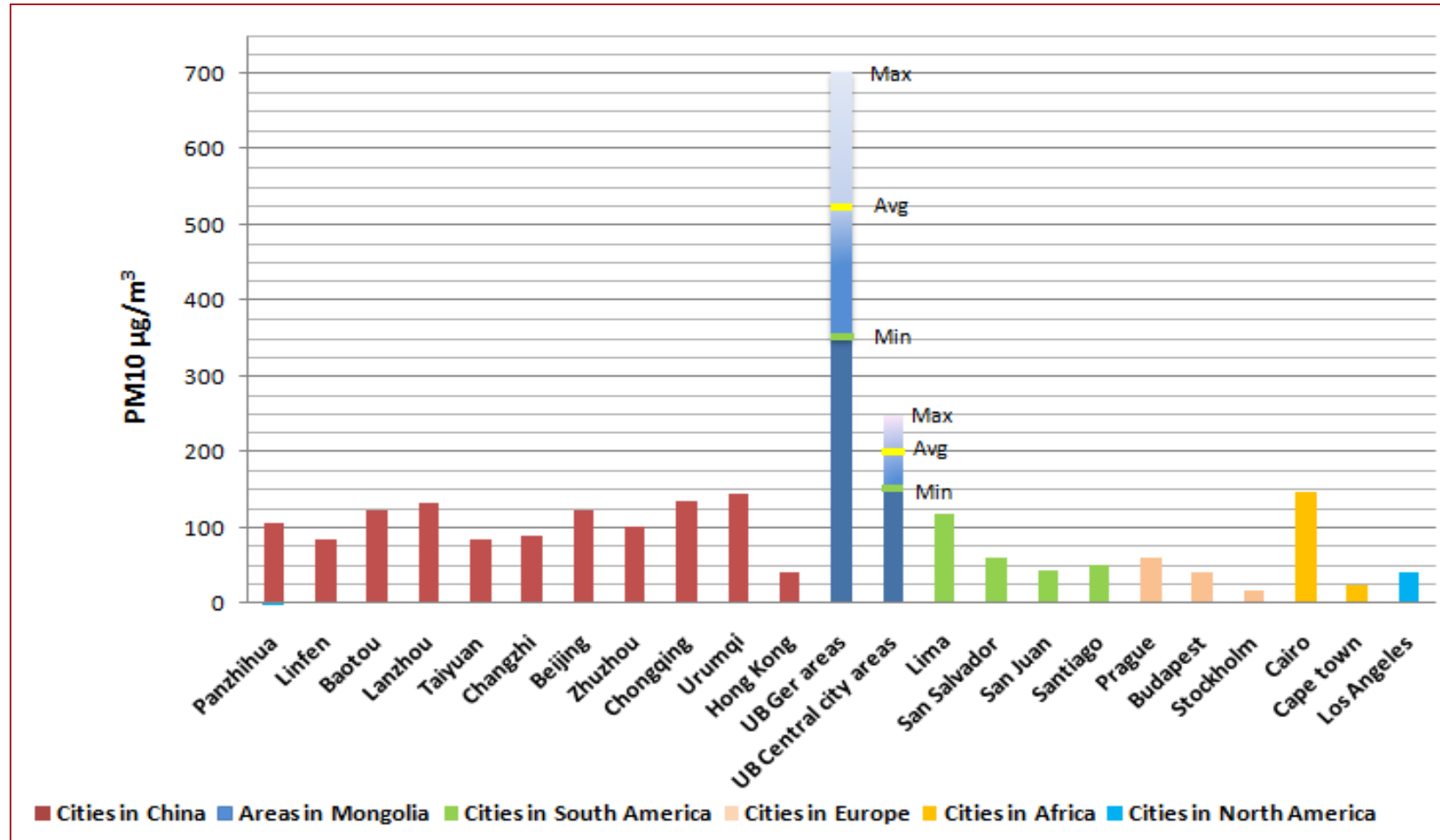


Timeseries PM10 (NANHEM)





# Yearly Average Concentrations



WorldBank 2011



# What are the Sources of Pollution?



# Pollution Source Apportionment

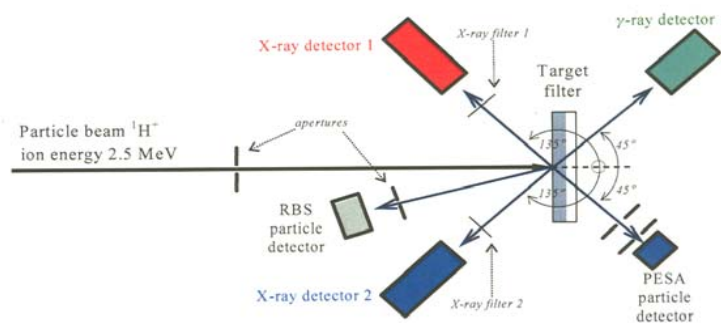


Fig. 1 Schematic of a typical experimental setup.

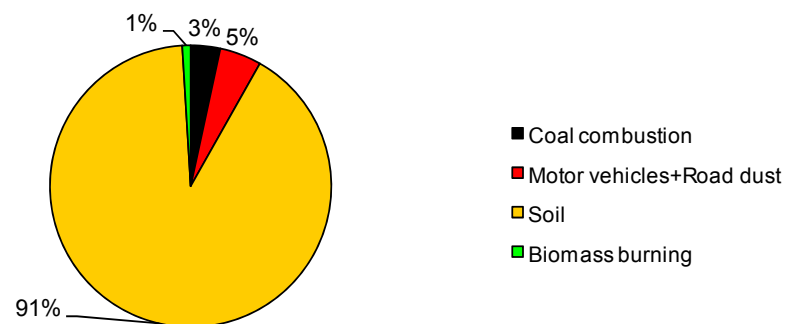
Experimental setup of the New Zealand Institute of Geosciences and Nuclear Sciences



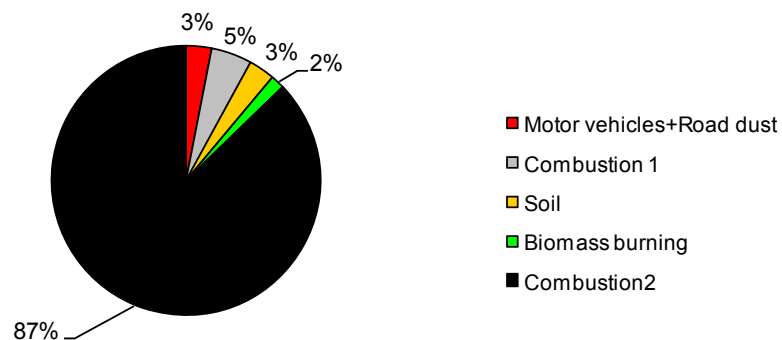
XRF Spectrometer "SPECTRO XEPOS"  
Nuclear Research Center, NUM, Ulaanbaatar

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## Source contribution PM10-2.5 No3



## Contribution PM2.5 in site No3(Zuun ail)-a





## Elemental Concentrations ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

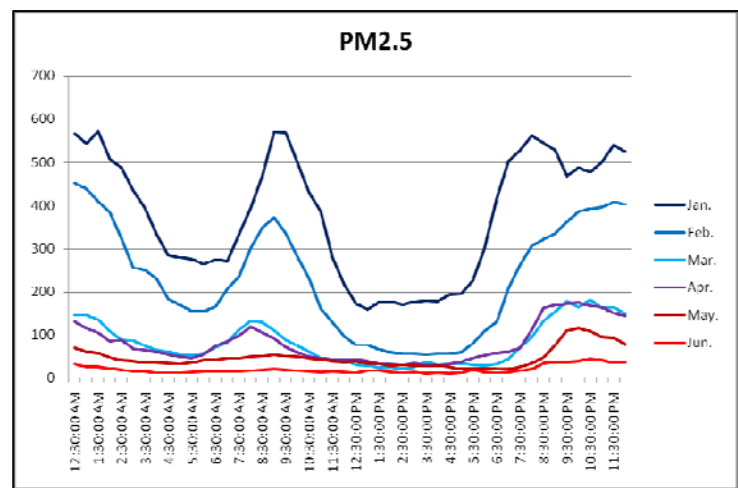
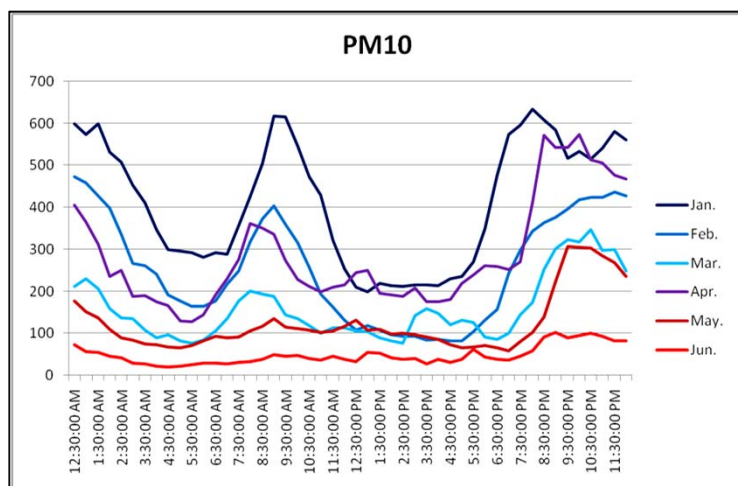
Elements	Arithmetic Mean	StdDev	Median	Maximum	Minimum	Samples > LOD <sup>a</sup>	S/N
PM 2.5	51800	91400	28200	1210000	5700		
BC	7290	10454	4242	94206	680	235	2.75
Na	290	425	112	2642	0	88	0.13
Mg	326	276	235	2083	31	200	0.62
Al	1150	1224	745	7627	0	227	0.81
Si	2305	1740	1871	10554	129	236	17.2
S	1969	3978	900	40079	125	236	17.55
Cl	139	133	88	849	12	236	2.14
K	324	239	243	1558	35	235	7
Ca	789	559	652	3194	50	236	11.92
Ti	37	33	28	156	0	191	0.27
Mn	15	14	11	65	0	178	0.18
Fe	523	388	416	2150	26	236	0.62
Cu	10	29	3	373	0	105	0.21
Zn	44	54	30	400	0	213	0.55
Pb	31	73	7	525	0	50	0.08



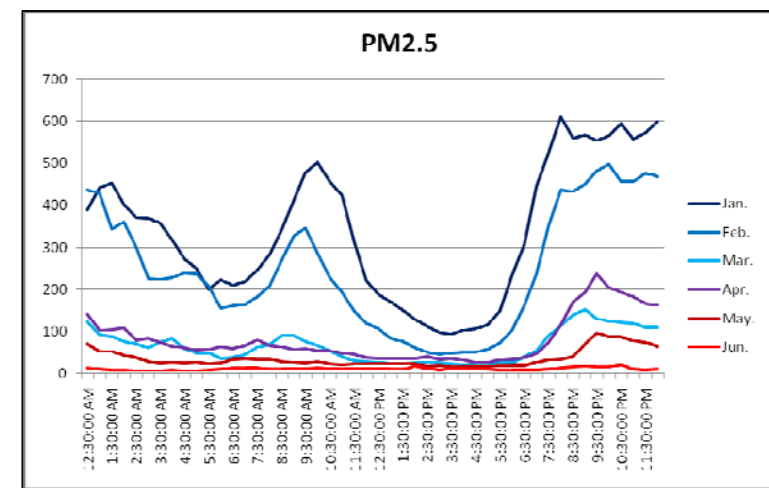
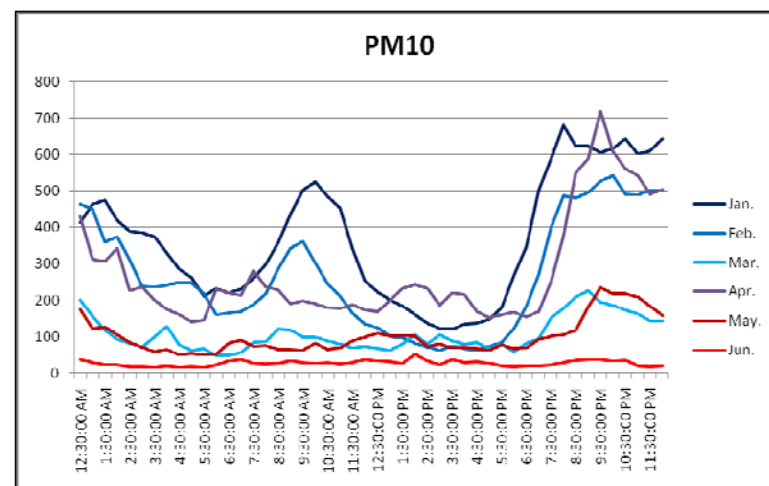
# Diurnal time Series of PM concentrations

(Example TV site, GTZ station)

## Working days



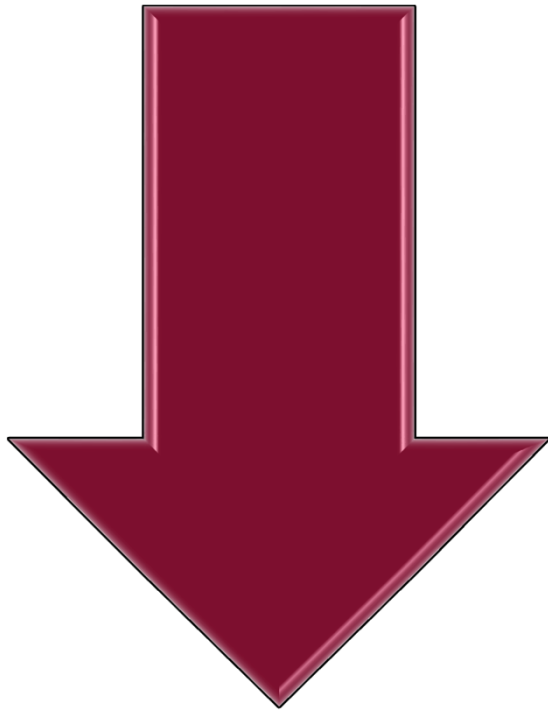
## Weekend





# Sources and Content of Pollution

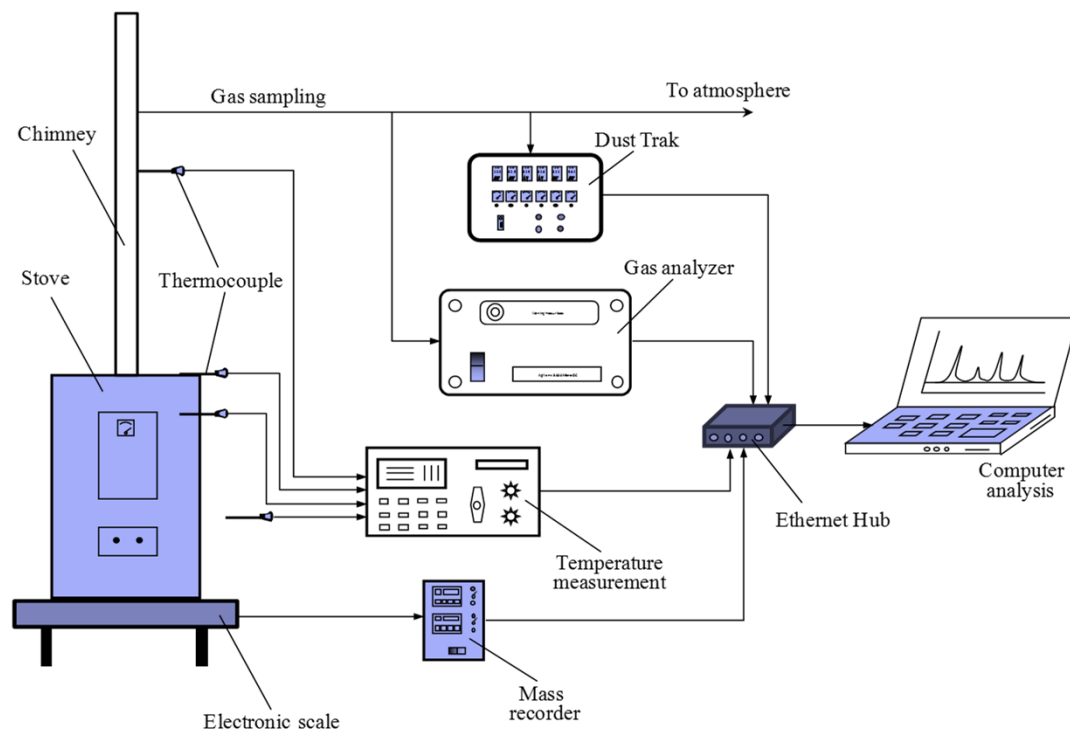
- ❖ Main pollution sources are:
  - $PM_{10}$ - Soil erosion, Coal combustion, Motor vehicle, Biomass burning,
  - $PM_{2.5}$ - Coal combustion, Motor Vehicle+Road dust, Biomass burning, Soil
- ❖ Ulaanbaatar is the most polluted capital city of the world.
- ❖ 50% of PM concentration corresponds to ignition phase (cold start) and reloading of stoves.
- ❖ Presence of toxic elements in air: Hg, Ni, V, F, Cl, Br, As.
- ❖ Pb (Lead) in the air is below the Mongolian standard.



What to  
do?



# Stove Testing Laboratory





# Mongol stove

Stove Manufacturer Ulaanbaatar  
Stove Model Traditional stove, traditional fire

Coal, v. 2.58

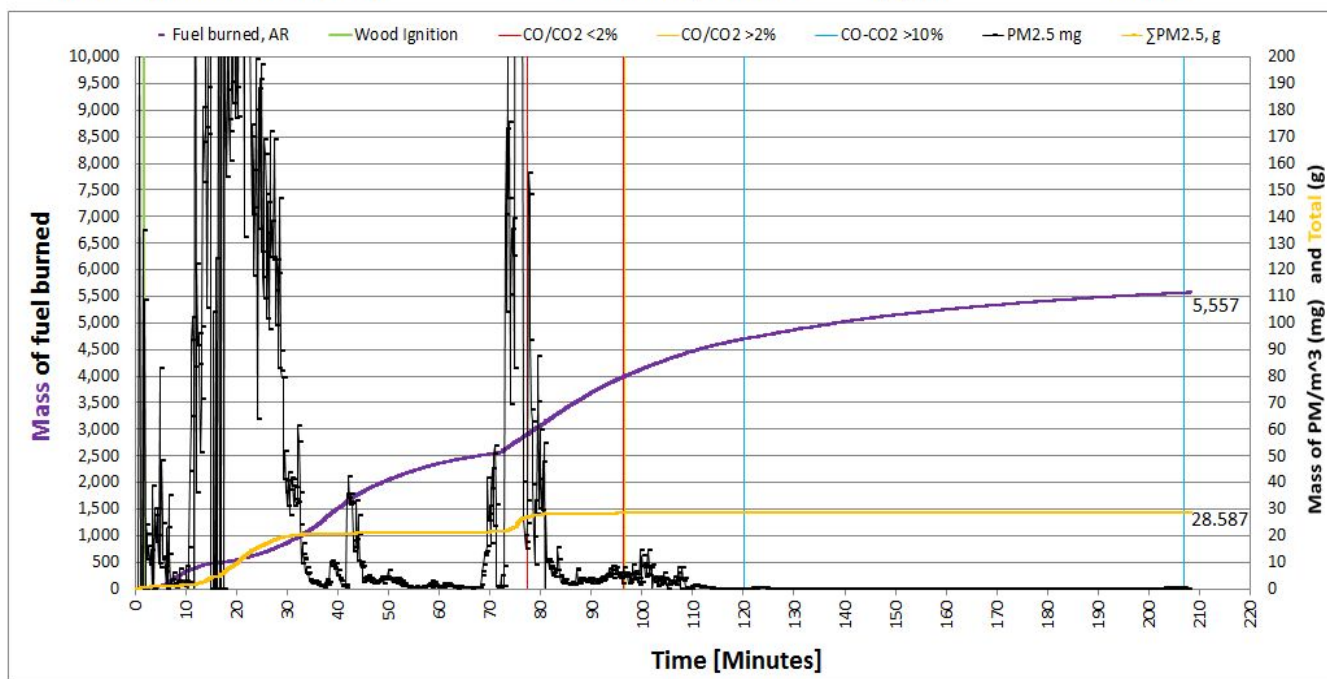
Test date 22/Aug/2010  
Type of Fuel Nalaikh

## PM 2.5 and Mass Burned 10.4.1

Traditional stove, traditional fire

22/08/2010

Test No. 081



Note: The ash is still in the stove.  
The heat value/kg considers this.  
The test ends when 90 % of the fuel  
loaded (total) has been burned.

Average particulate emission  
PM2.5 388.358 mg per MJ

Average CO emission  
8.161 g per MJ

Traditional stove, traditional fire

This test includes a refuelling episode. For a front lit traditional stove, the performance is typical showing that PM production is highly dependent on the lighting method. The peak power was 18 kW reached when first lighted or when refuelled.



# Modified Mongol Stove

Stove Manufacturer Street  
Stove Model MM-0

v. 2.59

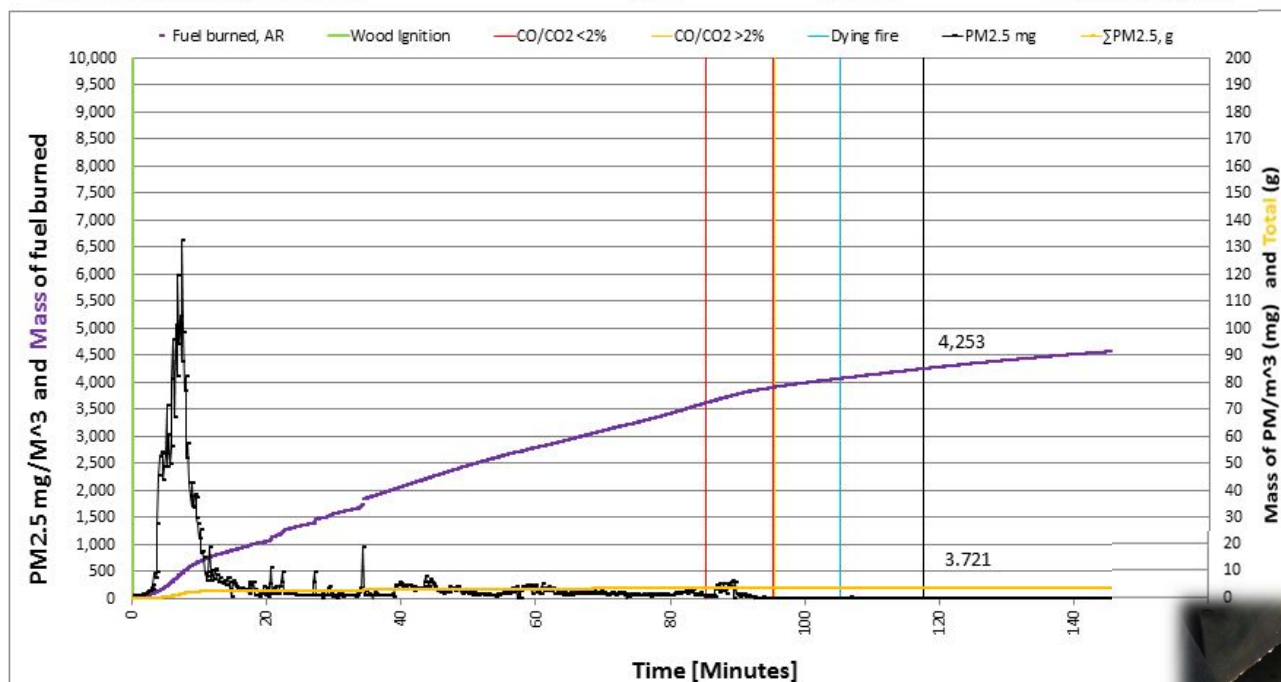
Test date 30/Nov/2010  
Type of Fuel Nalaikh Sept '10

## PM 2.5 and Mass Burned 10.4.1

MM-0

30/11/2010

Test No. ELCD Long Test



MM-0

No refuelling, just light at the far end of the combustion chamber and burn 90% of the fuel.



Average particulate emission  
PM2.5 66.994 mg per MJ

Average CO emission  
3.598 g per MJ





# Prototype Stove



Stove Manufacturer GTZ's contractor  
Stove Model GTZ 7.5

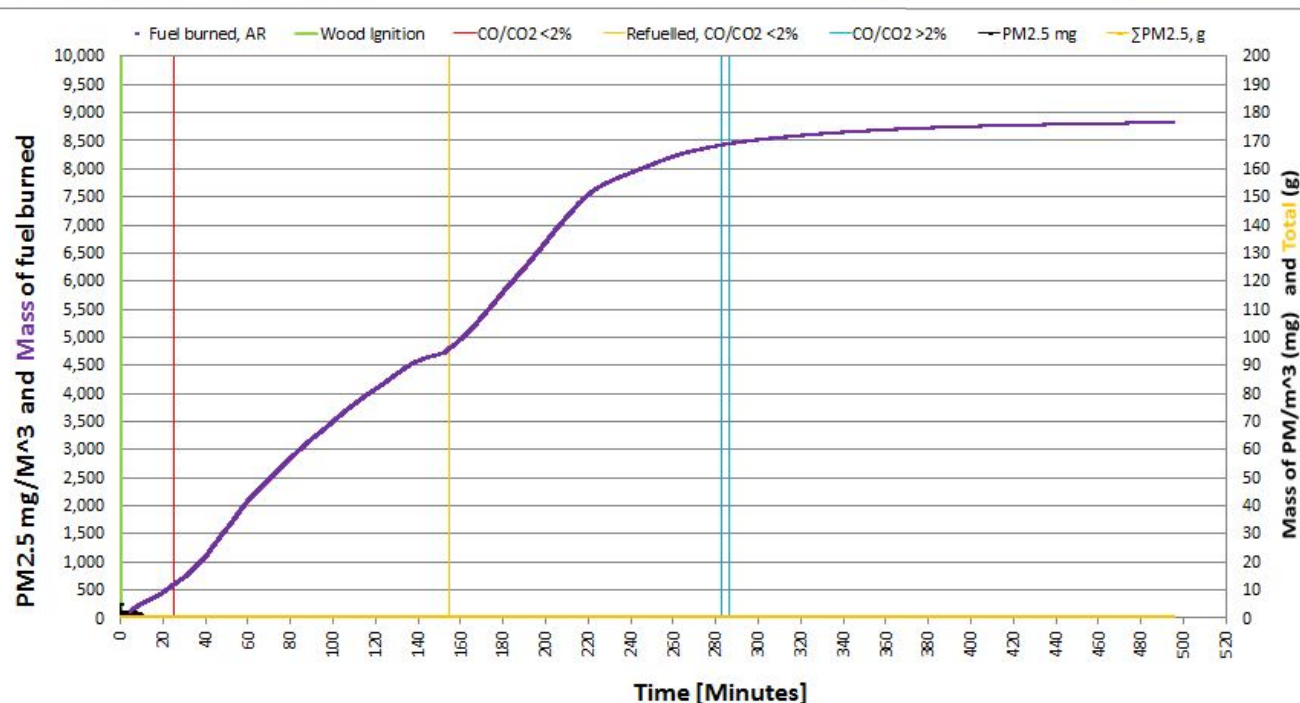
Coal, v. 2.58

PM 2.5 and Mass Burned 10.4.1

GTZ 7.5

18/12/2010

Test No. 117



Note: The ash is still in the stove.  
The heat value/kg considers this.  
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loaded (total) has been burned.

Average particulate emission  
PM2.5 0.363 mg per MJ

Average CO emission  
0.528 g per MJ



# Comparative stove efficiency

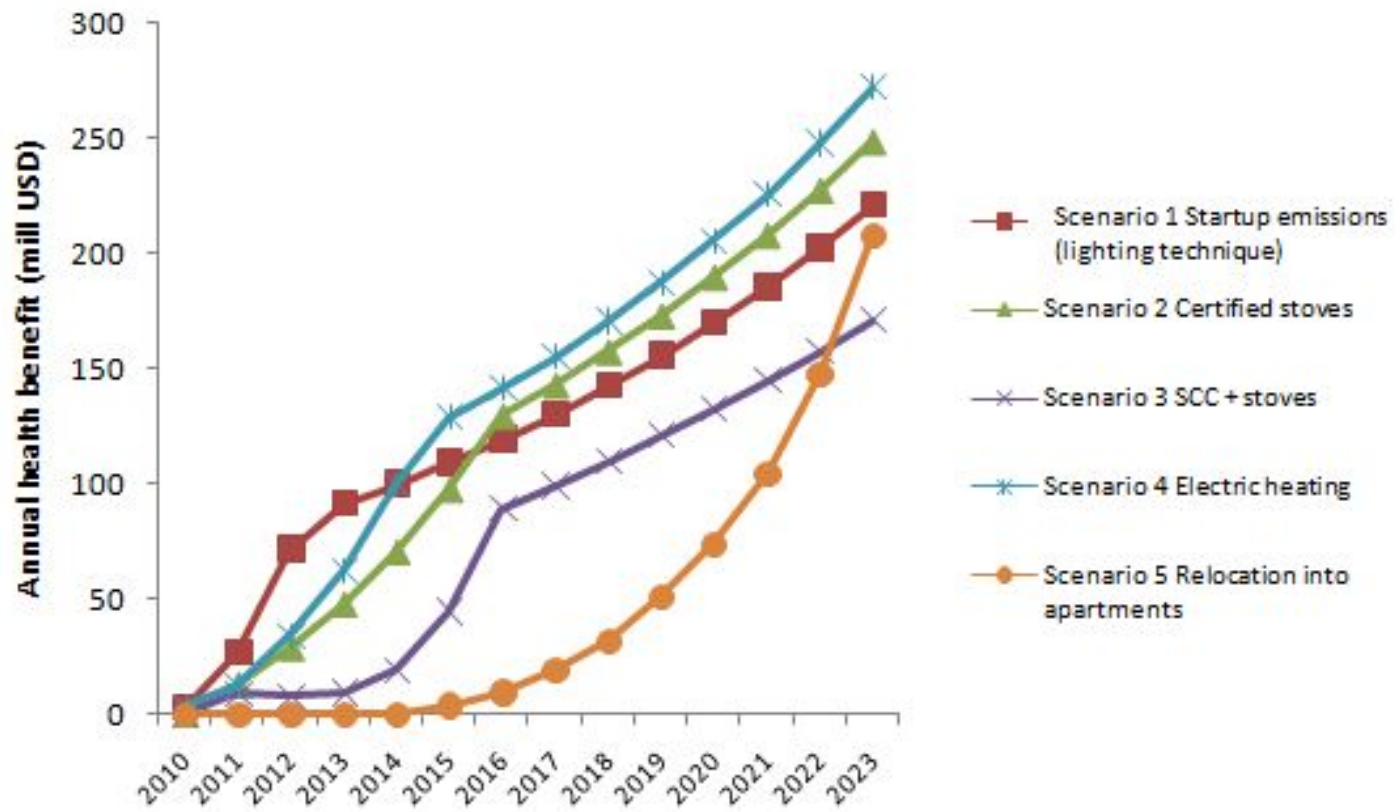
- Traditional stove has high emission and low efficiency, due to inefficient combustion and being lined with bricks and clay to increase lifetime
- Prototype stoves reduce PM Emission per MegaJoule of heat delivered more than 99% while still using raw coal
- Prototype stove is so efficient that it substantially cleans the ambient air that passes through the fire.

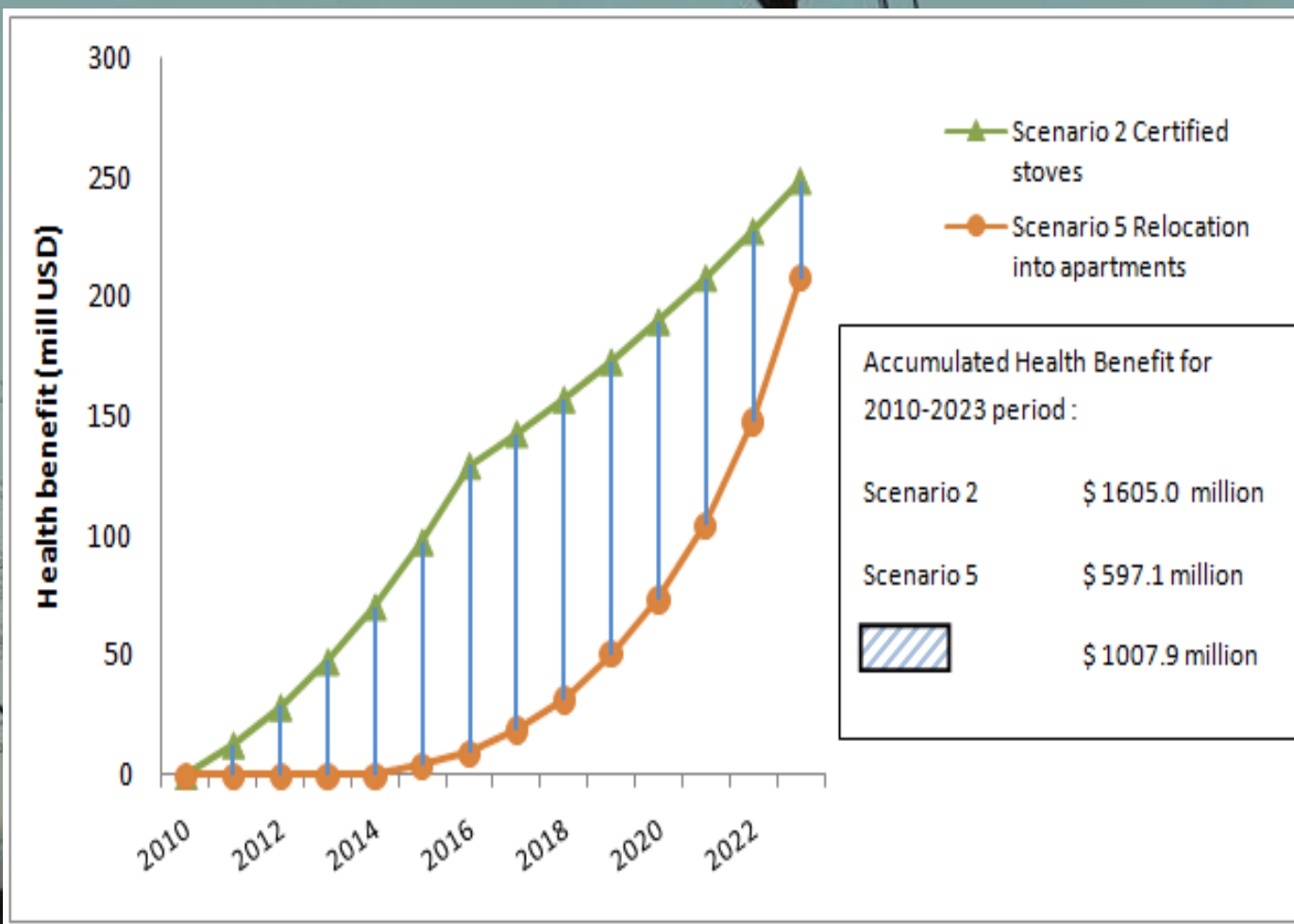


Management



## Annual Health Benefits From Abatement Scenarios - *benefits of different solutions accrue at different times.*

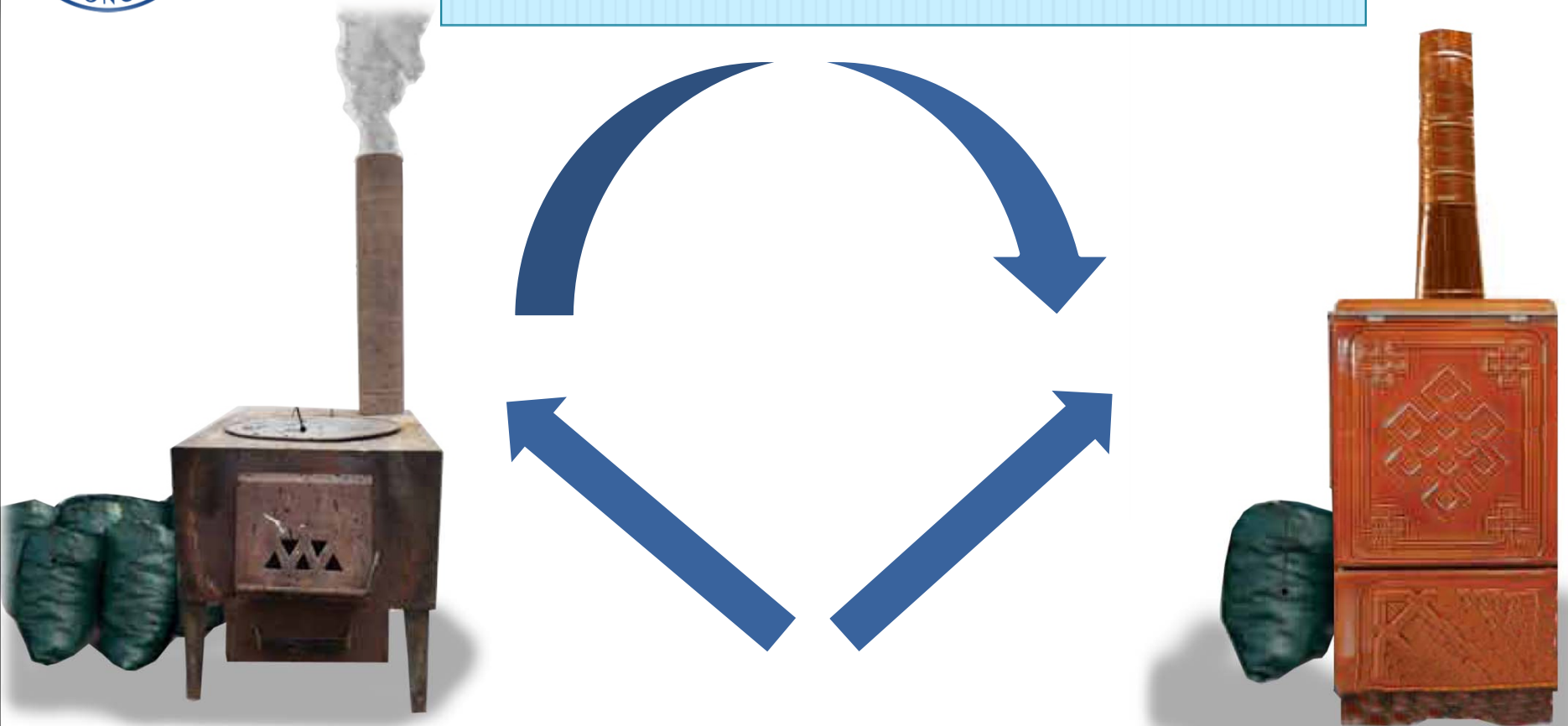




WORLD BANK 2011



153,000 (82%) stoves were changed  
for improved stoves



#### Change in emissions and fuel consumption

Coal consumption	Stack gas (PM2.5)	(SO2)
-16%	-80%	?



## Insulation materials, Saw Dust Briquette were distributed to the household

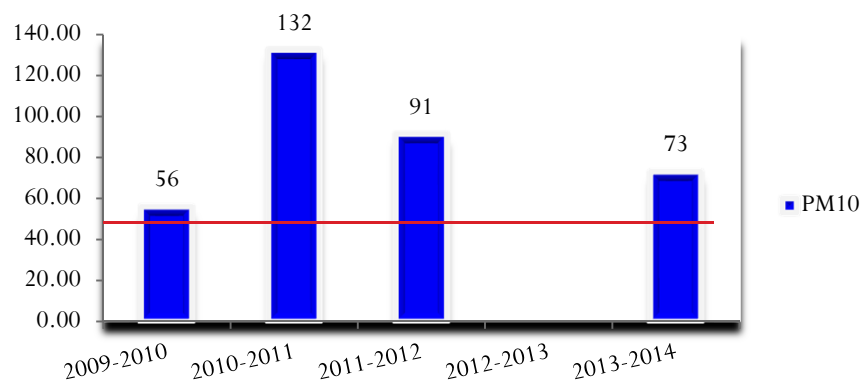


10 percent of HOB's were improved.

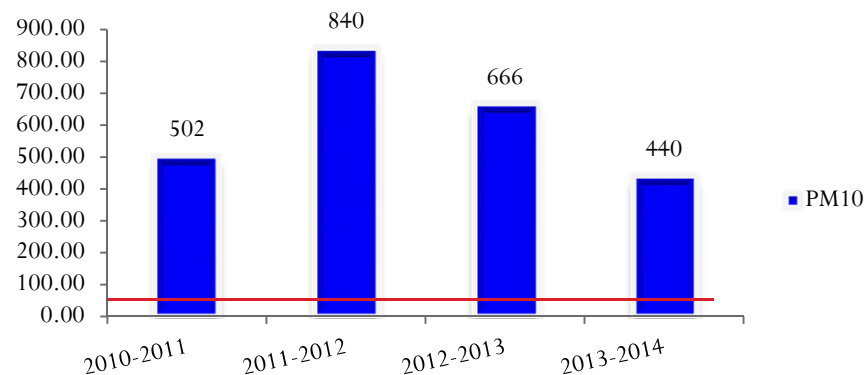


# Winter Months PM<sub>10</sub> Pollution Through The Years ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

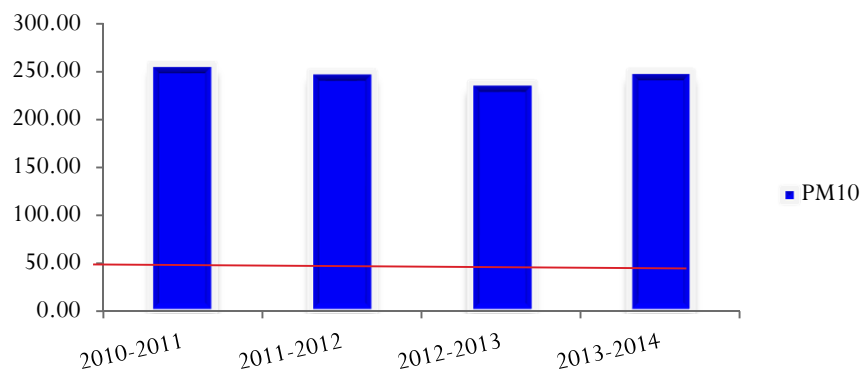
## CLEM UB1



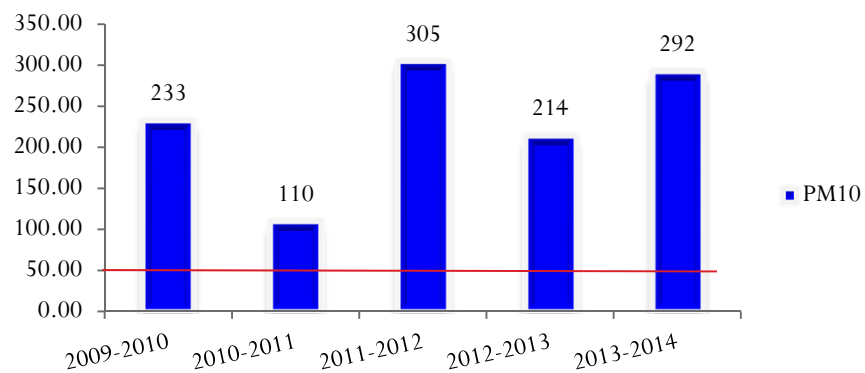
## Zuun Ail UB5



## West Cross UB2



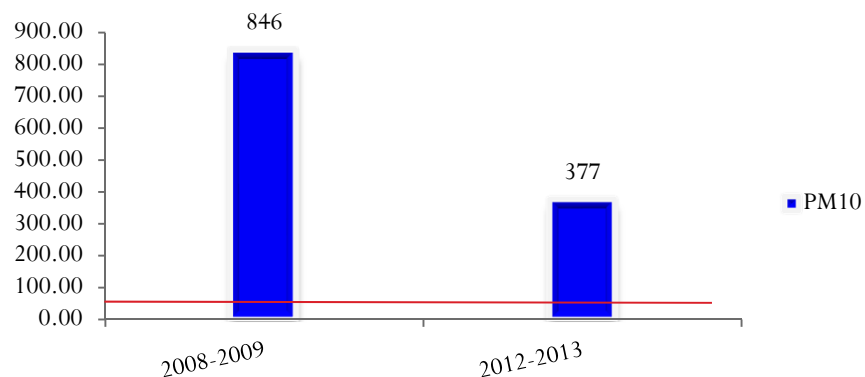
## 13 Dist. UB4



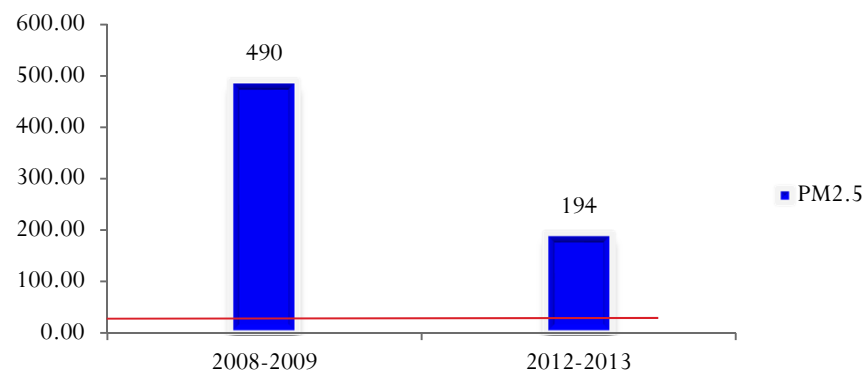


# PM<sub>2.5</sub> Pollution In Winter Months ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

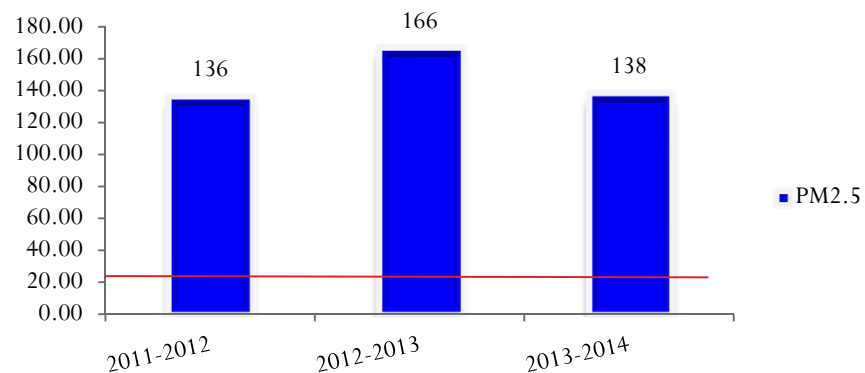
## Zuun Ail UB5



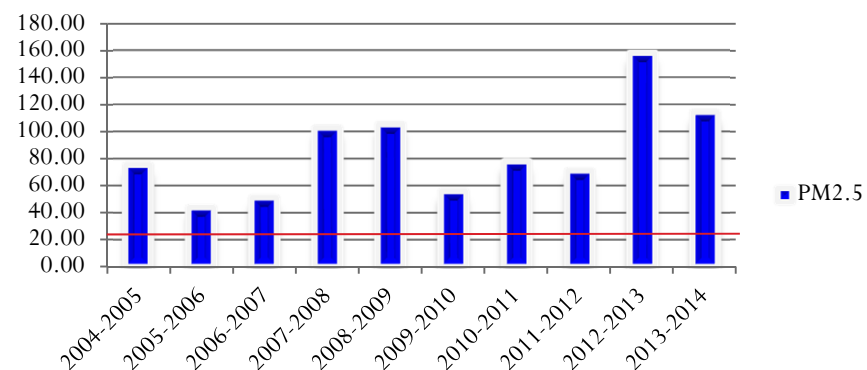
## Zuun Ail UB5



## West Cross UB2



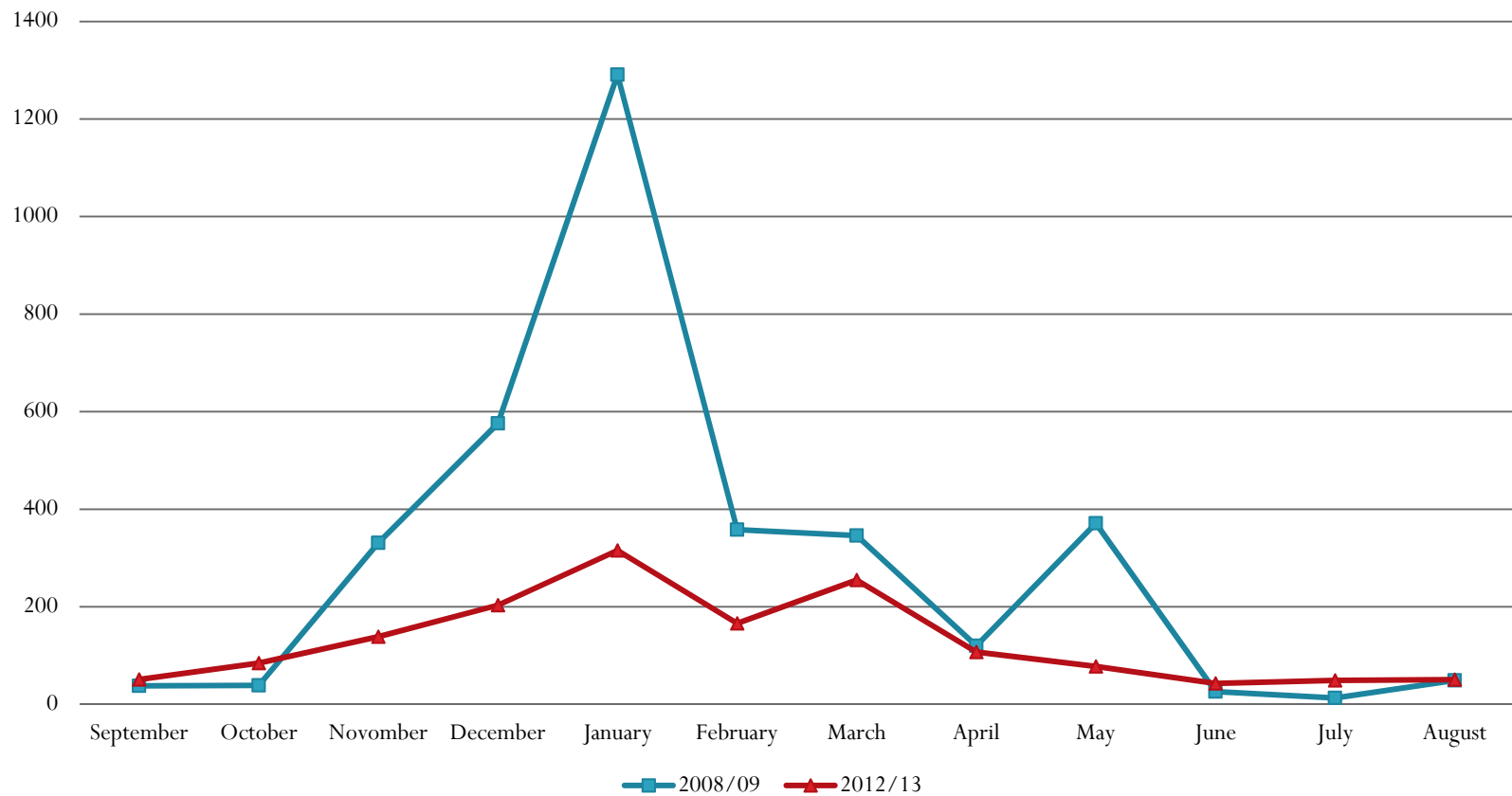
## NRC UB6





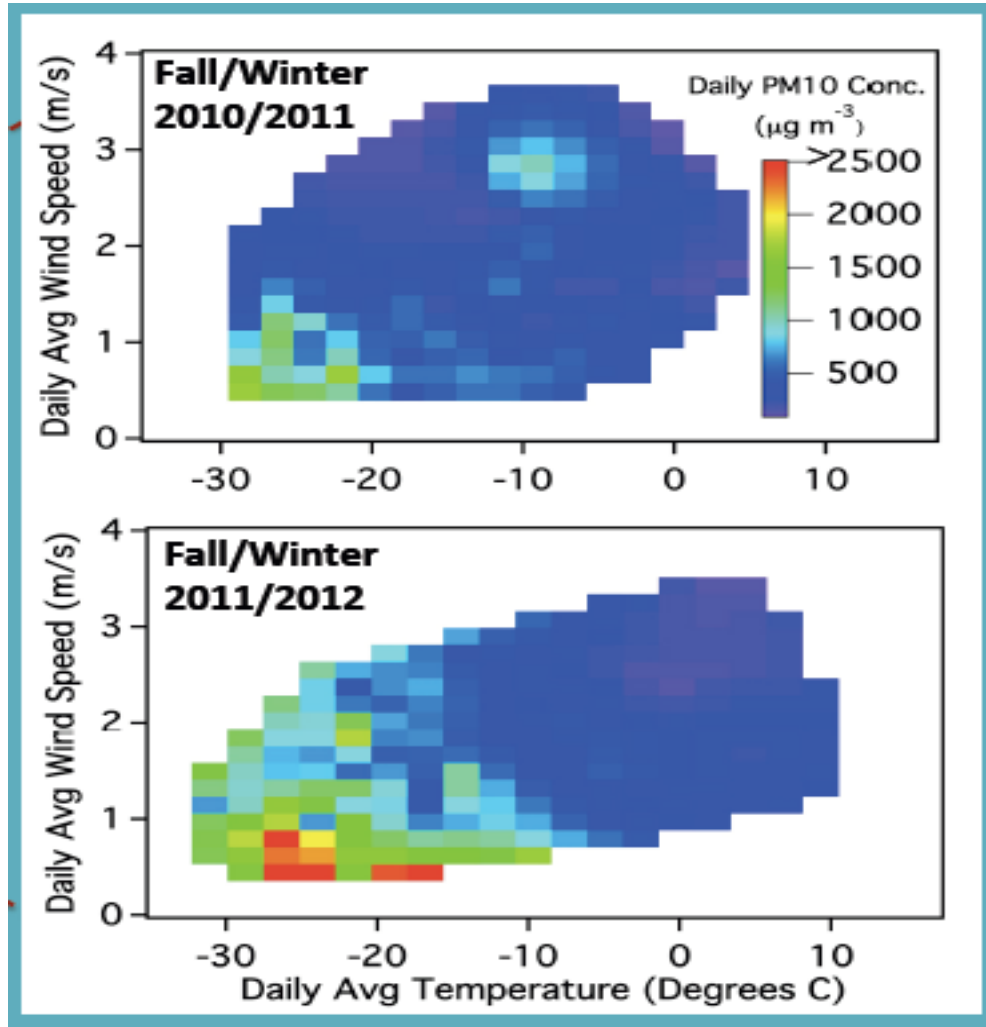
# Comparison PM2.5 Concentration at Zuun ail

Comparison of PM2.5 2008-2009 and 2012-2013





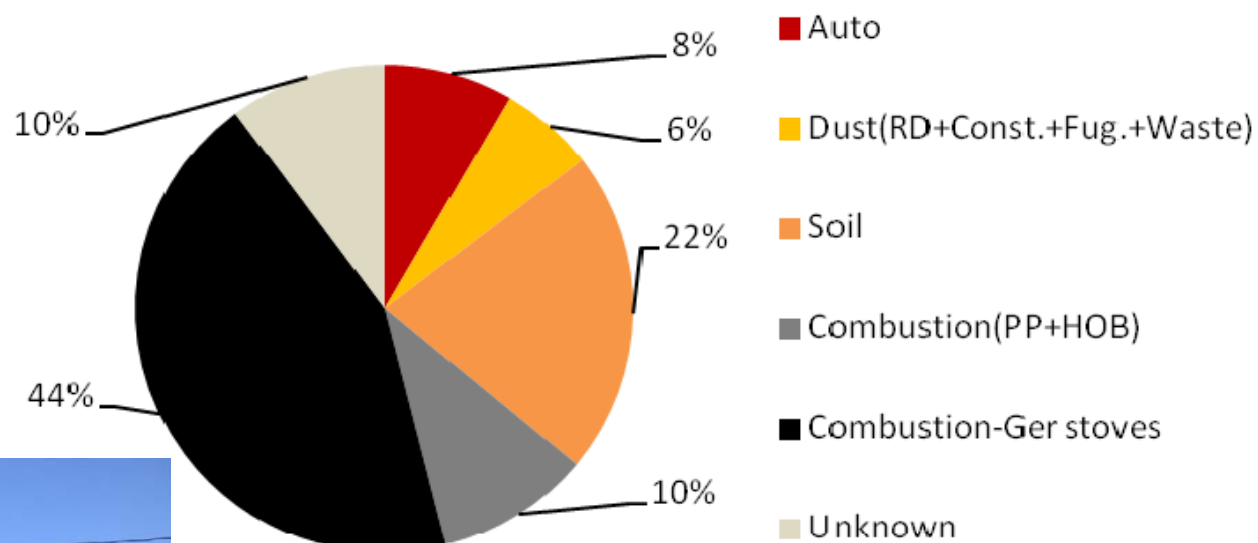
# PM<sub>10</sub> VS Wind and Temperature





# New Source Apportionment Result

Source Contribution of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, Site Zuun Ail  
2012-2013





## Discussion

- PM Air pollution reduction varies from site to site:
  - 57% decrease at Zuun Ail in 2012-2013 versus 2008-2009 (high stove uptake)
  - 30% reduction in overall UB pollution (AQA 2012-2013 versus 2011-2012)
  - 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 winter PM<sub>2.5</sub> air pollution decreased some places (Zuun Ail, Western Cross) but increased in some places (13 District, Academy Town)



# Discussion

## Reason of reduction of $PM_{2.5}$ :

- Sale of 145,000 improved household stoves
- Paving more roads
- Weather conditions, especially inversions, wind direction and speed, temperature

## Reason for increase of $PM_{2.5}$ :

- Use of Baganuur coal instead of Nalaikh coal in the winters of 2012-2013 and 2013-2014
- Increasing population, vehicles and homes
- Weather conditions, wind direction and speed, especially inversions, temperature



# Conclusion

- PM<sub>2.5</sub> air pollution in UB City has been reduced overall since 2011/12
- 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 winter reduced only in some places
- PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration in ambient air is highly dependent on not only stoves, but also the type of fuel used and firing behavior of the users
- H<sub>2</sub>S should be measured and controlled



## Conclusion (Cont.)

- Fuel for households should be carefully selected and tested in common stoves using common behavior
- In more air pollution monitoring stations should measuring PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution (at least 6)
- Source apportionment work should be done for more sites for future policy making of reduction of air pollution as current information is limited



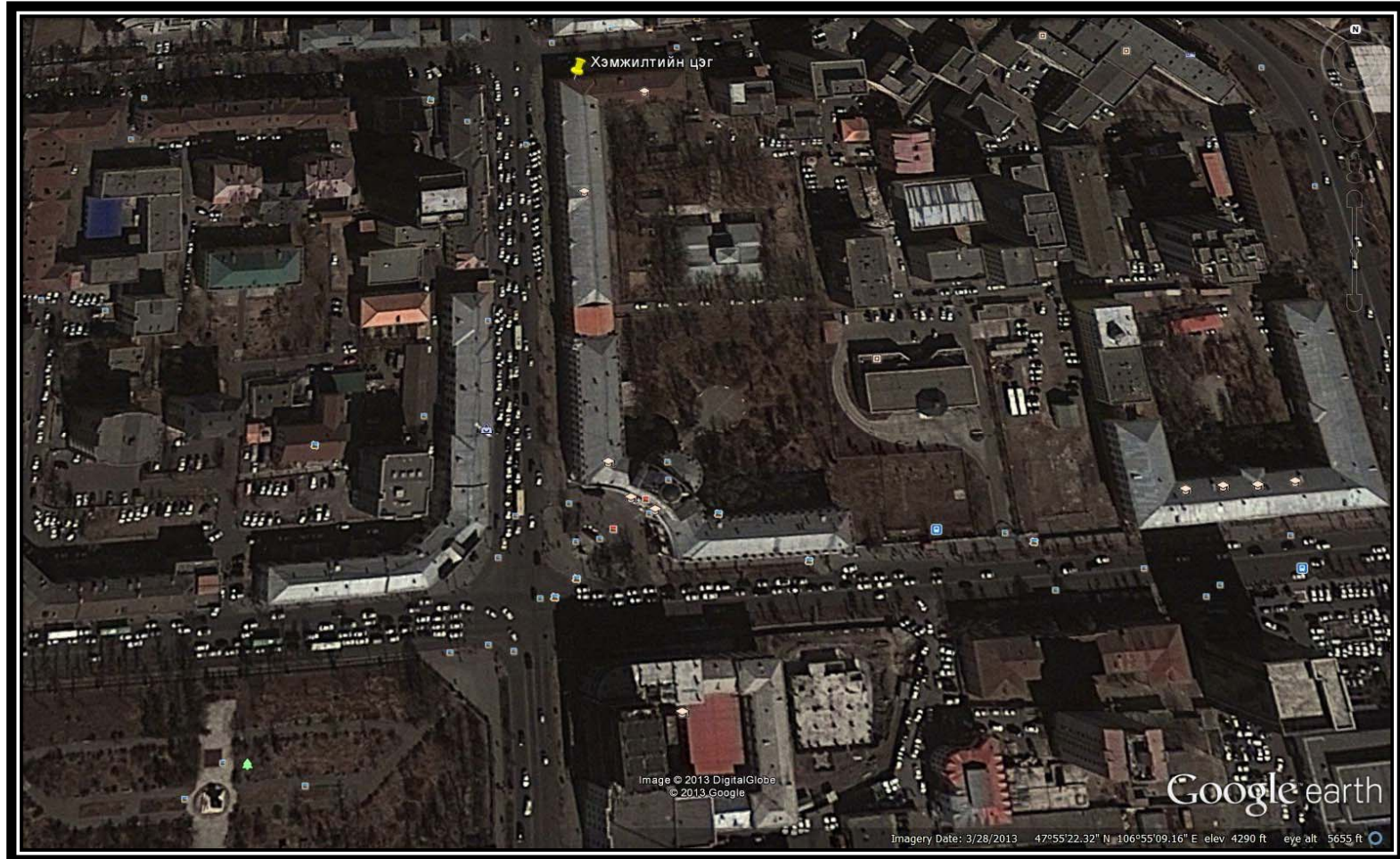
# Black Carbon Study

Aim of the study is:

Evaluation of BC in central Ulaanbaatar and possibility of use of MicroAethalometer to assess personal dose of PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution



# Black Carbon Study





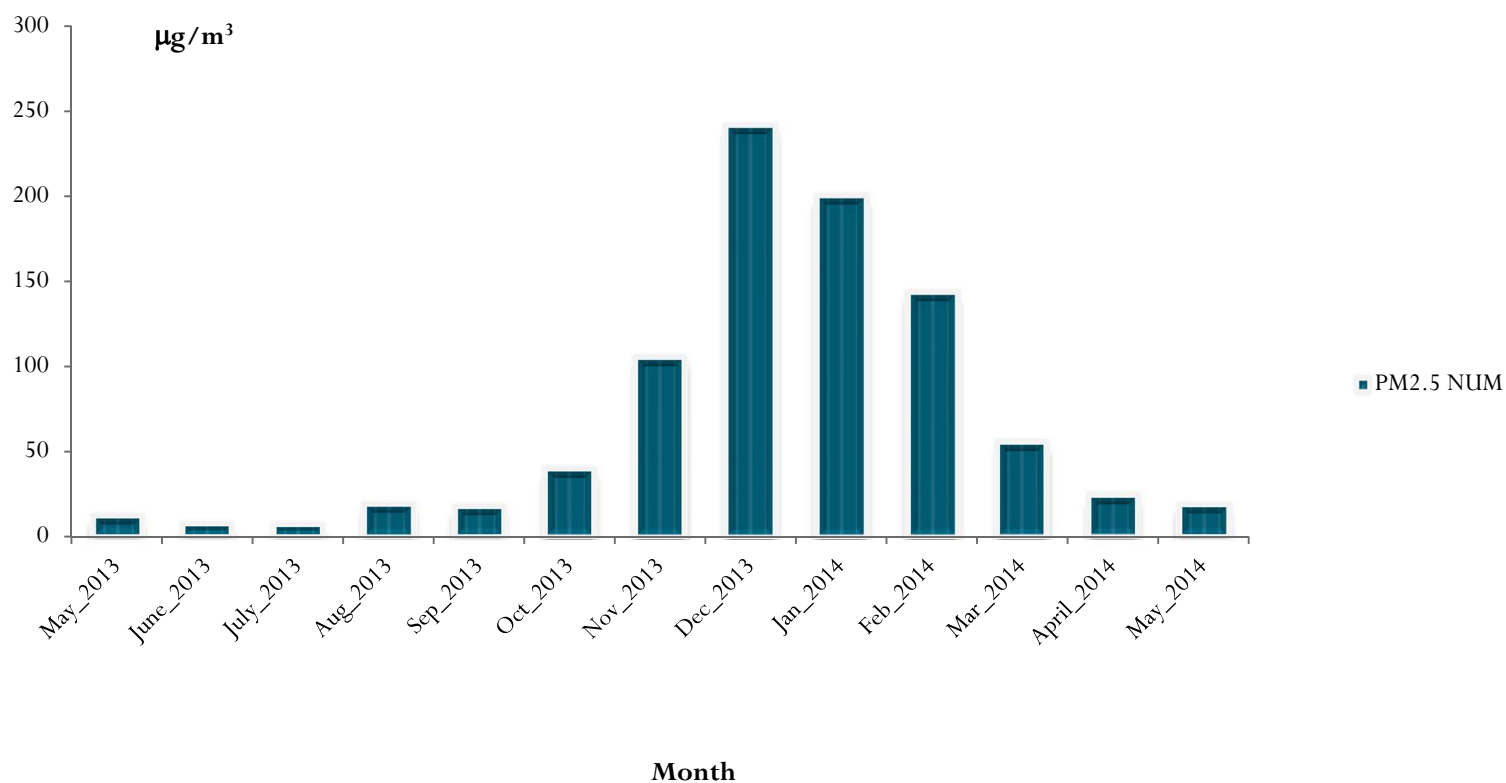
PM2.5 Measurement – Dusttrak DRX- 8533, TSI,USA,  
Black Carbon Measurement- Microathalometer, MicroAeth AE-51, USA  
Measuring Site, Building 3 NUM, United Nations Street Cross Road

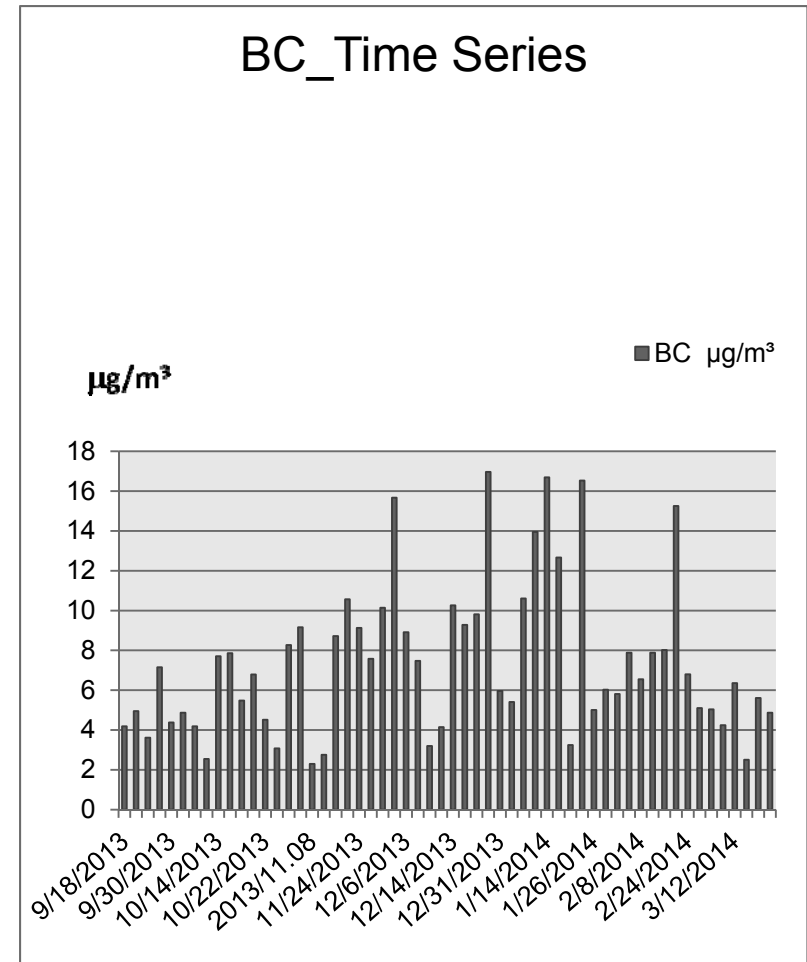
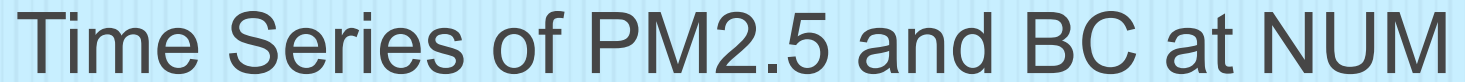




# Monthly Average PM2.5 at NUM

PM2.5 NUM



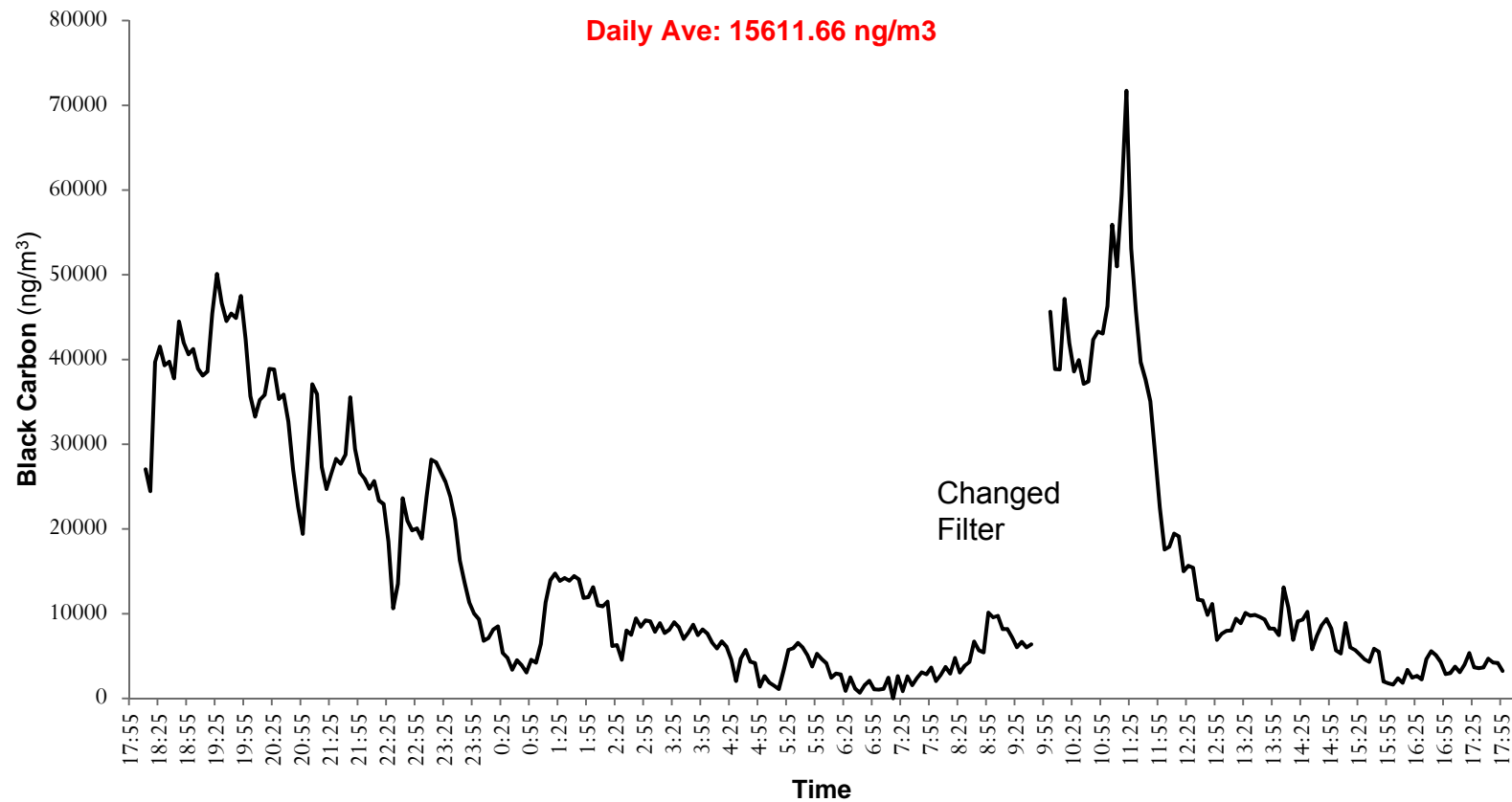




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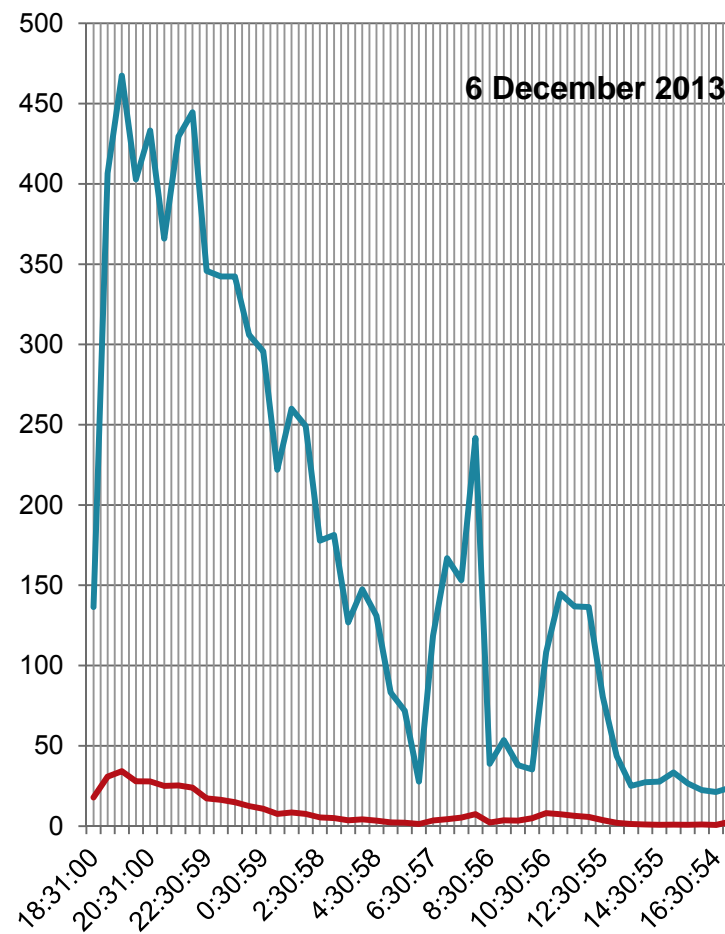
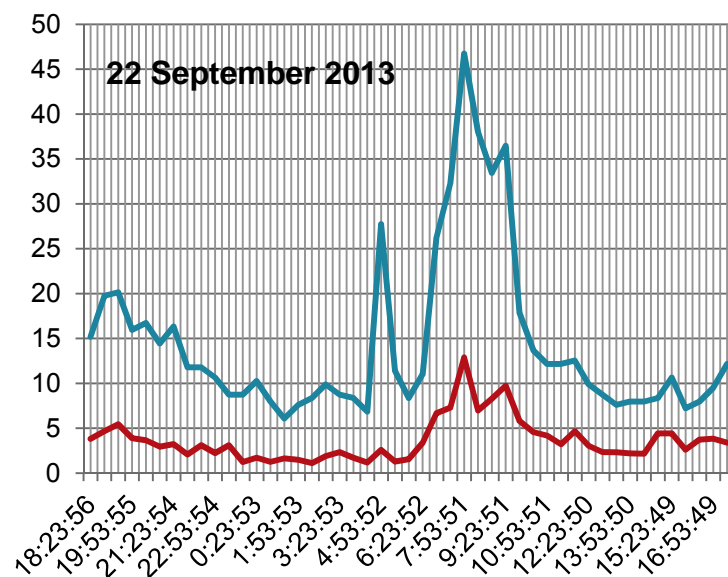
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Daily Ave: 15611.66 ng/m<sup>3</sup>



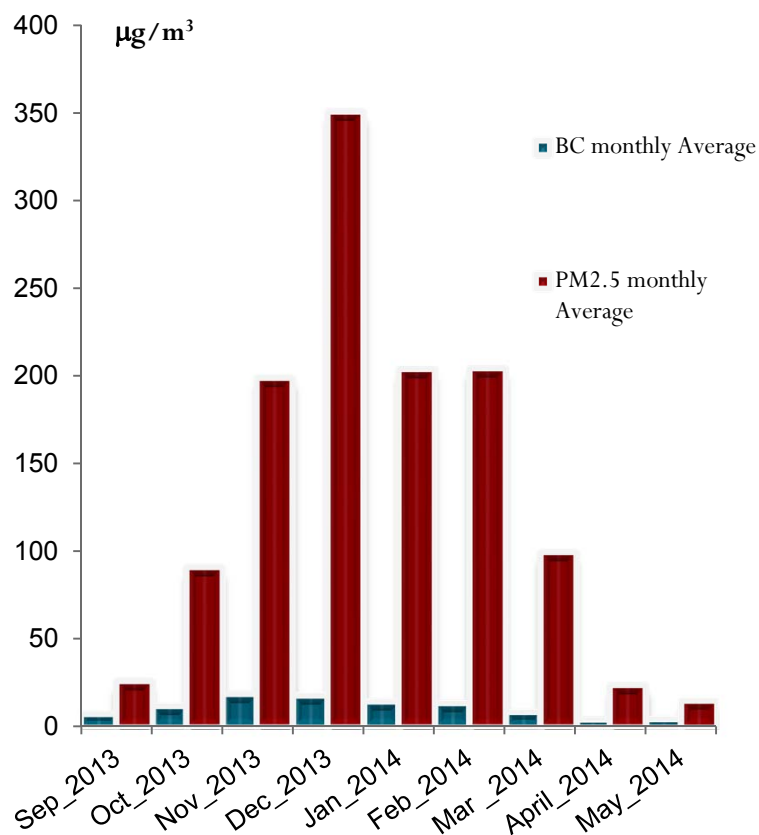


# PM2.5 and BC ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )





# BC/PM2.5 Ratio



Months	BC/PM2.5
Sep_2013	0.29
Oct_2013	0.13
Nov_2013	0.10
Dec_2013	0.05
Jan_2014	0.07
Feb_2014	0.07
Mar_2014	0.09
April_2014	0.19
May_2014	0.31

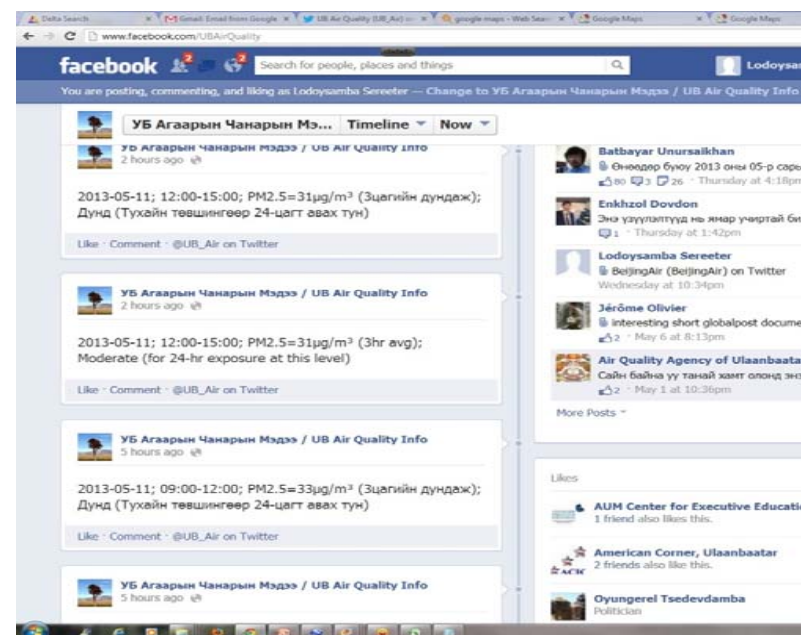
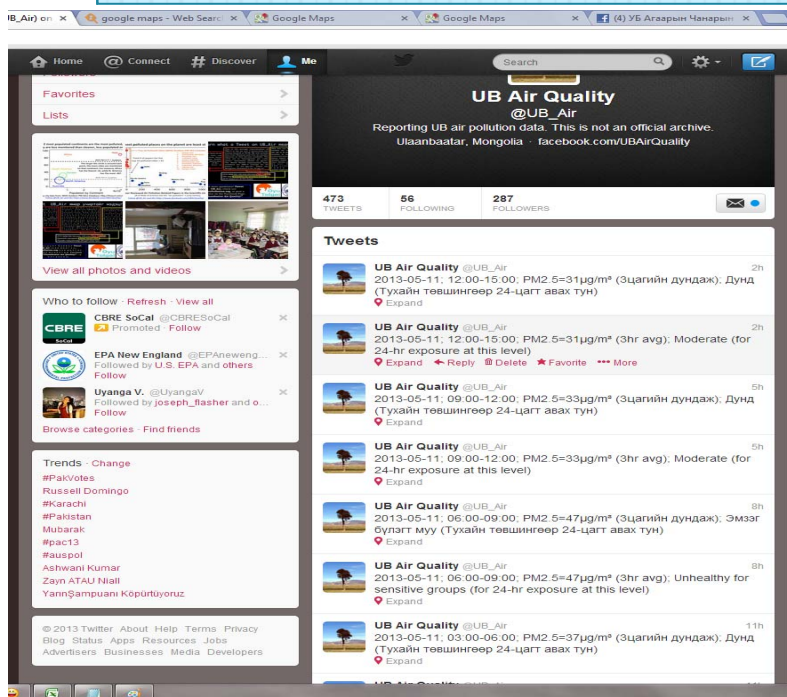


## Conclusion: Black Carbon Study

- Black Carbon measurement can be done not for more than 6 continuous hours in November-February in Ulaanbaatar, due to filter saturation
- $PM_{2.5}$  pollution can be estimated using Black Carbon by MicroAethalometer measurement. Monthly calibration factor should be applied, as BC/ $PM_{2.5}$  ratio is not linear from month-to-month
- This Non-linear ratio can be explained by the presence of water droplets and ice on cold days and because dominating BC source at the site is vehicles. It should be studied more in future.



# Twitter and FaceBook air quality



[https://twitter.com/ub\\_air](https://twitter.com/ub_air) and  
<https://www.facebook.com/UBAirQuality>

**Please visit our Twitter and FaceBook sites to see the air pollution in Ulaanbaatar on-line.**

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