

Cooking, health, and daily exposure to transient air pollution peaks

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What causes pollution peaks? Routine daily activities:



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Ministry warns on dangers of cooking without ventilation

Fine dust concentration reaches alarming levels when cooking food on stoves using oil without proper ventilation, the Environment Ministry said.

The ministry said it measured the concentration level of PM2.5 — the fine particulate matter smaller than 2.5 micrometers in diameter — that build up while cooking on a stove at 32 sample houses and calculated the average.

The tests showed that after some 10 minutes of pan-frying mackerel the level of PM2.5 surged to 2,290 micrograms per cubic meter. This is a 76-fold denser than the average level of fine dust in the air and 25 times more than the standard level of micrograms per cubic meter that prompts fine dust warning. Other dishes tested included samgyeopsal (pan-fried pork belly), fried egg and fried rice.

Other contaminants such as formaldehyde and nitrogen dioxide were also created.

The ministry said it is crucial to cook with the vent turned on or with windows open during and after cooking with oily ingredients.



Fine dust created from cooking

(Concentration level of PM2.5, the fine particulate matter smaller than 2.5 micrometers in diameter)

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What causes pollution peaks? Routine daily activities:

The Washington Post

CLIMATE COACH

Are induction stoves that much safer than gas? We tested them.

Scientists' best answer, at the moment, to whether you should ditch your gas stove is: We're not sure yet

Advice by Michael J. Coren, John Farrell and Alice Li

January 16, 2024 at 6:30 a.m. EST

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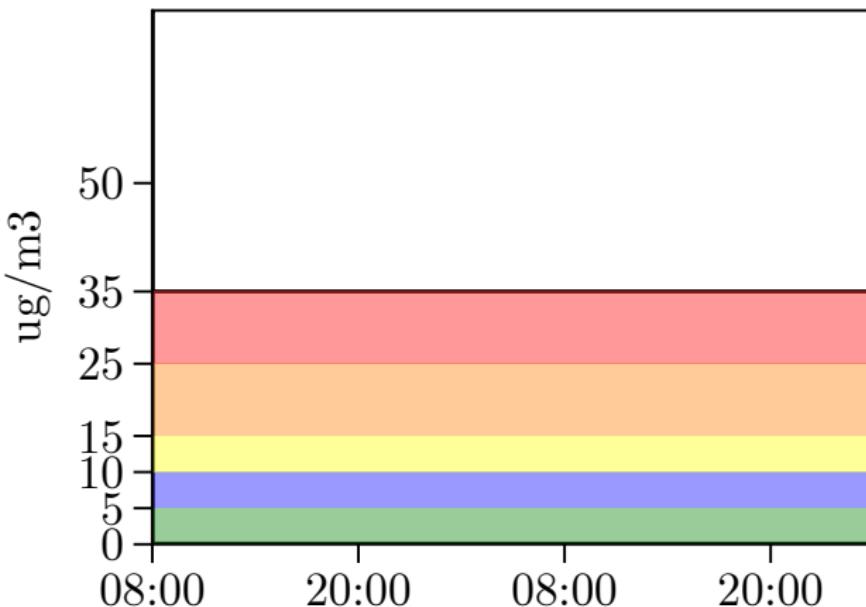
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Daily air pollution patterns

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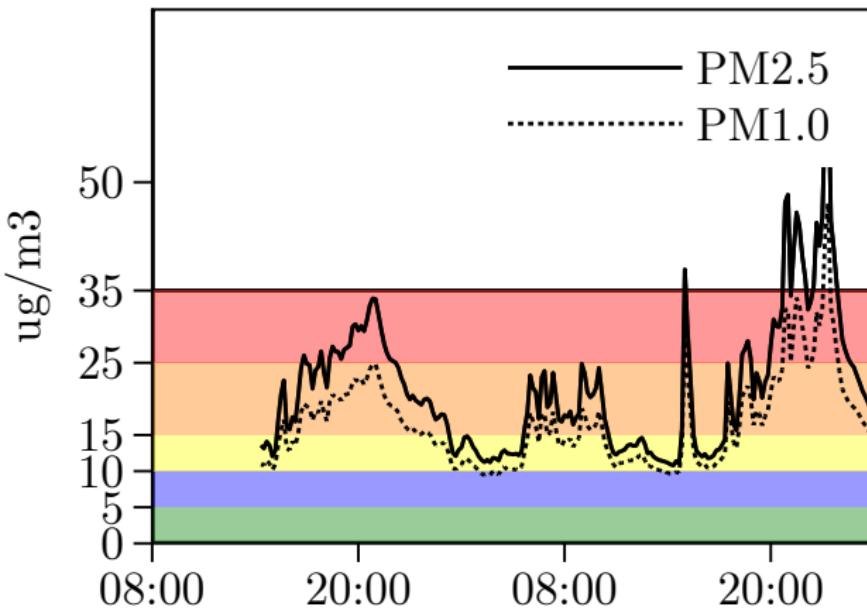
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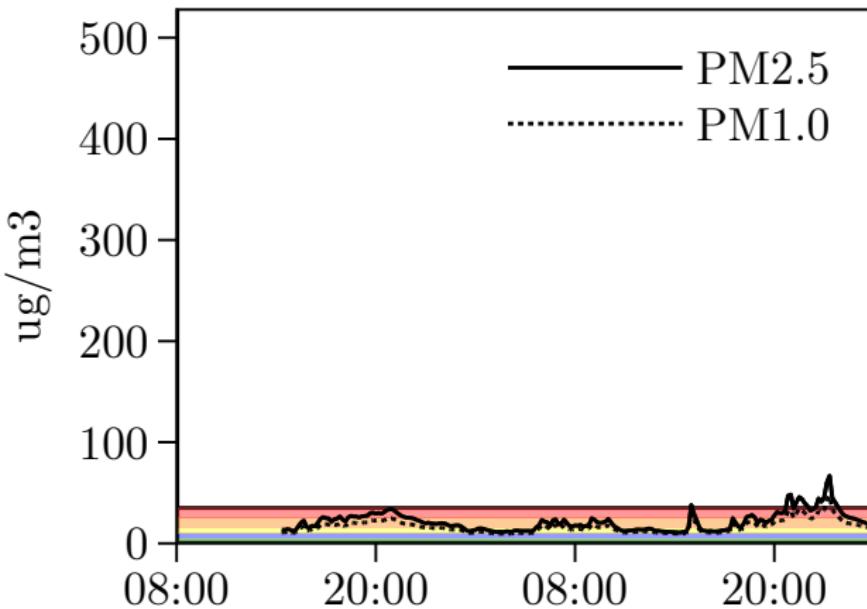
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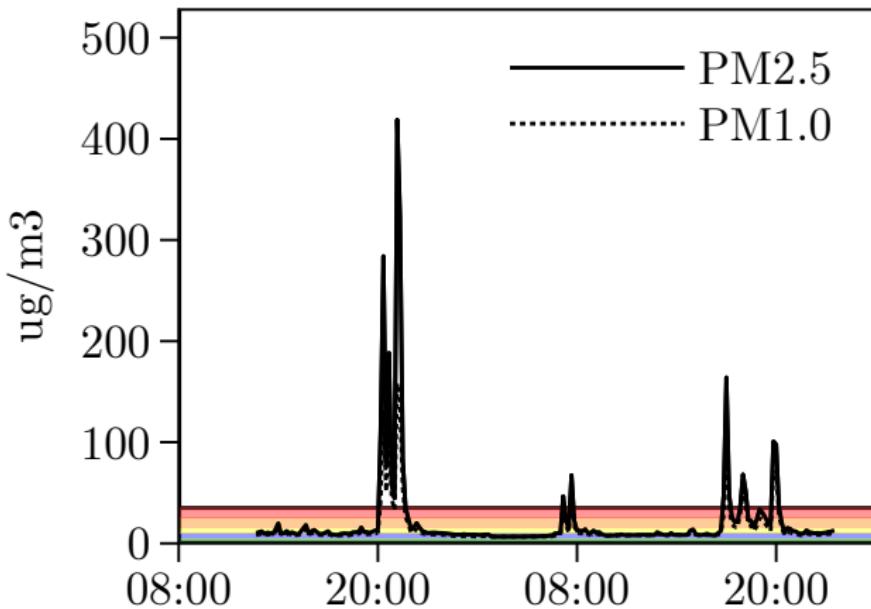
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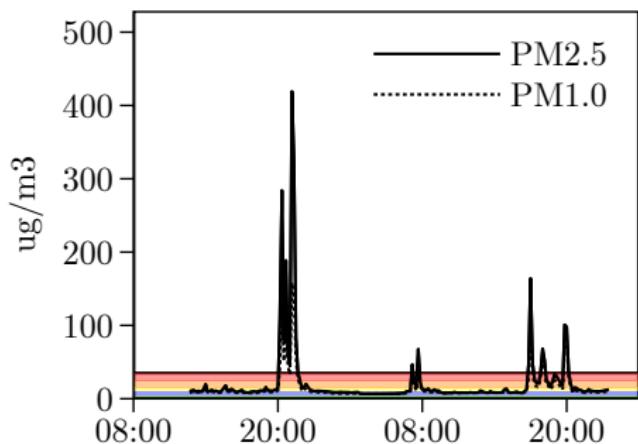
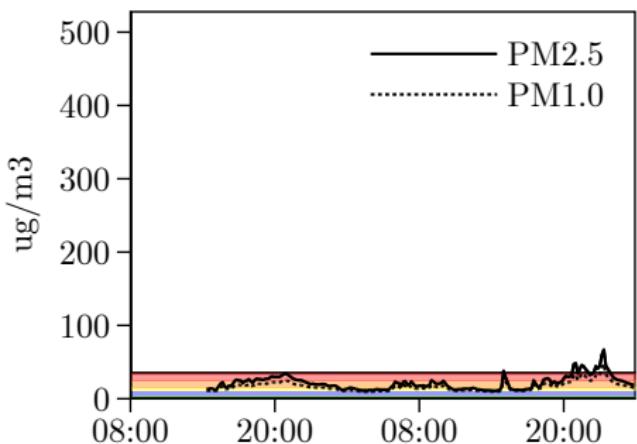
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Same daily average ($21\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, AQI 70):



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Existing research on air pollution impacts

WHO, Lancet: Air pollution causes 7–9 million premature deaths (10–15% of all deaths) annually

▶ Impact of **daily average** TSP/PM2.5 concentrations

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- ▶ Short-term impacts of a **single** transient spike

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Health impacts of daily transient peaks:

The Washington Post

What can you do?

First, don't panic.

Cooking once in a smoky kitchen isn't particularly dangerous. It's the cumulative exposure that matters.

The daily, weekly and monthly cadence of elevated pollutants increases the risk of disease down the line.

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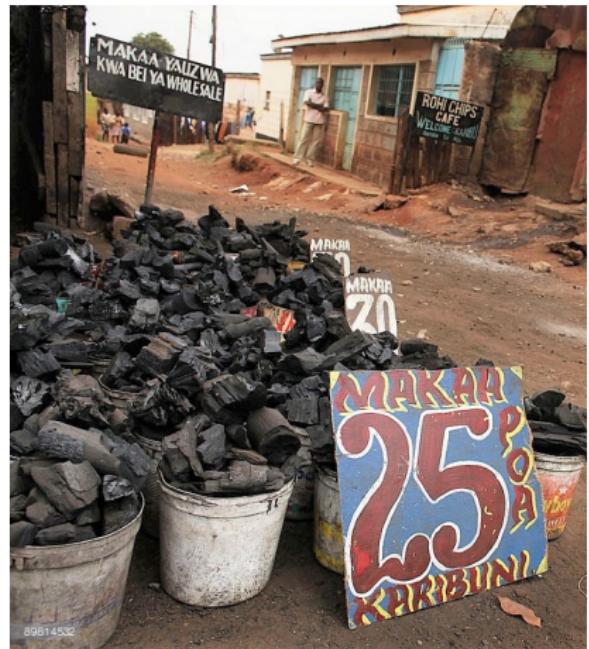
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“Jurisdictions with a high temporal variability of PM2.5 concentration, such as in India and China, should consider short-term averaging (20 minutes or 1 hour)”

In low- and middle income countries, biomass cooking causes large daily transient peaks:



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The urban poor experience high means and higher peaks

- ▶ In Africa, >80% of urban households use biomass cooking (FAO)
- ▶ 3bn to live in slums in Africa and Asia by 2050 (WHO, UN)



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 1. Pollution data (backpacks with PA and LASCAR devices)
 2. Clinical health outcomes
 3. Self-reported health outcomes
 4. Time use data
 5. Cognitive function

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Preview of results: Large reduction in transient peaks

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3. Improved stove ownership reduces peak cooking pollution by
 $52\mu g/m^3$: **42%** of the cooking increase

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Evidence against measurement error, experimenter demand

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Evidence is consistent with:

- ▶ Transient peaks in pollution cause short-term symptoms
- ▶ Average concentrations drive chronic health

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Poverty and climate

This does **not** imply the \$40 cookstove is not effective:

1. **Large private benefits:** \$86 per year in Nairobi
(1 month of income)
2. **Large social benefits:** Subsidies cost \$5–\$10 per tCO₂e avoided (depending on fNRB value; Gill-Wiehl, Kammen, Haya; 2024)

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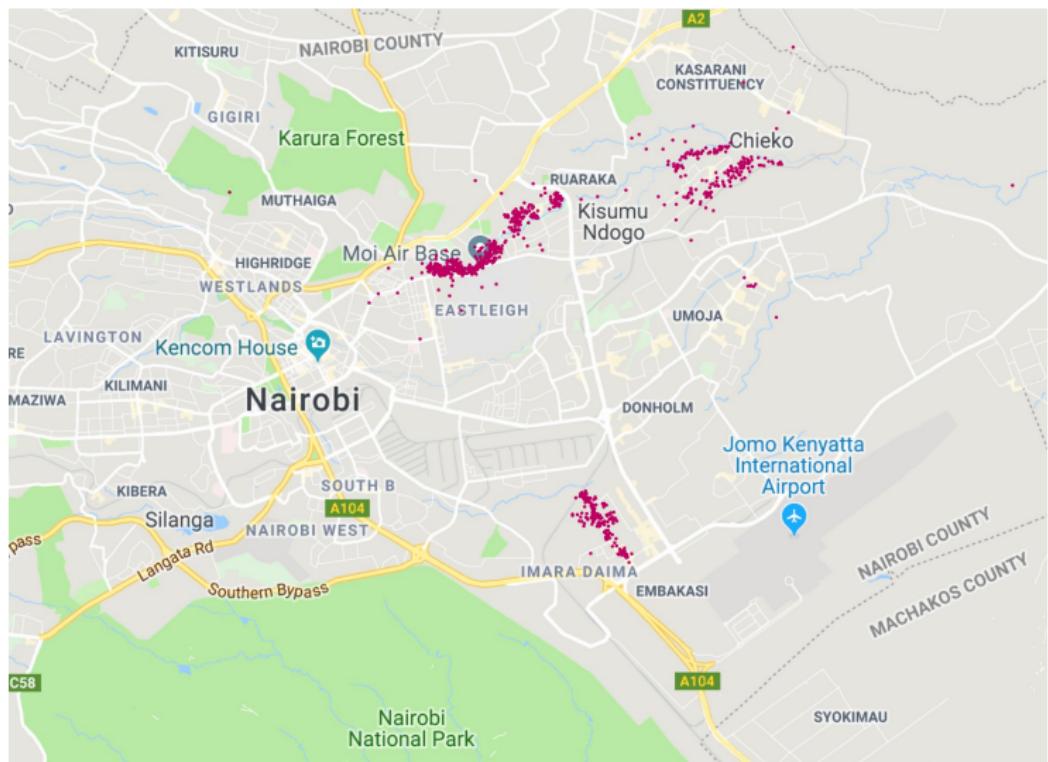
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RCT in 2019 with 955 respondents (96% women)

Berkouwer & Dean (2022)



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Houses in the study areas in Nairobi (Kenya):

Similar to other urban informal settlements in LMIC countries



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Traditional and energy efficient charcoal cookstoves



KCJ stove
\$4



Jikokoa stove
\$40

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Energy efficient Jikokoa cookstoves

Traditional Stove
\$2-\$5



Jikokoa Stove
\$40 (now \$30)



- ▶ Identical inputs: same charcoal
- ▶ Identical usage: almost no learning or behavior change
- ▶ Improved insulation materials

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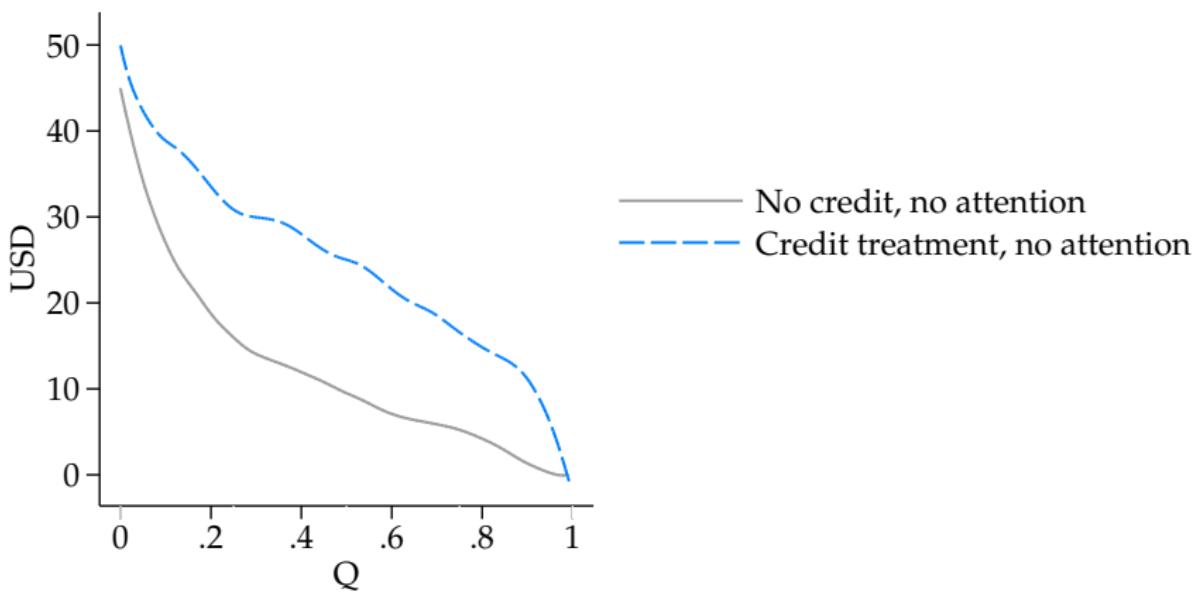
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Credit increases WTP by \$13 (104% increase)



(Berkouwer & Dean, 2022)

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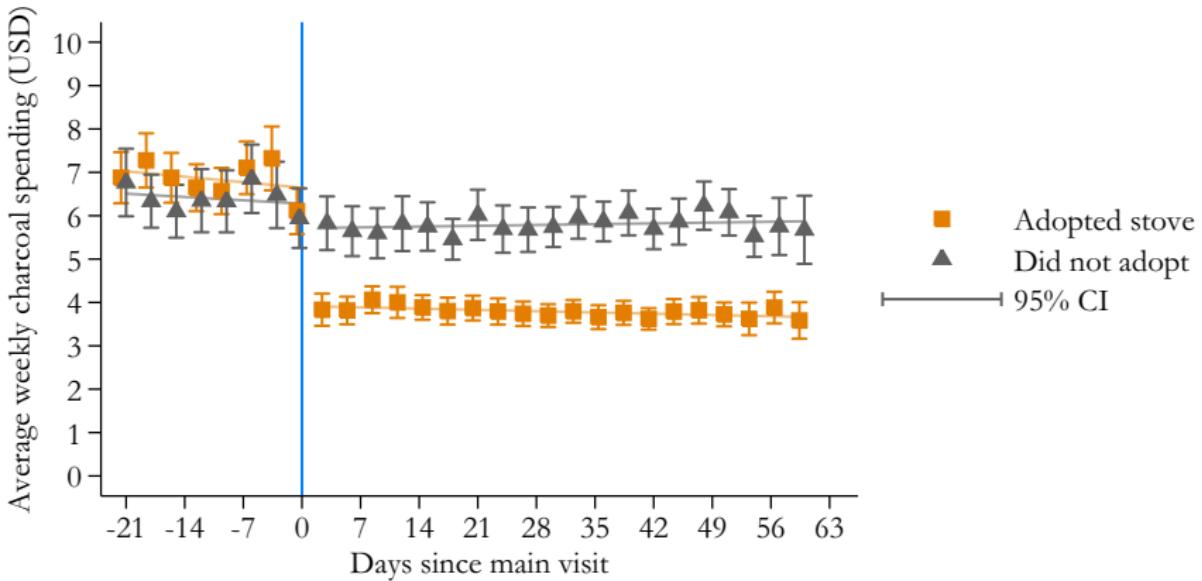
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Stove reduces charcoal spending 40% (\$2/week)

- ▶ Randomized stove subsidies
 - ▶ 576 out of 962 respondents bought stove (60%)
 - ▶ High-frequency charcoal expenditure SMS survey



(Berkouwer & Dean, 2022)

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We weigh KG ash output from 1 month of charcoal use



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Original study: Stove reduces charcoal ash output by 40%

	Bought Stove	First Stage			IV Estimate		
		USD	IHS(USD)	IHS(KG)			
BDM Price (USD)	-0.029*** (0.001)						
WTP (USD)	0.025*** (0.001)	-0.003 (0.011)	-0.001 (0.003)	0.004 (0.003)			
Bought Cookstove (=1)		-2.279*** (0.296)	-0.496*** (0.072)	-0.490*** (0.083)			
Observations	920	7923	7923	803			
Control Mean		4.960	2.154	1.546			
Socioeconomic controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Data Source	Midline	SMSes	SMSes	Buckets			

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Follow-up surveys 3.4–3.8 years later:

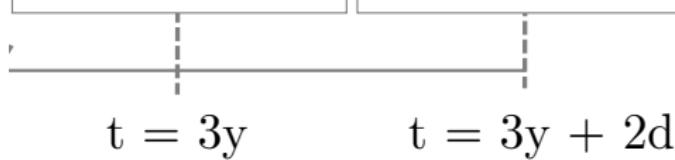
2022 – 2023

Drop-off

- Economic survey
- Health survey
- Cognitive tasks

Pick-up

- Health metrics
- Time use survey
- Anthropometrics



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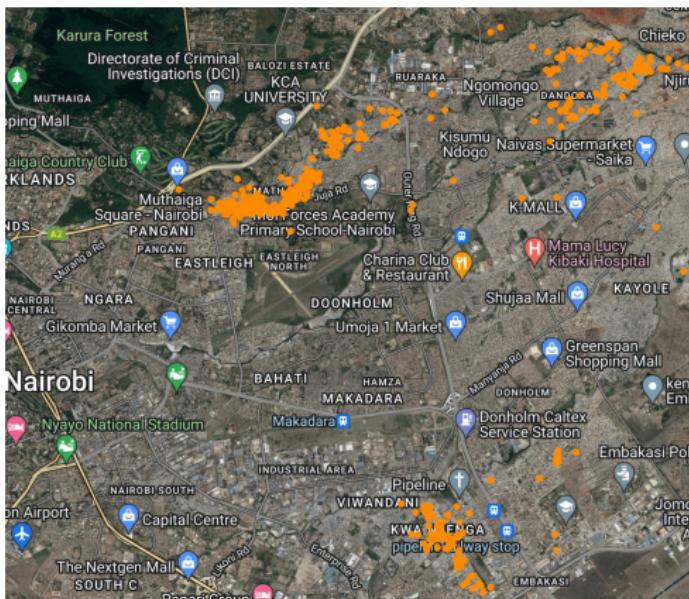
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Follow-up population: 702 households (74%)



- ▶ 639 still reside in primary study areas
- ▶ 10 respondents reside elsewhere in Nairobi
- ▶ 53 respondents reside elsewhere in Kenya

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Attrition is balanced on instruments and adoption

	Baseline Mean	Attrited	N
BDM Price (USD)	17.6 [8.3]	0.3 (0.6)	955
Credit Treatment	0.7 [0.5]	-0.0 (0.0)	955
Attention Treatment	0.7 [0.5]	0.1* (0.0)	955
Jikokoa (=1)	0.6 [0.5]	-0.0 (0.0)	955
Persistent cough in past week	0.3 [0.5]	-0.0 (0.0)	955
Persistent breathlessness in past week	0.3 [0.5]	-0.0 (0.0)	955
Hours work missed due to health in past week	3.2 [14.8]	1.1 (1.1)	951
Female	1.0 [0.2]	-0.0 (0.0)	955
Respondent age	37.5 [11.8]	-3.8*** (0.9)	955
Number of household residents	4.8 [2.1]	-0.4** (0.2)	955
Number of child residents	2.6 [1.7]	-0.3* (0.1)	955
Savings in bank, mobile, ROSCA (USD)	75.7 [130.2]	11.8 (9.5)	955
Household income (USD/week)	47.3 [34.8]	2.5 (2.6)	949
Total energy consumption (USD/week)	8.6 [3.6]	-0.4 (0.3)	955
Charcoal consumption (USD/week)	5.6 [2.6]	-0.4* (0.2)	955
Price of old jiko (USD)	3.4 [1.3]	0.2 (0.1)	950
Risky investment amount (0-4 USD)	1.2	-0.0	955

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Jikokoa ownership is persistent

Instrumental variables regression, instrumenting for improved stove ownership with 3 instruments:

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- ▶ Randomly assigned credit treatment
- ▶ Interaction

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	Control Mean	TE of 2019 Jikokoa Ownership	N
Owns other wood/charcoal stove in 2022	0.88 [0.33]	-0.54*** (0.05)	702
Owns Jikokoa in 2022	0.10 [0.31]	0.74*** (0.04)	702
Owns LPG stove in 2022	0.57 [0.50]	0.05 (0.06)	702
Owns bio-ethanol stove in 2022	0.15 [0.36]	0.01 (0.04)	702
Owns electric stove in 2022	0.00 [0.06]	0.02* (0.01)	702

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Five data sources

1. Air pollution
2. Clinical health outcomes
3. Self-reported health outcomes
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1. Air pollution

Particulate Matter (PM)

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Carbon Monoxide (CO)

- ▶ Lascar Electronics device
- ▶ One reading every minute
- ▶ Calibrated every 2 months



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1. Air pollution measurements

- ▶ Methodology and design developed by Berkeley Air Johnson et al 2021
- ▶ Best practices Chillrud et al 2021; Burrowes 2019; Gordon et al 2014; Gould et al 2022
- ▶ Each backpack contains 2 devices and a battery
- ▶ Dropped off during visit 1, picked up ~48 hours later



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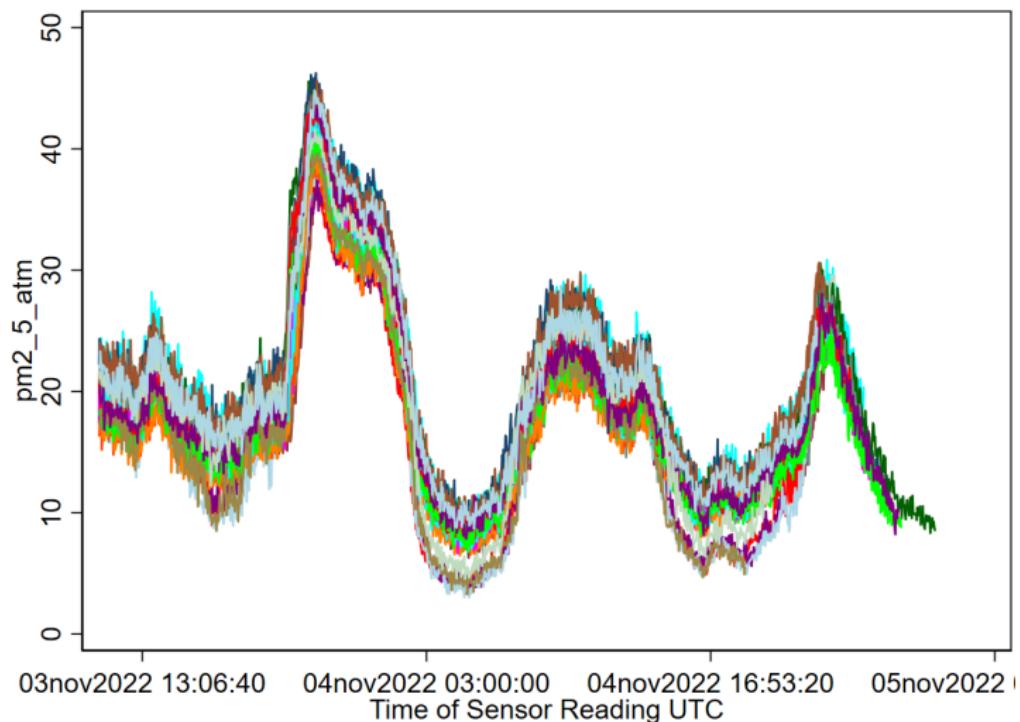
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Co-located PM2.5 readings for 30 devices

- We include device fixed effects where relevant



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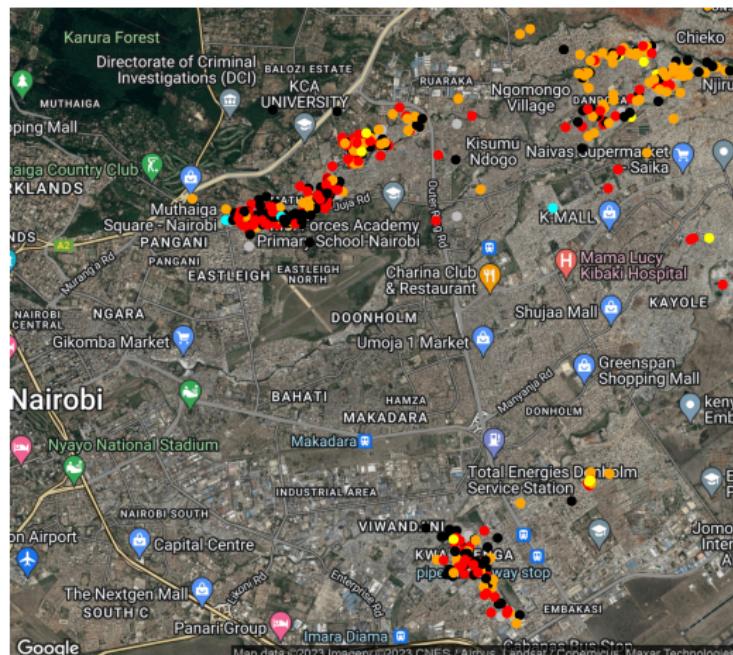
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Average PM2.5 concentrations far exceed WHO guidelines



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

- 0 – 5
- 5 – 10
- 10 – 15
- 15 – 25
- 25 – 35
- 35+

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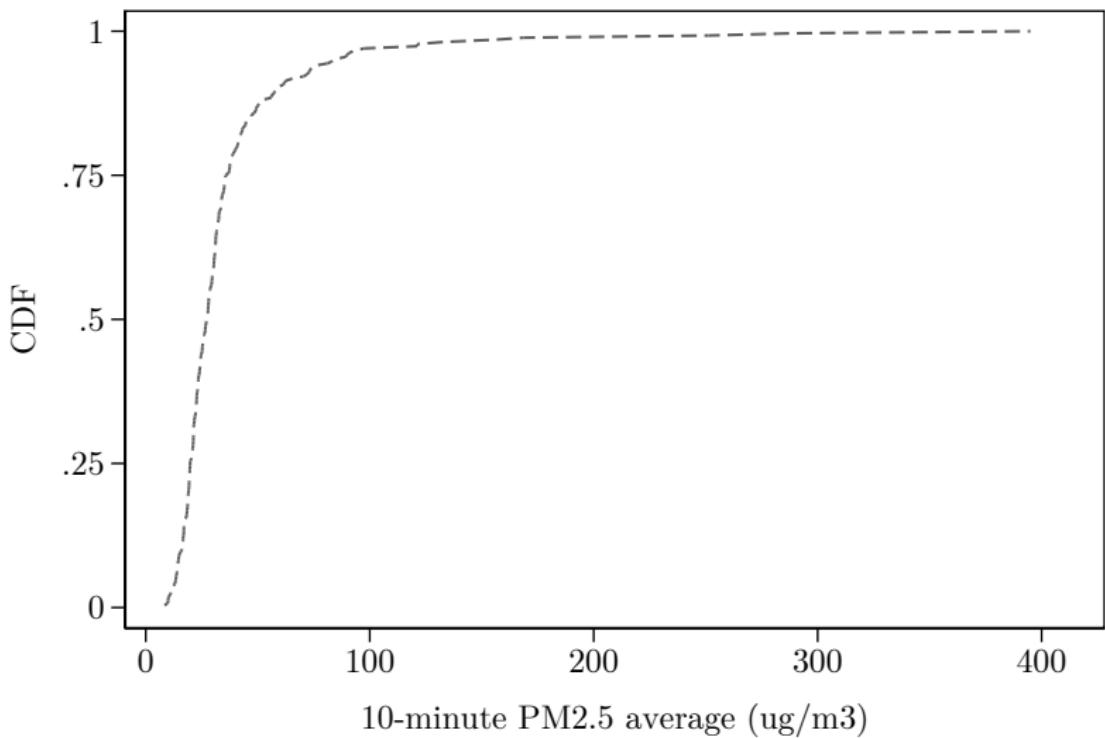
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Each respondent's median 10-minute PM2.5:



$$35\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 = \text{AQI } 100$$

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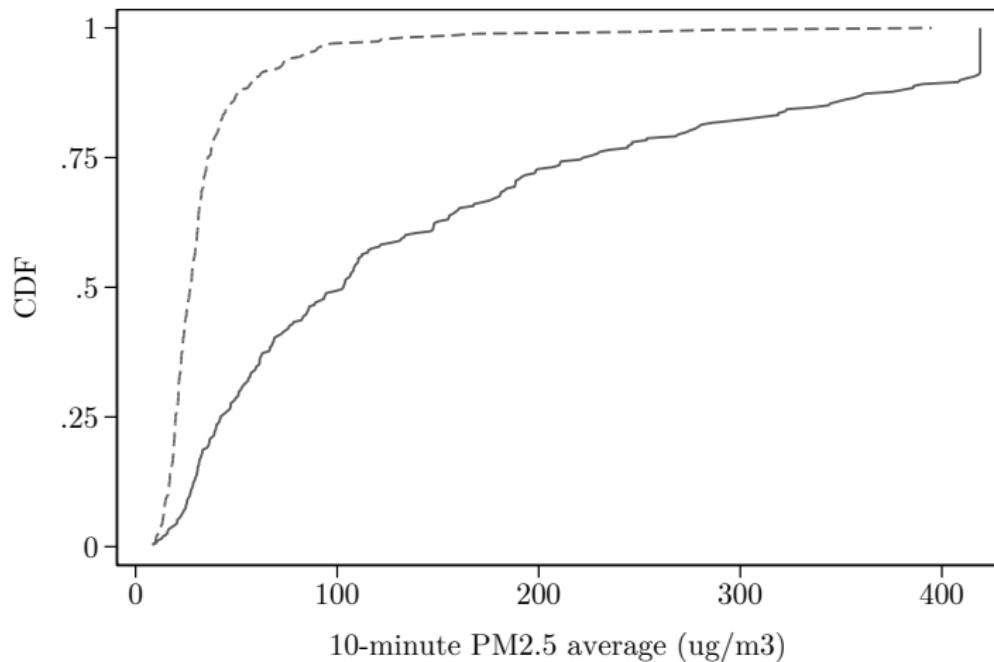
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Each respondent's 99th percentile of 10-minute PM2.5:

(99th percentile is approx. 15 minutes per day)



$$100\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 = \text{AQI } 174$$

$$200\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 = \text{AQI } 250$$

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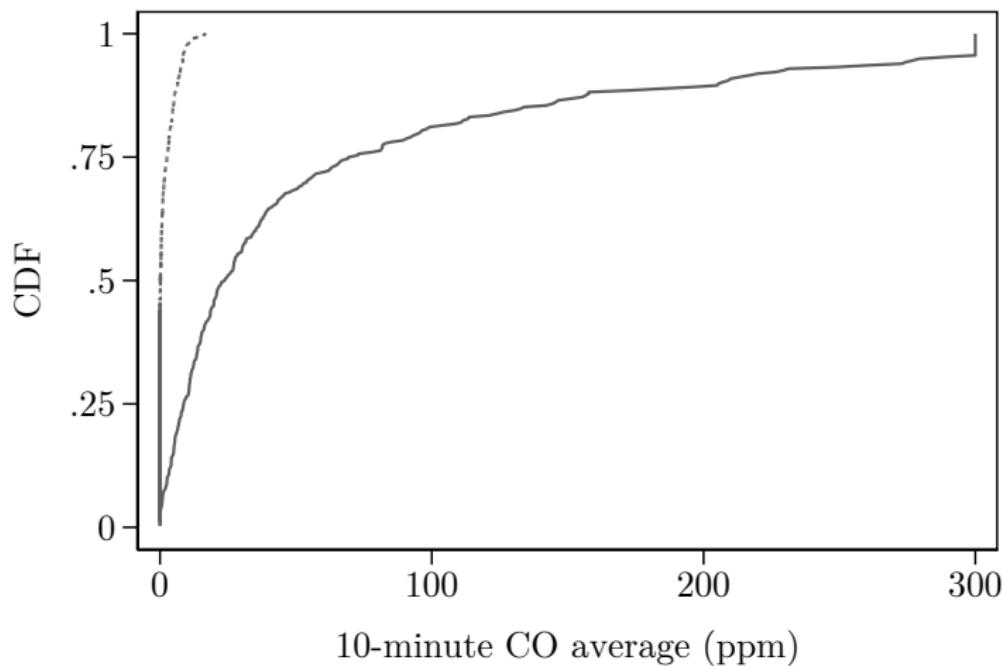
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50th & 99th percentile of 10-minute CO average:

>10ppm: "Significant increase in heart disease deaths and hospital admissions for congestive heart failure"

>100ppm: "Headache, tiredness, dizziness, nausea, damage to hearts and brains within 2–5 hours" (EPA)



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4. Have you been diagnosed by a medical professional with...

- ▶ Asthma, pneumonia, COPD, hypertension, diabetes, TB, COVID, etc.

5. Pneumonia diagnosis using UNICEF MICS6 (2020) methodology

3. Self-reported health outcomes

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Child outcomes: ask parents about any symptoms or diagnoses in children under 10

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4. Time-use survey

For each hour during which the respondent had the device:

- ▶ Whether they were indoor or outdoors
- ▶ Their primary activity(ies)
- ▶ If the primary activity was cooking, which cookstove(s) they used

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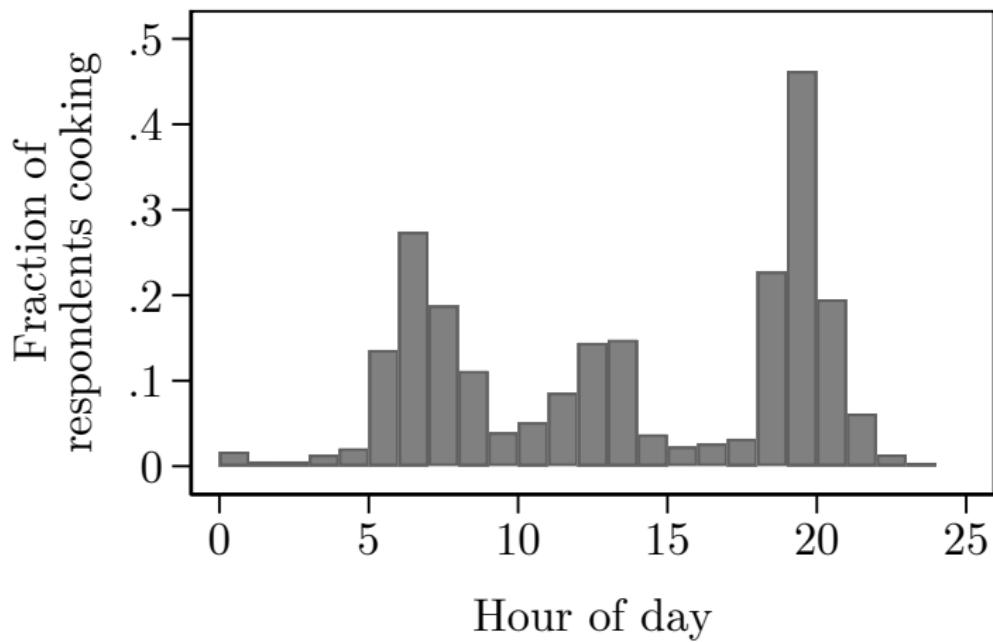
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4. Breakfast, lunch, dinner:



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4. Adoption does not affect cooking behavior

	Minutes per day	Cooking (=1)		Cooking indoors (=1)	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Own Jikokoa	4.131 (9.025)	0.013 (0.010)	0.014 (0.010)	-0.026 (0.047)	-0.065 (0.061)
Control Mean	137.013	0.101	0.101	0.889	0.872
HOD FE	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes
Weak IV F-Stat	51	51	69	46	47
Observations	697	697	31887	649	3068

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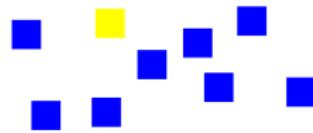
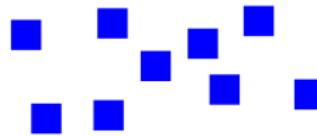
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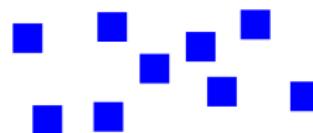
Working memory

Ability to store and
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in your mind

Reverse Corsi Blocks:



What is the reverse order?

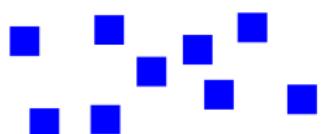
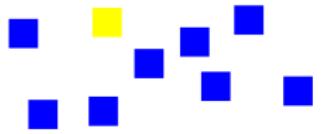
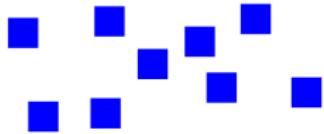


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Hearts and Flowers:



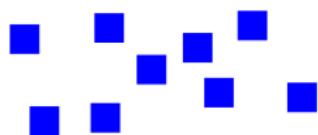
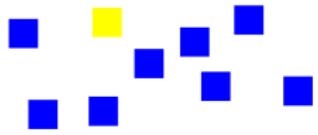
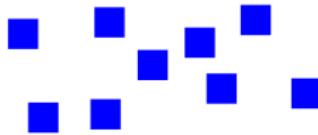
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Attention

Ability to ignore distractions

d2 task:



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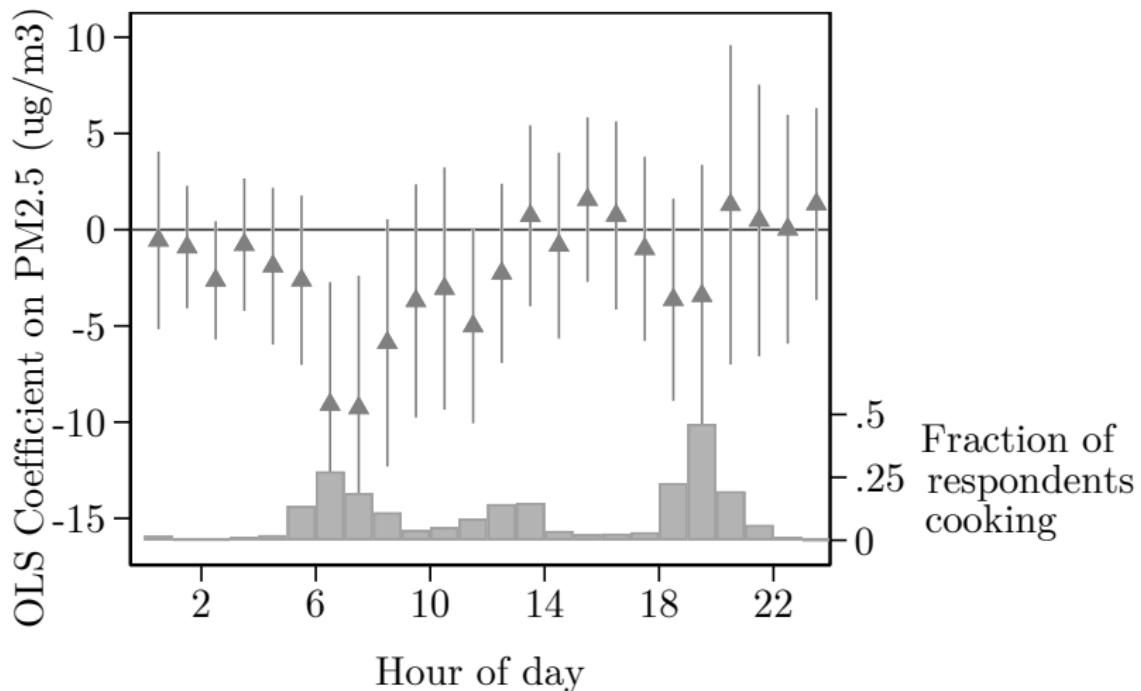
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PM2.5 decreases during cooking times:



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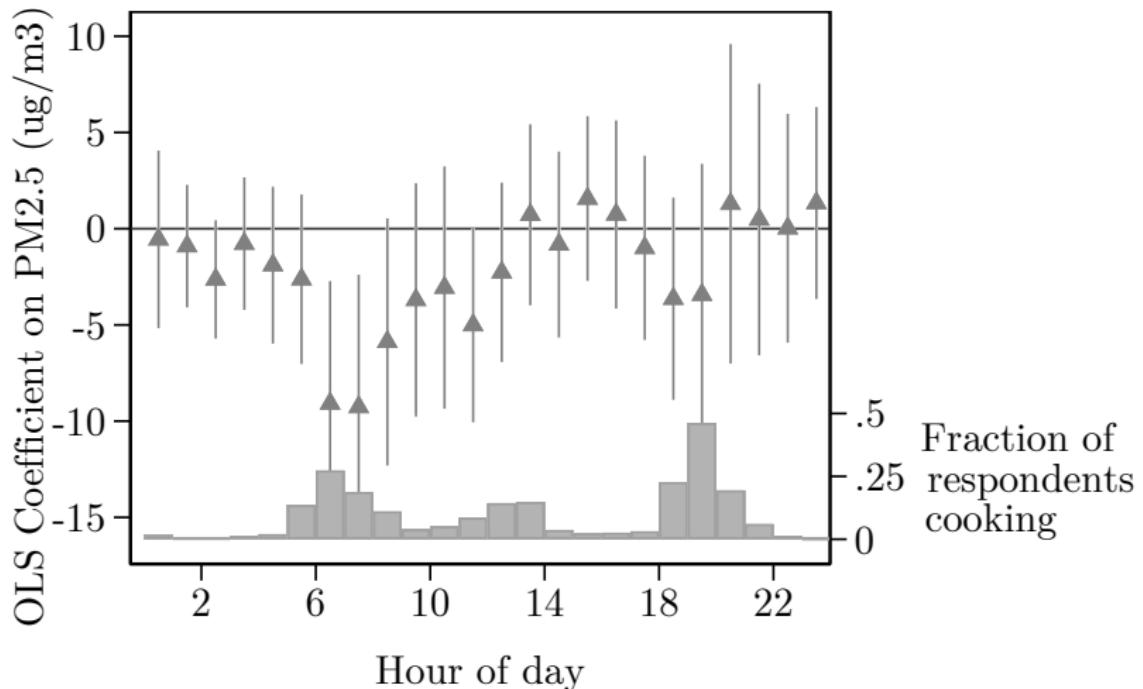
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PM2.5 decreases during cooking times:

- ▶ Differential morning and evening traffic patterns?



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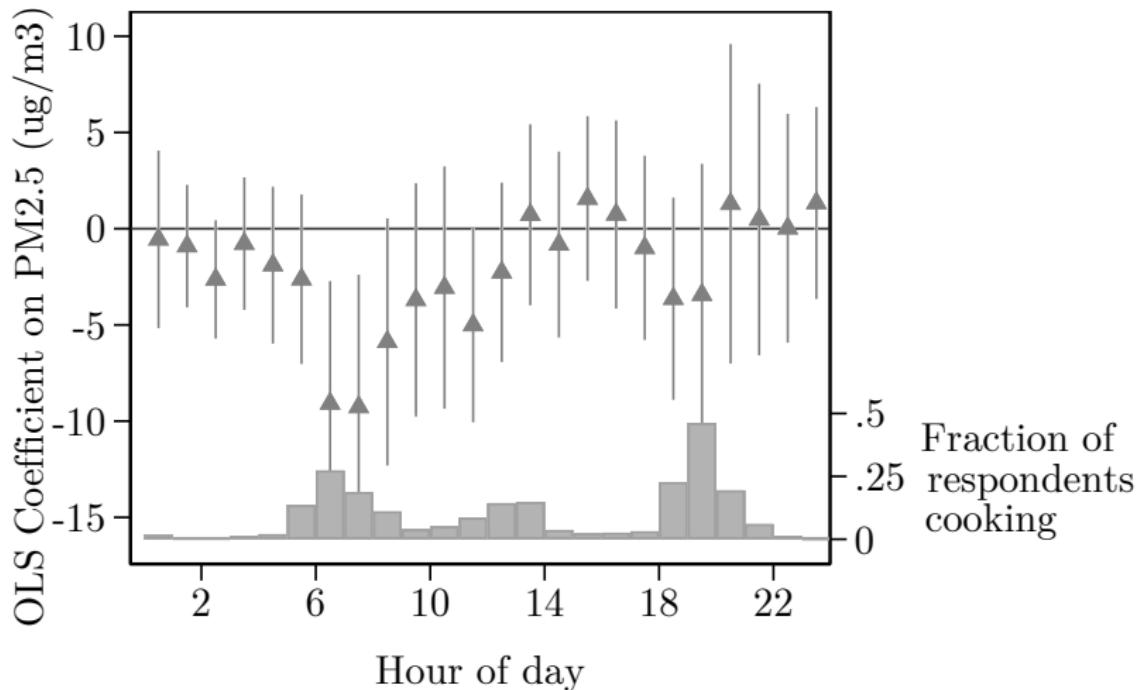
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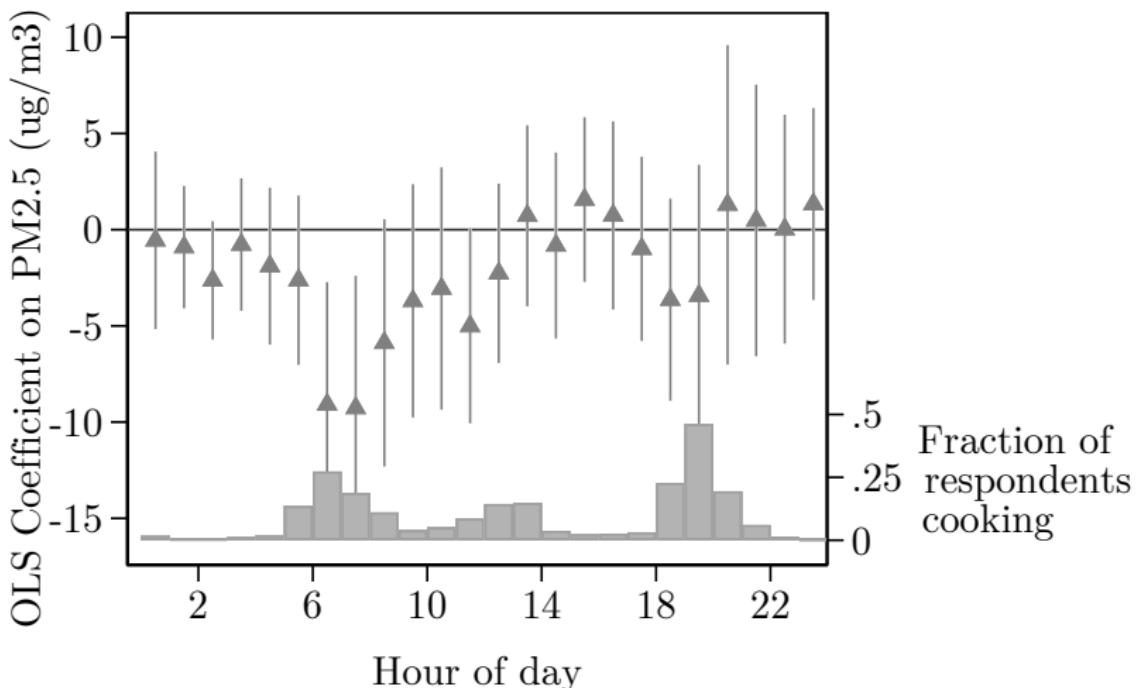
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PM2.5 decreases during cooking times:

- ▶ Planetary Boundary Layer Height? 1,500–1,700 meters at 8am, 60-200 meters at 8pm



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Cooking increases PM_{2.5} by 125 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Panel A) All hours

	Median	Mean	Max Hour	99th
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- ▶ $-0.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ is around 2%
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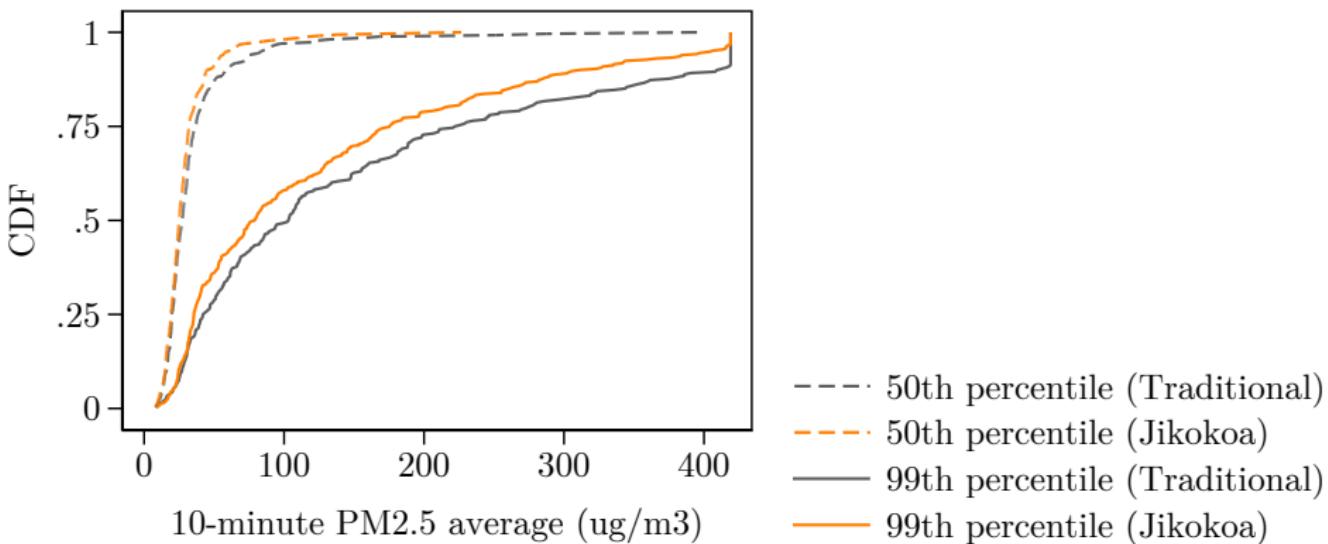
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Impact on 50th and 99th percentiles



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How does this affect health?

A 0.24SD reduction in self-reported respiratory symptoms

- ▶ Split pre-specified in analysis plan

	Control Mean	Treatment Effect	N
Health symptoms index (z-score)	0.00 [1.00]	-0.15 (0.16)	702
Number of health symptoms	2.78 [2.93]	-0.72* (0.42)	702
Non-respiratory health symptom index	-0.00 [1.00]	-0.03 (0.19)	702
Number of non-respiratory health symptoms	1.09 [1.54]	-0.24 (0.25)	702
Respiratory health symptom index	-0.00 [1.00]	-0.24* (0.13)	702
Number of respiratory health symptoms	1.70 [1.76]	-0.48** (0.23)	702

Reductions in sore throat, headache, cough, fatigue

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Respiratory health symptom index	-0.00 [1.00]	-0.24* (0.13)	702
Number of respiratory health symptoms	1.70 [1.76]	-0.48** (0.23)	702
Persistent cough	0.24 [0.43]	-0.09 (0.07)	702
Always feeling tired	0.30 [0.46]	-0.07 (0.07)	702
Breathlessness at night	0.08 [0.27]	-0.01 (0.04)	702
Frequent diarrhea	0.02 [0.15]	-0.02 (0.03)	702
Difficulty breathing / Chest tightness	0.07 [0.26]	-0.01 (0.04)	702
Runny nose	0.23 [0.42]	-0.05 (0.07)	702
Sore throat	0.16 [0.37]	-0.12* (0.06)	702
Headache	0.52 [0.50]	-0.12 (0.08)	702
Wheezing	0.03 [0.17]	0.01 (0.03)	702
Persistent mucus problems	0.04 [0.19]	-0.01 (0.02)	702

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No detectable impact on clinical health outcomes

	Control Mean	Treatment Effect	N
Blood oxygen	96.61 [2.53]	0.31 (0.37)	696
Average systolic blood pressure	122.16 [18.97]	0.49 (3.30)	696
Average diastolic blood pressure	81.32 [11.73]	0.58 (2.15)	696
Hypertension: Stage 1 or higher (>130/80)	0.51 [0.50]	0.02 (0.09)	696
Hypertension: Stage 2 or higher (>140/90)	0.27 [0.44]	-0.02 (0.08)	696

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- ▶ No heterogeneity by baseline health, beliefs about health, age, WTP, or background pollution

No impact on diagnoses by healthcare professionals

	Control Mean	Treatment Effect	N
Number of health diagnoses	0.30 [0.58]	0.13 (0.09)	702
Asthma	0.01 [0.08]	-0.01 (0.01)	702
Pneumonia	0.13 [0.34]	0.02 (0.05)	702
Chronic Pulmonary Disease	0.00 [0.06]	0.01 (0.01)	702
Tuberculosis	0.01 [0.08]	0.02 (0.01)	702
COVID	0.01 [0.08]	-0.01 (0.01)	702
Other lung disease	0.01 [0.08]	-0.01 (0.01)	702
Stroke or cardiovascular disease	0.01 [0.08]	-0.00 (0.01)	702
Diabetes	0.02 [0.14]	-0.00 (0.02)	702
Other	0.04 [0.19]	0.01 (0.03)	702

No impact on children's outcomes (ages <10, <5)

	Control	Treatment	N
	Mean	Effect	
Child weight (kg)	17.73 [7.57]	-1.02 (1.80)	224
Child height (cm)	98.59 [31.07]	6.02 (6.08)	199
Child arm circumference (cm)	16.37 [7.26]	1.24 (1.41)	220
Number of child health symptoms	1.19 [1.50]	0.34 (0.40)	343
Child health symptom index	0.00 [1.00]	0.32 (0.29)	343
Fever	0.18 [0.38]	-0.01 (0.09)	343
Vomiting	0.10 [0.30]	-0.01 (0.06)	343
Cough	0.40 [0.49]	0.03 (0.12)	343
Diarrhea	0.10 [0.30]	0.00 (0.07)	343
Breathlessness	0.04 [0.19]	0.08 (0.06)	343
Persistent headache	0.08 [0.27]	0.05 (0.05)	343
Very bad cough	0.25 [0.43]	0.10 (0.09)	343
Pneumonia - DHS	0.03 [0.18]	0.03 (0.05)	343

No impact on cognitive function

	Control Mean	Treatment Effect	N
Cognitive index	-0.00 [1.00]	-0.01 (0.15)	587
Working memory (Corsi)	-0.00 [1.00]	-0.48** (0.22)	305
Attention (d2)	0.00 [1.00]	-0.09 (0.15)	564
Inhibitory control (HF - % correct)	-0.00 [1.00]	0.18 (0.16)	516
Inhibitory control (HF - reaction time)	0.00 [1.00]	0.14 (0.19)	516

Sample size here is smaller due to technical issues with the tablets. Since the order of follow-up surveys was randomized, it is unlikely that this biased the results.

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	Mean (1)	Blood Pressure (2)	N (4)
Health diagnoses index	-0.00 [1.00]	0.11*** (0.04)	696
Number of health diagnoses	0.28 [0.55]	0.06*** (0.02)	696

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	Control Mean	Treatment Effect	N
Non-respiratory health symptom index	-0.00 [1.00]	-0.03 (0.19)	702
Number of non-respiratory health symptoms	1.09 [1.54]	-0.24 (0.25)	702
Respiratory health symptom index	-0.00 [1.00]	-0.24* (0.13)	702
Number of respiratory health symptoms	1.70 [1.76]	-0.48** (0.23)	702

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	Respiratory			Non-respiratory		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Owns Jikokoa	-0.45*** (0.12)	-0.29 (0.28)	-0.30 (0.28)	-0.39*** (0.11)	-0.40 (0.26)	-0.38 (0.27)
Price (10 USD)	-0.00 (0.07)	0.05 (0.11)	0.05 (0.11)	-0.06 (0.06)	-0.07 (0.10)	-0.06 (0.10)
Owns Jikokoa		-0.09 (0.14)	-0.09 (0.14)		0.00 (0.13)	0.01 (0.13)
WTP (10 USD)			0.02 (0.05)			-0.02 (0.05)

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4. Health—max pollution correlation persists among **non-adopters**

	Mean	Mean Pollution in SD	Median Pollution in SD	Max Hourly Pollution in SD	Hours Above $100\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	N
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Health symptoms index	0.02 [1.02]	-0.00 (0.06)	0.03 (0.07)	0.09 (0.07)	-0.00 (0.04)	291
Number of symptoms	2.82 [2.96]	0.01 (0.18)	0.10 (0.19)	0.33* (0.19)	0.01 (0.10)	291

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- ▶ The stove's large **climate & financial benefits** persist:
 - ▶ CO₂ mitigation at \$5–\$10 per ton
 - ▶ Private savings of \$86–\$120 per year

Thank you!

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