



SHORT-TERM PM_{2.5} AND CARDIOVASCULAR ADMISSIONS IN NY STATE: ASSESSING SENSITIVITY OF EXPOSURE MODEL CHOICE

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Introduction

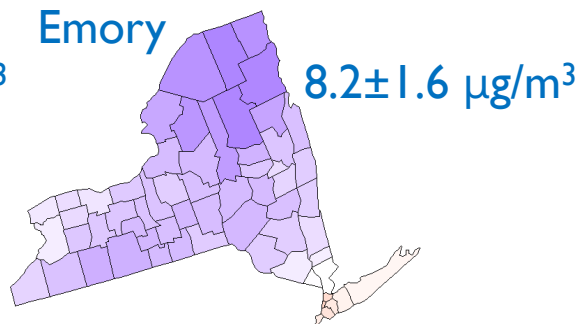
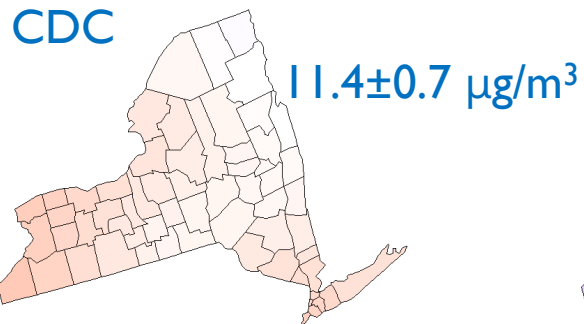
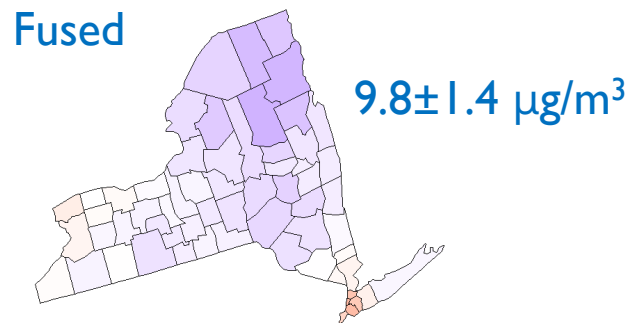
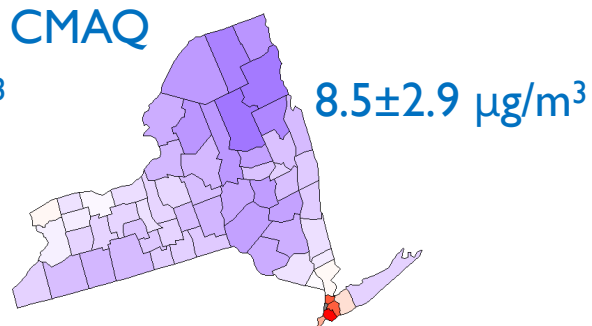
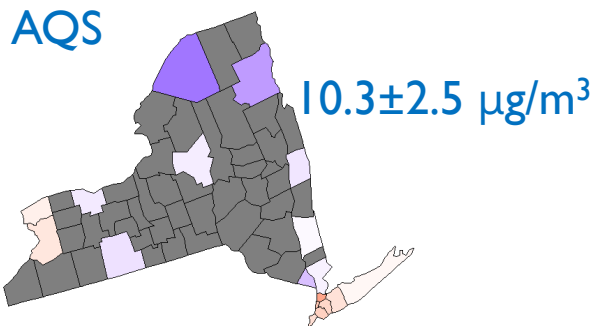
- Air pollution and health – widely studied, effect well-documented
- Historically, time-series studies used monitoring data (e.g. AQS)
- Recently, increasing use of prediction models to reduce exposure measurement error and include populations in areas without monitors

- Multi-pollutant air pollution analysis over NY State, 2002-2012
- Today: PM_{2.5} and cardiovascular admissions
 - Five exposure datasets
 - **Goal: assess sensitivity of health effect estimates on the choice of different prediction models for exposure assessment**

Methods

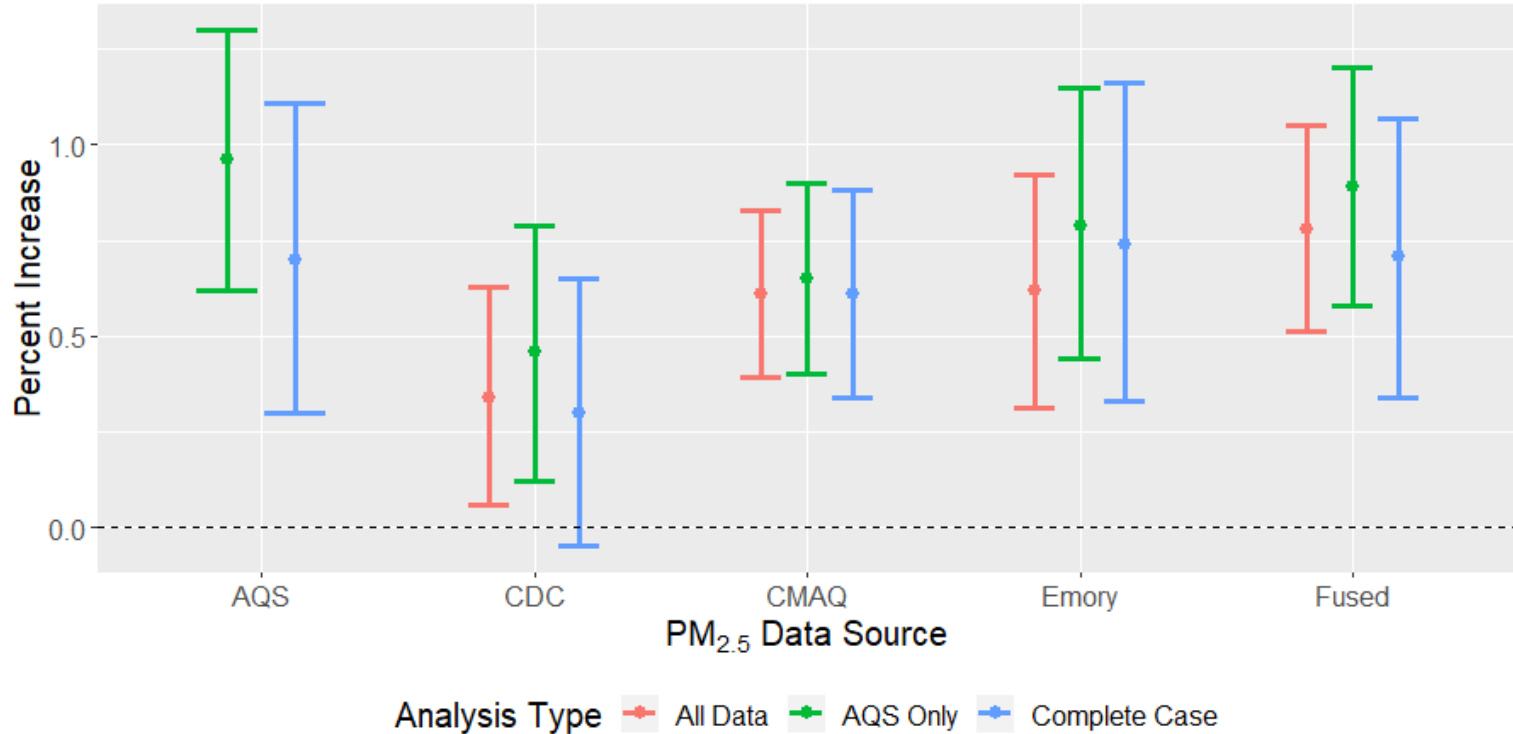
- Exposure assessment
 - Five daily county-average PM_{2.5} datasets: AQS, CMAQ, AQS + CMAQ Fused, CDC WONDER, Emory model
 - Meteorological data from NASA
- Outcome assessment: daily inpatient cardiovascular admissions from NYS DOH
 - On average, 7 admissions per day
- Statistical analysis: Poisson regression models
 - Indicator variables for counties and day of week
 - Temperature (3 *df*), relative humidity (3 *df*), and long-term and seasonal trends (4 *df* per year)

Results



	AQS	CMAQ	Fused	CDC	Emory
AQS	1.00				
CMAQ	0.64	1.00			
Fused	0.89	0.75	1.00		
CDC	0.68	0.48	0.73	1.00	
Emory	0.90	0.64	0.91	0.71	1.00

Results



Conclusions

- Significant, positive associations between $PM_{2.5}$ and cardiovascular admissions for all (but one) model
- Some fluctuation in effect estimates depending on analysis type
 - Differences could be due to measurement error
 - However, conclusion remains the same!
- Results are preliminary; next steps:
 - Sensitivity analyses
 - Missingness patterns
 - Other air pollutants/outcomes
 - Different time-metrics

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