

# Air Quality Considerations for Bioenergy Landscapes



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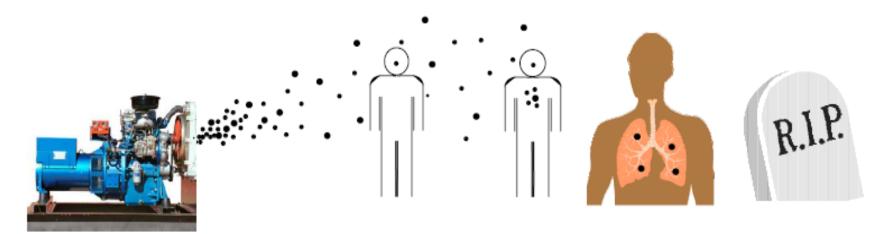
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## Air pollutants – sources, species, impacts, metrics

### **Environmental Health Continuum**



emissions  $\rightarrow$  concentration  $\rightarrow$  exposure  $\rightarrow$  intake  $\rightarrow$  dose  $\rightarrow$  health effects

#### Sources

- (large) points / (small) "area" / Mobile
- Anthropogenic/ Biogenic

#### **Species**

- Primary / secondary
- Reactive / stable
- Individual / classes (VOCs)

#### **Impacts**

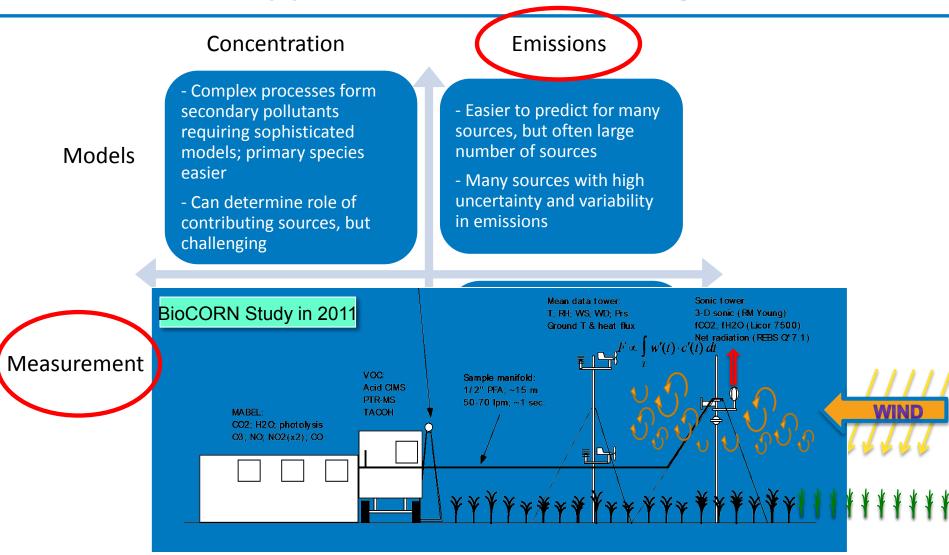
- Health effects
- **GHGs**
- Reactivity leading to Emissions (NSPS, secondary products of concern

#### **Metrics and** regulatory structure

- Concentrations (NAAQS)
- NESHAPS, permits)

Image source: Heath 2006

## Estimation approaches, and challenges



http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/csd/groups/csd7/measurements/2011biocorn/

#### **Considerations and Recommendations**

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- Site selection
- Establishing a baseline
- Clear research question and metrics
- Attribution of any estimated change in metric to source contribution (good experimental design)

#### **Recommendations**

- Concentration of NAAQS is simple to measure, but leaves open questions of source contribution and is not specific
- Need for both modeling and field measurement to discern source contribution to emissions and concentrations



## Thank you



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