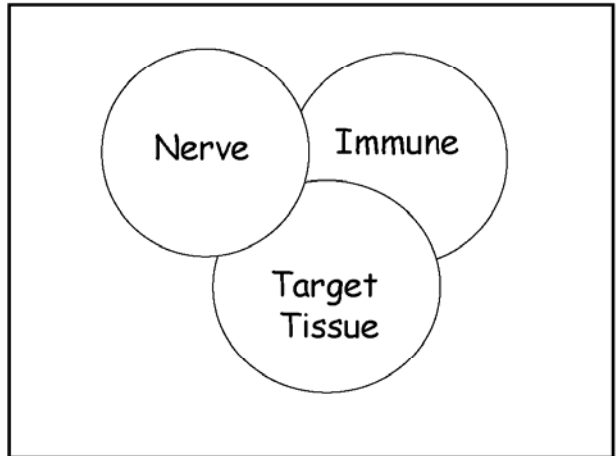


Presentation 5 – Bellina Veronesi

Particulate matter and neurogenic inflammation ...
 oxidative stress-mediated toxicity

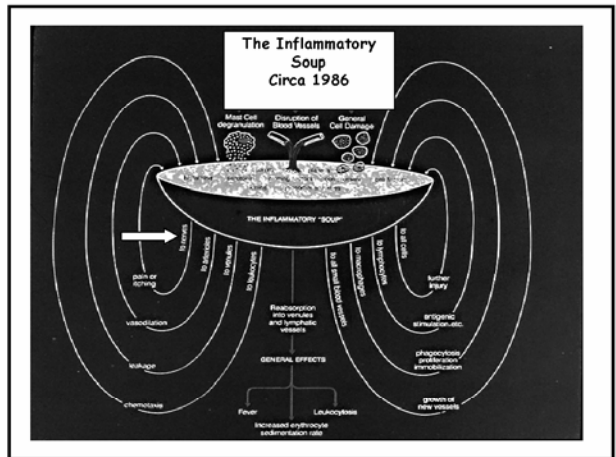
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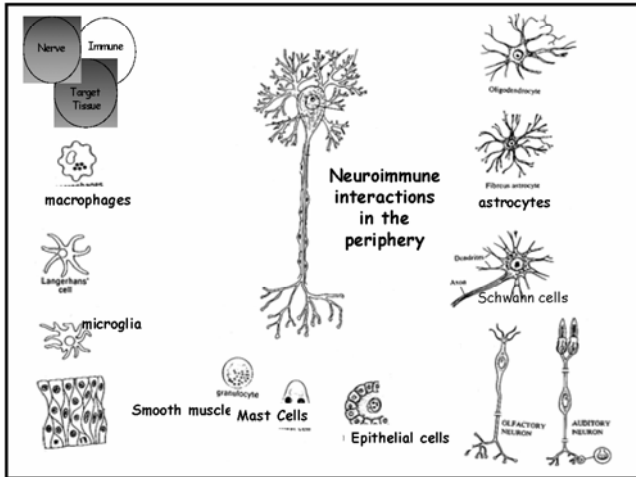
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*“Ruber et tumor cum
 colore et dolore”*

-Cornelius Cesus 35 B.C.



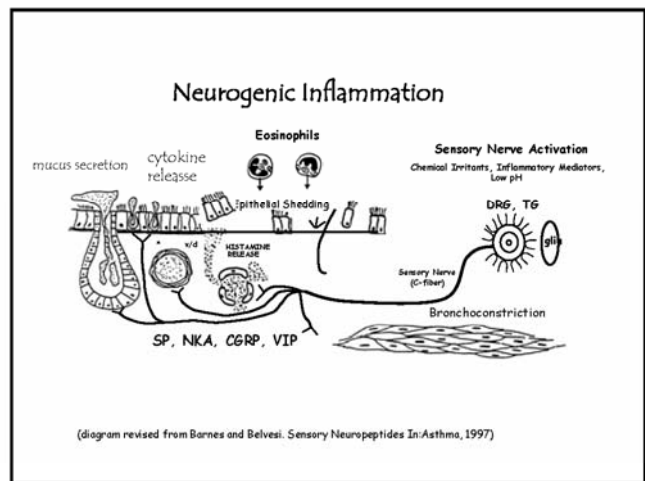


Neurogenic Inflammation (NGI)

- What is it?
- Where does it happen?
- Why does it happen?

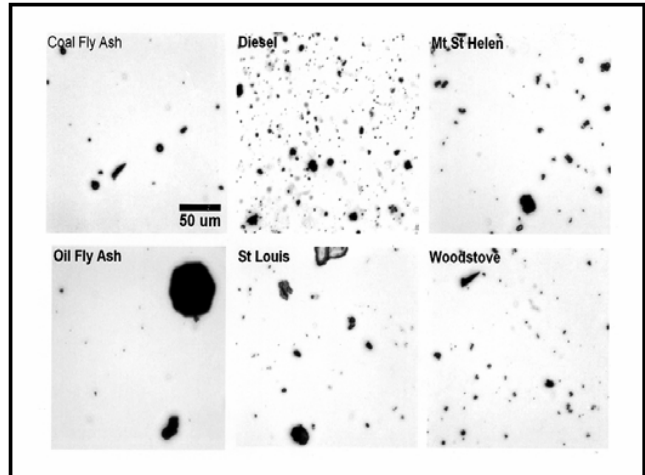
Vanilloid (VR1 capsaicin) receptors

BIPOLAR NEURON (SENSORY—AFFERENT)



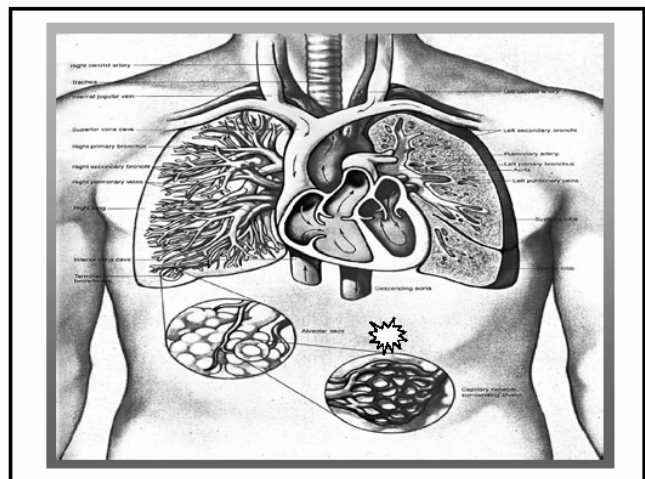
Particulate Matter (PM)

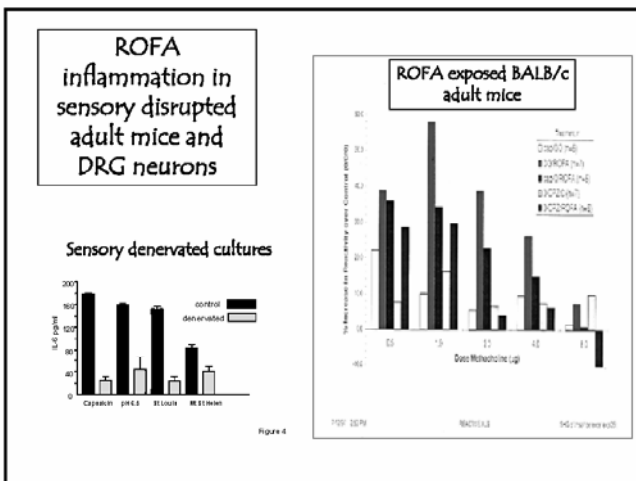
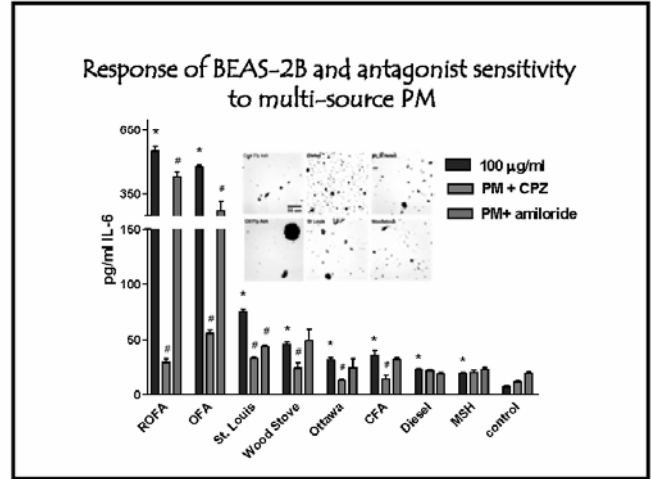
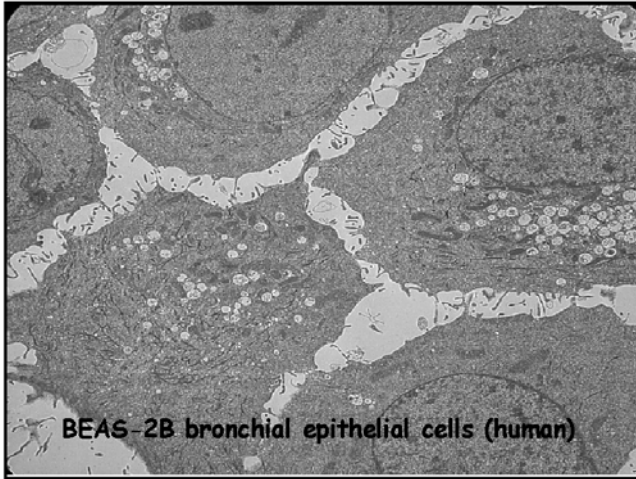
- A major concern of the US EPA
- Epidemiologically associated with increased respiratory symptoms and mortality, world-wide...cost burden
- Strong susceptible population (e.g. elderly, young, pre-existing conditions like asthmatics, cardiopulmonary, smokers)
- Multi-source PM (Industrial emission, naturally occurring, botanical, ambient) with different pollutants
- Uniform degree of mortality and morbidity

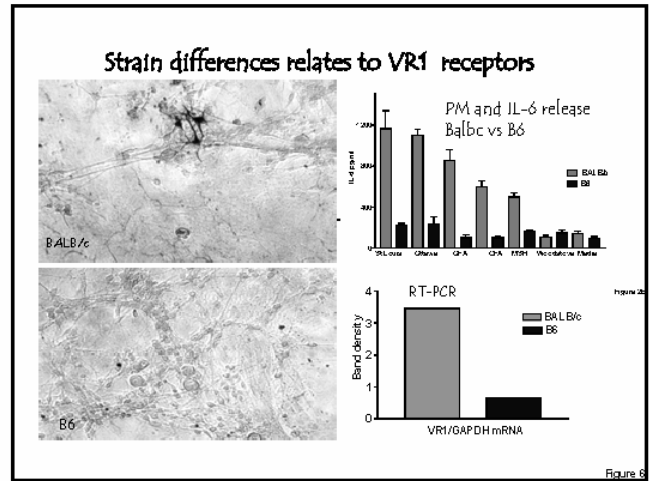
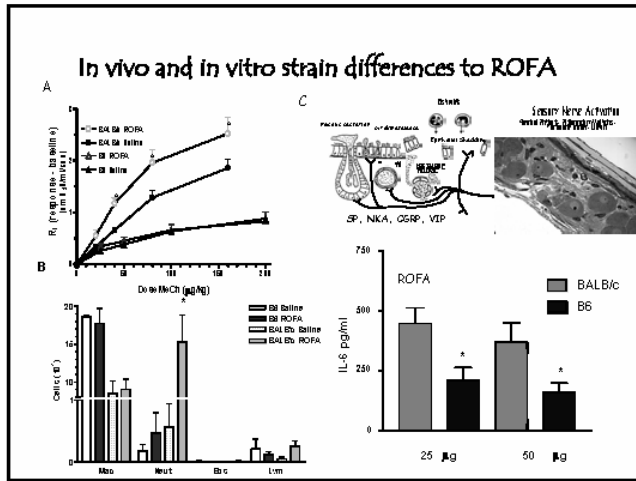


Particle size and number important

- Surface area
- Deposition
- Proximity
 - CO₂/O₂ interface
 - venous circulation







PM Research Summary 1999-2003

PM airway inflammation

- Non-neural cells have VR1 receptors
- PM toxicity is neurogenically mediated via VR1
- susceptible populations: genetic component, VR1 mediated

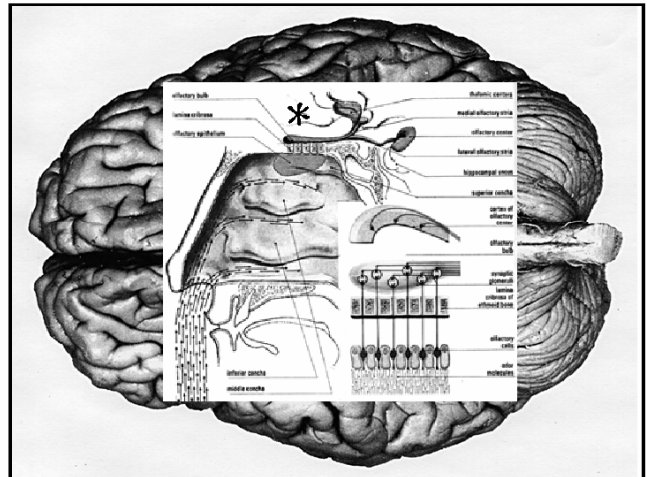
Particulate matter and CNS neurodegeneration

oxidative stress ..a culpable mechanism

Particulate matter and CNS entry

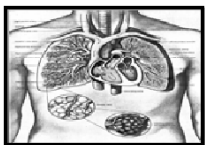
Oberdorster G. and Utell M. (2002)
 "UF in the Urban Air: to the Respiratory Tract...and beyond"

- CNS another of PM's target
- TiO₃, Ag UF found throughout extra-pulmonary organs
- Lilian Calderon-Mexican studies

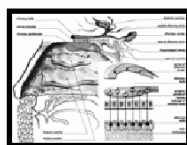


Particulate matter and CNS entry

- ◊PM-UF can exit through CO₂:O₂ barriers
- ◊PM-UF travels via olfactory route



Pulmonary vasculature

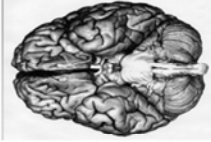


Olfactory bulb-translocation

Particulate matter and CNS entry
UF: SMALL-DENSE-CHARGED

- Small enough (<100 nm) to pass through biological barriers
 - eg BBB and CO₂:O₂ interface using caveolae
- Dense - enter CNS in significant quantities
 - 10⁶/cm³.....20⁸ L/day
- Charged - carry free radical activity on their surface
- Above properties - central to PM toxicity
- *Could inhaled PM deliver (sustain) low levels of oxidative stress to the CNS?*
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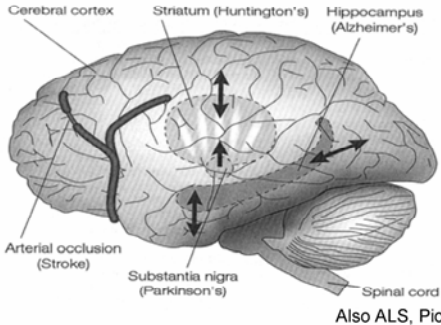
"The perfect storm"



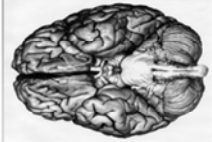
- High energy demands (transmission, conduction)
- Low levels endogenous scavengers
 - High lipid content
 - Non-replication of neurons
- Highly reactive cells (microglia)-differentially distributed

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Oxidative stress and selective neurodegeneration



Particulate matter and CNS neurodegeneration



Oxidative stress
 ▲
 Culpable CNS cell (e.g., microglia)
 ▲
 Selective neuronal damage
 ▲
 Neuropathology
 ▲
 PM pollutant

Prediction

Normal individual

+

sub-chronic exposure

=

marginal

OS "compromised"

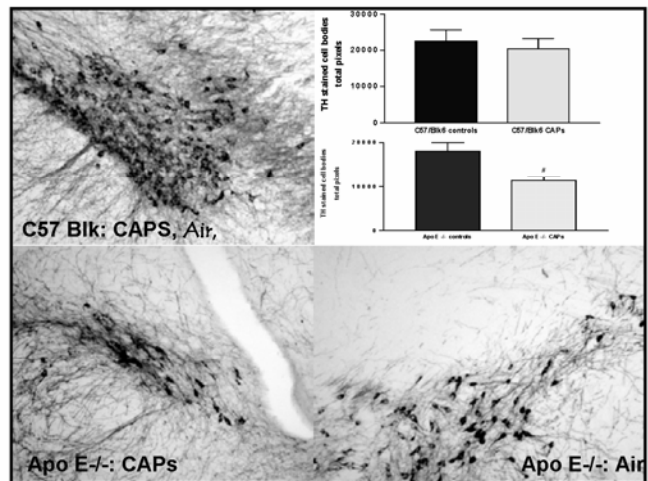
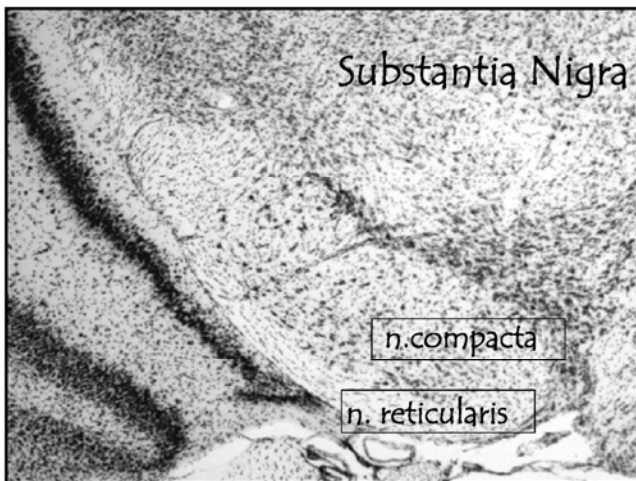
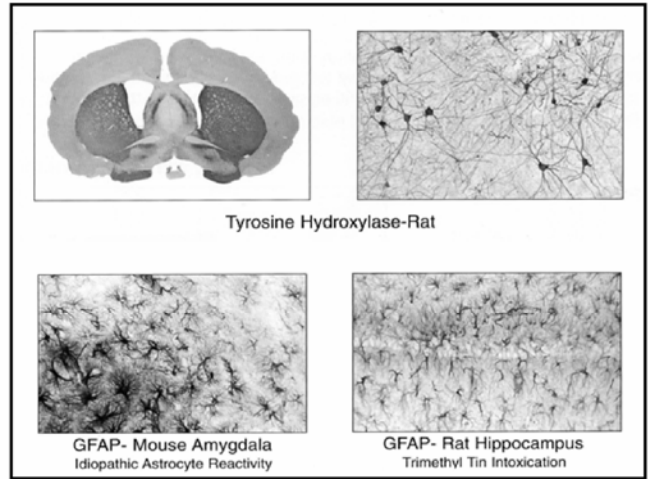
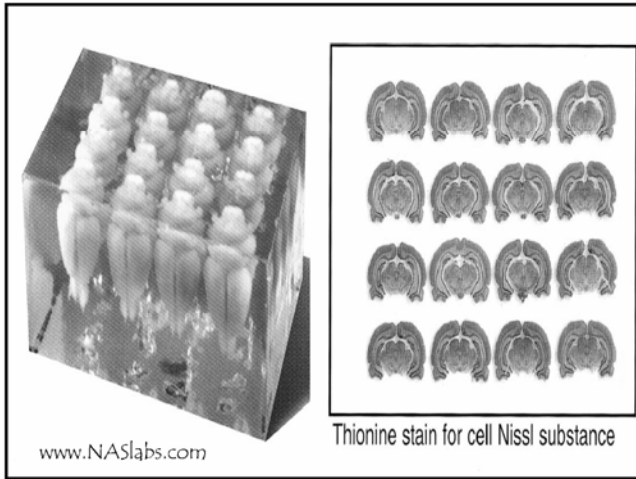
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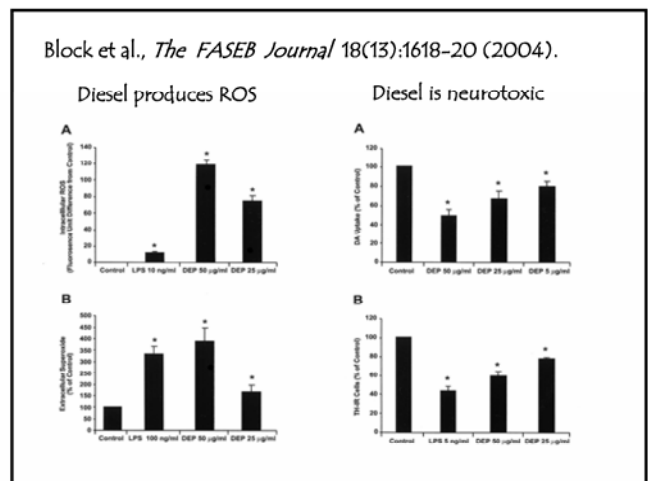
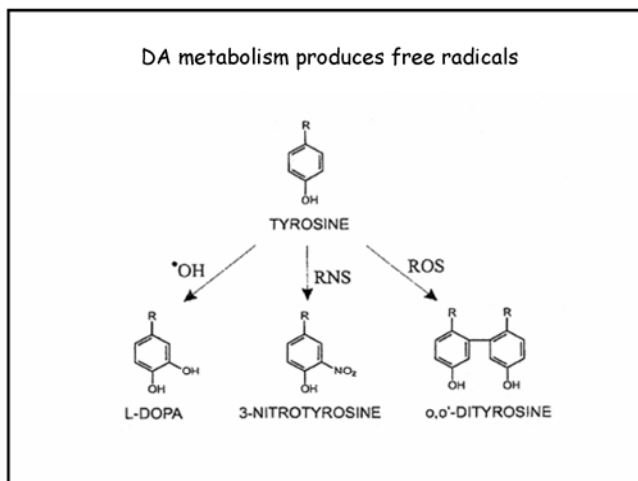
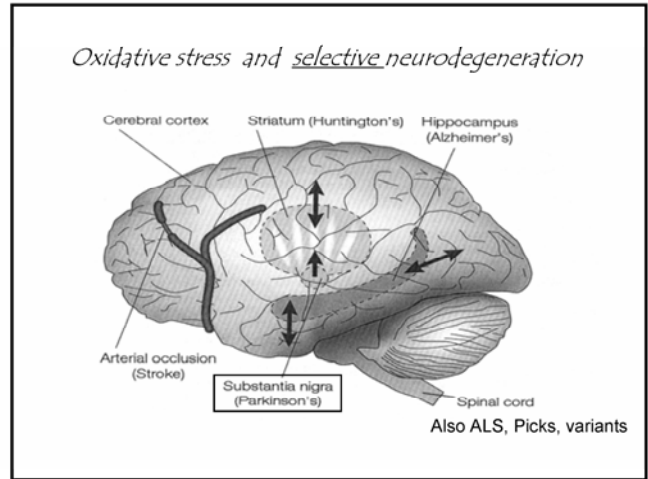
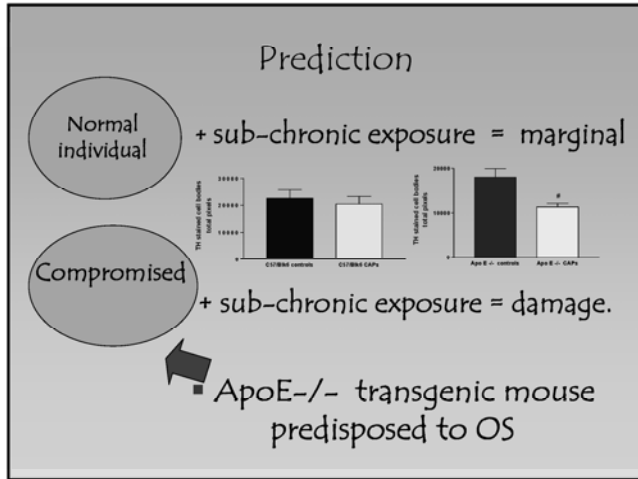
sub-chronic exposure

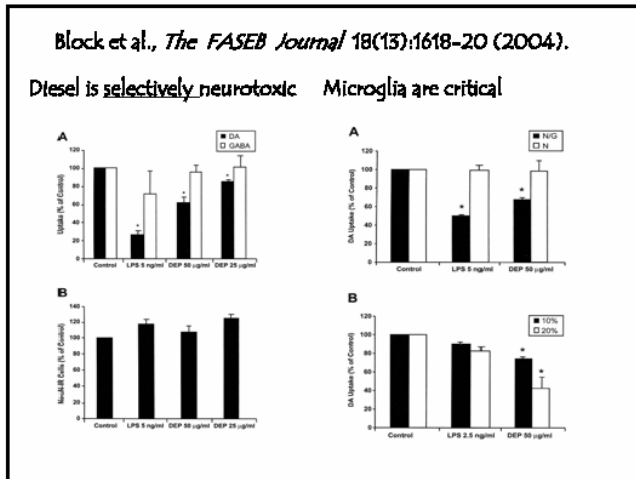
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damage.

- ApoE-/- (KO) transgenic mouse predisposed to OS
- concentrated NYC ambient air
- 4-6 months exposure
- histopathology-special stains





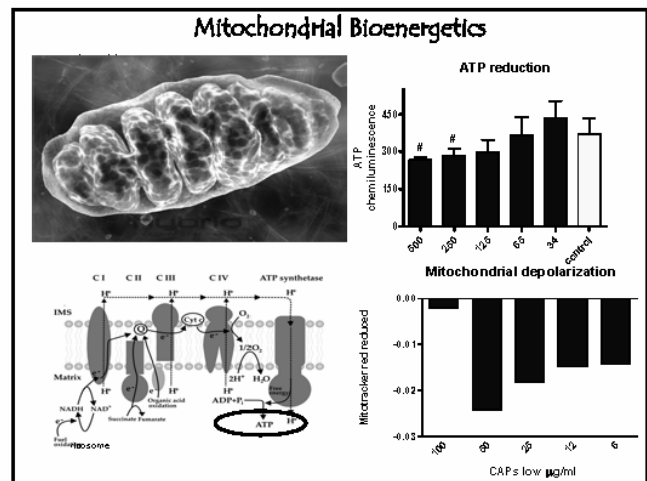


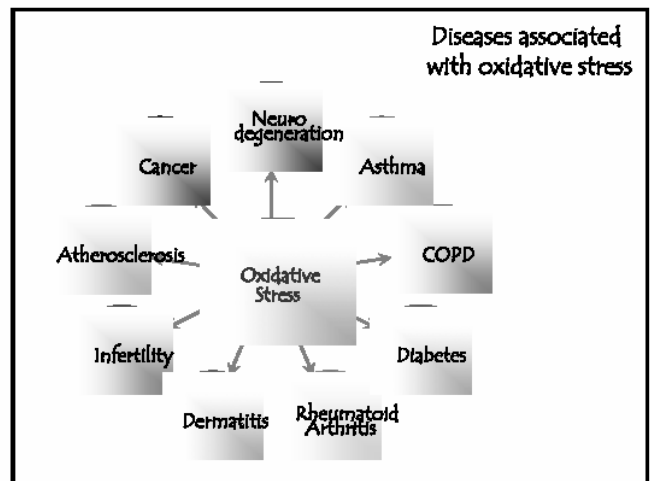
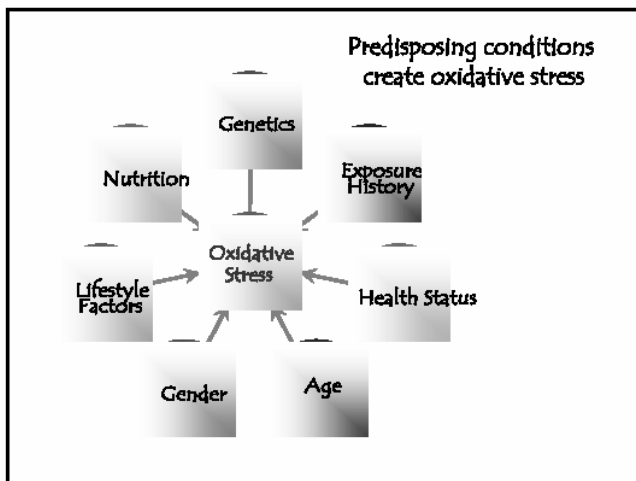
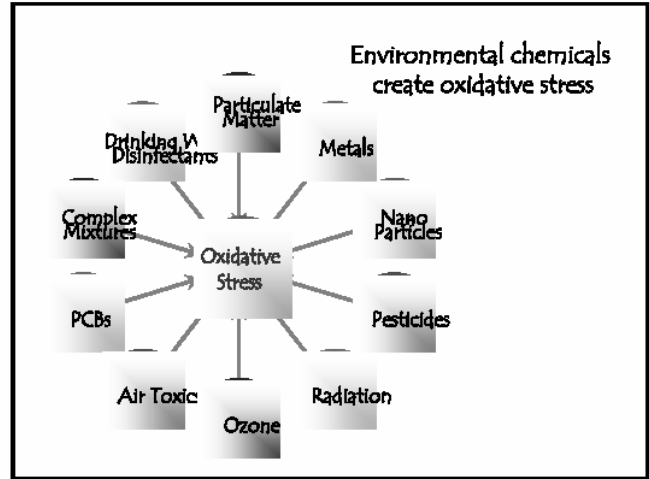
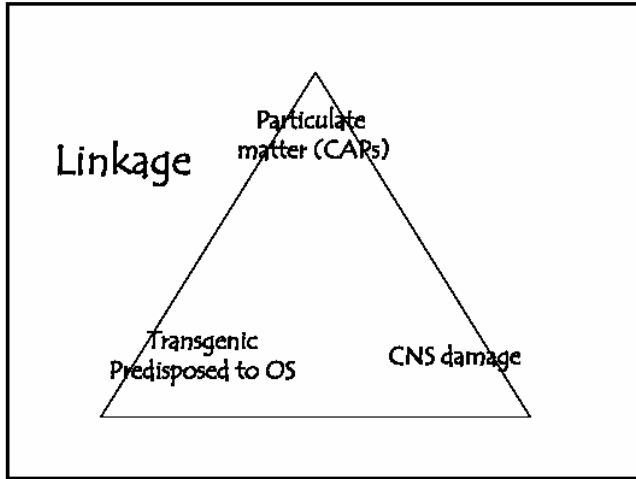
Microglia - The CNS macrophage

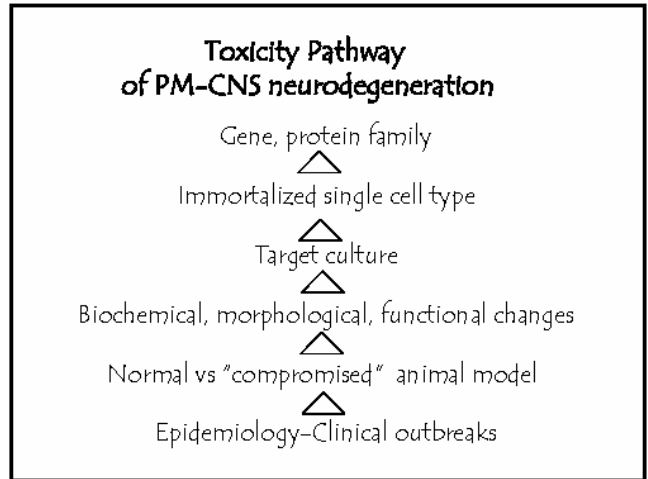
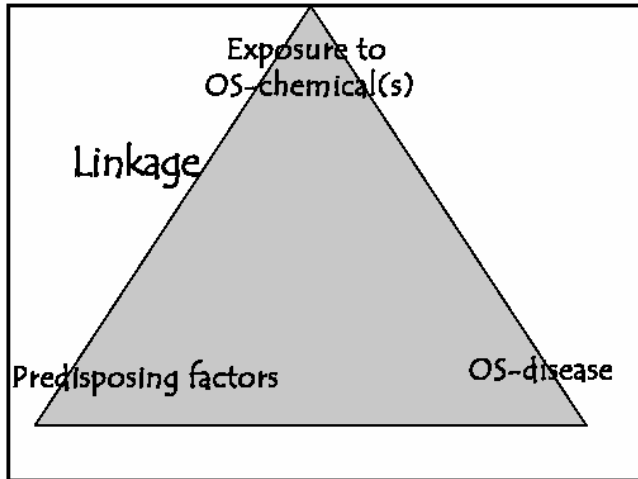
- Oxidative Burst (NADPHox mediated)
- Free radicals, super-oxides
- ROS, RNS, iNOS, NO
- over-expression of transcription factors e.g., AP-1, NFkB, Sp1, p-CREB
- Release of inflammatory cytokines, (Innate Immunity-neurotoxic)
- Glial proliferation-clusters, scarring
- ROS damage to energy-sensitive neurons (mesencephalic, SN, CA1)

MATERIALS AND METHODS

- CAPs collected on site and ranked (high, low) NFkB increases Immortalized mouse CNS microglia (BV2)
- Exposed and assayed for immediate, delayed OS changes cytokine release
- Exposed and examined with TEM
- Universal (affymetrix) microarray
- Bioinformatics







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