

Exposure Science Facility

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES RESEARCH CENTER
THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



Facility Goal

The overarching goal of the Exposure Science Facility (ESF) is to:

facilitate the research efforts of EHSRC investigators as they seek to understand the external environmental stressors that adversely affect outcomes following an exposure.



Facility Services

- Cost-effective instrumentation lending service
- Expertise in measuring and analyzing environmental contaminants
- Guidance on modeling and display of contaminants and affected populations



Facility Research

- Pulmonary and Dispersion Modeling
- Environmental Monitoring
- Environmental Contaminant Analytical Analysis



Personnel

Patrick O'Shaughnessy, PhD Director

Hans Lehmler, PhD Investigator

Ching-Long Lin, PhD Investigator

Thomas Peters, PhD Investigator

Jeonghyeon Ahn, PhD Facility Coordinator



ESF Labs

Exposure Science Laboratory

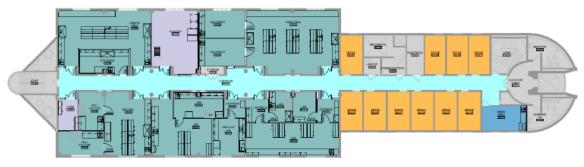
- Health Sciences campus
- Directed by Patrick O'Shaughnessy

Analytical Toxicology Laboratory

- Oakdale campus (will move the IBIF in 2026)
- Directed by Hans Lehmler



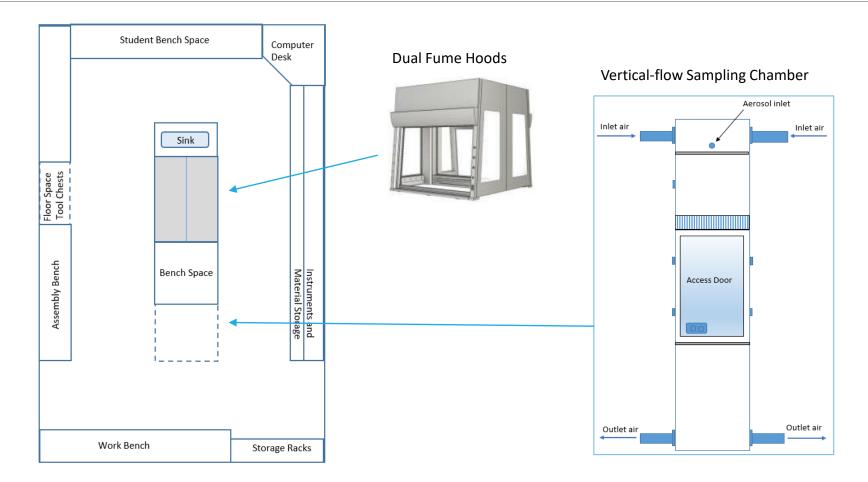
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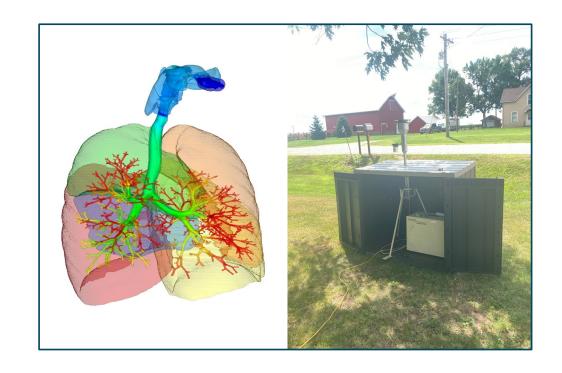
Instruments and Software

Sampling

- Aerosol Monitors
- Gas and Air Monitors
- Recording Devices and Computers

Modeling Software

- Plume Dispersion AERMOD
- Computational Fluid Dynamics





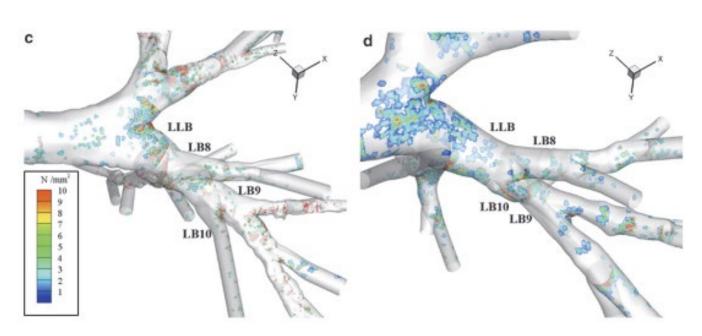
Exposure Assessment Instruments

- Aerosol measurement
- Gas and air measurement
- Airflow calibrators and pressure sensors
- Meteorological stations
- Recording devices and computers
- Sampling Equipment

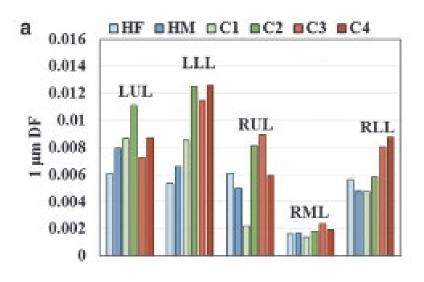
Computational Fluid Dynamics Dr. Ching-Long Lin



Asthma Imaging Cluster Analysis



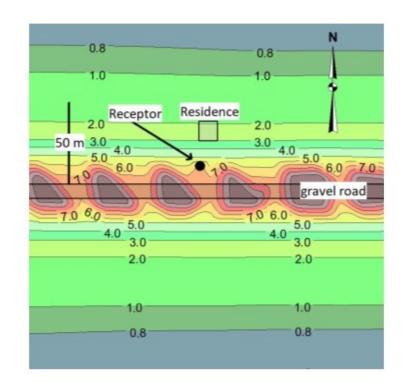
4 µm diameter particle deposition in two of four asthma clusters

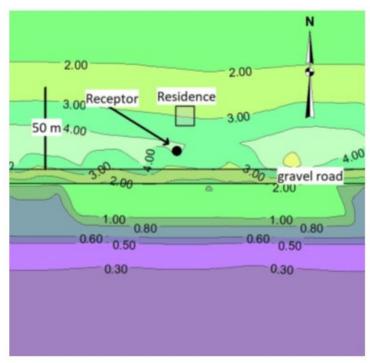


Regional deposition fraction relative to healthy subjects and asthma cluster type for 1 µm particle.



Dispersion Modeling





Wind speed: 1 mph

Wind direction: 225°

Wind speed: 10 mph

Wind direction: 225°

Ambient Sampling Dr. Thomas Peters





Optical particle counter measures PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ every 6 sec



Camera takes pictures and detects motion



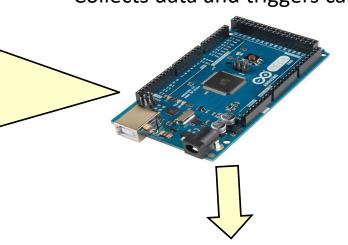
Ultrasonic anemometer measures wind speed and direction



Microphone measures sound levels

Microcontroller

Collects data and triggers camera





Storage

Data saved onto an SD card



Ambient Sampling

PM Sampling Trailer

- Aerosol Monitors
- Weather Station
- Gas Monitors



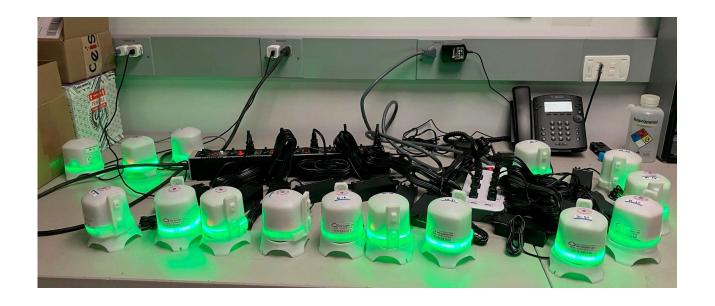




Examples of Current Projects

Purple Air Monitors

- New study to demonstrate relationship between indoor air quality and pulmonary conditions
- New study to expand gravel-road research to demonstrate long-term PM concentrations





Examples of Current Projects

BPA and Surrogates

- New study to determine residential floor dust and airborne concentrations
- Emphasis on determining sources and efficient vacuuming techniques
- Collaboration between the two labs of the ESF







ESF Analytical ToxicologyLaboratory and Expertise

HANS LEHMLER



ESF Analytical Toxicology Laboratory





Analytical Expertise

Individual PCB analysis (GC-ECD; GC-MS)

Individual PCB and OH-PCB analysis (GC-ECD; GC-MS)

Enantioselective PCB and OH-PCB analysis (GC-ECD; GC-MS)

Congener specific PCB analysis (GC-ECD; GC-MS)

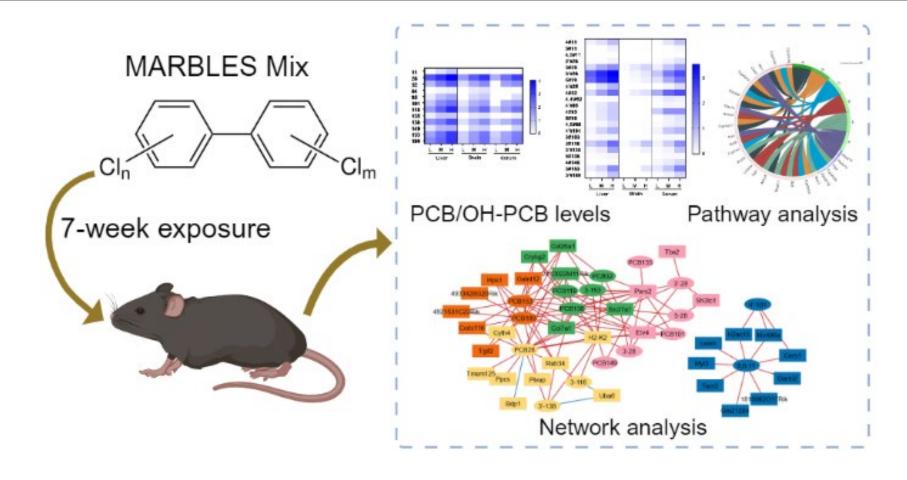
PAH analysis (GC-MS)

Pesticides analysis (GC-MS)

Nontarget analysis of PCBs and pesticides (LC-HRMS)

Interactions of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and Their Metabolites With the Brain Transcriptome of Female Mice





Bullert et al., 2024

Equipment Upgrades of the ESF Analytical Toxicology Laboratory



Agilent 7000E Triple-Quad GC-MS System



SCIEX Triple Quad 7500 LC-MS/MS System

