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**Effect of fireworks events on urban background trace metal aerosol concentrations: Is the cocktail worth the show?** (2010)

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We report on the effect of a major firework event on urban background atmospheric [PM](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/earth-and-planetary-sciences/particulate-matter)2.5 chemistry, using 24-h data collected over 8 weeks at two sites in Girona, Spain. The firework pollution episode (Sant Joan fiesta on 23rd June 2008) measured in city centre parkland increased local background PM2.5 concentrations as follows: Sr (x86), K (x26), Ba (x11), Co (x9), Pb (x7), Cu (x5), Zn (x4), Bi (x4), Mg (x4), Rb (x4), Sb (x3), P (x3), Ga (x2), Mn (x2), As (x2), Ti (x2) and SO42− (x2). Marked increases in these elements were also measured outside the park as the pollution cloud drifted over the city centre, and levels of some metals remained elevated above background for days after the event as a reservoir of metalliferous dust persisted within the urban area. Transient high-PM pollution episodes are a proven health hazard, made worse in the case of firework combustion because many of the elements released are both toxic and finely respirable, and because displays commonly take place in an already polluted urban atmosphere.

**Influence of New Year's fireworks on air quality – A case study from 2010 to 2021 in Augsburg, Germany** (2022)

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Fireworks have been shown to contribute short-term but potent source of ambient [particulate matter](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/earth-and-planetary-sciences/particulate-matter%22%20%5Co%20%22Learn%20more%20about%20particulate%20matter%20from%20ScienceDirect%27s%20AI-generated%20Topic%20Pages) (PM). Here we present a source apportionment-based approach to estimate the quantitative contributions of fireworks in releasing black carbon (eBC), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals into urban ambient air on six New Year's Day fireworks events from the period 2010 to 2021. Simplified PMF analyses were performed to assign PAHs, eBCs, and metals to major contributors (building heating, traffic, and fireworks) of ambient PM. The trends of PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations clearly showed the drastic increase of the concentrations on New Year's Days. The PMF analyses showed that, on average, about 35% (20–80% for individual years) of the PAHs and about 45% of eBC (10–100%) were associated with the fireworks. Metals presented in high concentrations in pyrotechnic sets, namely Ba, Cu, K, Mg, and Sr were attributed to fireworks about 90%, while Al was attributed to fireworks by 86%. Other metals (Ca, Cr, Fe, Na, Pb, Ti, and Zn) were attributed to fireworks by variable proportions averaging at 67%, 77%, 44%, 59%, 64%, 75%, and 33%, respectively. Overall, these findings complement future monitoring programs and regulations for fireworks emissions.

„Among other components, the metals used for coloring the fireworks (e.g., red: Sr and Ca, green: Ba and Cu, blue: Cu, white or silver: Mg, Al, and Ti, and gold: Fe) are released in large quantities during firework's set off. The contribution of fireworks in elevating the concentrations of many metals and sulfate on New Year's Day has been confirmed in numerous studies in several countries, such as Auckland, New Zeland, Manila, Philippines, Mexico City, Mexico, and Rotterdam, The Netherlands ([Lorenzo et al., 2021](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1309104222000289?via%3Dihub" \l "bib28); [Retama et al., 2019](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1309104222000289?via%3Dihub" \l "bib40); [Rindelaub et al., 2021](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1309104222000289?via%3Dihub" \l "bib41), [ten Brink et al., 2019](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1309104222000289?via%3Dihub" \l "bib50)).“

„For example, [Pongpiachan et al. (2017)](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1309104222000289?via%3Dihub" \l "bib38) found an increase >150% in total PAHs concentrations during the fireworks period in Bangkok, Thailand.“

„Taken together, these findings call for future monitoring programs and regulations for fireworks emissions.“

**Air quality during and after festivals: Aerosol concentrations, composition and health effects** (2019)

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Ambient [particulate matter](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/earth-and-planetary-sciences/particulate-matter%22%20%5Co%20%22Learn%20more%20about%20particulate%20matter%20from%20ScienceDirect%27s%20AI-generated%20Topic%20Pages) (PM) continues to be among the top environmental health concerns globally; in 2017, nearly 3 million deaths were attributed to exposure to PM2.5 around the world ([HEI, 2019](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270%22%20%5Cl%20%22bb0235)). While much attention is paid towards point and mobile sources of PM (e.g., power plants, vehicles), episodic/periodic events such as dust storms, use of fireworks etc. can also increase ambient PM levels and lead to adverse effects on air quality, visibility, and human health, albeit in the short-term. Fireworks and bonfires are commonly used during religious and cultural festivals including Diwali (India), Lunar New Year (China), Bastille Day (France), Guy Fawkes Night (UK), Australia Day (Australia), Fourth of July/Independence Day (USA), New Year's Eve (worldwide) as well as large sporting and other events. During these events, use of fireworks results in smoke plumes which can raise the PM concentration levels for short periods of time. This review article summarizes the current body of literature on the role of fireworks use (and bonfires) on air quality, visibility, and human health. A summary of distinct type of fireworks and existing legislations/laws in different countries is also presented. Overall, there is clear evidence that such events produce exceptionally high level of pollutants, and as a result there can be intense exposures to a multipollutant mixture. In particular, the sharpest spikes are found in [pollutant concentrations](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/earth-and-planetary-sciences/pollutant-concentration%22%20%5Co%20%22Learn%20more%20about%20pollutant%20concentrations%20from%20ScienceDirect%27s%20AI-generated%20Topic%20Pages) (such as PM2.5, PM10, and NOx) during and immediately after the firework event, followed by a decrease in the concentrations back to background levels, typically within 24 h. Peak concentrations of pollutants during firework events can exceed ambient levels by 2–8 times. As a result, overall visibility also decreases significantly, and in some cases, by as much as 92% during fireworks events. Moreover, significant health risks due to fireworks activities are also reported, although limited research has been conducted on this type of rapid air pollution exposure. The review concludes with a list of suggested future research priorities required to better understand the impacts of fireworks and bonfires on human and environmental health.

„These studies have reported several-fold increase in concentrations of pollutants including PM10 (PM with aerodynamic diameter < 10 μm), PM2.5 (PM with aerodynamic diameter < 2.5 μm), and NOx during fireworks events across the world ([Barman et al., 2008](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0045); [Kong et al., 2015a](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0300); [Seidel and Birnbaum, 2015](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0505)).“

„Exposure to air pollution in the short-term has been linked to several health effects ([Brunekreef and Holgate, 2002](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0095); [Nhung et al., 2017](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0415); [Shah et al., 2015](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0510); [Shang et al., 2013](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0520); [Wu et al., 2016](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0715)). „

„Exposure to air pollutants including PM and gases has been found to trigger specific health effects including respiratory and cardiovascular diseases ([Brook, 2008](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0085); [Brook et al., 2010](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0090); [Franklin and Brook, 2015](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0165); [Laumbach and Kipen, 2012](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169809518307270?via%3Dihub" \l "bb0330)).“

„In conclusion, wider regulations on the use of fireworks will help in reducing exposure to fireworks-related air pollution.“

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