

# **Risk to Ozone and ozone-derived oxidation products on commercial aircraft**

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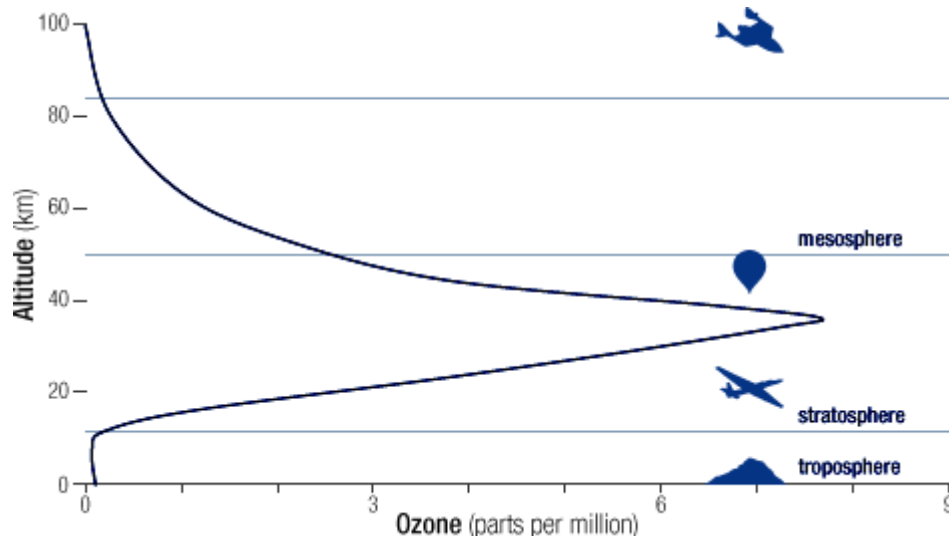
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# Background

- At cruise altitude (10000 to 11000 m), ozone levels outside an aircraft are high – typically 200 to 800 ppb
- Atmospheric conditions, such as folds in the tropopause, can result in an influx of stratospheric air into the lower atmosphere.



Thus even lower flying aircraft can encounter high ozone levels

# Background

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- In the 1960s high ozone levels Dr. David Bates placed rubber bands (specially produced without antioxidants) in planes and observed that they cracked in an analogous fashion to a similar set exposed to ozone on the ground. At the same time toxicological symptom associated with ozone was observed occurring in flight attendants
- To reduce ozone on planes that cruise at high altitude most wide-body aircraft have ozone filters to remove ~85% of the ozone from the ventilation air
- However, only ~ 1/2 narrow-body aircraft remove ozone from the ventilation air

# Background

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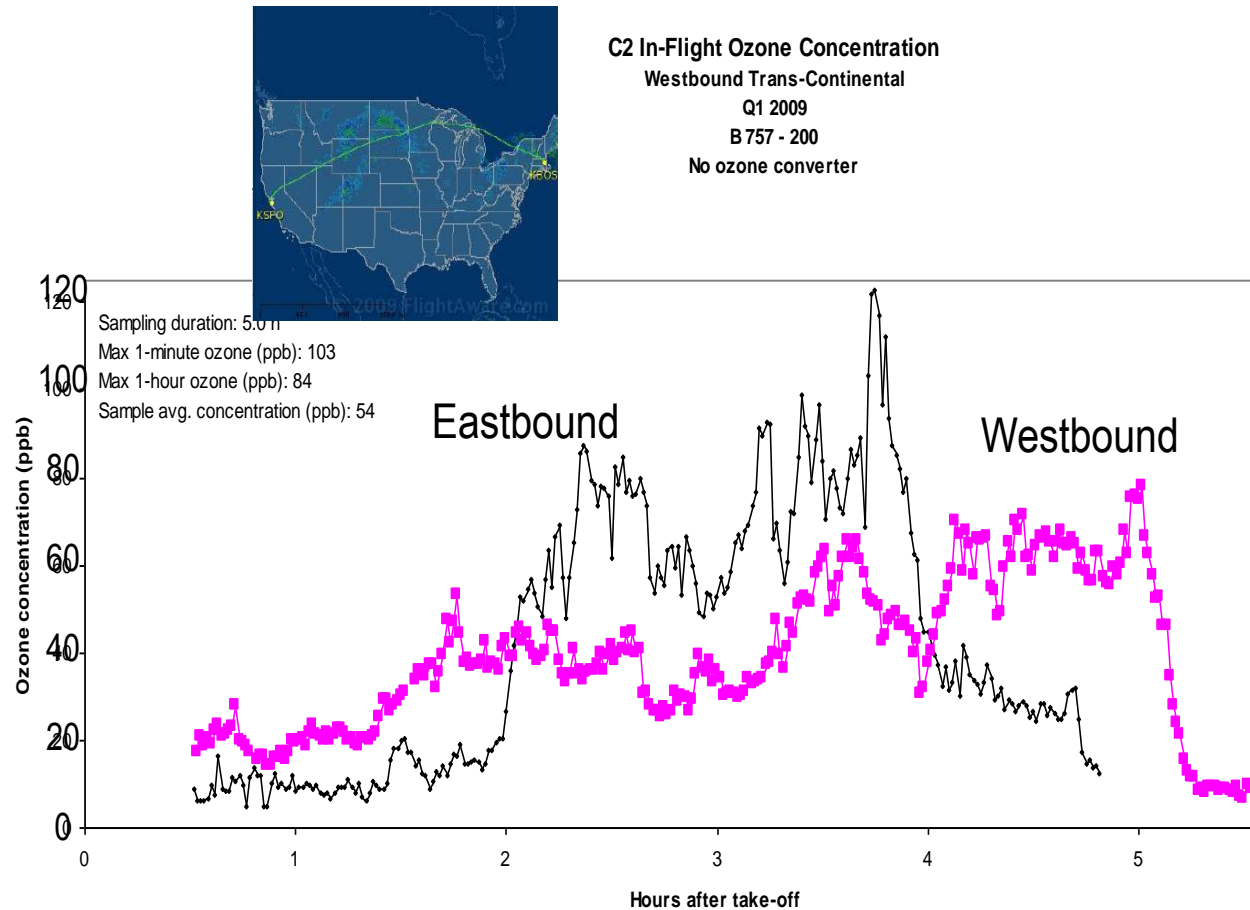
- **In 1980 FAA set an ozone standard in the airplane cabin of 100ppb average for flights exceeded 3 hours and 250ppb maximum – sea level equivalent. (Note ground level standard in 75ppb for 8 hours and 120ppm for 1hour)**
- **Ozone controlled by converters and route planning – but not all planes with converters**
- **Ground levels standards lowered several times since 1980**
- **Ground level ozone is also considers other photochemical oxidants and indoor air studies have found that ozone reacts to form additional compounds**
- **Simulated aircraft cabin studies have identified the formation of aldehydes by ozone**

# Ozone levels on transcontinental aircraft

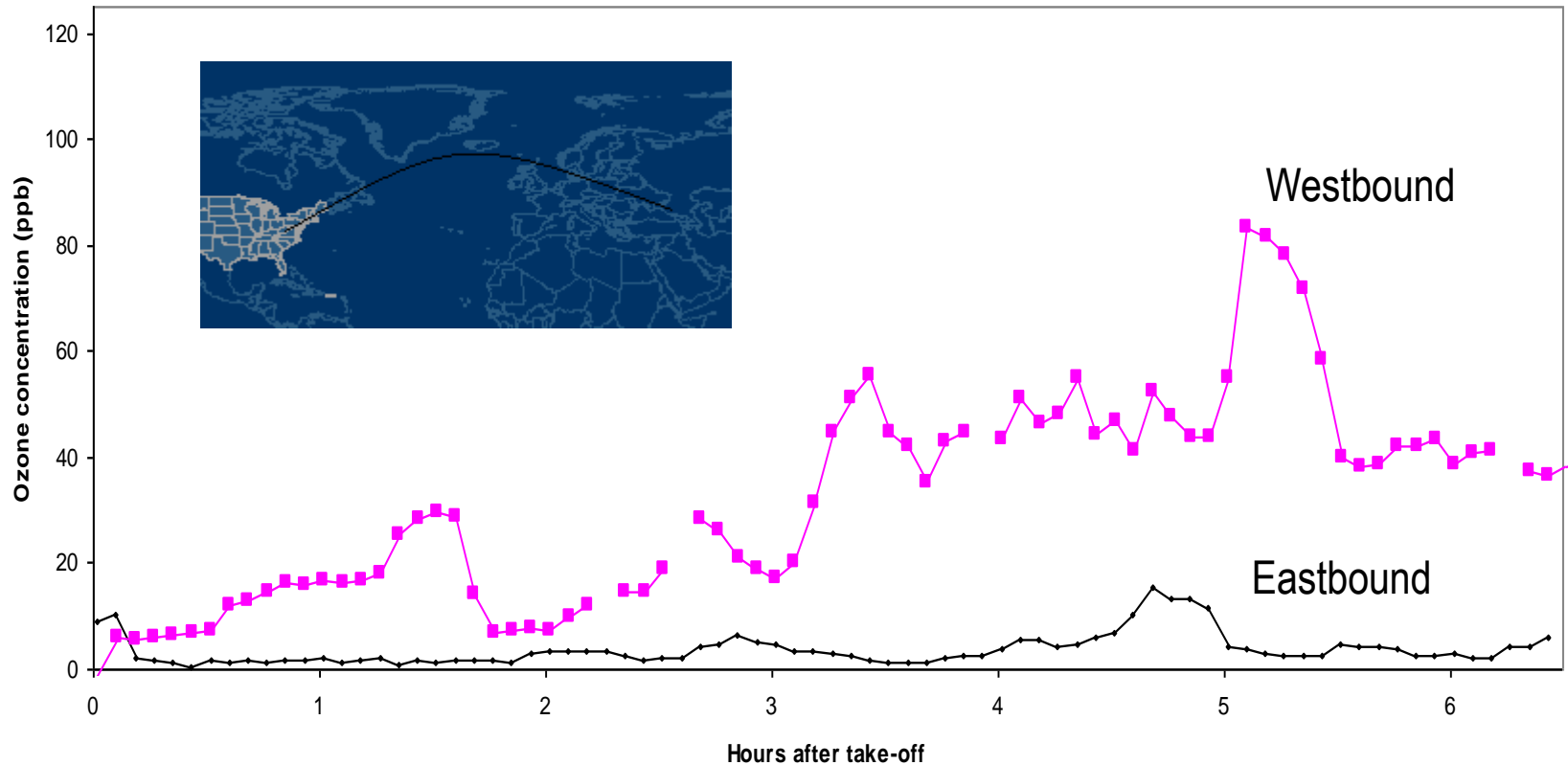
- At cruise altitude, ozone outside aircraft  
~ 200 - 800 ppb

- Only about half the narrow-body aircraft remove ozone from ventilation air

- Ozone levels in commercial aircraft cabins are frequently  
> 50 ppb

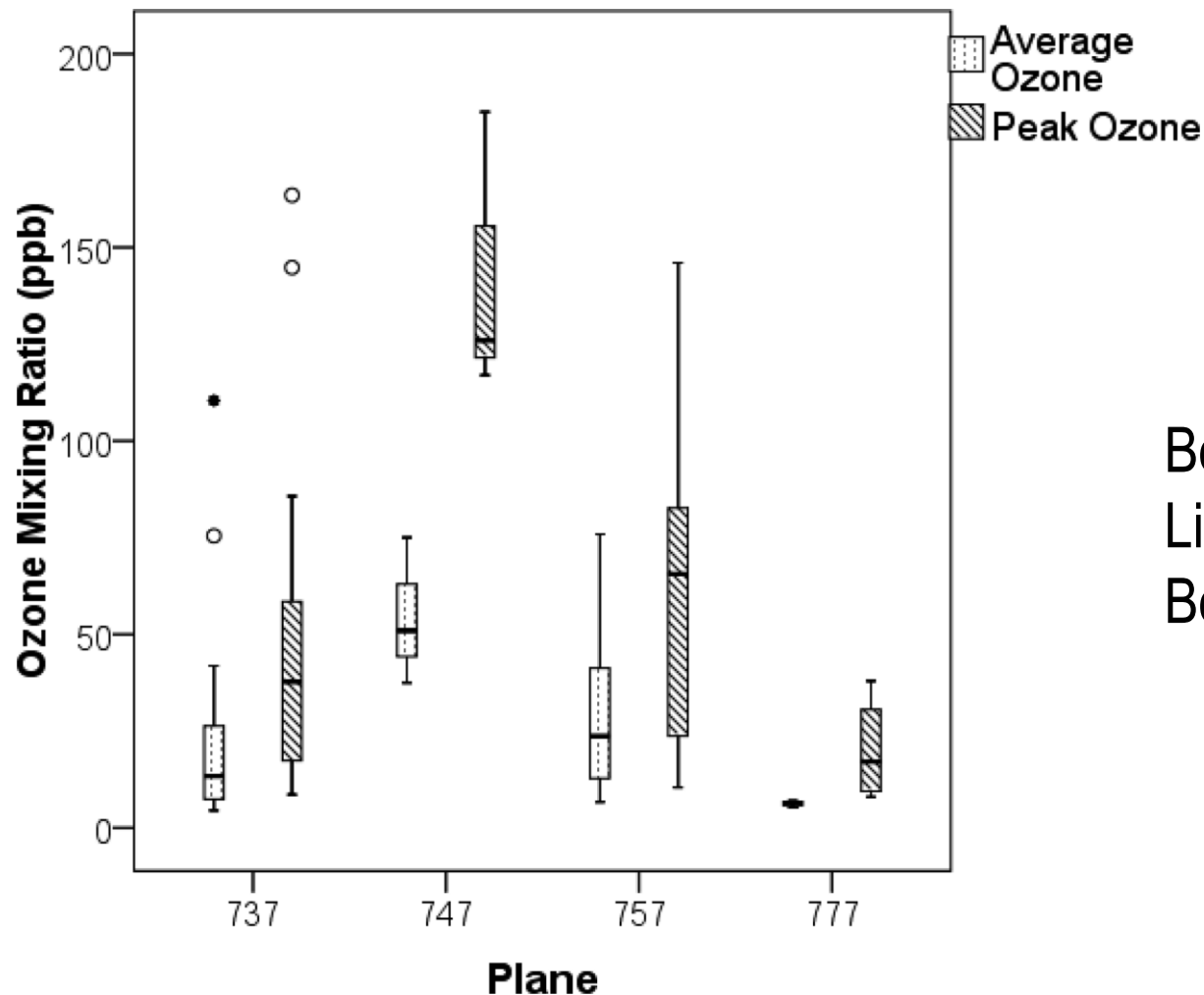


# In-flight ozone data - transcontinental



**Planes (747) had ozone converter. The condition were not known and the have a limited lifetime of effectiveness.**

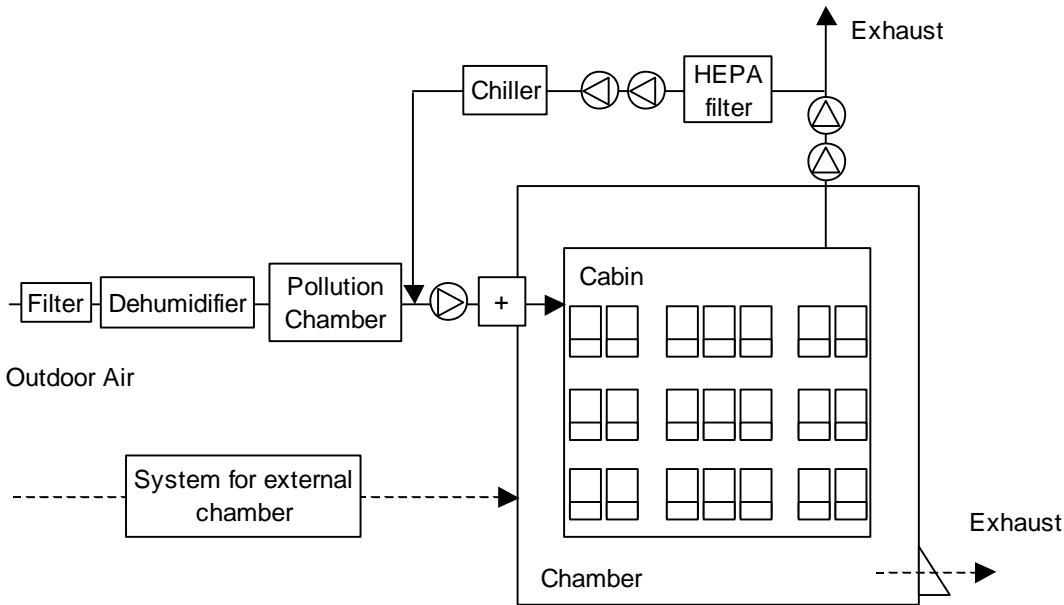
# Measured O<sub>3</sub> levels (52 flights)



Box plot:  
Line – median  
Box – 25<sup>th</sup> & 75<sup>th</sup>

Weisel, CP, Weschler, CJ, Mohan, K, Vallarino, J, Spengler, JD “Ozone and Ozone By-Products in the Cabins of Commercial Aircraft” Environmental Science and Technology, 47 (9), 4711–4717, 2013

# O<sub>3</sub> & humans in a simulated aircraft cabin



Simulated B-767; 3 rows, economy

- 16 passengers; 4-hour flights
- Outdoor airflow: 4.4 h<sup>-1</sup> or 8.8 h<sup>-1</sup> ; total airflow: 23 h<sup>-1</sup>
- [O<sub>3</sub>]: 60 to 80 ppb



# Chemical measurements

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- Proton Transfer Reaction/Mass Spectrometry (PTR/MS) (Identify transient and unknown compounds)
- Multi-Sorbent tubes (Volatile Organic Compounds)
- DNPH cartridges (Formaldehyde & Acetaldehyde)
- DNSH cartridges (Acrolein)
- UV (Ozone)
- Nondispersive Infrared (Carbon Dioxide)

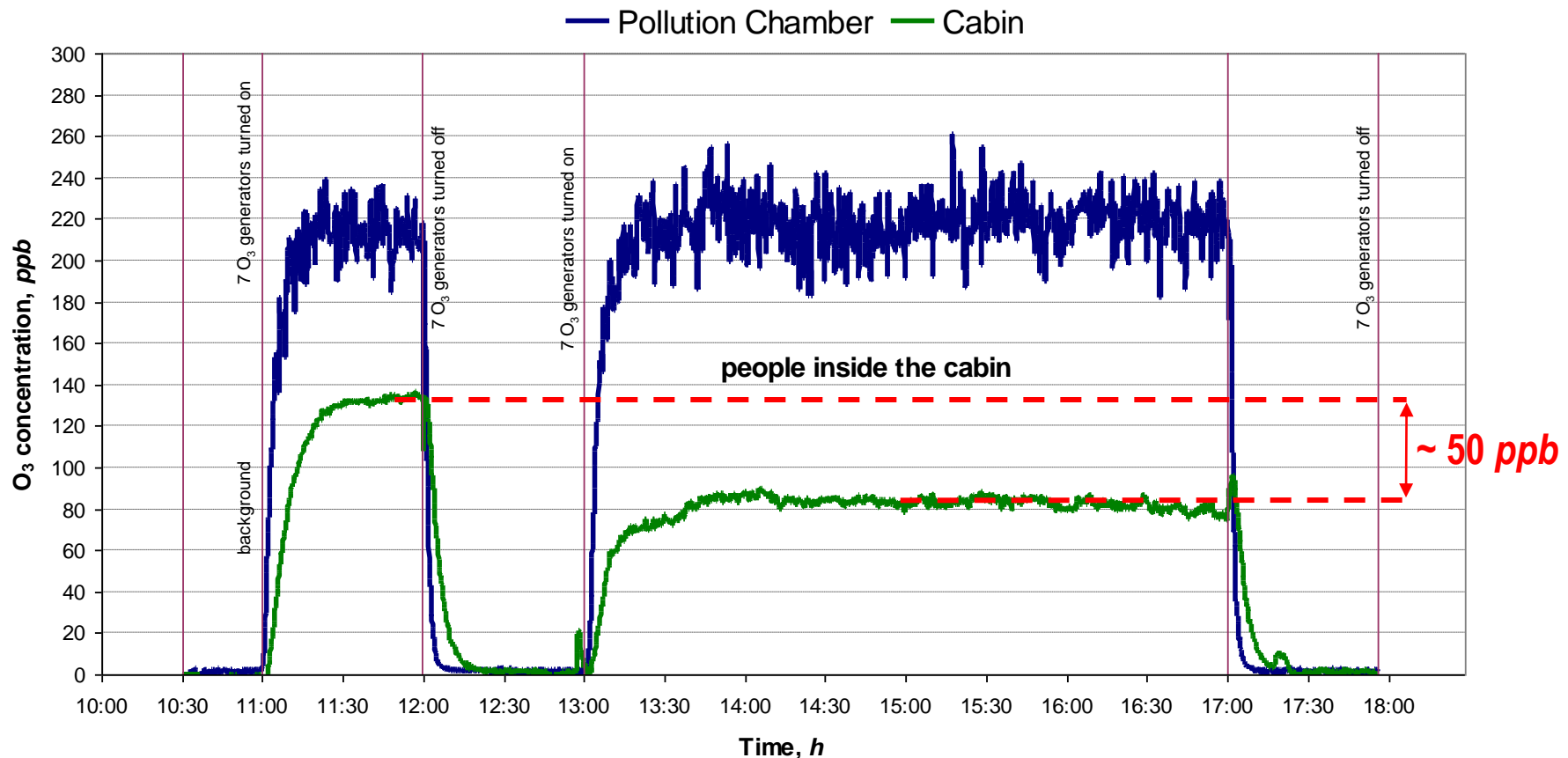
# In-plane sources of O<sub>3</sub>-reactive chemicals

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Occupants	<b>Skin oil (i.e., squalene, oleic acid, unsaturated sterols)</b> , isoprene, nitric oxide (NO),
Carpet & backing	4-PCH, 4-VCH, unsaturated fatty acids
Seats	<b>Skin oil</b> , fabric
Soiled air filters	Unsaturated organics associated with captured particles

# Humans are large O<sub>3</sub> sinks

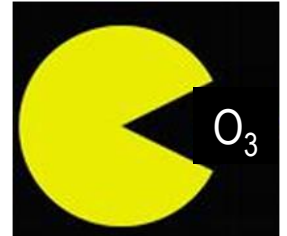
## Simulated aircraft cabin



airflow: 75 L/s (8.8 h<sup>-1</sup>)

Weschler et al., *Environ Sci & Technol* 41, 6177 (2007)

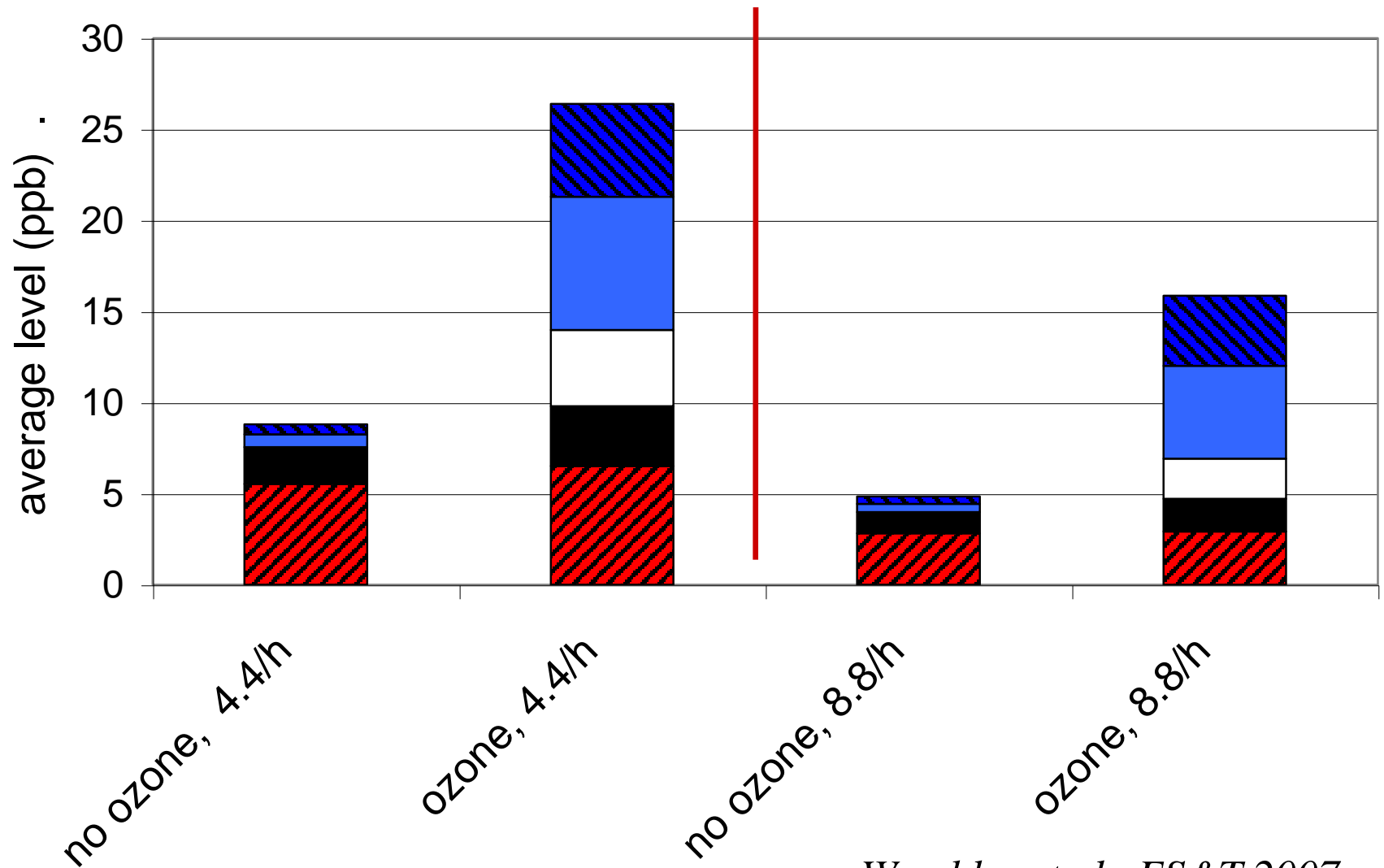
# Ozone reactive constituents of skin oil



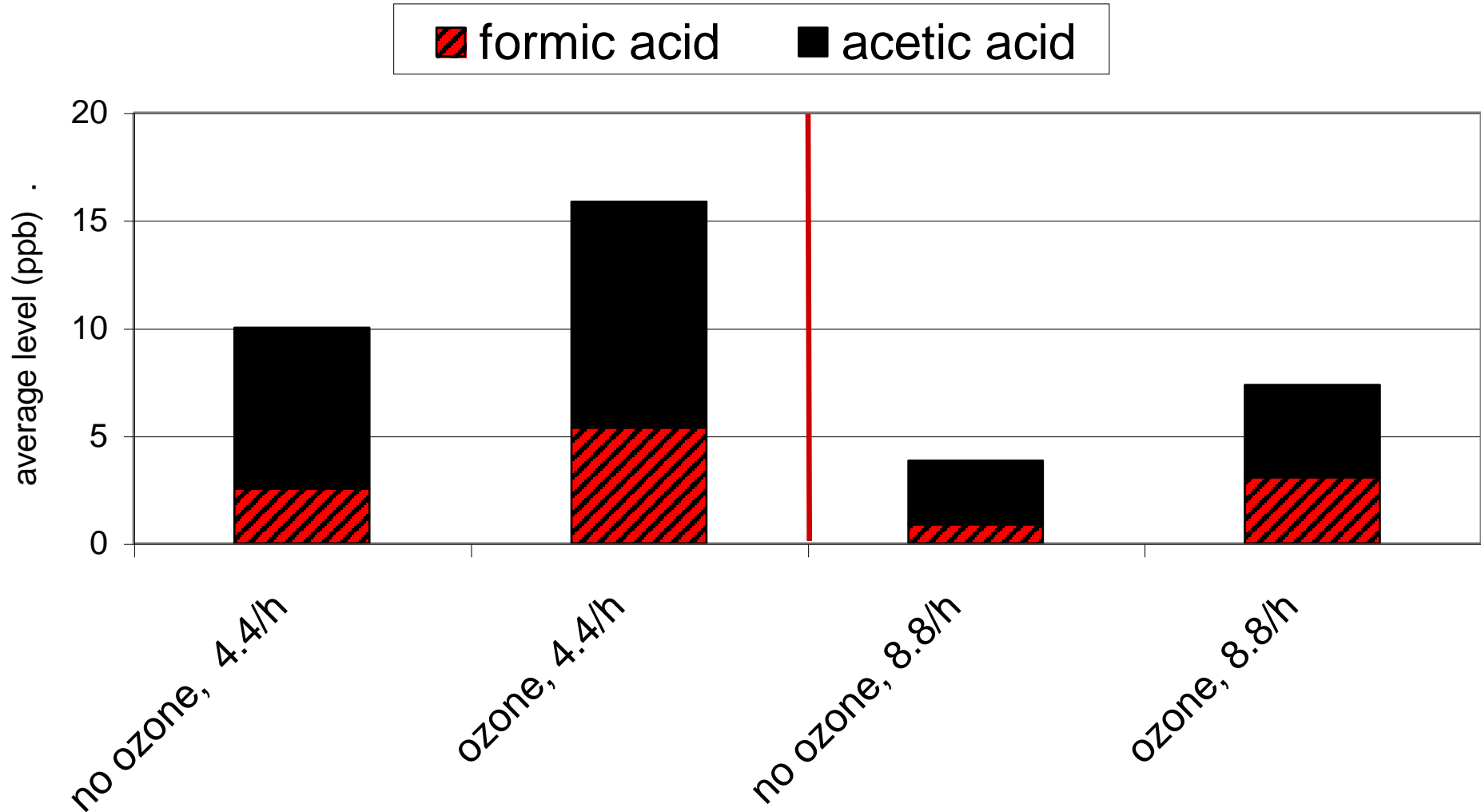
- Squalene ( $\sim 10 - 15 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ )
- Unsaturated fatty acids: ( $\sim 11 - 17 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ )
  - Some with  $\Delta^6$  unsaturation unique to humans
- Cholesterol ( $\sim 3 - 4 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ )
- Vitamin E ( $\sim 0.013 - 0.020 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ )
- Ubiquinone, aka CoQ<sub>10</sub> ( $\sim 0.012 - 0.018 \mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ )
- Even smaller amounts: vitamin A,  $\beta$ -carotene, lycopene, ascorbic acid, glutathione, uric acid

# Saturated aldehydes produced by ozone and are irritatants

■ formaldehyde ■ acetaldehyde □ sum C4-C8 ■ nonanal ■ decanal

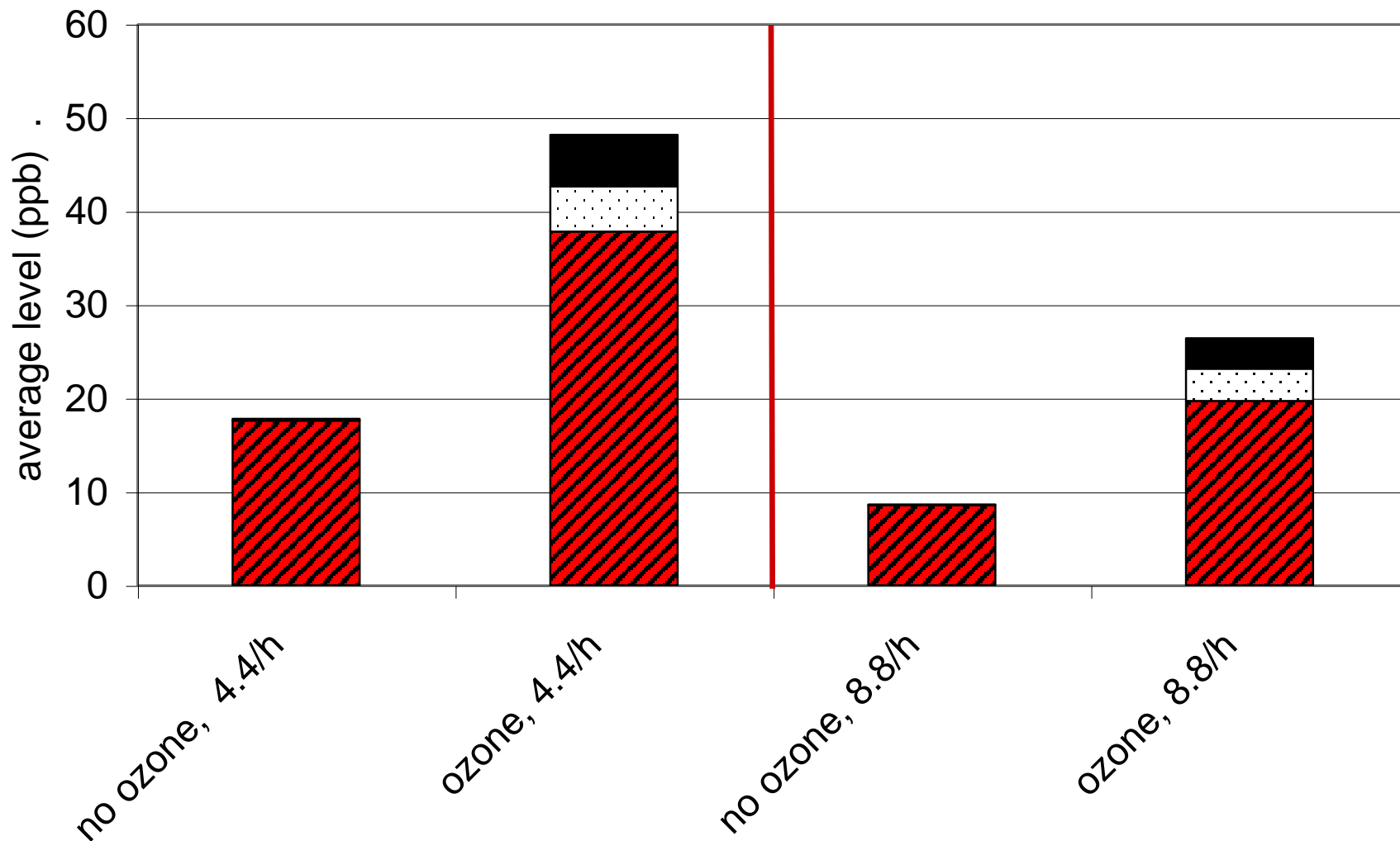


# Organic acids produced by ozone with one an irritatant



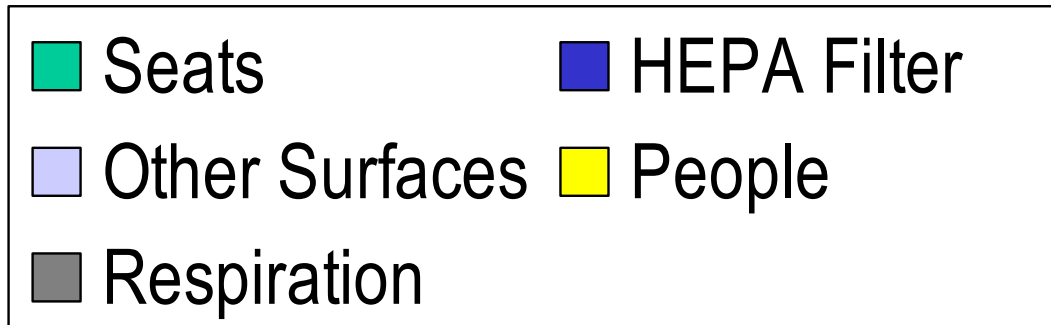
# Acetone, 6-MHO and 4-OPA

■ acetone (PTR/MS) ■ 6-methyl-5-hepten-2-one ■ 4-oxopentanal



# Humans are large O<sub>3</sub> sinks

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*Contribution  
of different  
sinks to  
ozone  
removal in  
simulated  
Boeing 767*



# Symptom evaluations – DTU Chamber Study

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Ozone in Cabin (ppb)	Flow of outdoor air (l/s/person)	Outdoor AER (h <sup>-1</sup> )	Flow of outdoor air (kg/m/person)
<2	2.4	4.4	0.17
61	2.4	4.4	0.17
<2	4.7	8.8	0.34
74	4.7	8.8	0.34

**29 Female Subjects, 19-27 years**

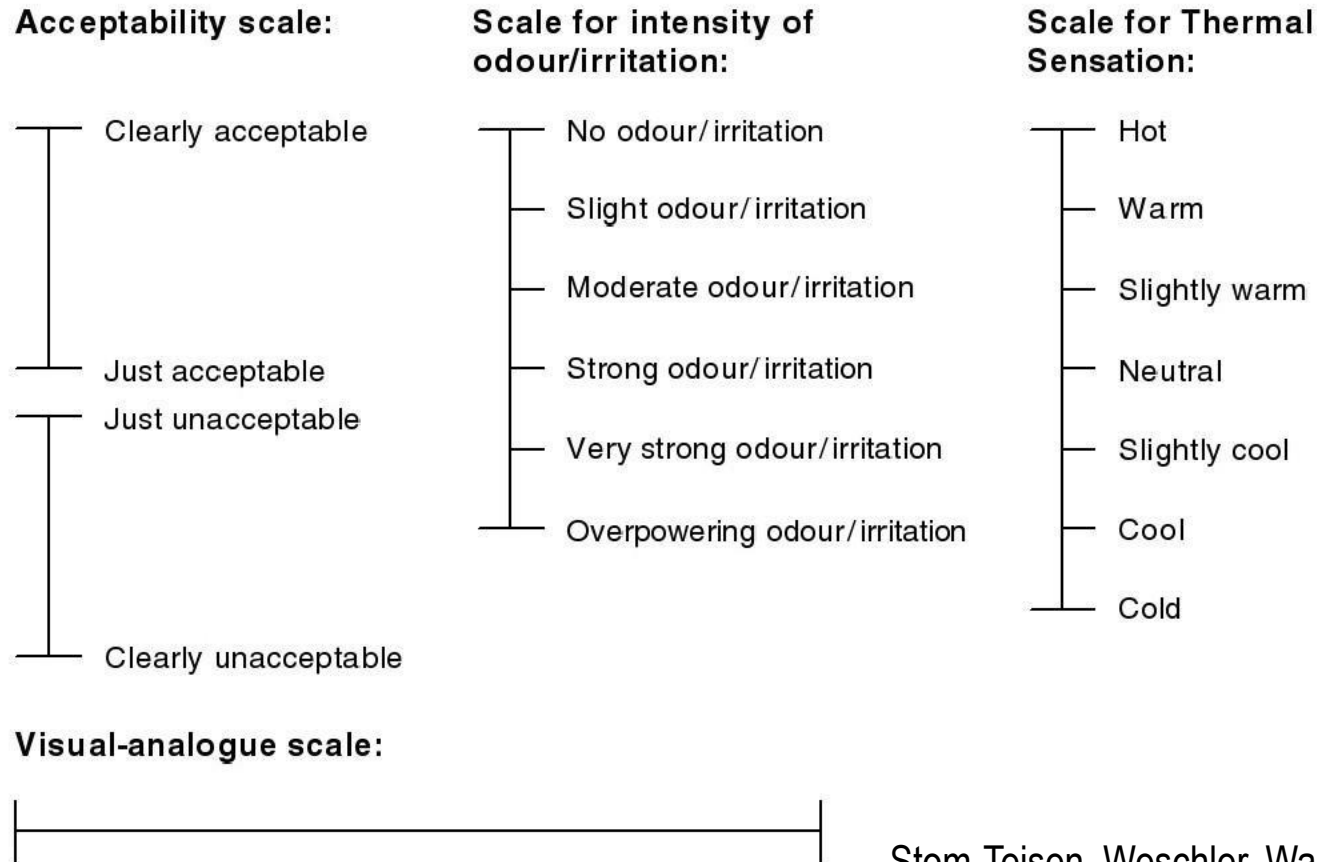
**4 hour simulated flights 3row-21seat section**

**Completed questionnaires at various times during simulation**

**Statistical evaluation  $p < 0.05$  for significance**

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# Symptom evaluations – DTU Chamber Study



**Figure 1.** Scales for subjective assessments.

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# Air Quality and Symptoms Evaluated

**Table 3.** Variables probed in questionnaires.

Variable	Scale end points	
<i>Air quality</i>		
Indoor air quality <sup>a,*</sup>	Clearly unacceptable	Clearly acceptable
Odour intensity <sup>b,*</sup>	No odour	Overpowering odour
Eye irritation <sup>b,*</sup>	No irritation	Overpowering irritation
Nasal irritation <sup>b,*</sup>	No irritation	Overpowering irritation
Throat irritation <sup>b,*</sup>	No irritation	Overpowering irritation
<i>Cabin environment</i>		
Air humidity/dryness <sup>c</sup>	Too humid	Too dry
Freshness of air <sup>c</sup>	Air stuffy	Air fresh
Illumination <sup>c</sup>	Too dark	Too bright
Noise <sup>c</sup>	Too quiet	Too noisy
<i>Thermal comfort and noise</i>		
Thermal sensation <sup>d</sup>	Cold	Hot
Thermal environment <sup>a</sup>	Clearly unacceptable	Clearly acceptable
Air movement <sup>a</sup>	Clearly unacceptable	Clearly acceptable
Noise level <sup>a</sup>	Clearly unacceptable	Clearly acceptable

<i>Symptoms</i>		
Nasal occlusion <sup>c</sup>	Nose clear	Nose blocked
Nasal dryness <sup>c</sup>	Nose runny	Nose dry
Mouth dryness <sup>c</sup>	Mouth not dry	Mouth dry
Lip dryness <sup>c</sup>	Lips not dry	Lips dry
Skin dryness <sup>c,*</sup>	Skin not dry	Skin dry
Eye dryness <sup>c,*</sup>	Eyes not dry	Eyes dry
Eyes smarting <sup>c,*</sup>	Eyes not smarting	Eyes smarting
Eyes aching <sup>c,*</sup>	Eyes not aching	Eyes aching
Headache <sup>c,*</sup>	No headache	Severe headache
Thirst <sup>c</sup>	Not at all thirsty	Very thirsty
Dizziness <sup>c</sup>	Not dizzy	Dizzy
Fatigue <sup>c</sup>	Rested	Tired
Mental state <sup>c</sup>	Interested	Bored
Sleepiness <sup>c</sup>	Alert	Sleepy
Mental tension <sup>c</sup>	Relaxed, content	Uptight, frustrated
Claustrophobia <sup>c</sup>	Not a problem	Claustrophobic

<sup>a</sup>Acceptability scale.

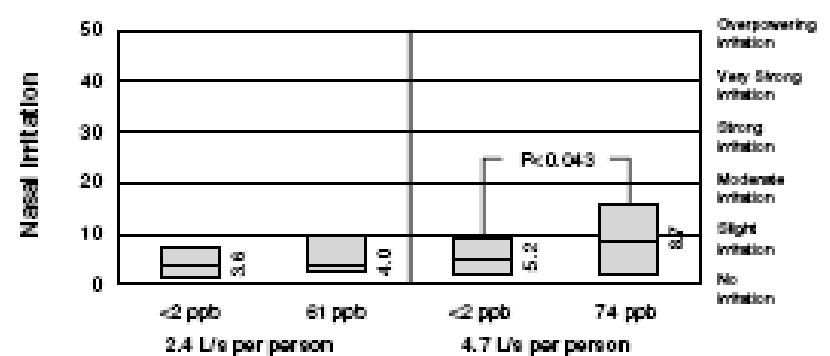
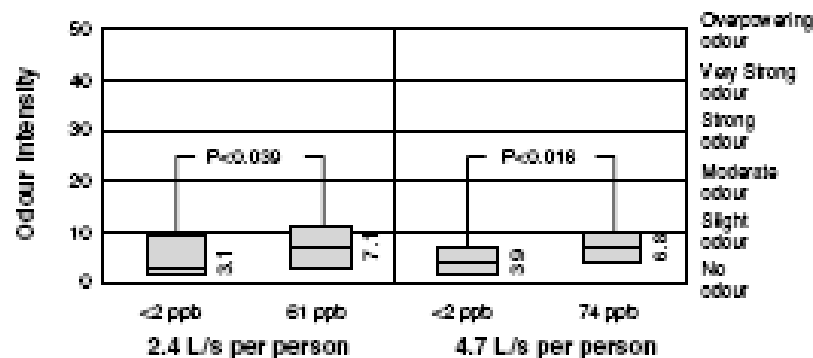
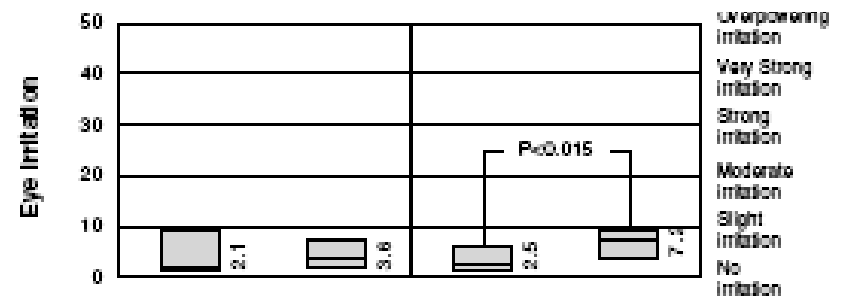
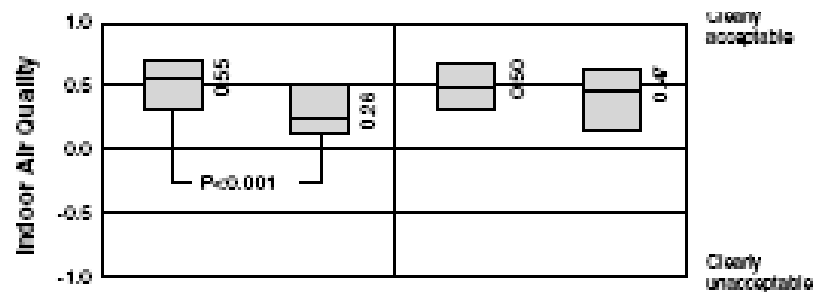
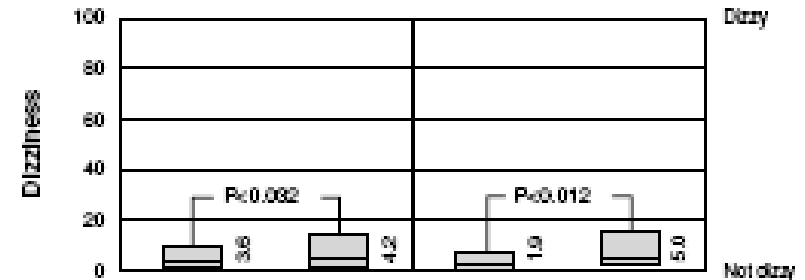
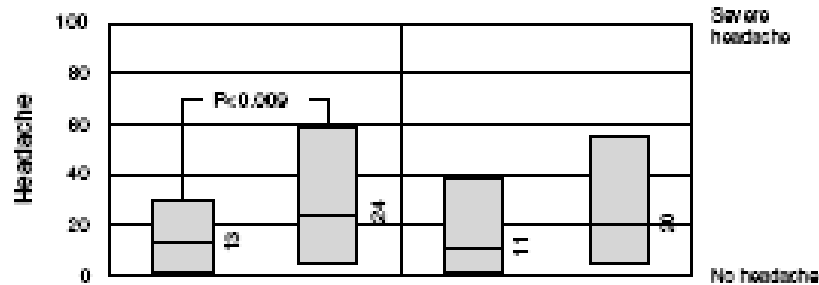
<sup>b</sup>Intensity of odour/irritation scale.

<sup>c</sup>Visual-analogue scale.

<sup>d</sup>Thermal sensation scale.

\*Variable included in the third questionnaire.

# Results – box plot of selected outcomes



# Results

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- Based on self-reported symptoms at 3.75 hr point:
  - Air quality & 12 symptoms (eye/nasal irritation, lip/skin dryness, headache, dizziness, tension, claustrophobia) were significantly worse for “ozone” condition compared to “no ozone” condition
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# In-flight evaluation of ozone by-products

## Approach

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- Sampling package – 2BTech Model 205 Dual Beam Ozone Monitor battery operated
- BGI Pump with Mixed bed adsorbent trap for C6-C10 aldehydes with KI trap (to remove ozone) and DNPH-Cartridge for Formaldehyde
- Sampling equipment place under seat with Teflon tubing inlet and sampling traps in breathing zone

# Sample analysis

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- Ozone monitor is a real time instrument based on UV absorption with 1ppb sensitivity and 1 minute averaging time
- Adsorbent traps analyzed by thermal desorption coupled to GC/MS
- DNPH extracted with acetonitrile and analyzed by HPLC/UV

# O<sub>3</sub> & humans in **real** aircraft cabins

- Ozone and carbonyls measured on 52 flights
- Mostly transcontinental U.S. flights; some transoceanic flights
- B-737, B-747, B-757 & B-777
- Ozone scrubber upstream of sorbent tube to avoid ozone reacting w. 6-MHO on sorbent



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Compound	Median (ppb)	Maximum (ppb)
Hexanal	2.8	8.4
Heptanal	0.77	4.0
<b>6-MHO</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>13</b>
Octanal	0.75	4.5
Nonanal	1.9	14
<b>Decanal</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>12</b>

- Statistically significant correlations between:
  - O<sub>3</sub> and 6-MHO
  - 6-MHO and % occupancy

# Other in-plane sources of O<sub>3</sub>-reactive chemicals



Carpet & backing	4-PCH, 4-VCH, oleic acid, other unsaturated fatty acids
Seats	Skin oil, fabric
Soiled air filters	Unsaturated organics associated with captured particles

# Summary

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- Ozone is present on transcontinental US flight and when ozone converter not working optimally
- When O<sub>3</sub> present, concentrations of aldehydes, ketones & organic acids much larger
- People are major O<sub>3</sub> sinks – larger than carpet, seats and dirty HEPA filter combined
- Humans + O<sub>3</sub> → acetone, nonanal, decanal, 6-MHO, geranyl acetone, 4-OPA
- Presence of O<sub>3</sub> and O<sub>3</sub>-derived products adversely affected 12 of 29 self-reported symptoms

# Broader implications

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- Ozone is present at levels exceeding 100ppb on aircraft without ozone convertors and if the converter is not functioning correctly, though not routinely exceeding current FARS
- EPA Ground Level Standards 75ppm over 8 hours, though USEPA-SAB recommended lower level
- Chemistry producing ozone by-products occurs **whenever**  $O_3$  and humans simultaneously present in a room or aircraft
- Potential effects of by-products across current flying public still to be determined -  $O_3$  can be filtered from ventilation air

# Quantifying Exposure to Pesticides on Commercial Aircraft

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# Congressional Mandate

- **MANDATE: Collect pesticide exposure data to determine exposures of passengers and crew**
- Approach:
  - Measure surface loadings on commercial aircraft
  - Measure urinary pesticide biomarker levels in flight attendants
  - Apply CFD model to Top of Descent Spray and evaluate model with measurements
  - Estimate the risk to flight crew from pesticides

# Research Objectives

- Wipe Samples
  - Evaluate what aircraft surfaces and flights routes have pesticides
- Biomarker of Pesticides in Flight Crew
  - Determine urinary pyrethroid metabolites for flight attendants
  - Evaluate permethrin PBPK model for flight attendants
- CFD Model from Top of Decent Disinsection
  - Computational Fluid Dynamic (CFD) modeling to predict air concentration and surface loading
  - Evaluate with data from KSU's mock 757 aircraft
- Risk Paradigm to Permethrin
  - Estimate risk based on exposures

# Purpose of Aircraft Disinsection

To prevent or minimize the transport of insects which pose a health threat to humans, animals and plants

- Adopted by US in the 1930s; discontinued since 1979
- Required by many other countries currently, e.g., Australia, New Zealand, India, China and many islands
- Most countries reserve their right for this practice on flights from particular regions of endemic diseases



# Disinsection Methods

- When passengers and flight crew are on board: Top of descent, blocks away and, pre-flight. (*phenothrin*, *permethrin*, or both)
- During scheduled maintenance (no passengers on board): Residual treatment: (*permethrin*)



# What Was Collected

- Examined surfaces on aircraft from
  - 15 US domestic flights,
  - 18 flights landing in Central or South America,
  - 8 flights landing in Australia or New Zealand,
  - 4 flights landing in Africa or Europe and
  - 15 flights landing in Asia during 2008 and 2009
- Collected from Seat Cushions, Seat Backs, Tray Tables, Arm Rests, Galley Area, Lavatory
- Problem with recovery – so only relative amounts are determinable

# Mock Boeing–Simulated Disinsection

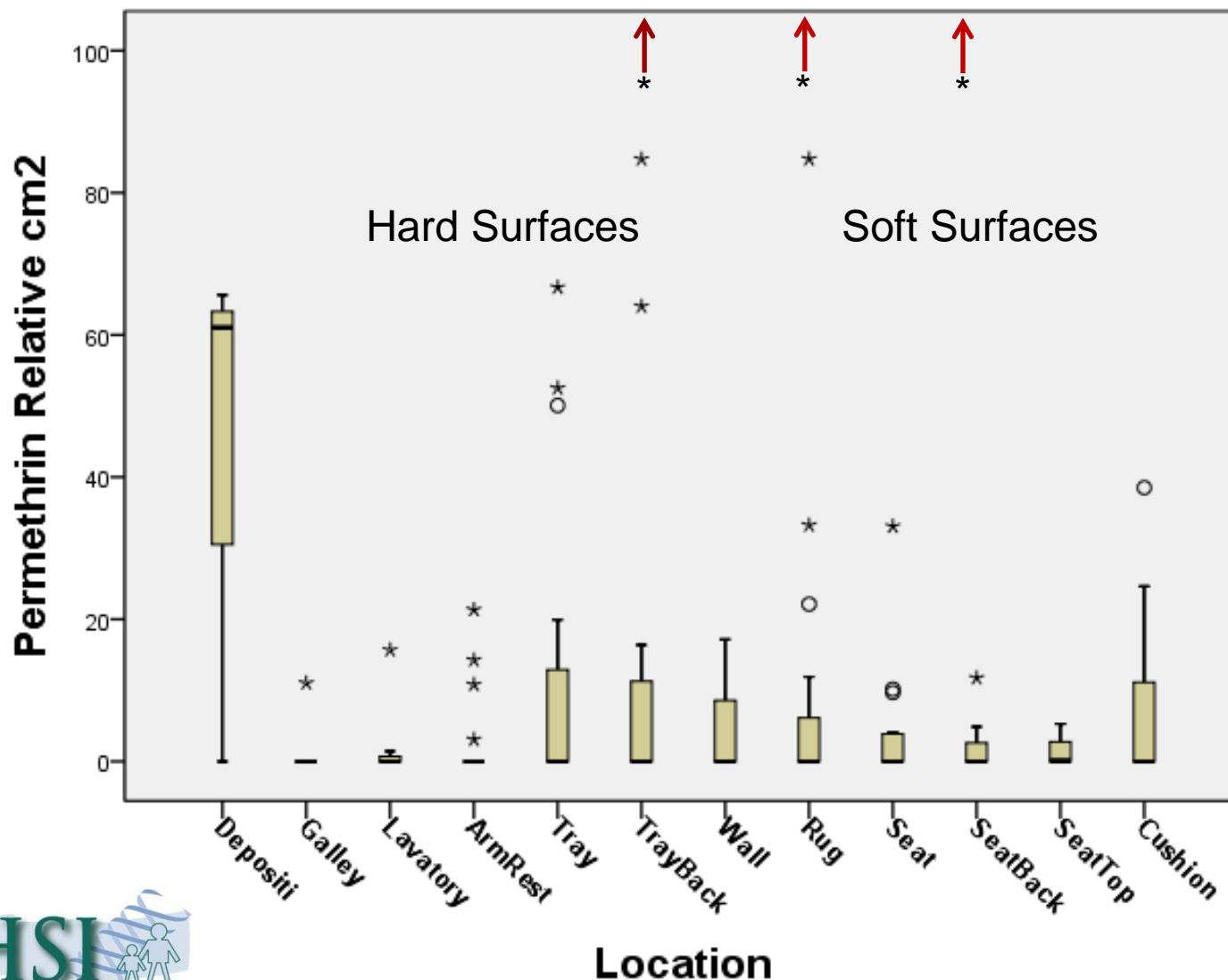
## Surface Loading ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ )

	High Ventilation		Low Ventilation	
	50-CM <sup>a</sup>	100-CM <sup>b</sup>	50-CM	100-CM
25 <sup>th</sup> percentile	0.13	0.08	0.53	0.48
median	0.13	0.11	0.69	0.64
75 <sup>th</sup> percentile	0.14	0.13	0.83	0.90
max	0.19	0.16	1.07	0.98
N	10	17	15	22
% RSD	22	29	30	32

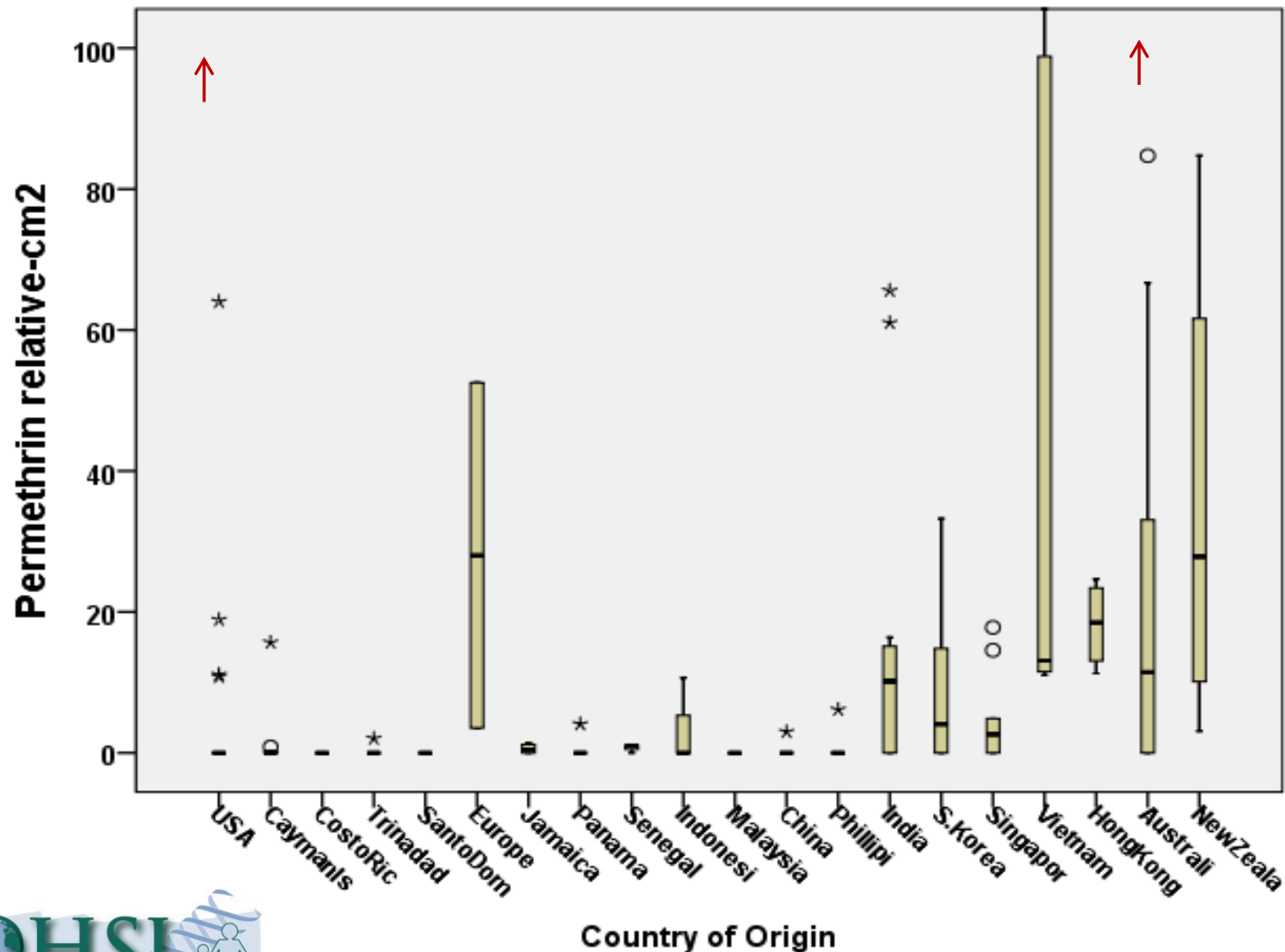
Destination Continent	Permethrin Mean * (max)	Phenothrin Mean*(max)	Total Flights	Permethrin Above Detection	Phenothrin Above Detection
Asia	0.034±.002 (0.035)	0.031±.026 (0.061)	3	2	3

# Surface Loading by Surface Type

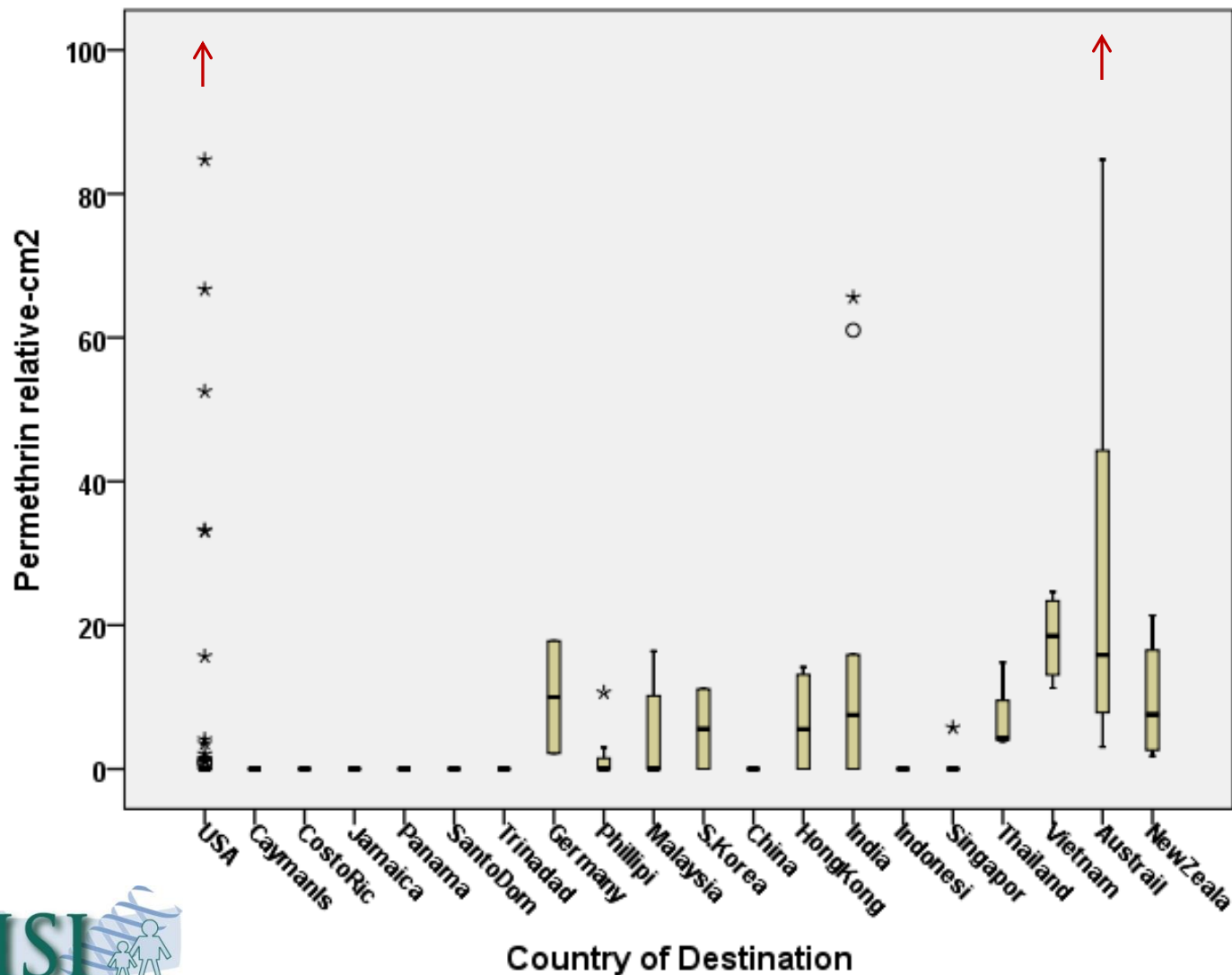
## (Relative amounts per cm<sup>2</sup>)



# Surface Loading by Origin (Country) (Relative amounts per cm<sup>2</sup>)



# Surface Loading by Destination (Relative amounts per cm<sup>2</sup>)



# Conclusions

- Pyrethroids were not detected on US domestic flights
- Pyrethroids were routinely detected on international flights
  - To/from countries requiring disinsection, performed maintenance of aircraft or may use aircraft that service selected countries
  - Permethrin detected for residual
  - Permethrin & phenothrin in on board spraying
- Use of KSU's mock Boeing 767 aircraft cabin documented inhalation and dermal exposure during simulated disinsection with passengers

# Biomarker of Pesticides in Flight Crew

## Urinary Metabolite Levels of Pyrethroid Insecticides in Flight Crew

**References:** Wei, B, Mohan, K, Weisel, CP “Exposure of Flight Attendants to Pyrethroid Insecticides on Commercial Flights: Urinary Metabolite Levels and Implications, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, 215(4) 465-473, 2012 and Wei, B, Isukapalli, SS, Weisel, CP “Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Modeling of Exposure Pyrethroids Insecticides in Flight Attendants”, Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology, 6 March 2013; 10.1038/jes.2013.12,



# Project Objectives

**Do we see elevated levels of urinary pyrethroid metabolites in flight crew after they fly on aircraft that were disinfected?**

**How do those levels compare with other populations?**

**Can they be used to drive pharmacokinetic models and in population risk estimates?**

# Urinary metabolites of pyrethroids

## Pyrethroid metabolites measured:

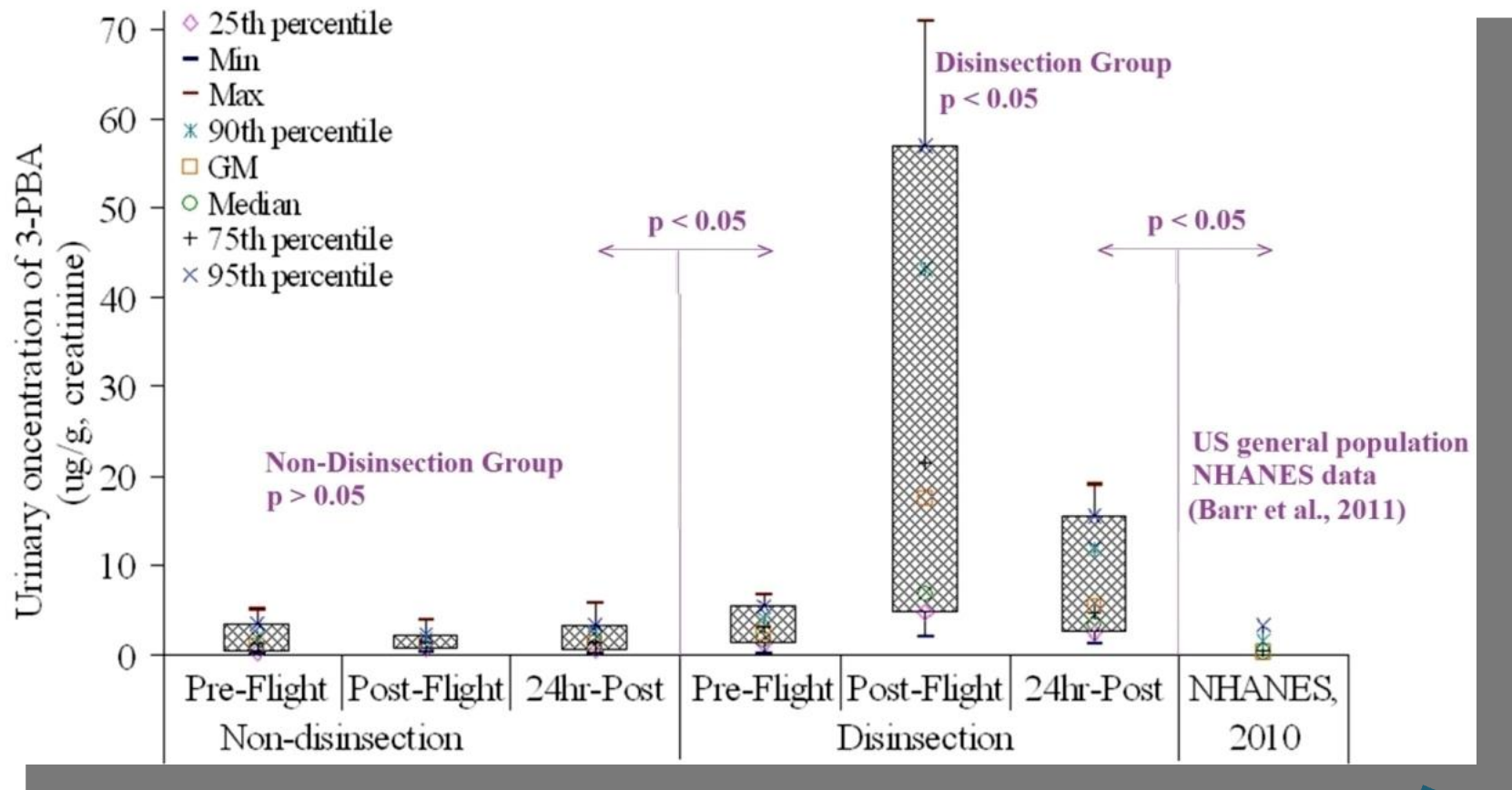
3-phenoxybenzoic acid (3-PBA),  
cis- and trans-3-(2,2-dichlorovinyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane  
carboxylic acid (cis-, and trans-DCCA),  
cis-3-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane-1-carboxylic  
acid (cis-DBCA)  
4-fluoro-3-phenoxybenzoic acid (4F-3-PBA)

Table 1. Pyrethroids and their corresponding urinary metabolites.

Pyrethroid	Urinary metabolites
Permethrin	3-PBA, <i>cis</i> - and <i>trans</i> -Cl <sub>2</sub> CA
Cypermethrin	3-PBA, <i>cis</i> - and <i>trans</i> -Cl <sub>2</sub> CA
Deltamethrin	<i>cis</i> -Br <sub>2</sub> CA, 3-PBA
Cyfluthrin	4F-3-PBA, <i>cis</i> - and <i>trans</i> -Cl <sub>2</sub> CA
Phenothrin	3-PBA, <i>trans</i> -CDCA

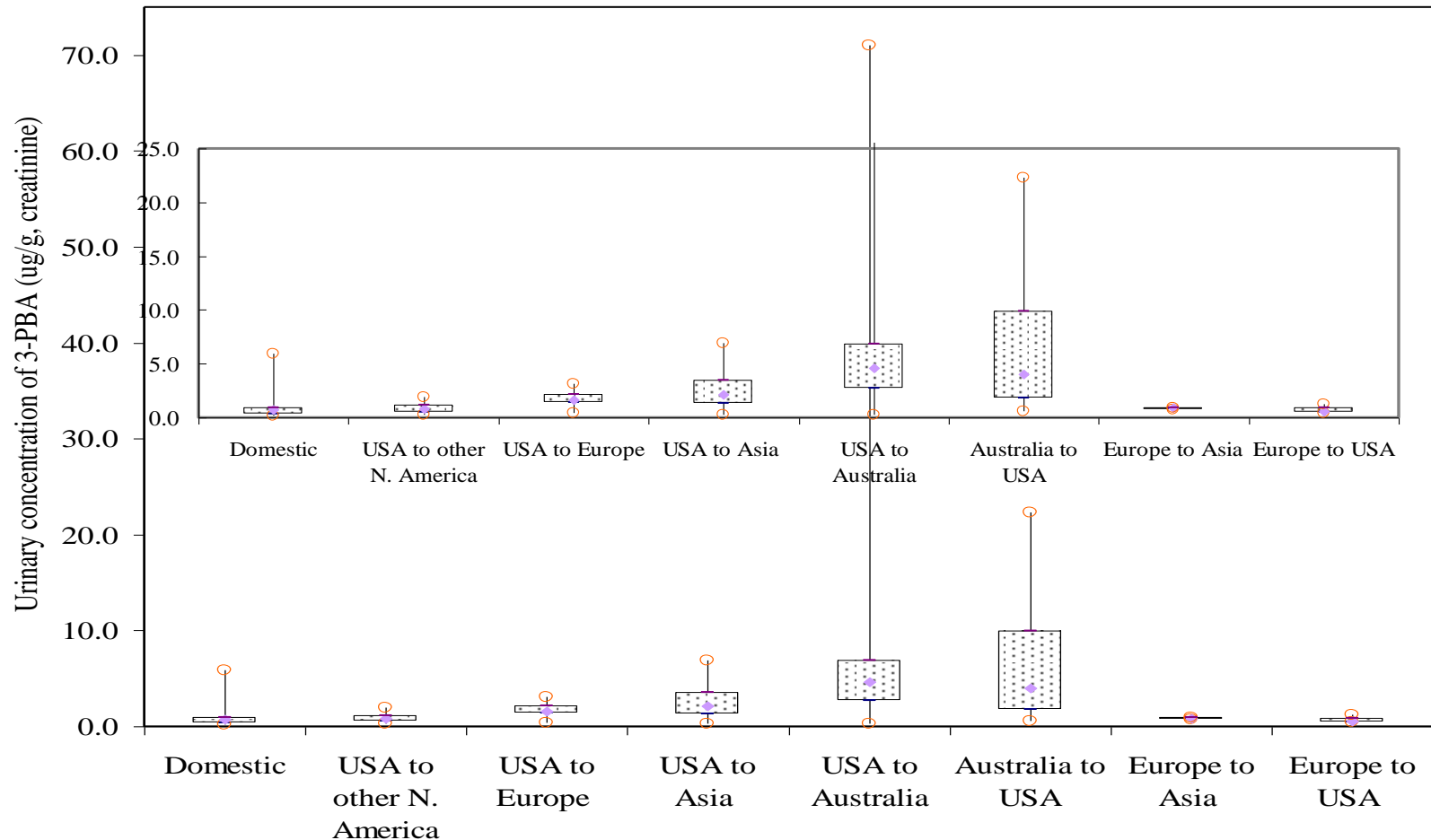
Wei et al 2011

# Urinary metabolite levels of 3-PBA creatinine corrected

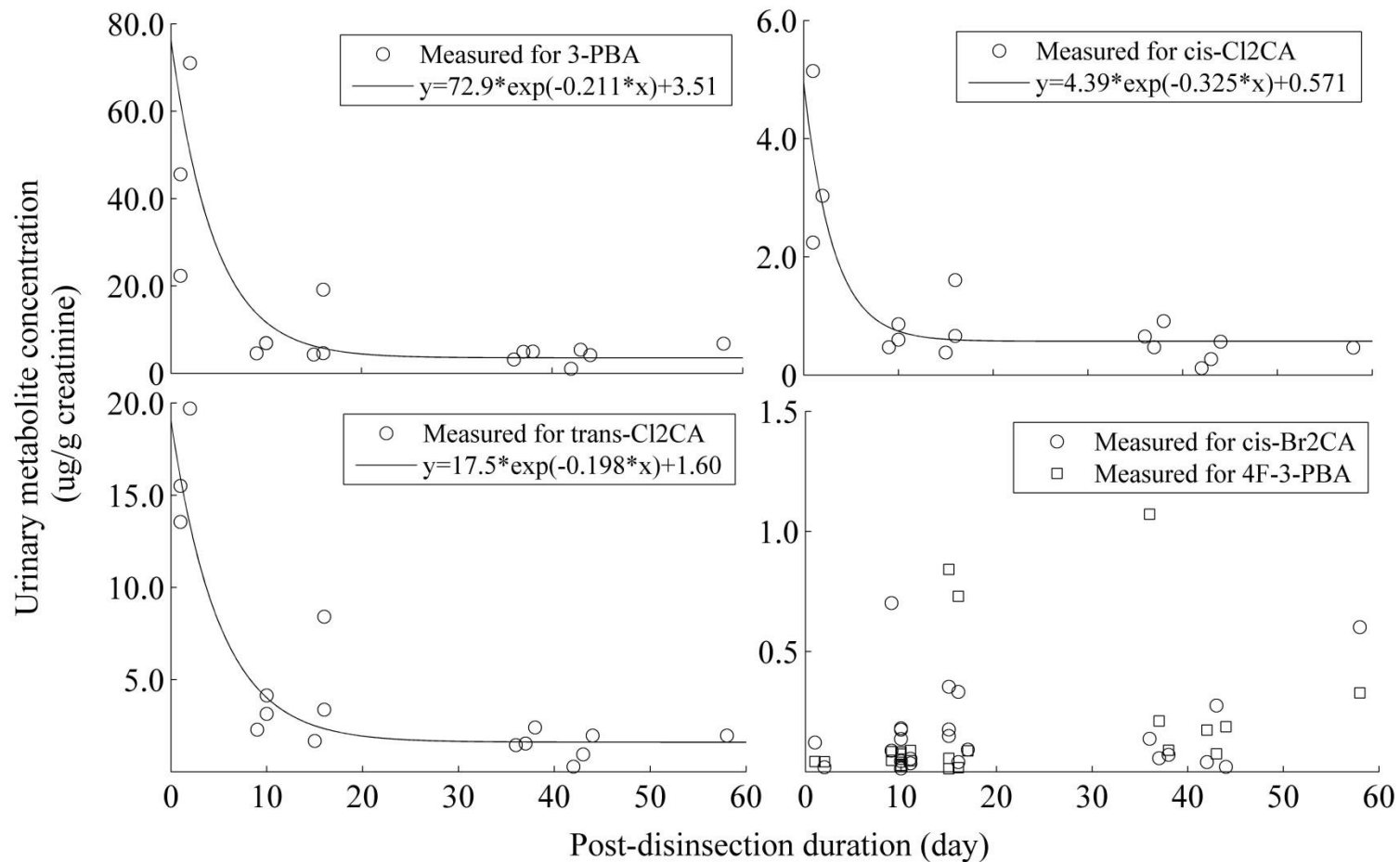


# Urinary metabolite 3-PBA

## Sorted by Domestic & International Flights



# Urinary metabolite levels with time since disinsection



# Comparison with Other Studies

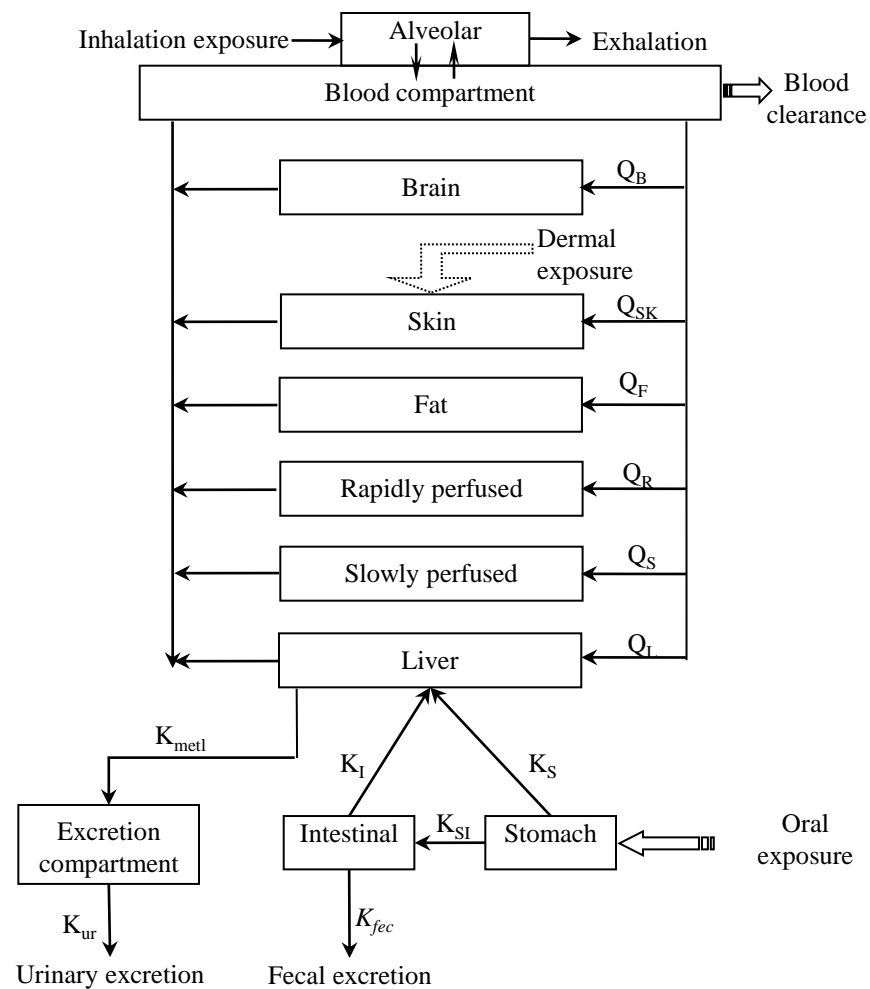
Type	Conc. of 3-PBA (ug/L)	Reference
US general population	0.324 (GM) 0.29 (50 <sup>th</sup> ) – 3.35 (95 <sup>th</sup> )	Barr et al., (2010)
Greenhouse workers	2-52	Tuomainen et al., 1996
Pest control workers	0.5- 277	Leng et al., 1997
Forestry worker	260	Kolmodln-Hedman et al.,1982
Flight attendants	0.8 – 81.5 (min - max) 5.2 – 51.0 (50 <sup>th</sup> – 95 <sup>th</sup> )	This study

**Exposure of flight attendant to permethrin is similar to those pesticide applicators**

# Rationale for Model and Approach

- **PBPK models provide estimate of target tissue dose associated with an exposure**
  - **Provide input for risk paradigm**
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- **Develop and validate PBPK model for permethrin**
  - **Assess potential variability in model**
  - **Evaluate it with animal & human data**
  - **Simulate exposure to flight attendants**

# Model Structure

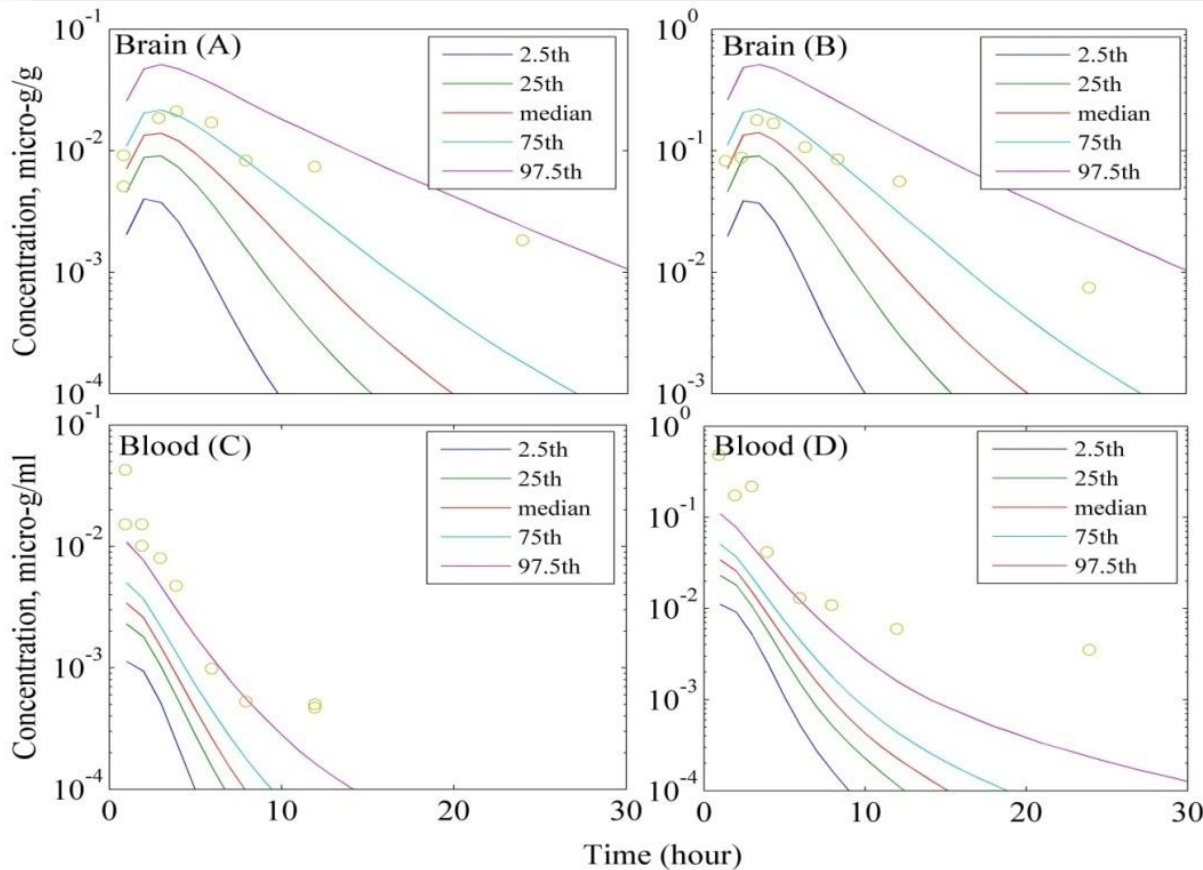




# Comparison to Animal Data

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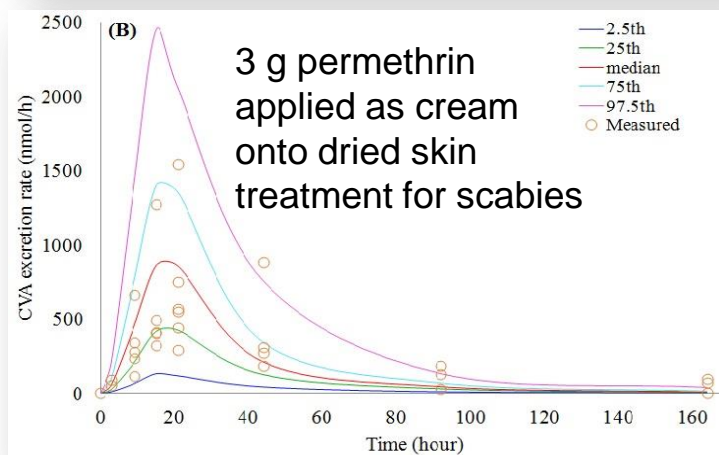
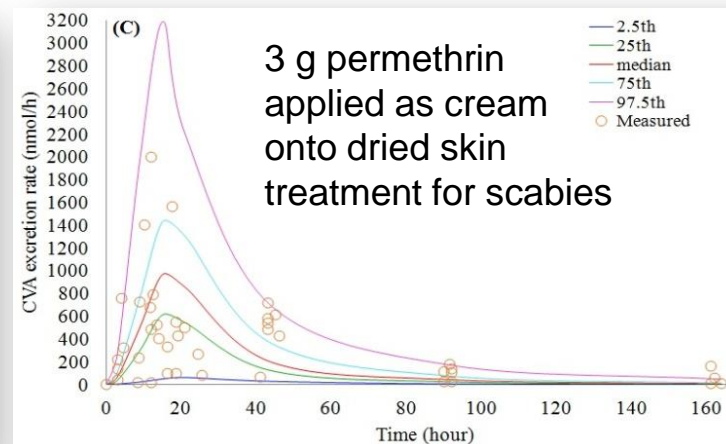
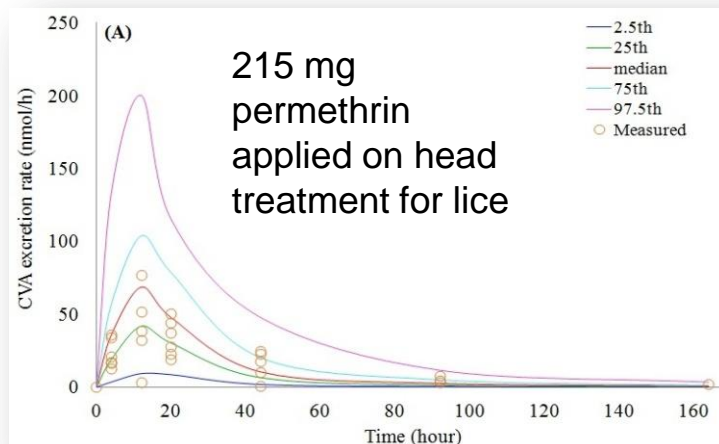
10. mg/kg oral dose



— 97.5<sup>th</sup> percentile  
— 75.0<sup>th</sup> percentile  
— 50.0<sup>th</sup> percentile  
— 25.0<sup>th</sup> percentile  
— 2.50<sup>th</sup> percentile

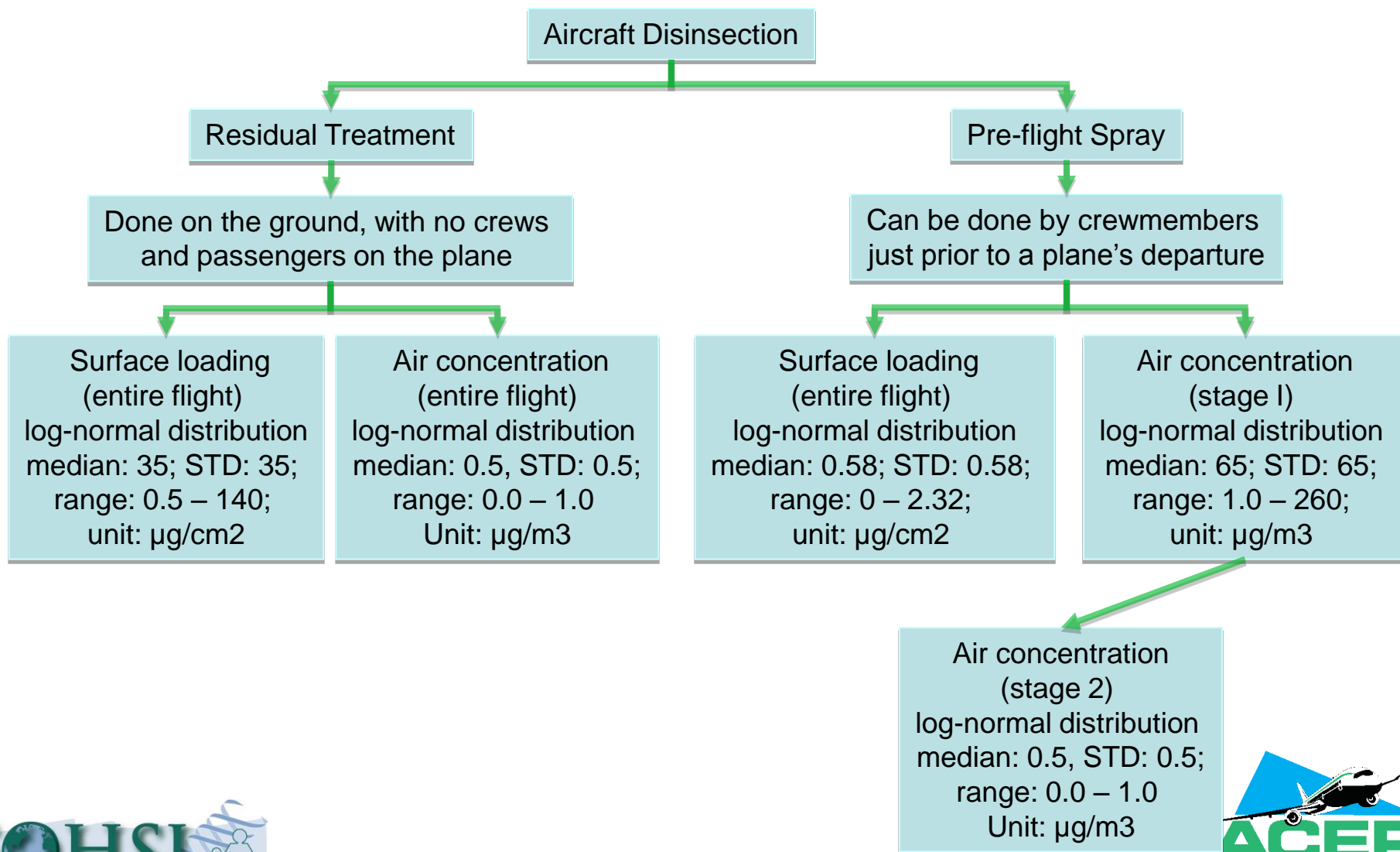
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(USEPA 2007)

# Comparison to Human Data

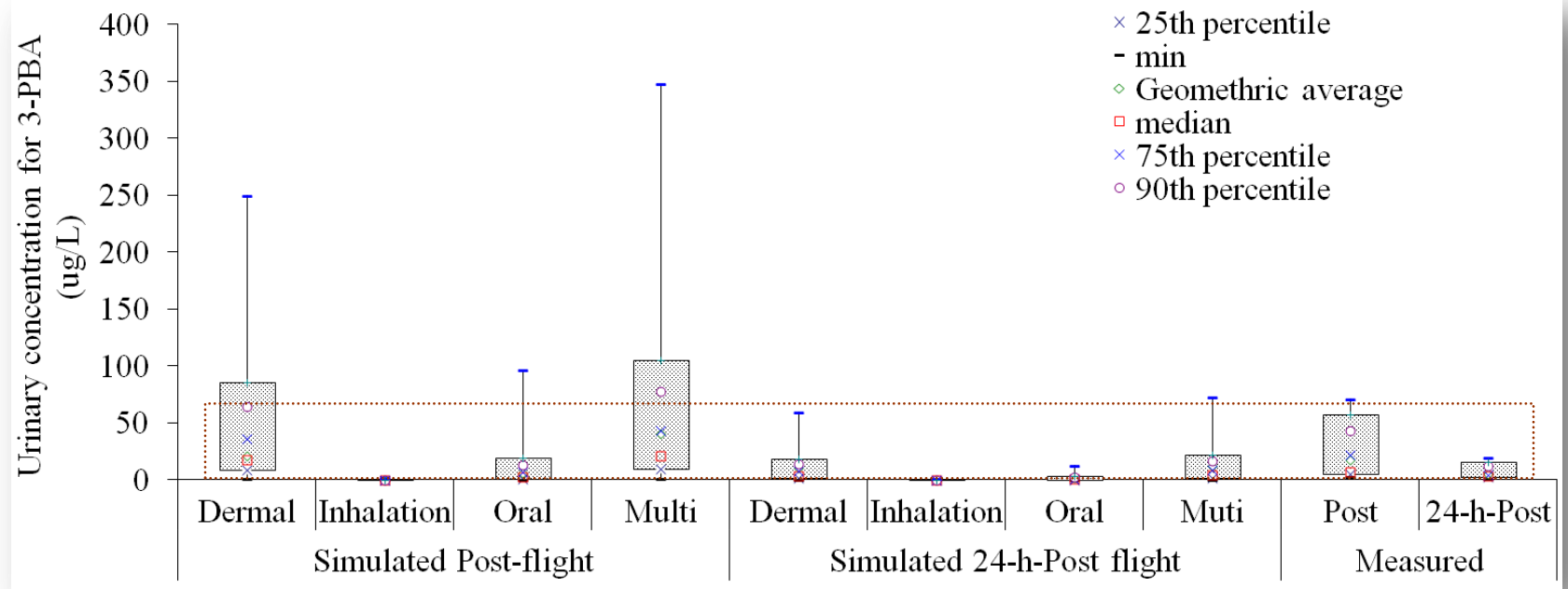


**Modeling total urinary excretion rate of permethrin metabolites, *cis/trans*-3-(2,2-Dichlorovinyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropane carboxylic acid (CAV) (data from Tomalik-Scharte et al., 2005).**

# Permethrin Exposure Scenarios

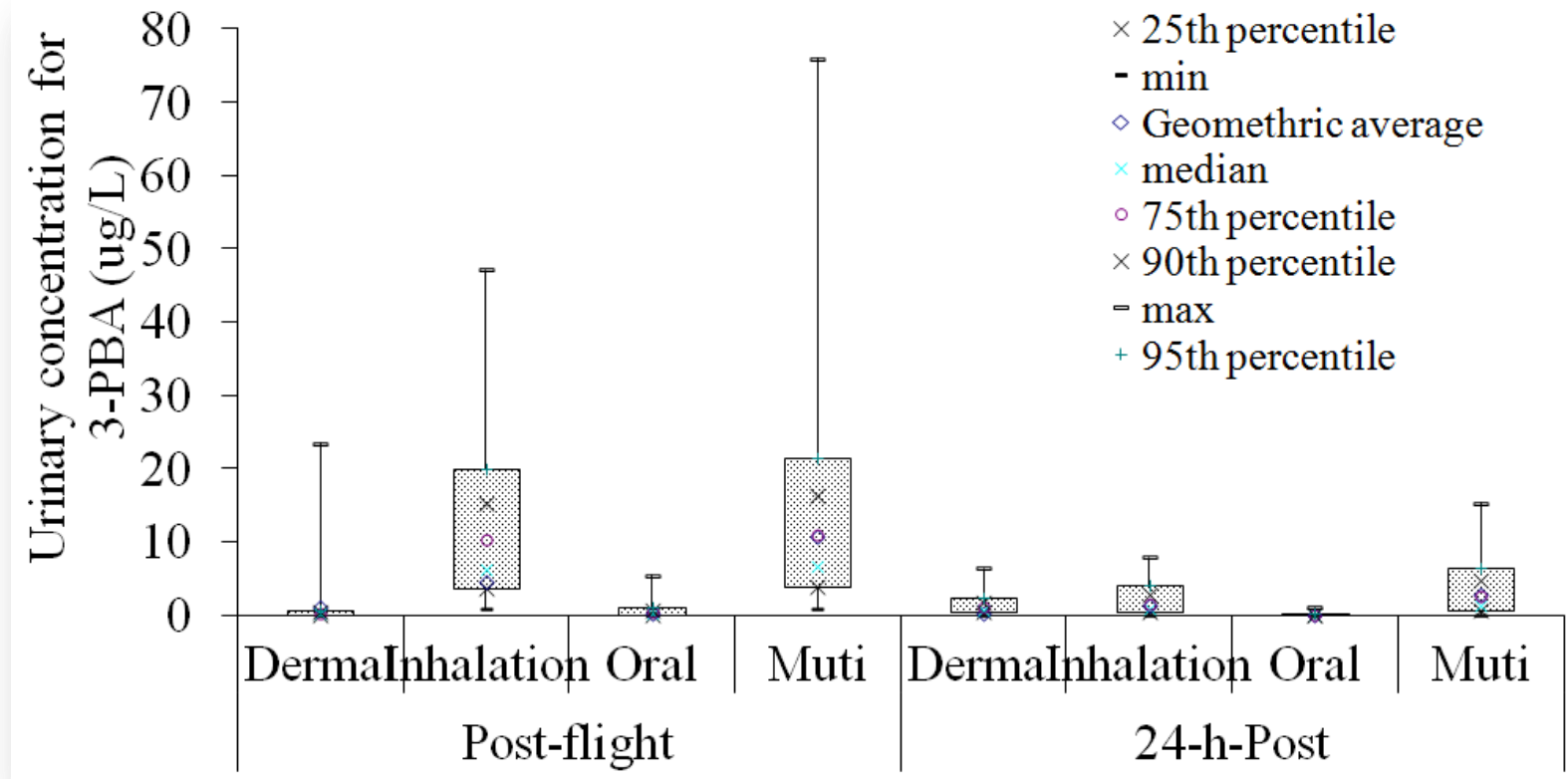


# Predicted Urinary 3-PBA Conc for residual treatment scenario



Red box – measured levels for flight attendants

# Predicted Urinary 3-PBA Conc for pre-flight spray scenario



# Conclusions

- Simulated 3-PBA concentrations in post- and 24-h-post urine were comparable to previously measured results.
- For residual disinsection mean (90<sup>th</sup>%) predicted 3-PBA levels were 50 (350) µg/L with dermal providing ~84%, oral ~16 %, inhalation ~1 %
- For Pre-spray disinsection mean (90<sup>th</sup>%) predicted 3-PBA levels were 10 (75) µg/L with inhalation providing ~90%, dermal ~5 %, oral ~3 %

# **RISK ASSESSMENT PARADIGM**

**Component 1: Determine air concentrations and  
surface loading over time**

**Initial conditions CFD Modeling for Spraying  
or Suggested Loading for Residual**

**Removal with time through contact, cleaning, volatilization**

**Component 2: Human activity that leads to contact**

**Frequency and duration of flight**

**Breathing rate**

**Inadvertent ingestion**

**Touching Rate**

**Component 3: PBPK modeling to determine uptake and  
distribution in the body**

**Estimate of risk by comparison to literature hazard**

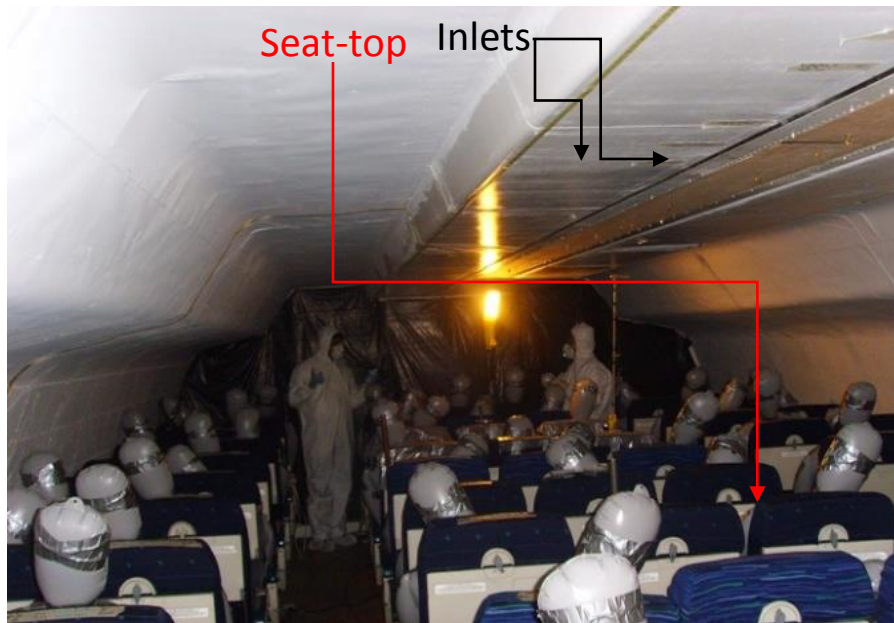
# CFD Pesticide Modeling

- Computational Fluid Dynamic (CFD) models provide an effective methodology for characterizing concentration distributions and exposures at a high spatial and temporal resolution
- CFD program FLUENT was used with a Re-Normalization Group (RNG) k- $\epsilon$  turbulence model
- Current model for a twin-aisle 11 row cabin mockup of a Boeing 767 cabin
- Evaluated the model with air concentration and surface loading measurements following simulated top of descent disinsection application
- Reference:** Isukapalli, SS; Mazumdar, S; George, P; Wei, B; Jones, B; Weisel, C P, Computational fluid dynamics modeling of transport and deposition of pesticides in an aircraft cabin. Atmospheric Environment, 68, 198-207, 2013.



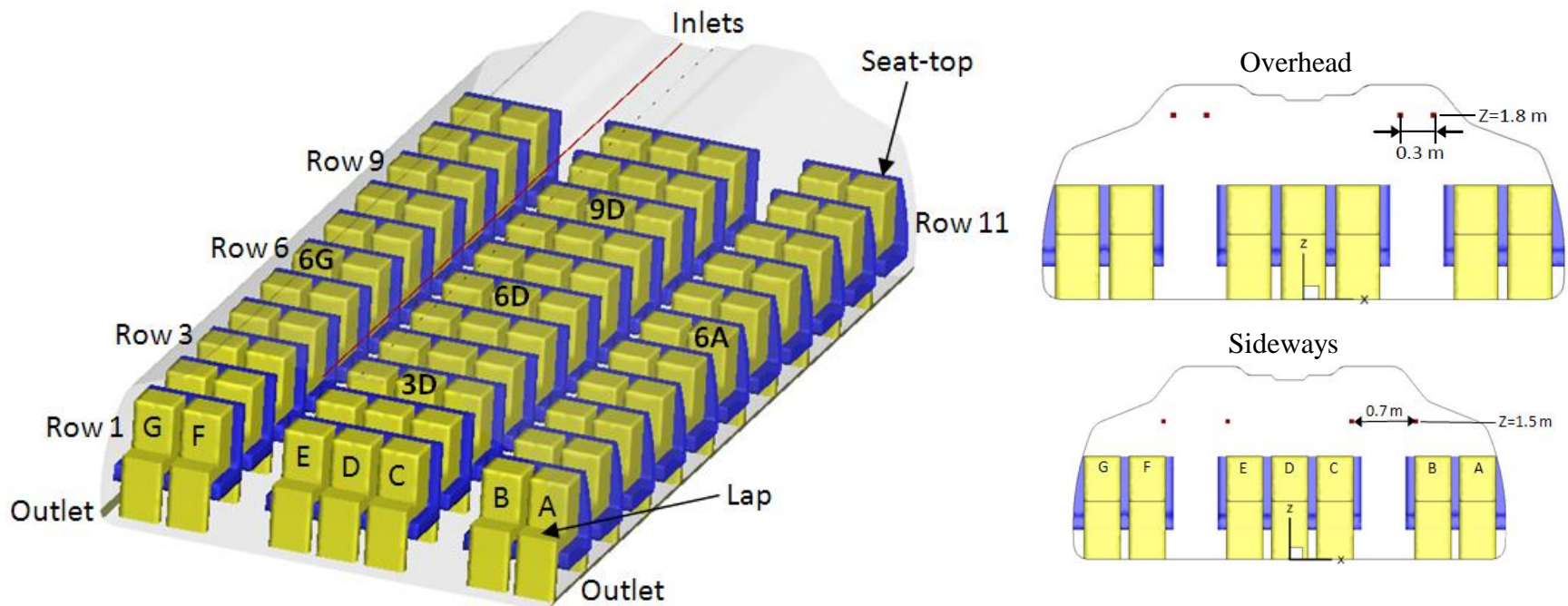
# Data for model evaluation done at KSU Mock Boeing 767

## Schematic of the Sampling Locations

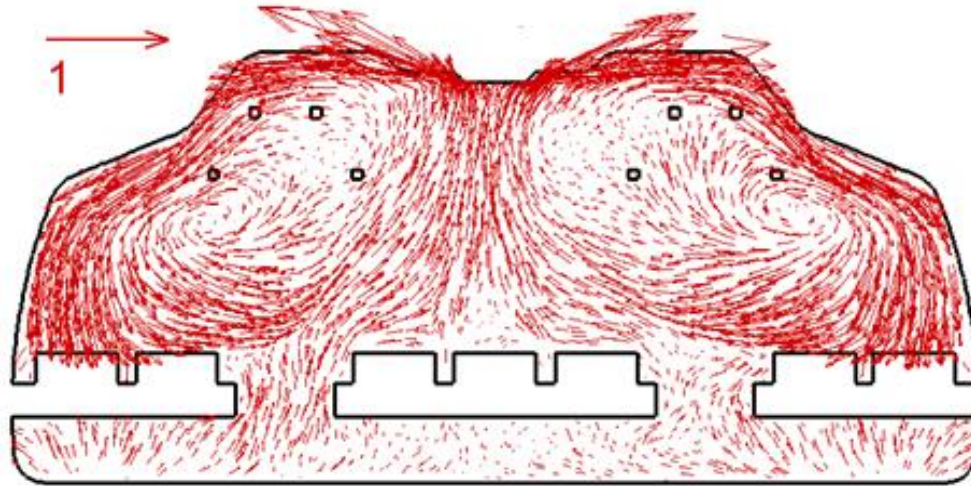


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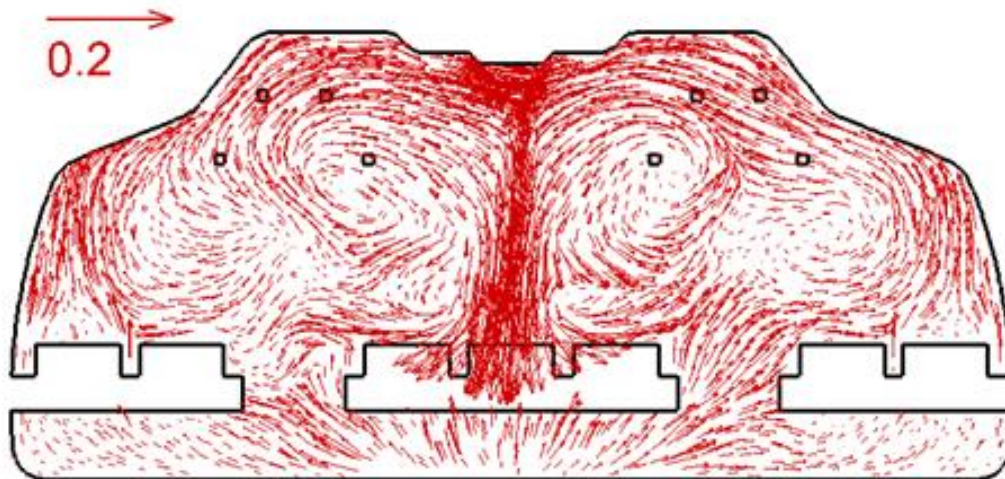
# The CFD model and case setup for sideways and overhead spraying of pesticide in the 11-row cabin mock-up



# Comparison of airflow across the cabin cross-section



1400 CFM (29 ACH)

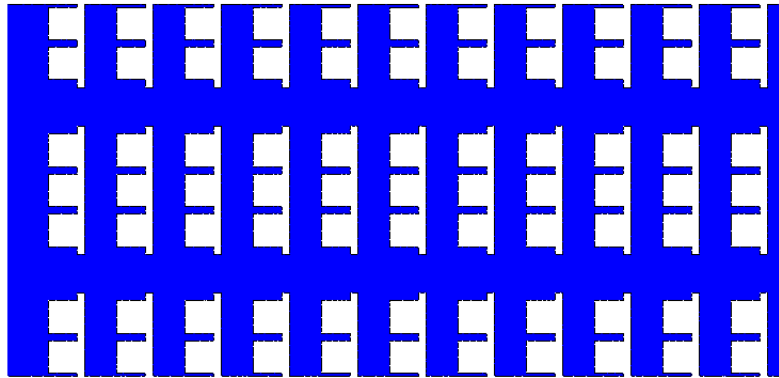


48 CFM (1 ACH)

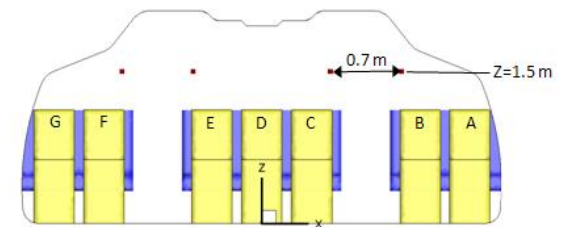
# Breathing Zone Concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) at 1400cfm (29ACH) and 48cfm (1ACH)

29 ACH (1400 CFM) - Breathing Level

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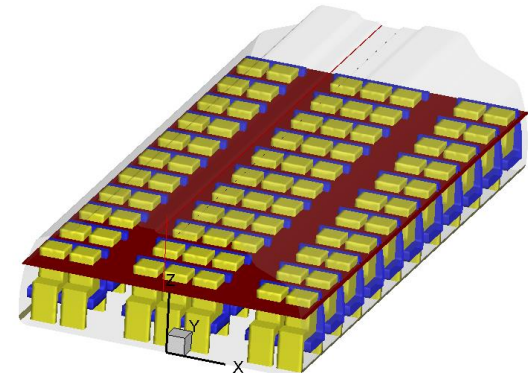
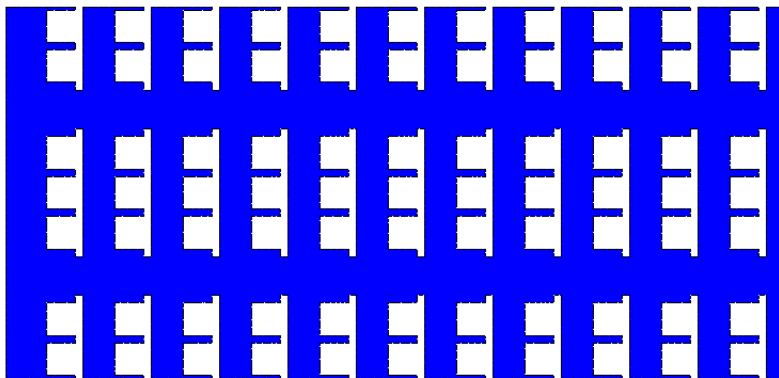


Sideways



1 ACH (48 CFM) - Breathing Level

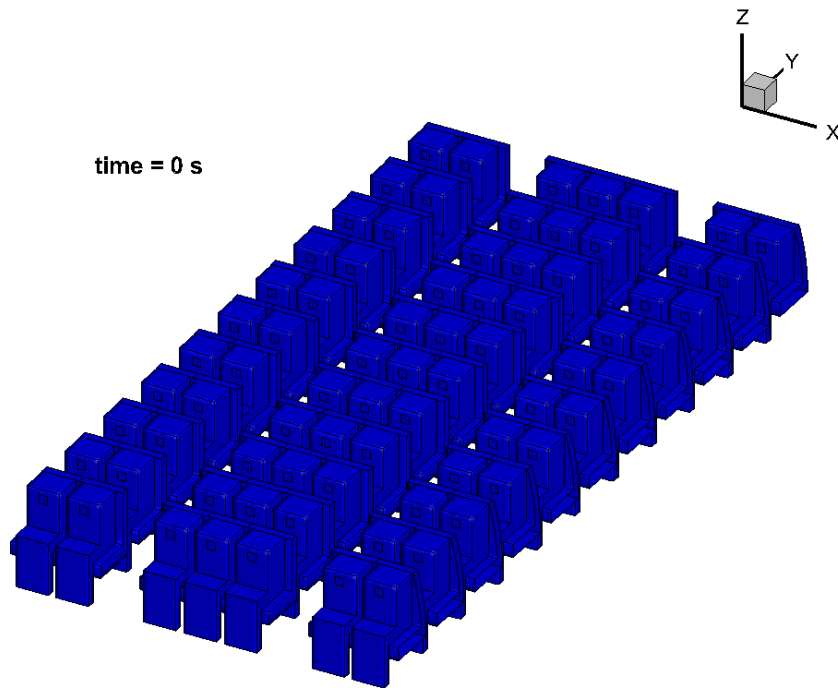
time = 0 s





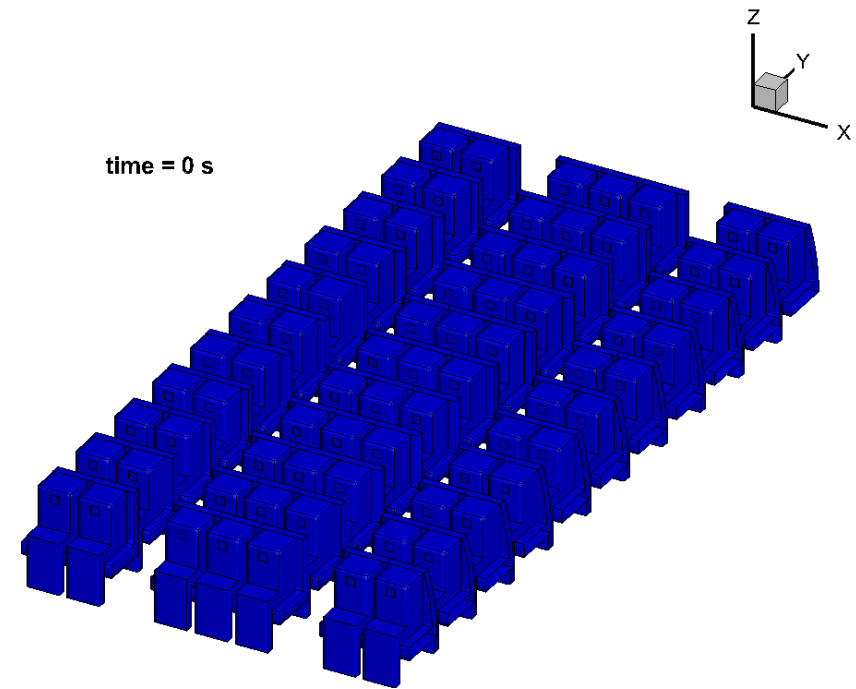
# Net Deposition ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ) 1400cfm (29ACH) and 48cfm (1ACH)

29 ACH



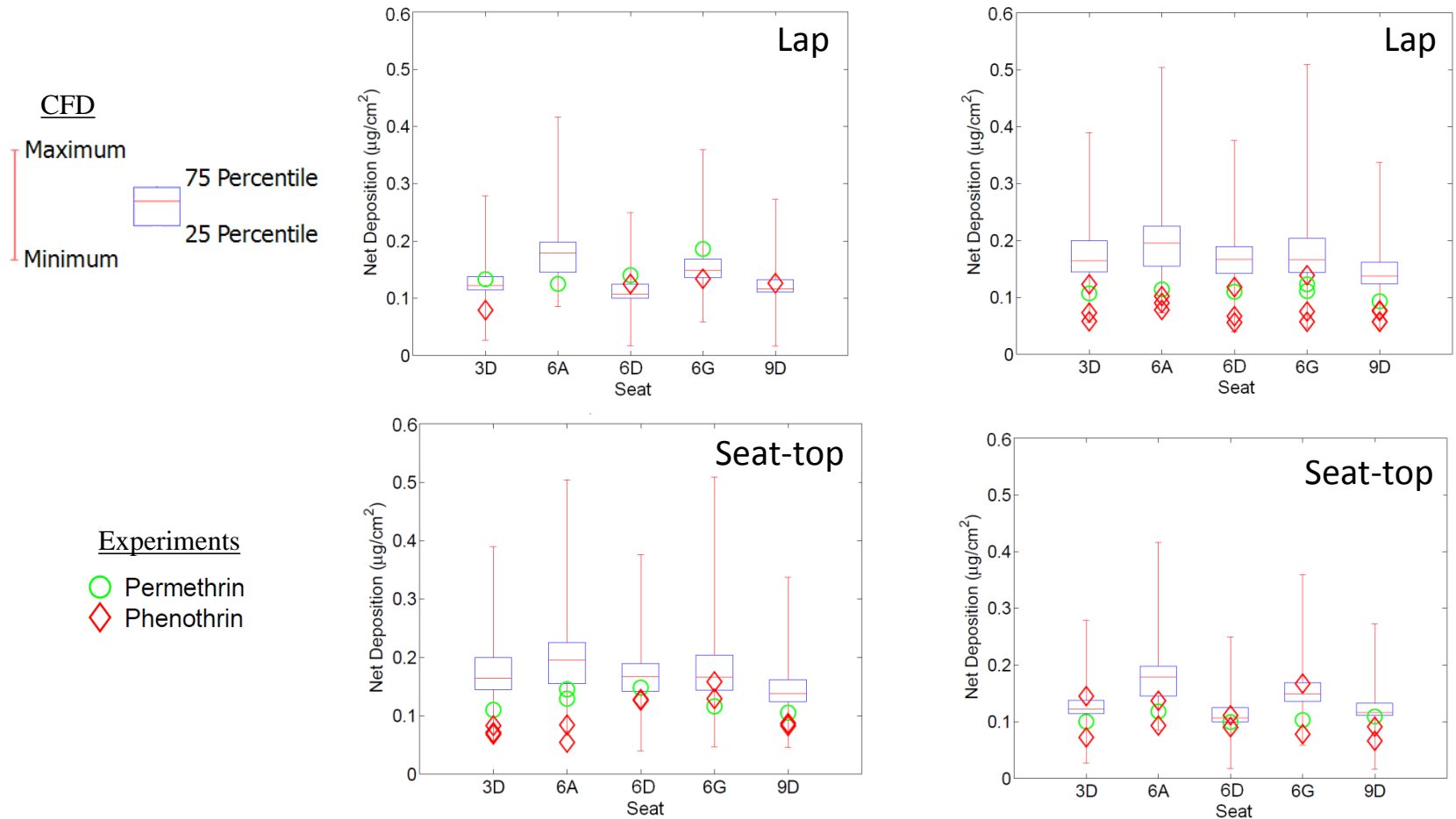
Net Deposition ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ): .05 .125 .25 .375

1 ACH

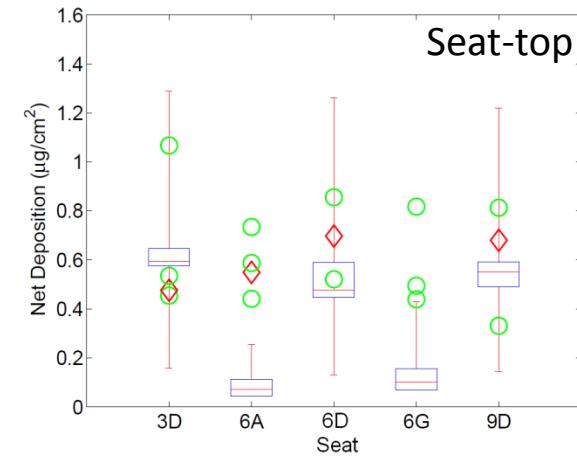
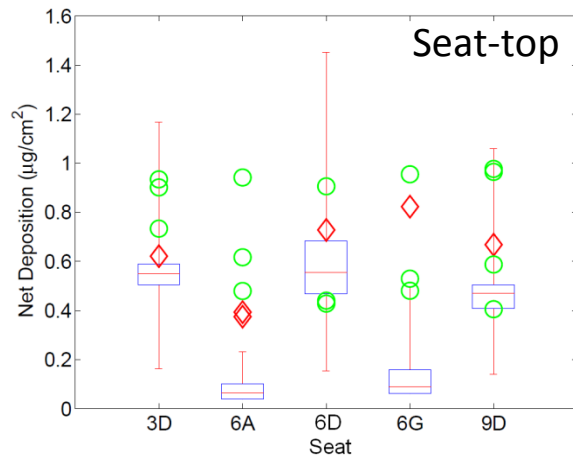
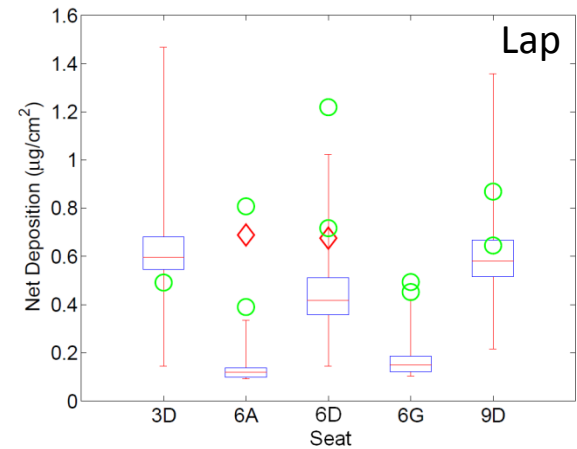
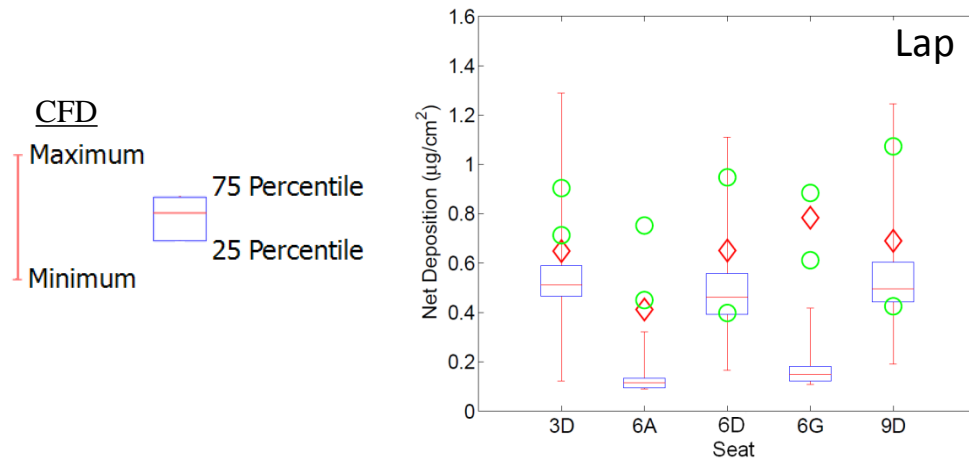


Net Deposition ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ): .125 .25 .5 .75

# Comparison of Model and Experimental Deposition ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ) at High Ventilation



# Comparison of Model and Experimental Deposition ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ) at Low Ventilation



Sideway Spray

Overhead Spray

# Conclusions

- CFD model was effective for studying the spatial and temporal variation of pesticide deposition and concentration
- Contrasting flow features were observed for the high-29 ACH and the low-1 ACH
- Surface deposition levels at measured locations varied from 0.33-1.22  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  to 0.05-0.20  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  for the low and high ventilation, respectively and the air concentration decline much more rapidly (8 min vs 20 min) at high ventilation
- CFD Model results at high ventilation matched experiment results well, but at low ventilation differences near the window seat were observed

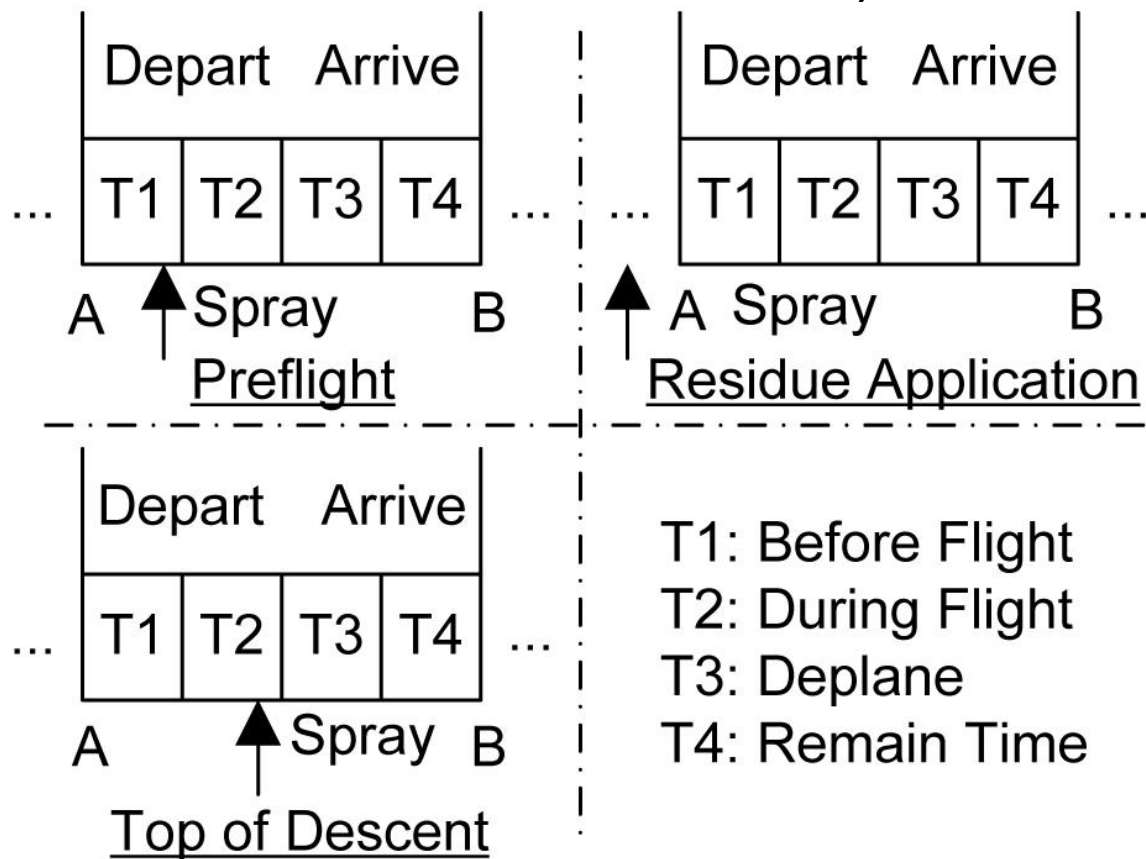


# RISK PARADIGM

- Pesticide exposures to crew and passengers can occur
  - Inhalation while there is active spraying (Top of Descent)
  - Inhalation from volatilization or resuspension of dust
  - Dermal from direct contact with ski
  - Unintentional ingestion from transfer to hands or food
- Top of descent, residual and preflight spray treatments were all considered
- A methodological approach was developed that can be used for other agents in an aircraft cabin
- Reference:** Zhang, Y, Isukapalli, S, Georgopoulos, PG, Weisel, CP. “Modeling Flight Attendants’s Exposures to Pesticides in Disinfected Aircraft Cabins”, Environmental Science and Technology: 47(24):14275-14281, 2013. doi: 10.1021/es403613h. Epub

# EXPOSURE CONSIDERATIONS

- Each crew member was assigned four different time periods during which the exposure was calculated for.  
(Remain time = 24 hours – T1–T2–T3)



# SURFACE LOADINGS AND AIR CONCENTRATIONS

- Input from CFD model for spraying.

# Overall Summary and Recommendation

- Flight attendants and passengers are being exposed to pyrethroid pesticides on aircraft that were disinfected
- The urinary metabolite levels of permethrin for flight attendants after working on disinfected aircraft is similar to pesticide applicators
- The risk associated with disinsection should be reevaluated based on these exposure data exposure and new toxicological studies of the adverse health effects of pyrethroids

# Conclusions

- Flight attendants working on the pyrethroids disinfected aircrafts had significantly higher levels of 3-PBA, *cis*- and *trans*-Cl<sub>2</sub>CA in the post- and 24-h-post flight urine samples than those working on non-disinfected aircrafts and the general U.S. population
- The urinary levels of 3-PBA, *cis*- and *trans*-Cl<sub>2</sub>CA exponentially decay with post disinsection duration
- Permethrin exposure of flight attendants flying on disinfected aircrafts is similar to pesticides applicators.