

Ultrafine Particles Near Airports

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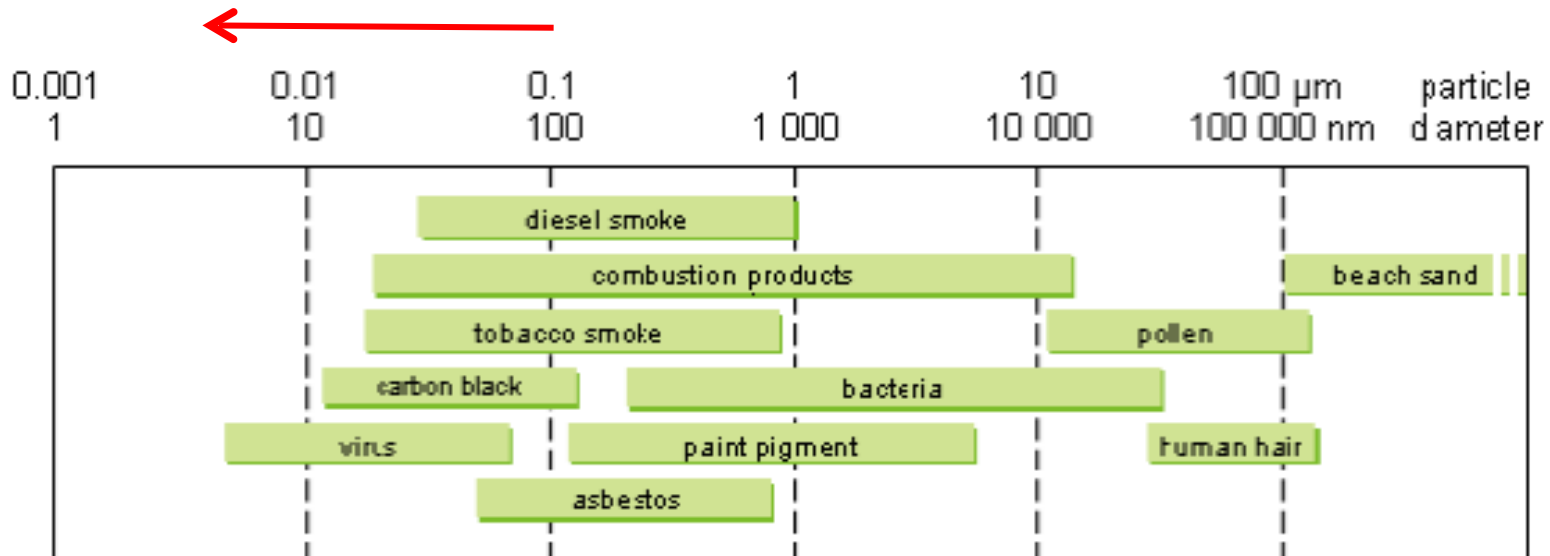
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What are Ultrafine Particles?

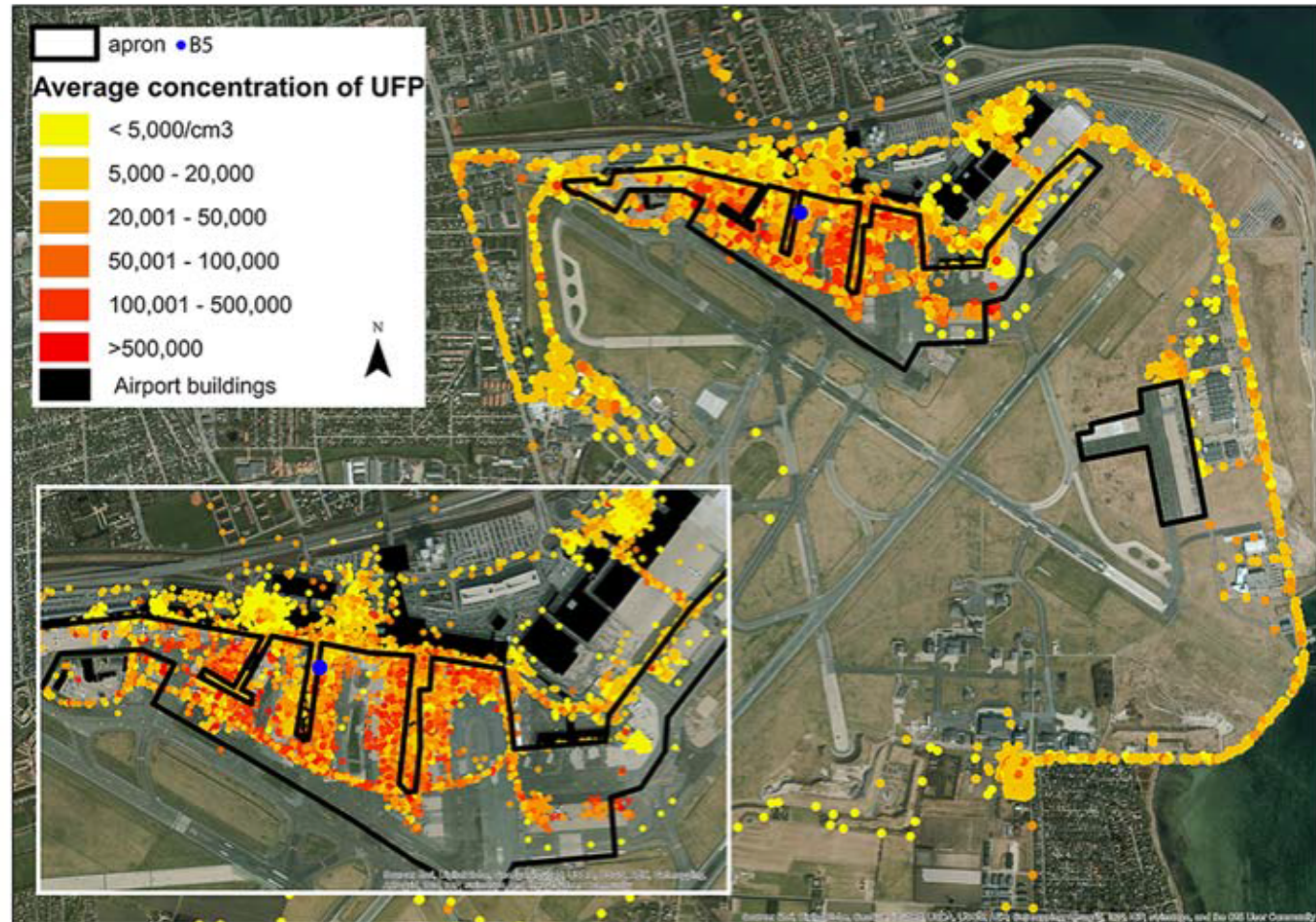
Ultrafine Particles (UFPs)



ACI EUROPE UFP Study 2012

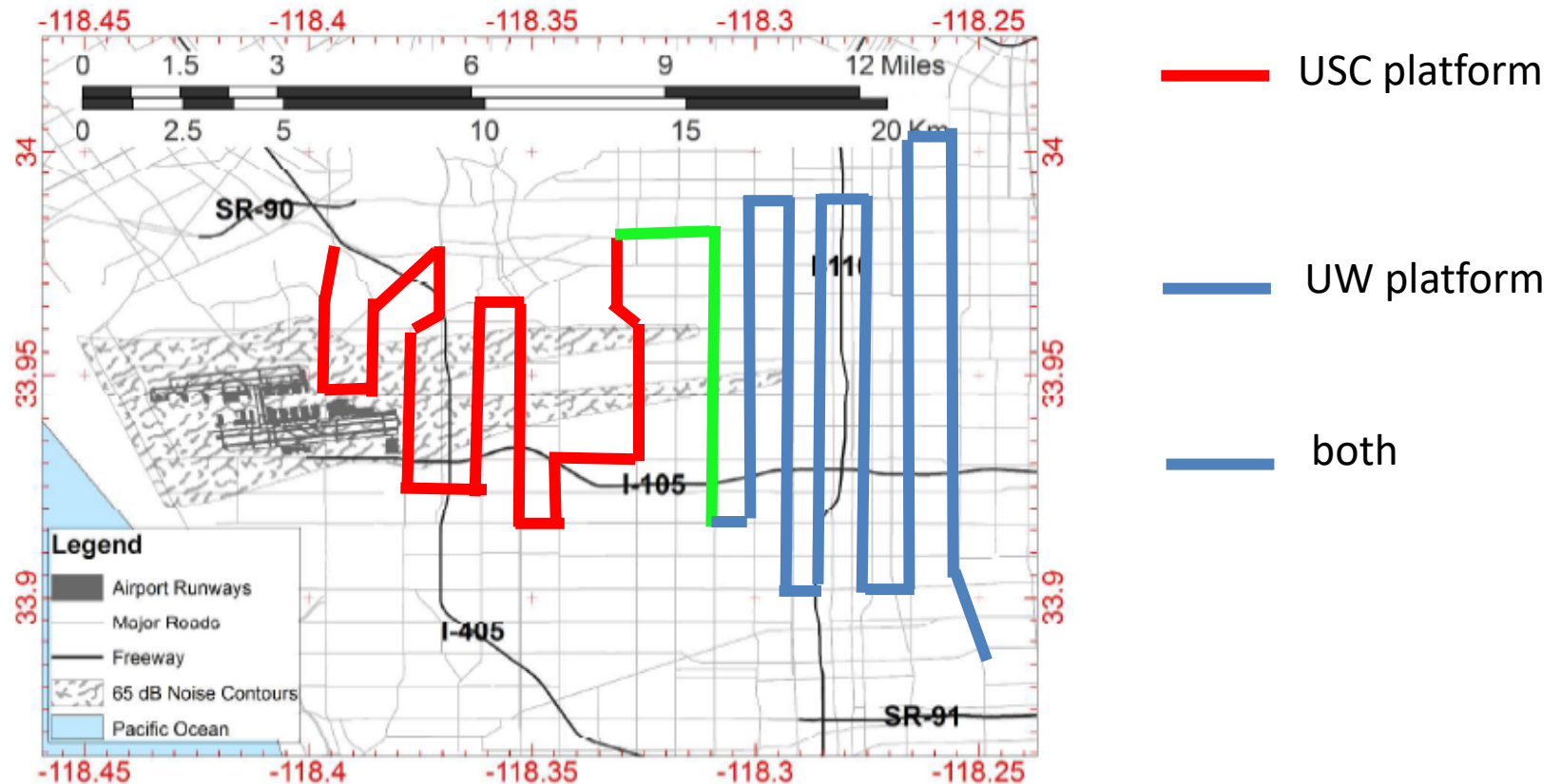
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Occupational exposures to UFP are known to be high in some settings.



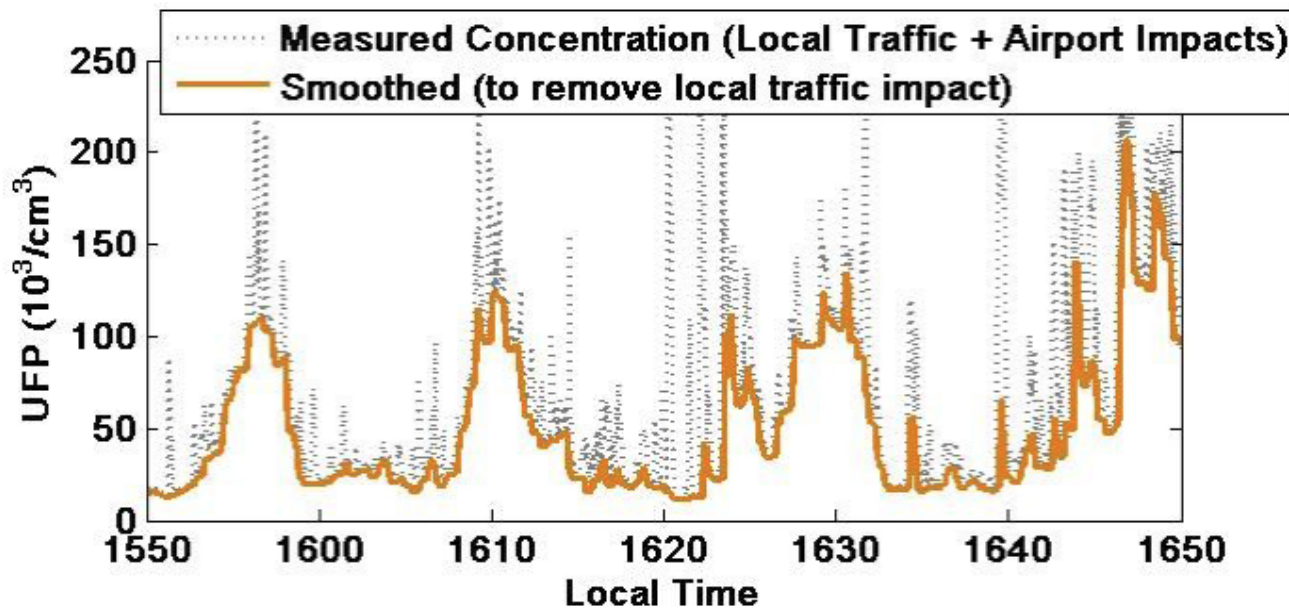
A map of personal exposure concentrations for workers at the Copenhagen airport in Autumn of 2012 is shown at right.

Sampling Routes near LAX



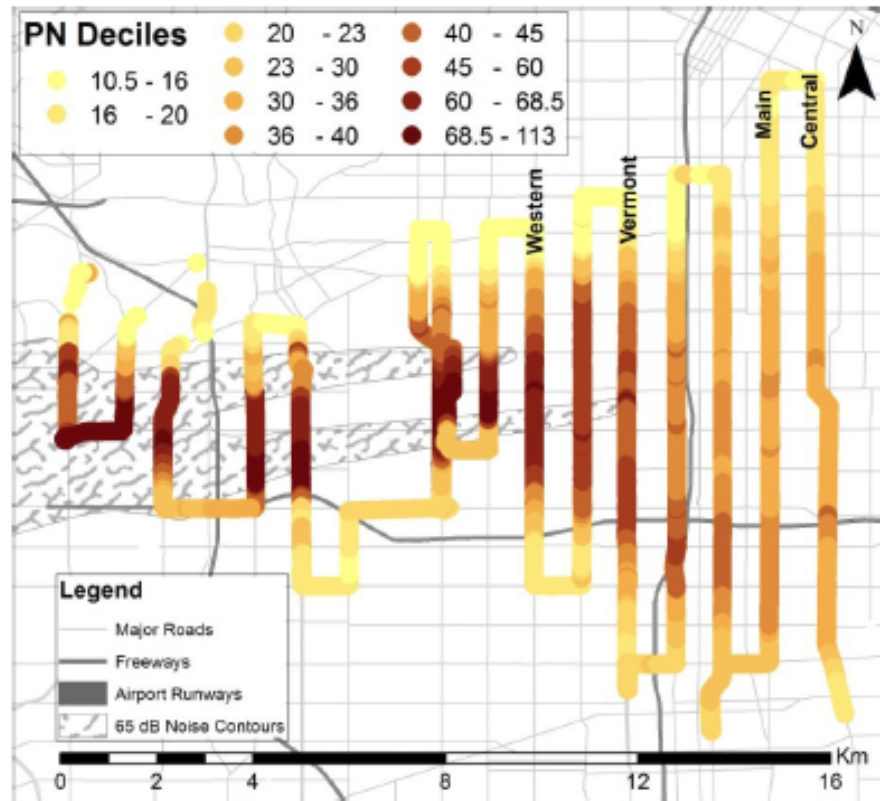
Examining Local Background Values Reveals the Aircraft Impacts

- Apply rolling 5th percentile of 1 second data using a 30 second window
- This removes local scale impacts

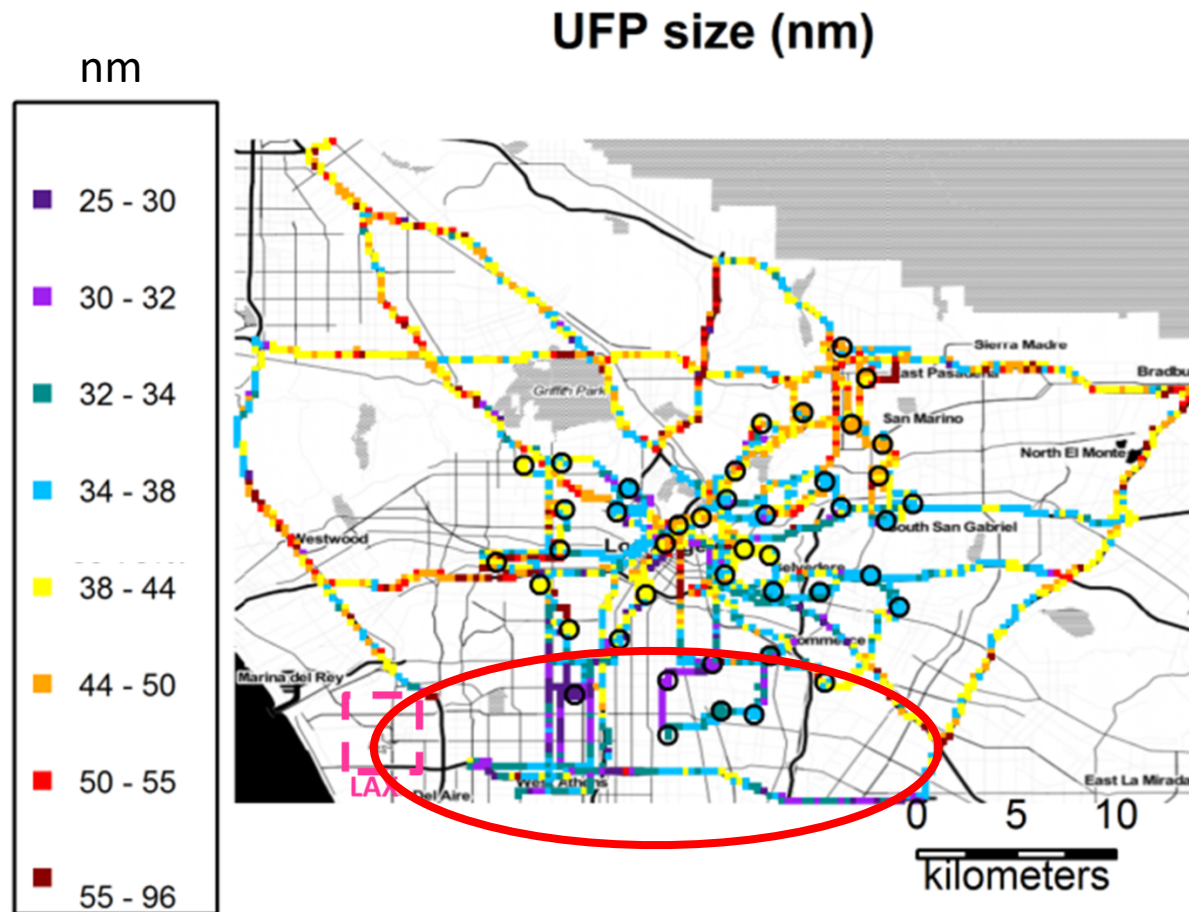


Area-weighted number concentration
equivalent to ~ half the freeways in LA!

$10^3/\text{cc}$

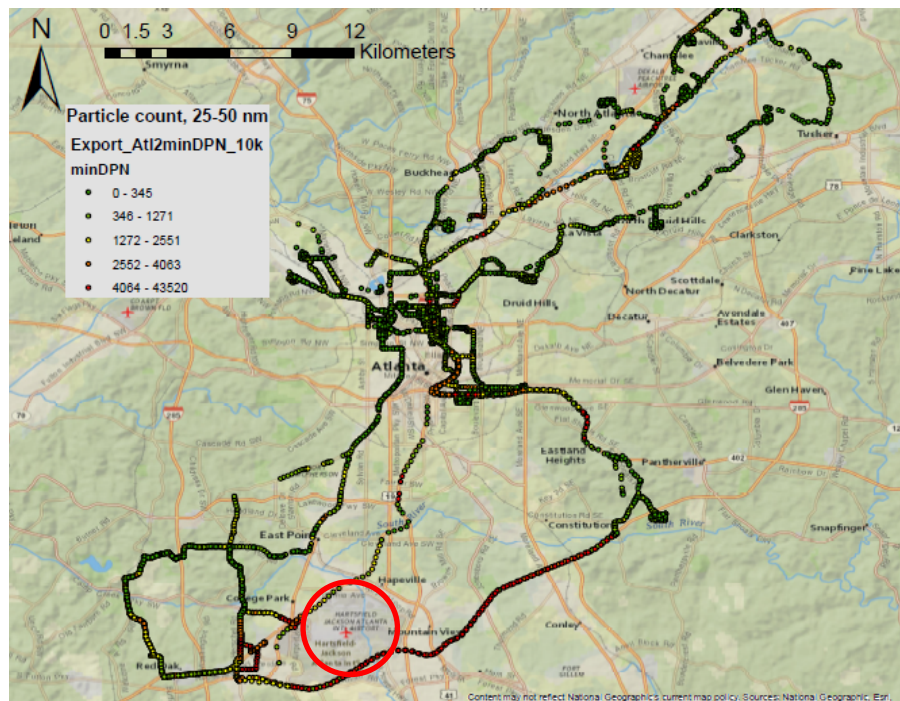


Particles between ~25 and 30 nm diameter reveal an extended plume downwind of LAX

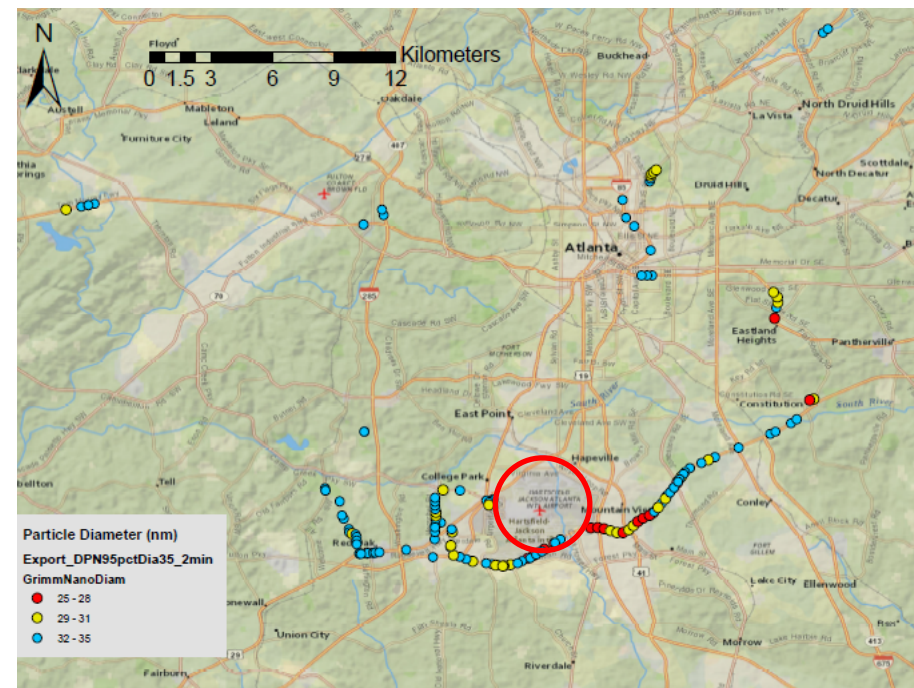


Airport-associated UFP Impacts Revealed Using a Combination of particle size and concentration

All mobile monitoring locations



$\Delta PN > \text{daily } 95^{\text{th}}\%$; Particle size $< 35 \text{ nm}$



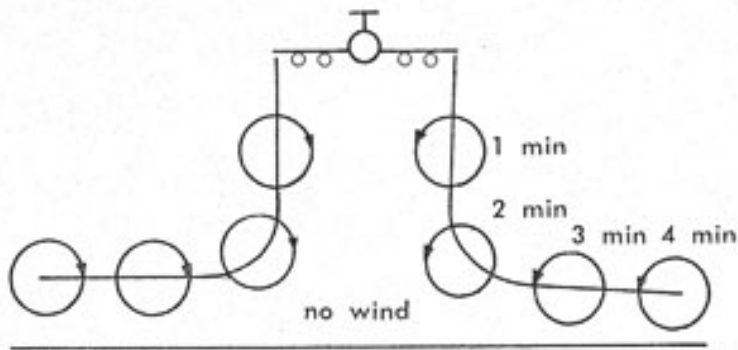
Elevated UFP concentrations observed at fixed locations 8 and 14 km downwind of Schiphol airport in Amsterdam.



Particles with diameters between 10 and 20 nm show higher number concentrations when the wind is coming from the airport



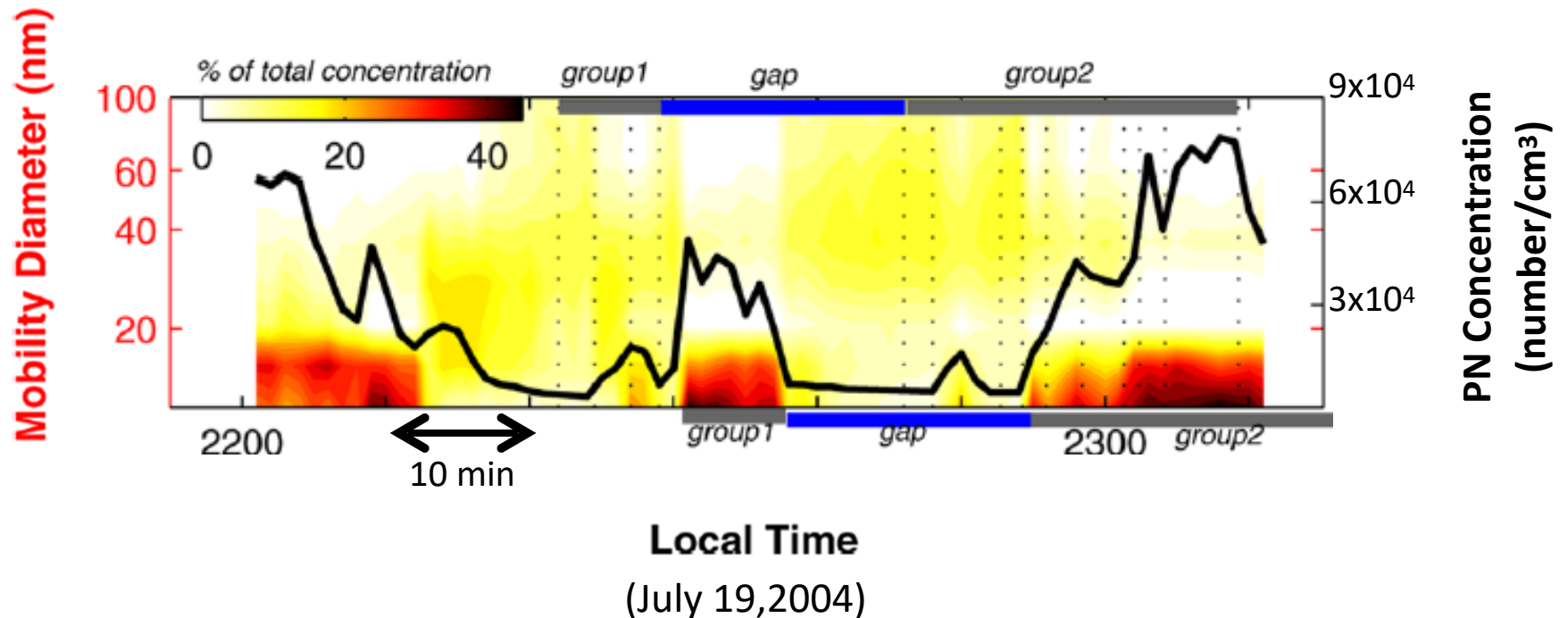
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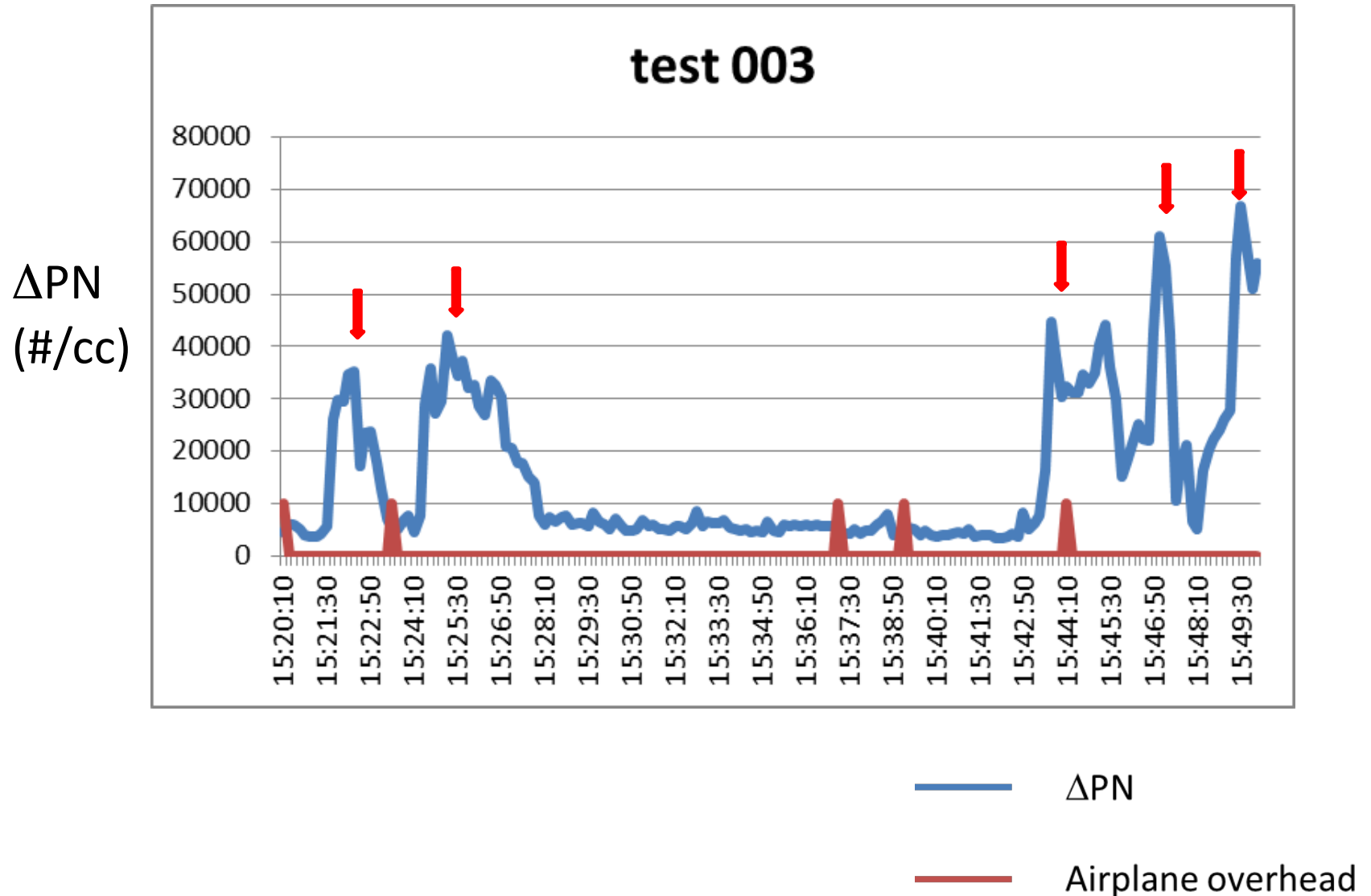
“Vortices generated below about 1500 feet usually sink to just above the ground, 50 to 100 feet. Their speed of descent varies with the type of aircraft and with the local atmospheric conditions. A figure of 450 feet per minute is typical of large sweptwing jet transports. As the vortices approach the ground, they spread apart and move sideways, at right angles to the runway, at the same 450 feet per minute, roughly 5 miles per hour.”

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Particles between ~ 10 and 20 nm diameter are present in high concentrations at ground level ~ 3 km downwind of northern runway at LAX



Elevated UFP levels observed ~1 km North of Sea-Tac Runway



Short-Term Effects Of Airport-Associated Ultrafine Particle Exposure On Lung Function And Inflammation

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- Randomized crossover study of 21 non-smoking adults with mild to moderate asthma
- 2-hr scripted, mild walking activity both inside and outside of the high LAX UFP impact zone (avg. difference ~30,000 /cc)
- Mean particle size at LAX impact zone was 29 nm
- Observed an increase in inflammatory blood markers and a reduction in lung function
- **“Preliminary data suggest a relationship between airport-related UFP exposures and adverse acute lung effects in asthmatics”**

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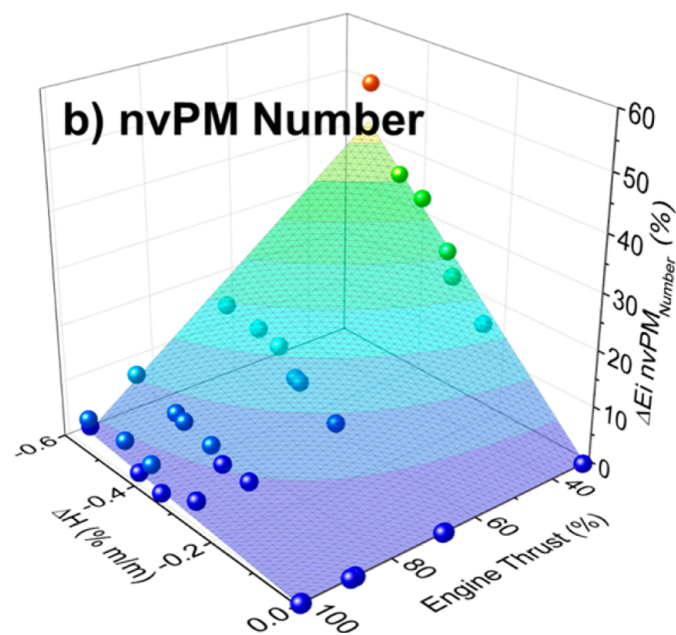
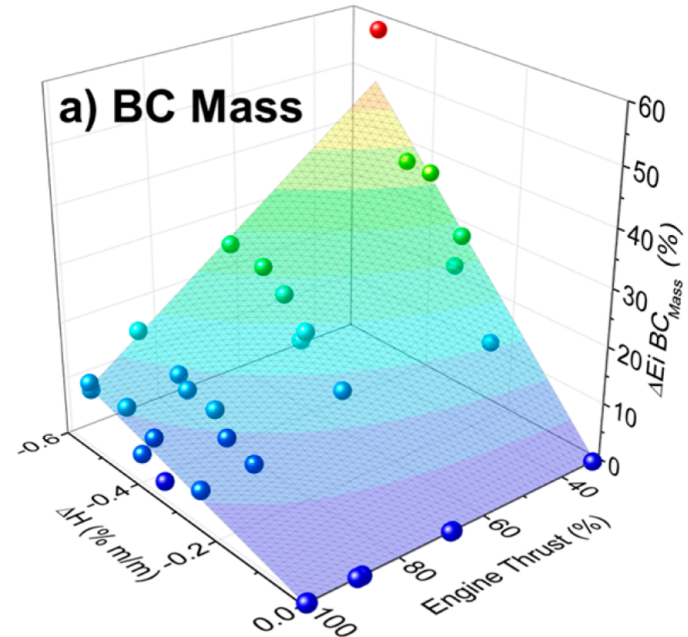
Aircraft Turbine Emissions are lower at lower engine thrust and at higher fuel hydrogen content.

Effects of Fuel Aromatic Content on Nonvolatile Particulate Emissions of an In-Production Aircraft Gas Turbine

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Summary

Relatively high concentrations of Ultrafine particles less than ~35 nanometers in diameter have been observed with 5km downwind of busy airports

A few studies have detected downwind ufp impacts up to 20 km downwind

The relative contribution of landings and take-offs versus on-site emissions to these extended downwind plumes has not been clearly established, although there is suggestive evidence that aircraft vortices may play an important role

Health effects studies of airport-associated ultrafine particles is very limited, with only one preliminary study found to date

Recent Studies Suggesting Acute Health Effects in Susceptible Populations

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Controlled Exposure of Humans with Metabolic Syndrome to Concentrated Ultrafine Ambient Particulate Matter Causes Cardiovascular Effects

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Elevated particle number concentrations induce immediate changes in heart rate variability: a panel study in individuals with impaired glucose metabolism or diabetes

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Controlled Exposures to Concentrated Ambient Particles

Exposures Documented with Personal Monitors