

Predicting airborne SARS-CoV-2 Infection Risk with CFD



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Our infection risk model can predict your chance of catching COVID-19 on the flight home.

BACKGROUND

- Did **your contacts** today pose infection risks?
- Where are **transmission hotspots**?
- How effective are potential **counter measures**?

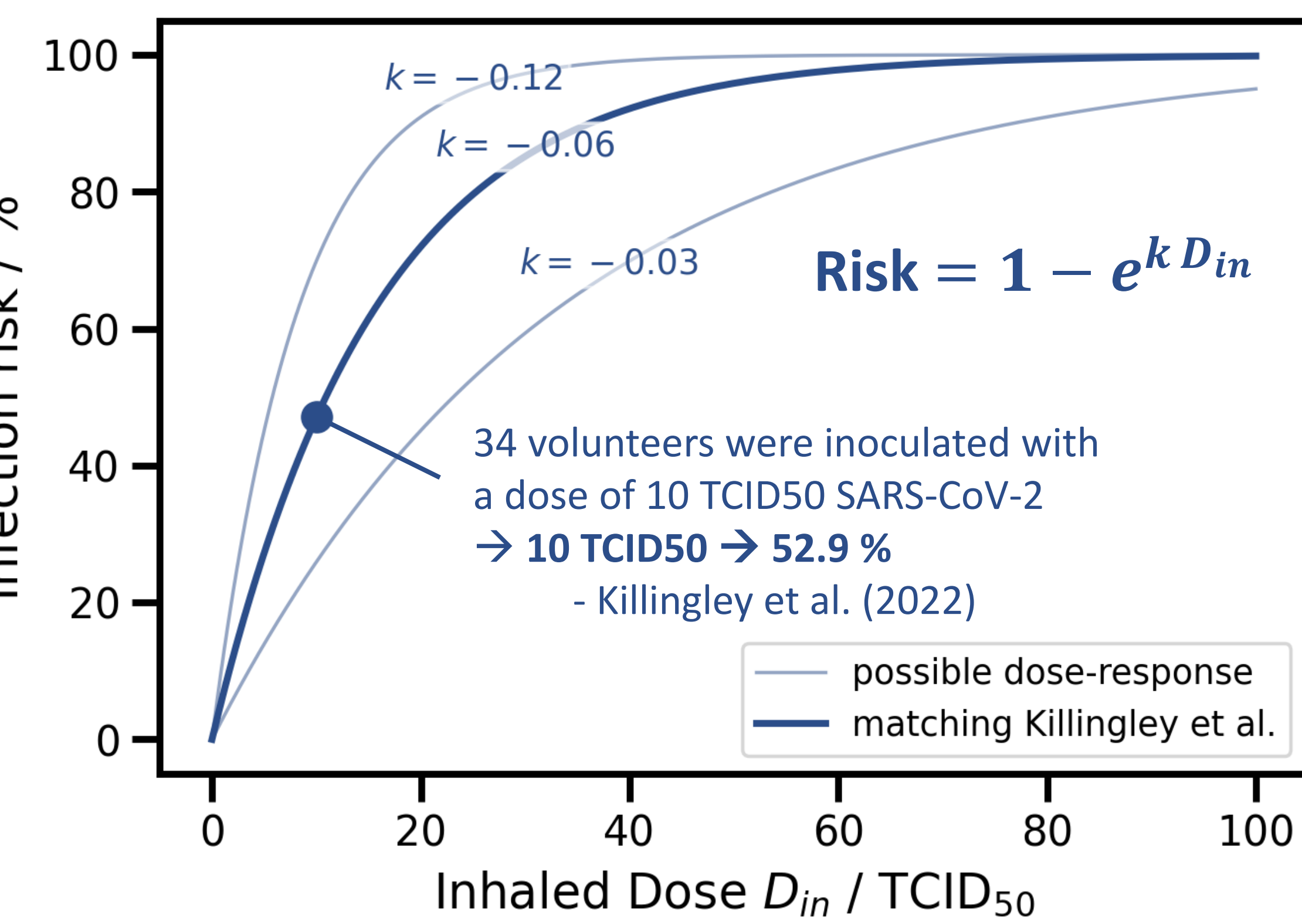
Infection risk models help to answer these questions in the **upcoming pandemic**.

METHODS

- **Step 1:** Estimating inhaled dose:

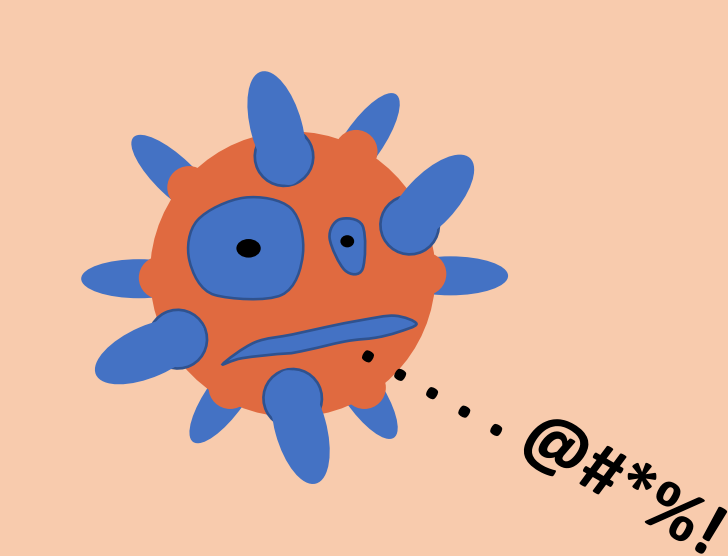
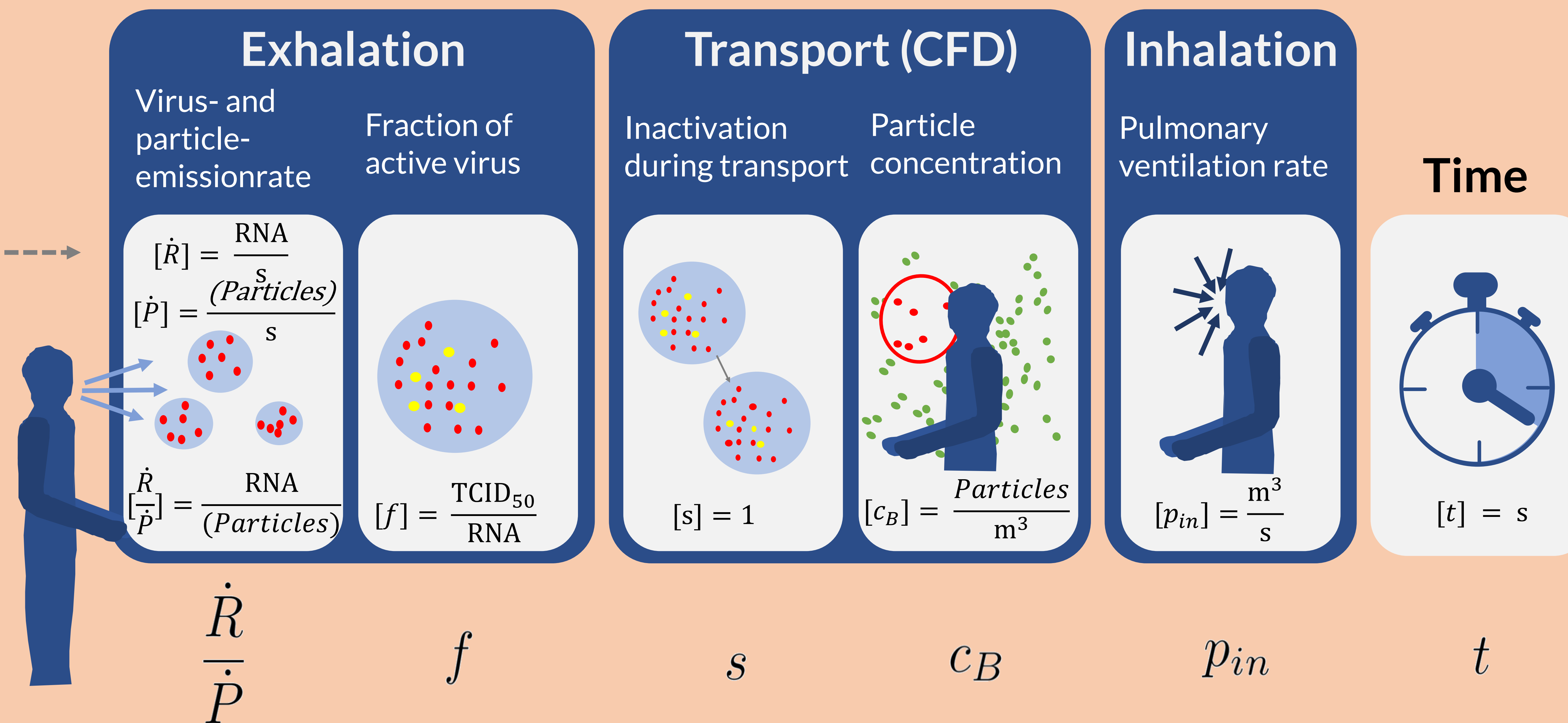
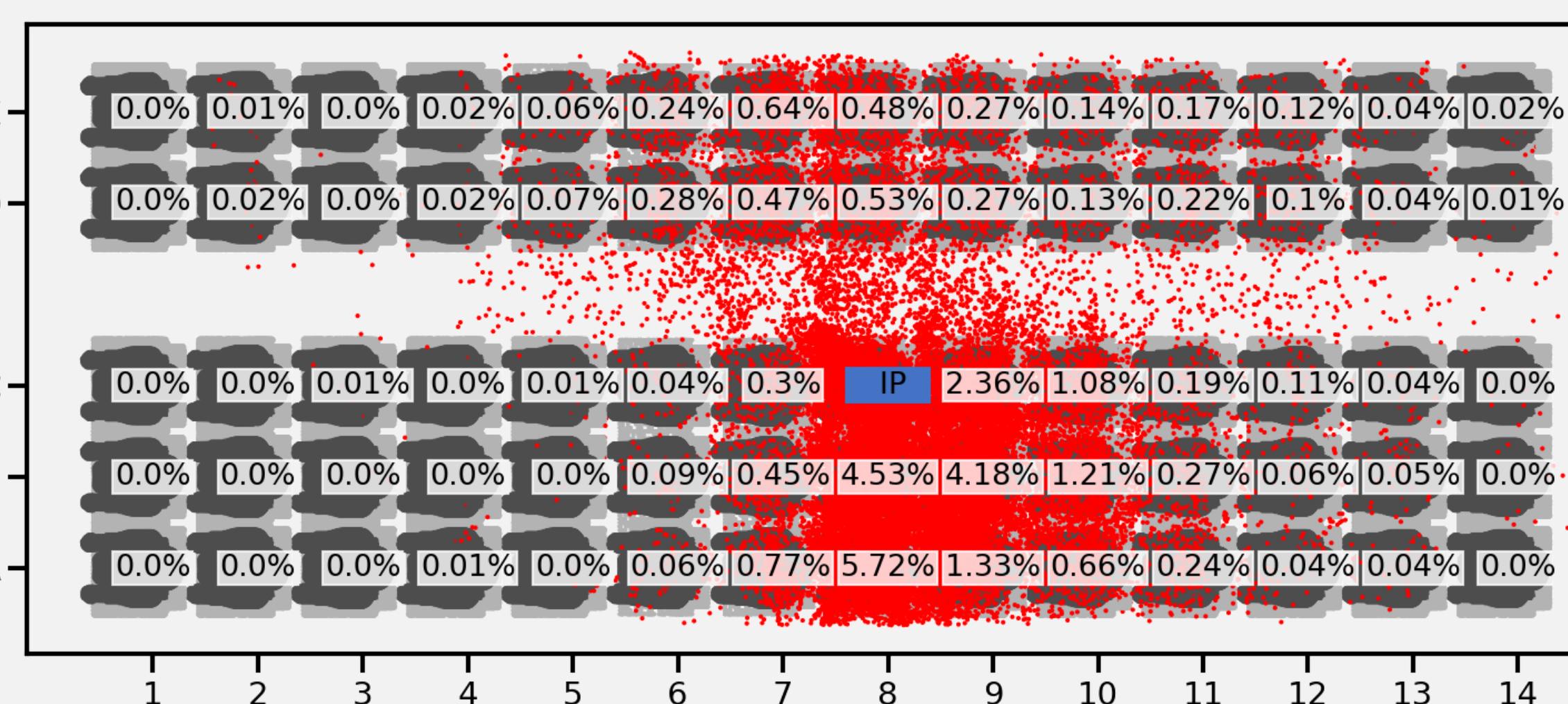
$$D_{in} = \frac{\dot{R}}{\dot{P}} f s C_B p_{in} t$$

- **Step 2:** Estimating Infection risk via Dose-response relationship



RESULTS: INFECTION RISK

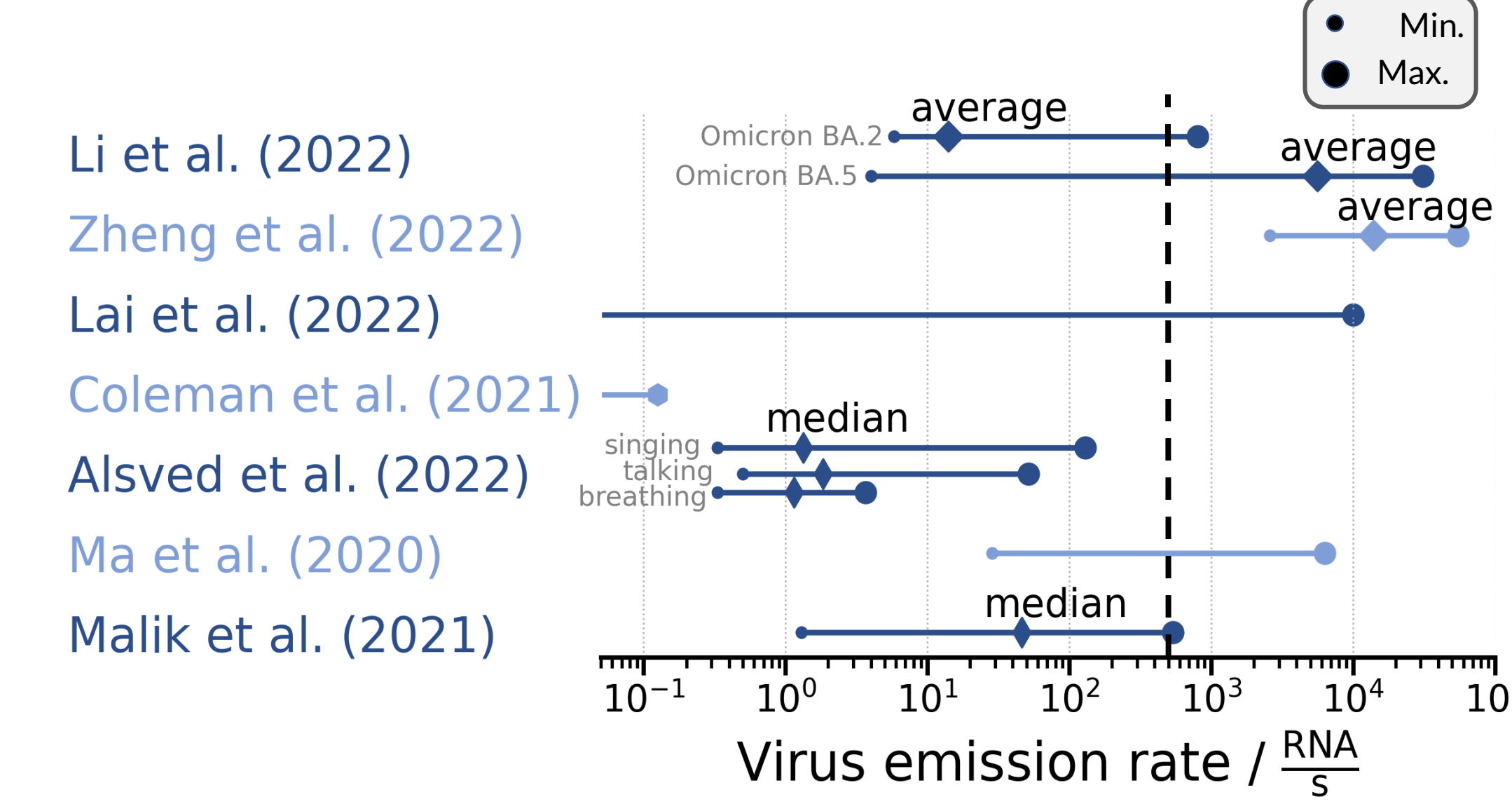
(reference case in aircraft cabin)



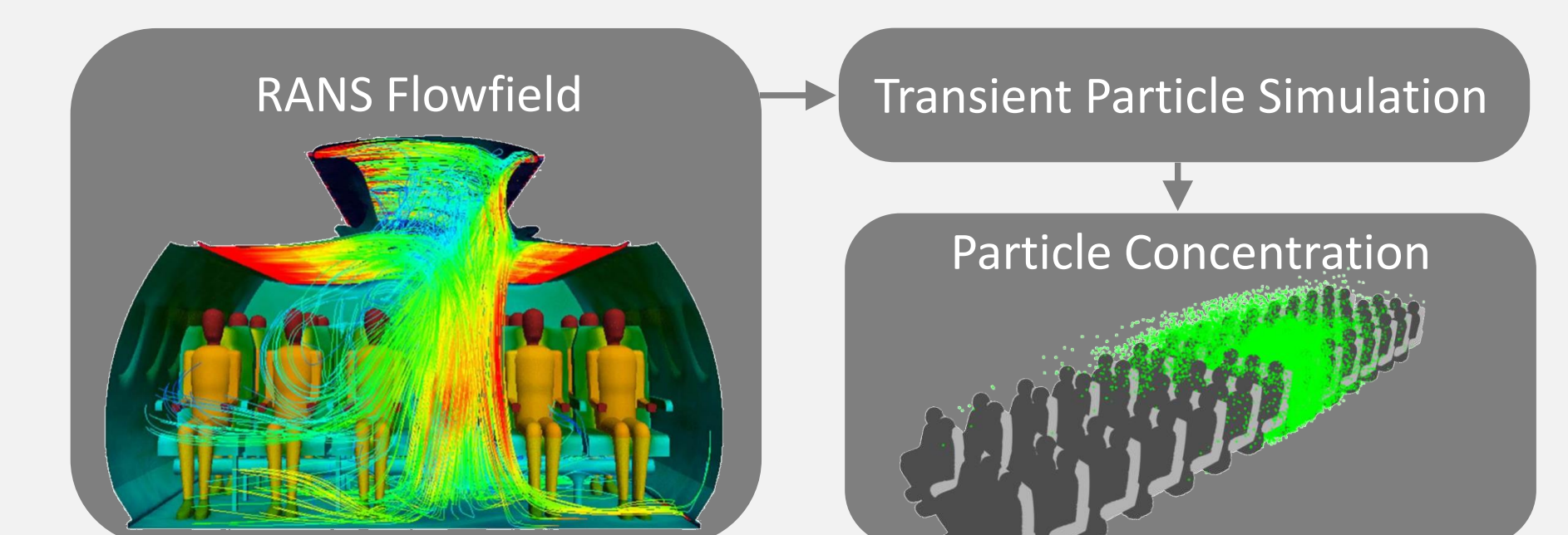
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ADDITIONAL DATA

SARS-CoV-2 EMISSION RATE:



PARTICLE TRANSPORT (CFD):



- Boundary Conditions:**
- Mixed ventilation (MV)
 - 70 passengers
 - 73 W per manikin
 - 700 l/s, 16°C fresh air
- Simulation Parameters:**
- 50 Mio. cells: 0.5–20mm
 - k- ω SST - turb.- model
 - Adiabatic walls
 - 800k particles

REFERENCE CASE (SARS-CoV-2):

\dot{R}	f	L	p_{in}	t	c_B
500 $\frac{RNA}{s}$	$10^{-4} \frac{TCID_{50}}{RNA}$	0.6 $\frac{l}{min}$	6 $\frac{l}{min}$	2 h	$x \frac{particles}{m^3}$
Literature			Free choice CFD		

EXPECTED INFECTIONS:

