

# LESSONS LEARNED FROM SPRAY DRIFT RESEARCH

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Careful - Some gambles aren't worth the risk 😞

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@spraydriftgirl Yes. Start one.



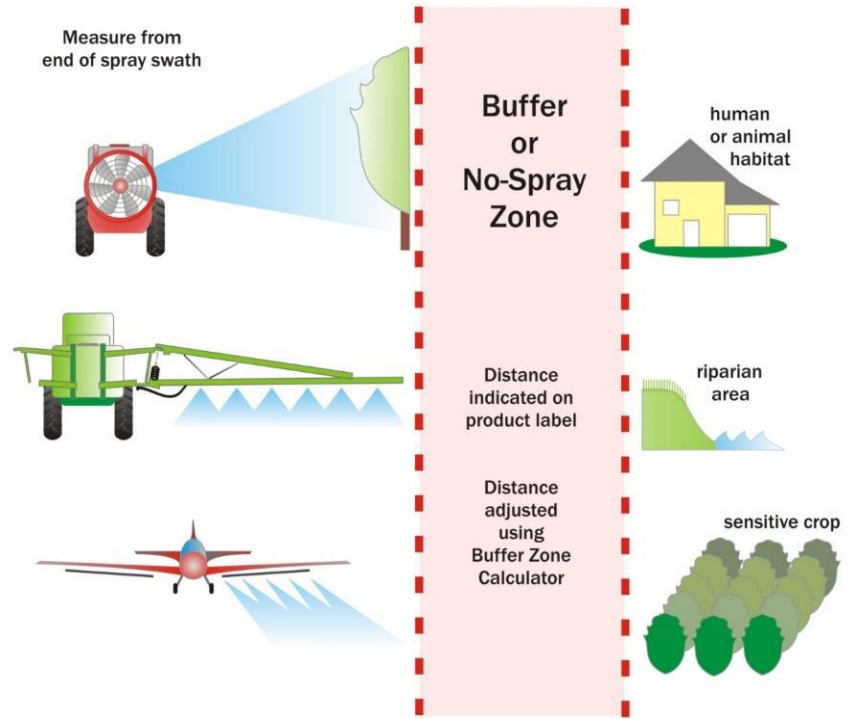
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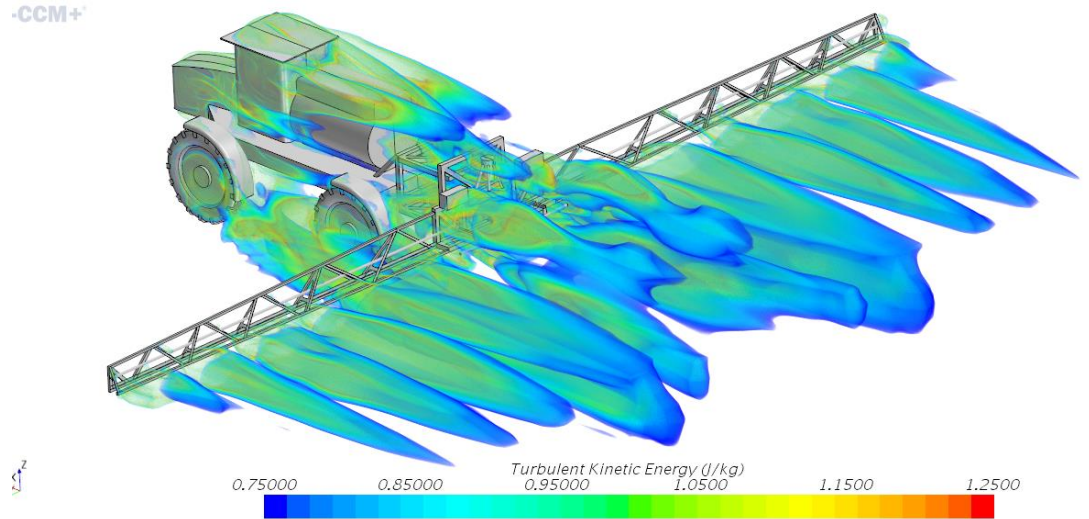
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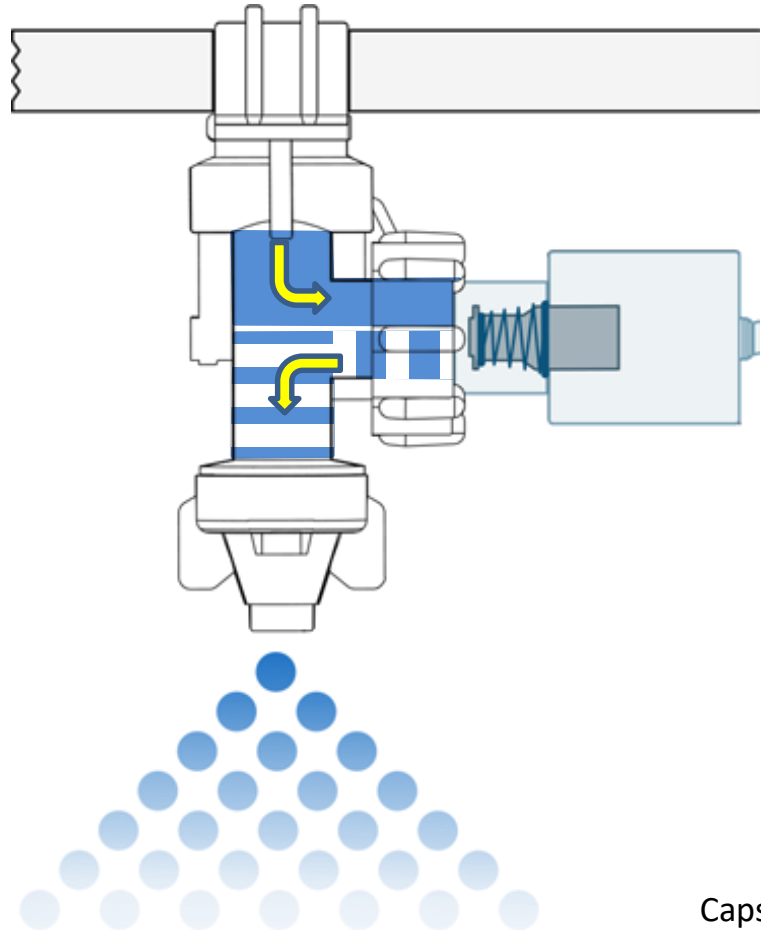
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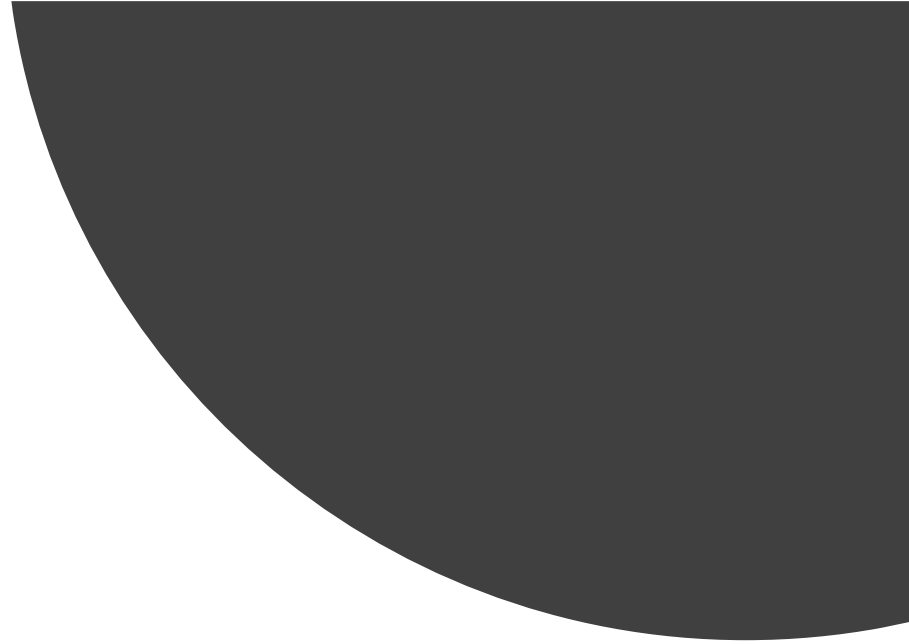
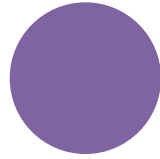
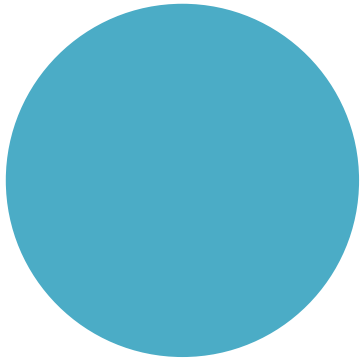
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Drift remains  
complex

Initial  
Release is  
Intuitive

- Droplet size
- Boom height
- Wind speed
- etc.

Subsequent  
Behavior is  
Not

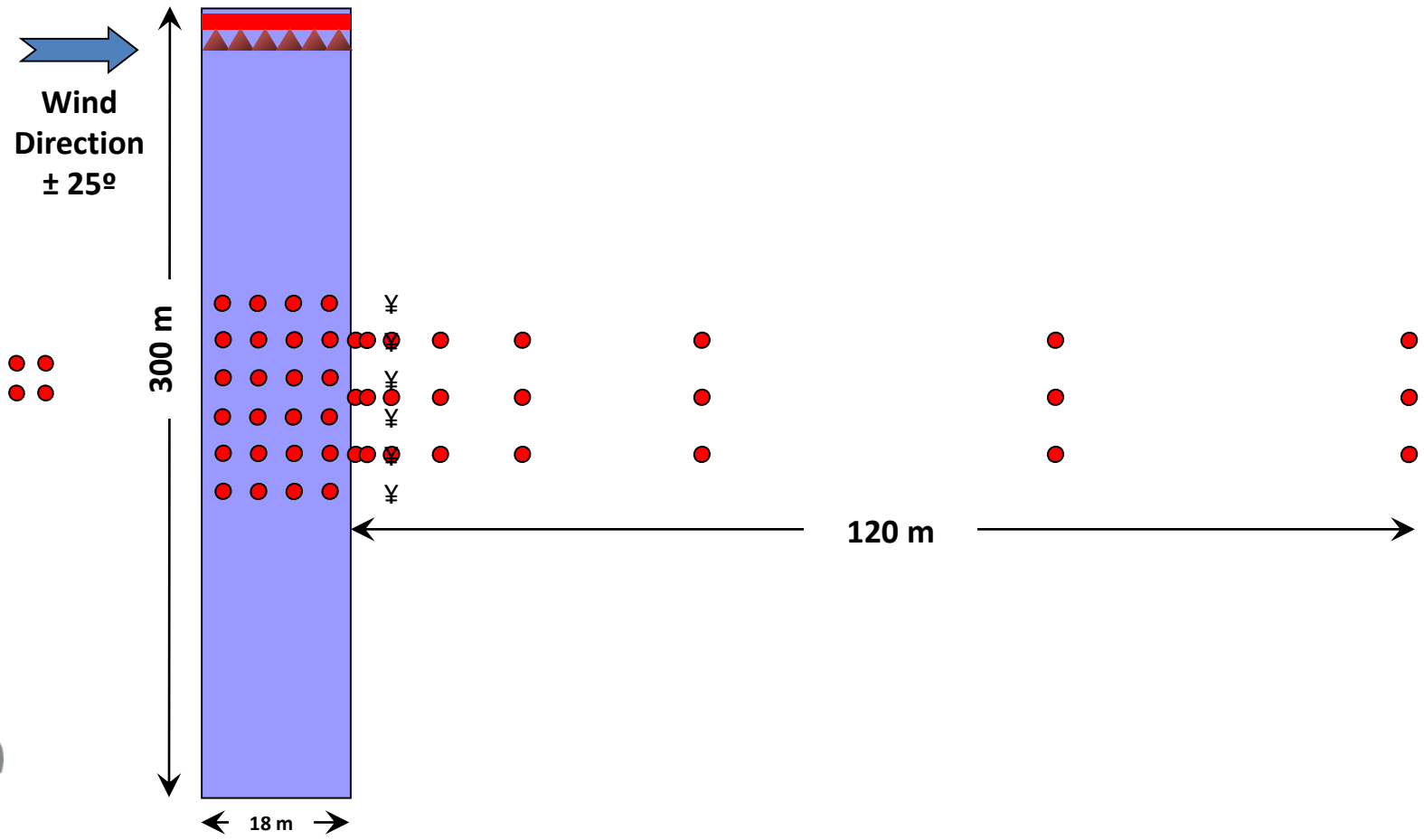
- Atmospheric turbulence
- Surface roughness (crop)
- Terrain
- etc.



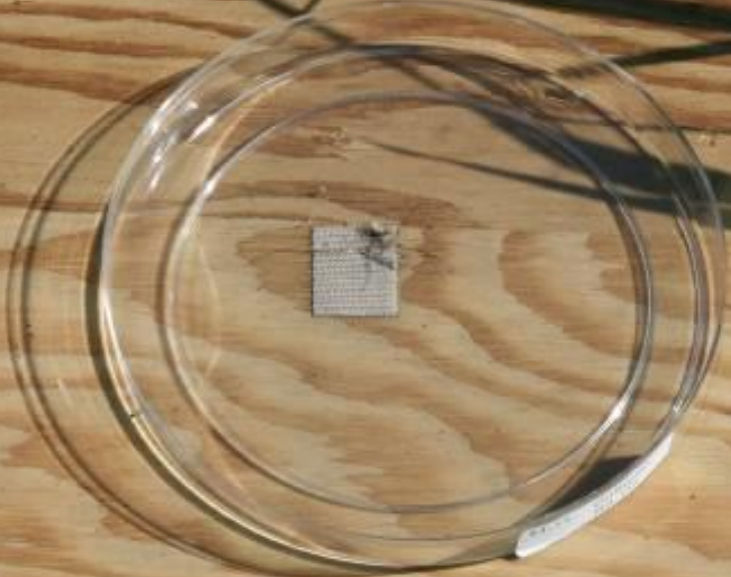


# Field Sampler Layout

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OnSwath R3 D2



**Model 92**  
**ROTOROD SAMPLER**

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Z STOP  
Z CLOSE

COMBO-JET



ETHANOL

Ethyl

7 8 9 0  
Dispensation Vials  
100 µL, 200 µL, 500 µL, 1 mL, 2 mL, 5 mL, 10 mL, 20 mL, 50 mL, 100 mL, 250 mL, 500 mL, 1 L, 2 L, 5 L, 10 L, 20 L, 50 L, 100 L, 200 L, 500 L, 1000 L

Contaminants  
For Protection  
The user should be  
warned of any  
contaminants  
which may be  
present in the  
laboratory  
at the  
time of use.





P2-11  
OffSwath  
Pall R2  
D1

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Pall R2  
D120

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Pall R2  
D80

P2-11  
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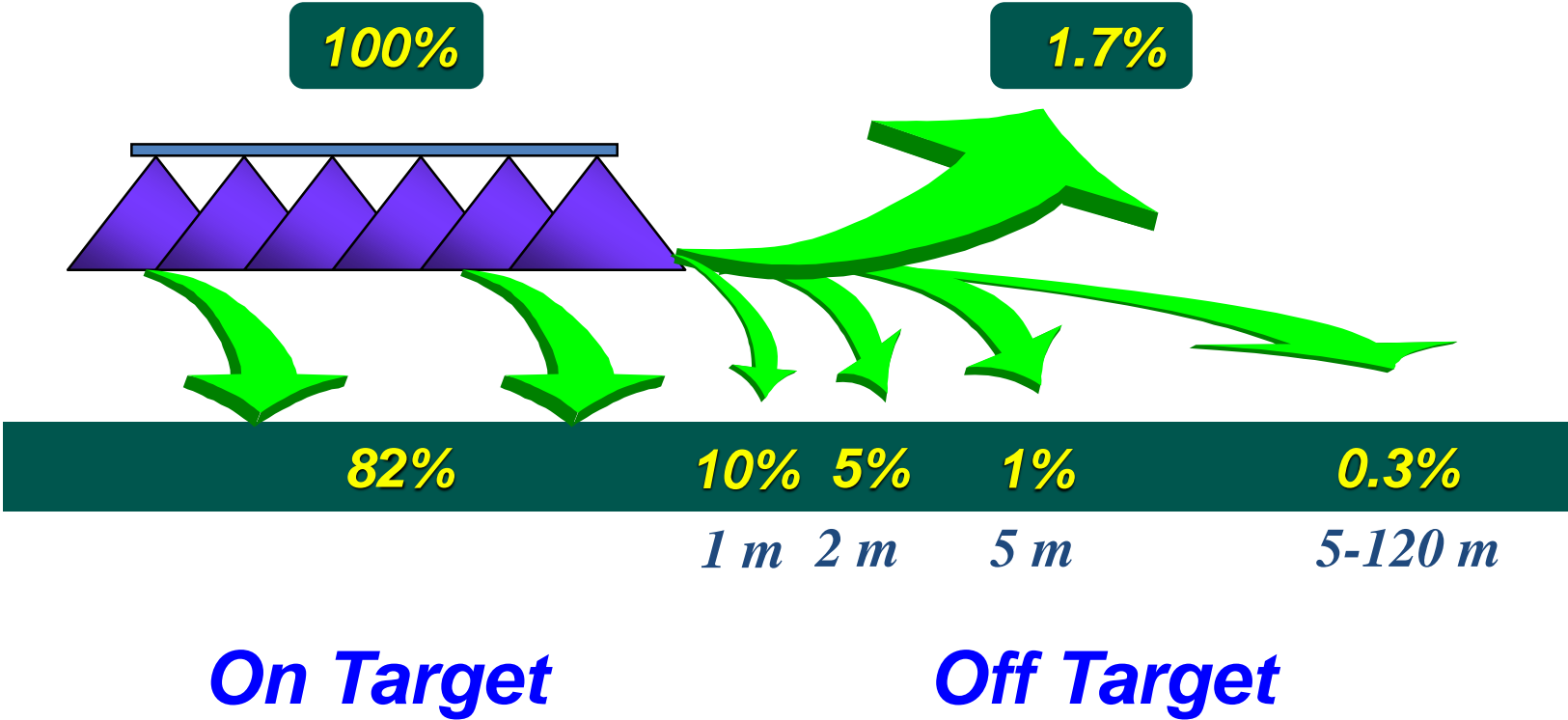
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# Drift Spray Accountancy



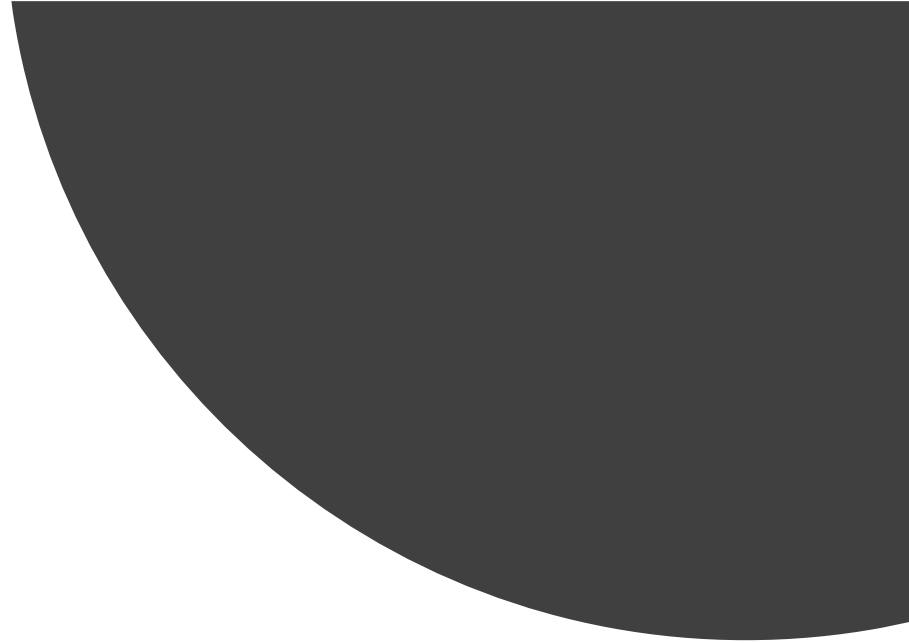
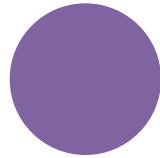
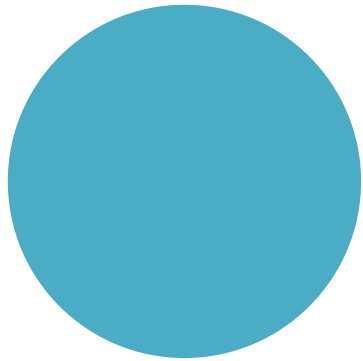




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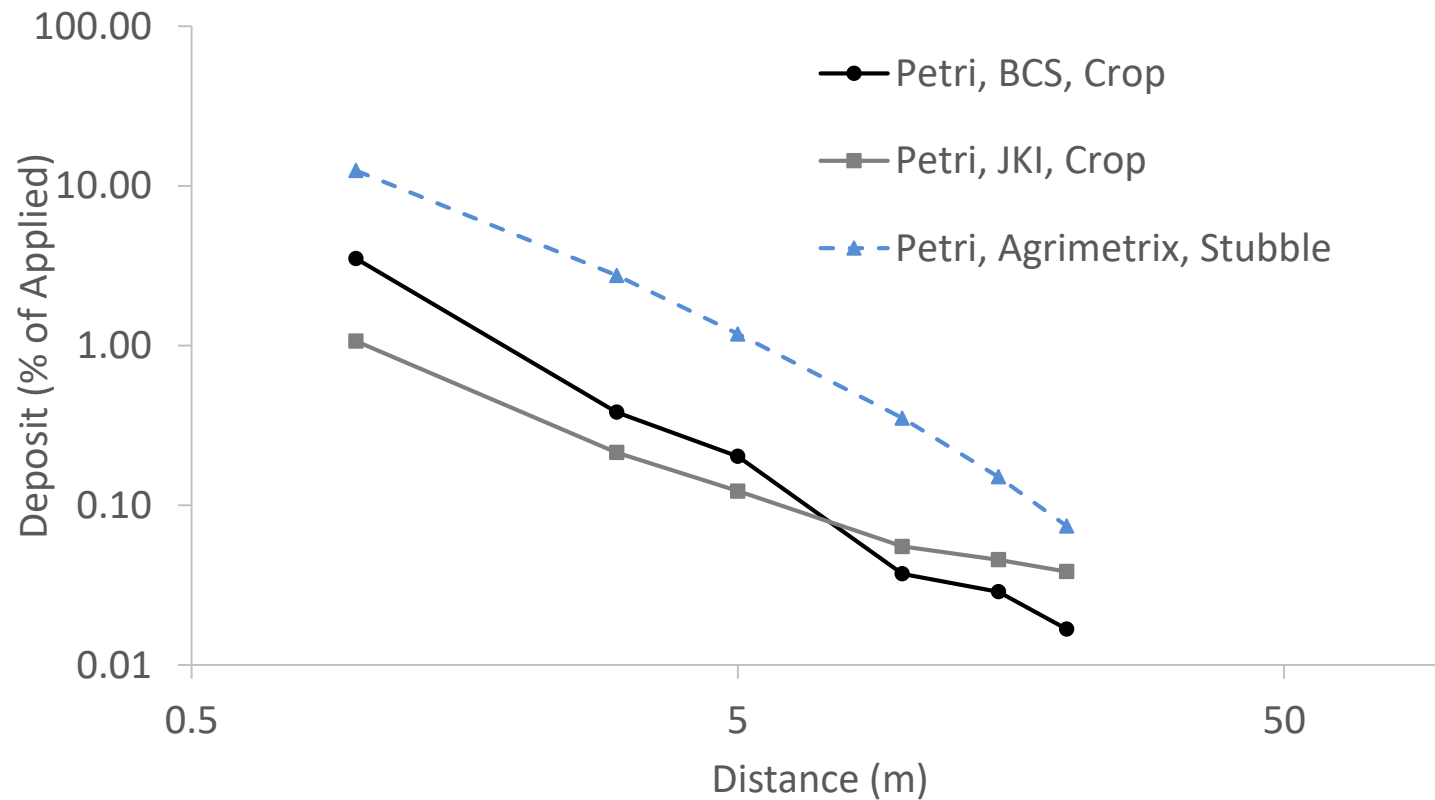


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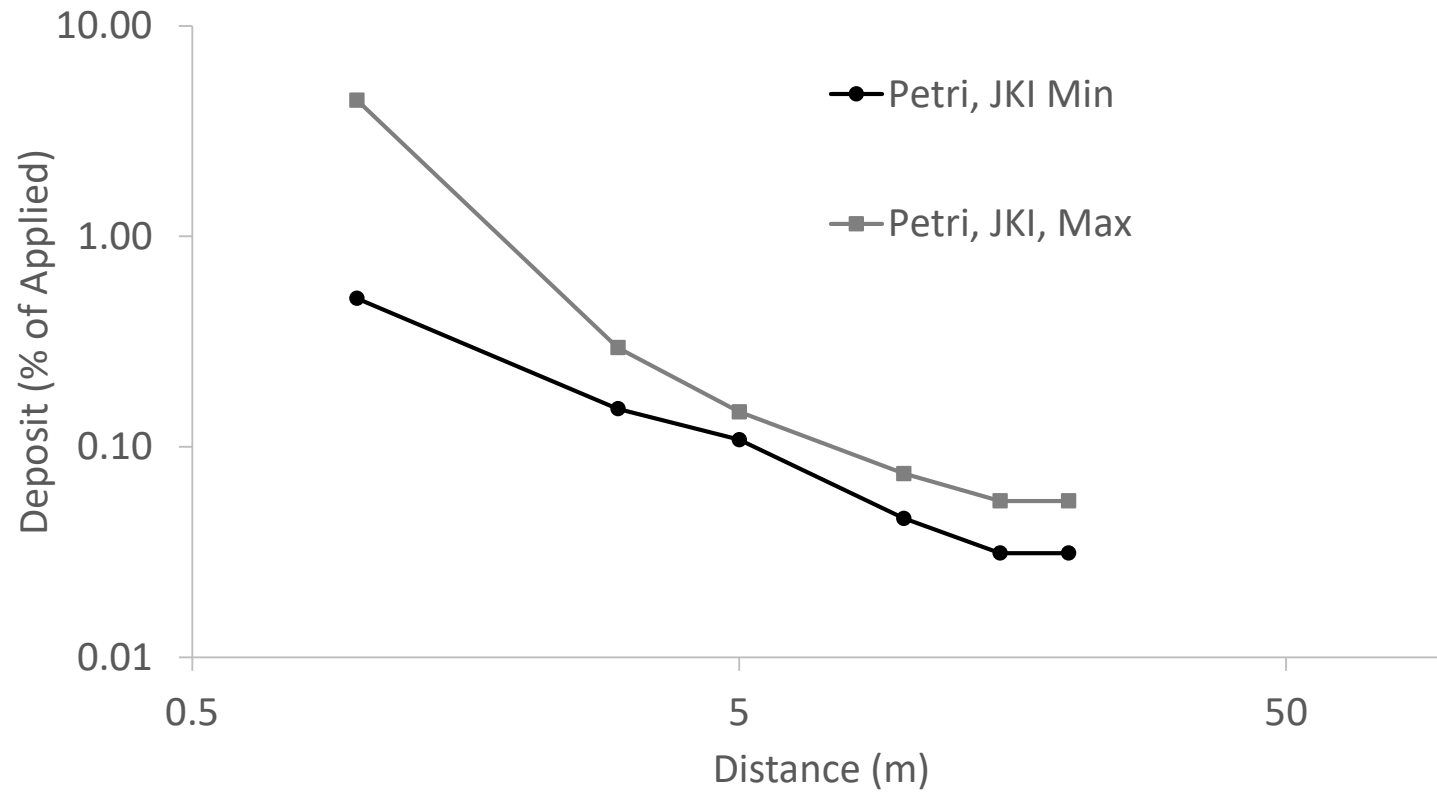


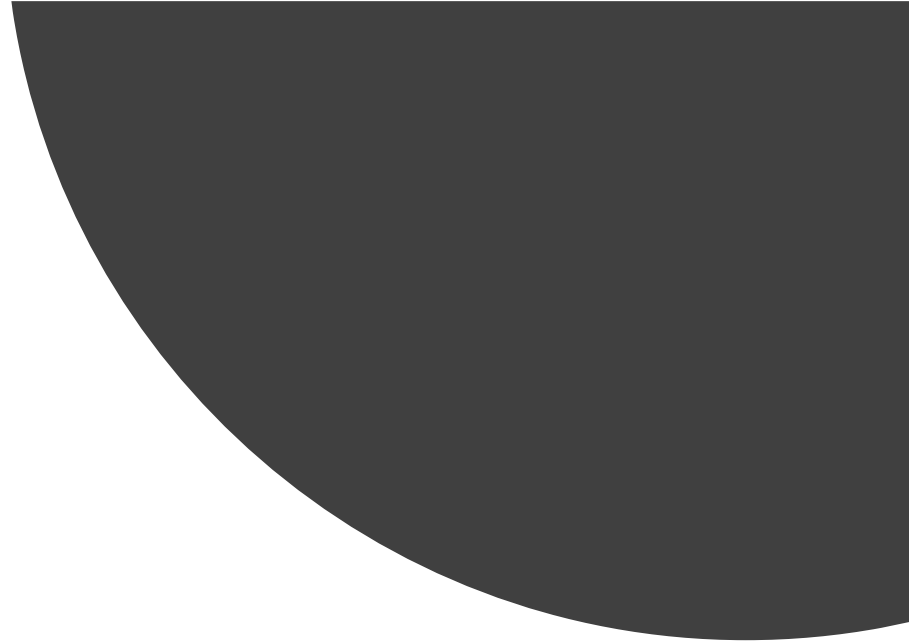
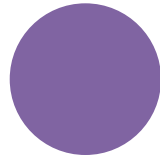
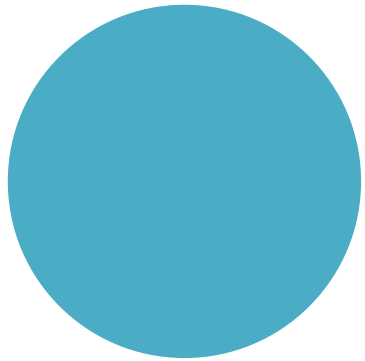
Drift research results  
depend primarily on  
the research group

# Three Research Groups, Same Methods



# Variability





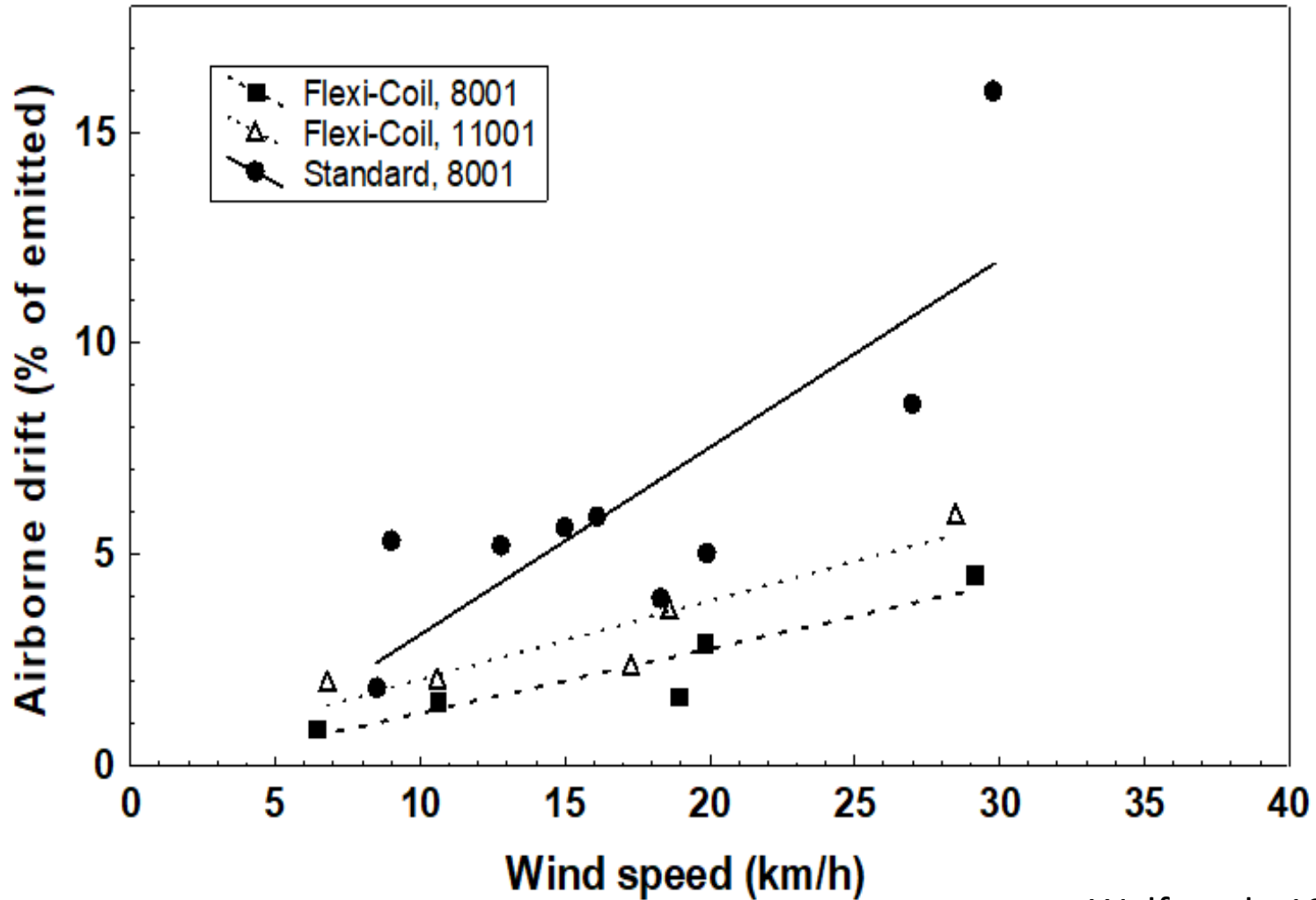
Shrouds reduce, but  
do not eliminate drift



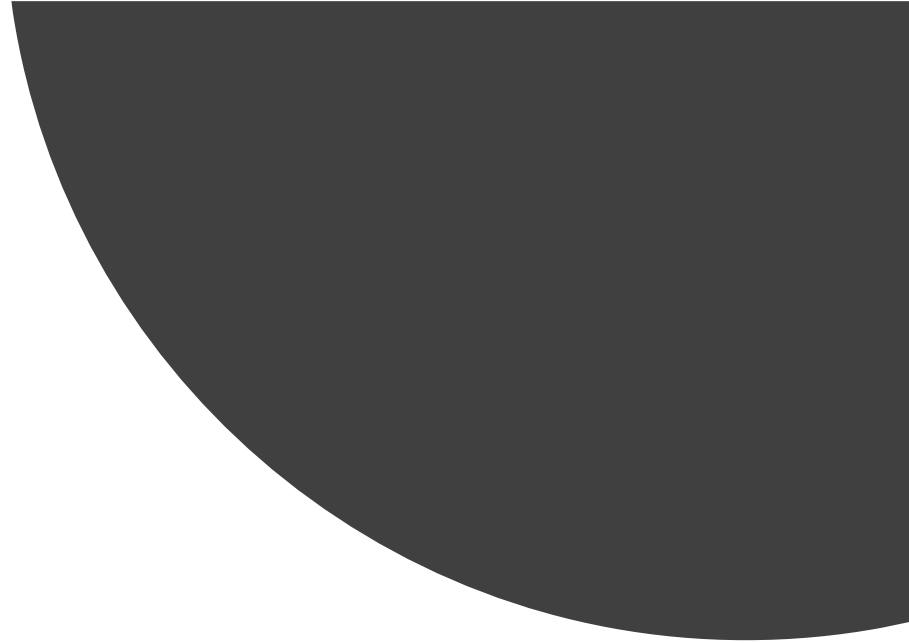
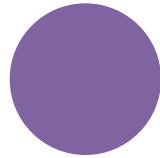
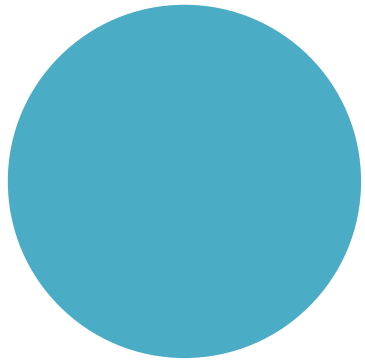




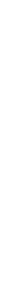
# Shrouds and Shields



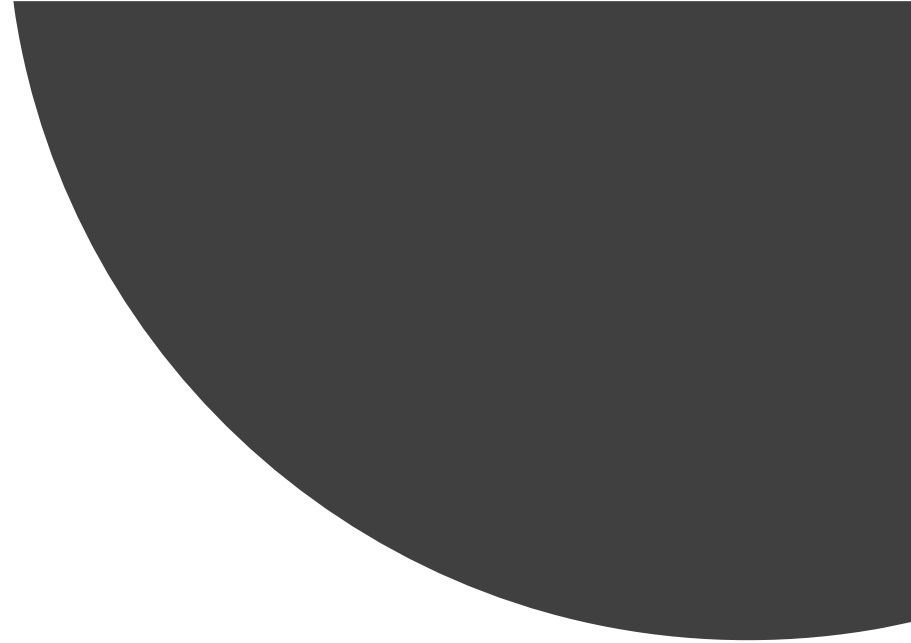
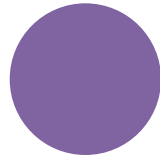
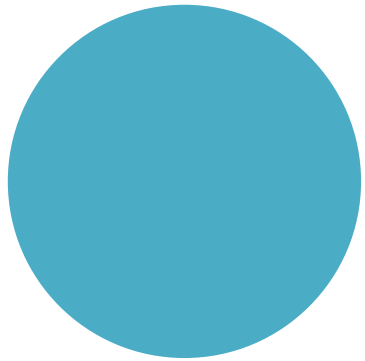




Low drift nozzles are  
the new shrouds







DRT benefits depend  
on what you measure





# XR8003 (conventional)

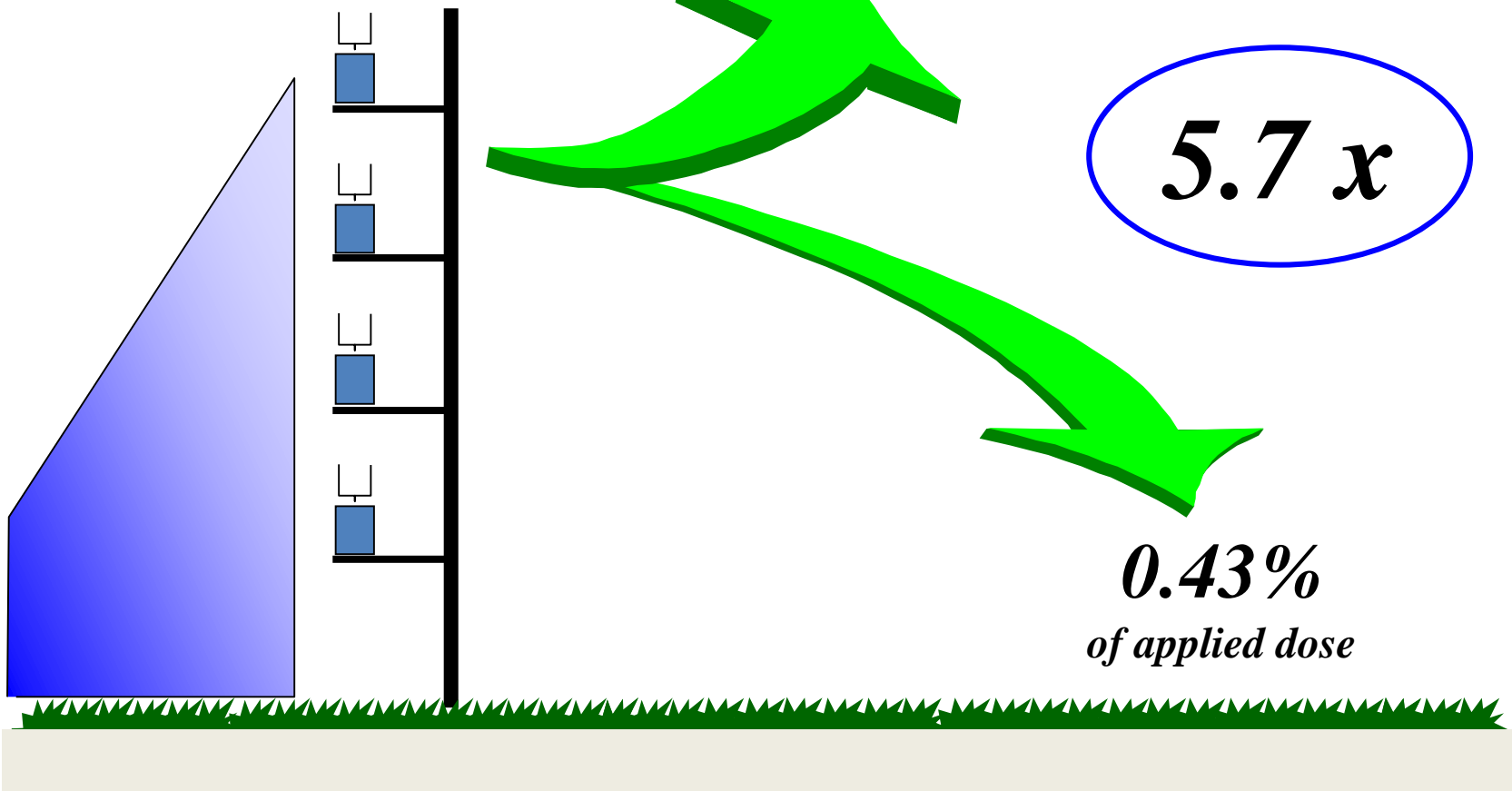
**2.9%**  
*of applied dose*

**2.5%**  
*of applied dose*

**5.7 x**

**0.43%**  
*of applied dose*

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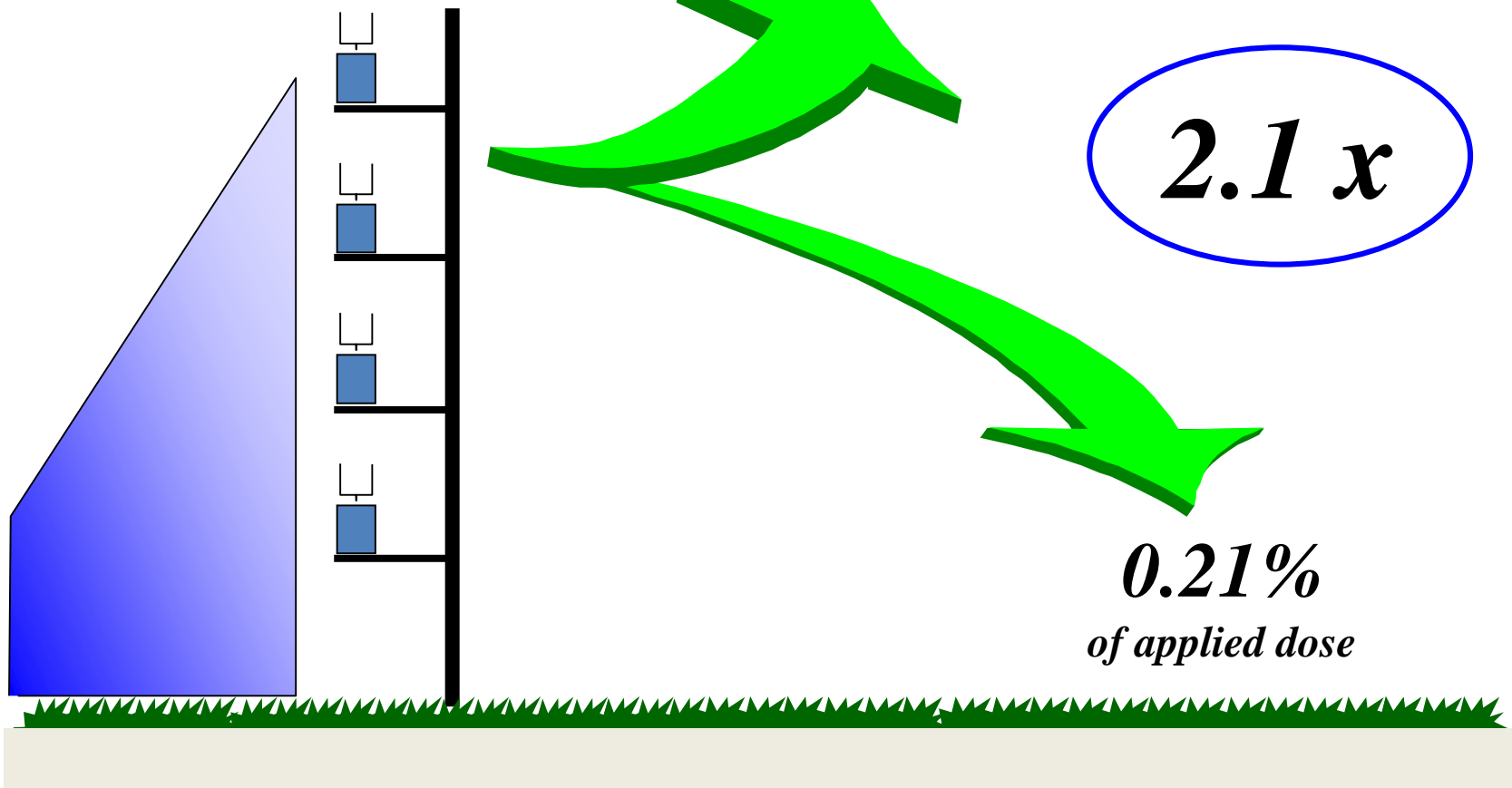


# AI110025 (low-drift)

**0.67%**  
*of applied dose*

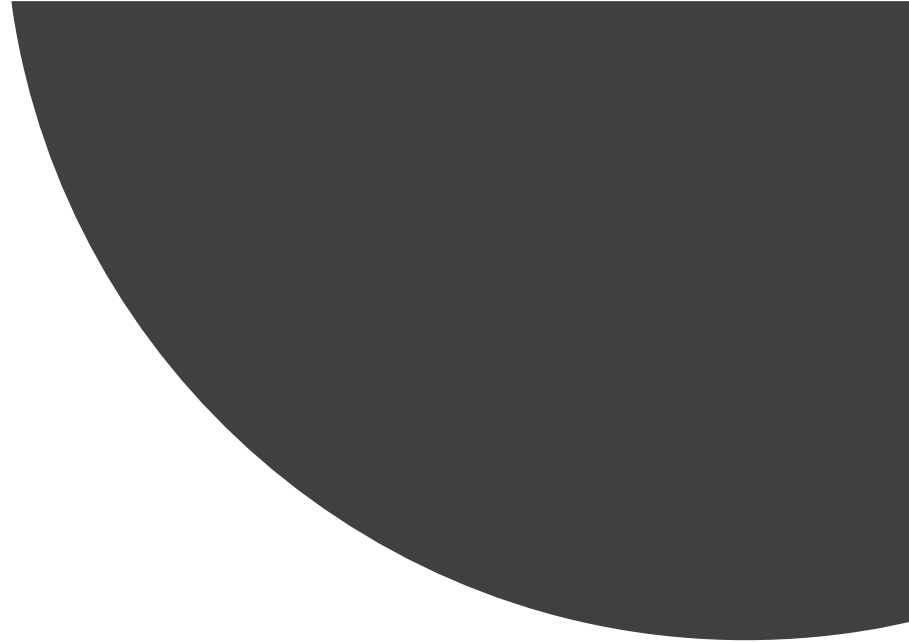
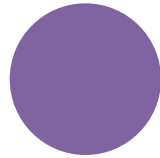
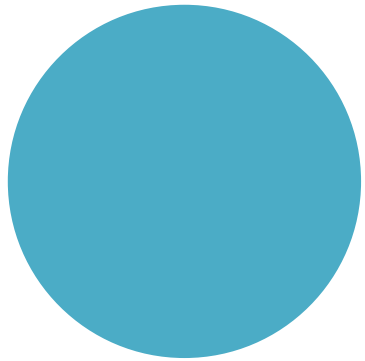
**0.5%**  
*of applied dose*

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**2.1 x**

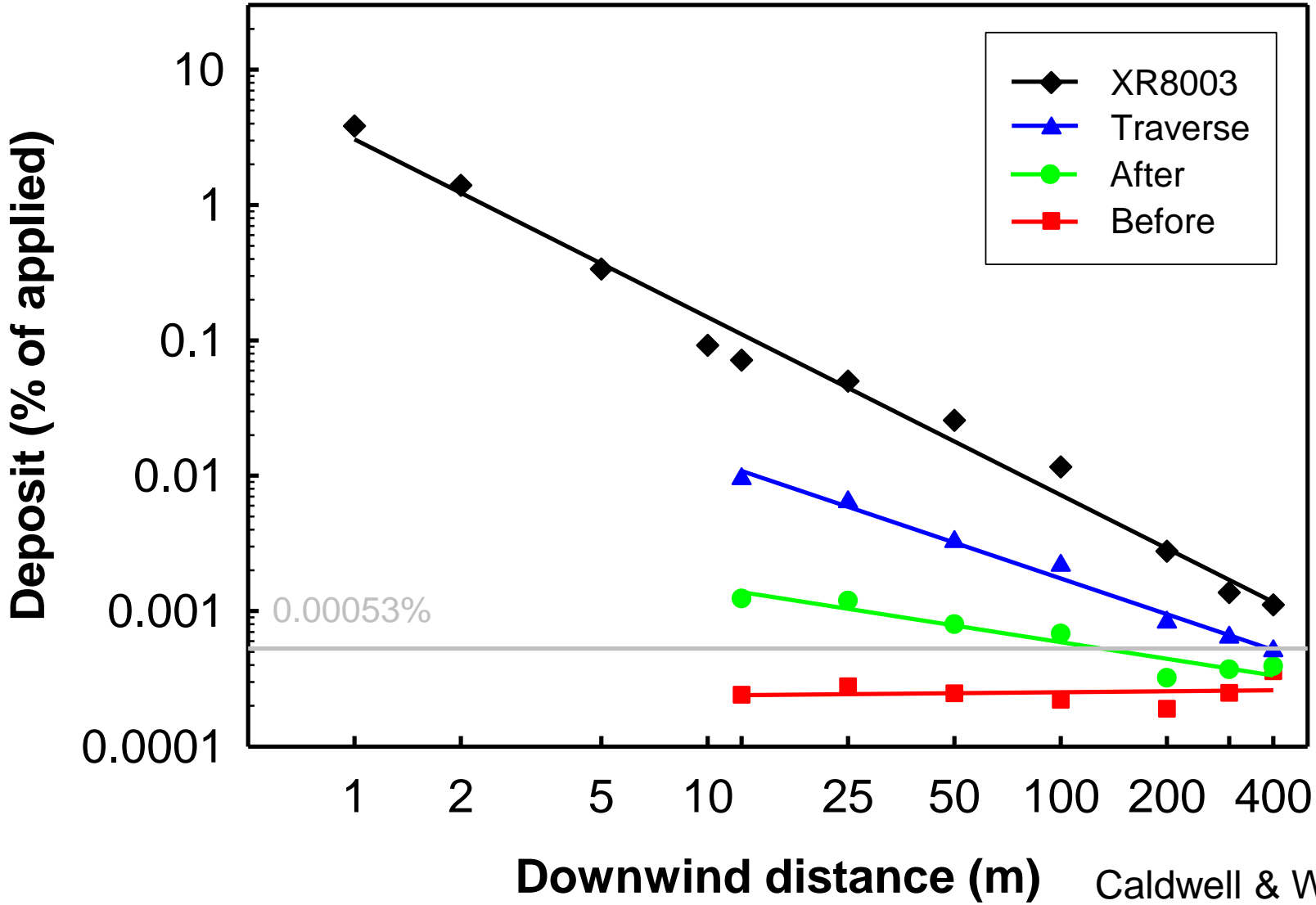
**0.21%**  
*of applied dose*



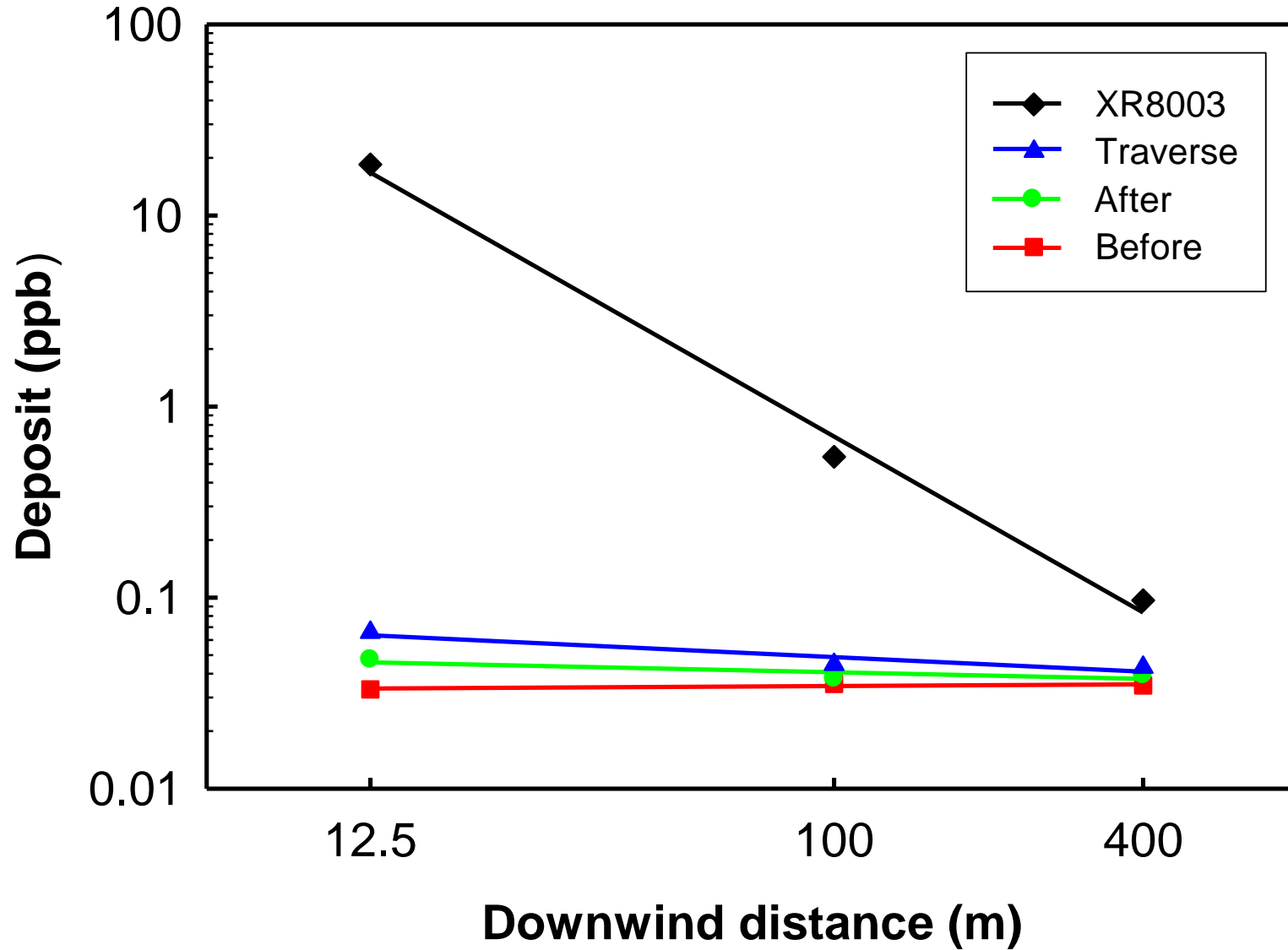
There is no safe  
(intermediate) distance

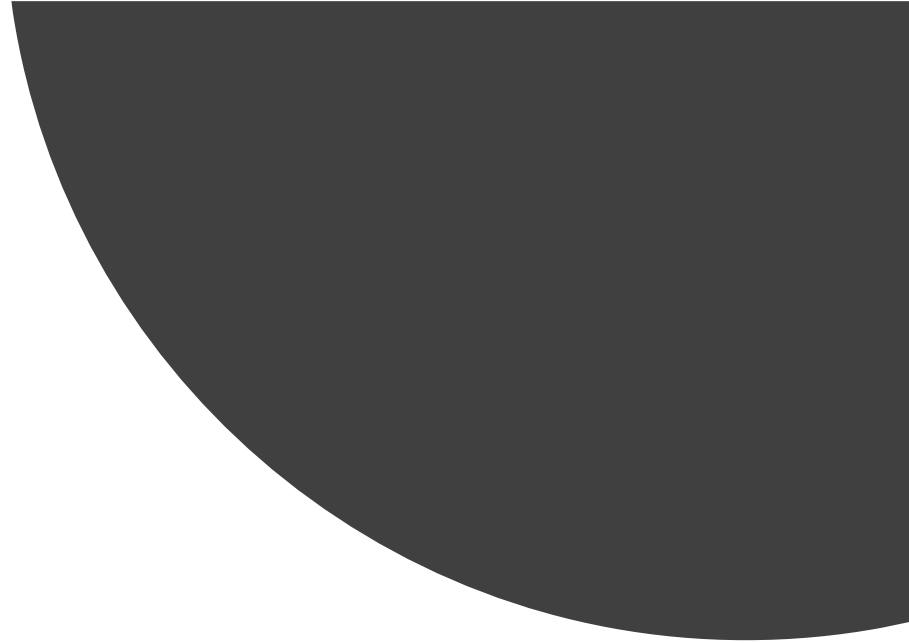
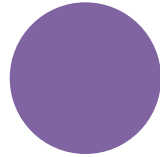
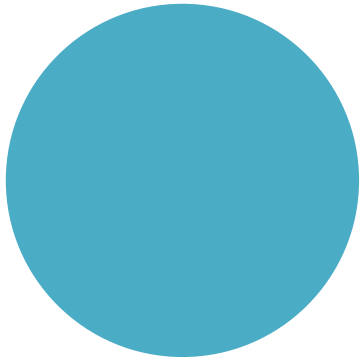


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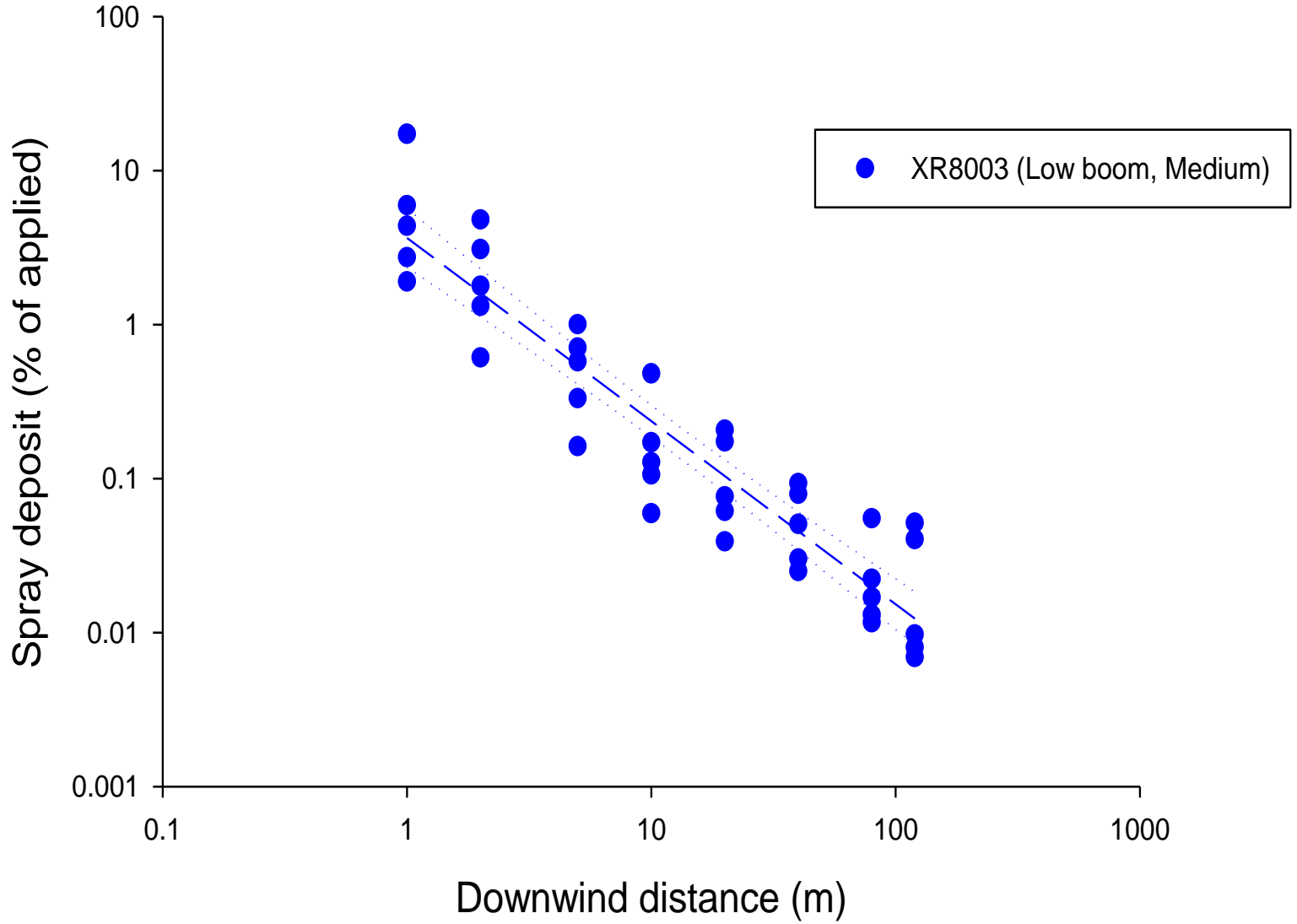
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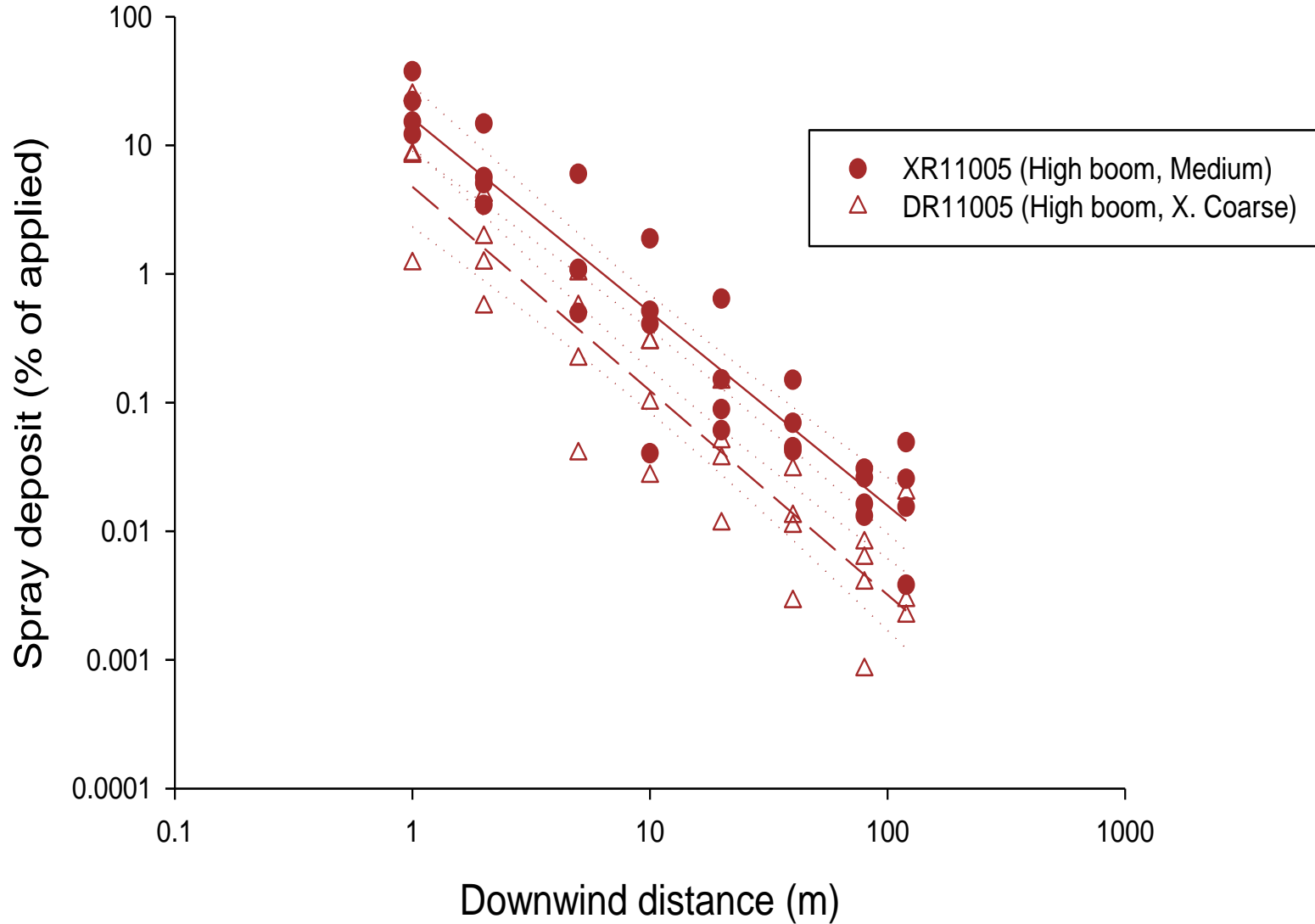


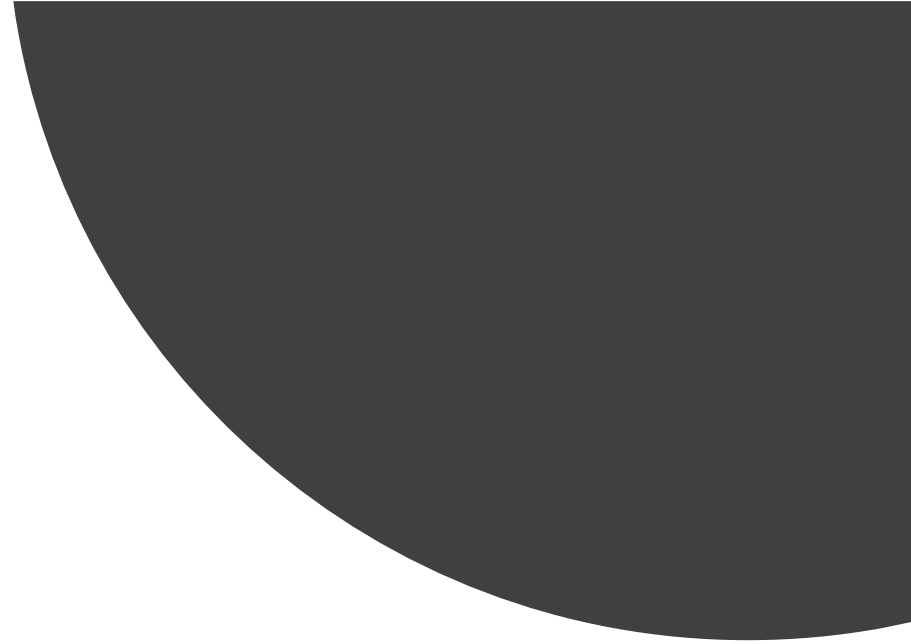
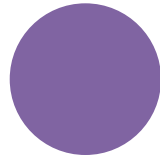
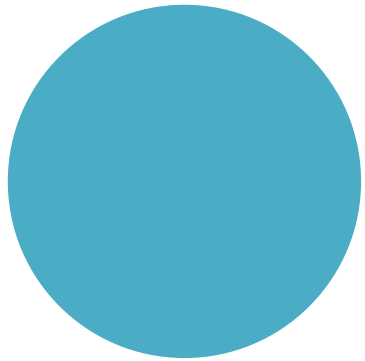
Deposited drift  
measurements  
are very variable

# Low Boom, Medium SQ



# Medium vs X. Coarse

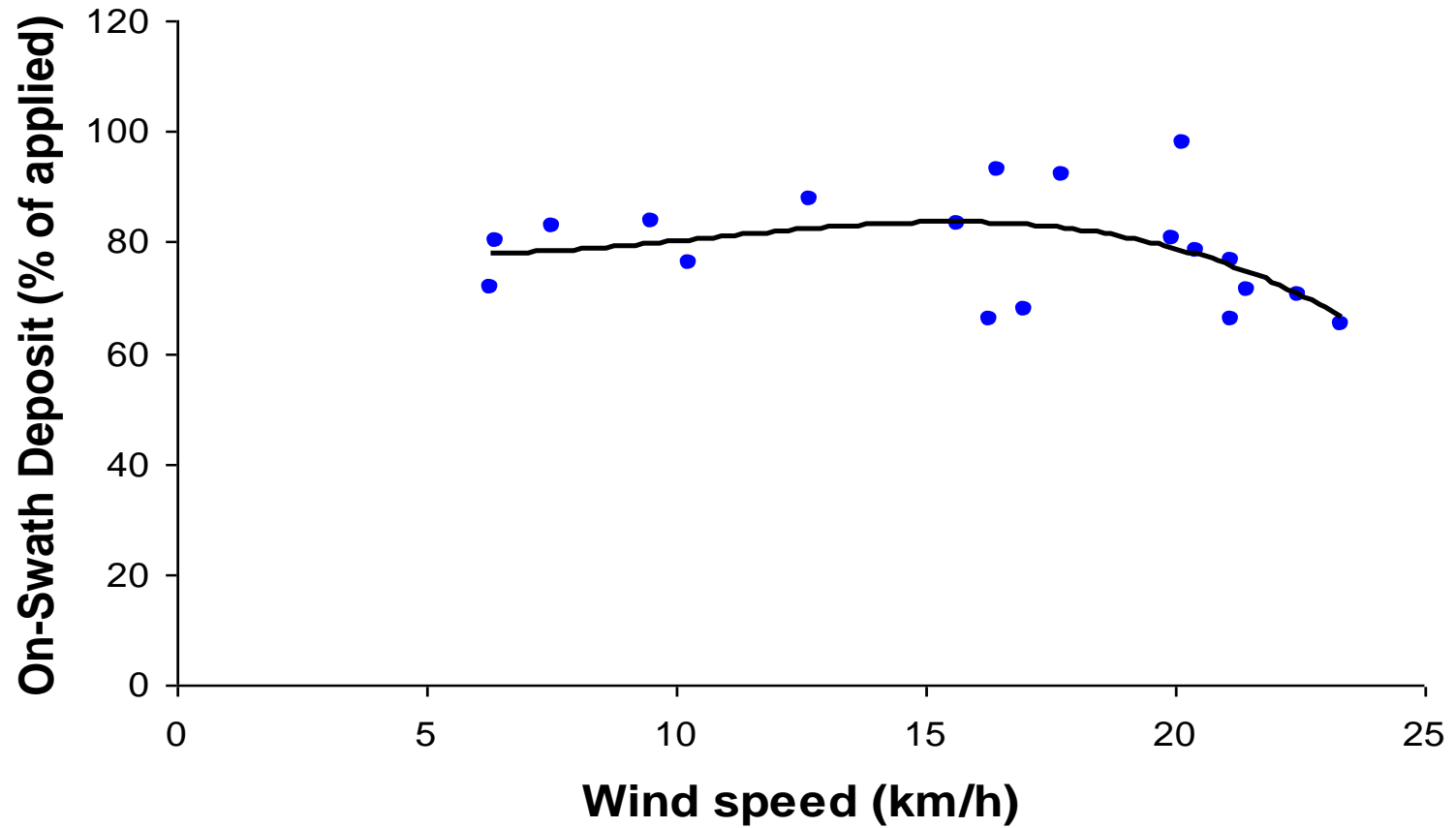




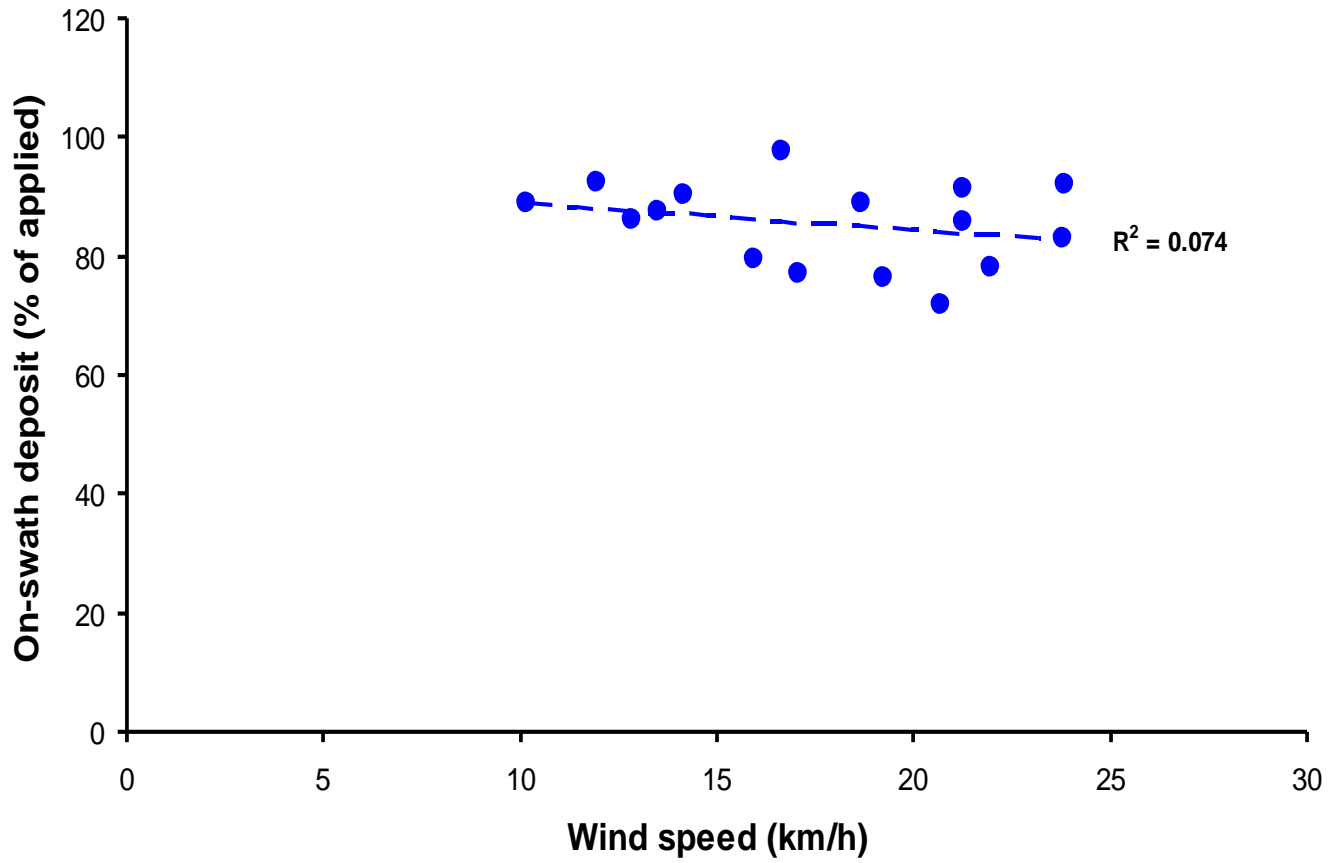
The cost of drift is  
paid at its destination



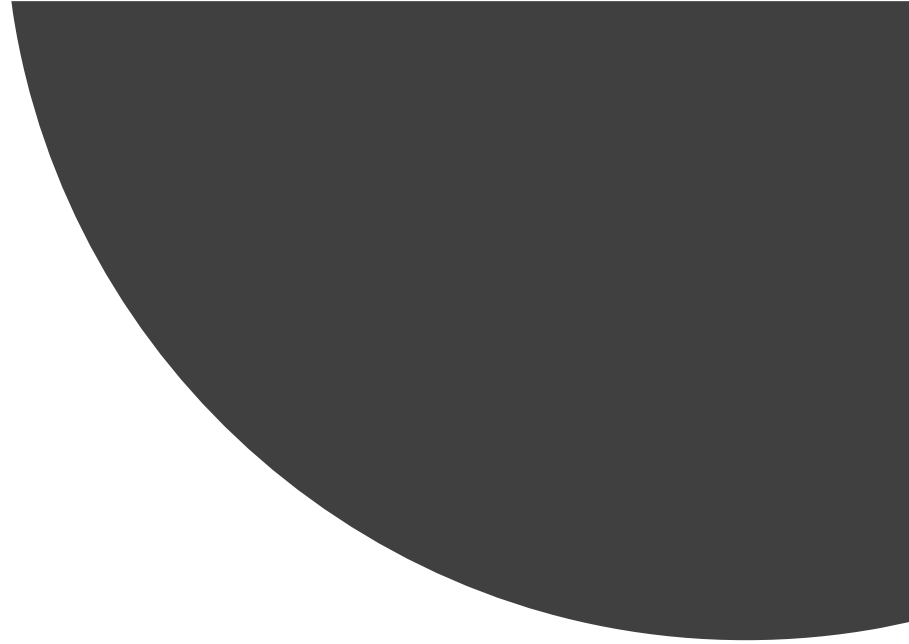
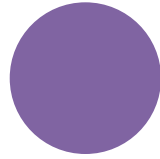
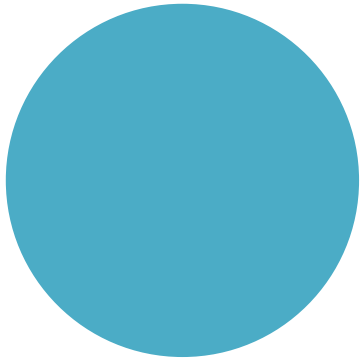
# On-Swath Deposit (2011)



# On-Swath Deposit (2000)







Very Coarse sprays  
work



wild oats



green foxtail

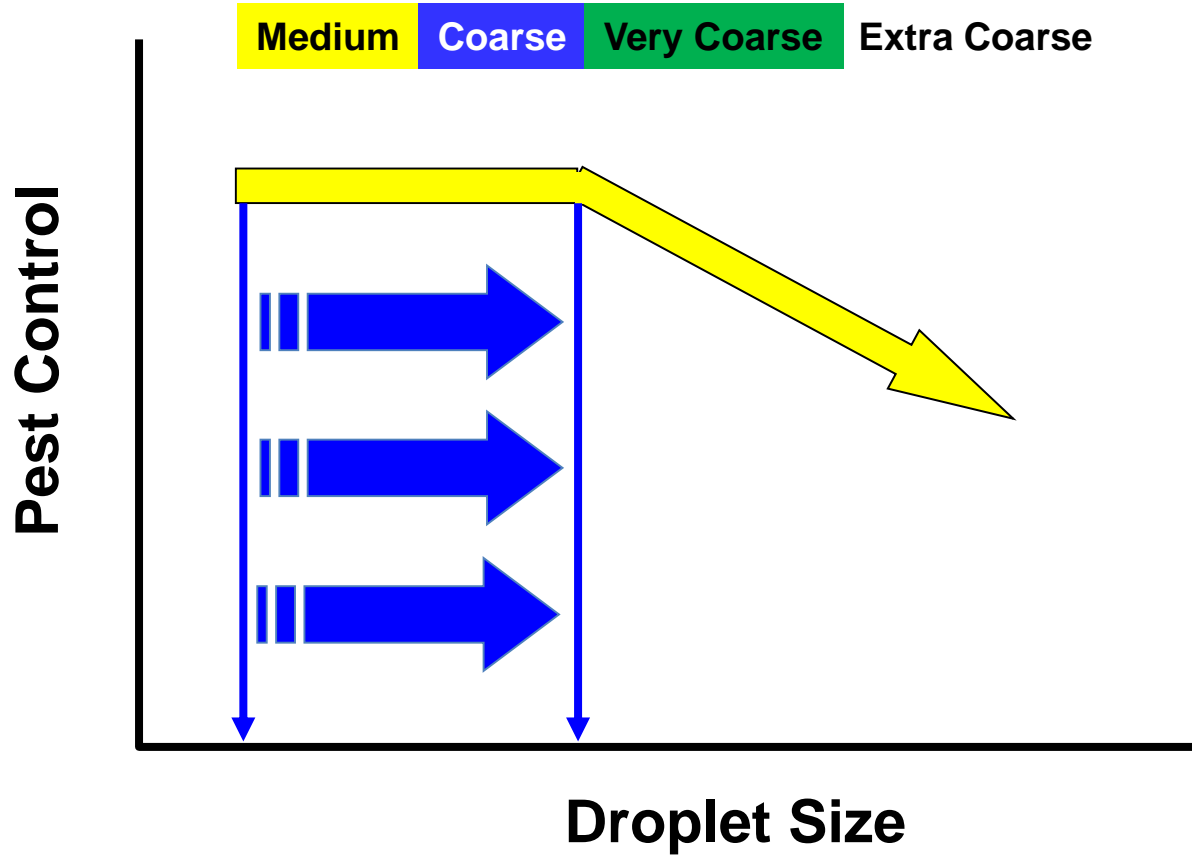


barnyard grass



quack grass

# Grassy Targets





wild buckwheat



Canada thistle

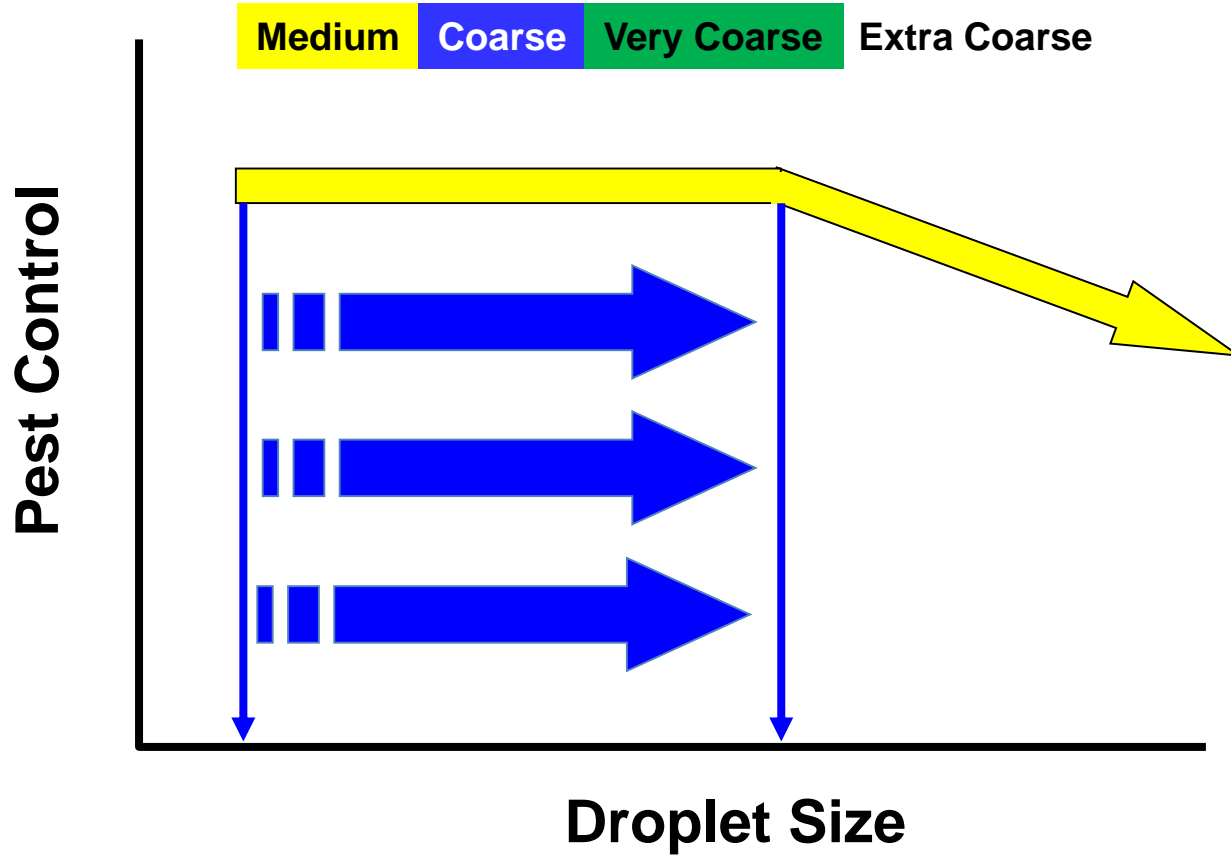


shepherd's purse

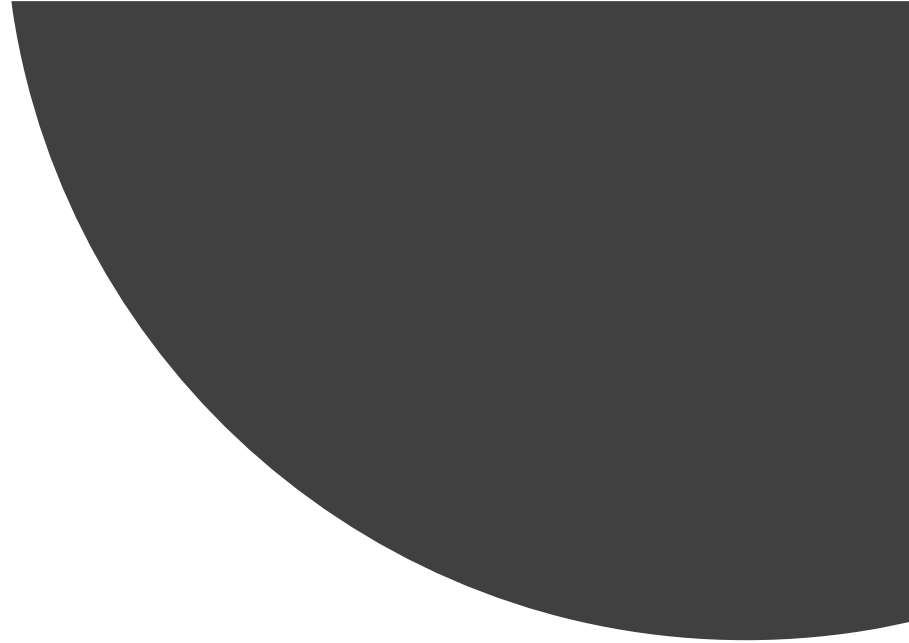
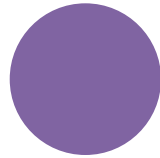
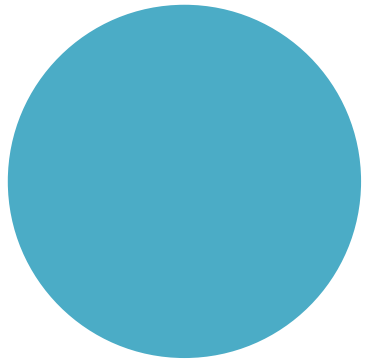


volunteer canola

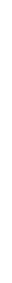
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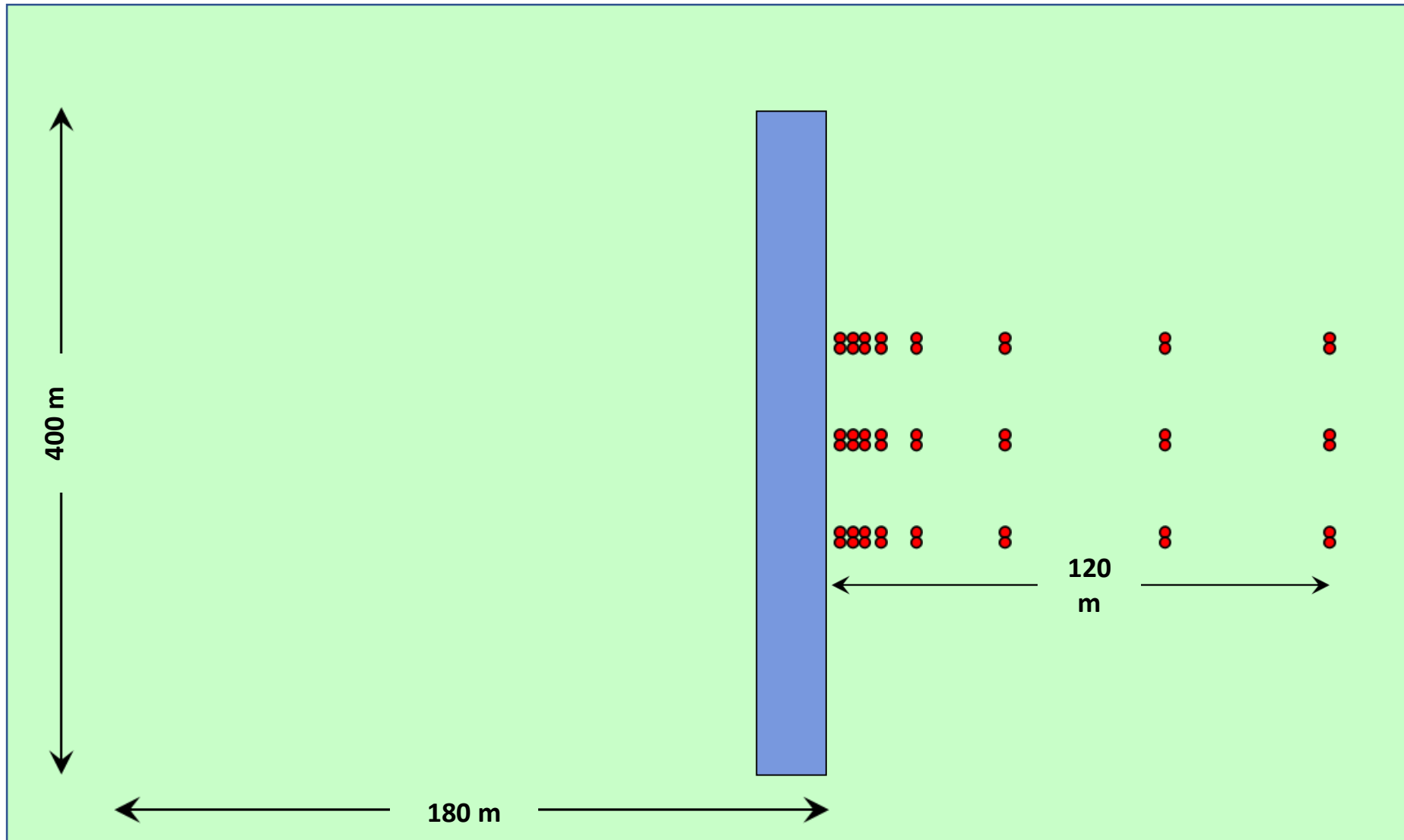




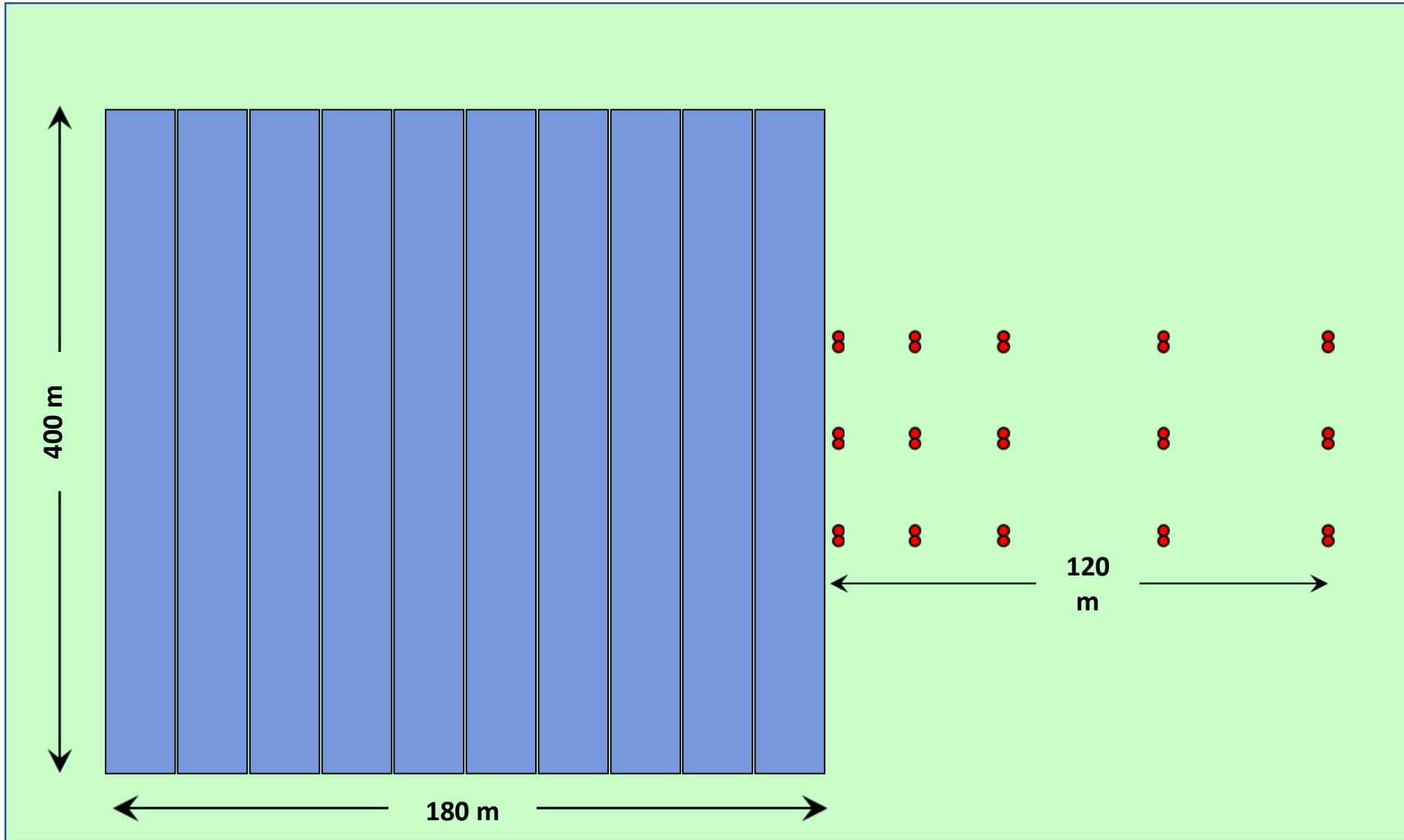
The drift from multiple  
spray passes is additive



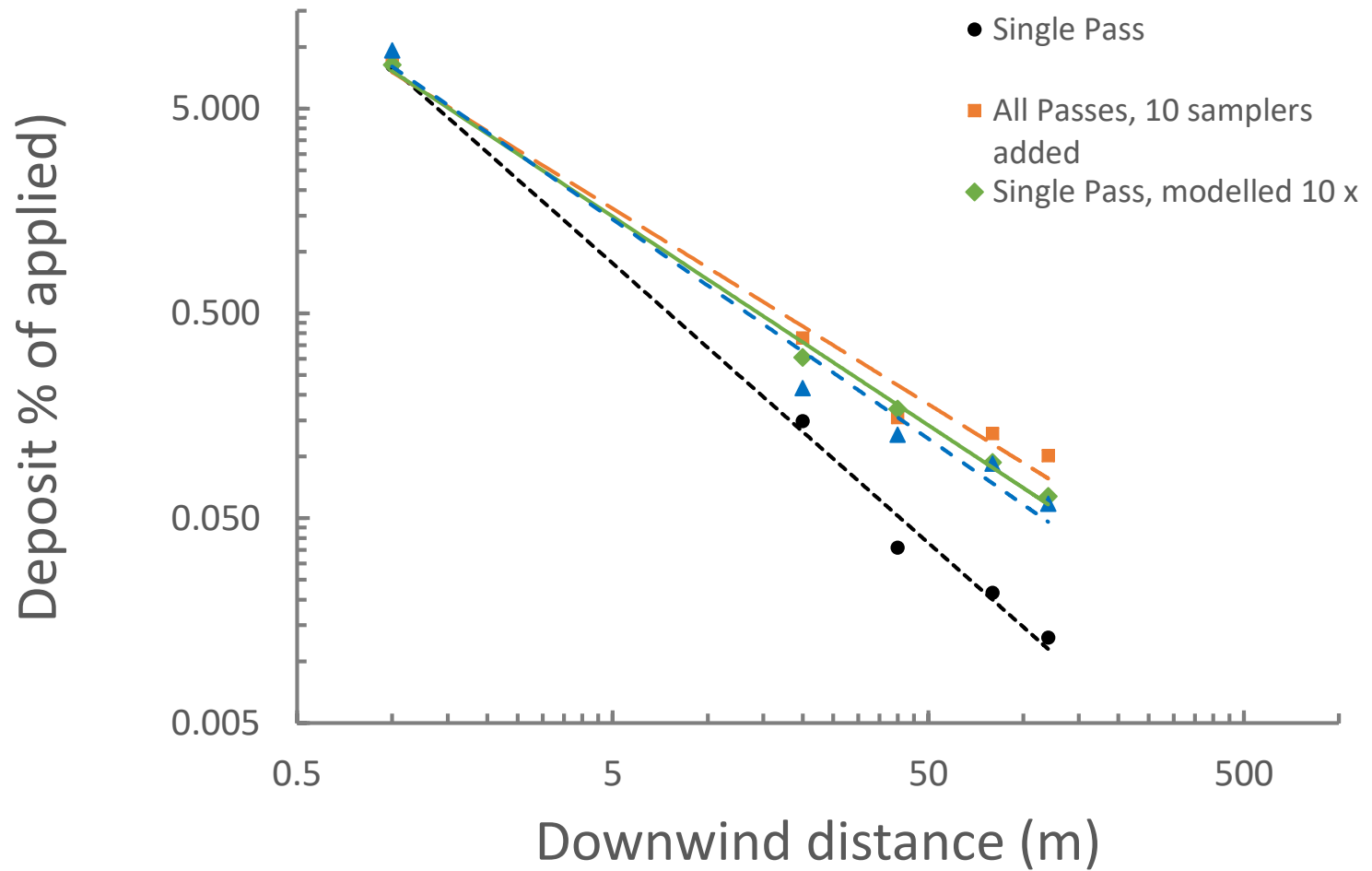
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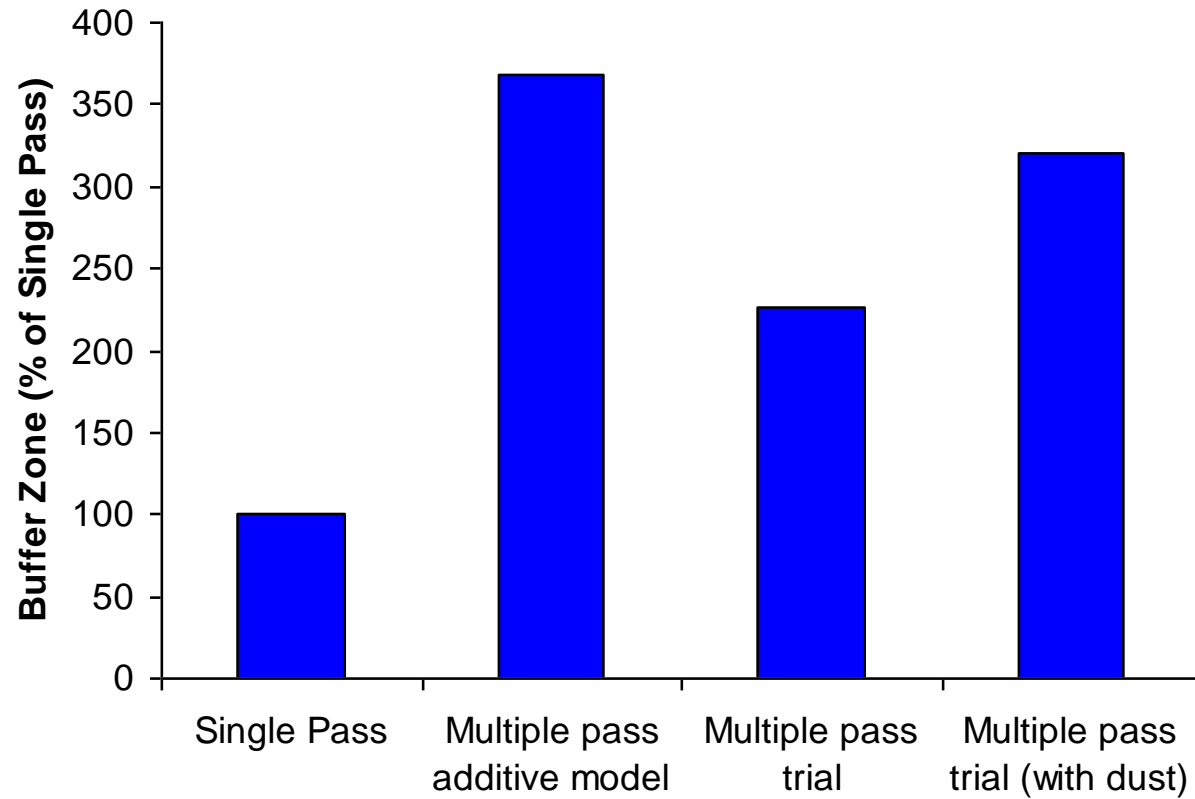
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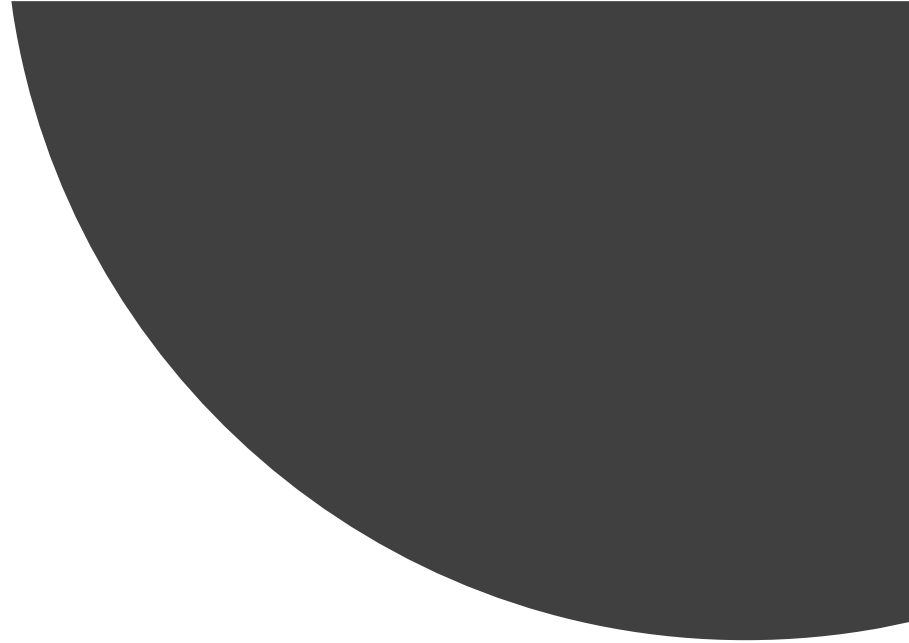
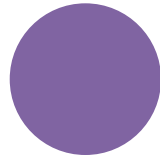
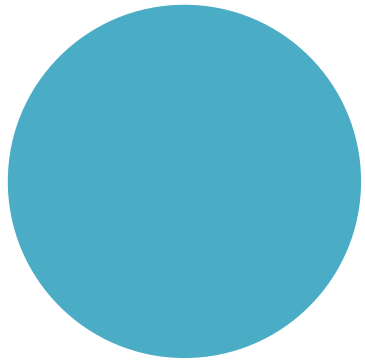


# Multiple Pass Trial



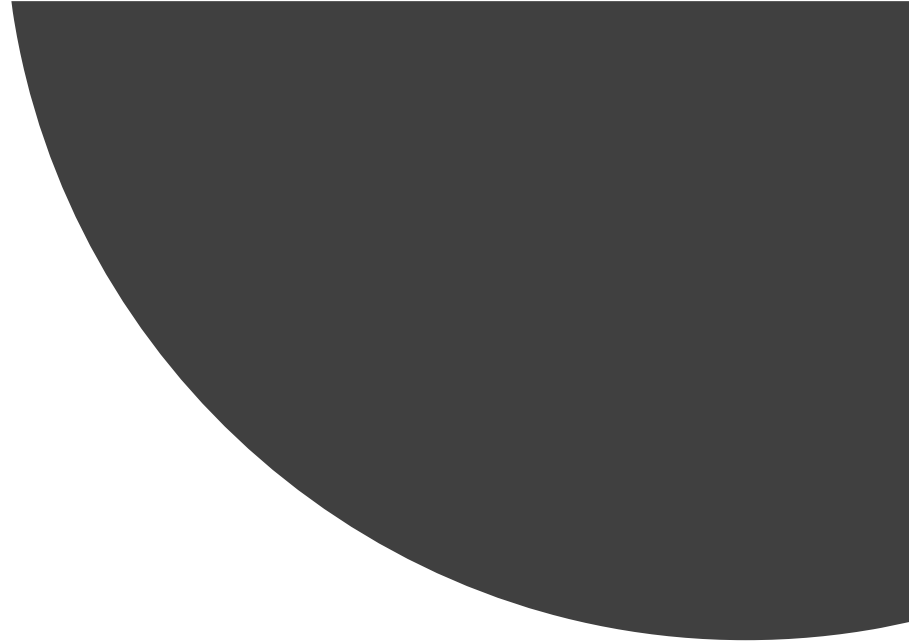
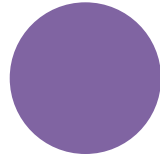
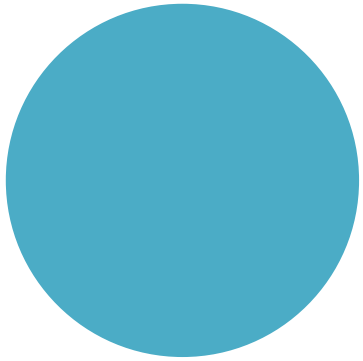
# Relative Buffer Zones with RQ = 4000





Buffer Zones and DRTs  
only work for non-  
volatile products





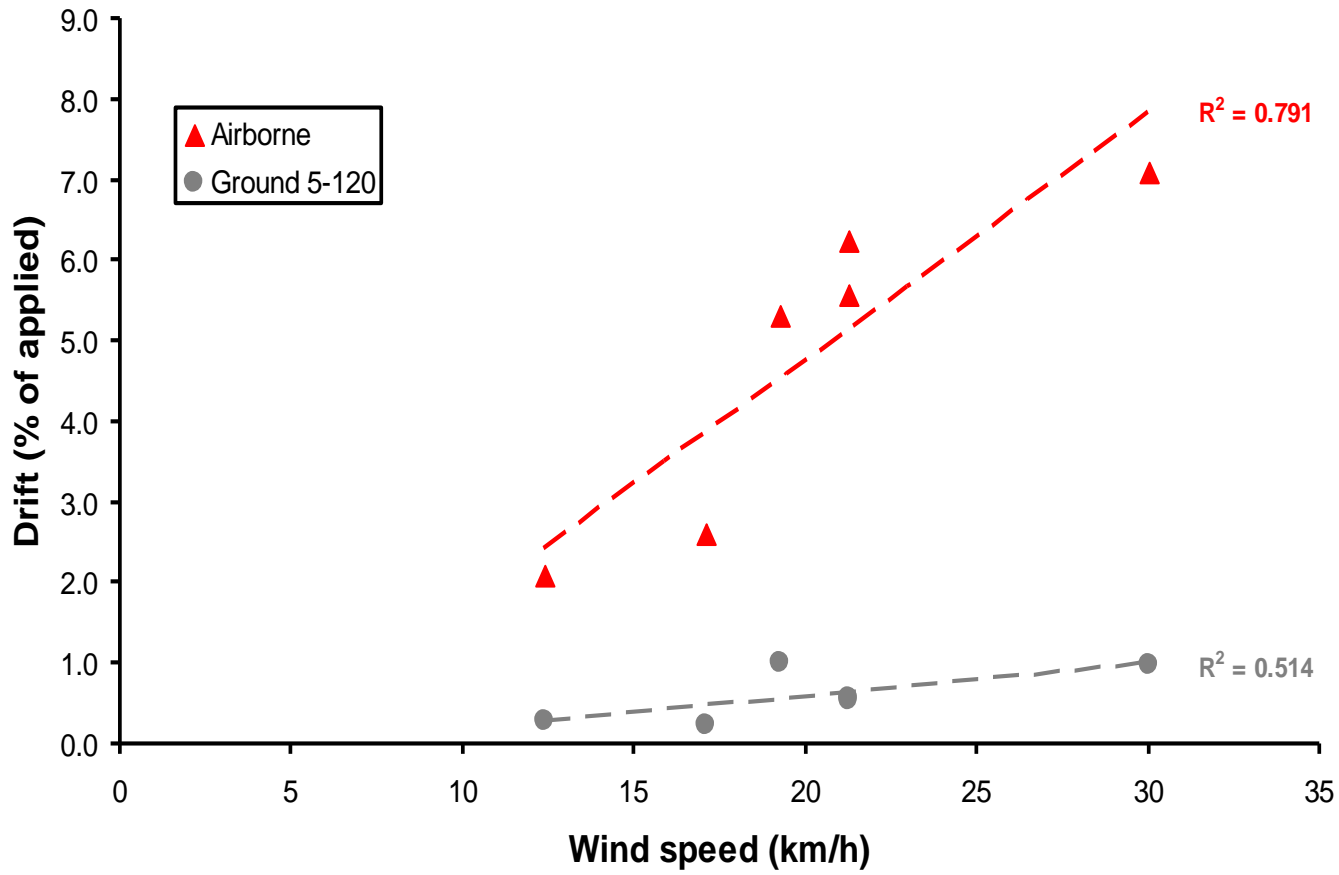
It's better to spray  
in wind than  
(inverted) calm



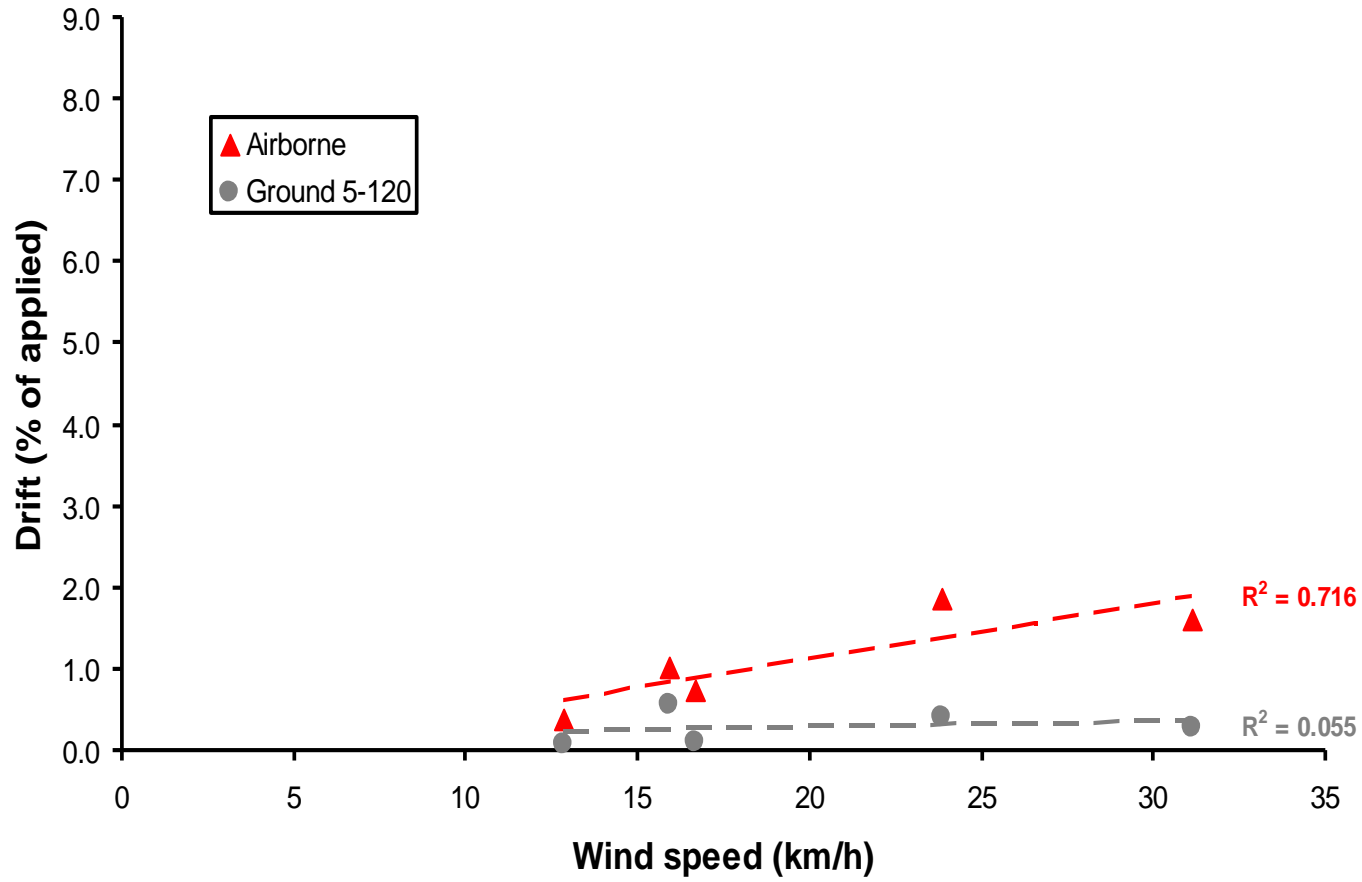


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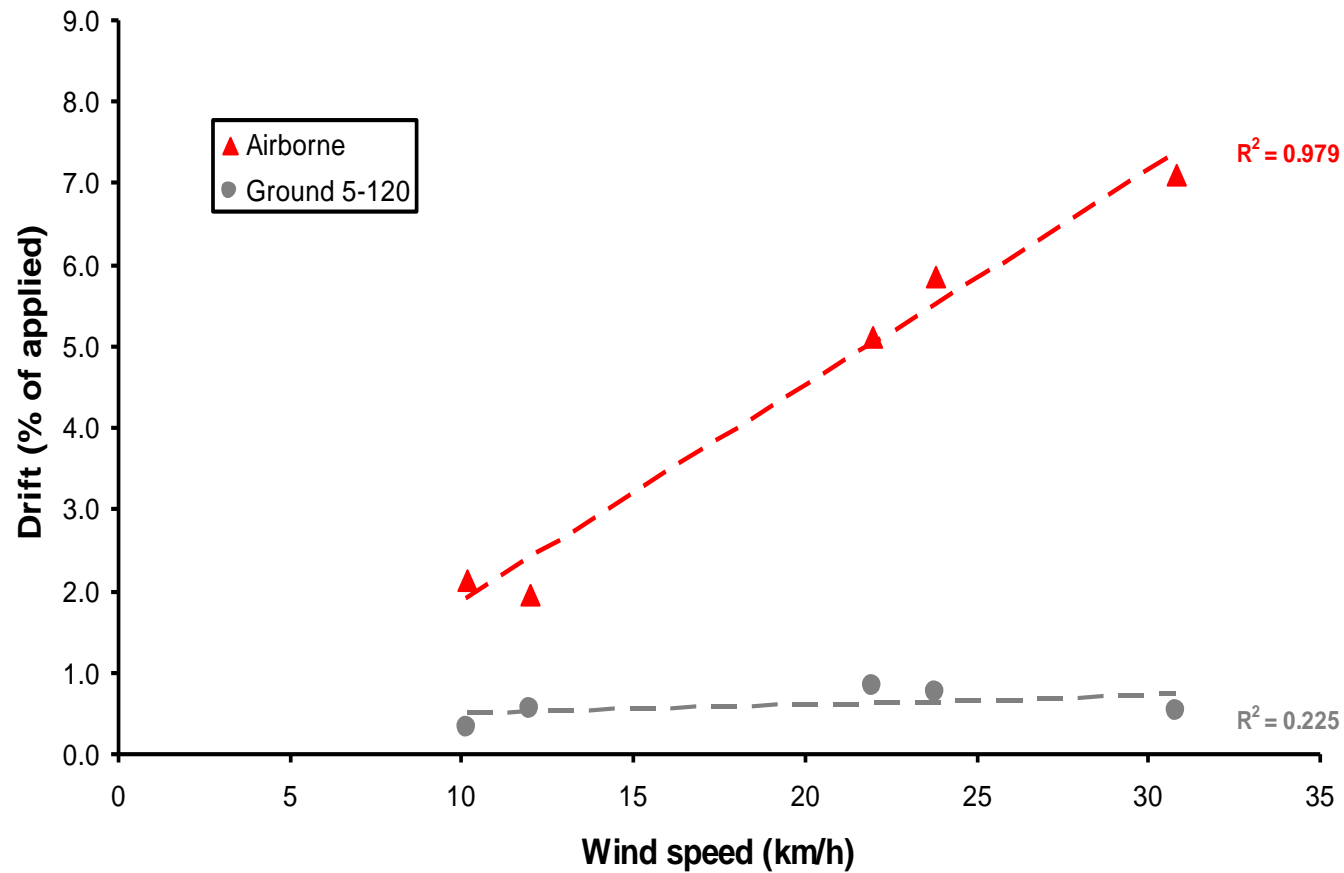
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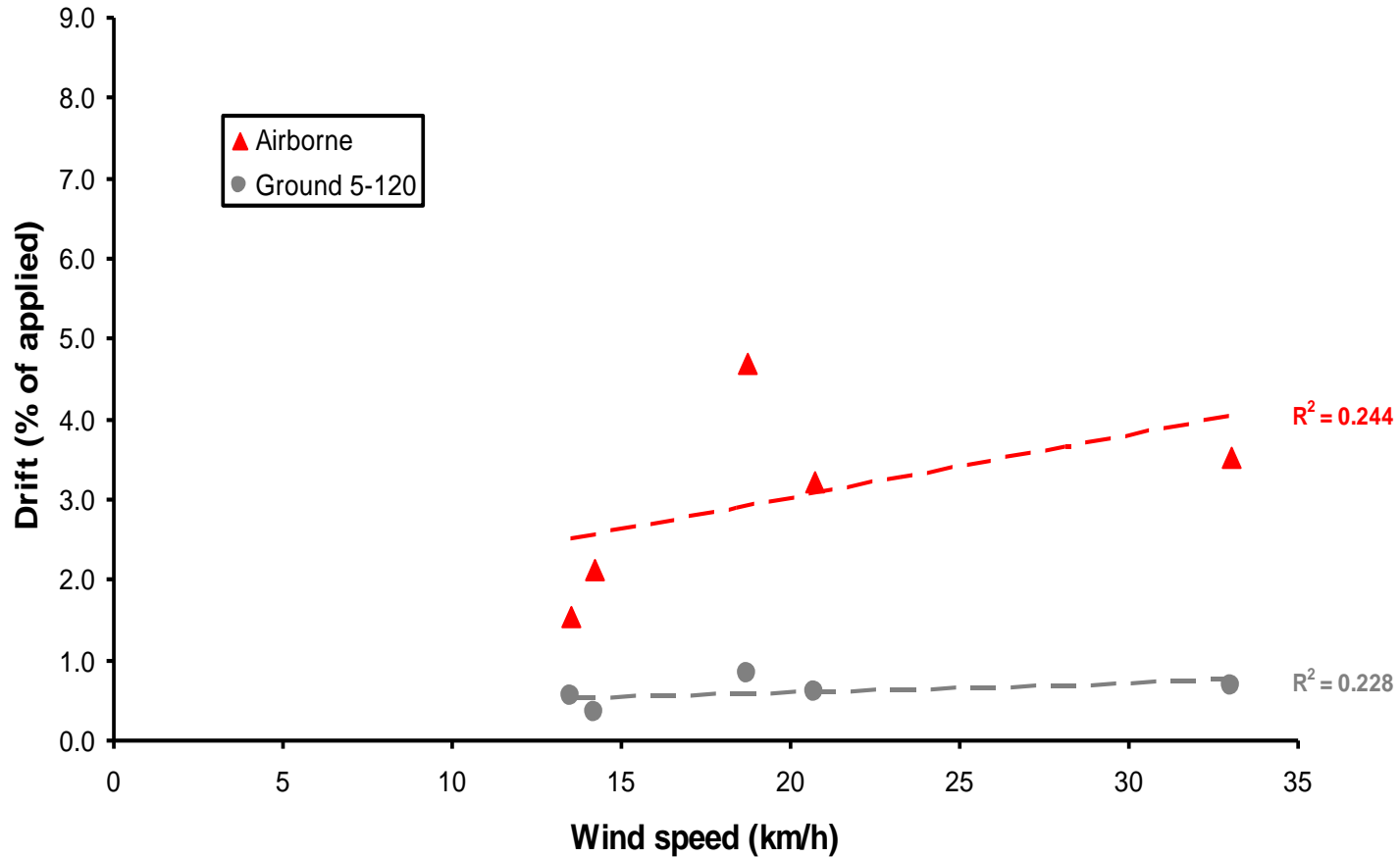
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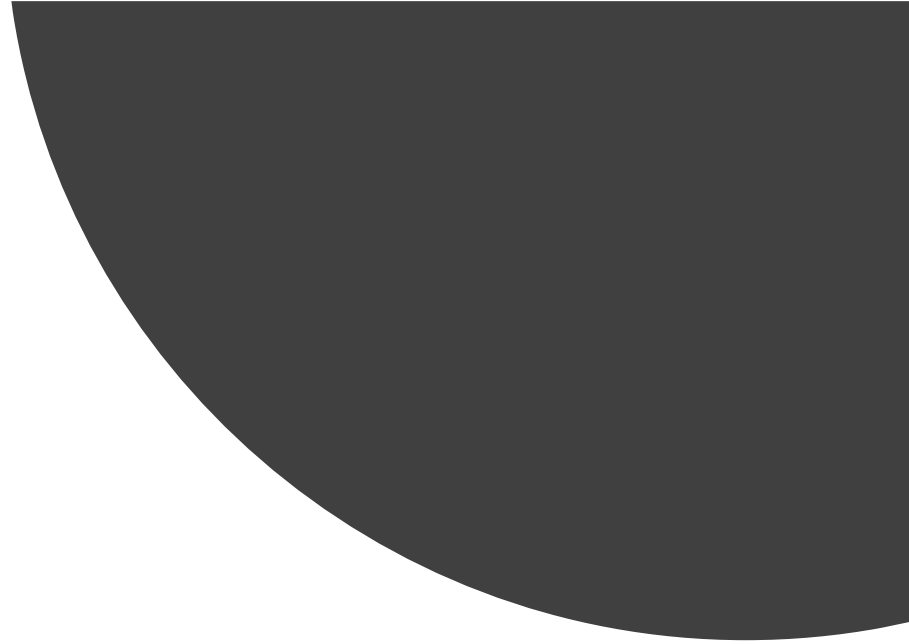
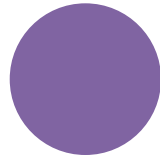
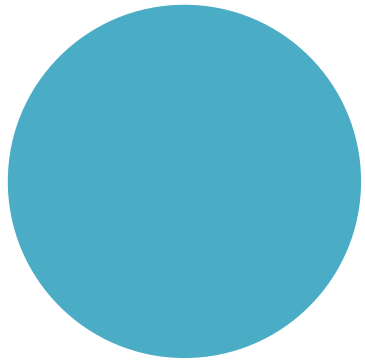


# TT11005 (VC), 30" boom, 14 mph



# AI11004 (VC), 30" boom, 14 mph

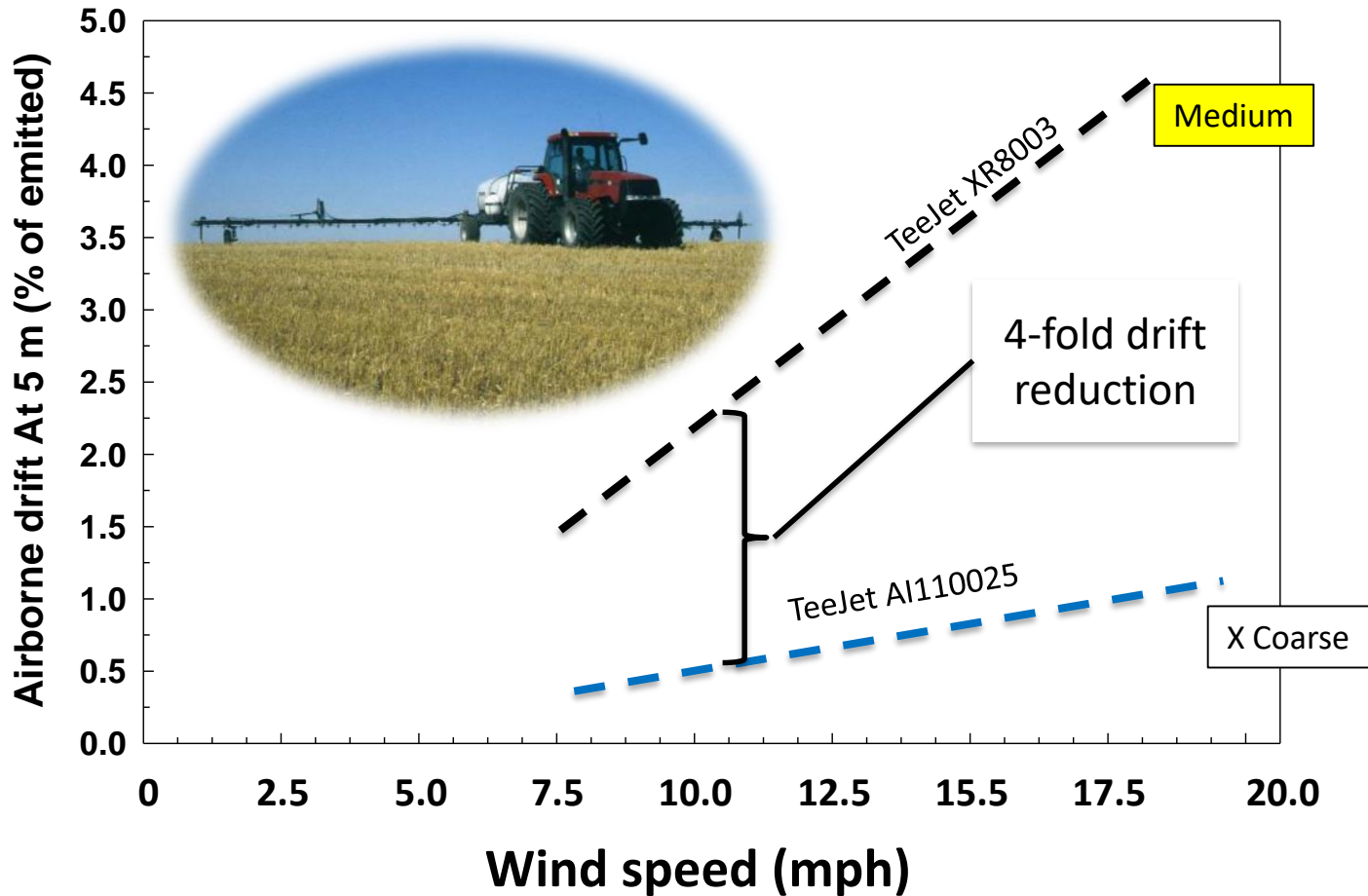




We can only respond to, not  
control, technological  
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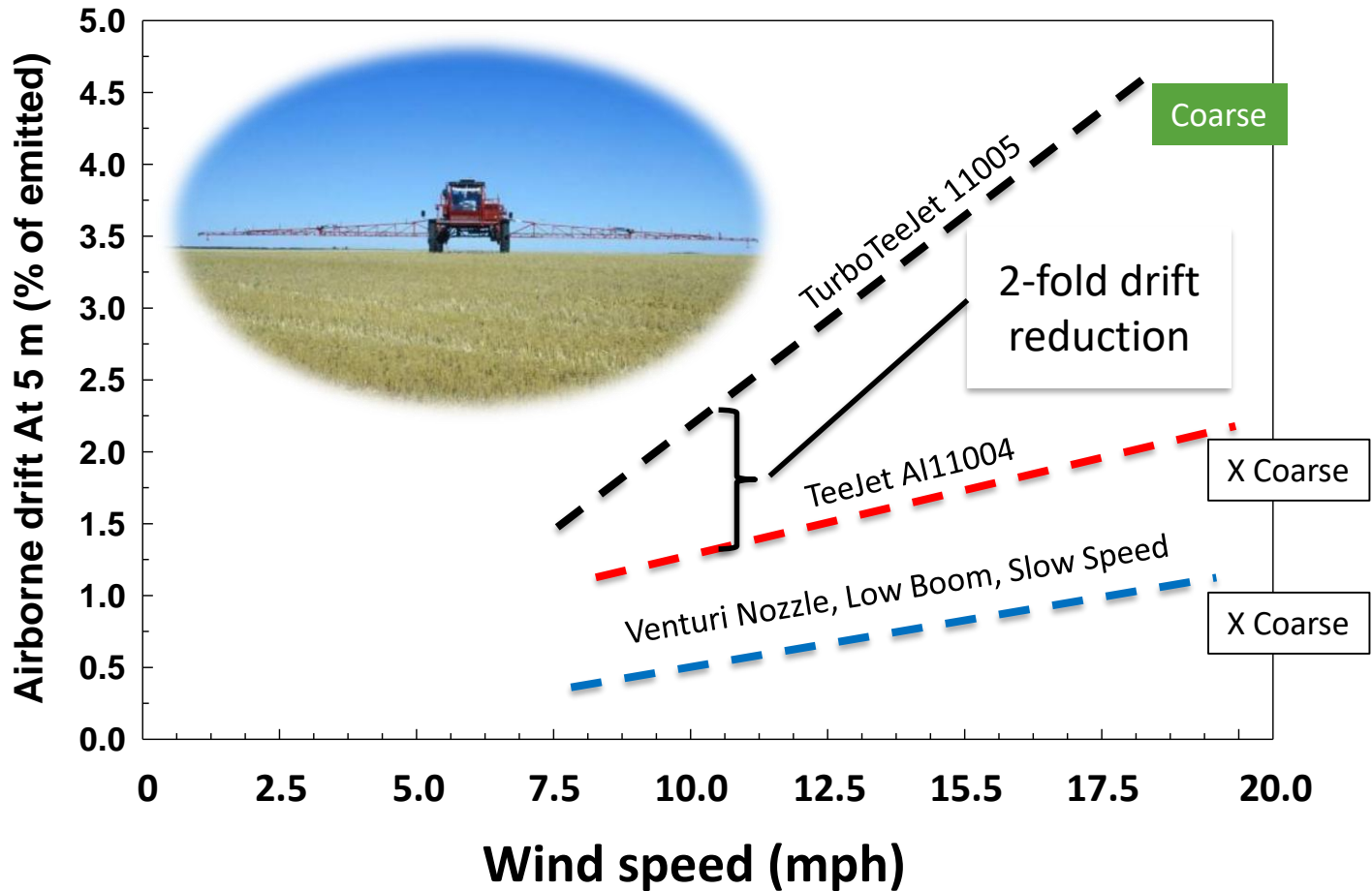


# 20" Boom height, 8 mph





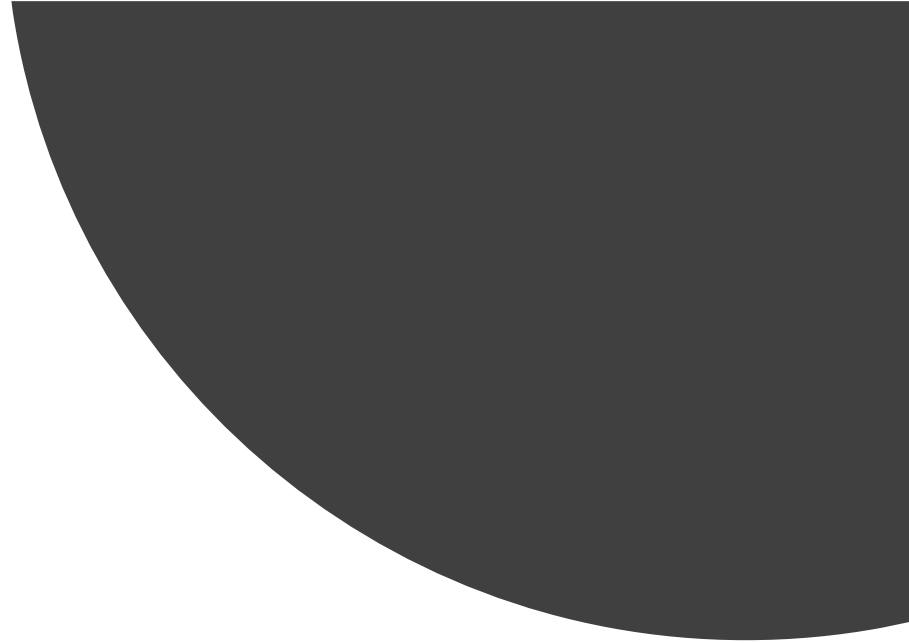
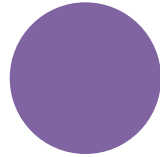
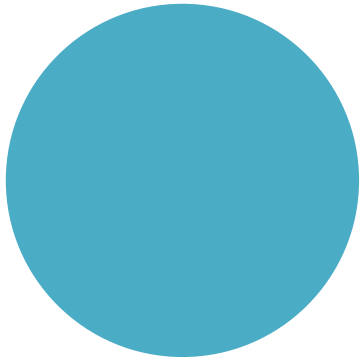
# 30" Boom height, 14 mph











We need to recover  
the cost of BMPs  
for our clients



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Ran some more [#Dicamba](#) application hours for the month of JUNE per the new NoDak recs

3-9.99mph wind, under 85F, 7AM-9PM

Wishek- 12hrs

Berthold- 18hrs

Cooperstown- 19hrs

Carrington- 21hrs

Stephen, MN- 26hrs

Oakes- 32hrs

Prosper- 36hrs

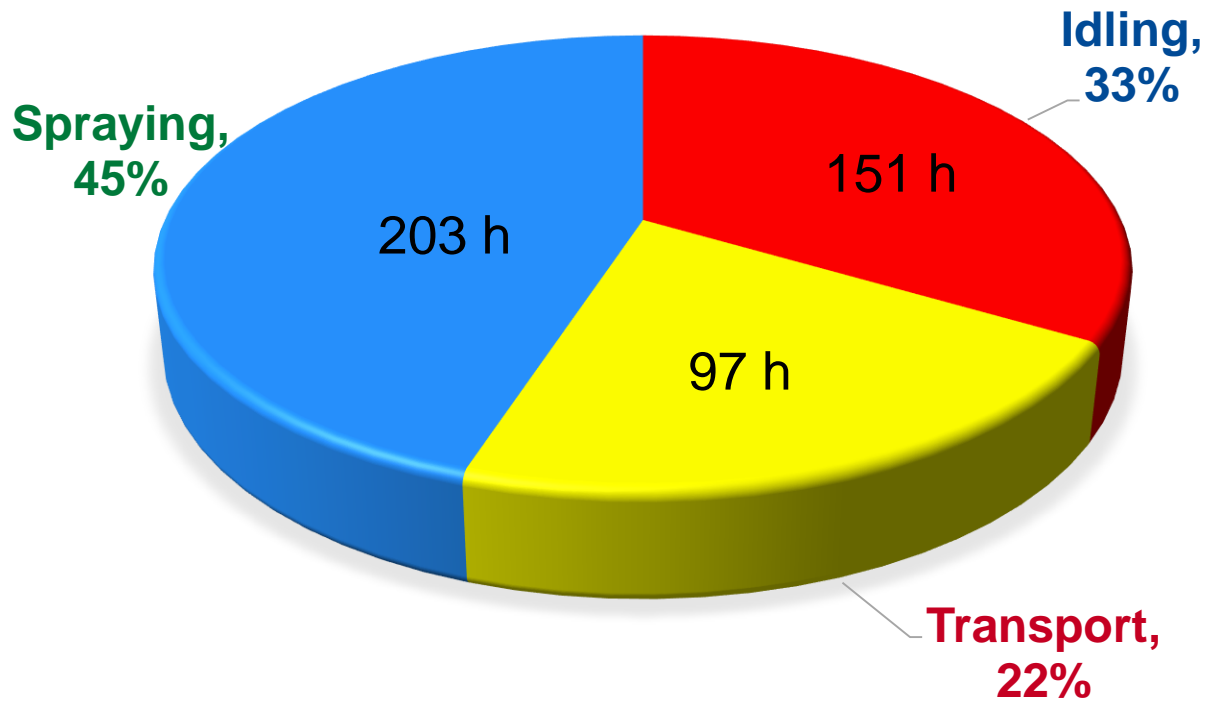
Wahpeton- 36hrs


Campbell, MN- 40hrs

7:27 AM - 30 Nov 2017

# 8 Sprayer Average (450 engine hours/yr average)

## ENGINE HOURS



← Sprayer Config 

Units

US

Metric

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Sprayer Information

**Tank Capacity: (US Gal)**  
800

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**Tank Remainder: (US Gal)**  
82

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**Boom Width: (ft)**  
100

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**Travel Speed: (mph)**  
18

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**Volume: (gpa)**  
10

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**Field Length: (mile)**  
0.5

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**Headlands:**  
2

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**Turn Speed: (mph)**  
8

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**Time To Load: (min)**  
45

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Calculate!



# Baseline

Variable	Baseline	Units
Tank Capacity:	800	gal
Tank Remainder:	82	gal
Boom width:	100	ft
Travel Speed:	18	mph
Volume:	10	gpa
Field length:	0.5	mile
Headlands:	2	
Turn speed:	8	mph
Time to load & clean:	45	min

30 min loading tank  
60 min cleaning tank  
Clean every 4 tanks  
= 15 minutes per tank  
TOTAL = 45 min/tank

# Baseline

Variable	Baseline	Units
Tank Capacity:	800	gal
Tank Remainder:	82	gal
Boom width:	100	ft
Travel Speed:	18	mph
Volume:	10	gpa
Field length:	0.5	mile
Headlands:	2	
Turn speed:	8	mph
Time to load & clean:	45	min

OUTPUTS	
Gross Productivity	218 ac/h
Productivity with turns	161 ac/h
<b>Net Productivity</b>	<b>60 ac/h</b>
Driving time lost to turns	26 %
Spraying lost to loading	63 %
Productivity lost	73 %
<b>% of Baseline</b>	<b>100 %</b>

## ...& Slow

Variable	Baseline	Units
Tank Capacity:	800	gal
Tank Remainder:	82	gal
Boom width:	100	ft
<b>Travel Speed:</b>	14	mph
Volume:	10	gpa
Field length:	0.5	mile
Headlands:	2	
Turn speed:	8	mph
Time to load & clean:	45	min

OUTPUTS	
Gross Productivity	170 ac/h
Productivity with turns	133 ac/h
<b>Net Productivity</b>	<b>56 ac/h</b>
Driving time lost to turns	22 %
Spraying lost to loading	58 %
Productivity lost	67 %
<b>% of Baseline</b>	<b>93 %</b>









## ...& fast fill

Variable	Baseline	Units
Tank Capacity:	800	gal
Tank Remainder:	82	gal
Boom width:	100	ft
Travel Speed:	14	mph
Volume:	10	gpa
Field length:	0.5	mile
Headlands:	2	
Turn speed:	8	mph
Time to load & clean:	25	min

10 min loading tank  
60 min cleaning tank  
Clean every 4 tanks  
= 15 minutes per tank  
TOTAL = 25 min/tank



## ...& fast fill

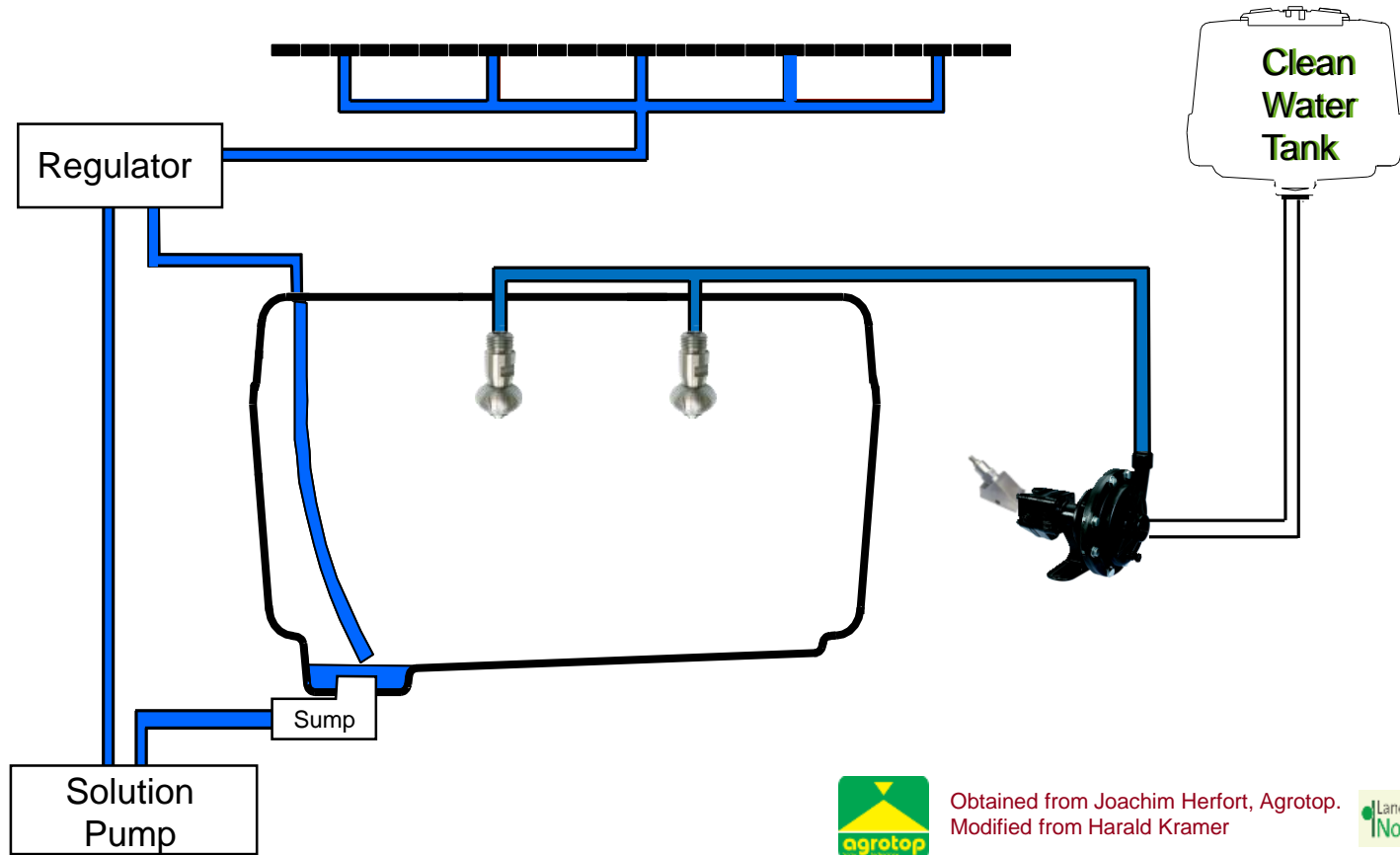
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<b>Tank Remainder:</b>	82	gal
<b>Boom width:</b>	100	ft
<b>Travel Speed:</b>	14	mph
<b>Volume:</b>	10	gpa
<b>Field length:</b>	0.5	mile
<b>Headlands:</b>	2	
<b>Turn speed:</b>	8	mph
<b>Time to load &amp; clean:</b>	25	min

OUTPUTS	
Gross Productivity	170 ac/h
Productivity with turns	133 ac/h
<b>Net Productivity</b>	<b>75 ac/h</b>
Driving time lost to turns	22 %
Spraying lost to loading	44 %
Productivity lost	56 %
<b>% of Baseline</b>	<b>125 %</b>



Source: Hardi Sprayers

# Continuous internal sprayer rinsing



Obtained from Joachim Herfort, Agrotop.  
Modified from Harald Kramer





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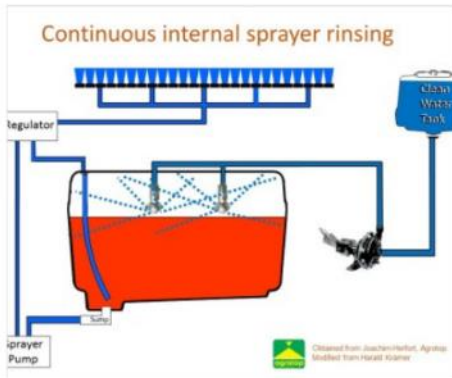


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## Continuous Rinsing

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We've recently been talking about how to save time while cleaning a sprayer. Although it's very important to be thorough while cleaning, and to take the necessary time to do the job properly, there is always an opportunity to fine tune and spend less [...Read More](#)

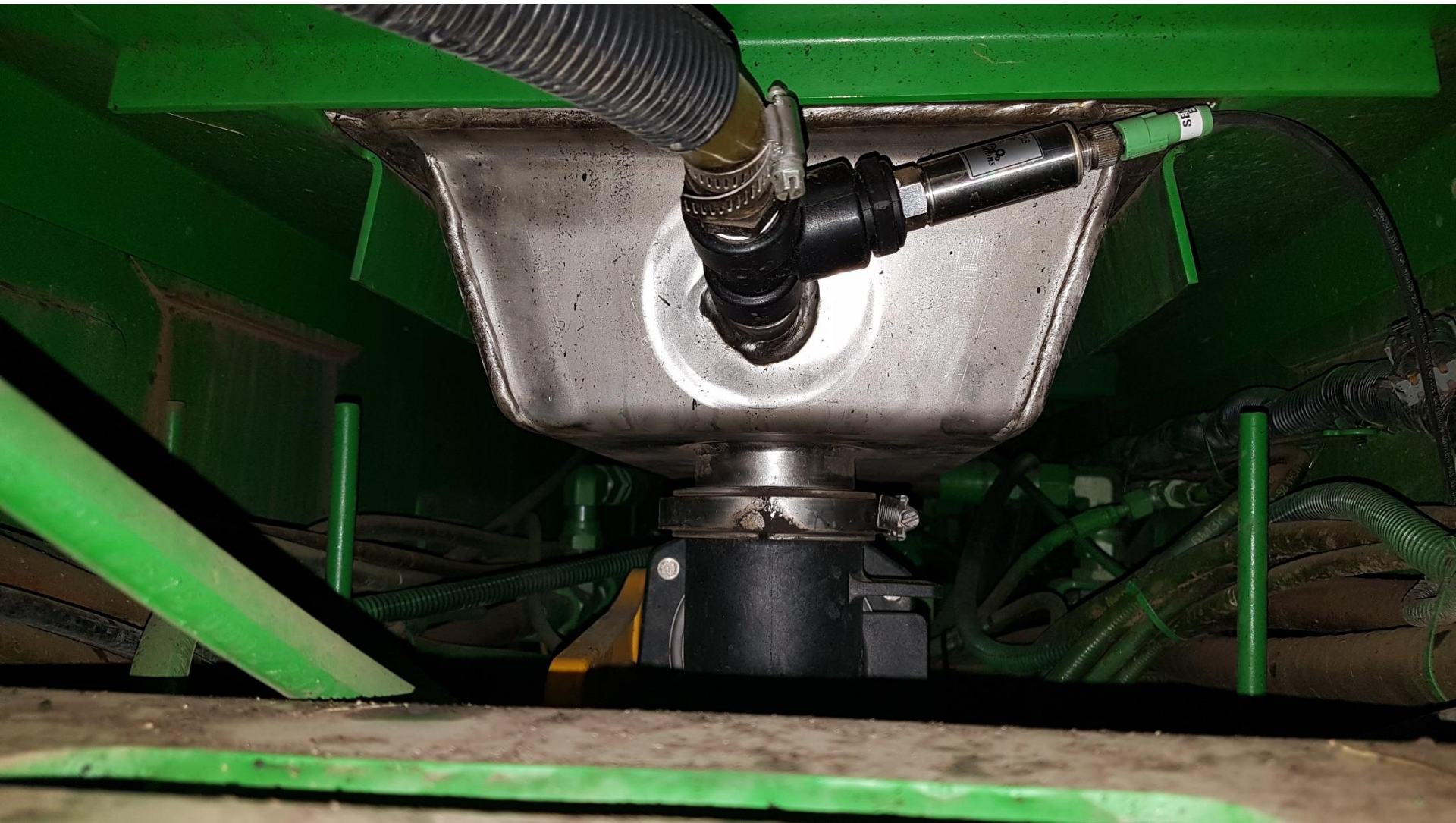
## Continuous Rinsing should be considered in North America

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# “Run ‘n’ Squint”









# ...& fast fill and fast clean

Variable	Baseline	Units
Tank Capacity:	800	gal
Tank Remainder:	82	gal
Boom width:	100	ft
Travel Speed:	14	mph
Volume:	10	gpa
Field length:	0.5	mile
Headlands:	2	
Turn speed:	8	mph
Time to load & clean:	17.5	min

10 min loading tank

30 min cleaning tank

Clean every 4 tanks  
= 7.5 minutes per tank

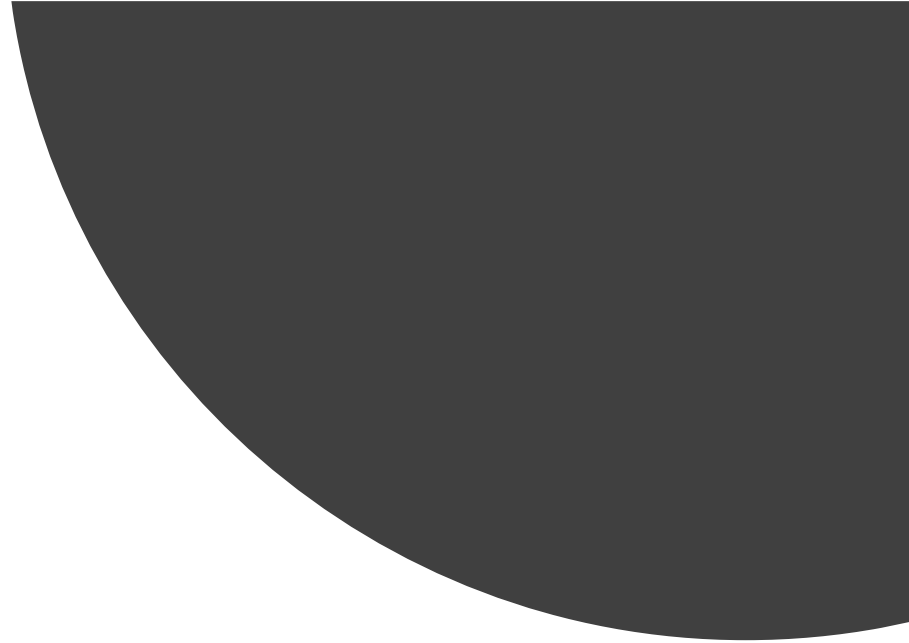
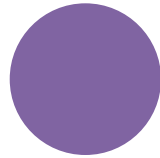
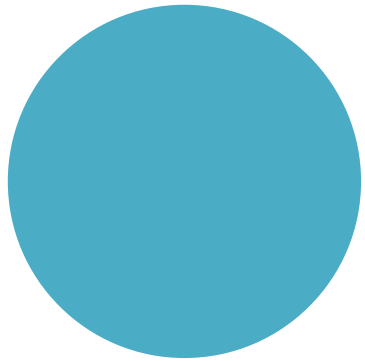
**TOTAL = 17.5 min/tank**

# ...& fast fill and fast clean

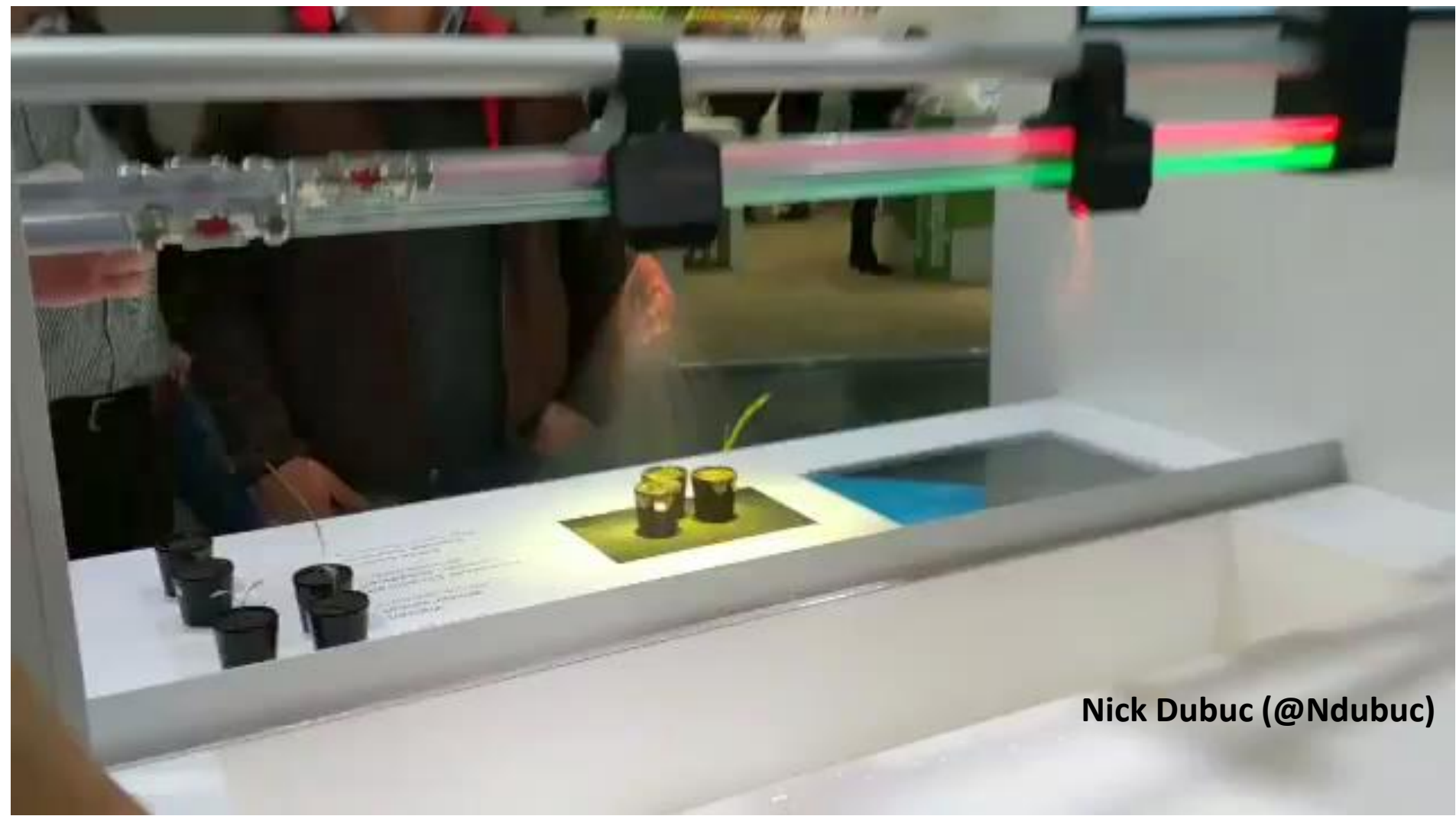
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Boom width:	100	ft
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Volume:	10	gpa
Field length:	0.5	mile
Headlands:	2	
Turn speed:	8	mph
Time to load & clean:	17.5	min

OUTPUTS	
Gross Productivity	170 ac/h
Productivity with turns	133 ac/h
<b>Net Productivity</b>	<b>86 ac/h</b>
Driving time lost to turns	22 %
Spraying lost to loading	35 %
Productivity lost	49 %
<b>% of Baseline</b>	<b>144 %</b>





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will buy us some time



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