

Factors influencing Comfort measured and modelled

webinar on main results of the ComfDemo project – 23 nov 2022
recordings of turboprop flights



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Program

14:00 Opening (*Dr. Victor Norrefeldt, Fraunhofer IBP*)

14:05 Interactive start: attendees share issues in turboprop flying

14:10 Overview: aircraft interior priorities based on passengers' opinions (*Prof. Dr. Peter Vink, vhp Human Performance*)

14:20 Inflight questionnaire results (*Prof. Dr. Britta Herbig, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München*)

14:30 The jacket results recording CO2, temp, humidity, acceleration etc (*Dr. Y. (Wolf) Song, TU-Delft*)

14:40 Interaction between attendees and speakers on webinar so far + discussion

15:00 Break

15:10 Results of measurements in the turboprop (*Dr. Michael Bellmann, itap GmbH*)

15:20 Vibration and noise in the flight and the lab (*Prof. Dr. Neil Mansfield, Nottingham Trent University*)

15:30 Experiencing noise cancelling headphones, earplugs in turboprops (*Gerbera Vledder, TU-Delft*)

15:40 A comfort model based on flight data (*Prof. Neil Mansfield, Prof. Dr. Britta Herbig*)

16:00 Interaction between attendees and speakers on webinar, questions + discussion

16:30 closing

Topic leader:

COMFDEMO partners:



Opening

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Interactive start

Attendees share issues in turboprop flying



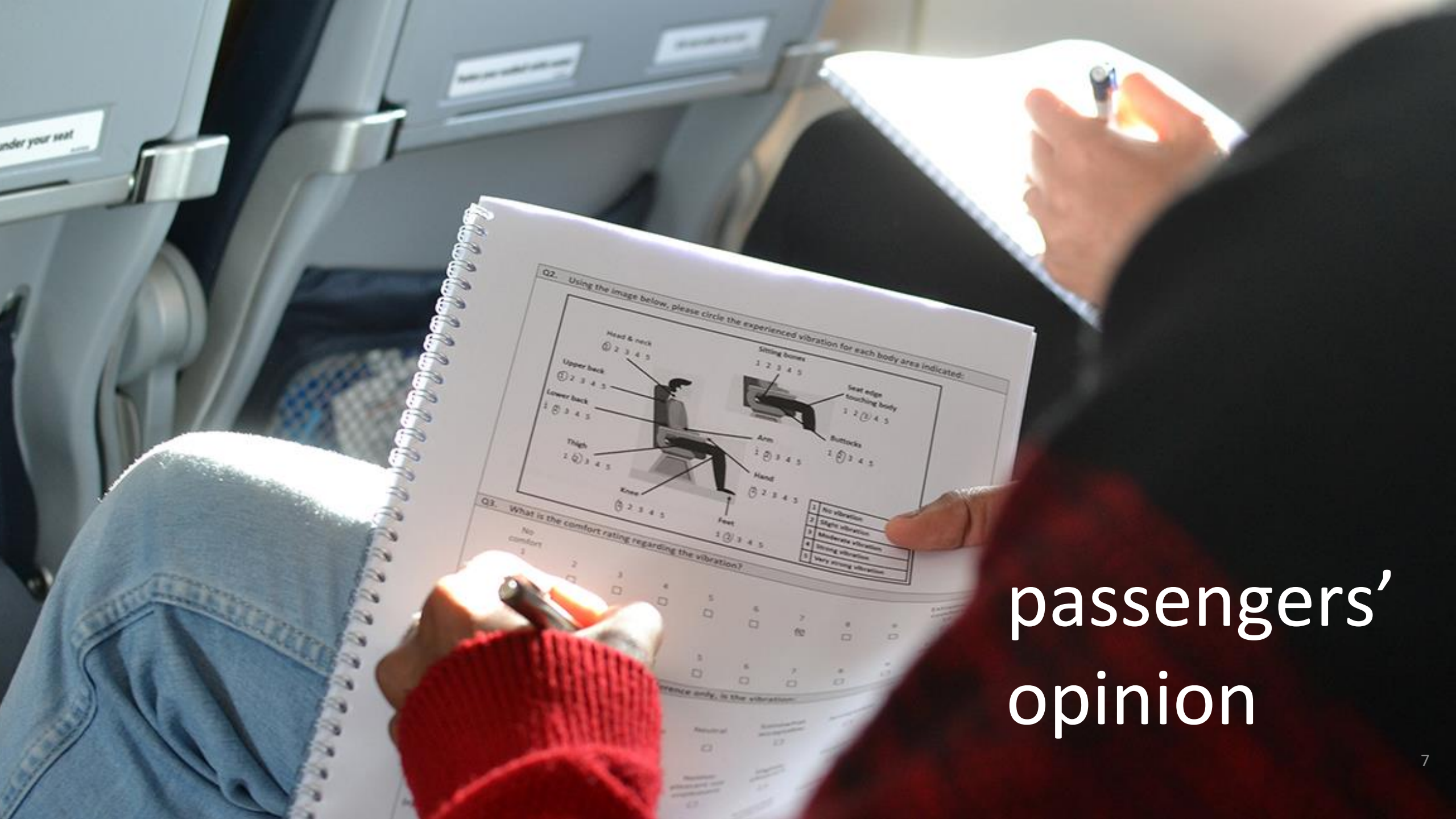
Aircraft interior priorities based on passengers' opinions

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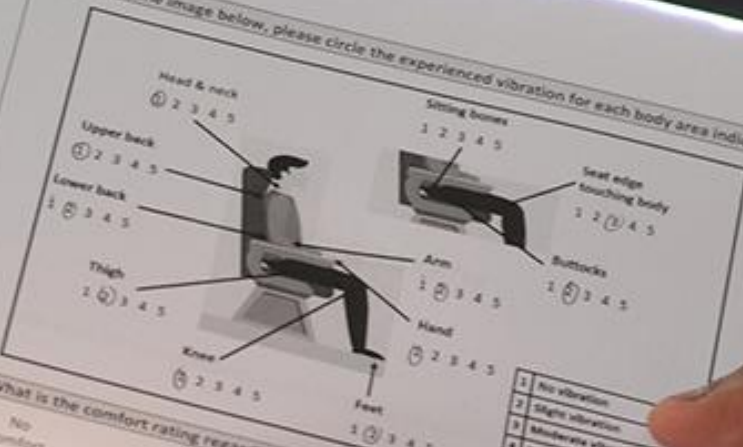


- Digital twin (comfort model):





Q2. Using the image below, please circle the experienced vibration for each body area indicated:



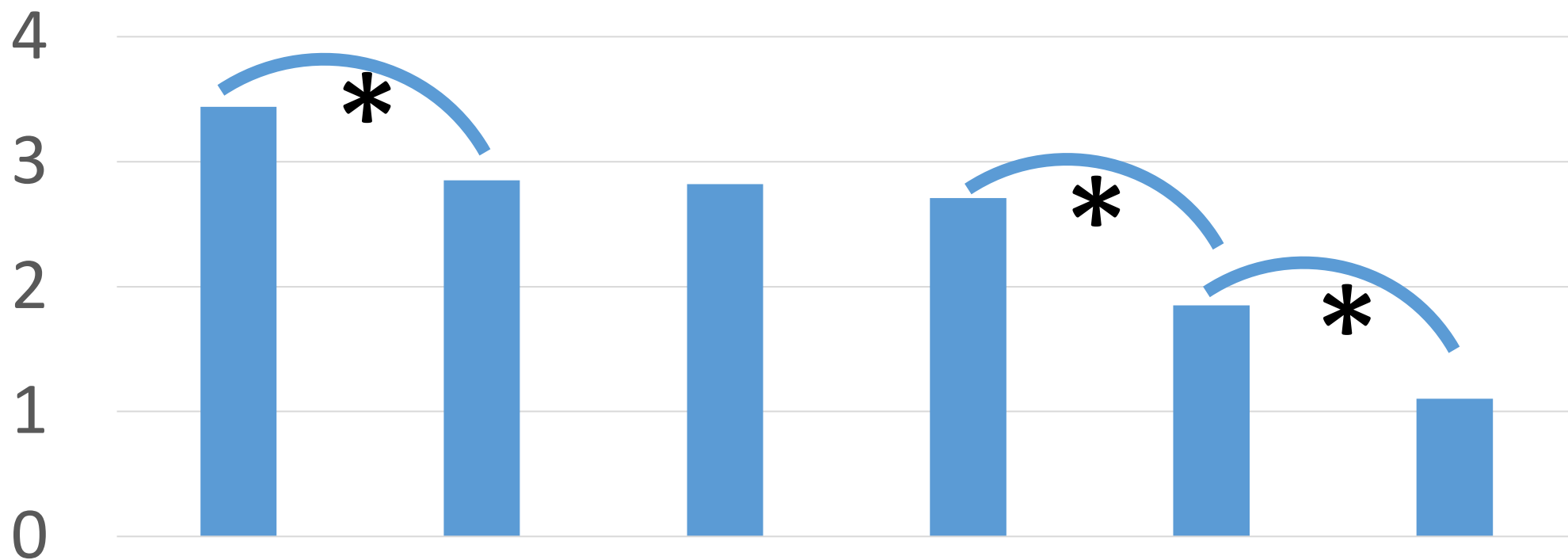
Q3. What is the comfort rating regarding the vibration?

No comfort	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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- 1 No vibration
- 2 Slight vibration
- 3 Moderate vibration
- 4 Strong vibration
- 5 Very strong vibration

passengers' opinion

Importance for
comfort



Jet

seat/anthropo...

noise

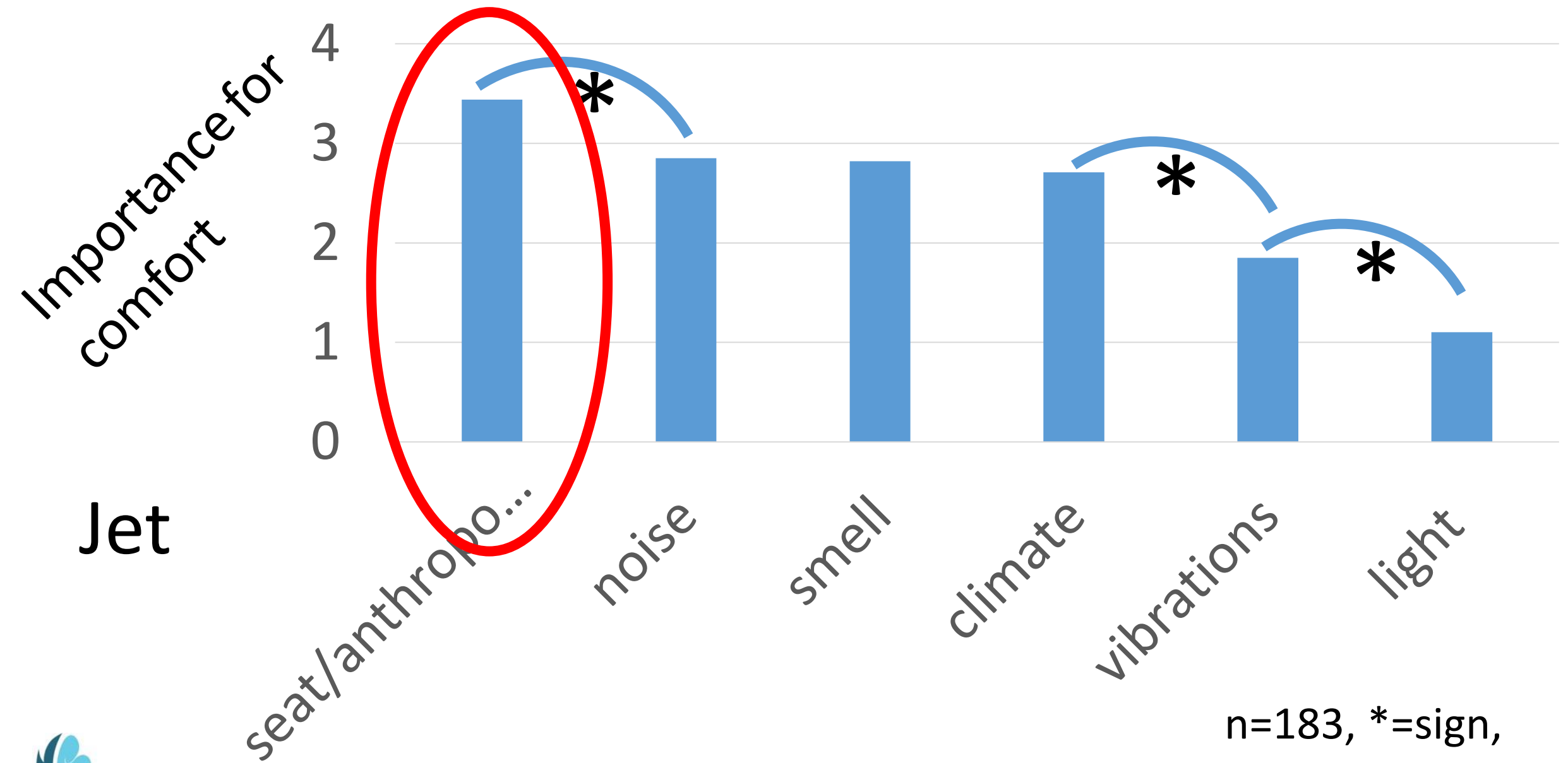
smell

climate

vibrations

light

n=183, *=sign,
Bouwens, 2018



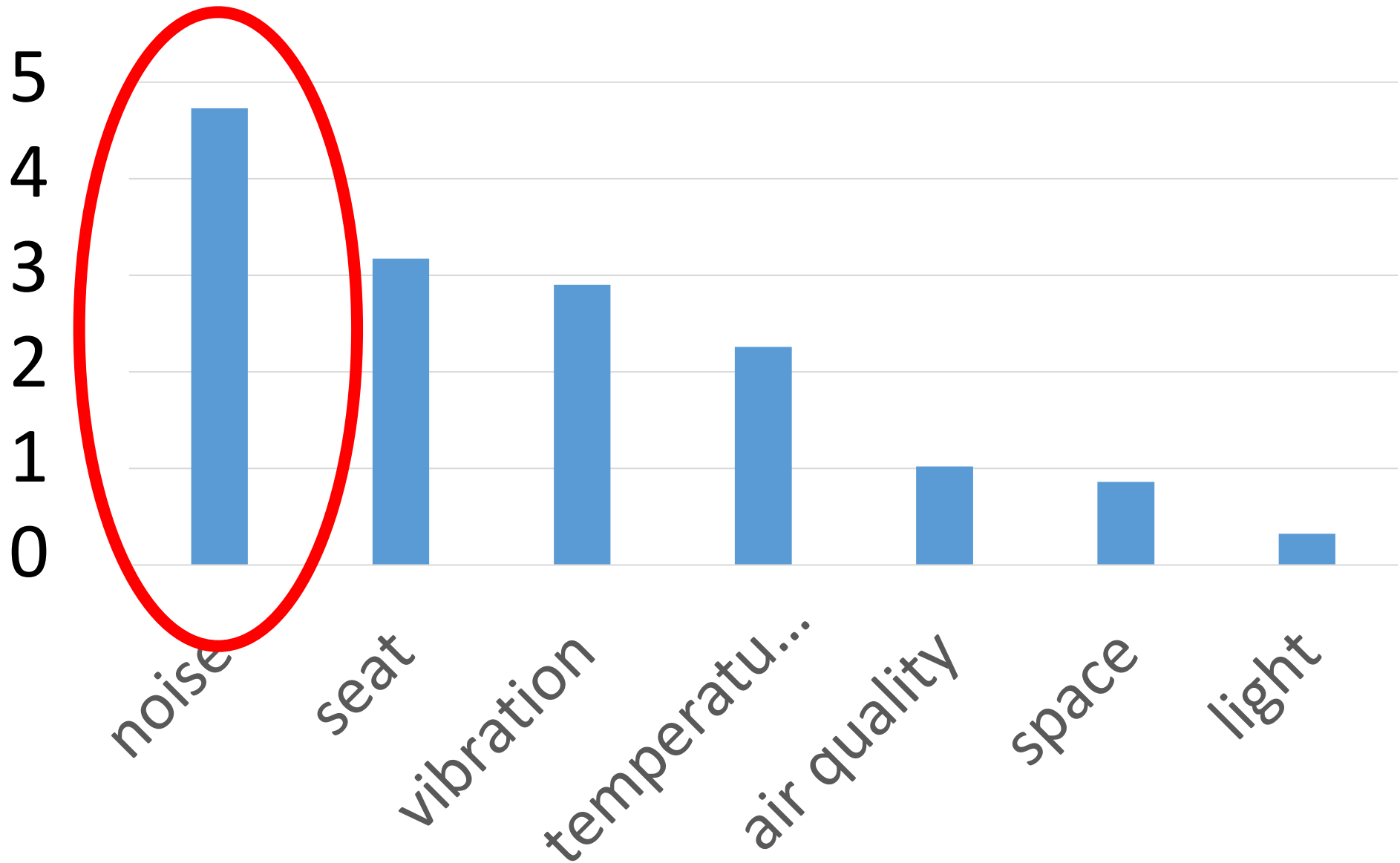
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Nov 3, 2021 turboprop flights of 70 min.
with passengers and researchers

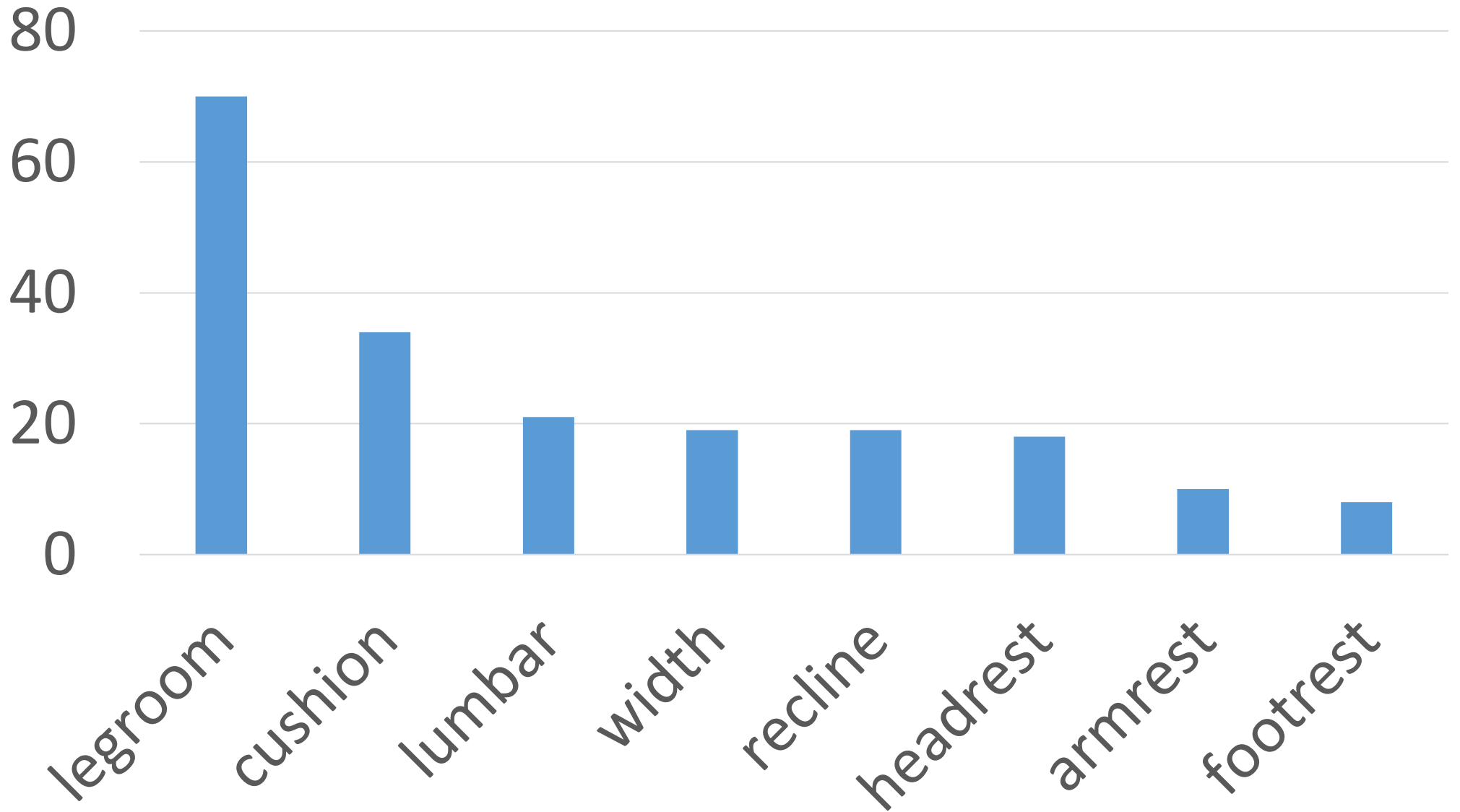
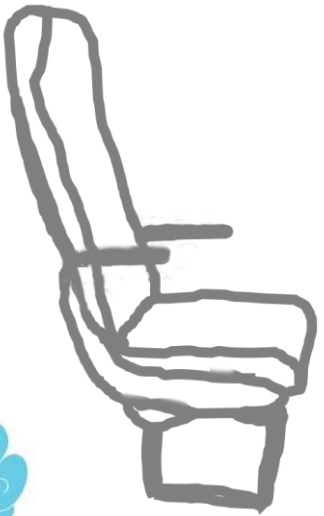


turboprop

Importance for
discomfort



Priority to improve



n=246, Nijholt, 2018

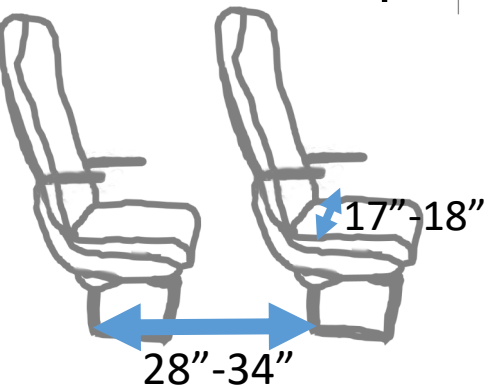
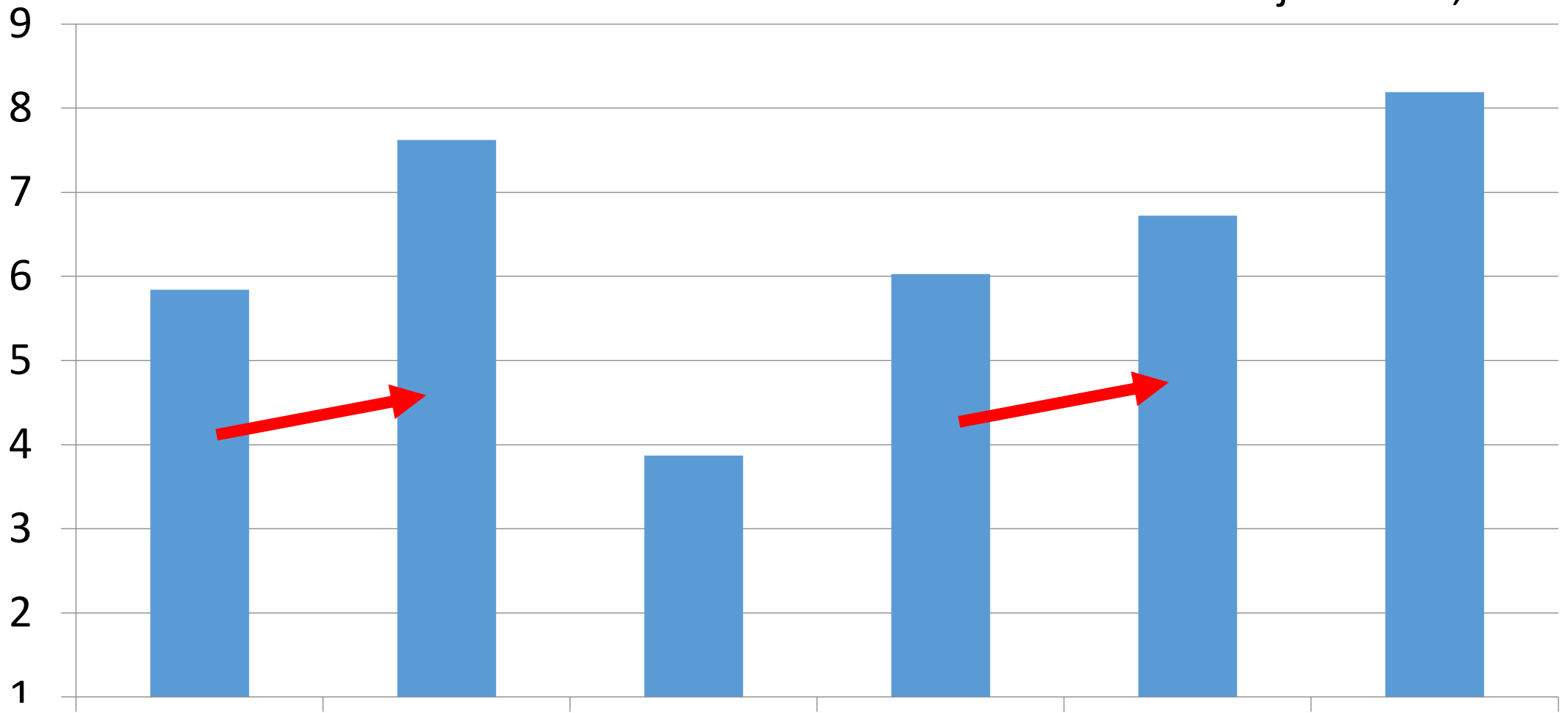


Pitch 28"-34"

The image shows a row of light-colored airplane seats. A blue arrow points from the text 'Pitch 28"-34"' to the backrest of a seat. Another blue arrow points from the text 'Width 17"-18"' to the seat cushion. The seats have black armrests and seatbelts. The background is slightly blurred, showing more seats and the interior of the aircraft.

Width 17"-18"

comfort

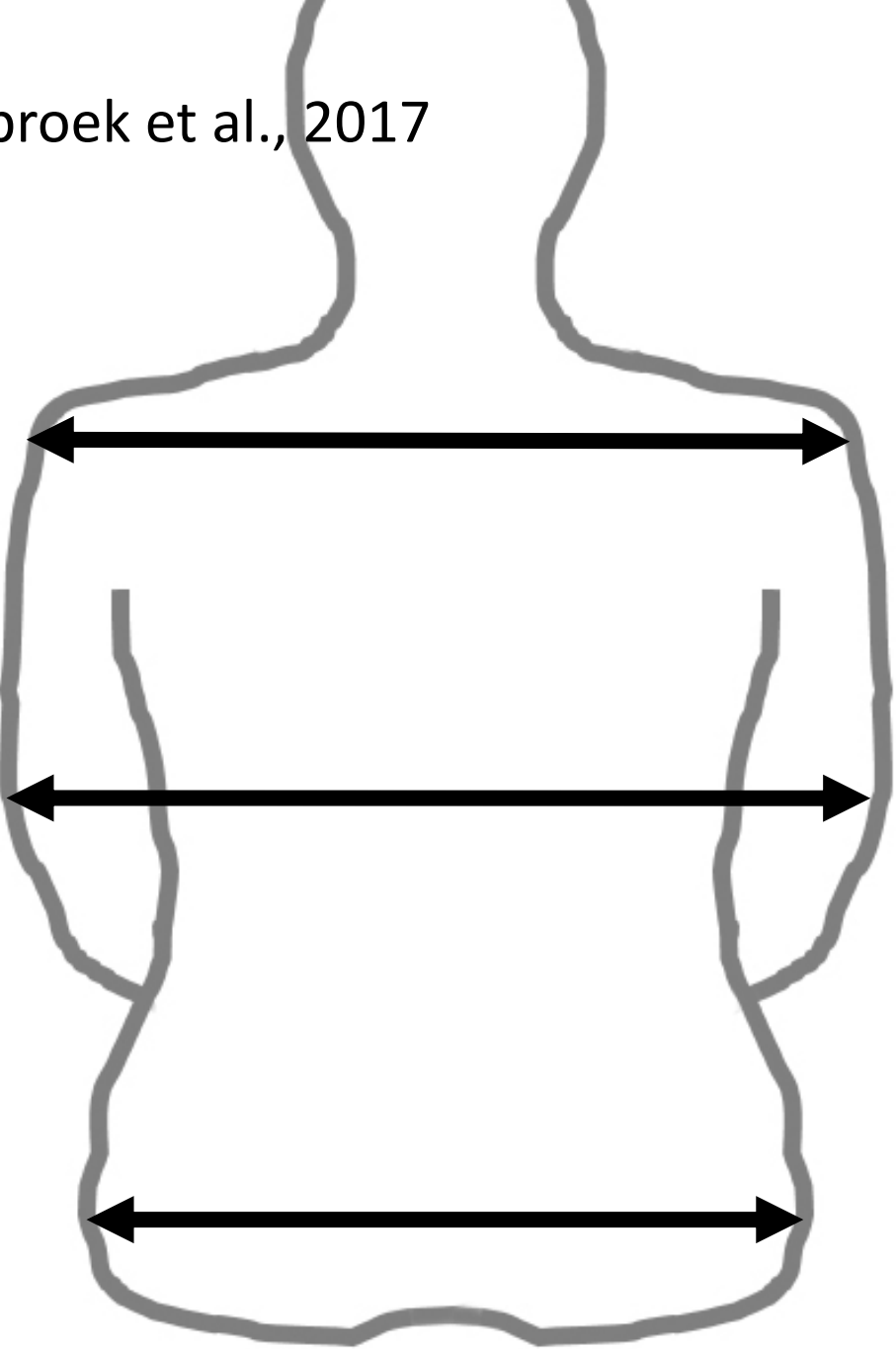


N=321,
seat width change

N=294,
seat pitch change



Seat 18" wide (457 mm)



shoulder width:

453 mm for p95 female
494 mm for p95 male.

elbow width:

467 mm for p95 female
500 mm for p95 male.

hip breath:

434 mm for p95 female
404 mm for p95 male.

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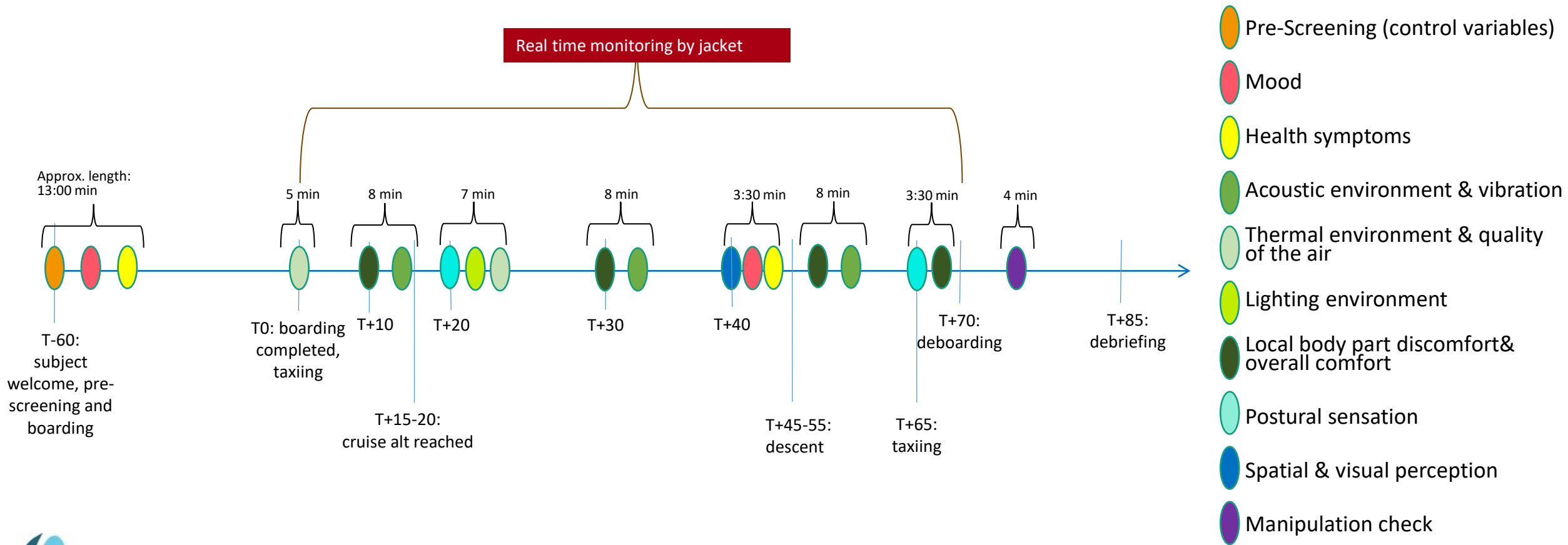
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Inflight questionnaire results

Prof. Dr. Britta Herbig, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München



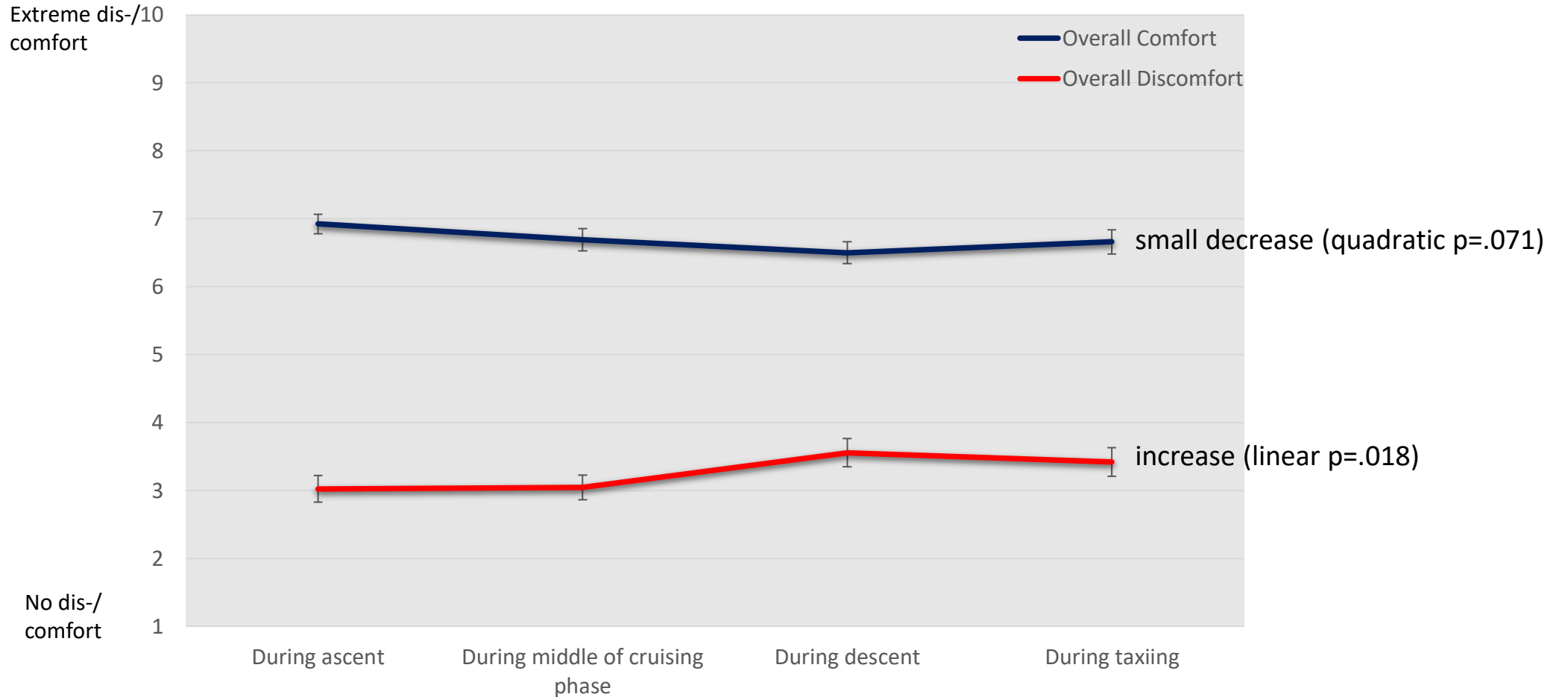
Sequence of questionnaire parts



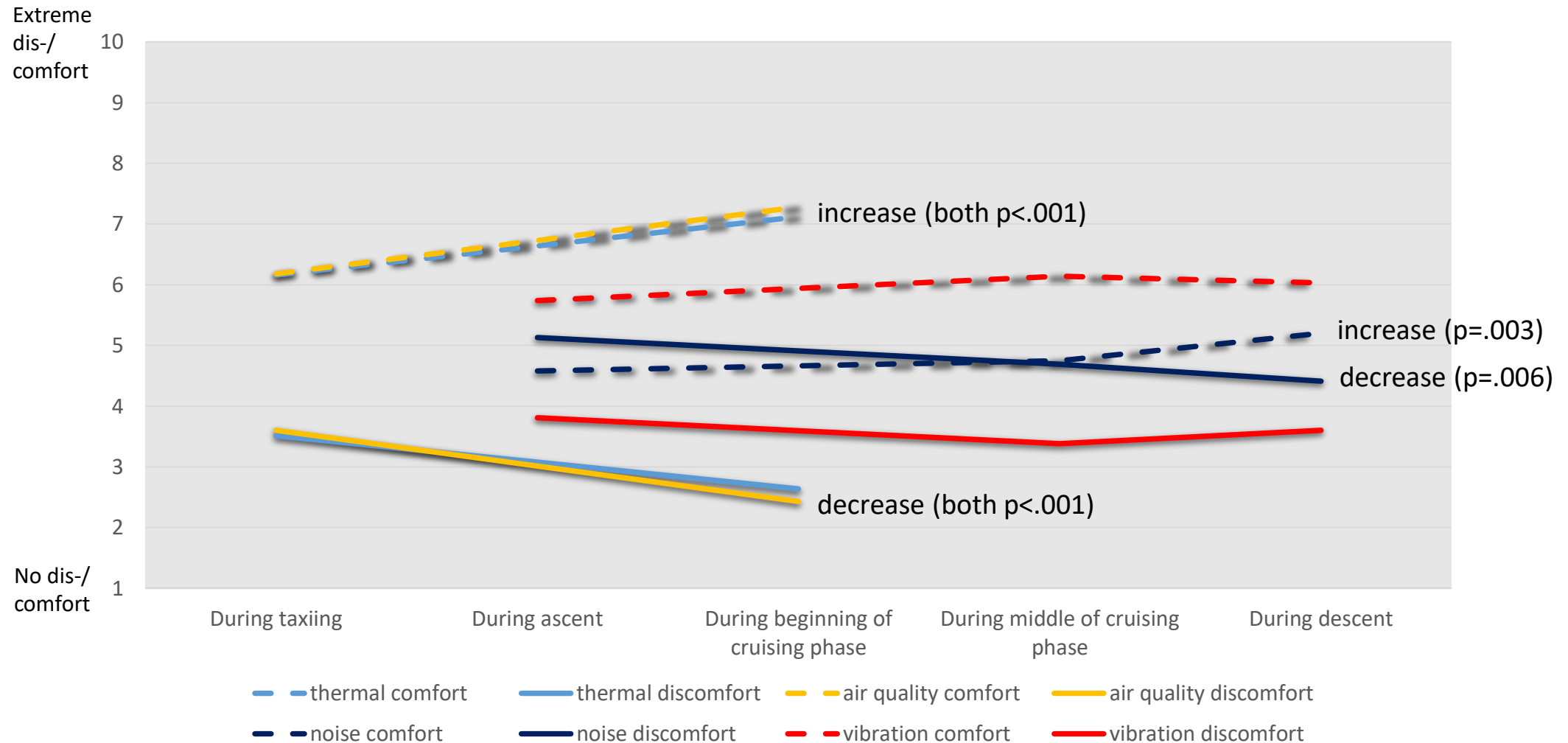
Sample Characteristics

- Overall, 94 participants (3 participants were excluded)
- 58 men and 36 women
- Mean age 33.86 ± 14.31 years
- Mean BMI 23.60 ± 3.24
- Experience travelling in a turboprop aircraft:
 - 53.3% yes
 - 32.2% no
 - 14.4% did not know
- Majority of participants indicated a positive attitude towards flying ($M = 5.89$, $SD = 1.26$)

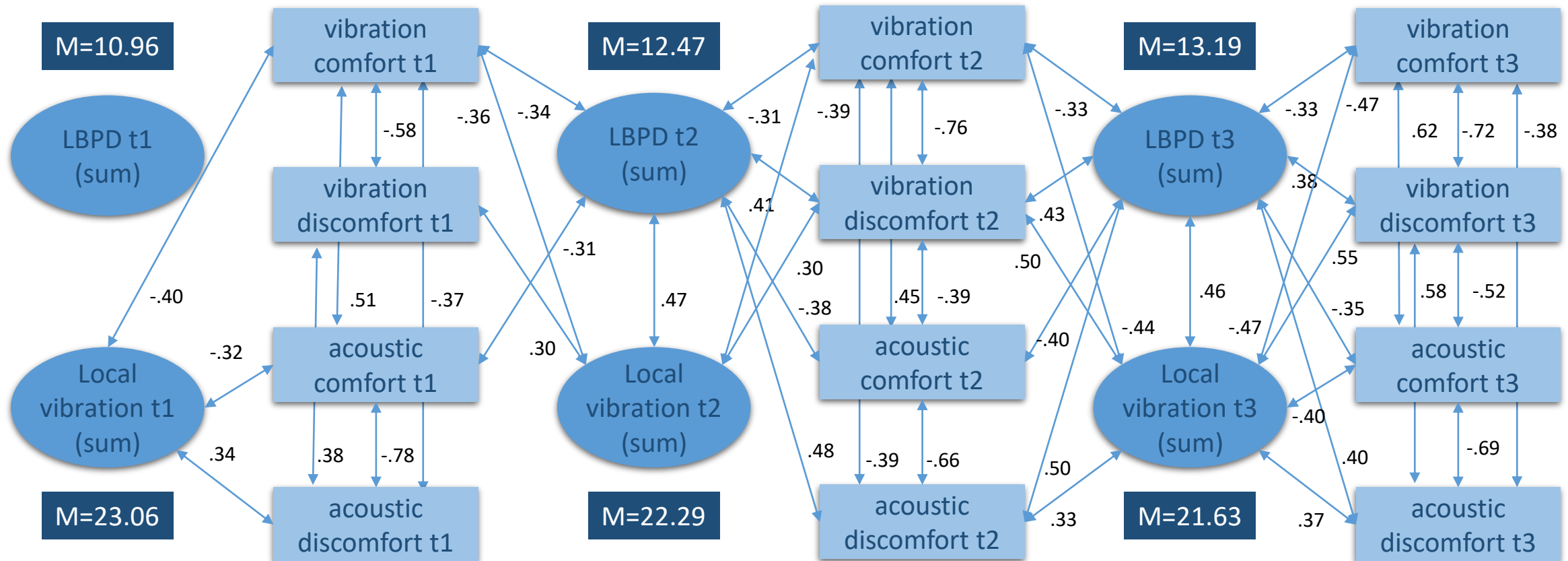
Overall Dis-/Comfort Rating over time



Dis-/comfort: Environmental parameters over time



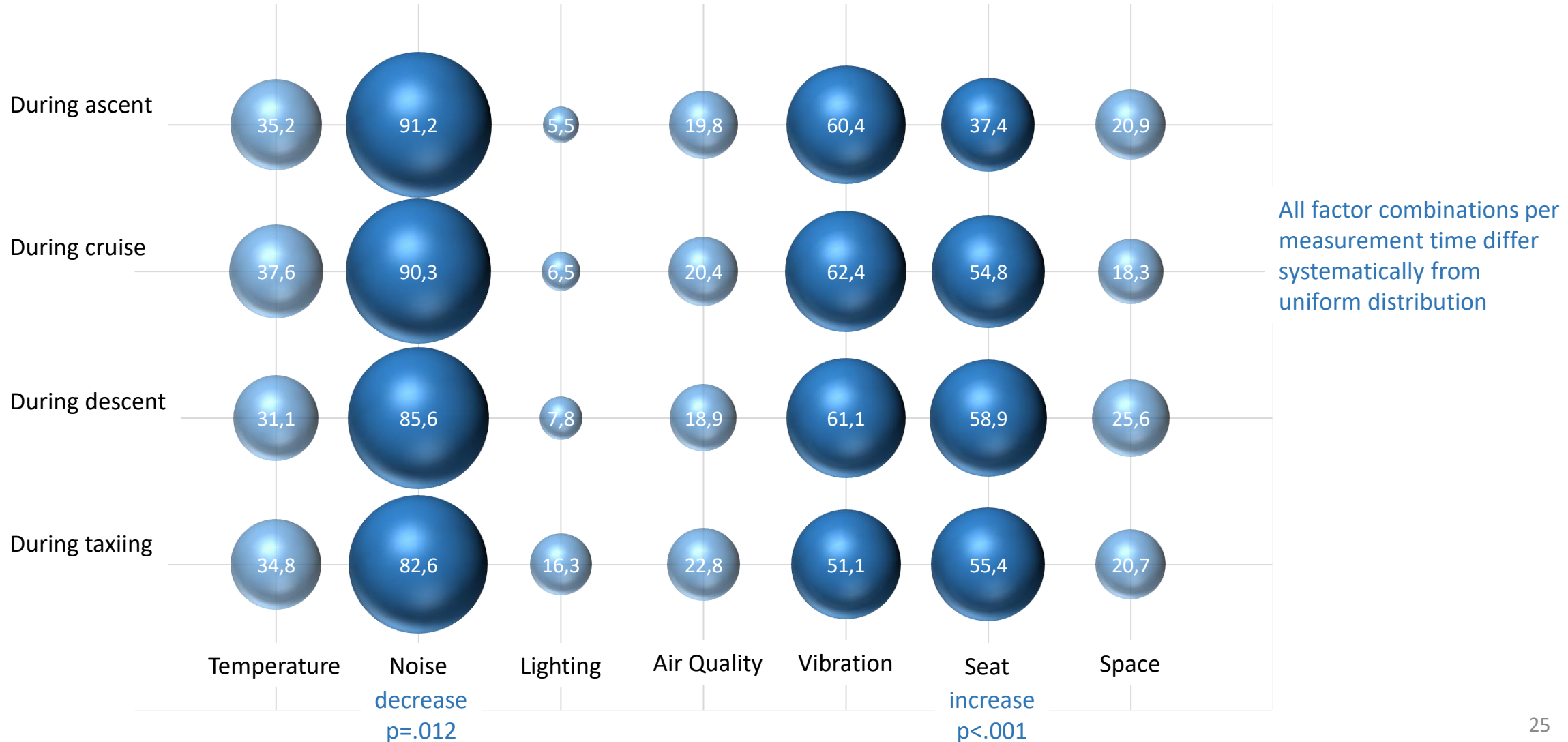
Acoustics and Vibration: Associations to local body part discomfort (LBPD) and vibration experience



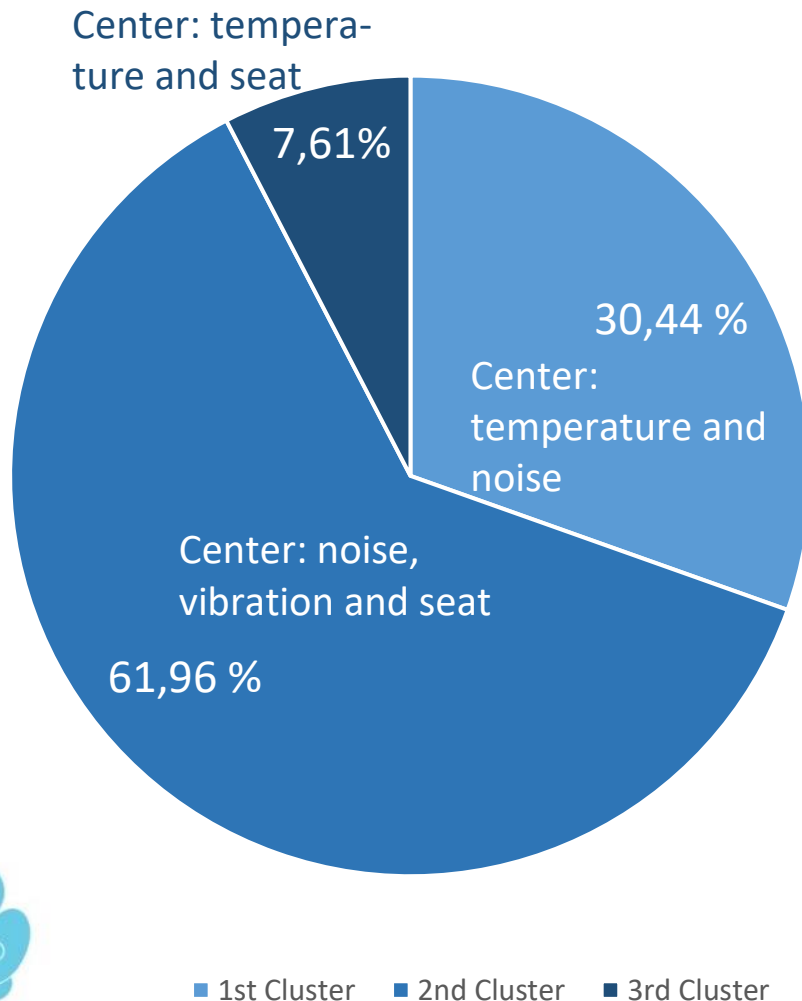
*Range LBPD 9 - 45, Local vibration 11 – 55, higher values: stronger bodily sensations
only medium-sized correlations $r > .30$ (9%+ shared variance) according to Cohen (1992), autocorrelation across time omitted

Discomfort Factors

- Please mark the *three* factors most contributing to your experienced level of discomfort (percentage of ticked answers):



Cluster of Overall Discomfort Factors



Person-related control variables in clusters

No differences regarding:

- Age, sex, anthropometrics, BMI
- Flight attitude, turboprop experience, negative affectivity
- Flight, row

Differences regarding:

- Flight experience (number of flights): Cluster 1 (3,11) less experienced than cluster 2 (8,43)
- Noise sensitivity (mean1-5): Cluster 1 (2,43) less sensitive than cluster 2 (2,83)

Discomfort factor	Overall after deboarding
Temperature	34 (37.0%)
Noise	84 (91.3%)
Lighting	8 (8.7%)
Air quality	18 (19.6%)
Vibration	58 (63.0%)
Seat	49 (53.3%)
Space	17 (18.5%)

Decision to Fly again with Turboprop Aircraft

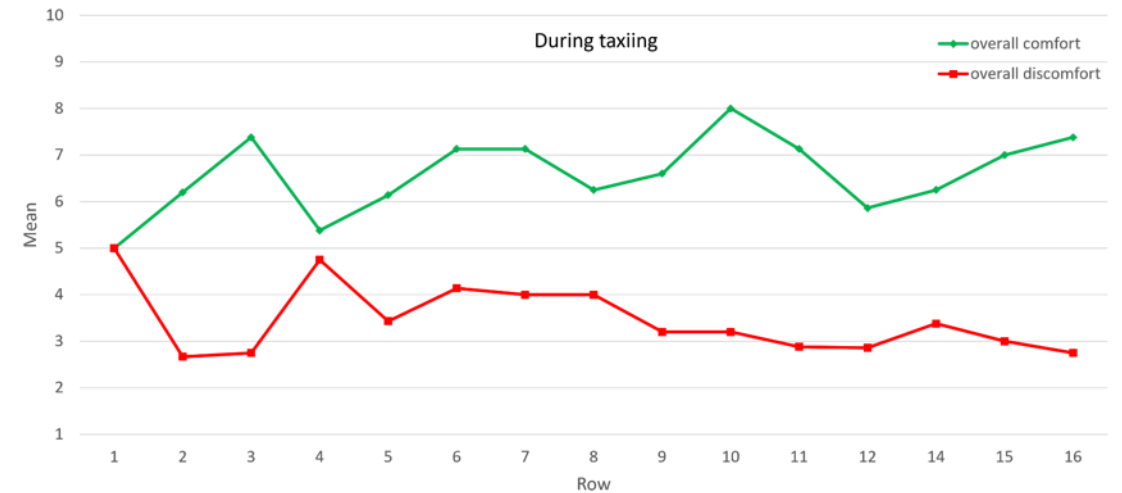
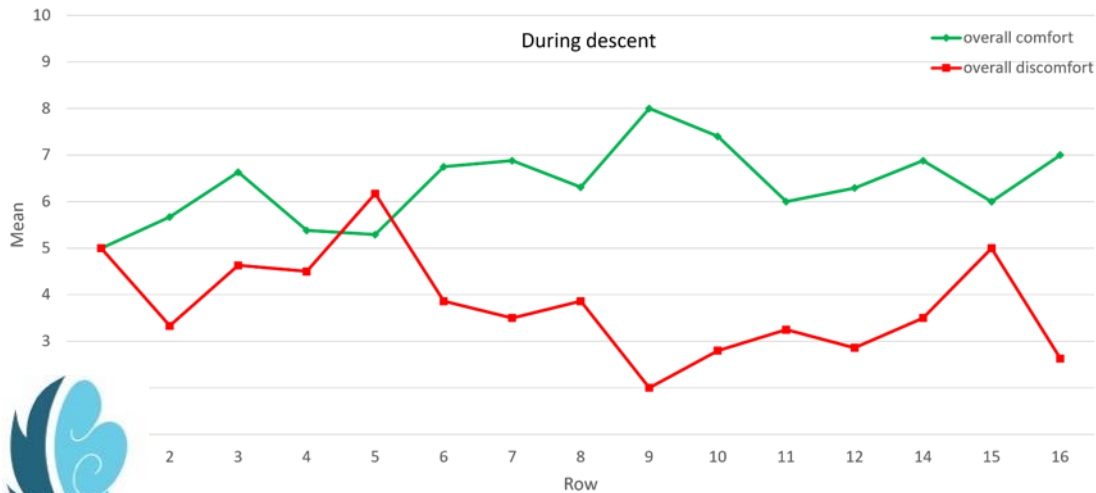
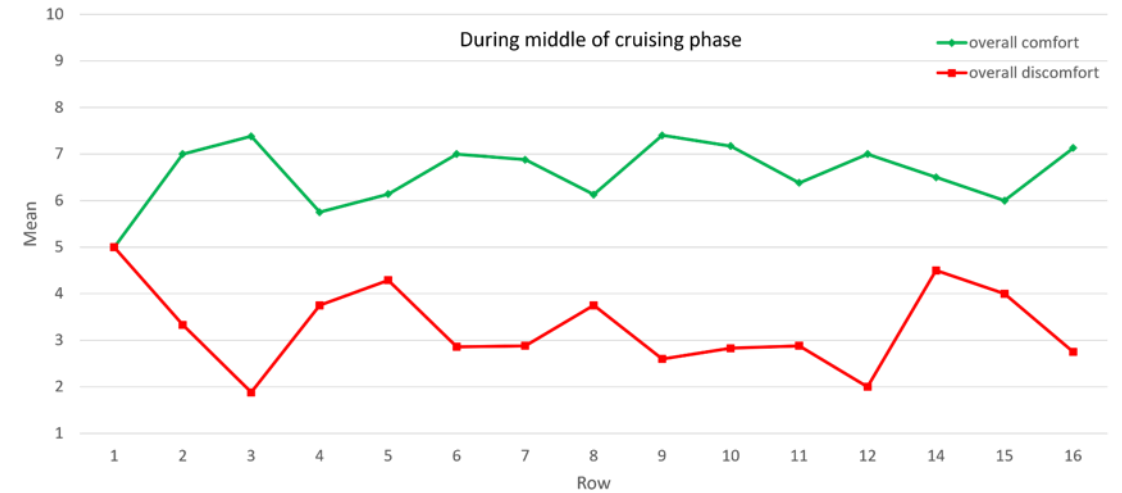
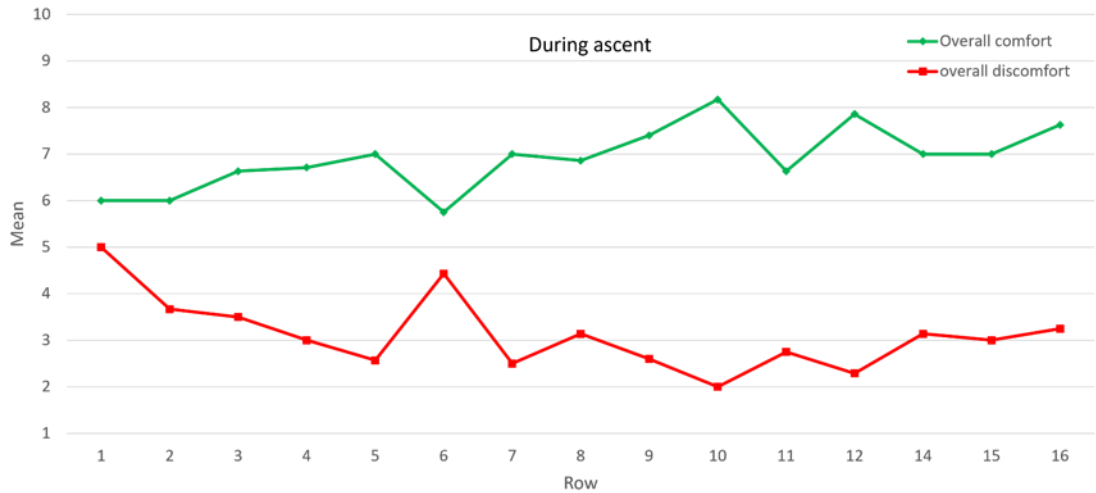
Would you consider flying with this type of aircraft again?	YES N=80	NO N=11	p
Flight experience (# flights in 2019)	6,68	7,45	.050*
General environmental sensitivity	8,59	11,55	.021*
Discomfort regarding acoustic environment ascent	4,94	7,09	.003**
Discomfort regarding acoustic environment cruise	4,47	6,27	.017*
Discomfort regarding acoustic environment descent	4,28	6,09	.016*
Discomfort regarding vibration cruise	3,10	5,64	.000***
Discomfort regarding vibration descent	3,32	5,91	.000***
Local vibration during ascent (bodily sensations)	23,0	27,13	.029*
Local vibration during descent (bodily sensations)	14,67	26,64	.033*

No differences regarding light-, spatial-, postural-, air quality- or thermal discomfort, noise sensitivity and other attitudes, health symptoms, local body part discomfort, flight or row

Summary

- In general, people felt rather comfortable (although decreasing over time) and would fly again with turboprop aircrafts (85.1%)
- Noise, vibration and seat are the dominant discomfort factors for most participants across all flight phases
- Levels of noise and vibration related discomfort are also the ones discriminating between participants who would fly again with turboprop and who would not
- Development of comfort and discomfort experience over bodily sensations in turboprop aircrafts seem to have a rather complex conditional structure → Challenge for modelling

Overall Dis-/Comfort Rating stratification

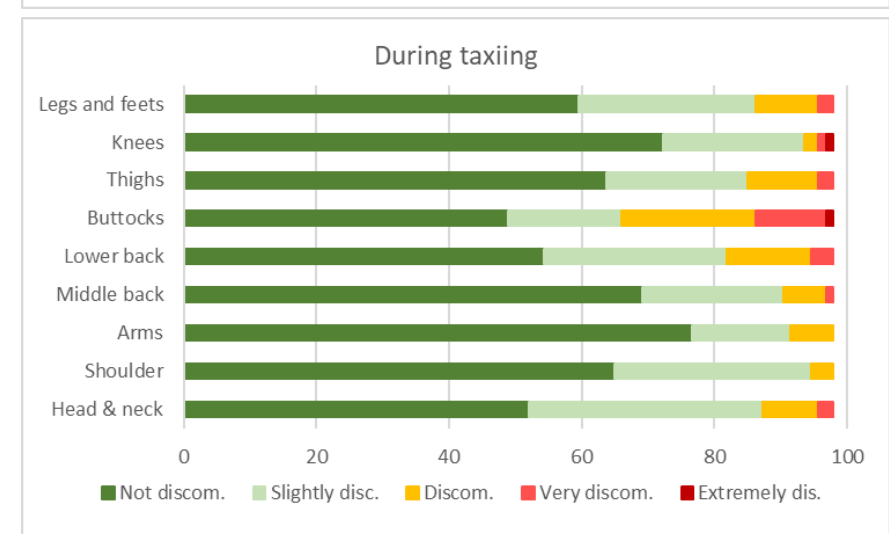
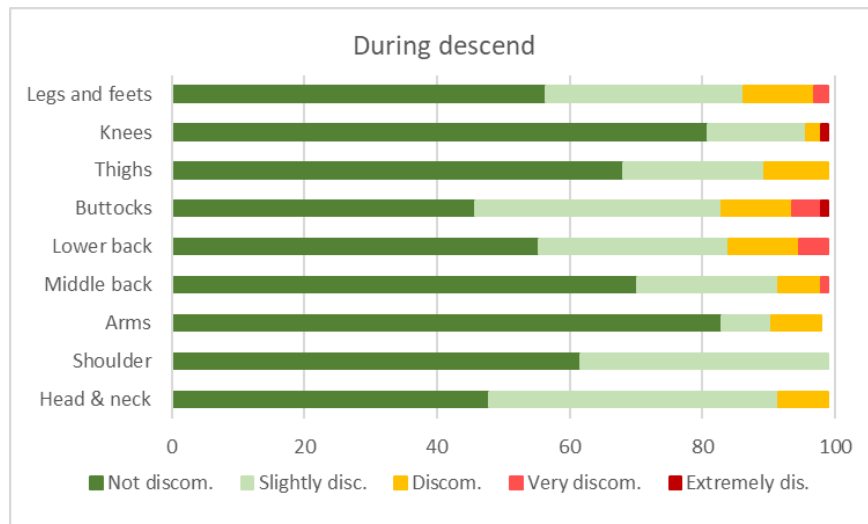
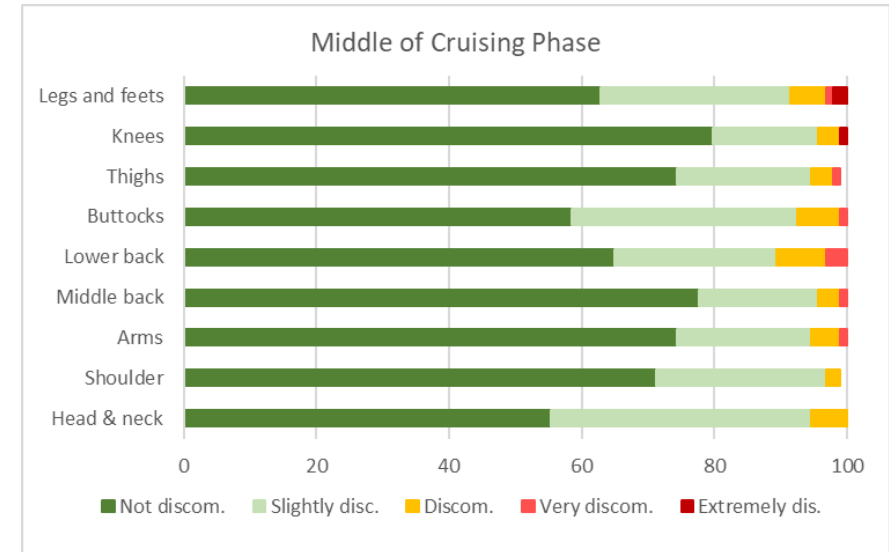
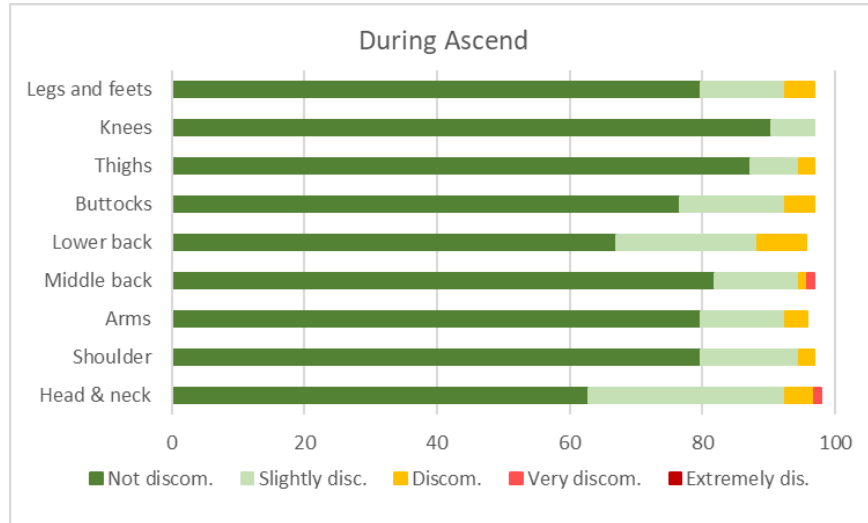


Prediction of flight pleasantness at end of flight

Dependent Variable: How pleasant was this flight?	N predictors	R ²	ΔR ²	β
Sociodemographics and anthropometry	8			
... sex		.035 ⁺	.035 ⁺	-.187 ⁺
Psychological „Make-Up“ (Attitudes, Fears, Affect)	10			
...positive flight attitude		.051 [*]	.051 [*]	.226 [*]
Experienced discomfort during Flight	24			
...vibration during descent		.116 ^{**}	.116 ^{**}	-.341 ^{**}
...thermal factor during whole flight		.184 ^{***}	.068 [*]	-.265 [*]
...general discomfort during ascent		.220 ^{***}	.036 ⁺	-.201 ⁺
...vibration during ascent		.267 ^{***}	.047 [*]	.259 [*]
Physical “complaints”	44			
...local discomfort in middle back during descent		.164 ^{***}	.164 ^{***}	-.405 ^{***}
...local discomfort in head & neck during cruising phase		.216 ^{***}	.052 ^{^*}	-.227 [*]

Note. Multiple linear regressions with forward selection, ⁺p<.10^{*}p ≤ .05, ^{**}p ≤ .01, ^{***}p ≤ .001

Local Body Part Discomfort – Frequency of answers %





Digital twin of comfort: Modelling passengers' comfort experience

Dr. Y. Song, TU-Delft



Experiencing comfort

A product in itself can never be comfortable.

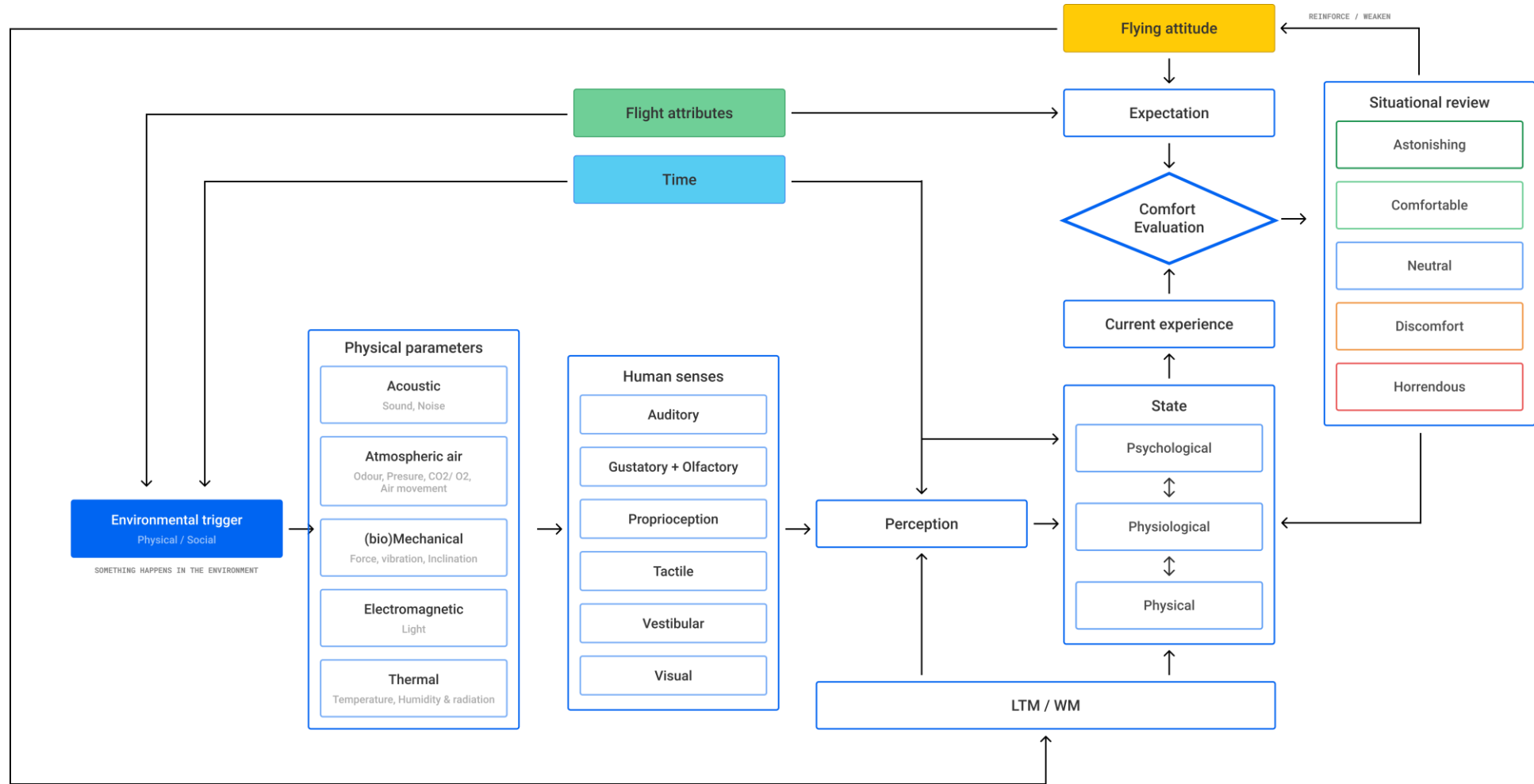
The **user** decides whether or not a product is **comfortable**, or leads to **discomfort**, by using the product.

Mansfield, N., Naddeo, A., Frohriep, S., & Vink, P. (2020).
Integrating and applying models of comfort. *Applied Ergonomics*, 82(May 2019), 102917.

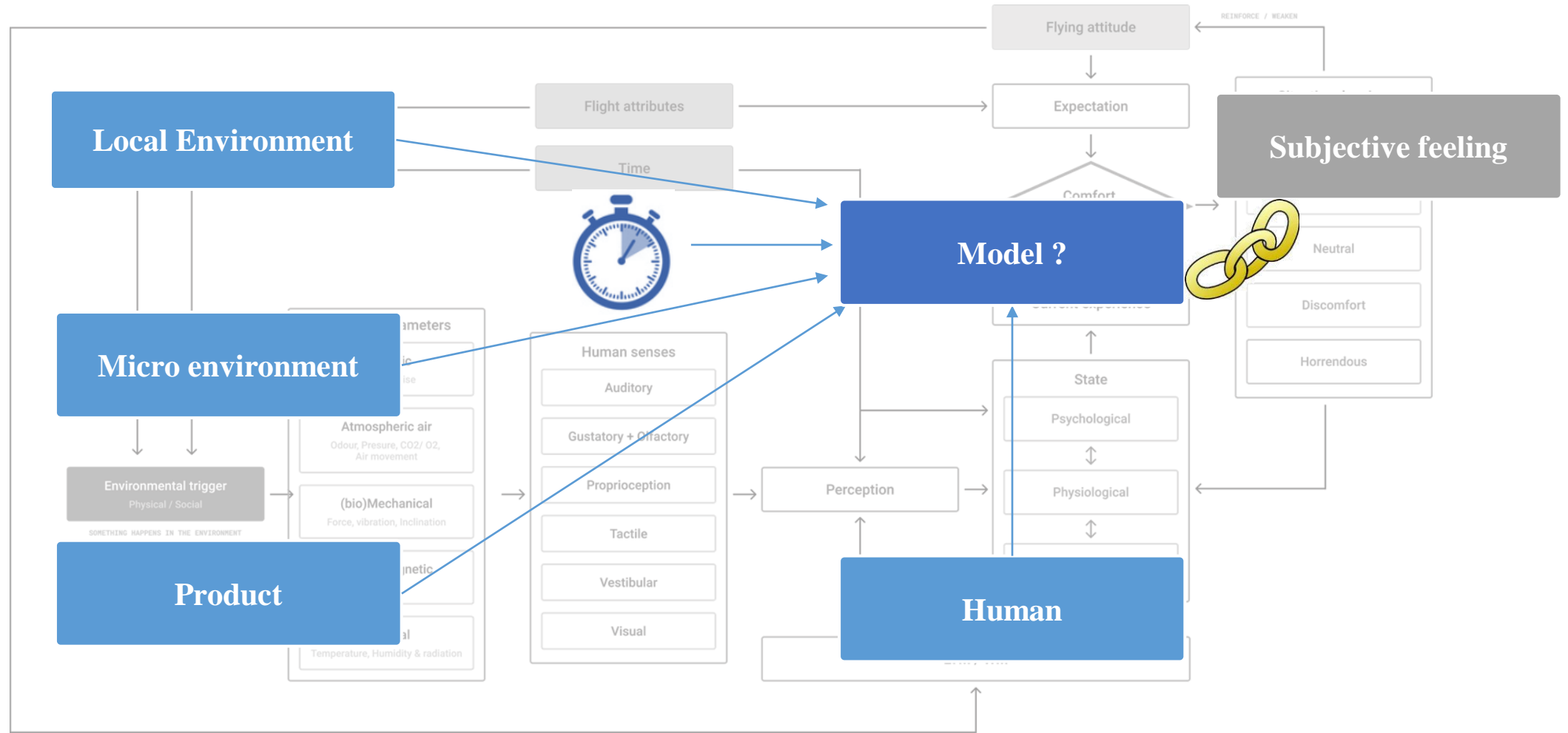


Personal, Multifactorial

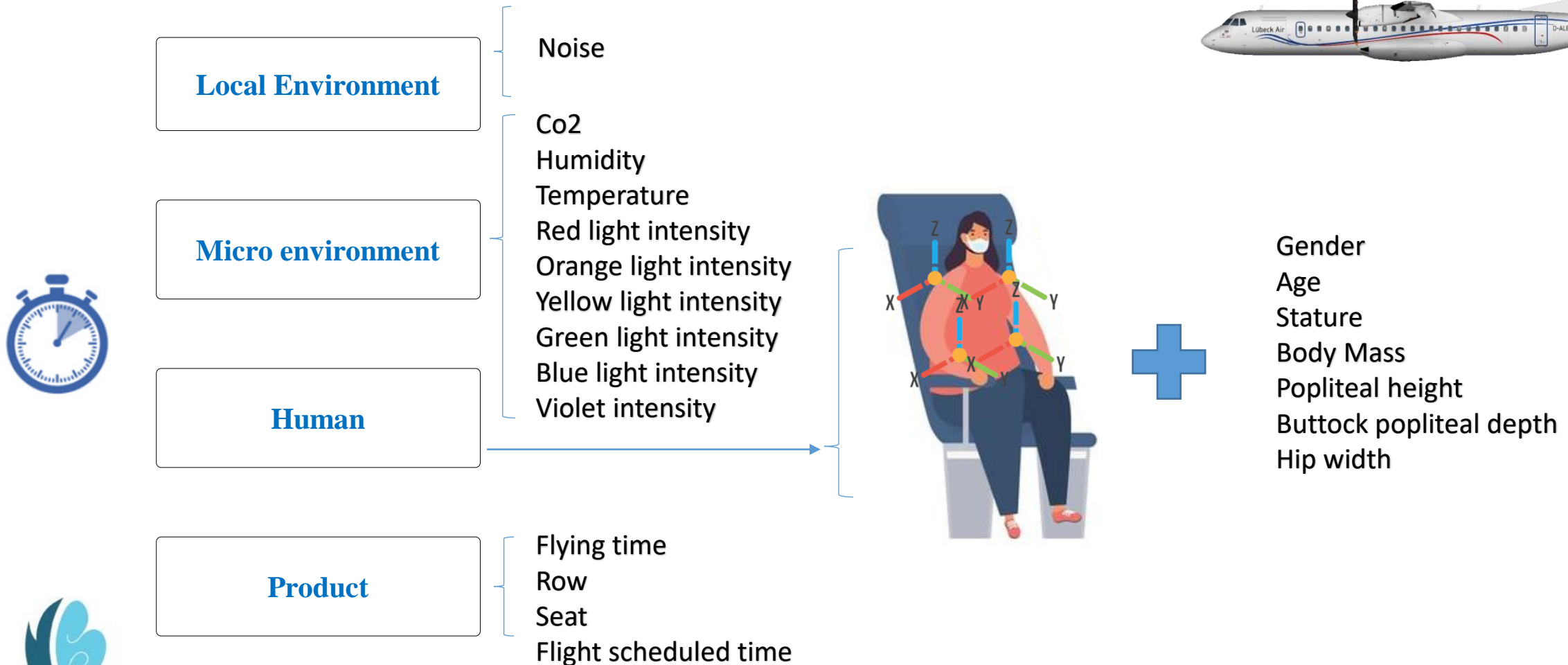
An example of qualitative comfort models



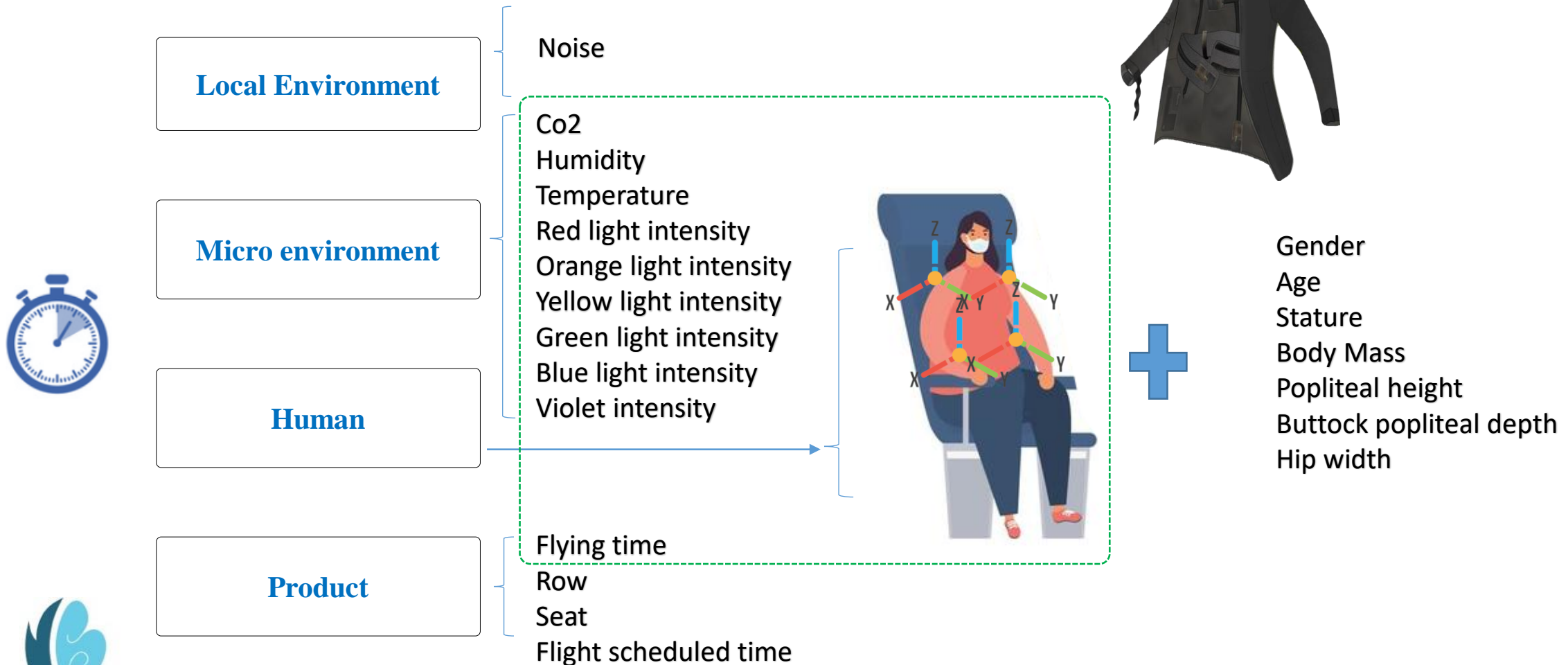
Factors in the qualitative comfort model



Highlighted measurable factors – 32 parameters

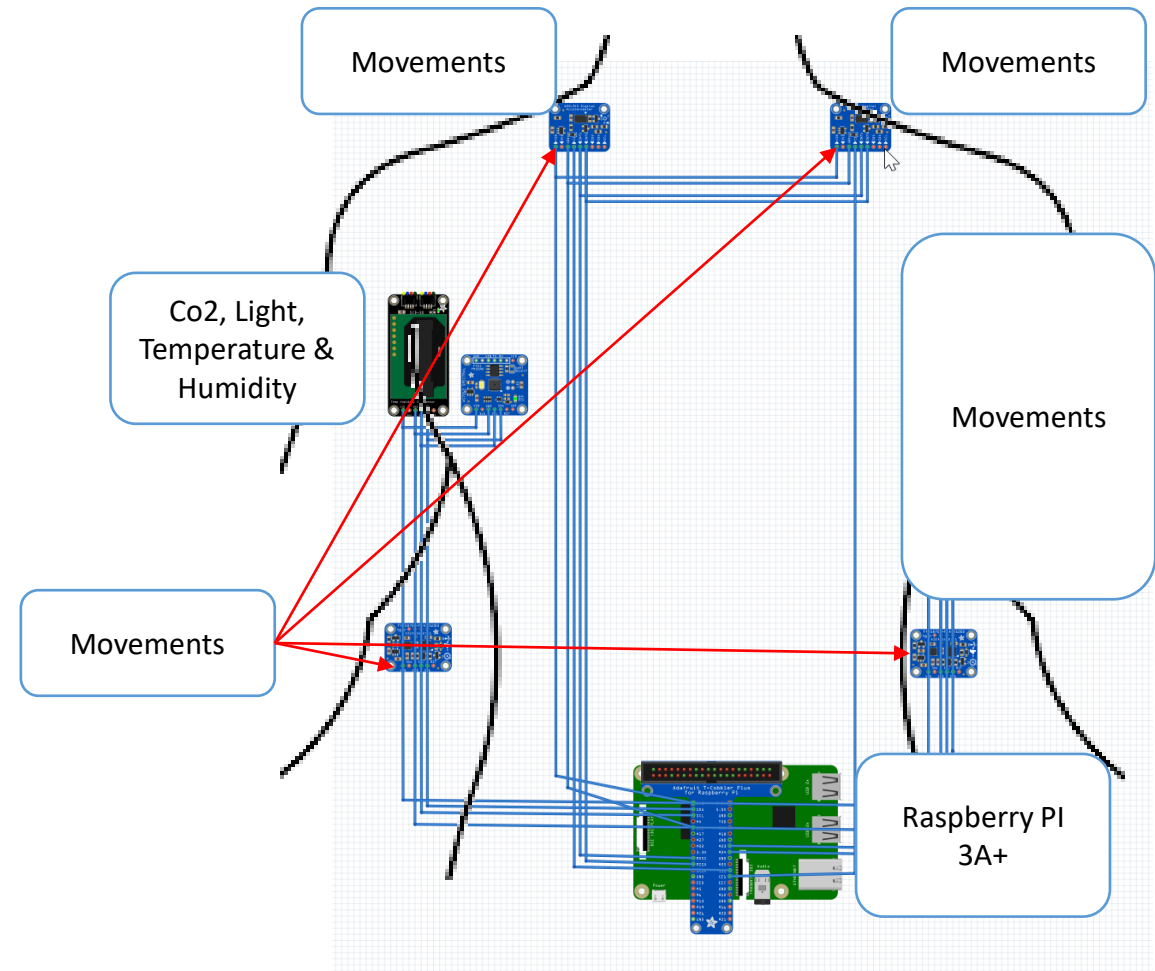


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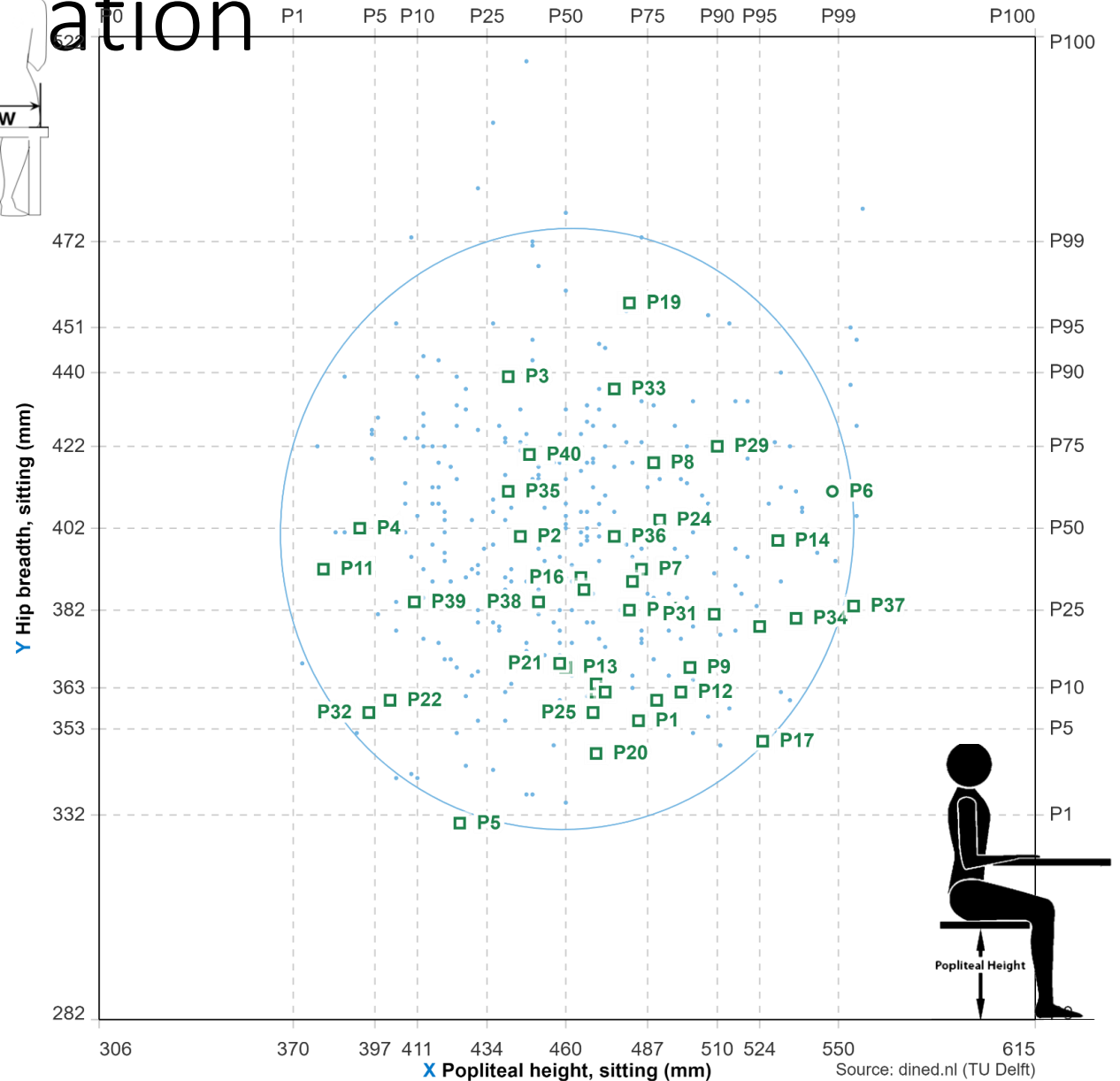
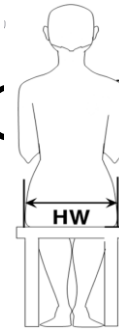
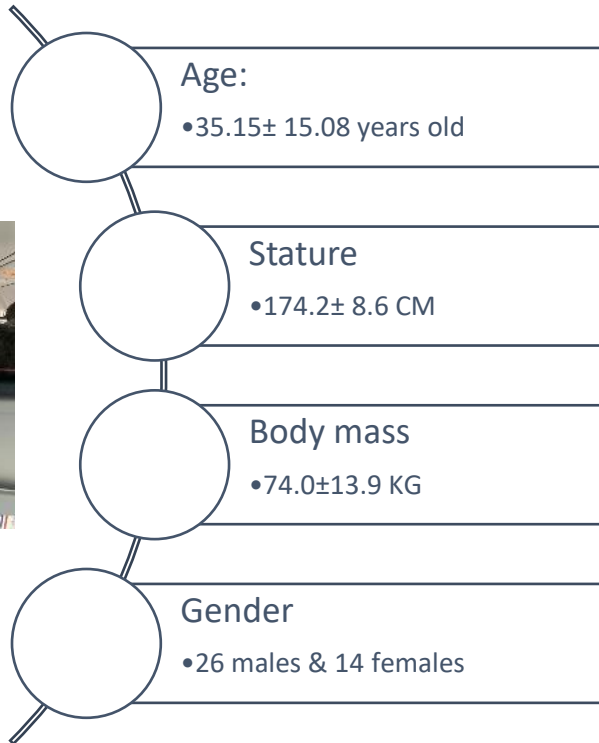


Wearable Jacket:

An integrated comfort measurement tool



A representative population

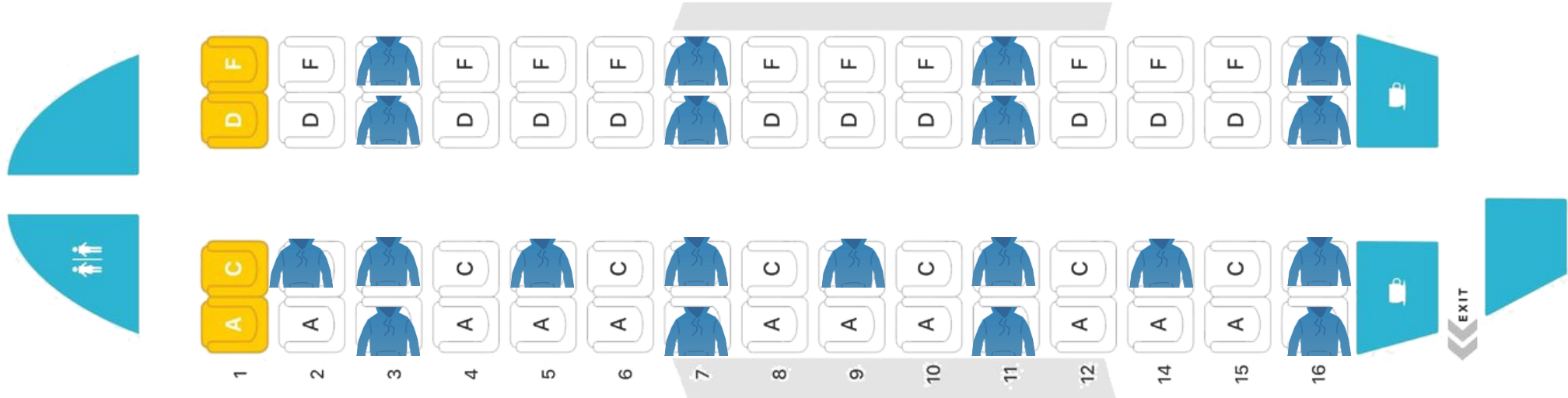


Cabin layout & location of Jackets

Morning



Afternoon



Data example -- CO2 levels



First attempt of a quantitative comfort model

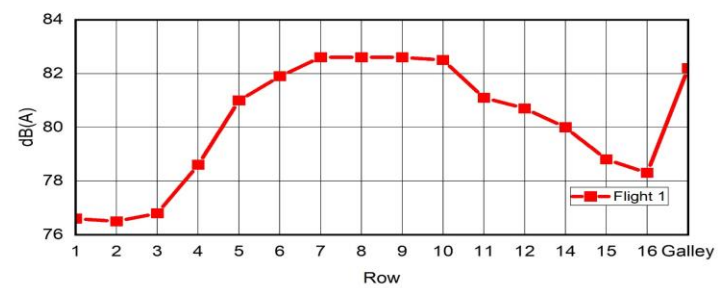
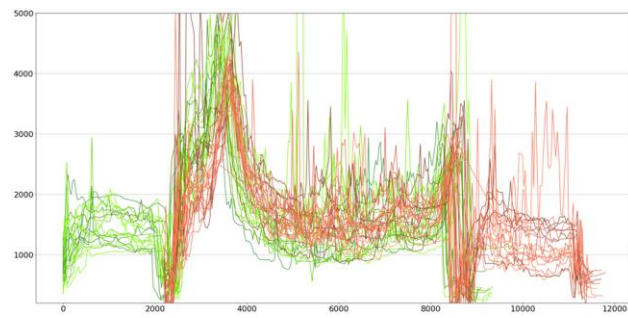
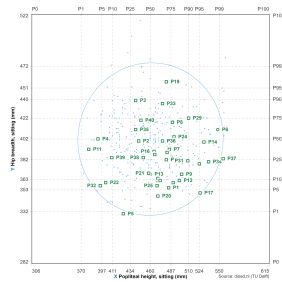


Human, e.g. movements, anthropometry measures

Product, e.g. rows of the seat

Micro environment, e.g. co2 level

Local environment, e.g. noise level



Questionnaire



Modelling tool

Hypothesis & Data pre-processing

In the first attempt, we use the changes of comfort /discomfort, as the baseline differs per person

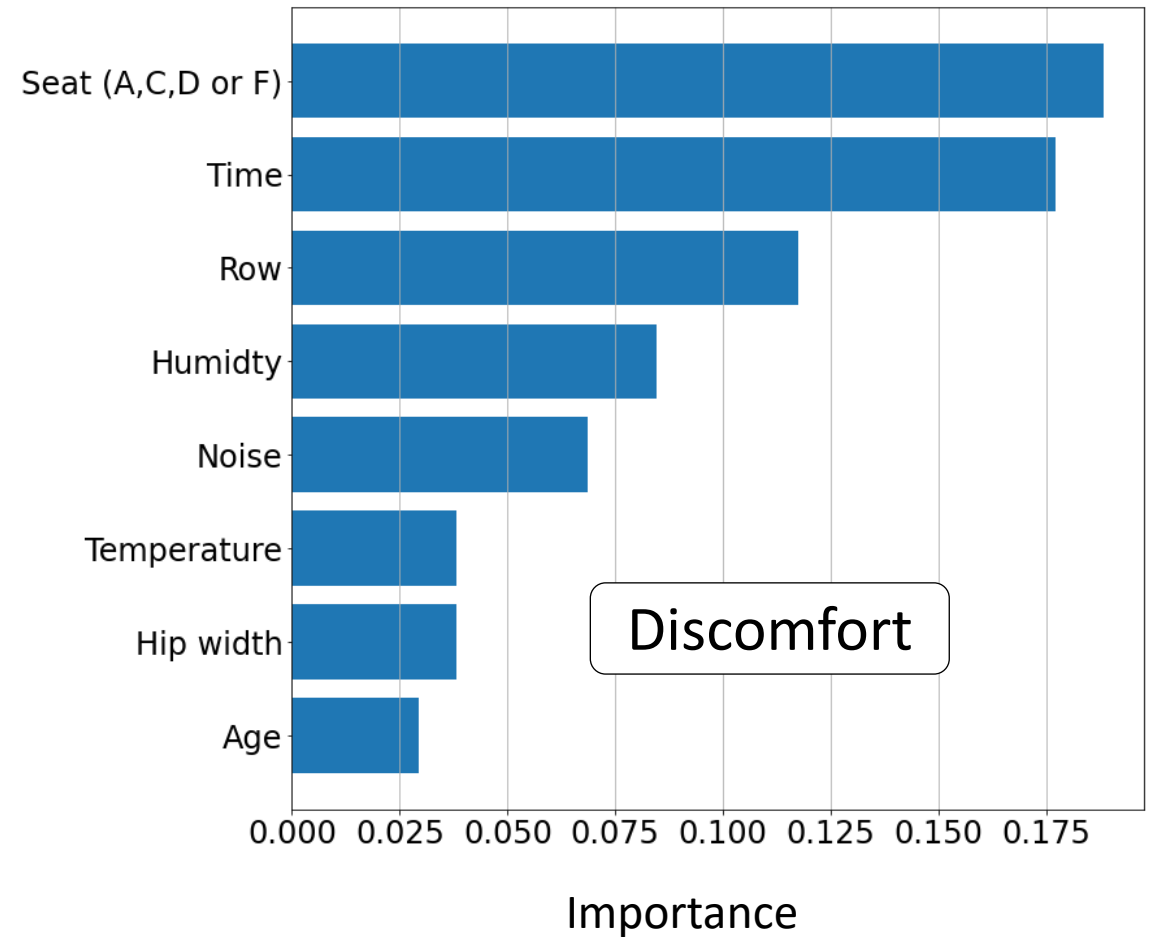
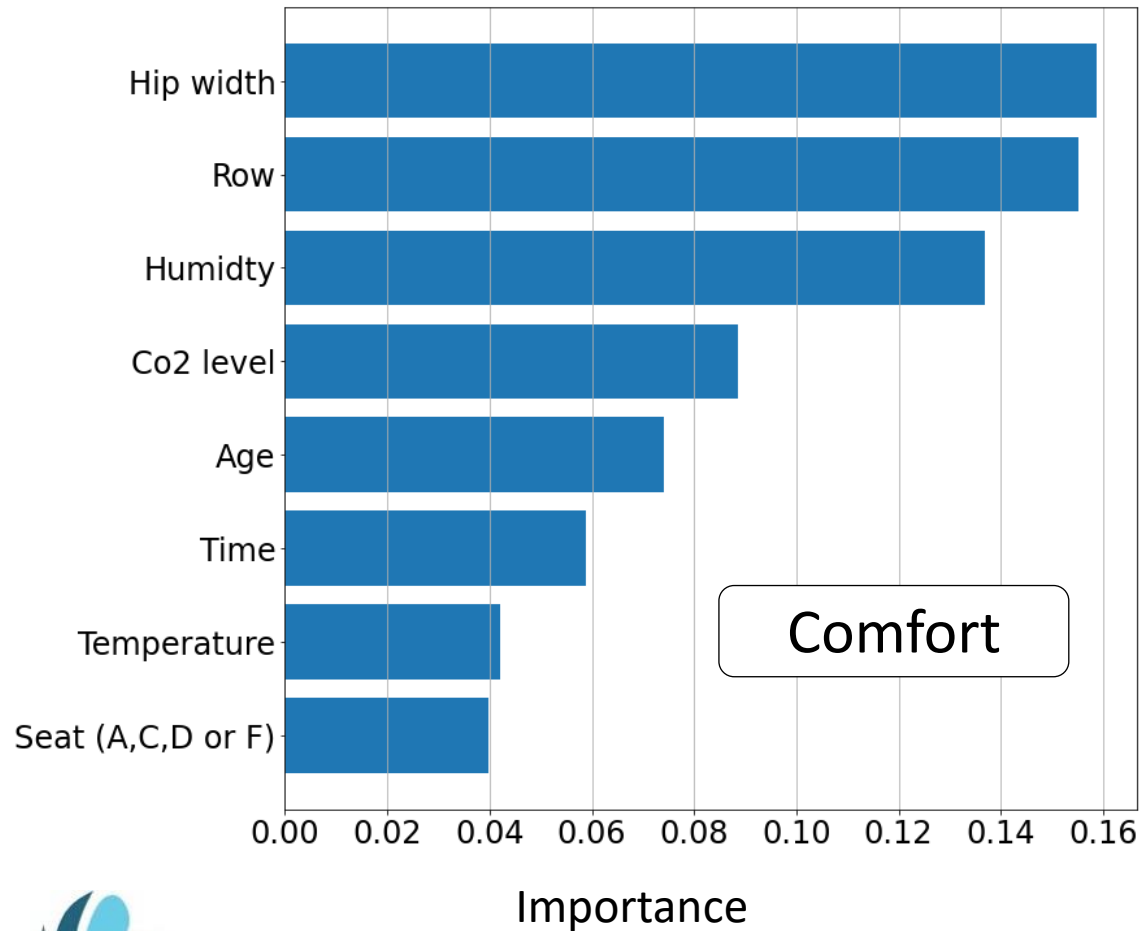
60s were set as the time unit

Data augmentation: we linearly interpolate the comfort/discomfort scores

All data is normalized to the range of 0 ~ 1 where the minimum is 0 and the maximum is 1

First attempt:

The importance of factors regarding comfort & discomfort



Summary:

The preliminary results show that we are able to make a step towards modelling human comfort experience using Jacket data

Anthropometry, seat positions, time, humidity, CO₂, temperature and noise are leading factors that influence the feeling of comfort/discomfort

Limitations

Noise and vibration in micro environment were not included in the model

In Lubeck air, the seat pitch was 34 inch, which might influence the importance of other anthropometric measures, e.g. stature

Future works

More data on different types of seat layouts and airplanes

Advanced modelling tools with in-depth explanation of different factors

Interaction and Questions

Interaction between attendees and speakers on
webinar so far + discussion



Coffee Break



In-flight measurement of sound and vibration inside the cabin

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itap GmbH*



Flight situation and measurement positions

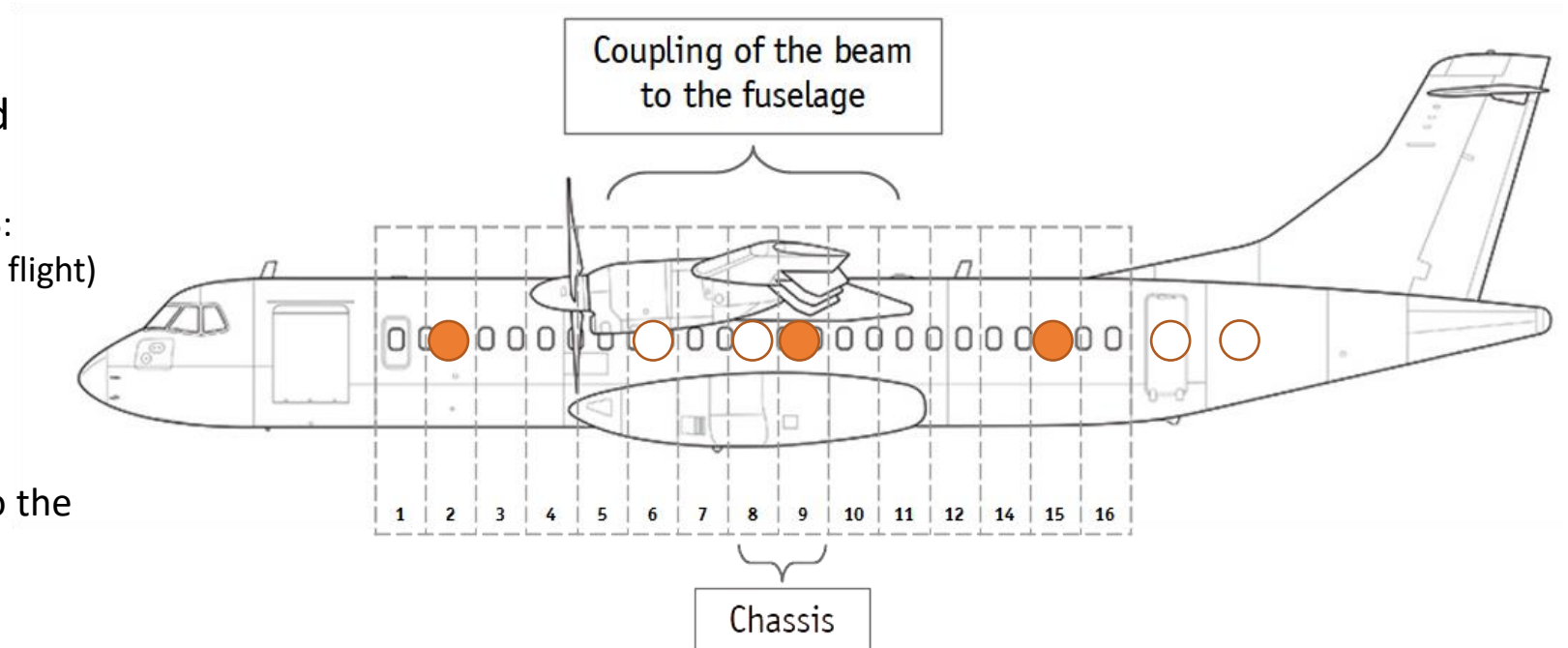
Nov. 3rd 2022: 3 flights (1st and 2nd flight with PAX; 3rd flight without PAX) in ATR72-500:

● Measurement positions of noise and vibrations

- Continuous measurements in row 2 & 15:
- Continuous measurements row 9 (only 3rd flight)

○ Additional spot measurements:

- around the coupling area of the beam to the fuselage (row 6-8)
- around the galley
- in the toilet (incl. flushing)



Due to technical defect there is no data available for:

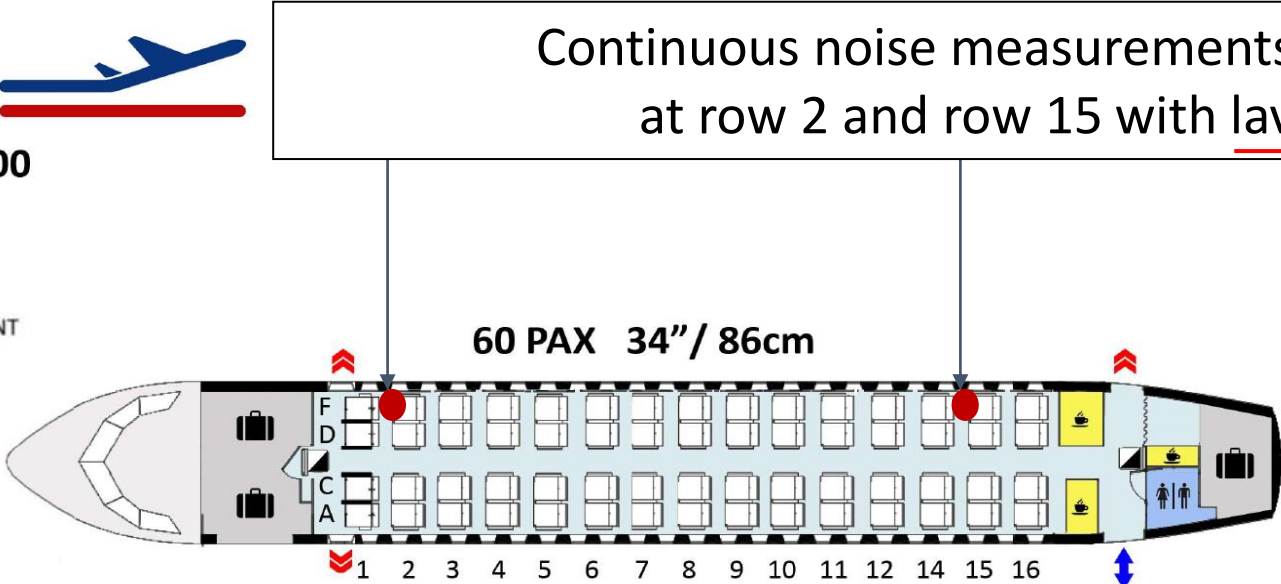
- vibration x-axis
- vibration z-axis

} @ row 15 | 3rd flight

Flight situation and measurement positions 1st & 2nd Flight

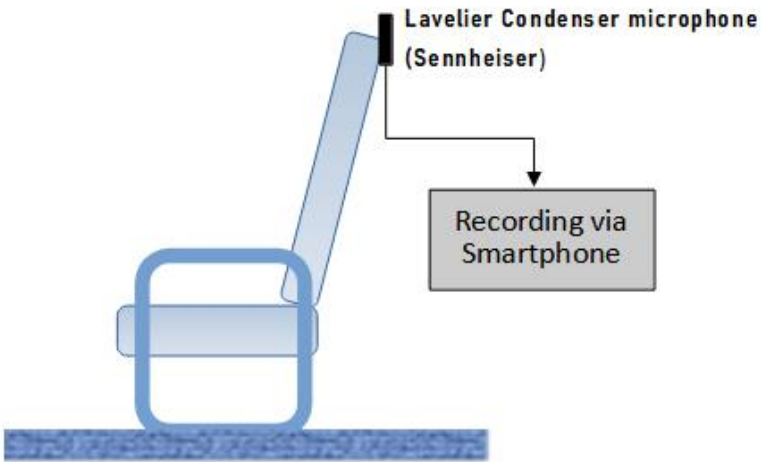
Lübeck Air 
ATR72-500

- MAIN ENTRY DOOR
- EMERGENCY EXITS
- ATTENDANT SEAT
- BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT
- GALLEY
- TOILET



Continuous noise measurements from taxiing to taxiing
at row 2 and row 15 with lavalier microphones

- 1st & 2nd Flight with Participants
- 1st Flight (60 PAX)
 - 2nd Flight (60 PAX)

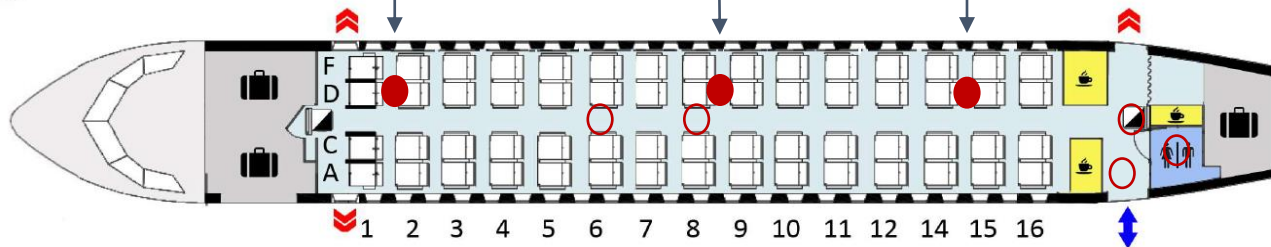


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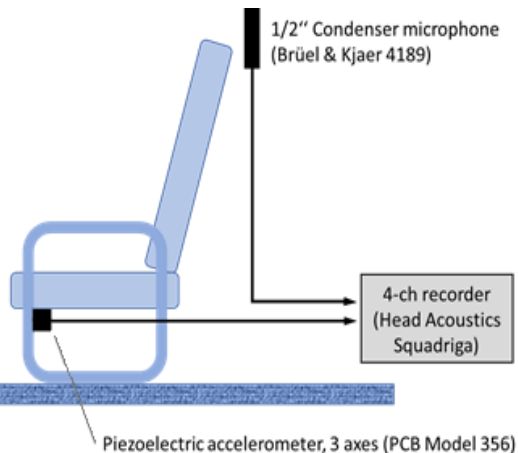
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3rd flight **without** PAX:

● noise and vibration
measurements at row 2, 9 & 15

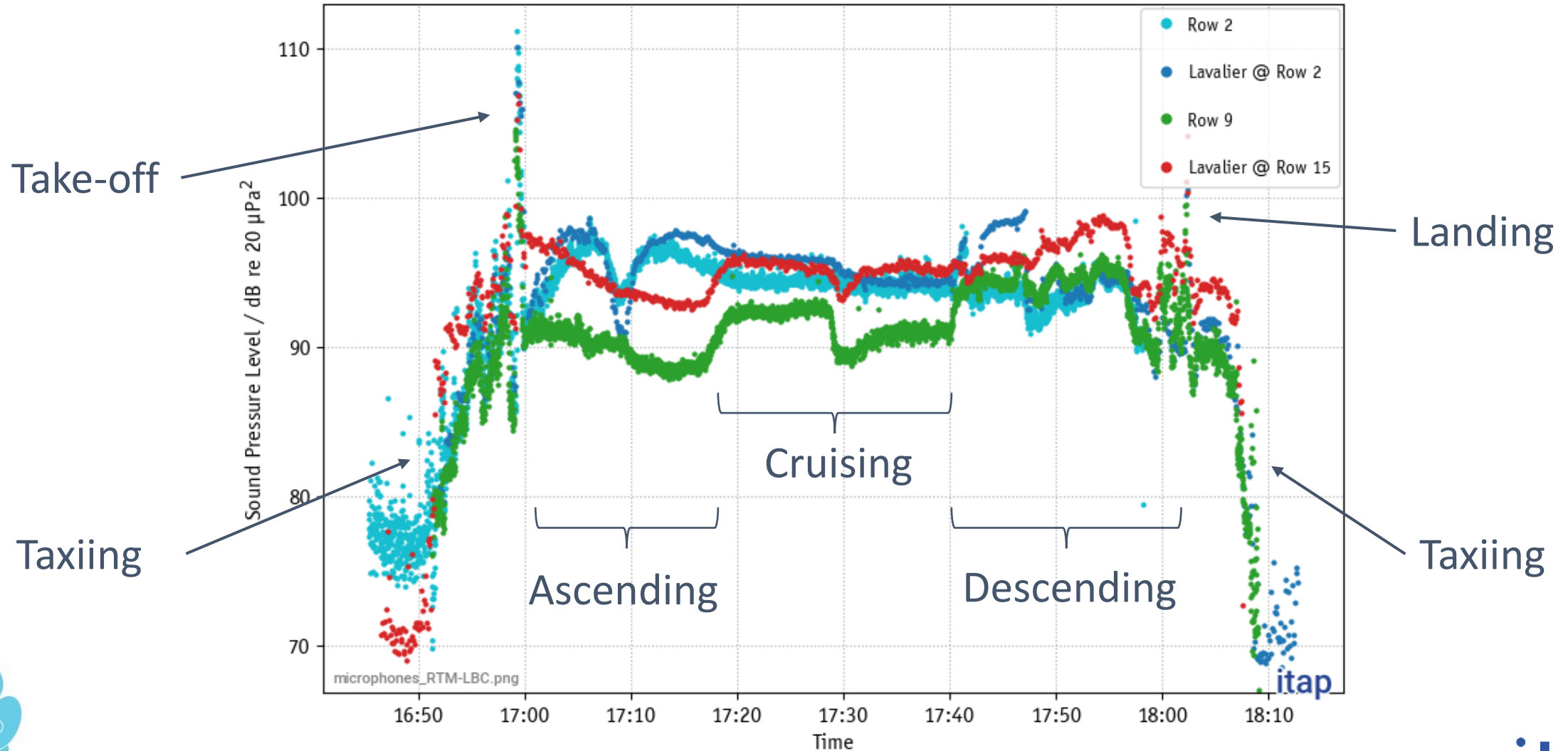
○ additional spot-measurements in
aisle, galley and toilet



➤ Due to safety restrictions
extensive NVH measurements
only during 3rd flight
(without PAX)

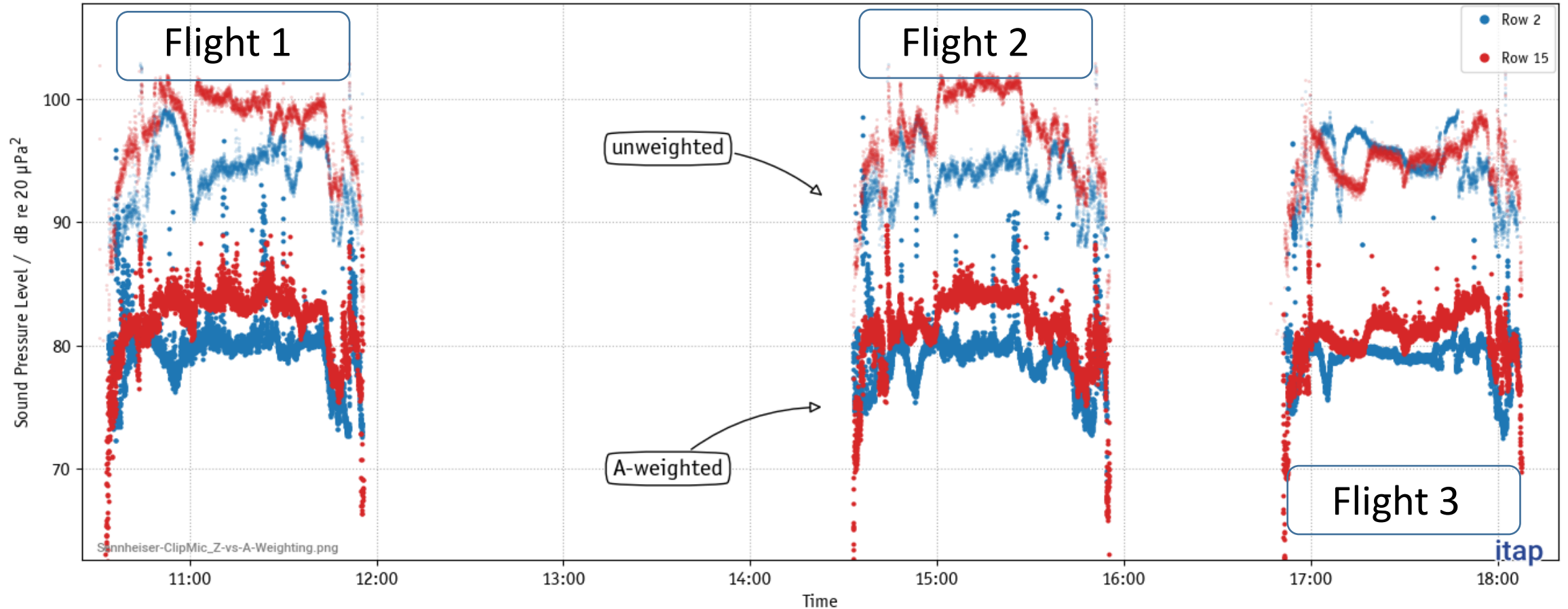
Measured Sound Pressure Level over time 3rd flight

no PAX



Measured Sound Pressure Level over Time

Comparison of flights



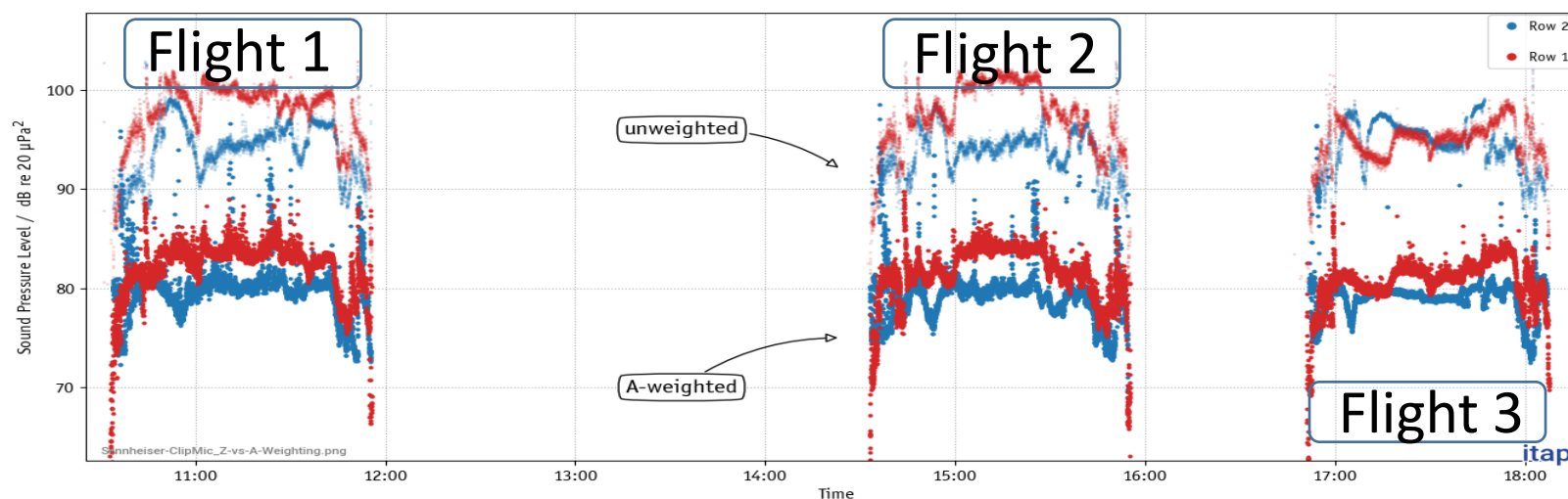
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Unweighted SPL

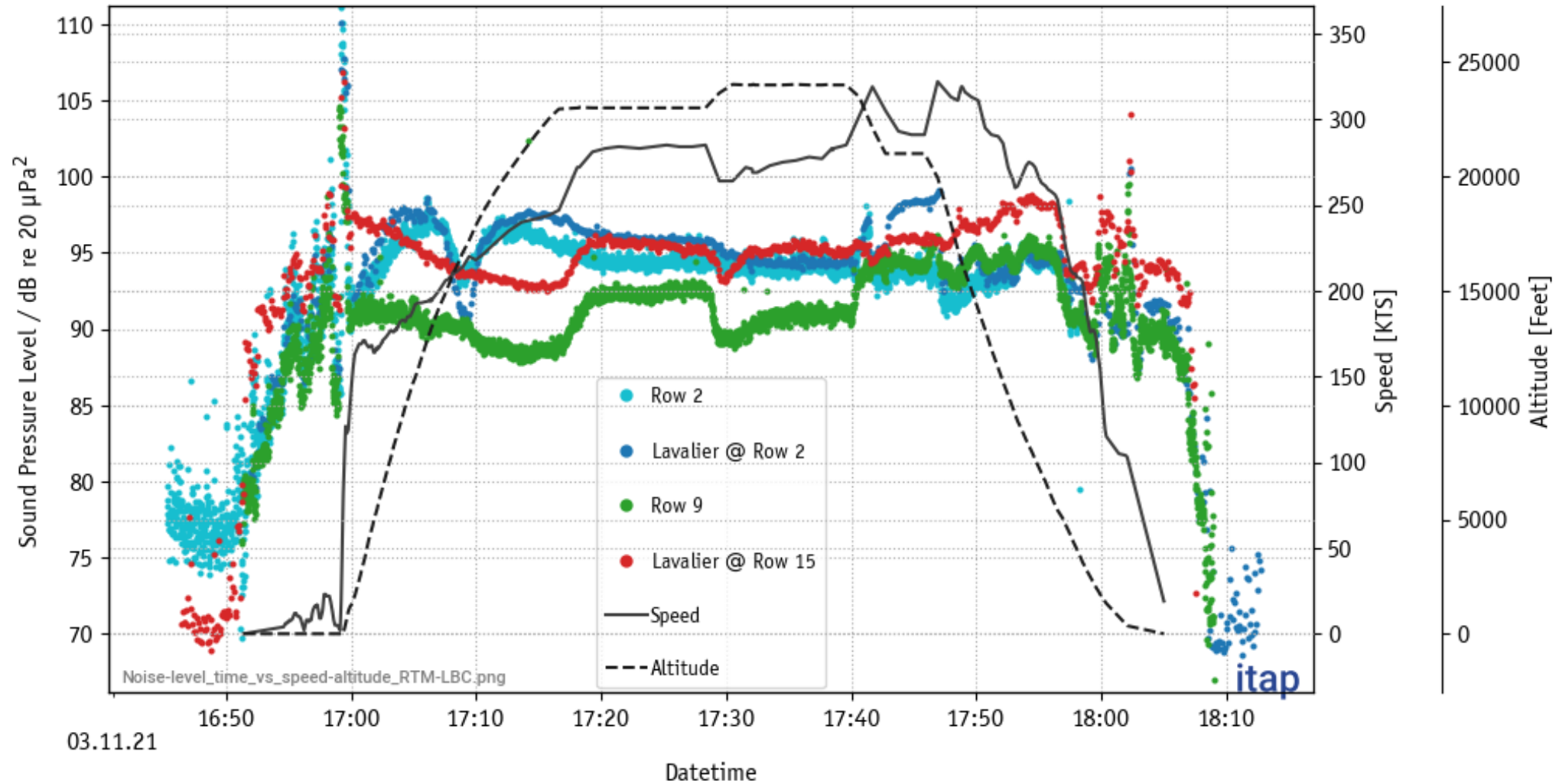
- similar levels in both rows flight 1 and 2
 - both flights with PAX
- during cruising: higher levels @ row 15 of up to 10 dB compared to row 2
- flight 3: similar SPL @ row 2 and row 15

A-weighting SPL

- slightly reduced level-differences between row 2 and row 15 for all flights
- row 15 lower levels during flight 3
- Influencing factors: PAX, altitude, speed, other ?

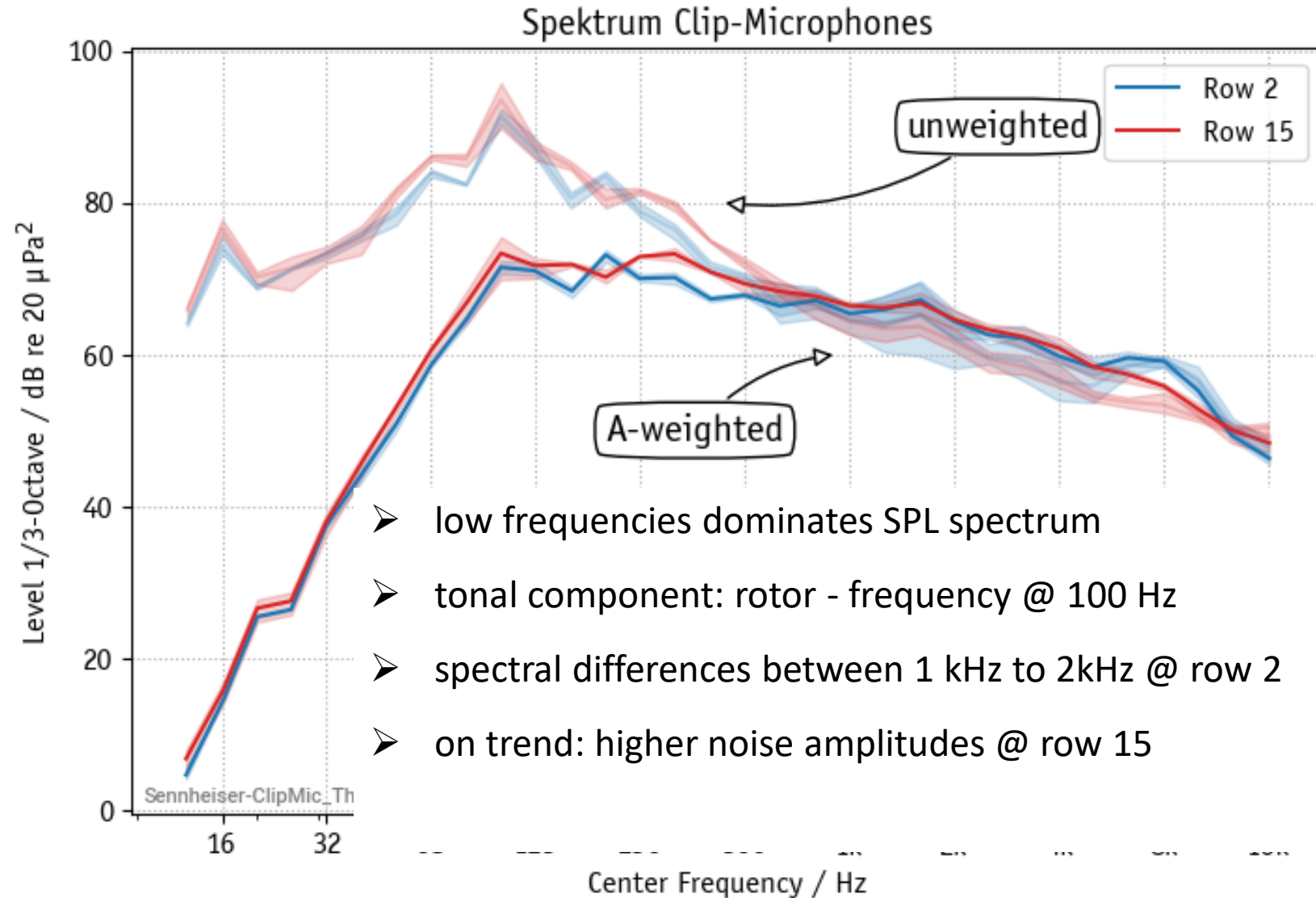


Influencing factors on measured SPL 3rd flight



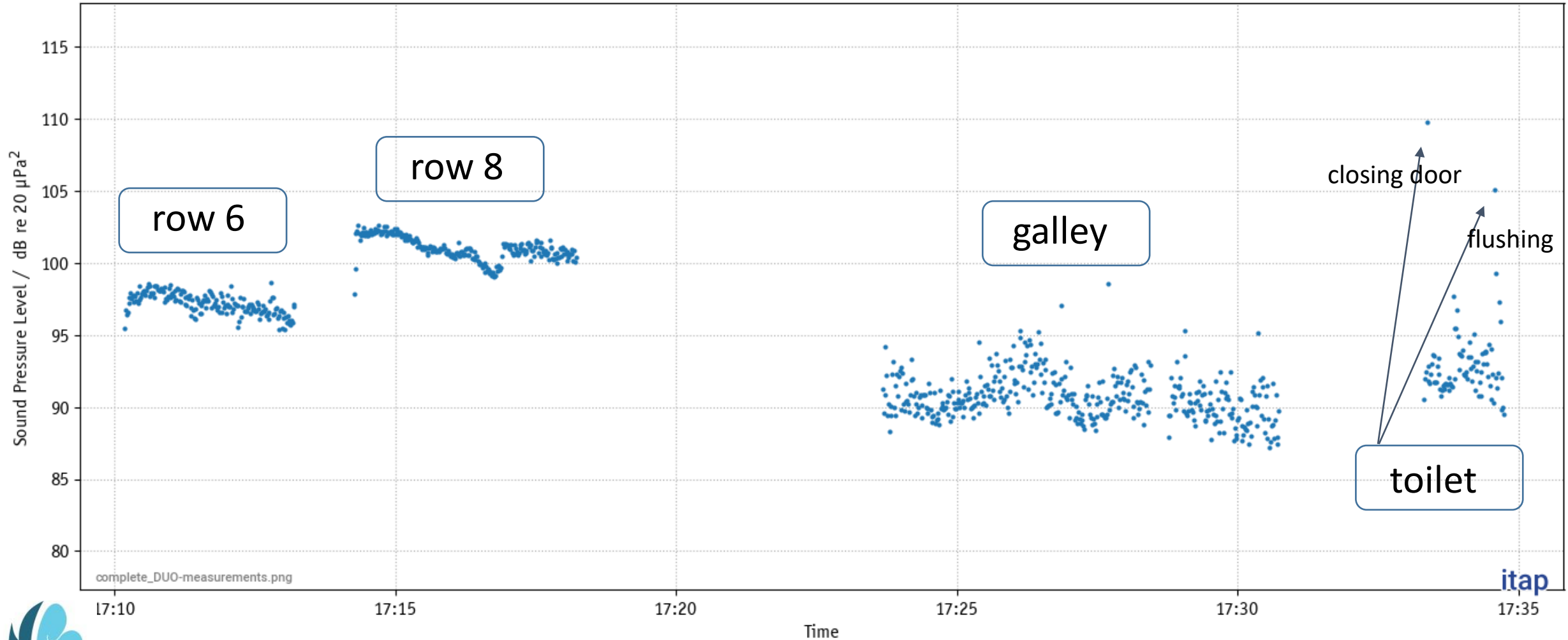
- significant speed-dependency @ row 9 and row 15
- Take- off starting with high velocity and SPL

Noise spectra during cruising



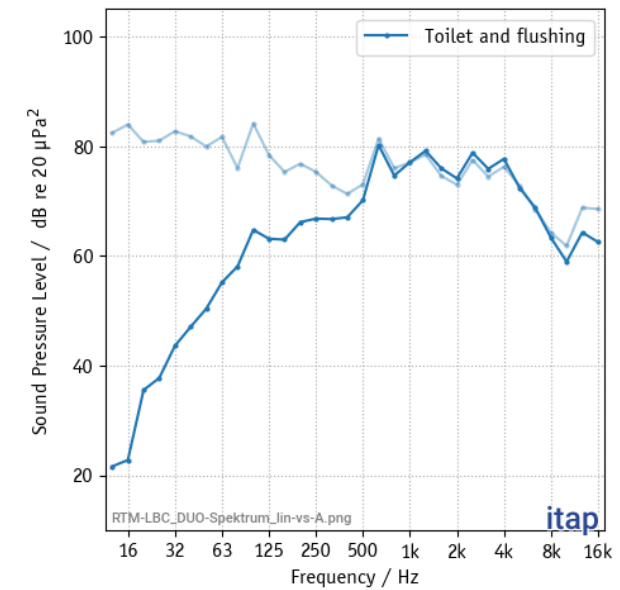
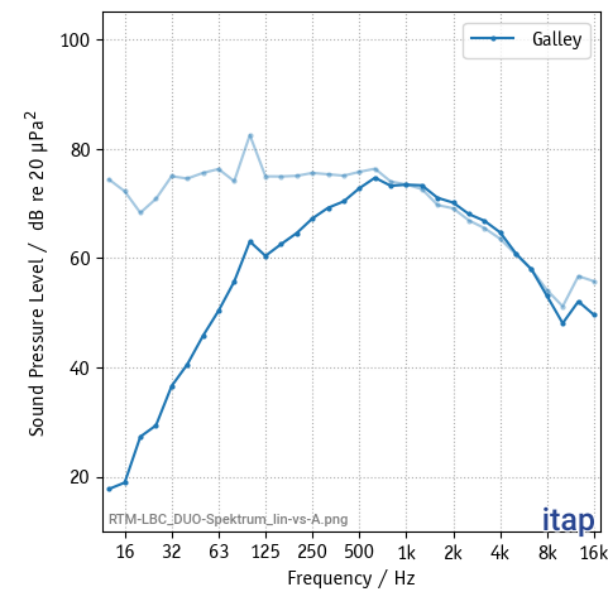
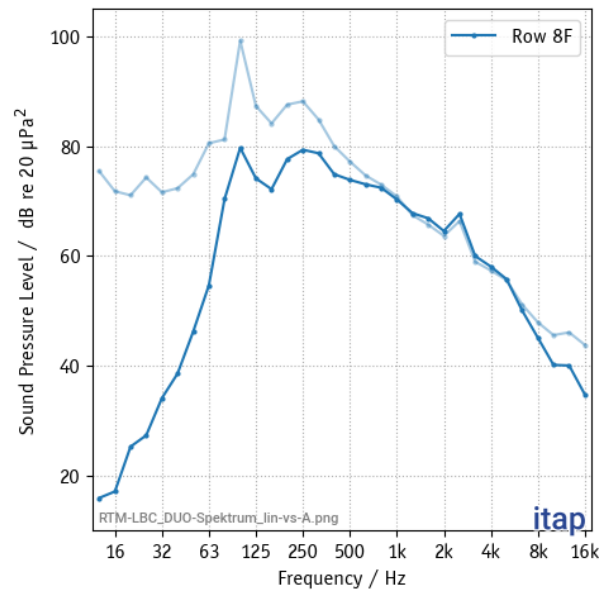
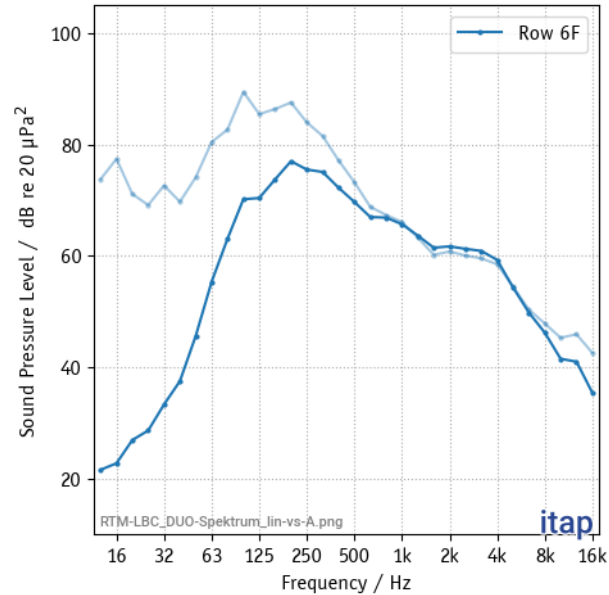
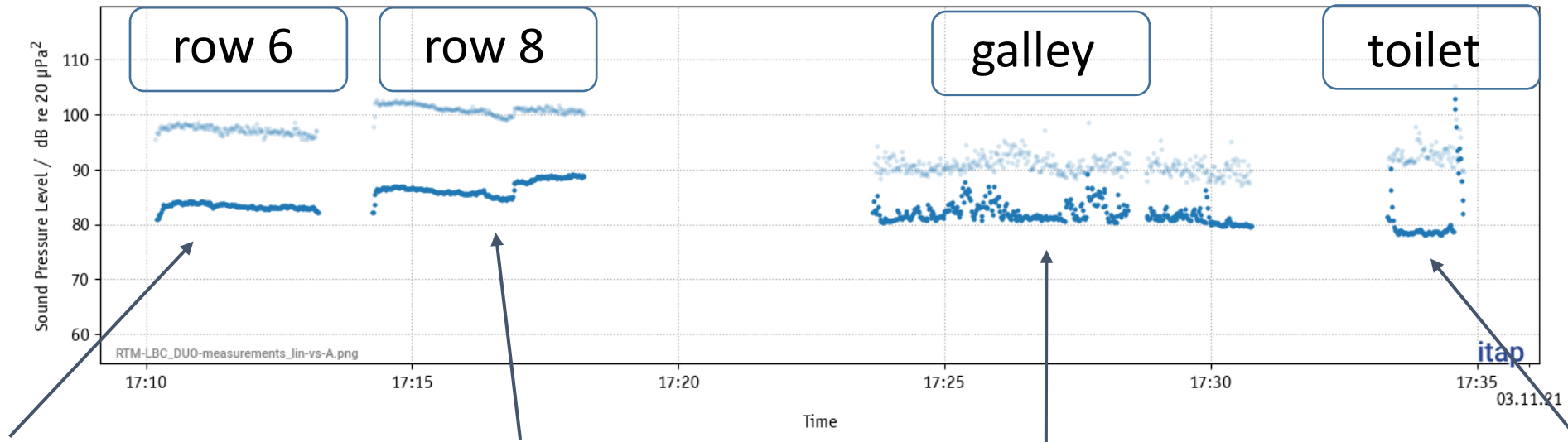
Measured Sound Pressure Level during cruising

spot measurements as SPL vs time during 3rd flight

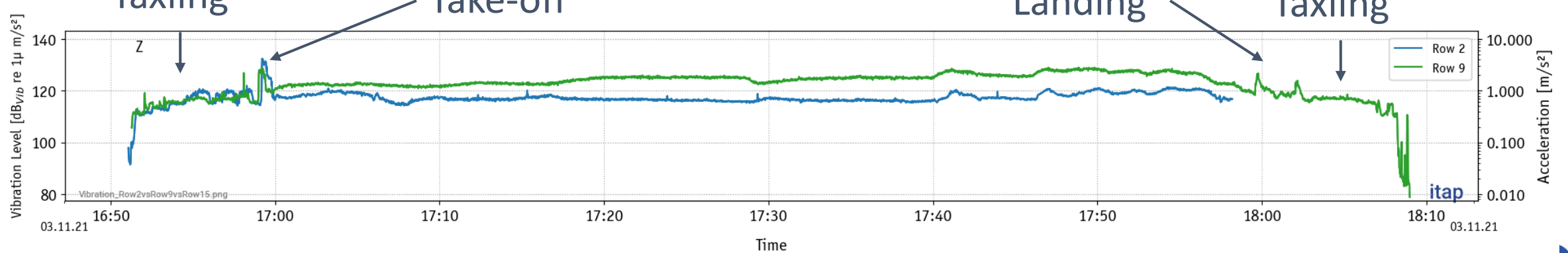
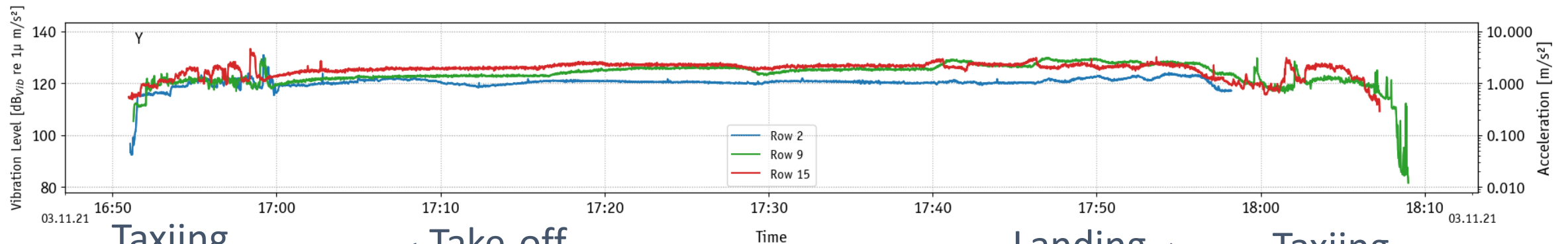
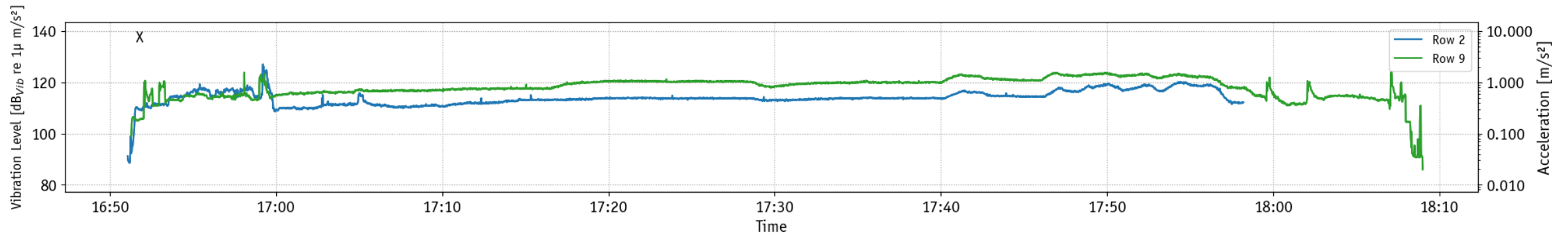


Measured Sound Pressure Level during cruising

spectra of spot measurements during 3rd flight



Measured Vibration level over Time 3rd flight no PAX



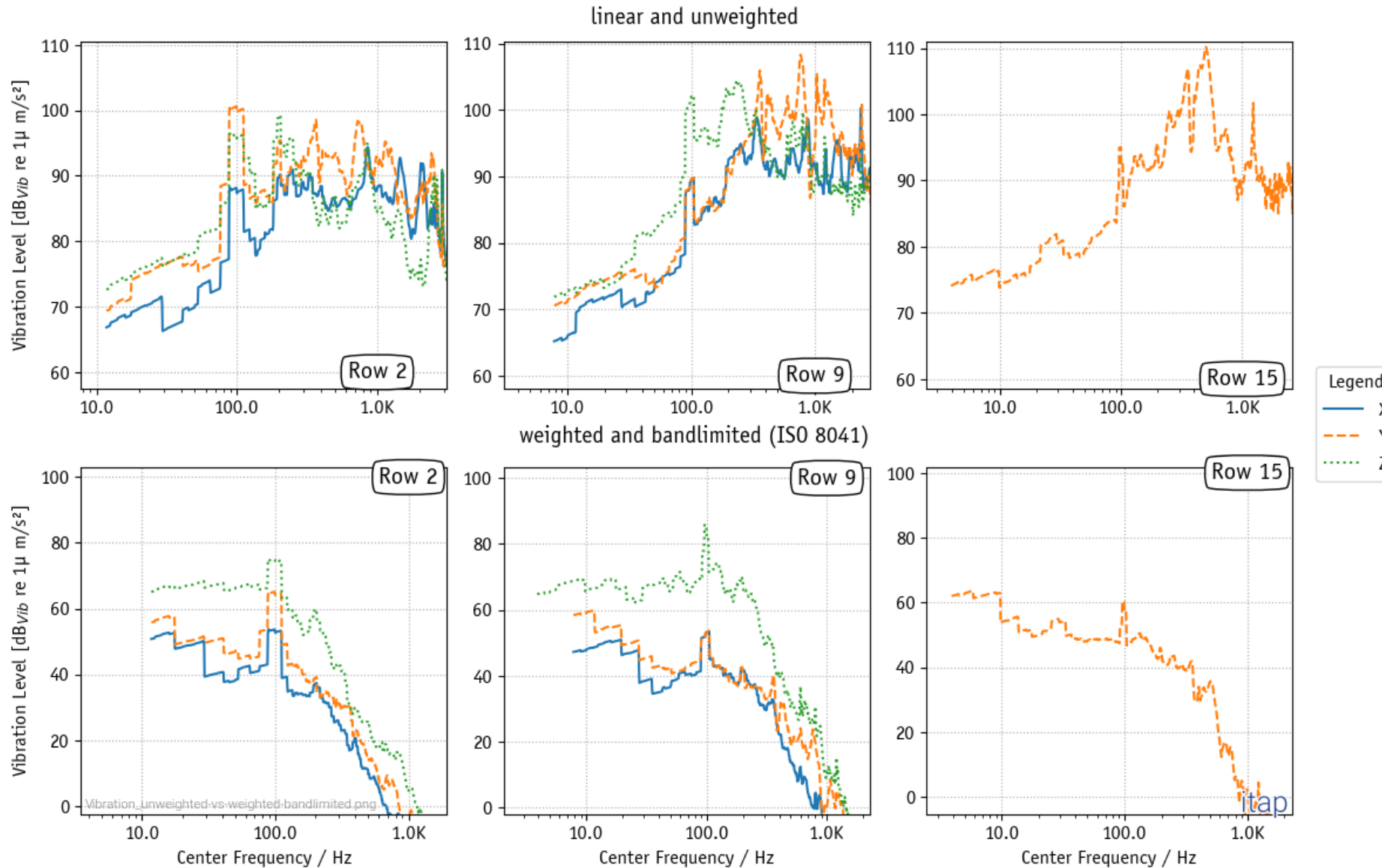
Take Home Message

- Continuous Noise & Vibration measurements during 3 flights with/without PAX in an ATR72-500
- Noise and Vibration significantly depending on flight phase (taxiing, take-off etc.) in level and spectrum which is highly correlated with altitude & flight speed
- Noise and Vibration significantly depending on location within the cabin (during cruising)
- SPL is dominated by rotor frequency and by very low frequencies
SPL(A) differ in 1 and 2 kHz frequency band
—for objective description of perceived noise psycho-acoustic metrics are required
- Noise (& Vibration) might also depending on amount of PAX

Outlook:

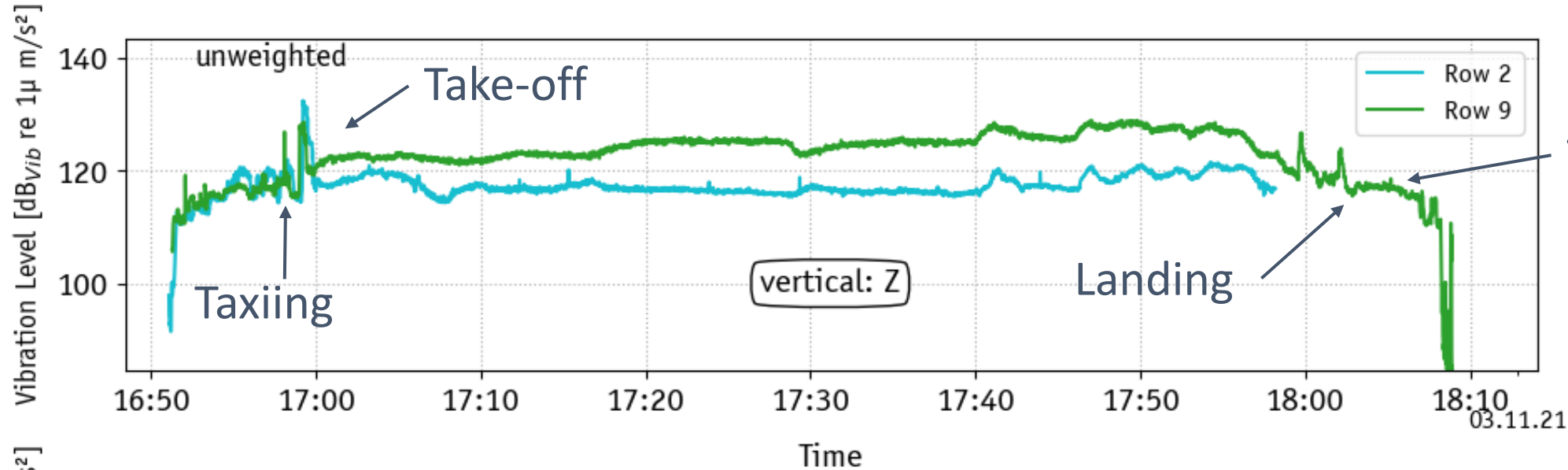
- Recordings can be used for cabin demonstrator tests
- Further (psycho-acoustic) analysis are ongoing

Measured Vibration level over Time 3rd flight - **cruising**



- blade frequency (~100 Hz) is dominating
- @ row 9 and 15 higher frequencies dominating at Y axis
- **only** blade frequency (~100 Hz) is dominating
- assuming horizontal axes (X,Y) are not perceived

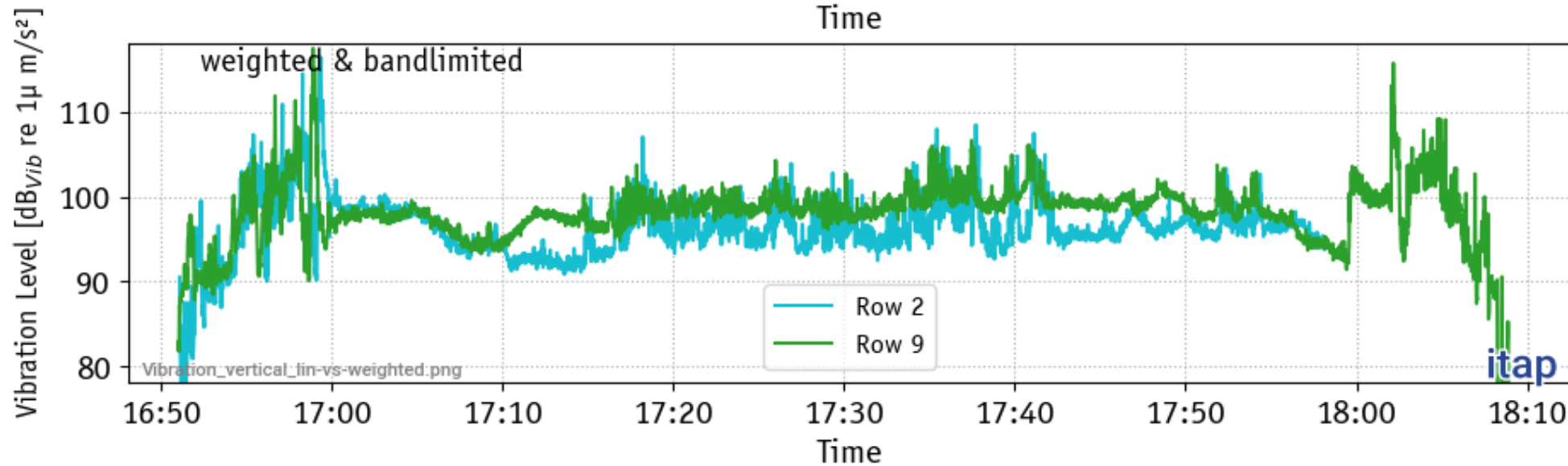
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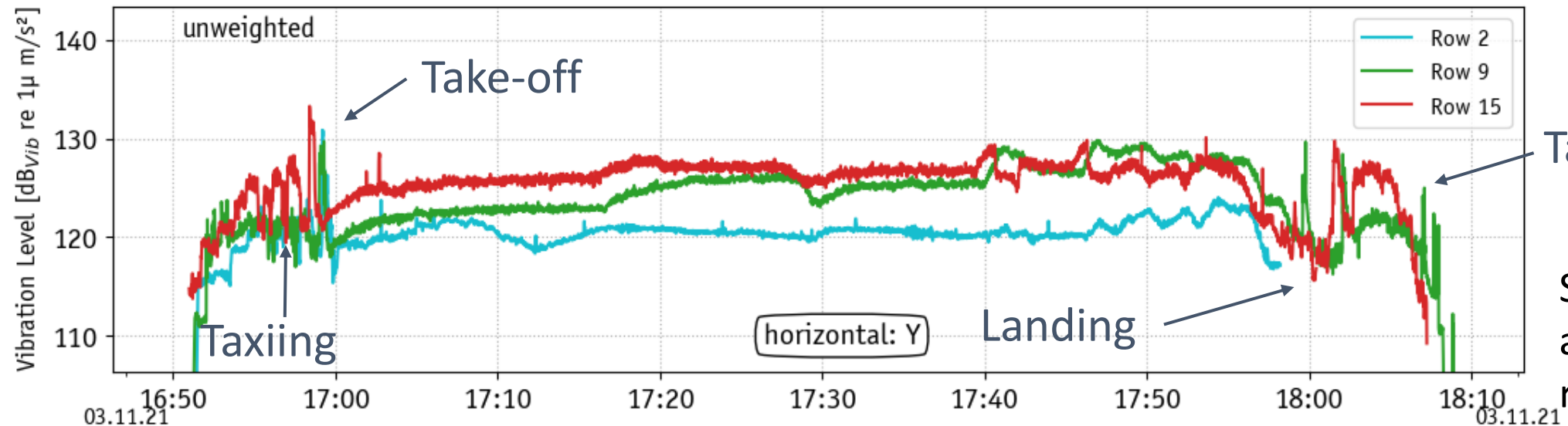
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Similar course between row 2 and row 9.

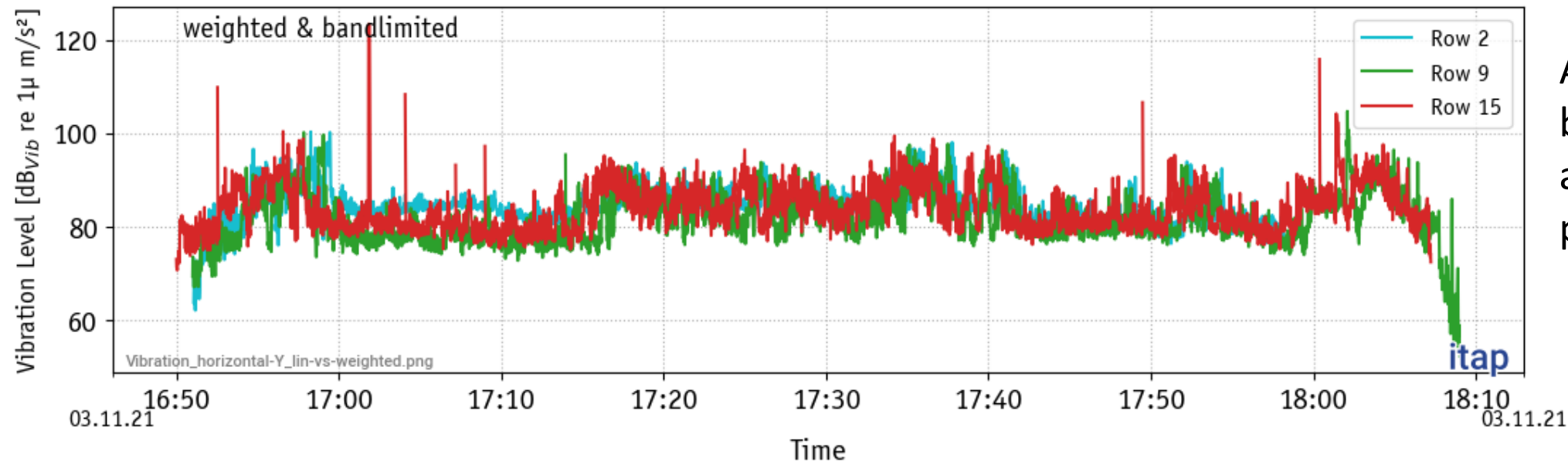
Higher amplitudes at row 9, independent of weighting.



Measured Vibration level over Time 3rd flight



Similar course and amplitudes between row 9 and row 15.



After weighting and bandlimiting similar amplitudes at all positions.

Laboratory evaluation of human response to aircraft environments

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COMFDEMO



Aim – to understand how passengers integrate comfort / discomfort factors

1. Voice of the customer survey
2. Dual-modality trials
3. Tri-modal trials

Voice of the customer study

- Focus group study to elicit opinions on aircraft and flight experiences
- Three focus groups:
 - Group 1, 18-25, n=4
 - Group 2, 35-49, n=5
 - Group 3, 50-70, n=5
- Transcribed and analysed in nVivo

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Please write down your initial thoughts, words and associations which come to mind when looking at this image...



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- What do you think of when you think about...
- What is particularly important to you in relation to this attribute?

Inflight entertainment	Cabin crew
Cabin layout	Food and beverages
Seat design	Information and communication
Seat spacing	Air quality
Luggage storage	Climate
Safety	Light
Cleanliness	Noise
Personal Factors	Vibration

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- If the cabin environment attributes identified, are there any others you would consider to be important?

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Safety	Light
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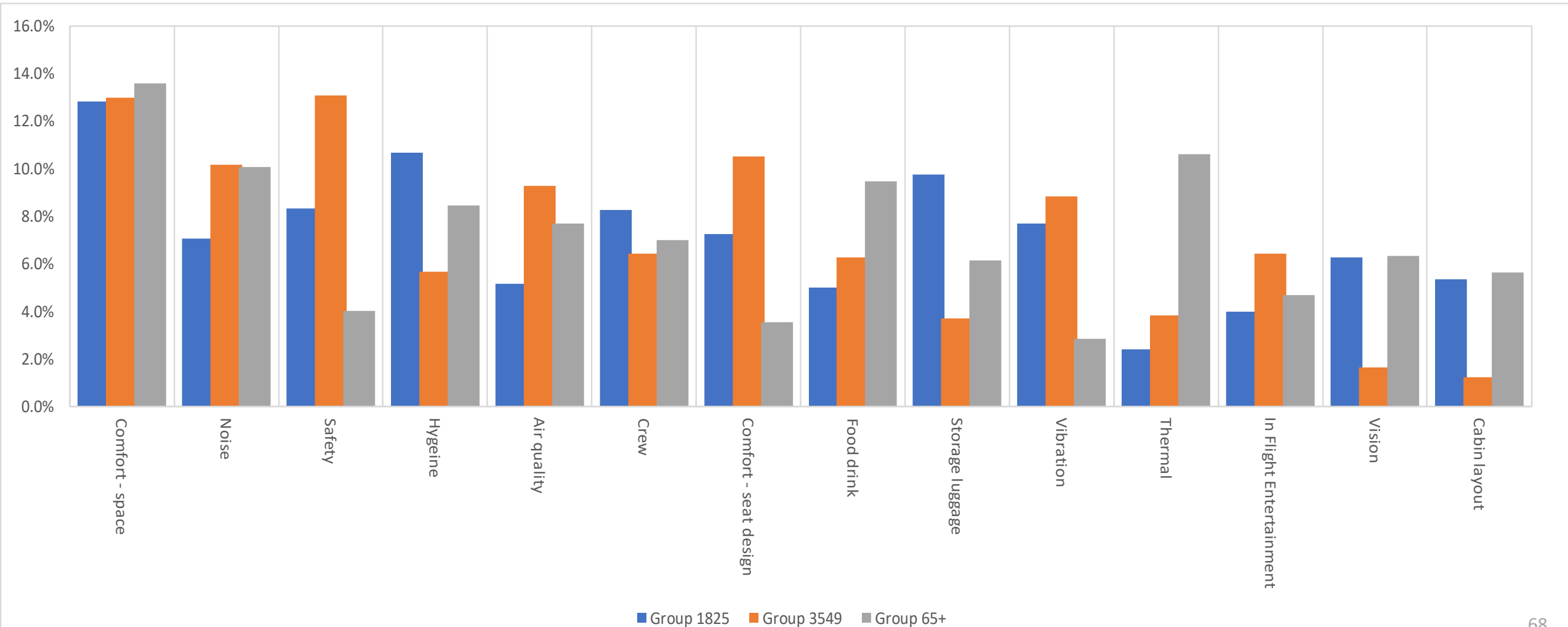
If you had to identify the three most important and three least important attributes of the cabin environment to you, which would they be and why?

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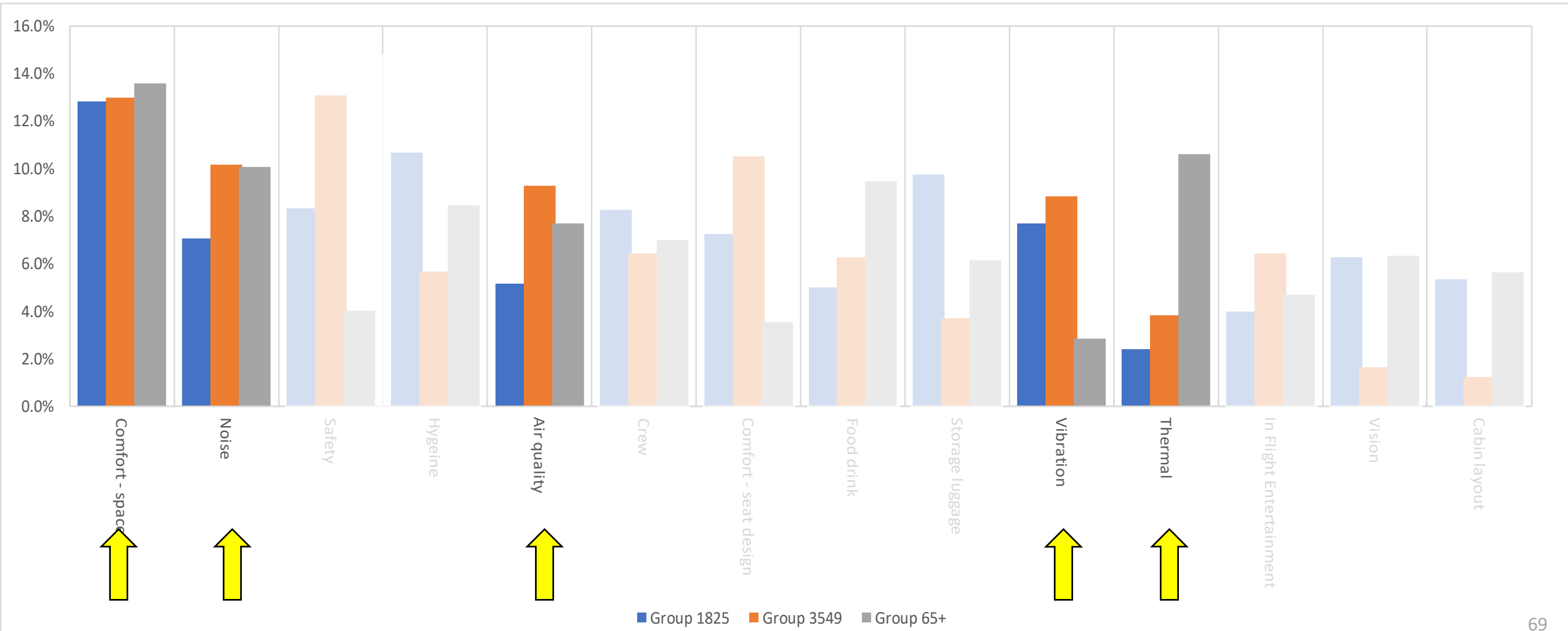
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Voice of the customer: Normalised coding count (top 10 for each)



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Combined stressors

Additive:

Impact of 'A' and 'B' combined (%) = Impact of 'A' (%) + Impact of 'B' (%)

Synergistic (cross-modal):

Impact of 'A' and 'B' combined (%) > Impact of 'A' (%) + Impact of 'B' (%)

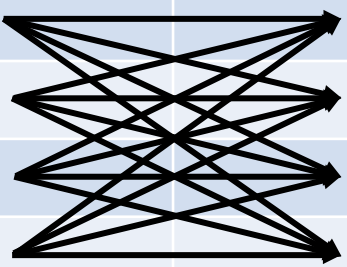
Antagonistic (masking):

Impact of 'A' and 'B' combined (%) < Impact of 'A' (%) + Impact of 'B' (%)

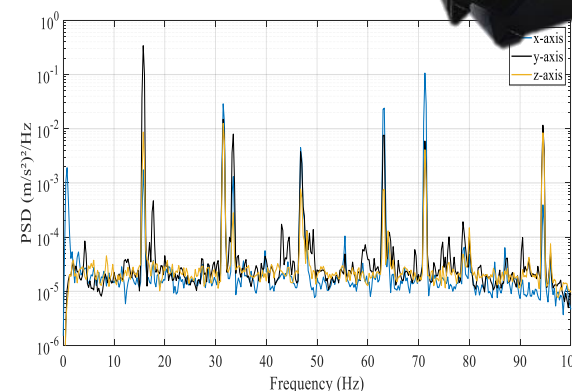
Dual modality trials

Dual modality trials – noise and vibration

- 18 volunteers, 1 person at a time
- 4 x turboprop vibration
- 4 x turboprop noise
- Each sample, 15 seconds

Turboprop cabin vibration (m/s^2 r.m.s.)		Turboprop cabin noise (dB(A))
0.50		72
0.67		78
0.83		84
1.00		90

Bandlimited, 0.8-100 Hz
unweighted



Subjective data collection – ISO2631-1 / CR100

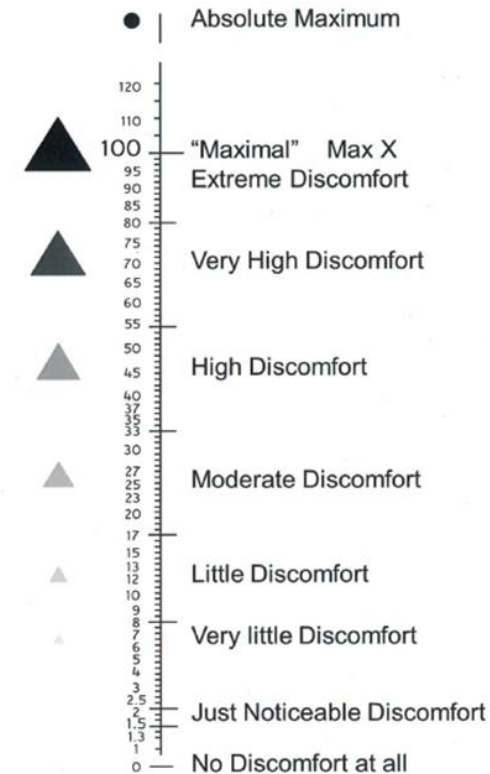
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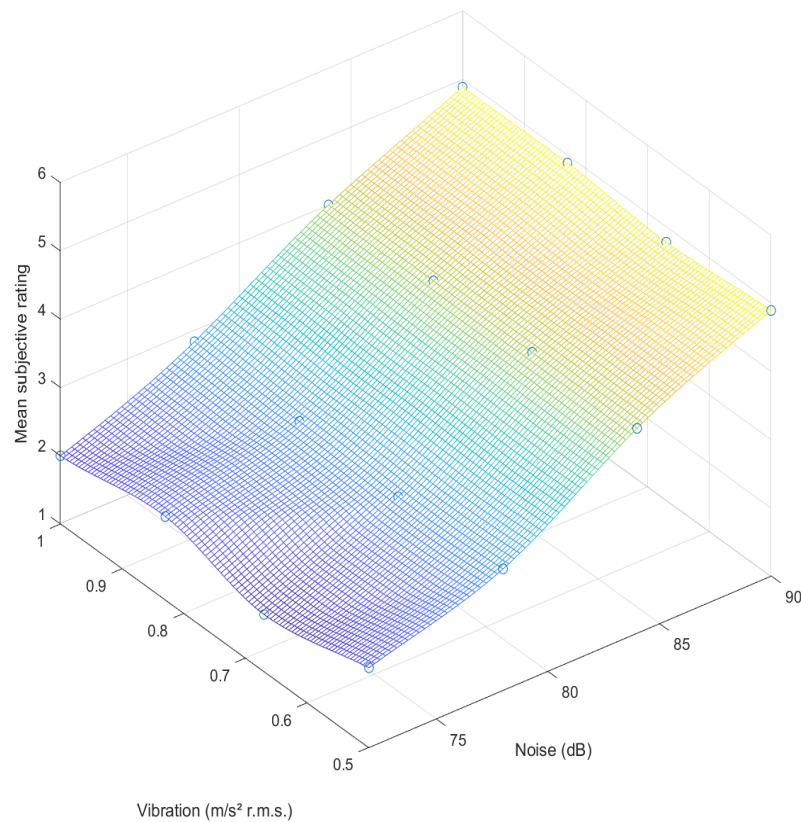


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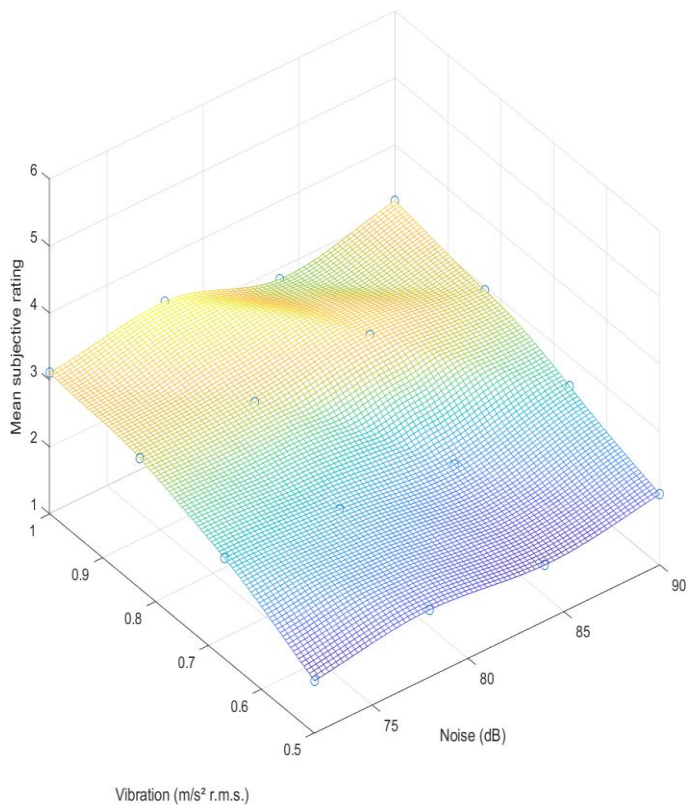
Subjective response scales. (a) Noise ratings and Vibration ratings based on scale from ISO 2631-1. (Sammonds et al., 2017 and Mansfield, N.J. 2004) (b) Borg CR100 scale for overall discomfort ratings. Adapted from (Borg. E, 2002).

Noise Discomfort



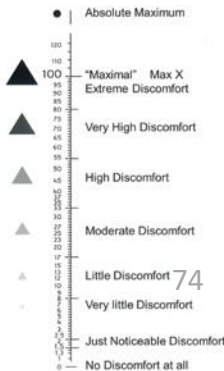
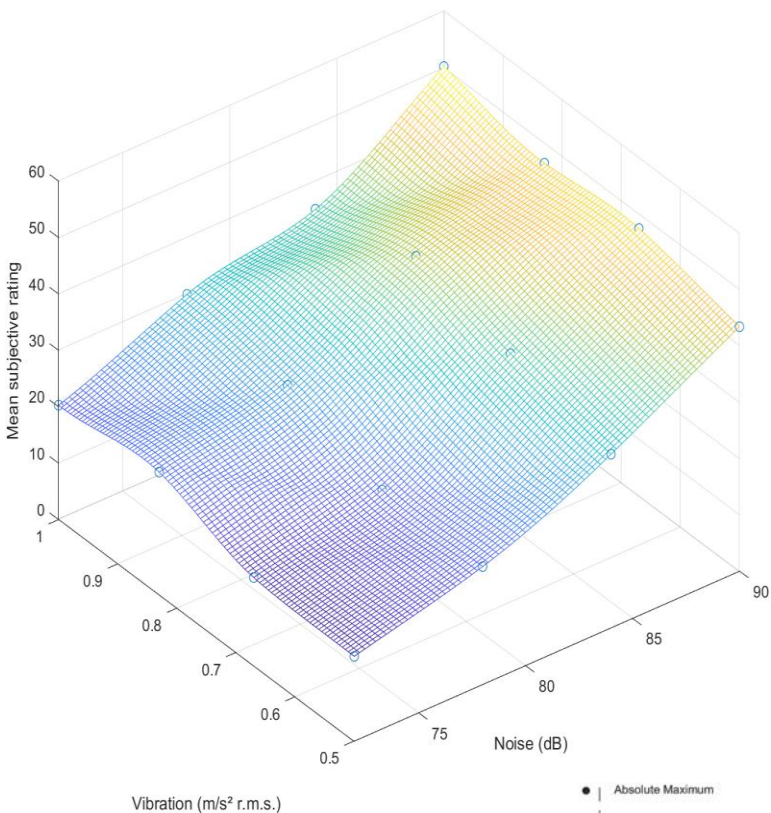
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Vibration Discomfort

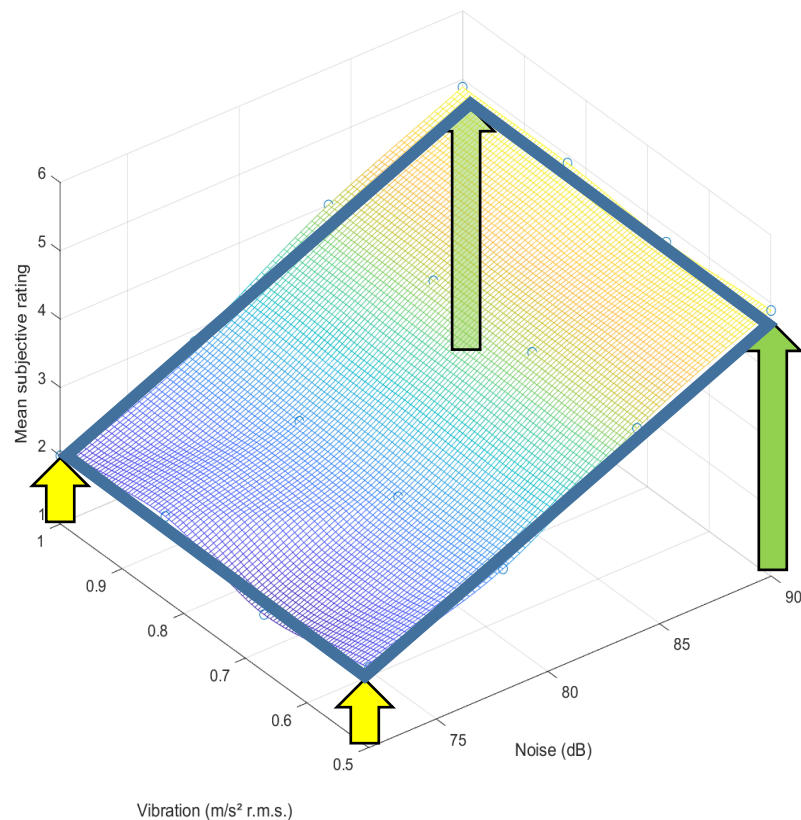


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Overall Discomfort

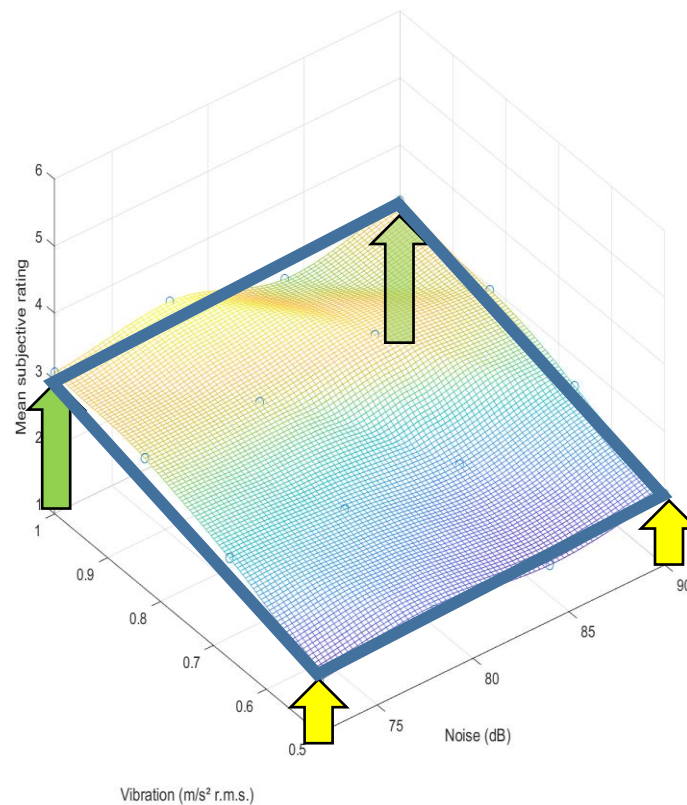


Noise Discomfort



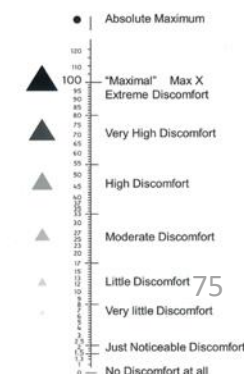
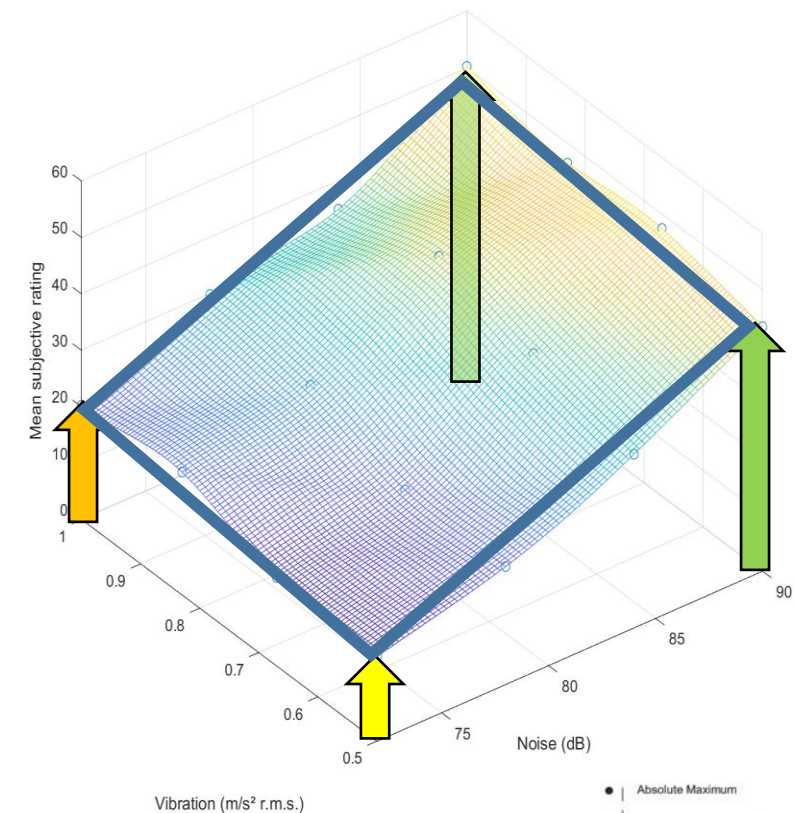
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Tri-modal trials



Tri-modal trials

- Environmental chamber
- Airline seat (BAe 146)
- 20 volunteers, 1 person at a time
- Vibration:
 - 0.75, 1.5, 2.25, 3.0 m/s² bandlimited
- Noise:
 - 78, 82, 86, 90 dB(A)
- Ramped temperature:
 - 20, 24, 28, 32 deg C

Tri-modal trials

(a) Please rate your discomfort from the NOISE:



no discomfort										extreme discomfort
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

(b) Please rate your discomfort from the VIBRATION:

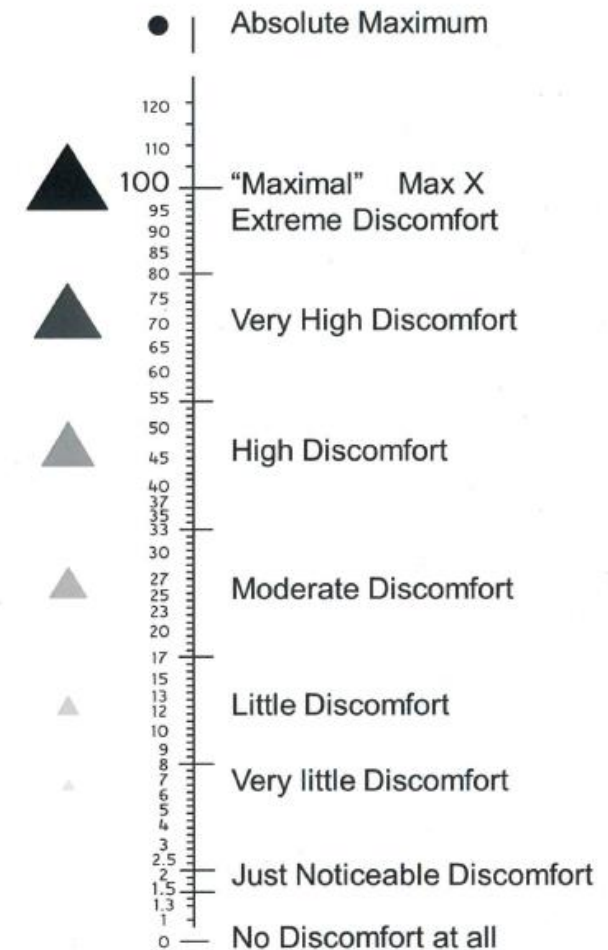


no discomfort										extreme discomfort
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(c) Using the following scale please rate how you feel now:



Hot	3
Warm	2
Slightly Warm	1
Neutral	0
Slightly Cool	-1
Cool	-2
Cold	-3

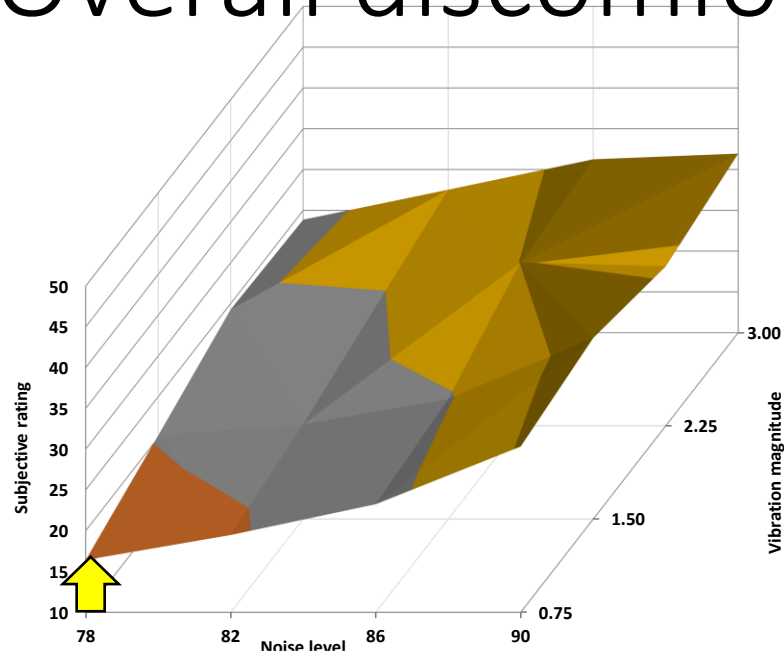


“In order to improve your comfort would you prefer to reduce the noise, vibration, increase temperature or decrease temperature?”

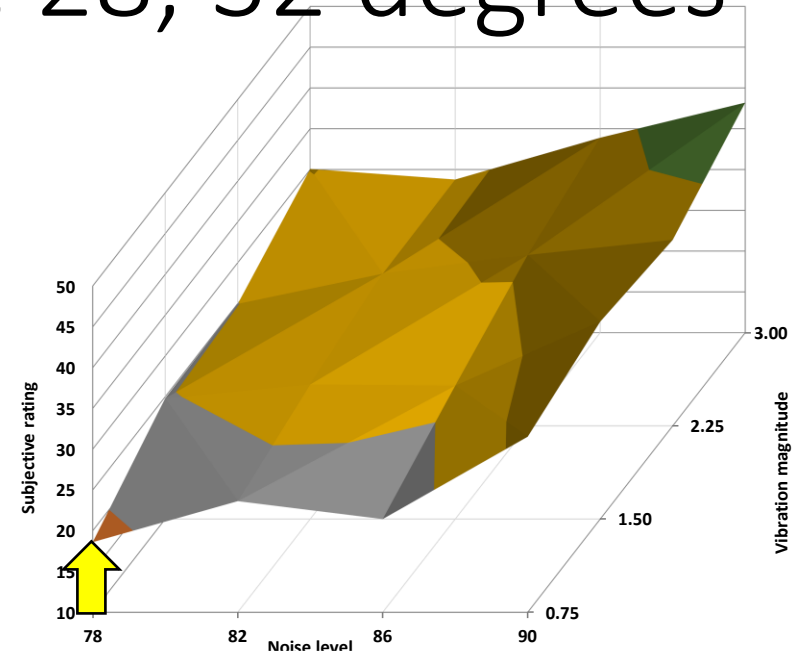
Forced choice question

Overall discomfort – 20, 24, 28, 32 degrees

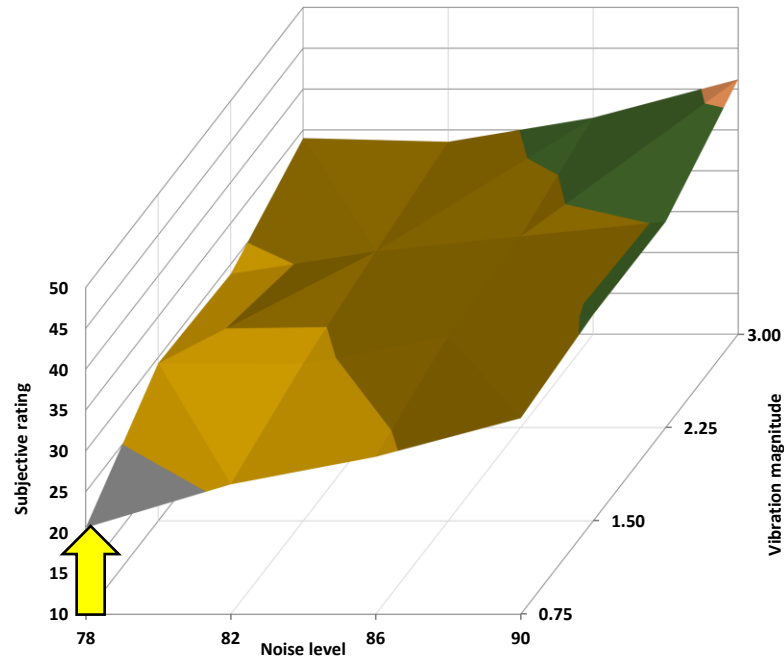
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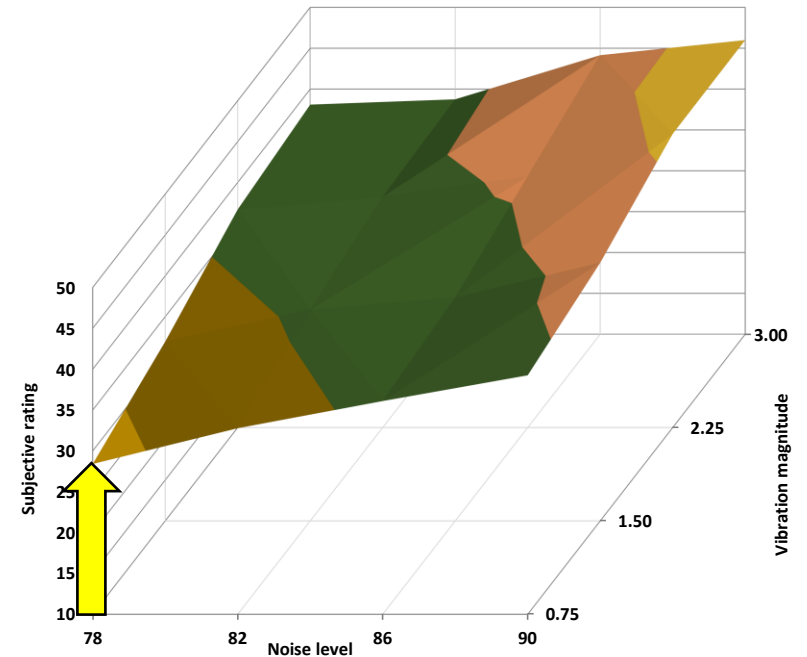
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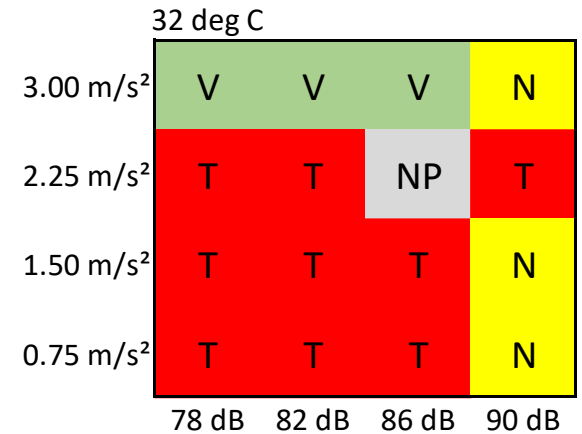
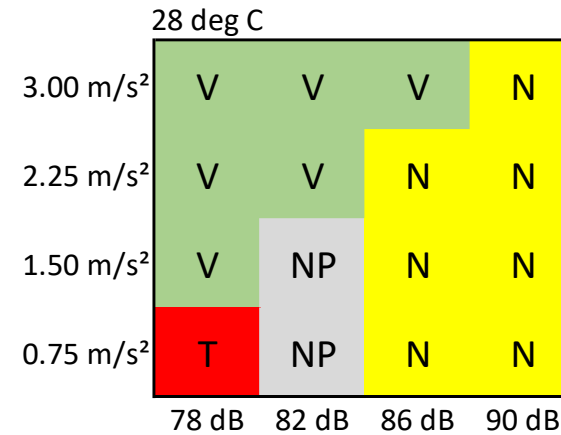
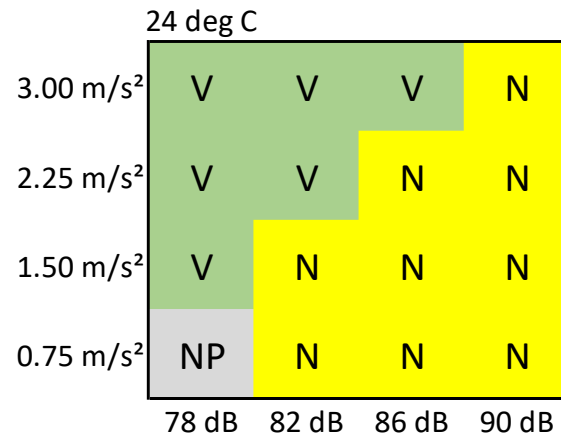
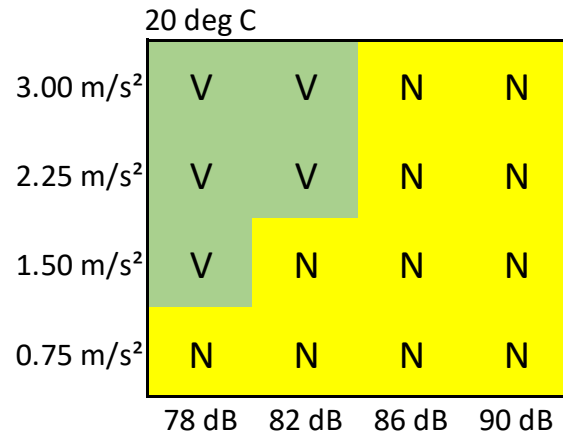


32°



Preference

V	> 50% prefer to reduce vibration
N	> 50% prefer to reduce noise
T	> 50% prefer to reduce temperature
NP	no preference > 50%



Conclusion/Key Takeaways

- This research study investigated the relative contribution of noise, vibration and thermal/temperature stimuli to human discomfort in an aircraft cabin.
- The vibration discomfort ratings of the participants increased with increase in vibration magnitudes, but not with noise or temperature.
- The noise discomfort ratings of the participants increased with increase in noise, but not with vibration or temperature.
- The overall discomfort score of the participants increased with increase in noise levels, vibration magnitudes and temperature.
- Preference for modality to improve environment varies with noise, vibration and temperature.

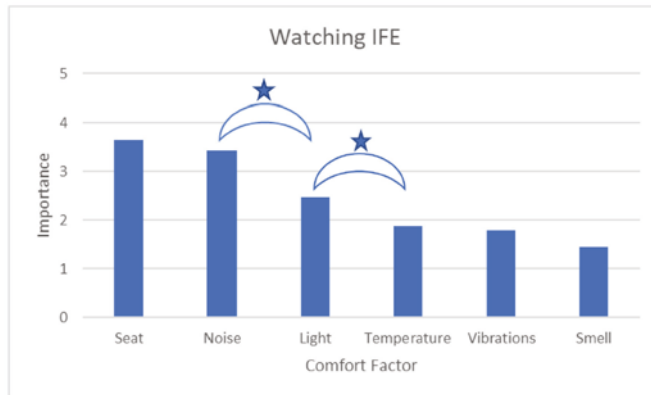
Impact of noise cancelling headphones on passenger comfort in Turboprop airplanes

Gerbera Vledder, TU Delft

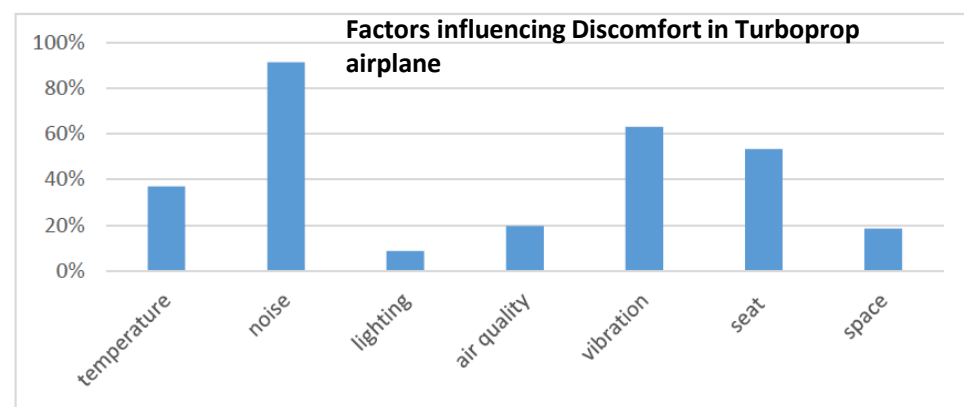


Background

- In turboprop aircraft the sound volume is much louder compared to a jet.
- Influence of noise on passenger comfort and discomfort (Bouwens, 2018)(Vink et al., 2022)
- Being in control of noise levels improves the aircraft seat comfort (Bouwens et al., 2021).



**Bouwens, 2018*



**Vink et al., 2022*

Research objectives

- Influence of active noise cancelling headphones (ANC) on comfort of passengers in turboprop airplanes during in flight entertainment.
- Comparison of ANC headphones with earplugs.
- Comfort difference between turboprop airplane and jet engine airplane sound.



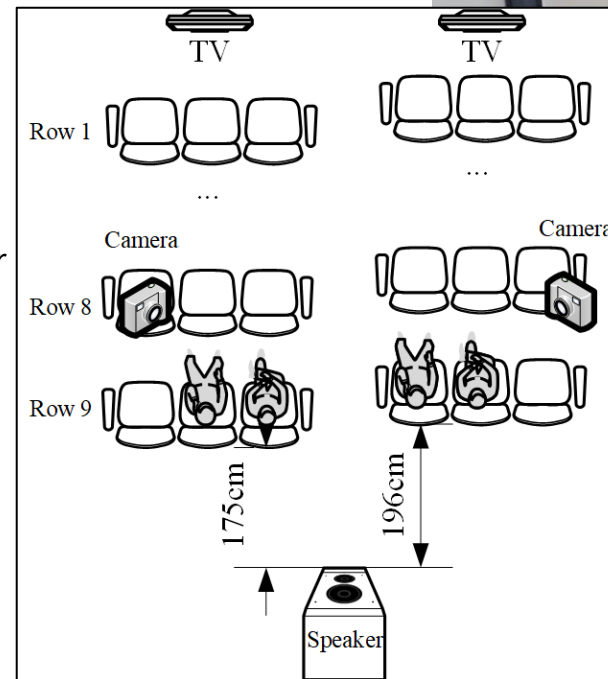
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Research setup

- 24 participants (age 18-39)(50/50% Male/Female)
- Passenger activity: Smartphone, book or e-reader device (without sound)
- 4 conditions x 45 min.
 1. Jet engine sound
 2. Turboprop sound
 3. Turboprop sound + ANC headphones
 4. Turboprop sound + earplugs

** The recorded sound and volume of Comfdemo is used as basis for this test.*

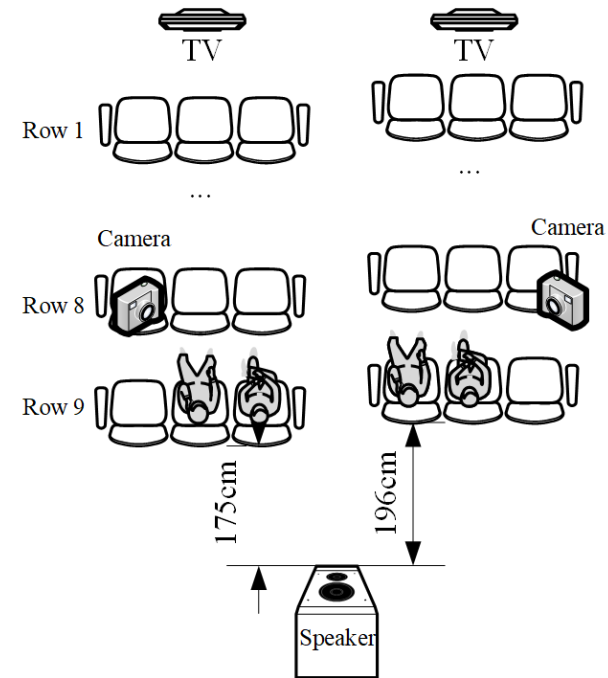


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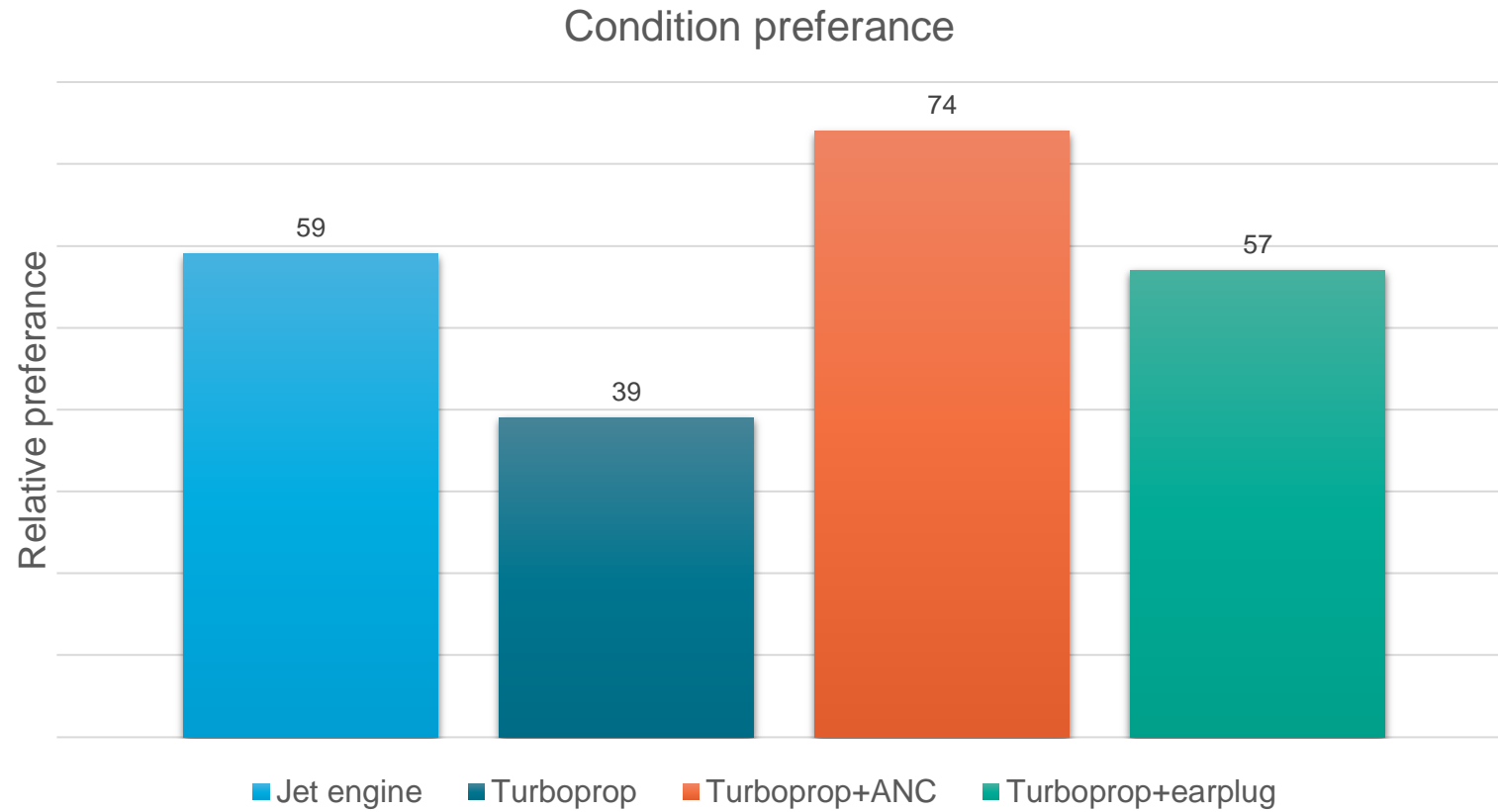
dB distribution across seats (average)

	9B	9C	9D	9E
B737	84,6	86,1	86,0	84,2
ATR	86,3	84,9	84,8	86,3

- Jet sound vs. Turboprop sound: difference in sound reflection in the interior.

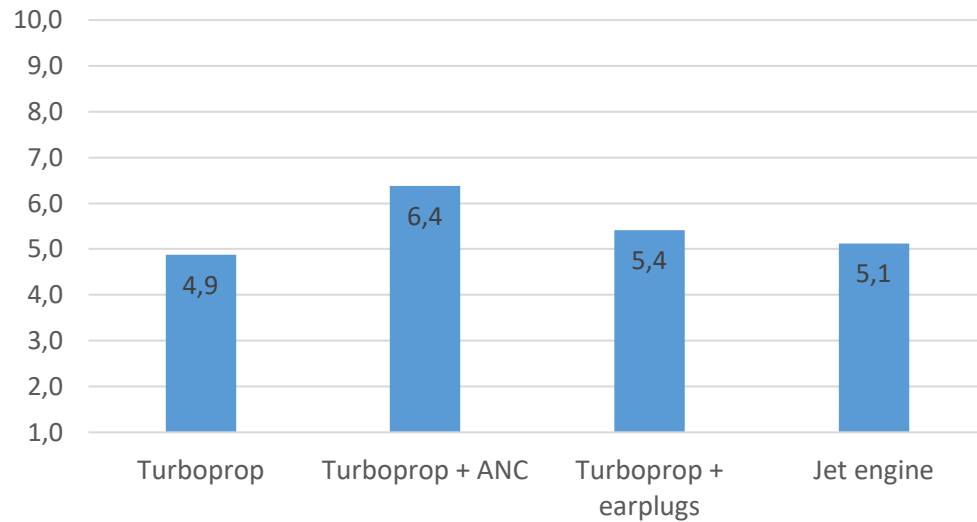


Overall preference

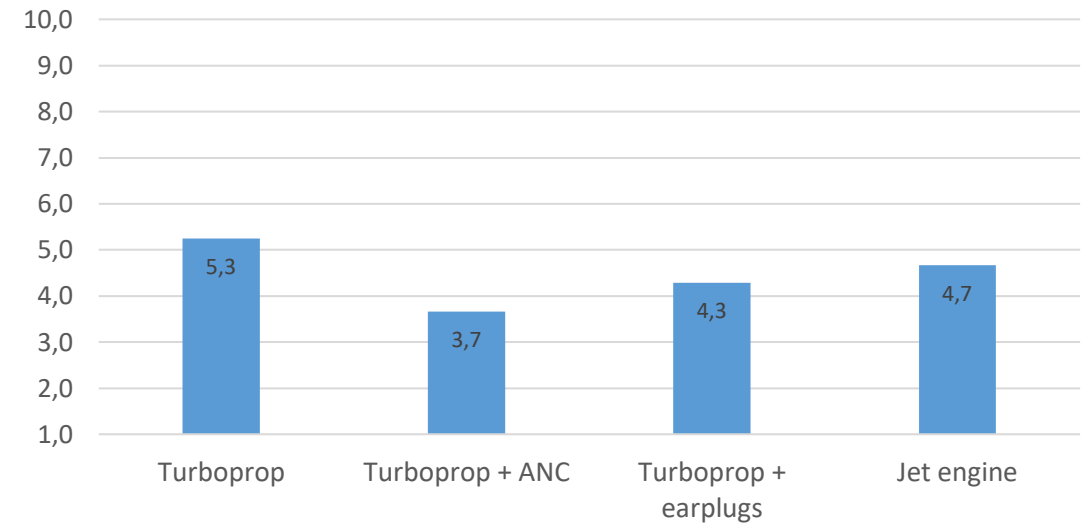


Comfort and Discomfort comparison

Comfort rating per condition after 45min.

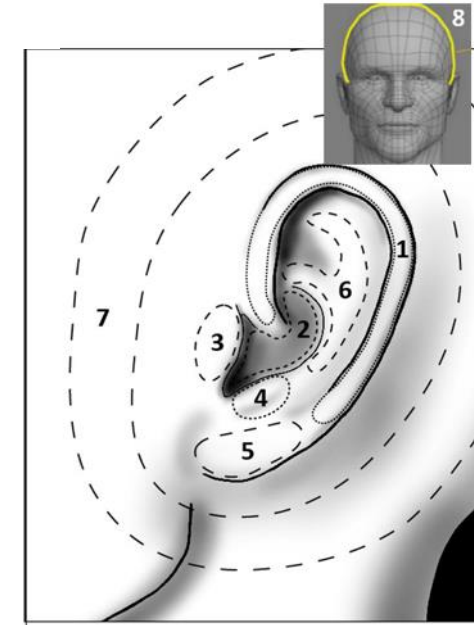
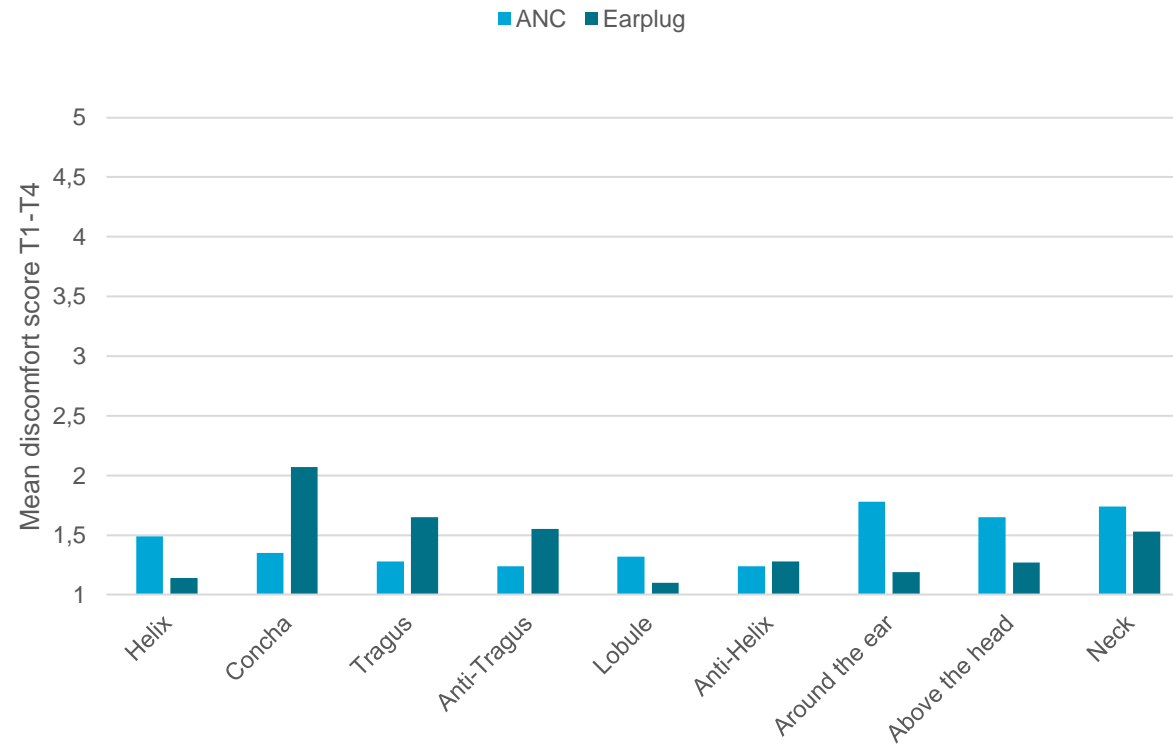


Discomfort rating per condition after 45min.



ANC vs. Earplugs

Local Body Part Discomfort: around the ear



1	Helix
2	Concha
3	Tragus
4	Anti-tragus
5	Lobule
6	Anti-helix
7	Around the ear
8	Above the head
9	Neck

ANC vs. Earplugs

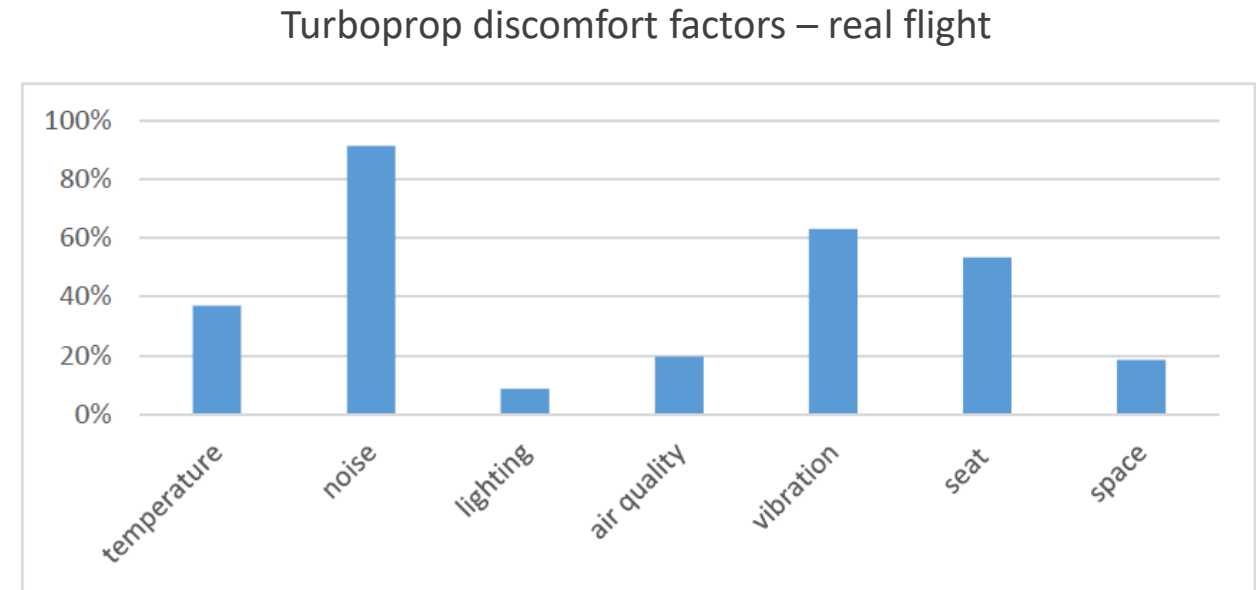
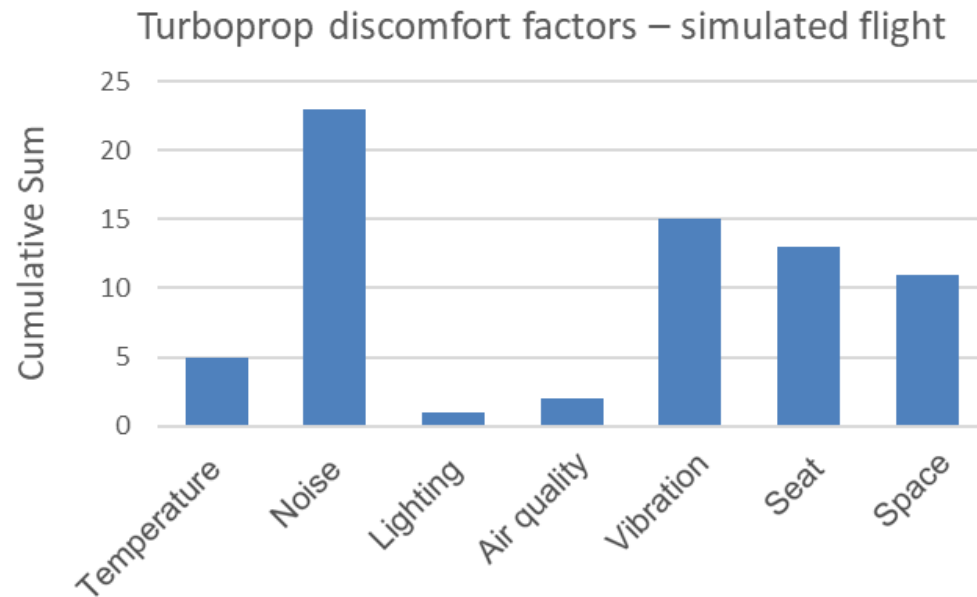
Active Noise Cancelling headphones

- Heightened awareness of vibrations and heartbeat
- Feeling of air pressure change
- Gives option to play music
- Create a feeling of privacy

Earplugs

- Blocks out less noise
- Less heavy on the head
- Easy to implement measure

Discomfort factors compared



**Vink et al., 2022*

Key takeaways:

- Active Noise Cancelling Headphones are preferred over Earplugs.
- Jet sound is preferred over Turboprop sound.
- Valid research setup for acoustic comfort related studies.
- Sound reflection for jet sound is different then for turboprop sound.

Towards a comfort model of passenger comfort experience in turboprop aircraft

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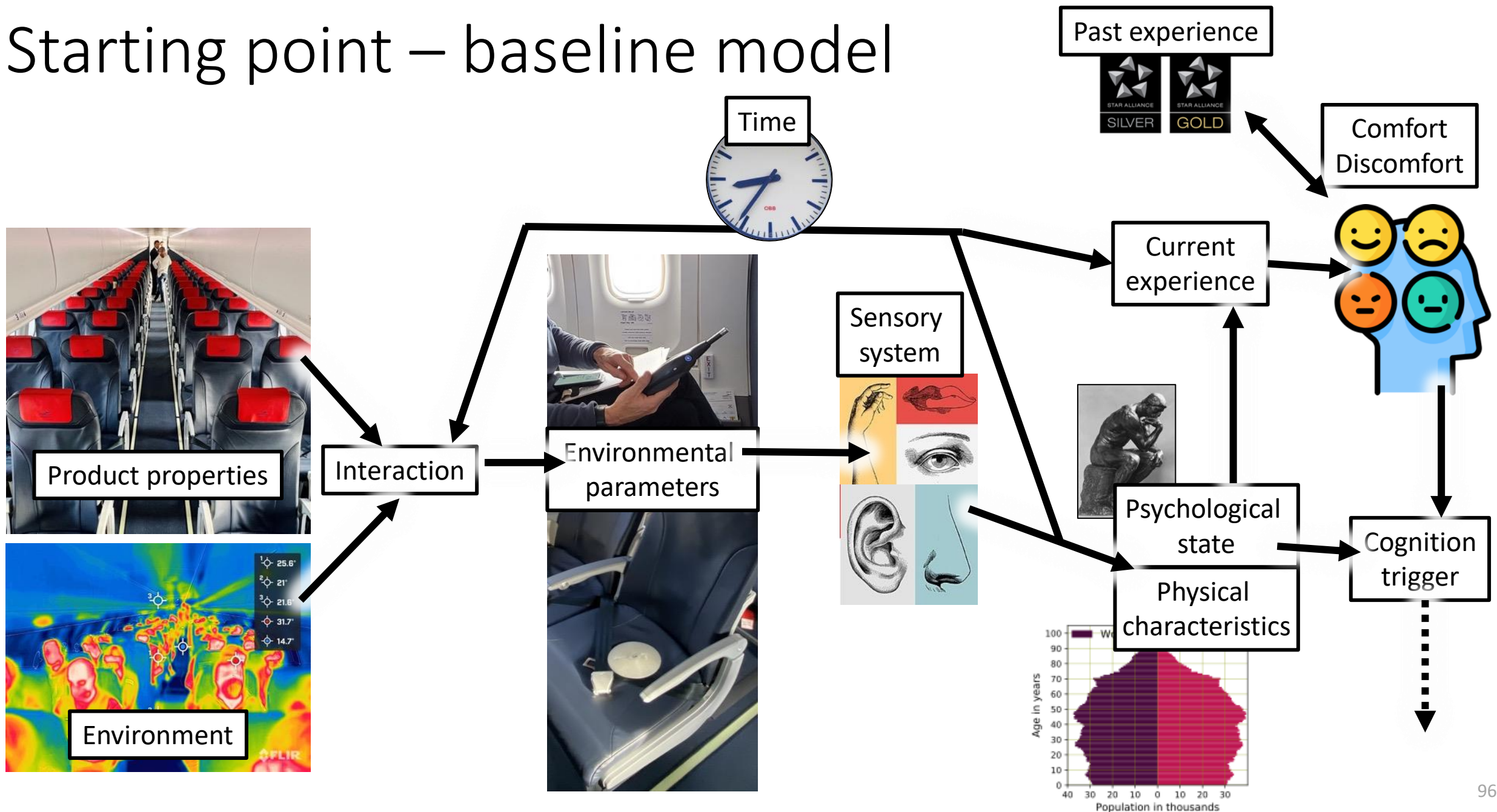
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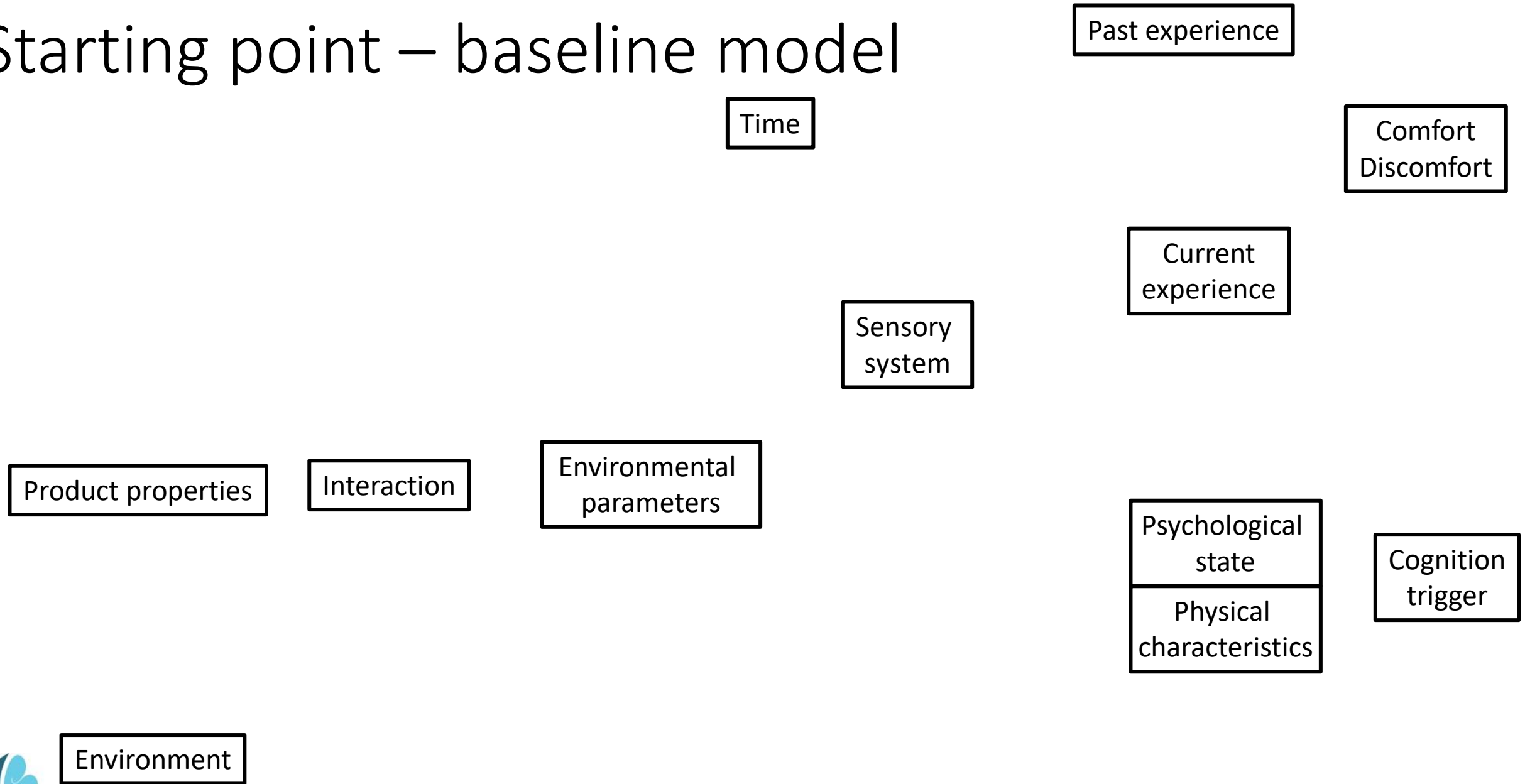
Aim – to build a model(s) of passenger experience of turboprop aircraft

1. Concept model baseline factors
2. Comfort model from flight and lab tests
3. Numerical models from lab test

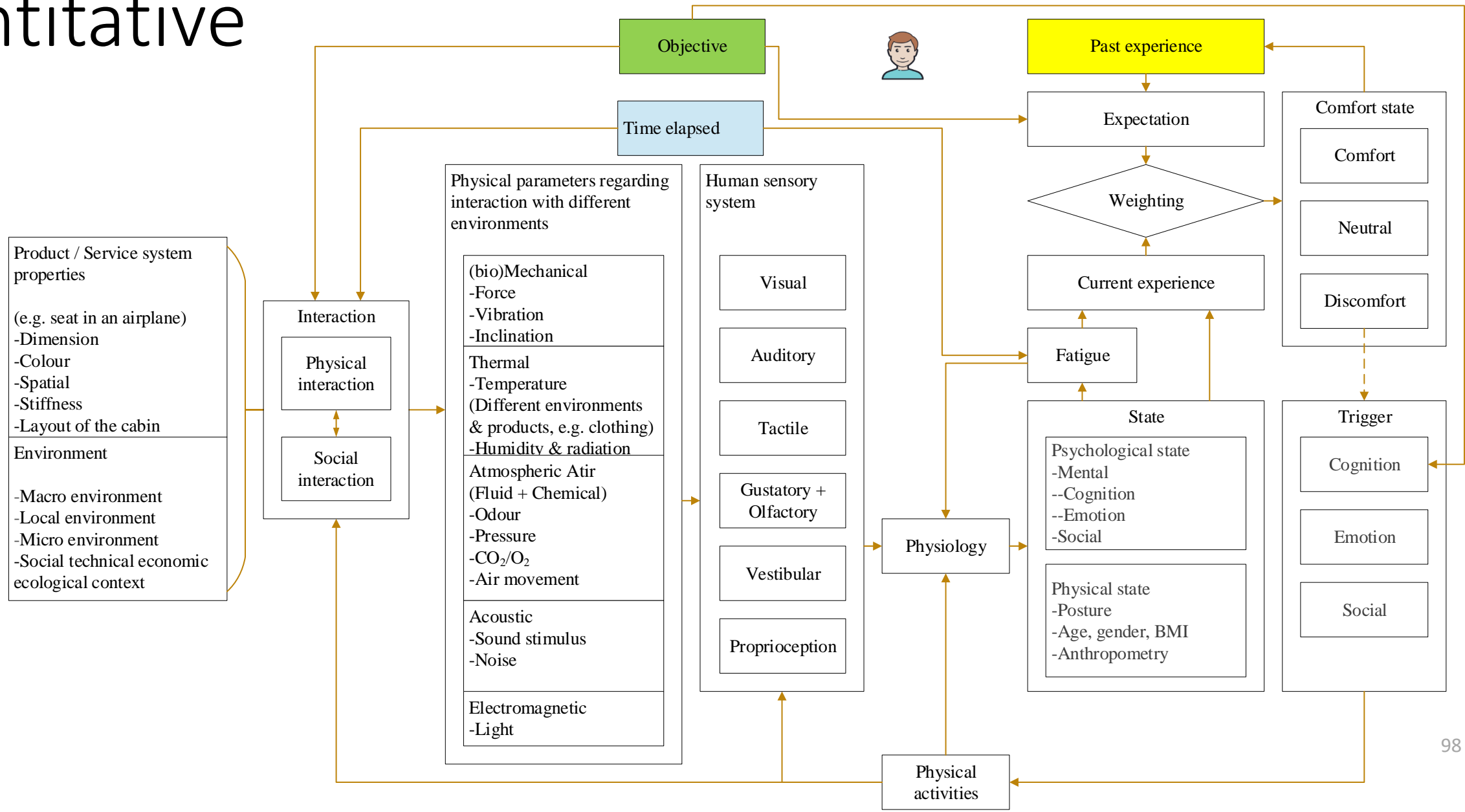
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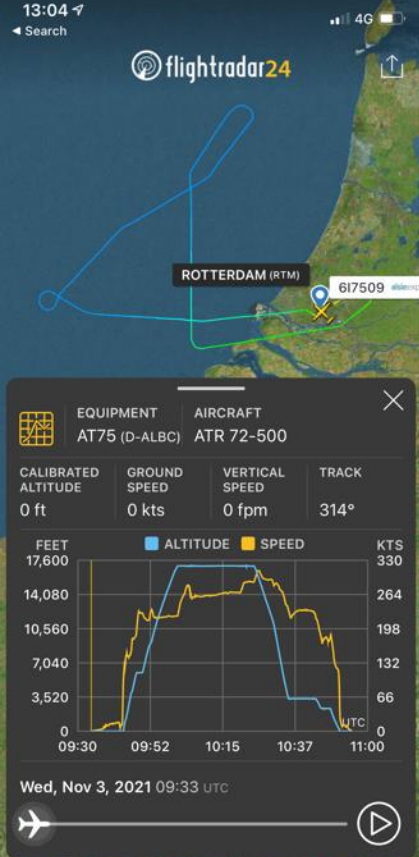


Starting point – baseline model



Starting point – baseline model – qualitative and quantitative





Flight test





Lab tests



Cabin
simulators

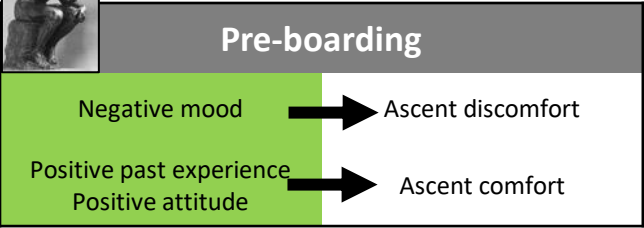


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Passenger responses	
	Data supports association
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Product properties

Easy adjustment of seat



More comfort

Less discomfort

Sense of space



More comfort

Less discomfort

Restricted sitting



Less comfort

More discomfort

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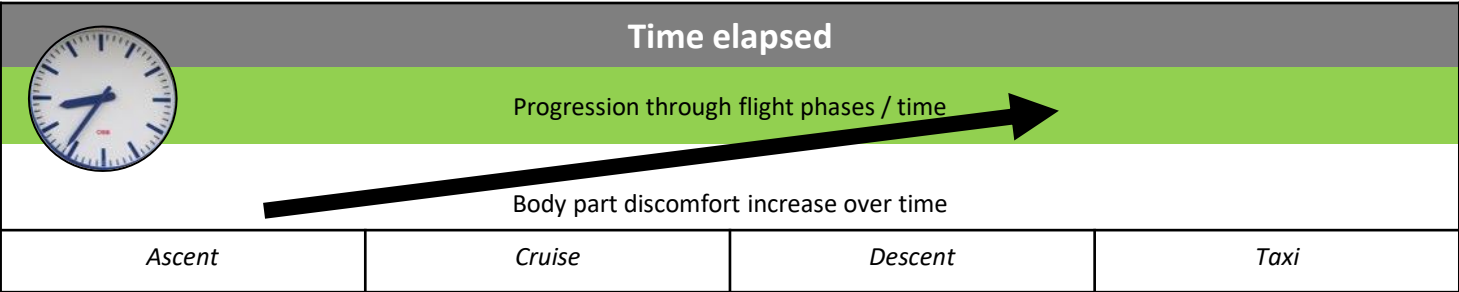
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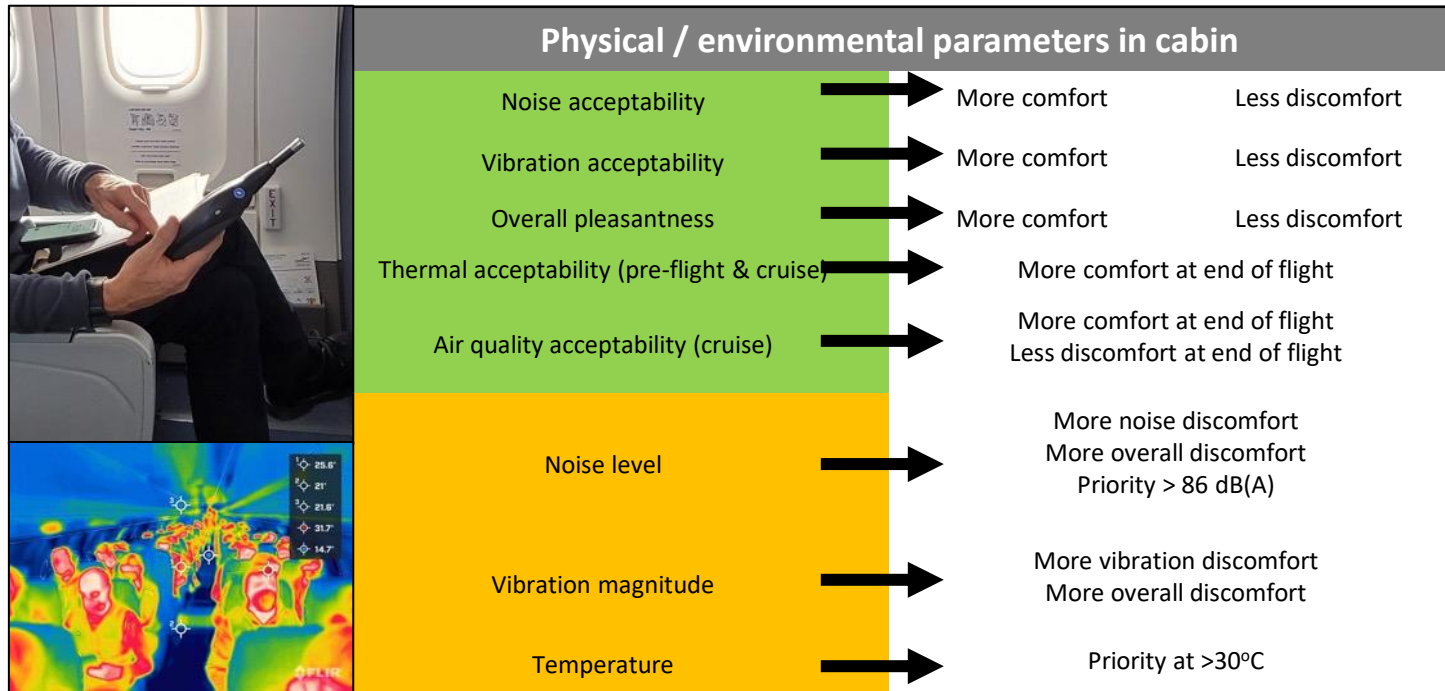
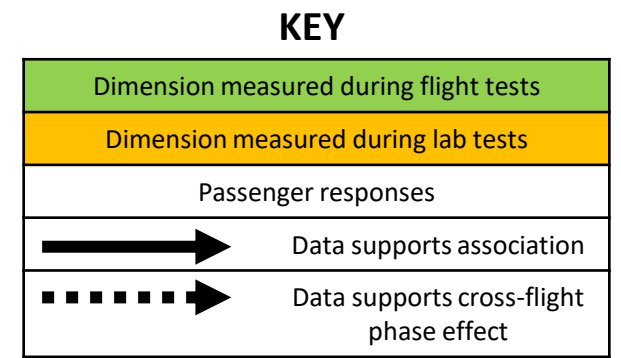
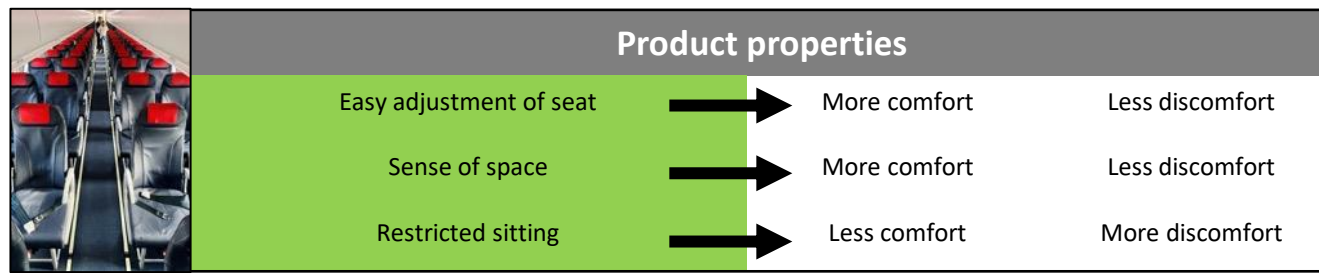
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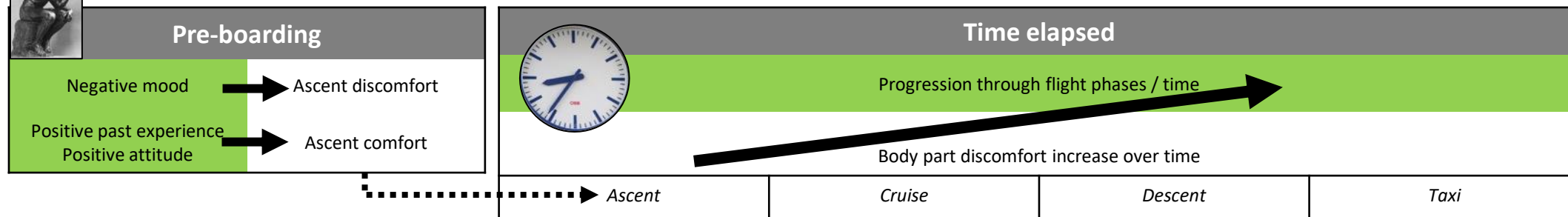
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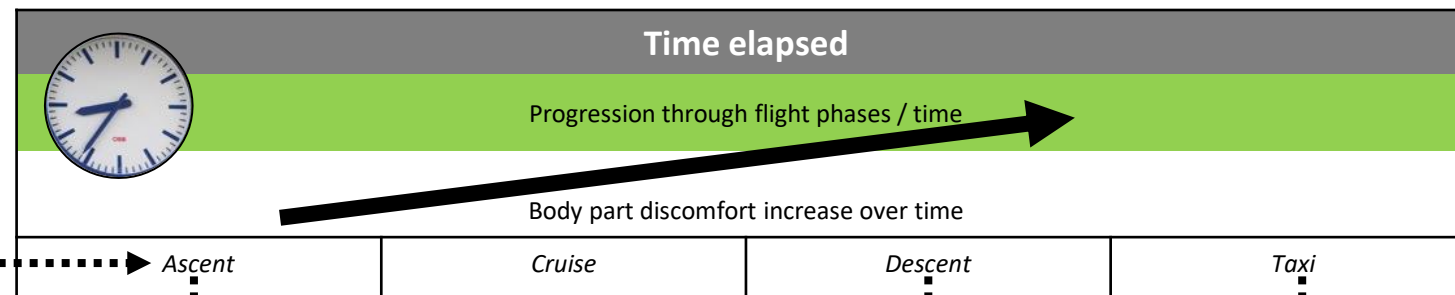
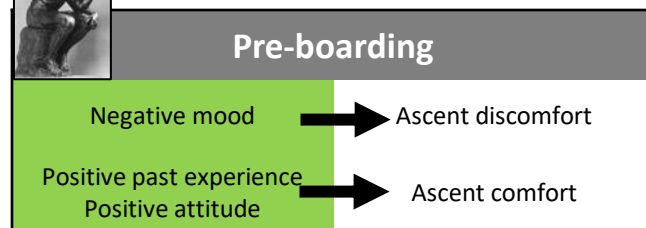
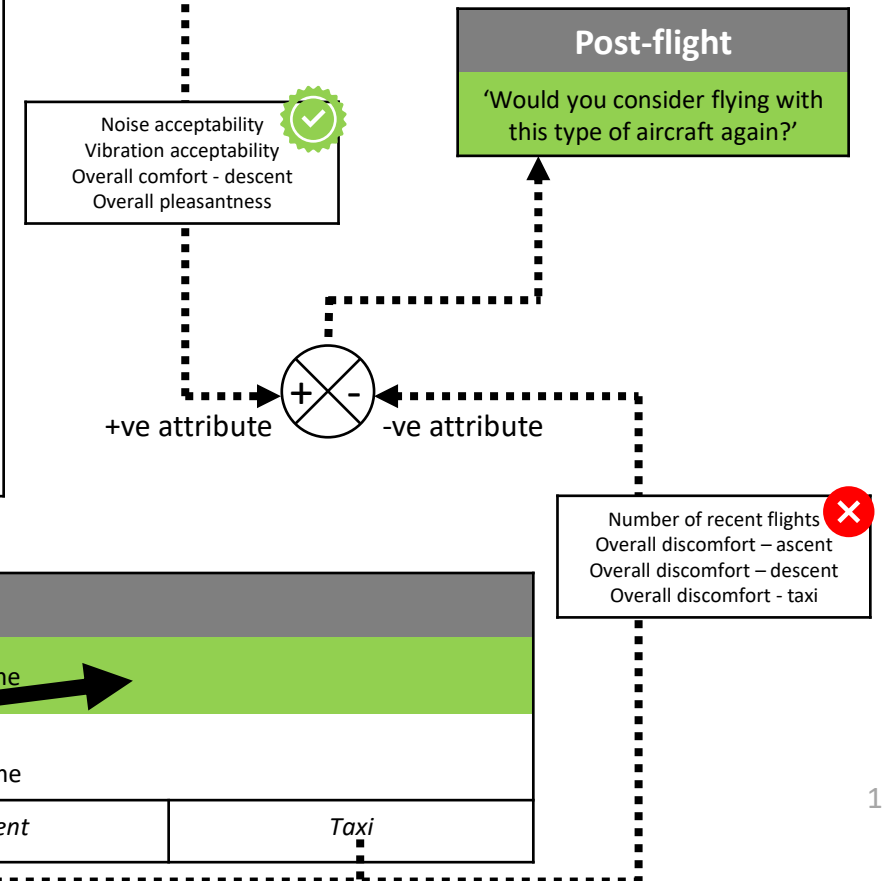
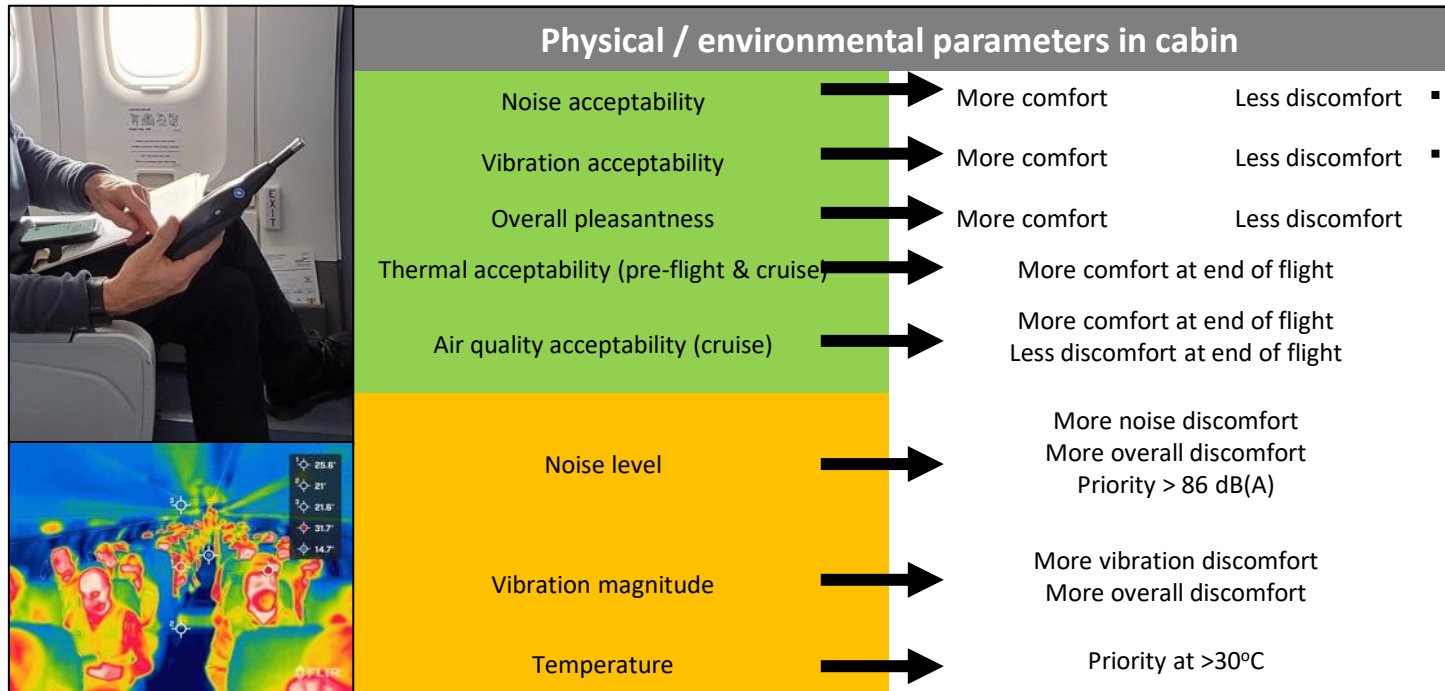
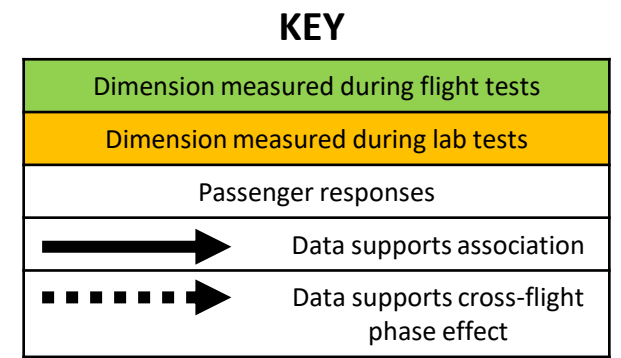
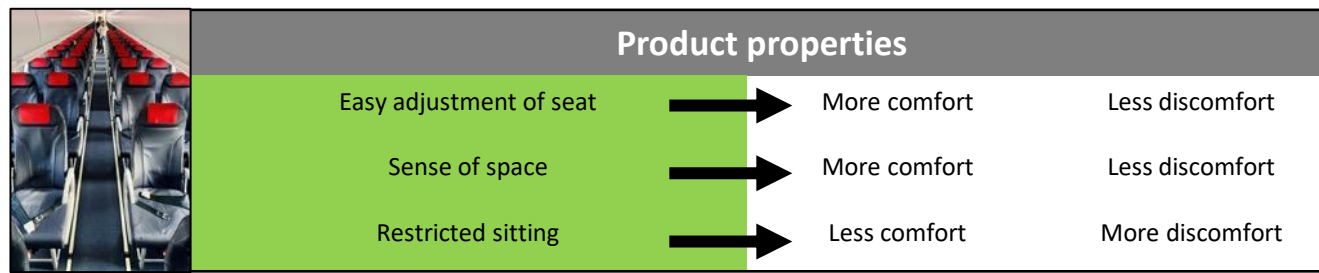
Physical / environmental parameters in cabin			
	Noise acceptability		More comfort Less discomfort
	Vibration acceptability		More comfort Less discomfort
	Overall pleasantness		More comfort Less discomfort
	Thermal acceptability (pre-flight & cruise)		More comfort at end of flight
	Air quality acceptability (cruise)		More comfort at end of flight Less discomfort at end of flight
	Noise level		More noise discomfort More overall discomfort Priority > 86 dB(A)
	Vibration magnitude		More vibration discomfort More overall discomfort
	Temperature		Priority at >30°C



Post-flight

‘Would you consider flying with this type of aircraft again?’

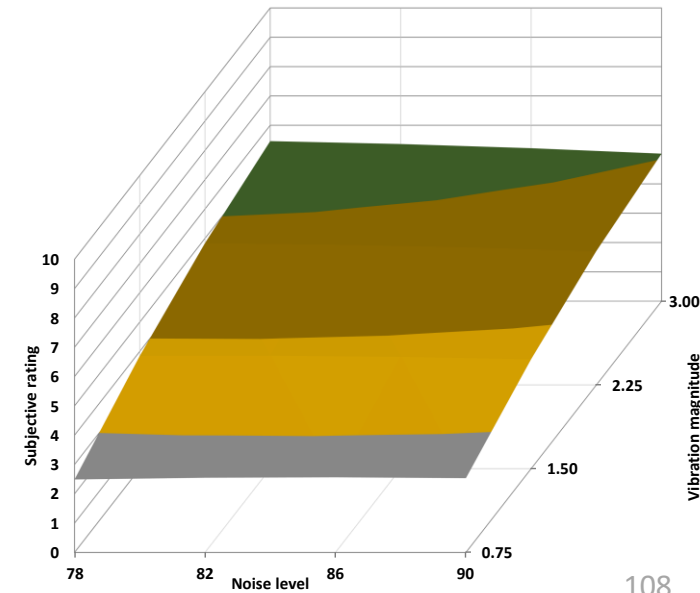
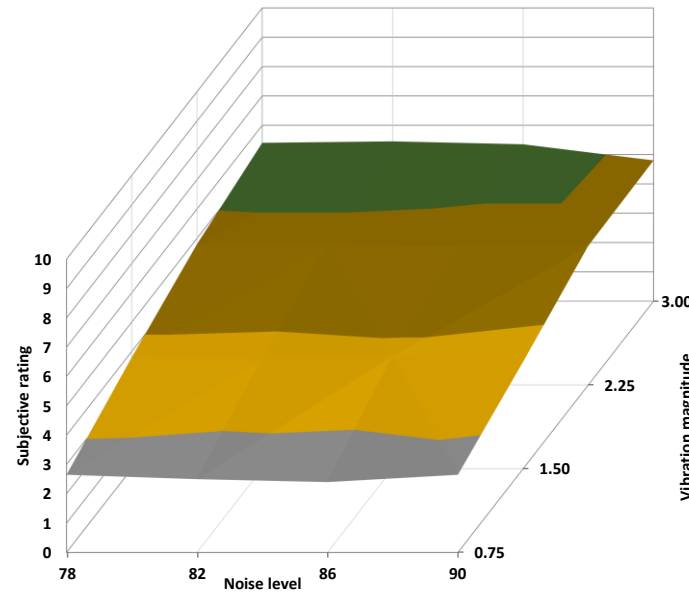
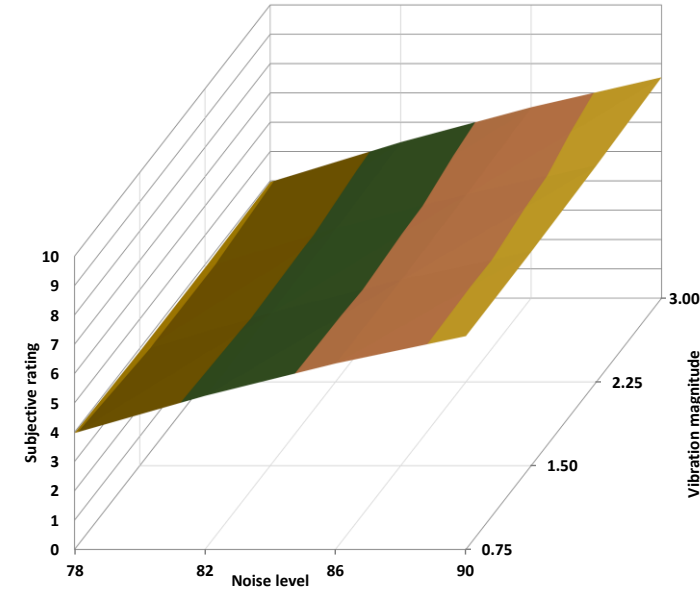
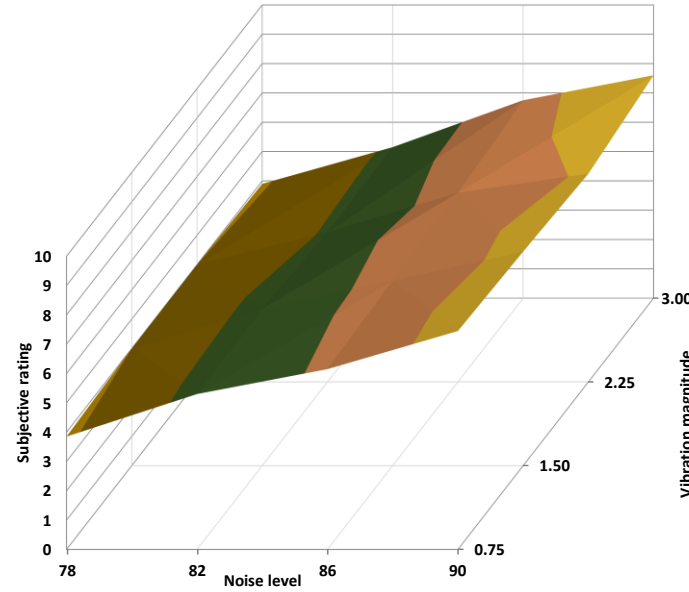




Noise / vibration / thermal comfort models

Polynomial surface

- Top – Noise
- Bottom – Vibration
- Left – measured
- Right – modelled



Noise / vibration models

- Noise and vibration models were created using a polynomial function for x (noise) and y (vibration); one for each temperature. Curve fitted in MATLAB.

$$f(x, y) = p00 + p10x + p01y + p20x^2 + p11xy + p02y^2$$

Table 2. Descriptors for polynomial coefficients	
Coefficient	Description
p00	Constant value
p10	Linear coefficient (noise)
p20	Second order coefficient (noise)
p01	Linear coefficient (vibration)
p02	Second order coefficient (vibration)
p11	Coefficient of interaction between noise and vibration

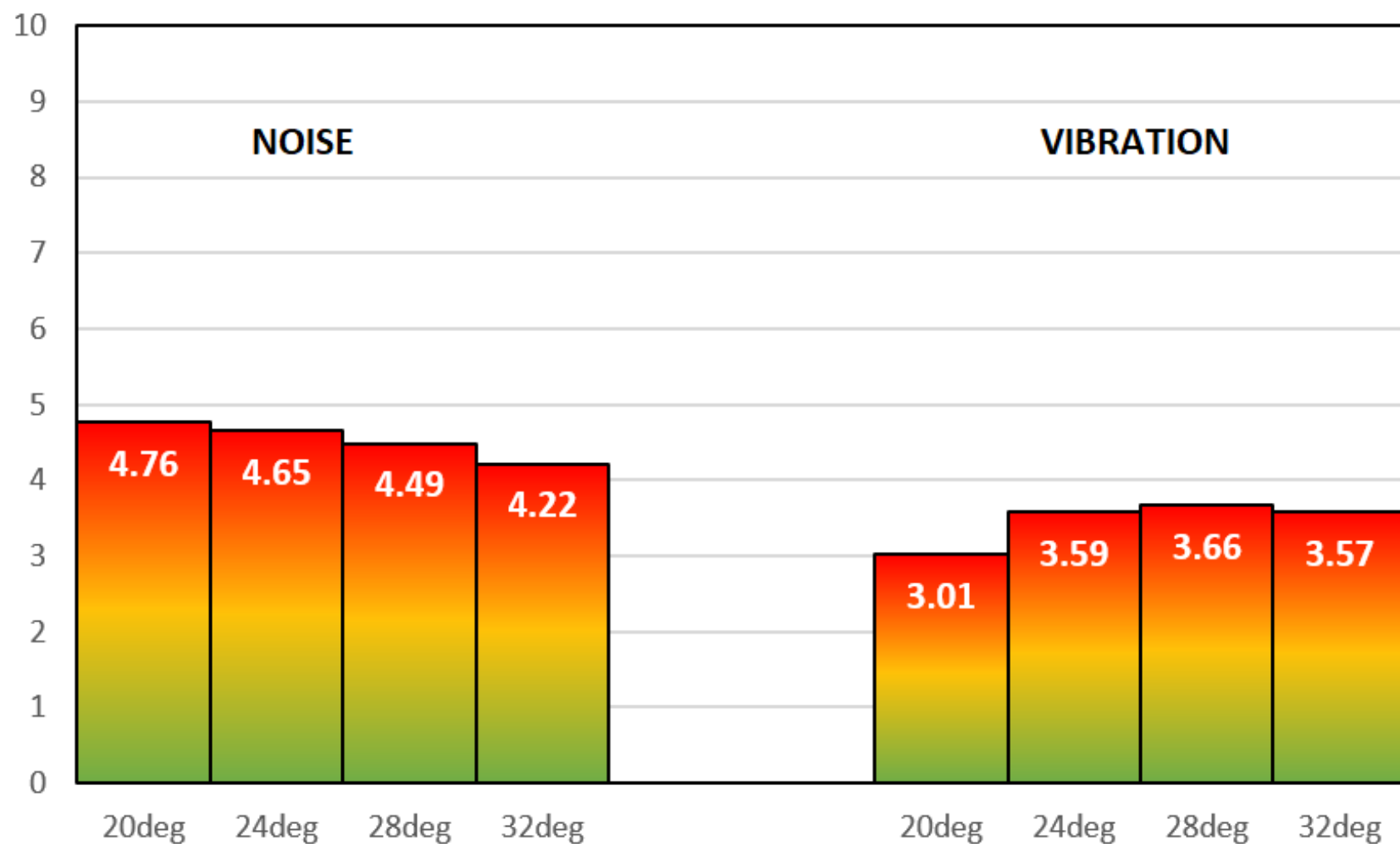
Noise 78-90

80.5

Vibration 0.75-3.00

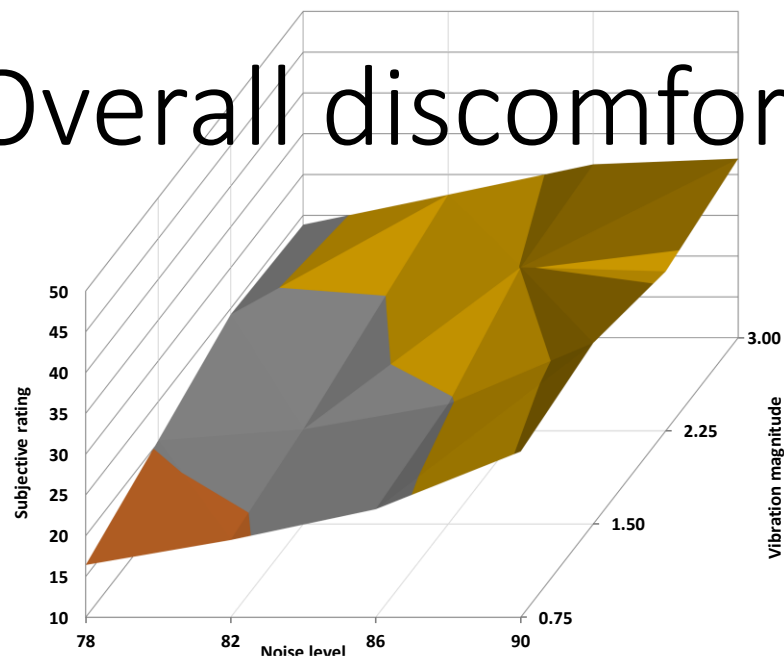
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Modelled discomfort score

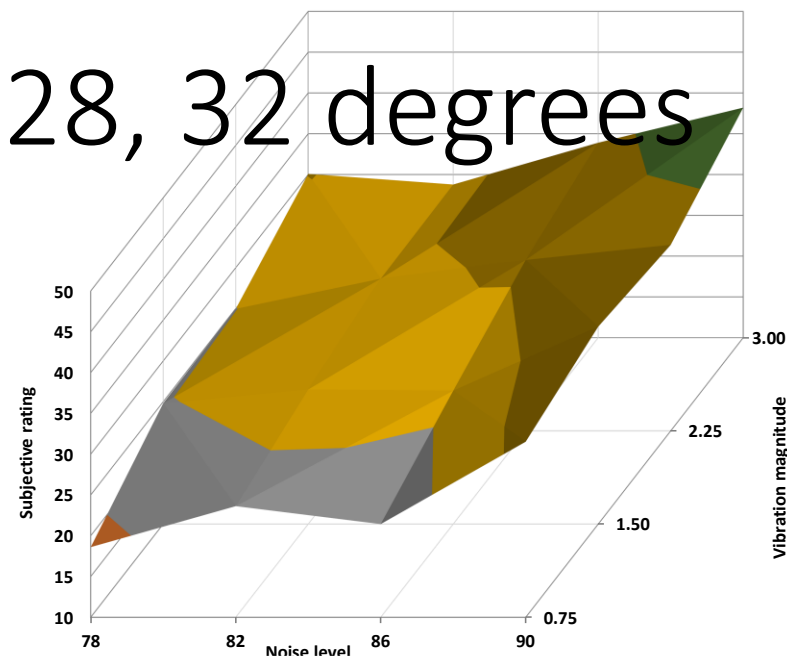


Overall discomfort – 20, 24, 28, 32 degrees

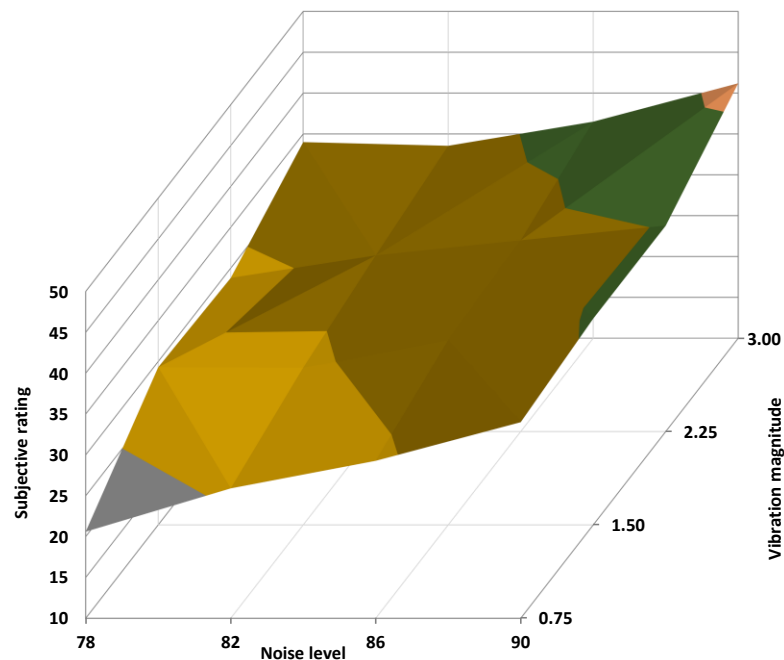
20°



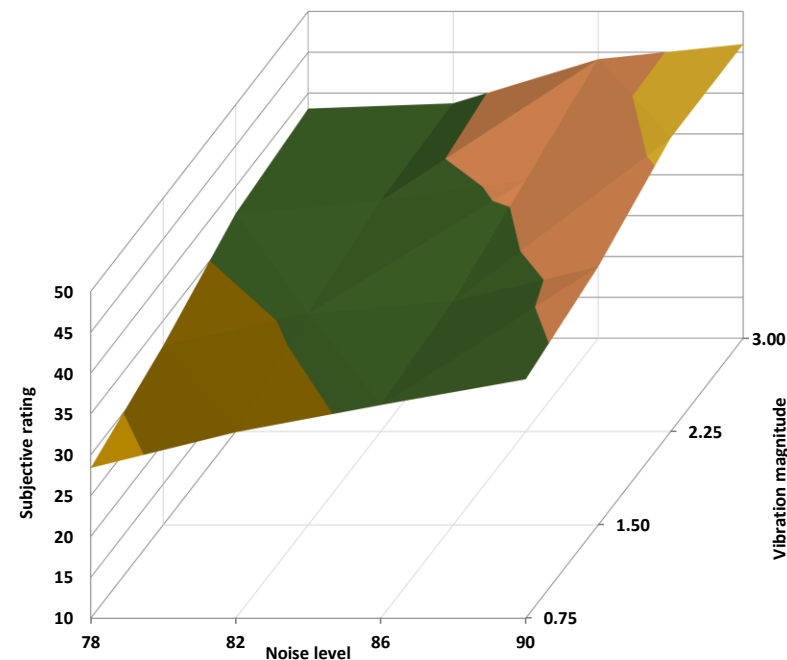
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28°



32°



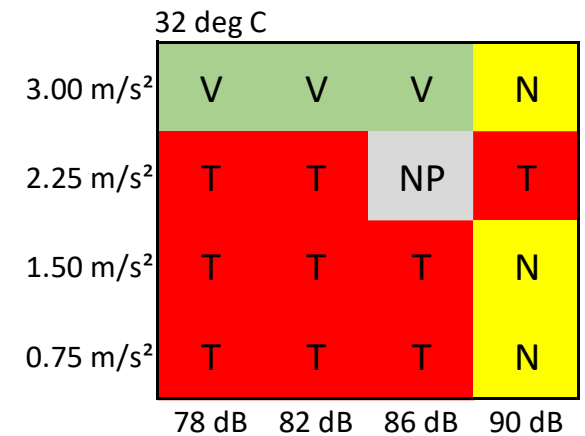
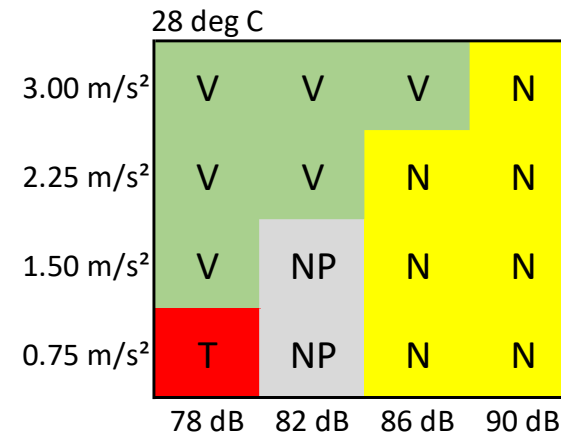
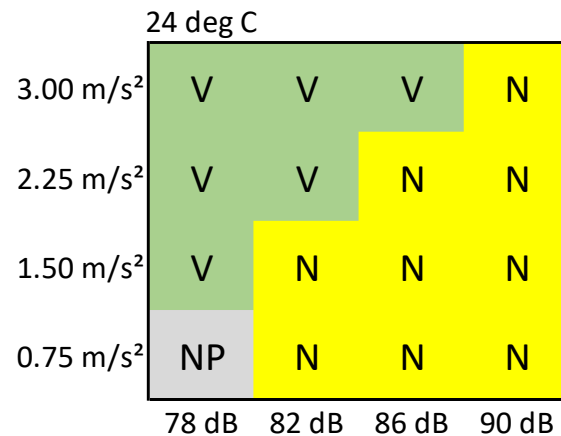
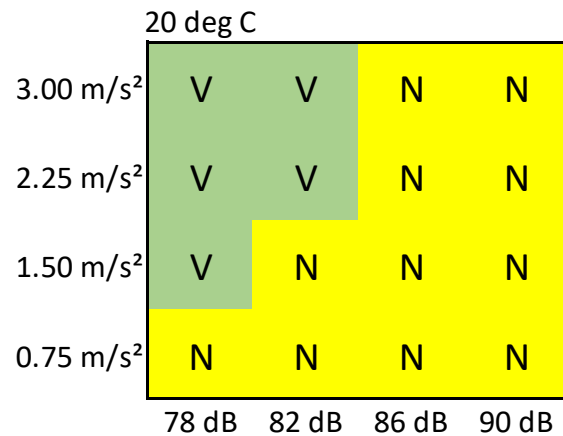
Overall model – machine learning

- K-fold cross-validation method
- Inclusion of noise (x), vibration (y), temperature (z) as linear coefficients
- Data randomly assigned to one of 5 data sets, each comprising 256 test conditions
- 5 repeats of multiple linear regression in SPSS using 4 of 5 data sets as training set and one data set as test data

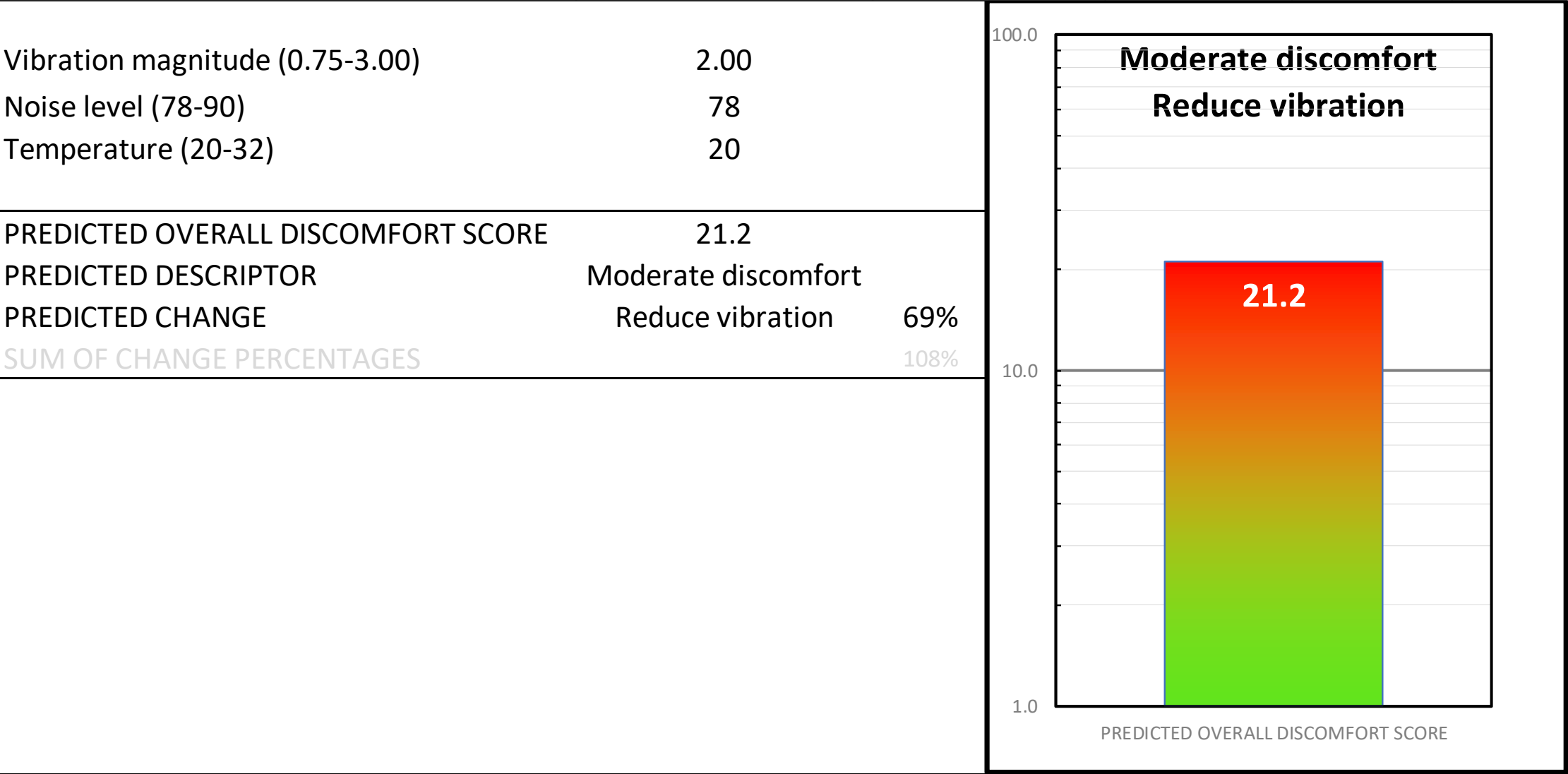
$$f(x, y, z) = q_{000} + q_{100}x + q_{010}y + q_{001}z$$

Preference

V	> 50% prefer to reduce vibration
N	> 50% prefer to reduce noise
T	> 50% prefer to reduce temperature
NP	no preference > 50%



Machine learning overall / preference model



Interaction and Questions

Interaction between attendees and speakers on
webinar so far + discussion



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