

# Multiscale Model for Pedestrian and Infection Dynamics During Air Travel

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# Motivation

- Infection transmission during air travel for many diseases
- There has been ban on flights from Ebola infected areas
  - Such measures early on can have large human and economic impact
  - **Travelers with Ebola on passenger airplane in US**
  - **SARS transmitted during air travel**
  - **Evidence for many other disease transmission on airplanes**
- Fine-tuned policy prescriptions for air-travel can be as effective
  - Reassures the public that action be being taken
  - Avoids negative human and economic impacts

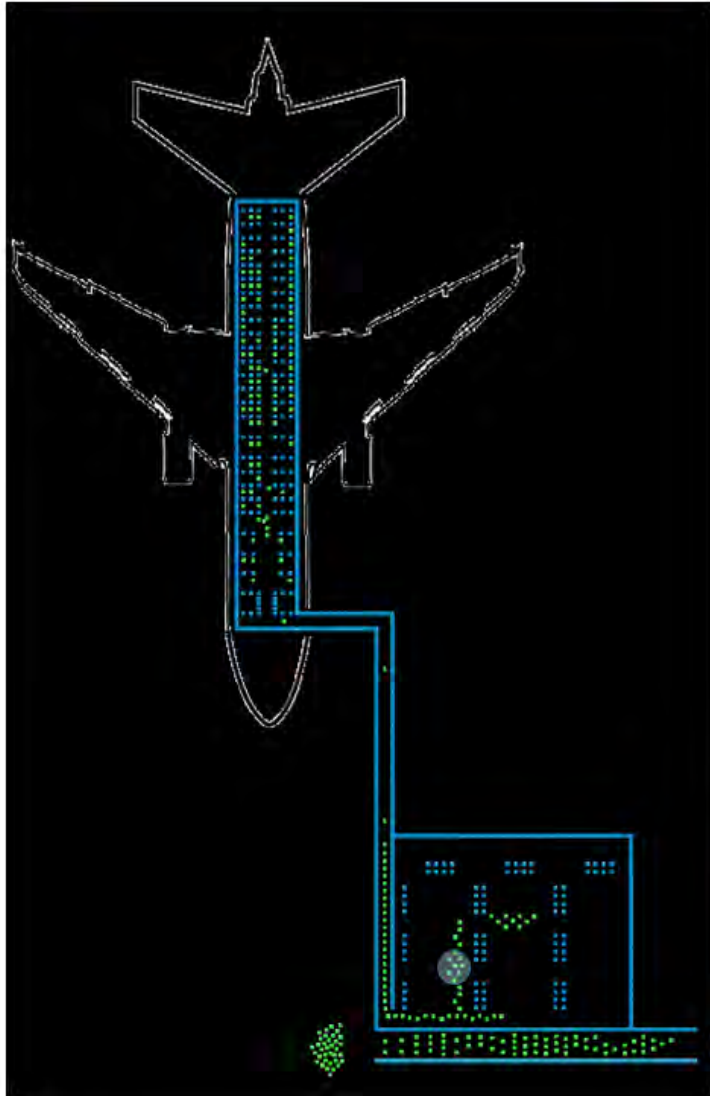


# Objectives

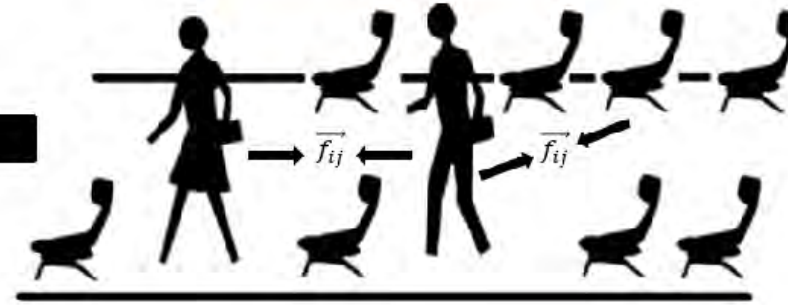
- Develop a modeling framework that will analyze impact of policies decisions on spread of diseases through air-travel
  - Will provide insight to decision makers on consequences of policy choices
- Current work focused on Ebola/SARS and pedestrian movement within Airplane
  - Extension to Airports and other Infectious diseases in progress

# Modeling Approach

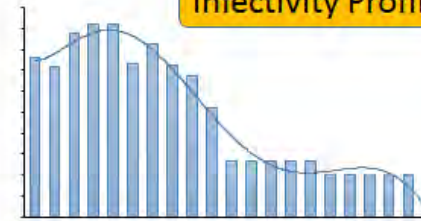
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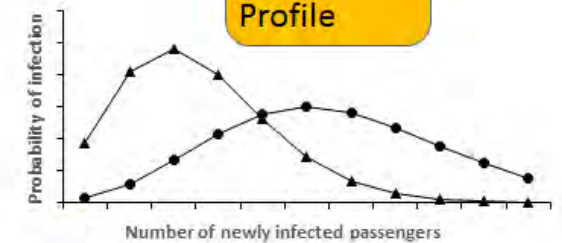
Pedestrian Dynamics



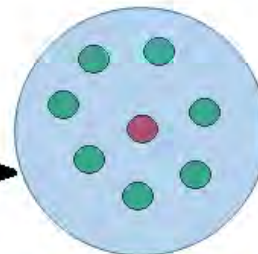
Infectivity Profile



Infection Distribution Profile



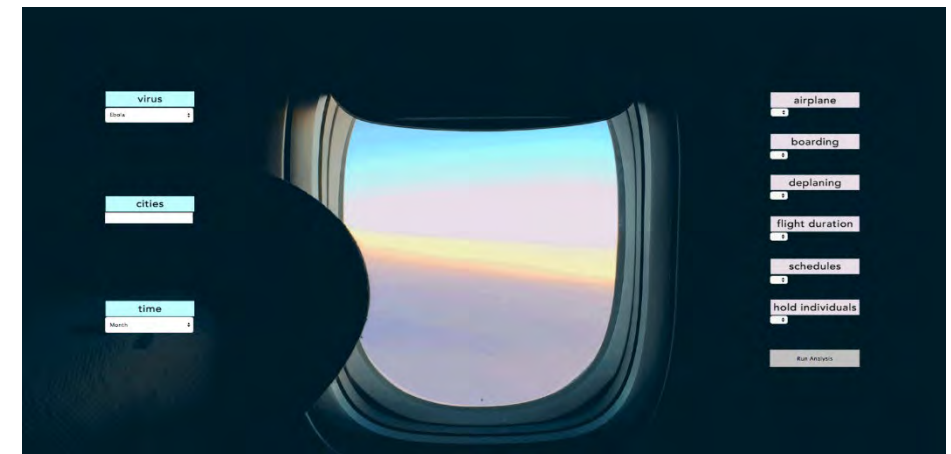
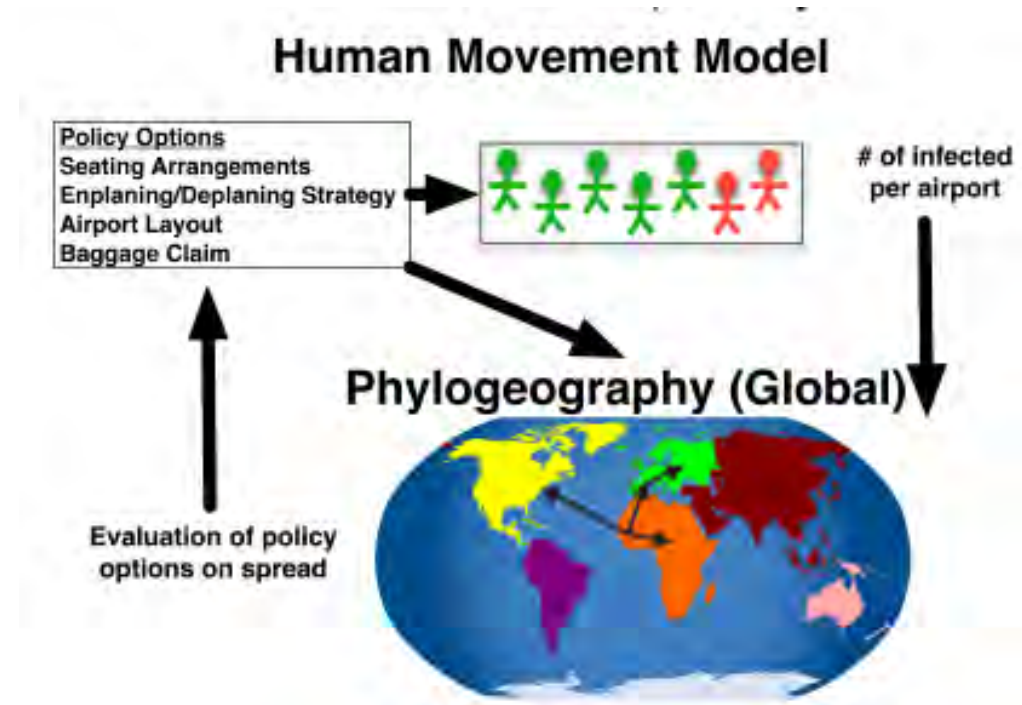
Number of Contacts



Suceptible-Infected Epidemic Model

# Modeling Approach

- Pedestrian movement model for movement of people within Airplanes and at Airports
- Combine pedestrian movement with stochastic infection models (SI models)
- Evaluate the effect of changes in pedestrian movement on potential infection spread
- Extension to global scale using phylogeography (Collaborators: Mathew Scotch, ASU) – Decision support system using chainbuilder (Rob Pahle , ASU)





# Pedestrian Movement Models

- Different approaches to model pedestrian movement
  - Studies based on social psychology
  - Fluid flow based models for pedestrian movement
  - Geometric models to determine route through obstacles
  - Pedestrian movement based on cellular automaton
  - **Social force model proposed by Helbing (2000)**
  
- **Social Force Model**
  - **Based on molecular dynamics and discrete element methods**
  - **Positions of people evolve in time based on interaction forces between other people and walls**

$$m_i \frac{d\mathbf{v}_i}{dt} = m_i \frac{v_i^0(t)\mathbf{e}_i^0(t) - \mathbf{v}_i(t)}{\tau_i} + \sum_{j(\neq i)} \mathbf{f}_{ij} + \sum_W \mathbf{f}_{iW}$$

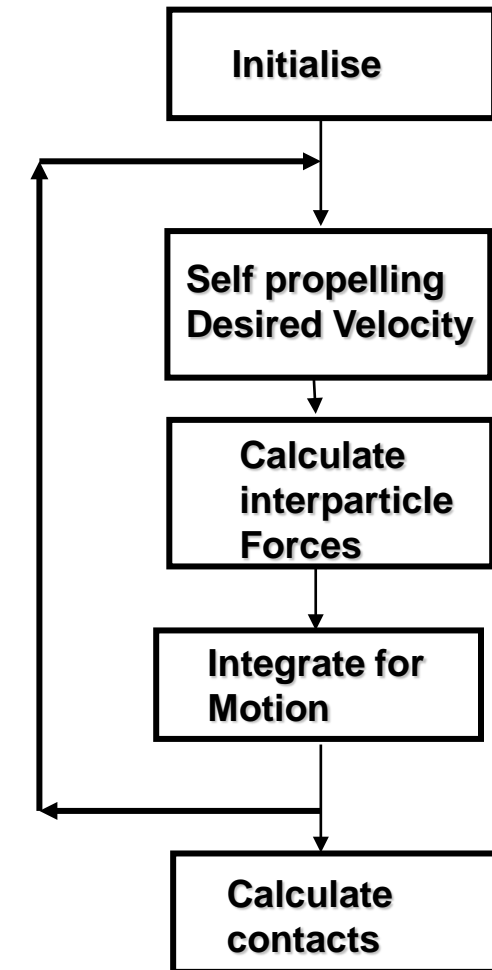
# Social Force Model

- Molecular dynamics is a mature simulation method in materials science and chemistry and serves as a framework for the model

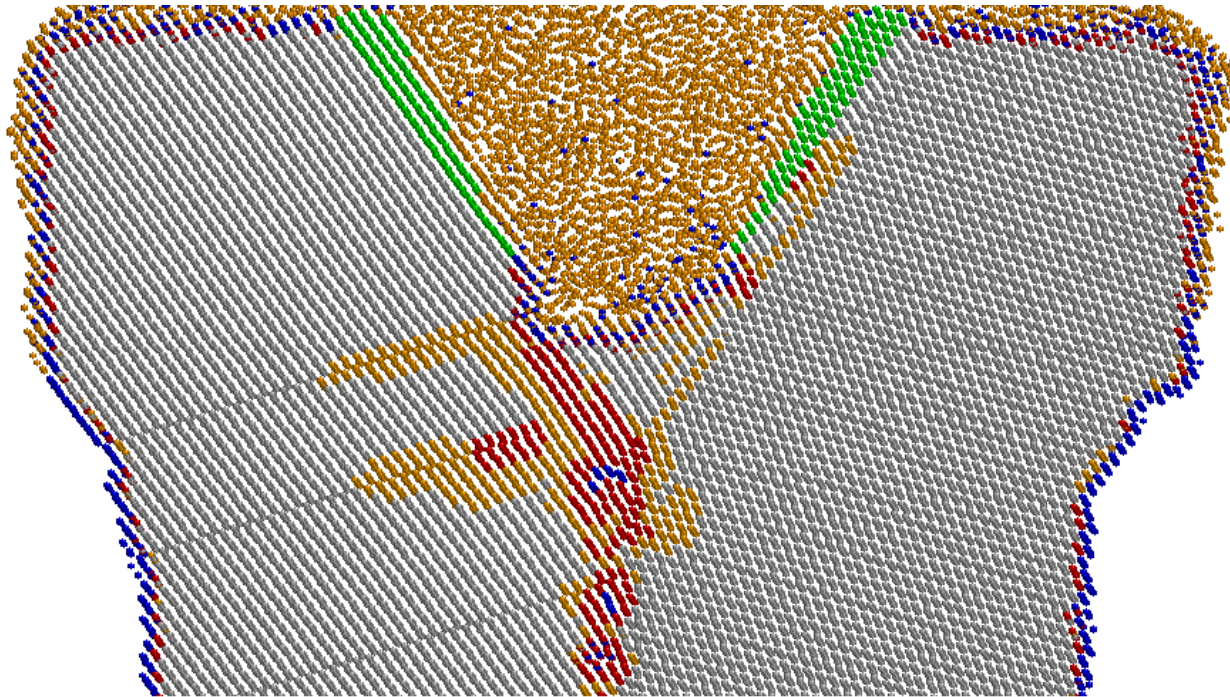
$$\bar{f}_i = \frac{m_i}{\tau} \left( \bar{v}_o^i(t) - \bar{v}^i(t) \right) + \sum_{j \neq i} \bar{f}_{ij}(t)$$

- We introduce location feedback
  - Location feed back on desired velocity
  - Effect of pedestrian density incorporated

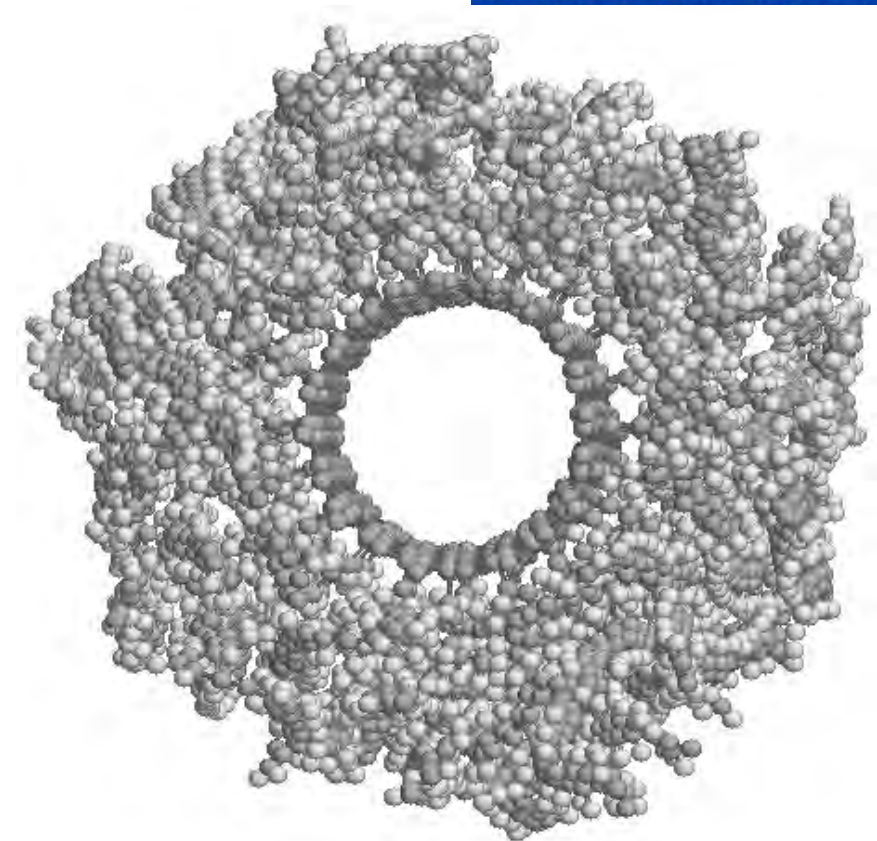
$$\bar{v}_o^i(t) \cdot \hat{e}_1 = (v_A + \gamma_i v_B) \left( 1 - \frac{\delta}{\bar{r}_i \hat{e}_1 - \bar{r}_k \hat{e}_1} \right)$$



- Parallel computing for parameter reduction



Crack propagation and dislocation emission during Liquid metal embrittlement in Al-Ga system – Namilae (2008)



Nanotube composite interface molecular dynamics model - Namilae (2006)



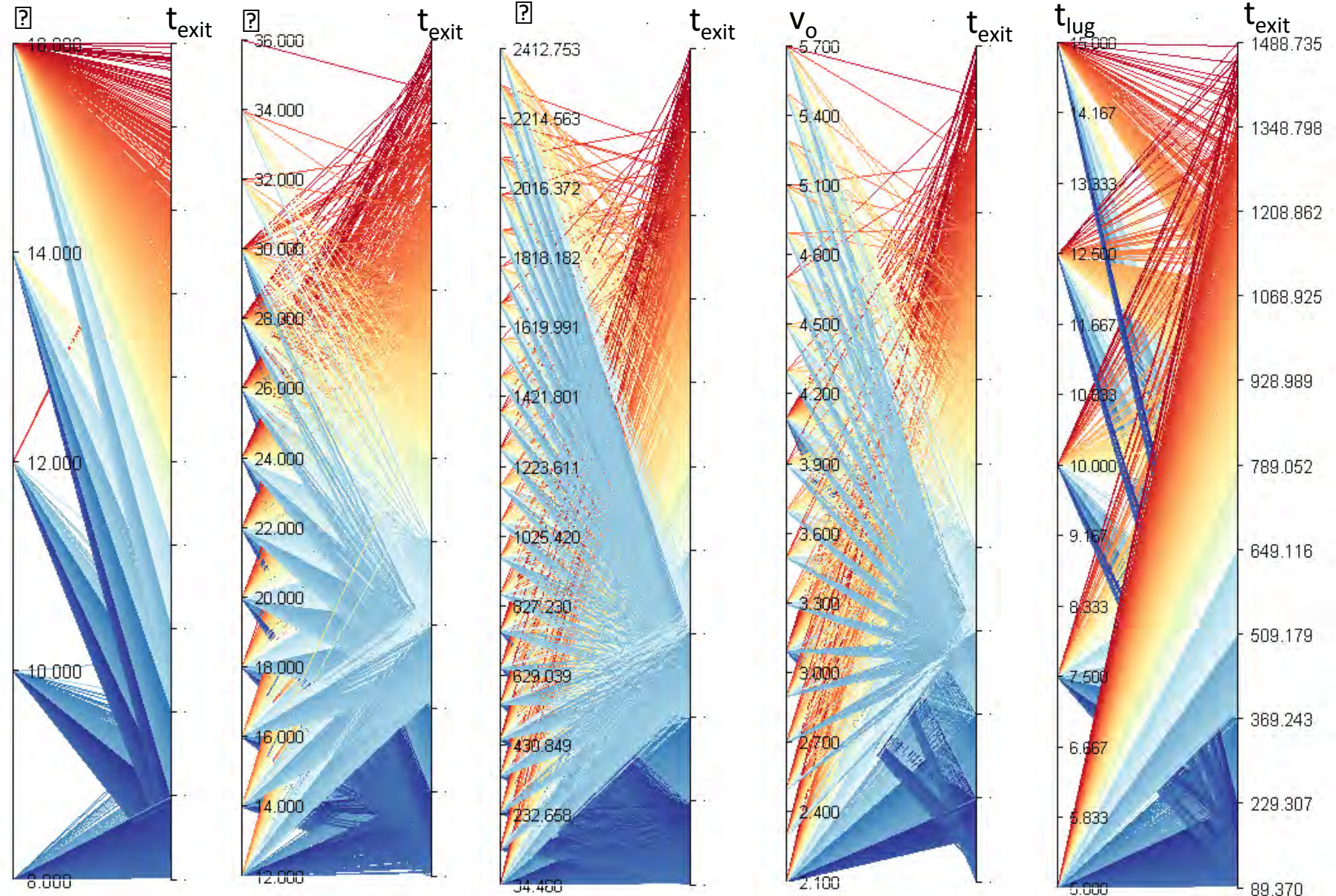
# Parameter Estimation

First pass  
Parameter estimation  
On Bluewaters  
Total simulations ~300,000

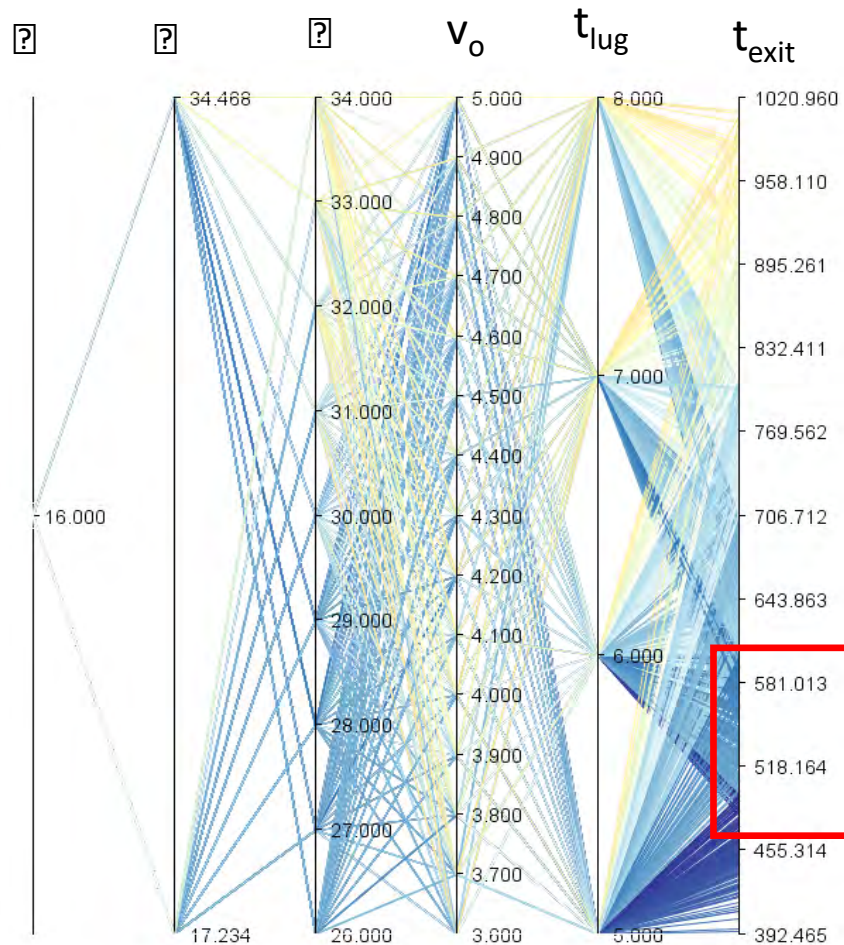
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$$\bar{f}_{ij} = \frac{d}{d\bar{r}_{ij}} \left( \sigma \cdot \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} \right)$$



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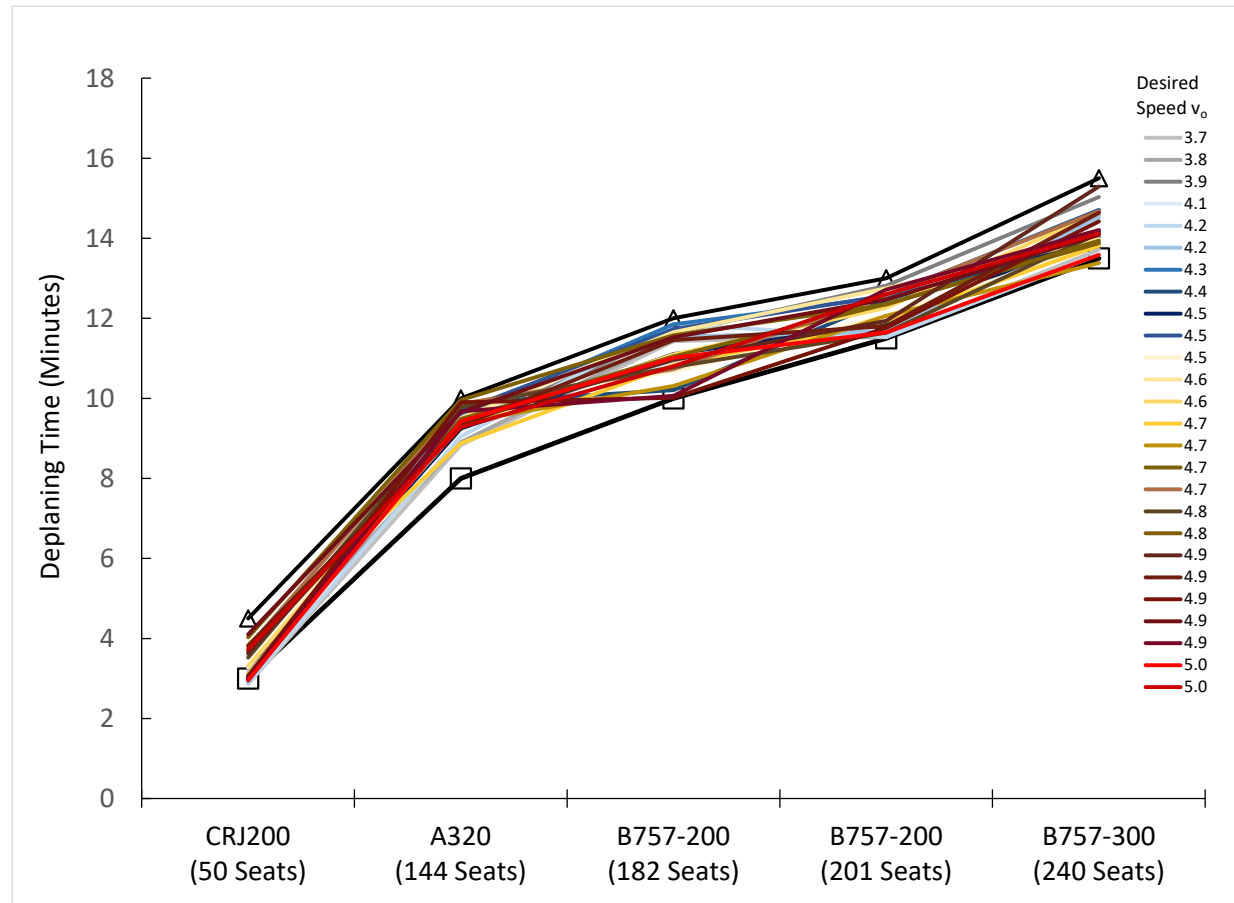
*Namilae et al, Physica A, in-print (2016)*

Observed  
Exit Time Range

Physical aspects like front to back deplaning considered for validating parameters

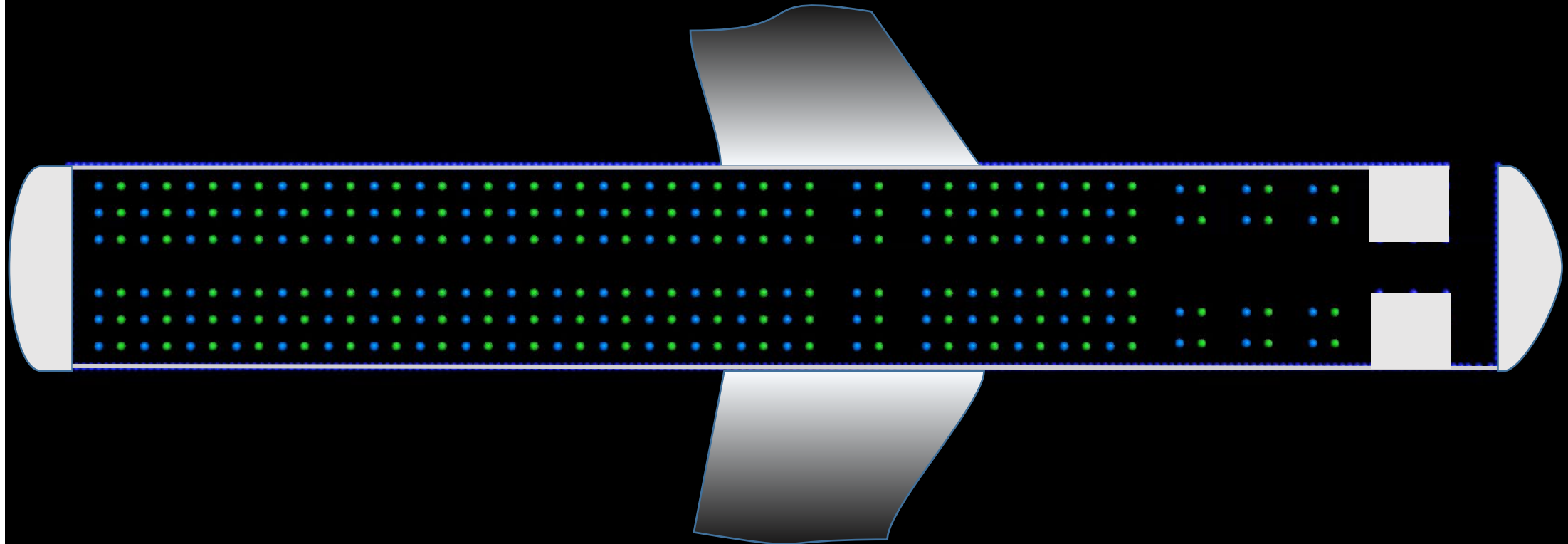


# Model Validation



Different parameter combinations predict  
observed data for 5 airplanes

# A320 144 Seats Egress

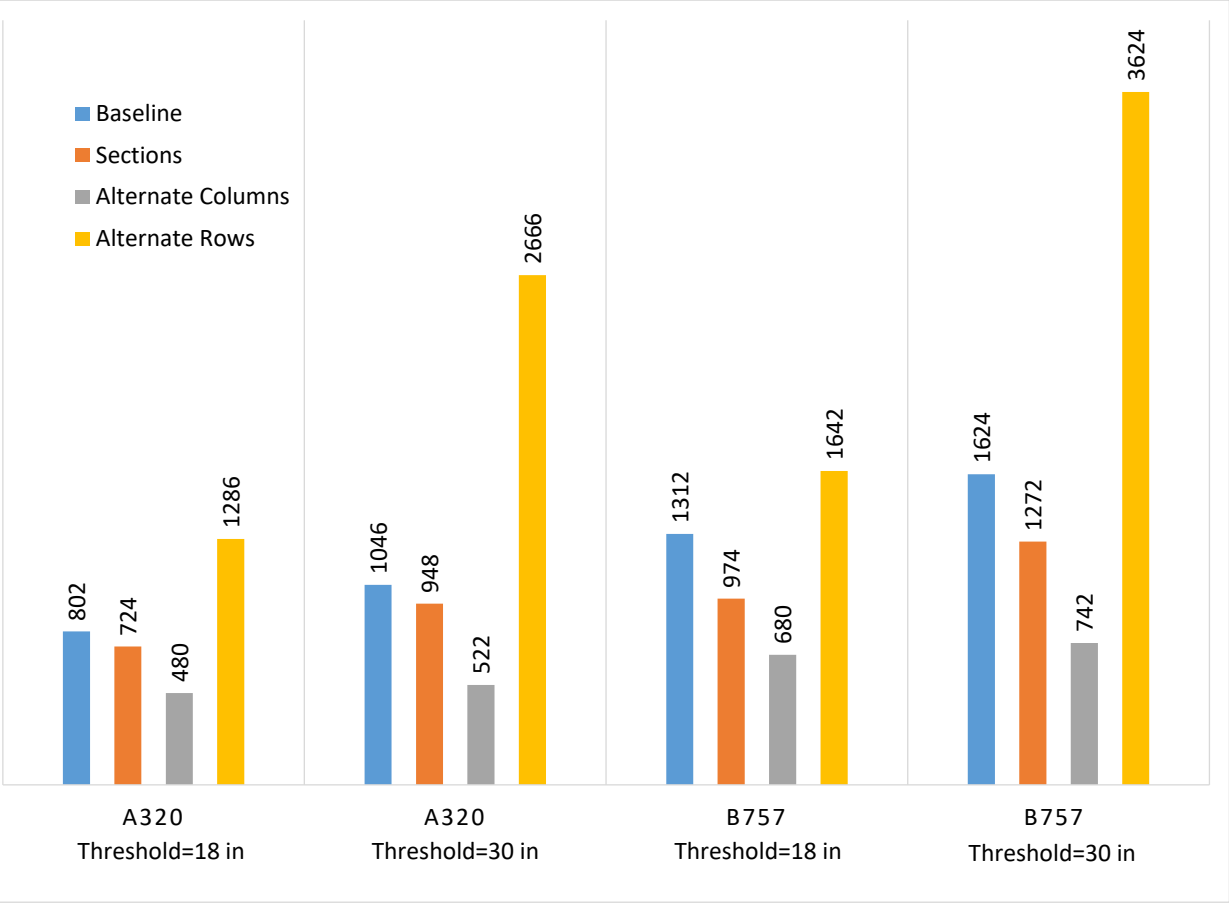




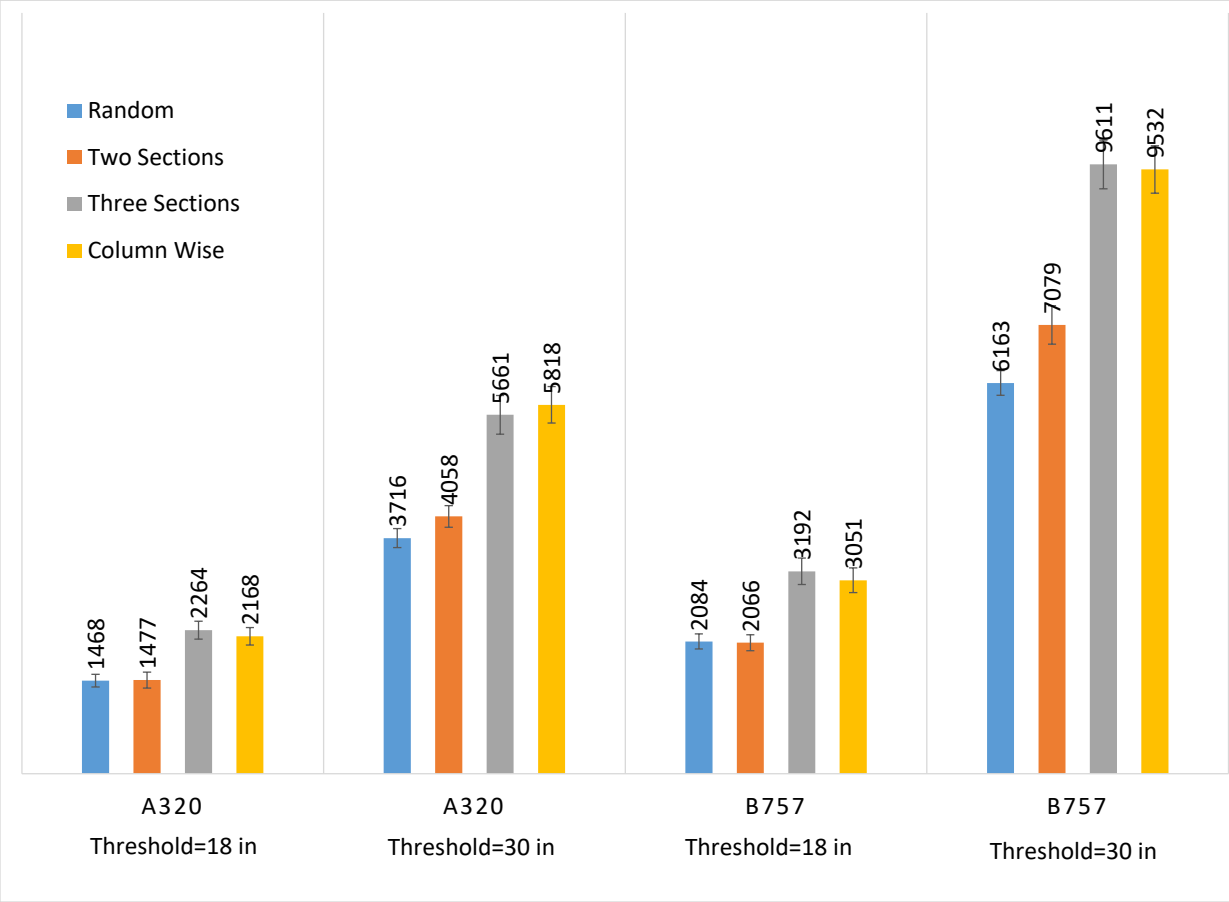


# Results

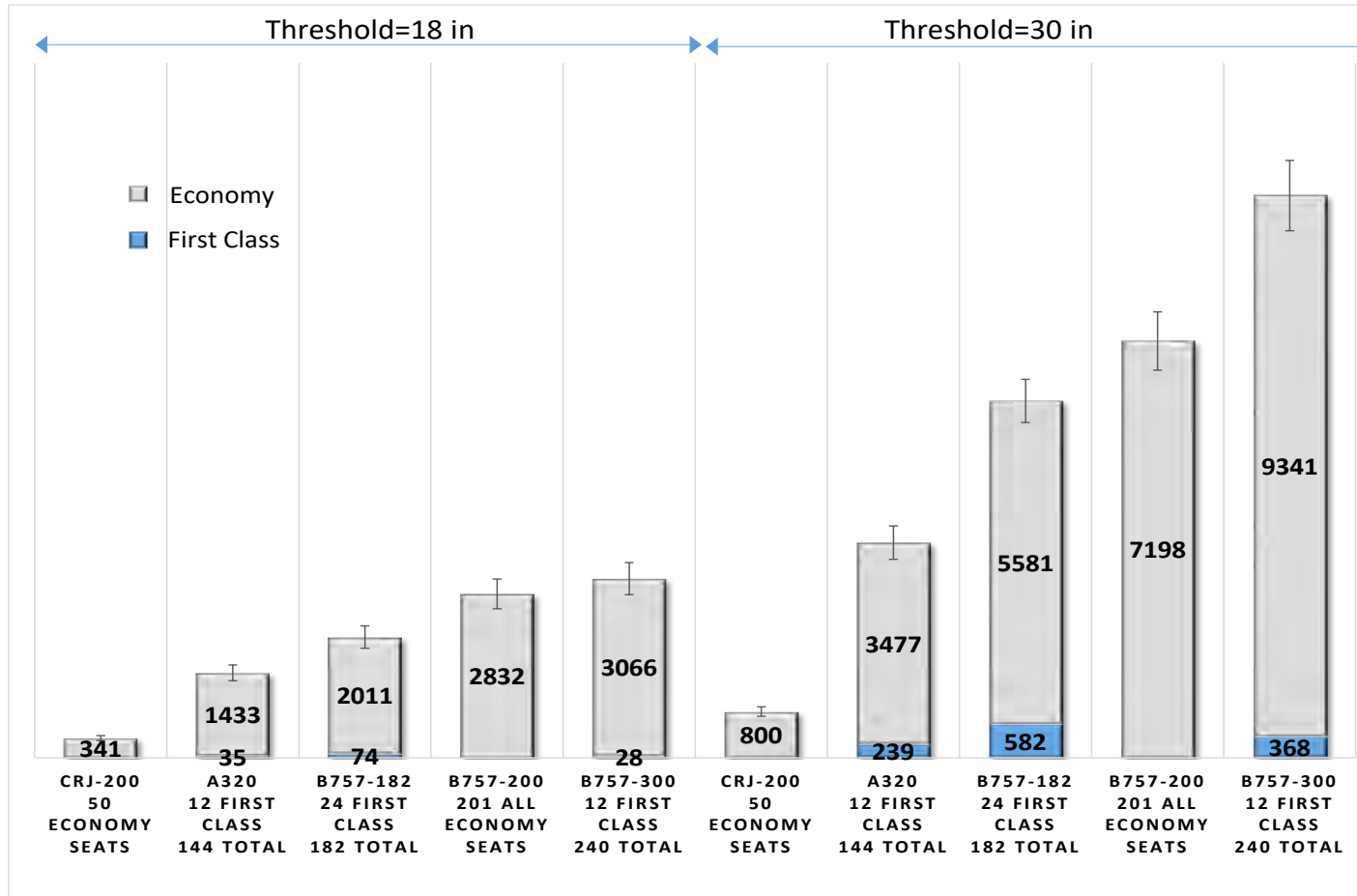
## Boarding and Deplaning strategies



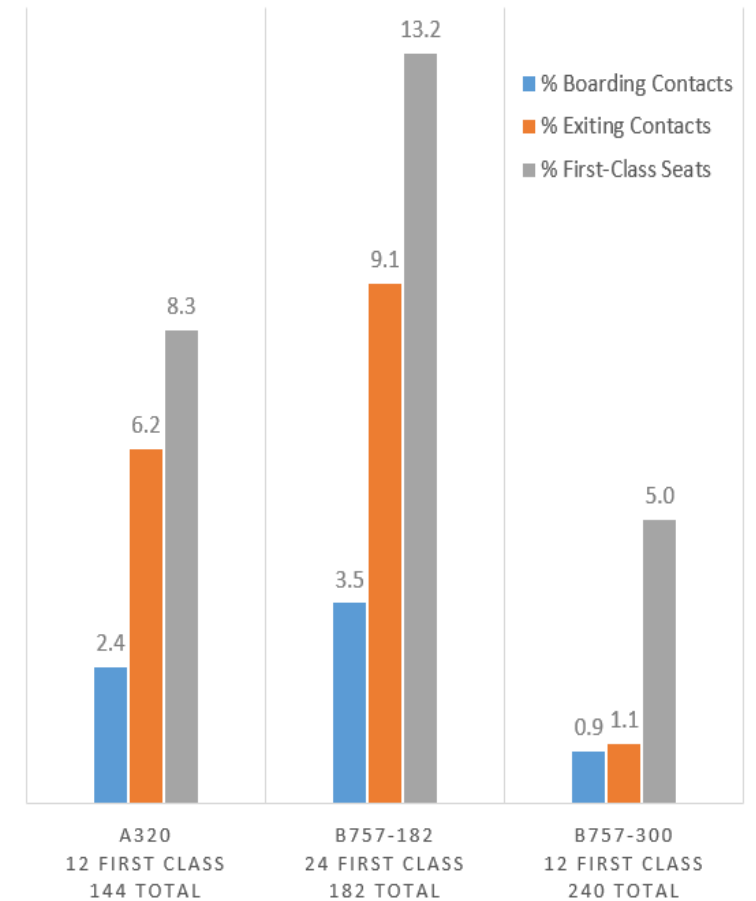
Number of contacts for different *deplaning strategies* in 144 seat Airbus A320 and 182 seat Boeing 757-200 seating configurations.



Number of contacts for different *boarding strategies* in 144 seat Airbus A320 and 182 seat Boeing 757-200 seating configurations. The bars represent standard deviation.



*Number of human-human contacts during boarding for the five airplanes during deplaning for contact threshold of 18 inches and 30 inches. The bars represent standard deviation.*



*Percentage of first class seats vs contacts during boarding and deplaning for contact threshold of 18 inches.*

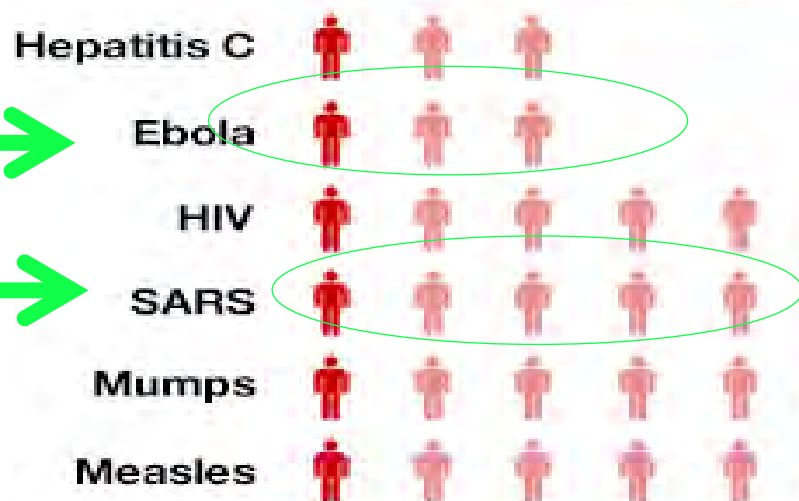
# **Combining Models:**

## **Pedestrian model & Susceptible- Infected (SI) model**



# Spreading Rate of Diseases

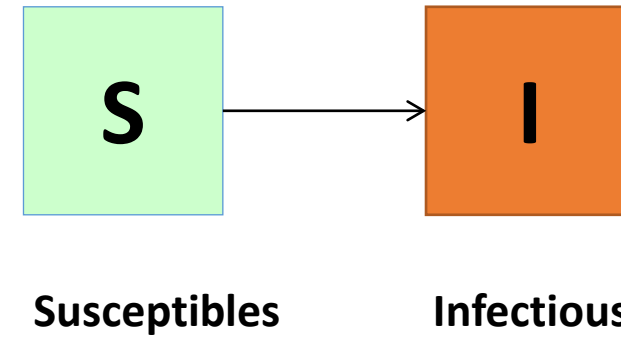
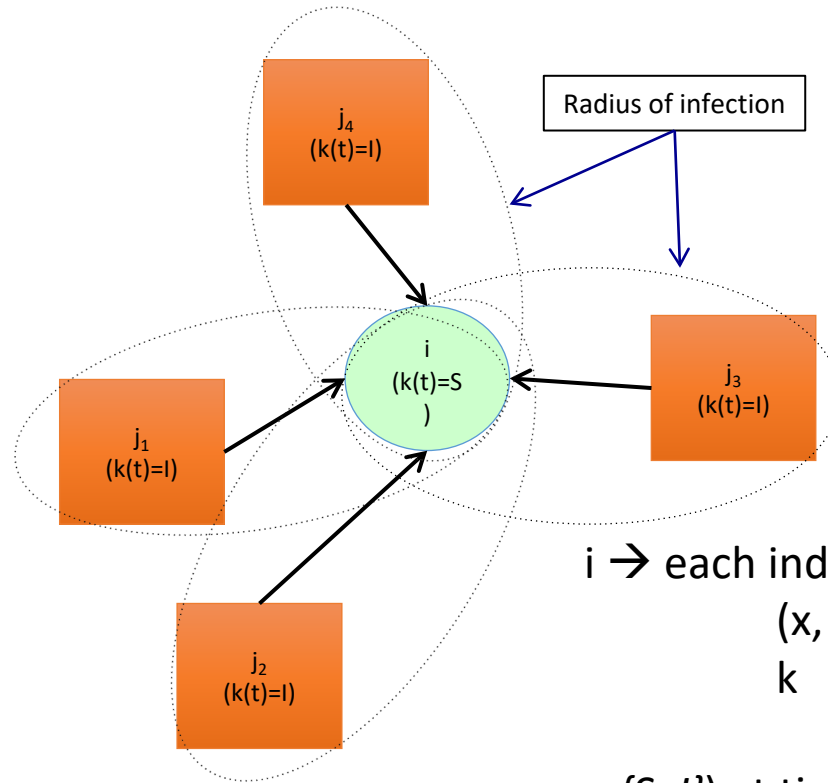
$R_0$  | Maximum number of people (on average) that could be infected by one sick person



Since  $R_0$  for Ebola is around 2, that means a typical infective individual will produce on an average two new secondary cases thus, replacing him or herself, producing additional case, and eventually leading to large outbreak in the population.

Graphics: SPLOID | Data source: NPR

# Infection Transmission Model



$i \rightarrow$  each individual will consists of  $[x, y, k]$  components at each time where,  
 $(x, y) \rightarrow$  position of the individual  $i$  at time  $t$   
 $k \rightarrow$  represents the individual's infection status  
*(Susceptible, Infectious; i.e.,  $k \in \{S, I\}$ )* at time  $t$

$$p_{ij} = \begin{cases} f(r, y, \tau) & \text{if } i \text{ is in vicinity of } j \text{ whose} \\ & \text{"infectious radius" is } r, \\ & \text{"infectivity level" is } y, \\ & \text{"exposing for" } \tau \text{ time units} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$P_{ij} \rightarrow$  probability of susceptible individual  $i$  to receive infection successfully from infectious individual  $j$

# Infection Transmission Model

- Given the pedestrian trajectories from pedestrian model- we obtain contacts between people.

$$P(\text{contact and infection}) = P(\text{infection/contact}) \cdot P(\text{contact}) = P_c \cdot \frac{m}{N}$$

- Number of susceptible

$$S(t) = N - \sum_{c=1}^d i_c^0 = N - I(t)$$

- The number infected is binomially distributed (for demographic stochasticity) with parameters

- $n = S(t-1)$ , the number of susceptibles at time  $t$ , and  $p = P_c \cdot \frac{m}{N}$

- Approximating the Binomial as Poisson. Number infected at time  $t$

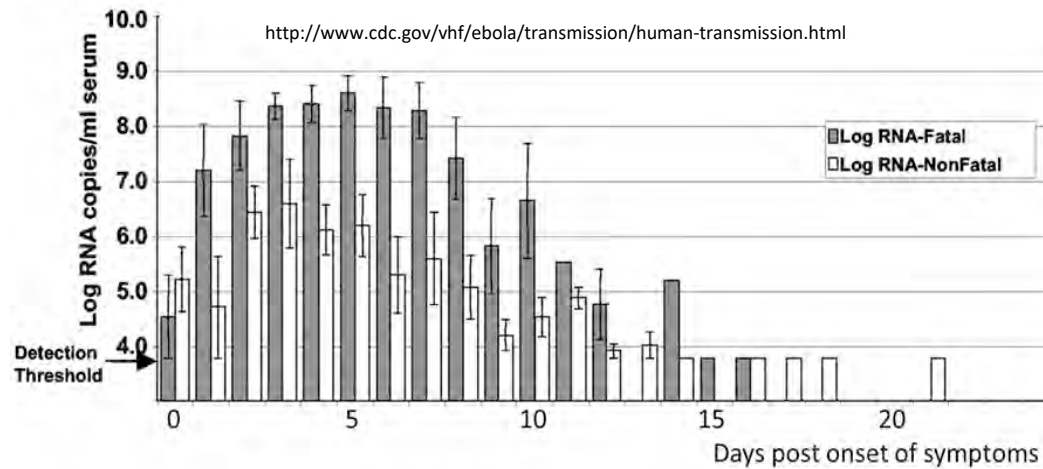
$$I(t) \sim \text{Poisson} \left( \sum_{c=1}^d \left( p_c \sum_{i=1}^{i_c^0} \left( \frac{m_i(t-1) s_{r_i}(t-1)}{N} \right) \right) \right)$$

- **Location of Infected person is unknown and varied.**
- **Parametric variations to quantify uncertainty and risk**

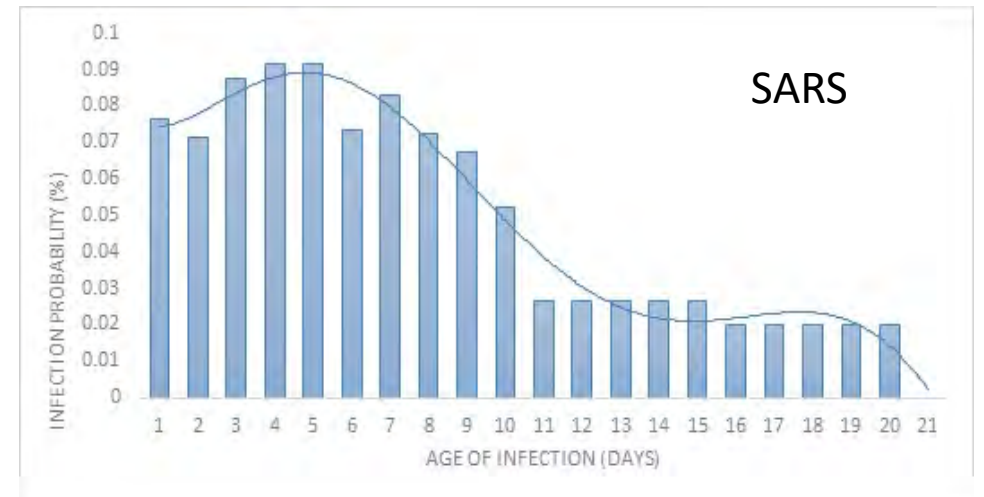
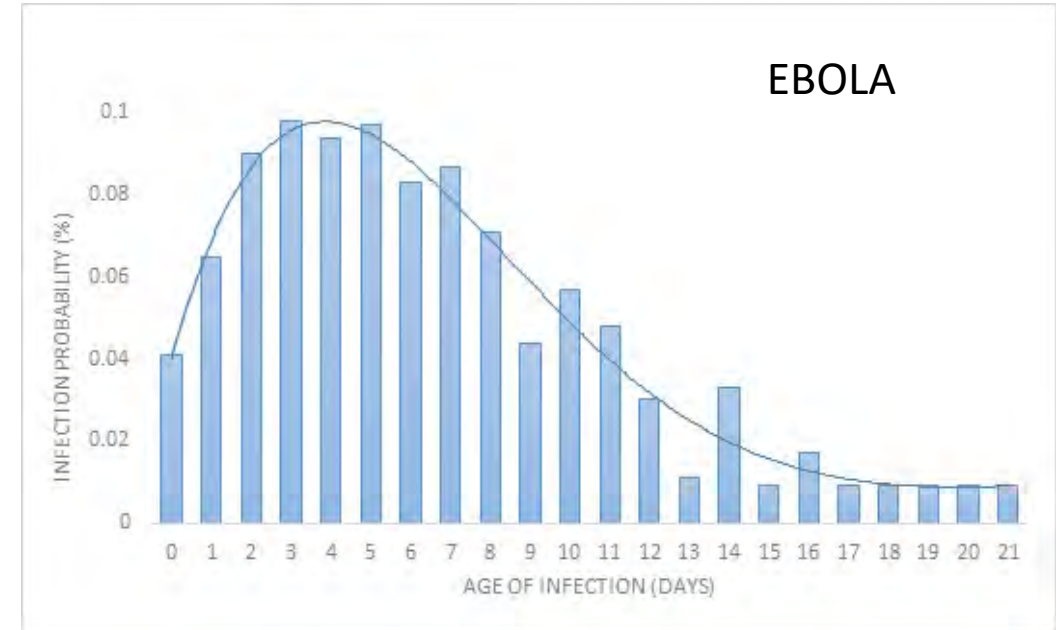
# Data for Infection Model – Infection probability

Data source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

$$i(t) \sim \text{Poisson} \left( m \frac{S(t-1)}{N} \sum_{c=1}^d p_c i_c^0 \right)$$



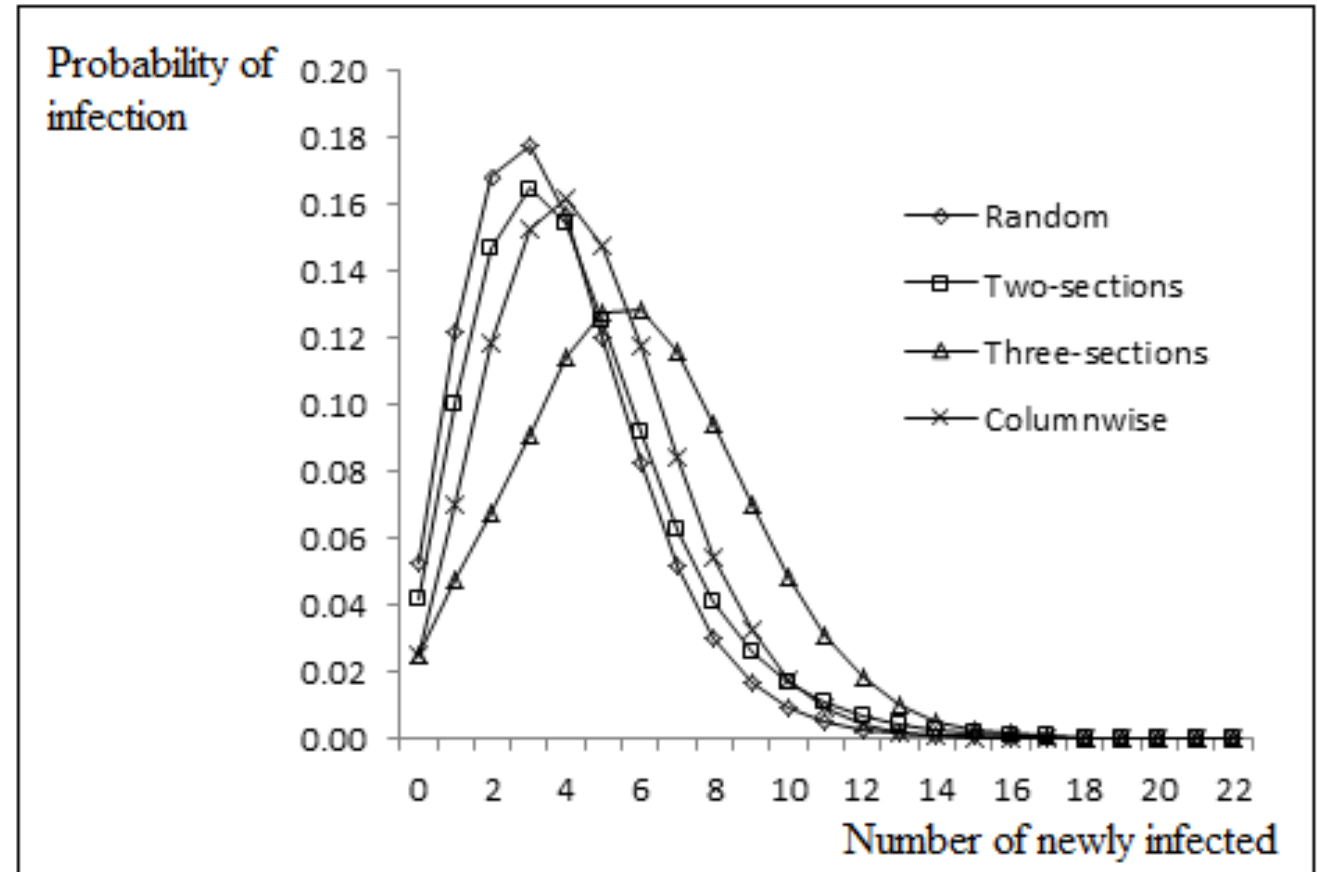
- ❑ Virus content in blood is used to create infectivity probability plot
- ❑ Difference between diseases like SARS and Ebola primarily dependent on contact definition (e.g. distance, time etc)





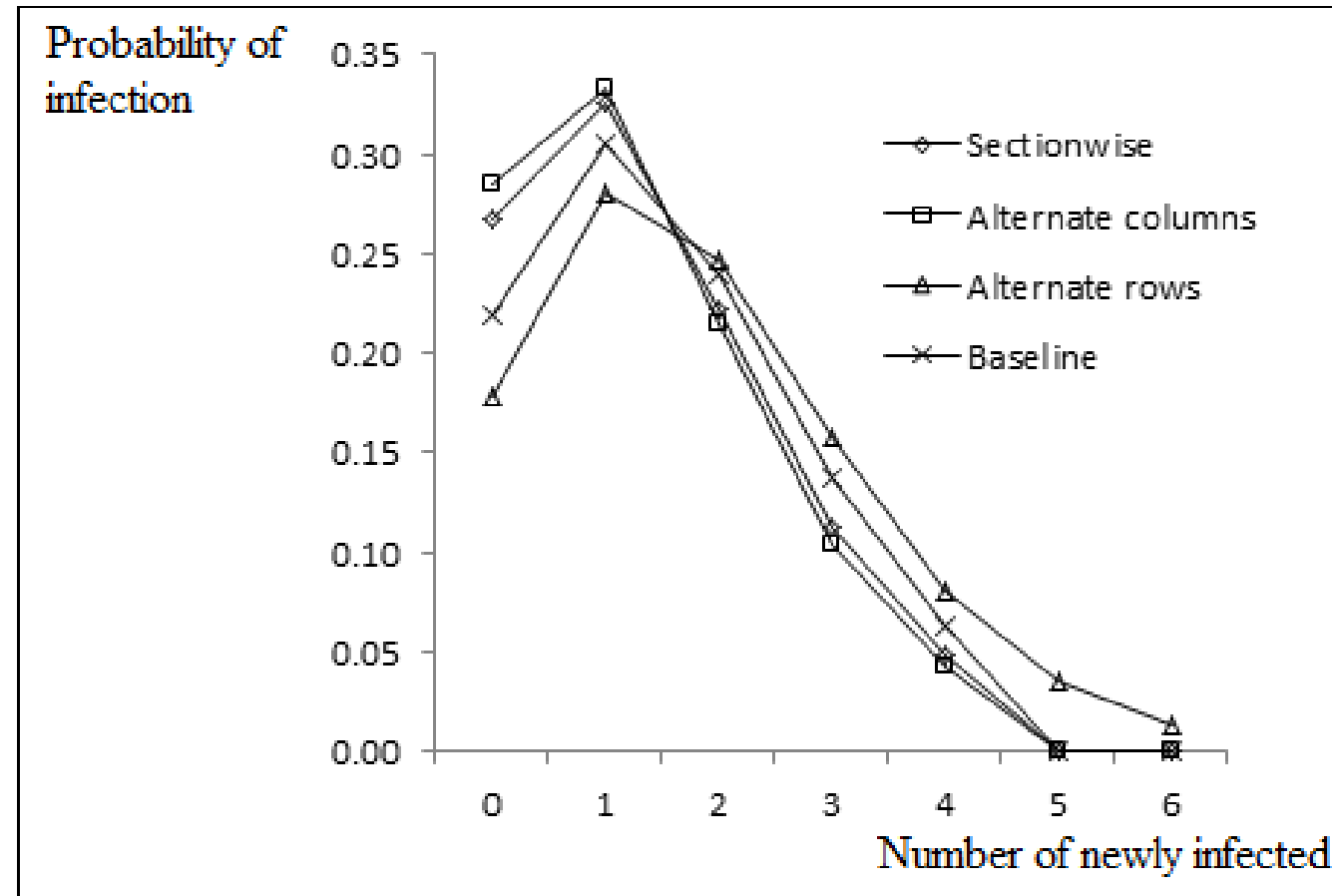
# Results – Boarding Strategies

- ❑ Similar pattern for 144 seat A320 seating configuration & 182 seat Boeing 757
- ❑ There is clear difference between different boarding strategies.
- ❑ Strategies that lead to arbitrary movement along the cabin preventing clustering reduces infection transmission.



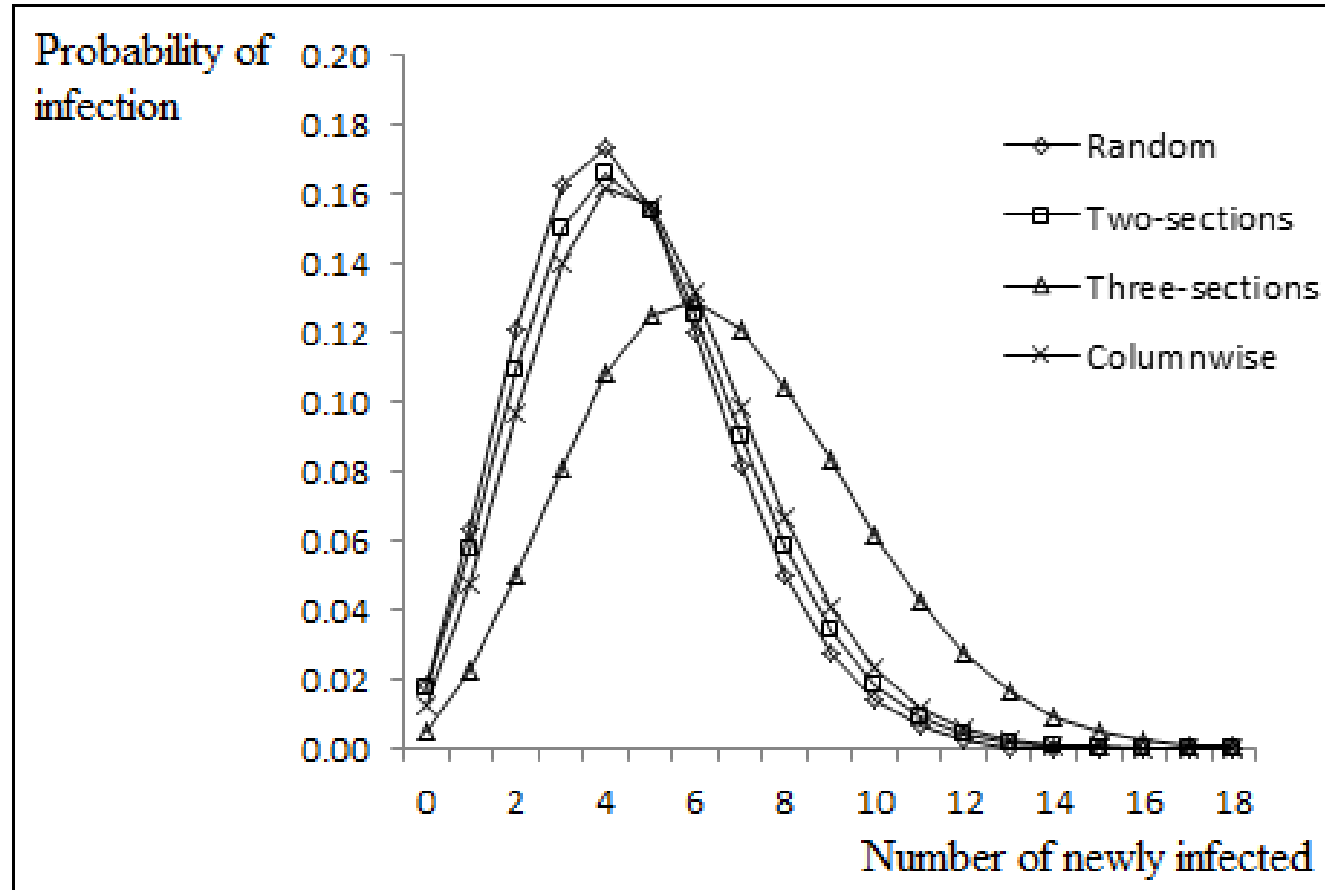
Boeing 757-200 for different boarding patterns for a single imported infective at the 9<sup>th</sup> day of infection (probability of infection = 0.06), critical radius of infection 1.2 m.

# Results – Deplaning Strategies



Boeing 757-200 for different exiting patterns for a single imported infective at the 9<sup>th</sup> day of infection (probability of infection = 0.06), critical non-successive contact number of 3 and critical radius of infection 48 feet. The contacts of egressing passengers outside the airplane are not taken into account.

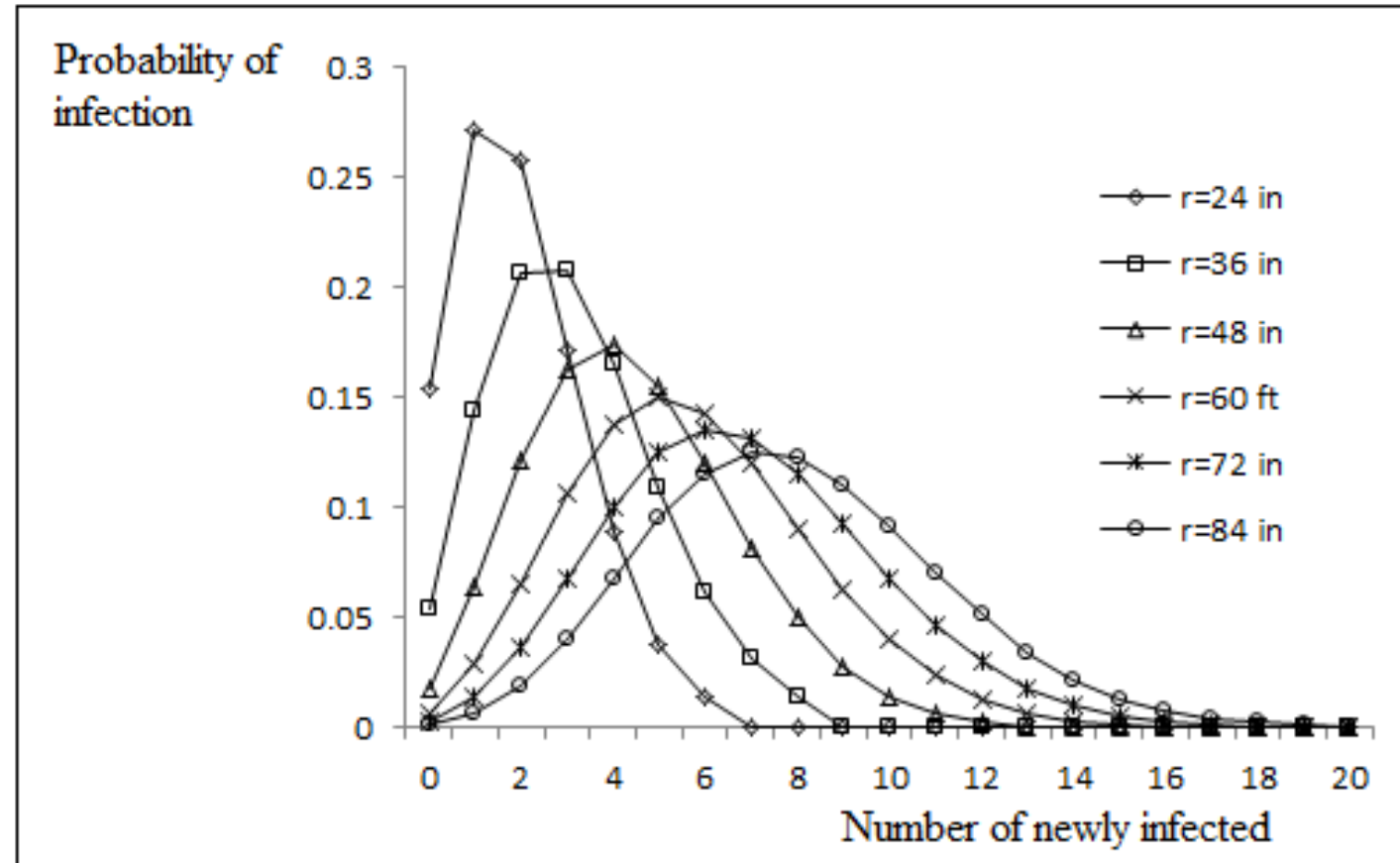
# Results – Complete passenger movement



Boeing 757-200 combined baseline egress and different boarding patterns for a single imported infective at the 9<sup>th</sup> day of infection (probability of infection = 0.06), critical radius of infection 48 in.

# Parameter variation – Infection radius

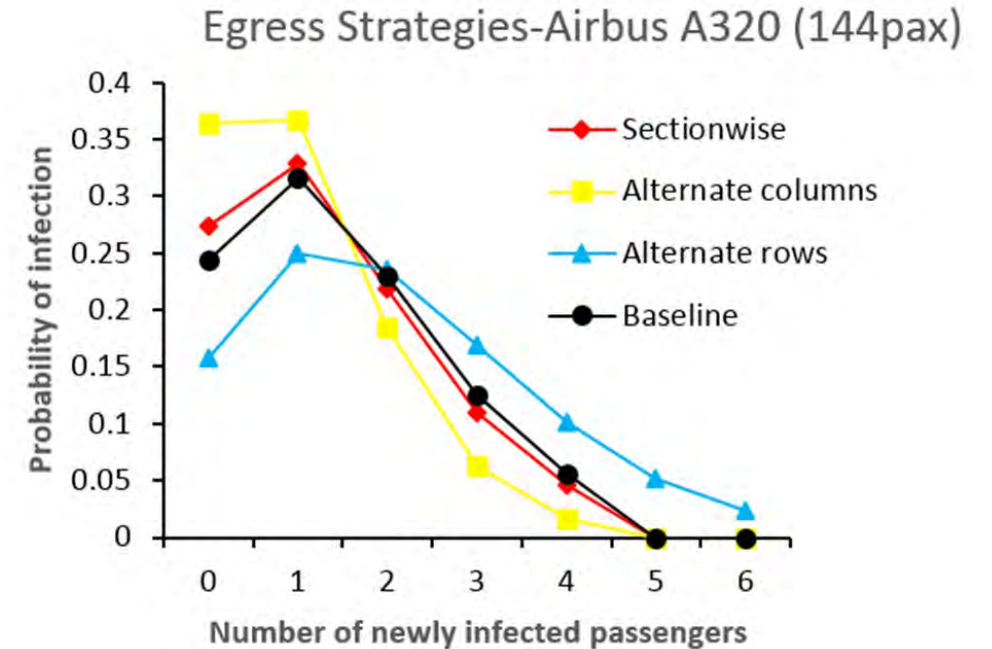
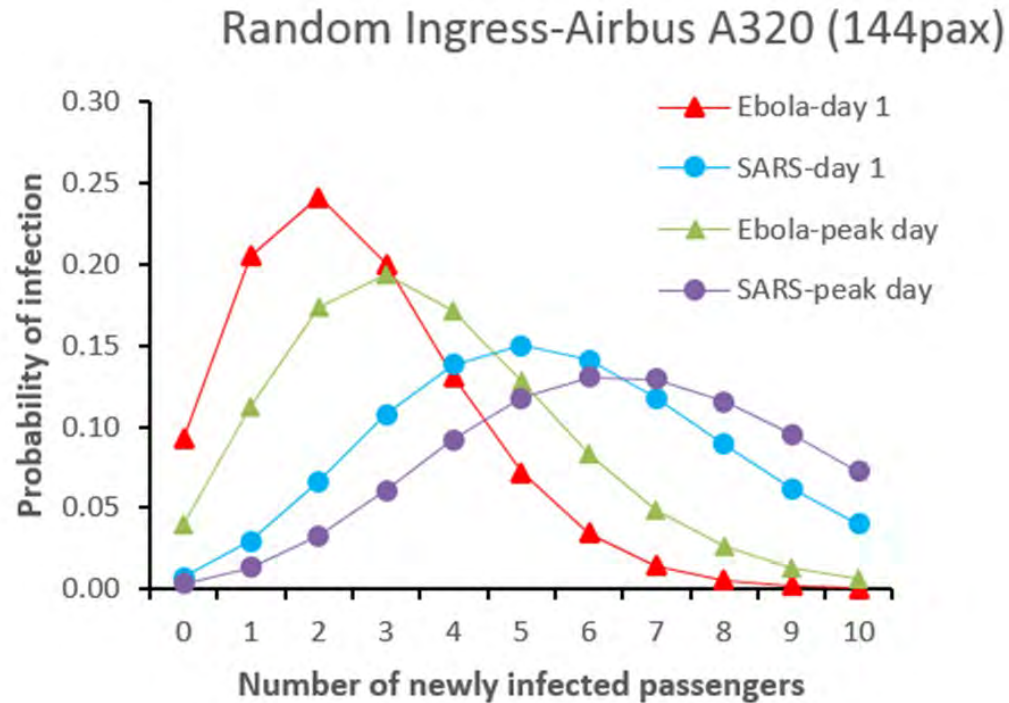
- ❑ Critical model parameter - contact radius defined as minimum distance to define a contact
- ❑ Particles travel depending on (1) size and (2) fluid mechanics in expiratory events (e.g. coughing)
- ❑ Particle size 0,1 to 10 micrometers. Distance travelled up to 2m
- ❑ Mechanism of infection –
  - ❑ long distance -transmitted by small particles like aerosols (SARS, H1N1)
  - ❑ Short distance – transmitted by coarse droplets e.g. Ebola.



Boeing 757-200 combined for a single imported infective at the 9<sup>th</sup> day of infection (probability of infection = 0.06), different critical radii of infection.



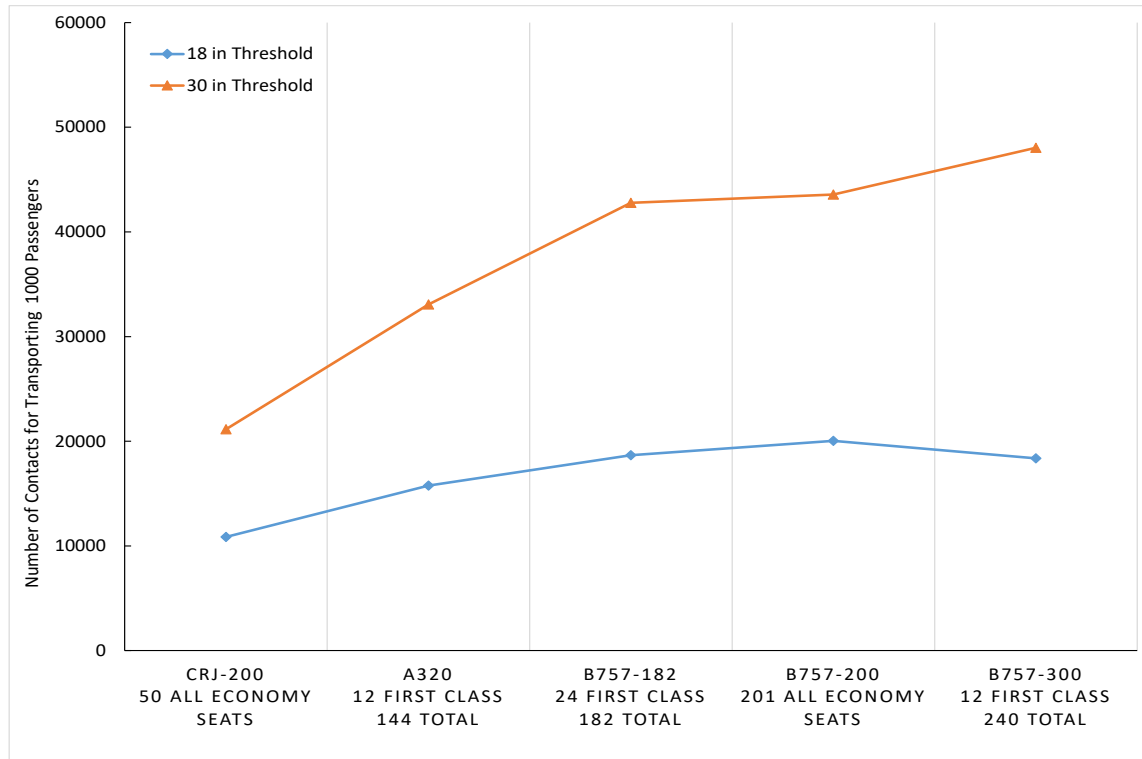
# Long vs short contact radius SARS vs Ebola



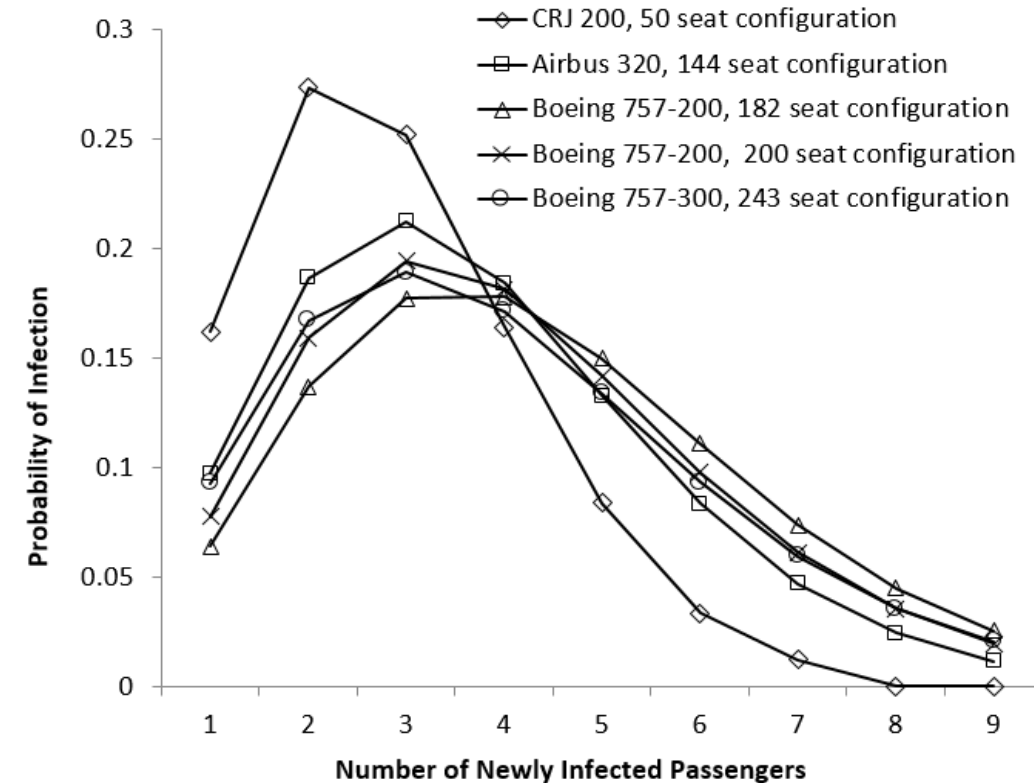
- ❑ Infection radius for Ebola 1.2 m and for SARS 2.1 m
- ❑ SARS more contacts and infection. SARS was transmitted on airplanes \*
- ❑ Model includes airport gate.

\*Mangili, A. and Gendreau, M.A., 2005. Transmission of infectious diseases during commercial air travel. *The Lancet*, 365(9463), pp.989-996.

# Airplane Size



*Number of contacts for transporting 1000 passengers in different airplanes boarding and deplaning by default methods.*

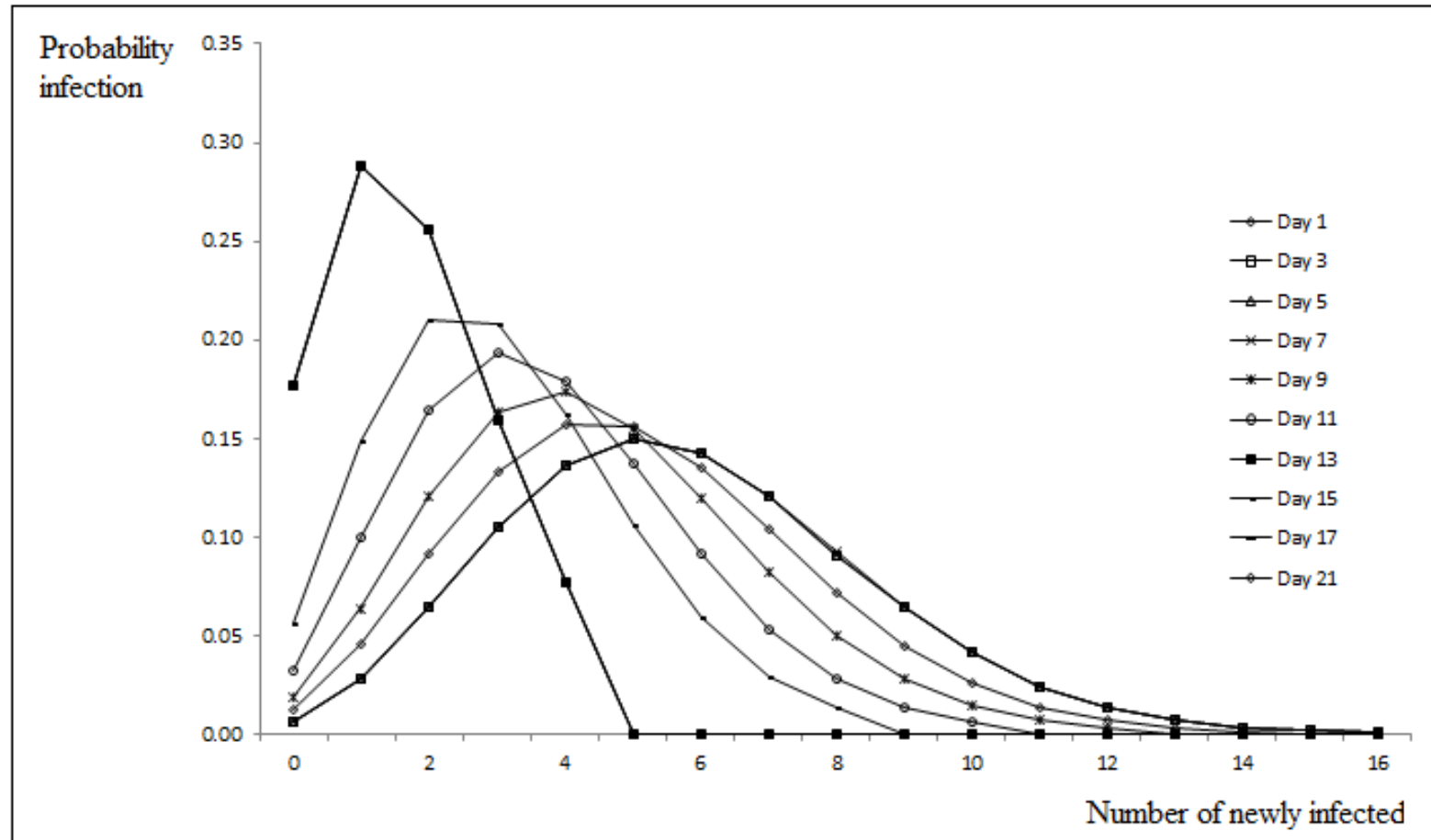


*Infection distribution profile for random boarding strategy varying the airplane size.*

❑ Smaller airplanes result in lower number of

❑ The smaller size of the susceptible population, lower number of susceptibles within a given contact radius and the reduced time of in-plane movement are some of the factors that benefit smaller airplanes.

# Parameter variation – Infectivity



Boeing 757-200 combined baseline egress and random ingress for a single imported infective at different days of infection (probability of infection ranges from 0.00 to 0.08), critical radius of infection 48 feet.

# Summary

- Pedestrian movement model based on social force model formulated and applied to evaluate contacts in airplane setting
- Pedestrian movement model combined with stochastic Susceptible – Infected model for Ebola and SARS
- Airplane movement patterns evaluated for disease propagation
  - Boarding in 2 sections with randomized within sections is the most effective strategy to reduce infections
  - Boarding has higher effect than deplaning.
  - Smaller airplanes are better
- Acknowledgements: NSF Rapid and PRAC grants & ERAU internal funding

# Extensive News coverage of our Research

- Covered in over 75 news outlets in four continents



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The way airlines board planes affects how easily bugs are spread among passengers



**The way we board planes could actually be spreading diseases**



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

**Can flying make you sick? Plane rides are one of the fastest ways for infectious diseases to spread**

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