

Evolution of Fungicide Application Technologies for reducing FHB and DON

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Unknown Influences

Tillage -- Surface residue vs. none

Crop Rotation – Corn vs. bean

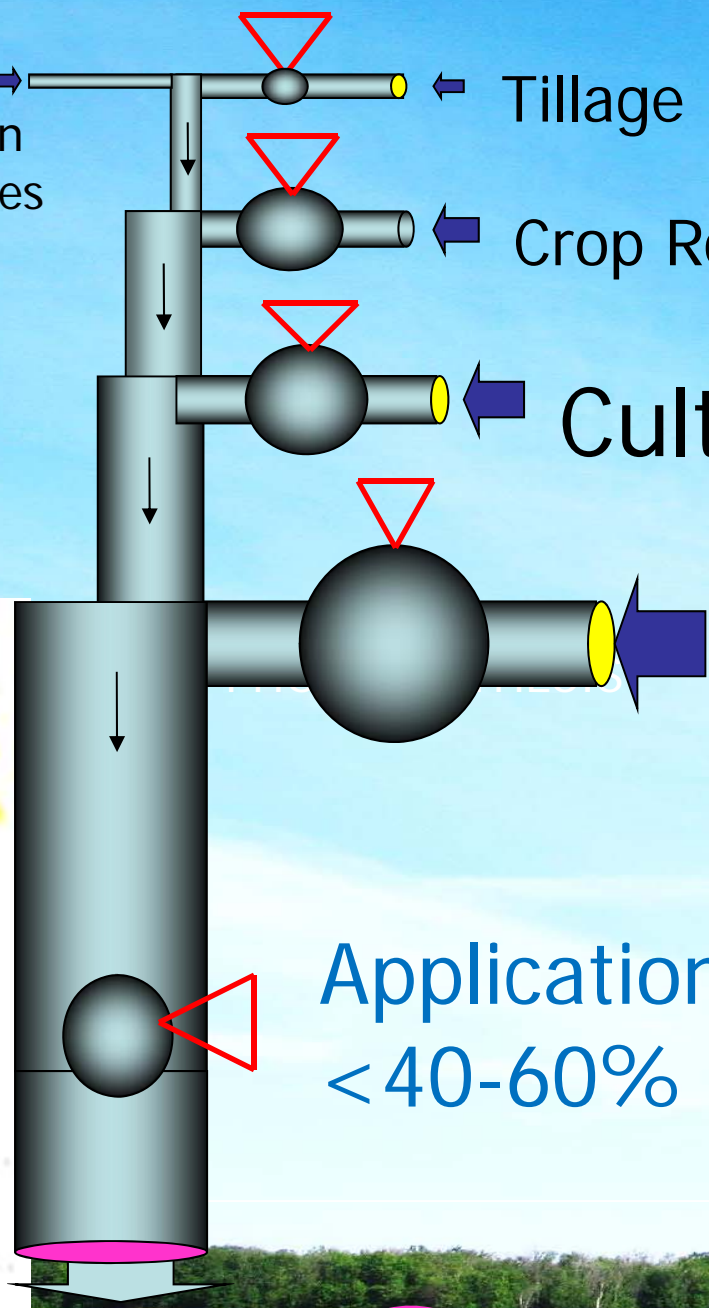
Cultivar – MR vs. HS

 Weather

Application of triazole fungicide
< 40-60% reduction at best

DON Toxin

Adapted from Hooker et al., 2002



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Best fungicide @ best timing using best application technology



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First generation testing

- UV dye sprayed
- different nozzles
- image analysis
- uneven head coverage
- good leaf coverage
- good soil coverage
- Head coverage = fungicide efficacy??

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Second generation testing



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5 Swath Positions x 9



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Sprayer Rodeo



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Back-Fwd
Turbo FF TeeJet



TwinJet



Conventional
Turbo FF TeeJet

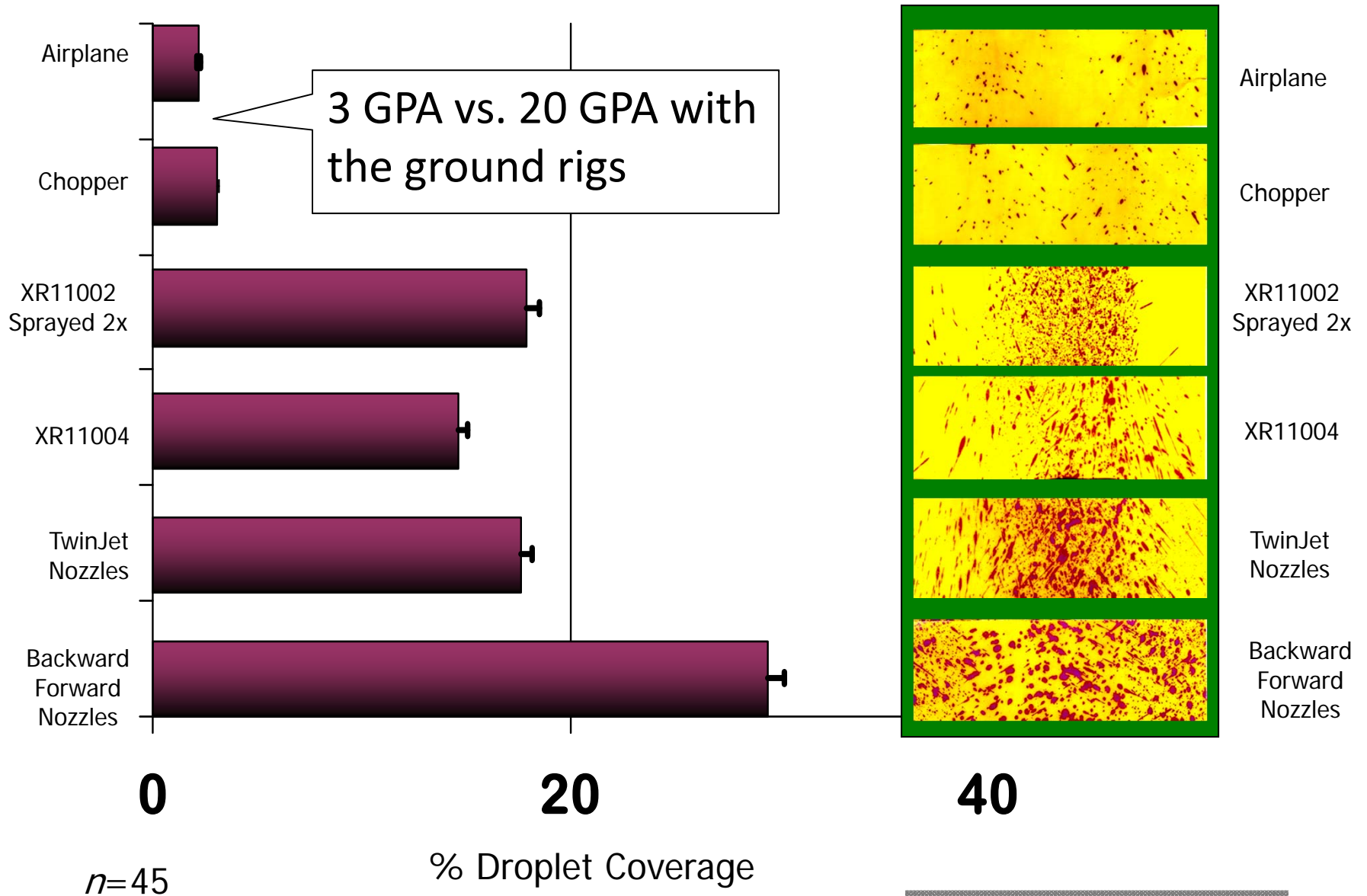


Conventional
Turbo FF TeeJet
Sprayed 2x – Opposite Directions

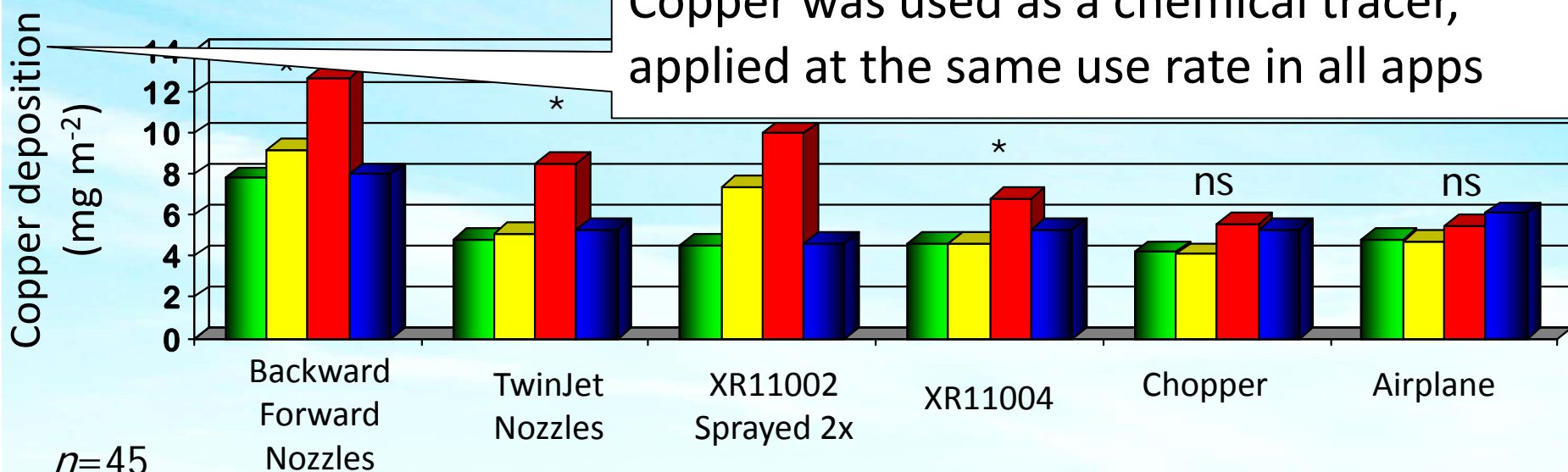
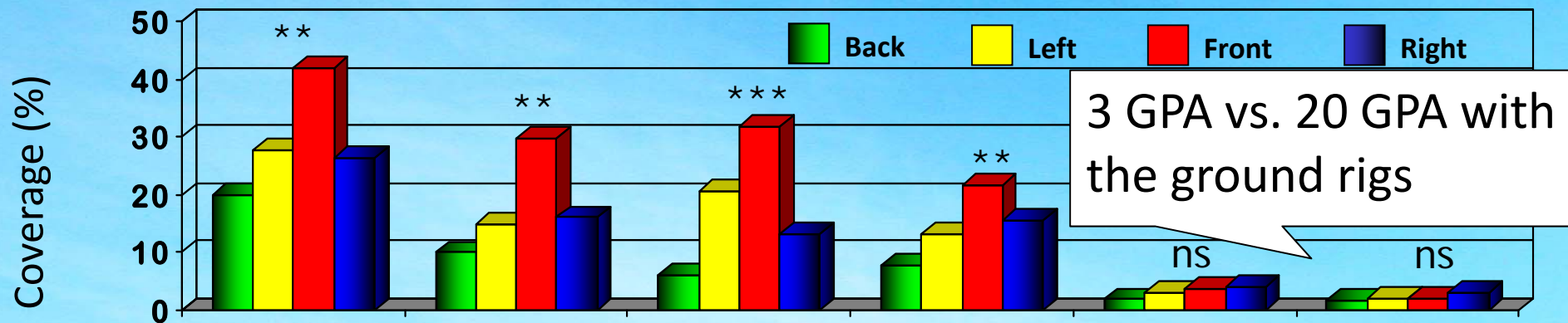


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Spray Coverage vs Application Method



Spray Distribution on Heads vs Applicator



Spray Nozzle Configuration/Applicator

n=45

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*, **, *** differences in coverage among sides (P=0.05, 0.01, <0.01 respectively)



Source: <http://bhoulgrave.files.wordpress.com>

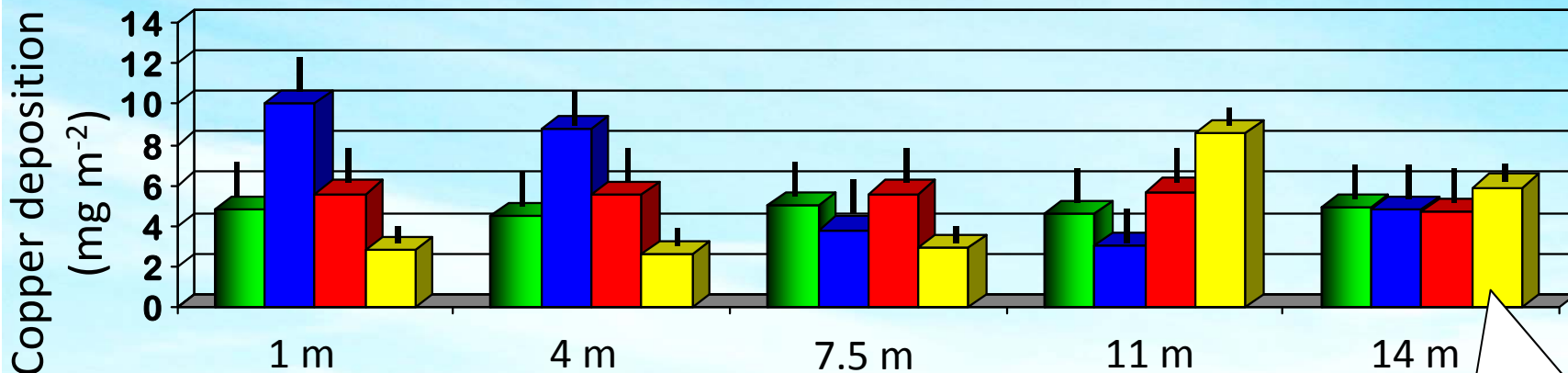
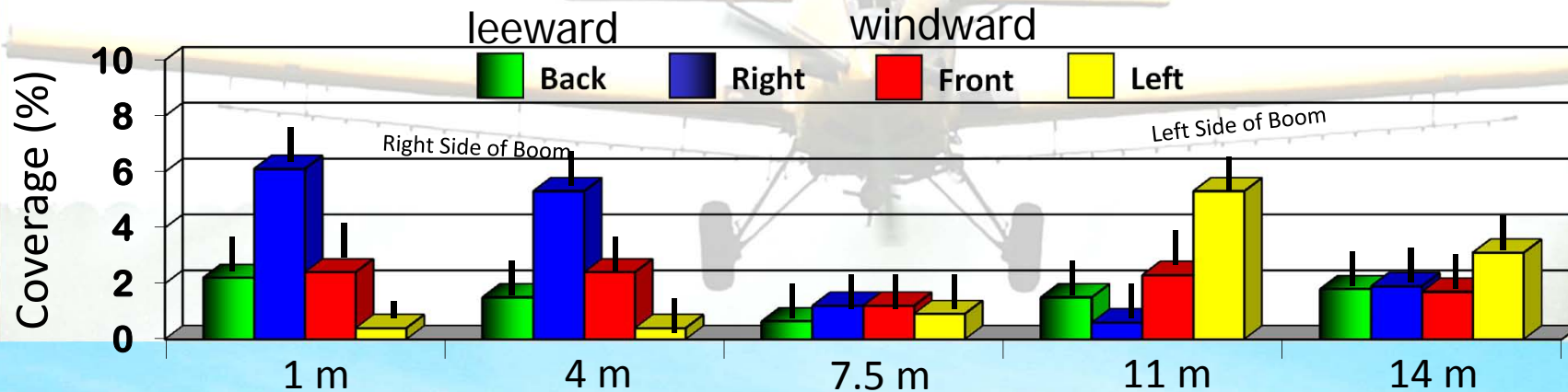


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Spray Distribution on Heads Across Swath Width

-- Airplane --



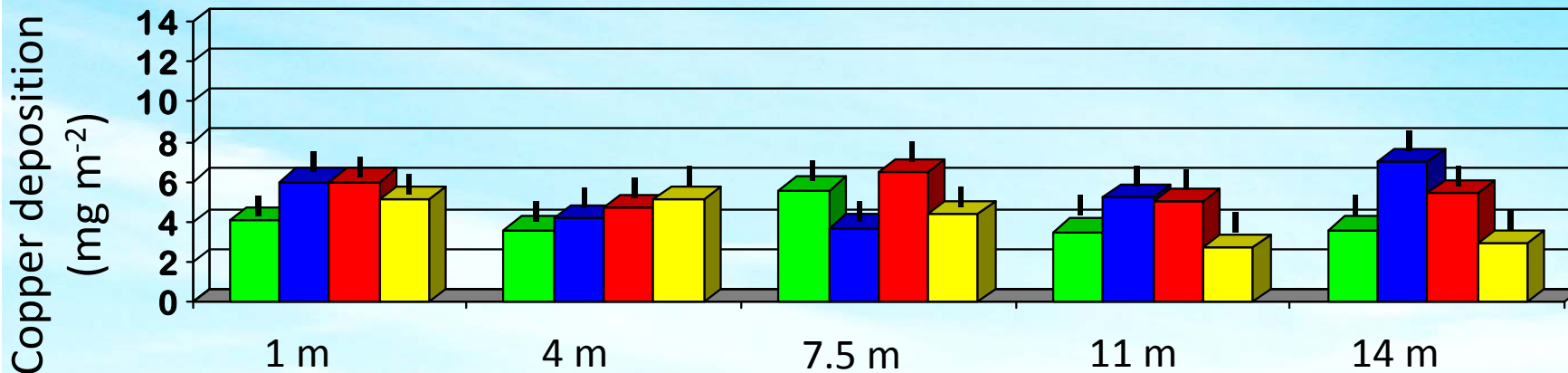
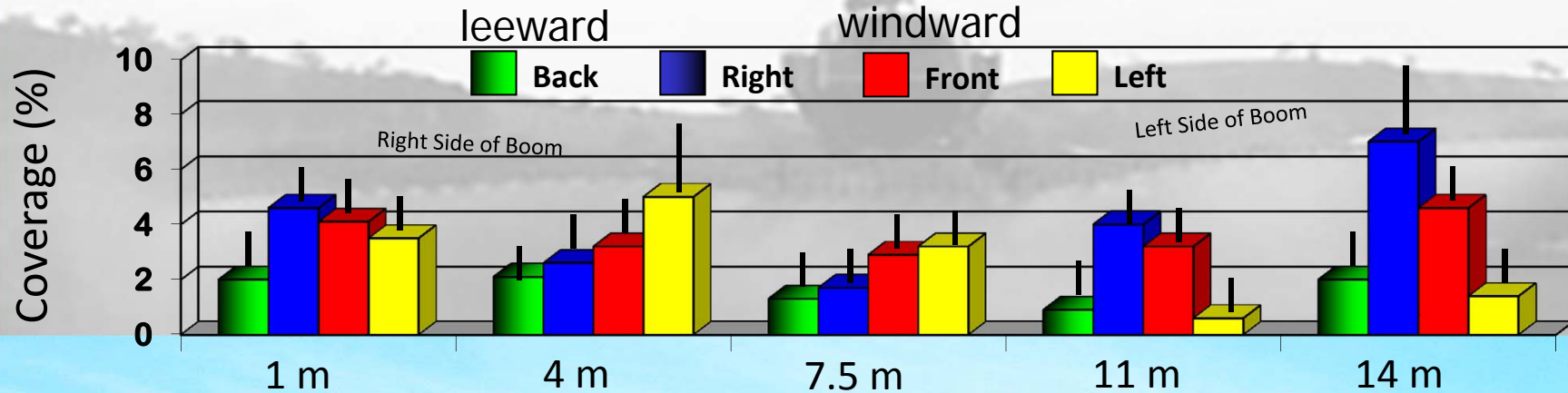
$n=9$ Swath Position From Left-Right on Boom

Copper was used as a chemical tracer

Note differences in coverage from side-to-side on boom, and on "head" coverage

Spray Distribution on Heads Across Swath Width

-- Helicopter --



$n=9$

Swath Position From Left-Right on Boom

Back-Fwd
Turbo TeeJet



Back Only
Turbo TeeJet



Various nozzle configs
on ground rigs also
compared



TwinJet



Fwd Only
Turbo TeeJet

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Cone



TeeJet Duo

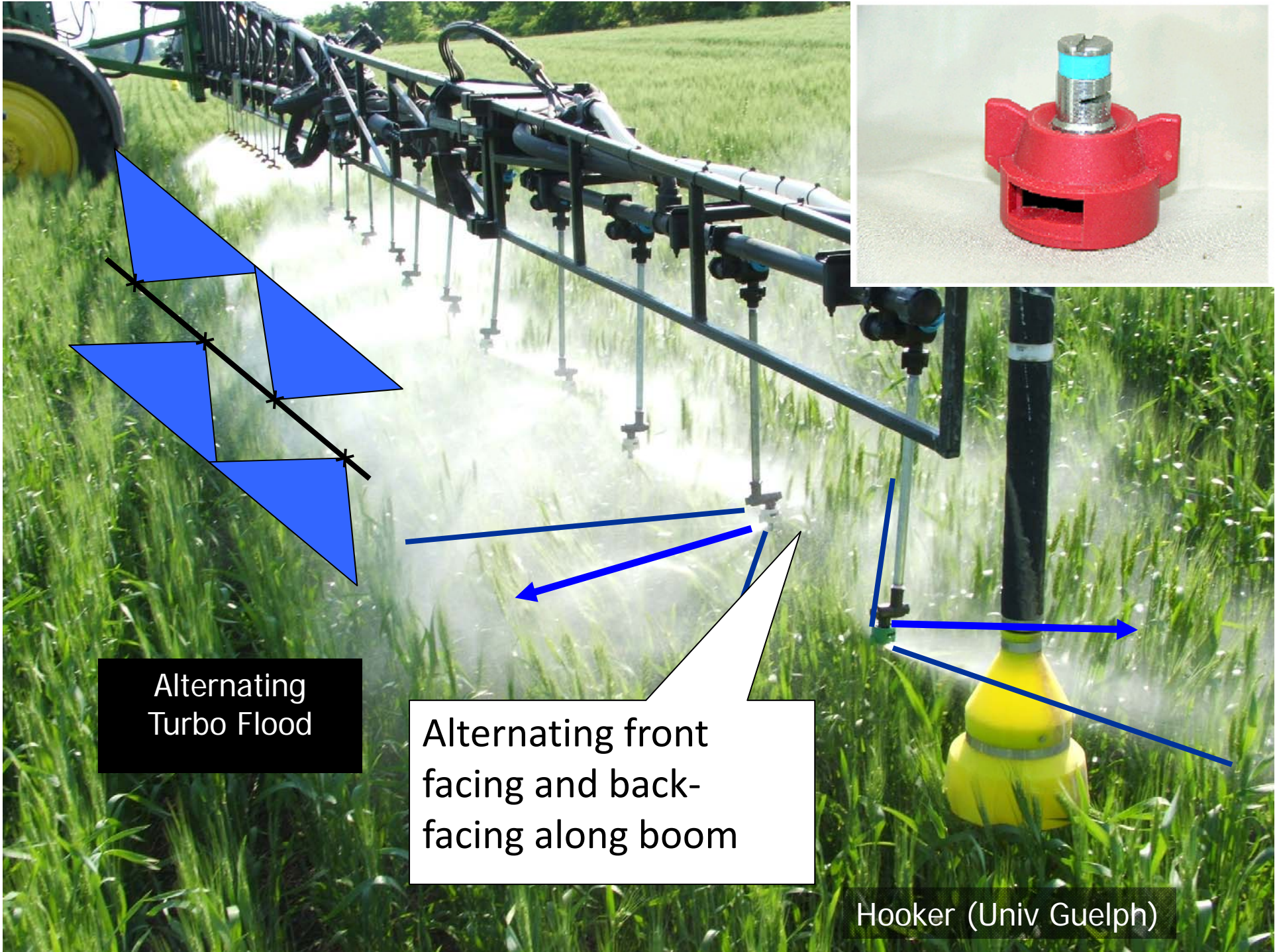


TwinCap

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Alternating Turbo FloodJet



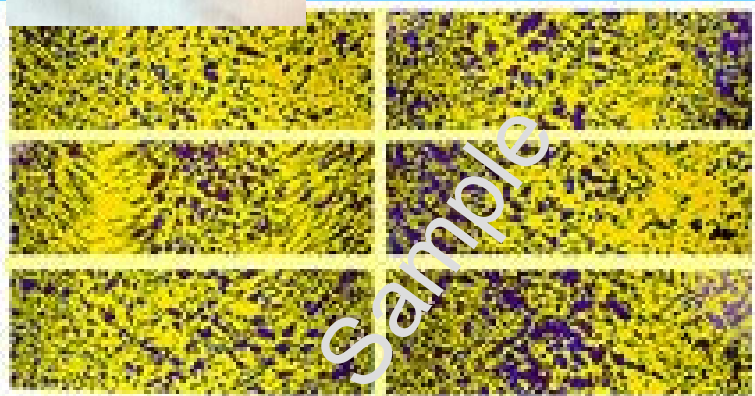
Alternating Turbo Flood

Alternating front facing and back-facing along boom

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Fwd-Back @ 6 mph



6 cards shown of 24



TwinJet @ 6 mph

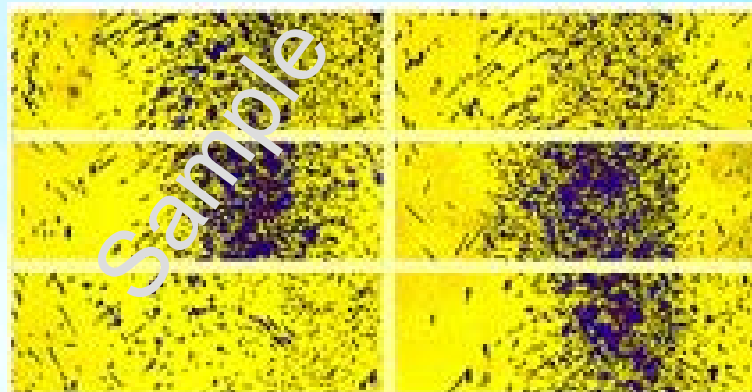


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XR11002 Sprayed 2x @ 6 mph



Twin Cap @ 6 mph



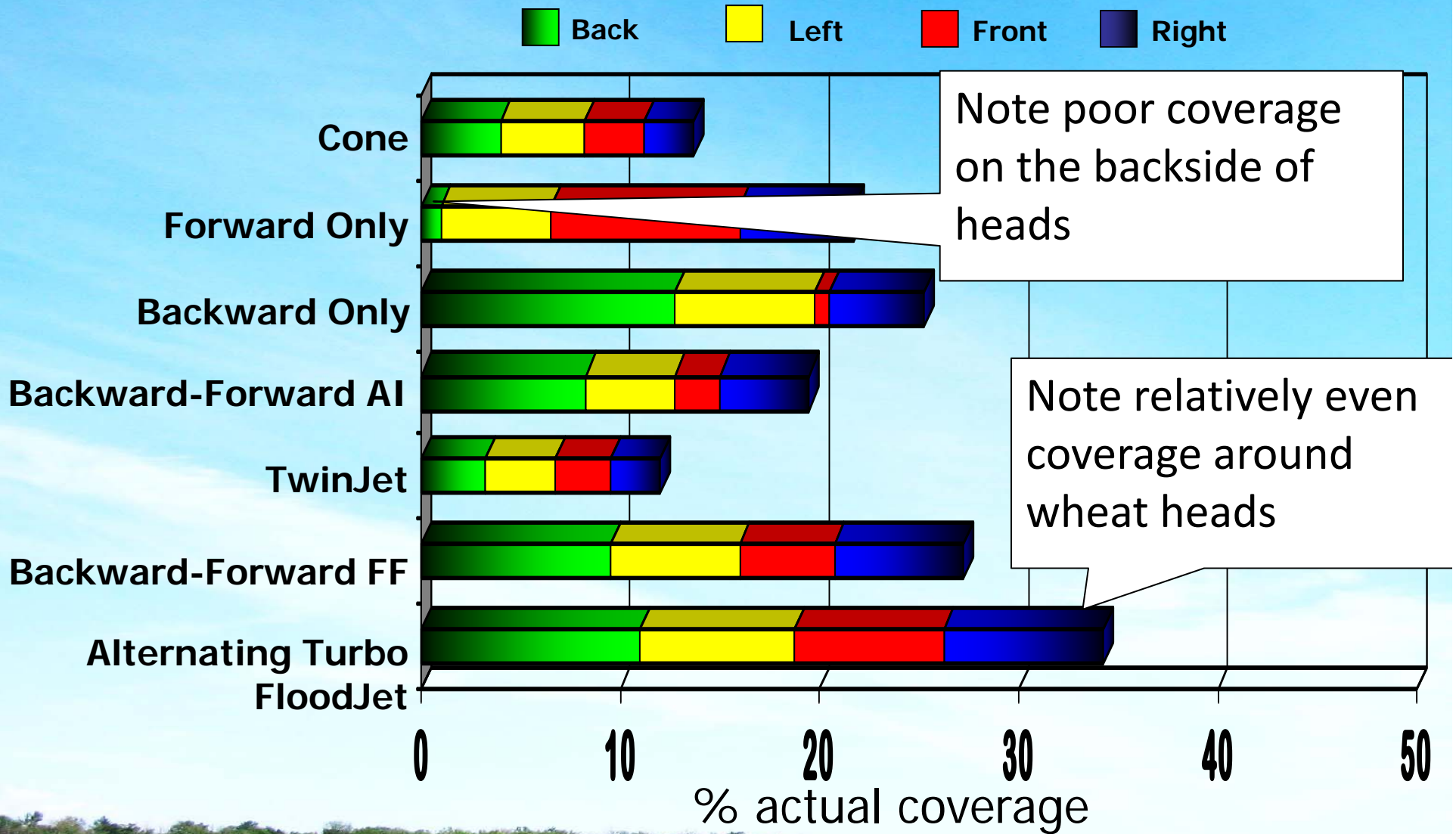
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Spray Distribution on "Heads" vs Nozzle



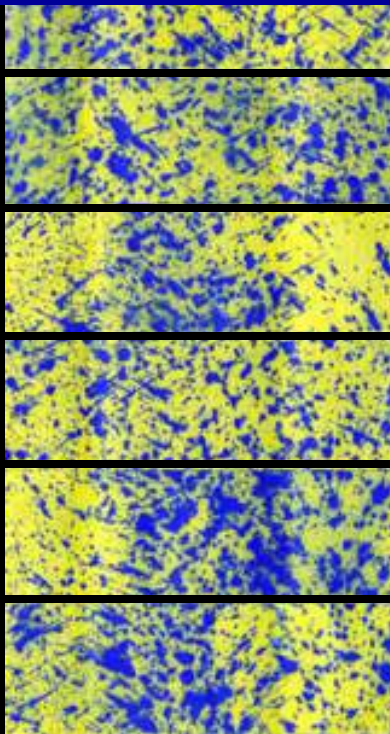
All tmts applied 12 mph @ 20 GPA

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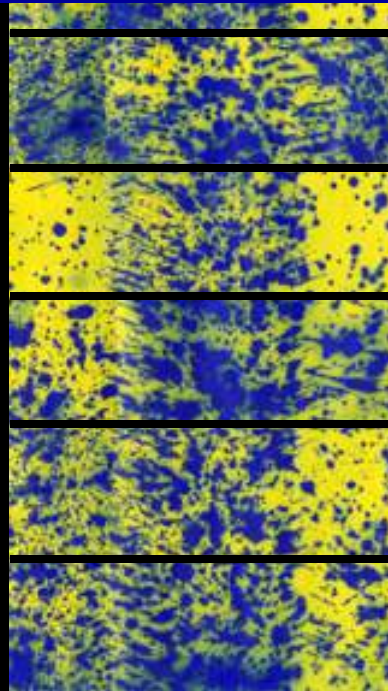
Nozzle Configurations Compared



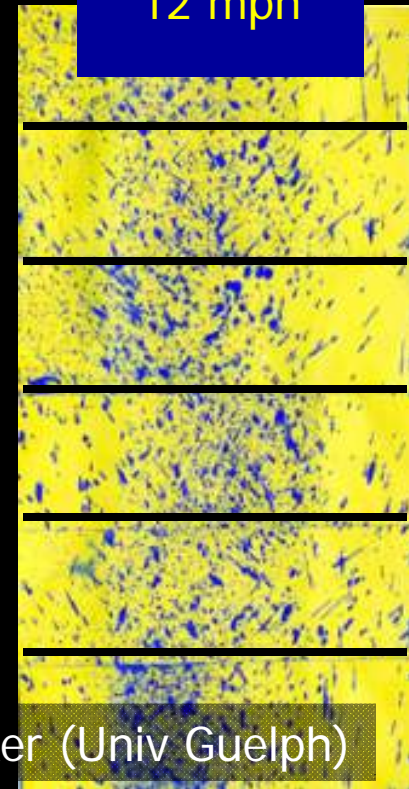
FWD-BACK TT11004
12 mph



TurboFlood
Alternate on Boom
12 mph

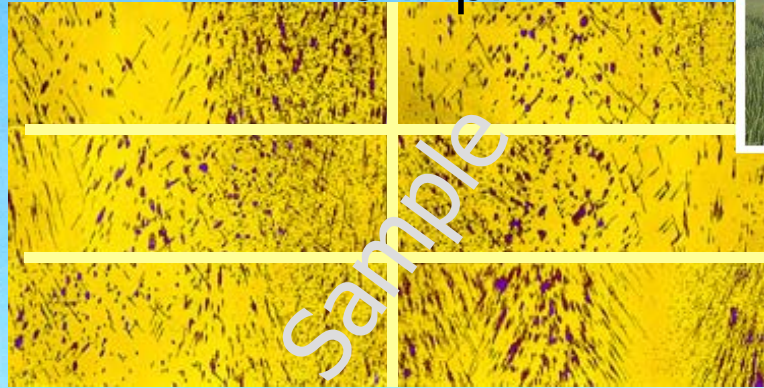


TwinJet
12 mph



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TwinJet
@ 6 mph

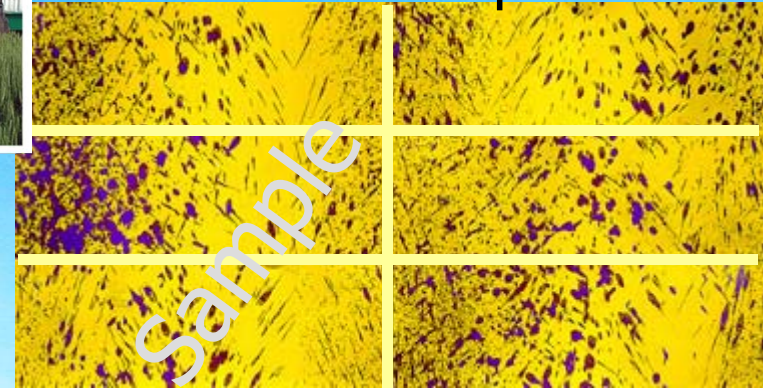


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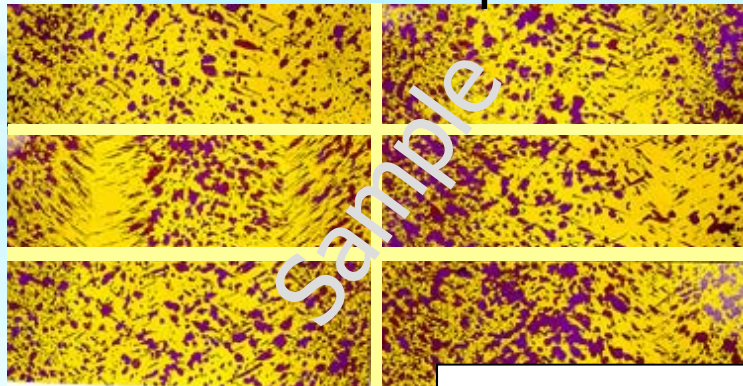
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TwinJet
@ 12 mph



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Forward-Backward
@ 6 mph

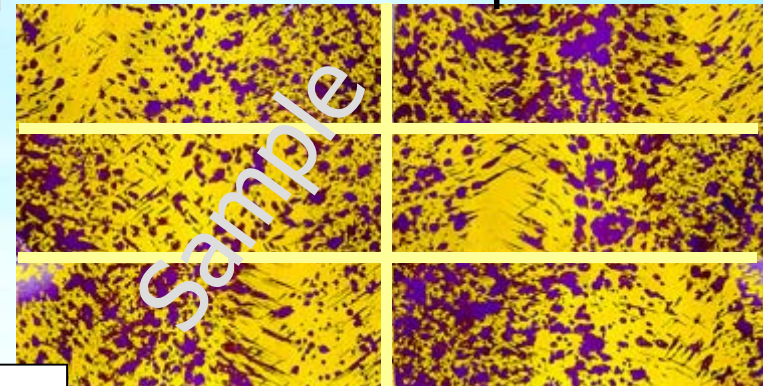


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Forward-Backward
@ 12 mph



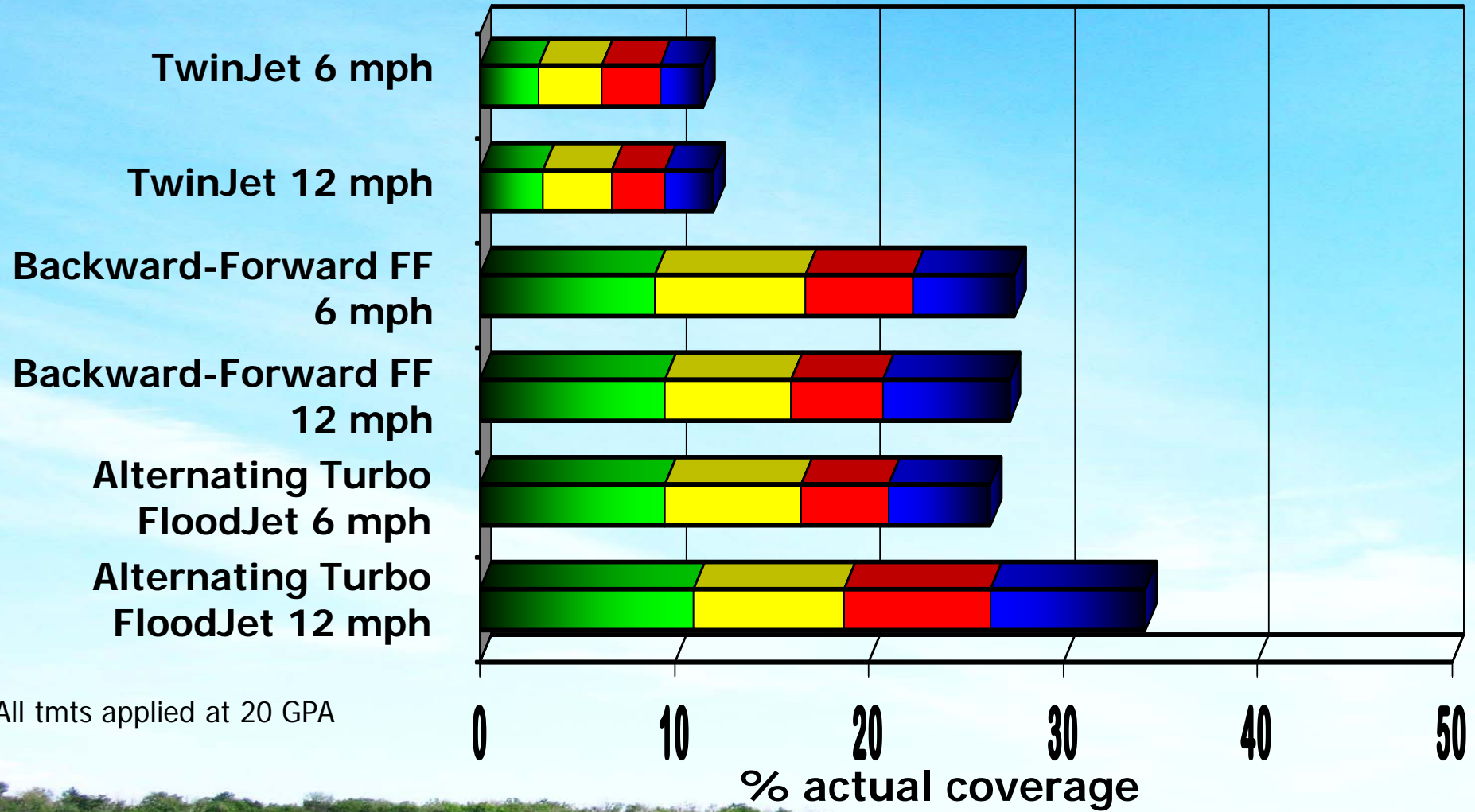
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Note coverage v
similar at 6 or 12
mph; 20 GPA

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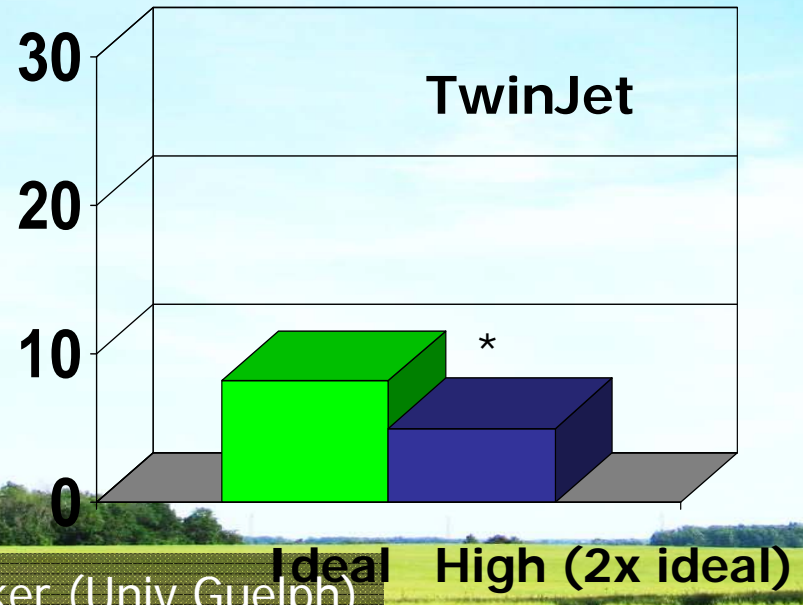
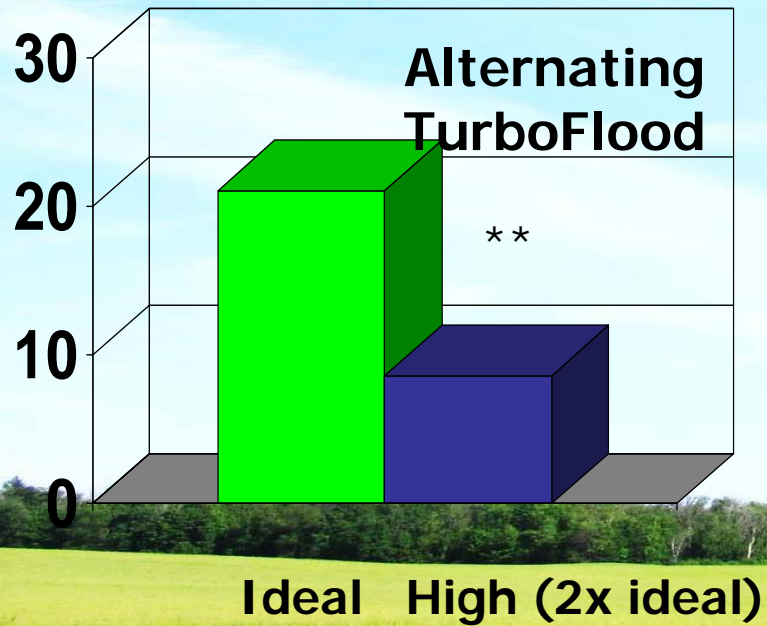
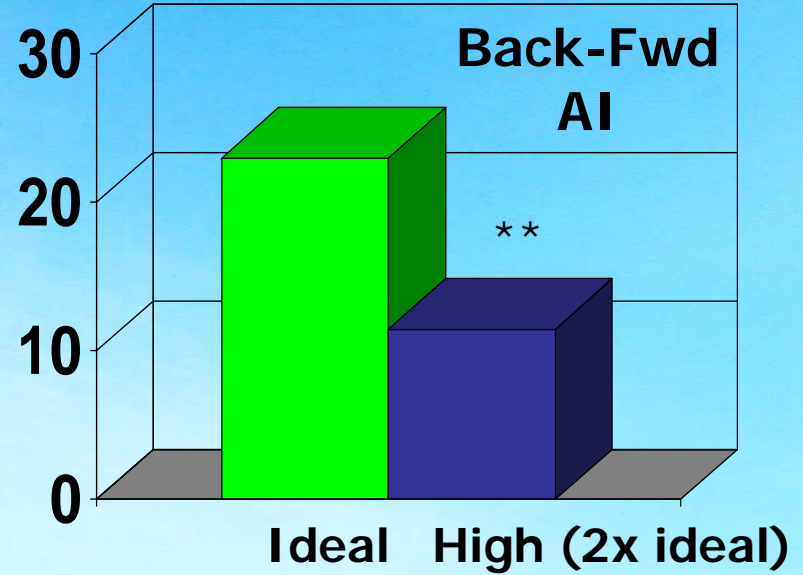
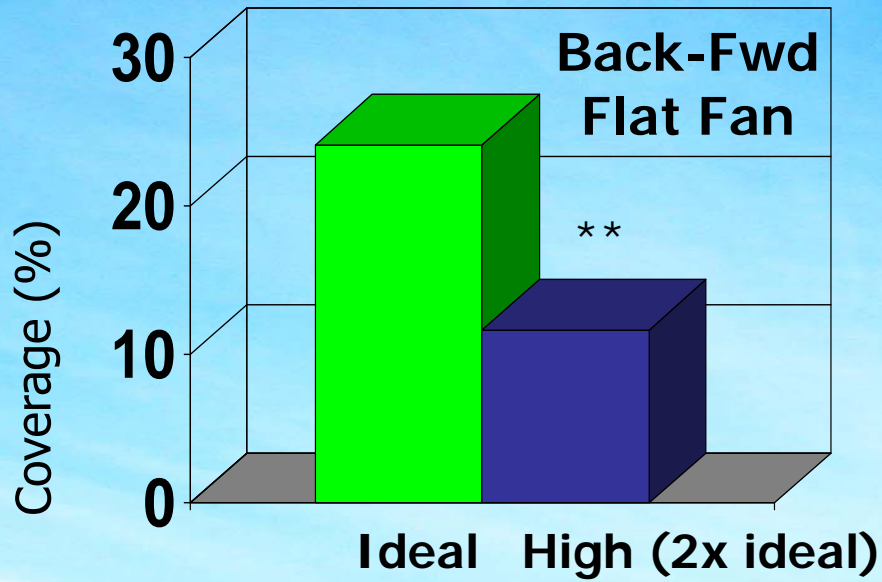
Coverage: Travel Speed vs Nozzle

Back Left Front Right



All tmts applied at 20 GPA

Boom Height Affects Coverage!!



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Boom Height and Spray Drift



Boom Height 0.8m



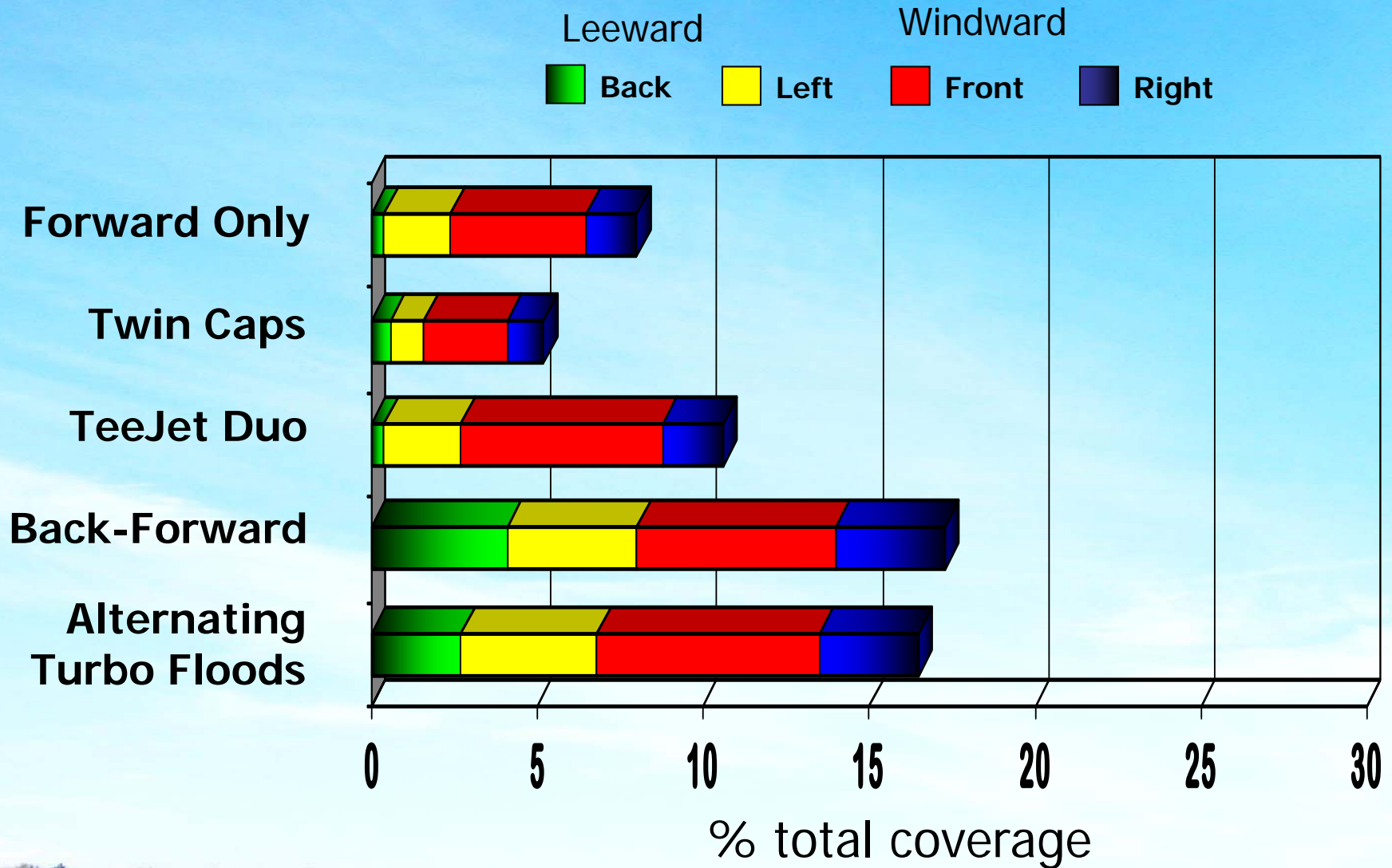
Boom Height 0.5m

Source: Tom Robinson, Syngenta. UK



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Spray Coverage – Wind Effects



Conclusions

- Coverage with aerial app = TwinJet™ ground app
- Most uniform highest coverage using alternating TurboFlood™ or Back-Fwd nozzles
 - Spray pattern 15 degrees from horizontal
- Poor coverage other nozzles including “Forward Only”
- 12 MPH = 6 MPH forward speed
- Slight wind = low coverage on leeward side of spike
 - Boom height important for reducing wind effects
 - 20 GPA >> 10 GPA for coverage and uniformity

Thanks!!

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