

1 **Temporal Patterns and Sources of Atmospherically Deposited Pesticides**  
2 **in Alpine Lakes of the Sierra Nevada, California, USA**

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19 **Brief:** Pesticide concentrations in California alpine lakes track pesticide application rates  
20 at agricultural sites over 65 km away.

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24 **Abstract**

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26 Agricultural pesticides are being transported by air large distances to remote  
27 mountain areas, and have been implicated as a cause for recent population declines of  
28 several amphibian species in such locations. Largely unmeasured, however, are the  
29 magnitude and temporal variation of pesticide concentrations in these areas, and the  
30 relationship between pesticide use and pesticide appearance in the montane environment.  
31 We addressed these topics in the southern Sierra Nevada mountains, California, by  
32 sampling water weekly or monthly from four alpine lakes from mid-June to mid-October  
33 2003. The lakes were 46-83 km from the nearest pesticide sources in the intensively  
34 cultivated San Joaquin Valley. Four of 41 target pesticide analytes were evaluated for  
35 temporal patterns: endosulfan, propargite, dacthal, and simazine. Concentrations were

36 very low, approximately 1 ng/L or less, at all times. The temporal patterns in  
37 concentrations differed among the four pesticides, whereas the temporal pattern for each  
38 pesticide was similar among the four lakes. For the two pesticides applied abundantly in  
39 the San Joaquin Valley during the sampling period, endosulfan and propargite, temporal  
40 variation in concentrations corresponded strikingly with application rates in the Valley  
41 with lag times of 1-2 weeks. A finer-scale analysis suggests that a large fraction of these  
42 two pesticides reaching the lakes originated in nearby upwind areas within the Valley.

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#### 44 **Introduction**

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46       The Sierra Nevada mountains of California lie downwind from one of the most  
47 intensively cultivated areas in the United States, the Central Valley of California.  
48 Consequently, ecosystems throughout the mountains, including those in national parks  
49 and wilderness areas, have been exposed to airborne pesticides and other pollutants [1].  
50 Pesticides from presumed regional sources have been documented in multiple physical  
51 and biotic media, including areas up to 3500 m elevation and many tens of kilometers  
52 from the nearest sources in the Central Valley [2-9]. Although measured pesticide levels  
53 have generally been well below various acute toxicity levels, p,p'-DDE concentrations in  
54 fish in two alpine lakes in the southern Sierra recently exceeded a health threshold for  
55 kingfishers [7]. There is also concern for ecological effects because most measurements  
56 have been made only once and thus do not capture temporal variation, an important  
57 consideration for a region where pesticides are applied year round and their use varies  
58 tremendously in time and space. Moreover, organisms in the Sierra are exposed to

59 complex mixtures of pesticides, which may have greater effects than exposure to  
60 individual pesticides [3, 10], and some of these compounds may interact with other  
61 stressors such as disease [11].

62 Of particular concern in the Sierra Nevada/Cascades region of California has been  
63 the disappearance in recent decades of numerous populations of at least seven species of  
64 native amphibians with few observed changes in habitat or other factors [12-14],  
65 although some disease impacts have been documented recently [15]. Most conspicuous  
66 of these declines has been the mountain yellow-legged frog complex (*Rana muscosa*  
67 complex, recently split into *R. muscosa* and *R. sierrae*; [14]), a taxon formerly the most  
68 ubiquitous aquatic vertebrate in lakes and streams at higher elevations in the Sierra  
69 Nevada [16]. Atmospherically deposited pesticides have been implicated as a cause for  
70 these declines, acting by themselves or in concert with other factors such as fish  
71 introductions and disease [5, 17-19]. However, measurements for pesticides in the alpine  
72 waters commonly inhabited by these species have been taken in recent decades from only  
73 a few locations [5, 6, 8], and almost no data are available for temporal variation in  
74 pesticide levels.

75 The present study was designed to measure pesticide levels at trace (ng/L) or  
76 ultatrace (pg/L) levels over time at several sites in the aquatic habitat of *R. muscosa* and  
77 *R. sierrae* to characterize the magnitude and temporal variation in pesticide levels. We  
78 also evaluated temporal variation of pesticide concentrations as a function of pesticide  
79 application in specific areas to identify potential source locations. We focused on high  
80 elevation lakes in the southern Sierra Nevada because these two frog species have been  
81 extensively studied here [5, 13-15, 19], and the region is located adjacent to the San

82 Joaquin Valley, the southern arm of the Central Valley where pesticide use is greatest  
83 (based on California Department of Pesticide Regulation annual pesticide use reports,  
84 <http://calpip.cdpr.ca.gov>).

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## 86 **Experimental Section**

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88 We selected four high-elevation lakes in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National  
89 Parks, California: two relatively near the San Joaquin Valley (46-55 km) and two far  
90 from the Valley (68-83 km) between 27 and 45 km apart (See Supporting Information for  
91 details of site selection and Table S1 and Fig. S1 for location and characteristics of  
92 lakes). Water samples were collected weekly at the lake nearest the San Joaquin Valley  
93 (Frog Lake), and at 4-week intervals at the other three lakes (Gorge, East Marjorie, and  
94 Wright lakes), from mid-June to mid-October 2003. These lakes varied in elevation  
95 (3042–3645 m), area (1.3–17.2 ha), maximum depth (3.5–15.1 m), and watershed area  
96 (53-197 ha). Water temperature was low (e.g.,  $< 7^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) during sampling in lakes that were  
97 still largely ice-covered on the first sampling date in June (Frog, Wright, and East  
98 Marjorie lakes), and averaged between 12.3 and 16.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$  among the lakes overall.  
99 Throughout the sampling period at all lakes, pH was circumneutral and specific  
100 conductance was very low. Dissolved oxygen, measured only at Frog Lake, was  $>85\%$   
101 saturation at all depths throughout the sampling period. Rainfall from local  
102 thunderstorms, measured with plastic rain gages near ground level, fell during five  
103 weekly intervals at Frog Lake and two of the corresponding monthly intervals at the other  
104 three lakes.

105           Precipitation in the study area occurs mainly as snow during the winter months of  
106 November through March. Precipitation during these months in 2002-2003 was 89% of  
107 the 30-year average at Lodgepole, 8 km west of Frog Lake. We evaluated air flow  
108 pathways to Frog Lake by modeling 24-hour back-trajectories every three hours between  
109 0600 and 1800 hours PDT from a point on the edge of the San Joaquin Valley that  
110 comprises the approximate origin for upslope winds to Frog Lake (see Supporting  
111 Information for details). Tracer and meteorological studies show that during a typical  
112 summer day surface air from the southeast side of the Valley is transported into the  
113 southern Sierra Nevada by diurnal upslope flows, reaching the Frog Lake area by  
114 midafternoon [1, 20, 21]. Pesticide application data came from pesticide use reports of  
115 the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (<http://calpip.cdpr.ca.gov>). None of  
116 the pesticides detected in the study was applied in the mountains during 2003.

117           Water samples (100 L) were extracted in the field using an on-line  
118 filtration/extraction assembly that consisted of a battery-powered ceramic pump, Teflon  
119 tubing, glass fiber filter, and a solid phase extraction (SPE) cartridge (see Supporting  
120 Information for details of sampling apparatus). Absolut Nexus (Varian Inc., Harbor City,  
121 CA) was used as solid phase sorbent. Forty-one compounds (i.e., pesticides and some of  
122 their degradation products) were extracted and analyzed using methods developed and  
123 optimized for 100-L water samples [22]., except that a less stringent method was used in  
124 the present study to calculate estimated method detection limits (MDL; see Supporting  
125 Information for MDL calculation method and Table S2 for recoveries and MDL values).  
126 The less-stringent calculation method was used to increase the potential to detect a  
127 temporal pattern in concentrations and to be more consistent with previous analyses in

128 alpine lake water in the study region [3]. A total of 35 samples (including 4 duplicate  
129 pairs) and 5 field blanks were collected (see Supporting Information for details).

130 For statistical analysis, concentration values  $< \text{MDL}$  were replaced with  $1/2$  of the  
131 MDL. Values for duplicate samples were averaged. Time dependency of pesticide  
132 concentrations between sequential weekly samples at Frog Lake was evaluated by  
133 autocorrelation (correlogram) analysis [23]. Association between the temporal pattern of  
134 pesticide concentrations in Frog Lake and pesticide applications in the San Joaquin  
135 Valley was evaluated by cross-correlation (cross-correlogram) analysis [23]. This  
136 analysis computes a correlation coefficient between the two variables (i.e., pesticide  
137 concentration and weekly application rate) at different lag times (i.e., 0 week, 1 week, 2  
138 weeks, etc.). We evaluated this association at two scales: the entire valley and individual  
139 townships, which are approximately 10 km on side. Cross-correlation analysis was also  
140 used to evaluate association between temporal patterns among the individual pesticides in  
141 Frog Lake.

142 We used ANOVA to evaluate differences in pesticide concentrations among  
143 lakes. Concordance of temporal patterns in pesticide concentrations among the four lakes  
144 was evaluated by comparing the coincidence of the four inter-sample trend directions for  
145 each chemical (i.e., peaks and valleys occurring at the same times). The probability that  
146 at least three of the four lakes would have the same configuration of peaks and valleys by  
147 chance is 0.0148 (see Supporting Information for calculation details). We used SAS v.  
148 9.1 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC) for statistical analyses and Surfer 8 (Golden Software,  
149 Inc., Golden, CO) for kriging distributions of pesticide application.

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151 **Results and Discussion**

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153 **Pesticides Found.** Eight of the 41 pesticide analytes were detected at least once  
154 among the four lakes (see Supporting Information, Table S3). Four of the eight were  
155 found frequently, allowing us to evaluate temporal patterns: endosulfan I (an insecticide  
156 and acaricide), propargite (an acaricide), and dacthal and simazine (herbicides).

157 Endosulfan II was also found in a number of samples, but less frequently and usually in  
158 much lower concentrations than endosulfan I; the two forms were combined for analysis.

159 Concentrations of these pesticides were very low in all four lakes, generally less than 1  
160 ng/L for endosulfan I+II, propargite, and dacthal, and only slightly higher for simazine  
161 (Figs. 1 and 2). Endosulfan I or II, dacthal, and simazine were detected in all four lakes,  
162 whereas propargite was detected only in Frog Lake (Fig. 2 and Supporting Information  
163 Fig. S2). Concentrations for three less frequently detected pesticides, chlorothalonil,  
164 trifluralin, and chlorpyrifos, were also very low (< 0.07 ng/L in all cases; see Supporting  
165 Information, Table S3).

166 These findings are consistent with concentrations for the few other lake-water  
167 samples from the vicinity, as well as for snowpack samples. Within 4 km of Frog Lake,  
168 similar concentrations were found for endosulfan in two lakes in 1997 [5], for endosulfan  
169 and dacthal in two other lakes in 2003 [8], and for endosulfan and dacthal in the  
170 cumulative snowpack [6]. Relatively low concentrations for endosulfan and dacthal have  
171 also been found in other media in the vicinity in 2003 or 2005, including air (B-  
172 endosulfan , ~10 pg/m<sup>3</sup>), sediment, vegetation, fish, and tadpoles [8, 9].

173 As discussed below, it appears unlikely that concentrations for the four recurring  
174 pesticides would have been substantially greater at other times of the year than our  
175 observed levels. The maximum concentrations observed for the four pesticides were  
176 three to eight orders of magnitude lower than benchmarks for effects on aquatic life,  
177 except for endosulfan, which was lower by a factor of 37 [24, 25]. Among the four  
178 pesticides, toxicity data for amphibians are available only for endosulfan. The maximum  
179 concentration of endosulfan observed in the present study (~ 1 ng/L) was lower than the  
180 lowest-observed-effect concentration among nine anuran tadpoles exposed for 8 d (2000  
181 to 60,000 ng/L [26]), the concentration inducing sublethal effects in *Bufo bufo* tadpoles  
182 after 43 d (10,000 ng/L [27]), and the 96-h LC<sub>50</sub> for tadpoles of *Rana boylei* (550 ng/L  
183 [28]) and *Hypsiboas pulchellus* (130 ng/L [29]).

184 **Temporal Patterns of Pesticide Concentrations.** The temporal patterns of  
185 concentrations for the four pesticides were largely independent of each other. For Frog  
186 Lake, concentrations at weekly intervals were not significantly related to each other  
187 (cross-correlation analysis for pairwise combinations of pesticides; Fig. 1). Endosulfan  
188 showed a sharp peak in concentration in mid-September, propargite showed a sharp peak  
189 in late July, dacthal showed a variable plateau from late July to early October, and  
190 simazine showed multiple peaks. Such apparent independence in temporal patterns  
191 among pesticides was also evident for monthly sampling for the three pesticides  
192 represented at all four lakes. Specifically, endosulfan showed a peak in September or  
193 October, dacthal showed a valley in July and a peak in September or October, and  
194 simazine showed a valley in July, August, or September (Fig. 2 A, C, and D).

195            Sampling at 1-week frequency in Frog Lake generally captured the temporal  
196 variation of three of the four pesticides (endosulfan I+II, propargite, and dacthal; Fig. 1A,  
197 B, and C). That is, autocorrelation analysis indicated that samples one week apart were  
198 significantly correlated with each other ( $p < 0.05$ ), indicating that the value at a given  
199 time was partially dependent on the value for the previous week. For simazine, however,  
200 there was no significant time dependency among samples, although it appears that this  
201 lack of significance can be attributed largely to the highly variable concentrations during  
202 the first half of the sampling period (Fig. 1D).

203            **Consistency of Temporal Patterns Among Lakes.** The four lakes showed  
204 similar temporal patterns for the three pesticides that were found in all four lakes (i.e.,  
205 endosulfan, dacthal, and simazine; Fig. 2A, C, and D). For endosulfan and dacthal, trend  
206 reversals (i.e., peaks and valleys) occurred at identical times for three of the four lakes for  
207 each chemical (i.e., Frog, E. Marjorie, and Gorge lakes). The probability of this or more  
208 extreme concordance occurring by chance was 0.0148 for each chemical. Thus, the  
209 processes that determine the temporal patterns of individual pesticides appear to be very  
210 similar among lakes. The temporal patterns in Wright Lake, however, differed somewhat  
211 from the other three lakes (Fig. 2A, C, and D). These differences may be because Wright  
212 Lake is in the Kern watershed, which contrasts from the other two watersheds in the  
213 study (Kaweah and Kings) by having a north-south orientation rather than an east-west  
214 one (see Supporting Information, Fig. S1). Air within the upper Kern watershed during  
215 summer is thought to consist largely of air moving upslope/downslope within the  
216 watershed and air mixed in from the Kaweah watershed along the ridgeline separating the  
217 two watersheds [20].

218           **Differences in Pesticide Concentrations Among Lakes.** The four lakes differed  
219 from one another in pesticide concentrations in a consistent manner throughout the study.  
220 Frog Lake invariably had the highest concentration for each sampling time for three of  
221 the four pesticides (endosulfan I+II, propargite, and simazine) during those times when  
222 the pesticide was detected at any lake. This finding is evident in Fig. 2, but a better  
223 comparison among the lakes is achieved by normalizing the concentrations relative to the  
224 maximum concentrations among the four lakes for each sampling time (see Supporting  
225 Information Fig. S3). The resultant relative concentrations for the above three pesticides  
226 were significantly higher in Frog Lake than in the other three lakes (ANOVA,  $p < 0.005$   
227 for each of the three pesticides), whereas the values in the other three lakes were not  
228 significantly different from each other. Relative concentrations for the fourth pesticide,  
229 dacthal, did not differ significantly among the lakes.

230           These differences among lakes were not obviously related to lake characteristics  
231 such as lake depth, lake surface area/volume ratio, watershed area, drainage orientation or  
232 other factors (See Supporting Information, Table S1). These differences were apparently  
233 also not related to time of spring overturn, which occurred around the time of the first  
234 monthly sampling in Frog, East Marjorie, and Wright Lakes, but occurred prior to first  
235 sampling in Gorge Lake. Cold condensation processes were also apparently not involved  
236 in determining concentration differences among lakes because elevation showed no  
237 relationship to concentration (see Supporting Information, Table S1) However, the  
238 finding that the lake closest to the San Joaquin Valley (Frog Lake) had the highest  
239 concentrations (Fig. 2 and Supporting Information Fig. S3) is consistent with the  
240 prediction that contaminant exposure decreases with distance from the Valley [5, 19].

241 Inconsistent with this prediction, though, was that Gorge Lake (the second closest lake to  
242 the Valley) was significantly lower in pesticide concentrations than Frog Lake and not  
243 significantly different from either of the two more distant lakes. Moreover, Bradford et  
244 al. [9] did not find a consistent association with distance for pesticides in air, sediment, or  
245 tadpoles among high-elevation sites in the southern Sierra Nevada.

246 **Source Locations for Endosulfan and Propargite.** Tens to hundreds of metric  
247 tonnes of endosulfan and propargite were applied to crops in the San Joaquin Valley  
248 during the sampling period (See Supporting Information, Fig. S4). Application rates  
249 (kg/wk) varied during this period, and corresponded with temporal variation in  
250 concentrations in Frog Lake. For endosulfan (Fig. 1A), the highest significant cross-  
251 correlation coefficient (0.780) was for lag 1 (i.e., concentration in Frog Lake lagged  
252 application by one week). This lag is most evident by comparing the peak in application  
253 rate in early September with the peak in concentration in lake water a week later. For  
254 propargite (Fig. 1B), the match between the temporal patterns for application rate and  
255 concentration in lake water was more striking, with the highest significant cross-  
256 correlation coefficient (0.841) occurring at lag 2 (i.e., concentration in Frog Lake lagged  
257 application by two weeks).

258 While it is possible that such concordance resulted from mixing of pesticides in  
259 air from throughout the San Joaquin Valley, it is also possible that the pesticides reaching  
260 Frog Lake came predominantly from subareas within the Valley. If we assume the latter  
261 and that the source subareas encompass multiple townships, then we would expect high  
262 cross-correlation coefficients between concentrations in Frog Lake and pesticide  
263 application rates for the townships within such clusters. For both endosulfan and

264 propargite, cross-correlation analysis at the township scale showed significant  
265 correlations for many townships in the San Joaquin Valley (Fig. 3A and B). For both  
266 pesticides, the largest cluster of adjacent townships with high correlation coefficients was  
267 relatively close to Frog Lake within the Valley. For endosulfan (Fig. 3A), the center of  
268 this cluster of 6 townships was about 20 km west-northwest of the approximate origin for  
269 diurnal upslope winds to Frog Lake (and 68 km from Frog Lake); for propargite (Fig.  
270 3B), the approximate center of the cluster of 15 townships was about 70 km northwest of  
271 this point (and 105 km from Frog Lake; see Fig. 1A and B legend for application rates for  
272 these township clusters). Interestingly, endosulfan application was low within the cluster  
273 relative to elsewhere in the valley, as indicated by contour lines in Fig. 3A.

274         Back-trajectory analysis from the approximate origin for diurnal upslope winds to  
275 Frog Lake (Fig. 3C) showed predominantly northwest air flows, a direction expected for  
276 the season [30, 31]. Typically, the 24-hour back trajectories originated in the northern  
277 end of the San Joaquin Valley, and frequently passed through the clusters of townships  
278 identified above for endosulfan and propargite. Thus, it is plausible that a large fraction  
279 of these two pesticides in Frog Lake originated within these clusters. The difference in  
280 location of the two clusters may be because only small amounts of endosulfan were  
281 applied northwest of the township cluster for endosulfan (as indicated by contours in Fig.  
282 3A), whereas propargite application in this portion of the Valley was widespread (Fig.  
283 3B).

284         The temporal patterns for endosulfan and propargite concentrations in lake water  
285 throughout the year are likely driven primarily by the application of these pesticides at  
286 upwind agricultural sites in the San Joaquin Valley. For endosulfan, winter and spring

287 application showed a low peak during February-March (see Supporting Information, Fig.  
288 S4), and an average of 1.4 ng/L total endosulfan (i.e., endosulfan I, II, and sulfate) was  
289 found in the cumulative snowpack around April 1, 2003 at two sites 2.8 and 3.7 km SW  
290 of Frog Lake [6]. Thus, some endosulfan likely entered Frog Lake and the other lakes  
291 during the primary snowmelt period (April through June). However, no endosulfan I or  
292 II was detected in any lake during the latter portion of this period (i.e., mid-June; Figs.  
293 1A and 2A). Subsequently, endosulfan appeared in Frog Lake and the levels were  
294 significantly correlated with application rates in the San Joaquin Valley. For propargite,  
295 winter application was virtually none (see Supporting Information, Fig. S4), and it was  
296 not detected in Frog Lake in June or early July. Subsequently, however, it appeared in  
297 Frog Lake and its levels closely tracked application rates in the San Joaquin Valley. The  
298 low concentrations observed for propargite, relative to its high application rates (Figure  
299 1) are likely at least partly due to strong soil and sediment adsorption. Propargite has the  
300 highest  $K_{oc}$  and  $K_{ow}$  of the four pesticides [32].

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302 **Source Locations for Dacthal and Simazine.** In contrast to endosulfan and  
303 propargite, application of dacthal and simazine was very low in the San Joaquin Valley  
304 during the sampling period; however, dacthal was applied abundantly in the central  
305 coastal region of California (See Supporting Information, Fig. S4). Cross-correlation  
306 analyses between the concentrations in Frog Lake and application rates in the San  
307 Joaquin Valley or coastal California were not significant for these two pesticides, and  
308 there was no suggestion that peaks of concentration in Frog Lake followed peaks in  
309 application (Fig. 1C and D).

310 Thus, the source locations and factors determining the temporal pattern of  
311 concentrations for dacthal and simazine in the lakes are not clear. Hageman et al. [6]  
312 predicted that nearly 100% of the dacthal in the snowpack in the vicinity of our study  
313 lakes comes from regional sources. Winter storms in the Sierra typically pass across the  
314 central coast, where dacthal is applied abundantly year round, and the San Joaquin  
315 Valley, where simazine is applied abundantly in winter (See Supporting Information, Fig.  
316 S4). Hageman et al. [6] reported dacthal concentrations averaging 4.6 ng/L in the  
317 snowpack at the end of the snow accumulation period in 2003 at two high-elevation sites  
318 approximately 3 km southwest of Frog Lake. A large fraction of dacthal in the snowpack  
319 would likely enter the lakes through snowmelt water [33], and the same outcome could  
320 be expected for simazine because it is relatively polar like dacthal. Indeed, dacthal and  
321 simazine were present in 3-4 lakes during the first week of the study when snowmelt  
322 runoff was still pronounced. Thereafter, the temporal patterns of concentrations in the  
323 lakes may reflect atmospheric inputs from areas sprayed months previously, persistence  
324 of the pesticides in the lake ecosystems, or complex pathways for airborne transport from  
325 source to lake.

326 **Mechanism of Pesticide Deposition.** The concordance between the temporal  
327 patterns of application rates and concentrations of endosulfan and propargite in Frog  
328 Lake strongly suggests that at least these two pesticides were transported by air during  
329 the study period and deposited on the lake or its watershed. However, it is not possible to  
330 determine the relative contributions of dry deposition to the lake surface, wet deposition  
331 to the lake surface, and rainfall washing dry-deposited material into the lake. Dry  
332 deposition to the lake surface is presumably involved because the concentration patterns

333 in lake water for endosulfan and propargite generally followed the application rates  
334 pattern regardless of rainfall events (Fig. 1A and B). Nevertheless, input via rainfall is  
335 suggested by the initial peaks in endosulfan and dacthal in Frog Lake on July 24 that  
336 coincided with the onset of a period of rainfall (Fig. 1A and C). During the previous  
337 week, which lacked rainfall, concentrations changed very little.

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355 **Supporting Information Available**

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357           Details of methods are provided for site selection, water sampling, extraction and  
358 analysis of pesticides, environmental measurements, calculation of probabilities for  
359 coincidence of pesticide temporal pattern among lakes, and calculation of air flow back  
360 trajectories. Also provided are tables for characteristics of study sites, target analytes and  
361 their method detection limits, and sample results, and figures showing site locations,  
362 frequency of pesticide occurrence in each lake, relative concentrations of each pesticide  
363 among the four lakes, and pesticide amounts applied by month throughout California.

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472 **Figure Legends**

473           Figure 1. Concentrations of pesticides in Frog Lake, sampled weekly from June  
474 17 to October 9, 2003 (solid blue line), and corresponding weekly pesticide application  
475 rates in the San Joaquin Valley. Non-detection of a pesticide is shown as ½ of MDL  
476 (0.017 ng/L for endosulfan I+II and 0.029 ng/L for propargite). The concentrations in  
477 Frog Lake on August 14 were interpolated. Application rate for each date is the amount  
478 of active ingredient applied during the previous 7 days, expressed as a percentage of the  
479 maximum 7-day rate during the study period. Application is represented for the entire  
480 San Joaquin Valley (SJV; red long-dashed line) and for the largest cluster of adjacent  
481 townships with high cross-correlation coefficients in the analysis for concordance of  
482 temporal patterns (green short-dashed line; endosulfan and propargite only). Asterisks  
483 indicate five inter-sample intervals when rainfall occurred at Frog Lake (4.06, 3.30, 0.94,  
484 1.40, and 0.64 cm, in chronological order). A. Endosulfan. Maximum application rate  
485 was 4698 kg/wk for the San Joaquin Valley and 695 kg/wk for the cluster of 6 adjacent  
486 townships with high cross-correlation coefficients southwest of Frog Lake (Fig. 3A). B.  
487 Propargite. Maximum application rate was 65,030 kg/week for the San Joaquin Valley  
488 and 6888 kg/wk for the cluster of 15 adjacent townships with high cross-correlation  
489 coefficients west of Frog Lake (Fig. 3B). C. Dacthal. Maximum application rate for the  
490 San Joaquin Valley was 215 kg/week. D. Simazine. Maximum application rate for the  
491 San Joaquin Valley was 713 kg/week.

492           Figure 2. Concentrations of four pesticides in surface water of the four lakes,  
493 sampled at 4-week intervals from mid-June to mid-October 2003. Values for Frog Lake

494 on August 14 were interpolated from values measured 7 days before and after this date.  
495 Non-detection of a pesticide is shown as 1/2 of MDL (as in Fig. 1 for endosulfan and  
496 propargite; 0.021 ng/L for simazine). Computation of P-values is described in text.  
497 Measurable rainfall occurred at all four lakes during the intervals ending on the August  
498 and September sampling dates.

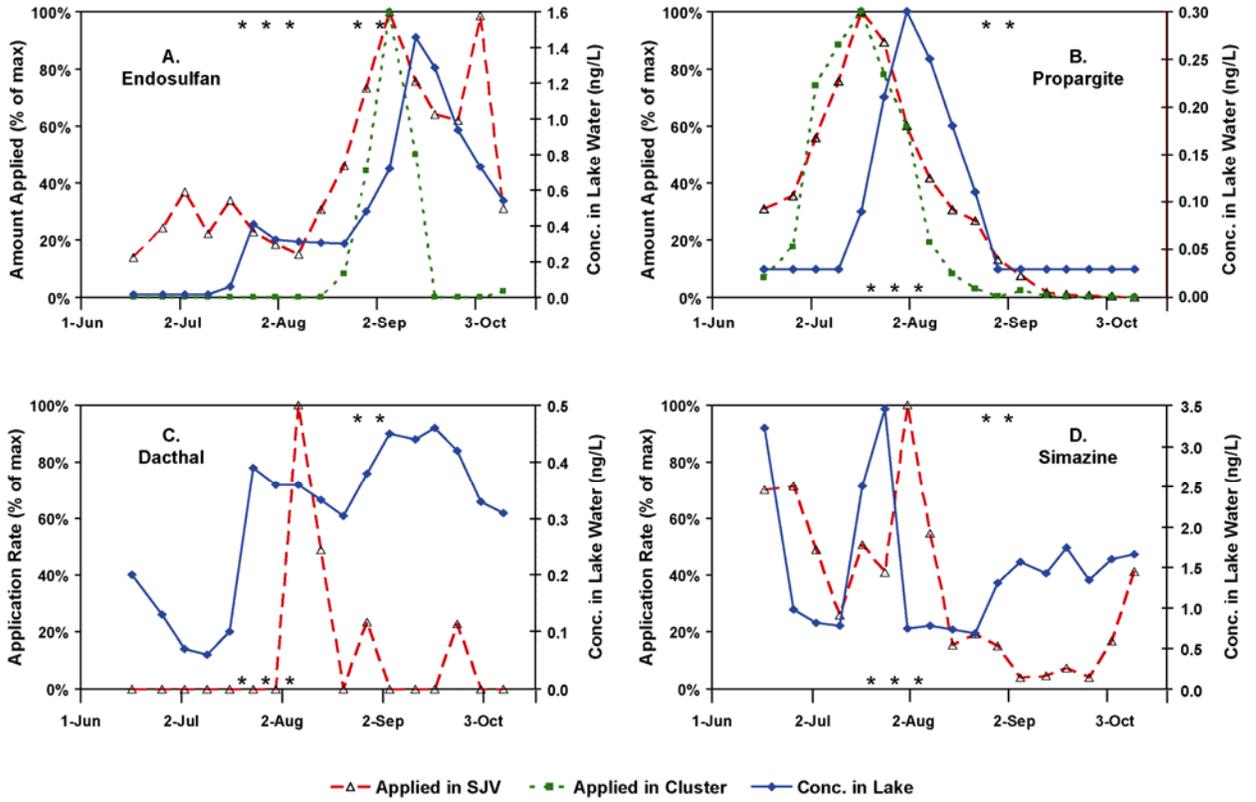
499         Figure 3. Comparison between the temporal patterns of pesticide application in  
500 individual townships in the San Joaquin Valley and pesticide concentrations in Frog Lake  
501 (star), and air flow back-trajectories. A. Endosulfan. Gray cells indicate townships with  
502 any endosulfan application during the period June 11 – October 9, 2003. Red cells  
503 indicate townships with high and significant cross-correlation coefficients (i.e.,  $r > 0.6$ )  
504 for the comparison of lake concentration to application rate within the township. Blue  
505 contour lines indicate pesticide loading in  $3 \text{ kg/km}^2$  increments for the above time period  
506 derived by kriging loading values for the centroid of each township. Heavy line indicates  
507 approximate boundary between mountainous terrain and San Joaquin Valley. Dark  
508 polygons indicate Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and light green lines  
509 indicate county boundaries. Arrow indicates approximate pathway of diurnal upslope  
510 winds during summer from valley edge to Frog Lake area [20, 21]. B. Propargite.  
511 Features same as in A, except contour increments are  $8 \text{ kg/km}^2$ , and green cells indicate  
512 townships with cross-correlation coefficients  $>0.75$ . C. Twenty-four hour back-  
513 trajectories starting at the approximate origin for upslope winds to Frog Lake. Each dot  
514 is the hourly location of a back-trajectory. The largest cluster of adjacent townships with  
515 high cross-correlation coefficients for endosulfan and propargite, identified from A and B  
516 above, are indicated. Other features as in A.

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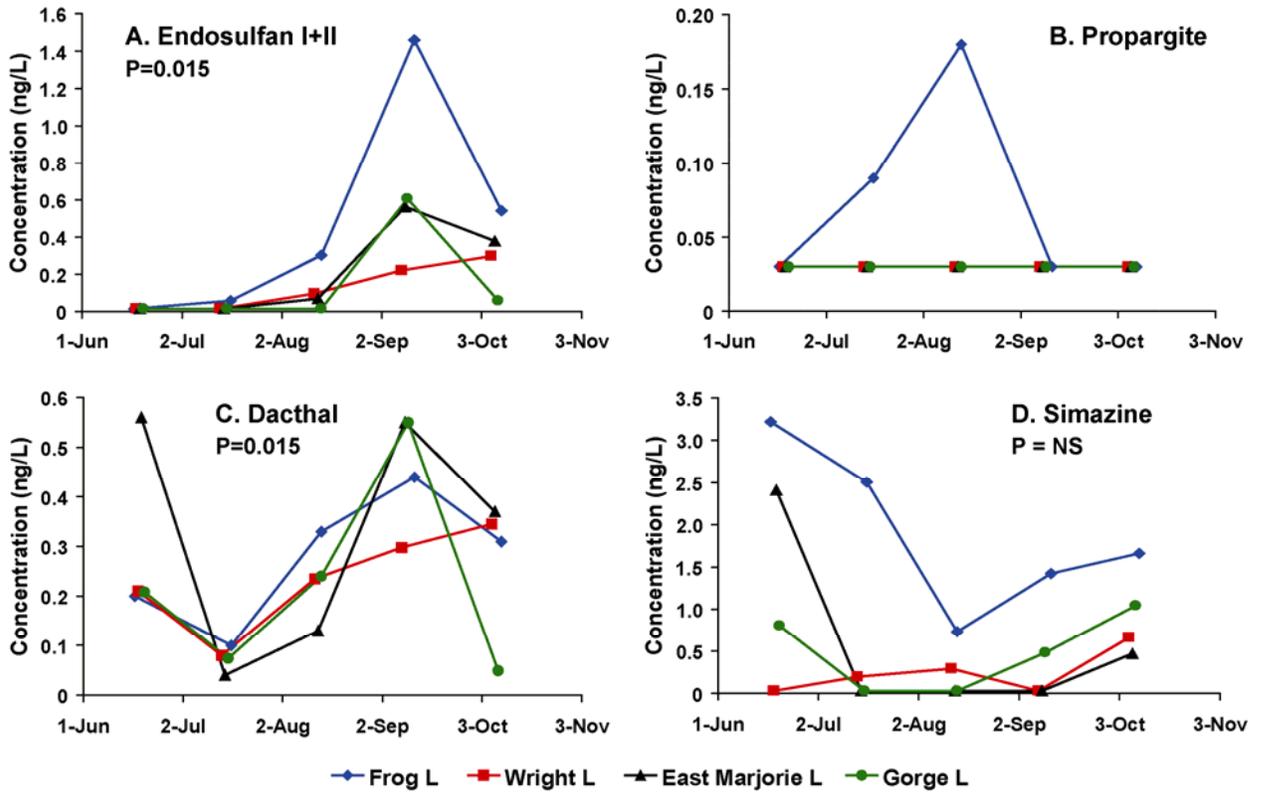
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