



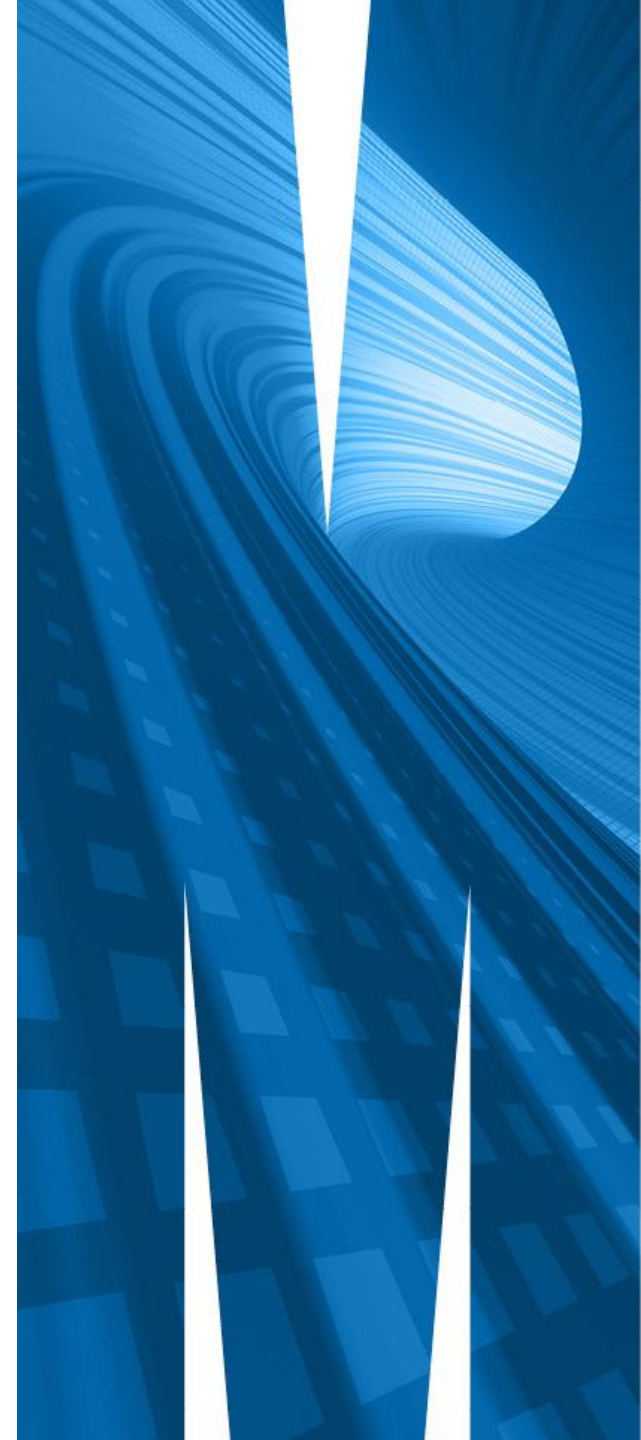
TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND RECREATIONAL CANNABIS SALES

AN INTERRUPTED TIME SERIES STUDY
OF LEGALISING STATES AND
NEIGHBOURING JURISDICTIONS

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DID LEGALISING RECREATIONAL CANNABIS SALES AFFECT TRAFFIC FATALITY RATES?

Cannabis impairs driving ability (Volkow et al 2016; Sewell et al 2009)

However, medicinal cannabis research finds a mixed effect, generally reducing road deaths (Anderson et al 2013; Santaella-Tenorio et al 2017)

Recreational cannabis legalisation (without sales) has not had a detectable effect (Aydelotte et al 2017)

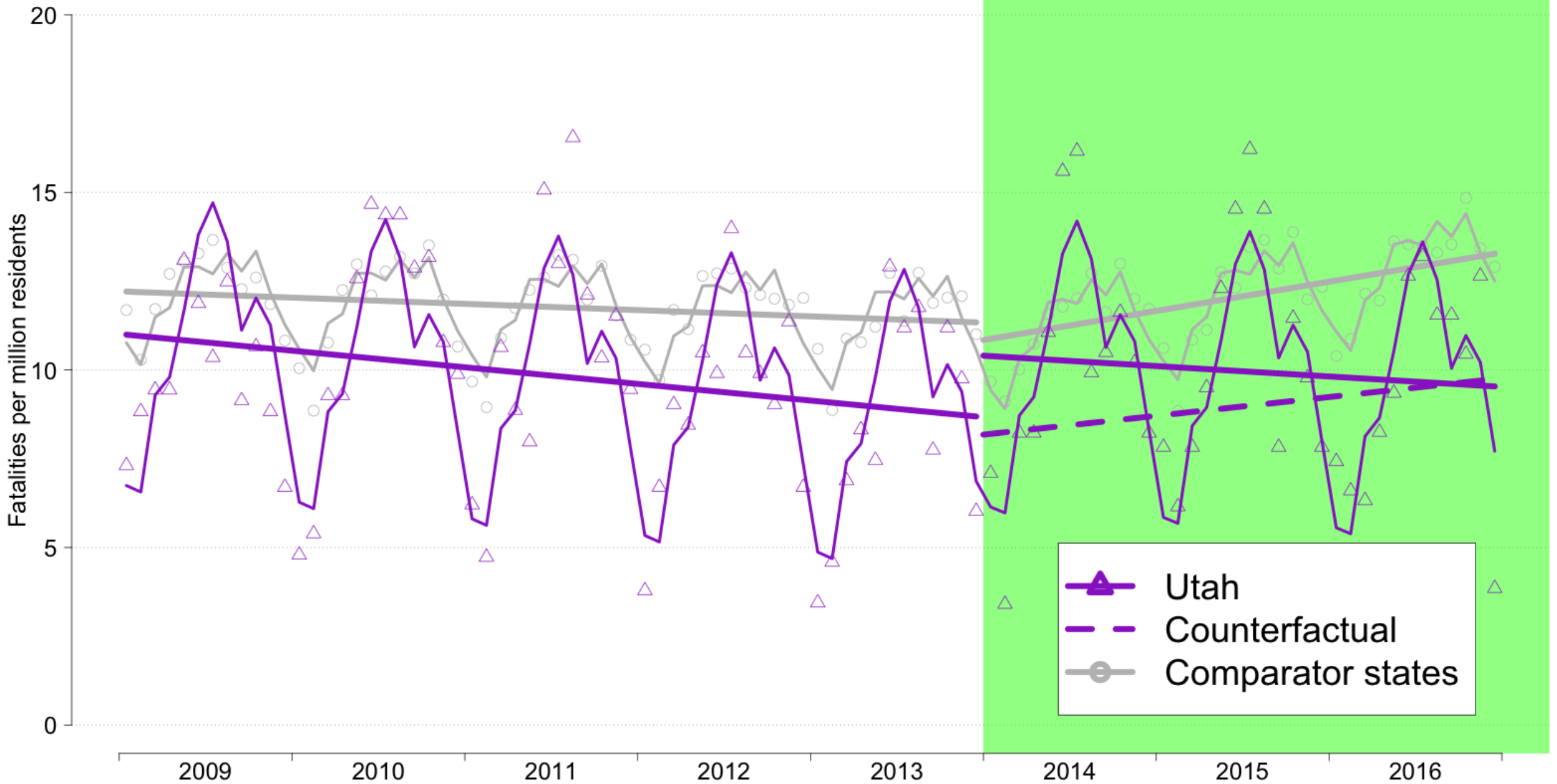
THIS STUDY

Impact of legalising recreational cannabis sales on:

- Legalising states (Colorado, Washington, Oregon)
- Neighbouring jurisdictions (Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, British Columbia [CA], Oregon, California, Nevada)

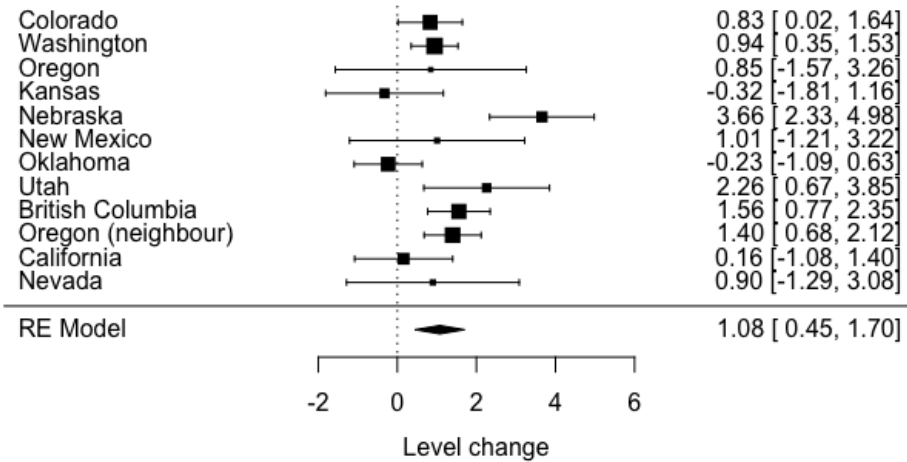
Publicly available mortality data (CDC WONDER), interrupted time series with comparator and multiple baselines, and meta analysis to derive pooled results

Utah (Colorado neighbour - legalised Jan 2014)



OVERALL EFFECT AND IMPLICATIONS

SURGE IN FATALITIES POST-LEGALISATION, DISSIPATES OVER TIME

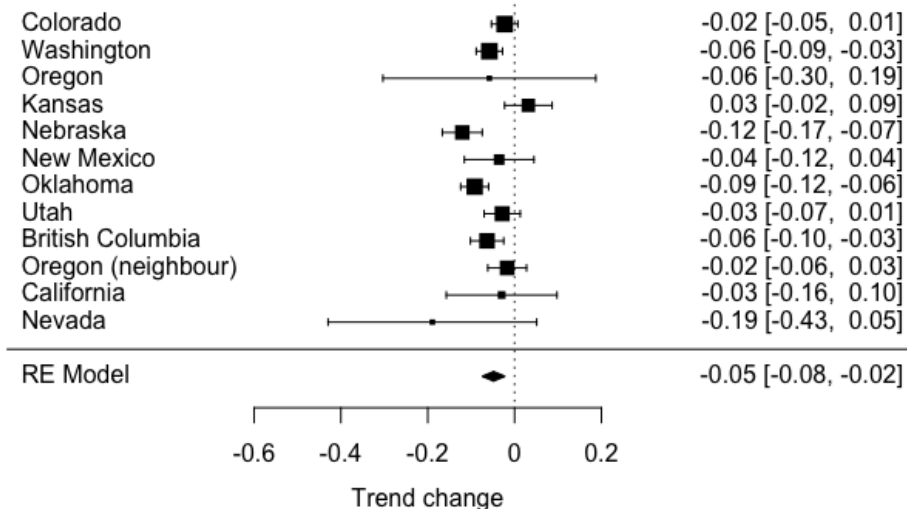


Effect is similar (if slightly larger) among neighbours

- Neighbours: level: +1.15; trend: -0.06
- Legalisers: level: +0.90; trend: -0.05

Similar effects observed with six-month phase-in

- Level: 1.36; trend: -0.07



Detectable effects in British Columbia

- Suggests impact can cross borders!
- *Canada legalised recreational cannabis sales last week!*

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