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## Measurements of upward turbulent ozone fluxes above a subalpine spruce-fir forest

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**Abstract.** High rural concentrations of ozone ( $O_3$ ) are thought to be either stratospheric in origin, advected from upwind urban sources, or photochemically generated locally as a result of natural trace gas emissions. Ozone is known to be transported vertically downward from the above-canopy atmospheric surface layer and destroyed within stomata or on other biological and mineral surfaces. However, here we report winter-time eddy correlation measurements of vertical  $O_3$  flux above a subalpine canopy of *Picea engelmannii* and *Abies lasiocarpa* in the Snowy Range Mountains of Wyoming that indicate anomalous upward  $O_3$  fluxes. Upward fluxes of  $0.5 \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  ( $11 \text{ kg km}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ ) were routinely measured during the 1991-92 winter season. Decreasing  $O_3$  concentration from several hours to several days that relate to increasing positive  $O_3$  flux magnitudes and visa versa, suggest  $O_3$  may be temporarily stored in the snow base.

### Introduction

Forest ecosystems play a role in the uptake and destruction of tropospheric  $O_3$ . This role and the tropospheric  $O_3$  budget in remote forested ecosystems is uncertain [Chameides and Lodge, 1992]. Ozone deposition, rapid during the growing season and slower during winter months [Wesely, 1983], is retarded further by surface snow cover [Stocker et al., 1995]. Our data show the unexpected effect of snow cover on  $O_3$  fluxes above a subalpine spruce-fir forest. In the presence of below-canopy surface snow they reverse direction from negative (downward) to positive (upward) [Zeller and Hehn, 1994]. Positive  $O_3$  fluxes attributed to vertical entrainment of clean air from aloft have been measured by aircraft [Lenschow et al., 1982] and modeled [Gao and Wesly, 1994] in the upper atmospheric boundary layer. Measurements of negative vertical  $O_3$  profiles above forested canopies have lead to 'counter-gradient'  $O_3$  flux claims assuming  $O_3$  only deposits towards the Earth's surface [Fontan et al., 1992; Enders, 1992; Denmead and Bradley, 1985]. Galbally and Allison [1972] reported wintertime upward ozone fluxes ( $1.6 \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) over fresh snow based on gradient measurements at 1807m in SE Australia.

Snowy Range hourly  $O_3$  concentrations average 45 to 60 ppb year round [Woodriddle et al., 1994], and are typical of clean high altitude rural sites [Wunderli and Gehrig, 1990]. The above-canopy diurnal  $O_3$  concentration at this location does not exhibit the large day/night maximum/minimum pattern typical of urban, photochemically dominated air masses at any time during the year [Woodriddle et al., 1994]. However, below-canopy, 3 m, summertime  $O_3$  concentrations have a predominant day/night pattern: minimum values can drop to 10 ppb at night. Ozone concentrations appear to be horizontally uniform in the surrounding area: simultaneously daytime  $O_3$  concentrations near Centennial, WY, 8 km southeast, during 1990 were within 1-2 ppb of those we measured at 3 m height and values measured at a U.S. EPA National Dry Deposition Site (NDDN) 10 m

height, 400 m southwest of our Brooklyn Lake tower site during 1993 were within 1 ppb [Woodriddle et al., 1994].

These positive  $O_3$  flux measurements are unusual and deserve a critical examination. Here we describe the experiment and present the results of measured  $O_3$  fluxes, concentrations, and summarized meteorological data collected during five periods in 1992. These periods contrast the  $O_3$  flux difference between winter (snow cover) and summer (no snow cover) and capture the spring and autumn  $O_3$  flux directional transitions.

### Methods

#### Site

Data were collected at the Brooklyn Lake tower site situated in an Engelmann Spruce - Subalpine Fir forest opening approximately 30 meters in diameter. The site is within the U.S.D.A. Forest Service's Glacier Lakes Ecosystem Experiment Site (GLEES) area in the Snowy Range of the Medicine Bow National Forest, Wy. The GLEES complex is described by Musselman [1994]. The 29 m Brooklyn Lake tower (base elevation 3,186 m,  $41^\circ 22'N$ ,  $106^\circ 14.5'W$ ) is approximately 3 km southeast of the Snowy Range ridge (3,460 m average elevation). The average forest stand height is 17 m with representative displacement height,  $d$ , 11.7 m and roughness length,  $z_0$ , 1.7 m. The terrain within 1 km of the tower slopes +2.5% from west to east and -9.7% from north to south. This site is relatively complex for eddy flux experiments, however concurrent measurements of momentum and sensible heat fluxes provided reasonable values. Fitzjarrald and Moore [1992] found scalar flux measurements in non-homogeneous regions were robust and representative of the upwind footprint. Upwind terrain in the predominant wind direction, west-northwest, is forested with a flat +2.2% slope for at least 1 km.

#### Flux Measurements

Ozone concentration and flux data presented were collected in 1992 during five distinct periods: April 16-26 with 1 m snow cover representing the subalpine winter environment; April 28 - May 4, beginning transition period with rapid snow melt; May 7-18, the transition period during the final days of spring snow melt; July 2-8, a subalpine summer scenario; and September 30 - October 7, during the autumn to winter transition.

The eddy correlation system [Zeller et al., 1989] used to measure  $O_3$ , sensible heat, and momentum fluxes,  $O_3$  concentrations, temperature and wind speed was employed at 23 m (6 m above canopy) on the Brooklyn tower. Standard meteorological sensors are permanently mounted at 10 and 29 m for routine GLEES measurements [Musselman, 1994]. The essential sensors for  $O_3$  flux measurements are the uvw Gill anemometer and the chemiluminescence ambient air monitor (CAAM1) [Ray et al., 1986]. The CAAM1 was continuously calibrated using a TECO49 commercial UV adsorption instrument. Ambient air was sampled from the 23 m height through a 25 m length, 1.6 cm diameter teflon tube. The intake system lag time,  $t_i$ , was typically 2.4 s. A Gill uvw anemometer was used in place of a sonic anemometer for its greater durability in harsh alpine weather. The 13 Hz  $O_3$  eddy deviations,  $c' = c - \bar{c}$  ( $\bar{c}$ : 3 minute recursive filter average

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concentration) and turbulent wind components  $u'$ ,  $v'$  and  $w'$ , are multiplied then averaged over half-hour sampling periods [McMillen, 1986] to obtain the vertical flux,  $F_c$  ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ , equation 1) after a vector coordinate rotation for the  $\bar{w} = 0$  streamline:

$$F_c = w'(t - t_l)c'(t) \quad (1)$$

Here, negative  $F_c$  indicates downward flux. Sensible heat and momentum flux are obtained likewise. Coordinate rotations do not effect scalar flux sign and have a very small effect on measured flux magnitudes. Fluxes with associated streamlines within  $\pm 5^\circ$  of horizontal account for 98% of the data presented here. Gill uvw anemometer data were corrected in real time for the inherent cosine response problem [Massman and Zeller, 1988]. The PRT fast response temperature sensor was routinely damaged by harsh weather hence sensible heat flux was also estimated (Table 1) using measured eddy diffusivities for momentum, assuming similarity with heat diffusivity and temperature lapse rate between 10 and 29 m, to provide directional and intensity comparisons with measured sensible heat and  $\text{O}_3$  fluxes.

Businger's [1986] list of eddy correlation measurement concerns were used for data evaluation and editing. Ozone flux corrections [equation 12, Luening and Moncrieff, 1990] for vapor effects were insignificant ( $\pm 1 \times 10^{-7} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). Data below the scale height,  $h_s < |w'c' / (\partial \bar{c} / \partial t)|$  of 23 m were culled. A digital butterworth filter was applied in real time to account for aliasing. Instrument response and instrument separation corrections would typically increase flux magnitudes by 20 to 80% [Zeller et al., 1989]. The latter do not effect the main result ( $\text{O}_3$  flux direction), hence the flux data are presented here

without those corrections as they would typically increase the magnitude of the upward  $\text{O}_3$  fluxes slightly more than the downward. Order of magnitude and flux direction are not affected by the lack of these corrections and make the reported upward flux values conservative.

Neutral stability micrometeorological statistics for wind, temperature and  $\text{O}_3$  are fairly consistent from period to period and equivalent to results from other field studies. For example  $\sigma_w/u_*$  was consistently  $1 \pm 0.2$  compared to 1.3 for flat terrain. Dimensionless wind shear,  $\phi_m = kz / u_* (\partial u / \partial z)$ , was consistently  $1.1 \pm 0.3$  where  $u_* = \nu - w'u'$  was calculated from the momentum flux. There are no aberrant values in Table 1 to indicate a sampling problem with either the sensors, the sampling system or the tower configuration.

## Results

The eddy correlation measurements show consistent upward daytime  $\text{O}_3$  fluxes during two snow-covered winter periods and downward fluxes during the growing season with the absence of snow cover. Half-hour average upward  $\text{O}_3$  fluxes exceeded  $0.5 \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  ( $11 \text{ kg km}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ ) during April 14-27, 1992. These values are the same magnitude as the downward fluxes measured during July 1992 at the same location. Sign-change shifts in daytime  $\text{O}_3$  flux movement patterns occurred during the 13-day May 6-19, 1992 sampling period snow-melt was completed, and again during the 8-day period in autumn when snow returned. There are several examples when nighttime  $\text{O}_3$  flux does not cease as might be expected. On these occasions, lapse rate and wind data indicate neutral stability which allows for continued turbulent transport. Figs. 1 through 3 show  $\text{O}_3$  concentrations,  $\text{O}_3$

**Table 1. Daily Ozone, Ozone Flux and Meteorological Values**

Julian Day	$\text{O}_3$		$\text{O}_3$ Flux		T		RH		Heat Flux		Radiation		$\bar{u}$		$\bar{u}'w'$		$\bar{w}$		$\bar{\theta}$		Precip. Snow	
	Max/Min (ppb)	Total ( $\text{mg m}^{-2}$ )	Max ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	Max ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	Max/Min ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	Max/Min (%)	Max/Min (Watts $\text{m}^{-2}$ )	Max/Min (Watts $\text{m}^{-2}$ )	Max/Min (Watts $\text{m}^{-2}$ )	Max/Min ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )	Max/Min ( $\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-2}$ )	Max/Min ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )	Max/Min ( $\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-2}$ )	Max/Min ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )	Max/Min ( $\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-2}$ )	Max/Min ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	Max/Min ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	Max/Min (mm)	Max/Min (cm)			
	23 m	23 m	23 m	23 m	29 m	29 m	23 m	23 m	29 m	23 m	23 m	23 m	23 m	23 m	23 m	23 m	1.5 m					
106	59/42	3	0.3	6/-2	98/73	-	50e	830	1.8	-0.2	0.01	150	5	113								
107	60/48	5	0.4	2/-1	97/90	-	25e	640	3.1	-0.5	0.15	270	3	-								
108	59/42	12	0.35	5/-2	95/79	-	25e	770	9.2	-2.1	0.52	260	21	-								
109	52/46	19	0.6	-4/-9	96/93	-	15e	730	7.0	-1.8	0.25	300	25	-								
110	49/40	17	0.42	-4/-8	95/92	-	-	410	7.4	-1.5	-1.50	320	8	-								
111	51/40	18	0.6	-1/-9	95/75	-	10e	930	10.0	-2.8	-0.05	320	5	-								
112	51/47	15	0.58	6/-6	87/45	-	85e	1050	4.9	-1.0	0.17	290	0	-								
113	57/46	19	0.51	4/-2	94/65	-	50e	930	5.2	-1.1	0.37	280	5	-								
114	65/51	14	0.3	-2/-7	93/43	-	50e	810	8.9	-2.6	0.55	290	4	-								
115	64/54	9	0.26	3/-9	55/26	-	110e	980	6.8	-1.8	0.19	300	0	-								
116	61/49	7	0.28	8/-6	32/20	-	90e	960	3.0	-0.5	0.00	310	3	-								
117	62/44	5	0.21	10/-4	36/20	-	85e	970	4.3	-0.8	0.00	310	0	103								
119	61/54	12	0.35	2/10	35/20	320	380e	980	4.5	-1.4	0.18	280	0	-								
120	64/49	6	0.21	4/12	25/20	310	350e	960	4.0	-0.8	0.36	250	0	100								
121	73/64	12	0.22	7/13	25/18	340	410e	1000	7.5	-2.0	0.52	240	0	-								
122	67/36	15	0.65	2/9	96/21	250	450e	990	7.1	-1.9	0.44	260	0	-								
123	60/46	4	0.19	-1/7	96/25	350	200e	1090	1.3	-0.1	-0.06	v.	3	-								
124	62/50	2	0.08	2/9	32/19	340	280e	1000	2.2	-0.4	0.00	300	1	-								
125	63/51	1	0.07	1/10	43/21	340	290e	1020	1.9	-0.3	0.00	300	0	-								
126	60/51	2	0.08	3/10	60/29	340	200e	1010	2.3	-0.3	-0.16	340	0	-								
128	55/47	3	0.2	13/1	69/33	400	300e	1050	3.7	-0.7	-0.05	310	4	45								
129	55/41	-1	0.08*	11/2	92/45	90	50e	660	1.2	-0.1	0.05	210	0	-								
130	56/44	5	0.6*	1/9	95/57	280	200e	810	5.0	-0.8	0.36	230	3	-								
131	62/43	10	0.23	4/-5	95/50	-	310e	1000	5.5	-1.8	0.33	270	0	-								
132	51/45	5	0.8	9/-1	85/35	-	350e	1000	8.4	-2.8	0.57	260	1	-								
133	52/42	4	0.5	10/2	90/30	-	350e	990	5.3	-1.2	0.25	280	4	-								
134	54/45	17	0.9*	7/0	99/70	-	25e	770	5.0	-1.2	0.28	270	8	-								
135	54/46	-3	-0.11	10/1	90/33	-	260e	1000	5.0	-1.1	0.20	280	0	0								
136	61/49	-2	-0.2*	12/3	60/30	-	290e	950	5.0	-1.1	0.40	250	0	0								
137	58/46	4	-0.1	10/1	90/30	-	290e	980	6.8	-1.7	0.35	280	0	0								
138	52/46	-5	-0.2	14/0	64/20	-	250e	1030	3.0	-0.5	0.26	250	0	0								
139	57/49	-8	-0.27	16/4	55/19	-	240e	1060	3.5	-0.6	0.26	270	1	0								
184	34/-	-	-0.2	-/1	-/90	120	-700e	800	4.7	-1.1	0.15	295	5	0								
185	54/37	-22	-0.6	12/2	95/39	320	250e	1000	5.0	-1.4	0.33	270	0	0								
186	59/50	-18	-0.6	19/2	55/22	300	350e	1040	5.7	-1.6	0.42	245	0	0								
187	48/35	-10	-0.3	19/9	42/20	290	300e	995	6.3	-1.8	0.43	255	0	0								
188	42/30	-8	-0.28	19/9	48/28	300	390e	990	7.4	-2.3	0.50	270	0	0								
189	53/33	-1	0.51	12/4	94/42	200	100e	760	7.1	-1.7	0.35	265	8	0								
190	63/50	-23	-0.63	13/6	70/42	140	120e	660	3.9	-1.0	0.25	255	0	0								
274	58/49	-5	-0.2	16/4	33/18	-	150e	770	1.8	-0.1	0.03	160	0	0								
275	55/47	-5	-0.27	17/5	35/17	200	180e	750	2.0	-0.2	0.07	260	0	0								
276	70/48	-3	-0.15	16/3	32/17	200	100e	750	3.9	-0.2	0.10	150	0	-								
277	54/46	-4	-0.21	16/6	35/18	370	310e	740	3.9	-0.6	0.70	220	0	-								
278	50/39	1	$\pm 0.15^*$	9/1	80/40	360	350e	735	5.3	-1.4	0.40	270	0	-								
279	45/34	0	$\pm 0.08^*$	7/-2	95/52	230	90e	750	3.0	-0.4	-0.08	140	0	-								
280	50/27	-3	$\pm 0.4^*$	7/-2	98/43	330	240e	730	4.5	-1.0	0.30	270	5	-								
281	-/25	2	$\pm 0.3^*$	-7/-11	97/45	-	100e	760	5.9	-1.3	0.02	320	2	3								

- Missing data or no measurement taken; \* Positive and negative ozone flux on the same day; e Estimated; v Variable; \*\* Midday (10:00-15:00 MST) average

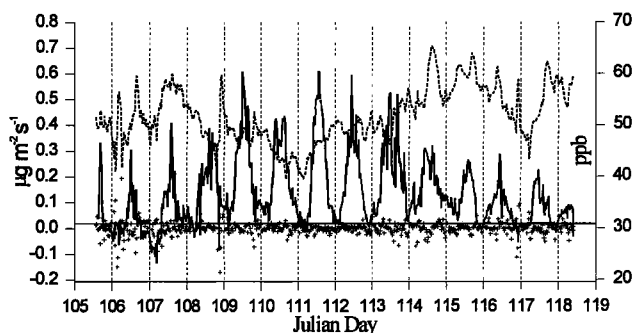
fluxes and vertically integrated time rate of O<sub>3</sub> change for three of the five multi-day periods given in Table 1.

Table 1 summarizes the meteorological and O<sub>3</sub> data. Midday meteorological values are representative averages between 10:00 and 15:00 MST, the diurnal hours of greatest O<sub>3</sub> flux activity. Total O<sub>3</sub> flux was obtained by integrating half-hour values commencing midnight each day. The maximum daily deposition value, -23 mg m<sup>-2</sup>, on Julian day (JD) 190 compares in magnitude to the maximum upward flux, 19 mg m<sup>-2</sup> on JD 113. In addition to the presence of snow, ambient temperature appears to effect O<sub>3</sub> flux direction. Between 5 to 10 °C, O<sub>3</sub> fluxes can be either up or down, below 5 °C they are mostly positive, and above 10 °C they are mostly negative. Ozone flux direction is neither effected by vertical wind speed or direction nor horizontal wind direction; both would indicate a terrain induced bias.

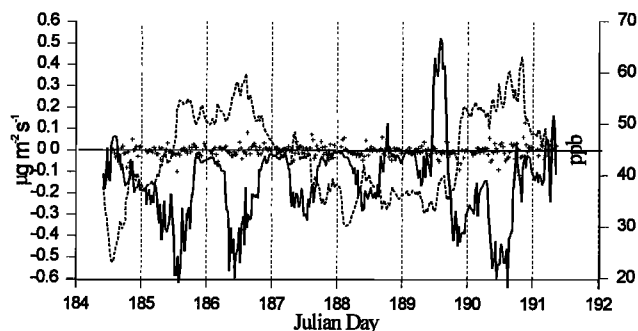
Fig. 1, April 14 - 27, 1992 (JD 106-117), shows the day-to-day consistency of the upward O<sub>3</sub> fluxes. Temperatures ranged from 10 °C to -9 °C during this period. Ozone fluxes reached 0.6 μg m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. The April 29 - May 4, 1992 (JD 119 - 126) period (Table 1) shows a decrease in O<sub>3</sub> flux after JD 123. This change was preceded by a sharp drop in O<sub>3</sub> concentration associated with a simultaneous jump in O<sub>3</sub> flux followed by sustained lower wind speeds. Temperatures ranged from -1 (occurred briefly midnight JD 123) to 13 °C. May 6-19, 1992 (JD 127-140), covers the period snowmelt ended and the daytime O<sub>3</sub> flux direction switched from upward to downward. Ozone fluxes ranged from positive to negative during this period but remain predominately negative after JD 138. Temperatures ranged from -5 to 16 °C (below zero values were brief nighttime excursions on JD 131-2) Fig. 2, July 2-9, 1992 (JD 184-191), shows the typical negative O<sub>3</sub> fluxes that occur during growing seasons. The downward diurnal flux pattern was briefly interrupted on JD 189 when it rained 0.3 mm. This is the only incident when positive O<sub>3</sub> flux was directly correlated with a precipitation event. Similar brief summertime events have been reported by Enders [1992] and Kelly and McTaggart-Cowen [1968]. Temperatures during this period ranged from 1 to 19 °C but remained below 7 °C on JD 189. Fig. 3, September 29 - October 8, 1992 (JD 274-281), shows the transition from negative daytime O<sub>3</sub> fluxes to positive fluxes. During this period, temperatures dropped below 0 °C and RH increased from 30 to 80% as O<sub>3</sub> fluxes turned positive. Based on meteorological data it is likely snow flurries started JD 278 with snow accumulating on the ground by JD 279. Prior to JD 278 daytime temperatures ranged from 3 to 17 °C.

## Discussion

Upward fluxes suggest either surface or canopy emissions of O<sub>3</sub> and/or in the case of complex terrain, horizontal and/or vertical advection of O<sub>3</sub>. The potential contributions of local O<sub>3</sub> production (or destruction), R, and advection below 23 m can be roughly estimated from the measured data by vertically integrating the equation for O<sub>3</sub> conservation from the surface to measurement height. Using the average wind streamline



**Figure 1.** Half-hour average O<sub>3</sub> concentration (dashed) in parts per billion (ppb), O<sub>3</sub> flux (solid lines) and vertically integrated time rate of O<sub>3</sub> change (+) in μg m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for the period April 14 to 27, 1992.



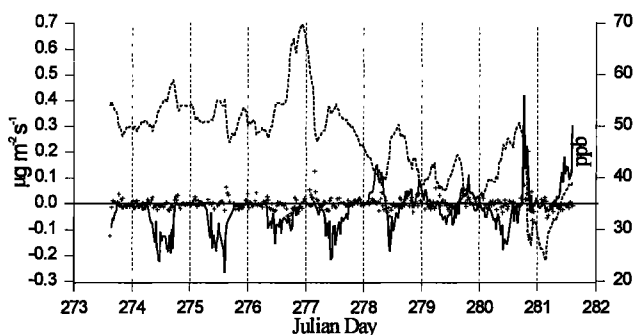
**Figure 2.** Half-hour average O<sub>3</sub> concentration (dashed) in parts per billion (ppb), O<sub>3</sub> flux (solid lines) and vertically integrated time rate of O<sub>3</sub> change (+) in μg m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for the period July 2 to July 9, 1992.

( $\bar{w}=\bar{v}=0$ ), assuming  $w'c'_o=0$ , and neglecting molecular diffusion gives equation 2.

$$\int_0^{23m} \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial t} \delta z + \int_0^{23m} \frac{\partial w'c'_o}{\partial z} \delta z = \int_0^{23m} u \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} \delta z - \int_0^{23m} \frac{\partial u'c'_o}{\partial x} \delta z - \int_0^{23m} \frac{\partial v'c'_o}{\partial y} \delta z + \int_0^{23m} R \delta z \quad (2)$$

As seen in Figs. 1 - 3 the vertical flux (second term, equation 2) is at least an order of magnitude greater than the local time rate of change (first term) hence the local time rate of change does not significantly contribute to the vertical flux. If horizontal advection (third through fifth terms) were insignificant, the positive vertical fluxes would be due to either locally generated O<sub>3</sub> (last term) or vertical advection term which was canceled to obtain equation 2. Given the presumed lack of O<sub>3</sub> precursors in this wintertime scenario it is unlikely O<sub>3</sub> is generated locally and vertical advection does not seem a likely explanation given the lack of correlation between flux direction and  $\pm \bar{w}$ . (Table 1). Horizontal advection is an unlikely contributor based on measurement comparisons between our site, the NDDN site and the Centennial, WY site, suggesting the horizontal gradient terms are also very small. This leaves R indicating either  $w'c'_o$  is not zero as assumed and/or the existence of a negative vertical O<sub>3</sub> profile at measurement height.

Atmospheric boundary layer O<sub>3</sub> usually requires nitric oxide (NO), nonmethane hydrocarbons and ultraviolet energy to drive its photochemical production [Olszyna et al. 1994]. Forests are sources of natural nonmethane hydrocarbons, which are known precursors for O<sub>3</sub> production and a possible cause of higher rural O<sub>3</sub> concentrations. Concentrations of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) above typical ambient levels have been measured under and above the snow cover at GLEES [Sommerfeld et al., 1993]. Since the same microorganisms which generate N<sub>2</sub>O also generate NO [Hutchinson and Davidson, 1993], the possibility of an NO source during winter months exists, however the likely concentration is very low.



**Figure 3.** Half-hour average O<sub>3</sub> concentration (dashed) in parts per billion (ppb), O<sub>3</sub> flux (solid lines) and vertically integrated time rate of O<sub>3</sub> change (+) in μg m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for the period September 30, 1992, to October 7, 1992.

Galbally and Allison [1972] speculated O<sub>3</sub> might absorb on fresh snow without total destruction, however we suggest adsorption is more likely. Laboratory experiments indicate O<sub>3</sub> adsorption to ice reaches saturation quickly (< 1 s) with no further uptake [Dlugokencky and Ravishankara, 1992]. Using 50 ppb O<sub>3</sub> (9 × 10<sup>11</sup> molecules cm<sup>-3</sup>), an O<sub>3</sub> to ice sticking coefficient of 0.001 (range 0.01 - 0.0001) [Dlugokencky and Ravishankara, 1992] and 3 × 10<sup>4</sup> cm s<sup>-1</sup> for O<sub>3</sub> molecular velocity, we estimate the rate of O<sub>3</sub> adsorption to snow to be 2.7 × 10<sup>16</sup> molecules cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. Taking 9 × 10<sup>7</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> m<sup>-3</sup> as the specific surface for fresh snow [Sommerfeld and Rocchio, 1993] and accepting O<sub>3</sub> saturation within 1 s, there are potentially 2.4 × 10<sup>20</sup> O<sub>3</sub> molecules m<sup>-3</sup> in a 1 m snow base. It would take 4.5 days (range 0.5 - 45 days) to expel this O<sub>3</sub> assuming a constant flux of 0.5 μg m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. Larger downward O<sub>3</sub> fluxes are typically associated with higher O<sub>3</sub> concentrations as seen in Fig. 2. Fig 1. however, shows O<sub>3</sub> concentrations decreasing with increasing positive flux for several days, then decreasing with increasing concentrations for the next few days. On JD 122, a sudden drop in O<sub>3</sub> is associated with a sharp increase in upward O<sub>3</sub> flux. Given an equilibrium between ambient O<sub>3</sub> concentrations and ice surface saturation, this inverse behavior adds credence to the possibility O<sub>3</sub> is temporarily stored in the snow field and released by turbulent air interactions through the porous snow interface.

The delineating factor for upward versus downward O<sub>3</sub> fluxes appears to be snow cover and (to a lesser extent) ambient temperature. Both are environmental factors that potentially affect stomatal function. The measured fluxes are usually diurnal in nature reflecting daytime turbulent O<sub>3</sub> mass transfer. Some measurements show continued but weaker upward O<sub>3</sub> fluxes during nights with strong winds. Tree physiology also appears to play a role as the spring and autumn transition between positive and negative O<sub>3</sub> fluxes occurs around 5°C, a minimum ambient temperature for conifer growth [Prentice et al., 1992].

## Conclusions

The O<sub>3</sub> flux data measured by eddy correlation at the GLEES Brooklyn tower, Snowy Range, Wy, show reasonable summer growing season deposition (-0.5 μg m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>). During winter and non growing seasons, upward O<sub>3</sub> fluxes were measured. The late winter upward fluxes are the same magnitude as the summer downward fluxes. As O<sub>3</sub> does not readily deposit on snow, the measured rate of O<sub>3</sub> deposition is expected to decrease during the winter but not reverse direction. The flux directional transition is apparently seasonal. The explanation for the upward O<sub>3</sub> fluxes remains unknown but suggest either: (1) the possibility of O<sub>3</sub> stored in the surface snow base; or (2) negative O<sub>3</sub> profiles above the forest canopy.

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