

# Trends in northern hemisphere ozone since the 1970s and the rise in baseline ozone observed across western North America

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## Background vs Baseline ozone

### **Baseline ozone**

- Ozone transported to a location (i.e. Mt Bachelor, OR) from all upwind sources (i.e., natural and anthropogenic) before modification by recent, localized U.S. emissions.
- includes aged ozone, produced many days earlier from U.S. emissions, that is returned to the U.S. after circling the globe.
- can be directly observed by surface or airborne instrumentation along the west coast or U.S. political borders; can also be observed above the inland regions of the western U.S. in air masses not influenced by recent US emissions.

### **Global or hemispheric background ozone**

- a model construct that estimates the atmospheric concentration of a pollutant due to natural or a combination of natural and anthropogenic sources.

## Background vs Baseline ozone

### **US EPA definitions of background ozone**

- Prior to 2006, ozone measurements from remote monitoring sites were used to estimate background.
- In 2006, EPA used models to estimate Policy-Relevant Background (PRB) ozone, which includes ozone from global anthropogenic and natural sources in the absence of North American (i.e., U.S., Canada, and Mexico) anthropogenic emissions.
- EPA now refers to PRB as North American Background (NAB).
- In 2013, EPA introduced U.S. background (USB) ozone by including anthropogenic contributions from Canada and Mexico. The difference between NAB and USB is small.

# How has global tropospheric ozone changed since pre-industrial times?

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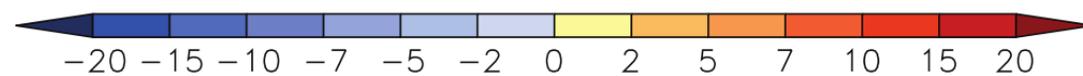
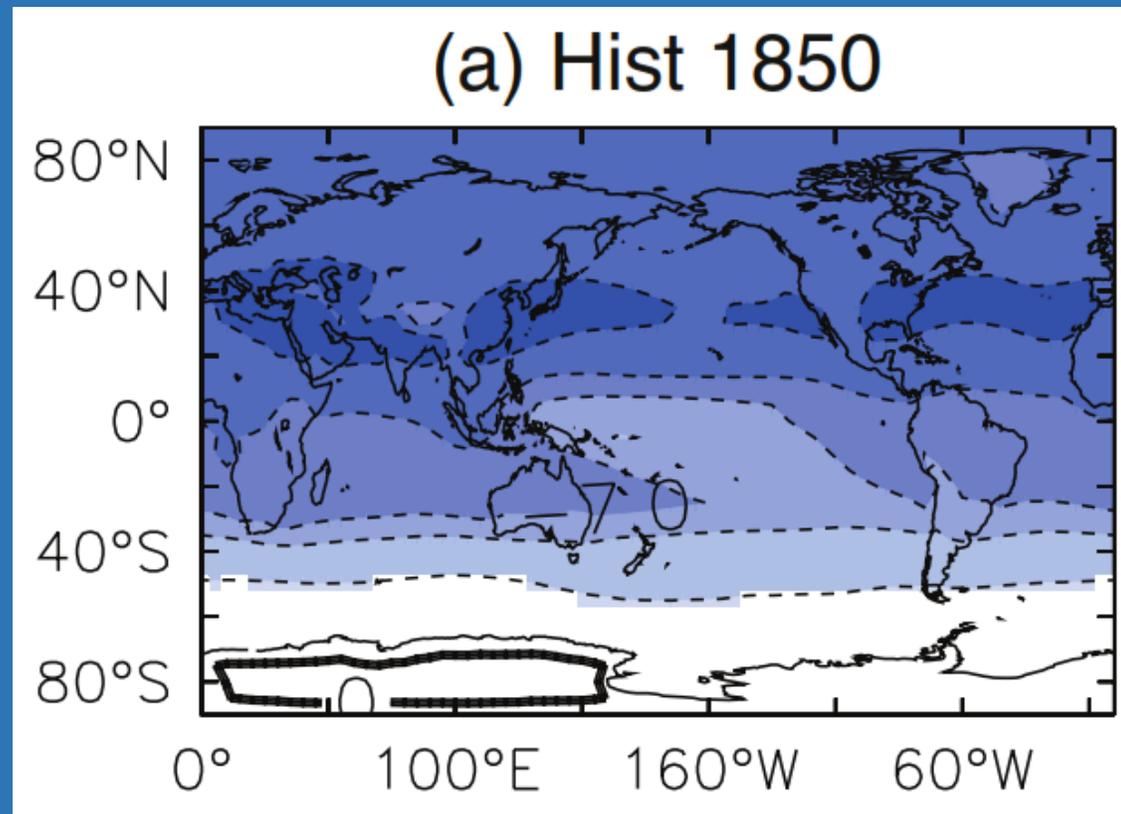


## Pre-industrial to end 21st century projections of tropospheric ozone from the Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Model Intercomparison Project (ACCMIP)

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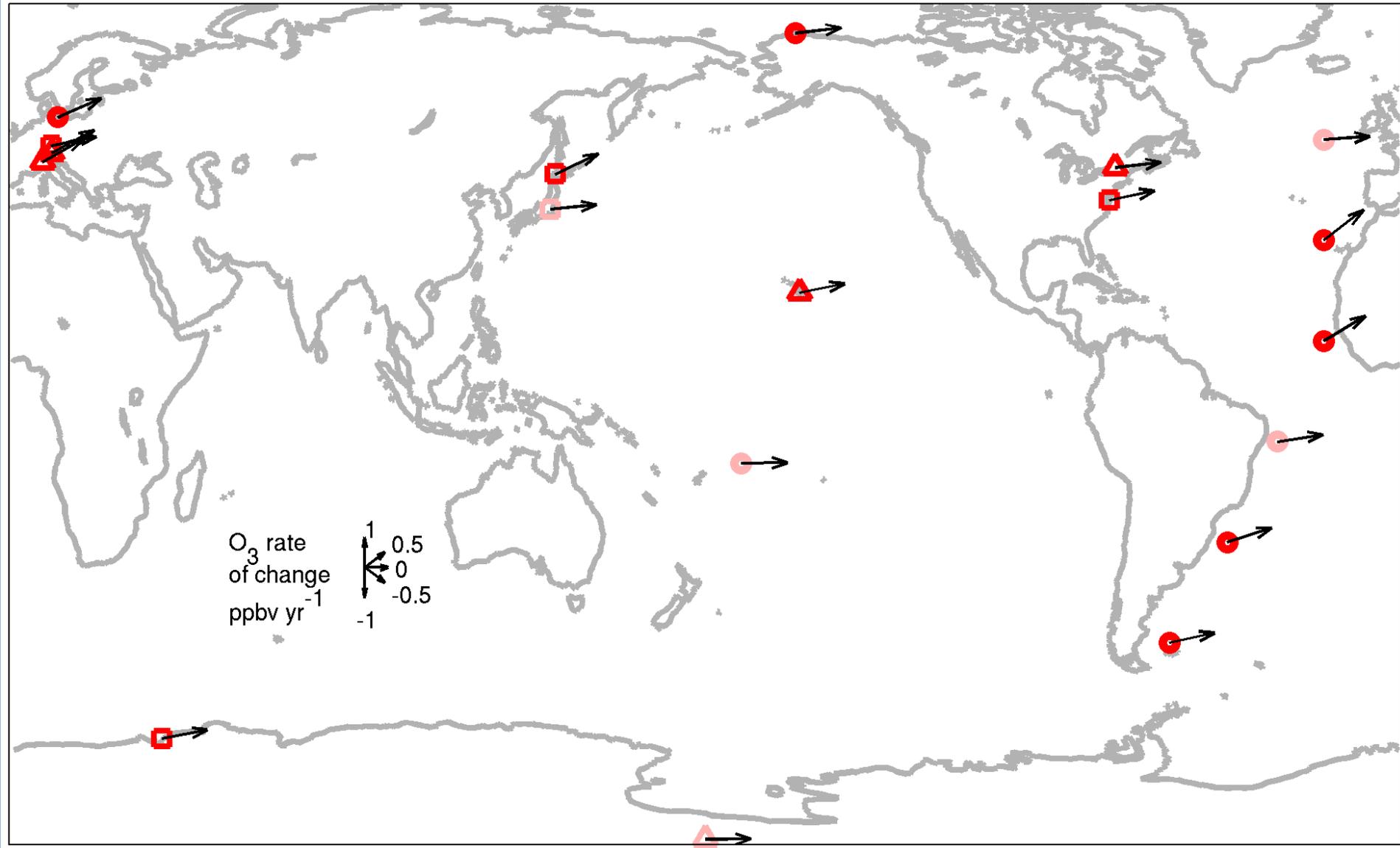
Ensemble of 15 global models:

Tropospheric ozone burden increased by 40% from 1850 to present day.



$\Delta O_3$  (trop col) / DU

Annual surface ozone trends: 1950s through 2000-2010 (from the peer-reviewed literature)



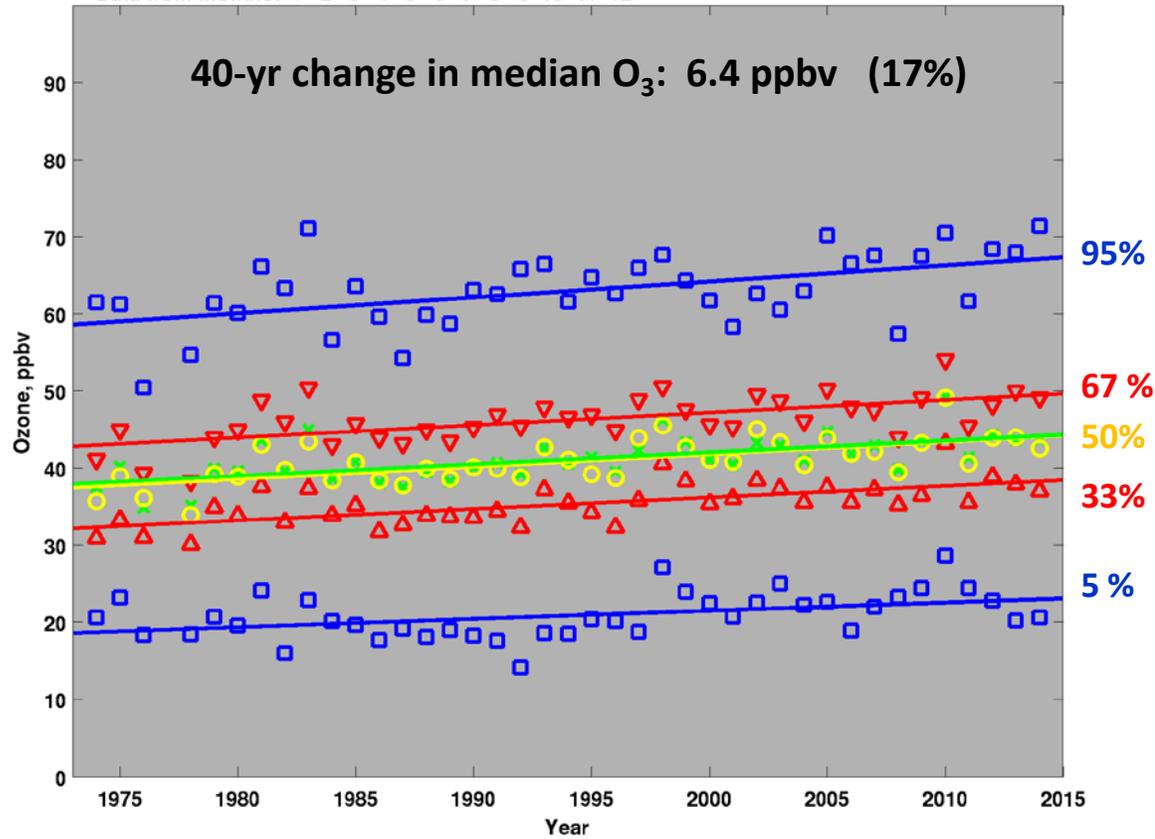
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- low elevation site
- △ high elevation site

# 42 years of ozone observations at Mauna Loa, Hawaii (NOAA GMD, Boulder)

Ozone trend at Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii, 3.4 km above sea level

Data from years: 1974 - 2014

Data from months: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

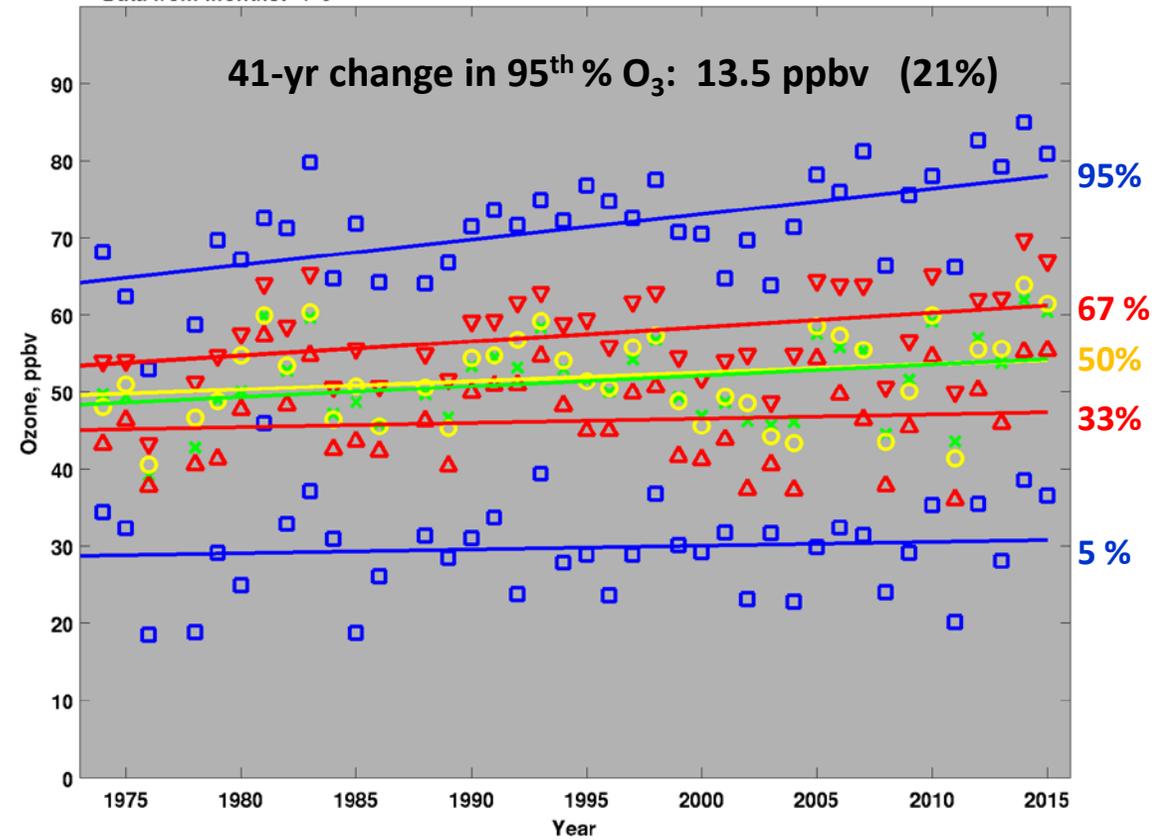


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Nighttime O<sub>3</sub> trend at Mauna Loa Obs., Hawaii, 3.4 km above sea level

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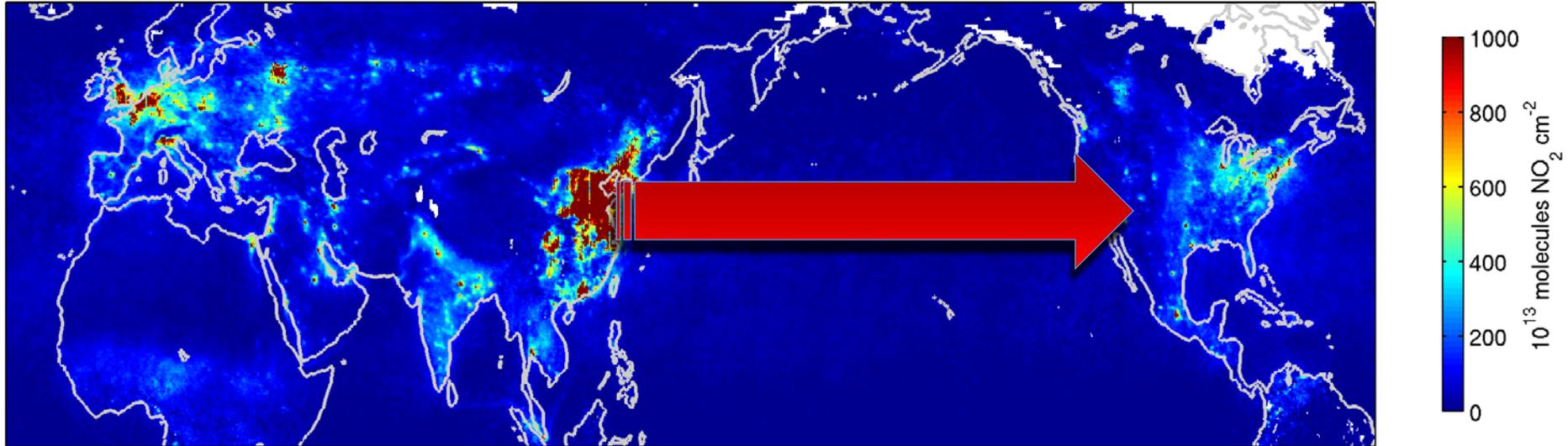
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Red - 33rd and 67th percentiles	33 <sup>th</sup> %:	0.05 0.49
	05 <sup>th</sup> %:	0.05 0.55

## Anthropogenic emissions upwind of the USA are changing rapidly

April-May 2009-2011 average SCIAMACHY tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub>



Tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> column data from the GOME and SCIAMACHY sensors were freely downloaded from: [www.temis.nl](http://www.temis.nl)

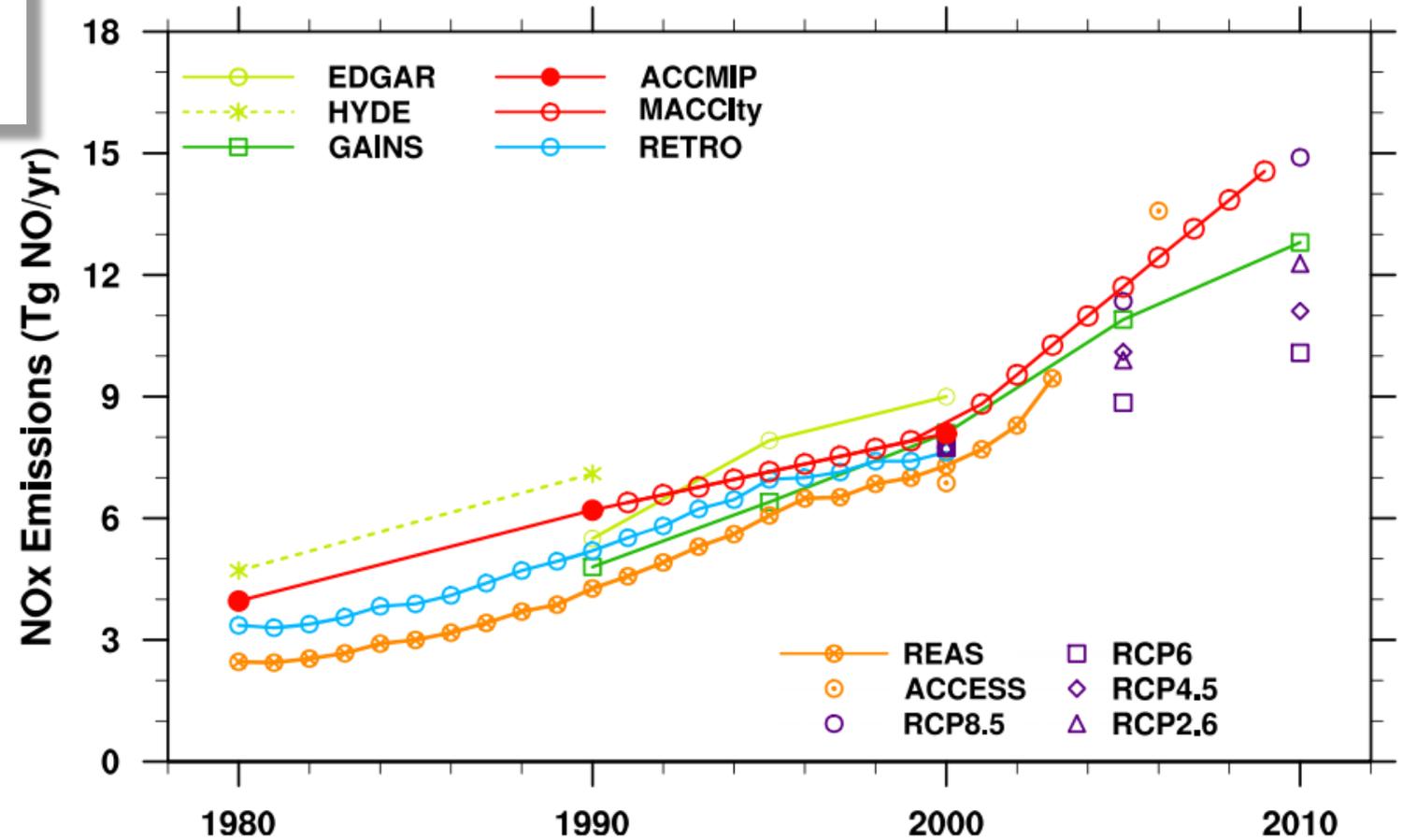
For methodology see:

Boersma, K. F., et al. (2004), *Error analysis for tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> retrieval from space*, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 109, D04311,  
Richter, A., et al. (2005), *Increase in tropospheric nitrogen dioxide over China observed from space*, *Nature*, 437

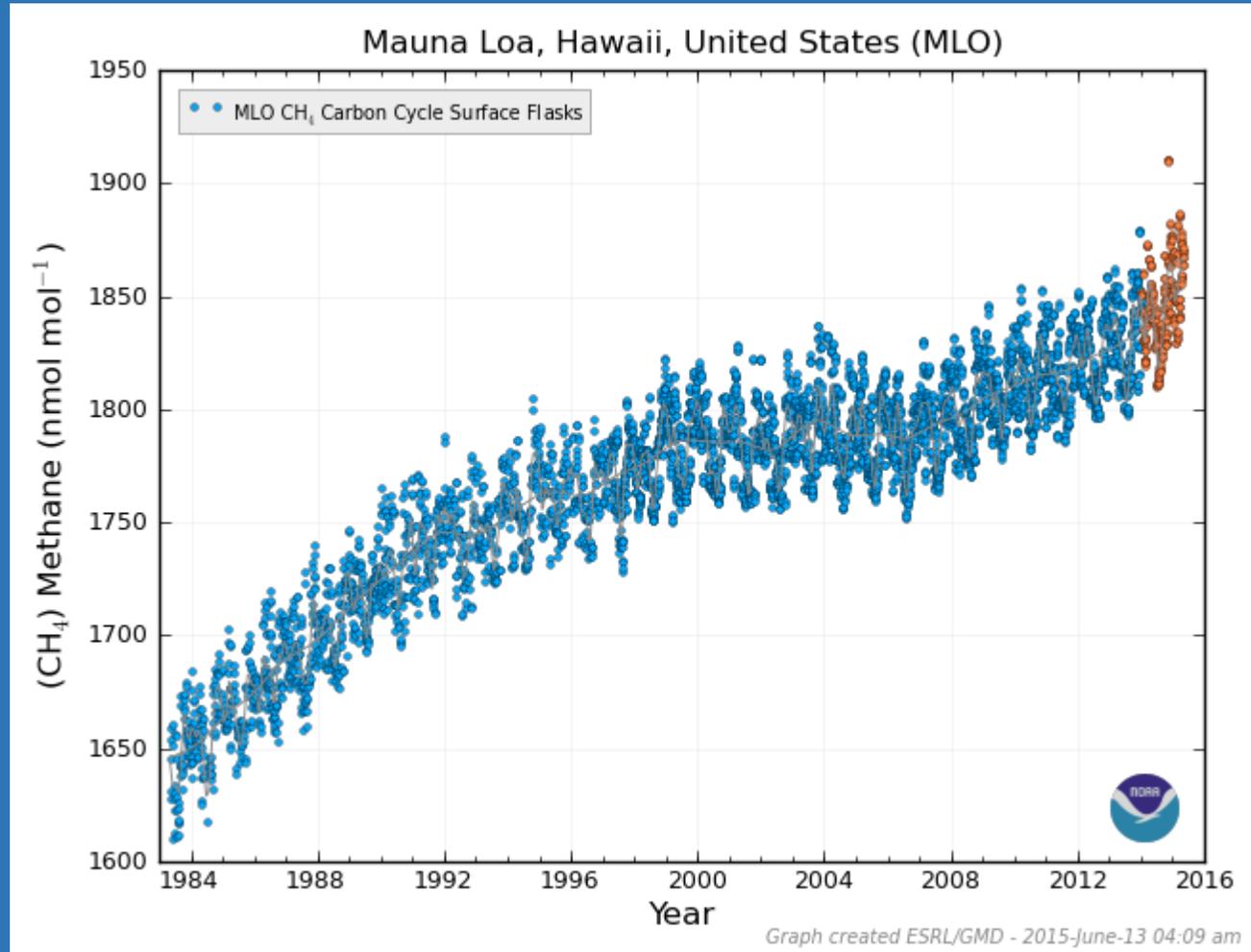
## Evolution of anthropogenic and biomass burning emissions of air pollutants at global and regional scales during the 1980–2010 period

Claire Granier · Bertrand Bessagnet · Tami Bond · Ariela D'Angiola · Hugo Denier van der Gon · Gregory J. Frost · Angelika Heil · Johannes W. Kaiser · Stefan Kinne · Zbigniew Klimont · Silvia Kloster · Jean-François Lamarque · Catherine Lioussé · Toshihiko Masui · Frederik Meleux · Aude Mieville · Toshimasa Ohara · Jean-Christophe Raut · Keywan Riahi · Martin G. Schultz · Steven J. Smith · Allison Thompson · John van Aardenne · Guido R. van der Werf · Detlef P. van Vuuren

### NOx China emissions



# Methane continues to increase



**Methane has increased by 12% since 1984**

# Impact of Asia on springtime ozone across the N. Pacific Ocean and North America

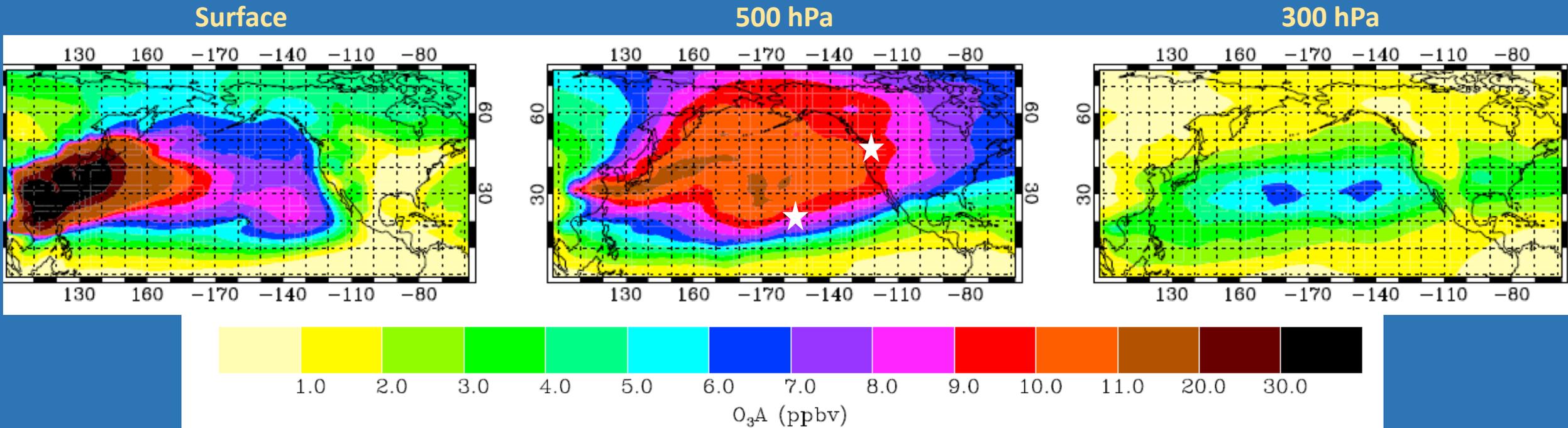


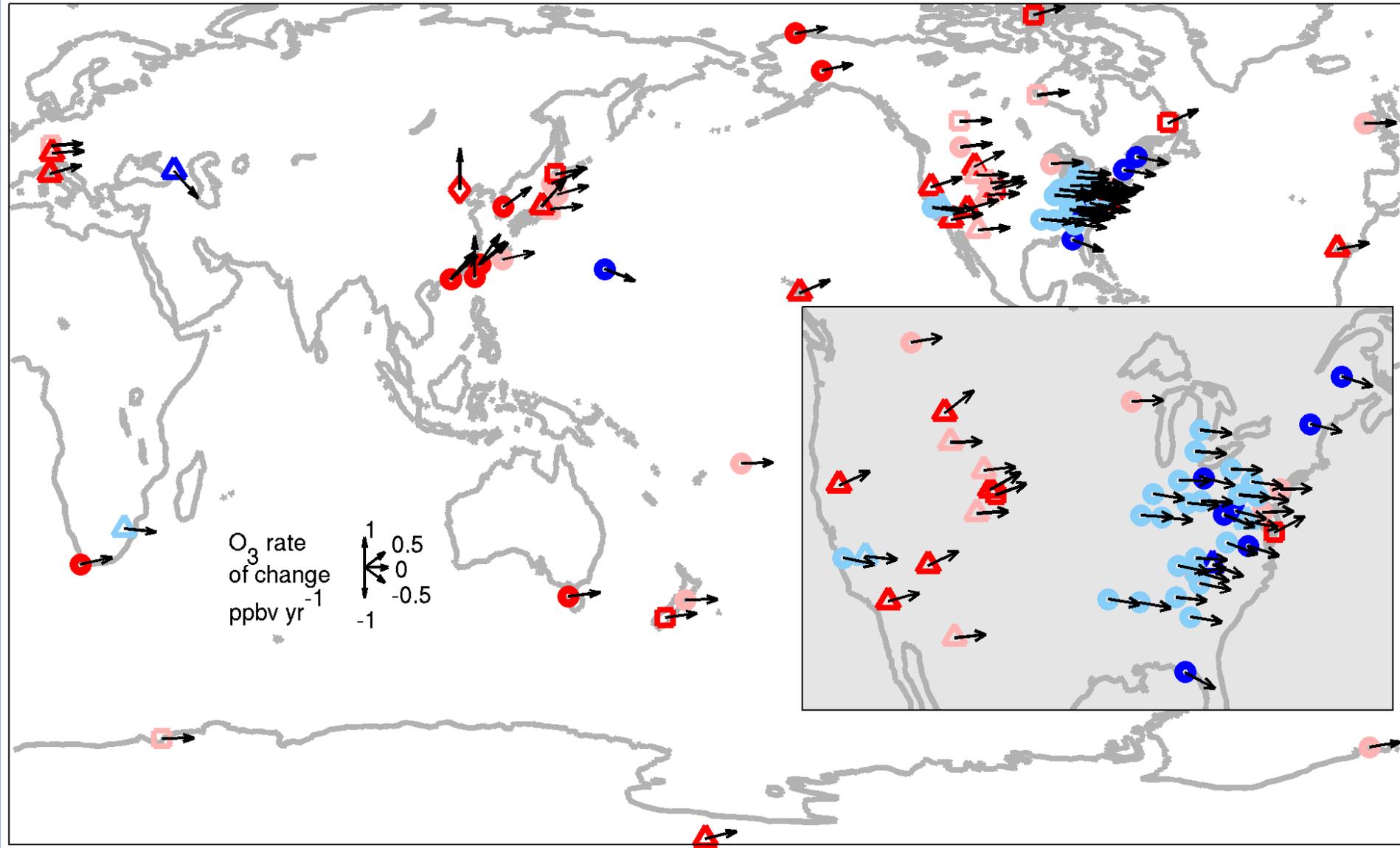
Figure 1. Seasonal five-year average of O<sub>3</sub>A over the Pacific Basin and North America at the surface, 500 hPa (approximately 5 km), and 300 hPa (approximately 10 km) taken from the 2001–2005 model results.

Ozone transport from Asia is at a maximum during spring.

The “sphere of influence” of Asian ozone is strongest in the mid-troposphere and reaches Hawaii and western North America.

Only continuous US free tropospheric baseline monitoring sites downwind of Asia:  
Mauna Loa, Hawaii, and Mt Bachelor, Oregon

Annual surface ozone trends: 1990s through 2000-2010 (from the peer-reviewed literature)

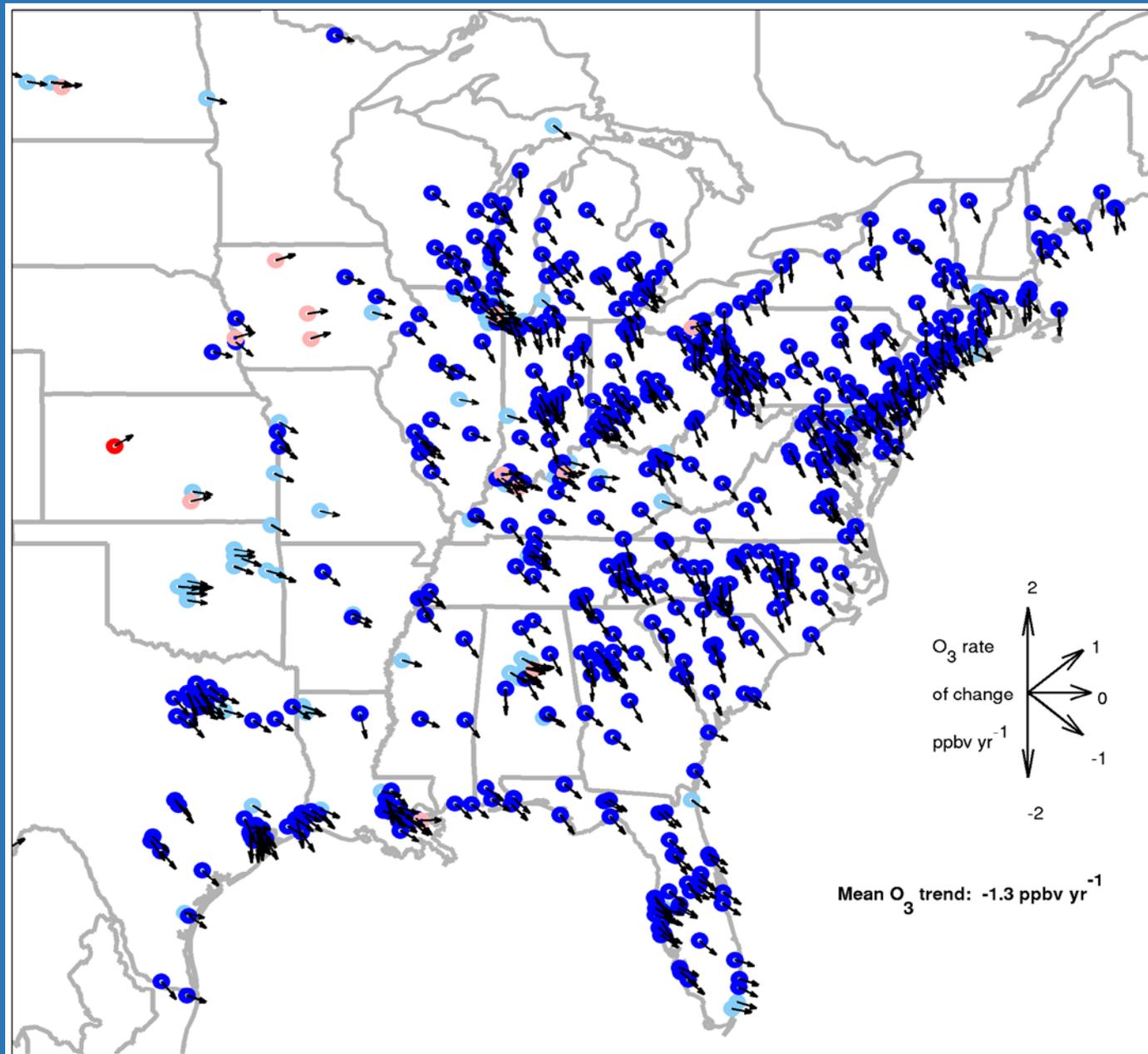


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**Ozone design values:**  
annual fourth-highest daily  
maximum 8-hr ozone mixing  
ratio, averaged over 3 years

Calculated by EPA  
[www.epa.gov/airtrends/values.html](http://www.epa.gov/airtrends/values.html)

During 2003-2013 ozone  
decreased in the eastern US  
by  $-1.3 \pm 0.6$  ppbv yr<sup>-1</sup>  
(trend range is 1 standard  
deviation).



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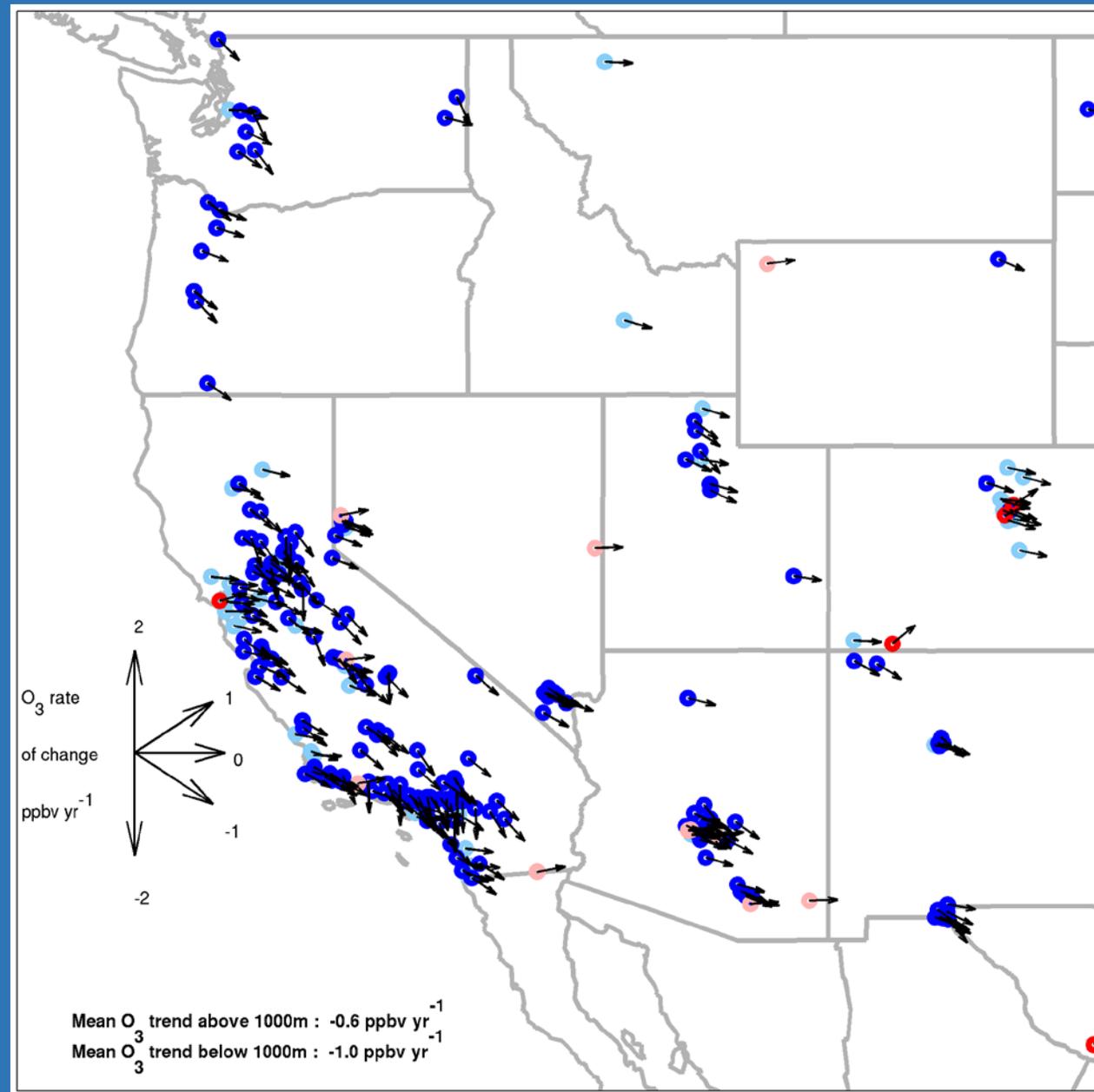
During 2003-2013 ozone decreased in the western US by:

$-1.0 \pm 0.6$  ppbv yr<sup>-1</sup>  
below 1 km

$-0.6 \pm 0.7$  ppbv yr<sup>-1</sup>  
above 1 km

$-0.4 \pm 0.7$  ppbv yr<sup>-1</sup>  
high elevation rural sites

$-0.2 \pm 0.6$  ppbv yr<sup>-1</sup>  
Northern Colorado Front Range



- significant increase
- insignificant increase
- significant decrease
- insignificant decrease

# A comparison of ozone trends at four high elevation rural sites

Mt Bachelor,  
2763 m

Lassen NP,  
1756 m

Sequoia,  
Lower Keawah,  
1890 m

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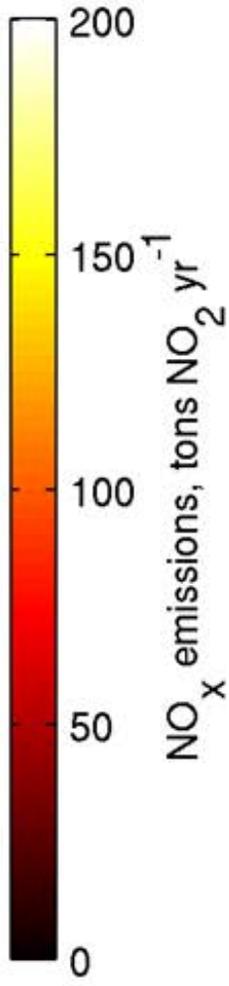
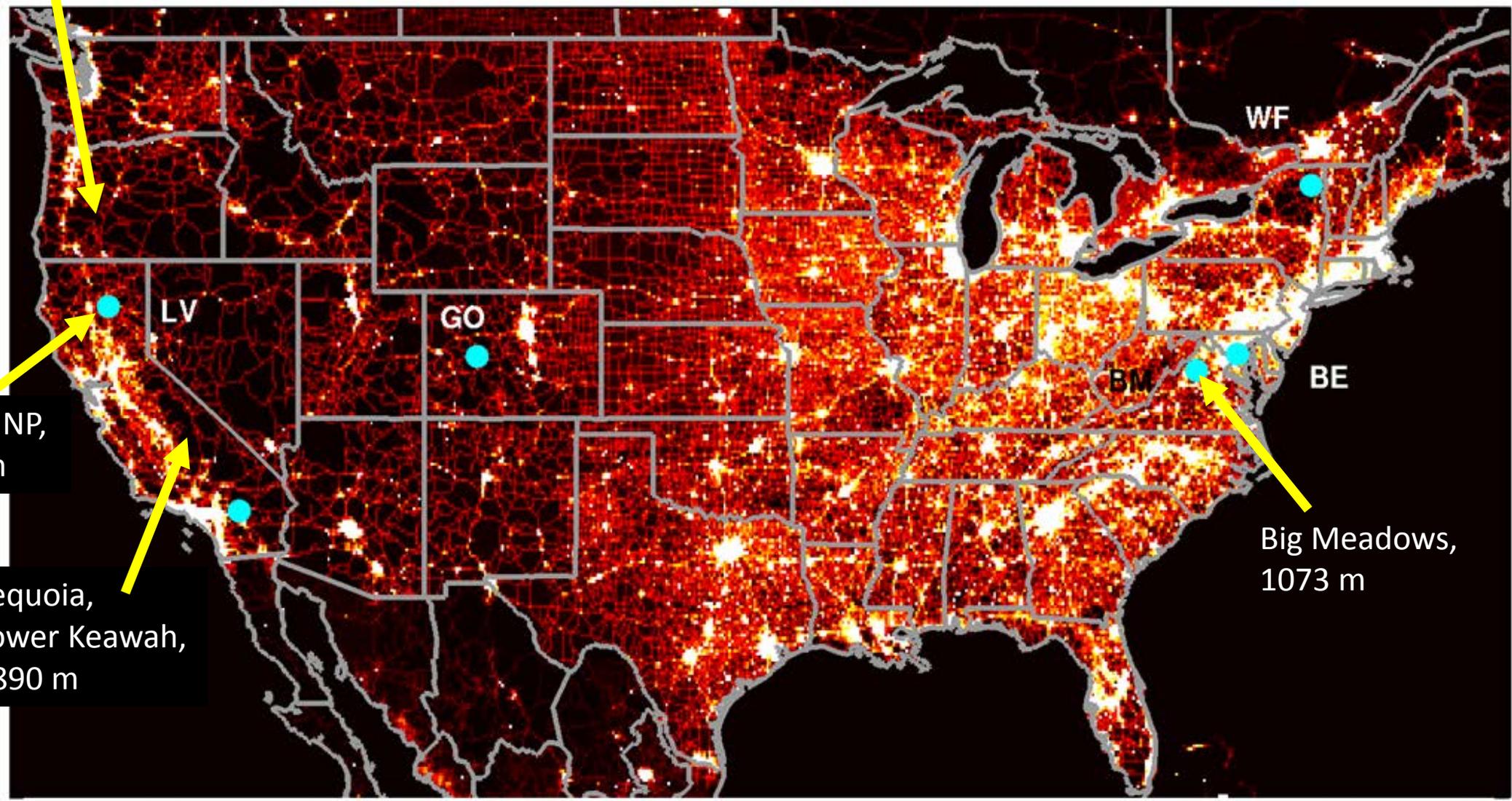
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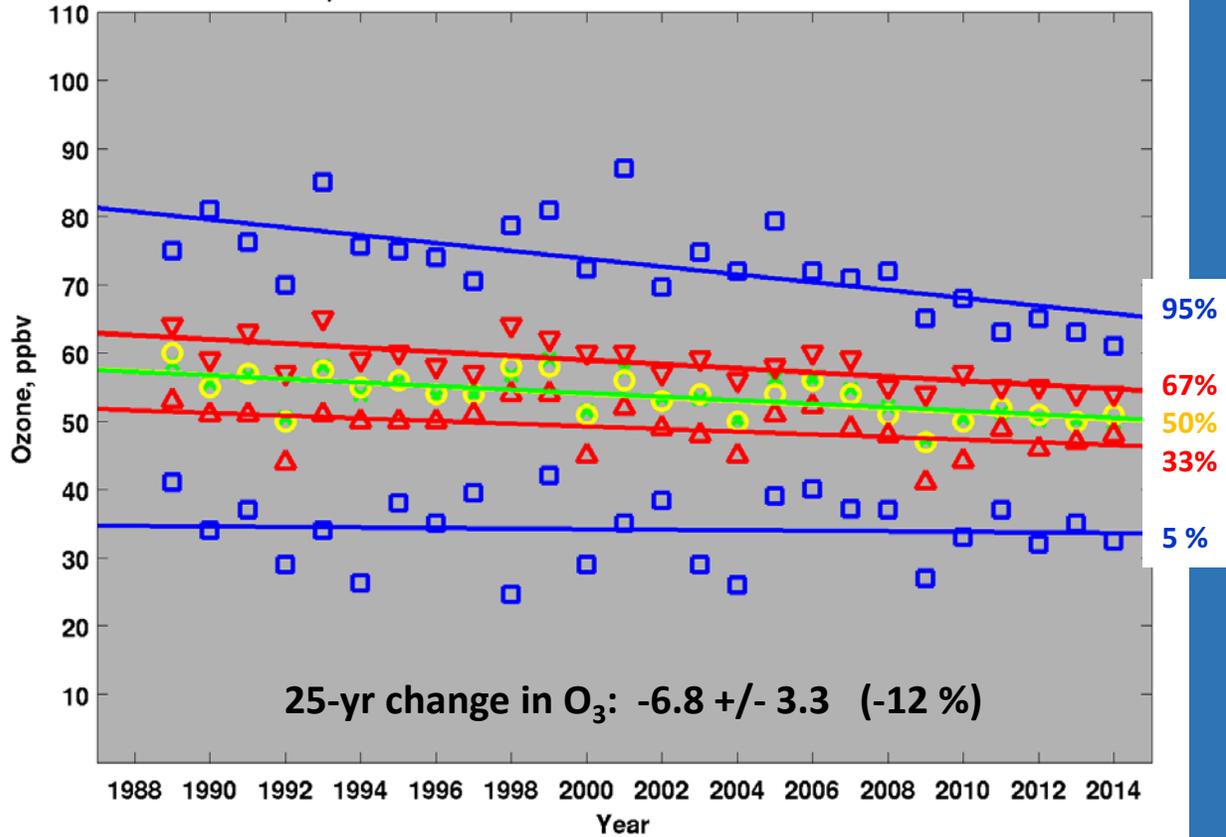
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Big Meadows,  
1073 m



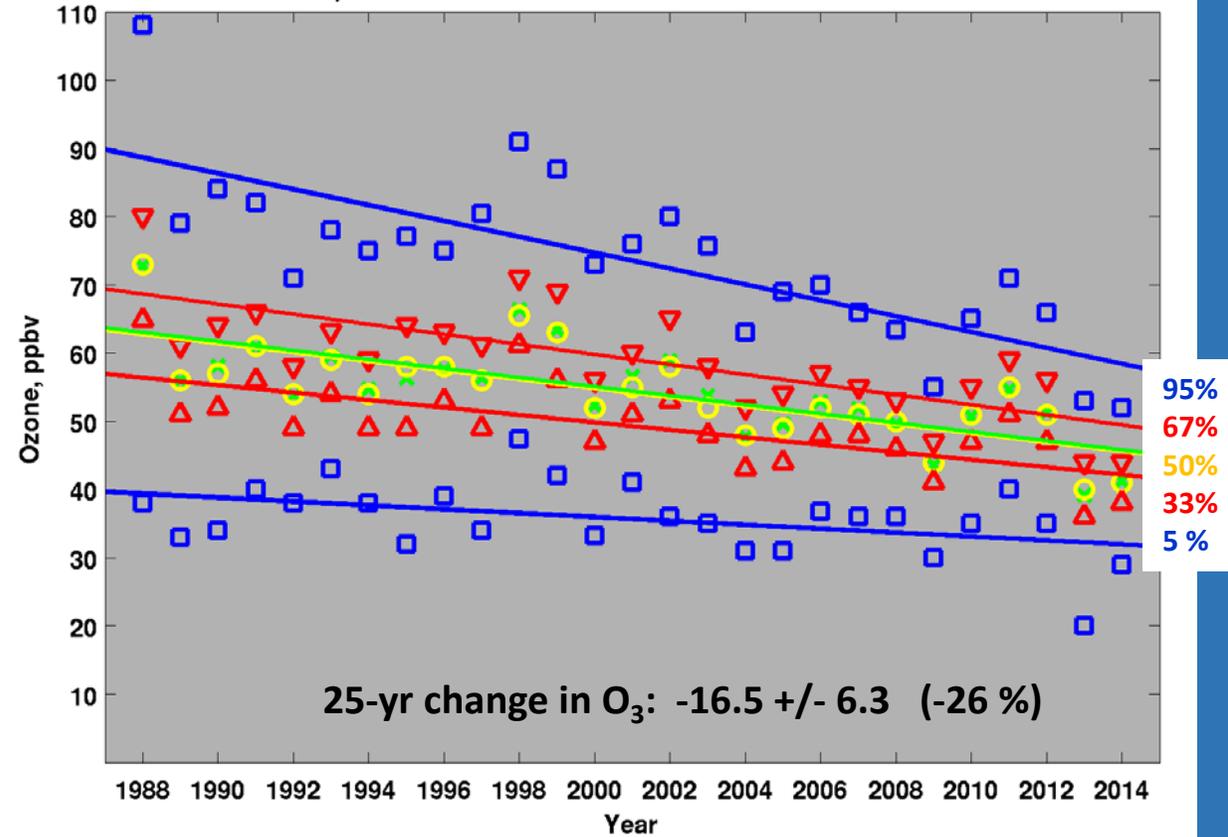
# O<sub>3</sub> is decreasing in the eastern US in spring and summer, in response to emissions reductions

Daytime ozone trend at Big Meadows, Shenandoah NP, 1073 m above sea level  
Data from years: 1989 - 2014 Data from months: 4 5



	increase ppbv/year	p value
Green - mean	O <sub>3</sub> 95th %: -0.58 +/- 0.27	0.00
Yellow - median	O <sub>3</sub> 67th %: -0.30 +/- 0.12	0.00
Blue - 5th & 95th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 50th %: -0.27 +/- 0.13	0.00
Red - 33rd and 67th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 33th %: -0.19 +/- 0.16	0.02
	O <sub>3</sub> 05th %: -0.04 +/- 0.27	0.77

Daytime ozone trend at Big Meadows, Shenandoah NP, 1073 m above sea level  
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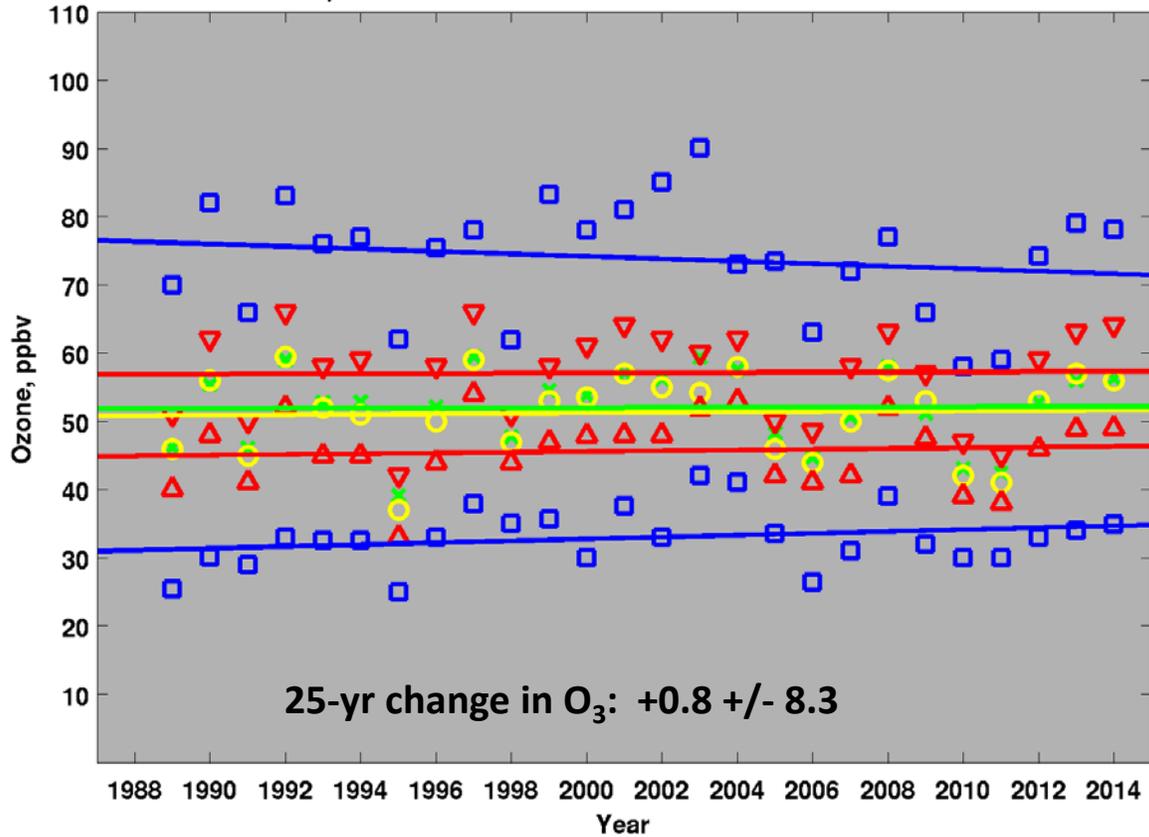
	increase ppbv/year	p value
Green - mean	O <sub>3</sub> 95th %: -1.16 +/- 0.39	0.00
Yellow - median	O <sub>3</sub> 67th %: -0.74 +/- 0.27	0.00
Blue - 5th & 95th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 50th %: -0.66 +/- 0.25	0.00
Red - 33rd and 67th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 33th %: -0.54 +/- 0.23	0.00
	O <sub>3</sub> 05th %: -0.28 +/- 0.25	0.03

# O<sub>3</sub> is decreasing in Sequoia NP in summer but not spring; emissions are coming down

Daytime ozone trend at Sequoia Lower Keawah, 1890 m above sea level

Data from years: 1989 - 2014

Data from months: 4 5



95%  
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50%  
33%  
5%

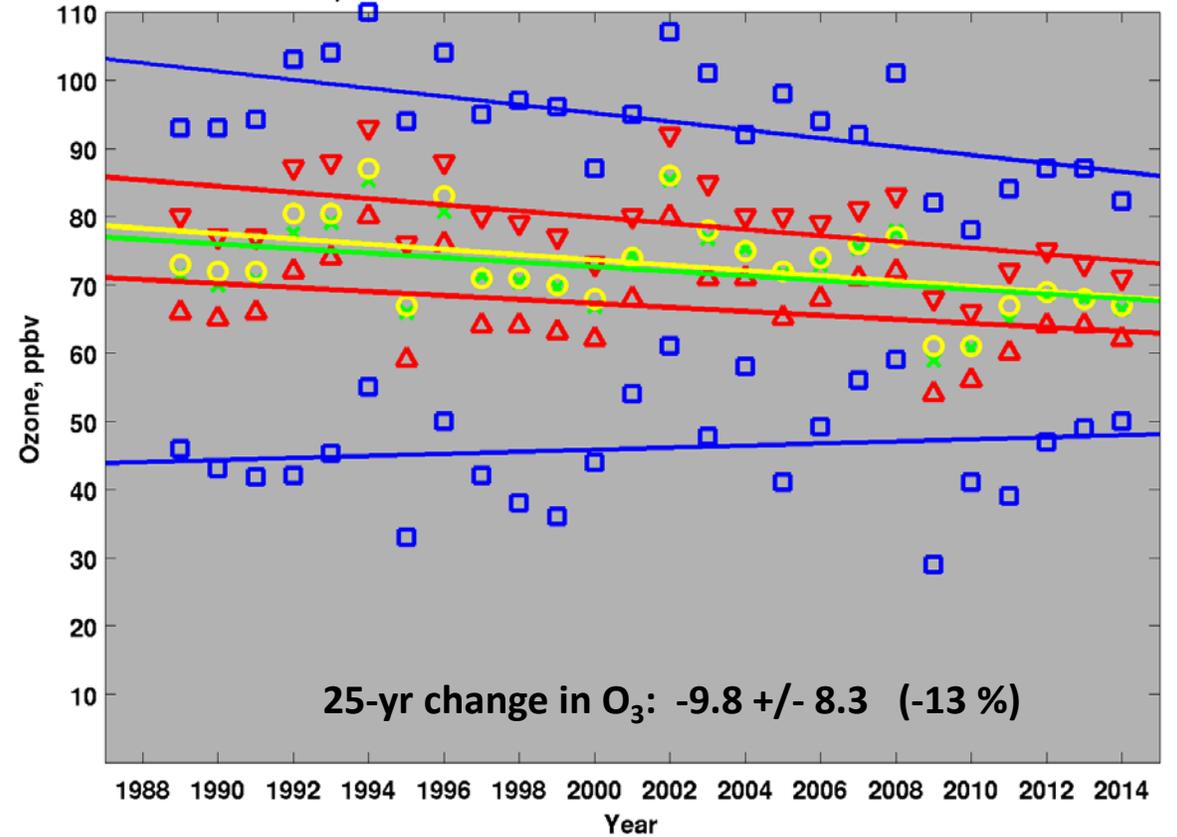
25-yr change in O<sub>3</sub>: +0.8 +/- 8.3

	increase ppbv/year	p value
Green - mean		
Yellow - median	O <sub>3</sub> 95th %: -0.18 +/- 0.46	0.43
Blue - 5th & 95th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 67th %: 0.02 +/- 0.37	0.93
Red - 33rd and 67th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 50th %: 0.03 +/- 0.33	0.84
	O <sub>3</sub> 33th %: 0.05 +/- 0.28	0.70
	O <sub>3</sub> 05th %: 0.14 +/- 0.23	0.23

Daytime ozone trend at Sequoia Lower Keawah, 1890 m above sea level

Data from years: 1989 - 2014

Data from months: 6 7 8



95%  
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5%

25-yr change in O<sub>3</sub>: -9.8 +/- 8.3 (-13 %)

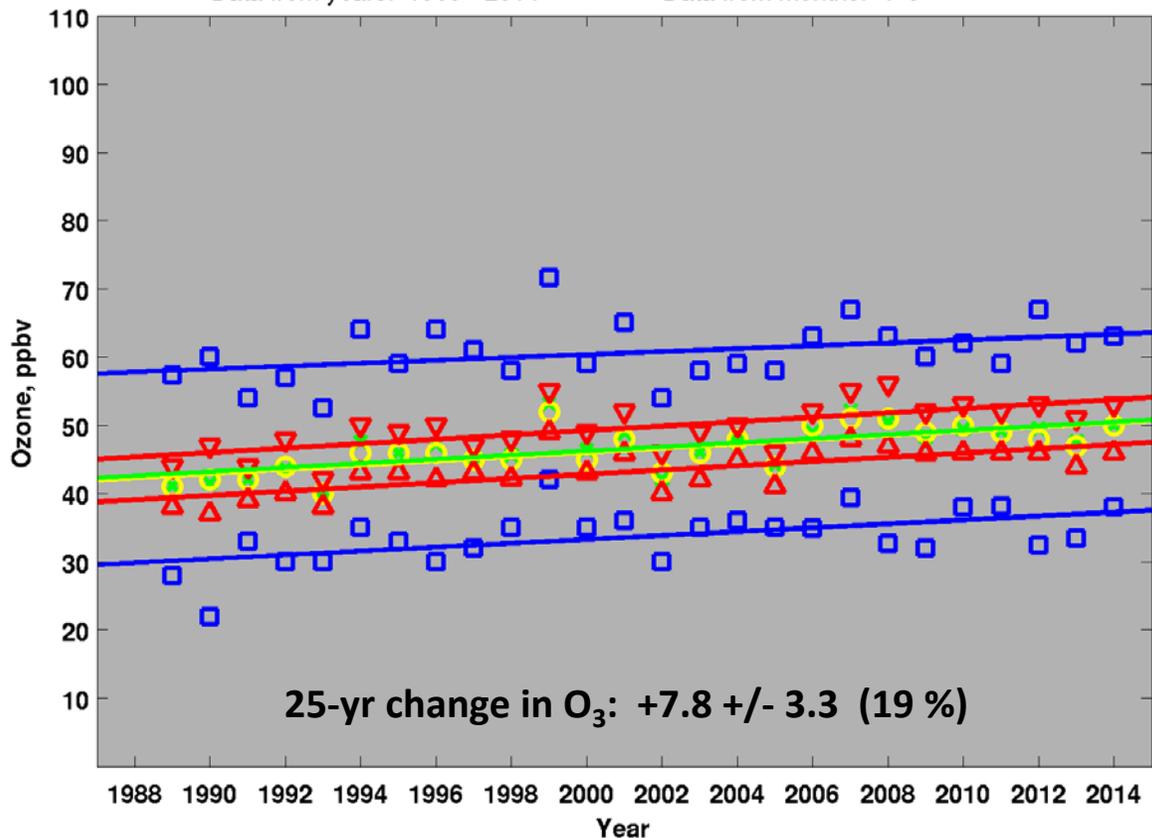
	increase ppbv/year	p value
Green - mean		
Yellow - median	O <sub>3</sub> 95th %: -0.61 +/- 0.36	0.00
Blue - 5th & 95th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 67th %: -0.45 +/- 0.32	0.01
Red - 33rd and 67th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 50th %: -0.39 +/- 0.33	0.02
	O <sub>3</sub> 33th %: -0.29 +/- 0.34	0.09
	O <sub>3</sub> 05th %: 0.15 +/- 0.44	0.48

# Despite emissions reduction, O<sub>3</sub> is increasing at Lassen NP in spring

Daytime ozone trend at Lassen Volcanic NP, 1756 m above sea level

Data from years: 1989 - 2014

Data from months: 4 5



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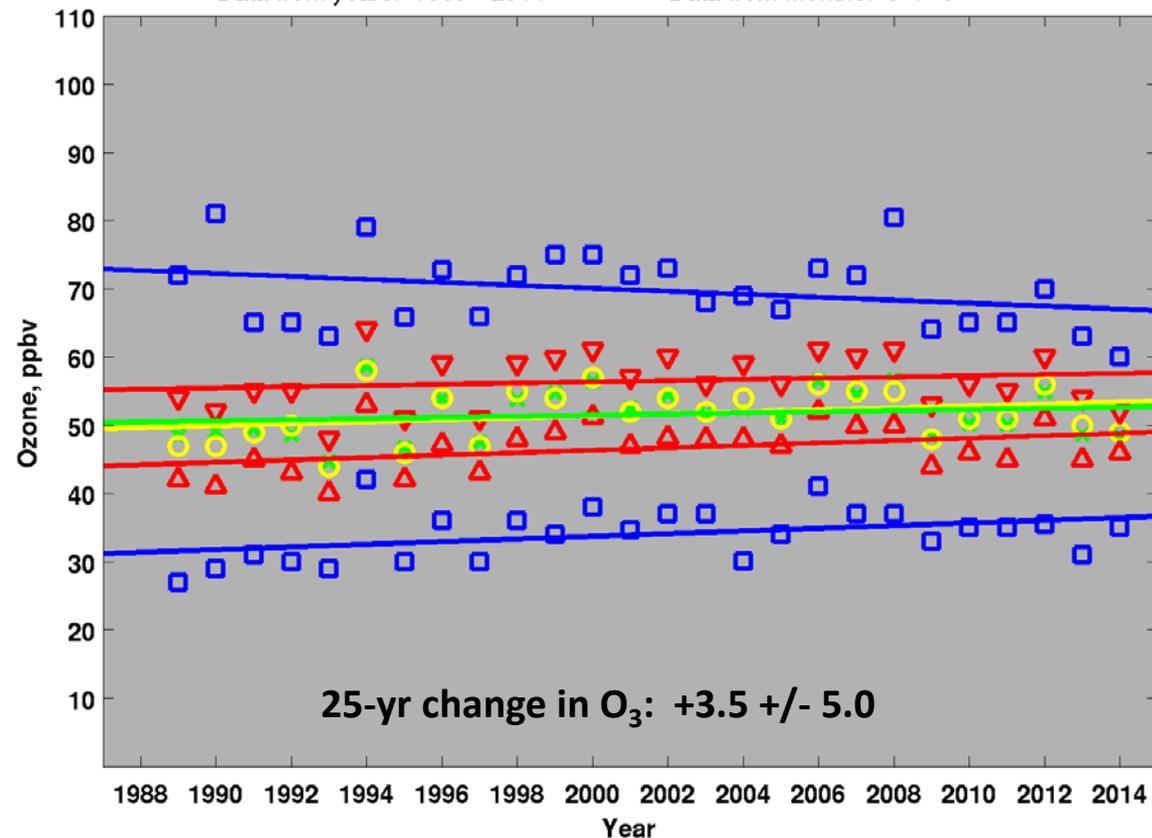
25-yr change in O<sub>3</sub>: +7.8 +/- 3.3 (19%)

	increase ppbv/year	p value
Green - mean		
Yellow - median	O <sub>3</sub> 95th %: 0.21 +/- 0.22	0.06
Blue - 5th & 95th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 67th %: 0.32 +/- 0.14	0.00
Red - 33rd and 67th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 50th %: 0.31 +/- 0.13	0.00
	O <sub>3</sub> 33th %: 0.31 +/- 0.12	0.00
	O <sub>3</sub> 05th %: 0.29 +/- 0.19	0.00

Daytime ozone trend at Lassen Volcanic NP, 1756 m above sea level

Data from years: 1989 - 2014

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25-yr change in O<sub>3</sub>: +3.5 +/- 5.0

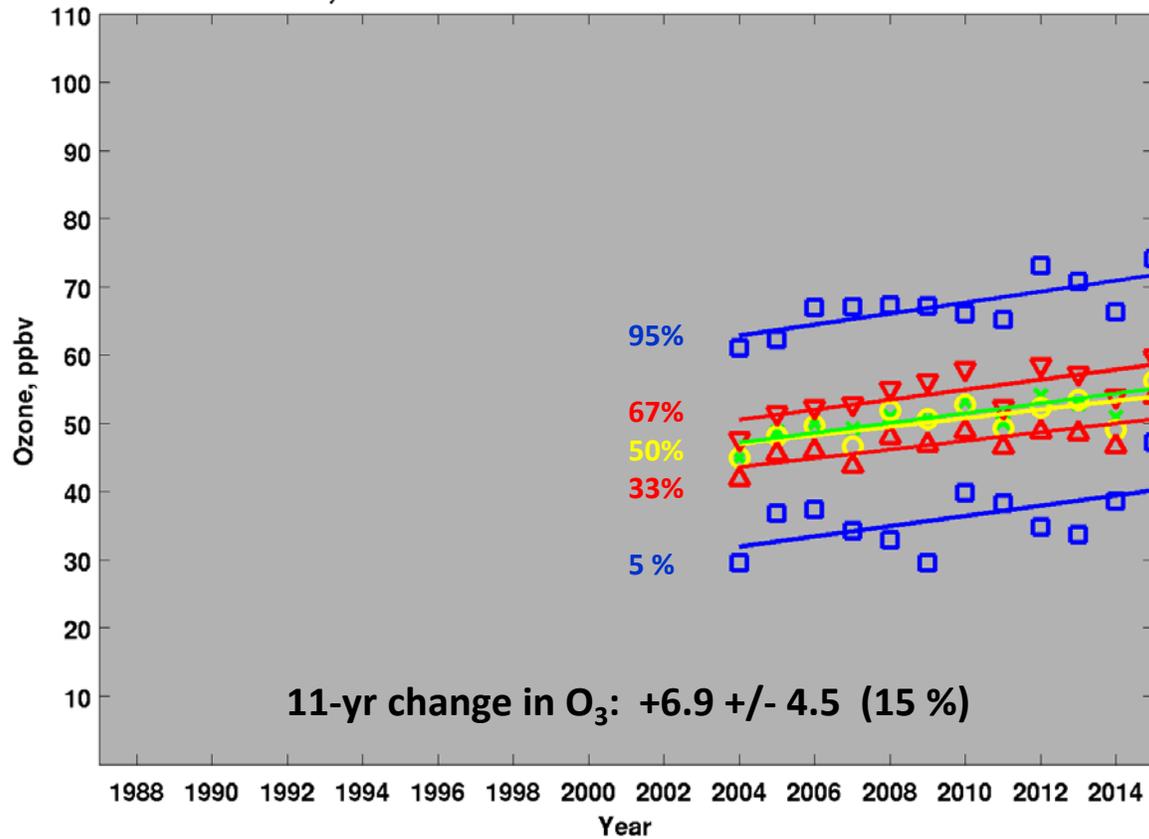
	increase ppbv/year	p value
Green - mean		
Yellow - median	O <sub>3</sub> 95th %: -0.22 +/- 0.29	0.14
Blue - 5th & 95th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 67th %: 0.09 +/- 0.21	0.39
Red - 33rd and 67th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 50th %: 0.14 +/- 0.20	0.14
	O <sub>3</sub> 33th %: 0.18 +/- 0.18	0.05
	O <sub>3</sub> 05th %: 0.19 +/- 0.19	0.05

# Mt Bachelor samples the lower free troposphere at night (*Dan Jaffe, U. of Washington*)

Nighttime ozone trend at Mount Bachelor Observatory, 2763 m above sea level

Data from years: 2004 - 2015

Data from months: 4 5

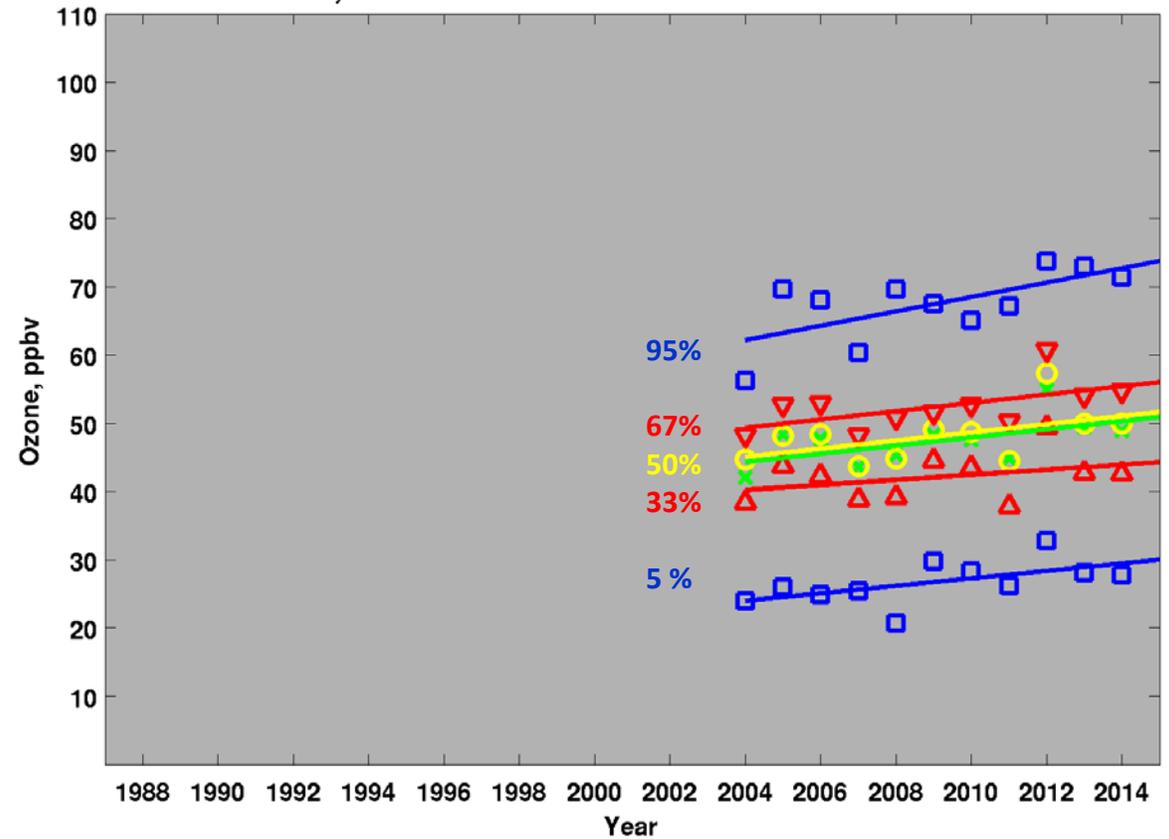


	increase ppbv/year	p value
Green - mean		
Yellow - median	O <sub>3</sub> 95th %: 0.81 +/- 0.50	0.00
Blue - 5th & 95th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 67th %: 0.74 +/- 0.44	0.00
Red - 33rd and 67th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 50th %: 0.63 +/- 0.41	0.01
	O <sub>3</sub> 33th %: 0.64 +/- 0.37	0.00
	O <sub>3</sub> 05th %: 0.75 +/- 0.79	0.06

Nighttime ozone trend at Mount Bachelor Observatory, 2763 m above sea level

Data from years: 2004 - 2015

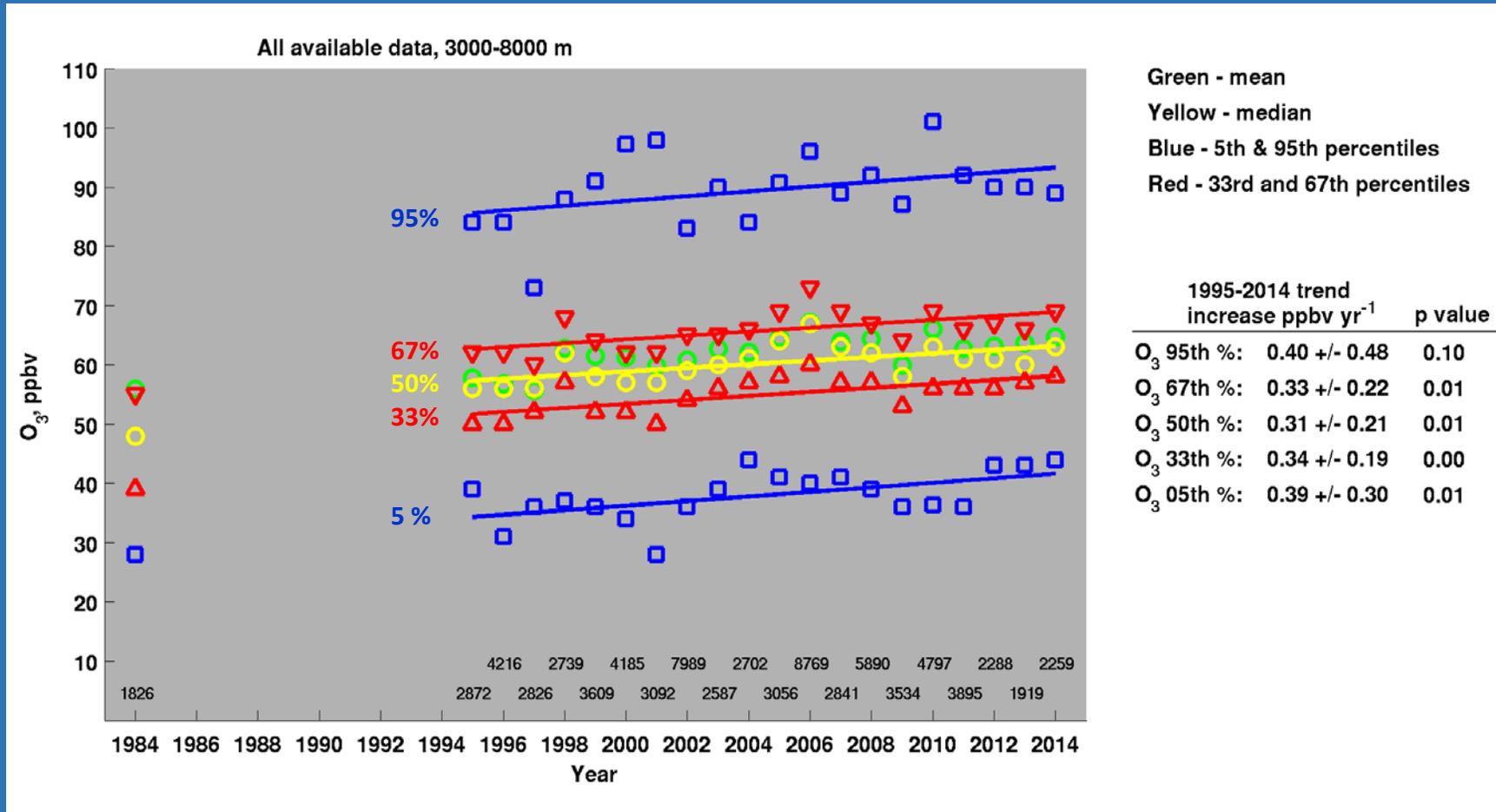
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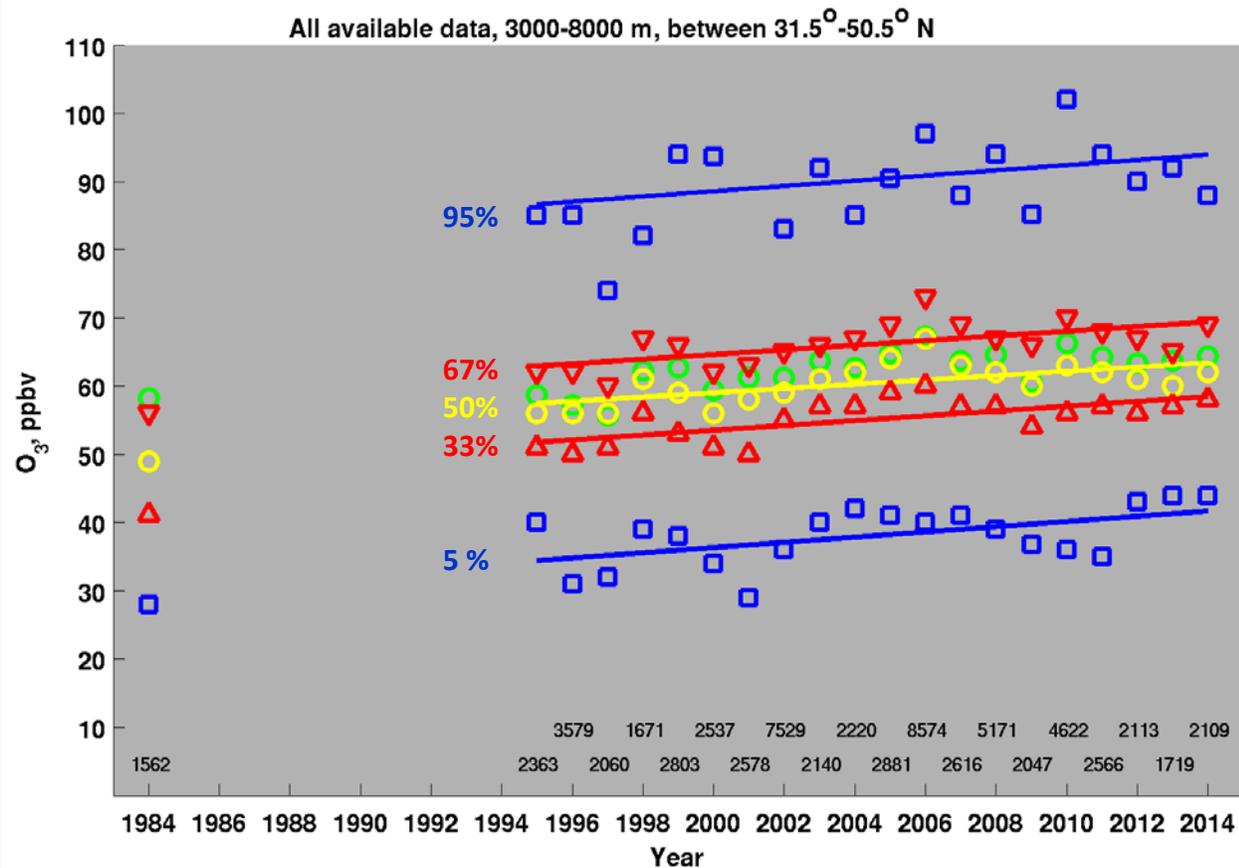
	increase ppbv/year	p value
Green - mean		
Yellow - median	O <sub>3</sub> 95th %: 1.05 +/- 0.90	0.03
Blue - 5th & 95th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 67th %: 0.61 +/- 0.64	0.06
Red - 33rd and 67th percentiles	O <sub>3</sub> 50th %: 0.60 +/- 0.75	0.10
	O <sub>3</sub> 33th %: 0.37 +/- 0.72	0.27
	O <sub>3</sub> 05th %: 0.55 +/- 0.59	0.07

# 20 years of free tropospheric ozone observations are now available above western North America during springtime

(O. Cooper, U. of Colorado/NOAA, Boulder)



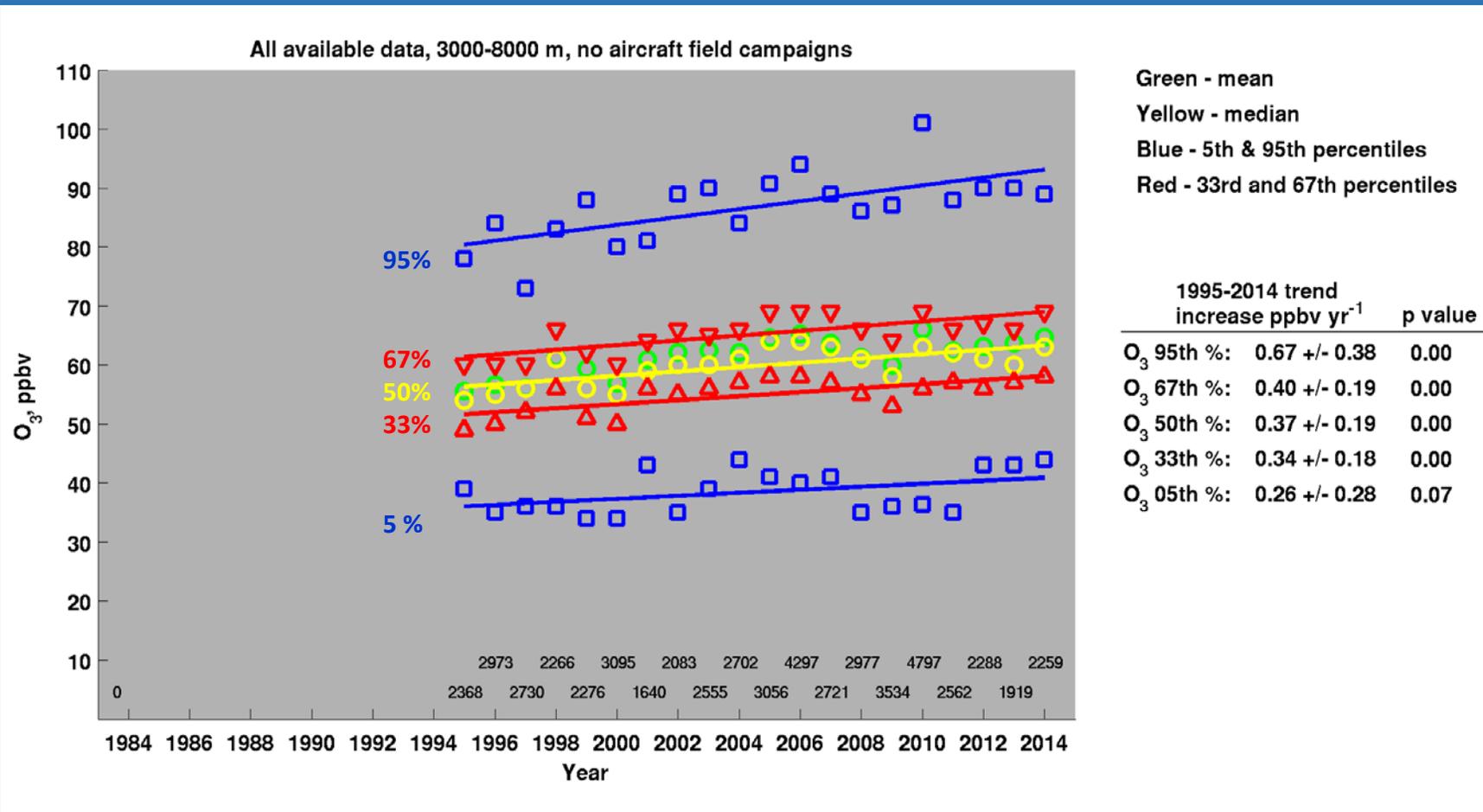
19-yr change in O<sub>3</sub>: +5.9 +/- 4.0 (10 %)



Green - mean  
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 Red - 33rd and 67th percentiles

	1995-2014 trend increase ppbv yr <sup>-1</sup>	p value
$O_3$ 95th %:	0.38 +/- 0.63	0.22
$O_3$ 67th %:	0.34 +/- 0.21	0.00
$O_3$ 50th %:	0.31 +/- 0.19	0.00
$O_3$ 33th %:	0.35 +/- 0.19	0.00
$O_3$ 05th %:	0.38 +/- 0.30	0.02

19-yr change in  $O_3$ : +5.9 +/- 3.6 (10 %)



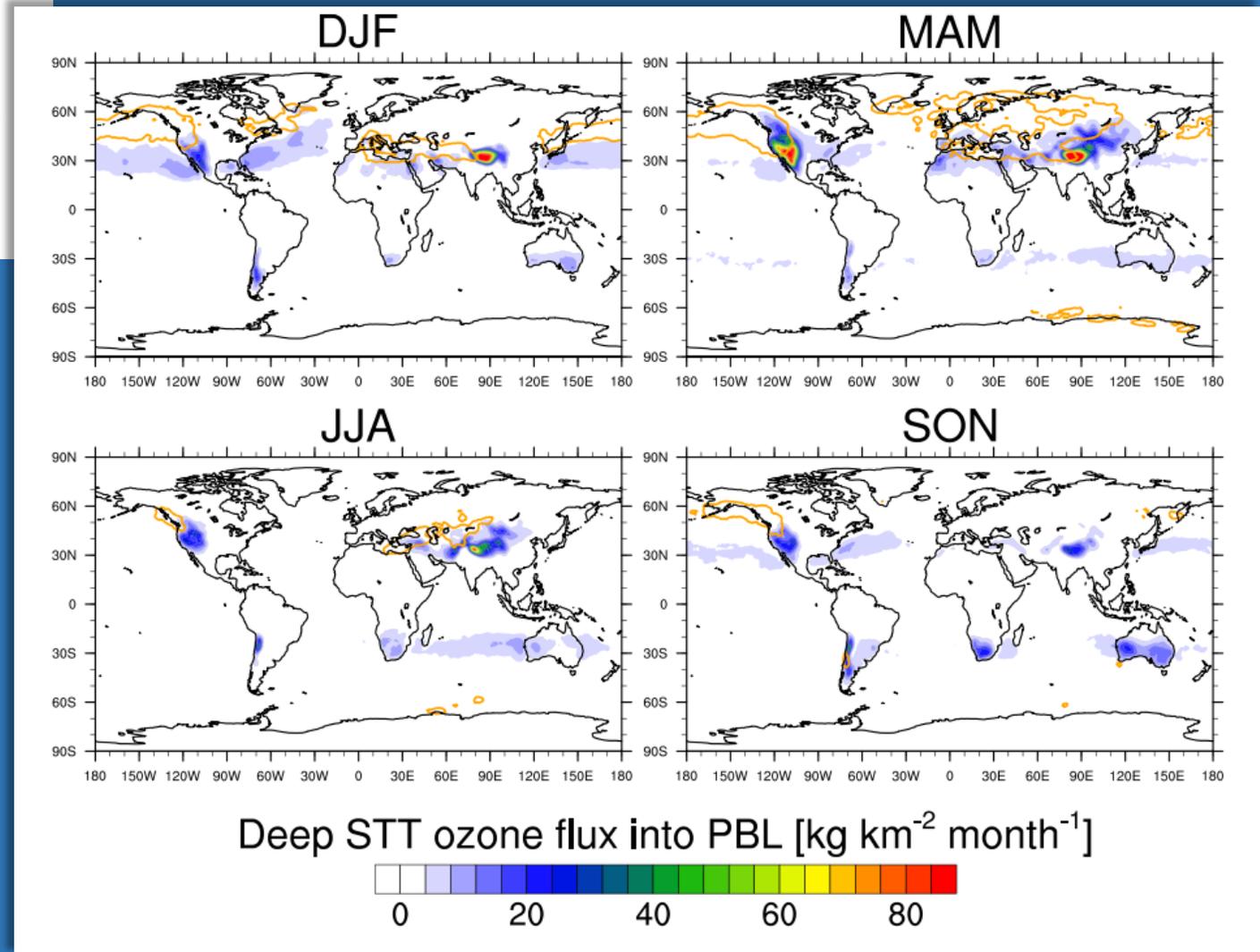
**19-yr change in O<sub>3</sub>: +7.1 +/- 3.6 (12 %)**



## A global climatology of stratosphere–troposphere exchange using the ERA-Interim data set from 1979 to 2011

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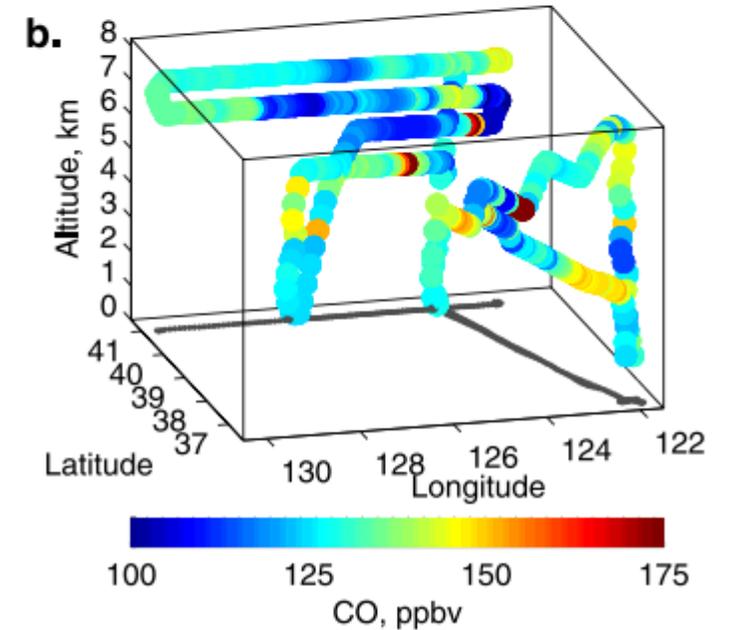
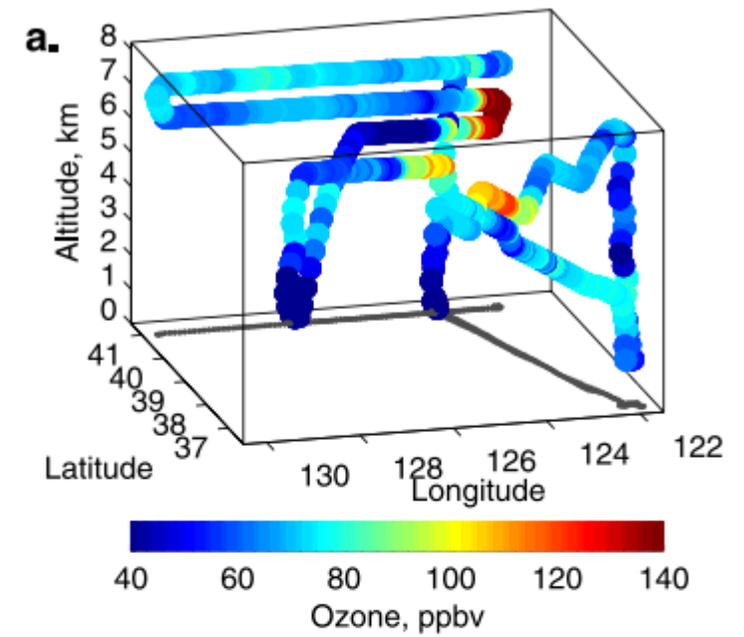
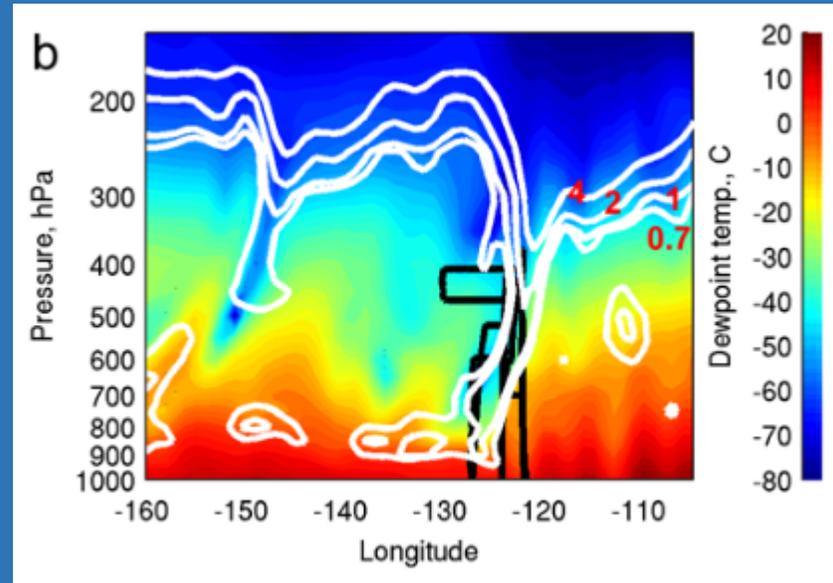
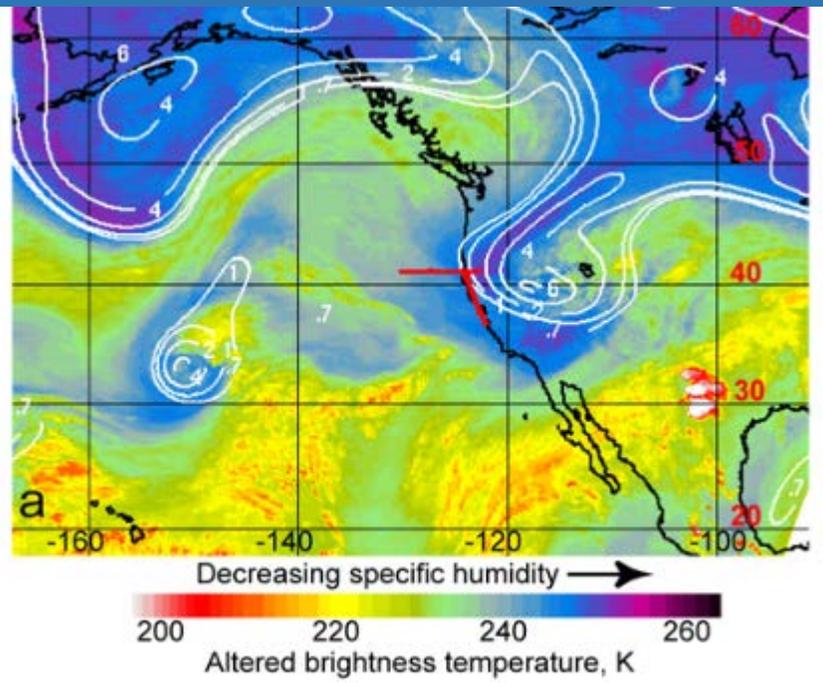


**Fig. 17.** Seasonally averaged deep STT ozone flux into the PBL for 1979–2011. For this calculation, the ozone concentration is kept constant along the trajectories after crossing the tropopause. The orange contours indicate areas where the ozone flux across the tropopause due to deep STT is higher than  $7 \text{ kg km}^{-2} \text{ month}^{-1}$ .

# On the life cycle of a stratospheric intrusion and its dispersion into polluted warm conveyor belts

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## NOAA P3 flight off the California coast, May 11, 2002



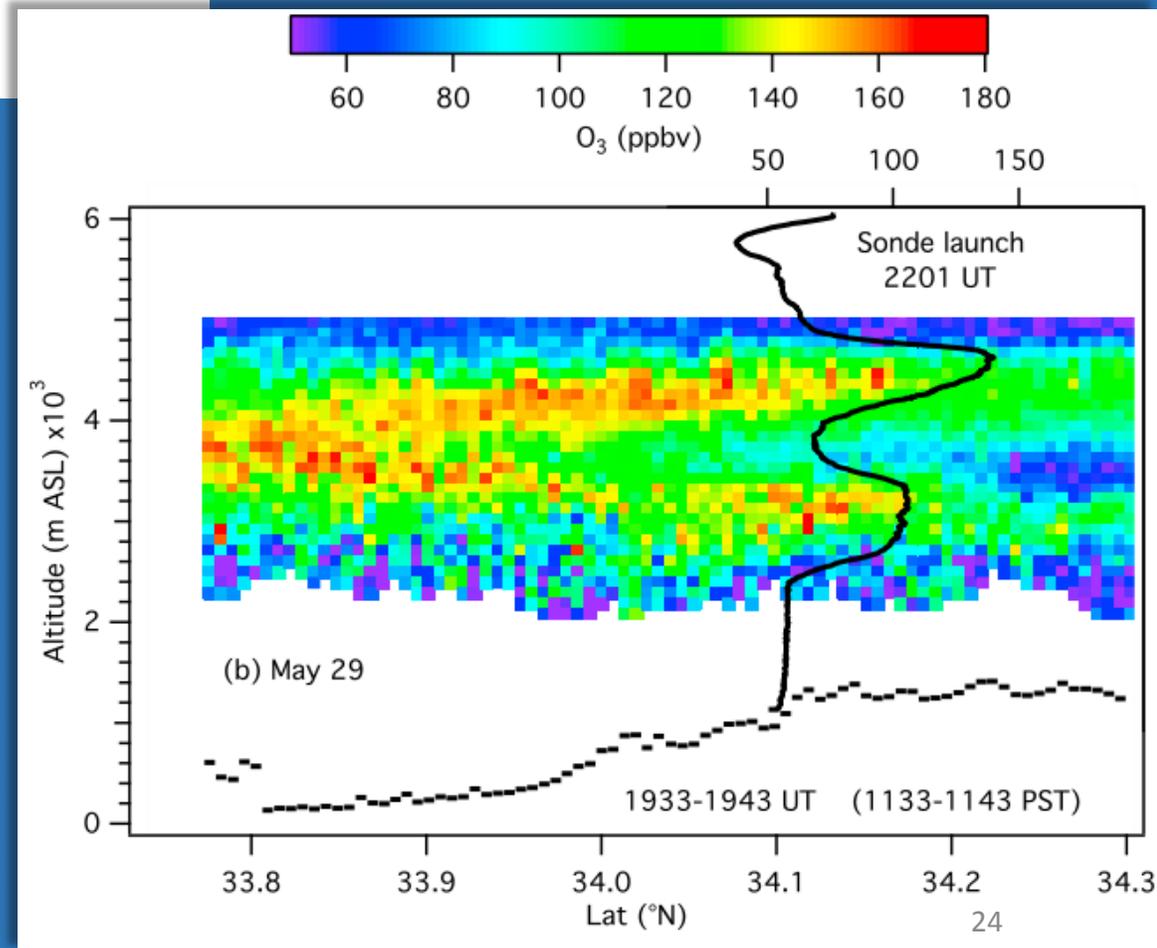
## Stratospheric influence on surface ozone in the Los Angeles area during late spring and early summer of 2010

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Observations from the TOPAZ airborne ozone lidar aboard the NOAA Twin Otter on May 29.

Shown is a north-south transect 10 km west of Joshua Tree National Park. The solid black curve shows the May 29 ozonesonde profile.

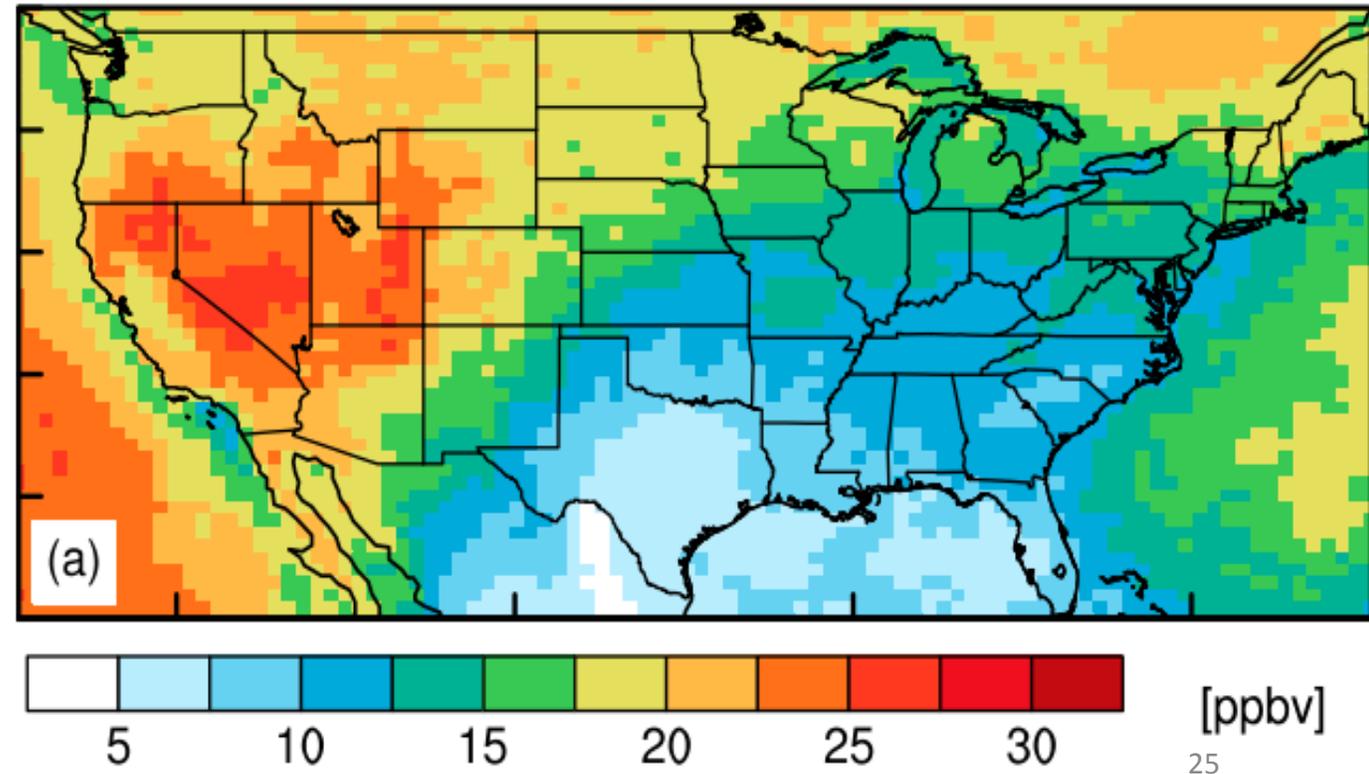


## Springtime high surface ozone events over the western United States: Quantifying the role of stratospheric intrusions

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Continental U.S. distributions of median  
stratospheric contribution to MDA8 surface  
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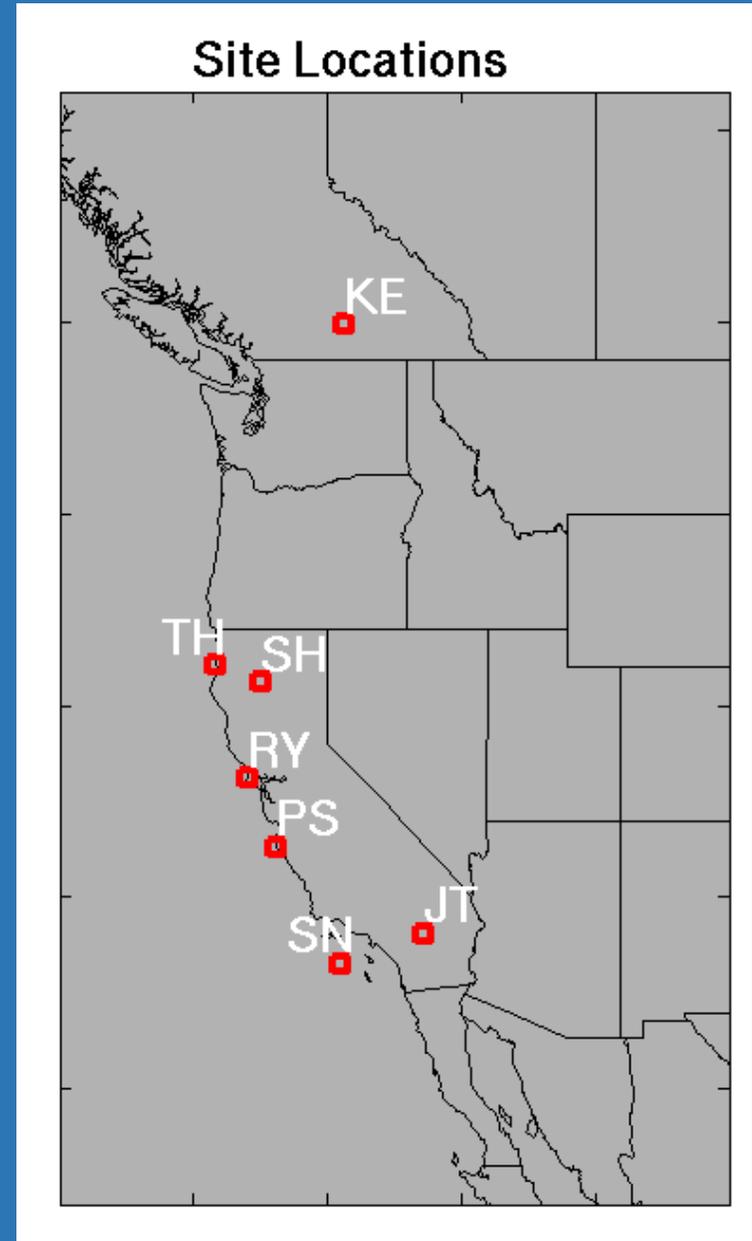
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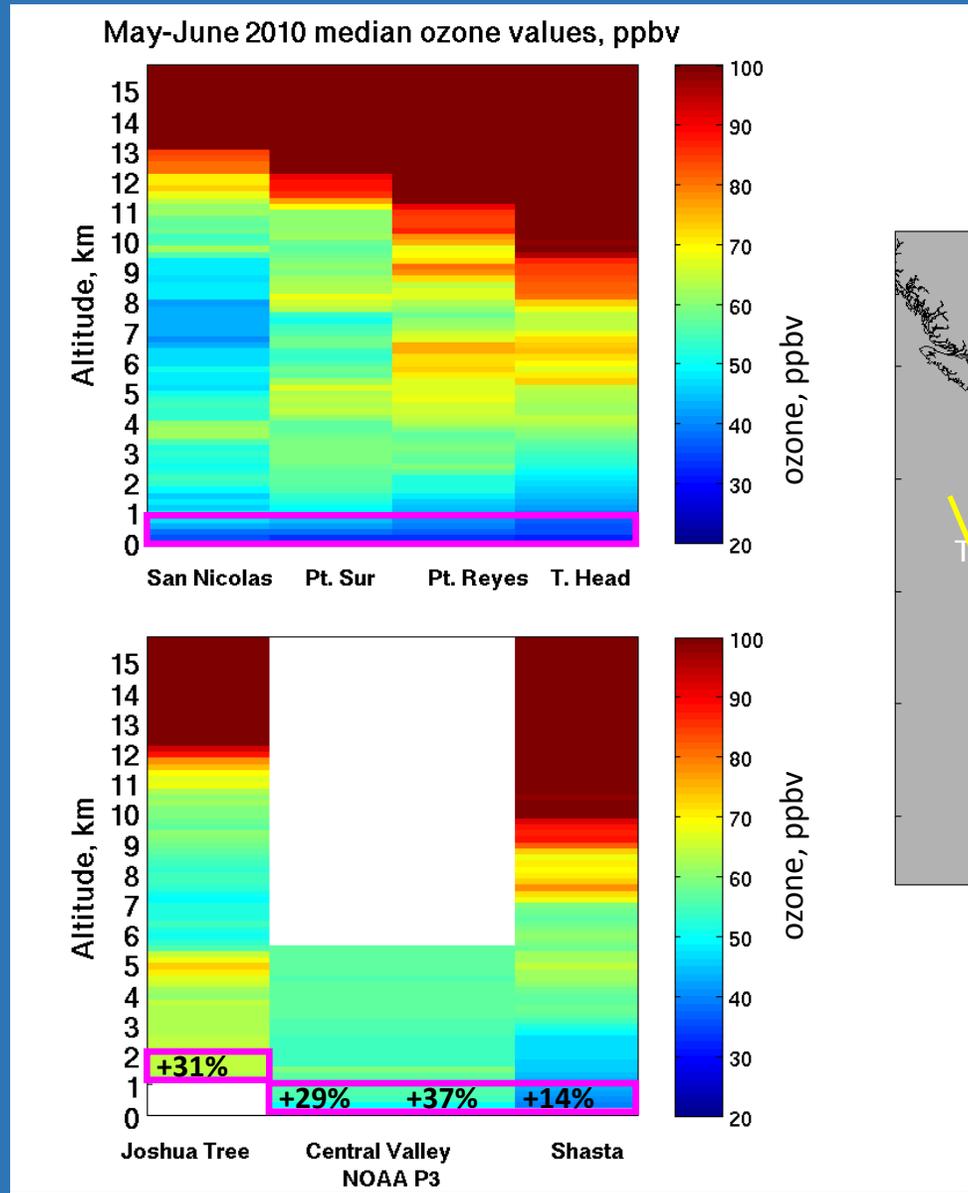
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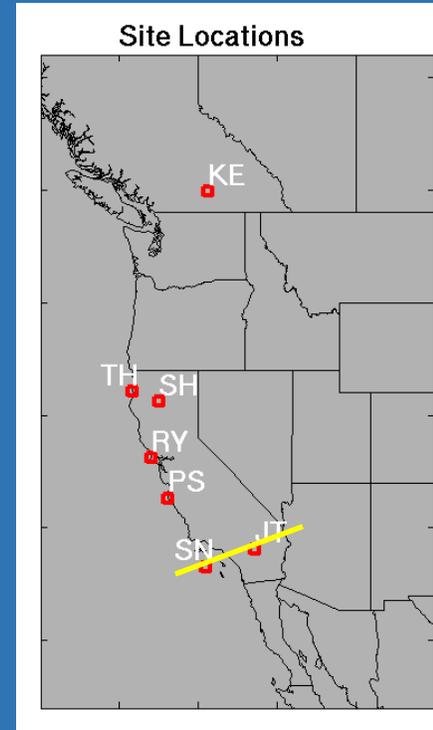
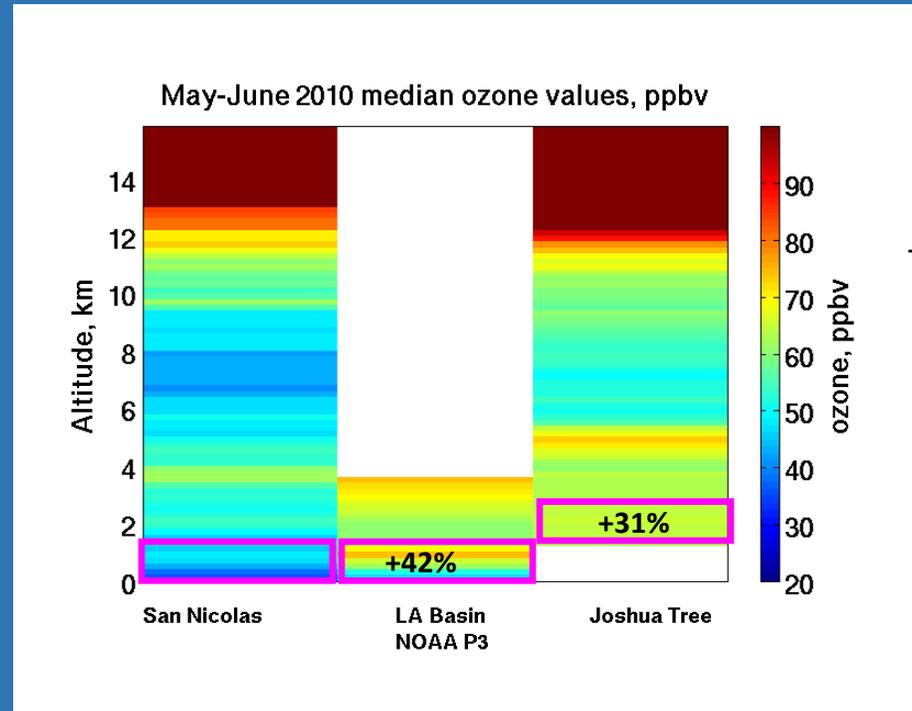
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Percent difference in total mass of ozone in the lowest km of the atmosphere, for inland sites in comparison to coastal sites at similar latitude.





Percent difference in total mass of ozone per km (0-1.0 km a.g.l.) for:  
 LA Basin and Joshua Tree compared to San Nicolas Island.

# Challenges of a lowered U.S. ozone standard

Source attribution science can help areas of the U.S. west

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At Earth's surface, ozone is an air pollutant that causes respiratory health effects in humans and impairs plant growth and productivity (1). The Clean Air Act (CAA) of 1970 mandates that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) assess the ozone standard every 5 years and revise when necessary to protect human health.

**POLICY** With a decision expected in October 2015 as to whether the standard will be toughened, we discuss limitations of ozone and precursor observations that hinder the ability of state and local air pollution-control agencies to accurately attribute sources of ozone within their jurisdictions. Attaining a lower standard may be particularly challenging in high elevations of the western United States, which are more likely to be affected by ozone that has been transported long distances or that originated in the stratosphere.

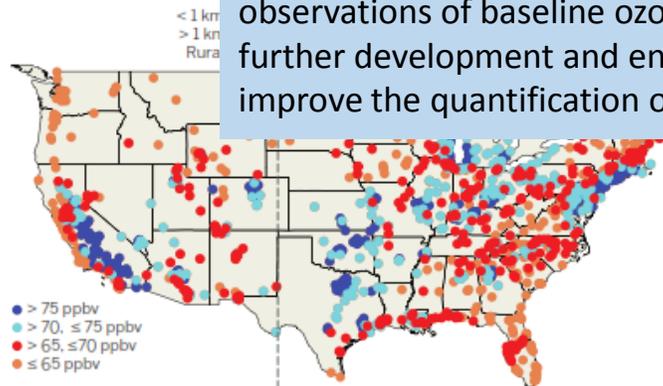
Understanding the origins of surface ozone is complicated by its multitude of sources. Ozone is transported to the surface from the natural reservoir in the stratosphere or produced from precursor gases [nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and volatile organic compounds] that react in the presence of sunlight. Ozone precursors have natural sources—such as vegetation, wildfires, and lightning—and are also emitted by human activity—such as combustion of fossil fuels and human-caused biomass burning.

The current primary (health-based) EPA standard is 75 parts per billion by volume (ppbv), with 227 U.S. counties, home to 123 million people, classified as not having attained the standard (www.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/index.html). In November 2014, EPA proposed a revised primary ozone standard in the range of 65 to 70 ppbv in order to improve public health protection (2). The most recent ozone “design values” were used to determine whether ozone observations comply with the standard (which is based on

the 3-year average of the four maximum 8-hour ozone at all EPA-approved sites (see the chart). The high values in large urban areas. Recent data to 2013 reveal that 358 and 58 design values that would exceed the ozone standard of 70 and 65 ppbv, respectively (www.epa.gov/groundlevel/ozone.html). The good news is that ozone values are declining because of reductions in precursor emissions from regulations such as the state implementation plan across 22 eastern states in 2009 and nationwide Tier 2 Vehicle and Light-Duty Program that began in 2009. These emissions trends to 2013 are shown in 2015 owing to already projected trends (3).

Although ozone design values are generally declining across the United States, trends are weakest at rural sites in the western United States (above sea level) (4). One possible reason is greater exposure to “stratospheric” ozone that flows across the Pacific Ocean or is transported from the lower stratosphere

## EPA-approved ozone monitors



Ozone design values at all EPA ozone monitors operating during 2011–2013. The vertical dashed line separates the high-elevation regions (>1.5 km) of the west from the east. Western sites are divided into those above and below 1 km above sea level, with a separate overlapping category of rural sites. [Ozone values source: www.epa.gov/airtrends/values.html]

## THE CHALLENGE

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(10–12) and ozone observations above the California coast (9) and rural Nevada (6) also indicate substantial baseline ozone at low-elevation rural and urban (<1.5 km) sites in the western United States.

EPA is aware of ozone variations across the western United States and has conducted research for the latest standard (1, 3) by focusing on the western North American background ozone (10, 11). This is ozone that is not the result of any anthropogenic precursor emissions, although background ozone is a component of baseline ozone. Baseline ozone is measured by instruments that are not affected by global-scale atmospheric transport models. It represents the proportion of stratospheric ozone that is not domestic air pollution; these estimates help air quality managers determine how much domestic emissions must be reduced to meet the ozone standard. Air quality managers need the tools and data requisite to provide the information needed to protect public health and welfare without reducing the quality of life. EPA ozone is an important component of air quality management policies. Using regional air-quality models, EPA estimated that background ozone in the western United States (April to September) ranged from 65 to 85 ppbv, with the highest values in the southwest (Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and New Mexico, and individual days appear in the proposed standard).

“Existing and up-coming EPA regulations and guidance will assist states in ensuring background ozone does not create unnecessary control obligations” (13). However, these mechanisms require states and EPA to be able to quantify the overall contribution and sources of background ozone. The role of scientists is to inform the decision-making by conducting research to accurately quantify background ozone. The challenges are model accuracy and limited observations of baseline ozone, which require further development and enhancement in order to improve the quantification of background ozone. A comparison of two global models shows that they differ in their estimates of monthly mean background ozone by as much as 10 ppbv and produce different seasonal cycles (12). Global models also have deficiencies in re-

## MOTIVATION

From both scientific and regulatory points of view, a lower ozone standard will motivate air quality-control planners to seek more accurate and precise attribution of observed ozone to local, upwind, and stratospheric sources of ozone to determine how much domestic emissions must be reduced in order to attain that standard....

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seek more accurate and precise attribution of observed ozone to local, upwind, and stratospheric sources of ozone to determine how much domestic emissions must be reduced in order to attain that standard. A lower ozone standard will also increase the probability that the standard will be exceeded in springtime, which would require the attribution of ozone episodes beyond the typical summertime period of concern. Accurate quantification of background ozone under this new paradigm would require enhanced baseline ozone observations at a spatial density and temporal frequency adequate for evaluating and improving the models. Once the models can replicate baseline ozone, greater confidence can be placed in their estimates of background and locally produced ozone.

Additional observations include routine vertical ozone profiles at multiple coastal and inland sites using balloon-borne ozonesondes, ground-based ozone lidars, or, possibly, commercial aircraft. Related options include augmenting the U.S. Tropospheric Ozone Lidar Network (TOLNet), the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Global Greenhouse Gas Reference Network aircraft program, or the European In-Service Aircraft for a Global Observing System (IAGOS). New

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## Free tropospheric monitoring

- Ozonesondes
- Lidar (TOLNet)
- Research and commercial aircraft (IAGOS, NOAA GMD)

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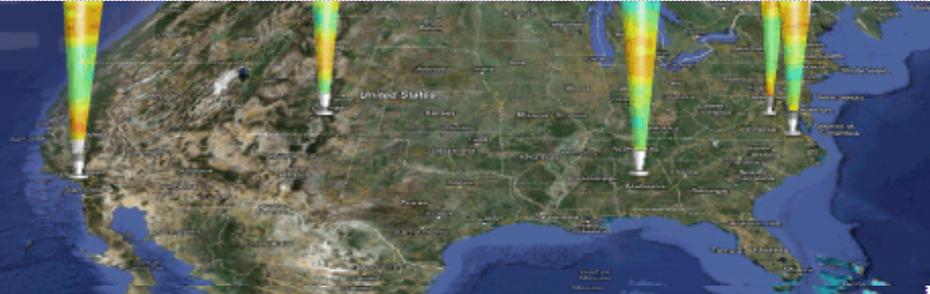
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### **Ground-Based Profiling of Tropospheric Ozone**

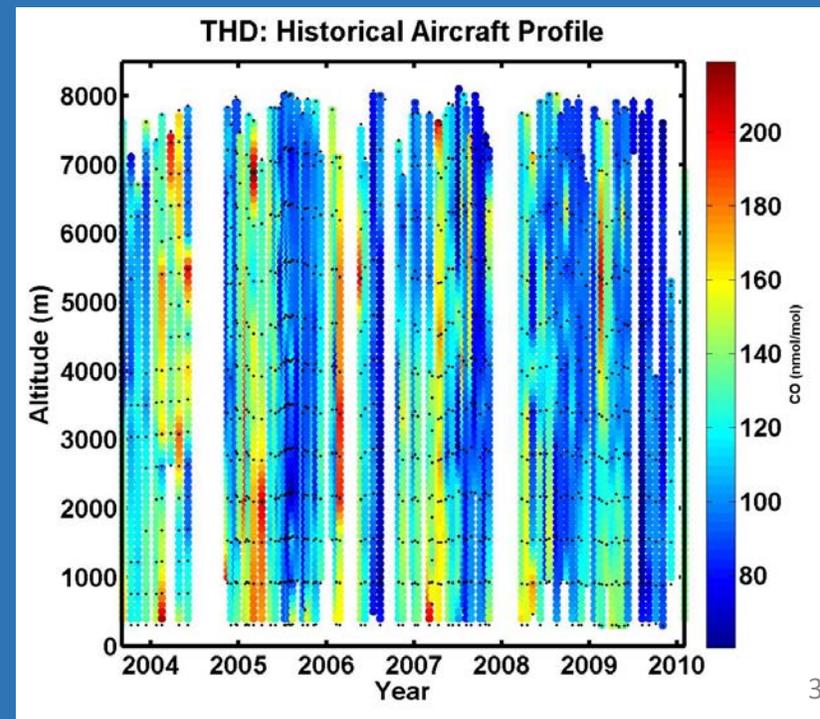
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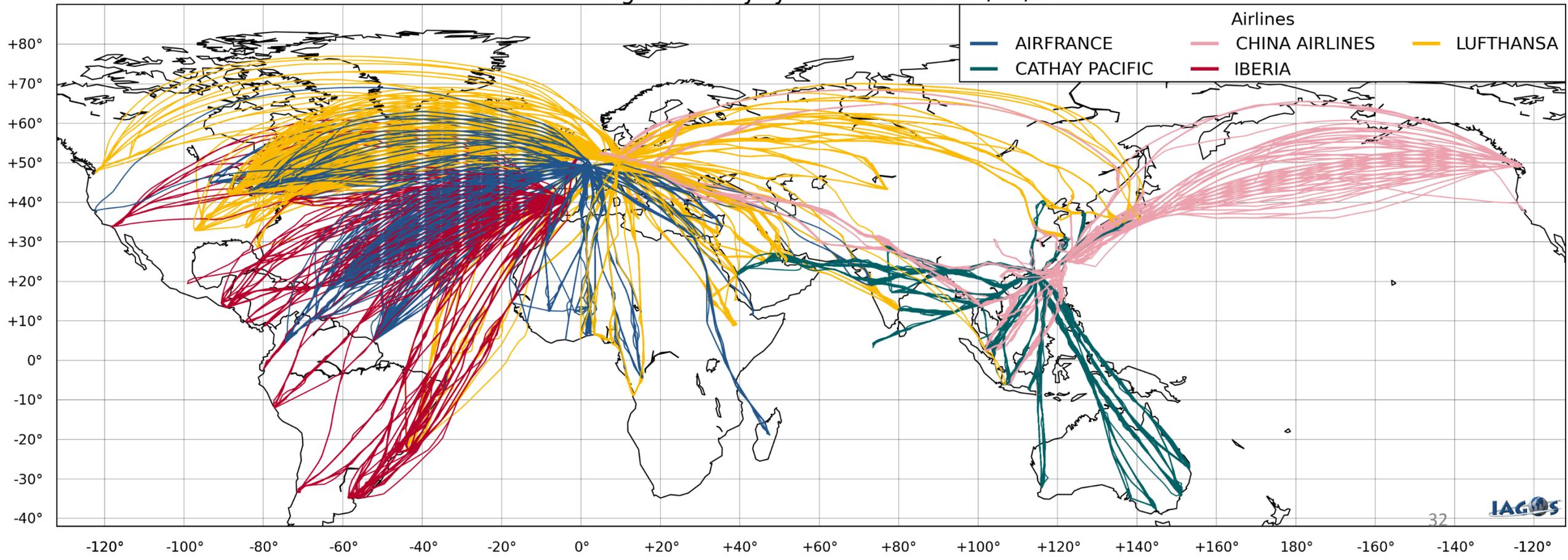
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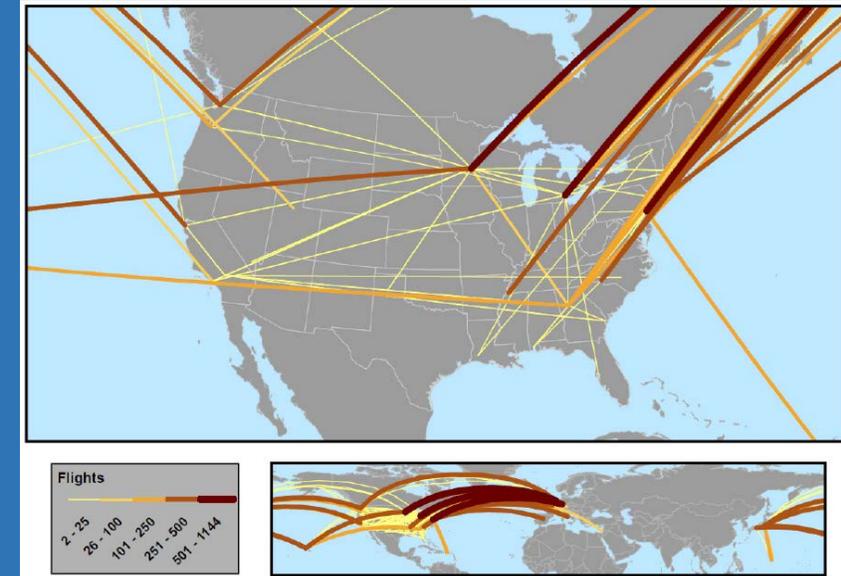
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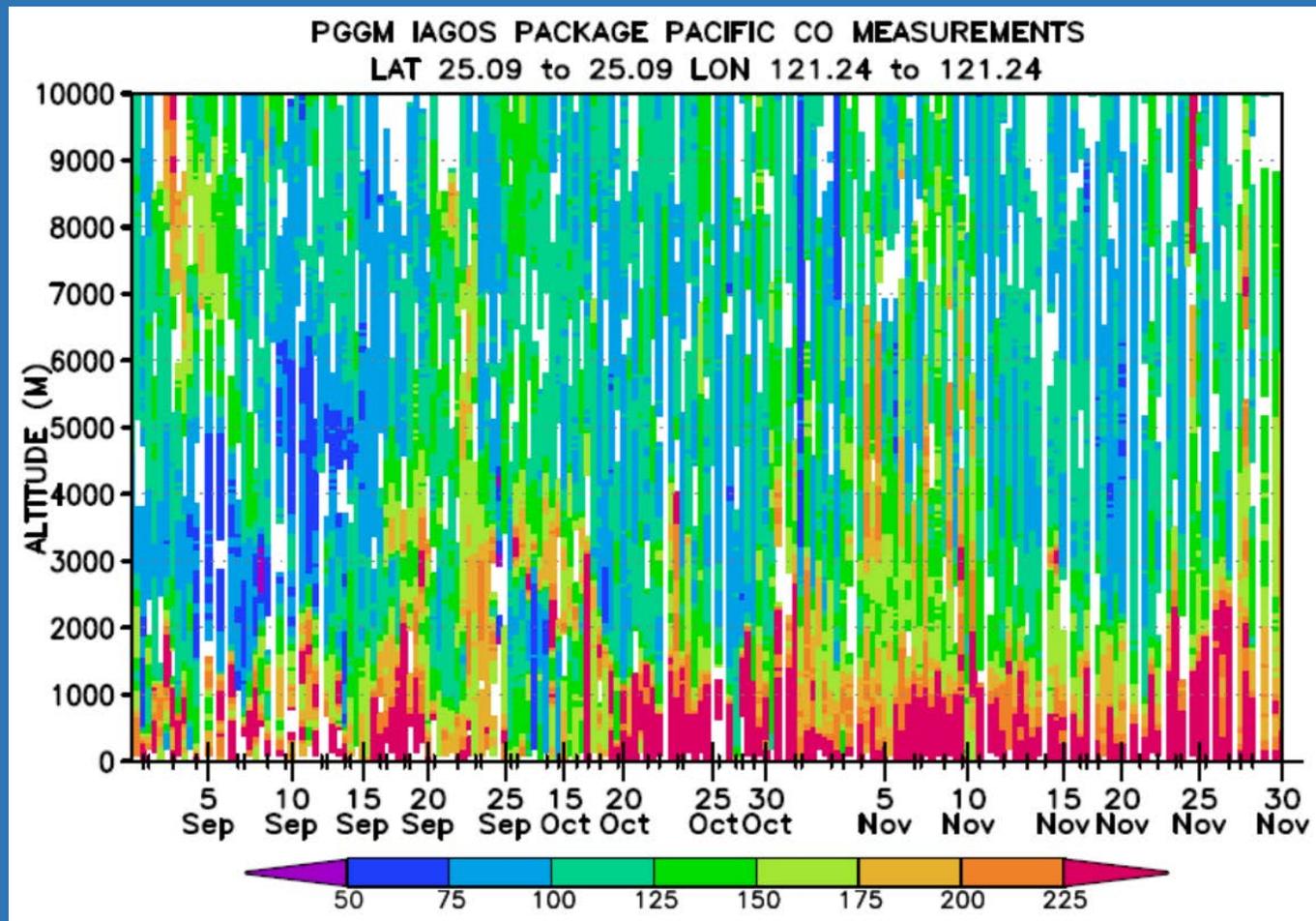
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Flight tracks and flight frequency during 2009 of all A330 aircraft based in the United States. *Figure produced by S. D. Jacob, FAA.*

# An example of IAGOS CO profiles above Taipei, Taiwan

Figure by Kuo-Ying Wang, National Central University, Taiwan



California GDP in 2012: 1,959 billion USD

Taiwan GDP in 2012: 465 billion USD

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CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and ozone among other trace gases up to 8 km



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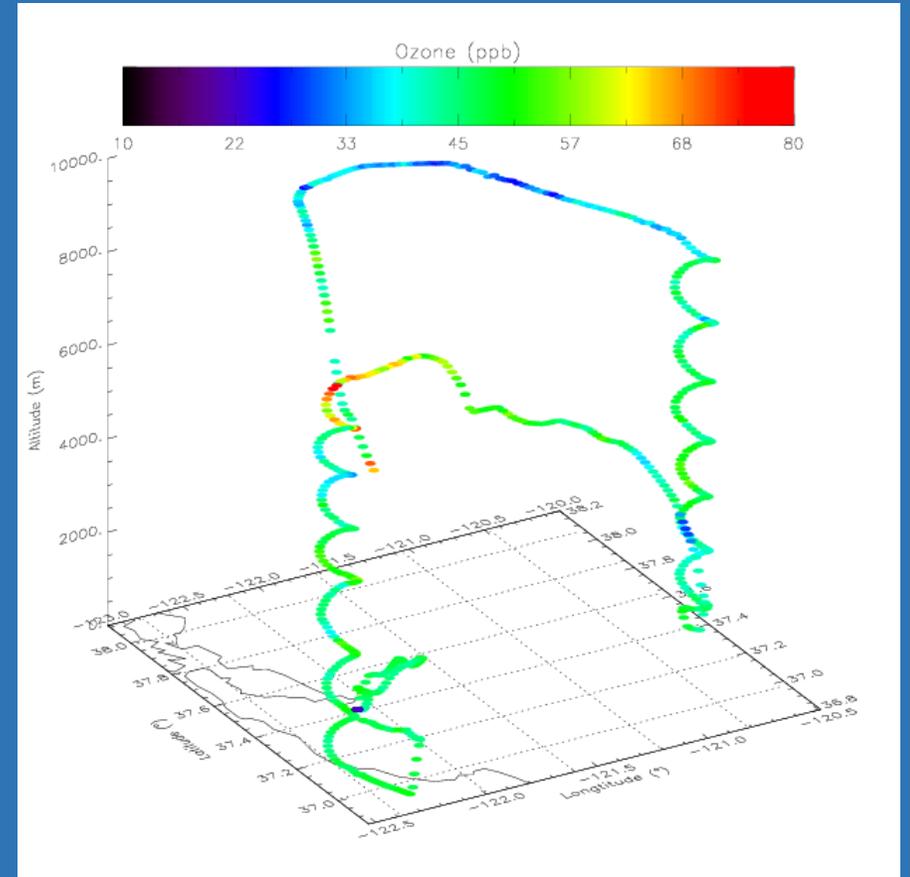
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## Baseline Ozone Network Design

### Surface monitoring:

Take advantage of existing Trinidad Head MBL and Chews Ridge mountain top ozone monitors.

Add MBL ozone monitors to Pt Reyes and Vandenburg AFB.

Add a mountain top site west of Redding.

### Daily Vertical Profiles:

Highest priority is an ozone lidar at Pt Reyes or Bodega Bay.

Lidars at Trinidad Head and Vandenburg AFB are also needed.

Launch ozonesondes on cloudy days

