Ozone

Title	Ozone Toxicity and Remediation in Crop Plants
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Abstracts	Seedlings of durum wheat [Triticum turgidum subsp. durum (Desf.) Husn] were exposed to zinc nutrition and to ozone (O3) in a factorial combination: adequate (+Zn treatment) or no Zn (−Zn) in the nutrient solution, followed by exposure to either ozone-free air (filtered air, FA) or to 150 nL L−1 ozone (O3) for 4 h. Although omitting Zn from the nutrient solution failed to impose a genuine Zn deficiency, −Zn*FA durum wheat seedlings showed a typical deficiency behaviour, i.e. Zn mobilisation from root to shoot. Such inter-organ Zn redistribution, however, did not occur in −Zn*O3 plants. Exposures to each stress singly decreased the activity and the protein amount of foliar plasma membrane H+-ATPase, but not stress combination, which even increased the H+-ATPase expression with respect to control. In the −Zn*O3 plants, moreover, the foliar activities of the plasma membrane-bound NAD(P)H-dependent superoxide synthase and of Cu, Zn-superoxide dismutase, and the transcripts abundance of the luminal binding protein and of the protein disulphide isomerase, were also stimulated. It is proposed that, even in the absence of actual Zn starvation, the perception of deficiency conditions could trigger changes in redox homoeostasis at the plasma membrane level, helpful in compensating an O3- dependent oxidative damage.
Keywords	Zinc; Surface ozone; Plasma membrane; Redox activation; Durum wheat; Triticum turgidum subsp. durum (Desf.) Husn

Title	**Exposure- and flux-based assessment of ozone risk to sugarcane plants**
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Abstracts	Ozone (O3) is a toxic oxidative air pollutant, with significant detrimental effects on crops. Sugarcane (Saccharum spp.) is an important crop with no O3 risk assessment performed so far. This study aimed to assess O3 risk to sugarcane plants by using exposure-based indices (AOT40 and W126) based on O3 concentrations in the air, and the flux-based index (PODy, where y is a threshold of uptake) that considers leaf O3 uptake and the influence of environmental conditions on stomatal conductance (gsto). Two sugarcane genotypes (IACSP94-2094 and IACSP95-5000) were subjected to a 90-day Free-Air Controlled Experiment (FACE) exposure at three levels of O3 concentrations: ambient (Amb); Amb x1.2; and Amb x1.4. Total above-ground biomass (AGB), stalk biomass (SB) and leaf biomass (LB) were evaluated and the potential biomass production in a clean air was estimated by assuming a theoretical clean atmosphere at 10 ppb as 24 h O3 average. The Jarvis-type multiplicative algorithm was used to parametrize gsto including environmental factors i.e. air temperature, light intensity, air vapor pressure deficit, and minimum night-time temperature. Ozone exposure caused a negative impact on AGB, SB and LB. The O3 sensitivity of sugarcane may be related to its high gsto (~535 mmol H2O m−2 s−1). As sugarcane is adapted to hot climate conditions, gsto was restricted when the current minimum air temperature (Tmin) was below ~14 °C and the minimum night-time air temperature of the previous day (Tnmin) was below ~7.5 °C. The flux-based index (PODy) performed better than the exposure-based indices in estimating O3 effect on biomass losses. We recommend a y threshold of 2 nmol m−2 s−1 to incorporate O3 effects on both AGB and SB and 1 nmol m−2 s−1 on LB. In order not to exceed 4% reduction in the growth of these two sugarcane genotypes, we recommend the following critical levels: 1.09 and 1.04 mmol m−2 POD2 for AGB, 0.91 and 0.96 mmol m−2 POD2 for SB, and 3.00 and 2.36 mmol m−2 POD1 for LB of IACSP95-5000 and IACSP94-2094, respectively.
Keywords	Tropospheric ozone; PODy; Stomatal conductance; Ozone FACE; Air pollution; Sugarcane

Title	Tropospheric ozone pollution in India: effects on crop yield and product quality
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Abstracts	Ozone (O3) in troposphere is the most critical secondary air pollutant, and being phytotoxic causes substantial losses to agricultural productivity. Its increasing concentration in India particularly in Indo-Gangetic plains is an issue of major concern as it is posing a threat to agriculture. In view of the issue of rising surface level of O3 in India, the aim of this compilation is to present the past and the prevailing concentrations of O3 and its important precursor (oxides of nitrogen) over the Indian region. The resulting magnitude of reductions in crop productivity as well as alteration in the quality of the product attributable to tropospheric O3 has also been taken up. Studies in relation to yield measurements have been conducted predominantly in open top chambers (OTCs) and also assessed by using antiozonant ethylene diurea (EDU). There is a substantial spatial difference in O3 distribution at different places displaying variable O3 concentrations due to seasonal and geographical variations. This review further recognizes the major information lacuna and also highlights future perspectives to get the grips with rising trend of ground level O3 pollution and also to formulate the policies to check the emissions of O3 precursors in India.
Keywords	Crop productivity; Ethylene diurea; India; Oxides of nitrogen; Ozone; Quality; Yield

Title	Effects of Ozone on Japanese Trees
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Abstracts	The effects of ozone (O3) on tree species in Japan have been studied since the 1970s. Based on the results from O3 fumigation studies, current ambient levels of O3 have negative impacts on the growth and physiological functions of Japanese forest tree species, although there is a big variation of O3 sensitivity between species. Stomatal O3 uptake is one of the key factors that can explain the differences in O3 sensitivity between species and modeling of this factor has been intensively studied during the past decade. Although O3 generally induces stomatal closure, less efficient stomatal control, so-called stomatal sluggishness, is also induced by chronic exposure to O3. These opposite phenomena result in complex responses of stomata to O3. Detailed gas exchange analysis has revealed that O3-induced reductions in the photosynthetic rate of Japanese forest tree species were mainly due to a biochemical limitation in chloroplasts, but not due to stomatal closure. Risk assessments of the O3 impact on Japanese forest tree species, based on the results of experimental studies, national monitoring data of air pollutant concentrations, and vegetation surveys, indicate that the areas with high O3-induced reduction in growth do not necessarily correspond to the areas with relatively high O3 exposure. Free-air O3 fumigation systems in Japan were developed in 2011. Studies with this novel technology have clarified differences in leaf O3sensitivities between canopy positions, and have estimated the effects of O3 on whole-canopy carbon budgets. As future perspectives, not only we need clarification of the physiological mechanisms of O3 impact, but we also need clarification of the effects of interactions between trees and other biotic factors such as diseases, herbivores, and symbiotic microbes.
Keywords	Ozone Japanese ,forest tree species, Growth Physiological functions, Stomatal function

Title	**How do increasing background concentrations of tropospheric ozone affect peatland plant growth and carbon gas exchange?**
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Abstracts	In this study we have demonstrated that plants originating from upland peat bogs are sensitive to increasing background concentrations of ozone. Peatland mesocosms from an upland peat bog in North Wales, UK were exposed to eight levels of elevated background ozone in solardomes for 4 months from May to August, with 24 h mean ozone concentrations ranging from 16 to 94 ppb and cumulative AOT024hr ranging from 45.98 ppm h to 259.63 ppm h. Our results show that plant senescence increased with increasing exposure to ozone, although there was no significant effect of increasing ozone on plant biomass. Assessments of carbon dioxide and methane fluxes from the mesocosms suggests that there was no change in carbon dioxide fluxes over the 4 month exposure period but that methane fluxes increased as cumulative ozone exposure increased to a maximum AOT 024hr of approximately 120 ppm h and then decreased as cumulative ozone exposure increased further.
Keywords	Tropospheric ozone; Methane; Peatlands; Wetlands; Senescence

Title	Effects of Ozone on Chinese Trees
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Abstracts	This chapter reviews the effects of elevated ozone on tree species in China, based on the results of studies in the past two decades. The high ozone concentration in summer in most parts of China has induced typical ozone symptoms in urban and mountain forest tree species. In experiments using open-top chambers, elevated ozone affected the growth, gas-exchange rate, foliar microscopy, antioxidant systems, and biogenic volatile organic compound (BVOC) emissions in trees. The effects of ozone on biomass accumulation depended on the ozone concentration, tree species sensitivity, and exposure duration. The ozone uptake of individual tree species was also investigated by the sap flow technique. Further studies were conducted on the interactions between O3 and other environmental change factors, such as increasing CO2 concentrations, increased nitrogen deposition, and drought. Future needs for research include the development of an O3 flux model for the most widely used tree species and the assessment of ozone removal by urban forests on a regional and a national scale.
Keywords	Biomass; Elevated CO_2; Forest tree species; Gas exchange; N deposition ozone Senescence

Title	**Leaf traits and photosynthetic responses of Betula pendula saplings to a range of ground-level ozone concentrations at a range of nitrogen loads**
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Abstracts	Ground-level ozone (O3) concentrations and atmospheric nitrogen (N) deposition rates have increased strongly since the 1950s. Rising ground-level O3 concentrations and atmospheric N deposition both affect plant physiology and growth, however, impacts have often been studied in isolation rather than in combination. In addition, studies are often limited to a control treatment and one or two elevated levels of ozone and/or nitrogen supply. In the current study,three-year old Betula pendula saplings were exposed to seven different O3 profiles (24 h mean O3 concentration of 36–68 ppb in 2013, with peaks up to an average of 105 ppb) in precision-controlled hemispherical glasshouses (solardomes) and four different N loads (10, 30, 50 or 70 kg N ha−1 y−1) in 2012 and 2013. Here we report on the effects of enhanced O3 concentrations and N load on leaf traits and gas exchange in leaves of varying age and developmental stage in 2013. The response of leaf traits to O3 (but not N) vary with leaf developmental stage. For example, elevated O3 did not affect the chlorophyll content of the youngest fully expanded leaf, but it reduced the chlorophyll content and photosynthetic parameters in aging leaves, relatively more so later than earlier in the growing season. Elevated O3enhanced the N content of senesced leaves prior to leaf fall, potentially affecting subsequent N cycling in the soil. Enhanced N generally stimulated the chlorophyll content and photosynthetic capacity. Whilst elevated O3 reduced the light-saturated rate of photosynthesis (Asat) in aging leaves, it did not affect stomatal conductance (gs). This suggests that photosynthesis and gs are not closely coupled at elevated O3 under-light saturating conditions. We did not observe any interactions between O3 and N regarding photosynthetic parameters (Vc,max, Jmax, Asat), chlorophyll content, gs, N content in senesced leaves and leaf number. Hence, the sensitivity of these leaf traits to O3 in young silver birch trees is neither reduced nor enhanced by N load.
Keywords	Air pollution; Chlorophyll content; Leaf age; Nitrogen content; Photosynthetic capacity; Stomatal conductance

Title	**Removal of Ozone by Urban and Peri-Urban Forests: Evidence from Laboratory, Field, and Modeling Approaches**
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Abstracts	A crucial issue in urban environments is the interaction between urban trees and atmospheric pollution, particularly ozone (O3). Ozone represents one of the most harmful pollutants in urban and peri-urban environments, especially in warm climates. Besides the large interest in reducing anthropogenic and biogenic precursors of O3 emissions, there is growing scientific activity aimed at understanding O3 removal by vegetation, particularly trees. The intent of this paper is to provide the state of the art and suggestions to improve future studies of O3 fluxes and to discuss implications of O3 flux studies to maximize environmental services through the planning and management of urban forests. To evaluate and quantify the potential of O3 removal in urban and peri-urban forests, we describe experimental approaches to measure O3 fluxes, distinguishing laboratory experiments, field measurements, and model estimates, including recent case studies. We discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the different approaches and conclude that the combination of the three levels of investigation is essential for estimating O3 removal by urban trees. We also comment on the implications of these findings for planning and management of urban forests, suggesting some key issues that should be considered to maximize O3 removal by urban and peri-urban forests.
Keywords	Anthropogenic ; biogenic precursors; peri urban ; Senescence

Title	**Responses of a tropical tree species to ozone: visible leaf injury, growth, and lipid peroxidation.**
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Abstracts	The Brazilian native tree species Astronium graveolens was indicated as sensitive to ozone in a fumigation experiment. Thus, the objective of this study was to evaluate how sensitive A. graveolens is to ozone under realistic conditions in the field.Eighteen saplings were exposed to ozone in a contaminated area and in a greenhouse with filtered air during two exposure periods of approximately 63 days each (March–May 2012 and September–October 2012). Leaf injury was analyzed by means of its incidence and severity, the leaf injury index (LII) and the progression of leaf abscission. These variables were monitored weekly, whereas growth and lipid peroxidation were monitored monthly. Plants exposed to ozone showed significant growth decrease and visible leaf injury increase, but lipid peroxidation and leaf abscission remained unchanged. These results indicated that plants subjected to ozone possibly diverted energy from growth to the production of antioxidants necessary to cope with ozone-induced oxidative stress.
Keywords	Air pollution; Ozone; Tropical tree species; Ozone-induced injuries; Astronium graveolens

Title	**Current ambient concentrations of ozone in Panama modulate the leaf chemistry of the tropical tree Ficus insipida**
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Abstracts	Tropospheric ozone (O3) is a major air pollutant and greenhouse gas, affecting carbon dynamics, ecological interactions, and agricultural productivity across continents and biomes. Elevated [O3] has been documented in tropical evergreen forests, the epicenters of terrestrial primary productivity and plant-consumer interactions. However, the effects of O3 on vegetation have not previously been studied in these forests. In this study, we quantified ambient O3 in a region shared by forests and urban/commercial zones in Panama and found levels two to three times greater than in remote tropical sites. We examined the effects of these ambient O3 levels on the growth and chemistry of seedlings of Ficus insipida, a regionally widespread tree with high stomatal conductance, using open-top chambers supplied withozone-free or ambient air. We evaluated the differences across treatments in biomass and, using UPLC-MS-MS, leaf secondary metabolites and membrane lipids. Mean [O3] in ambient air was below the levels that induce chronic stress in temperate broadleaved trees, and biomass did not differ across treatments. However, leaf secondary metabolites – including phenolics and a terpenoid – were significantly downregulated in the ambient air treatment. Membrane lipids were present at lower concentrations in older leaves grown in ambient air, suggesting accelerated senescence. Thus, in a tree species with high O3 uptake via high stomatal conductance, current ambient [O3] in Panamanian forests are sufficient to induce chronic effects on leaf chemistry.
Keywords	Ozone; Tropical forest; Open-top chamber; Secondary metabolite; Senescence; Stomatal conductance