

Analysis of the ozone uncertainties for the the McMurdo measurements, but these results are probably more universal than that.

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Overall uncertainties for ozonesonde measurements from “O3S-DQA-Guidelines Homogenization-V2-19November2012.doc”.

$$[\text{Eq.3}] \quad \frac{\Delta P_{\text{O}_3}}{P_{\text{O}_3}} = \sqrt{\frac{(\Delta I_M)^2 + (\Delta I_B)^2}{(I_M - I_B)^2} + \left(\frac{\Delta \eta_C}{\eta_C}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta \Phi_P}{\Phi_P}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta T_P}{T_P}\right)^2}$$

1. ΔI_B and ΔI_m

From the McMurdo measurements the results for average and standard deviation are:

Science Pump :

$$I_{b0}(225 \text{ sondes}) = 0.058 \pm 0.018 \mu\text{A} - I_{b0}$$

$$I_{b1}(225 \text{ sondes}) = 0.099 \pm 0.060 \mu\text{A} - I_{b1}$$

$$I_{b2}(380 \text{ sondes}) = 0.057 \pm 0.046 \mu\text{A} - I_{b2}$$

ENSCI :

$$I_{b0}(520 \text{ sondes}) = 0.045 \pm 0.020 \mu\text{A} - I_{b0}$$

$$I_{b1}(520 \text{ sondes}) = 0.057 \pm 0.032 \mu\text{A} - I_{b1}$$

$$I_{b2}(520 \text{ sondes}) = 0.028 \pm 0.033 \mu\text{A} - I_{b2}$$

From this I assume

$$\Delta I_B(\text{Science Pump}) = 0.05 \mu\text{A} \text{ and } \Delta I_B(\text{Ensci}) = 0.03 \mu\text{A}$$

Assume $\Delta I_M = 0.1 \mu\text{A}$ – resolution of digital interface board (Herman Smit, personal communication).

With these values

$\frac{(\Delta I_M)^2 + (\Delta I_B)^2}{(I_M - I_B)^2}$ contributes over half of the uncertainty for $I_m < 3.0 \mu\text{A}$ ($< 1.4 \mu\text{A}$ – with a transfer function).

2.0 Conversion Efficiency η_C – O3s-DQA pp 13 (section 8.1)

$$\frac{\Delta \eta_C}{\eta_C} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta \alpha_{O3}}{\alpha_{O3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta S_{O3/12}}{S_{O3/12}}\right)^2}$$

$$\Delta \alpha_{O3} = 0.02, \alpha_{O3} = 1.0, \Delta S_{O3/12} = 0.03, S_{O3/12} = 1.0,$$

→ $(\Delta \eta_C / \eta_C)^2 = 0.0013$ with no transfer function.
This is biggest contributor to uncertainty for $I_m > 3.0 \mu A$.

With a transfer function

$$\Delta S_{O3/12} = 0.03 + 0.05 \text{ (O3S-DQA, pp 16)}, S_{O3/12} = 1.0$$

→ $(\Delta \eta_C / \eta_C)^2 = 0.0068$ with a transfer function

This is biggest contributor to uncertainty for $I_m > 1.4 \mu A$ with a transfer function.

3.0 Pump Temperature Measurement -- O3s-DQA pp 29 (section 8.3)

$$\left(\frac{\Delta T_P}{T_P}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\Delta T_{P,Measured}}{T_{P,Measured}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta(\Delta T_{PC})}{T_{P,Measured}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta(\Delta T_{PPI})}{T_{P,Measured}}\right)^2$$

For the modern (digital) sounding systems $\Delta T_{P,Measured} \sim \pm 0.5 \text{ K}$.

$\Delta T_{PPI}(P_{Air})$ is the correction to obtain the “truest” pump piston housing temperature from the internal pump base temperature as given by [Eq.12], whereby uncertainty contribution $\delta(\Delta T_{PPI}) = \pm 0.5 \text{ K}$.

Case IV: External pump (epoxied/glued thermistors) temperature measurements in digital sounding systems:

$$\Delta T_C(P_{Air}) = \Delta T_{PIG}(P_{Air}) \text{ [see Eq.11]}$$

$$\text{Uncertainty } \delta(\Delta T_{PIG}) = \pm 0.5 \text{ K}$$

Thus,

$$\Delta T_{P,M} = \Delta T_{PC} = \Delta T_{PPI} = 0.5 \rightarrow$$

$$\left(\frac{\Delta T_P}{T_P}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\Delta T_{P,Measured}}{T_{P,Measured}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta(\Delta T_{PC})}{T_{P,Measured}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta(\Delta T_{PPI})}{T_{P,Measured}}\right)^2 = 3 \cdot 0.5^2 / T_{P,M}^2 = 0.75 / T_{P,M}^2$$

For a typical ozonesonde, $T_{P,M}$ is near 300 K $\rightarrow (\Delta T_P/T_P)^2 = 0.75/300^2$.

Then $(dT_P/T_P)^2 = 0.000031$

Case V: Internal pump (thermistors inside pump base) temperature measurements in digital sounding systems

No correction: $\Delta T_C = 0 \text{ K}$ & Uncertainty $\delta(\Delta T_C) = 0 \text{ K}$

Thus,

$$\Delta T_{P,M} = \Delta T_{PPI} = 0.5, \text{ and } \Delta T_{PC} = 0.0 \rightarrow$$

$$\left(\frac{\Delta T_P}{T_P}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\Delta T_{P,Measured}}{T_{P,Measured}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta(\Delta T_{PC})}{T_{P,Measured}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta(\Delta T_{PPI})}{T_{P,Measured}}\right)^2 = 2 \cdot 0.5^2 / T_{P,M}^2 = 0.5 / T_{P,M}^2$$

For a typical ozonesonde, $T_{P,M}$ is near 300 K $\rightarrow (\Delta T_P/T_P)^2 = 0.5/300^2 = 3.06573e-005$

Then $(dT_P/T_P)^2 = 0.000020$

Averaging of the two cases $(dT_P/T_P)^2 = 0.000026$

4. Pump Flow Rate at Ground: Corrections for “Humidification Effect” & “Piston Temperature” -- O3s-DQA pp 32-33 (section 8.4) and Pump Flow Efficiency at Low Pressures -- O3s-DQA pp 34-35 (section 8.5)

To obtain the uncertainty of the corrected pump flowrate determined at ground Consequently the propagation of individual uncertainty contributions can be expressed as: [Eq.20]

$$\frac{\Delta \Phi_{P,Ground}}{\Phi_{P,Ground}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta \Phi_{P,Measured}}{\Phi_{P,Measured}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C_{PL}}{1 + C_{PL} - C_{PH}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C_{PH}}{1 + C_{PL} - C_{PH}}\right)^2}$$

$C_{PL} \ll 1$ and $C_{PH} \ll 1$ such that this simplifies into:

$$[Eq.21] \quad \frac{\Delta \Phi_{P,Ground}}{\Phi_{P,Ground}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta \Phi_{P,Measured}}{\Phi_{P,Measured}}\right)^2 + (\Delta C_{PL})^2 + (\Delta C_{PH})^2}$$

With $\Delta \Phi_{P,Measured}/\Phi_{P,Measured}$ better than $\pm 2\%$ \rightarrow

$$(\Delta \Phi_{P,Measured}/\Phi_{P,Measured})^2 = (0.02)^2 = 0.0004$$

$$C_{PL} = \frac{T_{Pump} - T_{Lab}}{T_{Lab}}, \quad \text{usually } (T_{Pump} - T_{Lab}) \text{ is } \sim +2 \text{ K with an uncertainty of about } \pm 0.5 \text{ K}$$

Following the analysis for C_{PH}

$$C_{PL,Average} = (C_{PL,High} + C_{PL,Low})/2 \text{ and } \Delta C_{PL} = \pm(C_{PL,High} - C_{PL,Low})/2$$

For McMurdo C_{PL} ranges from:

$$\text{For 1986-1992: } AvC_{pl} = 0.006882 \quad dC_{pl} = 0.000059 \quad dC_{pl}^2 = 0.000000004$$

$$\text{For 1993-2010: } AvC_{pl} = 0.006765 \quad dC_{pl} = 0.000057 \quad dC_{pl}^2 = 0.000000003$$

$$\text{For 1986-2010: } AvC_{pl} = 0.006823 \quad dC_{pl} = 0.000058 \quad dC_{pl}^2 = 0.000000003$$

$$C_{PH} = \left[1 - \frac{RH_{In}}{100}\right] \cdot \frac{P_{H_2O,Sat}(T_{Lab})}{P_{Lab}}$$

$$C_{PH,Average} = (C_{PH,High} + C_{PH,Low})/2 \text{ and } \Delta C_{PH} = \pm(C_{PH,High} - C_{PH,Low})/2$$

For McMurdo C_{PH} ranges from:

$$\text{For 1986-1992: } AvC_{ph} = 0.017214 \quad dC_{ph} = 0.005182 \quad dC_{ph}^2 = 0.000026855$$

$$\text{For 1993-2010: } AvC_{ph} = 0.019054 \quad dC_{ph} = 0.004909 \quad dC_{ph}^2 = 0.000024096$$

$$\text{For 1986-2010: } AvC_{ph} = 0.018134 \quad dC_{ph} = 0.005045 \quad dC_{ph}^2 = 0.000025476$$

$$\text{This leads to an overall } (\Delta \Phi_{P,ground}/\Phi_{P,ground})^2 = 0.000425$$

4.1 Pump efficiency at low pressures

Then we must add the pump efficiency factor for the Wyoming pump corrections. These are given by the SD of 794 Oz Pump CF measurements

University of Wyoming Ozone pump flow efficiency measurements,
See c:\prog\OZPUMPS\AvSdozpumps.cf

Prs-hPa	NoMeas.	Ave	SD	CubicFitSD	Stoic
100.0	793	1.024	0.010	0.011	1.007
50.0	788	1.038	0.013	0.010	1.021
30.0	794	1.052	0.016	0.015	1.029
20.0	788	1.070	0.020	0.022	1.038
10.0	794	1.124	0.030	0.034	1.067
7.0	794	1.168	0.038	0.039	1.091
5.0	794	1.225	0.050	0.043	1.122
3.0	197	1.289	0.042	0.044	1.188

Cubic fit to $sd = C(i) \cdot (\text{natural log}(\text{prs-hPa}))^i$,
where $C(i) = 0.023159 \ 0.039282 \ -0.021000 \ 0.002583$

Then

Prs	PCF	sdPCF	sdCalc	sd/PCf	(sd/PCF)^2	(dF/F)^2
100	1.024	0.0100	0.0110	0.01071	0.00011	0.00054
50	1.038	0.0130	0.0101	0.00972	0.00009	0.00052
30	1.052	0.0160	0.0155	0.01470	0.00022	0.00064
20	1.070	0.0200	0.0218	0.02039	0.00042	0.00084
10	1.124	0.0300	0.0338	0.03007	0.00090	0.00133
7	1.168	0.0380	0.0391	0.03349	0.00112	0.00155
5	1.225	0.0500	0.0428	0.03490	0.00122	0.00164
3	1.289	0.0420	0.0444	0.03444	0.00119	0.00161

This leads to an overall $(dFR/FR)^2 = 0.000425 - 0.001612$

$(\Delta\Phi_P/\Phi_P)^2 = f(P) = 0.00164 (P=5 \text{ hPa}) - 0.00043 (P>100 \text{ hPa})$.

These results are summarized in the following table and figure.

	$\frac{\Delta P_{O_3}}{P_{O_3}}$	$\frac{(\Delta I_M)^2 + (\Delta I_B)^2}{(I_M - I_B)^2}$	$(\Delta\eta_c/\eta_c)^2$	$(\Delta\Phi_P/\Phi_P)^2$	$(\Delta T_P/T_P)^2$
I > 0.4 μA					
Best	0.04	0.004	0.0013	0.000425	0.000020
Worst	0.30	0.1		0.001612	0.000031
I < 0.4 μA					
Best	0.30	0.10	0.0013	0.000425	0.000020
Worst	3.0	3.0		0.001612	0.000031
With	a	transfer	function		
I > 0.4 μA					
Best	0.10	0.004	0.0068	0.000425	0.000020
Worst	0.30	0.1		0.001612	0.000031
I < 0.4 μA					
Best	0.30	0.10	0.0068	0.000425	0.000020
Worst	3.0	3.0		0.001612	0.000031

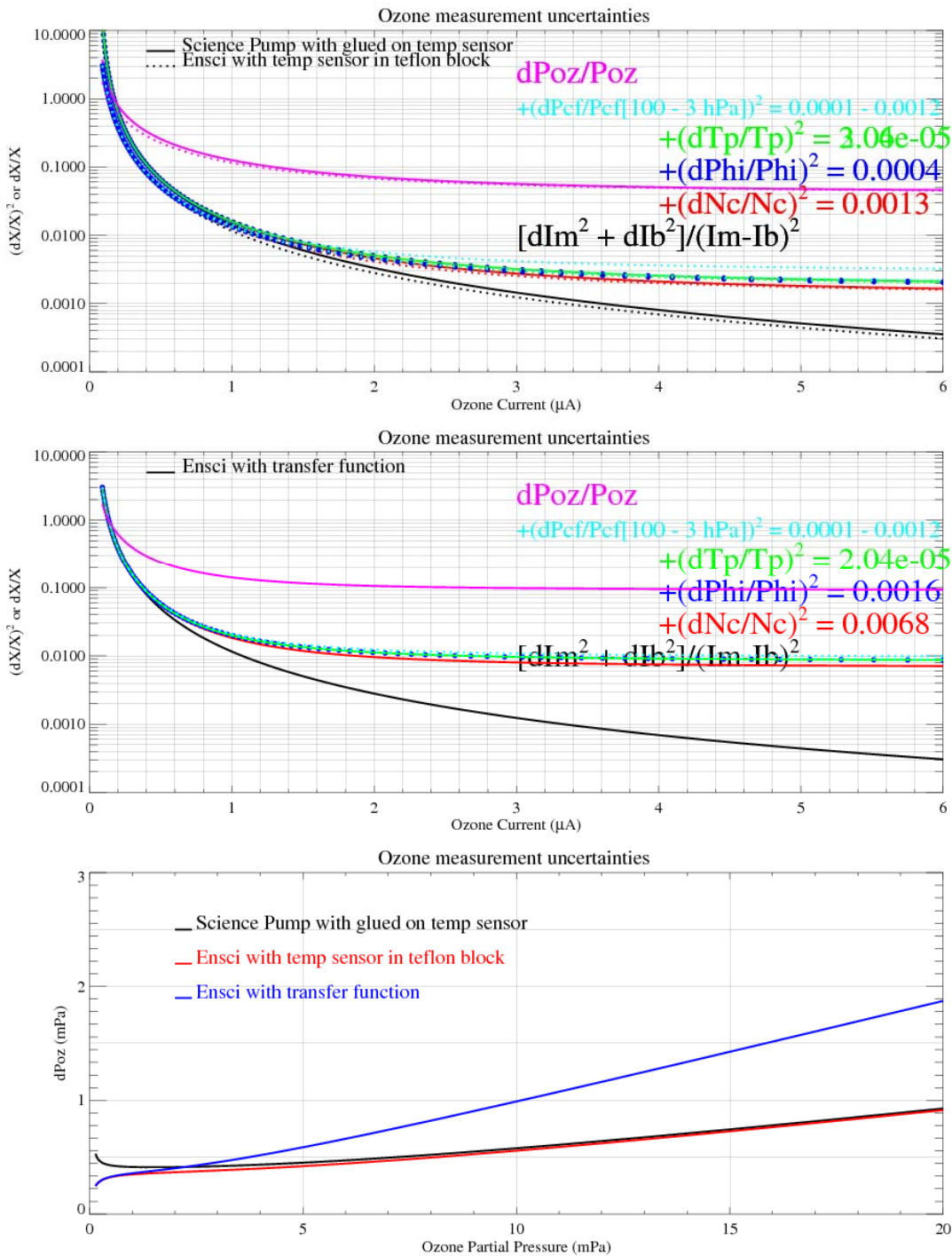
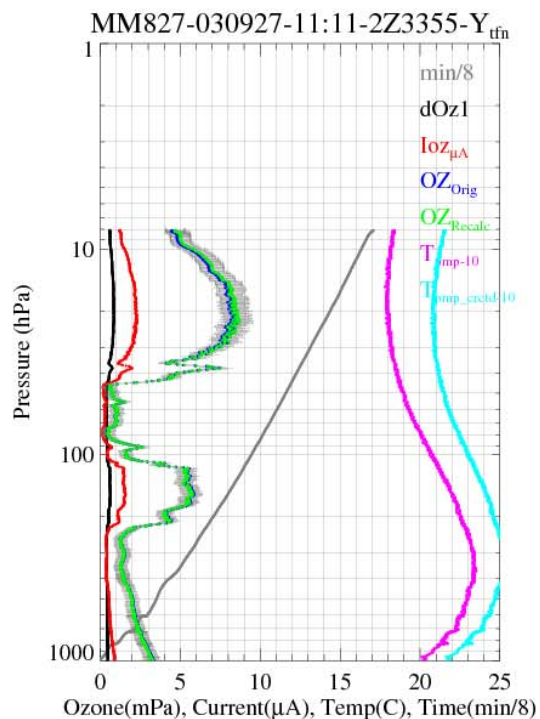
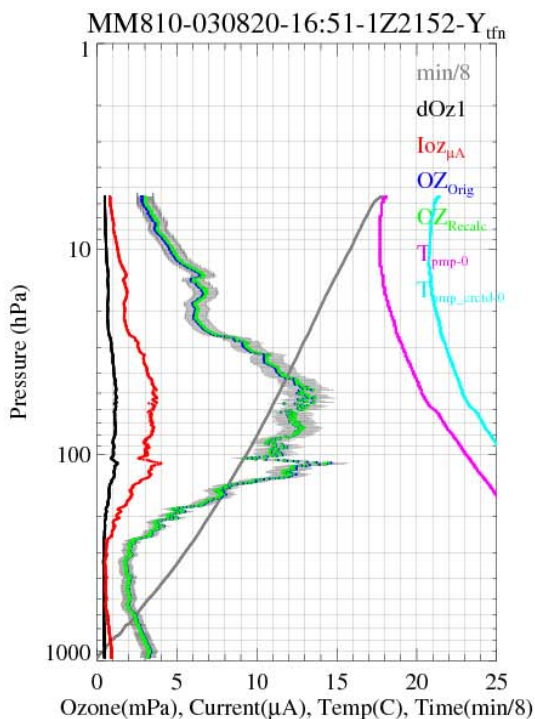
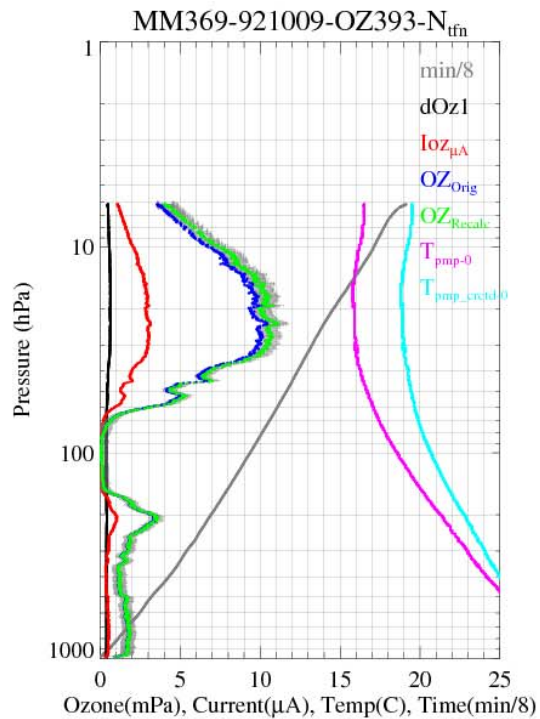
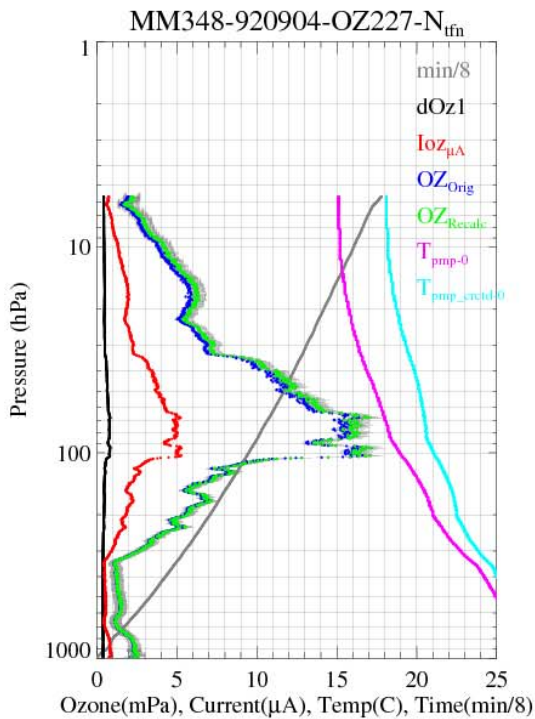


Figure: Top, middle the quantities $(dX/X)^2$ for each contributor to the uncertainty, adding each element to the preceding quantities. The cyan dashed lines show the contribution from the uncertainty associated with the low pressure pump flow correction. Bottom, the uncertainty in absolute value of partial pressure using the $dPoz/Poz$ in the first two graphs over a range of partial pressures.



Examples of corrections and uncertainties applied to McMurdo Science Pump ozone data in 1992 with no transfer function and to ENSCI sondes in 2003 with a 1.0 to 0.5% transfer function applied.