演題: Protection of European vegetation from ozone

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Ozone is a strong phytotoxic air pollutant, and is also recognized as a significant greenhouse gas. Although many questions remain, we now know a great deal about how ozone affects vegetation at the cell/leaf level (by inducing a cascade of biochemical, physiological and morphological responses) and at the plant/canopy level (by affecting allocation and carbon strength, reproduction, hydrology, and the response to co-occurring stressors). Gas exchange measurements carried out at steady state suggest ozone reduces stomatal conductance and thus increases protection from drought and additional ozone. Ozone, however, may impair stomatal control and predispose trees to drought stress under dynamic conditions. In addition, species-specific and individual-specific responses to ozone affect forest competition and biodiversity. There is a need to scale from the cell and leaf level up to the ecosystem and regional level, and to develop a biologically significant and usable standard to protect vegetation from ozone. Europe is moving from the exposure-based index AOT40 to a flux-based index, i.e., the stomatal uptake of ozone. Major challenges to the development of an air quality standard for ozone that has both biological significance and practicality in usage will be analysed.



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