



# UC Davis Climate Sentinel Stations



**San Joaquin Valley**  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT



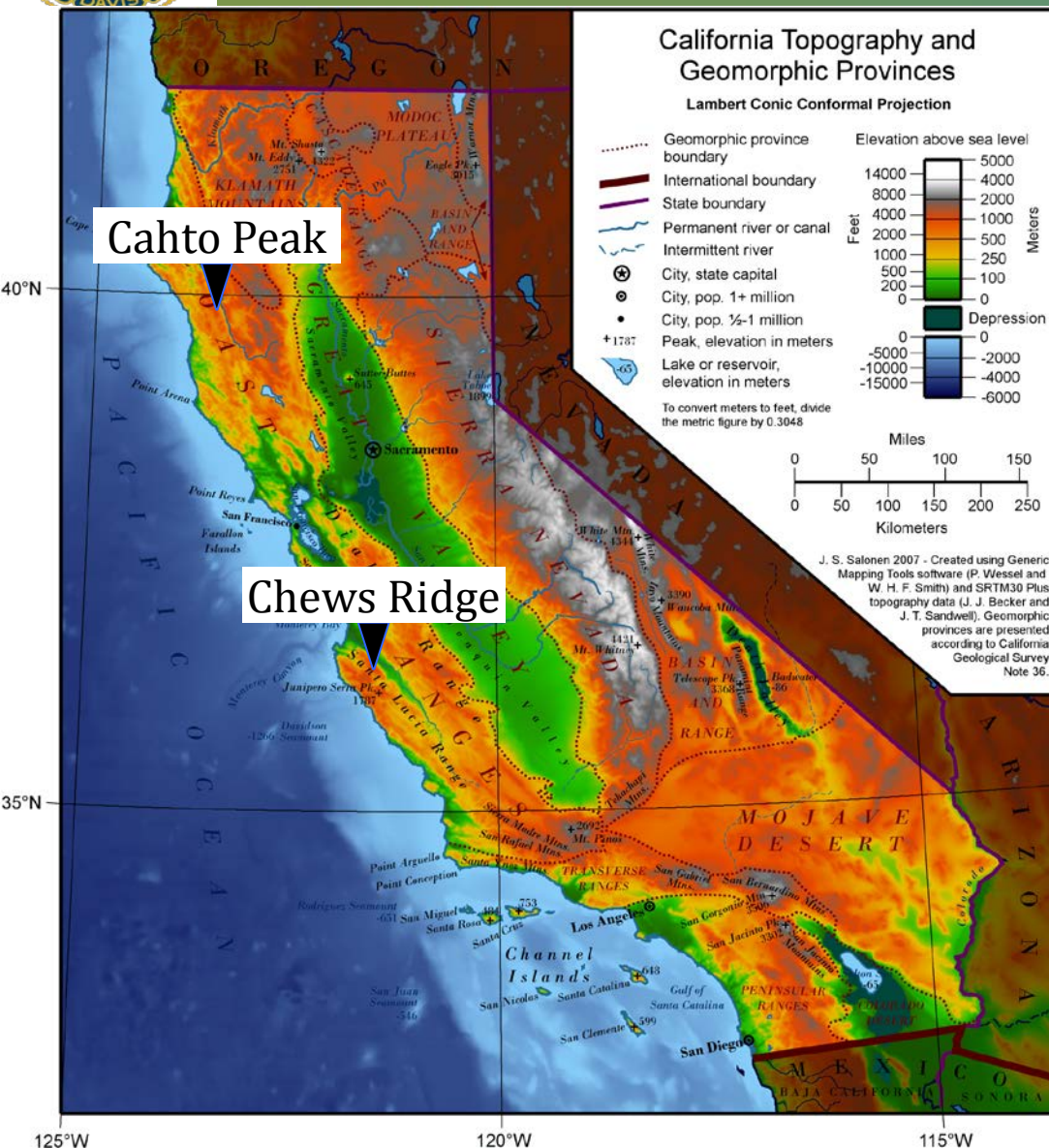
California Environmental Protection Agency  
**Air Resources Board**

## A Bird's Eye View of The Changing Airscape of California

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# The UC Davis Climate Sentinel Sites



**Cahto Peak: 1250 m asl, O<sub>3</sub> + met**



**Chews Ridge: 1450 m asl, O<sub>3</sub>, aerosol size & composition, + met**







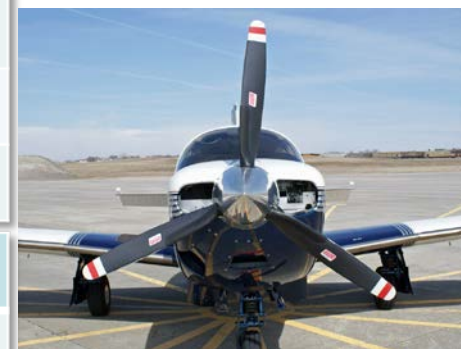
# Airborne Research at UC Davis



Description	
Make & Model	Mooney M20M TLS
Maximum Cruise Speed	200 kts @ 18 gallons/hr
Minimum Cruise Speed	100 kts @ 10 gallons/hr
Payload	925 pounds (including fuel)
Fuel Capacity	89 gallons
Payload with full fuel	407 pounds
110V A/C Power Available	500 Watts

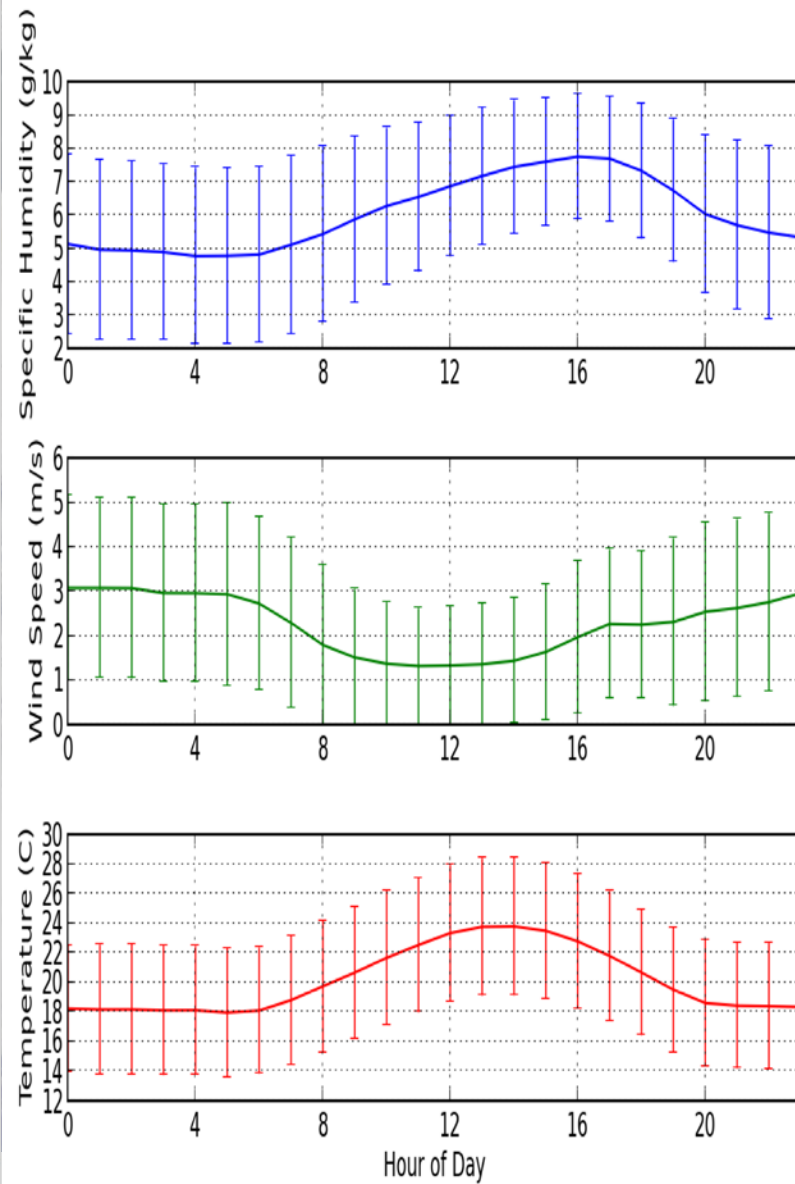
Measurements	Technique
Horizontal Winds	Differential GPS (1 second)
Methane, CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O	PICARRO CaRDS (10 Hz)
Temperature/Humidity	Vaisala Probe (wing mount)
Ozone	2B Model 205

Other, non-routine payloads: LGR NO<sub>2</sub>  
Aerodyne C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>  
NOAA & UCI Whole Air Samples

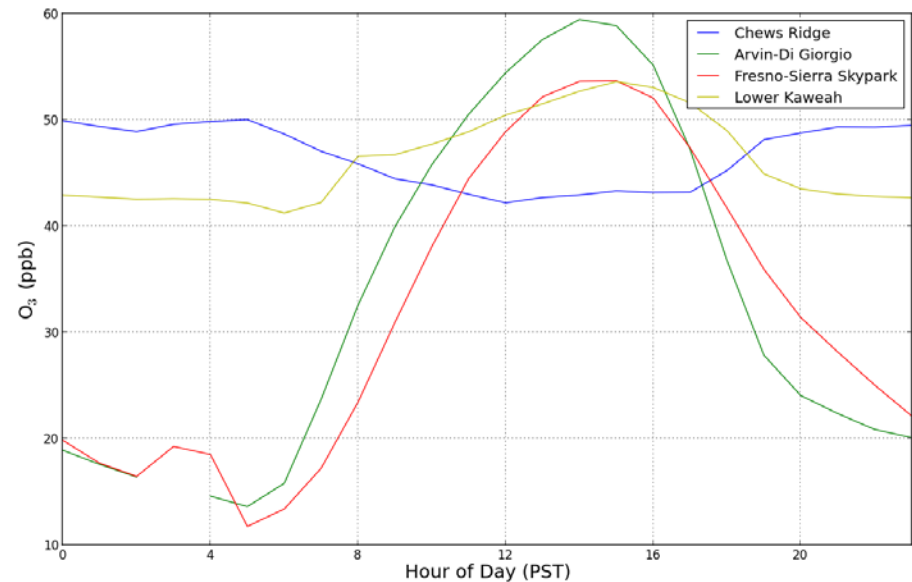




# Diurnal Cycles on Chews Ridge



- ✧  $O_3$  is typically 6-12 ppb **lower** during the daytime;
- ✧ Specific humidity **rises** and winds **slacken**;
- ✧ These diurnal trends indicate a summertime **convective boundary layer** on the ridge: stomatal uptake, evapotranspiration, and increased drag during daytime surface heating.

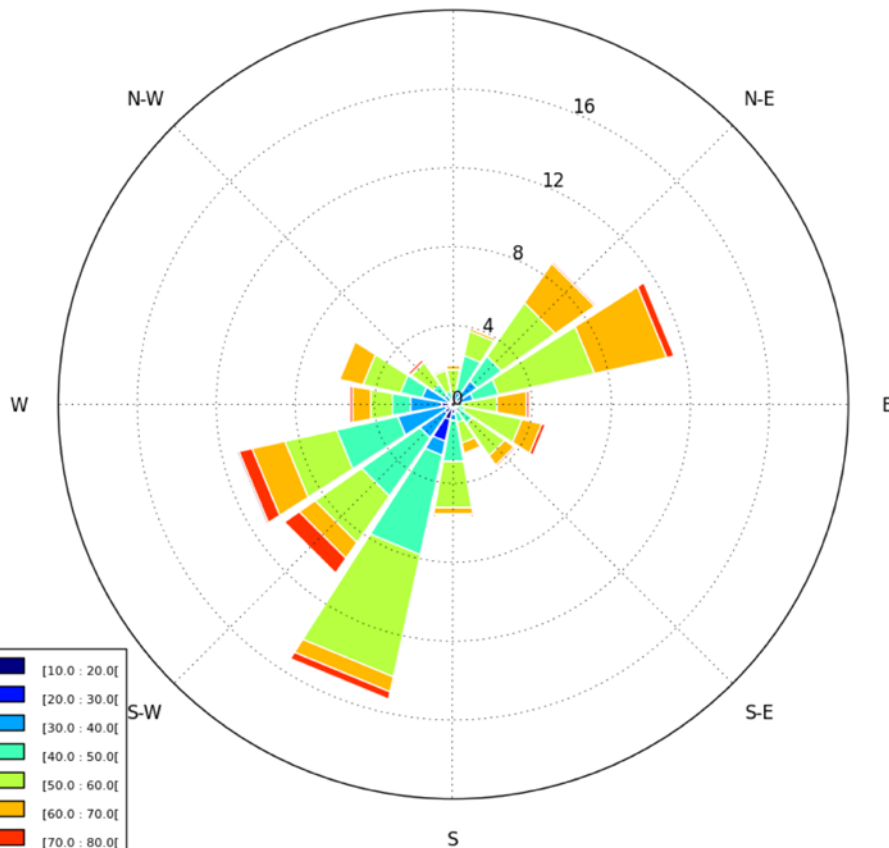




# Chews Ridge, O<sub>3</sub> vs. Wind Dir.

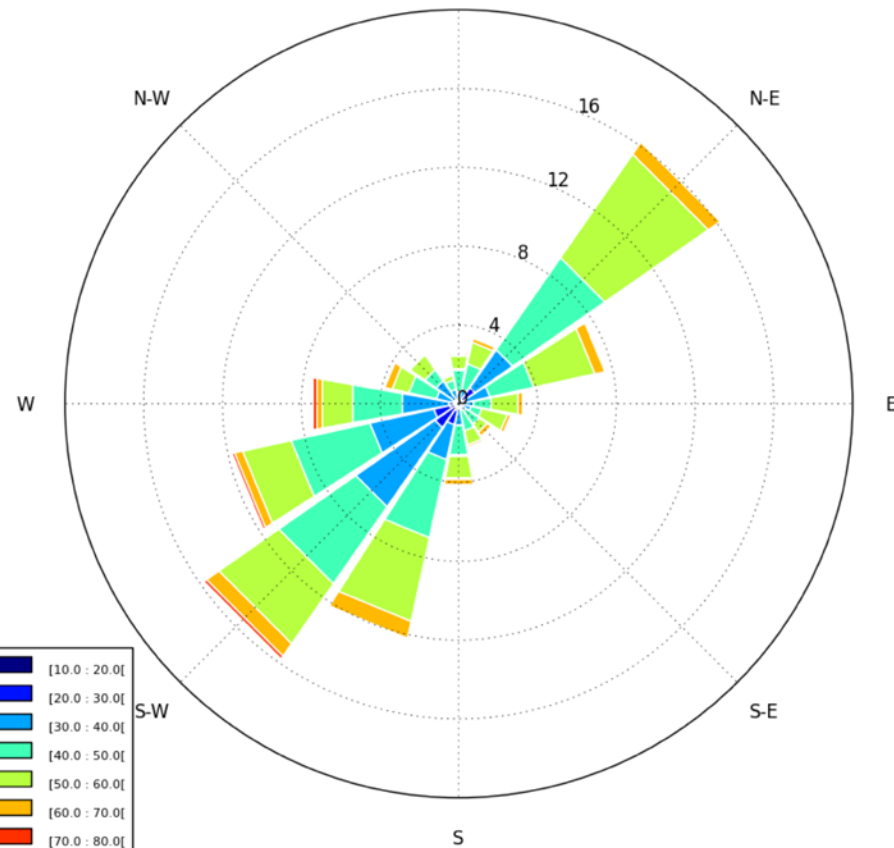
## O<sub>3</sub> Nighttime Pollution Rose

Chews Ridge-JJAS 2012 & 2013, Night (20:00-05:59)

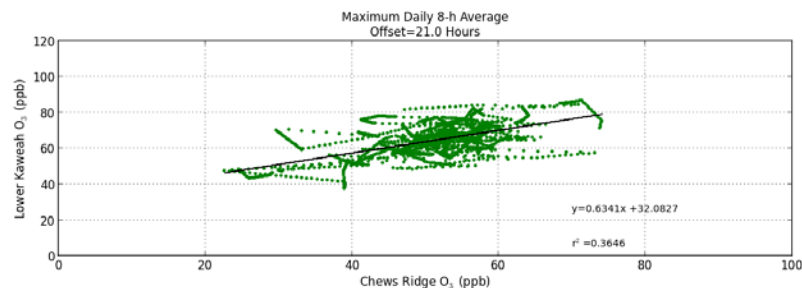
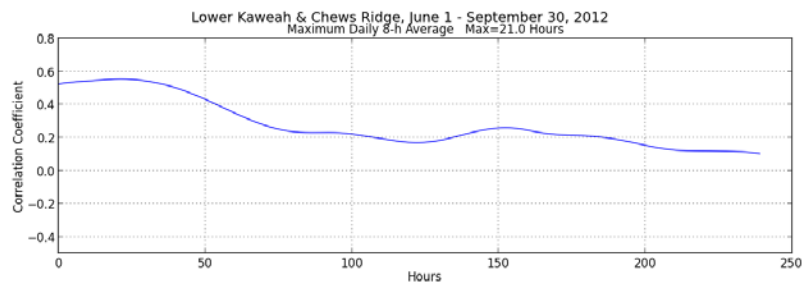
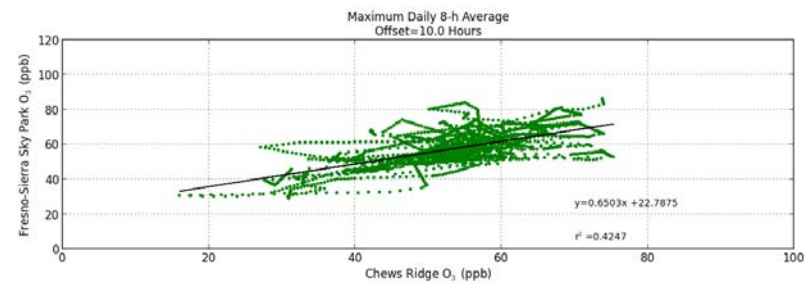
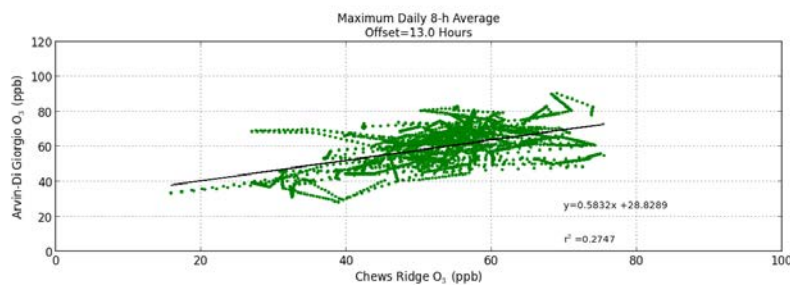
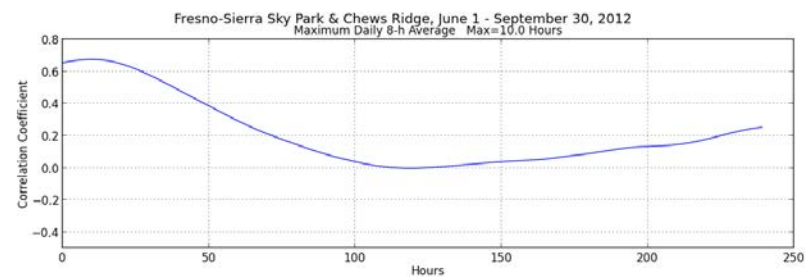
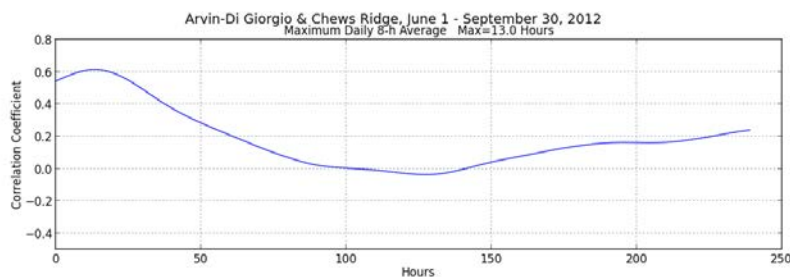


## O<sub>3</sub> Daytime Pollution Rose

Chews Ridge-JJAS, 2012 & 2013 Day (06:00-19:59)

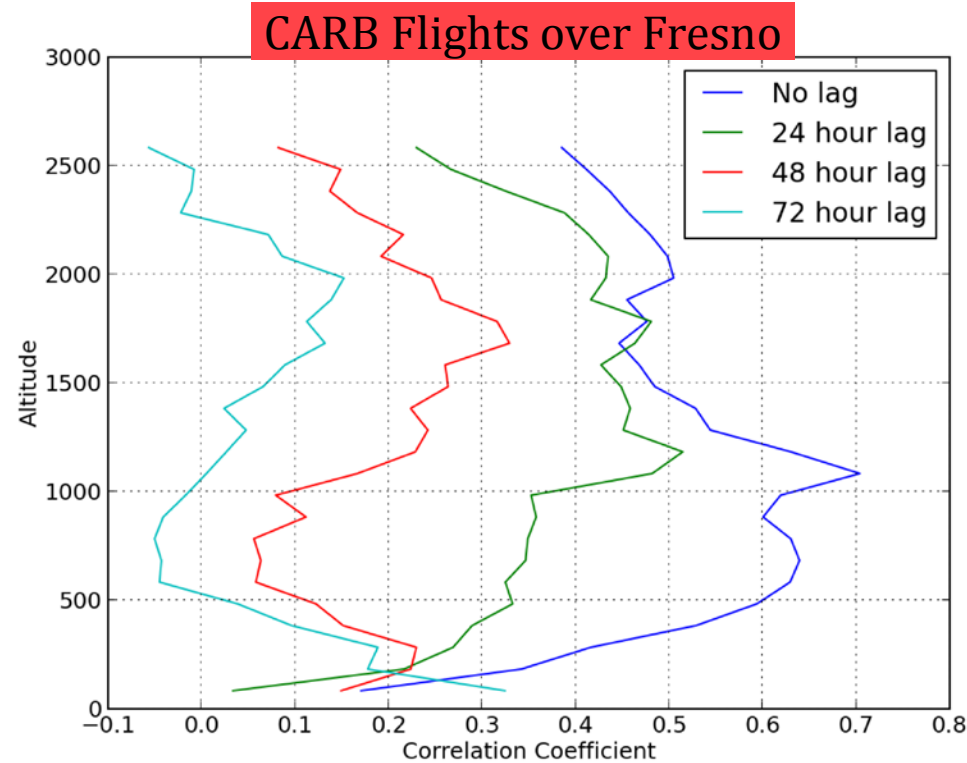
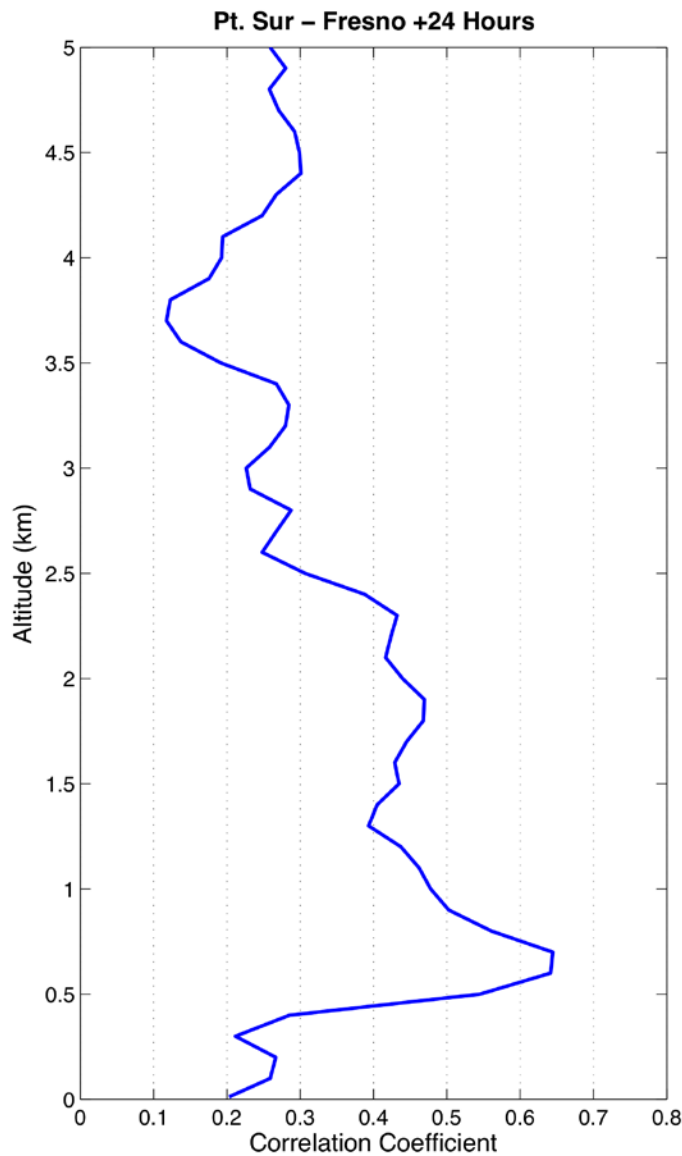








# CalNex O<sub>3</sub>sondes (Pt. Sur), Chews, & Fresno

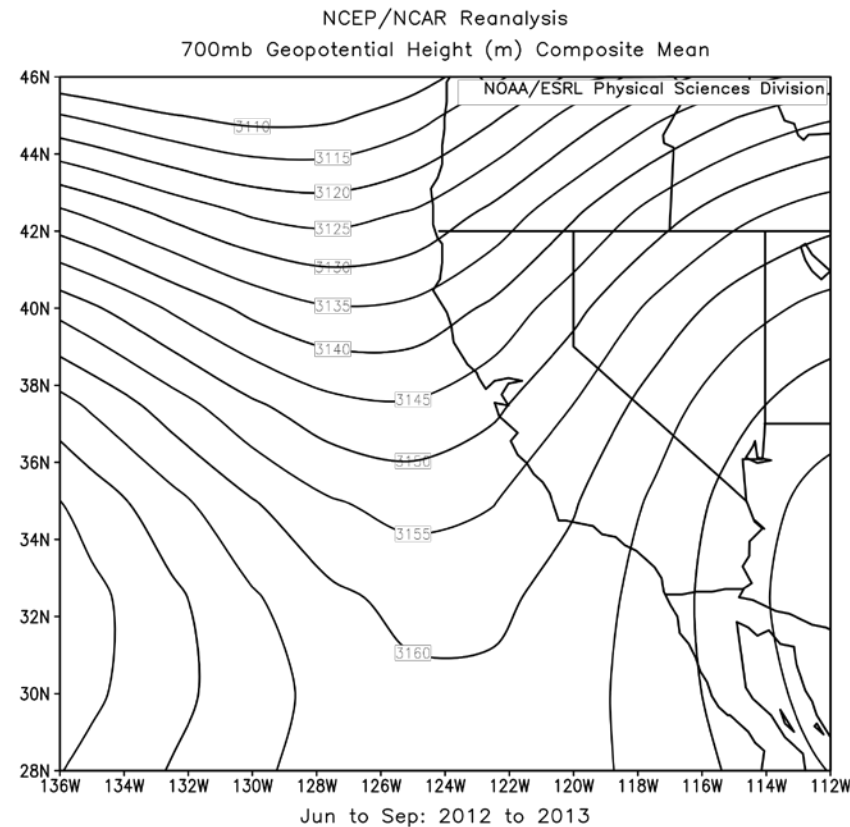
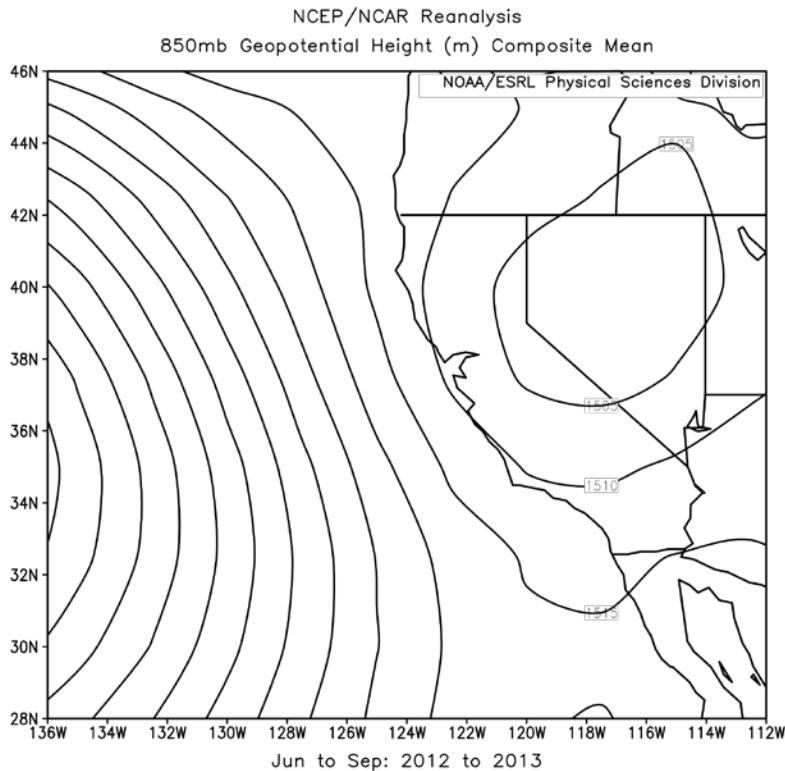




# Strong Shear in Lower FT (700-800 hPa)

➤ Gentle trough along the west coast at 700 hPa →

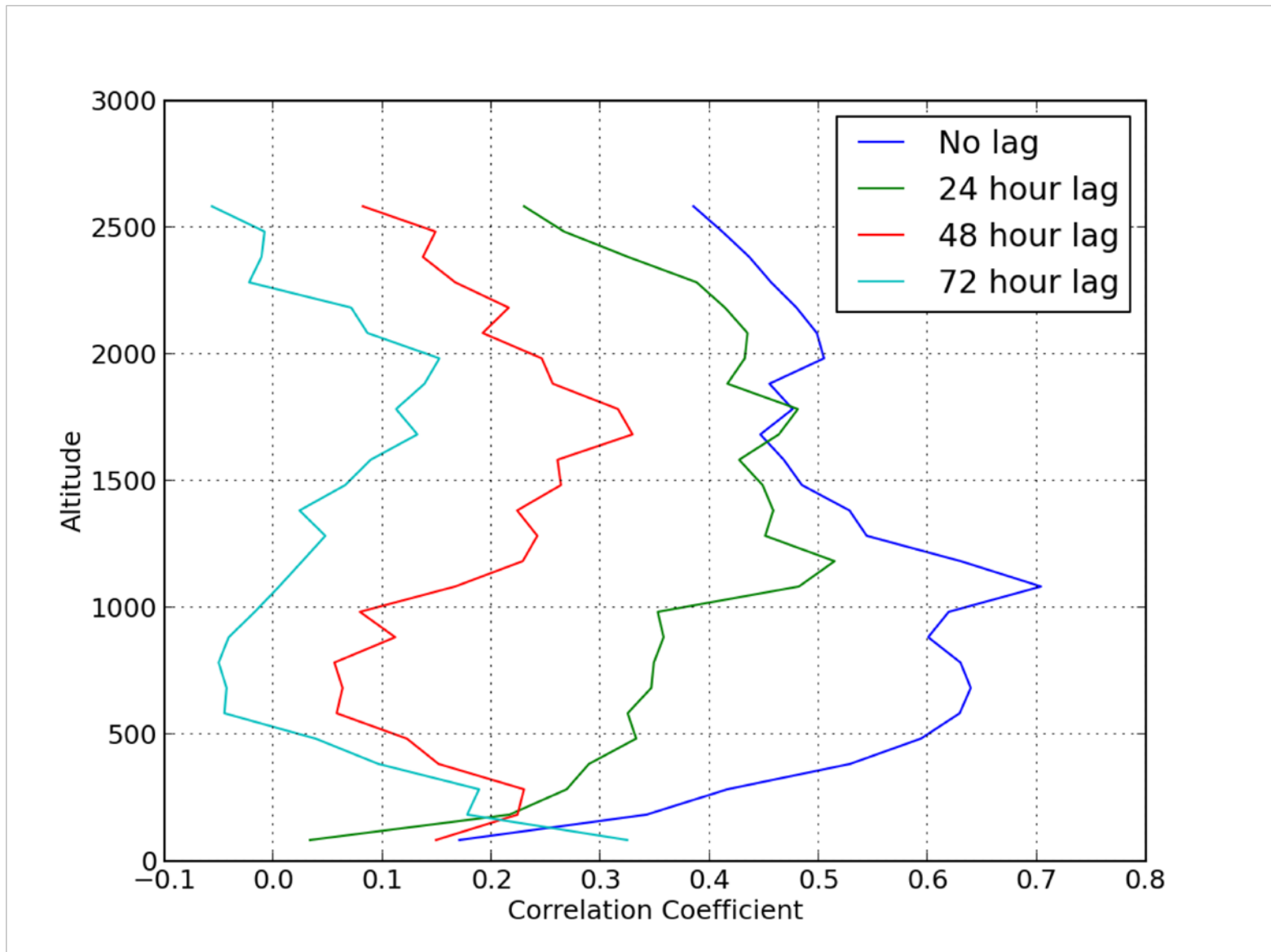
➤ While at 850 hPa there is a strong zonal pressure gradient off the coast ↓







# CARB Flights over Fresno vs. Chews Ridge O<sub>3</sub>





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Session: Constituent Source Characterization, Transport and Chemistry I (cosponsored by AMS)

A52B-02: Airborne Quantification of Ozone Transport and Photochemical Production in the Southern San Joaquin Valley  
10:35 a.m. Friday, Moscone West 3010

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