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What is PolarTREC?

PolarTREC is a professional development experience in which K-12 teachers are paired with researchers in authentic polar research experiences.

In the next three years 36 teachers from around the United States will join scientists in the Arctic and Antarctic in celebration of the International Polar Year!

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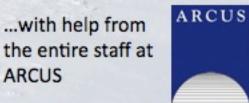
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International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2009

The International Polar Year (2007-2009) is an exciting scientific campaign focusing on the world's polar regions!

IPY is a time for discovery, science, learning, and awareness about the polar regions with activities for youth, scientists, and the public.

www.ipy.org



Who are we talking with today?



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Greenland Atmospheric Studies

Goal of the project:

A team of scientists will be working at Summit, Greenland to find out how snow photochemistry (sunlight-driven reactions) affects the composition of the snow and the atmosphere above it by sampling and analyzing reactive chemicals in the snow and in the air, measuring the sunlight in the snowpack, and determining physical properties of the snow.

Dates:

June 1-July 12, 2008

Location:

Summit Station, Greenland

The peak of the Greenland Ice Cap, atop 3200 meters of ice!

http://www.summitcamp.org/



SUMMIT CAMP, GREENLAND



"Radical Chemistry Over Sunlit Snow" JUNE 1 – JULY 12, 2008

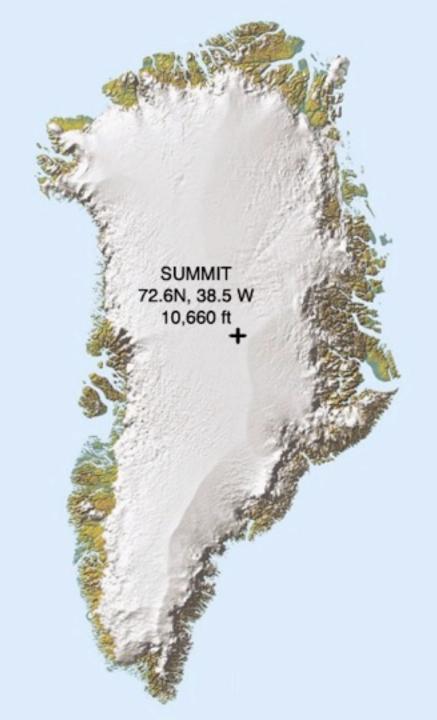


Where Are We?

- Summit, Greenland
- Peak of Greenland's Ice Sheet (10,600 ft)







Summit Station





How did we get here?





What is it like?





Where do we eat?





Where do we sleep?



Arctic Oven

- Doubled walled tent
- •-40 F sleeping bag
- •No heater!

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Why are we here?



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Nitrogen Oxides



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Nitrogen Oxides

+ Hydrocarbons







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Hydrocarbons

+ Sunlight









Nitrogen Oxides

+ Hydrocarbons

+ Sunlight

= Ozone











Is there ozone in Greenland?

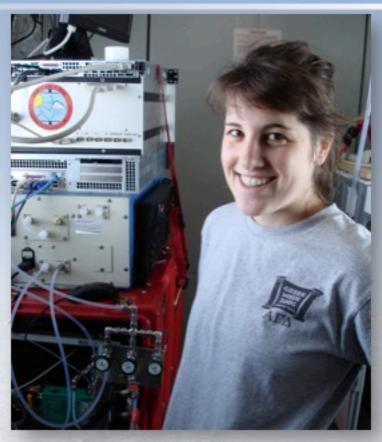
Nitrogen Oxides + Hydrocarbons + Sunlight = Ozone

YES!



Are there nitrogen oxides in Greenland?



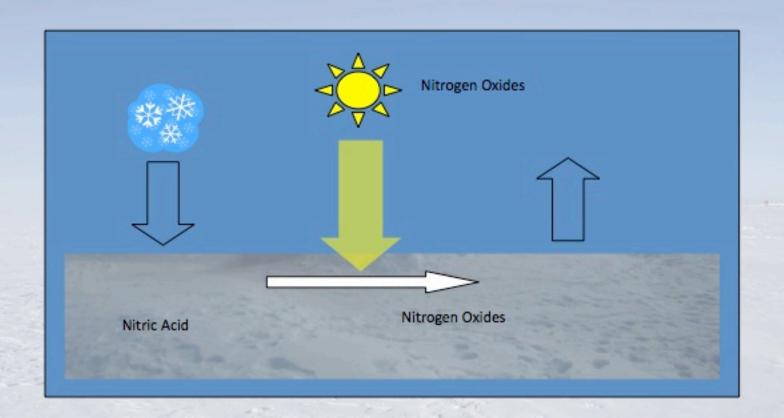


- Bonnie Reicherdt Georgia Tech
- Undergraduate student



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Are there Hydrocarbons in Greenland?



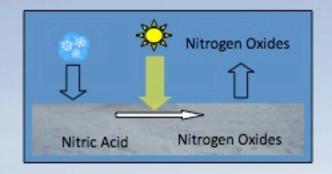


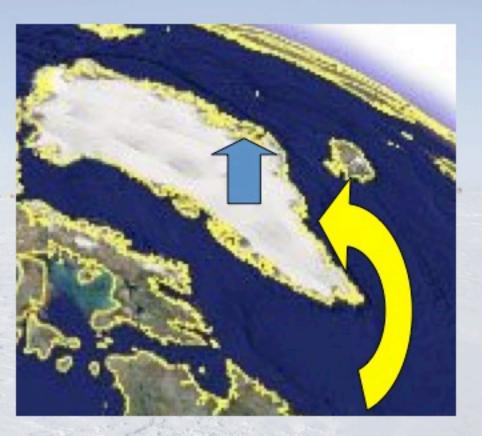
- KATRINE GORHAM University of California Irvine
- Research: Snow Photochemistry



Does snow cause air pollution?

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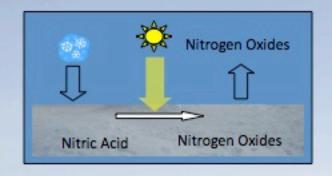






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Is there a lot of sunlight in Greenland?





- DR. BARRY LEFER University of Houston
- Research: Photochemistry



"CLARbut something doesn't add up!

Nitrogen Oxides + Hydrocarbons + Sunlight = Ozone

Based on this recipe, the ozone levels in Greenland are lower than expected!

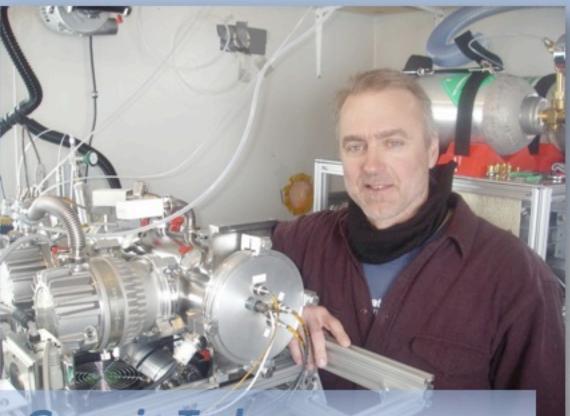
How do we answer this question?

√ Look for ozone destroying gasses like **Chlorine and Bromine**



Searching for Bromine

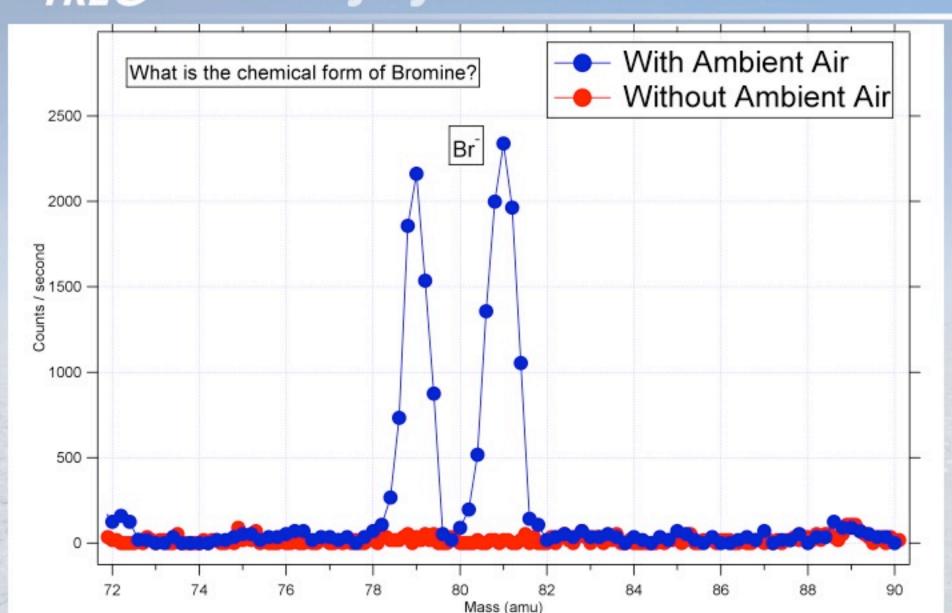




- DAVID TURNER— Georgia Tech
- Research: Snow Photochemistry



Proof of Bromine at Summit





More evidence of Bromine

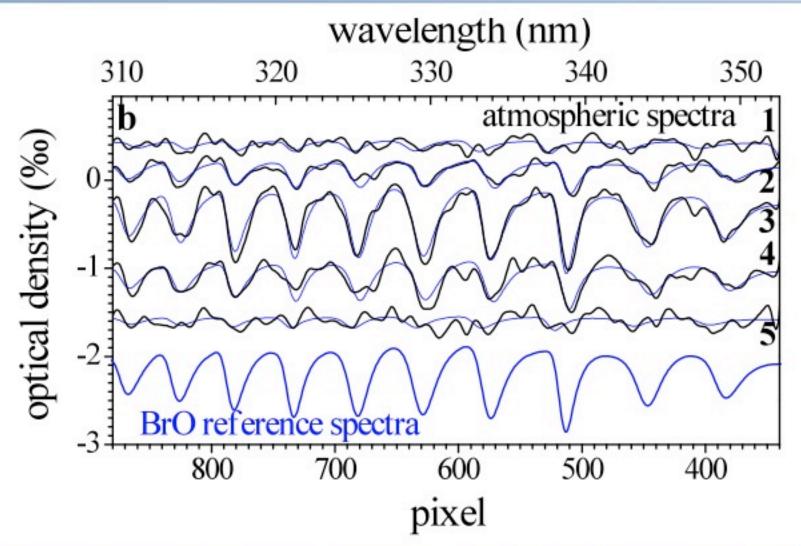




- DR. JOCHEN STUTZ— University of California-Los Angeles
- Research: Snow Photochemistry



More evidence of Bromine





Even MORE evidence of Bromine

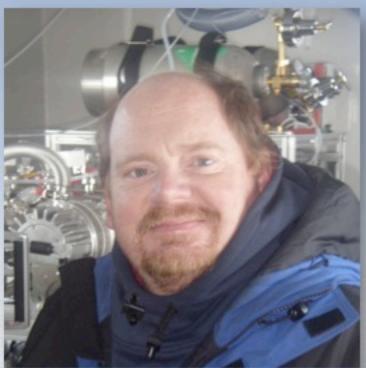


 DR. JACK DIBB and Luke Ziemba— University of New Hampshire [Aerosols and soluble gases]



Even MORE evidence of Bromine





- DR. STEVEN BROOKS— NOAA
- Research: Atmospheric Mercury



The next question is:

Where is the bromine coming from?



Where does the Bromine come from?





- DR. CRAIG CLEMENTS— San Jose State University
- Research: Meteorology



...more things to think about?



Do we get the ozone right now?

Do we see enough bromine?

Does the bromine matter?



Watch our every move @:

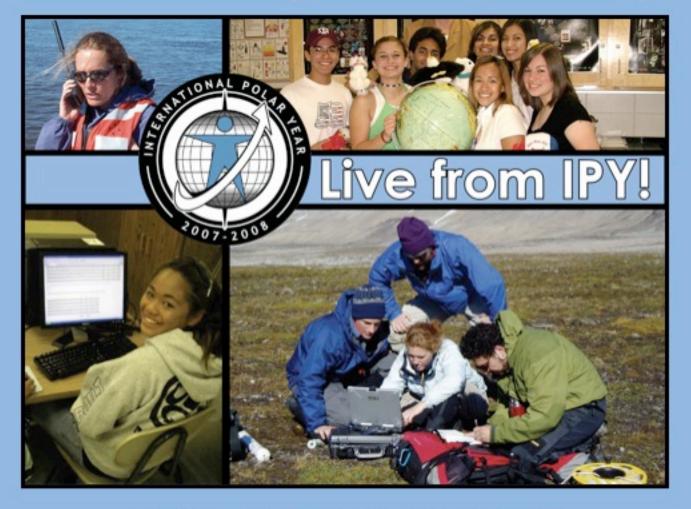


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Questions?



Check out and register for upcoming events!



June 18—IPY Day Event: Land and Life

July 10 2008—Elizabeth Eubanks in Barrow, Alaska

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