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SUMMARY

The Norwegian Forest Institute has started a field research programme at Nordmoen in Akershus county to evaluate the role of acid deposition in producing changes in forest nutrient cycling. The programme is financed mainly by EPRI, USA, and is coordinated with similar programmes in USA. This is accomplished by undertaking atmospheric deposition and meteorological measurements in cooperation with the Norwegian Institute for Air Research (NILU) and nutrient cycling measurements.

In this report the measurements made by NILU are described. The NILU programme was started up in April 1986, with measurements of the main chemical components in precipitation and air, including ozone. Sampling of dry deposition and fog with a NILU-designed collector was started in November 1986.

Meteorological measurements were also started in January, comprising wind velocity and air temperature 30 m above the ground, temperature difference (air stability) between 30 and 6 m above the ground and radiation and relative humidity at 6 m above the ground.

Some results are presented, including the first test results of the combined dry deposition/fog collector.

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1 INTRODUCTION

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In this report the measurements made by NILU in 1986 are described. Main cooperators at NILU have been V. Dahl, R. Dreiem, J.H. Wasseng (instrumentation), J.E. Hanssen and G. Staff Knudsen (chemistry), and A. Semb and S. Larsen (design and production of the fog/dry deposition collector).

2 MEASUREMENTS

2.1 SITE DESCRIPTION, LOCATION

The site is located at Nordmoen Field Station $(11^0 06^{\circ} E., 60^0 16^{\circ} N)$ about 60 km north of Oslo at an elevation of 200 m (Fig. 1).

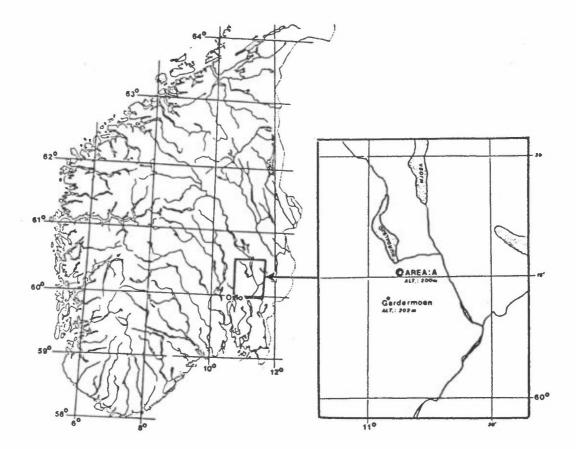


Figure 1: The location of the Norway Spruce site.

2.2 TOWER

A telescopic tower was completed in an opening of the spruce stand, and a heated instrument house with AC line power was installed near the base. The tower is situation 100 to 150 m from the soil and throughfall plots. The tower is 30 m high, extending 5 m above the mean height of the established canopy.

2.3 METEOROLOGICAL AND OZONE EQUIPMENT

The set up of the station is shown in Figure 2. The installation of the 30 m tower and the field testing of the sensors and the data logger took place in January 1986. The wind speed (Vaisala anemometer WAA), direction (NILU design, digital 8 bit, grey code) and air temperature (platina resistance, Pt 1000) is measured at the height 30 m. The temperature difference (air stability) is measured between the heights 30 m and 6 m. The radiation (Schenk star pyranometer, No. 1293) and the relative humidity (hair hygrometer and transducer), is measured at 6 m above the ground. The hygrometer is calibrated regularly. All different measuring devices are mounted on separate booms.

The Dasibi ozone unit and its data logger is installed in the instrument house, and the sensor has its sampling inlet at 2.5 m above the ground. From January 1987 the sampling will be made 10 m above the ground by means of a telescopic mast.

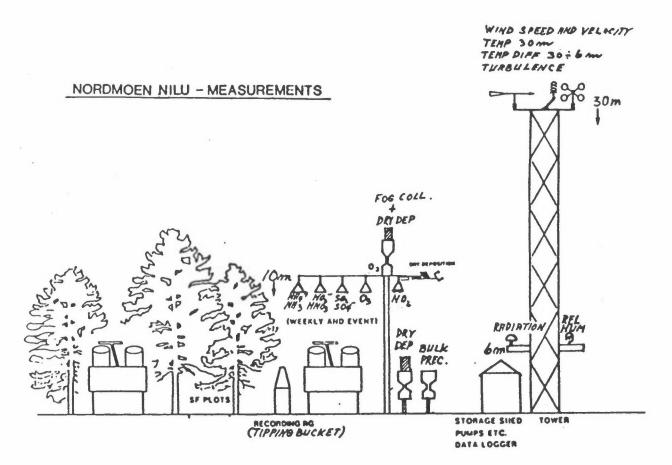


Figure 2: The atmospheric deposition sampling at the Norway Spruce site.

2.4 DRY DEPOSTION, ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY, FOG AND PRECIPITATION COLLECTORS

During January 1986, the filter packs for aerosol- and gas sampling were mounted, with 2.5 m as sampling heights. The sampled components are SO_2 -gas, $SO_4^{2^-}$ -aerosols, NO_2 -gas, total $NH_4^+ + NH_3$ and total $NO_3^- + HNO_3$. The samplings are made 3 times a week (two, two and three days in sequence). Filterblanks are analyzed weekly. In Table 1 is listed information about the different analyses.

		Filter	Impregnation	Analytical method	Detection level
so so ² NO ⁴		Whatman 40 ""	KOH (1N)	Ion chromatography "" TGS-ANSA method	0.1 μgS/m ³ 0.01 μgS/m ³ 0.3 μgN/m
NO + NH 3 + 4	3	Whatman 40 ""		Norw. standard 4855 Ion chromatography Indophenol method	0.01 μgN/m ³ 0.01 μg/m

Table 1: Chemical analyses.

The dry deposition is calculated by multiplying the measured concentrations with empirically determined deposition velocities, which depend on seasonally varying surface conditions (wetness, physical acitivity of the vegetation) and variation of the air stability.

From January 1987 the sampling will be made at the height 10 m by means of a telescopic mast, and connected to mass flow controlled air pumps mounted in the instrument house at the base.

A dry depositon collector for coarse particles will be installed at the same height (10 m), when received from ORNL.

It is, as yet, not planned to apply active fog sampler in the Norwegien field experiment.

A new combined, passive fog and dry deposition sampler has been designed, as shown in Figure 3. The diameter of the polypropylene netting threads is similar to the spruce needles. This sampler will be applied during the summer season, generally as weekly sampler but also on event basis. It will be used in combination with a bulk sampler of the same design, to obtain a measure of the net deposition to the forest stand. The ratio between the total deposition area of the present netting and the opening of the precipitation gauge corresponds to a "leaf area index" (LAI) of 7.88. A typical average forest in southern Norway consists of 25 spruces, 12 pines and 7 birches per decare, with a total needle/leaf area of 4.4 decares (LAI 4.4). The leaf area for the forest stand at Nordmoen will be estimated later.

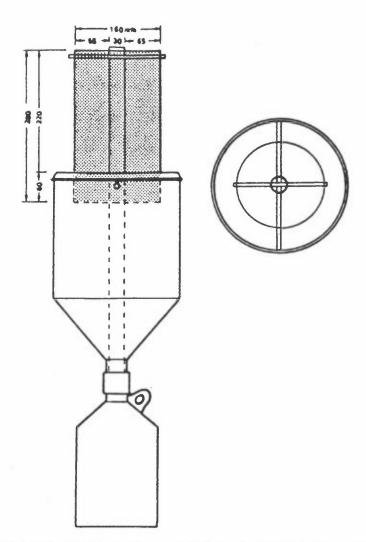


Figure 3: The combined passive fog and dry deposition sampler (NILU).

Two of this sampler type have been installed at Nordmoen in November 1986 at the site for incident precipitation to test the reproducibility of the sampling. One sampler is exposed at the Norwegian Institute for Air Research. Some results are discussed in Chapter 3.

The site for incident precipitation was installed in January 1986 100-150 m from the soil plots in the forest clearing near the 30 m tower. At this site has hitherto been used two bulk samplers for analyses in precipitation of the main ions $(H^{*}(pH))$, SO_{4}^{2-} , NO_{3}^{-} , NH_{4}^{*} , CA^{2+} , K^{*} , Mg^{*} , Na^{*} , Cl^{-}) and the heavy metals Pb, Cd and Zn. The samples are not analysed for alkalinity, because the pH is mainly below 5.5.

The bulk sampling is made weekly and as event sampling. Some typical results are shown below. As rain recorder is used a tipping bucker, type Lambrecht 1518H3.

Three commercial wet-only rain samplers (Parelco AAPS, Finland) were delivered from the factory in December 1986. This equipment is now being tested in the field and will probably be ready for operation in January 1987. One sampler will be placed in the clearing near the bulk and dry deposition/fog sampler. The other two samplers will be placed in the forest stand. The sampling frequency is weekly, but some event samples will be collected during intensive periods.

3 SAMPLE RESULTS

Table 2 gives some bulk precipitation data from the first summer season 1986 at Nordmoen.

													HN0 + 3	NH + 3
Date	н ⁺	Na	к	Mg	Ca	NH	NO ₃	so4	Cl	so4	s0 ₂	N0 2	NO 3	NH 4
	µteq/1					µgs∕	3 m		µgN/m ³					
March	54	23	2	3	4	39	43	46	21	1.49	1.3	2.9	-	1.33
April	47	13	1.2		6	102	45	48	17	1.10	0.5	1.6	0.30	0.55
May	81	66	4	6	28	56	49	102	10	1.21	0.5	1.6	0.41	0.80
June	67	7	3	4	8	27	25	84	6	1.38	0.5	1.4	0.39	0.78
July	86	10	1.2	3	12	29	37	94	11	1.05	0.3	1.2	0.30	0.59
Period	70	24	2	4	12	45	40	78	13	1.22	0.52	1.16		

Table 2: Precipitation concentrations March to July 1986.

Precipitation fluxes March to July 1986.

	Precip	H+	Na	К	Mg	Ca	NH 4	NO ₃	so4	Cl	
Date	mm		meq/m ²								
March	60.9	3.29	1.40	0.12	0.20	0.24	2.38	2.62	2.80	1.28	
April	29.8	1.40	0.38	0.04	0.08	0.18	3.04	1.34	1.44	0.51	
May	52.8	4.27	3.48	0.21	0.32	1.48	2.96	2.59	5.38	0.53	
June	40.2	2.69	0.28	0.12	0.14	0.32	1.09	1.01	3.38	0.24	
July	74.0	6.36	0.74	0.09	0.24	0.88	2.15	2.74	6.96	0.81	
Period	257.7	18.04	6.18	0.51	0.92	3.10	11.60	10.31	20.10	3.35	

The precipitation concentrations of main components are close to the maximum values measured in Norway, whereas the precipitation deposits are around the average for southern Norway. This part of Norway is strongly exposed to long range transported air pollutants from Central-Europe, because the precipitation mainly occur with wind from southerly directions. The yearly precipitation amoutn is approximately 700 mm.

In Figure 4 is shown the variation of the ozone concentrations at Nordmoen 1 to 16 July 1986. A maximum concentrations of 150 μ g/m³ is indicated (1 July). The average maximum during day time was 60-100 μ g/m³ during the summer months June-July. Predominant long range transport of ozone is indicated during the dayts 3-4 July and 12-13 July with high concentrations during nighttime.

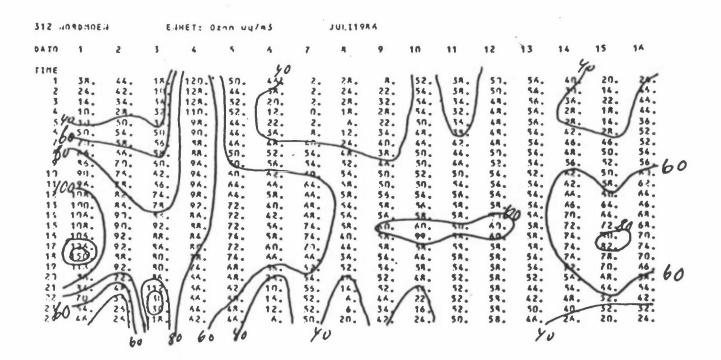


Figure 4: Ozone concentrations in $\mu g/m^3$ at the Norway Spruce site July 1-16, 1986.

In Table 3 are shown results from the first test samplings 14-17 and 17-24 November by the passive dry/wet and fog sampler. The sampled rain water (see "Bulk net") and the destilled spray water applied on the netting ("Net wash") are analysed separately. Comparison of the de\$position sums for these two with the bulk precipitation values ("Bulk prec.") for the different components shows that the fog and dry

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deposition of SO_4 , NO_3 and Cl are important contributors to the total deposition. The measured precipitation amounts for bulk with net (bulk net) were less than for bulk precipitation probably because of evaporation from the netting.

Table	3:	Precipitation	and	fog	collection	at	Lillestrøm	(NILU	roof)	

Date	Weather	Type of analysis	Amount of precip. mm	H⁺ µeq/m²	$SO_4 - S_mg/m^2$	NO ₃ -N mg/m ²	Cl mg/m ²
14-17 Nov.	Fog	Bulk 6.3 precip.		643	13.1	6.9	9.6
	rog	Bulk net Net wash	4.5 (4.8)	84 187	20.7 20.3	8.8 18.5	12.9 103.2
		Sum		271	41.0	27.3	116.1
17-24 Nov.	Fog and	Bulk precip.	33.4	2839	42.1	31.7	52.1
	rain	Bulk net Net wash	30.9 (4.3)	2089 153	76.6 7.7	50.4 6.6	99.2 19.0
		Sum		2242	84.3	57.0	118.2

We expect the differences between the two collectors to be less pronounced in the forest plot at Nordmoen. The results show that the polypropylene net works, however.

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