

# Atmospheric Chemistry in the Tropics (I): Biomass Burning & Remote Sensing

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# Introduction to Three Related Talks

- SHADOZ & UT/LS Processes Tuesday ✓
  - Importance of Tropical UT/LS (TTL)
  - Regional differences in convection, extra-tropical influence, pollution (biomass burning, urban)
  - Climatological approach, Laminae (LID), SOMs
- Tropical Atmospheric Chemistry (I) Wednesday Today
  - Interannual variability (QBO, ENSO), trends (LS -yes, UT ?)
  - Remote sensing – SHADOZ motivation, progress, challenges
- Tropical Atmospheric Chemistry (II) Thursday
  - SHADOZ & related data collection – quantity and quality
  - African Fulbright research – “science & service”
  - Mega-city – Johannesburg, So Africa, trends or no?

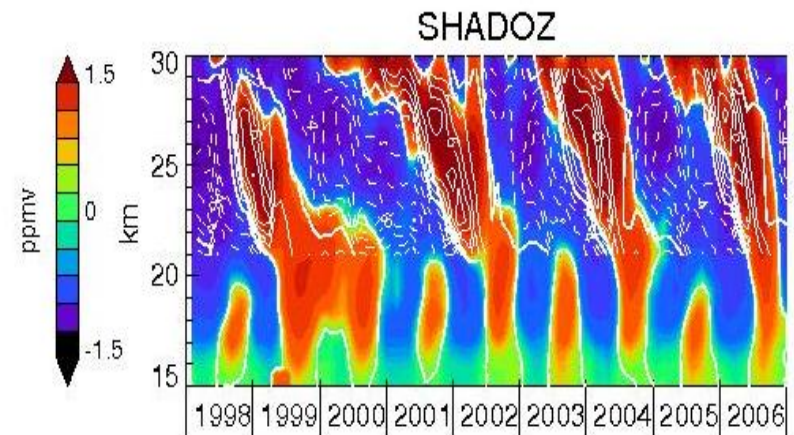
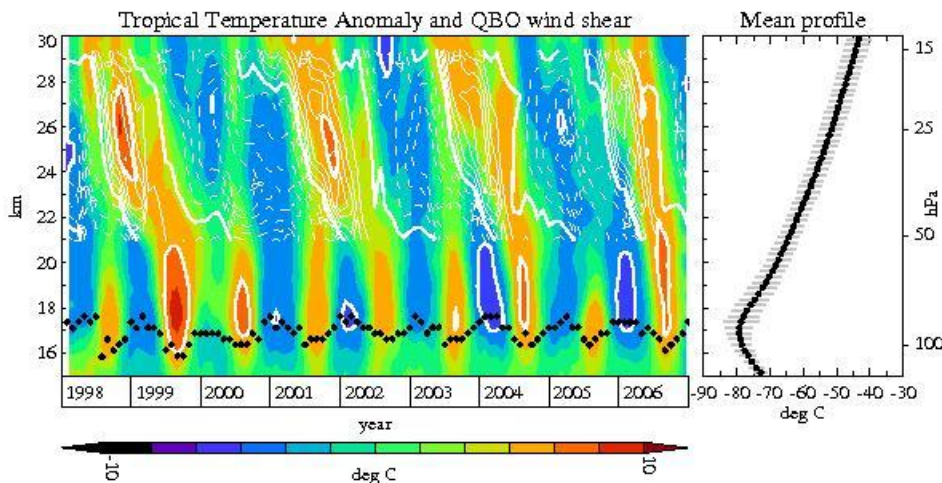


# Road Map

- SHADOZ, Cont'd: Interannual Variability & Trends
  - QBO (Quasi-biennial Oscillation)
  - ENSO (El-Niño-Southern Oscillation)
  - Lower stratospheric trends; tropospheric trends
- Biomass Burning & Remote Sensing
  - Fishman “classic” maps & TRACE-A/SAFARI-92
  - Soundings in TRACE-A
  - 1997-98 ENSO & Indonesian Fires
  - “Ozone Paradox” & SHADOZ
  - Aura Era
    - ‘New Residual’ Comparisons w/ SHADOZ
    - 2006 ENSO & TES

# QBO Studies with SHADOZ Data

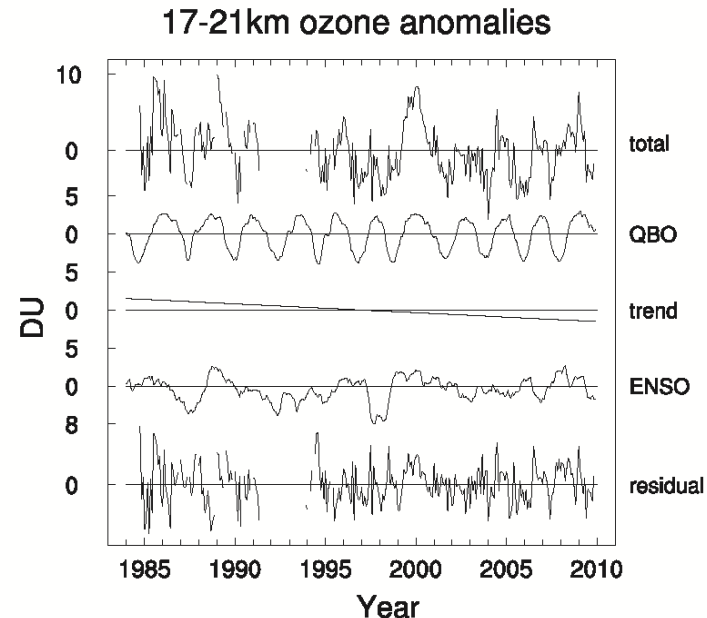
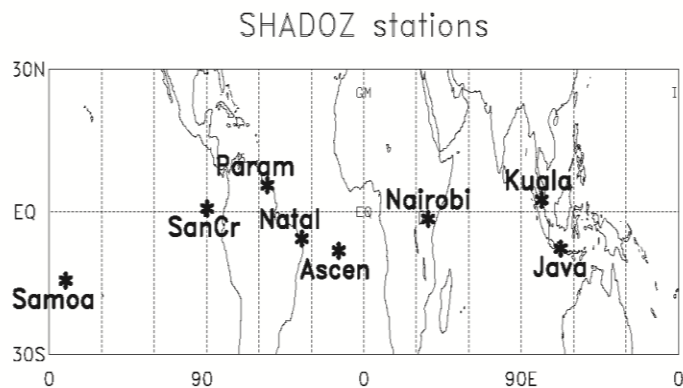
- Logan et al (JGR, 2003) – with SAGE
- Witte et al (ACP, 2008) Below, 9 yrs from 9-station means
- Lee et al (JGR, 2010)
- Randel & Thompson (JGR, 2011) \*\* With LS trends



# QBO, ENSO & LS Trends

(Randel & Thompson, JGR, 2011)

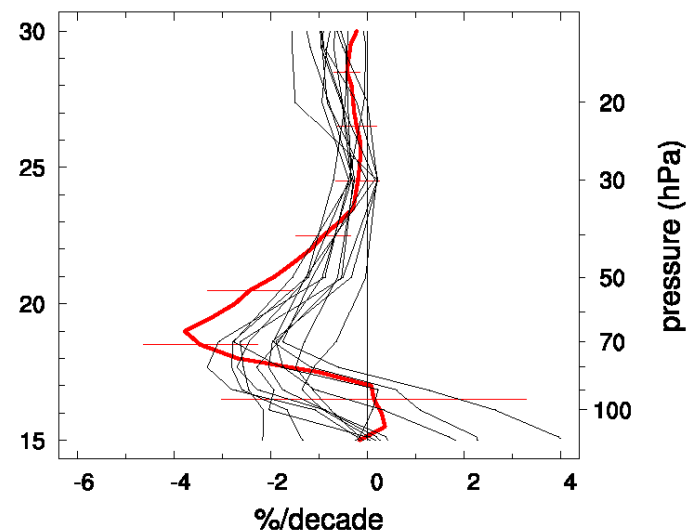
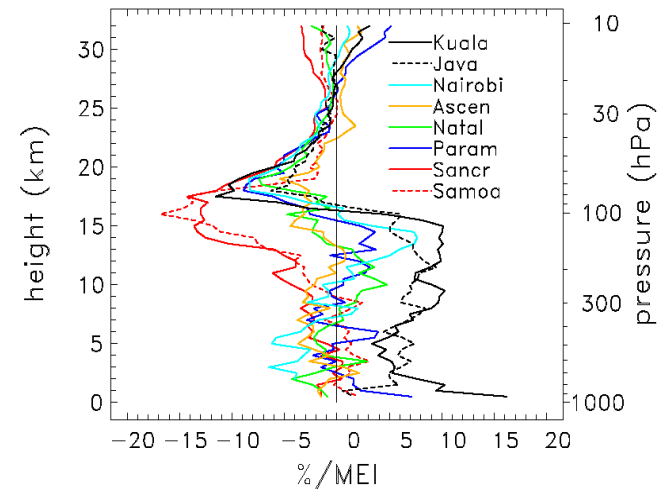
- Combined SAGE II (1984-2005) with SHADOZ (1998-2009) for 25-yr monthly mean ozone dataset
- Analyzed for LS (Lower stratosphere) trends with multi-variate regression model including solar cycle, QBO, ENSO terms



# QBO, ENSO & LS Trends

(Randel & Thompson, JGR, 2011)

- ENSO signature in troposphere varies by site. Similar result by *Lee et al.* (JGR, 2010) with higher-frequency SHADOZ data, 1998-2005
- Robust lower stratosphere trend (%/decade) compared to a dozen models from CCMVal2 analysis



# Tropospheric Trends

(Morioka, Fujiwara et al., 2011)

- Similar approach to R&T (2011) except (1) add IOD (Indian Ocean Dipole) oscillation; (2) 1993-2008 (KL, Watukosek) & 1998-2008 SHADOZ data; (3) 10 SHADOZ stations used
- Raw tropospheric column  $O_3$  anomalies deseasonalized

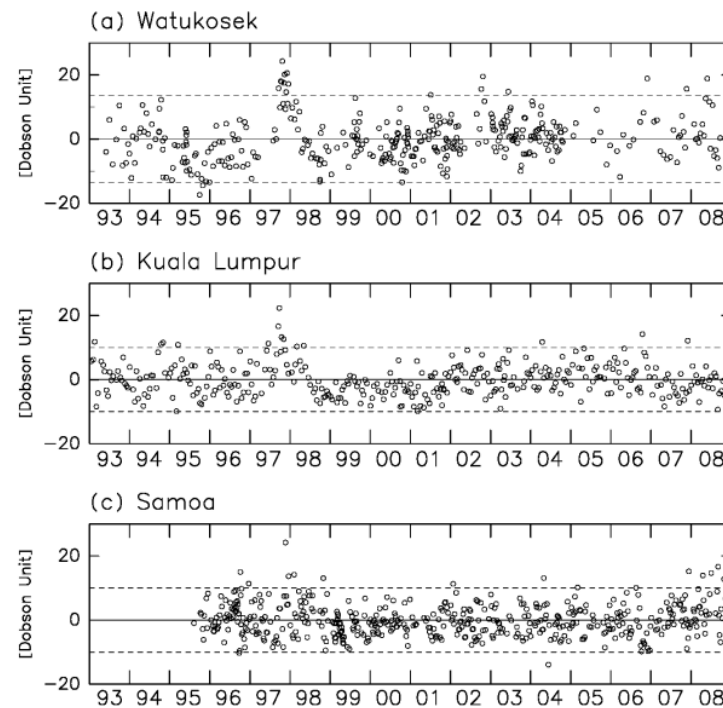
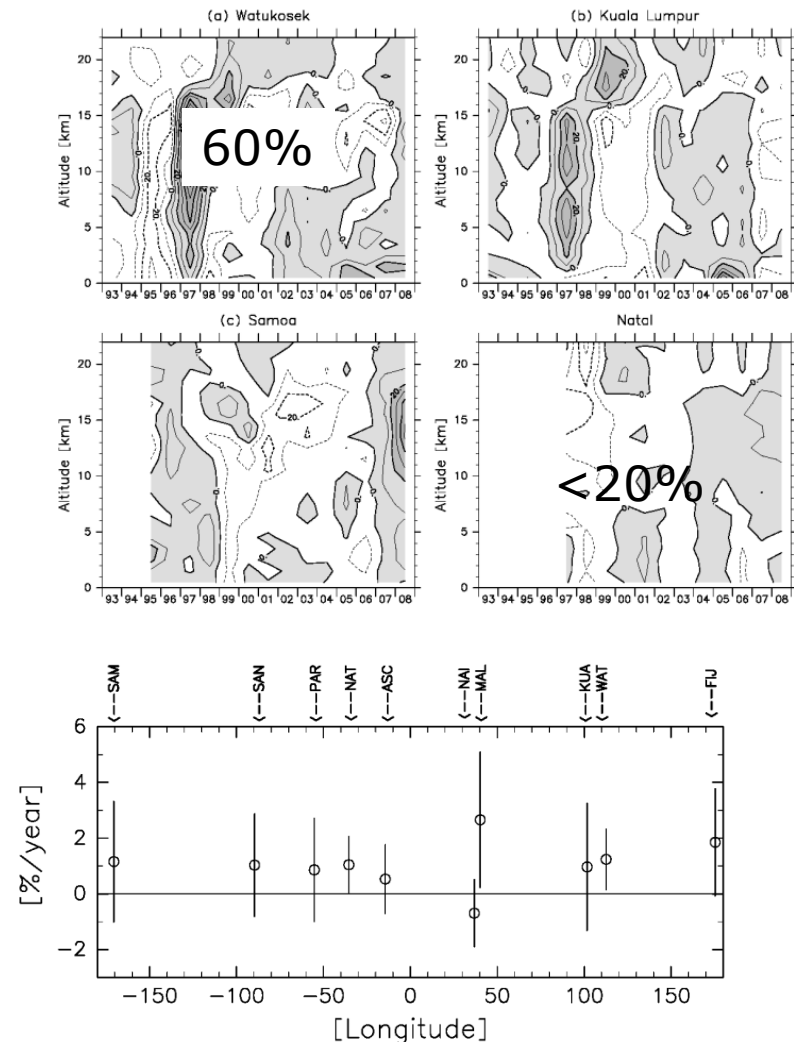


Figure 3: Time series of deseasonalized tropospheric column ozone anomaly.

# Tropospheric Trends

(Morioka, Fujiwara et al., 2011)

- Vertical ozone anomaly time-series shows ENSO-IOD (1997-1998) dominance
- Trends of 1%/yr column increase would be important, but appear to be marginally significant







## QBO, ENSO, Trends Summary

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- Analysis of tropical ozone response to QBO greatly enhanced by temporal & vertical resolution of SHADOZ data. Complements SAGE (Logan et al, 2003) & HALOE (Witte et al, 2008)
- Ditto for ENSO – responses at individual stations vary (Lee et al, 2010; R&T, 2011). Constraint for model simulations
- SHADOZ & SAGE combined ozone record produces convincing 25-yr trend in LS, 1984-2009 (R&T, 2011)
- Tropospheric trends with SHADOZ problematic due to 1997 ENSO (Morioka et al, 2011)

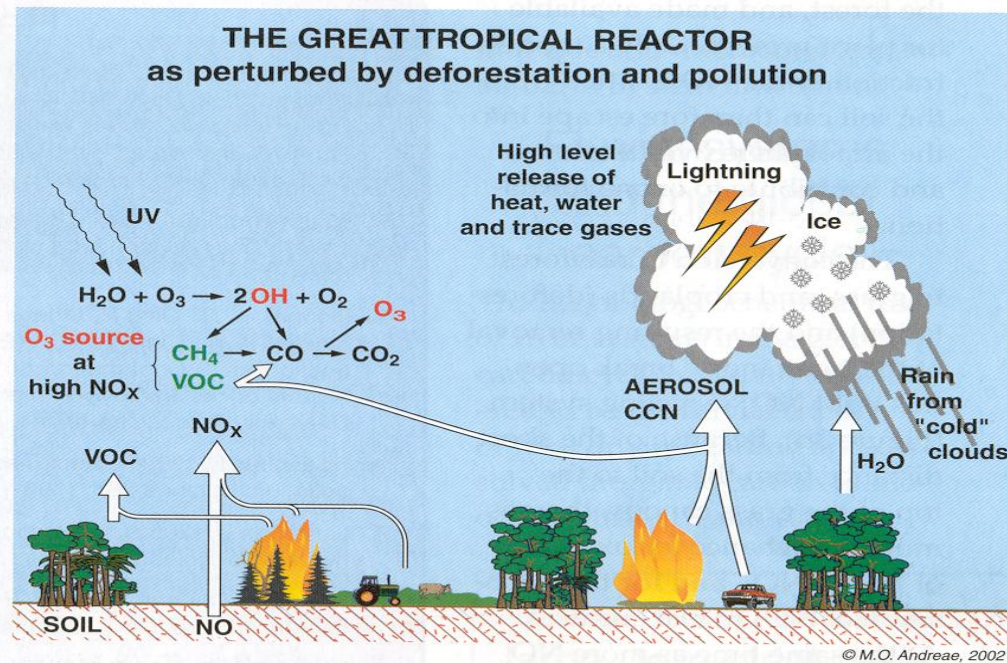


# Remote Sensing and Biomass Burning – A 20-Year Perspective

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- Fishman “classic” maps & TRACE-A/SAFARI-92
- Soundings in TRACE-A
- 1997-98 ENSO & Indonesian Fires
- “Ozone Paradox” & early SHADOZ
- Aura Era
  - ‘New Residual’ Comparisons w/ SHADOZ
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# Tropical Tropospheric Chemistry



- Surface  $\text{O}_3$  = “smog;” free tropo.  $\text{O}_3$  = greenhouse gas
- Tropics - greatest “natural” sources of ozone precursors – lightning, soil NO, vegetative VOC
- Strong human impact: biomass burning, development

# South Atlantic Ozone Maximum (Fishman et al, 1991; 1996)

- As early as 1986, Fishman Developed the **tropospheric ozone “residual” concept** (*Science*, 1991) → Hypothesis – SON maximum when so. Hemisphere fires maximize causes ozone maximum in south tropical Atlantic

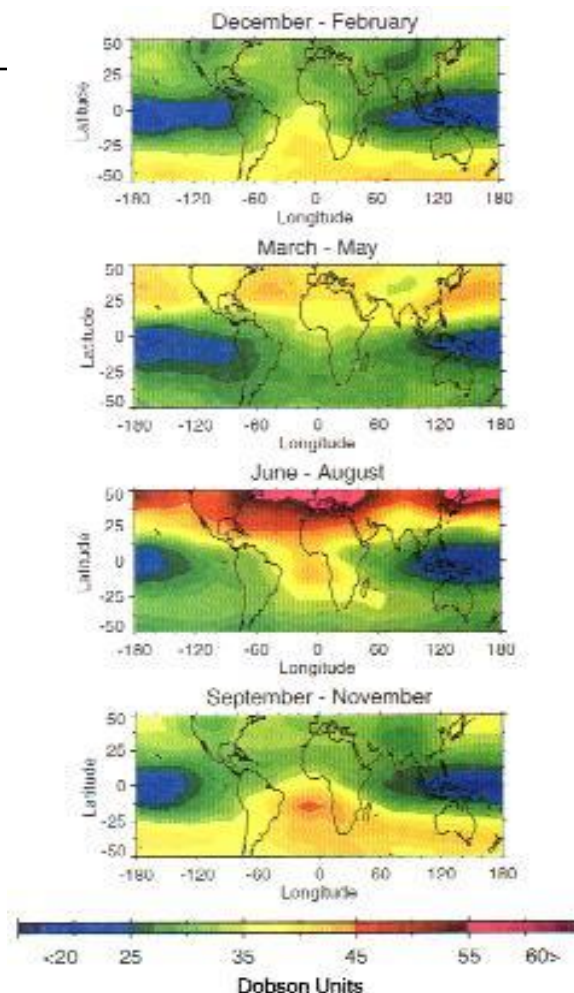
Design aircraft mission with ~15 instruments: CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>y</sub>, hydrocarbons, DIAL aerosols, ozone, HNO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, etc

Stage US → Brazil → So Africa → Ascension Island, 20 Sept-22 Oct 1992

**Complement aircraft sampling with ozonesondes over 3 African locations (Brazzaville, Okakuejo, Pretoria/Irene); Ascension Island; Natal, Brazil**

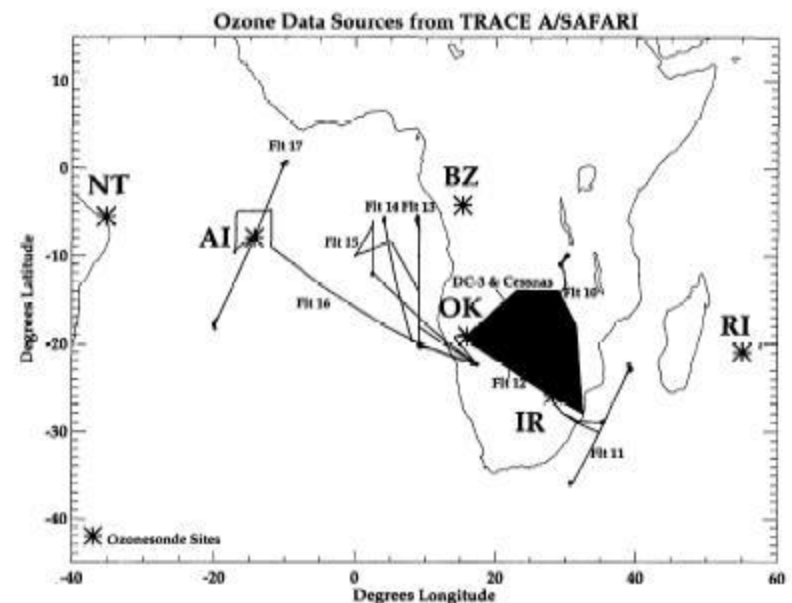
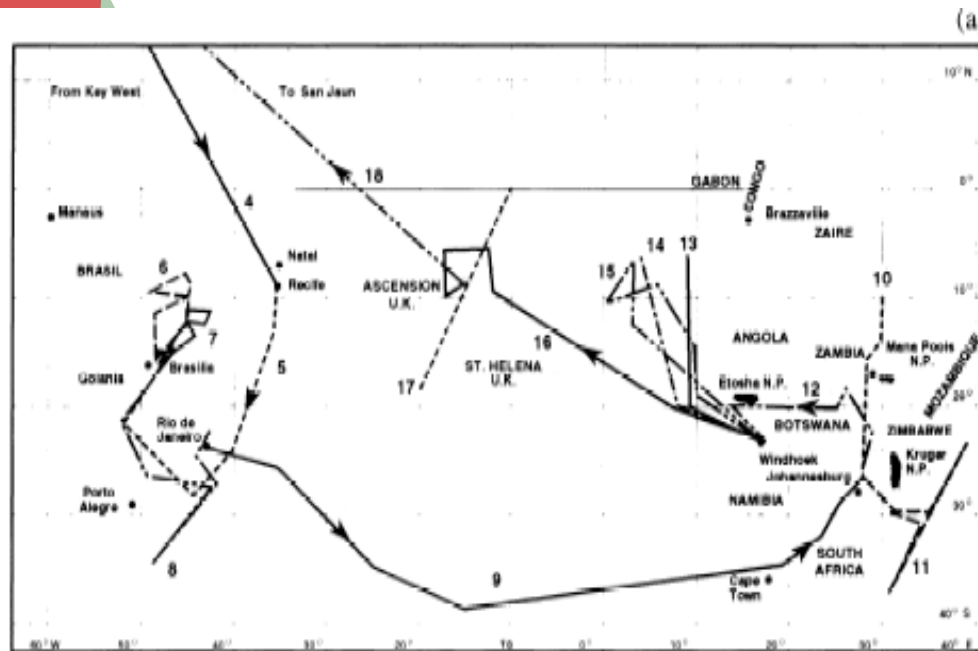
Multi-aircraft, ground-based sampling in southern Africa = “SAFARI-92”

Special JGR Issue, 30 Oct 1996



**Plate 1.** Depiction of climatological satellite data during four seasons. Note the September-November panel showing plume of high-tropospheric ozone in South Atlantic.

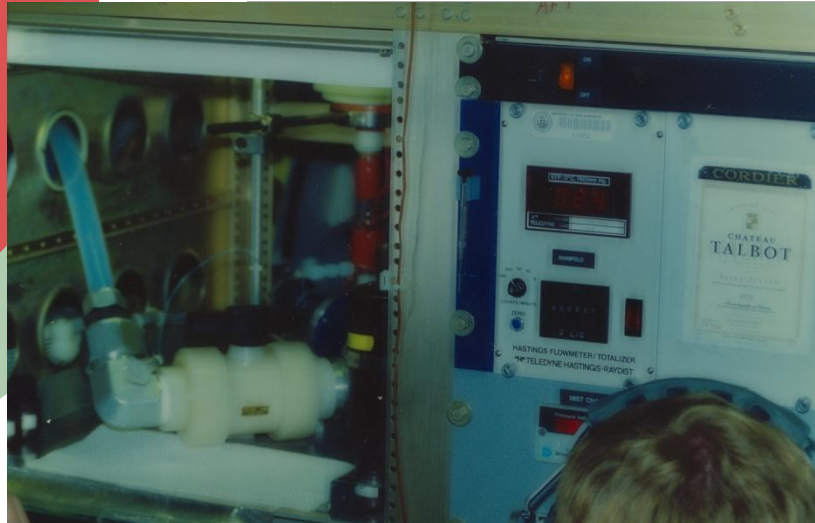
# Fishman et al (96) – **Left**, Map; Thompson et al (96) – **Right**, Sounding Stations & Africa Closeup



**Figure 1.** Maps showing staging sites for SAFARI/TRACE A aircraft and major fixed experimental locations: AI, Ascension; BZ, Brazzaville; NT, Natal, Brazil; OK, Okaukuejo; IR, Irene (Pretoria); RI, Réunion Island. SAFARI aircraft sampling region (shaded) applies from September 16 to October 6, 1992. TRACE A flights (numbered) took place from October 6 to 22, 1992.



# Experimental – NASA DC-8 A/c Closeup; Brazilian, African Fires

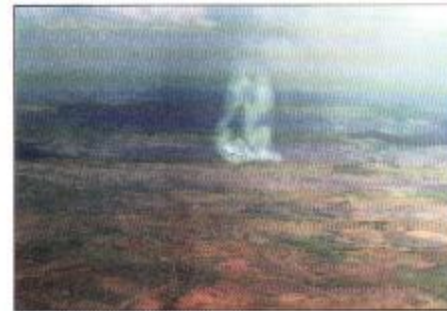


- Talbot  $\text{HNO}_3$  – above
- Brazilian fire (middle);  
African fires with denser smoke

Fires Observed During TRACE-A



Intense smoke near  
11° S, 30° E (Northern Zambia)  
October 6, 1992



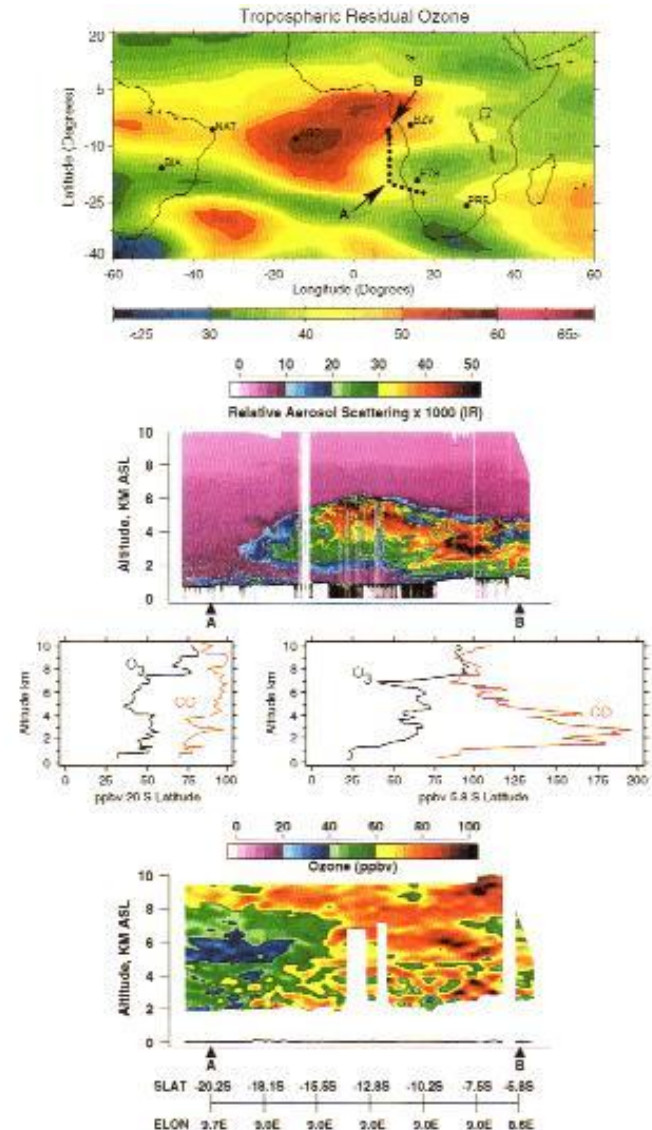
Typical Brazilian fire  
near 9° S, 48° W  
September 27, 1992



Fire scar area near  
11° S, 30° E  
October 6, 1992

# Ozone Detail (Satellite) & DIAL Ozone, Aerosols on 14 Oct 1992, SW African Coast

- Primary GOAL – Validation of “residual”
- Fishman et al, 1996
- Evidence of fires, with chemistry downwind, meaning Mid-troposphere winds easterly carrying pollutants from Africa toward Atlantic



# Brazilian O<sub>3</sub> Increase in two Sept 92 Soundings (Pickering et al., 1996); Trajectories: Natal Ozone is Combination of Brazilian \*and\* African Pollution (Thompson et al., 1996)

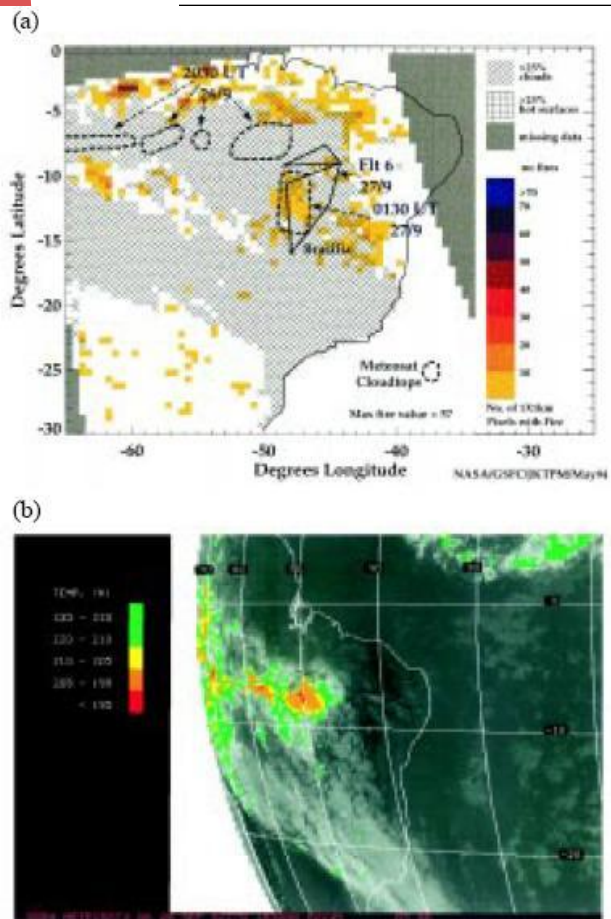


FIG. 5. (a) Sampling location on TRACE-A flight 6 (27 September 1992), cloud locations from Meteosat imagery of 26–27 September, superimposed on AVHRR-derived fire counts for 26 September 1992. (Fire counts from J. Kendall and C. Justice, NASA/GSFC.) (b) Satellite imagery shows cloud top heights reached up to 16 km. Meteosat-4 imagery, 1830 UTC 26 September 1992.

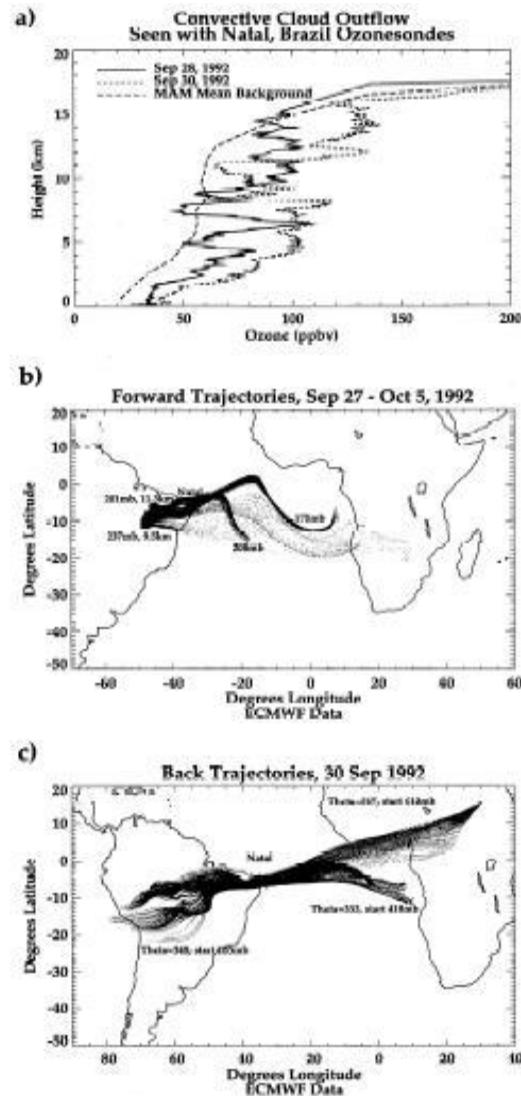


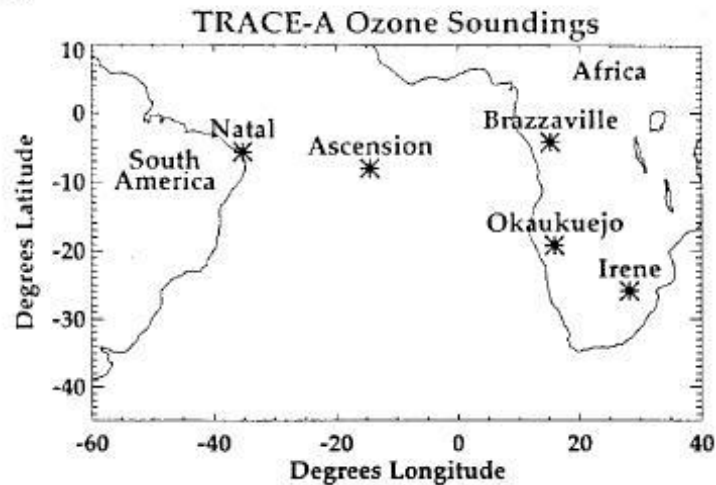
Figure 10. (a) Ozone profiles from Natal, Brazil, soundings on September 28 and 30, 1992. Impact of deep convection

- Refer to Pickering et al & Thompson et al for calculations of ozone formation rates \*and\* to see NO increase from lightning!

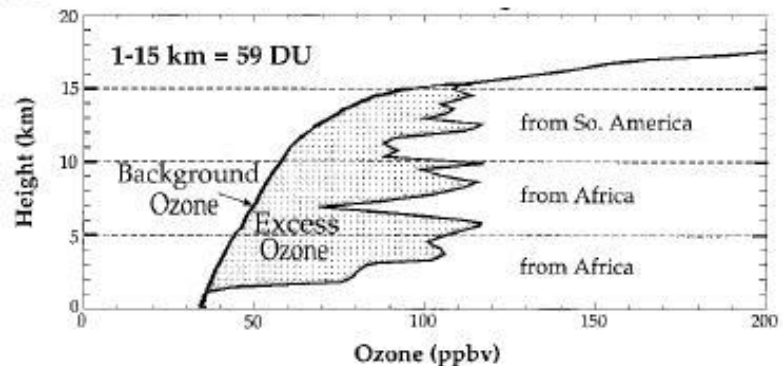


# Summary of TRACE-A Ozone Formation & Transport over So Atlantic Ocean – Sonde-Trajectory Apportionment

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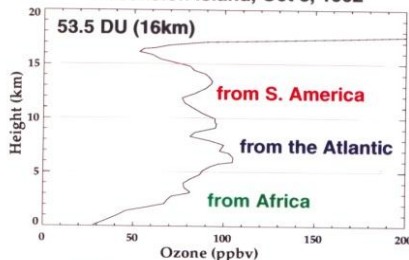


(b)



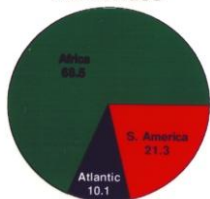
Key Question #3 - How Much from Africa vs. S. America?

Ascension Island, Oct 3, 1992

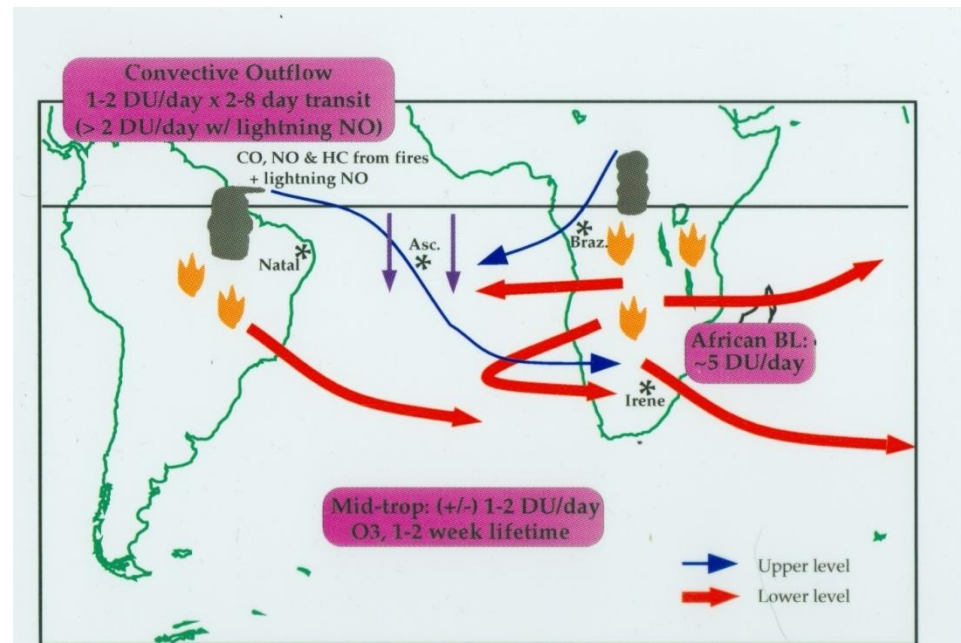


Total excess relative to clean (Mar-Apr-May) column is 23 DU  
Percent excess:  
Upper (10-15km): 17%  
Middle (5-10km): 39%  
Lower (0-5km): 44%

All Sondes



- 1992 Burning Season
- Sonde sites:  
Natal, Brazil  
Ascension Island  
Brazzaville, Congo  
Okaukuejo, Namibia  
Irene (Pretoria), S. Africa





# Origins of SHADOZ

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- After TRACE-A African, Ascension soundings ceased
- PEM-Tropics-A (1996), NASA DC-8 over Pacific. NOAA-NASA sounding partnership at Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji. Soundings ceased after experiment
- SHADOZ initiated 1998 restart of 3 Pacific stations, Ascension, added Reunion & Nairobi. Re-activated South Africa, incorporated Waukosek w/ Japanese support.
- First SHADOZ add-on campaign – Aerosols99 cruise. North and South Atlantic contrast “Ozone Paradox” is stimulus for adding northern hemisphere stations

# What-Where-When-How SHADOZ?

## (So. Hemisphere Additional Ozonesondes)

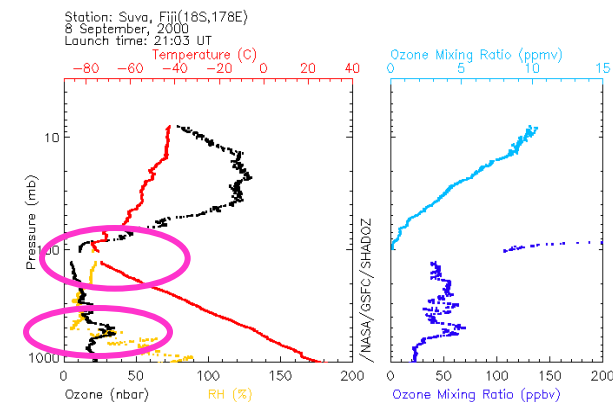
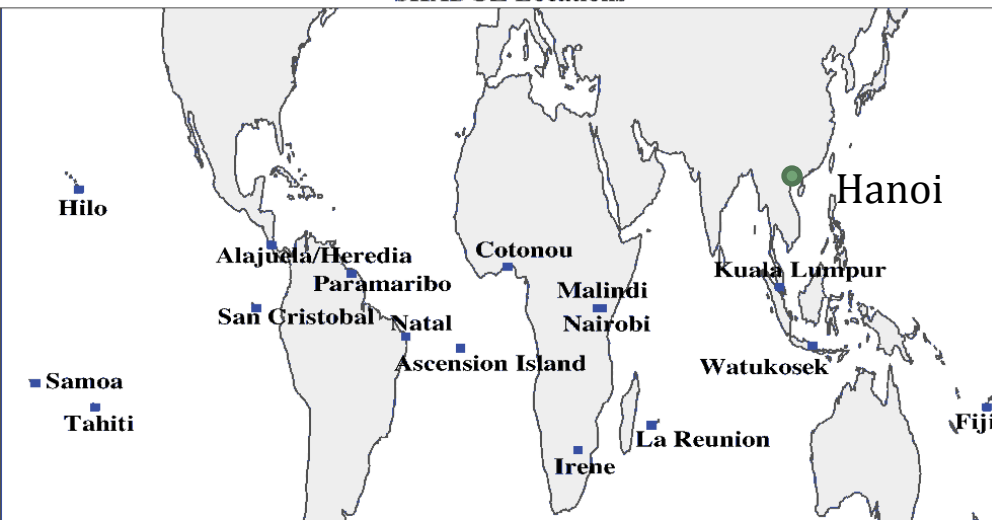


### Strategic Design Addresses Questions – 1998->

- 1> Satellite/model validation & optimization
- 2> Nature of zonal wave-one
- 3> Ozone variability on multiple time, space scales
  - Resolution in *stratosphere*, *troposphere* requires **sounding**
  - Full zonal coverage – 9 sites in 1998, now 13; weekly soundings
  - Complements campaigns & archives data (SAFARI-2000, TC4)
  - **2011 - > 5000 profiles** at <http://croc.gsfc.nasa.gov/shadoz>



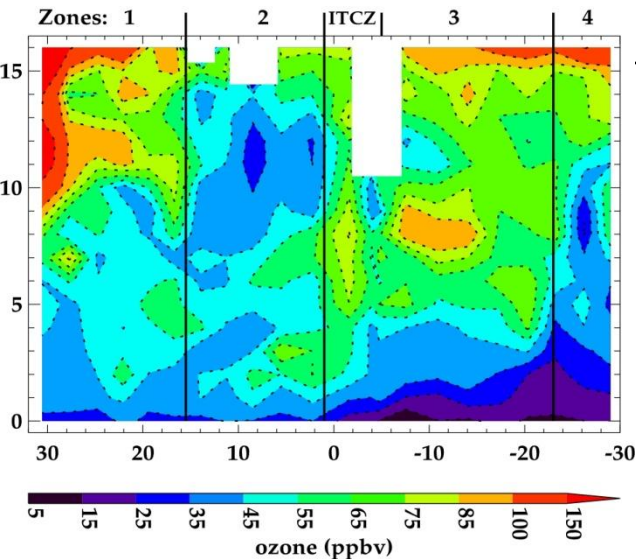
SHADOZ Locations



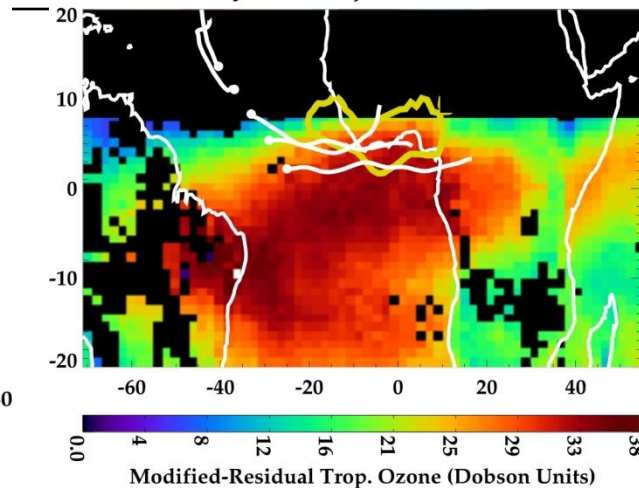
# Atlantic “Ozone Paradox”



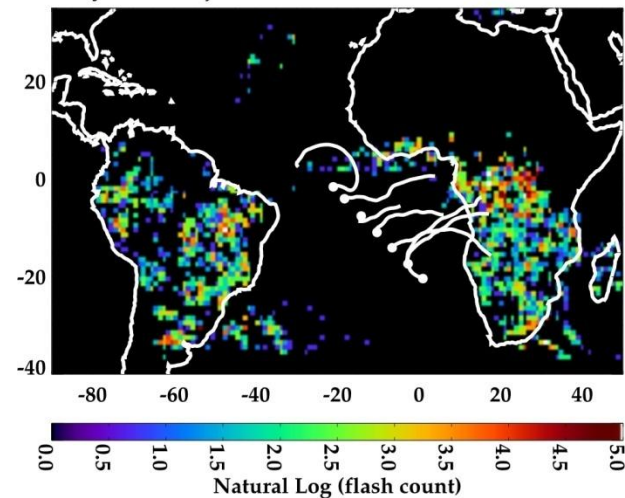
Aerosols99 Ozone Mixing Ratio (ppbv)  
Altitude (km) vs. Latitude (deg)



Tropospheric Ozone from TOMS - Jan/99  
5-day Back-trajectories at 4km



LIS Lightning Count: Accumulated Flashes  
5-day Back-trajectories at 8km

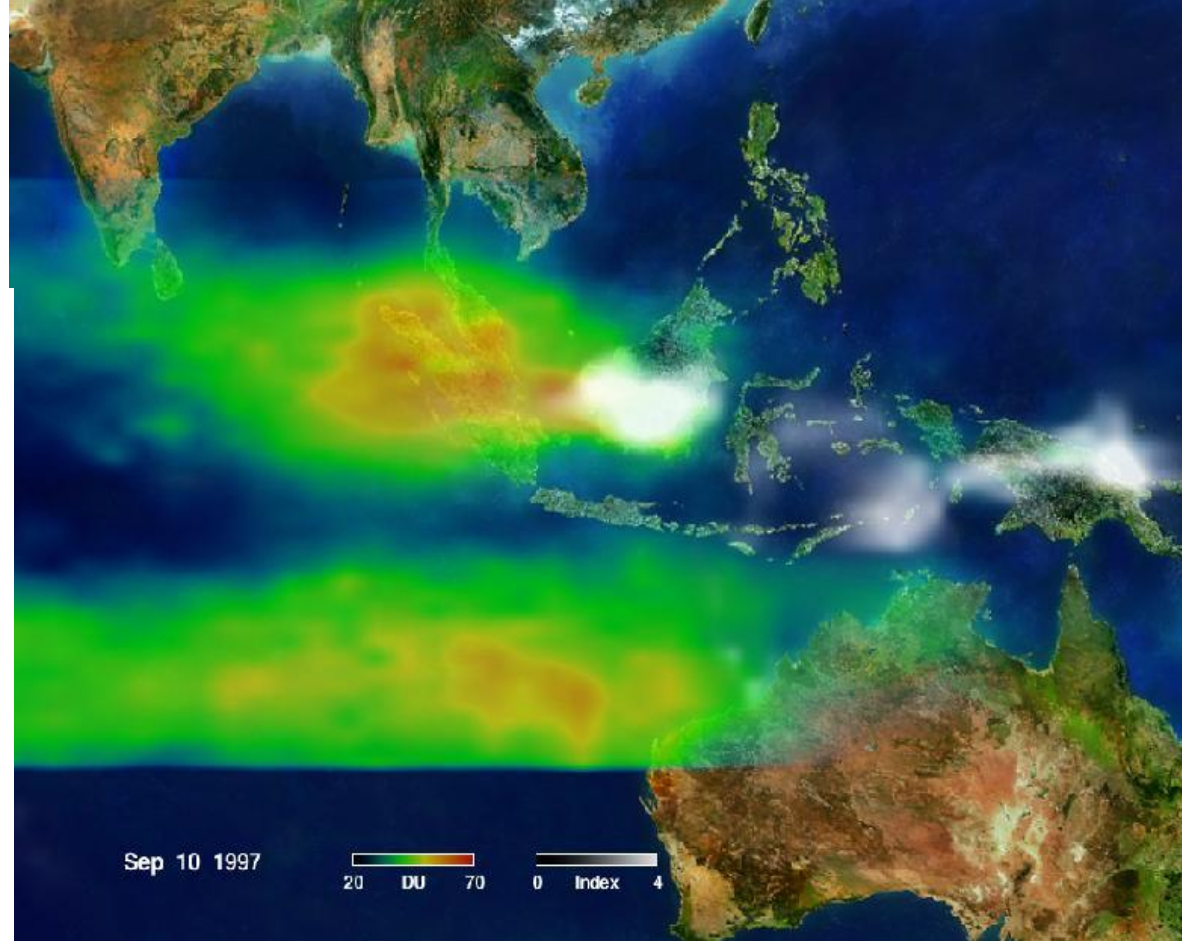


- “Paradox” - more DJF ozone over **southern** hemisphere when **north** tropics burning! Thompson et al. (GRL, 2000)
- Mechanisms: Interhemispheric transport, subsidence of ozone over So. Atlantic, lightning. **Left** = soundings; **Center** = TOMS tropo ozone; **Right** = TRMM/LIS lightning
- ***How much of each process?*** Edwards et al. 2003; Jenkins et al. 2003



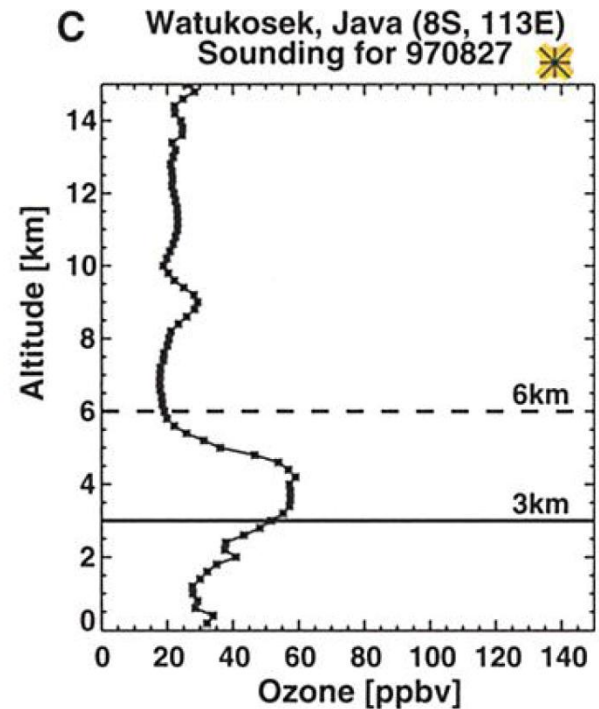
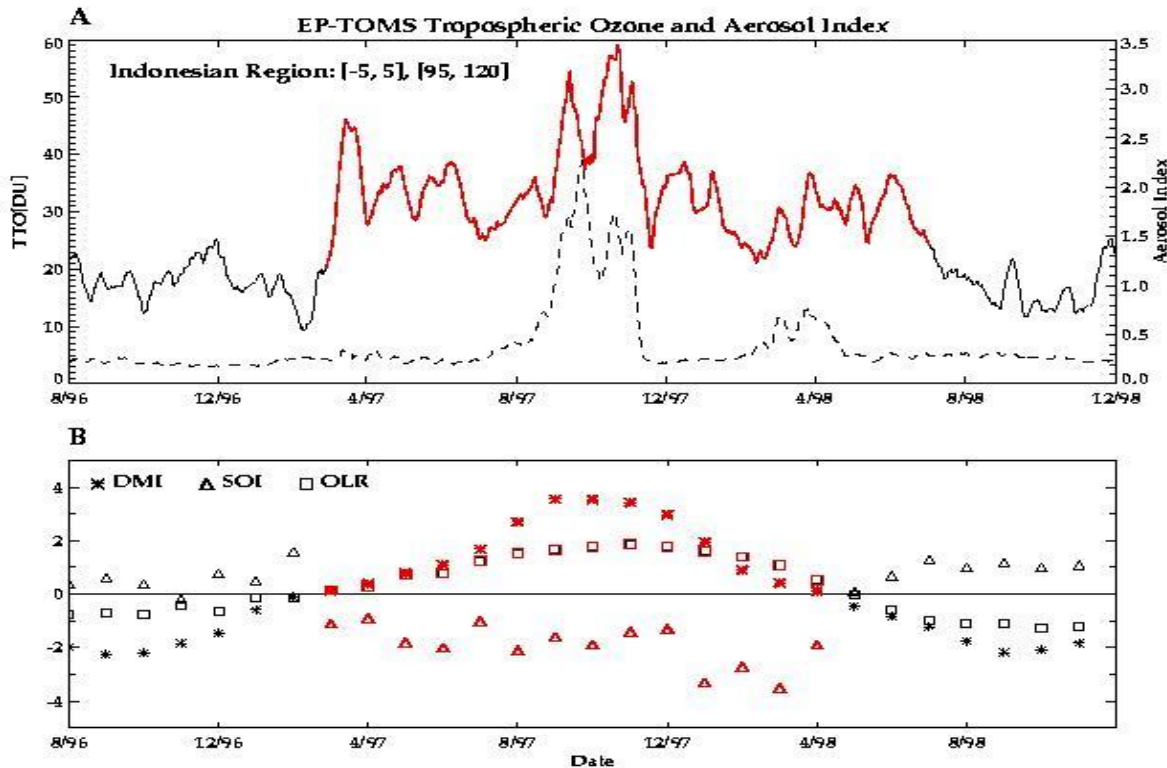
# Indonesian Fires from 1997 El-Nino (Aug.-Nov.)

- TOMS image, 10 Sept., resolves smoke from fires (gray), ozone (colors)
- Upper plume from Indonesia, unusual ENSO event; lower plume annual from Africa



No EOS- Pre-MODIS, MISR, etc

- Time-series shows (1) smoke, ozone transport can diverge (traveling in different layers); (2) two plumes merge in late October 1997



- TOMS time-series: Indo. ozone (red solid) increase at ENSO onset (indices, lower) four months prior to onset of fires → regional subsidence
  - Late August 97 sounding (not shown, very dry above 6 km)
- From Thompson et al., Science, 2001



# Adding Satellite Data to ENSO Observations



- Multi-year records with TOMS/OMI-derived trop ozone by Ziemke/Chandra et al. Clear ENSO signals
- Ready for trends? Cf SHADOZ and enhanced OMI/MLS tropospheric column: *Schoeberl et al, 2007*

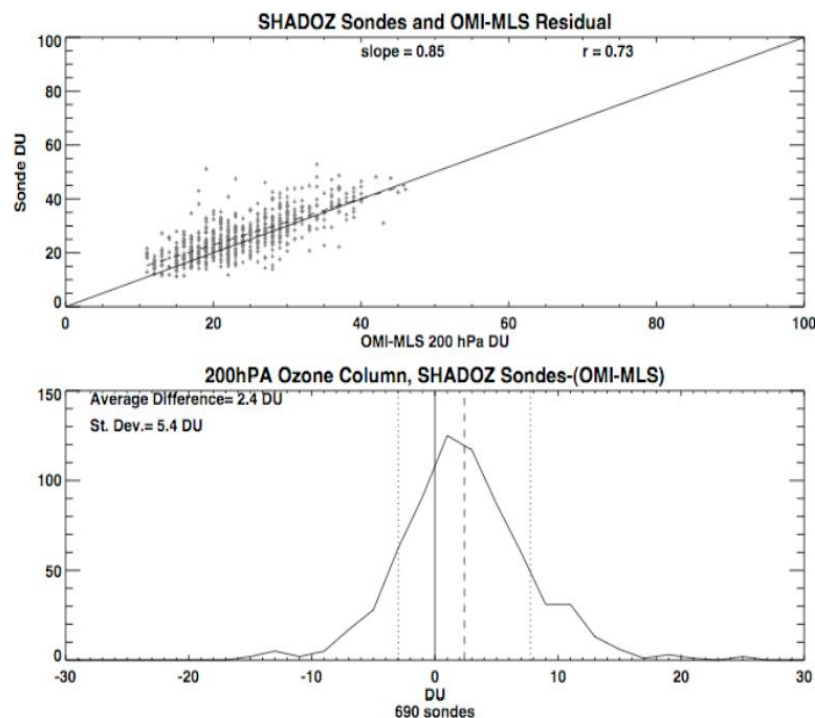


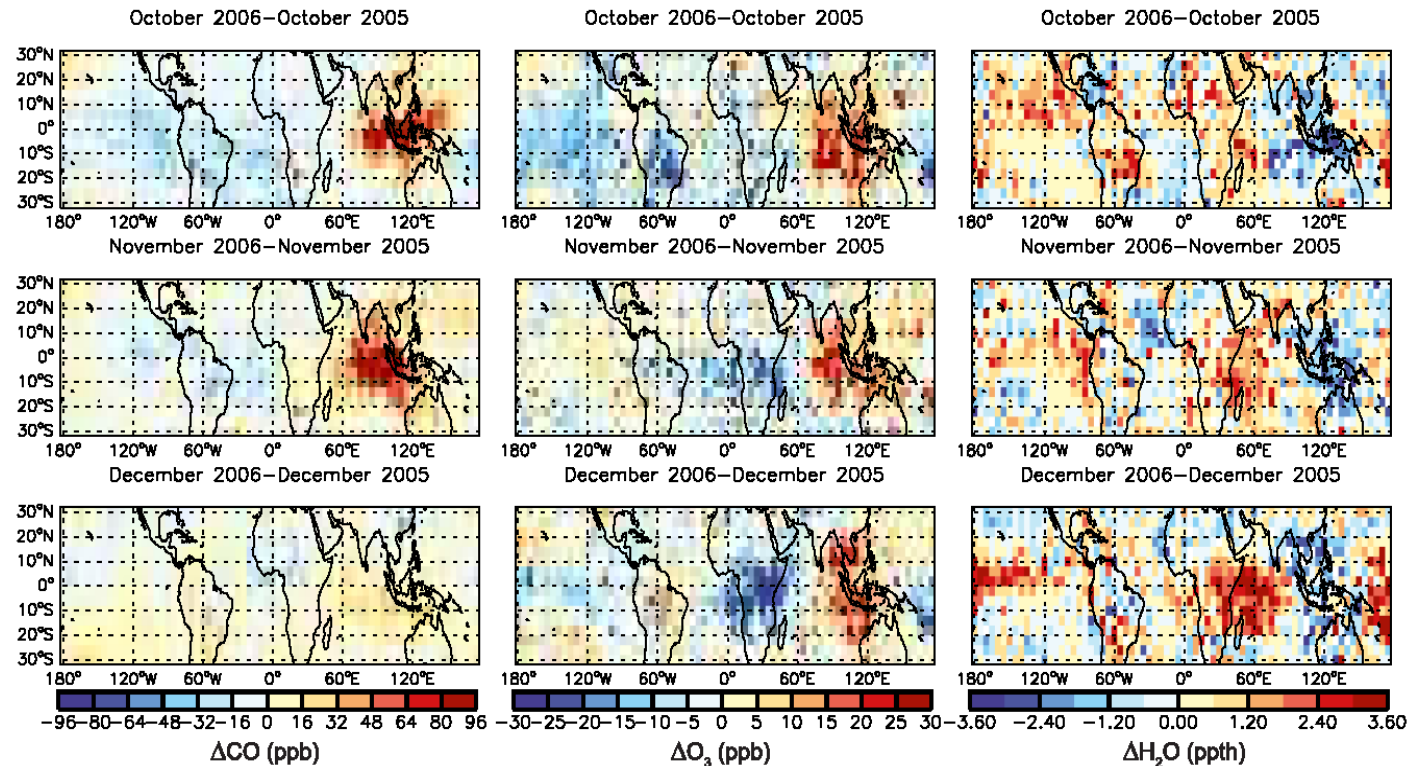
Figure 3. Comparison of ozonesondes 200TSC and the our 200TSC estimate. Upper figure shows the data points, the slope of the data (dashed line) and the correlation coefficient ( $r$ ). The one-to-one line is the solid line. The lower figure shows a PDF of the difference between the sonde 200TSC with the mean and standard deviation (dashed and dotted, respectively).

# 2006 ENSO – Three Species from TES

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LOGAN ET AL.: EFFECTS OF THE 2006 EL NIÑO SEEN BY TES

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**Figure 2.** The difference between 2006 and 2005 for (left) CO, (middle) O<sub>3</sub>, and (right) H<sub>2</sub>O for October to December at the 511 hPa retrieval level; CO and O<sub>3</sub> are in ppb, H<sub>2</sub>O in ppt.



# Integrated Global Ozone Observations

