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Popular Summary
During the months of July-August 2007 NASA conducted a research campaign called the Tropical Composition, Clouds and Climate Coupling (TC4) experiment. Vertical profiles of ozone were measured daily using an instrument known as an ozonesonde, which is attached to a weather balloon and launch to altitudes in excess of 30 km. These ozone profiles were measured over coastal Las Tablas, Panamá (7.8N, 80W) and several times per week at Alajuela, Costa Rica (10N, 84W). Meteorological systems in the form of waves, detected most prominently in 100-300 m thick ozone layer in the tropical tropopause layer, occurred in 50% (Las Tablas) and 40% (Alajuela) of the soundings. These layers, associated with vertical displacements and classified as gravity waves ("GW," possibly Kelvin waves), occur with similar structure and frequency over the Paramaribo (5.8N, 55W) and San Cristóbal (0.92S, 90W) sites of the Southern Hemisphere Additional Ozonesondes (SHADOZ) network. The gravity wave labeled layers in individual soundings correspond to cloud outflow as indicated by the tracers measured from the NASA DC-8 and other aircraft data, confirming convective initiation of equatorial waves. Layers representing quasi-horizontal displacements, referred to as Rossby waves, are robust features in soundings from 23 July to 5 August. The features associated with Rossby waves correspond to extra-tropical influence, possibly stratospheric, and sometimes to pollution transport. Comparison of Las Tablas and Alajuela ozone budgets with 1999-2007 Paramaribo and San Cristóbal soundings shows that TC4 is typical of climatology for the equatorial Americas. Overall during TC4, convection and associated meteorological waves appear to dominate ozone transport in the tropical tropopause layer.

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1. Introduction

Ozone in the tropical troposphere reflects an interaction of photochemical and dynamical factors. The marine atmosphere is usually unpolluted, largely because the boundary layer (BL; see Appendix for abbreviations) is a region of O_3 photochemical loss [*Piotrowicz et al.*, 1991]. This is a consequence of slow formation (low NO_x conditions; *Zafiriou et al.*, 1980; *Thompson et al.*, 1993) with loss by HO_x, or occasionally by rapid O_3 destruction by halogens [*Read et al.*, 2008]. In the free troposphere mixed sources converge [*Thompson et al.*, 1996]. Advected pollution, stratospherically influenced air, and lightning add to O_3 formation, the latter at rates according to time since a lightning episode (*Thompson et al*, 1997; see *Cooper et al.* [2006] and *Bertram et al.* [2007] for analyses of lightning influence in mid-latitudes). Extra-tropical ozone may also enrich ozone in the tropics [*Randel et al.,* 2007].

Examination of ozone profiles from sondes or aircraft over remote tropical sites reveals the free troposphere as a region of low O_3 (< 30 ppbv; *Thompson et al.*, 2003a) alternating with layers of elevated O_3 (sometimes > 100 ppbv; *Newell et al.,* 1999). From soundings taken through SHADOZ (Southern Hemisphere Additional Ozonesondes; *Thompson et al.,* 2003a,b; 2010; submitted article available as Supplemental Material), SOWER [Stratospheric Ozone and Water in Equatorial Regions; *Hasebe et al.,* 2007; *Takashima and Shiotani*, 2007] and related campaigns, much is known about the structure of O_3 in the tropical upper troposphere (UT) and lower stratosphere (LS). Stable pollution layers in the free troposphere are frequent over Réunion, Fiji, Samoa, San Cristóbal, and Ascension [*Thompson et al.,* 1996; 2003b; *Oltmans et al.,* 2001; 2004; *Randriambelo et al.,* 2003]. Reduced O_3 layers often characterize the UT and TTL (tropical tropopause layer, ~8-14 km; *Fueglistaler et al.,* 2009), where convective outflow of low-O_3 BL air occurs. If O_3 in the UT or TTL averages to lower concentrations than in the mid-troposphere, an "S-shape" profile results [*Folkins et al.*, 2000].

The laminar identification (LID) method, based on O_3 and potential temperature gradients [*Teitelbaum et al.,* 1994, 1996; *Grant et al*, 1998; *Thompson et al.,* 2007a; 2008], interprets persistent O_3 layers in terms of two wave-types. In the tropics, Rossby waves (RW) represent horizontal displacement; these correspond to filaments of extra-tropical air or pollution from long-range transport. When SHADOZ profiles are analyzed with the LID technique, RW signatures appear in < 20% of the soundings [*Loucks, 2007; Thompson et al.,* 2010]. Signatures of convectively-generated gravity waves (GW) occur in 40-90% of SHADOZ soundings, depending on location and season [*Thompson et al.,* 2010a,b]. Near the tropopause, GW are usually identified with Kelvin waves. Transient Kelvin waves have been observed in O_3 over both eastern and western Pacific [*Fujiwara et al.,* 1998; 2001].

Wave activity over the equatorial Americas has received less attention. Robust GW and RW signals were noted during the Milagro/INTEX-B/IONS-06 (Intercontinental Transport Experiment; INTEX Ozonesonde Network Study) campaigns over Mexico City (19N, 99W) and Houston (30N, 95W) in March-May 2006 [*Thompson et al.,* 2008], two locations that are essentially sub-tropical when springtime air parcel flows link them to central America [*Fast et al.,* 2007]. The TC4 (Tropical Composition, Cloud, and Climate Coupling) mission in July-August 2007 offered an opportunity to characterize O_3 profiles closer to the equator than the IONS-06 soundings. TC4 [*Toon et al.*, 2010] investigated chemical transformation in convective systems and the impacts of deep convection on constituent transport, dehydration and cirrus formation. Sampling from San Jose, Costa Rica, with NASA's DC-8, WB-57 and ER-2 aircraft, was well-suited for comparisons with observations from Las Tablas, Panamá (LTP, 7.8N, 80W), where daily soundings were made from the NATIVE (Nittany Atmospheric Trailer and Integrated Validation Experiment) mobile lab. Most TC4 flights were south of the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), which was located at 12-13N during the experiment [*Toon et al.,* 2010]. SHADOZ [*Thompson et al.,* 2003a] soundings from Costa Rica (Alajuela, 10N,84W) were augmented with several launches per week from early July through 9 August 2007.

Five TC4 studies are devoted to analysis of ozone transport and wave activity. In *Selkirk et al.* [2010] temperature anomalies from four-times-daily radiosondes over Alajuela indicate equatorial waves in the TTL. Comparison of TC4 radiosondes and water vapor from cryogenic frost-point hygrometer readings suggests less convection than during the 2005 TCSP (Tropical Convective Systems and Processes) campaign in the same location and time of year. The free troposphere was drier in TC4 than TCSP, and O_3 in the mid-upper troposphere was ~35% higher in TC4 (Figures 1, 3 and 4 in *Selkirk et al.,* 2010). *Avery et al.* [2010] focus on the strong anti-correlation between ozone and condensed cloud water content measured during sampling in active convection, and generalize their findings on convective redistribution of ozone with tracer composites. Convective outflow as indicated by local O_3 minima and elevated lower tropospheric tracers appears to maximize at 10-11 km. *Avery et al.* [2010] argue that in the DC-8 sampling region near the ITCZ, there has been about 50% convective turnover below the TTL, with vertical transport from just above the boundary layer. In *Morris et al.* [2010] lower-mid tropospheric O_3 within a convectively active region over the Pacific southwest of the Las Tablas (LTP) launch site on 5 August 2007 is investigated in detail. The LTP sounding for that day was caught in a strongly convective cell that bounced the balloon package up and down between 2.5-5 km; the O_3 within this layer increased from 30 to 40 ppbv before the balloon ascended to the stratosphere. *Petropavlovskikh et al.* [2010], analyzing the 17 July 2007 DC-8 flight, find that influences on O_3 near the TTL are a mixture of convection and advection, the latter including extra-tropical air, some of it possibly of stratospheric origins. The lowest O_3 layer occurred at 9-11 km, but low-O_3 signatures were also recorded by the UV-DIAL instrument at 2-4 km and 13 km.

As insightful as the above investigations are, none systematically examines dynamic influences in ozone structure in the free troposphere and LS day-by-day during TC4. That is the purpose of the present study. Using the full record of Alajuela (ACR) and Las Tablas O_3 soundings **(Section 2)**, the following analyses are performed:

1) Mean O_3 profiles are determined and day-to-day variability is examined in curtains of O_3 mixing ratio and in integrated O_3 column amounts.

2) Ozone budgets based on LID and expressed as amounts affected by GW and RW provide a consistent framework for examining dynamic influences over the course of TC4. The climatology of wave signatures at LTP and ACR is compared to those at Paramaribo (5.8N,55W) and San Cristóbal (0.92S,90W) sondes, long-term SHADOZ stations also in the equatorial Americas (**Section 3.1**).

3) Case studies of soundings and ancillary aircraft measurements are used to corroborate wave designations, with convection for GW and stratospheric influences or pollution for RW (**Section 3.2**). One episode is among those analyzed by *Avery et al.* [2010] and *Morris et al.* [2010]. Others were chosen to illustrate contrasting impacts.

4) In **Section 4** context for the TC4 observations is given by June-July-August (JJA) Costa Rican sondes in 2006, and the 9-year SHADOZ record [*Thompson et al.,* 2003a,b] at Paramaribo and San Cristóbal. Specifically we ask:

> How does tropospheric O_3 over LTP and ACR in 2007 compare to JJA O_3 over Costa Rica (Heredia site near Alajuela) in 2006, when an El Niño affected the eastern Pacific [*Arguez,* 2007]? How do LTP and ACR O_3 during TC4 compare to O_3 over San Cristóbal in 2007?

> How does O_3 over the equatorial Americas in TC4 compare to the 1999-2006 record? Indices based on GW activity are used to quantify interannual variability.

2. Experimental. Observations and Methods of Analysis.

2.1 Ground & Aircraft

Continuous surface O_3 measurements at Las Tablas (7.8N,80W) were made during the period 13 July to 10 August 2007 from the NATIVE mobile lab that also included an ozonesonde ground station. The surface O_3 was measured with a TECO Model 49 C ozone analyzer, along with carbon monoxide (TECO Model 48CTL), NO and NO_y (TECO Model 42CY), SO_2 (TECO Model 43C-TLE) and particle size distribution (Scanning Mobility Particle Sizer). All data can be viewed at <http://ozone.met.psu.edu/NATIVE/measurements.html>. Calibrations of O_3, CO, and SO_2 were made prior to and directly after the campaign with instrument grade gases (Airgas, Inc.). Calibration of NO and NO_y was performed daily with instrument grade NO (Airgas, Inc.). Catalytic conversion efficiency tested before and after TC4 remained close to 100%.

2.2 Ozone Profiles and P-T-U Profiles

All ozone profile data analyzed here were taken with electrochemical concentration cell (ECC) instruments coupled with standard radiosondes, as described in *Thompson et al.* [2003; 2007a]. Coordinates of LTP, ACR and the SHADOZ sites referred to here appear in **Table 1**, along with details of the sondes used. At Las Tablas, the 0.5% KI buffered solution with ENSCI ozonesondes is a combination that optimizes tropospheric and stratospheric O_3 measurements [*Smit et al.*, 2007; *Thompson et al.*, 2007b; *Deshler et al.,* 2008]. Vaisala radiosondes, Model RS-80, were used to collect P-T-U data. For nine of the 25 LTP soundings during TC4 the humidity data are unreliable above ~300-500 hPa due to suspected sensor icing. Ozone profiles from LTP are viewable at <http://ozone. met.psu.edu/Panama_ Data/index.html>. Each ozonesonde is calibrated according to standard procedures prior to launch; all LTP sondes were also compared to the TECO O_3 for 5-10 minutes pre-launch; agreement is within the stated precision of each technique (5%; Figure 1 in *Morris et al.,* 2010).

Ozone over Alajuela was measured by ENSCI ECC sondes with 1% KI with reduced (0.1%) buffer (**Table 1**); RS-80 radiosondes with a cryogenic frost-point hygrometer were used for P-T-U. At both ACR and LTP, most launches took place in early afternoon local time to capture Aura [*Schoeberl et al.*, 2006], Aqua and CALIPSO satellite overpasses

[*Toon et al.,* 2010]. Images and data for all Costa Rican (late 2005 start), Paramaribo (1999-present) and San Cristóbal (1999-present) ozonesonde and P-T-U profiles are available at <http://croc.gsfc.nasa. gov/shadoz> and at the World Ozone and Ultraviolet Data Centre, <http://woudc.org>.

Aircraft data used most often in analysis of the soundings are: O_3 from the FASTOZ *in-situ* instrument [*Avery et al.*, 2010], uv-DIAL and DACOM CO on the DC-8; the Cloud Physics Lidar (CPL) and Cloud Radar System (CRS) on the ER-2 [*McGill et al.,* 2004; *Hlavka et al.,* 2010]. Regional cloud and convective information comes from meteorological analyses and GOES imagery, as archived by *Toon et al.* [2010].

2.3 Ancillary Data

As for IONS-04 [*Thompson et al.*, 2007a] and IONS-06 [*Thompson et al.,* 2008], tracers for O_3 origins include: (1) RH from the radiosonde P-T-U profiles; (2) Ertel's potential vorticity (pv; 1 pvu = 10^{-6} m^2s-1/K) computed from the Goddard Earth Observing System Assimilation Model (GEOS-version 4; *Bloom et al.*, 2005); (3) forward and backward air-parcel trajectories for each launch location and date, calculated with the kinematic version of the GSFC trajectory model [*Schoeberl and Sparling,* 1995] using GEOS meteorological fields at a 1x1-degree grid. Lightning imagery is also used to describe potential O_3 influences, as are absorbing aerosol data from OMI, trajectory-enhanced aerosol-exposure images and OMI NO_2 amounts. All back-trajectories in the TC4 region, aerosol and lightning data and trajectory-mapped exposure products are at the GSFC TC4 website: <http://croc.gsfc.nasa.gov/tc4>. In selected cases, additional trajectories were run with the NOAA Hysplit model (*Draxler and Rolph*, 2003).

2.4 Analysis for Wave Influences

In the LID (Laminar Identification; *Thompson et al.,* 2007a; 2008) technique, O_3 and potential temperature (θ) laminae, as described in *Teitelbaum et al.* [1994; 1996] and *Pierce and Grant* [1998] are used to identify RW and GW signatures as illustrated in **Figure 1**. The method is described as follows:

1) For each sounding, the O_3 and θ laminae are isolated through normalization to running means. A boxcar smoothing over 2.5 km is used to isolate each lamina. Larger and smaller ranges (from 0.5 to 2.5 km) have been tested with little difference in laminar statistics. Normalized O_3 is the solid line in **Figure 1**; the θ deviations are signified by the dotted line. Because the ozone mixing ratio

precision is 5% in most of the region of interest, only laminae representing a deviation of $\geq$ 10% are included in the analysis (red vertical lines in **Figure 1**).

2): Correlations between O_3 and θ gradients are compared to identify GW and RW. Where the correlations (as in dashed line, **Figure 1**) exceed 0.7 GW (light green) is defined, based on the reasoning that such correlation between the two quantities signifies a vertical disturbance. Conversely, when horizontal motion affects O_3, it is poorly correlated with θ and RW is specified. We adopt the practice of *Pierce and Grant* [1998] and *Teitelbaum et al*., 1994], setting the RW limit for anti-correlation at $\pm$0.3, corresponding to light blue sections in **Figure 1**. This is a fairly conservative criterion; see *Thompson et al.* [2007a] for sensitivity studies.

Two analyses are performed with the LID results. First, for an ensemble of soundings, wave frequencies at a given altitude are calculated from the percentage within a sample set that have laminae designated as RW or GW. Second, for each sounding, the contributions of RW and GW above the boundary layer (BL) to the tropopause or to 20 km are computed by integrating the amount of O_3 within a given layer and adding up all the RW and GW segments. Thus, "tropospheric ozone" amounts in this paper are actually free tropospheric column amounts, above a BL top that varies from 1.2 km (San Cristóbal) to 1.8 km (Paramaribo). The BL top is determined by taking the most negative second derivative of θ with respect to altitude, between 0.4 and 2.5 km [*Yorks et al.*, 2009]. Dobson Units (DU) are used; one DU = 2.69 x 10^{16} cm^{-2}. The amount of O_3 within the column not identified with RW or GW is labeled "other" in the budgets.

For determination of tropospheric LID O_3 budgets **(Section 3)**, an ozonopause definition of tropopause is employed (white dots, **Figure 2;** using the method of *Browell et al.*, 1996). This technique, in which O_3 gradients are approached from the stratosphere, falls closer to the cold-point tropopause than the ozonopause of *Selkirk et al.* (2010; their Figure 2, from Alajuela soundings). *Thompson et al.* [2007a] showed that tropospheric O_3 columns can differ significantly under certain conditions, depending on the use of O_3 or thermal tropopause. Such occurrences are infrequent in mid-latitudes (< 10% in IONS-04 or IONS-06 soundings) and are negligible in TC4, where *Selkirk et al.* (2010) showed that the thermal tropopause and chemical tropopause, based on either water vapor from frost-point hygrometry or O_3 mixing ratios, was consistently at 350-355 K (147 hPa, 14.2 km);

the cold-point tropopause was always 370-378K (16-17 km). For a 1-2 km difference in thermal tropopause and the higher ozonopause, the O_3 budget might vary 2-3 DU.

3. Results and Discussion: July-August 2007

3.1. Overview of Ozone Profiles over LTP and ACR

From time-series of O_3 mixing ratio over Las Tablas and Alajuela (**Figure 2**) the following features emerge: (1) Roughly 10% more O_3 is found in the LTP BL than at ACR due to pollution from Panamá City and occasionally from South American biomass fires. (2) The TTL extends lower over LTP than over ACR. It is customary to assume that when the free tropospheric segment of an ozone profile resembles BL concentrations that convective redistribution has taken place [*Kley et al.* 1996; *Thompson et al.*, 1997; *Newell et al.,* 1999, *Folkins et al.*, 2006]. Given typical BL concentrations of 20-25 ppbv at the two sites, **Figure 2** suggests that there are fewer episodes of high-altitude convection over LTP than ACR (blue shade, 12-14 km), although that inference may be an artifact of LTP having more samples. Consequently, there is less O_3 in the ACR mean O_3 profile between 11-14 km **(Figure 3a)** than LTP **(Figure 3b**; cf Figure 13 in *Avery et al.,* 2010), giving a slight "S" shape in the ACR O_3 profile. The "S" is similar to Pacific SHADOZ profiles (*Folkins et al.,* 2000; 2006; cf *Kley et al.,* [1996]) and to IONS-06 soundings (<http://croc.gsfc.nasa. gov/intexb/ions06.html>) over Mexico City (19N, 99W) that detected the highest O_3 at 8-9 km and minimum O_3 at 12-14 km (*Thompson et al.,* 2008; Fig 5).

Convective signatures in DC-8 sampling, registered as locally minimum ozone in profiles from the FASTOZ instrument, were concentrated between 10 and 11 km [*Avery et al.,* 2010]. Elevated lower tropospheric tracers such as methyl hydrogen peroxide and organic bromine-containing constituents (Figures 13-15 in *Avery et al.,* 2010) occur coincidentally with the lower ozone. Mean DC-8 O_3 profiles and the soundings (**Figure 3a)** are somewhat divergent. This is not surprising given that the sondes are at fixed locations whereas the DC-8 deliberately sampled in the vicinity of active convection.

3.2 Overview of Wave Signatures in the Sondes

Figure 4a shows that the O_3 labeled GW is concentrated throughout the TTL and lower stratosphere over both LTP and ACR, with frequencies similar to those at the Paramaribo and San Cristóbal SHADOZ sites (**Figure 4b).** The latter depicts wave frequencies averaged for 1999-2007, which are nearly identical to June-July-August statistics. The waves in **Figures 4a,b** are similar to other SHADOZ tropical [*Thompson et al.,* 2010a,b] and northern hemisphere subtropical locations (Figure 4 in *Thompson et al.,* 2008). As in *Thompson et al.* [2010a,b], the GW signal in the TTL is more frequent at the station that is closer to the equator (Las Tablas and San Cristóbal, respectively, in **Figures 4a** and **4b)**. However, ACR has a higher GW frequency at 3 and 6 km, where convective outflow often occurs (**Section 3.3**). Ozone associated with GW is 15-20% of the tropospheric column (**Table 2**). In half the days with TC4 soundings at both LTP and ACR, LTP O_3 at 3-6 km is 40-50 ppbv vs ~30 ppbv over ACR (cf **Figure 3** mean O_3 profiles). Thus, column tropospheric O_3 is ~30% higher over LTP than ACR (**Table 2)**.

3.3 Case Studies with Varying Convective and Wave Influence

Days with coincident launches at LTP and ACR (**Figure 5a**) offer an opportunity to compare ozone profiles at the two sites and to use TC4 aircraft data, satellite imagery and meteorological products to interpret convective and wave influences. On all dates illustrated in **Figure 5a** the profiles display convective signatures typically with >10 DU of column O_3 to 20 km designated as GW. The TC4 period started with a phase characterized by active convection over the Costa Rica-Panamá region and the adjacent Pacific **(Section 3.3.1)**; this corresponds to the left-most section relative to the vertical dashed line in **Figures 5b,c**. This is corroborated by satellite and aircraft imagery in flights through 22 July 2007 [*Toon et al.,* 2010]. In a second phase, from 23 July through 2 August **(Section 3.3.2)**, between the two dashed lines in **Figures 5b,c,** TC4 aircraft continued to sample convection but it was less active at ACR and LTP. The fraction of total O_3 designated GW declined in most soundings (**Figures 5b,c**), as the GW-affected segments in O_3 profiles retreated from the troposphere to above 17 km. The amount of column O_3 affected by RW increased compared to the pre-24 July period. More active convection resumed in a third phase **(Section 3.3.3)** after 2 August, when targeted sampling by the ER-2, DC-8 and WB-57 took place [*Toon et al.,* 2010]. In the following sections episodes illustrative of the three phases are examined to verify the link between the GW designation and convective activity and the relationship of RW to extra-tropical and/or pollution influences.

3.3.1 13-22 July 2007: Active Convection and Elevated GW

13 July. Convective activity at LTP and ACR, as given by GW amount to 20 km, is similar (**Figure 5a)**. The fraction of FT O_3 influenced by GW is similar in both cases (~20%; **Figures 5b,c)**. A typical pair of profiles **(Figure 6a)** shows that the ACR O_3 concentration averages ~40 ppbv from the surface to the tropopause (14-15 km), whereas O_3 in the upper troposphere over LTP exceeds 50 ppbv. BL O_3 at LTP is less than at ACR. The RH profiles have considerable structure, with moister air over LTP than ACR.

Evidence for convection over ACR comes from the DC-8 flight from California to San Jose, Costa Rica, on 13 July 2007. The last 100-150 km of the flight encompassed a descent near ACR at ~2100 UTC, after the aircraft had crossed the ITCZ. The DC-8 uv-DIAL image of O_3 (**Figure 6b)** captures the morphology of convective impact throughout the FT and TTL. North of the ITCZ (northern edge at 13N), the FT was penetrated by pollution O_3 (>80 ppbv) and aerosols traced to biomass fires interacting with convection. South of the ITCZ, just before descent, FT O_3 dropped to 40-50 ppbv, except for a localized O_3 minimum (< 30 ppbv) around 10 km (**Figure 6b),** similar to FT O_3 structure over ACR (**Figure 6a)**, and to the DC-8 FASTOZ O_3 during descent. Note a very thin layer of low ozone at 13 km in the uv-DIAL image, corresponding to an altitude with low O_3 over ACR. A similar low-O_3 "bubble" sampled on 17 July 2007 is discussed by *Petropavlovskikh et al.*, 2010s. The uv-DIAL aerosols (not shown) corresponding to **Figure 6b** indicate a "clean" FT south of the ITCZ except for thin cirrus at the tropopause, consistent with the soundings. Convective indicators, elevated CO, methyl-hydrogen peroxide, lightning NO, ultrafine particles (not shown; see flight report at <http://espo. nasa.gov/tc4/docs>), penetrated south of the ITCZ. These pollutants came from north of the ITCZ. Interhemispheric transport during convection is well known over the Atlantic [*Jonquières et al.,* 1998; *Thompson et al.*, 2000; *Edwards et al.*, 2003].

On 13 July (**Figure 5b,c**) about half the tropospheric O_3 over both LTP and ACR corresponds to RW. The corresponding segments in the ACR profile **(Figure 6a)** are locally enhanced in O_3 and reduced in RH, suggesting extra-tropical influence. This is a good example of a sounding that captures both advective and convective signals.

22 July. On this day there is more O_3 in the TTL and LS identified as GW over LTP than ACR (**Figures 5a, 7a).** There is relatively little tropospheric O_3 associated with GW over either one **(Figures 5b,c**). A convective contrast between LTP and ACR is evident in satellite imagery (see ER-2 flight report for 22 July 07 at <http://espo. nasa.gov/tc4/docs>). When the ER-2 sampled near LTP on 22 July, the cloud and precipitation CPL-CRS imagery (**Figure 7b)** indicated several levels of convective outflow. For example, there is cirrus with a 13.5-14 km cloud top, coinciding with a GW-labeled segment in the LTP sounding, right above a localized O_3 minimum (black profile, **Figure 7a).** The CPL-CRS indicates another cloud outflow layer at 4 km. This region is not designated as GW although there is a local O_3 minimum at 4 km and relatively high RH. From 2-5 km the designation is RW; O_3 is 60% greater than at the surface, suggesting possible pollution transport. Surface ozone at LTP, measured in NATIVE on 22 July, averaged 15 ppbv **(Figure 8a)** but the moderately high CO mixing ratio, 135 ppbv, supports an interpretation of pollution **(Figure 8b).**

3.3.2. 23 July-2 August: Elevated RW

During the period 23-28 July most sonde launches were at LTP. At both sites, the soundings from 23 July to 2 August displayed fractionally higher RW O_3 segments in the troposphere (**Figure 5b,c**). An example appears in **Figure 9a.** The RW signal over LTP extends from 2 to 17 km on 2 August, except for a 2-km region, and there is no GW segment. ACR displays convective influence in terms of GW only from 11-15 km. An RW segment from 5-10 km coincides with a dry layer from 4-9 km; this is suggestive of air from the extra-tropics. Even though convection picks up on 3 August, remnants of the RW feature persist over both sites on that day (**Figure 9b**).

During the period of greater RW, there were also changes in surface O_3 and CO at Las Tablas (see NATIVE data in **Figure 8**). On 23 July a normal diurnal O_3 cycle was observed, with a near-zero nocturnal minimum. LID analysis for the 23 July sounding at LTP was not valid, indicating active transition and no stable layers. However, on 24 July the O_3 minimum rises to ~15 ppbv. This causes daily mean O_3 to increase from 17 ppbv on 23 July to 25 ppbv on 24 July. At this time, CO dropped below 90 ppbv (**Figure 8b**), one of the lowest values at NATIVE during TC4.

3.3.3 3-10 August: Return of Active Convection. Elevated GW

3 August. The fractions of GW and RW tropospheric segments over Las Tablas and Alajuela are nearly the same (**Figures 5b,c)** and the wave structures are similar (**Figure 9b**). Over LTP the GW signal that was absent on 2 August returns at 13-20 km (**Figure 9b)**. The DC-8 and ER-2 sampled not far from LTP near active convection (refer to GOES image with flight tracks for all three aircraft on 3 August; Figure 16 in *Toon et al.* [2010]). The DC-8 profiles in **Figure 10a** were taken over NATIVE from 1705-1735 UTC during the convective period that was sampled less than 50 km away by the ER-2; the LTP launch took place at 1741 UTC. The upper of two O_3 minima over LTP (10-15 km, **Figure 9b),** corresponds to cloud outflow recorded by satellite imagery (not shown) and to cirrus in the ER-2 CPL-CRS product (**Figure 10b)** at 13-15 km. A second O_3 minimum with elevated CO at 5-6 km **(Figure 10a)** is also located at a cloud outflow layer (lower ~~bar~~ arrow in **Figure 10b**). Over ACR, O_3 mixing ratios averaged > 80 ppbv in the 6-13 km segment (**Figure 9b)**. Above 8 km, the RH drops off sharply, suggesting extra-tropical air. The elevated O_3 coincides with a mostly RW segment that brackets the tropopause, which is 1.5 km higher over LTP than ACR (**Figure 2)**.

5 August. During the period 3-5 August there was a sharp transition in the LTP and ACR profiles that is reflected in the O_3 budgets **(Figures 5a-c);** the GW O_3 budgets to 20 km are nearly identical over the two stations on 4 August **(Figure 5a)**. The upper tropospheric O_3 mixing ratios decline over both sites, from a mean of ~75 ppbv on 3 August to 45 ppbv on 5 August **(Figures 9b,c);** during the transition, LTP free tropospheric O_3 declines to 22 DU on 4 August, the lowest O_3 column in the TC4 period **(Figure 5b).** From 4 to 5 August there are further transitions in vertical O_3 structures over ACR and LTP (**Figure 9c).** The GW signal that starts over LTP (ACR) at 12 km (11 km) on 4 August (not shown) retreats to 15 km on 5 August. Over Las Tablas a several-km thick layer that is 20 ppbv above background coincides with RW (**Figure 9c;** also **Figure 1).** DC-8 aircraft sampling near LTP on 5 August confirmed the possibility of extra-tropical origins at 8-10 km, where O_3 mixing ratios were 50-70 ppbv in a relatively dry layer [*Avery et al.*, 2010]. However, just above this layer, at 11 km, the DC-8 noted cleaner than usual conditions, signifying convective outflow of marine boundary layer air (upper outflow on **Figure 10c**). Near the surface, the DC-8 detected pollution due to biomass fires (Flight notes at <http://www.espo.nasa.gov/tc4/flightDocs.php>).

The 5 August ozonesonde launch at LTP (1505 UTC) was timed for nearby DC-8 spiral (~1540 UTC) and ER-2 sampling of convective cells to the southwest (**Figure 10c**; cf Figure 19 in *Toon et al.,* 2010). Between 2.5 km and 5.1 km, the sonde bounced up and down five times within a convective cell while O_3 concentrations increased by ~10 ppbv. *Morris et al.* [2010] use satellite imagery, lightning data, radar and OMI NO_2 maps, along with DC-8 measurements to demonstrate that lightning NO production is responsible for much of the increase. The lower outflows in **Figure 10c** correspond to the region of the bouncing sonde. The profile in **Figure 9c** is based on the final sonde ascent from 2.5 to 5.1 km; the GW signal is not detected.

4. Waves in the Equatorial Americas: 1999-2007. TC4 in Context.

A perspective for interpreting convective influence over LTP and ACR is provided by wave frequencies over Paramaribo and San Cristóbal (**Figure 4b**), SHADOZ sites operating since 1999 [*Thompson et al.,* 2003a,b]. The amplitudes of individual layers and wave structure at Paramaribo and San Cristóbal resemble those for LTP and ACR (**Figure 1**) as do the structure of the GW frequencies at LTP and ACR (**Figures 4a,b**). Similar GW structure appears over equatorial Indian Ocean sites, eg Watukosek, Kuala Lumpur, that display the highest annually averaged GW frequency, ~60% [*Thompson et al.,* 2010a]. The higher GW frequency at San Cristóbal leads to a larger GW fraction of tropospheric O_3

(**Figure 11**). Although the tropospheric O_3 column averaged 25 DU in 2007, compared to 28 DU for LTP, 25% of O_3 is GW-affected at San Cristóbal compared to 15% at LTP **(Table 2)**. TC4 was timed for the onset of the sub-tropical convective season and the North American monsoon. **Figure 4c**, a summary of monthly averaged GW over Paramaribo, shows that JJA has about half the maximum GW frequency, typically a December occurrence.

An interannual view of ozone budgets and convective influence appears in **Figure 11**, where the mean JJA tropospheric O_3 column (with segments for RW and GW) is displayed for Costa Rica (2006 only), Paramaribo and San Cristóbal from 1999-2007. At San Cristóbal, 2006 is a low-O_3 year compared to the six others, possibly due to a moderate El Niño [*Arguez,* 2007]. In the eastern Pacific, El Niño tends to enhance convective activity, mixing lower O_3 air from the BL throughout the troposphere. [*Logan et al.*, 2008]. The GW-affected tropospheric ozone amount in 2006 is only slightly lower than normal over San Cristóbal but the total tropospheric column dropped from a mean 22-23 DU (1999-2005; **Figure 11)** to 18 DU so the GW fraction is magnified. At Heredia (20 km away) 2006 tropospheric O_3 is lower than over ACR in 2007 (**Figure 11).**

General meteorological conditions at Paramaribo (6N), Panamá (8N), and Alajuela (10N) are similar, with the ITCZ migrating over each. The SHADOZ wave climatology [*Loucks,* 2007; *Thompson et al.*, 2010] shows GW frequency diminishing with increasing latitude. A GWI (Gravity Wave Index; **Figure 12**), based on the fraction of the O_3 column to 20 km denoted as GW, provides a quantitative comparison of site-to-site and interannual variability. GWI is larger at San Cristóbal than Paramaribo until 2004 when data gaps at San Cristóbal compromise the record. The gaps also preclude conclusive linkage of GWI to signals associated with an El Niño.

5. Summary

During TC4, in July and early August 2007, ozonesondes and radiosondes were launched several times/week at Alajuela, Costa Rica (10N,84W) to characterize convective influences in the tropical tropopause layer (TTL). At Las Tablas, Panamá (7.8N, 80W), a coastal site 300 km southwest of Panamá City, O_3 profiles from daily sondes, surface O_3, CO and other tracers are analyzed. Laminar identification provides a systematic approach to classifying wave signatures in sounding data, giving a statistical perspective on the TC4 period and the longer-term SHADOZ sounding record at Paramaribo and San Cristóbal. The findings are summarized:

- GW influences, possibly due to semi-permanent Kelvin waves in the TTL and lower stratosphere (cf *Grant et al.,* 1998; *Thompson et al.,* 2010a) appeared in 50% (40%) of Las Tablas (Alajuela) sondes. The GW structure and frequency are similar to those over SHADOZ stations at San Cristóbal and Paramaribo.
- On average there is 35-40% more tropospheric column O_3 at LTP than ACR during TC4 and 20% more at LTP than at San Cristóbal, a remote marine station, 1400 km southwest of LTP.
- June-July-August O_3 budgets at Paramaribo and San Cristóbal suggest that 2007 was a "typical" year in terms of tropical equatorial O_3 amount and convective activity expressed in GW frequency. During 1999-2006, Paramaribo and San Cristóbal display O_3 column amounts and convective influence that bracket the TC4 ACR and LTP values.

Classification of wave types through LID is validated through case studies in which aircraft observations support interpretation of convective influences (with the GW designation) and extra-tropical impact, corresponding to RW. Laminae of low-O_3 surface air convectively injected into the free troposphere are detected by LID, frequently interleaved with the richer-O_3 layers; subtle day-to-day variations are captured. The pattern of convection inferred from LID is consistent with the meteorological evolution of the campaign [*Toon et al.,* 2010]. The early part of TC4, to 22 July 2007, was characterized by persistent GW throughout the free troposphere and TTL. After a less active period, from 23 July until approximately 2 August, with lower GW signals and greater RW, GW increased in frequency along with convection.

Sonde and aircraft data established further the convection-GW linkage and demonstrated the prevalence of extra-tropical laminae interleaved with layers from convective outflow throughout the equatorial Americas. In terms of TC4 objectives, our analysis of ozone structure strengthens the case for convection as a dominant mechanism for water vapor transport and cirrus formation in the TTL. The persistence of higher-O_3 laminae in the troposphere requires further investigation to determine the extent to which these layers are remnants of extra-tropical filaments or associated with localized equatorial waves.

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APPENDIX. ABBREVATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ACP= Alajuela, Costa Rica (10N, 84W)
BL = Boundary Layer, here determined from radiosondes (*Yorks et al.* 2009)
CALIPSO = Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation
CPL = Cloud Physics Lidar (ER-2 instrument)
CRS = Cloud Radar System (ER-2 instrument)
DU = Dobson Unit (1 DU = 2.69 x 10^{16} cm^{-2})
ECC = Electrochemical Concentration Cell (ozonesonde type)
FT = Free Troposphere
GOES = Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites
GSFC = Goddard Space Flight Center
GWI = Gravity Wave Index
INTEX = Intercontinental Transport Experiment (-A, 2004; B, 2006)
IONS = INTEX Ozonesonde Network Study <http://croc.gsfc.nasa.gov/intex/ions.html; … intexb/ions06>
ITCZ = Intertropical Convergence Zone
JJA = June-July-August
LTP = Las Tablas, Panamá (7.8N, 80W)
NASA = National Aeronautics and Space Administration
OMI = Ozone Monitoring Instrument
P-T-U = Pressure-Temperature-Humidity
RH = Relative Humidity
RWI = Rossby Wave Index
SHADOZ = Southern Hemisphere Additional Ozonesondes <http://croc.gsfc.nasa.gov/shadoz>
SOWER = Stratospheric Ozone and Water Vapor in Equatorial Regions
TC4 = Tropical Composition, Clouds and Climate Coupling (2007) <http://espo.nasa.gov/tc4>
TCSP = Tropical Convective Systems and Processes (Costa Rica, 2005)
TTL = Tropical Tropopause Layer (sometimes tropopause transition layer)
UV-DIAL = Ultraviolet Differential Airborne Lidar [Laser Detection and Ranging]

Table 1. Stations for which data are used. Further technical details given in Table A-1 in *Thompson et al.* (2003a) and in *Thompson et al.* (2007b).

Station	Latitude, Longitude	Instrument Type, Sensing Solution	Radiosonde	Co-Investigator/ Sponsor
Las Tablas	7.8N, 80W	ENSCI, 0.5% KI, buffered	RS-80-15N	G. A. Morris, A. M. Thompson
Heredia/Alajuela	10.0N,84 W	ENSCI, 1% KI, buffered	RS-80& Cryogenic Frost-point hygrometer	H. Vömel; J. Valverde Canossa
San Cristóbal	0.92S, 89.6W	ENSCI 2% unbuffered to 2006; 1%, reduced buffer, 2006-	RS-80	H. Vömel. INAMHI (National Inst. of Hydrology and Meteorology of Ecuador), M. V. A. Reyes [*Johnson et al.,* 2002; *Thompson et al.,* 2007b]
Paramaribo	5.8N,55W	SPC, 1% KI buffered	RS-80 to 2005 RS-92, 2005-	G. Verver & Met. Service Suriname [*Peters et al.,* 2003; *Fortuin et al.,* 2006]

Table 2. Free tropospheric ozone columns during June-July-August 2007. ACR mean omits 28 July sounding where data ended below the tropopause.

Station	GW O_3	RW O_3	Other O_3	Total
ACR - DU	2.9	8.2	9.3	20.4
ACR - %	14	40	46	100
LTP - DU	3.94	13.2	10.8	28
LTP - %	15	47	38	100
San Cris.- DU	5.5	7.5	12	25
San Cris.- %	24	28	48	100

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FIGURE CAPTIONS -

Fig 1 Application of laminar identification (LID) method to typical sounding from Panamá. Illustrated are normalized O_3 (solid line), potential temperature (dotted line) and correlation between the two quantities (dashed). Correlation criteria for Rossby waves (RW) are within vertical lines between -0.3 and +0.3 (light blue). The latter designation is used in discussion of profiles and budgets. Gravity wave (GW) criterion of *Pierce and Grant* (1998; see their Figure 1) and *Thompson et al.* (2007a; Figure 3) calls for normalized O_3 and θ correlation to reach 0.7 (vertical line; light green for budgets). For computation of the GW Index, a more restrictive criterion is used, namely, the corresponding O_3 layer amplitude must exceed 0.1 (10%), as in the darker green. An RW Index, not used here, is based on counting only ozone within dark blue.

Fig 2 Curtain plots of O_3 mixing ratio to 18 km during TC4 over (a) Alajuela, Costa Rica (ACR); (b) Las Tablas, Panamá (LTP). White dots refer to the ozonopause as described in the text.

Fig 3 Mean profiles of ozone, temperature, relative humidity (RH) from surface to 20 km for: (a) Alajuela, Costa Rica (ACR); eight O_3 profiles with slight interference from volcanic SO_2 have been smoothed at 3 km. For comparison, mean DC-8 profiles from the FASTOZ ozone instrument (green dots) are displayed. The profiles include landing and takeoffs from San Jose airport near Alajuela. (b) Las Tablas, Panamá. In the latter case, seven questionable RH profile segments are omitted from mean.

Fig 4 (a) Frequency of GW occurrence over LTP, ACR during July-August 2007 TC4 sampling; (b) mean GW frequency over Paramaribo and San Cristóbal, based on all 1999-2007 profiles. For (b) J-J-A and full year means are virtually the same because J-J-A frequencies fall about halfway between the annual maximum and minimum frequencies. Paramaribo did not launch during TC4; (c) annual GW frequency at Paramaribo. The latter is typical of near-equatorial SHADOZ sites [*Thompson et al.,* 2010a].

Fig 5 (a) Amounts of O_3 (in DU) from top of the BL to 20 km, affected by GW, RW determined by LID [*Thompson et al.*, 2007a] based on O_3 and P-T-U soundings from days with both Las Tablas (LTP) and Alajuela (ACR) launches during TC4. (b) Same as (a) except for free tropospheric O_3 segment of all LTP soundings during TC4. The free troposphere is defined from the top of the BL to the ozonopause, as illustrated in Figure 2; (c) same as (b) for O_3 over ACR. The vertical dashed line distinguishes phases of convective activity (greater before 23 July 2007 and after 2 August, diminished in between), as detected in the sondes.

Fig 6 (a) Ozone, RH, temperature profiles at ACR and LTP for 13 July 2007. Vertical bars refer to RW (blue) and GW (green) as described in **Figure 1.** (b) Uv-DIAL image of ozone from DC-8 flight from California to Costa Rica. Ozone < 40 ppbv, purple, is near surface and also at cloud outflow level, ~ 10 km, south of the ITCZ; the latter is the cloudy region at 1945 UTC. Note a thin cloud-outflow ozone lamina at 13 km.

Fig 7 (a) Ozone, RH, temperature profiles at ACR and LTP for 22 July 2007. (b) convective cells with outflow layers denoted by arrows on 22 July 2007 near LTP from ER-2 Cloud Physics Lidar and Cloud Radar System composite image [*Hlavka et al.*, 2010].

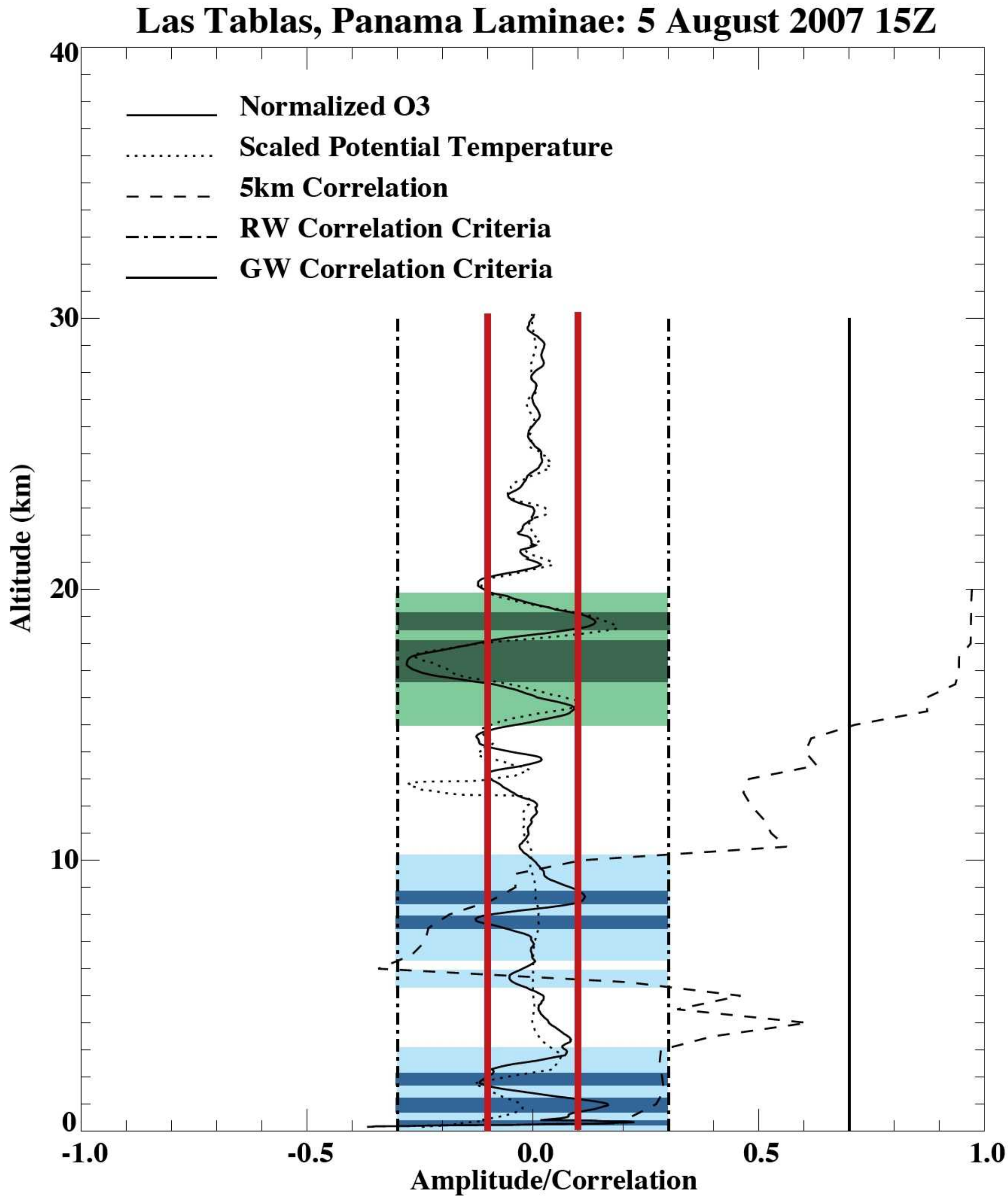
Fig 8 Daily mean mixing ratios of (a) O_3; (b) CO, from NATIVE in Las Tablas, Panamá (7.8N,80.0N). NATIVE CO readings are higher than the median DC-8 profile data (Figure 2 in *Avery et* *al.*, 2010), although NATIVE NO/NO_y and SO_2 suggest that pollution is infrequent,

Fig 9 Profiles from August 2007 TC4 sampling (a) 2 August 2007; (b) 3 August; (c) 5 August. Labels as in Figure 6a. For 5 August, the DC-8 O_3 measurement from profiling near LTP displayed a high-O_3, low-CO layer [*Avery et al.*, 2010] at 8-10 km. Also on 5 August, the ozonesonde package, caught in dissipating convection, was buffeted in updrafts and downdrafts between 2 and 5 km, presumably due to balloon icing [*Morris et al.*, 2010]. Only the final ascent profile appears in (c), so a GW signal indicating convection does not appear below 7 km. However, the RW segment may denote ozone from pollution.

Fig 10 (a) Ozone, CO from DC-8 spiral on 3 August 2007 at 1505-1535 UTC, suggests extra-tropical influence at 6-8 km, with convection at 5 km and above 8 km. (b) 3 Aug 2007 ER-2 sampling produced composite CPL-CRS image with convective cells (outflow at horizontal arrows) at 7.5N, 80.5W. Vertical arrows mark LTP sonde launch. (c) Same as (b) except for 5 August.

Fig 11 Averaged ozone amounts (in DU) in the free troposphere affected by GW, RW determined by the laminar method using all O_3 and P-T-U sounding from J-J-A 1999-2007 for San Cristóbal, Galapagos (0.89S,90W) and Paramaribo, Suriname (5.8N,55E) and, since 2005, for two Costa Rican launch sites near San Jose (Heredia in 2005-2006; Alajuela, ~20 km distant, in 2007). The 2007 data at Las Tablas, Panamá, are from TC4. BL O_3 amounts (not shown) are 2 DU at San Cristóbal, 3.5 DU at Paramaribo and the Costa Rican sites.

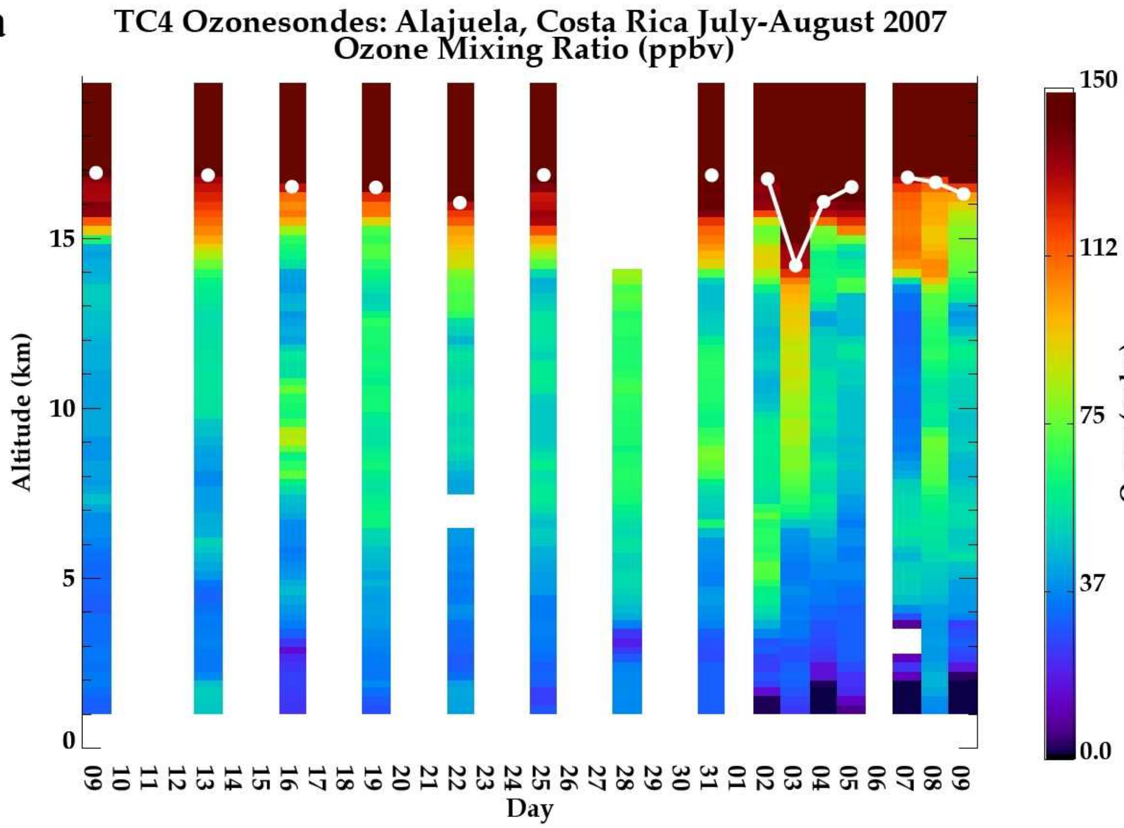
Fig 12 Gravity wave Indices (GWI) based on O_3 and P-T-U soundings from the Paramaribo and San Cristóbal SHADOZ sites.



Las Tablas, Panama Laminae: 5 August 2007 15Z
Normalized O3
Scaled Potential Temperature
5km Correlation
RW Correlation Criteria
GW Correlation Criteria
Altitude (km)
Amplitude/Correlation
40
30
20
10
0
-1.0
-0.5
0.0
0.5
1.0

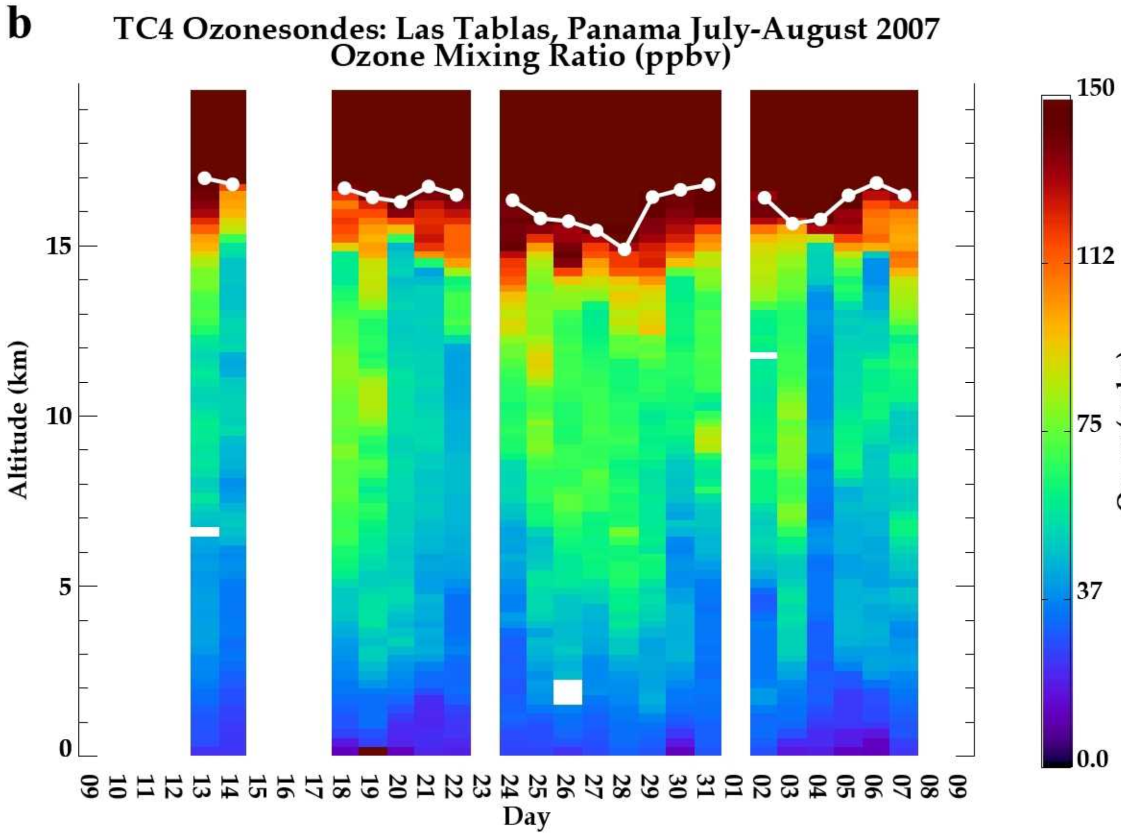
FIGURE 1

a



TC4 Ozonesondes: Alajuela, Costa Rica July-August 2007
Ozone Mixing Ratio (ppbv)
Altitude (km)
0
5
10
15
Day
09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09
Ozone (ppbv)
0.0
37
75
112
150

b



TC4 Ozonesondes: Las Tablas, Panama July-August 2007
Ozone Mixing Ratio (ppbv)
Altitude (km)
0
5
10
15
Day
09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09
Ozone (ppbv)
0.0
37
75
112
150

FIGURE 2

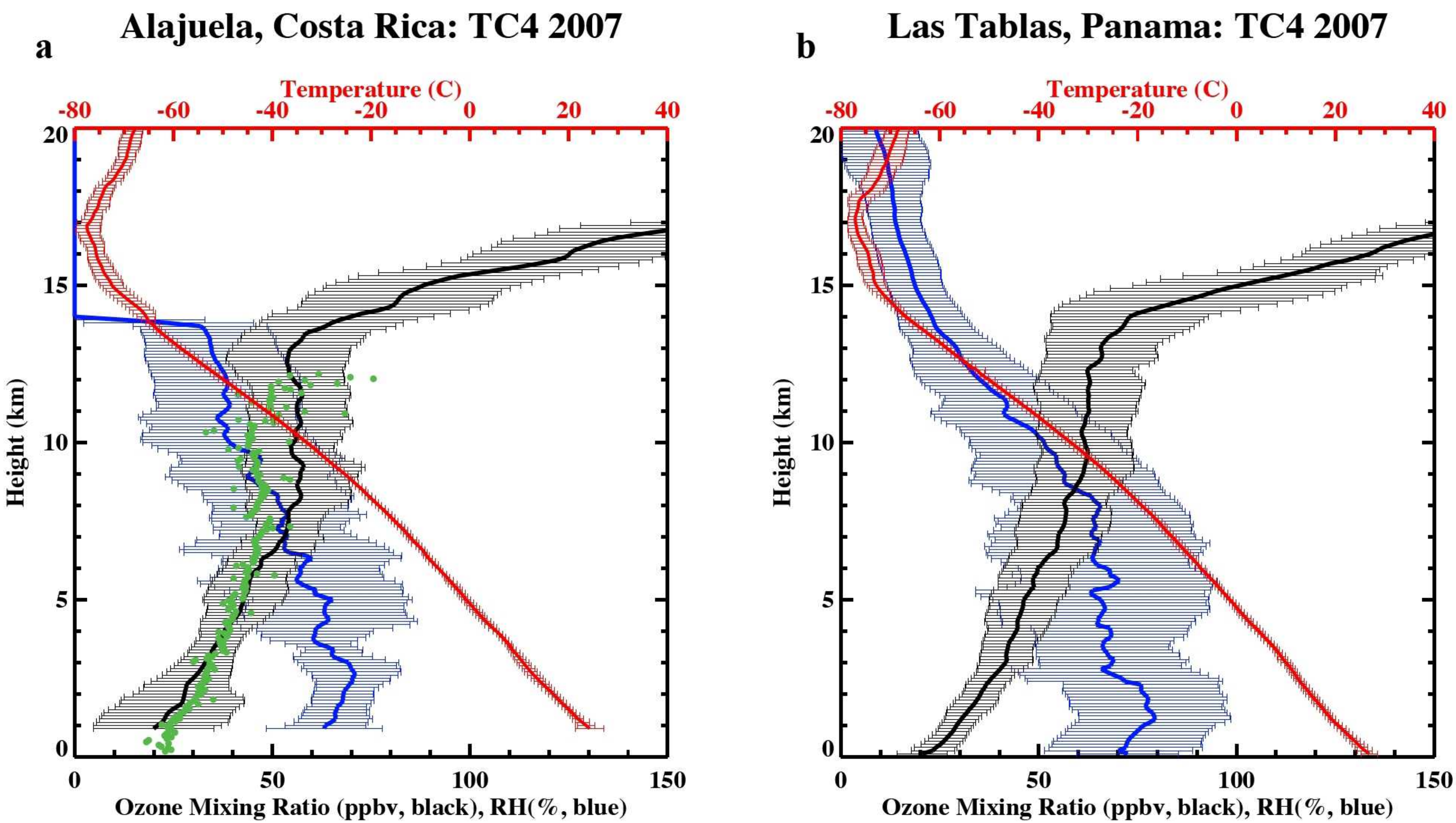

a
Alajuela, Costa Rica: TC4 2007
Temperature (C)
-80
-60
-40
-20
0
20
40
20
15
10
5
0
Height (km)
0
50
100
150
Ozone Mixing Ratio (ppbv, black), RH(%, blue)
b
Las Tablas, Panama: TC4 2007
Temperature (C)
-80
-60
-40
-20
0
20
40
20
15
10
5
0
Height (km)
0
50
100
150
Ozone Mixing Ratio (ppbv, black), RH(%, blue)

FIGURE 3

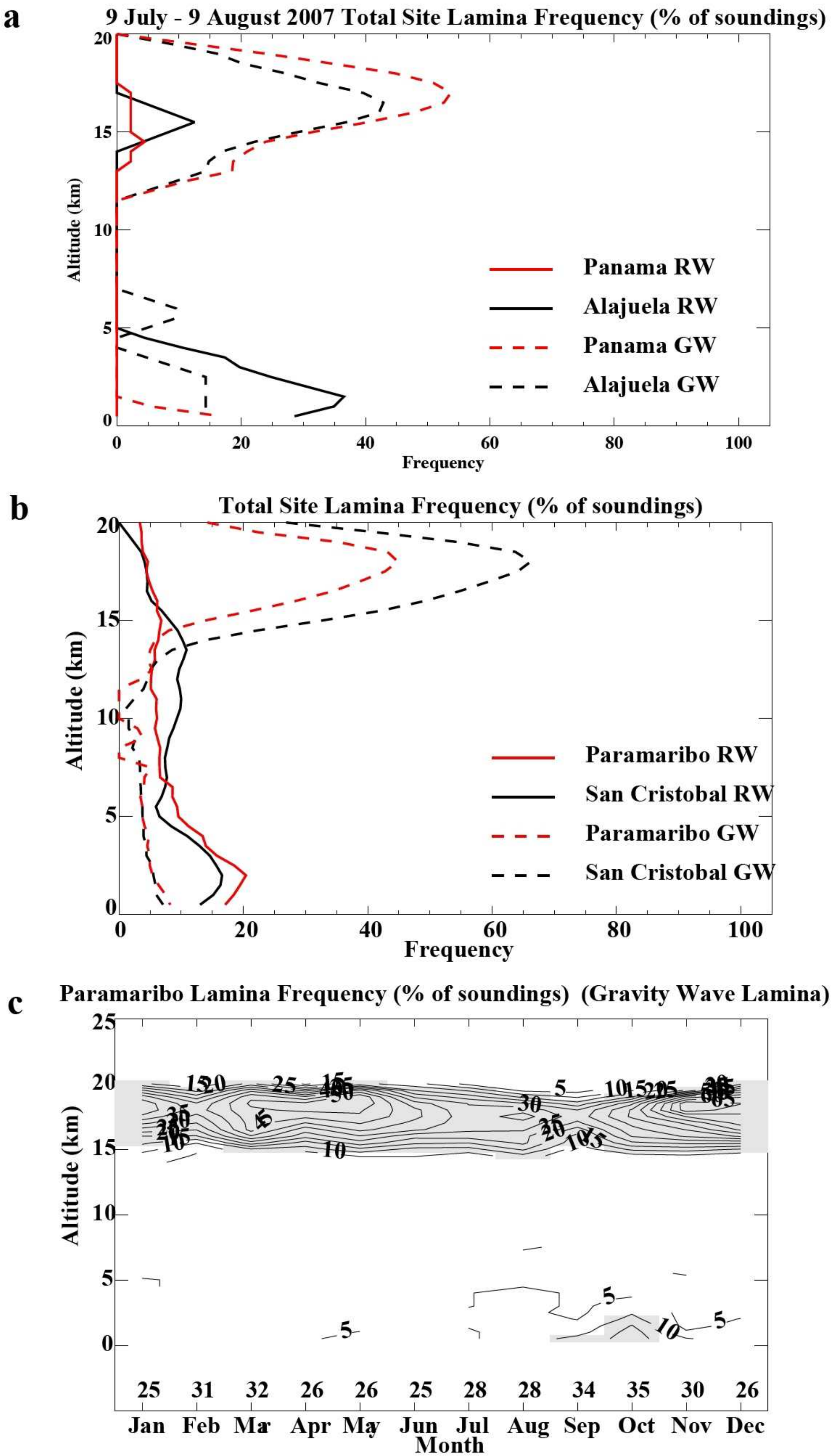
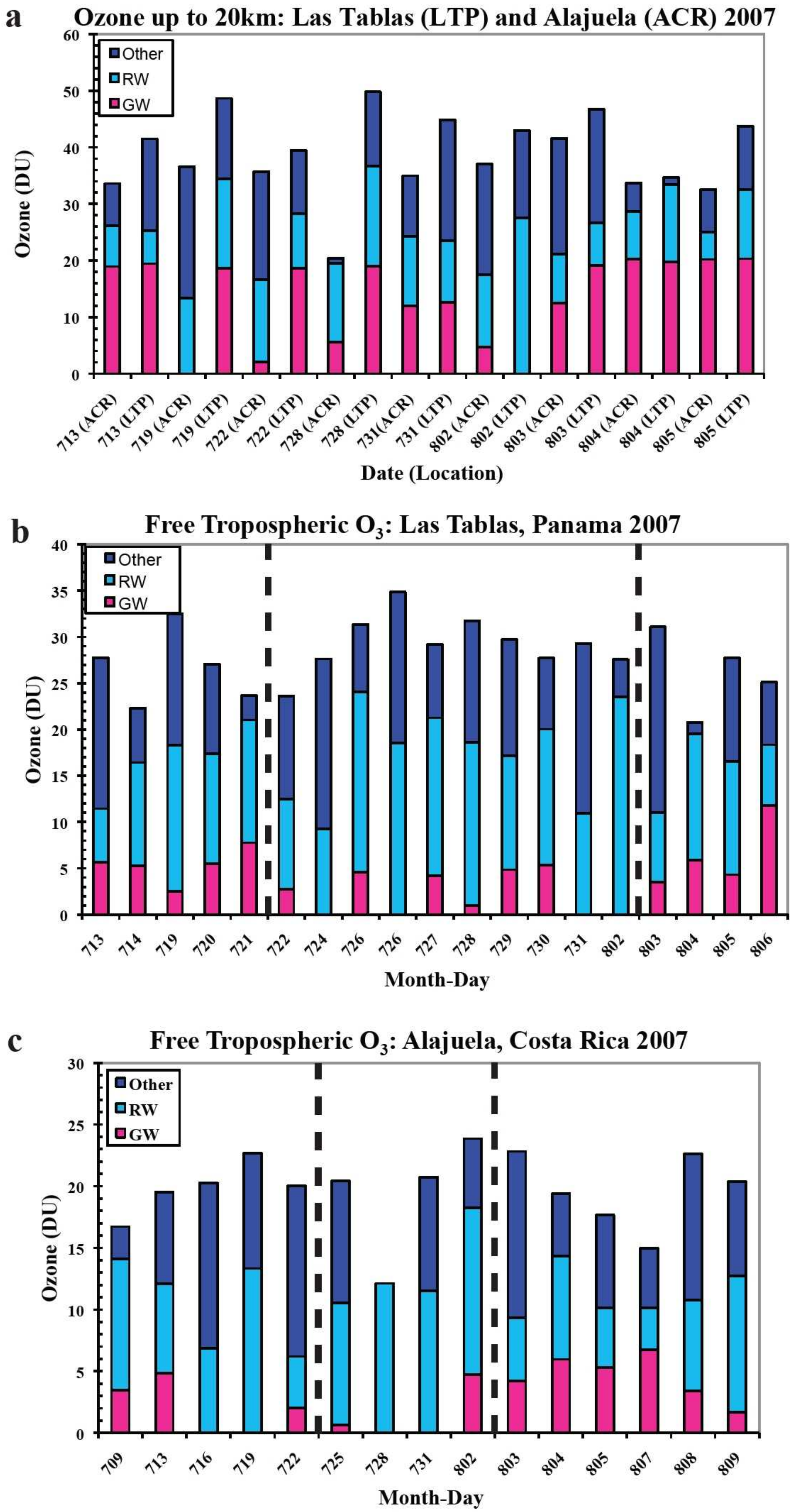
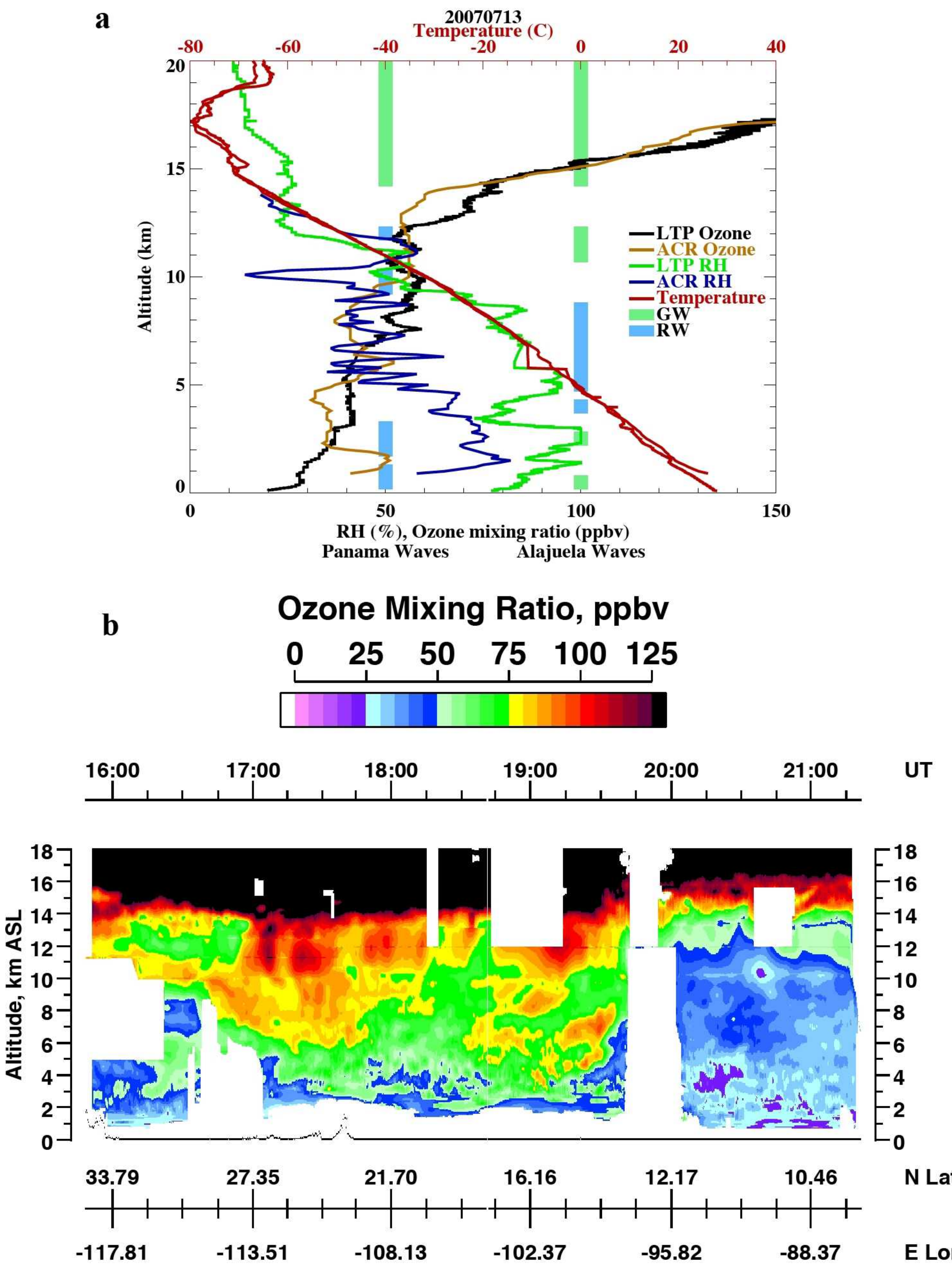

a
9 July - 9 August 2007 Total Site Lamina Frequency (% of soundings)
Altitude (km)
Frequency
Panama RW
Alajuela RW
Panama GW
Alajuela GW
b
Total Site Lamina Frequency (% of soundings)
Altitude (km)
Frequency
Paramaribo RW
San Cristobal RW
Paramaribo GW
San Cristobal GW
c
Paramaribo Lamina Frequency (% of soundings) (Gravity Wave Lamina)
Altitude (km)
25 31 32 26 26 25 28 28 34 35 30 26
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
Month

FIGURE 4



a
Ozone up to 20km: Las Tablas (LTP) and Alajuela (ACR) 2007
Other
RW
GW
Ozone (DU)
Date (Location)
713 (ACR)
713 (LTP)
719 (ACR)
719 (LTP)
722 (ACR)
722 (LTP)
728 (ACR)
728 (LTP)
731(ACR)
731 (LTP)
802 (ACR)
802 (LTP)
803 (ACR)
803 (LTP)
804 (ACR)
804 (LTP)
805 (ACR)
805 (LTP)
b
Free Tropospheric O_3: Las Tablas, Panama 2007
Other
RW
GW
Ozone (DU)
Month-Day
713
714
719
720
721
722
724
726
726
727
728
729
730
731
802
803
804
805
806
c
Free Tropospheric O_3: Alajuela, Costa Rica 2007
Other
RW
GW
Ozone (DU)
Month-Day
709
713
716
719
722
725
728
731
802
803
804
805
807
808
809

FIGURE 5


a
20070713
Temperature (C)
-80
-60
-40
-20
0
20
40
Altitude (km)
20
15
10
5
0
LTP Ozone
ACR Ozone
LTP RH
ACR RH
Temperature
GW
RW
0
50
100
150
RH (%), Ozone mixing ratio (ppbv)
Panama Waves
Alajuela Waves
b
Ozone Mixing Ratio, ppbv
0
25
50
75
100
125
16:00
17:00
18:00
19:00
20:00
21:00
UT
Altitude, km ASL
18
16
14
12
10
8
6
4
2
0
33.79
27.35
21.70
16.16
12.17
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N Lat
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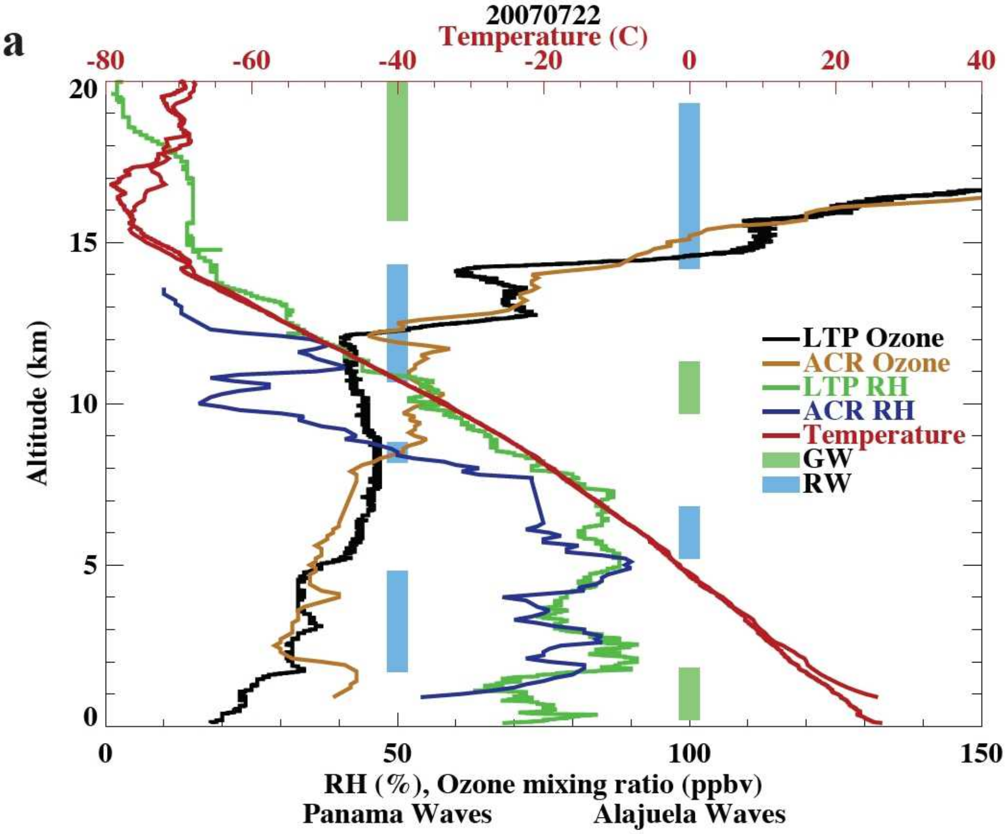
-95.82
-88.37
E Lon

FIGURE 6

a


20070722
Temperature (C)
-80
-60
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-20
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20
40
20
15
10
5
0
Altitude (km)
LTP Ozone
ACR Ozone
LTP RH
ACR RH
Temperature
GW
RW
0
50
100
150
RH (%), Ozone mixing ratio (ppbv)
Panama Waves
Alajuela Waves

b

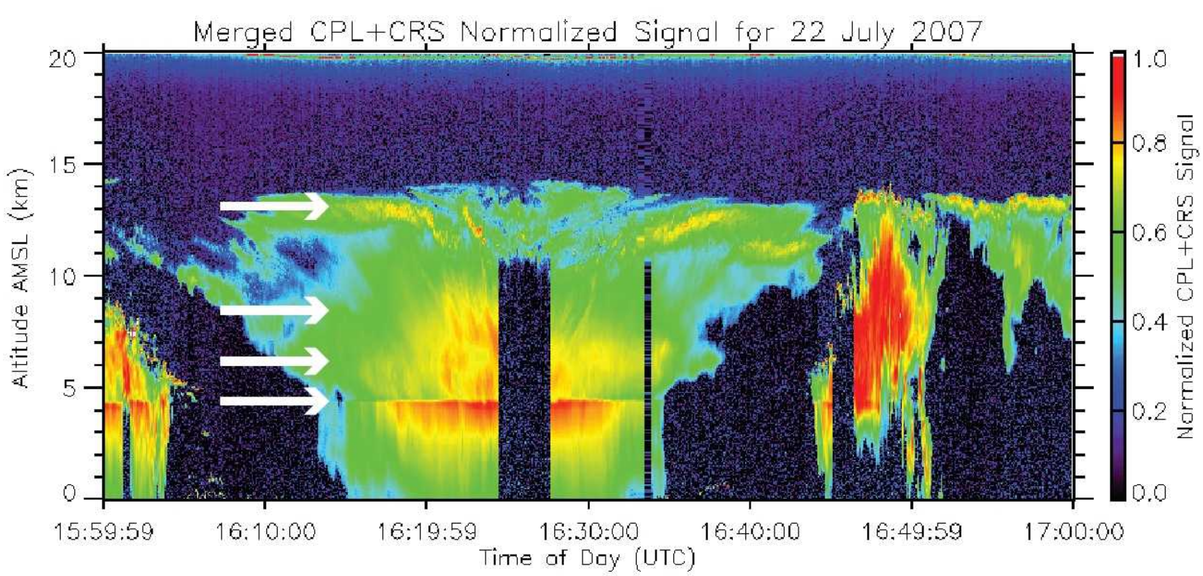

Merged CPL+CRS Normalized Signal for 22 July 2007
Altitude AMSL (km)
20
15
10
5
0
15:59:59
16:10:00
16:19:59
16:30:00
16:40:00
16:49:59
17:00:00
Time of Day (UTC)
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
Normalized CPL+CRS Signal

FIGURE 7

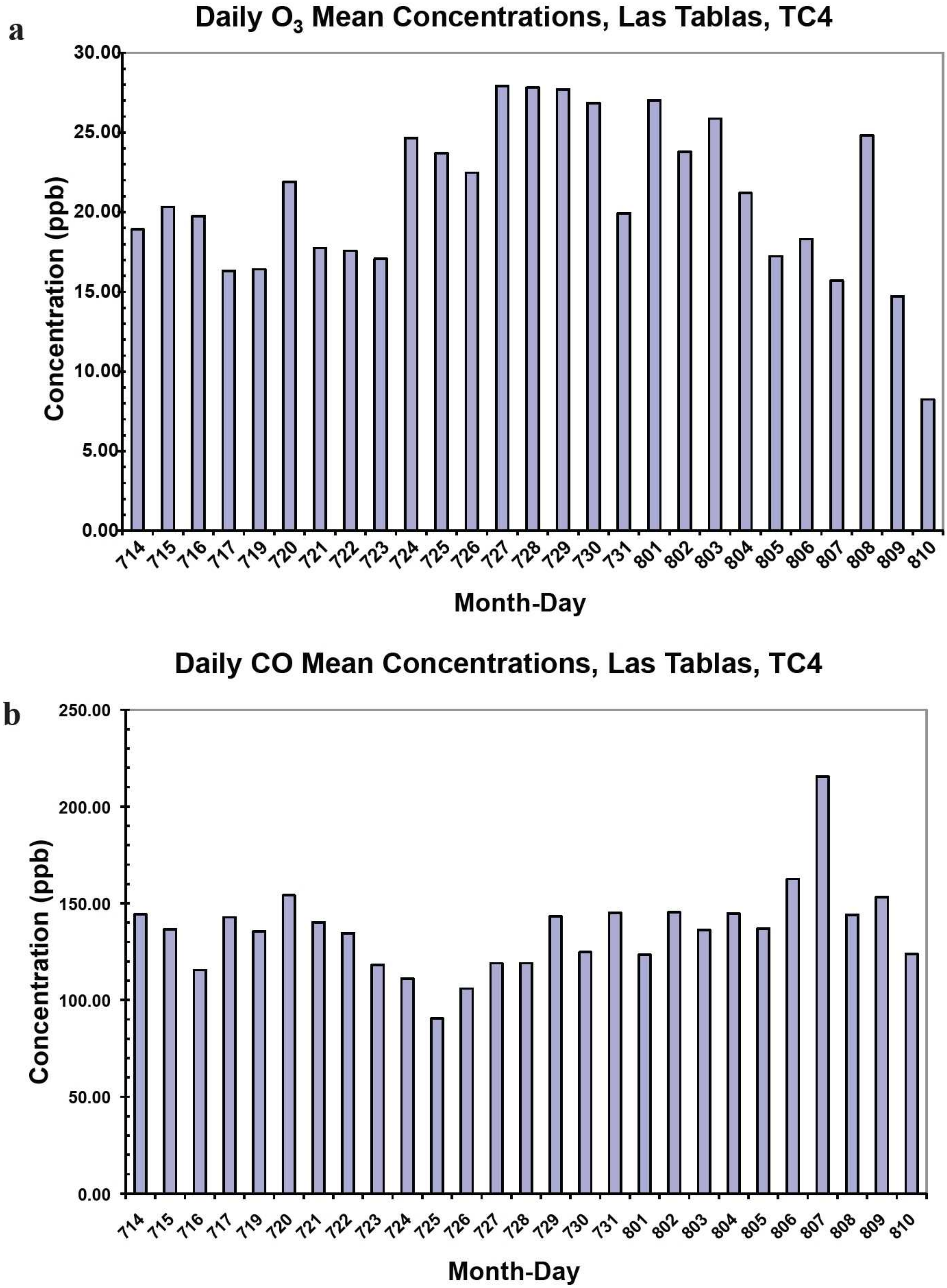
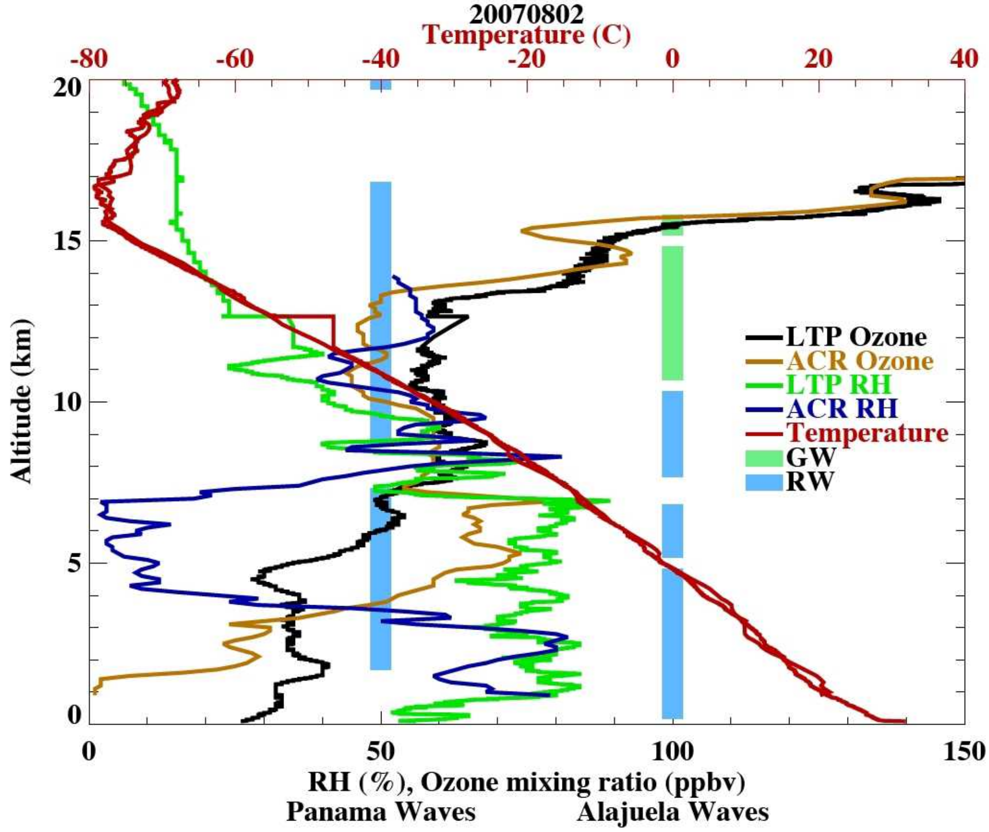

a
Daily O_3 Mean Concentrations, Las Tablas, TC4
Concentration (ppb)
30.00
25.00
20.00
15.00
10.00
5.00
0.00
714 715 716 717 719 720 721 722 723 724 725 726 727 728 729 730 731 801 802 803 804 805 806 807 808 809 810
Month-Day
Daily CO Mean Concentrations, Las Tablas, TC4
b
Concentration (ppb)
250.00
200.00
150.00
100.00
50.00
0.00
714 715 716 717 719 720 721 722 723 724 725 726 727 728 729 730 731 801 802 803 804 805 806 807 808 809 810
Month-Day

FIGURE 8

a


20070802
Temperature (C)
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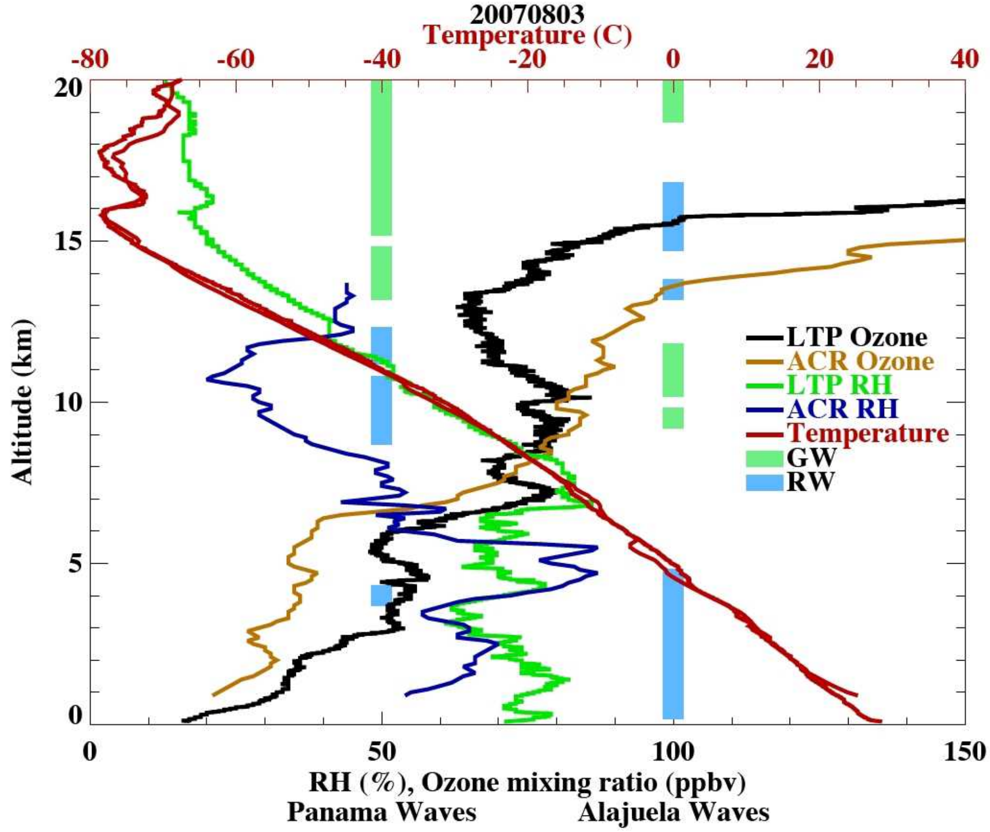
-60
-40
-20
0
20
40
20
15
10
5
0
Altitude (km)
LTP Ozone
ACR Ozone
LTP RH
ACR RH
Temperature
GW
RW
0
50
100
150
RH (%), Ozone mixing ratio (ppbv)
Panama Waves
Alajuela Waves

b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15
10
5
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Altitude (km)
LTP Ozone
ACR Ozone
LTP RH
ACR RH
Temperature
GW
RW
0
50
100
150
RH (%), Ozone mixing ratio (ppbv)
Panama Waves
Alajuela Waves

FIGURE 9

c

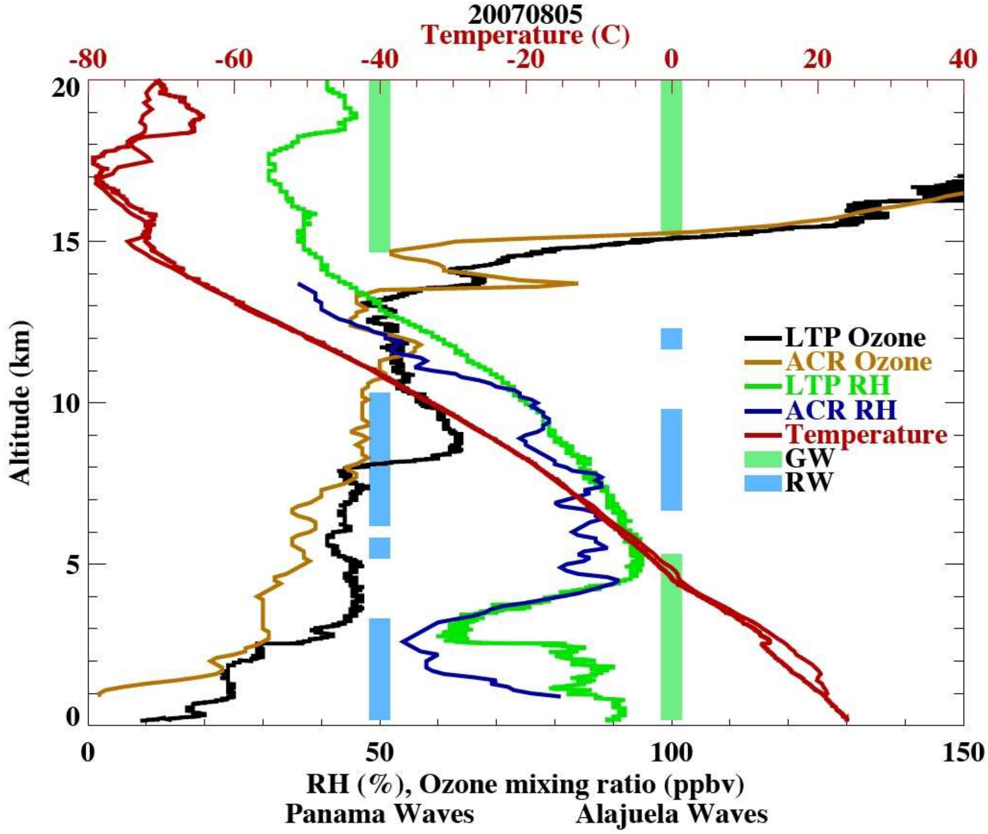

FIGURE 9 (continued)

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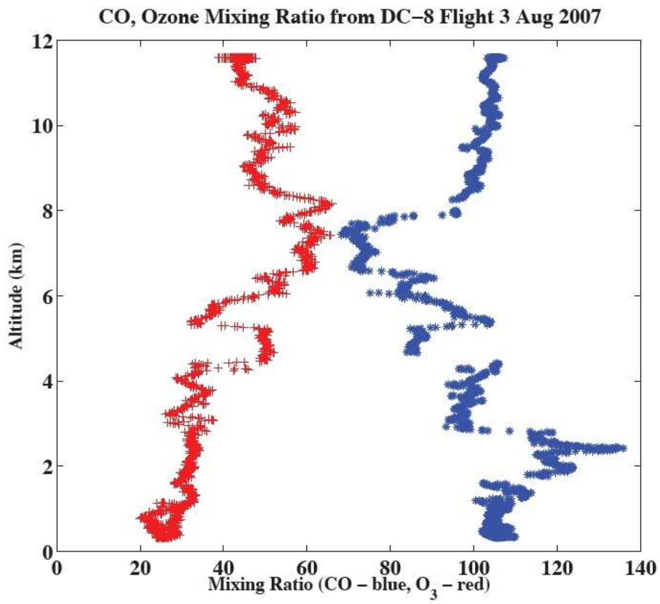

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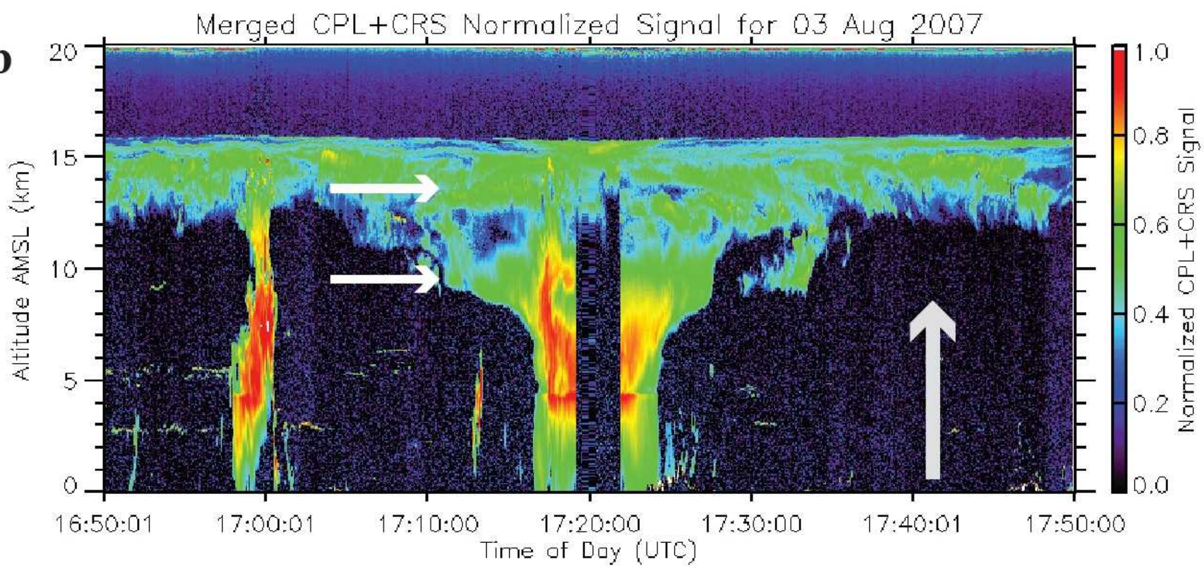

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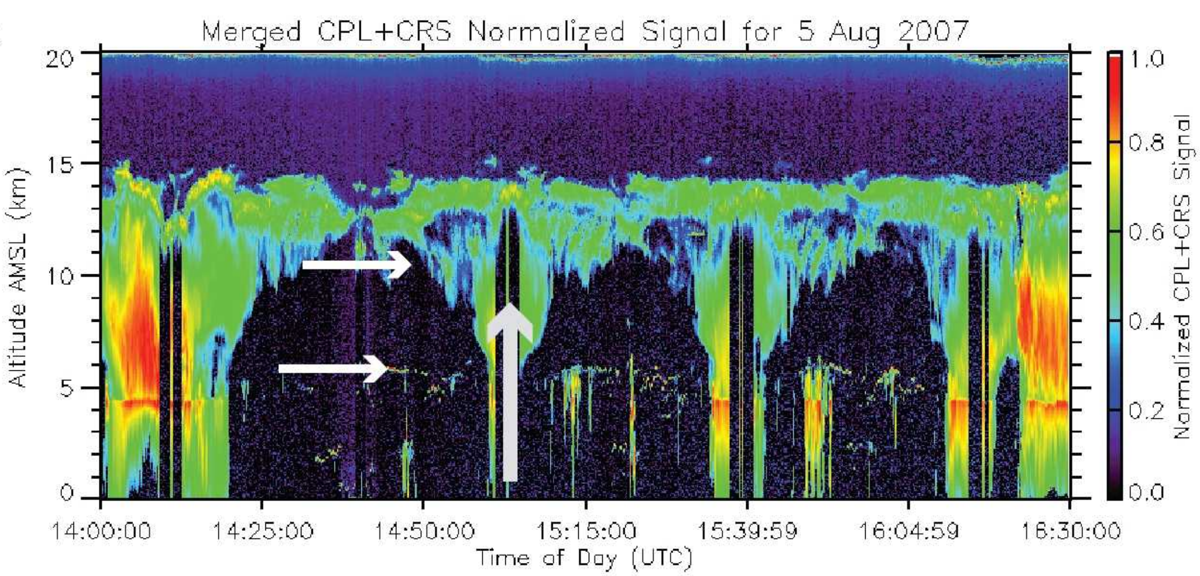

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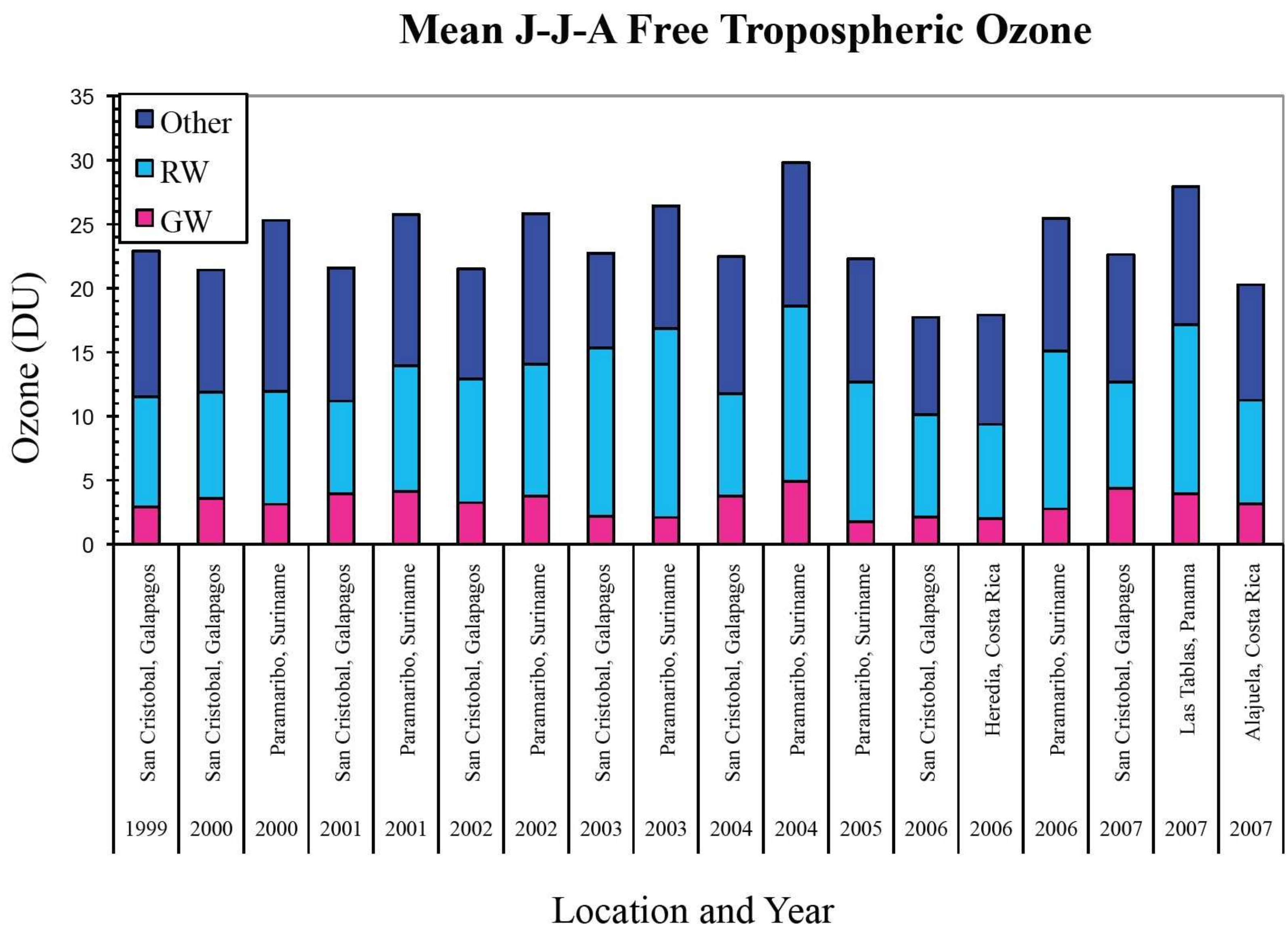
Mean J-J-A Free Tropospheric Ozone
Ozone (DU)
0
5
10
15
20
25
30
35
Other
RW
GW
San Cristobal, Galapagos 1999
San Cristobal, Galapagos 2000
Paramaribo, Suriname 2000
San Cristobal, Galapagos 2001
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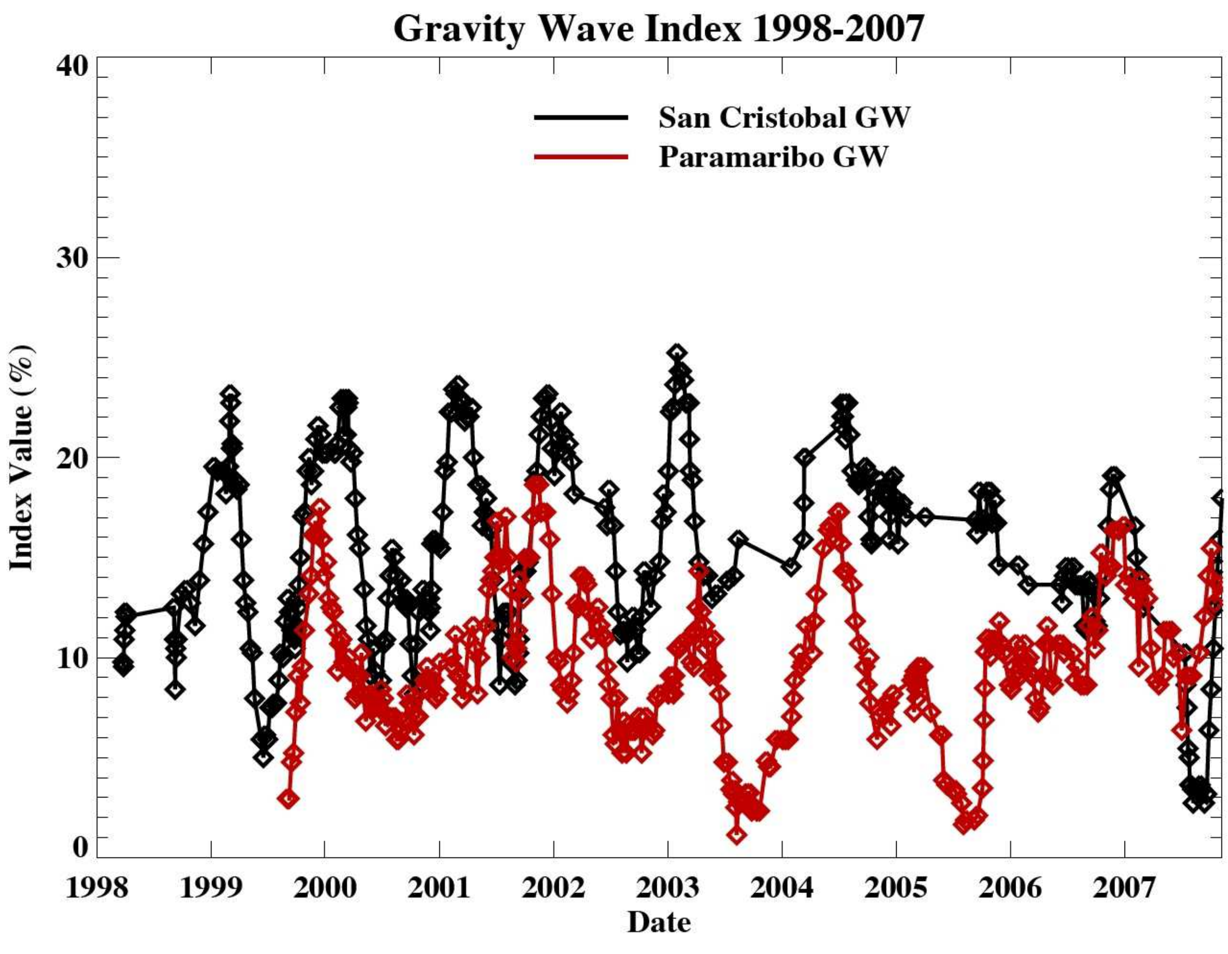
Las Tablas, Panama 2007
Alajuela, Costa Rica 2007
Location and Year

FIGURE 11



Gravity Wave Index 1998-2007
San Cristobal GW
Paramaribo GW
Index Value (%)
0
10
20
30
40
1998
1999
2000
2001
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
2007
Date

FIGURE 12