

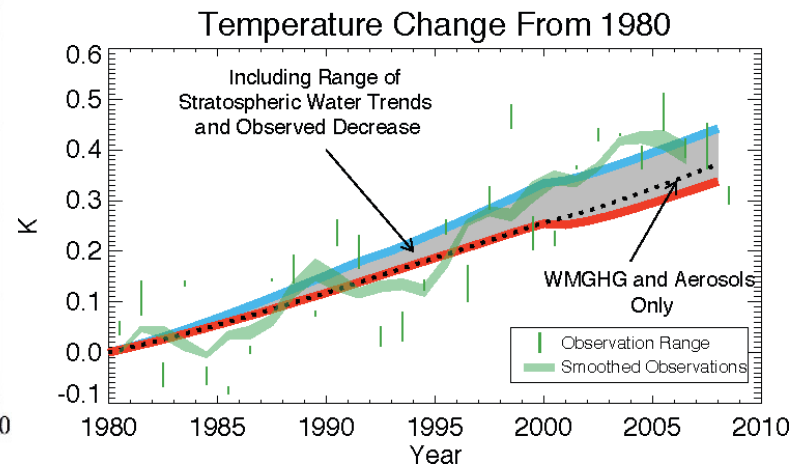
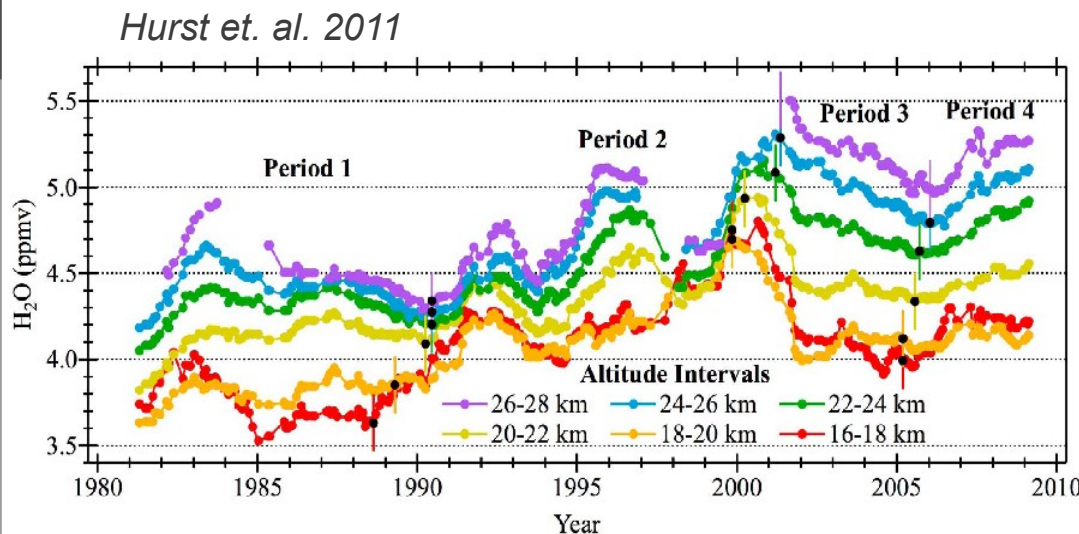
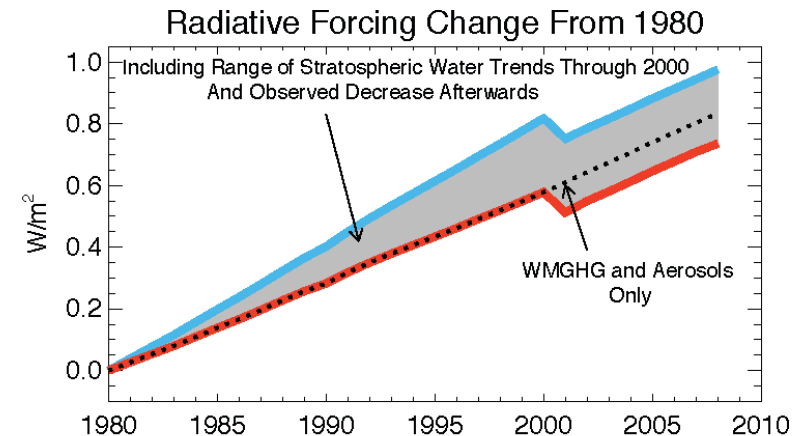
Comparison of FISH total water measurements with other hygrometers

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Climatological impact of water vapour

- annual increase of 0.7%
- year 2000 decrease of 10%
- bottom line 0.5ppmv matters (for both short and long term changes)

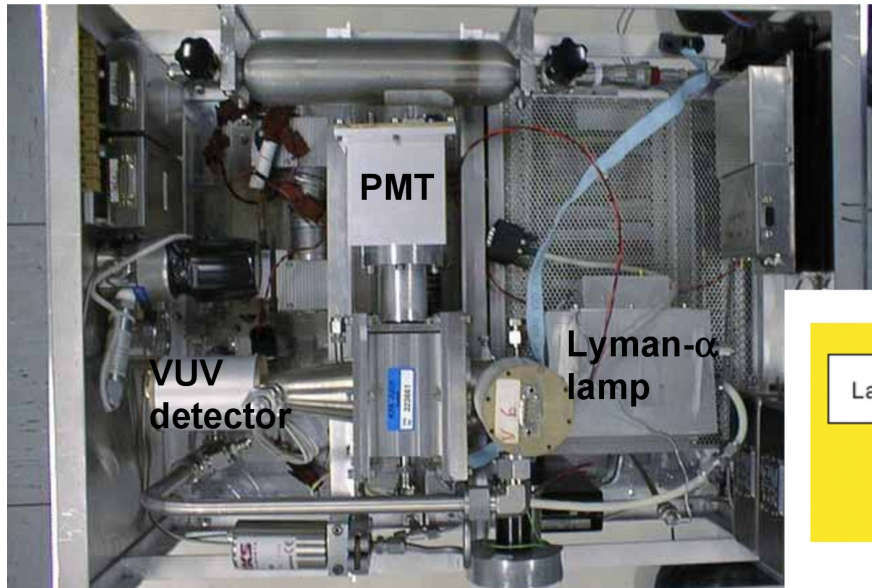
Solomon et. al. 2010



Measurements of UT/LS Water Vapour

- **Platforms: satellites, balloons, aircrafts**
- **In-situ techniques:**
 - Frostpoint hygrometers (FPH, CFH)
 - Lyman-Alpha (**FISH**, HWV)
 - TDLAS (JLH, DLH, CLH, ALIAS, HAI)
 - Mass spectrometer: CIMS
- **Remote sensing:**
 - MLS on AURA, HALOE on UARS, SCIAMACHY on EnviSat

FISH – Fast In-situ Stratospheric Hygrometer



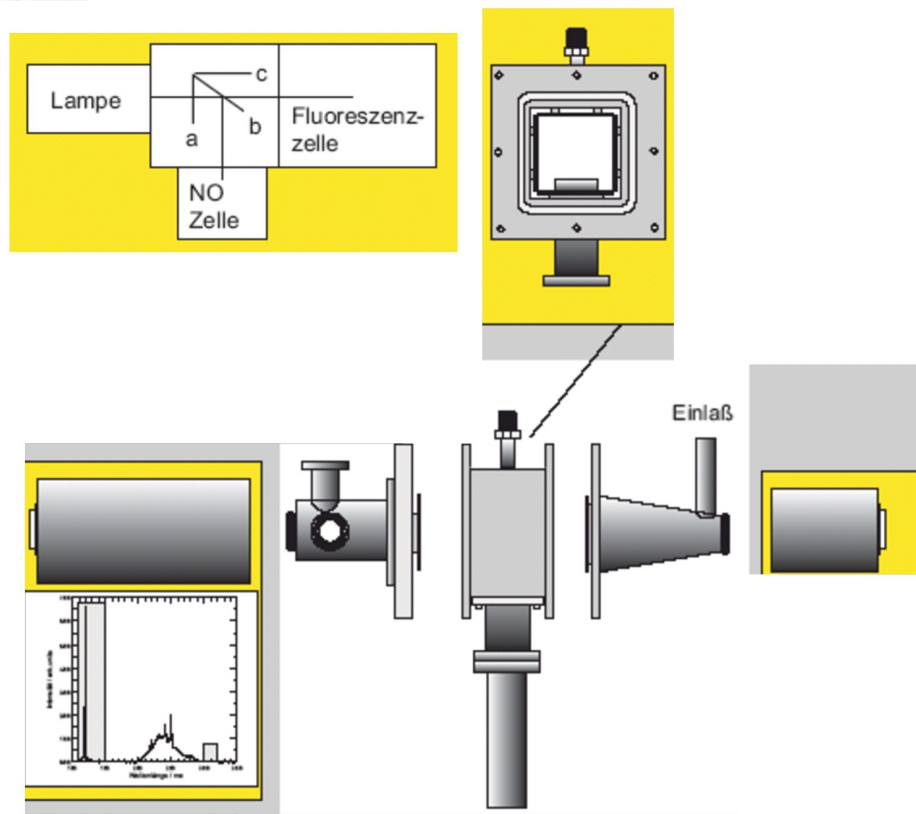
$$H_2O = c_k \frac{\text{fluorescence} - f_u \text{ background}}{\text{intensity}}$$

principle:

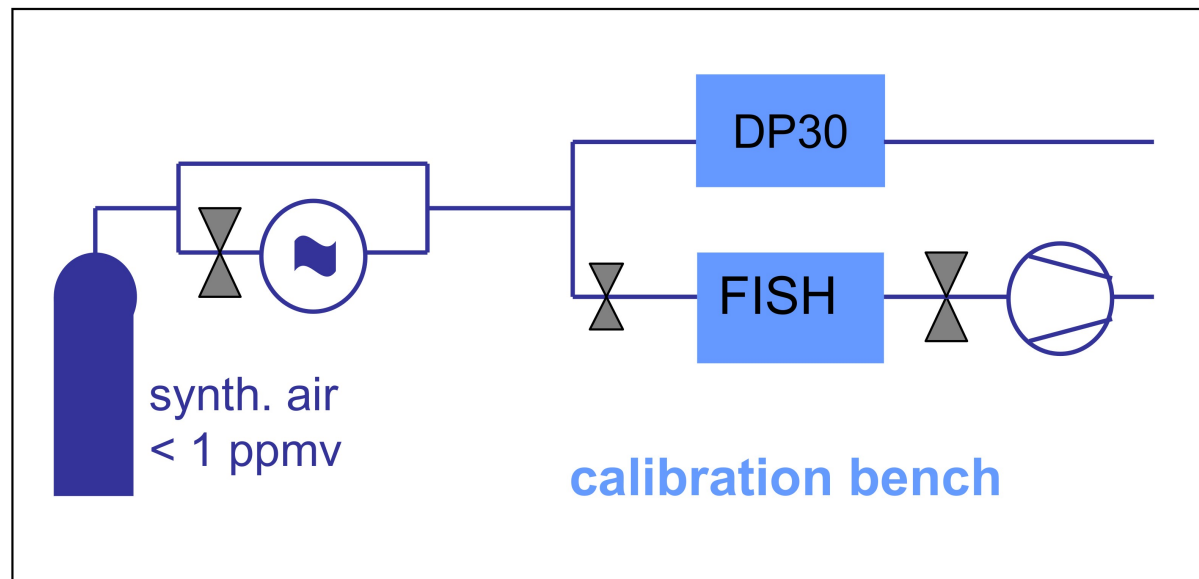
Ly- α photofragment fuorescence



Zöger et al., J . Geophys. Res., 1999



FISH - Jülich calibration bench



- reference: MBW frost point hygrometer
- 1-500 ppmv in 5-8 steps
- 35-350 hPa
- repeated before and after each flight

Water Vapour and Reference Instruments

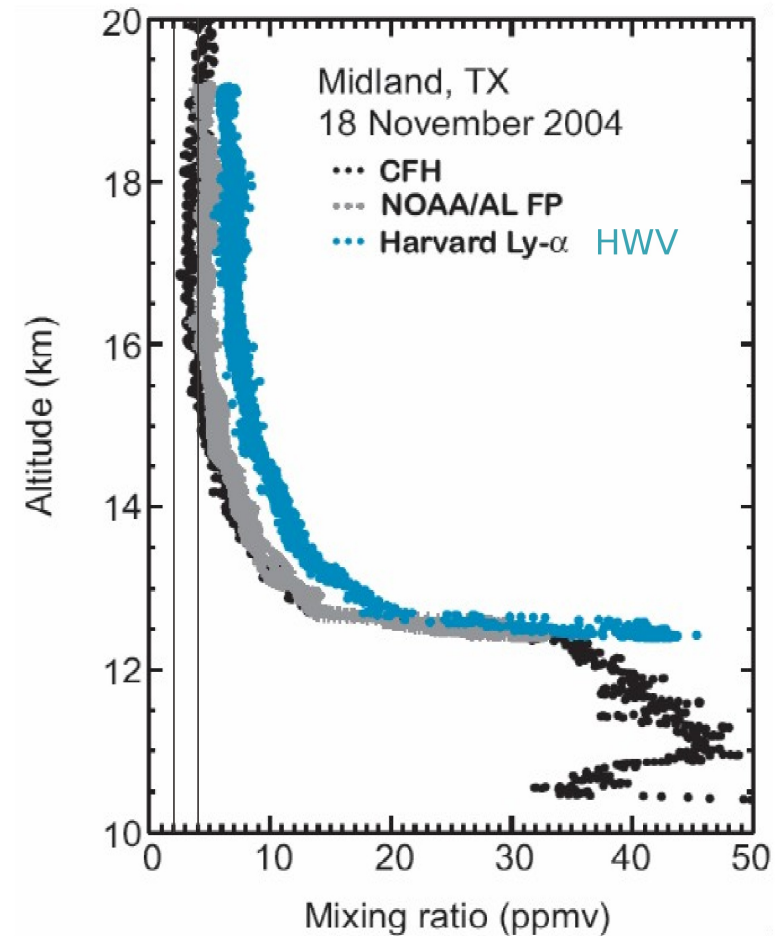
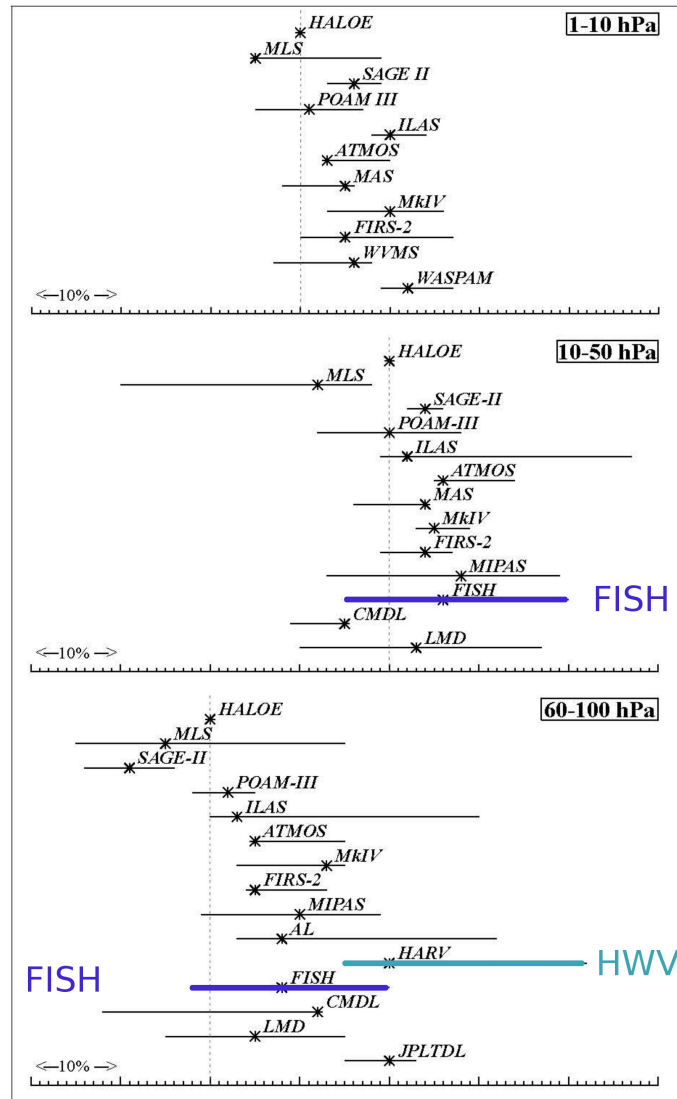
- **FISH**
2x MBW DP30, MBW373,
Thunder humidity generator,
PTB permeation source
- **CIMS**
in-flight (catalytic H₂ conversion),
MBW373,
Elkins standard (gravimetric)
- **HWV**
bubbler,
UV absorption

They seem to agree within 5% or 0.15 ppmv at 3-4 ppmv.

SPARC activities

SPARC/WRCP:

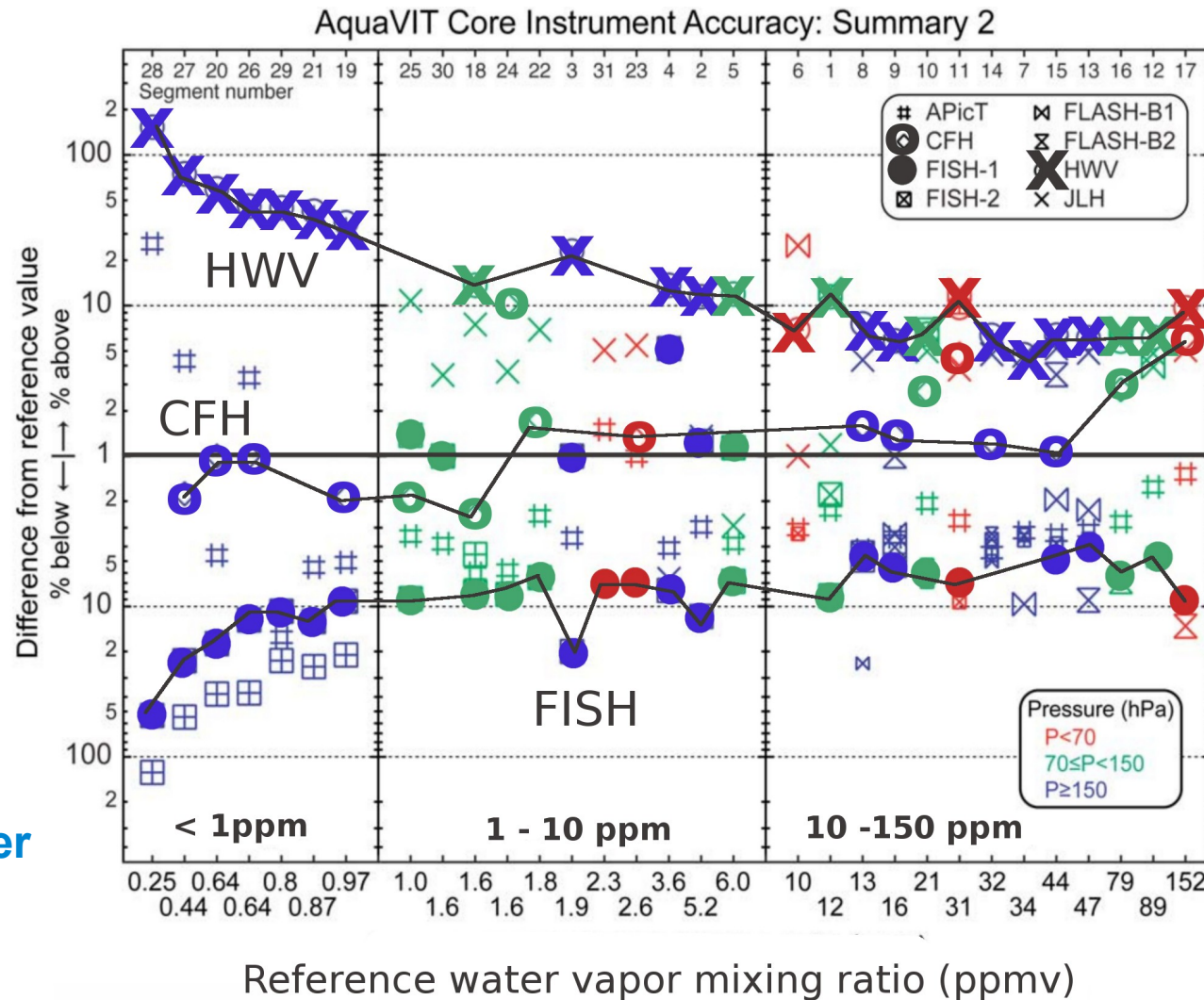
Stratospheric Processes And their Role in Climate/
World Climate Research Programme



Peter et al., SPARC Newsletter, 2008

SPARC Water Vapour Assessment 2002

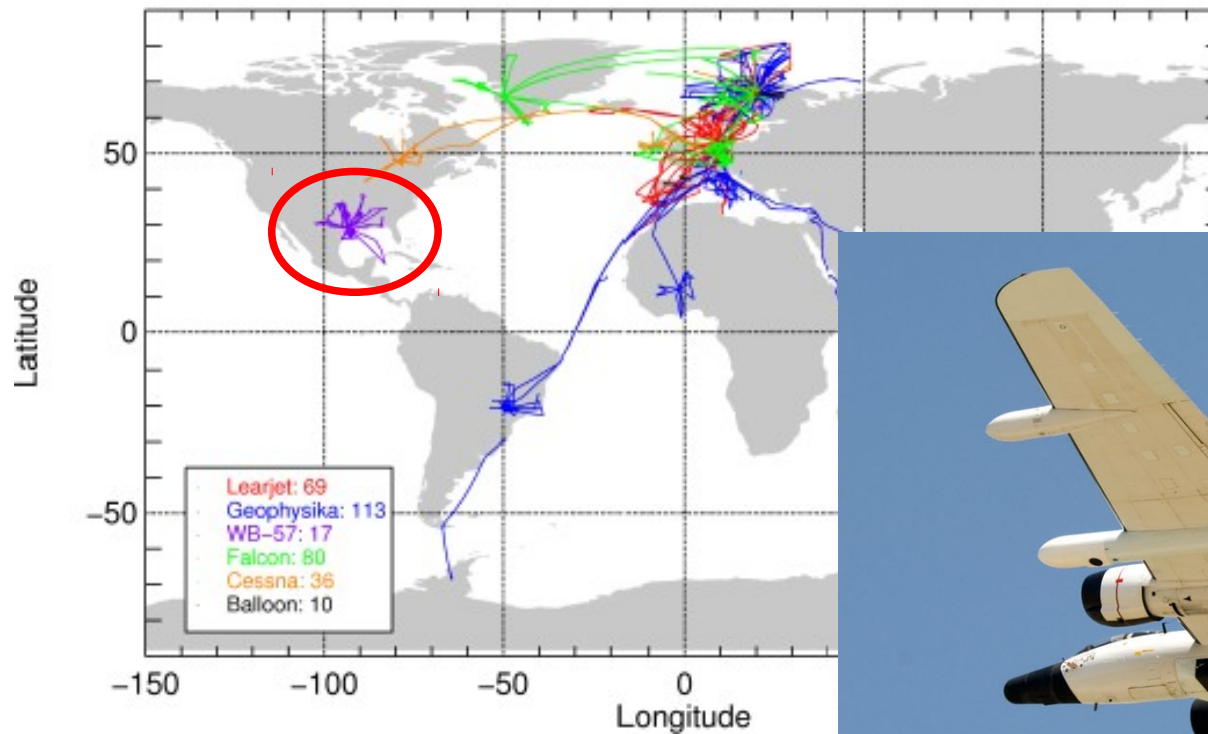
AquaVIT: Aqua Validation and Instrument Tests



Campaign
2007 at
AIDA chamber

MACPEX

FISH: Flightpath of all Flights



NASA: WB-57



**H₂O - comparison flights
around Houston/Tx in 2011**

MACPEX

<10 ppmv:

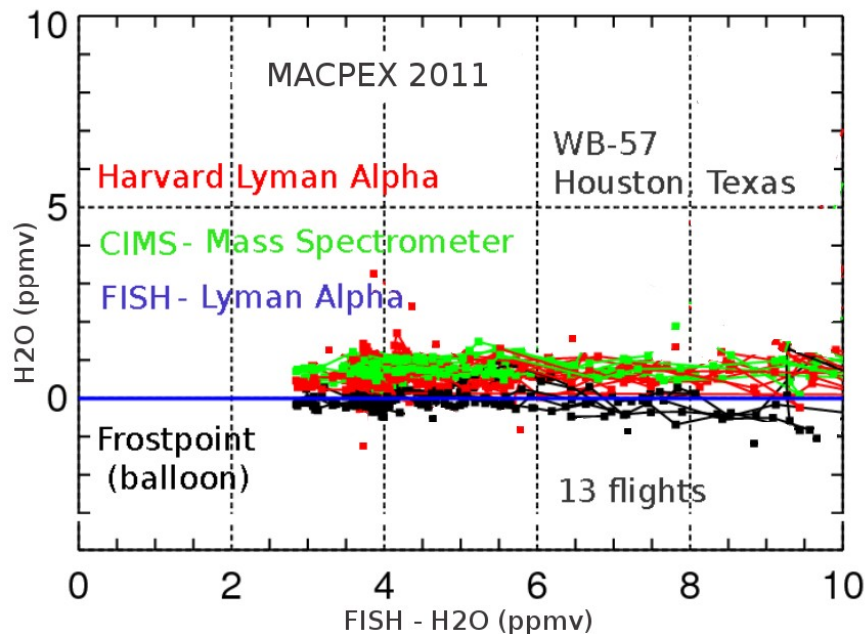
HWV > FISH

CIMS > FISH, HWV

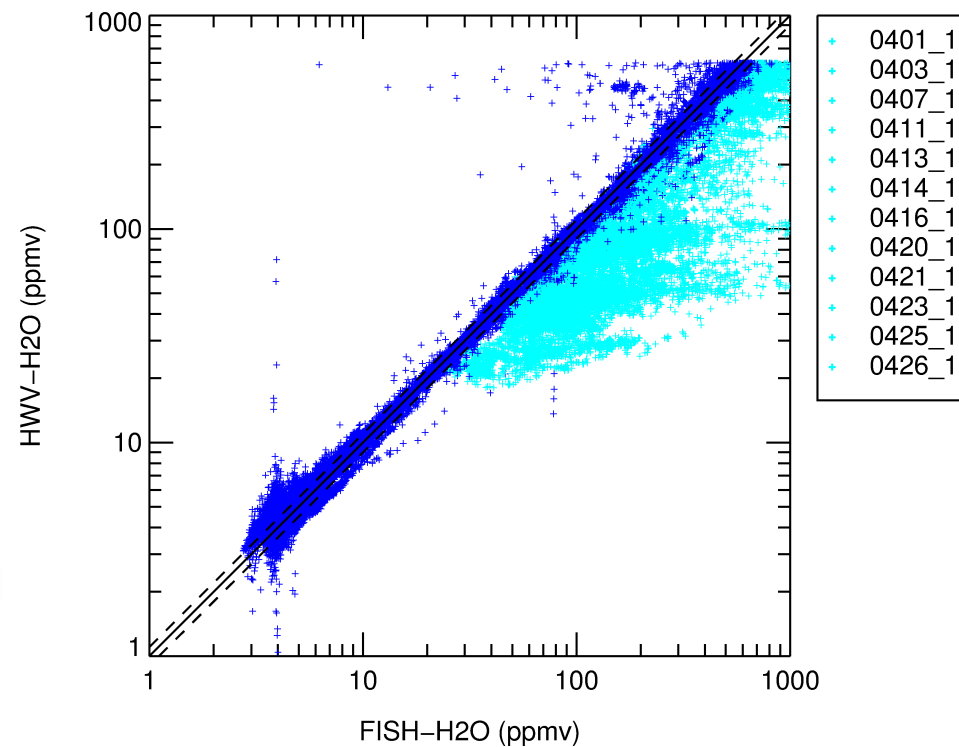
FPH ~ FISH

>10 ppmv:

HWV ~ FISH



idx = FISHrh/HWVrh > 1.3, FISHrh > 100%



Comparison of UT/LS water measurements

Summary

- 0.5 ppmv uncertainties matter: e.g. radiative climate forcing
- **2002** SPARC Water Vapour Assessment:
advanced hygrometers with 12% accuracy
- **2007** AquaVIT laboratory comparison:
same tendency, but lower discrepancies around 10%
- **2011** MACPEX in-flight comparison:
same tendencies, but again discrepancies around 10%
- The discrepancies are platform independent.

Further need to improve H₂O measurements!