## Retrieval of Tropospheric Water Vapour from FTIR Solar Absorption Measurements

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#### Remote sensing of in the infrared using the Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)





# **Spectral lines**

ALFIP: Automatic Line Finding Program http://www.iup.physik.uni-bremen.de/ftir/alfip

Automatic search for lines with highest signal contribution in defined altitude region

Tropics:

H<sub>2</sub><sup>16</sup>0: 2429.5, 2485.3, 2497.1, 2940.9, 3145.5, 3147.8, 3158.6 HDO: 2660.3, 2672.2, 2675.0, 2725.5, 2737.8, 2747.3, 2854.5, 2860.4 H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O: 2900.4, 2942.55, 2954.95, 3000.45

#### Midlatitudes:

H<sub>2</sub><sup>16</sup>O: 2911.2, 2930.6, 3050.55, 3146.75, 3147.9, 3152.5, 3189.6 HDO: 2657.1, 2660.4, 2671.9, 2722.5, 2730.5, 2737.8, 2747.2 H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O: 2955.0, 2976.2, 3001.0, 3023.6, 3043.6, 3091.0

### **Observations onboard of Polarstern**





Polarstern campaign Oct./Nov. 1996





#### Dependancy of vmr-profile results on a-priori



#### Sensitive to a-priori profile, Adhoc covariance



### Sensitive to a-priori profile, modified Tikhonov





H<sub>2</sub><sup>16</sup>O Retrieved VMR (10<sup>X</sup>ppmv)







#### Spitsbergen, 79°N, 12°E



### **Spitsbergen 2001**





Meteoric Water Line:  $\delta$  HDO = 8 \*  $\delta$  H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O + 10



# **Summary and conclusions**

- total columns of  $H_2^{16}O$ ,  $H_2^{18}O$  and HDO
- profiles with 2-3 degrees of freedom
- tropopause region difficult to reach
- work in progress