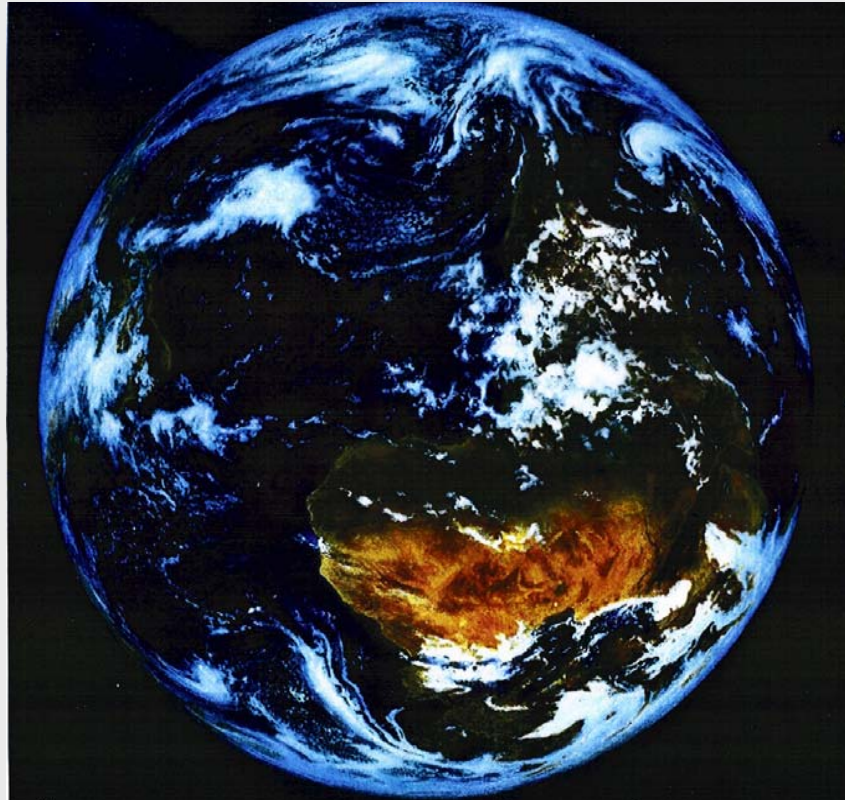


# Combustion Generated Aerosol Precursors



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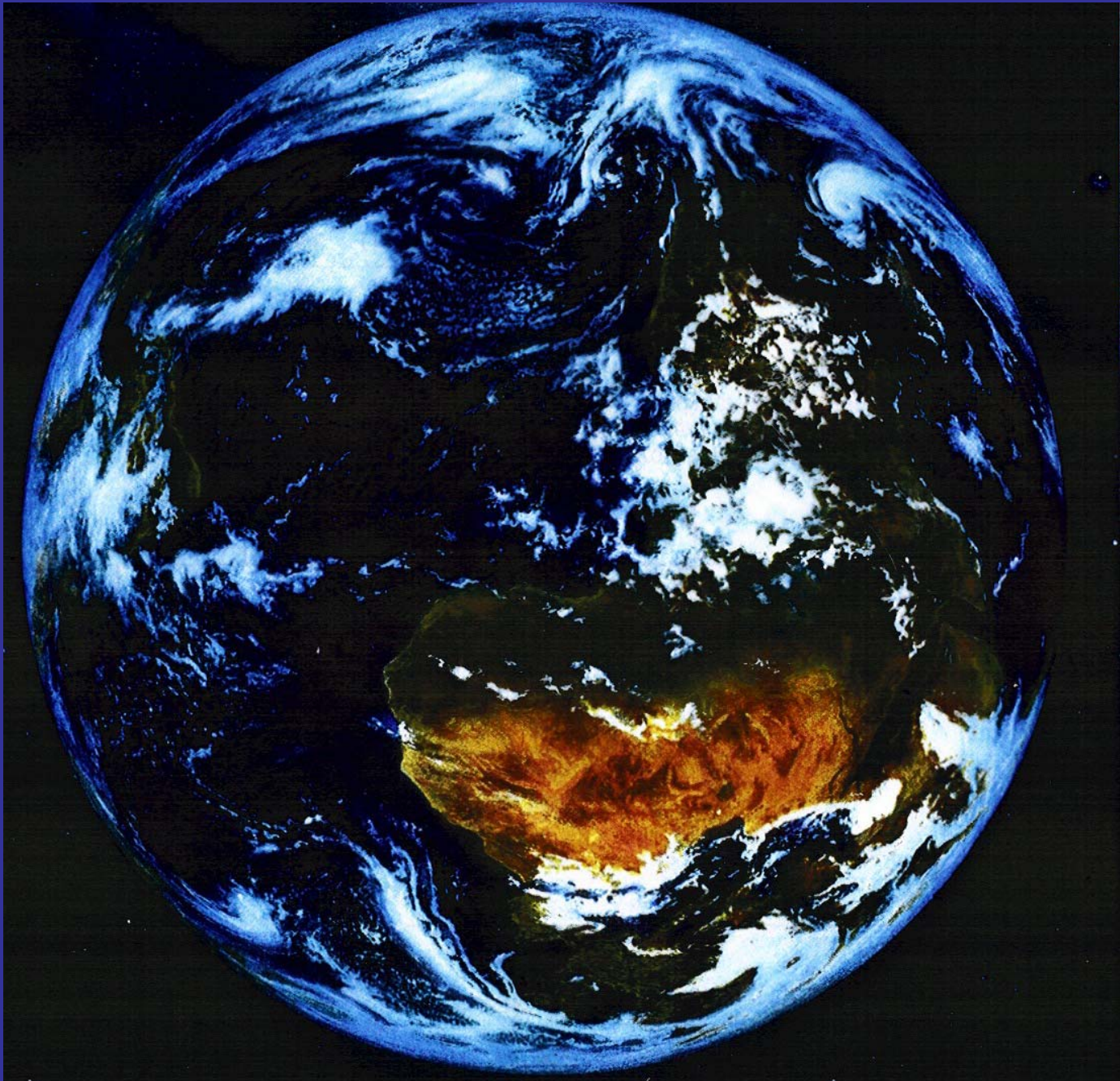
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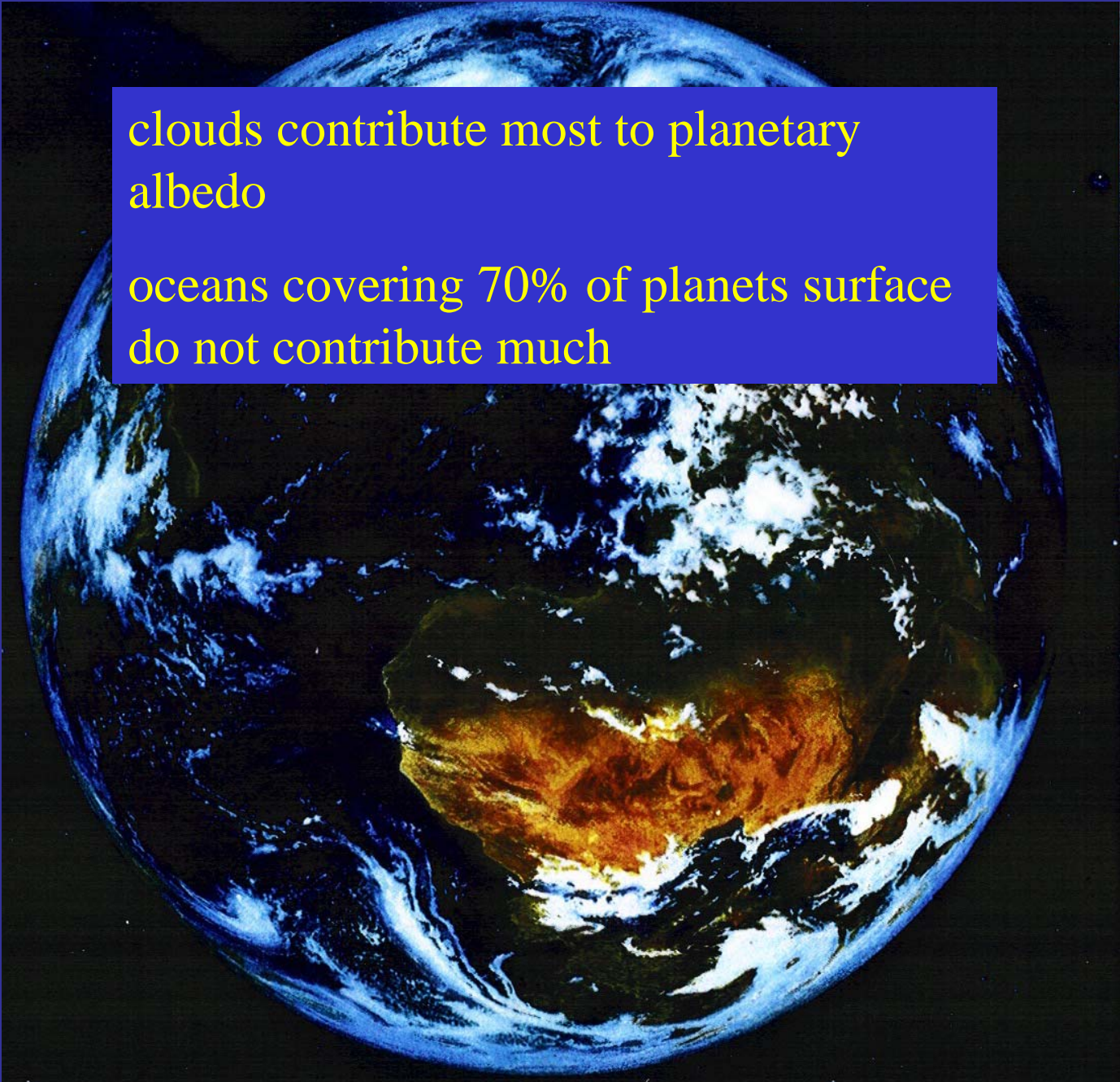
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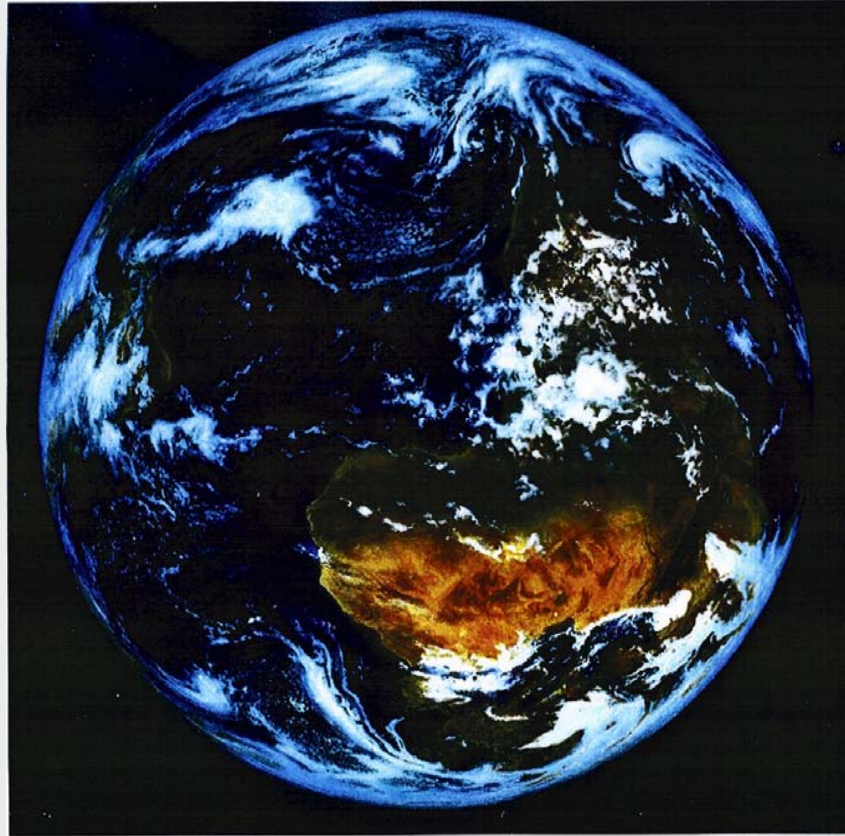




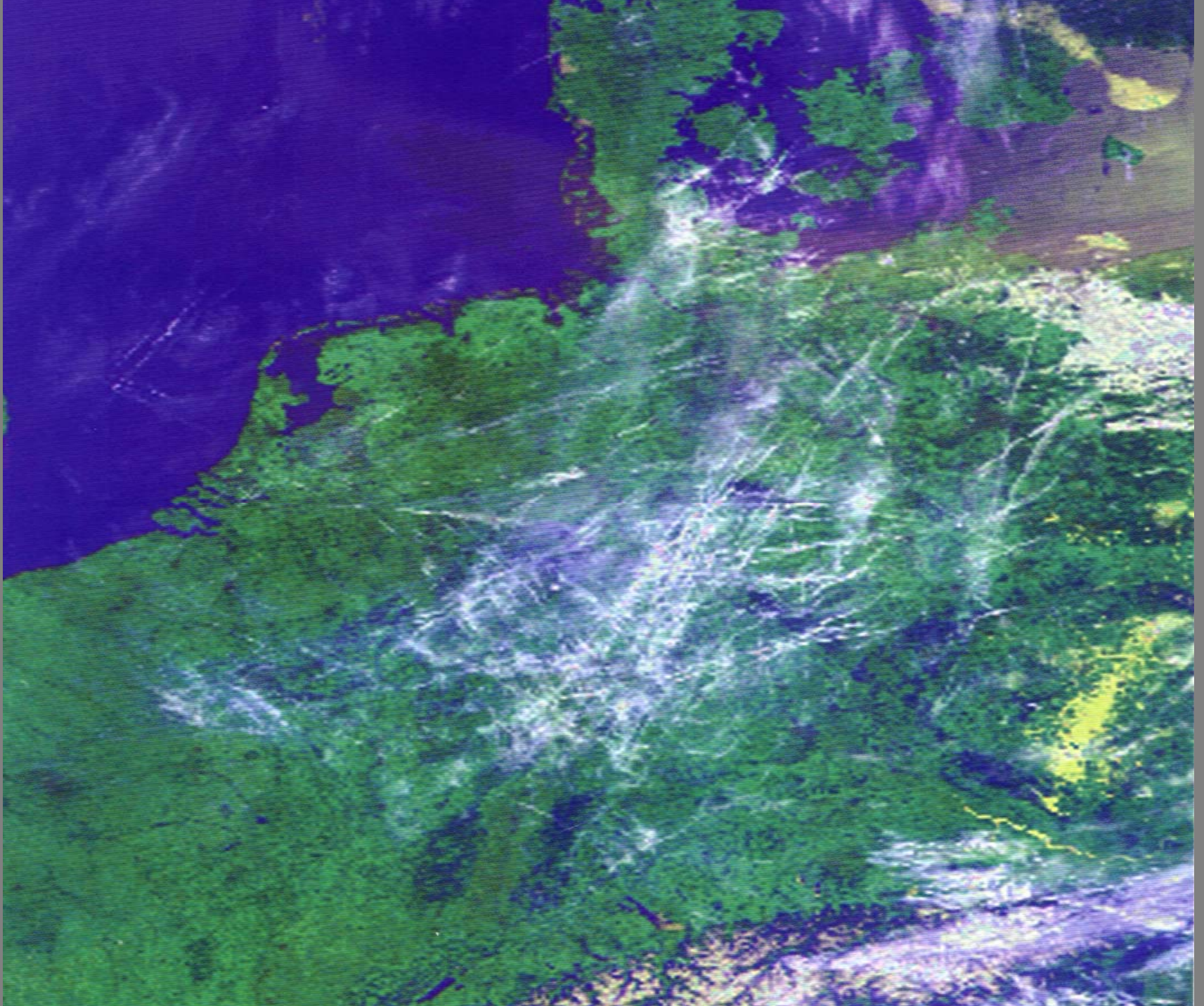
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# Visual Manifestations of Combustion Effects on the Atmosphere







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# Focus of present talk

nucleating and condensing gas

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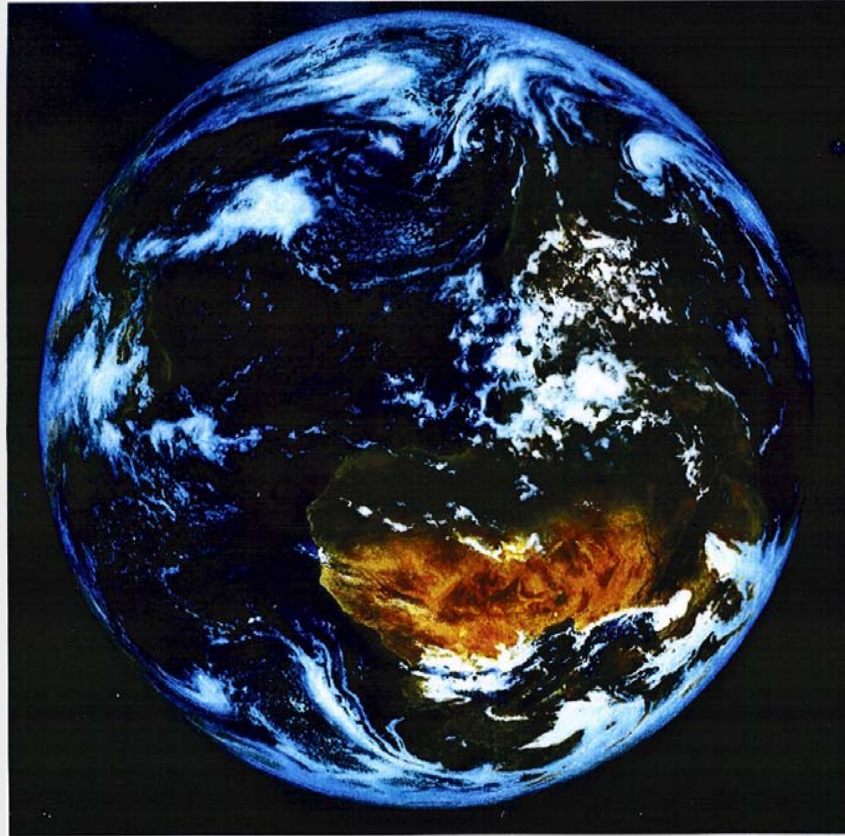
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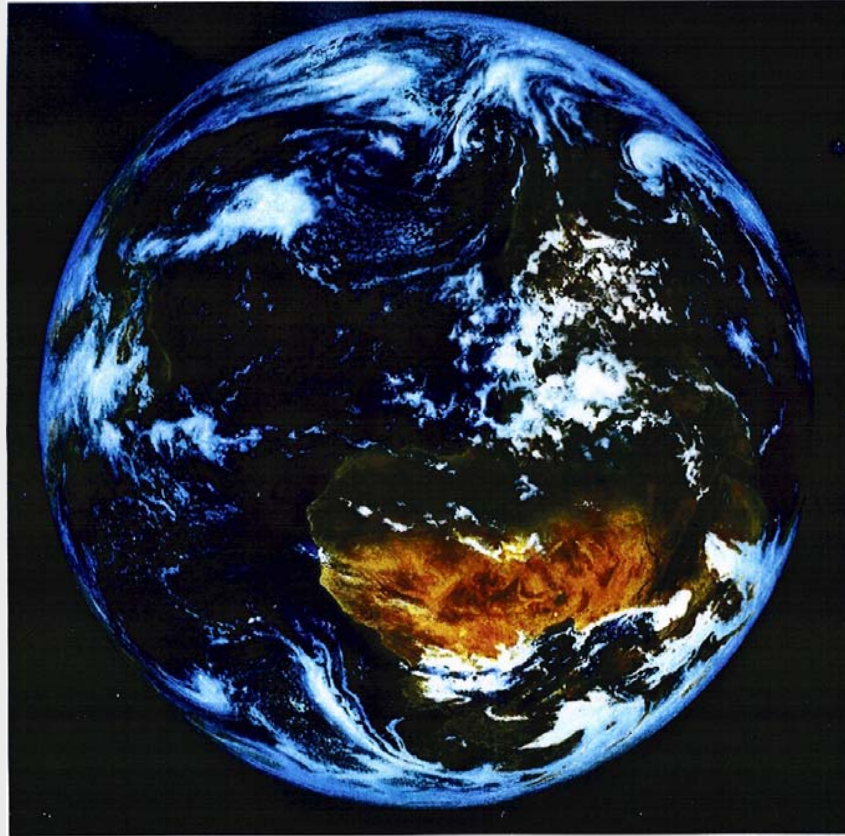
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  - Example: Aircraft**

# Sources and Sinks of Atmospheric H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>



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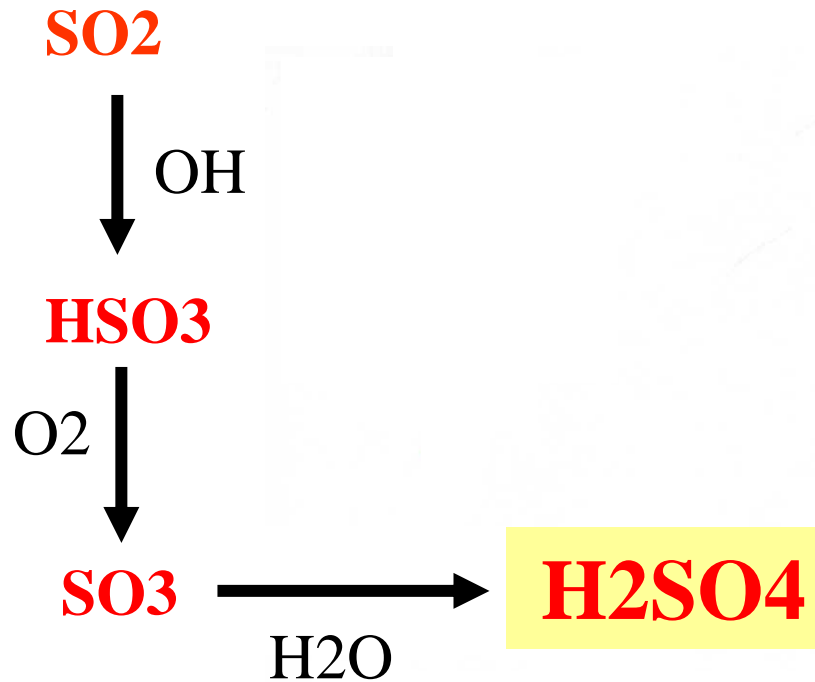
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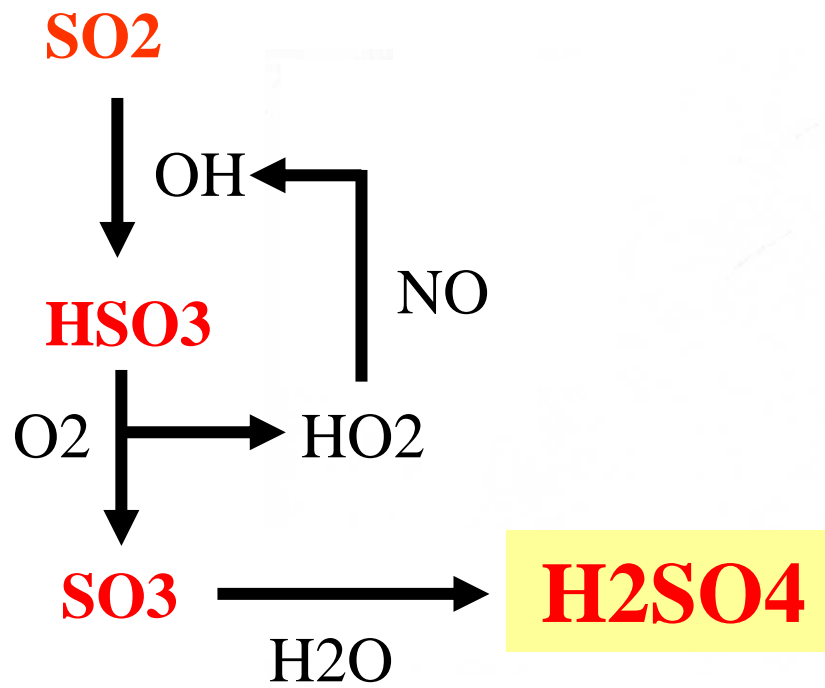
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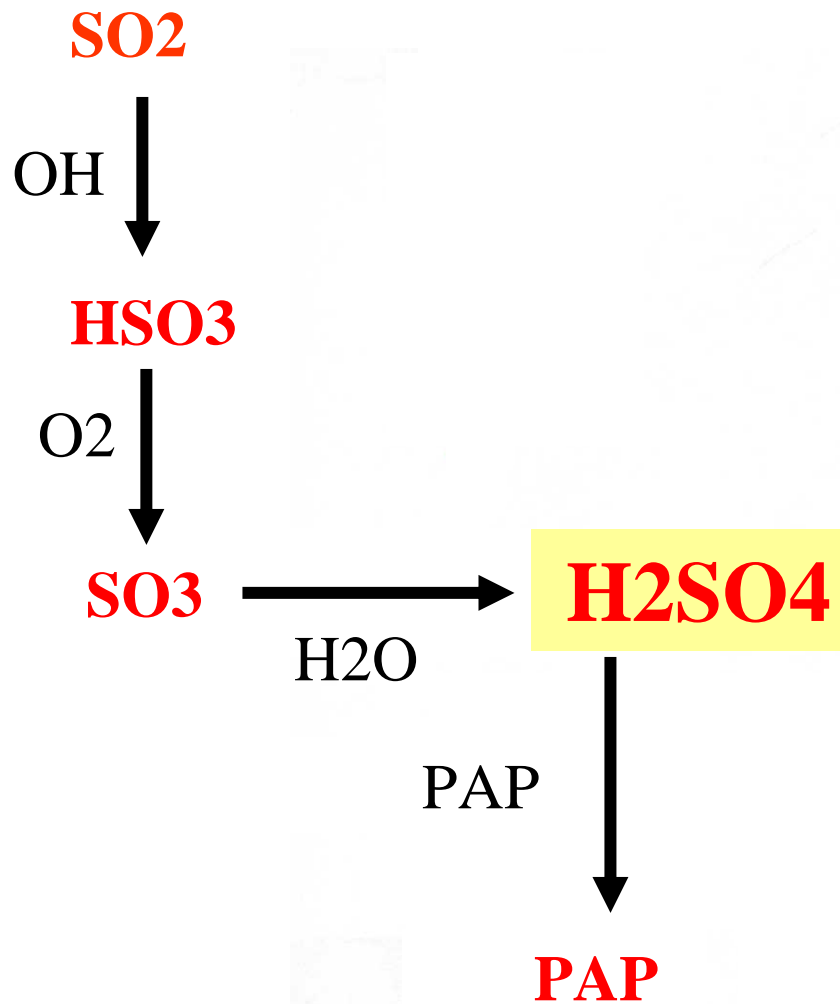
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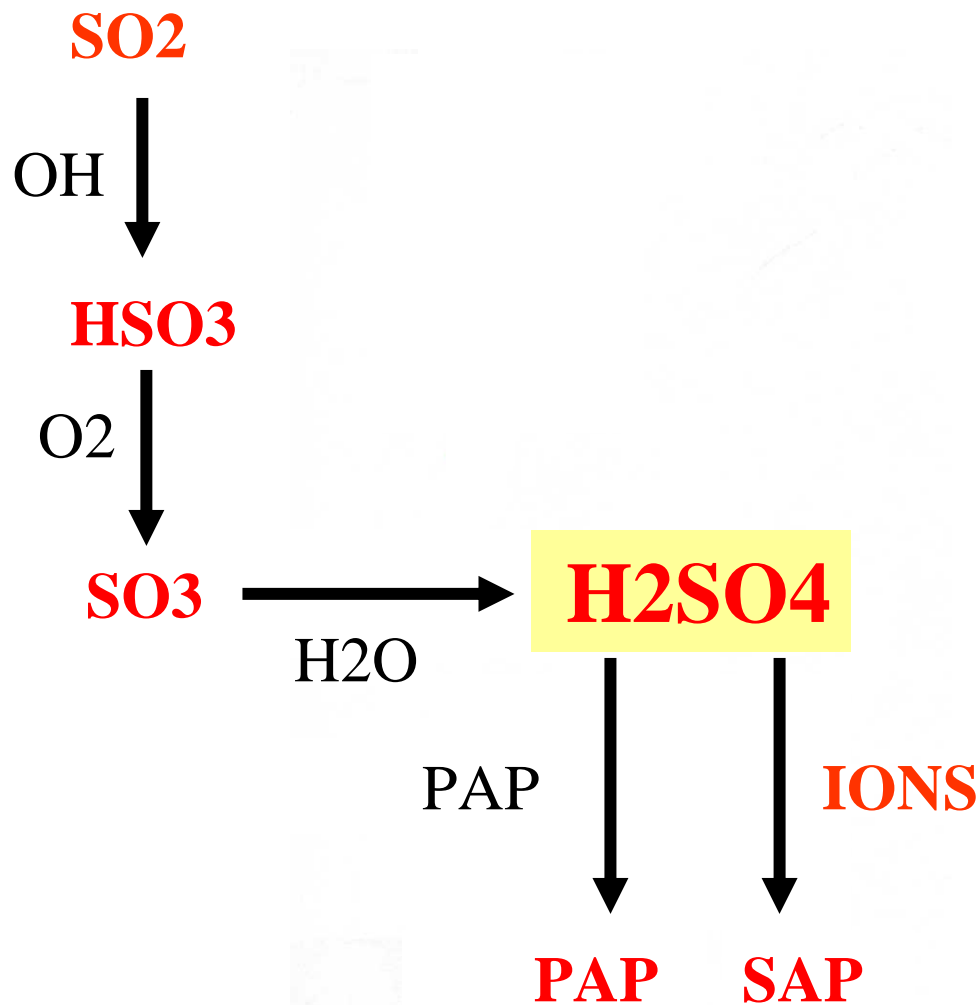
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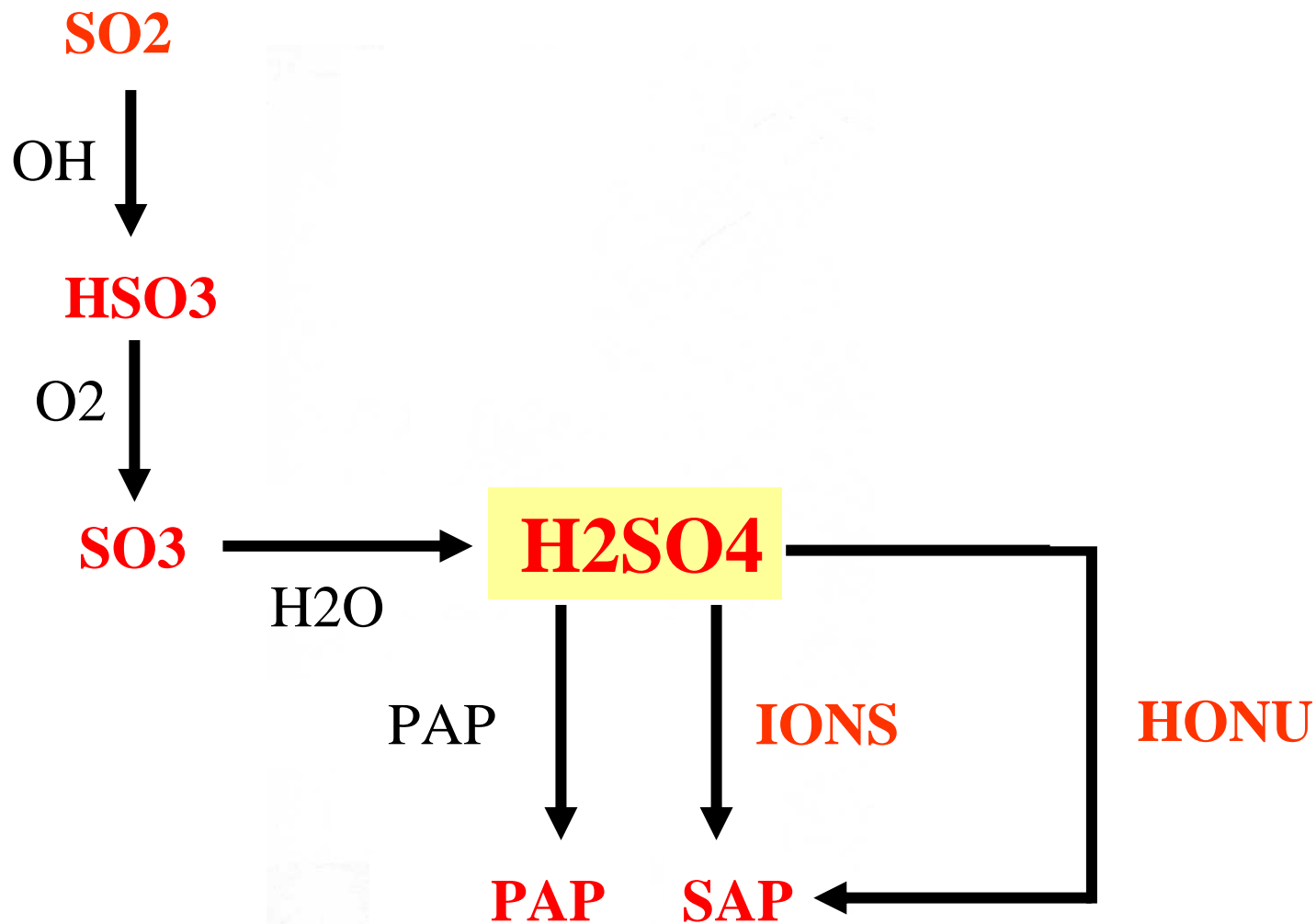
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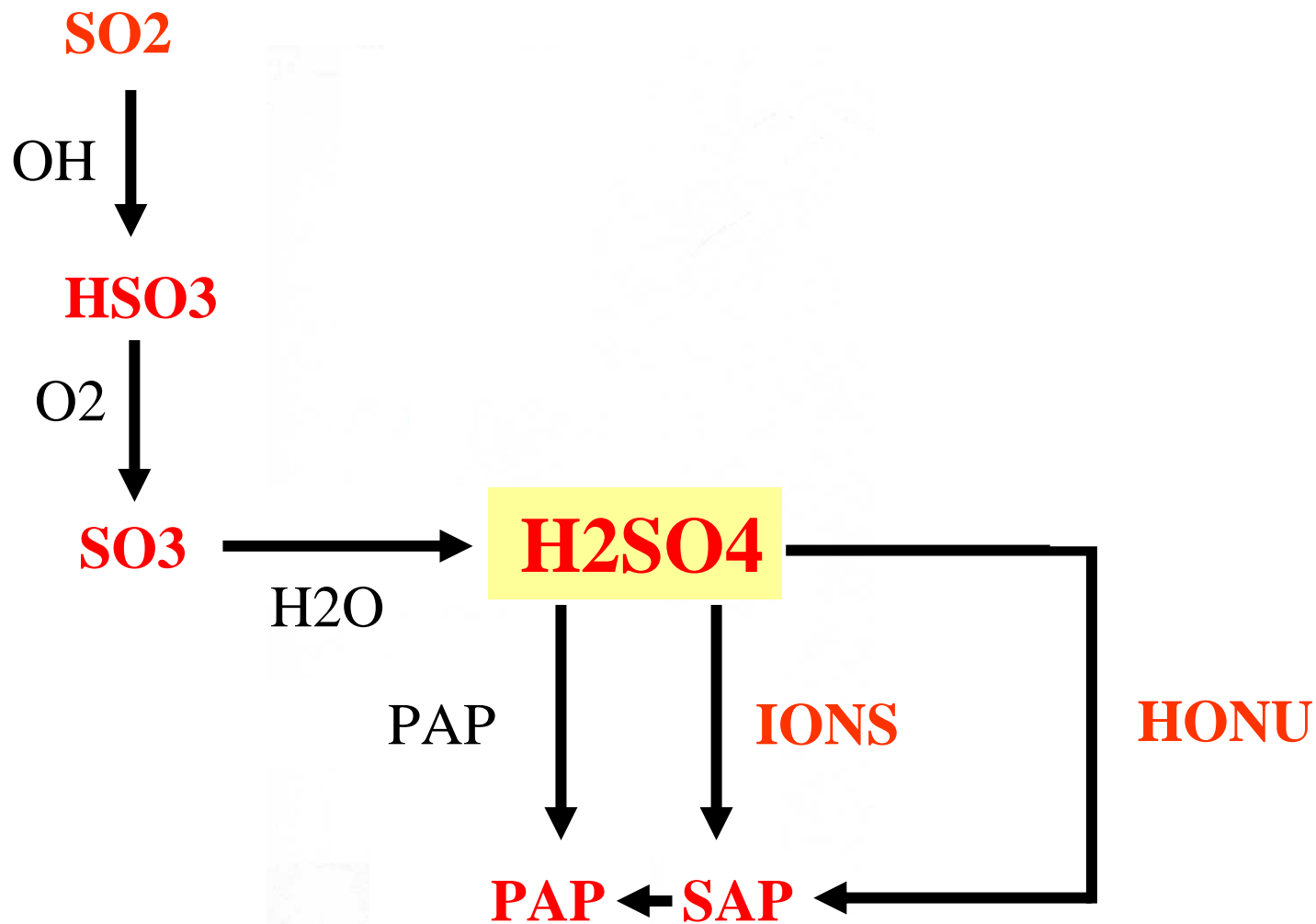


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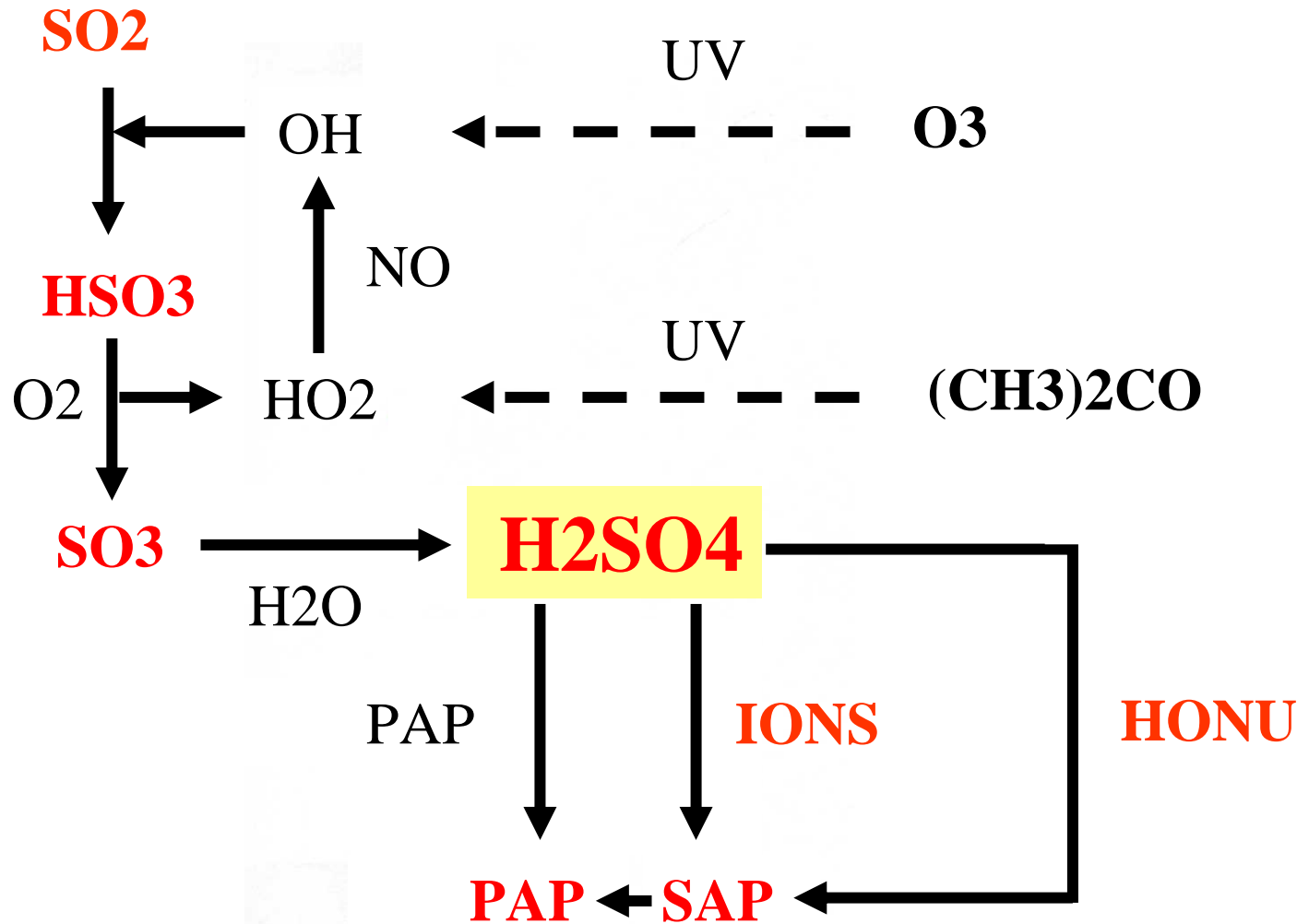




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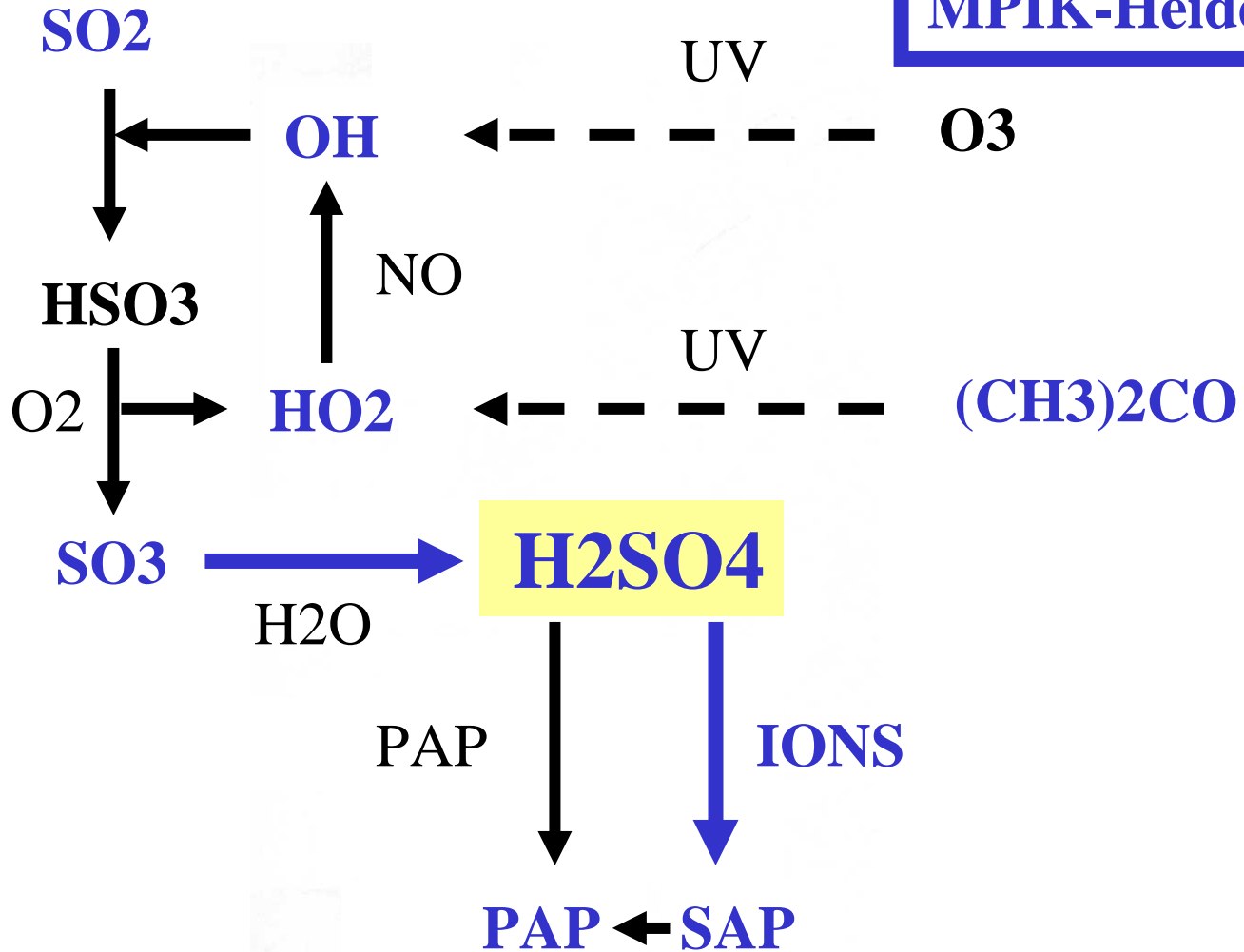


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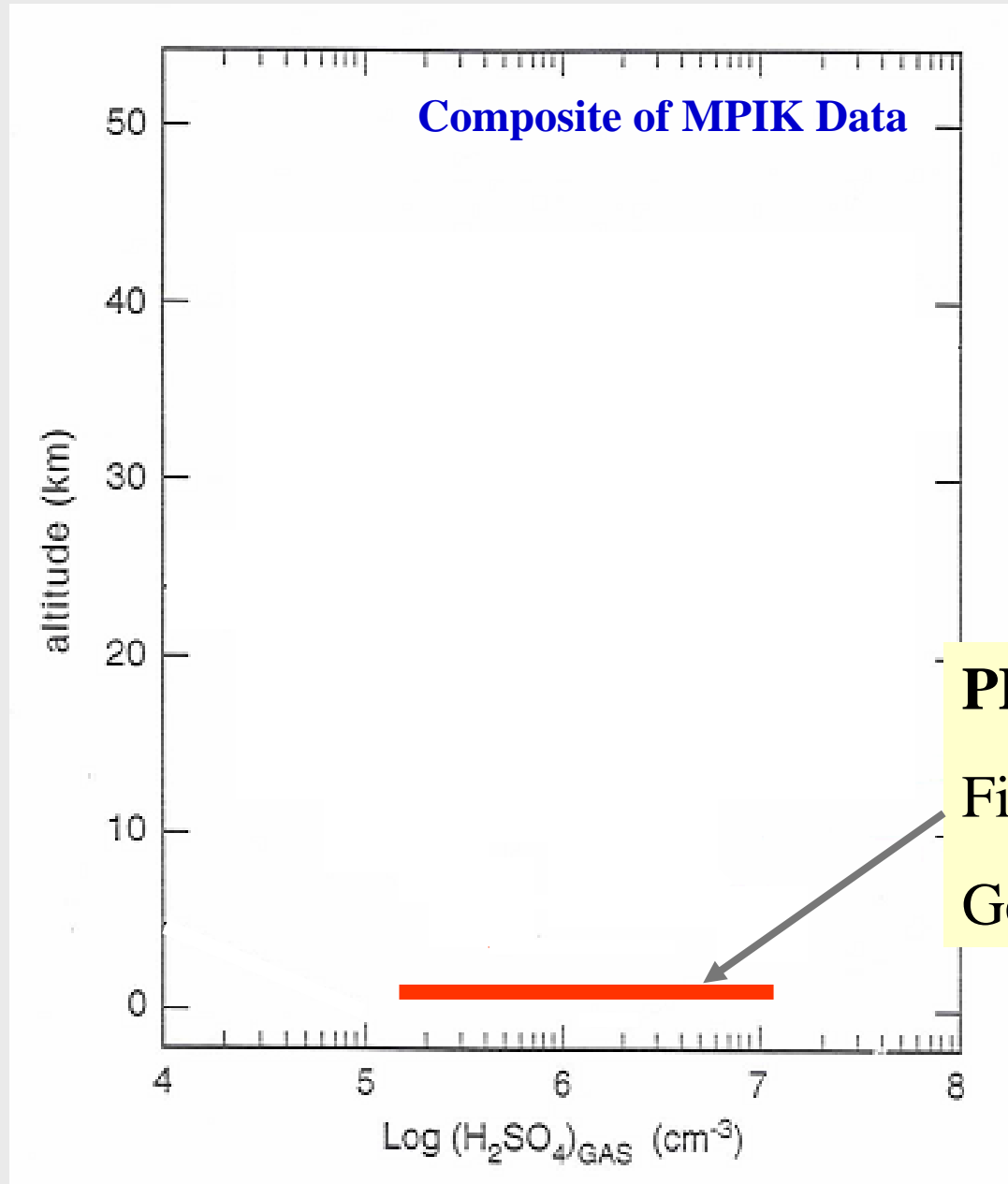
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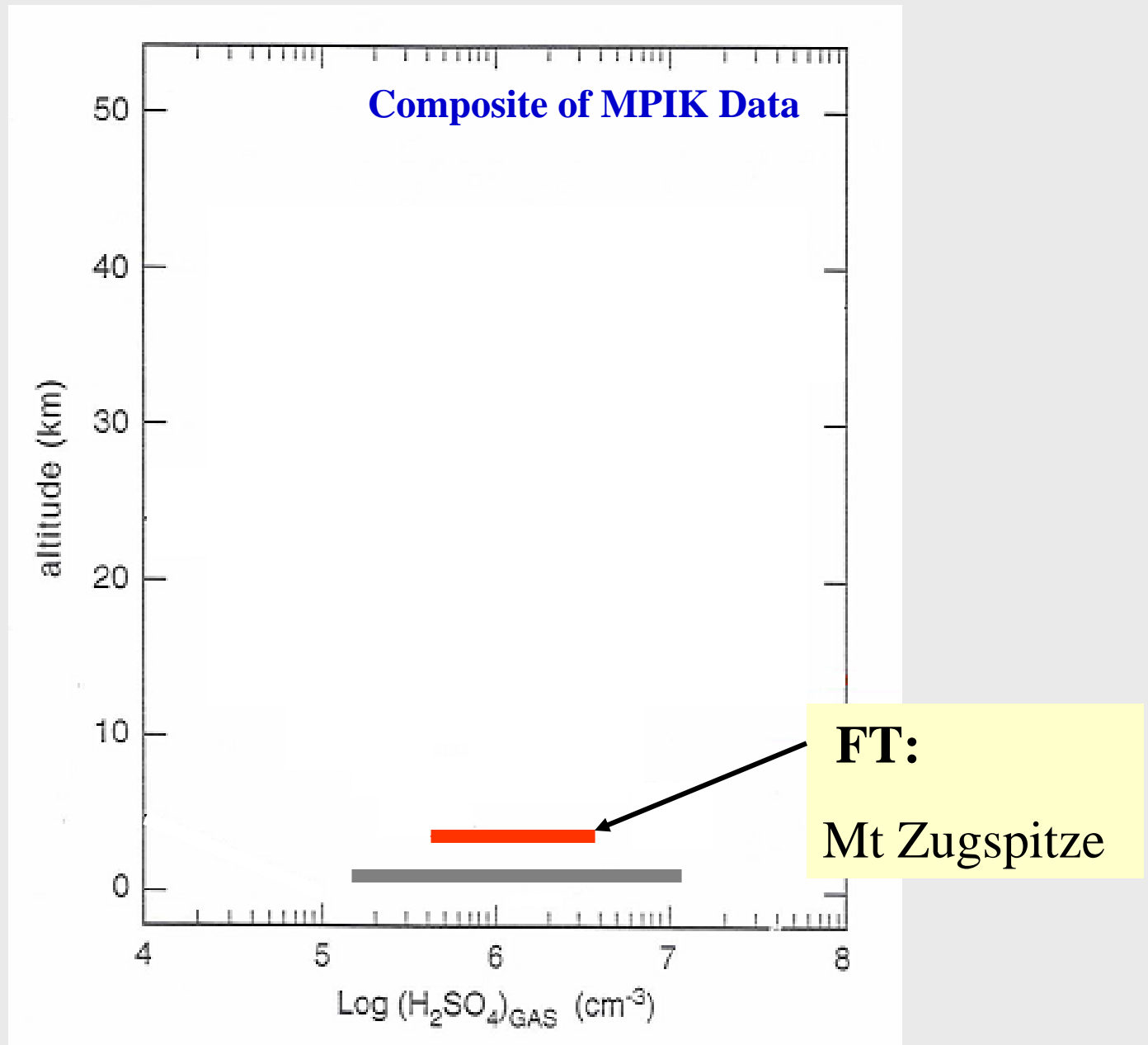


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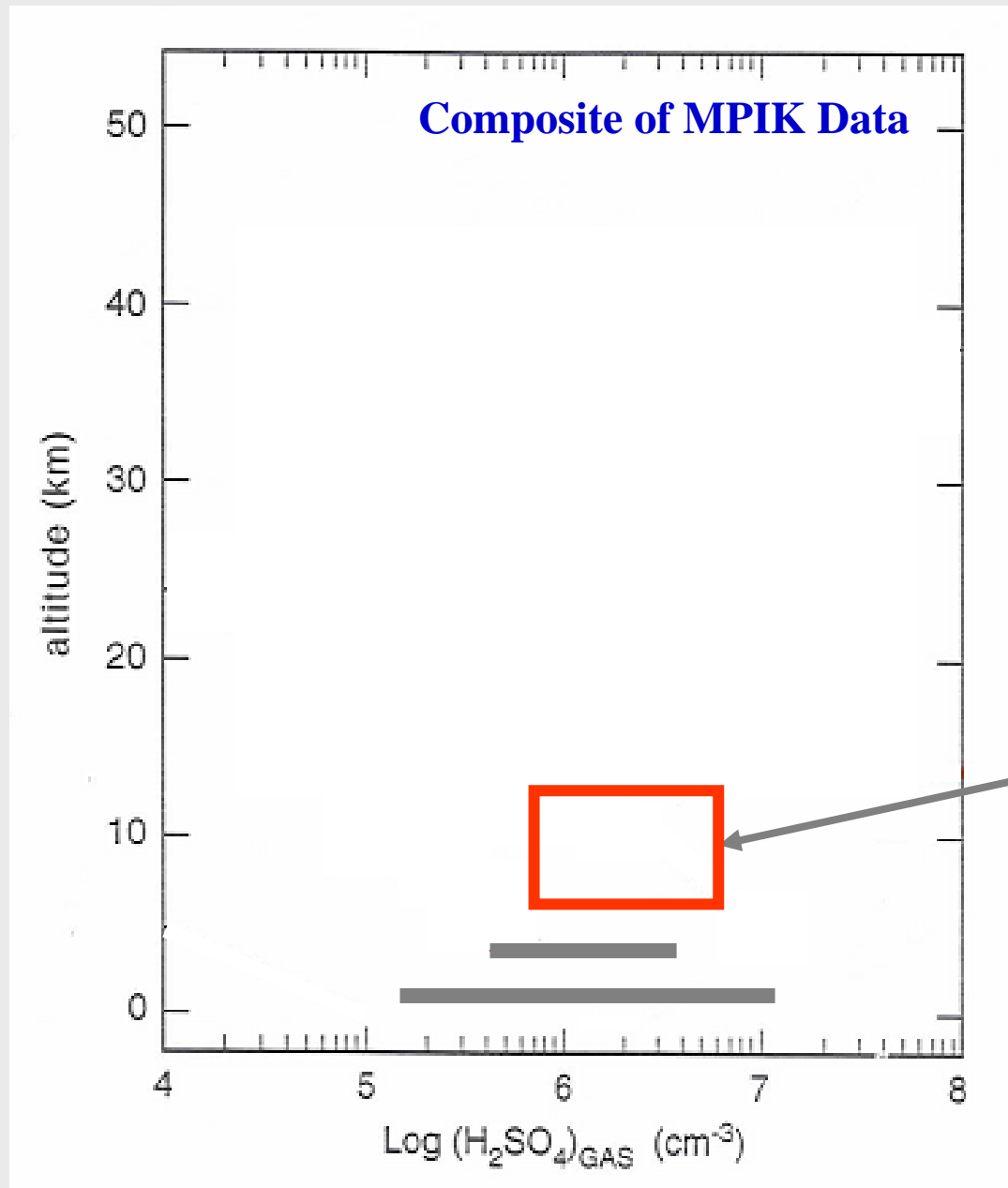
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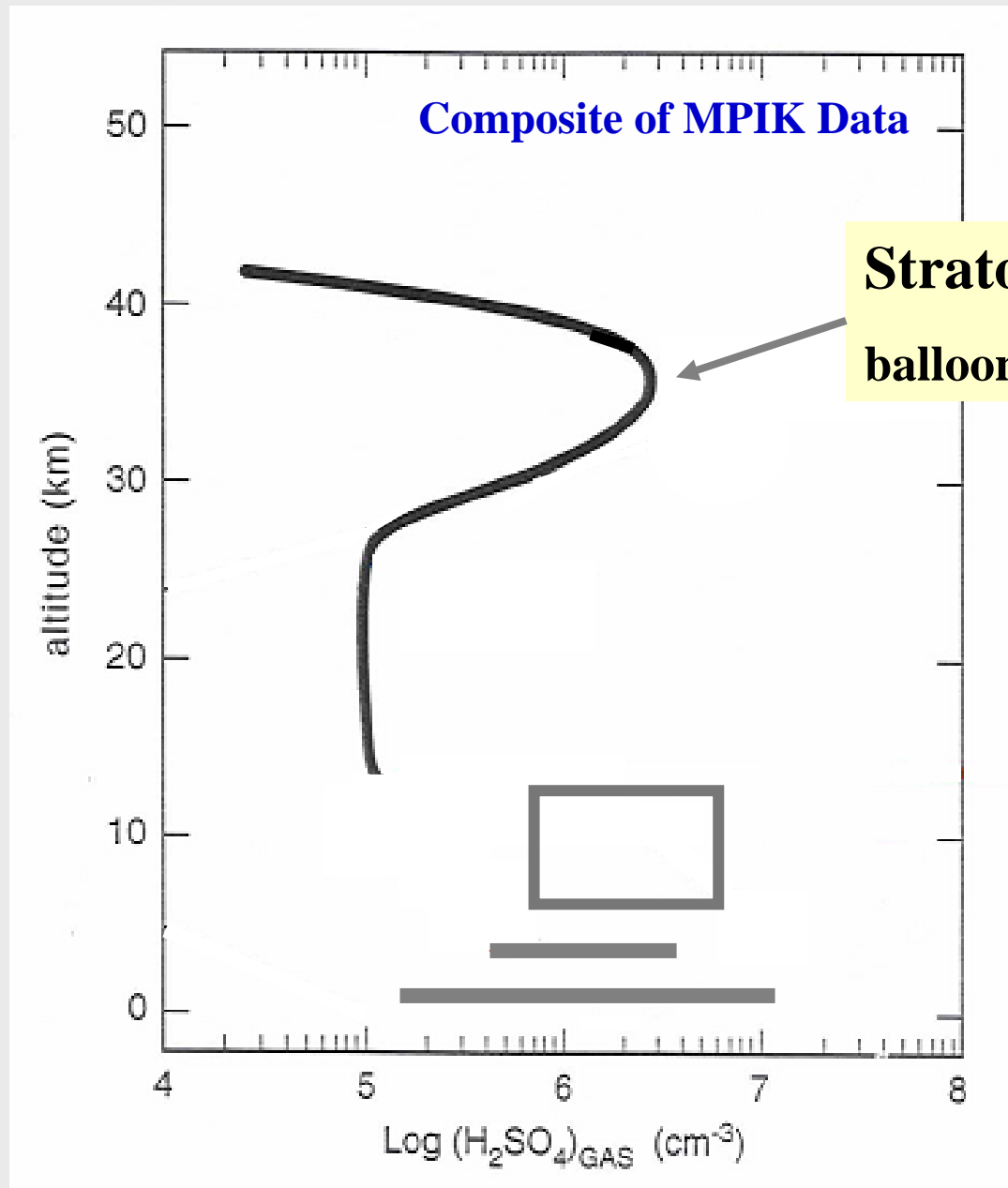
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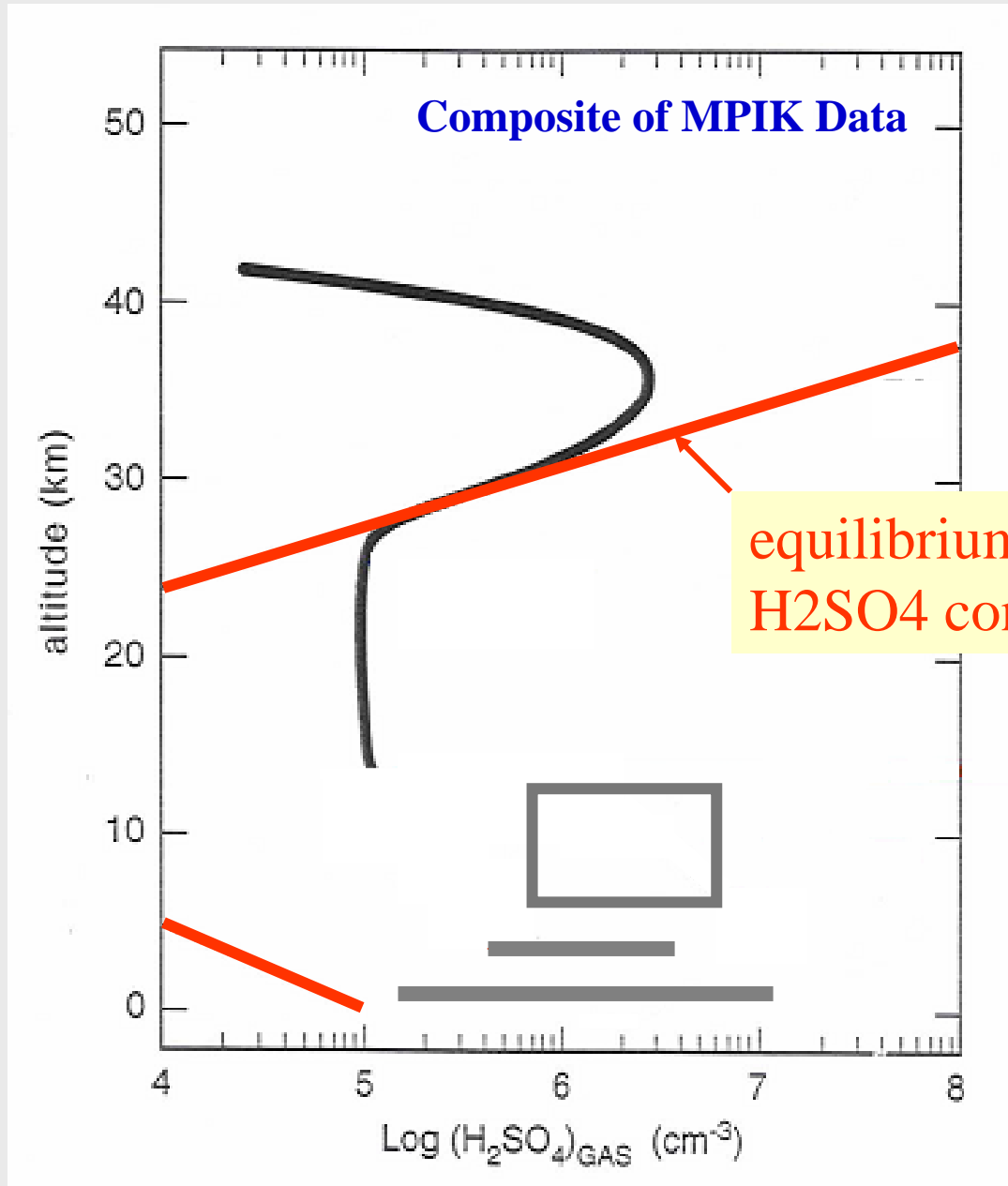


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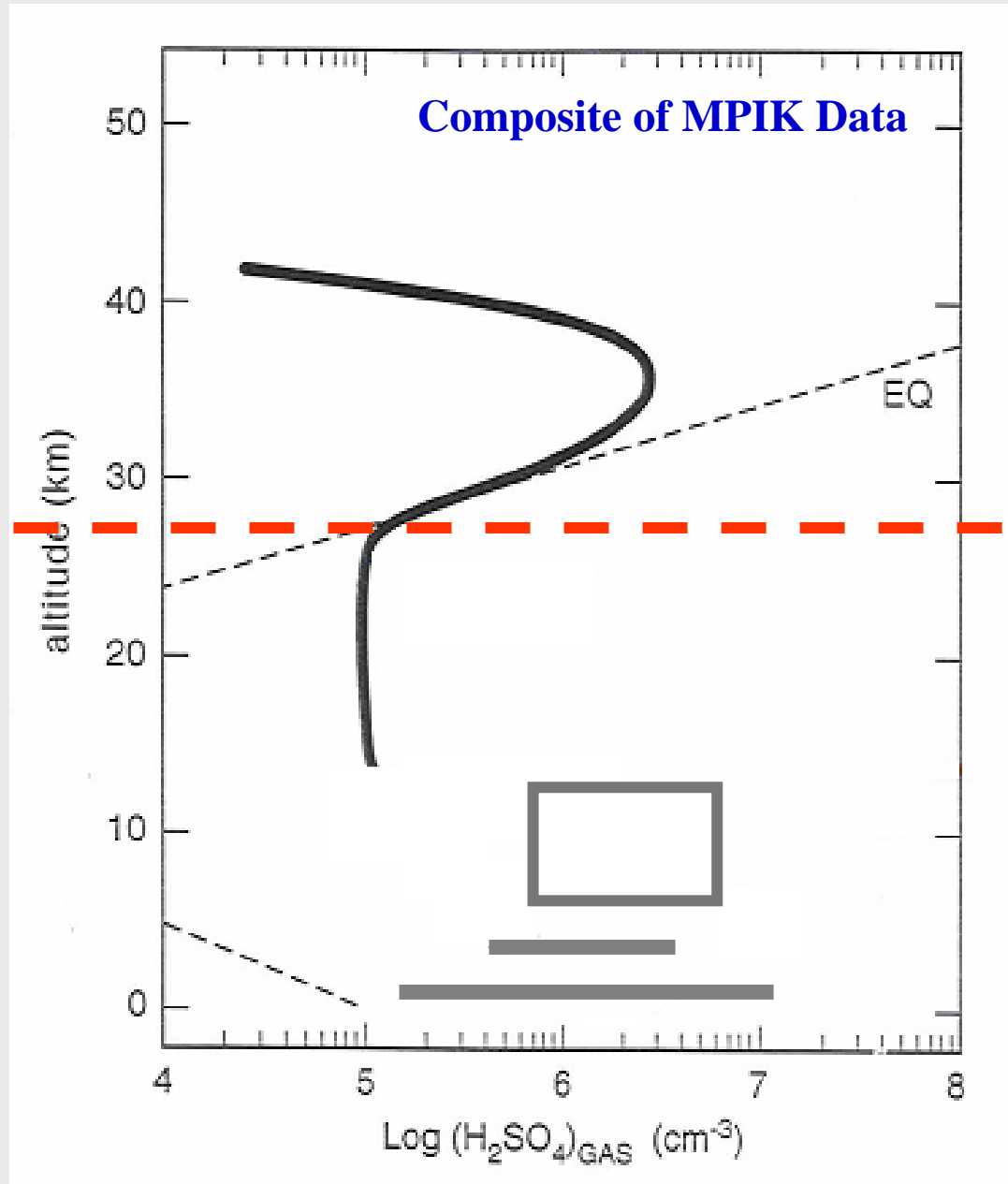


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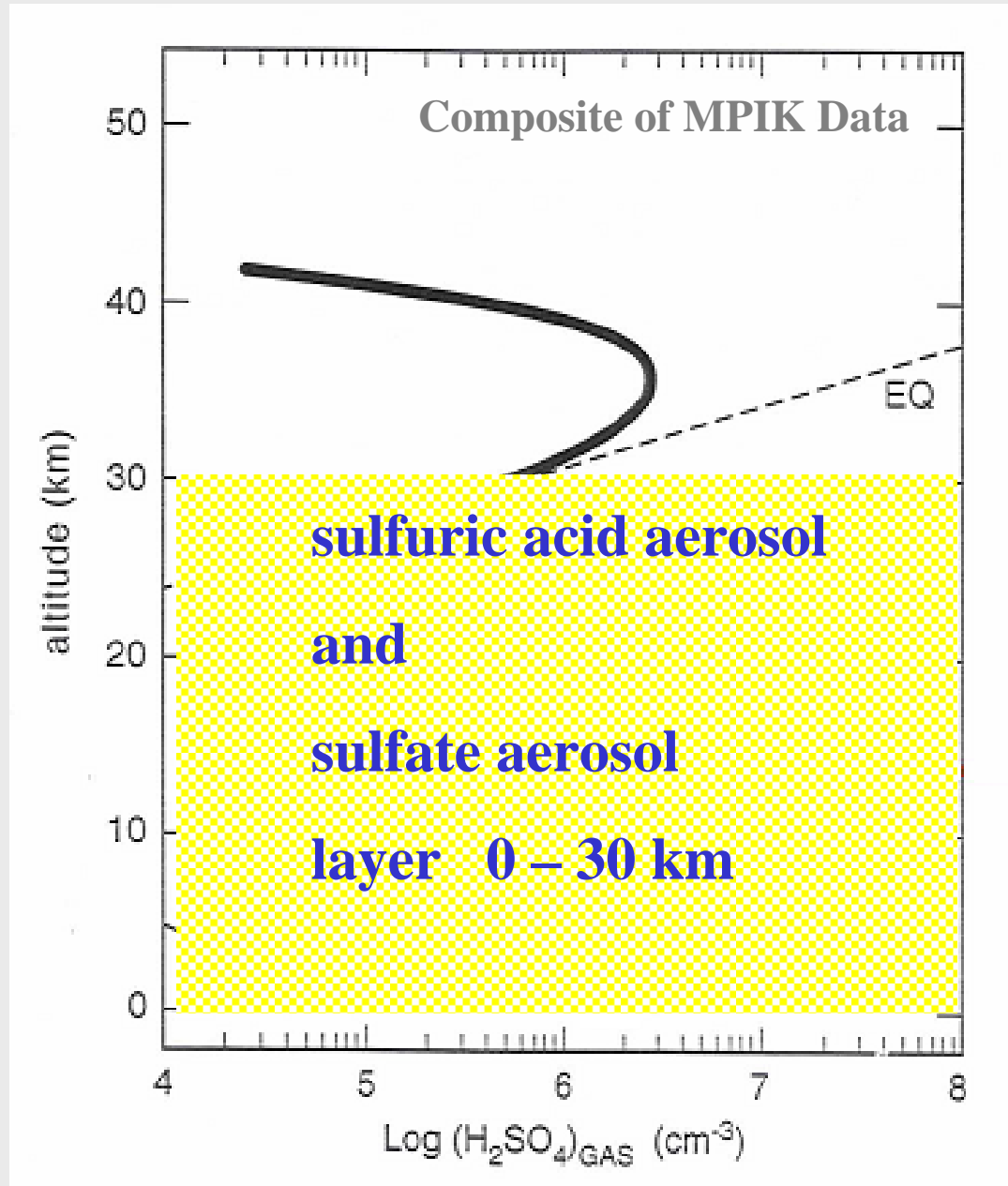


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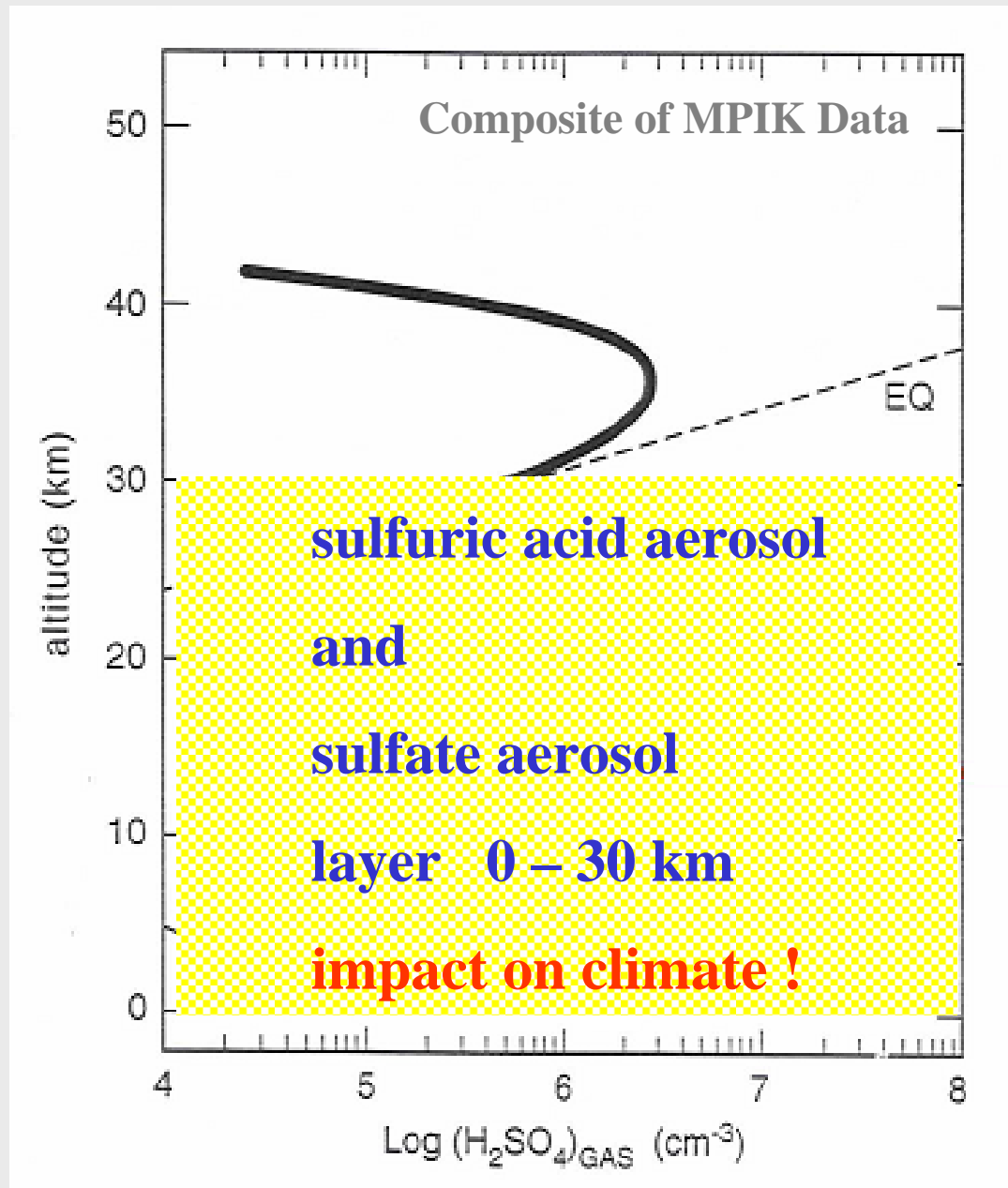
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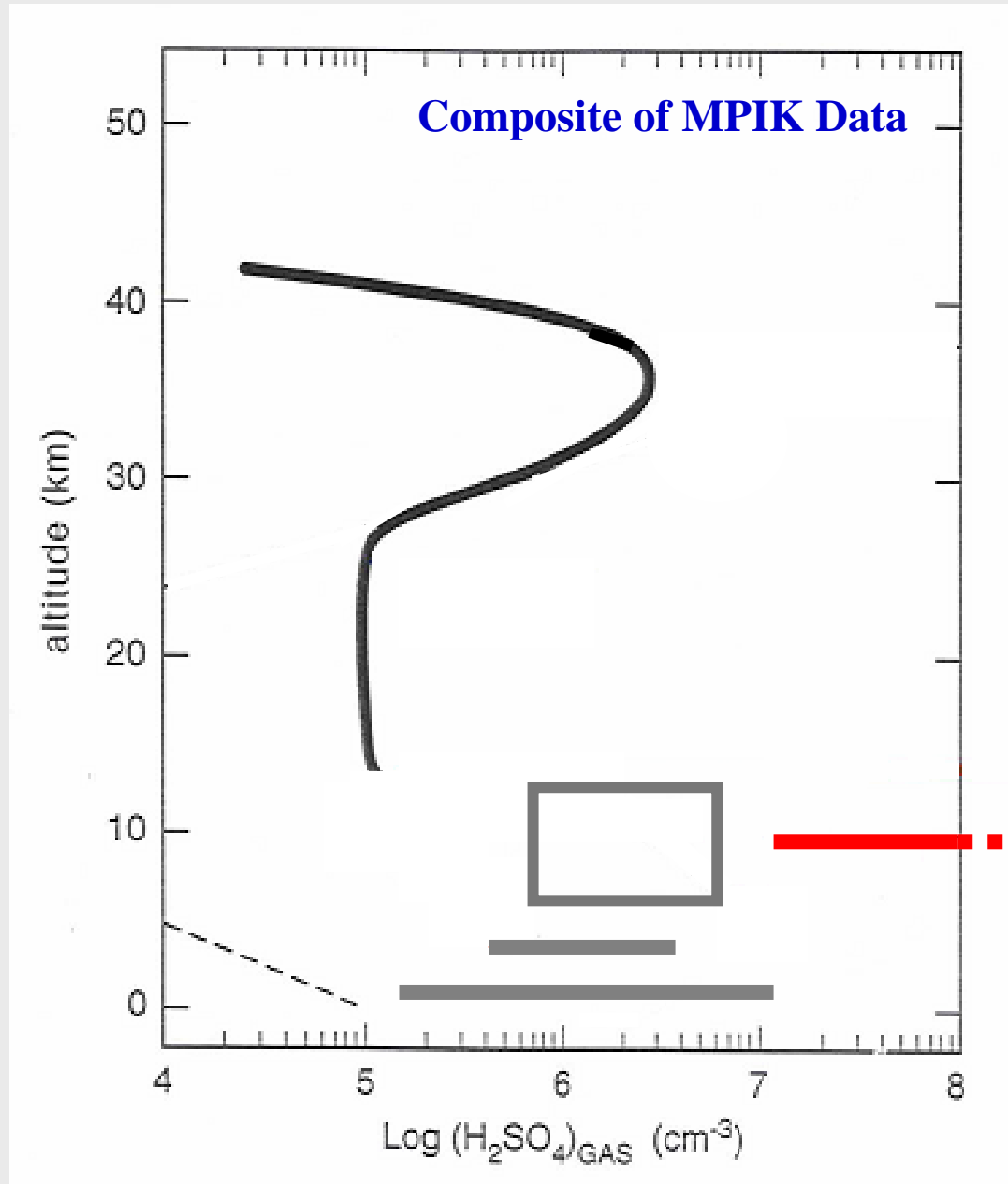
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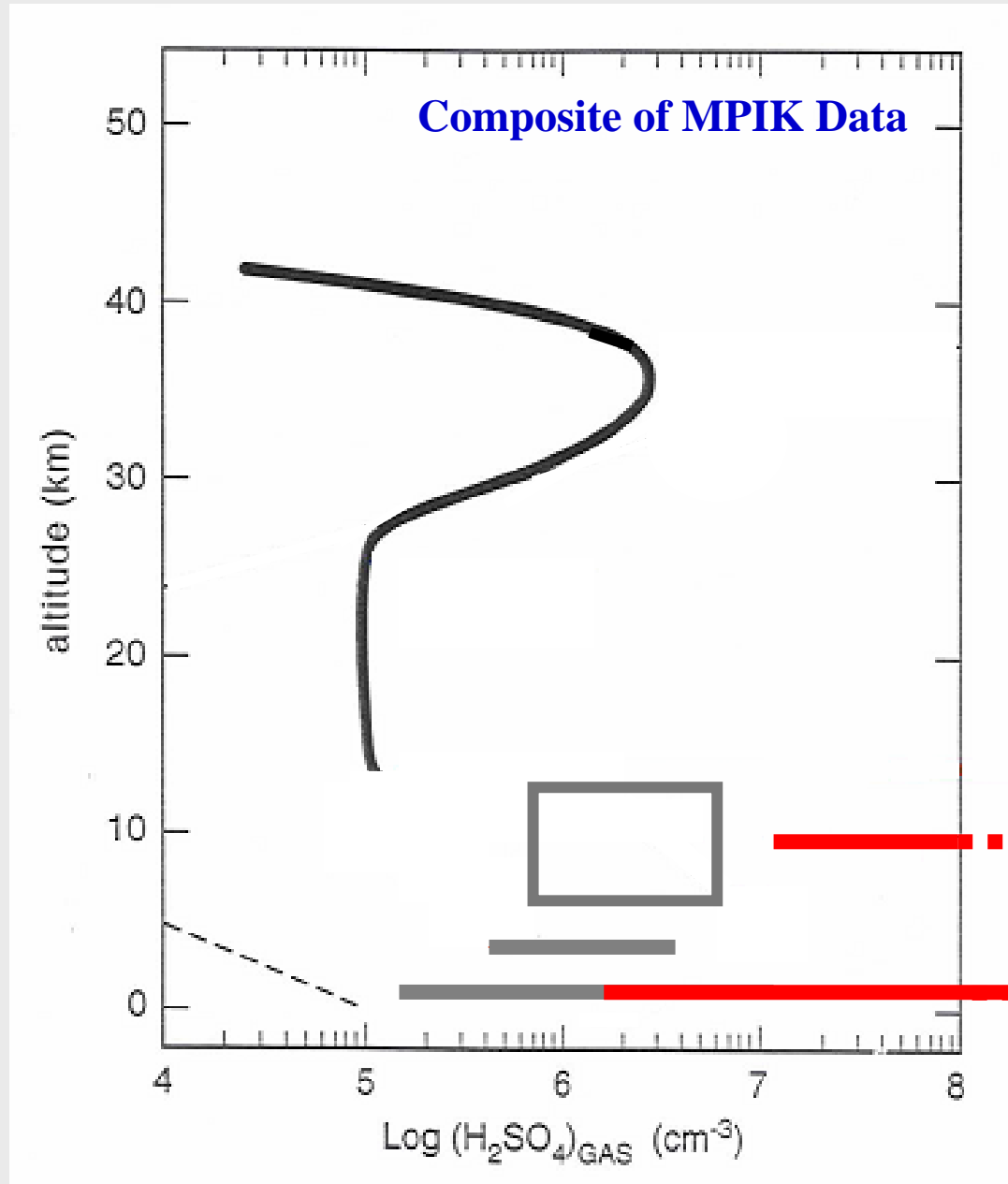
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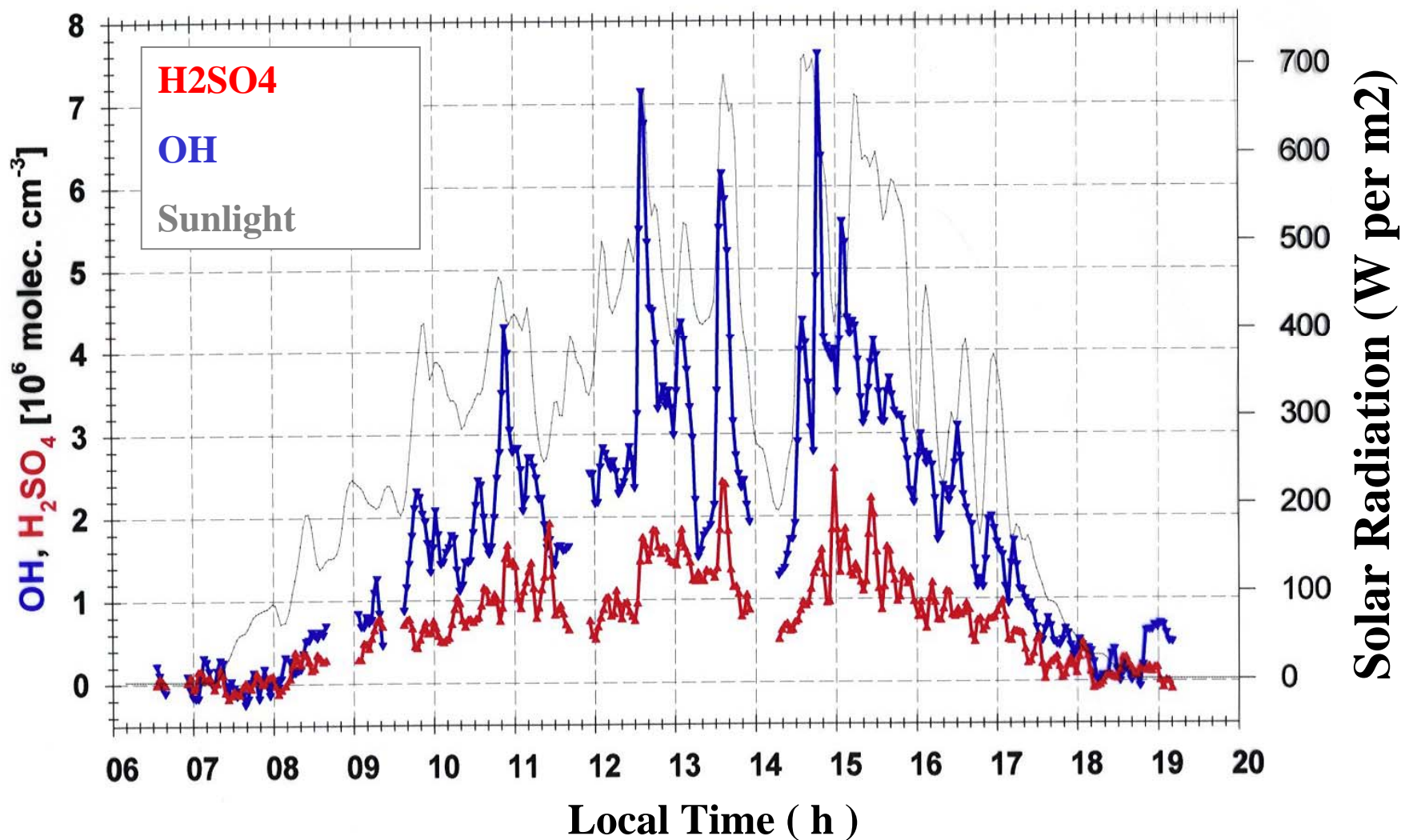
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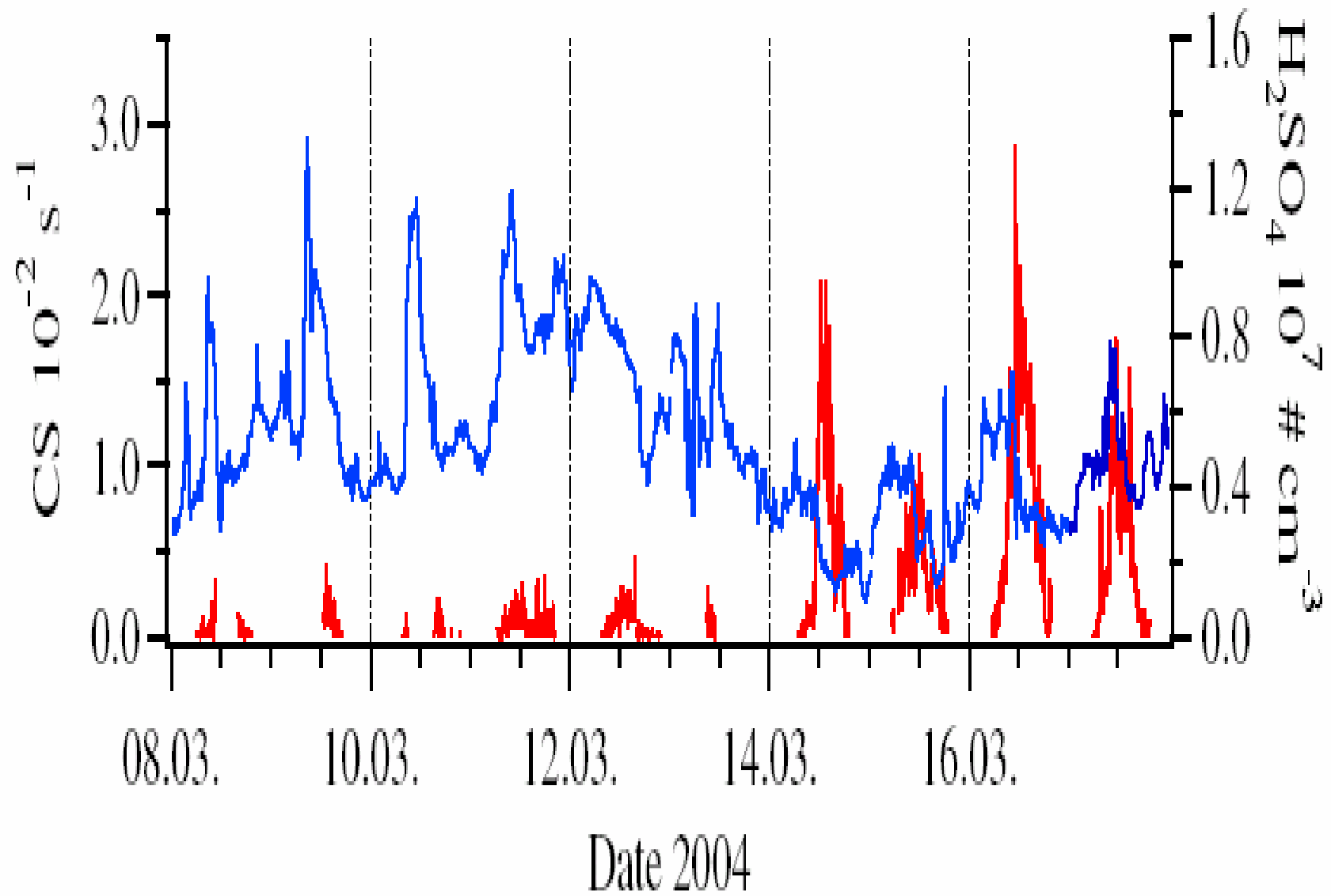
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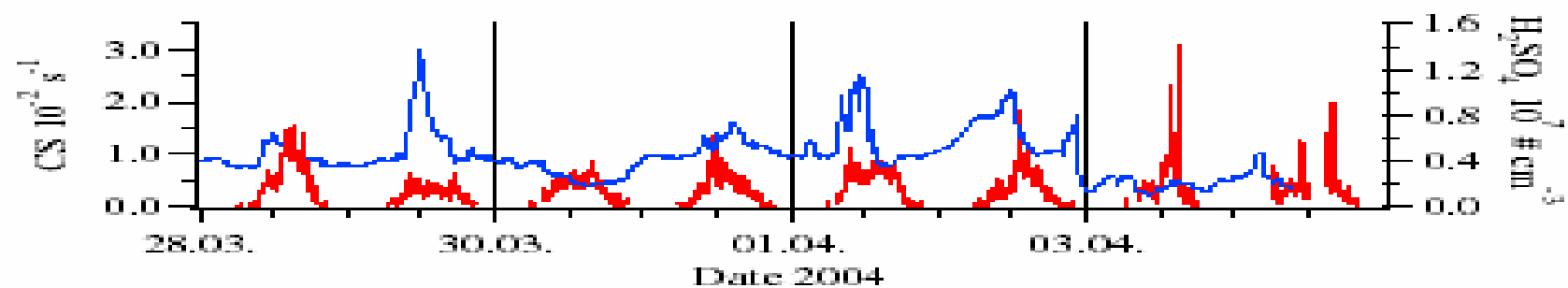
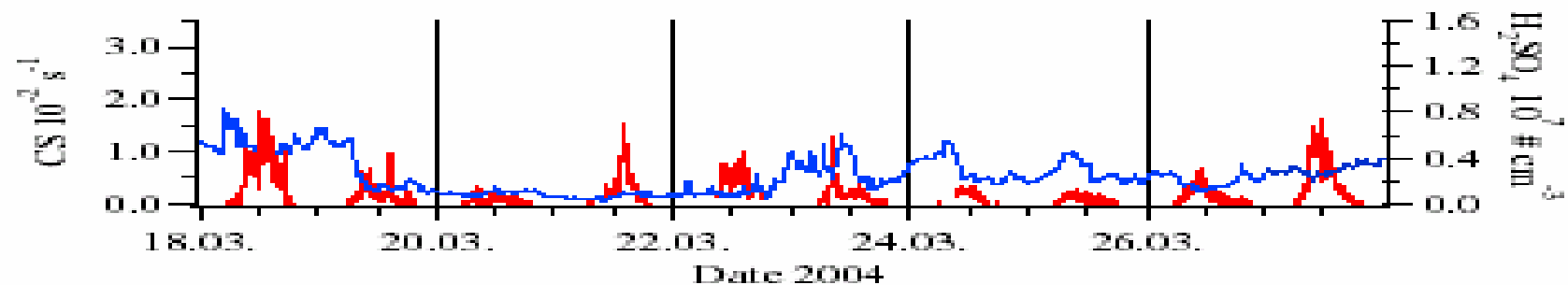
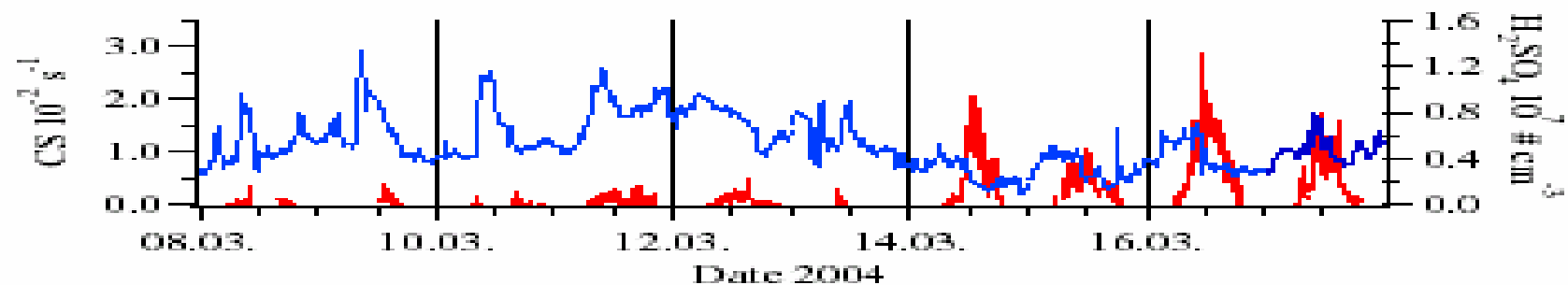
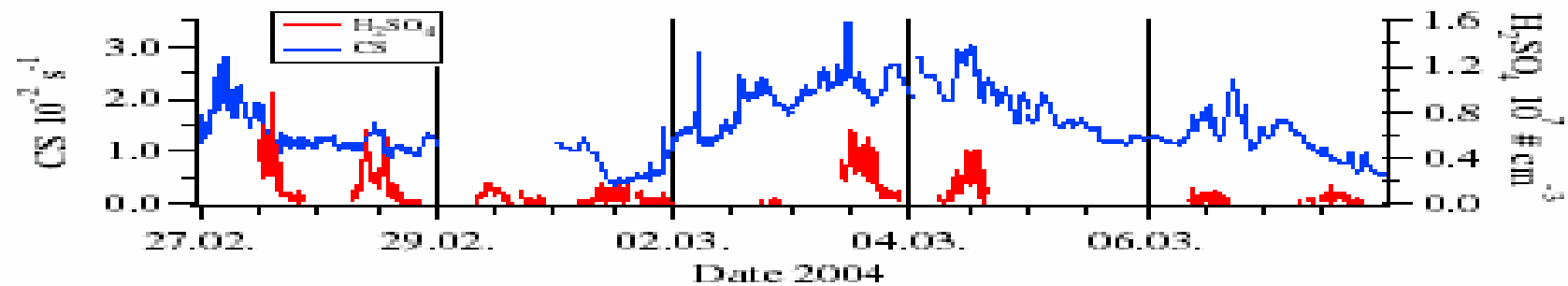
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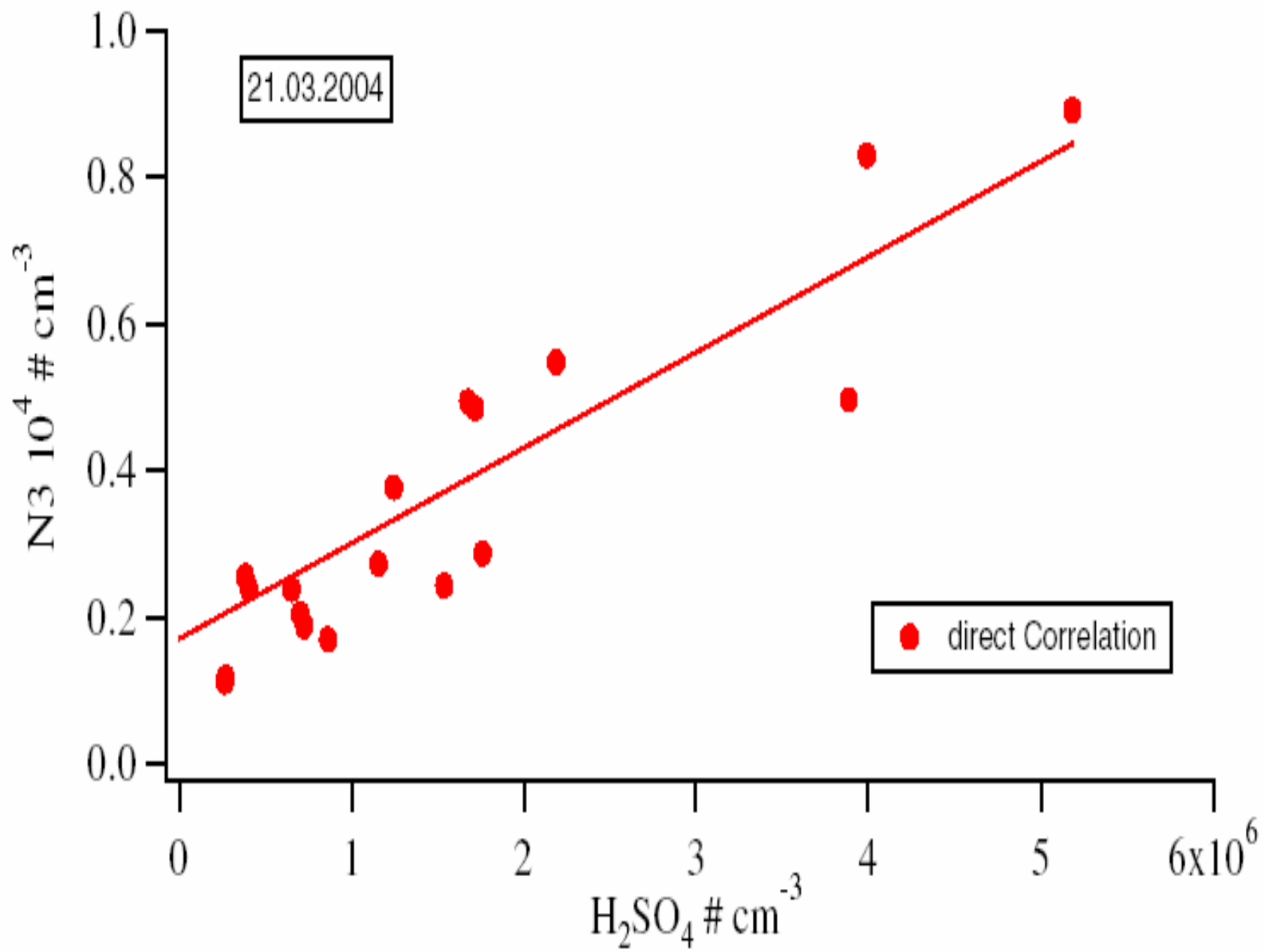
# Mount Zugspitze SFH 2300 m altitude











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- only about 5% of particle growth is due to  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  condensation
- particle growth probably due to condensable organics
- see our recent papers  
Fiedler et al (2005)  
Boy et al (2005)

# Atmospheric Sulfuric Acid Measurements made by MPIK in Aircraft Exhaust

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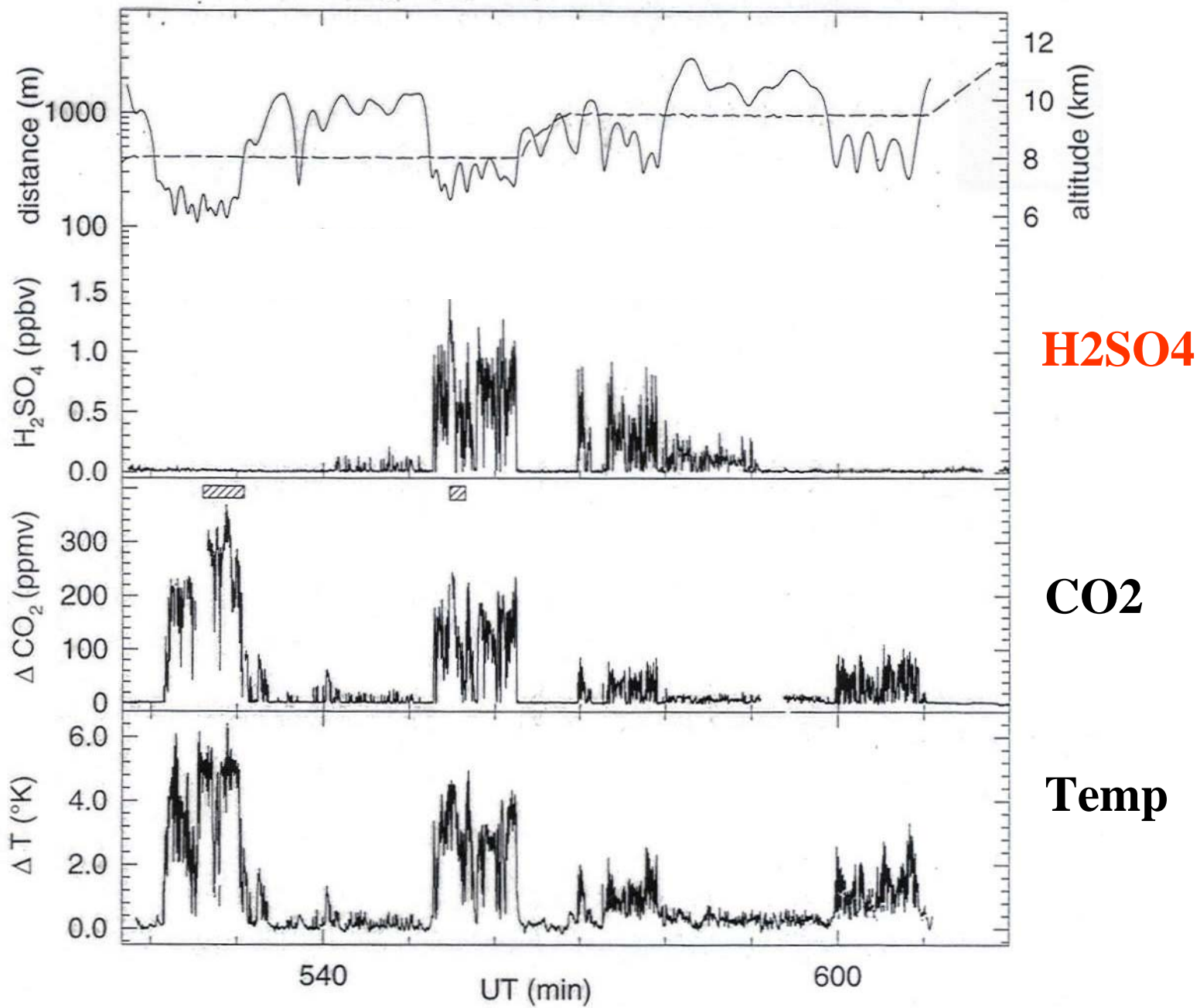


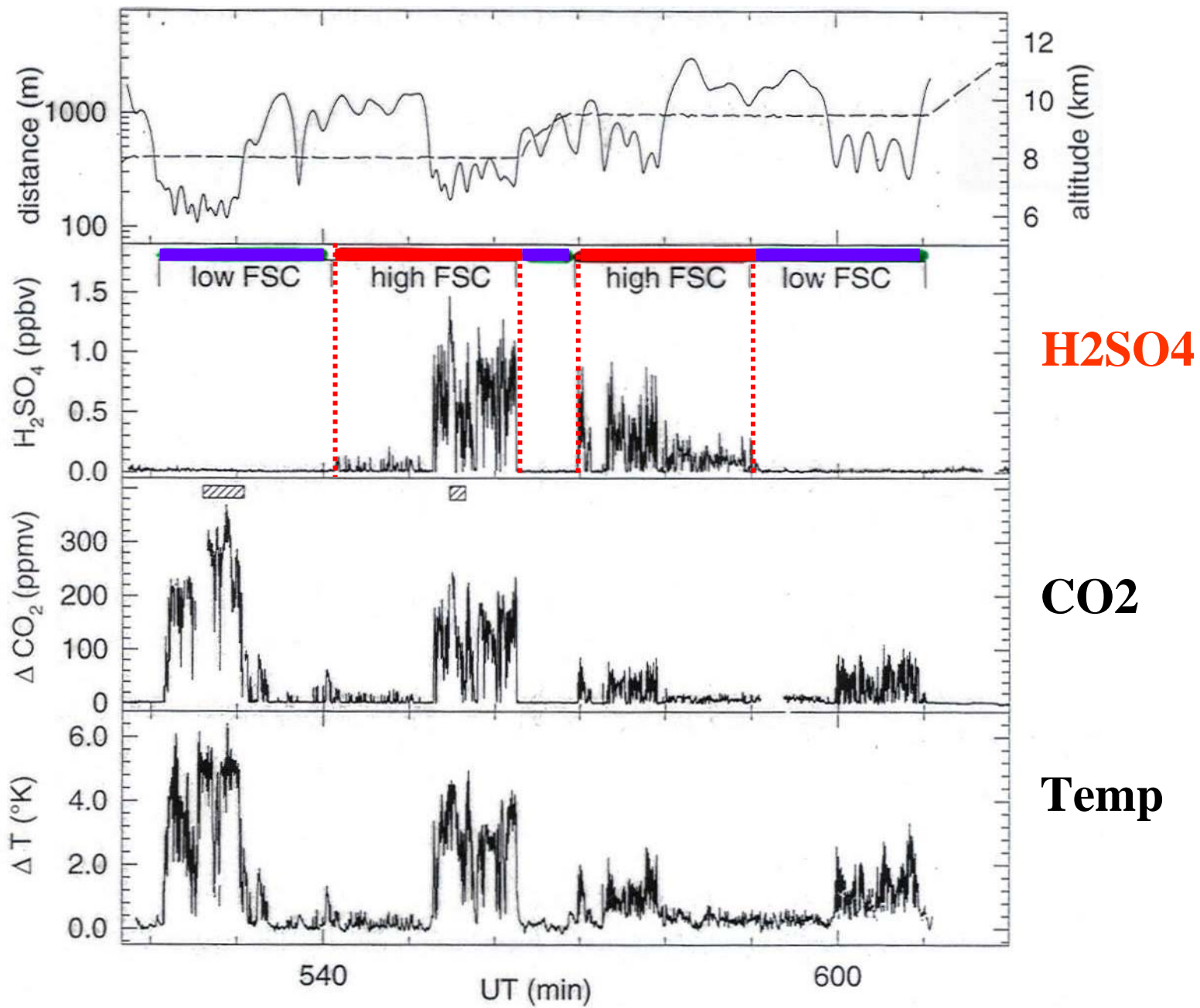












# EMISSION INDEX ( mg / kg )

for modern engine and FSC=400 (100-3000) ppmM

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| <b>H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></b> - CONDENSATE | 73 (18 - 550) |
| SOOT  | 10            |
| COND. HC.                                       | 10            |

# Conclusions

- about 2 - 4 % of fuel sulfur undergoes conversion to gaseous H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
- most of the aerosol mass in an aircraft exhaust plume is due to H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O
- see our [publications](#) (following slide)

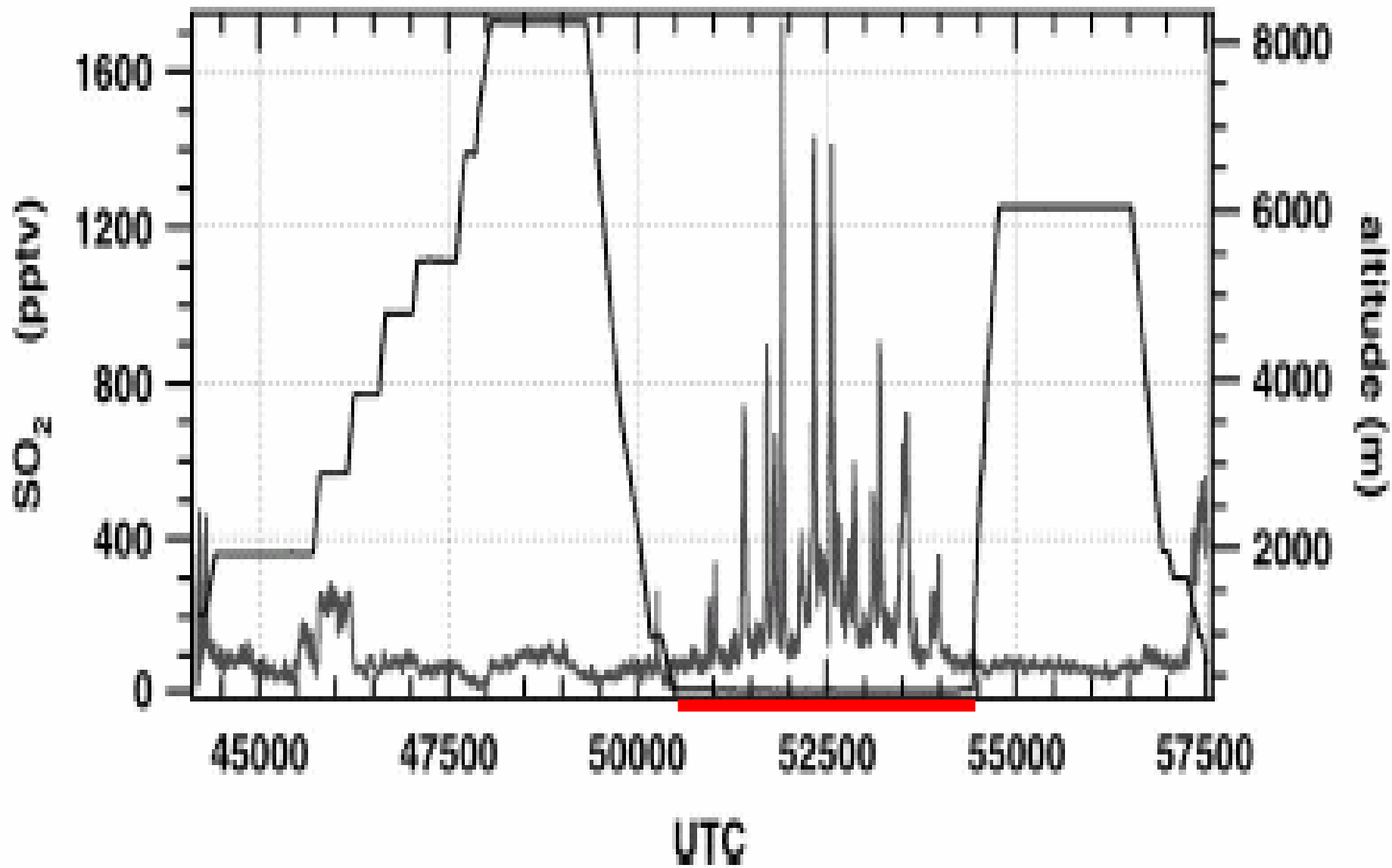
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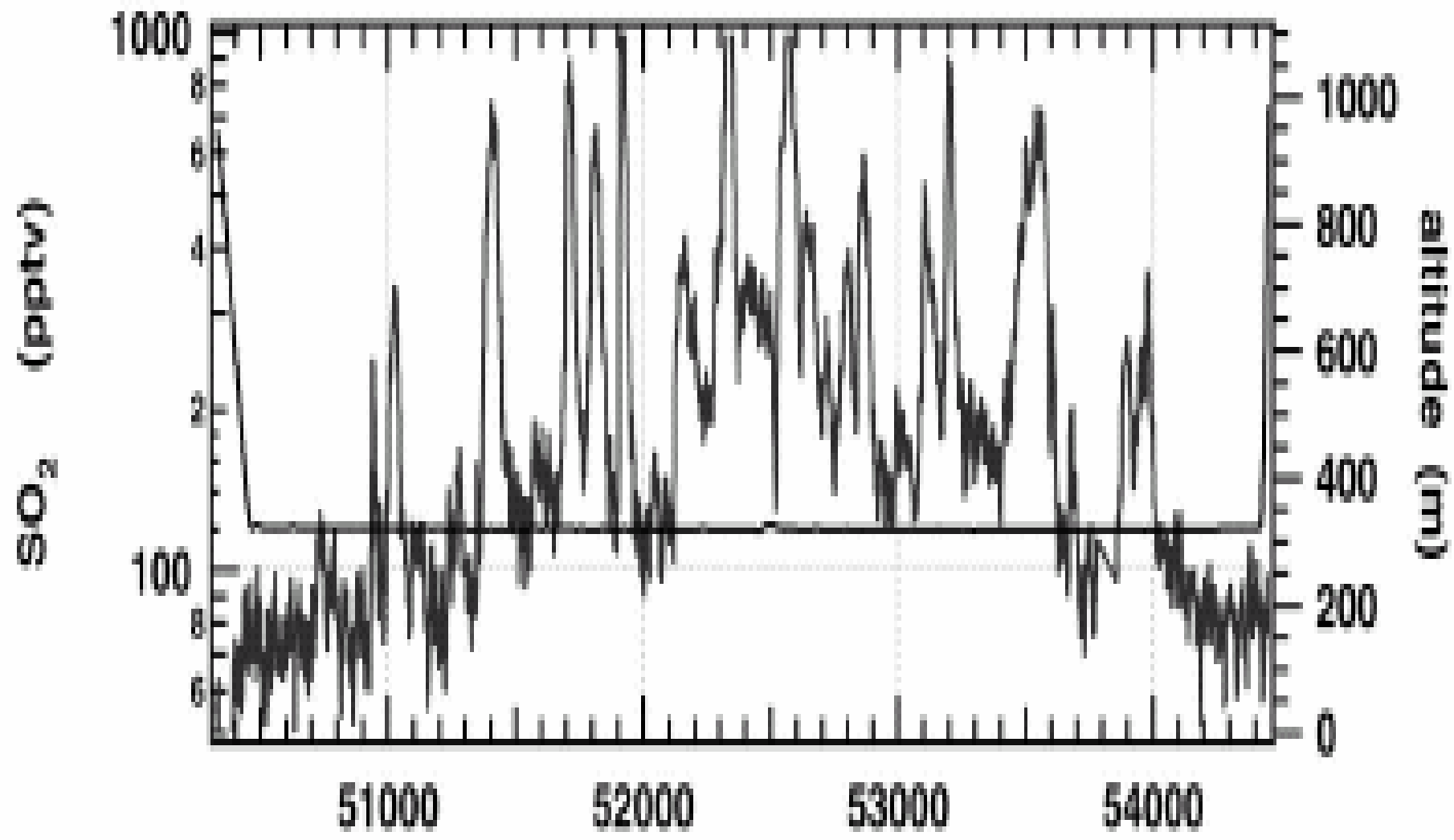
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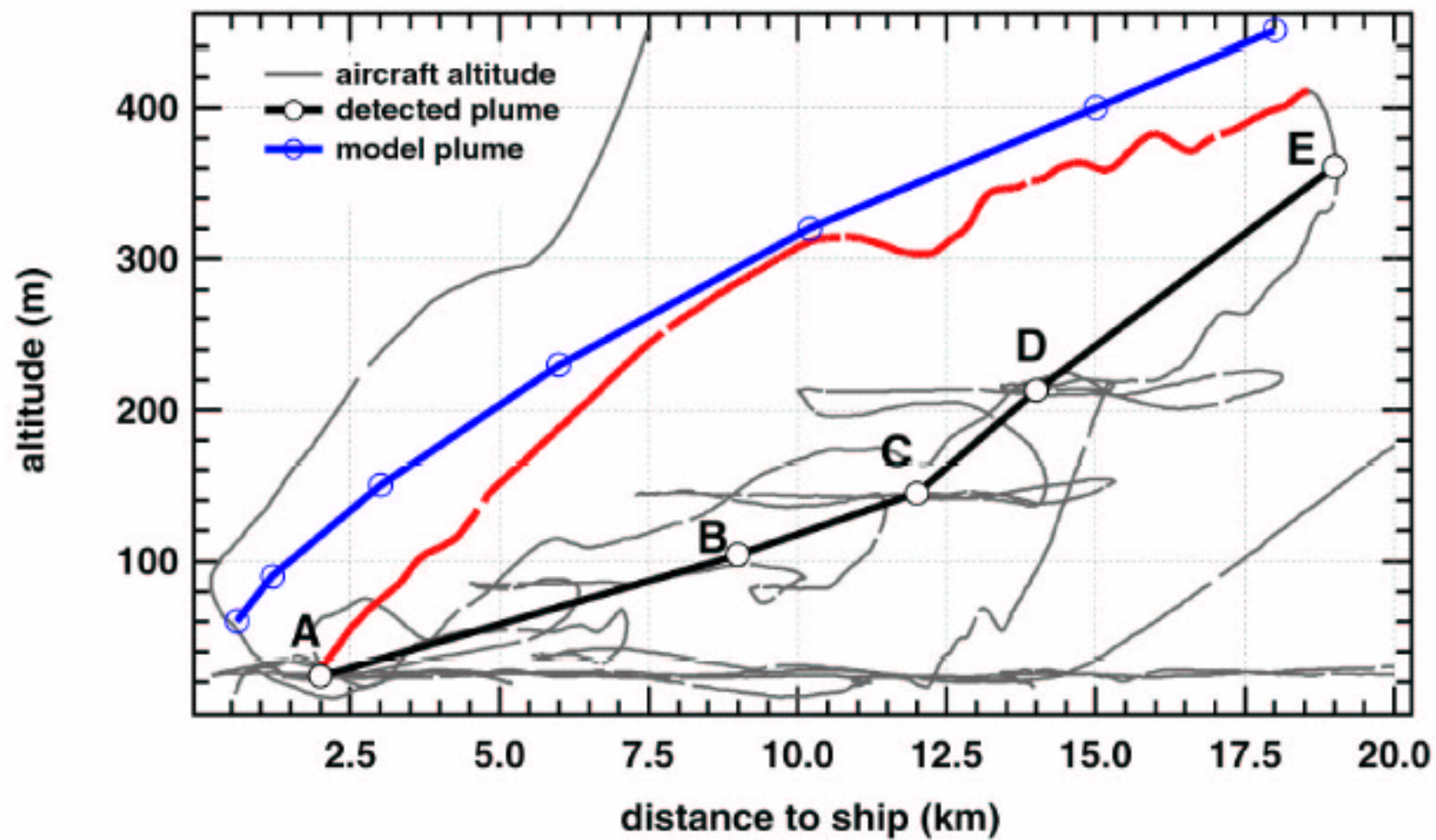


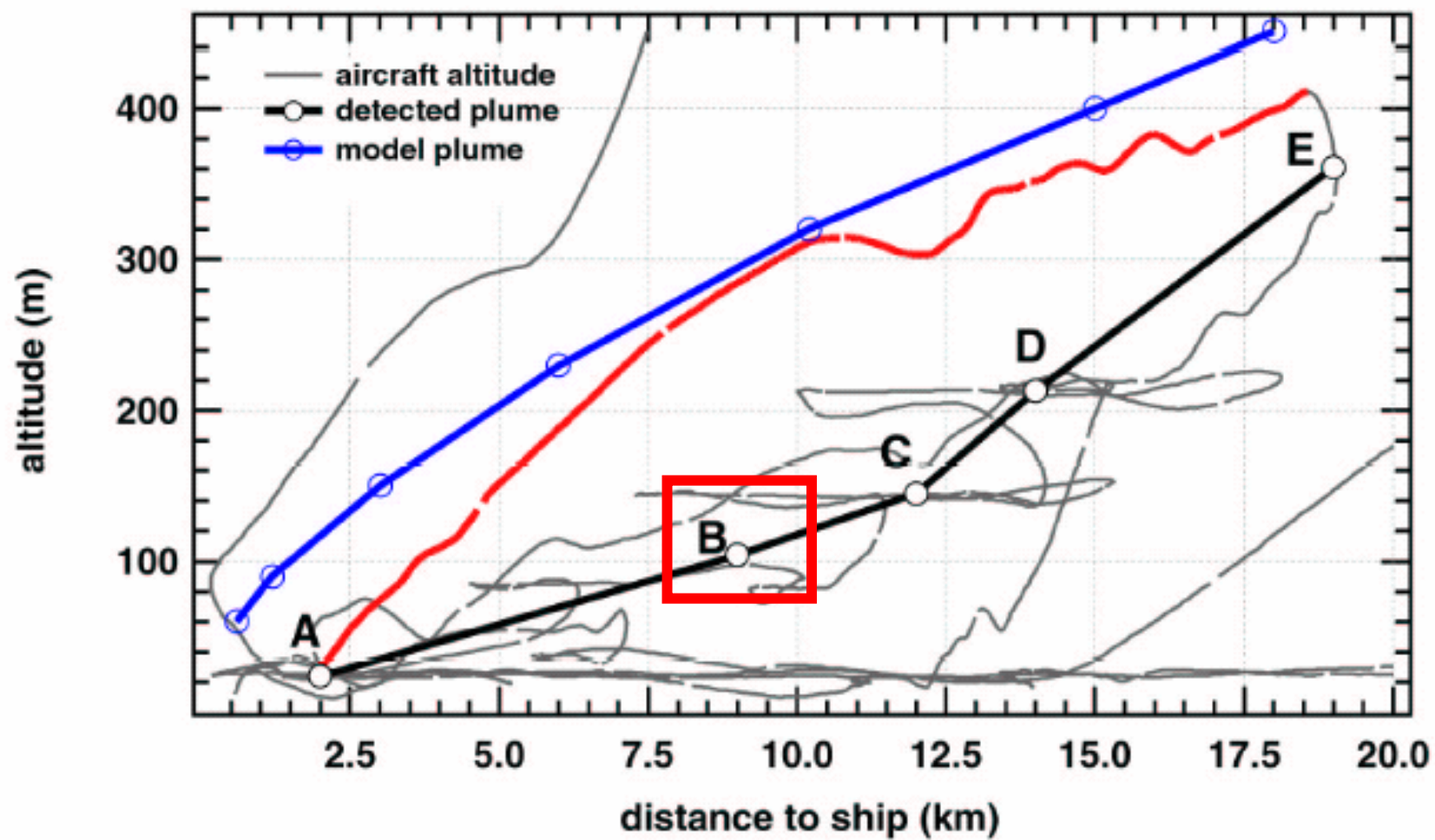
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- strong SO<sub>2</sub> pollution in marine boundary layer near ship traffic ways
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- next step H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and OH measurements in marine boundary layer and ship exhaust

Gaseous Sulfuric Acid Measurements  
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# Conclusions from automobile measurements

- particle formation is induced by  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  nucleation
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- particle growth is probably mostly due to condensable organics



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