



*Supplement of*

## **The SPARC Water Vapor Assessment II: assessment of satellite measurements of upper tropospheric humidity**

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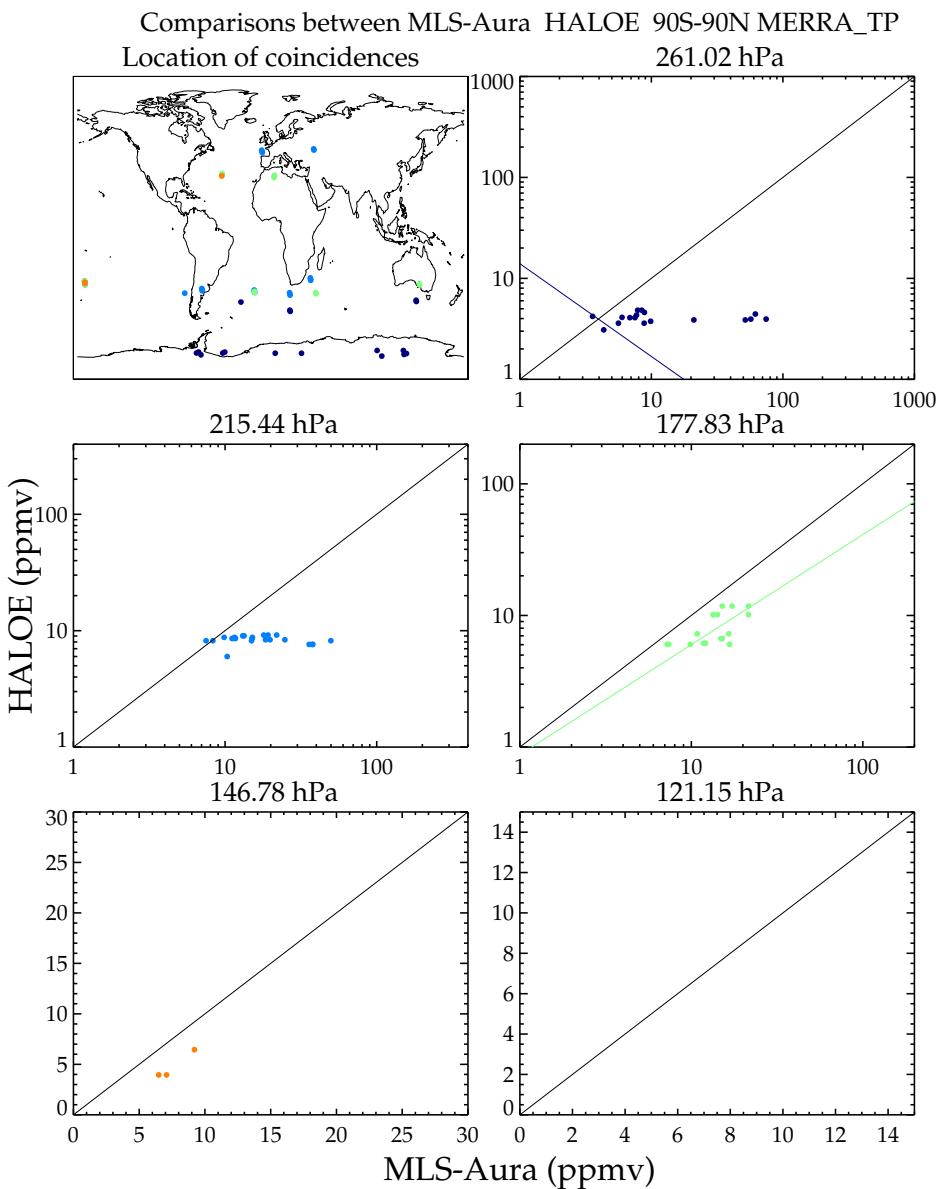
## S1 Introduction

Figures S1–S30 show coincident scatter plots for several instruments versus MLS-Aura or MIPAS-ESA either as a probability density function (PDF, Figure 16 in the main manuscript) or as a scatter of the individual coincidences when their number are few. Figures S31–S33 Show gridded mapped comparisons for other heights in the same format as Figure 21 in the main

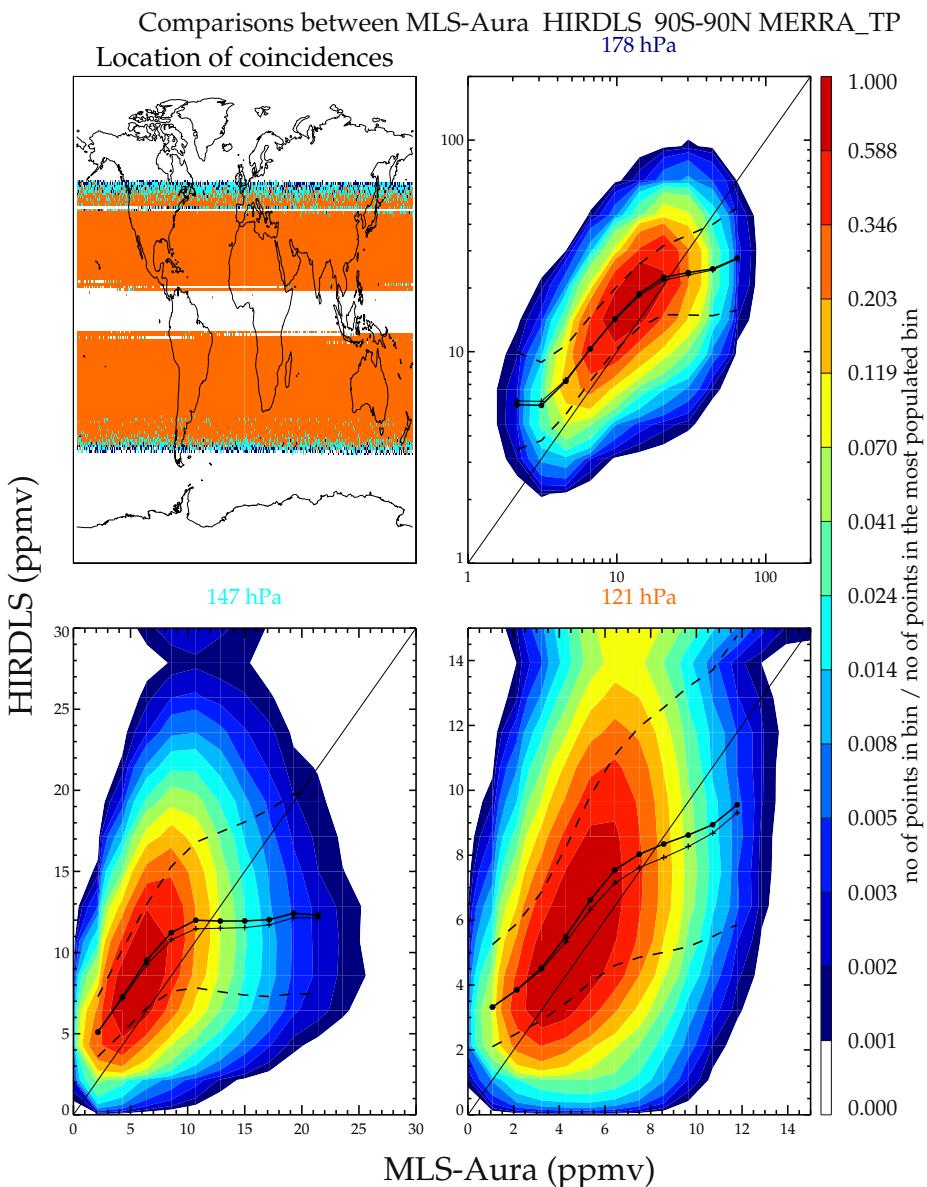
5 manuscript. Figures S34–S36 Show a scatter plot of the grid box averages for other heights in the same format as Figure 22 in the main manuscript. Figures S37–S39 Show mapped humidity fields for the SMILES products for several heights in the same format as Figure 21 in the main manuscript.

Figures S40–S42 Show a scatter plot of the grid box averages for SMILES humidity product versus MLS-Aura for several heights in the same format as Figure 22 in the main manuscript. Figures S43–

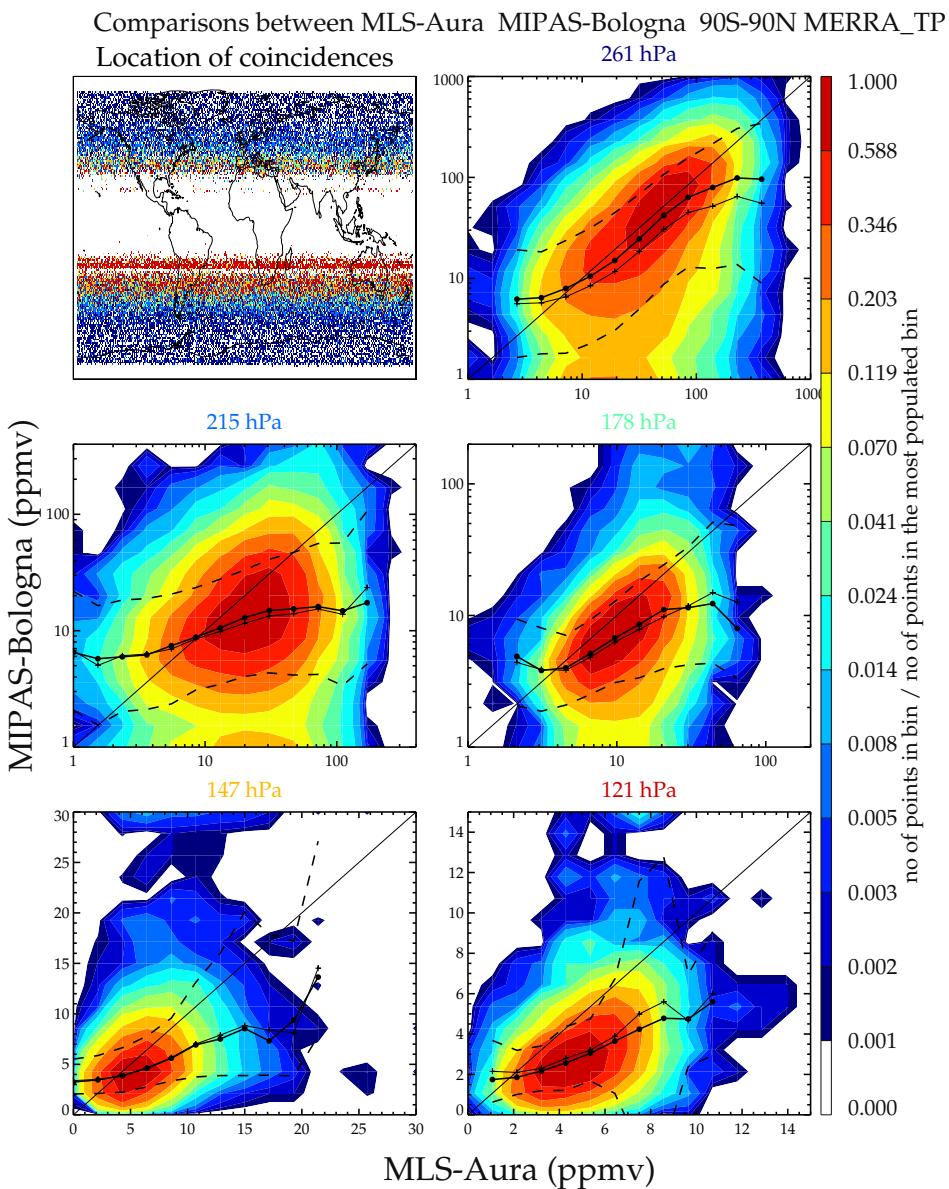
10 S44 Show mapped humidity fields for the occultation instruments for several heights in the same format as Figure 21 in the main manuscript. Figures S45–S46 Show a scatter plot of the grid box averages for the occultation instruments versus MLS-Aura for several heights in the same format as Figure 22 in the main manuscript.



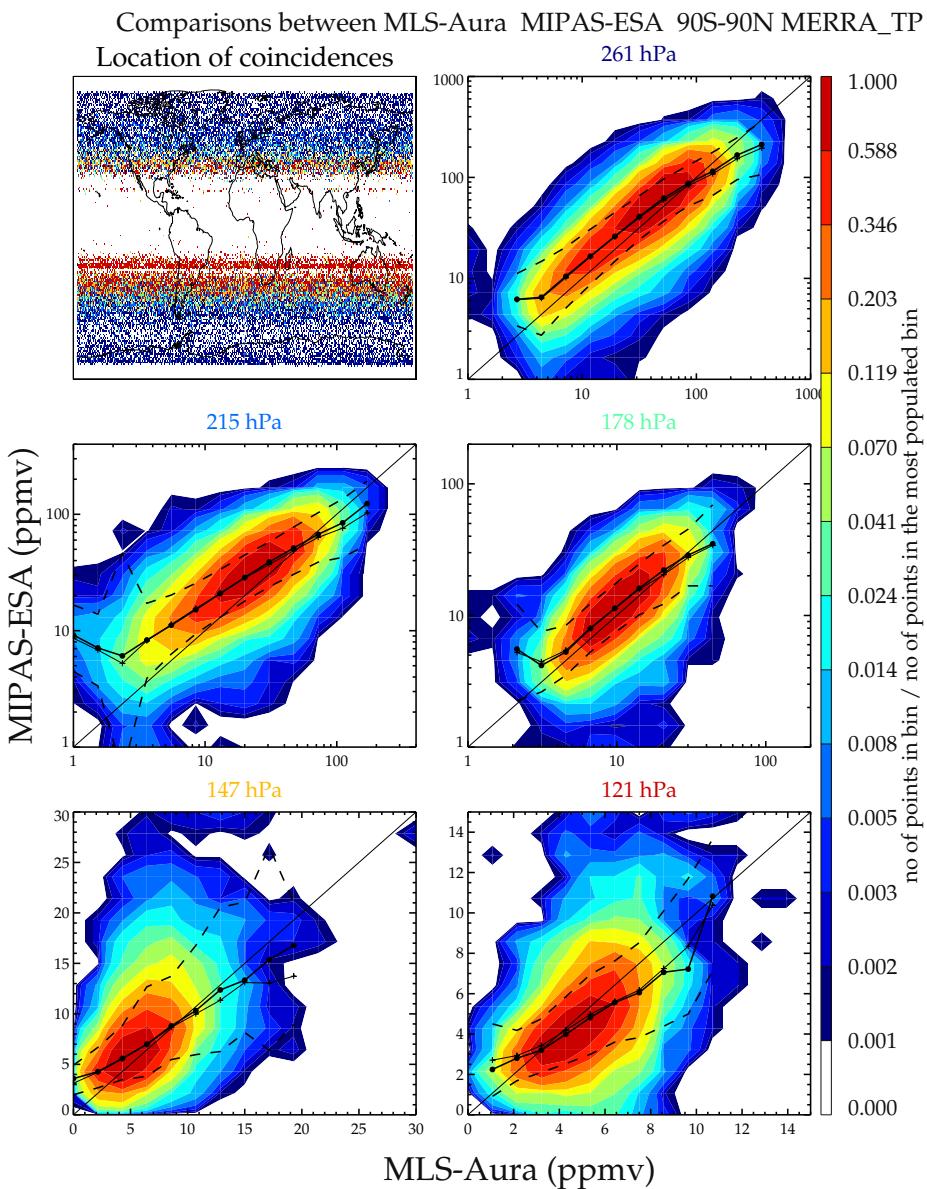
**Figure S1.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MLS-Aura and HALOE



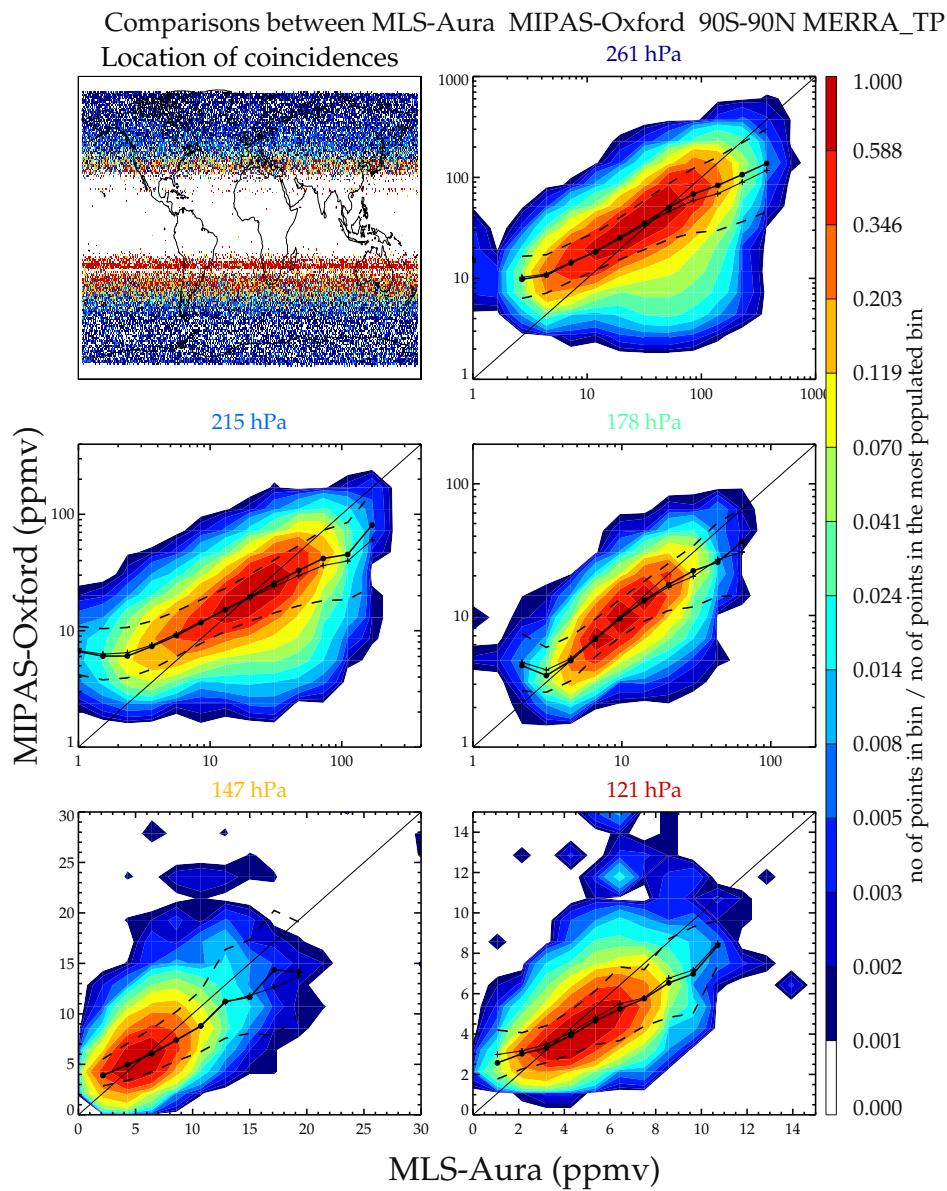
**Figure S2.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MLS-Aura and HIRDLS



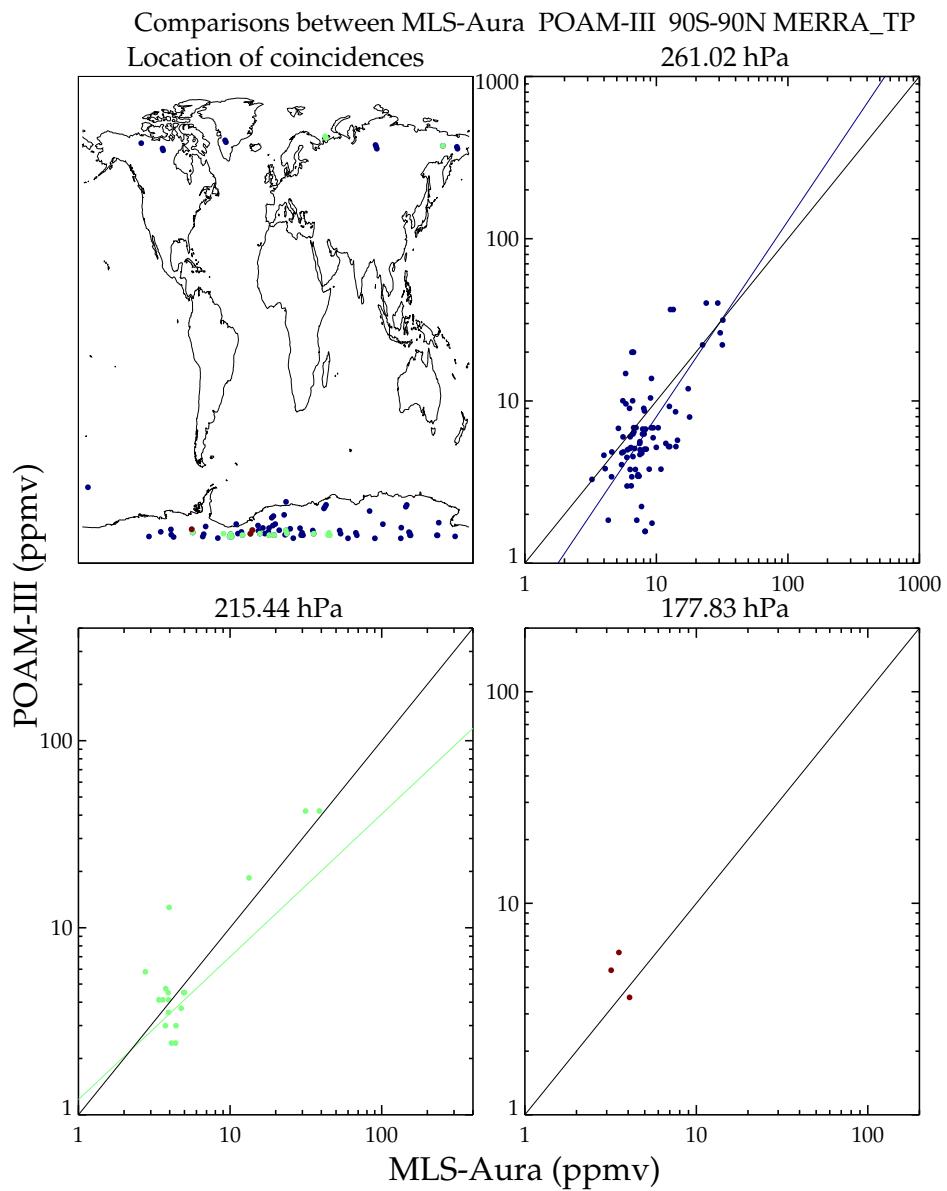
**Figure S3.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MLS-Aura and MIPAS-Bologna



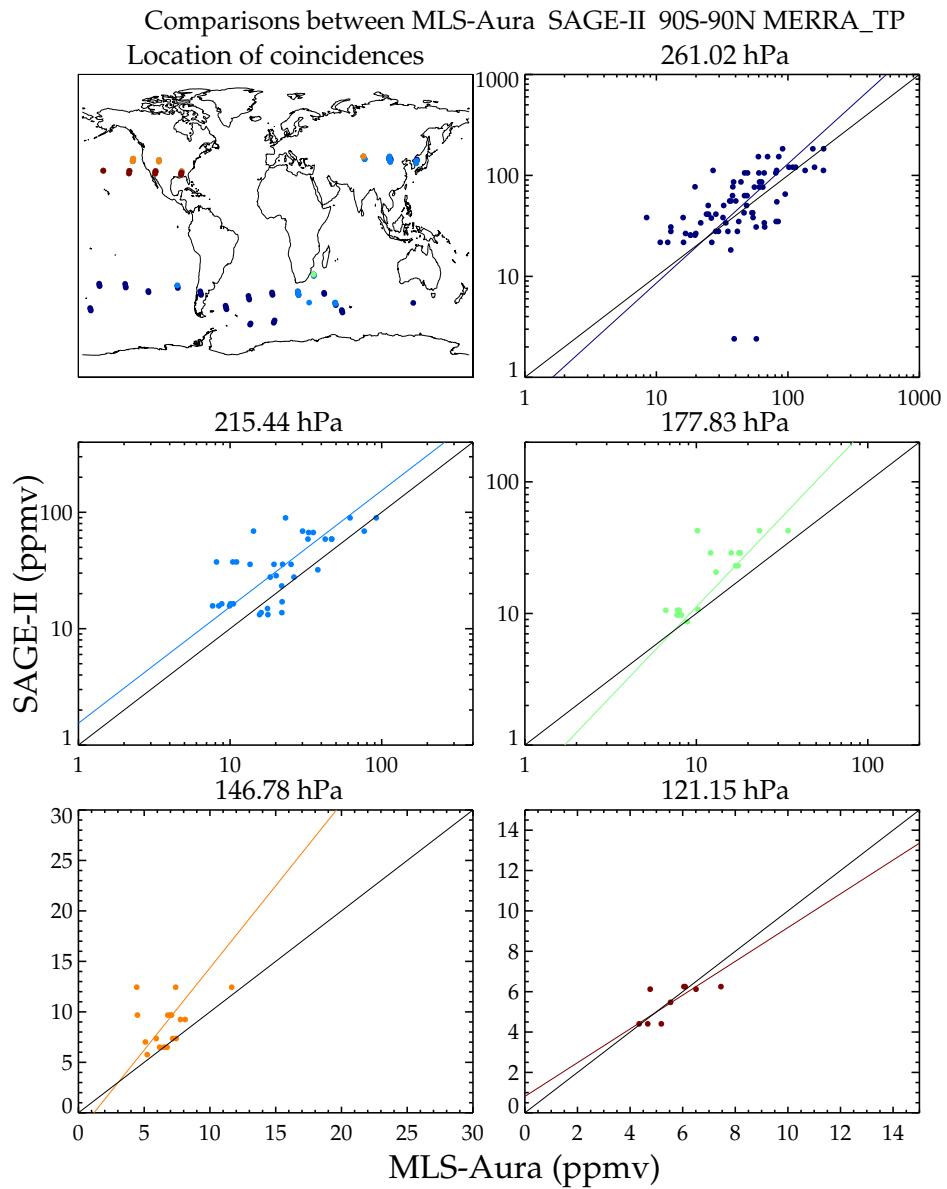
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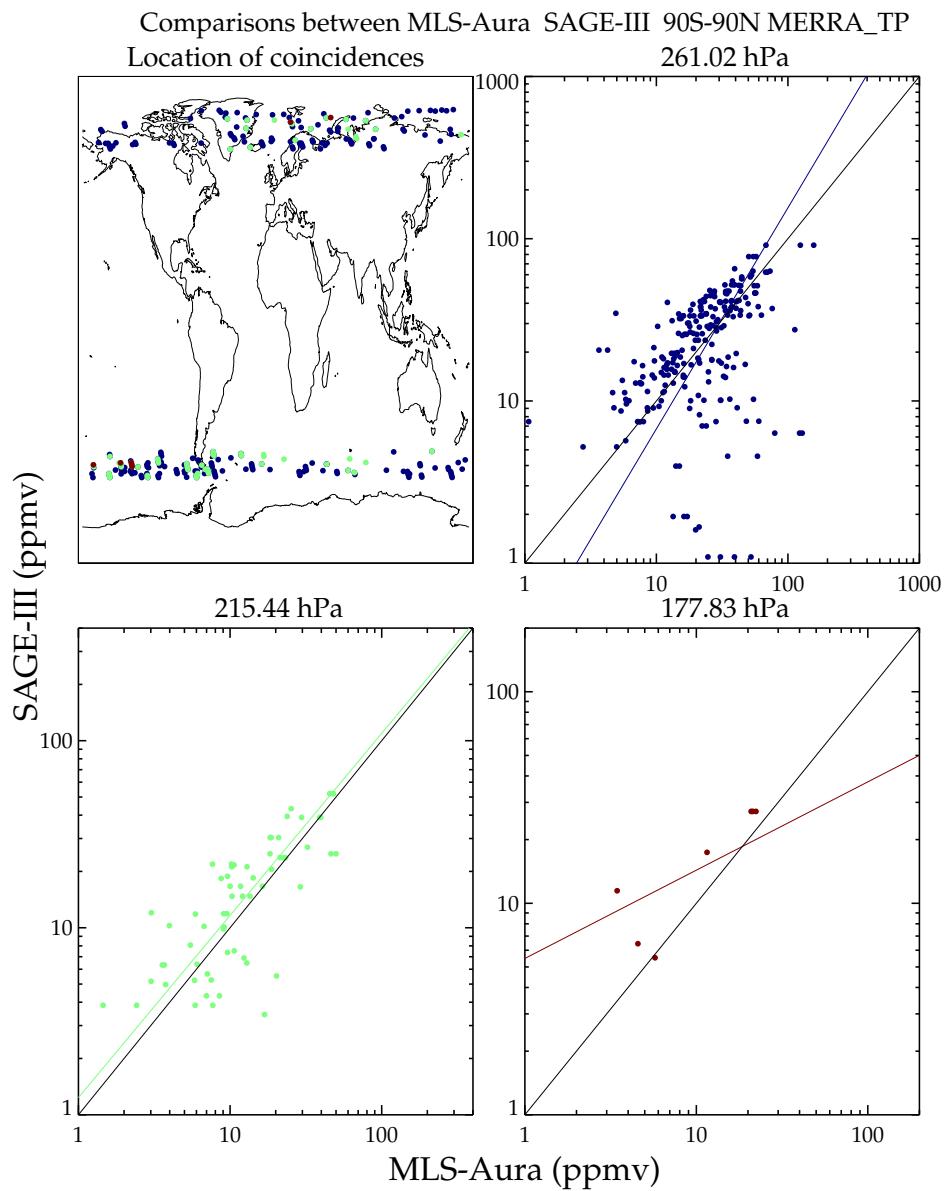
**Figure S5.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MLS-Aura and MIPAS-Oxford



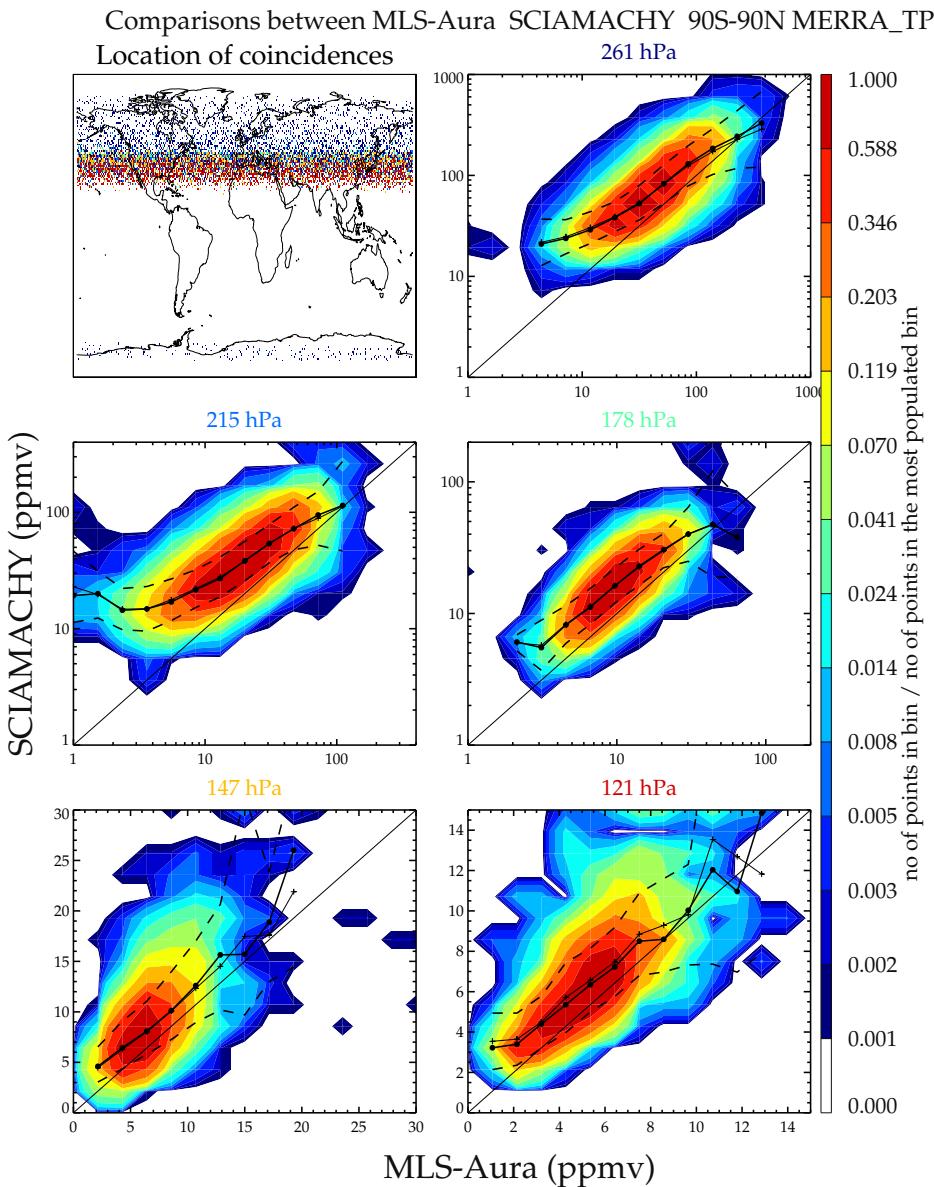
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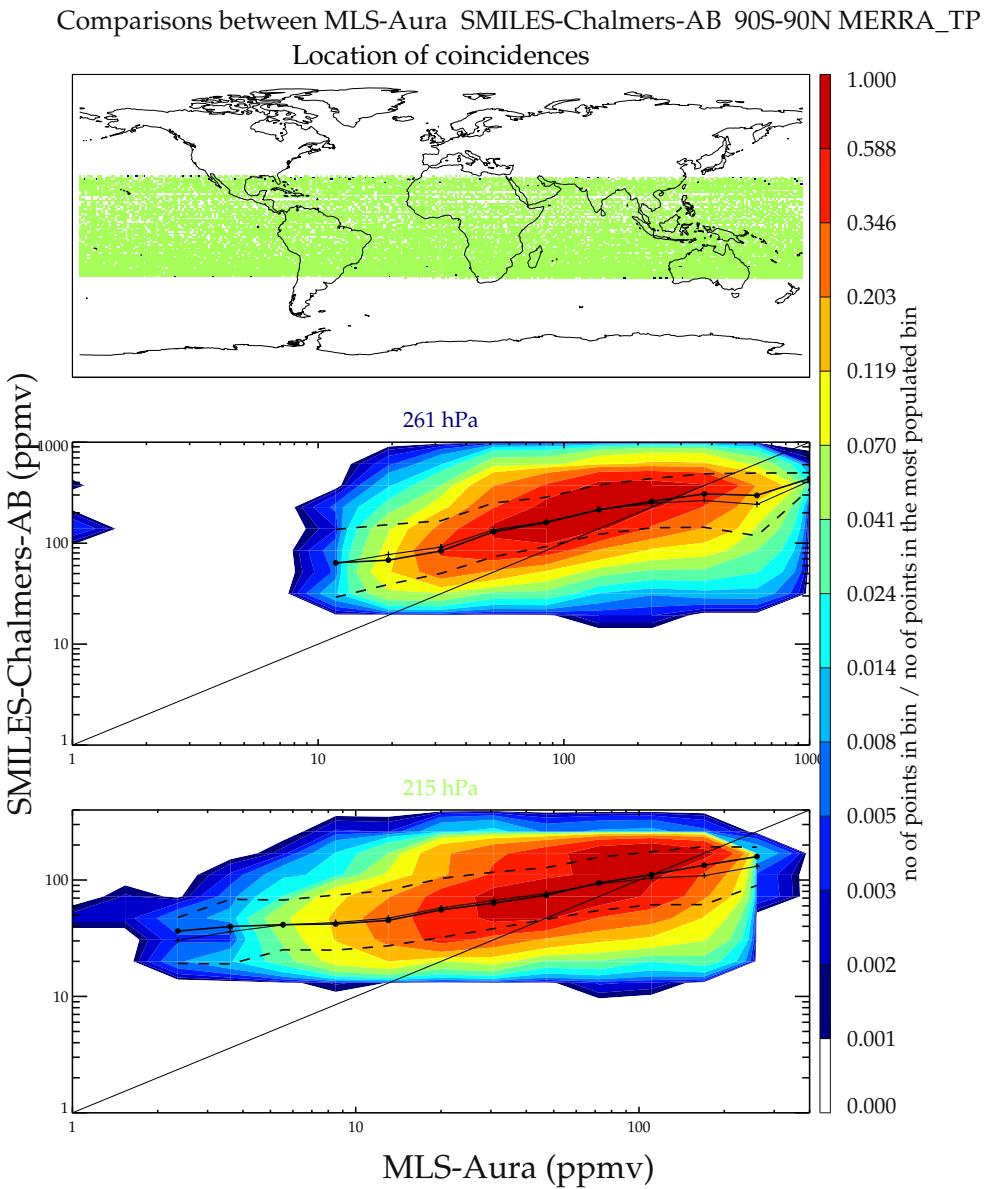
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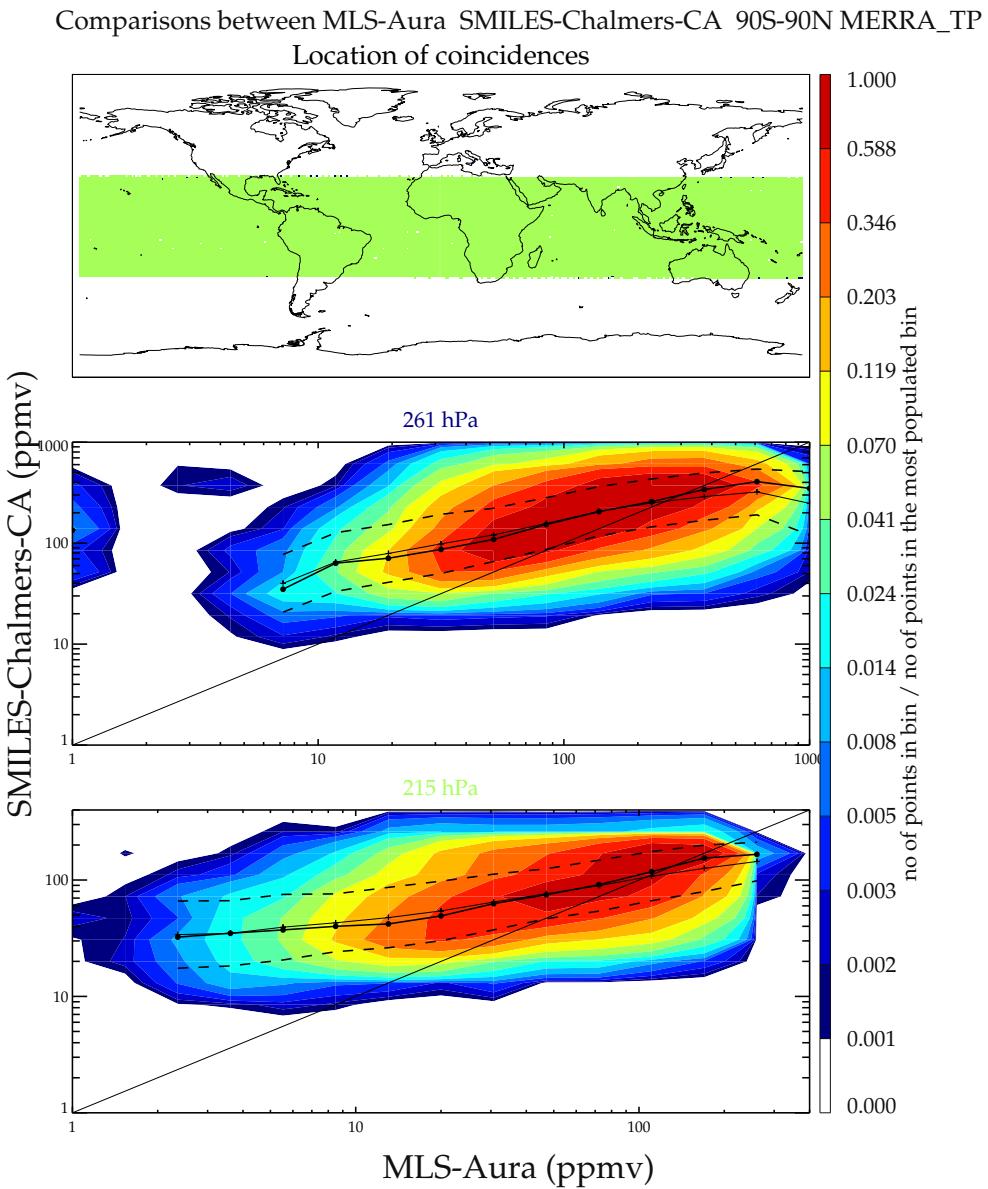
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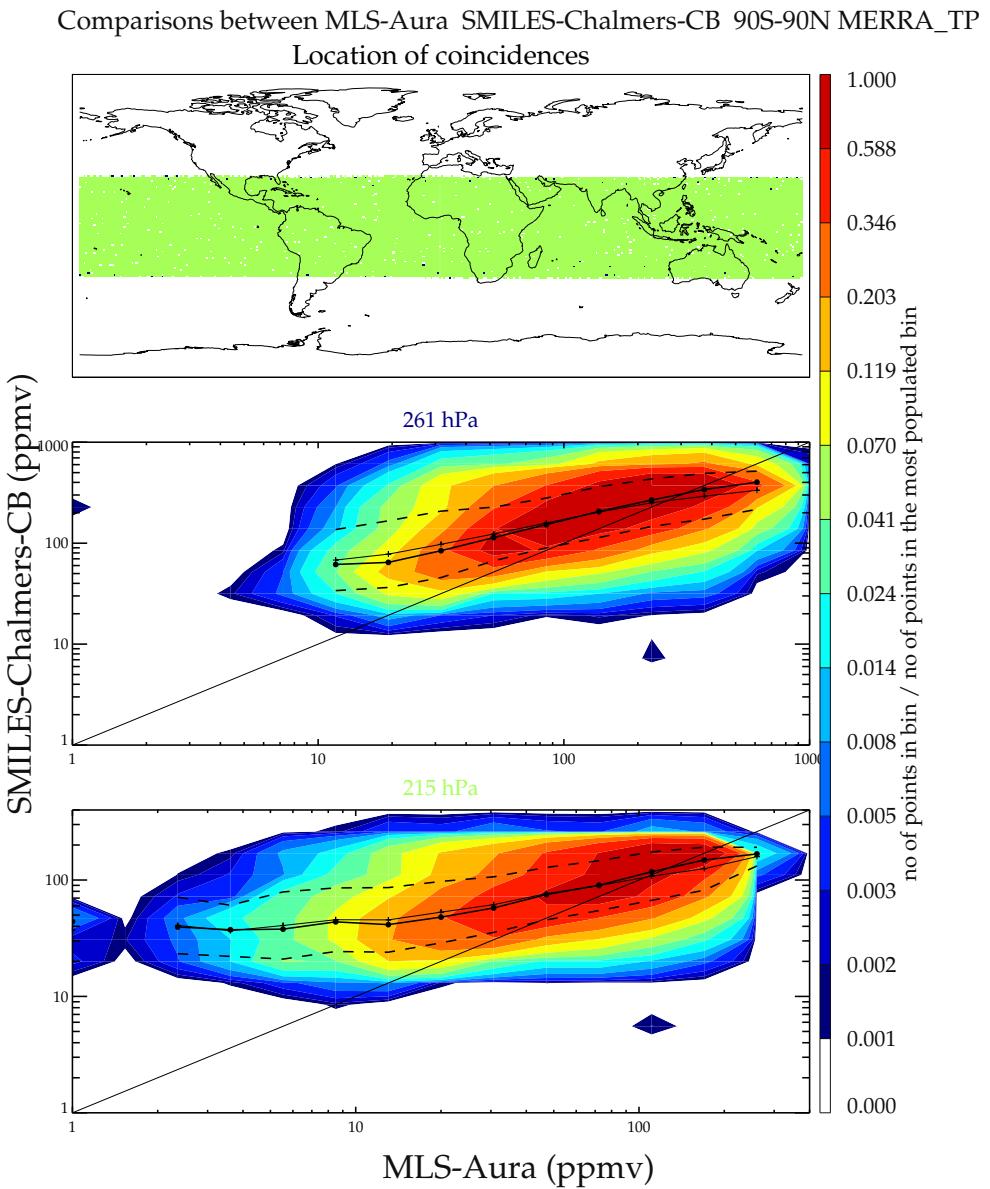
**Figure S9.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MLS-Aura and SCIAMACHY



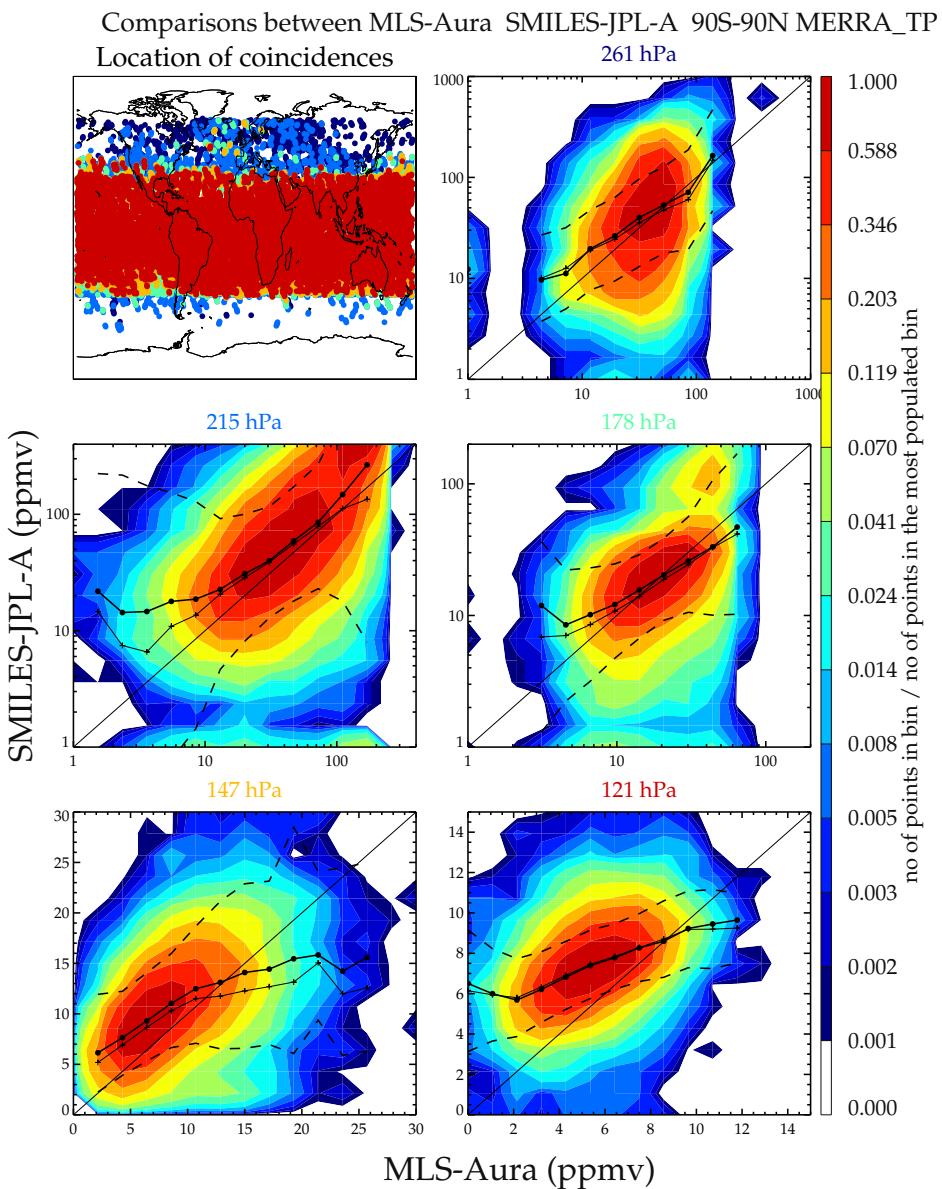
**Figure S10.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MLS-Aura and SMILES Chalmers AB



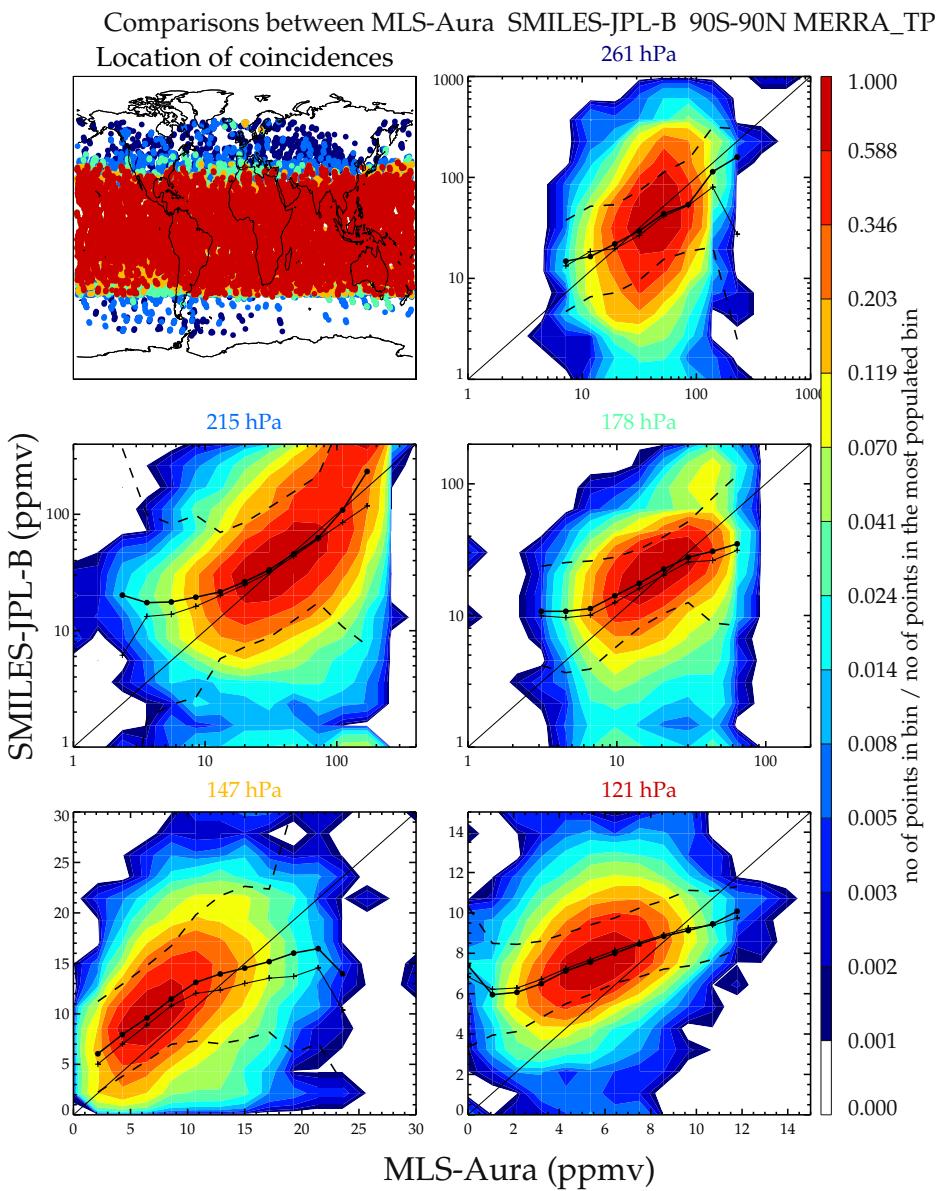
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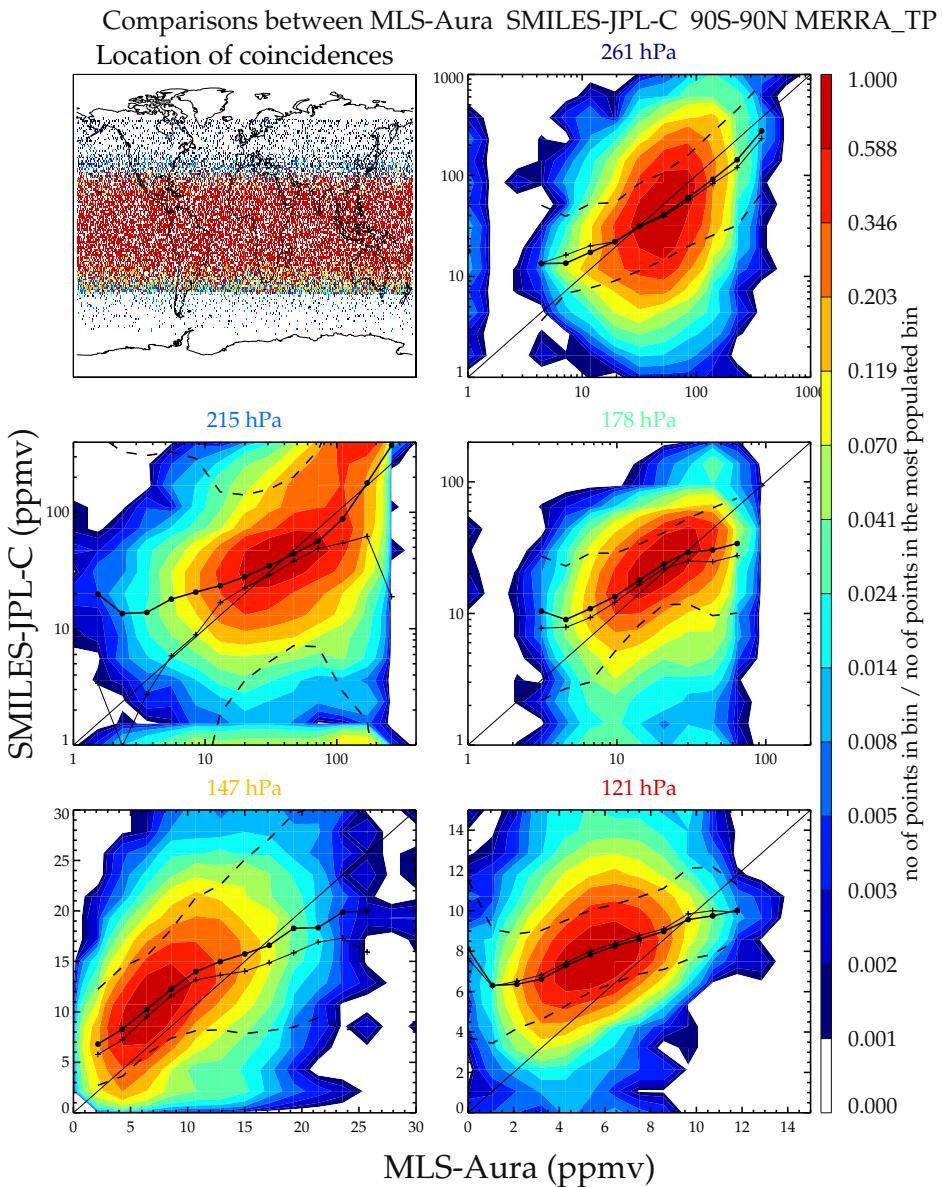
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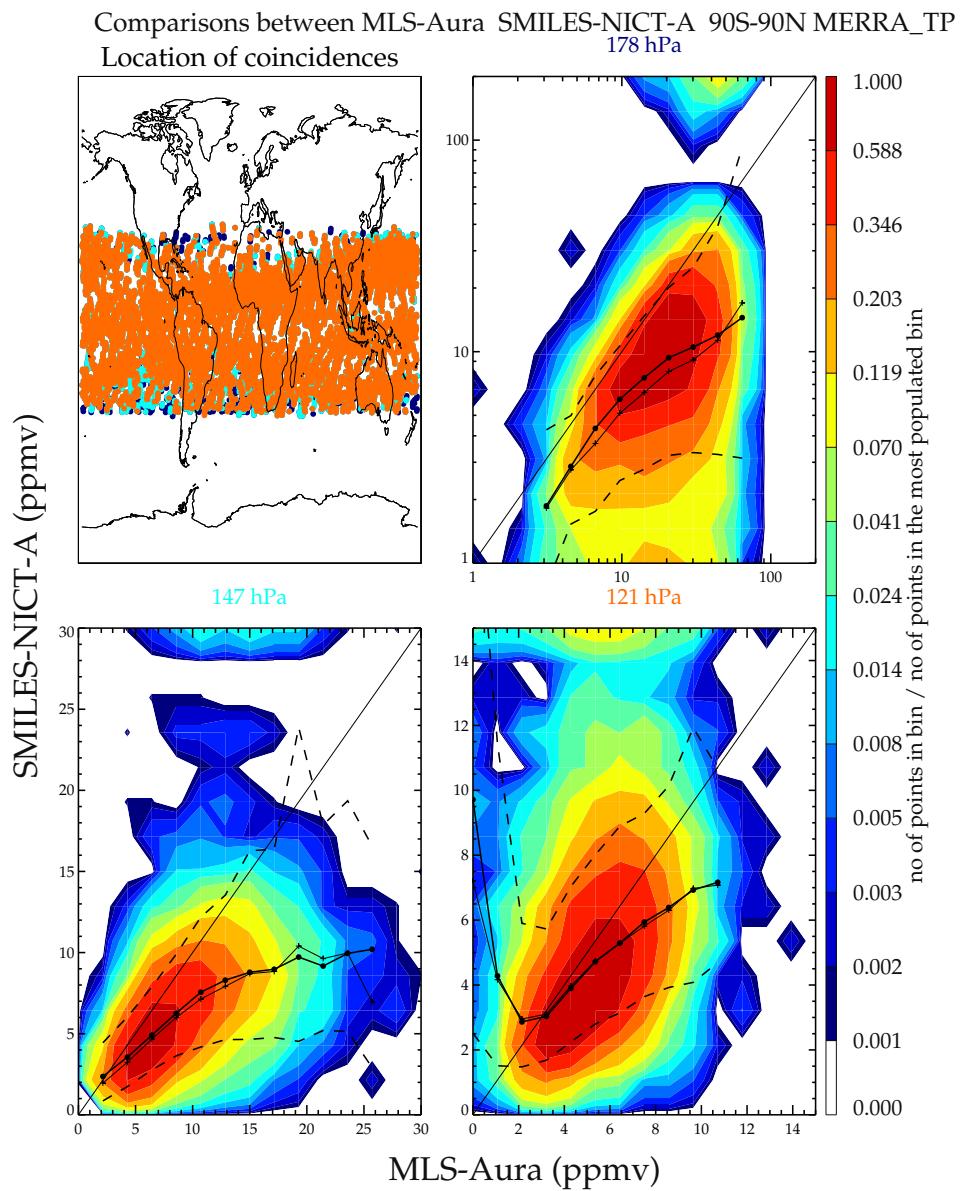
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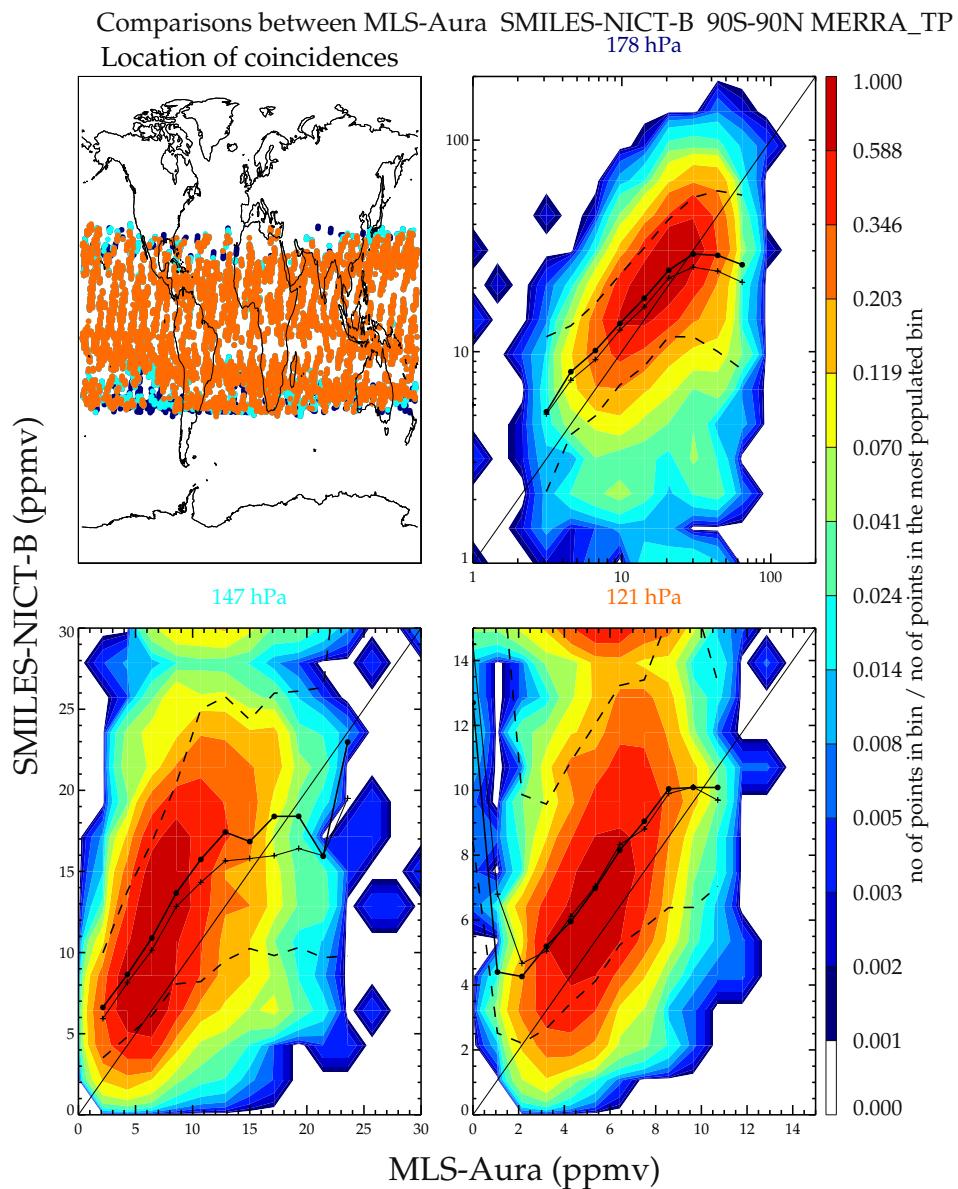
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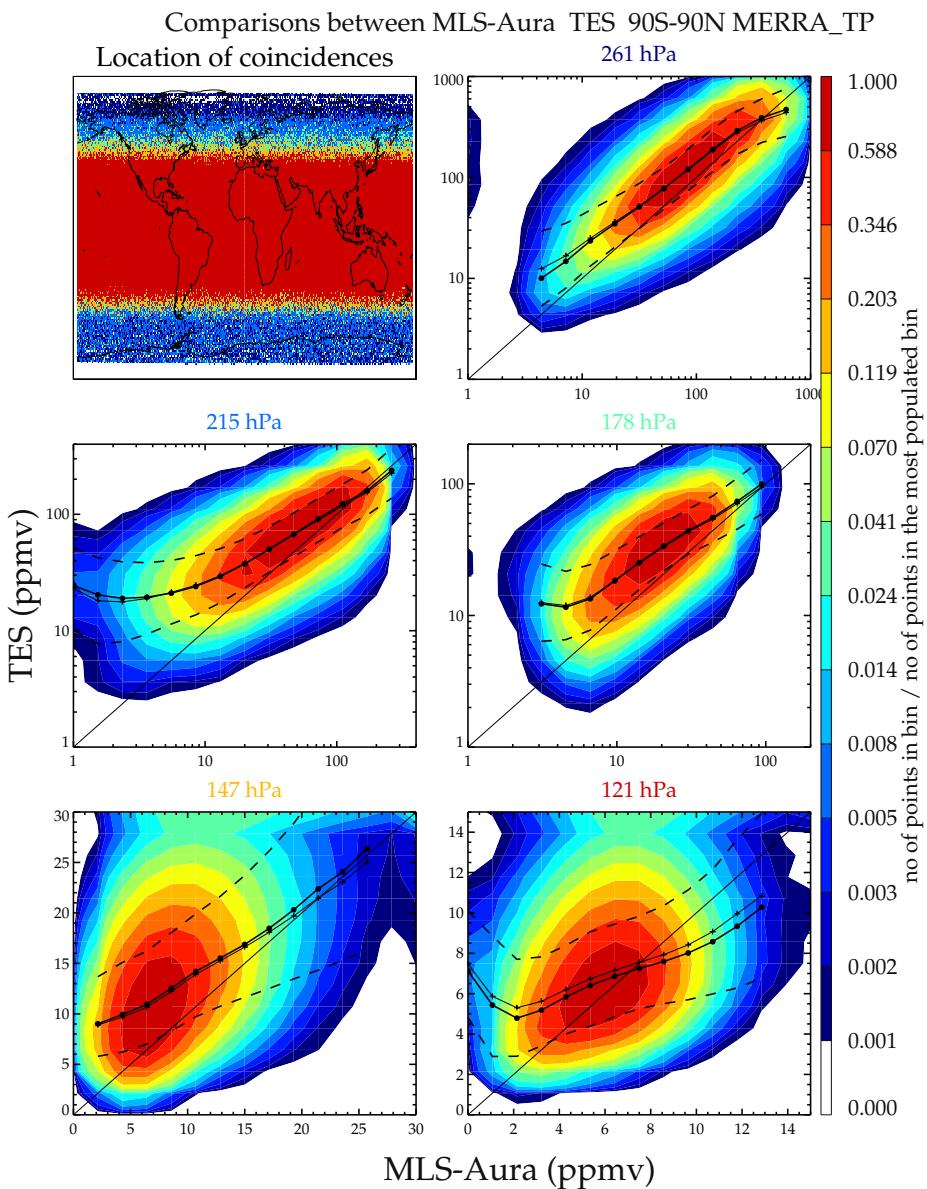
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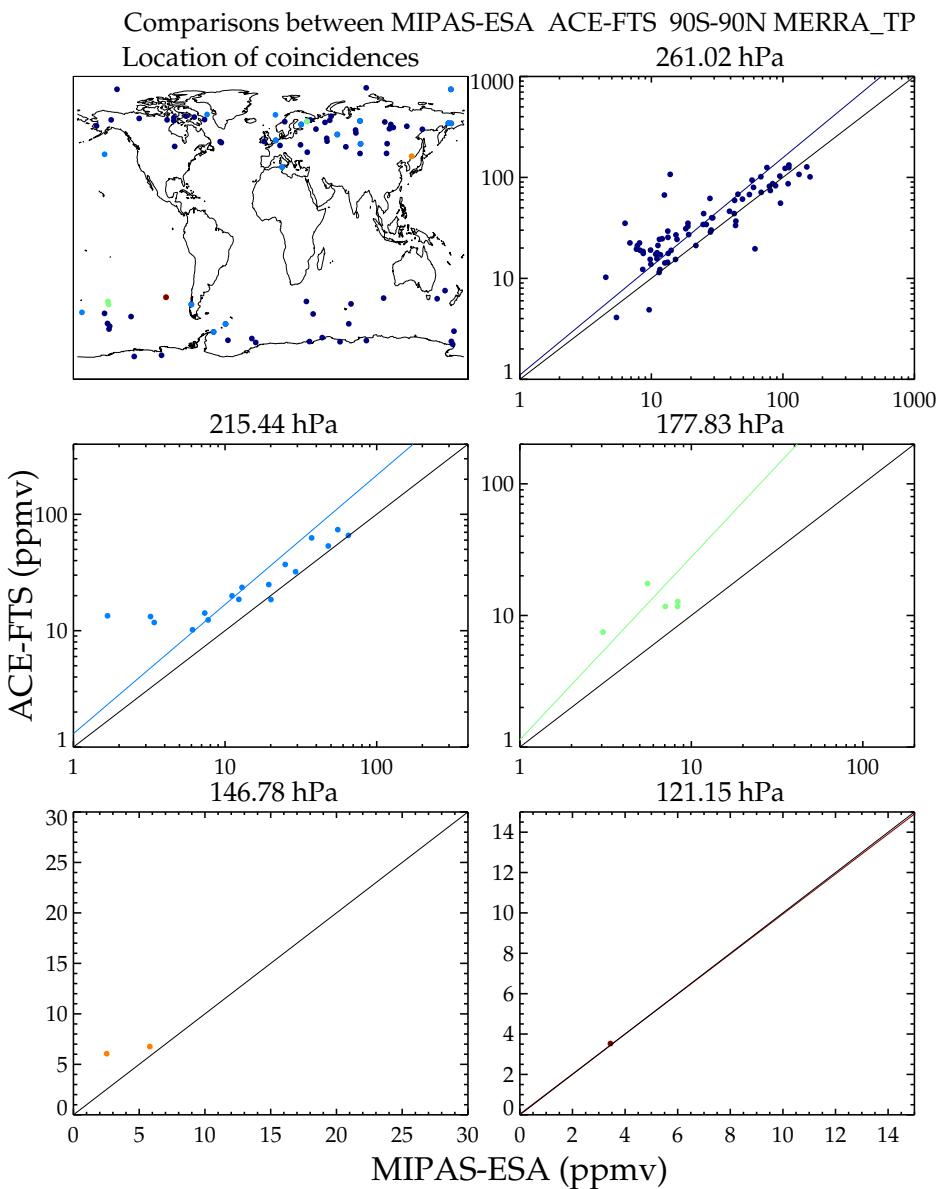
**Figure S16.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MLS-Aura and SMILES NICT A



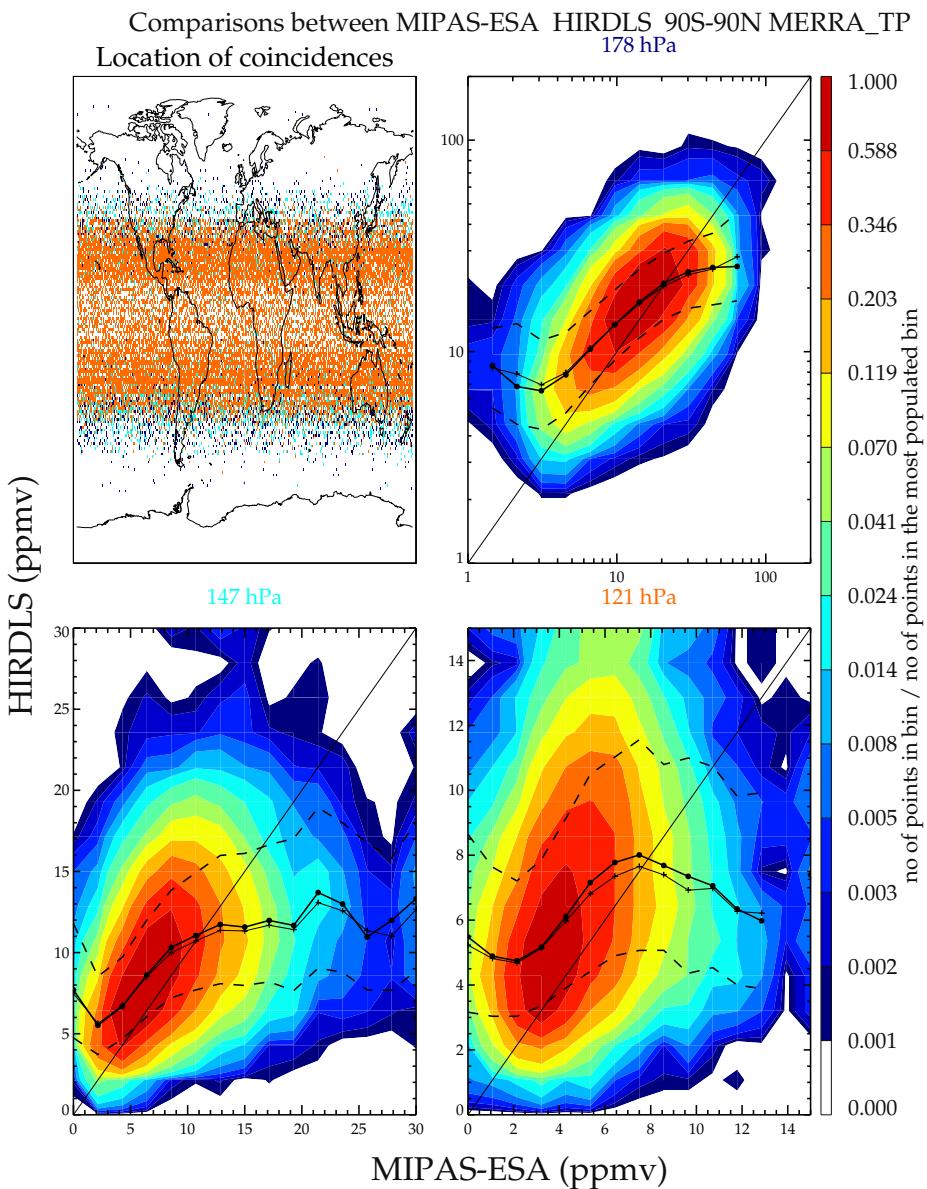
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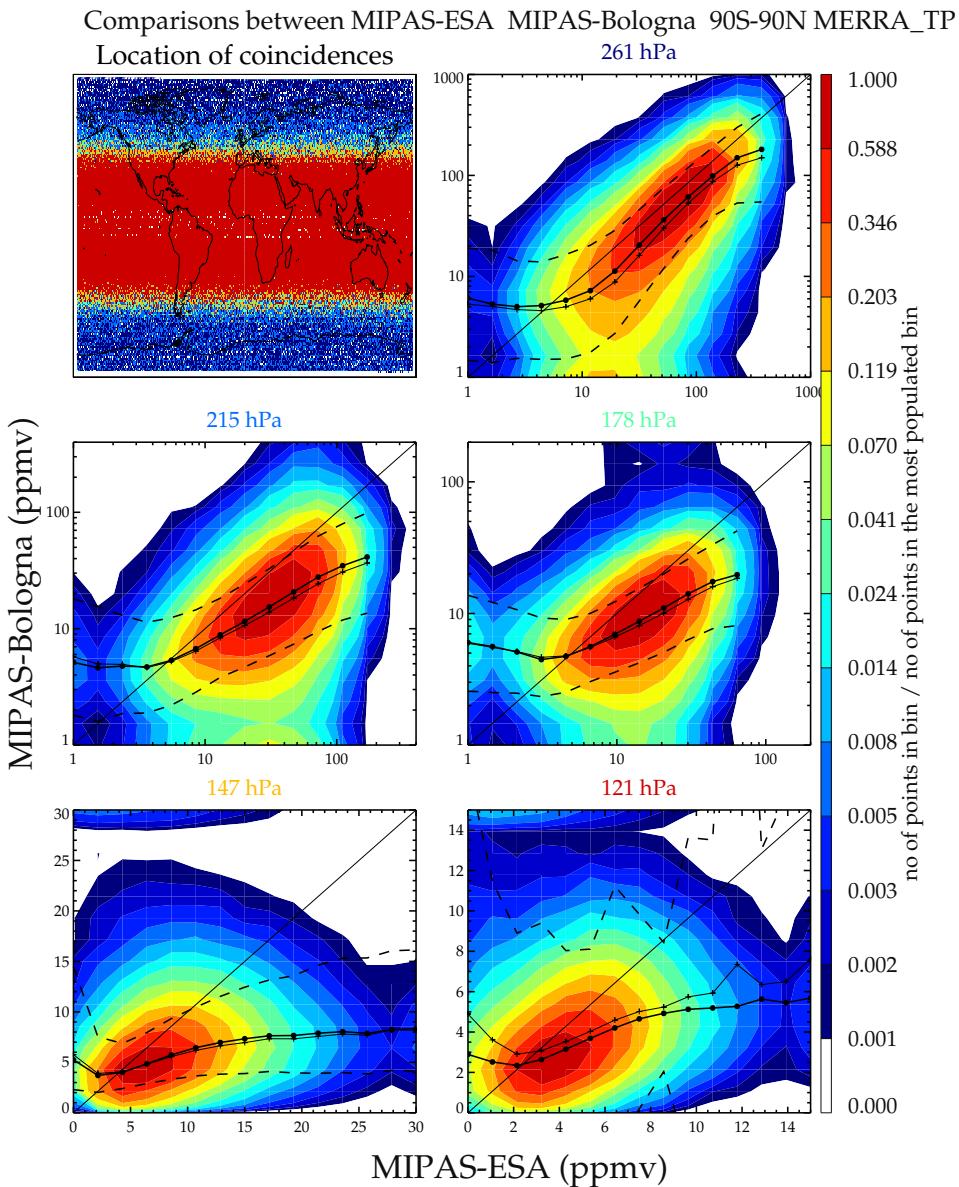
**Figure S18.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MLS-Aura and TES



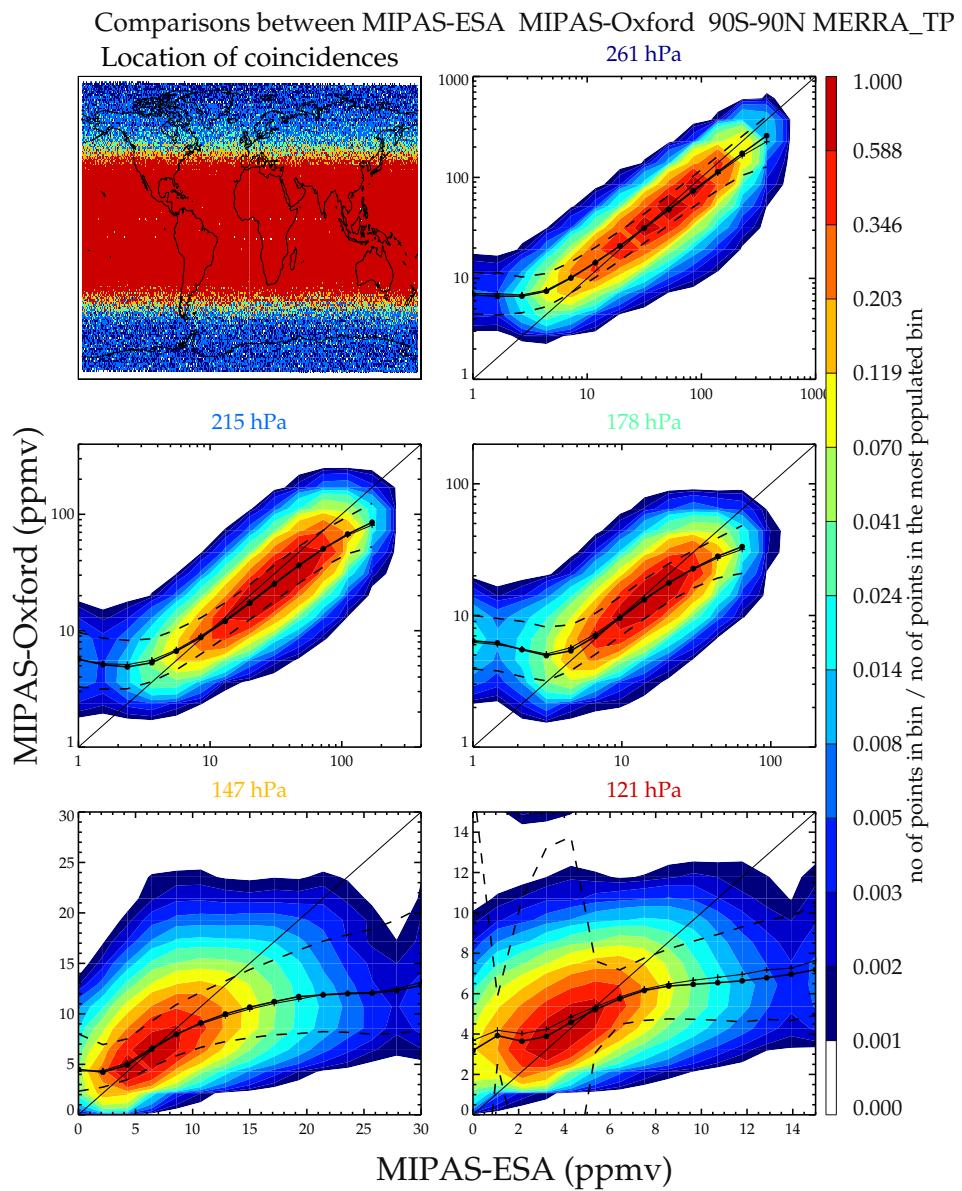
**Figure S19.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MIPAS ESA and ACE-FTS



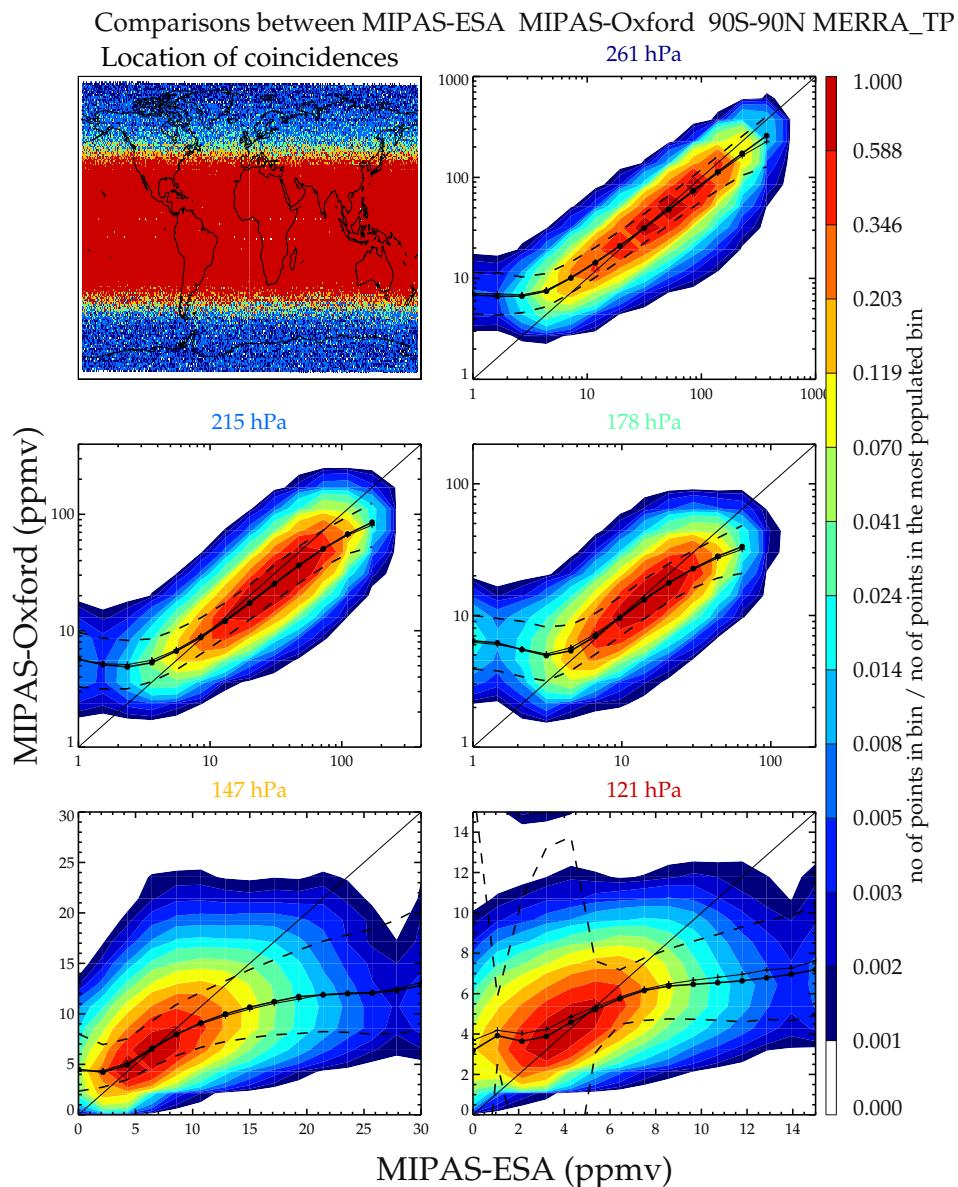
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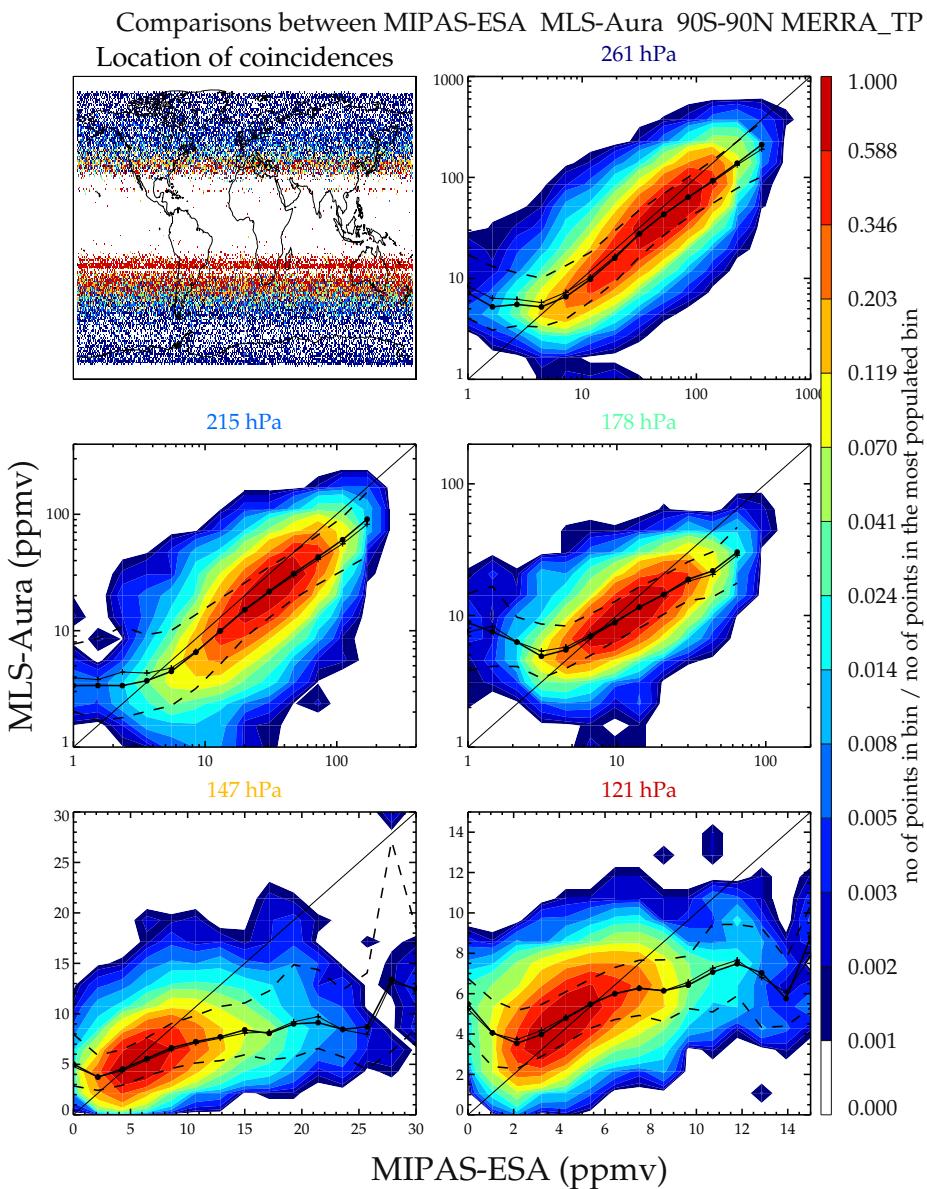
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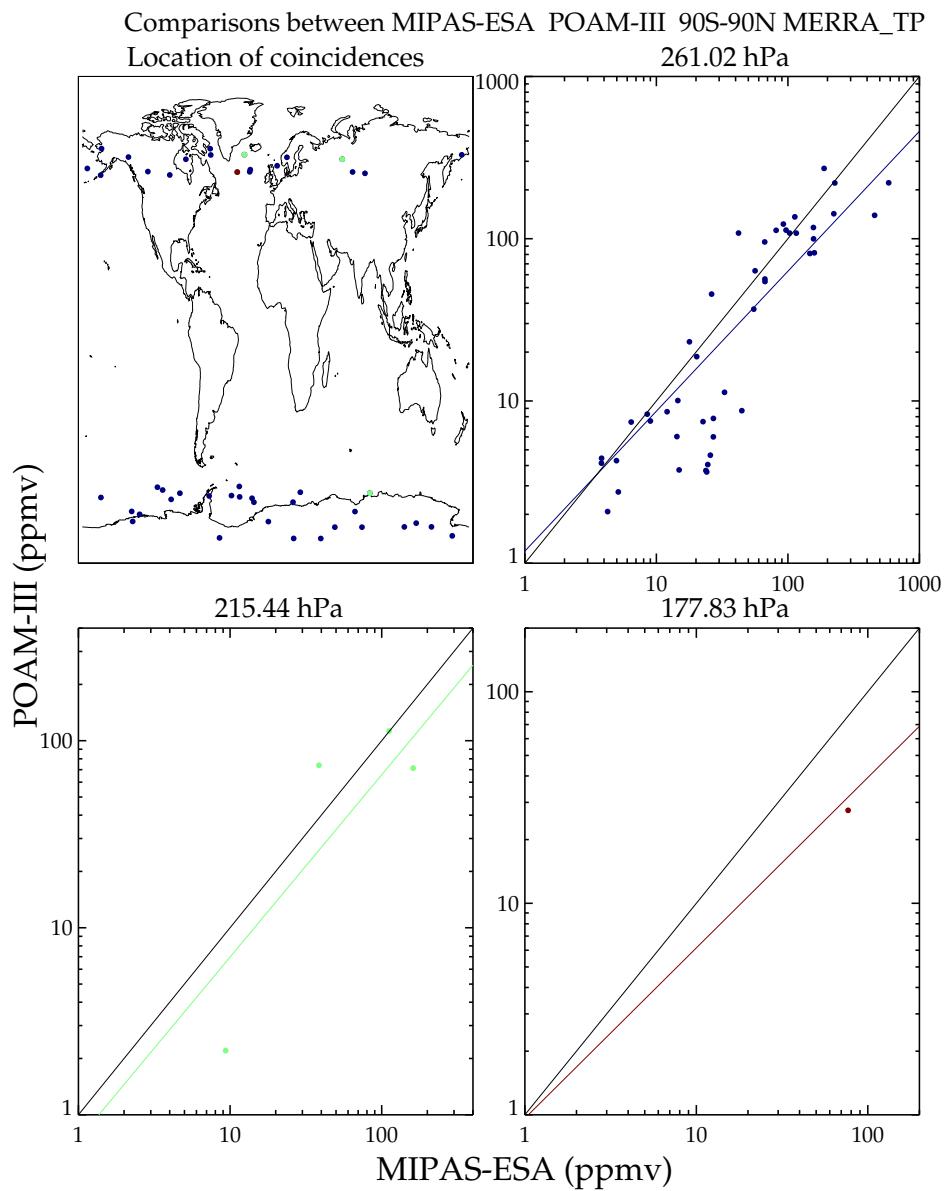
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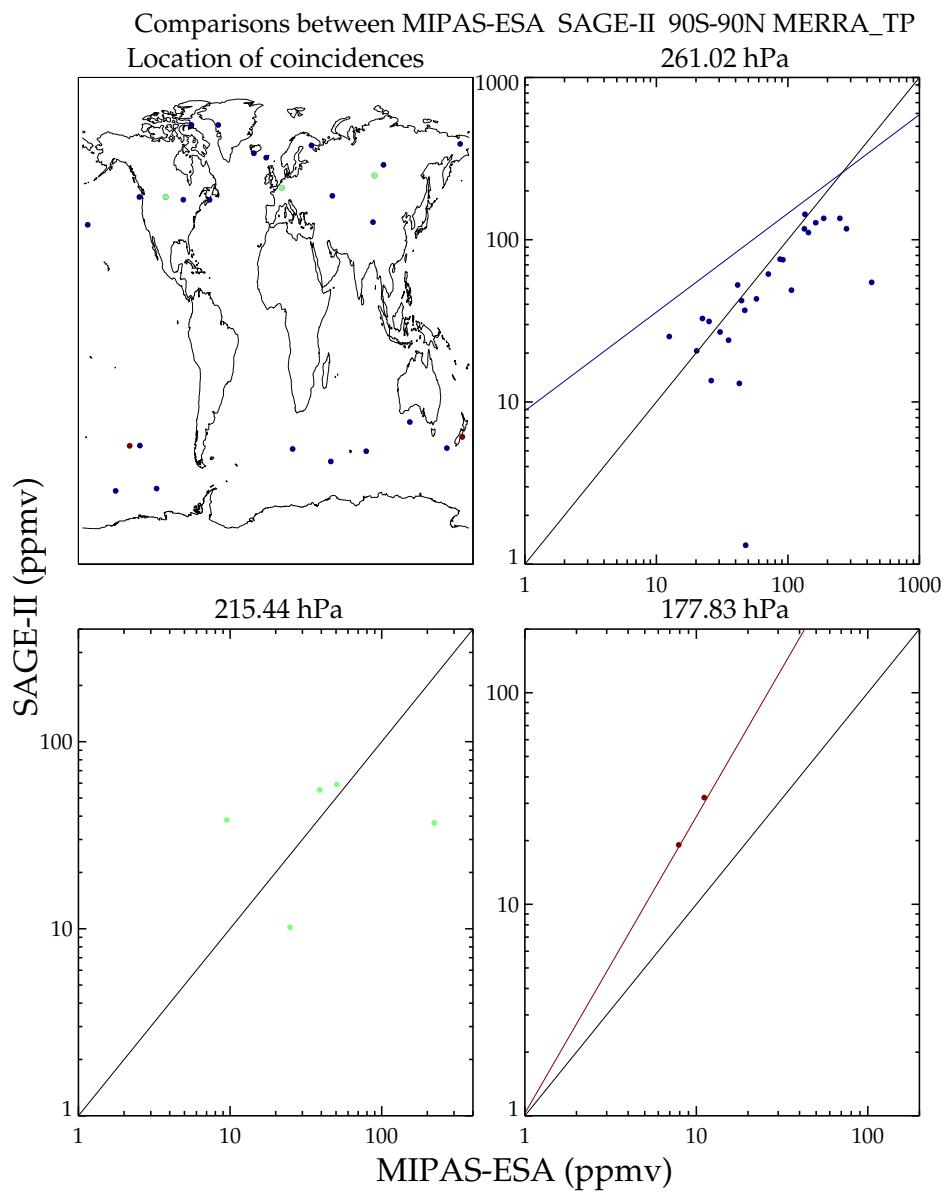
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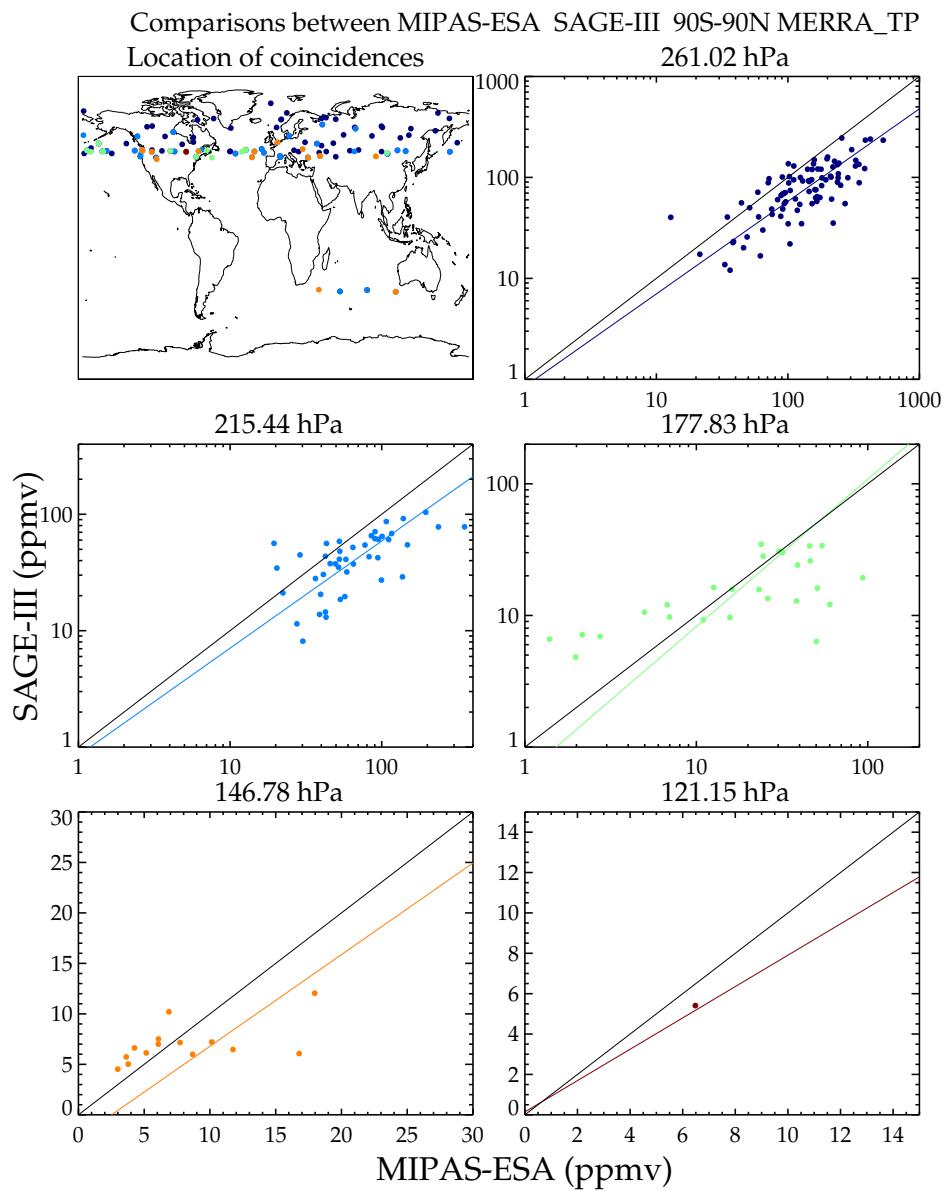
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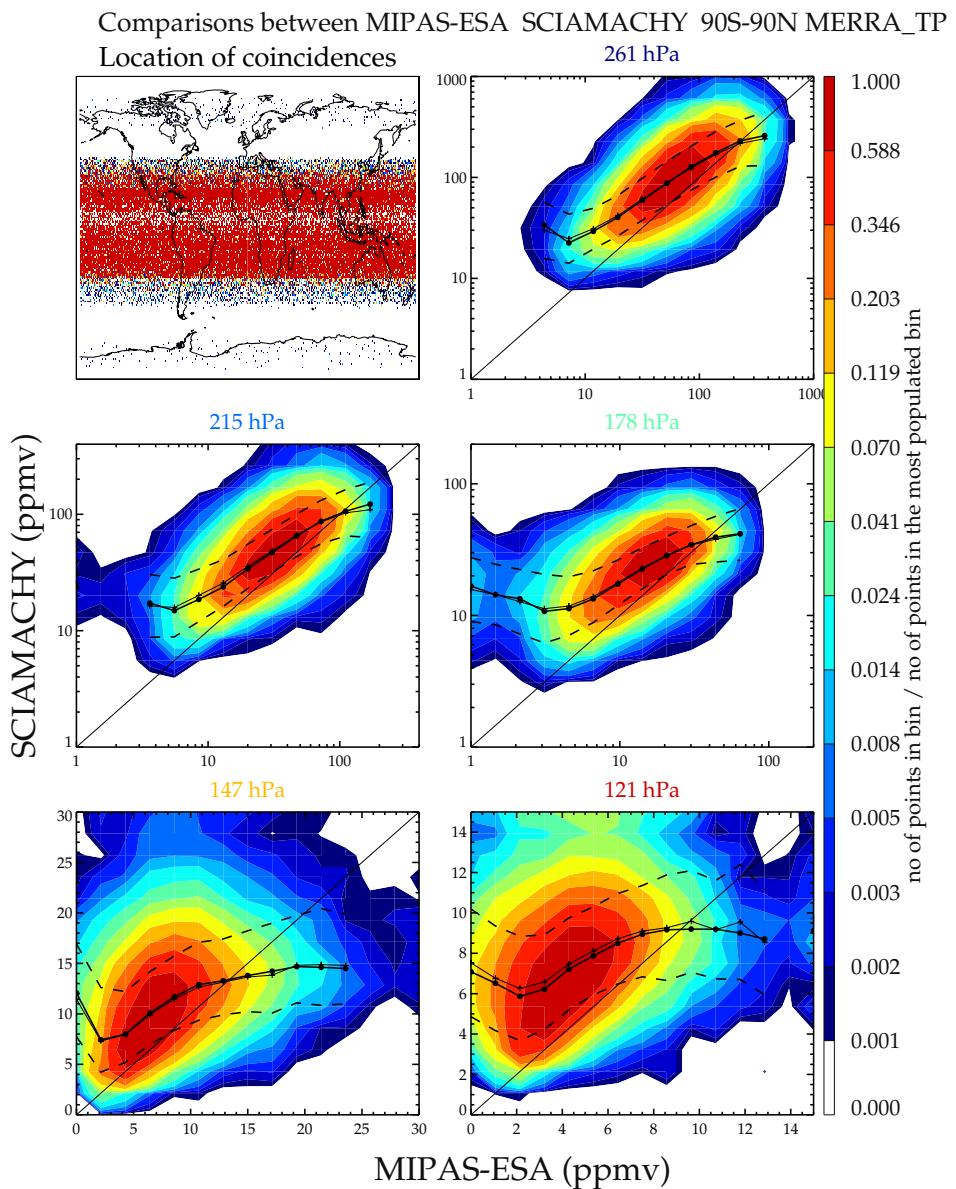
**Figure S25.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MIPAS ESA and POAM-III



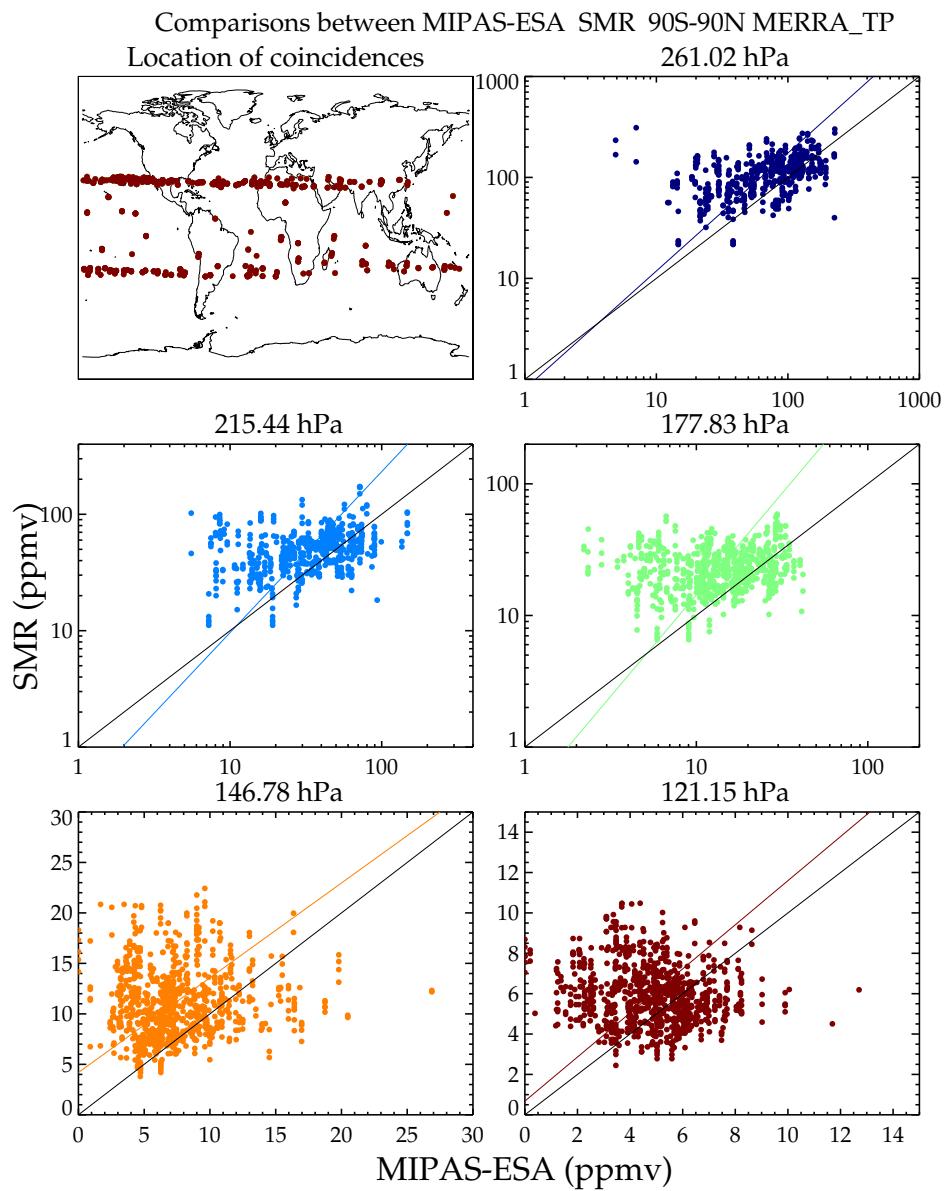
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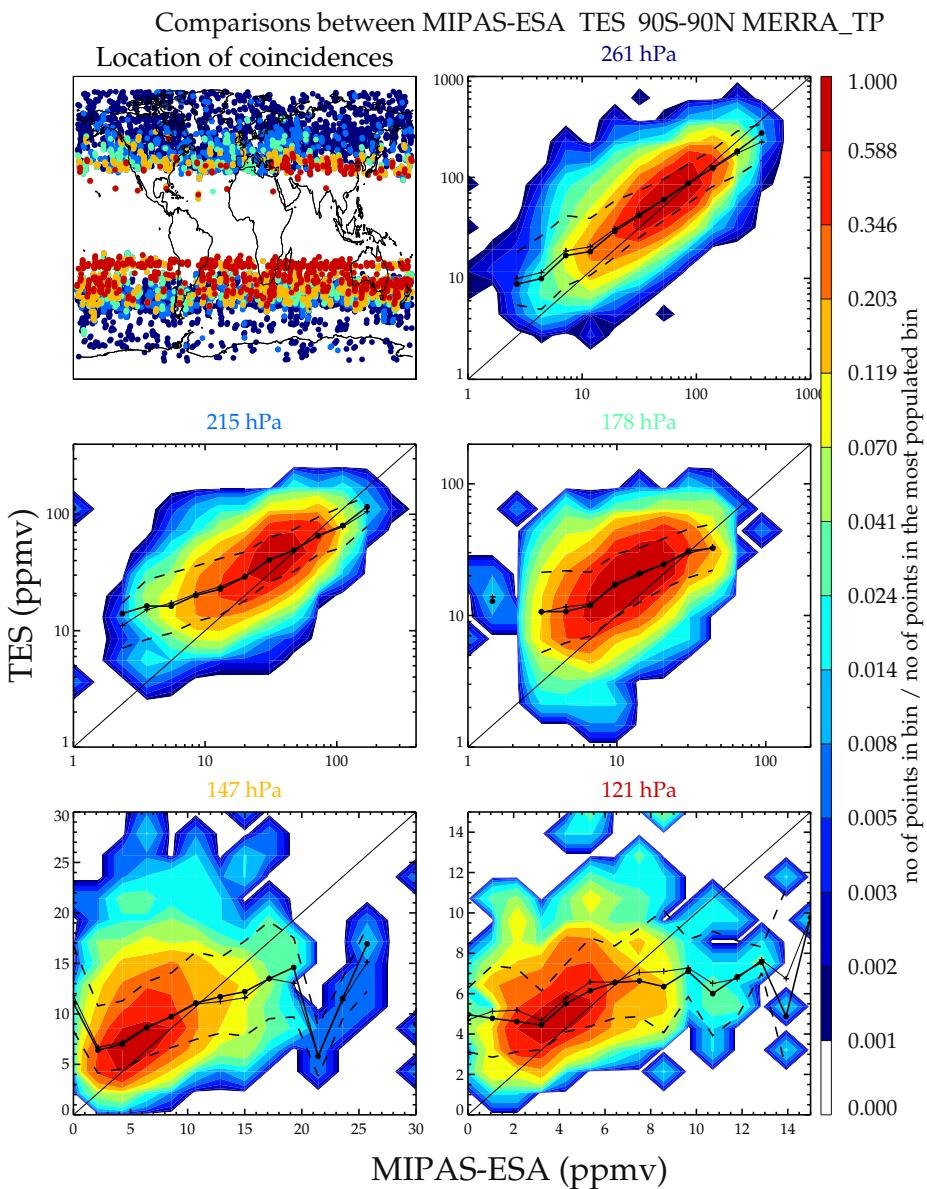
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**Figure S28.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MIPAS ESA and SCIAMACHY

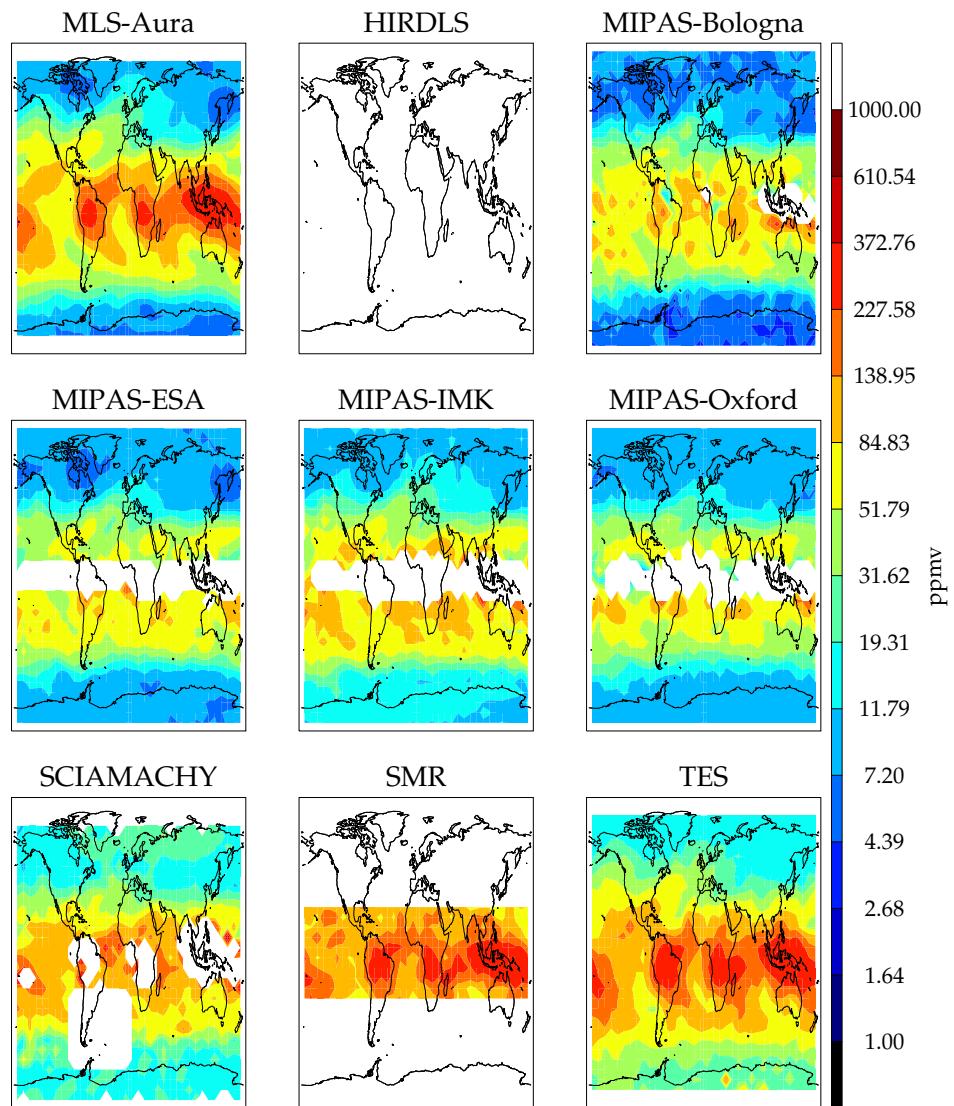


**Figure S29.** Scatter plot of coincident humidity measurements between MIPAS ESA and SMR



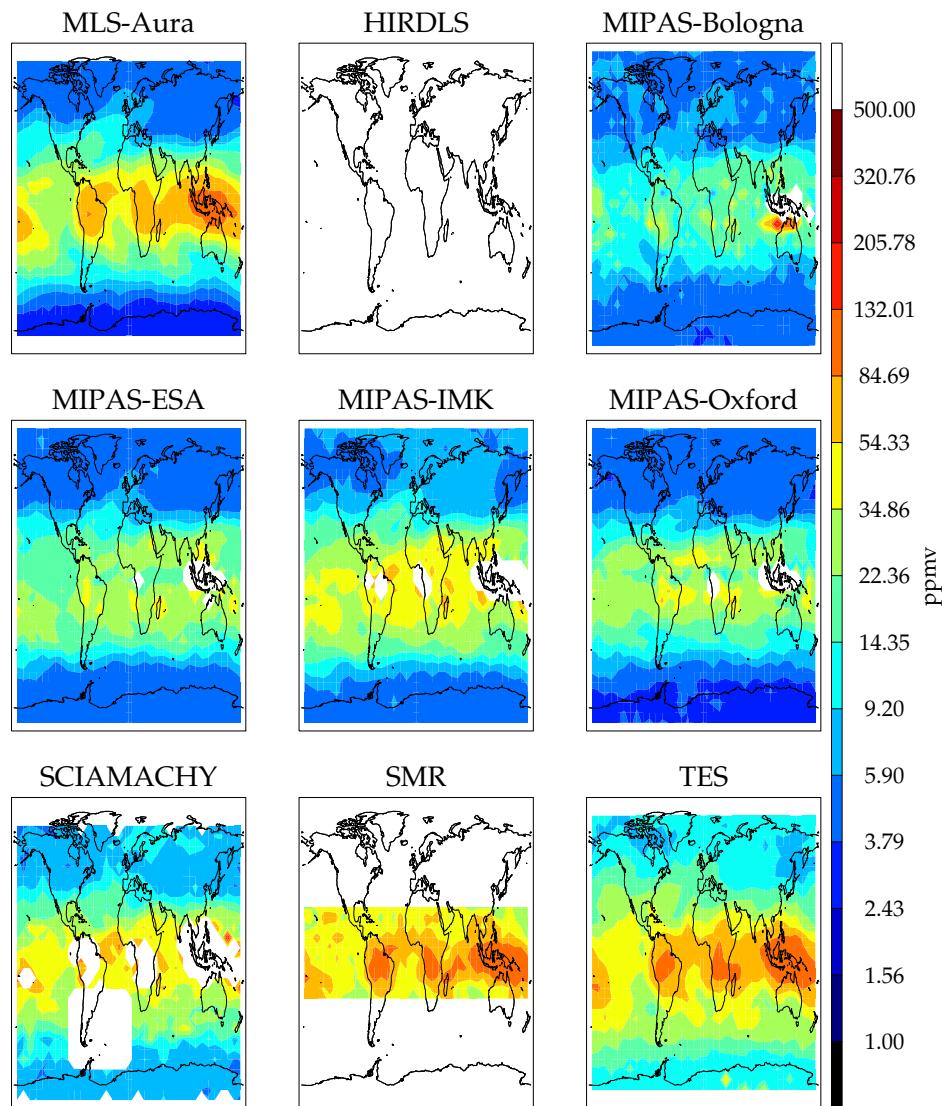
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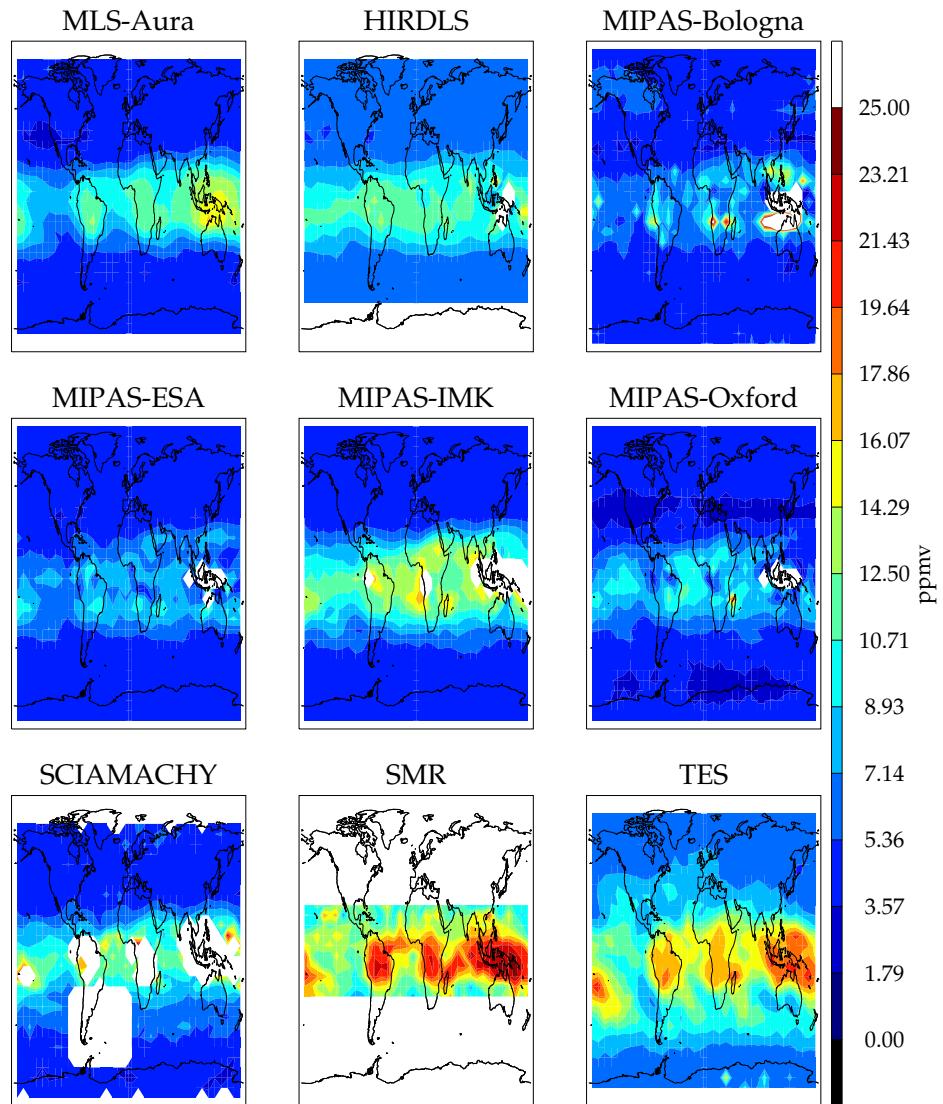
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2007.12.01-2008.02.29 p = 200hPa



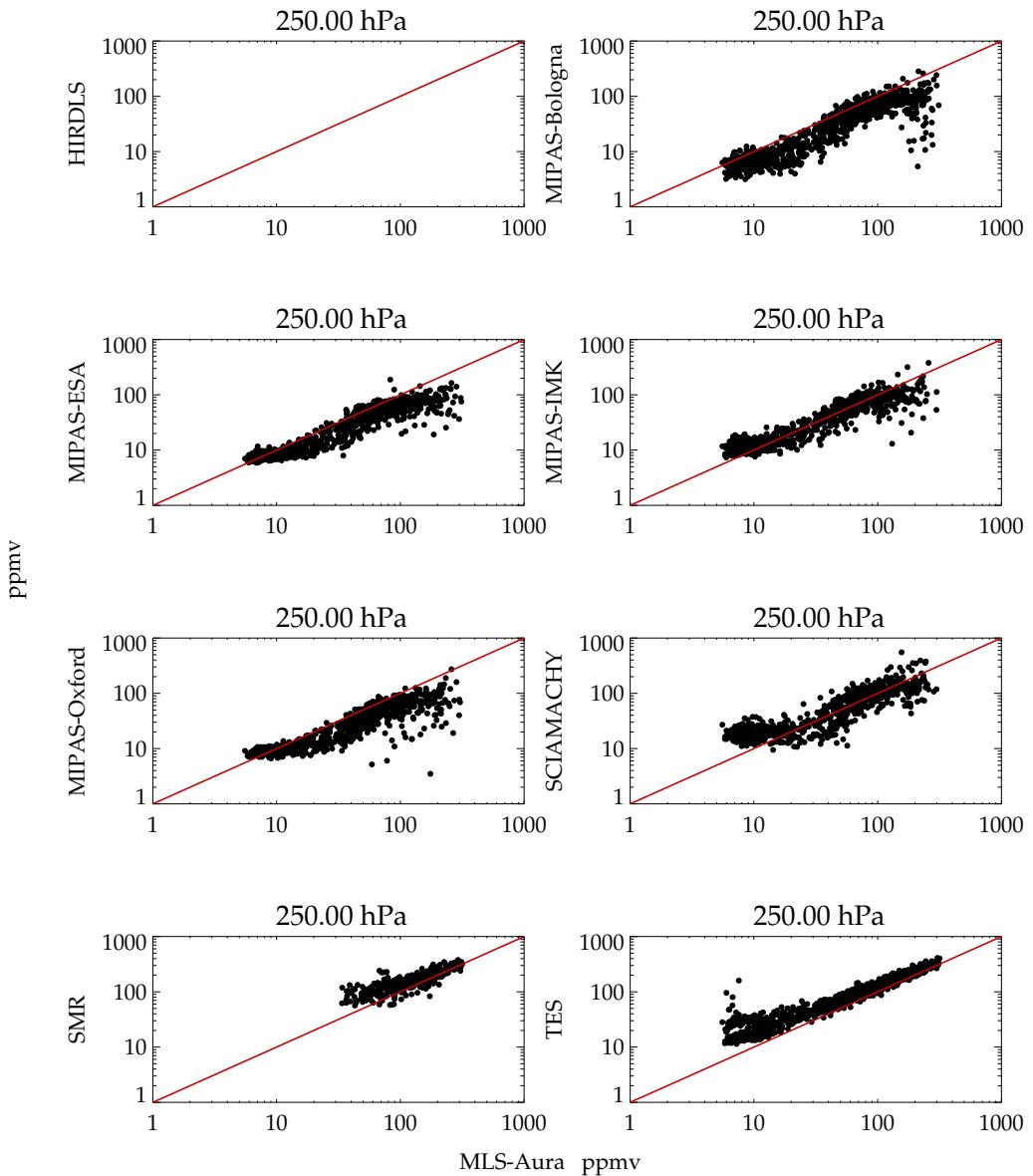
**Figure S32.** Gridded maps for nine instruments at 200 hPa.

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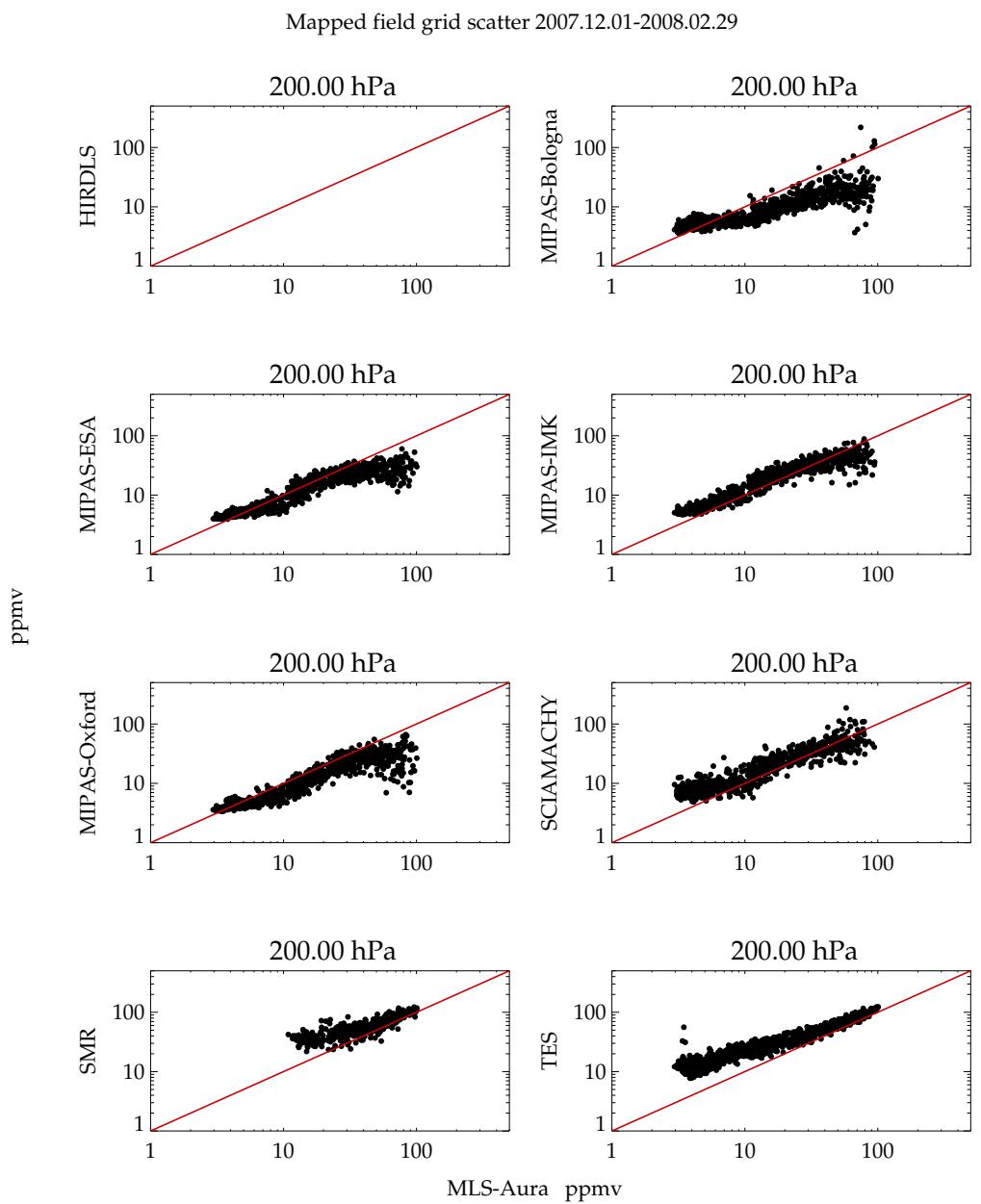


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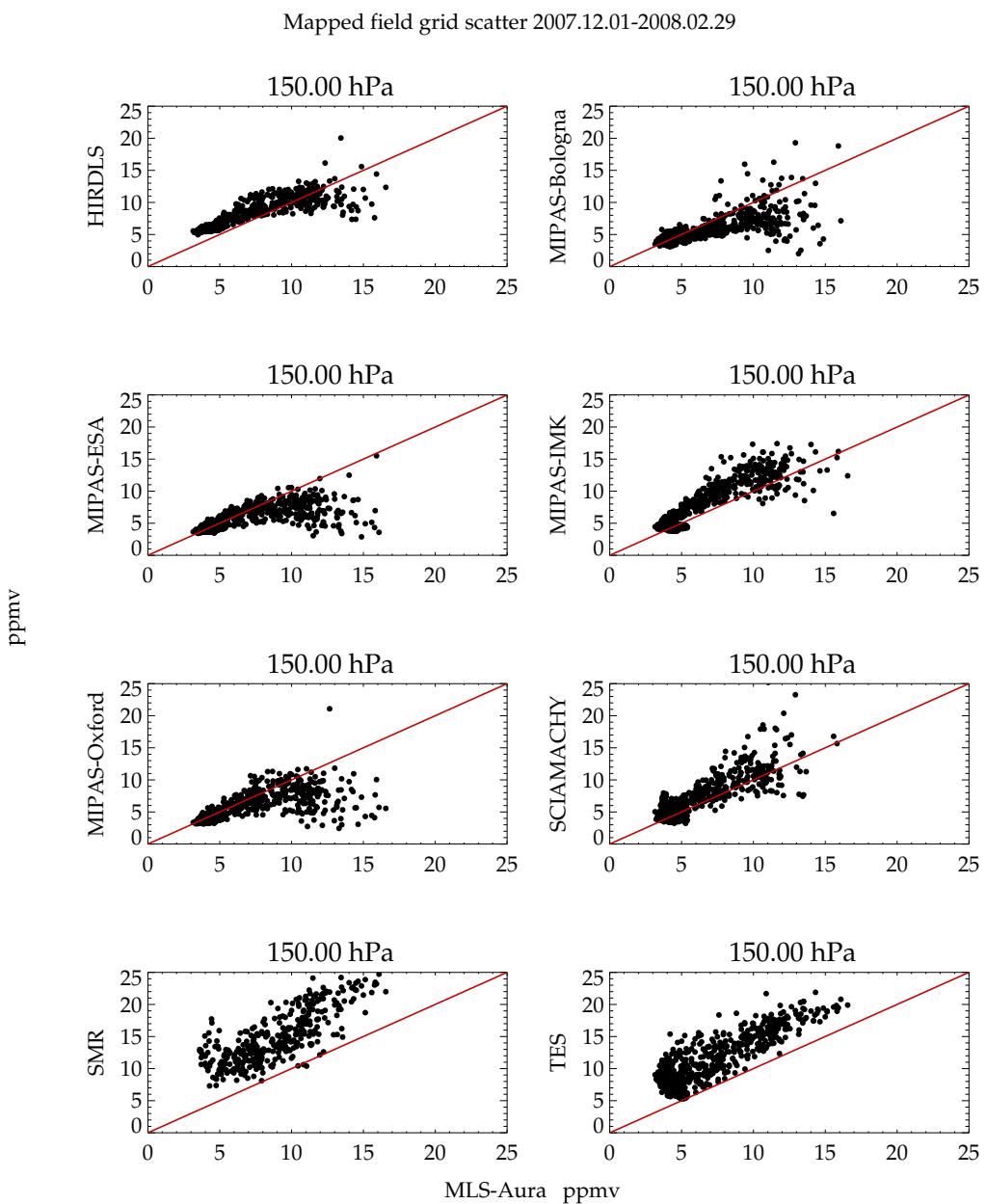
Mapped field grid scatter 2007.12.01-2008.02.29



**Figure S34.** Scatter plot of mapped grid box values of 8 instruments versus MLS Aura at 250 hPa.

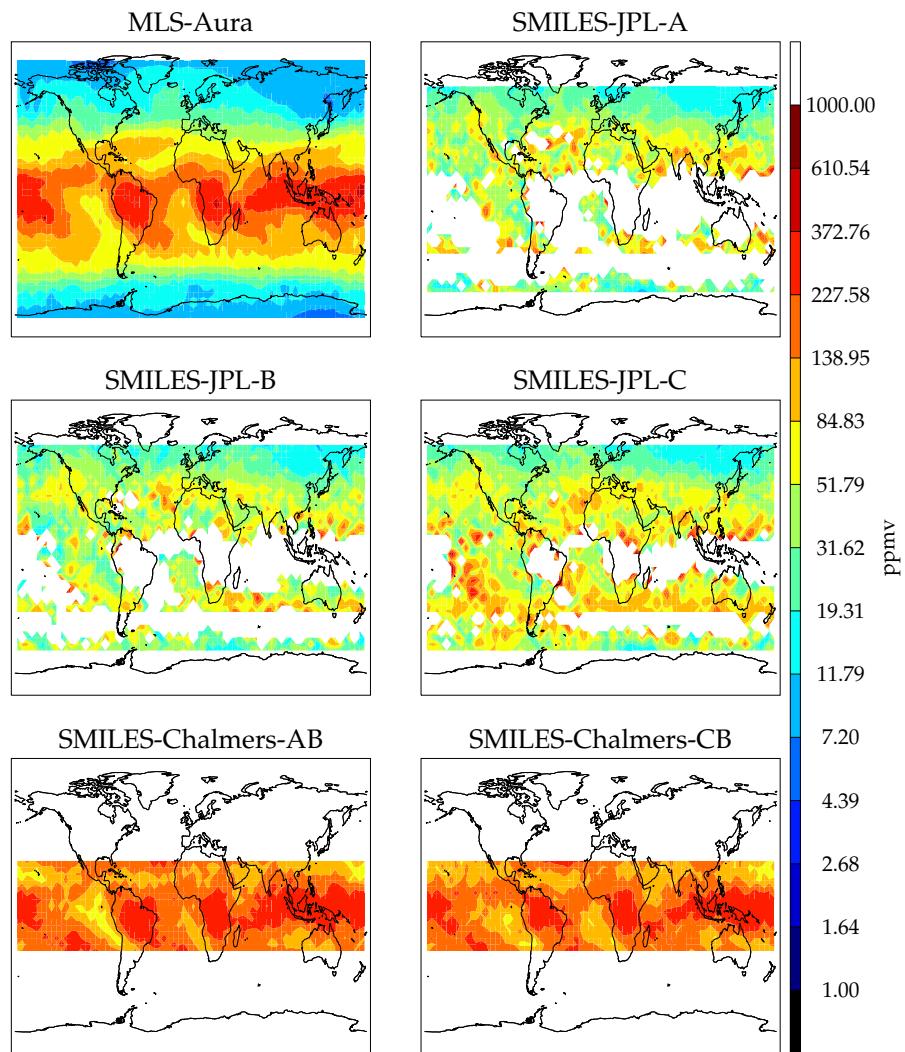


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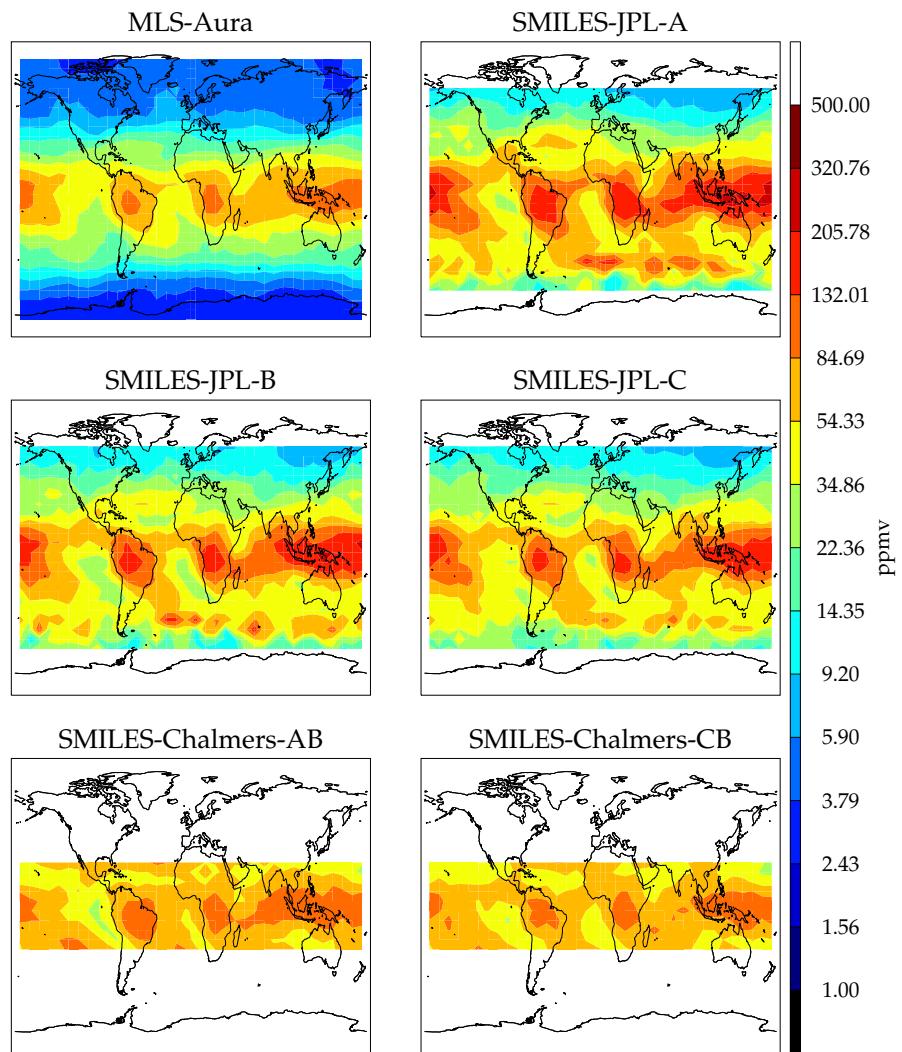
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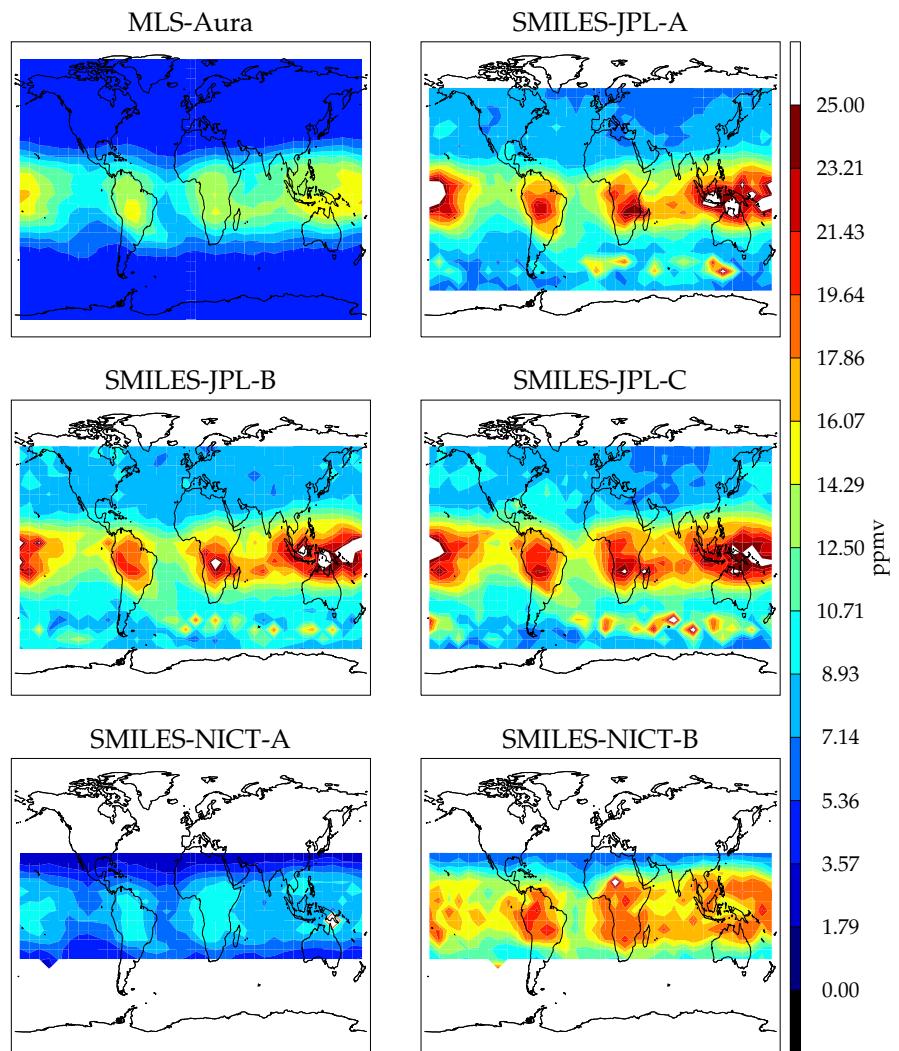
**Figure S37.** Gridded maps for SMILES humidity retrieval products at 250 hPa.

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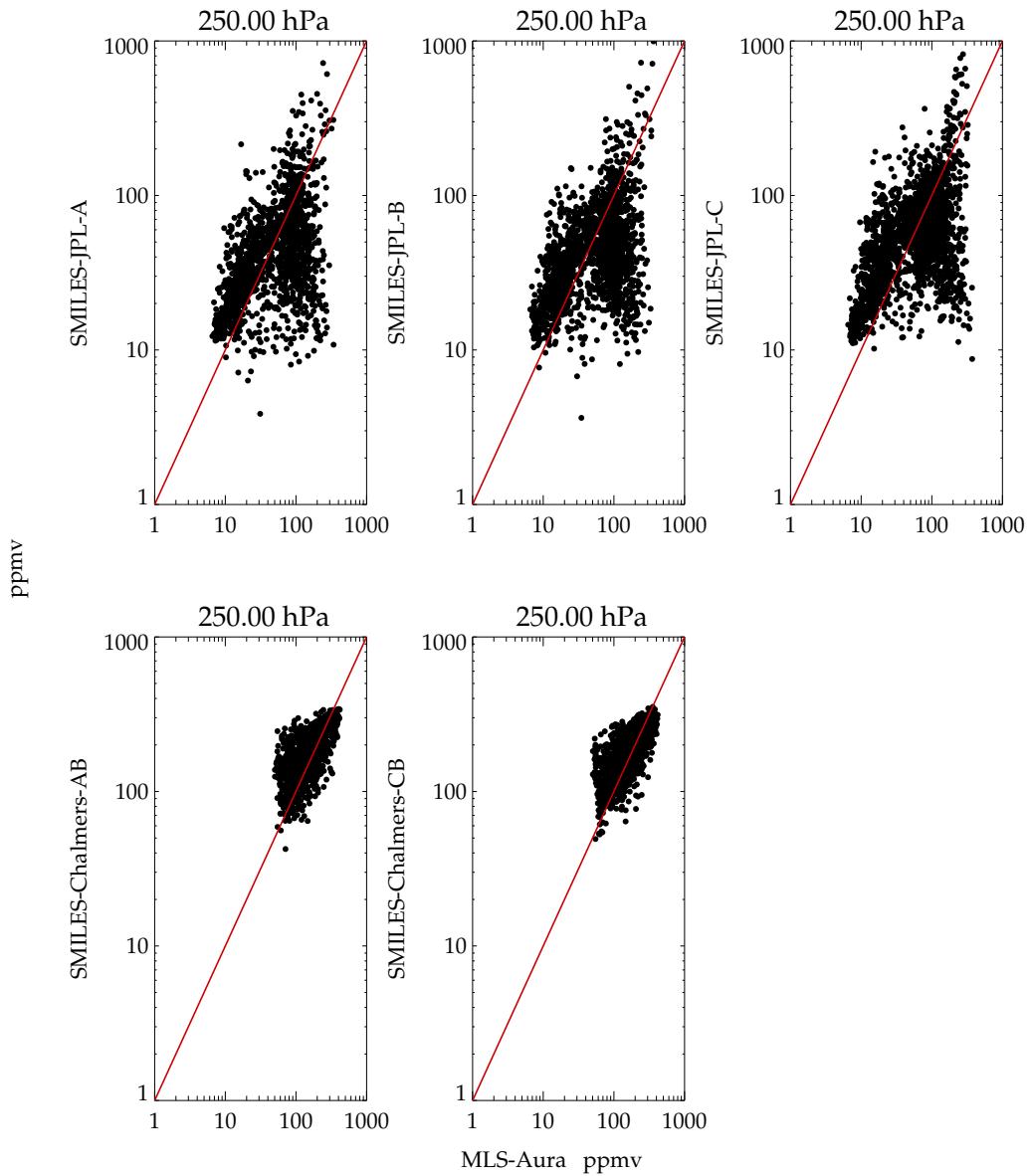
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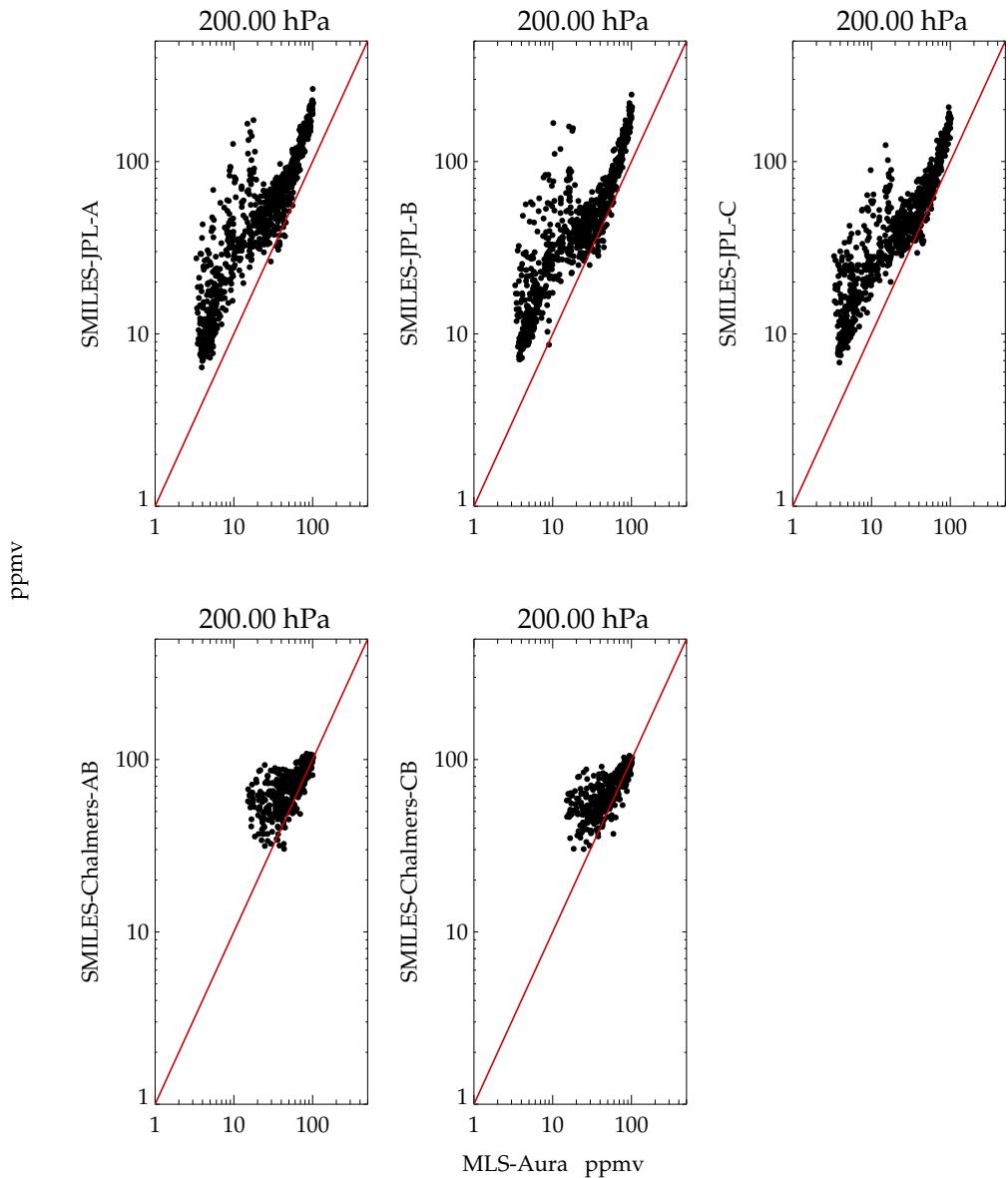
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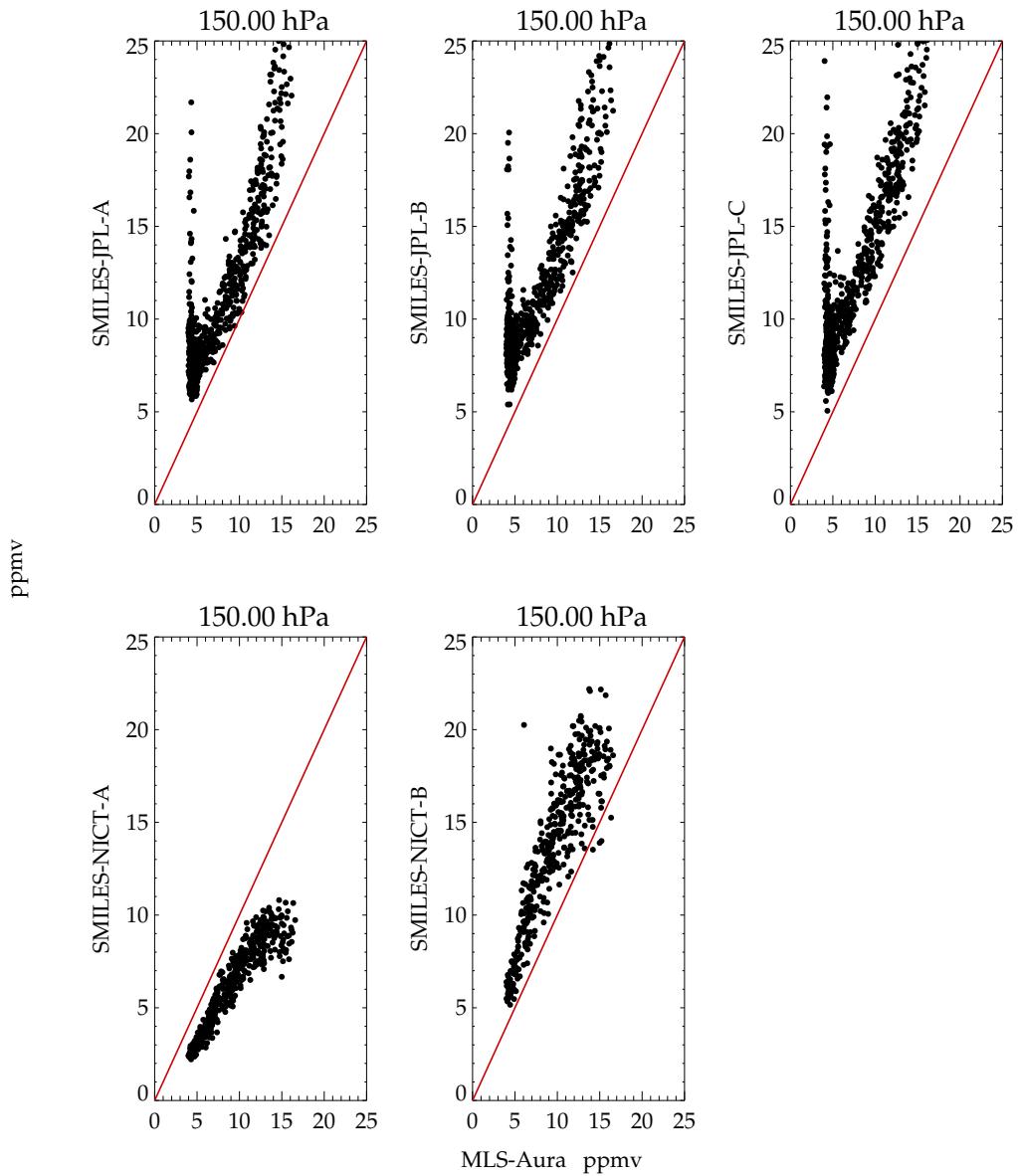
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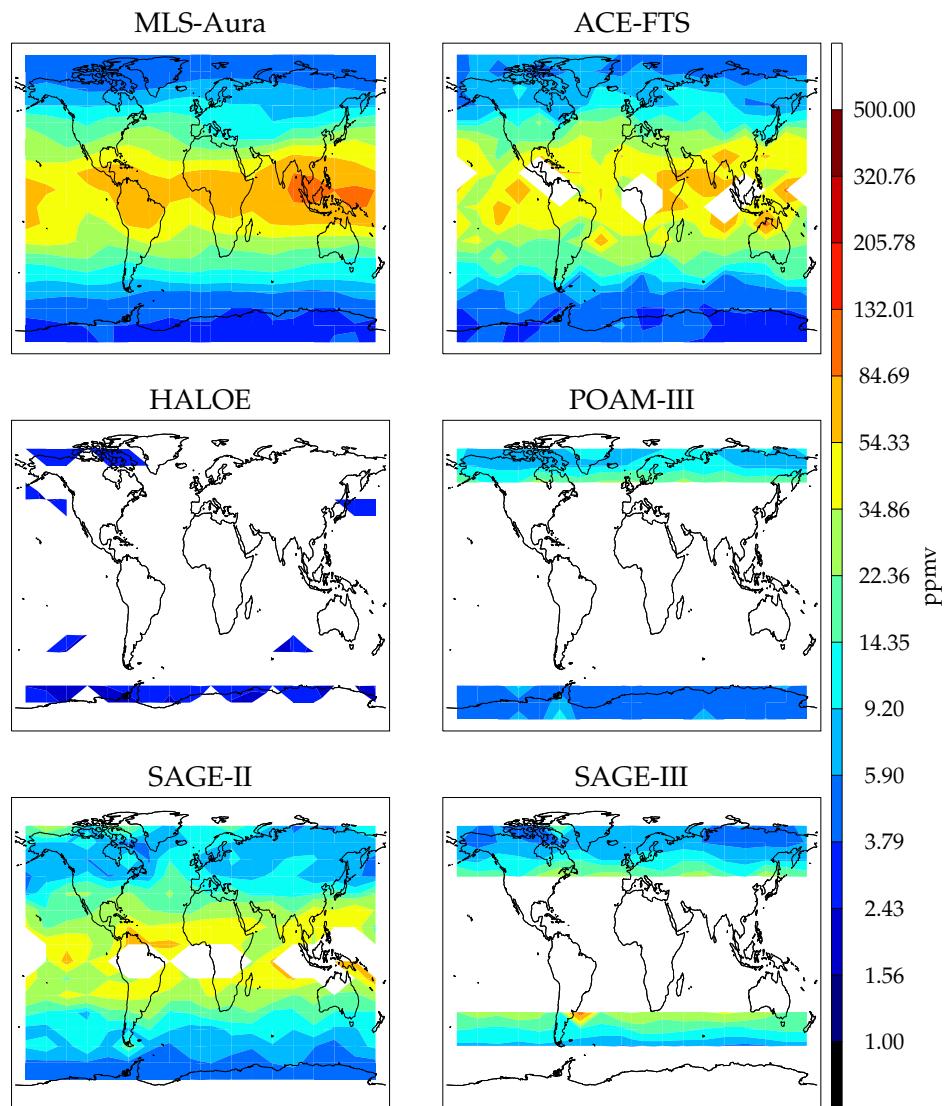
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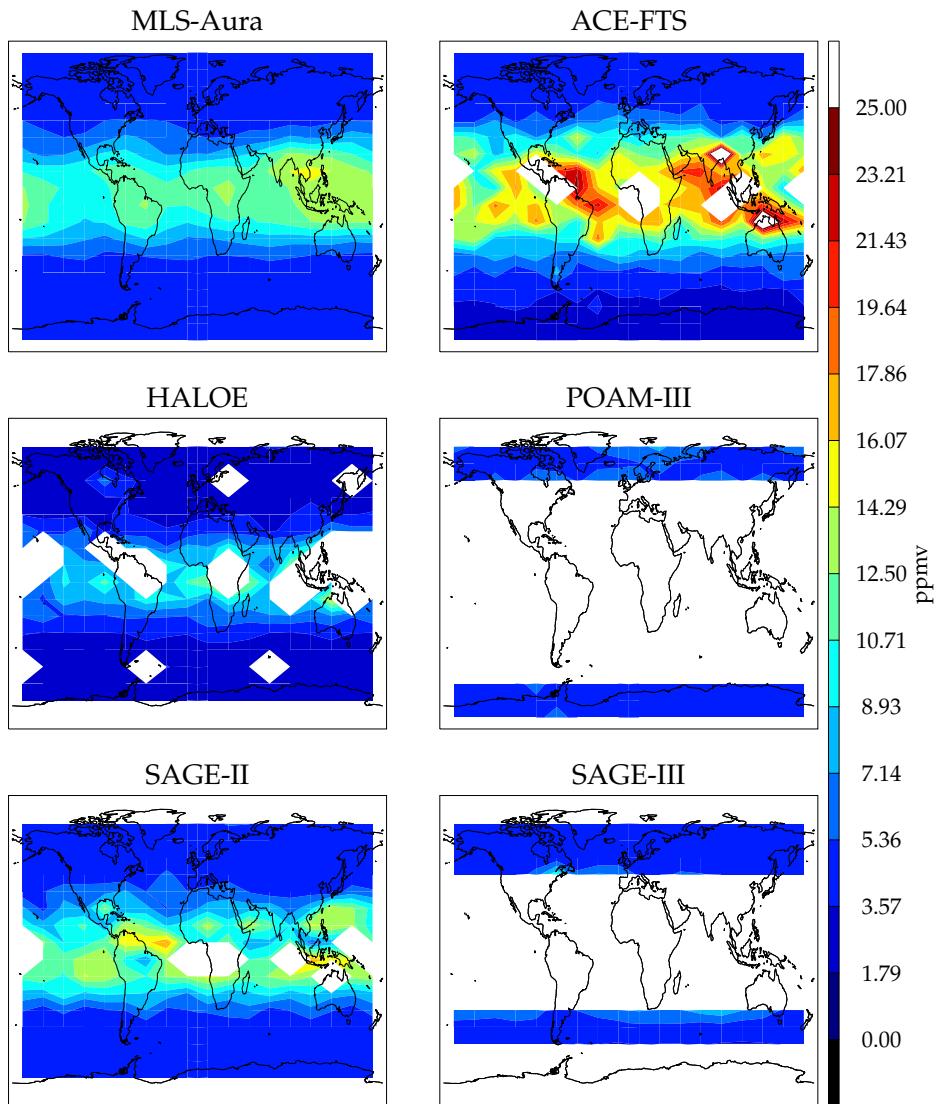
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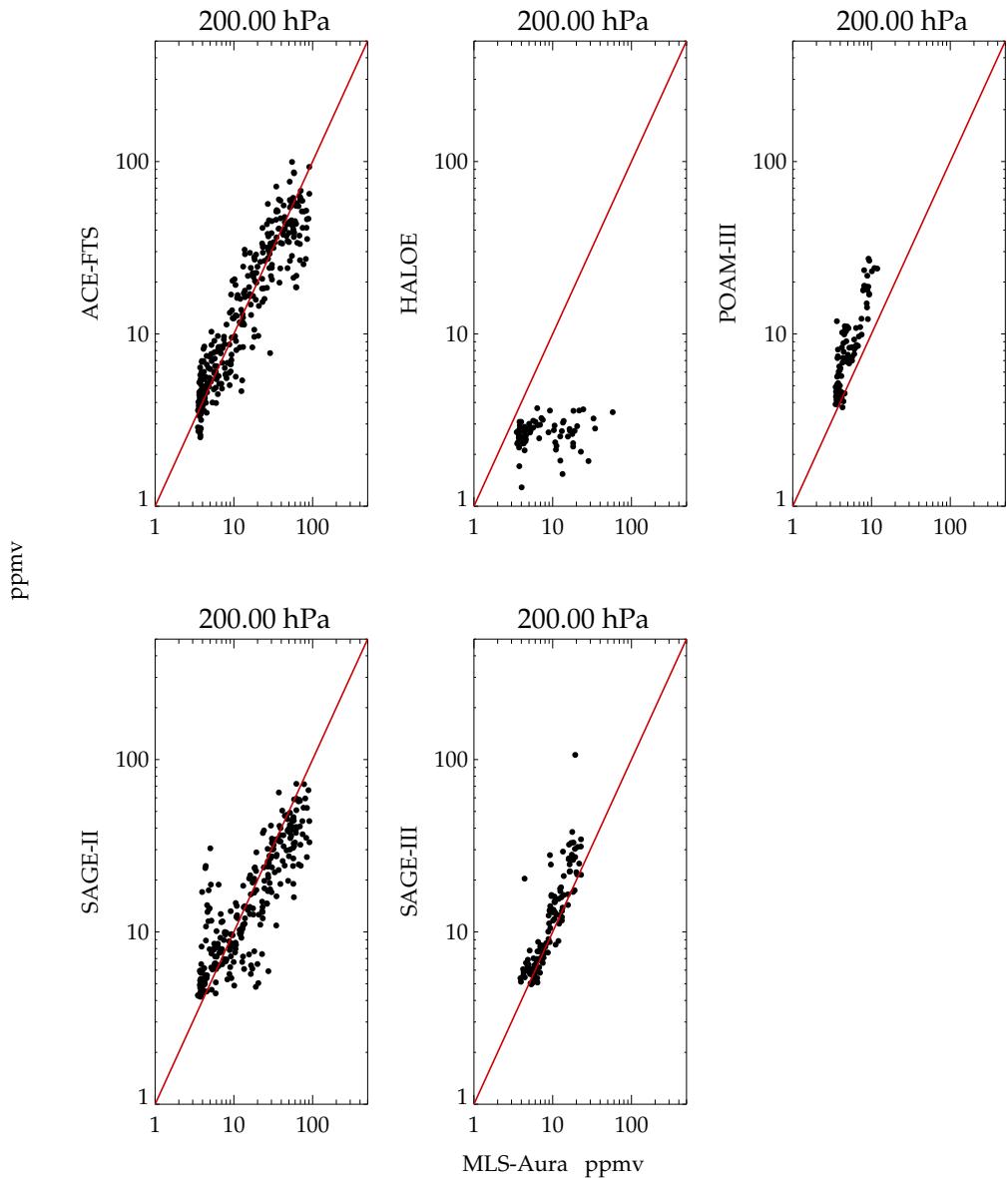
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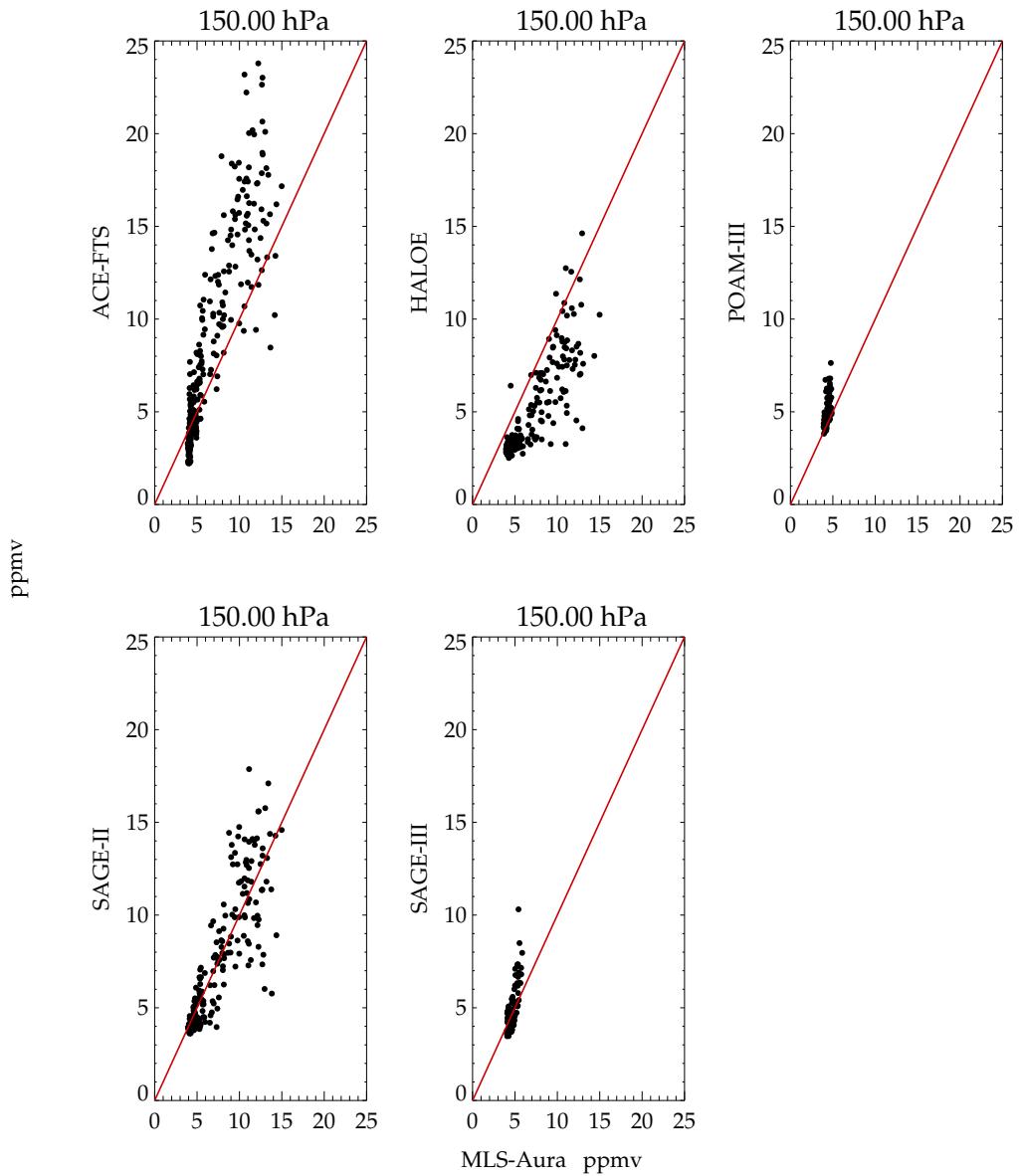
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**Figure S45.** Scatter plot of mapped grid box values of humidity from occultation instruments versus MLS Aura at 200 hPa.

Mapped field grid scatter 2005.01.01-2005.12.31



**Figure S46.** Scatter plot of mapped grid box values of humidity from occultation instruments versus MLS Aura at 150 hPa.