On the control of stratospheric water vapor and the implications for climate change

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Results from a trajectory model of stratospheric water vapor are presented. Comparisons to satellite measurements show good agreement, giving confidence in the accuracy of the model. Analysis of the model shows that surface temperature and lower stratospheric water vapor are weakly anti-correlated on both long and short time scales. This suggests that the stratospheric water vapor feedback may be slightly negative.

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