The GAW-PFR Aerosol Optical Depth Network: 2008 – 2013 Time-Series at Cape Point Station, South Africa

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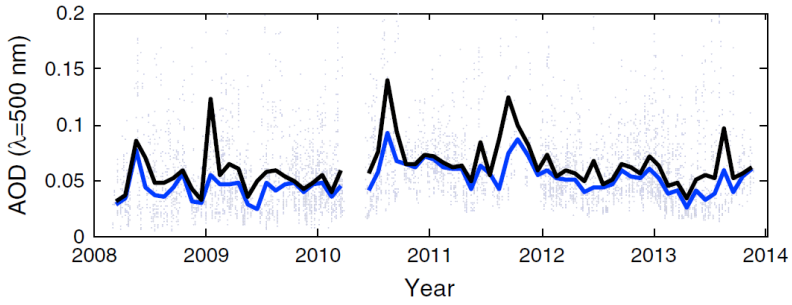

Figure 5. The 2008–2013 time series of 1 h AOD average values (gray points), monthly average (black line), and monthly median (blue line) at CPT.

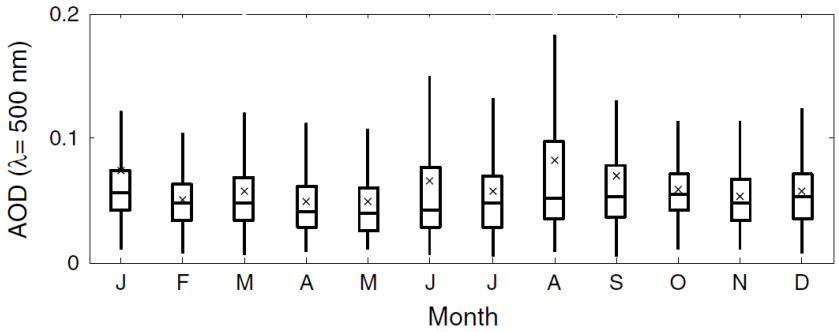

Figure 6. Annual cycle of AOD at CPT for the 2008–2013 period shown as a box-and-whisker plot.

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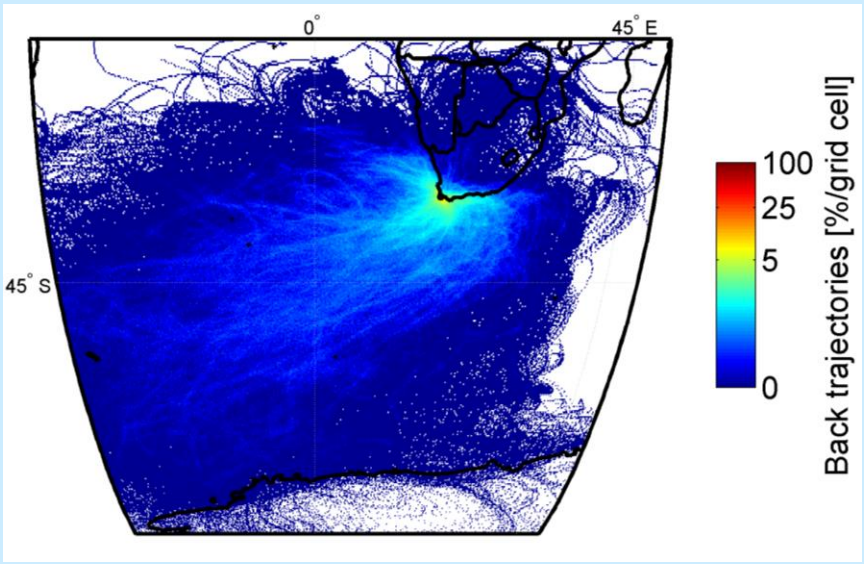
Back-Trajectories and Angstrom vs AOD at Cape Point



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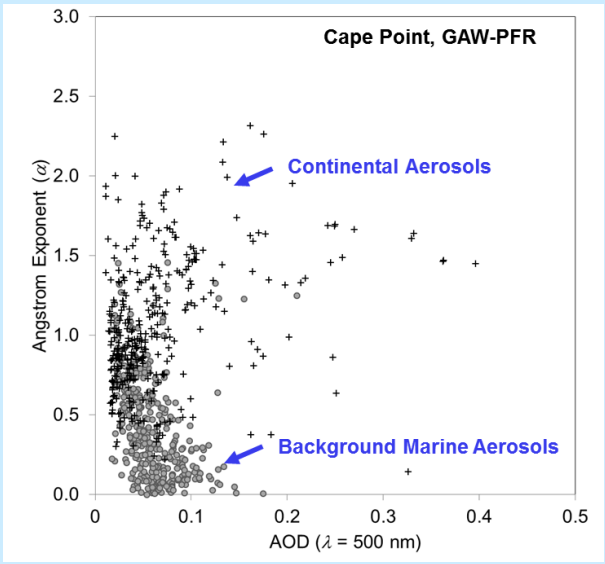

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Conclusions

- **AOD (λ = 500 nm) and Ångström exponent (α368–862 nm) averages for the entire 2008–2013 period were 0.059 and 0.68, displaying only a weak seasonality.**

- **Based on radon (^{222}Rn) conc. and back-trajectory analysis, AOD was classified: a) background marine, b) marine, c) mixed, and d) continental.**

- **AOD at CPT is consistent with ship-based (MAN network) and island (AERONET network) measurements and hence representative of background conditions in the South Atlantic and Southern Oceans.**

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