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Official website of pyaerocom, a Python package containing reading, post analysis and visualisation tools for the [AeroCom project](#).

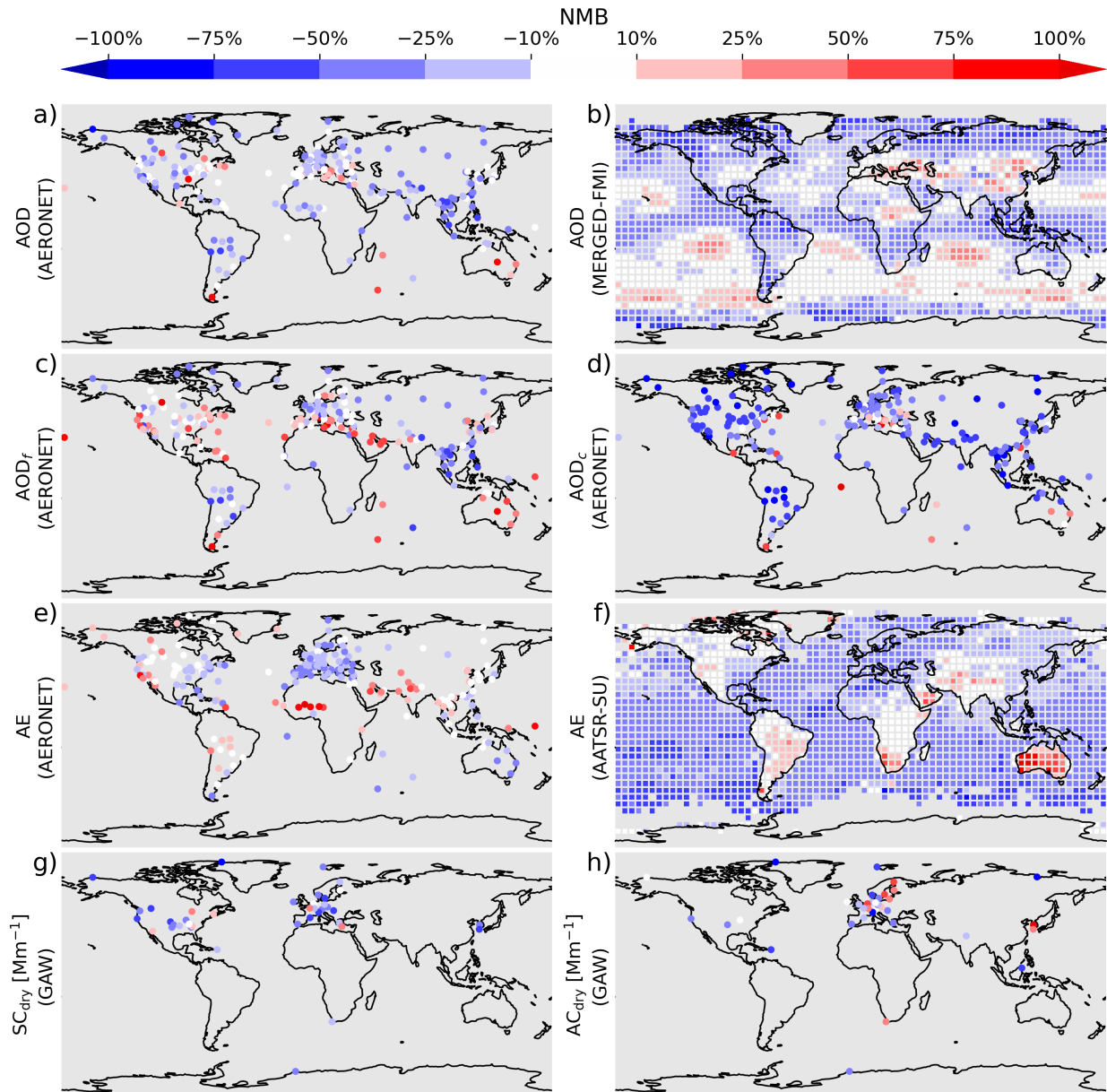


Fig. 1: Bias maps of the AeroCom ensemble median compared to several observation records (Figure 5 from [Gliß et al., 2021](#), processed with pyaerocom)



## ABOUT

pyaerocom is written and tested for python  $\geq 3.6$  and for unix based systems. It provides tools for processing and plotting of data related to the AeroCom project.

This includes support for reading and processing of modeldata (e.g. AeroCom, EMEP), satellite data (e.g. MODIS, AATSR) and ground based observation datasets (e.g. AERONET, EBAS, EARLINET). In addition, pyaerocom provides tools for colocation and cross evaluation of different datasets using commonly used statistical metrics such as several biases, gross-errors, or correlation coefficients.

### 1.1 AeroCom

The AeroCom-project (<http://aerocom.met.no/>) is an open international initiative of scientists interested in the advancement of the understanding of the global aerosol and its impact on climate. A large number of observations (including MODIS, POLDER, MISR, AVHRR, SEAWIFS, TOMS, AATSR, AERONET and surface concentrations) and results from more than 14 global models have been assembled to document and compare state of the art modeling of the global aerosol. A common protocol has been established and models are asked to make use of the AeroCom emission inventories for the year 2000 and preindustrial times. Results are documented via interactive websites which give access to 2D fields and standard comparisons to observations. Regular workshops are held to discuss findings and future directions.

This repository contains the AeroCom python tools which are / will be used to produce the standard AeroCom analyses shown at the AeroCom phase 2 interface ([http://aerocom.met.no/cgi-bin/AeroCom/aerocom/surfobs\\_annualrs.pl](http://aerocom.met.no/cgi-bin/AeroCom/aerocom/surfobs_annualrs.pl))

At this point the tools are co-operational together with the IDL based aerocom-tools that cannot be made public because they use 3rd party libraries with a non GPL compatible license.

### 1.2 Main features

- Reading routines for many ground based observation databases, such as:
  - AERONET Sun, SDA and Inversion products.
  - EBAS database.
  - EEA Air Quality e-Reporting (AQ e-Reporting).
  - AirNow.
  - **Ministry of Environment Protection (MEP) in China`\_\_**.
  - *GHOST* (Globally Harmonised Observational Surface Treatment) (see e.g., [Petetin et al., 2020](#) for more information).
- Reading routines for level 3 gridded satellite observations, such as:

- MODIS Aerosol Product.
  - CALIPSO CALIOP Lidar observations.
  - ENVISAT AATSR.
- Data harmonization tools following the [CF conventions](#).
  - Intuitive data objects for analysis of gridded data and ungridded (point-cloud) observations.
  - Sophisticated and flexible colocation routines for model evaluation and intercomparison of observations.
  - Interfaces for conversion of data to data types of related data analysis libraries such as [pandas](#), [numpy](#), [xarray](#) or [iris](#).
  - Data visualization tools and interfaces to common plotting libraries such as [matplotlib](#) or [cartopy](#).
  - Tools for statistical analysis of model performance.
  - Toolbox for analysis of trends in time-series.
  - Tools to compute ensemble averages from multiple model outputs.
  - High-level tools for automated analyses of multi-model and multi-obs inter-comparison studies.

## 1.3 Usage examples

- Processing of data for the new AeroCom [Model Evaluation interface](#).
- Processing and harmonization of observations for [Aerosol Trends interface](#).
- pyaerocom was used for the model evaluation study by [Gliß et al., 2020](#).
- pyaerocom was used for the trends analysis by [Mortier et al., 2020](#).

## 1.4 Access to AeroCom users database

The AeroCom users database contains model diagnostics from all AeroCom phases, ready for analysis.

If you wish to get access to the database, please follow the instructions provided in the following link:

[https://wiki.met.no/aerocom/data\\_retrieval](https://wiki.met.no/aerocom/data_retrieval)

**NOTE:** the users database does not contain any ground based observational data (such as EBAS, AERONET, etc.) but only the AeroCom model data available in the database as well as some gridded level 3 satellite data which may be used for model evaluation. Once you have access to the user database you may mount the file-system locally (e.g. via *sshfs* and register the data-paths you need in pyaerocom, for details see tutorials, more info below).

## 1.5 Remark for Windows users

pyaerocom is not tested on Windows systems and may only work in parts and thus some features may not work on Windows machines at the moment. In particular, features that rely on and are built upon access to the AeroCom database servers and automatic database path navigation. This includes the automatised reading of gridded and ungridded data using either of the pre-defined path infrastructures (e.g. check out [paths.ini](#) or [paths\\_user\\_server.ini](#)). However, you may still define file locations in your Python scripts yourself and use the more low-level features for reading the data. Windows support will be provided soon. Please let us know if you intend to use pyaerocom on a Windows machine so that we can consider adjusting our priorities, or also if you have any questions related to the usage.



## INSTALLATION

You can install PyAerocom via pip

### 2.1 Install from source into a new virtual environment

Installation into a new virtual environment (recommended for machines with newer python version and binary libraries) named `.venv` via:

```
# create and activate new virtual environment
python3 -m venv --prompt pya .venv
source .venv/bin/activate

# update pip
python3 -m pip install -U pip

# install pyaerocom on machines with Proj8 or newer
# e.g. Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (Jammy Jellyfish)
pip install pyaerocom
```

### 2.2 Install from source into a conda environment

If you use the `conda` package manager, please make sure to [activate the environment](#) you want to install pyaerocom into. For more information about conda environments, [see here](#).

Please make sure to install all requirements (see below) before installing pyaerocom from source. You can do that with the provided file `pyaerocom_env.yml`.

To install pyaerocom from source, please download and extract the [latest release](#) (or clone the [repo](#)) and install from the top-level directory (that contains a file `pyproject.toml`) using:

```
pip install --no-deps .
```

The `--no-deps` option will ensure that only the pyaerocom package is installed, preserving the conda environment.

Alternatively, if you plan to apply local changes to the pyaerocom source code, you may install in editable mode (i.e. setuptools “develop mode”) including the test dependencies:

```
pip install --no-deps -e .
```

You may also download and extract (or clone) the [GitHub repo](#) to install the very latest (not yet released) version of pyaerocom. Note, if you install in develop mode, make sure you do not have pyaerocom installed already in the site packages directory, check e.g. ``conda list pyaerocom`__` .

## 2.3 Install from source into a default environment

If you want PyAerocom in your default installation of python, then you install the latest released version of pyaerocom and its dependencies:

```
# install pyaerocom on machines with Proj8 or newer  
# e.g. Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (Jammy Jellyfish)  
python3 -m pip install pyaerocom
```

This type of installation is no longer allowed on newer OS-installations, i.e. Ubuntu 24.04. Use the installation into a new virtual environment instead.

## TUTORIALS

pyaerocom tutorials and examples. All content displayed here is based on the official pyaerocom tutorials which are not part of the [pyaerocom](#) GitHub repository but are available through the [pyaerocom-tutorials](#) repo.

All tutorials are jupyter notebooks.

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**Note:** The tutorials are currently undergoing revision, as the initial set of tutorial notebooks cannot be interactively executed from the outside world, since they relied on access to internal data servers of the Norwegian Meteorological Institute.

These *old* tutorials can be found below in Section “Outdated tutorials”. They are still mostly valid and provide a comprehensive introduction into pyaerocom and its main features.

All other tutorials, that are shown in the following rely on publicly available example data, and can thus, be run interactively.

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## 3.1 Getting started

### 3.1.1 Checking pyaerocom installation and access to data

#### Import pyaerocom

It all begins with an import:

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya
    pya.__version__

/home/jonasg/miniconda3/envs/pyadev/lib/python3.9/site-packages/geonum/__init__.py:26:
↳UserWarning: Plotting of maps etc. is deactivated, please install Basemap
  warn('Plotting of maps etc. is deactivated, please install Basemap')

[1]: '0.12.0.dev1'
```

When imported, pyaerocom will automatically check access to different default data locations (e.g. mount to PPI at MET Norway, or ~/MyPyaerocom/data), and in case a data source location is detected, associated data directories for accessing these data are instantiated (details below).

## Check available datasets and directories

Accessible data and default paths for certain datasets are available (and can be updated via the `const` module).

```
[2]: pya.const
```

```
[2]: <pyaerocom.config.Config at 0x7f3a0f5932b0>
```

## Data search directories

```
[3]: pya.const.DATA_SEARCH_DIRS
```

```
[3]: ['/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/data/modeldata/',  
      '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/data/obsdata/']
```

This list contains all directories where `pyaerocom` will search for model and observation data. `pyaerocom` will search for both model and observation data in all directories that are specified here. Searching can be done using `pyaerocom` and if nothing can be found for a certain query, an `Exception` is raised. Let's try to find some data from the [TM5](#) chemistry-transport-model:

```
[4]: try:  
      pya.browse_database('*TM5*')  
except pya.exceptions.DataSearchError as e:  
    print(e)  
  
No matches could be found for search pattern *TM5*
```

Well, that's expected as no data search directories are specified (and most likely, no TM5 data is available on whatever machine this notebook is executed). Let's make this a little more interesting. We need some data!

## Downloading the `pyaerocom` testdata-minimal dataset

The testdata-minimal dataset was developed for automatic testing of `pyaerocom` and is well suited to illustrate the main features of `pyaerocom`, without too requiring too heavy computing resources or data storage. It is very easy to get these data:

```
[5]: from pyaerocom.testdata_access import TestDataAccess  
      TestDataAccess().download()  
  
Downloading pyaerocom testdata into /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom  
[5]: True
```

Now we have a path, where there is supposed to be some data. Awesomeness!

```
[6]: dataloc = f'{pya.const.HOMEDIR}MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/'  
      dataloc  
[6]: '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/'
```

Side comment: If this way of formatting python strings looks weird to you, don't worry, this is because it is a [rather new feature](#) (as of Nov 2020).

```
[7]: import os  
      os.listdir(dataloc)
```

```
[7]: ['README.md', 'scripts', 'coldata', 'obsdata', 'modeldata', 'config']
```

Let's look into the modeldata directory (obsdata follows later).

```
[8]: os.listdir(dataloc + 'modeldata')
```

```
[8]: ['EMEP_2017', 'TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST']
```

### Adding data search directories

Great, found something. Let's tell pyaerocom about it.

```
[9]: pya.const.add_data_search_dir(dataloc + 'modeldata')
```

Now, let's repeat what we did before.

```
[10]: pya.const.DATA_SEARCH_DIRS
```

```
[10]: ['/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/data/modeldata/',
      '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/data/obsdata/',
      '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/modeldata']
```

```
[11]: pya.browse_database('*TM5*')
```

```
Pyaerocom ReadGridded
-----
Data ID: TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST
Data directory: /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/modeldata/TM5-met2010_CTRL-
↳TEST/renamed
Available experiments: ['AP3']
Available years: [2010, 9999]
Available frequencies ['daily' 'monthly']
Available variables: ['abs550aer', 'od550aer']
```

```
[11]: ['TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST']
```

Nice! This worked, and there is even a lot of additional information, that comes in handy. The latter is because the underlying NetCDF files in the data directory are stored using AeroCom file naming conventions. Each dataset has its own ID (usually the directory name and can be accessed via this ID). For this example TM5 dataset the ID is *TM5-met2010\_CTRL-TEST* as can be seen in the output from the browsing method.

pyaerocom makes extensive use of these conventions, which makes it easy to streamline analyses of many different models and observation records. However, as we shall see below, the latter are often formatted in many different ways, as observations from many different databases are used.

```
[12]: reader = pya.io.ReadGridded('TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST')
      reader
```

```
[12]: Pyaerocom ReadGridded
-----
Data ID: TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST
Data directory: /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/modeldata/TM5-met2010_CTRL-
↳TEST/renamed
```

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```

Available experiments: ['AP3']
Available years: [2010, 9999]
Available frequencies ['daily' 'monthly']
Available variables: ['abs550aer', 'od550aer']

```

### Tiny detour: AeroCom file naming conventions

Let's have a brief look at such a filename (taking the first file in the data directory):

```

[13]: first_file = reader.files[0]
      os.path.basename(first_file)

[13]: 'aerocom3_TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_abs550aer_Column_2010_daily.nc'

```

The template is:

```
aerocom3_<ModelName>-<MeteoConfigSpecifier>_<ExperimentName>-<PerturbationName>_<VariableName>_<VerticalCode>.nc
```

So the above filename uses **TM5** model, 2010 meteorology (**met2010**), and this version is for AeroCom Phase III (**AP3**) experiment, particularly for the 2019 Control (**CTRL2019**) perturbation. Variable is **abs550aer** (which is the aerosol absorption optical depth, or AAOD), which is representative for a whole atmospheric **Column**, the simulated year is **2010** (here it is the same as meteorology, but this must not always be the case) and the temporal resolution is **daily**.

If you want to learn more about AeroCom conventions and ongoing experiments, [see here](#).

The metadata that is extracted from the filenames is accessible via:

```

[14]: reader.file_info

[14]:
  var_name  year  ts_type  vert_code  data_id  name  meteo  \
0  abs550aer  2010   daily   Column    TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5  met2010
4  abs550aer  2010  monthly   Column    TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5  met2010
1  abs550aer  9999   daily   Column    TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5  met2010
2  od550aer  2010   daily   Column    TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5  met2010
3  od550aer  2010  monthly   Column    TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5

  experiment  perturbation  is_at_stations  3D  \
0          AP3      CTRL2019             False  False
4          AP3      CTRL2019             False  False
1          AP3      CTRL2019             False  False
2          AP3      CTRL2019             False  False
3          AP3      CTRL2016             False  False

                                filename
0  aerocom3_TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_abs550aer_Co...
4  aerocom3_TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_abs550aer_Co...
1  aerocom3_TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_abs550aer_Co...
2  aerocom3_TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_od550aer_Col...
3  aerocom3_TM5_AP3-CTRL2016_od550aer_Column_2010...

```

## How do I know what the variable names mean?

You can check all variables via `pyaerocom.const.VARS`, which is a dictionary-like object that allows access to variables and in most cases, provides relevant additional information such as the [CF standard\\_name](#). For instance, for the above `abs550aer`:

```
[15]: var = pya.const.VARS['abs550aer']
      var
[15]: abs550aer
      standard_name: atmosphere_absorption_optical_thickness_due_to_ambient_aerosol_particles;
      ↪Unit: 1
```

```
[16]: var.long_name
[16]: 'Absorption aerosol optical depth (AAOD) at 550nm'
```

Or the extinction (scattering + absorption) aerosol optical depth (AOD), called `od550aer`:

```
[17]: var = pya.const.VARS['od550aer']
      var
[17]: od550aer
      standard_name: atmosphere_optical_thickness_due_to_ambient_aerosol_particles; Unit: 1
```

## Reading of model data using ReadGridded class

The above instantiated `ReadGridded` interface relies on and makes use of these conventions. This class is also the standard interface to read the model data into instances of the `pyaerocom.GriddedData`

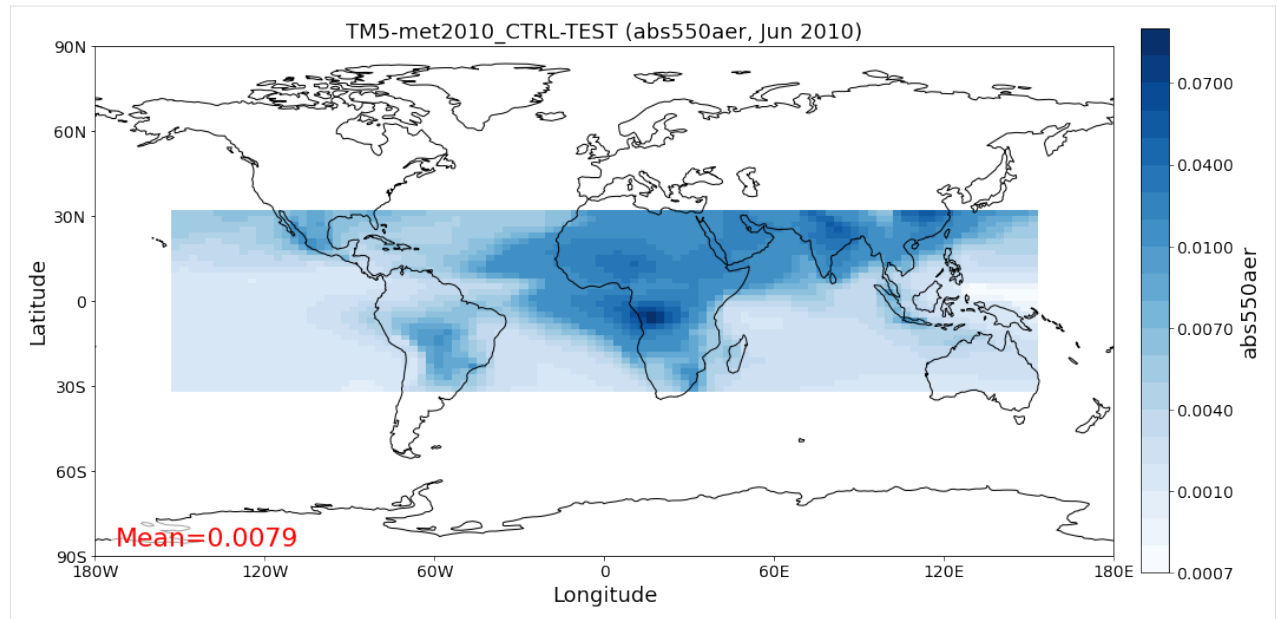
```
[18]: aaod_tm5 = reader.read_var('abs550aer', start=2010, ts_type='monthly')
      aaod_tm5
[18]: pyaerocom.GriddedData: (abs550aer, TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST)
      <iris 'Cube' of atmosphere_absorption_optical_thickness_due_to_ambient_aerosol / (1)
      ↪(time: 12; latitude: 90; longitude: 120)>
```

Under the hood, the `GriddedData` object is an `iris.Cube`, and it is **single variable**, that is, it does not support reading of multiple variable fields (e.g. AOD and AAOD sharing the same lat, lon and time dimensions).

The `GriddedData` object is introduced in more detail in other tutorials, but what is a tutorial without a nice, self-explanatory plot anyways?

```
[19]: aaod_tm5.sel(latitude=(-30, 30), longitude=(-150, 150)).quickplot_map('06/2010');

/home/jonasg/github/pya/pyaerocom/pyaerocom/plot/mapping.py:438:
↪MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: The 'cmap' parameter to Colorbar has no effect because
↪it is overridden by the mappable; it is deprecated since 3.3 and will be removed two
↪minor releases later.
      cbar = fig.colorbar(dis, cmap=cmap, norm=norm, #boundaries=bounds,
/home/jonasg/github/pya/pyaerocom/pyaerocom/plot/mapping.py:438:
↪MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: The 'norm' parameter to Colorbar has no effect because
↪it is overridden by the mappable; it is deprecated since 3.3 and will be removed two
↪minor releases later.
      cbar = fig.colorbar(dis, cmap=cmap, norm=norm, #boundaries=bounds,
```



### Registering and reading of *ungridded* observational data

... COMING VERY SOON!!

Until then, checkout the section on ungridded observations in the following tutorial [getting\\_started\\_analysis](#).

### 3.1.2 Diving deeper into the analysis and API

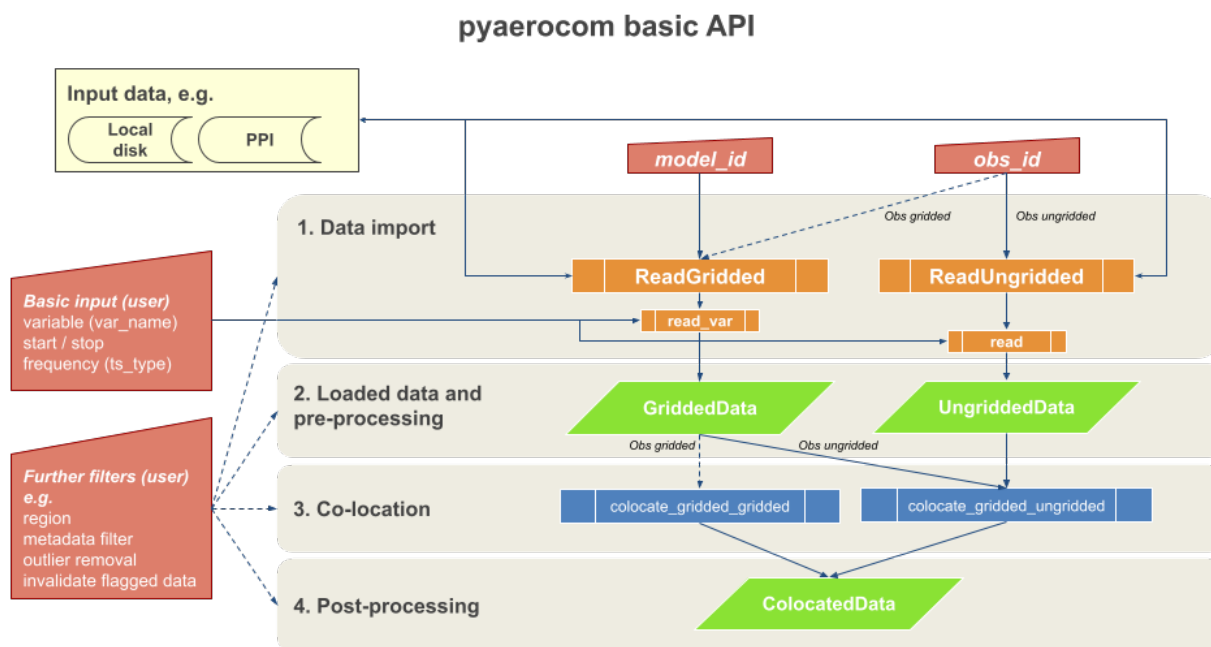
This notebook is meant to give a quick introduction into the main features and workflows of [pyaerocom](#).

This includes brief introductions into the following features:



What?	Relevant classes and/or methods
Finding model and observation data	<code>`pya.browse_database`</code> < <a href="https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.io.utils.browse_database">https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.io.utils.browse_database</a> >`__
Reading of <b>gridded</b> model data	<code>`pya.io.ReadGridded`</code> < <a href="https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.io.readgridded.ReadGridded">https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.io.readgridded.ReadGridded</a> >`__
Working with <b>gridded</b> data	<code>`pya.GriddedData`</code> < <a href="https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.griddeddata.GriddedData">https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.griddeddata.GriddedData</a> >`__
Reading of <b>ungridded</b> observation data	<code>`pya.io.ReadUngridded`</code> < <a href="https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.io.reading-of-ungridded-data">https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.io.reading-of-ungridded-data</a> >`__
Working with <b>ungridded</b> data	<code>`pya.UngriddedData`</code> < <a href="https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.ungriddeddata.UngriddedData">https://pyaerocom.ungriddeddata.UngriddedData</a> >`__
Working with data from individual site locations	<code>`pya.StationData`</code> < <a href="https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.stationdata.StationData">https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.stationdata.StationData</a> >`__
<b>Colocation</b> of model and observational data	High-level: <code>`pya.colocation_auto`</code> < <a href="https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.module-pyaerocom.colocation_auto">https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.module-pyaerocom.colocation_auto</a> >`__ Low-level: <code>`pya.colocation`</code> < <a href="https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.module-pyaerocom.colocation">https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.module-pyaerocom.colocation</a> >`__
Working with <b>colocated</b> data	<code>`pya.ColocatedData`</code> < <a href="https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.colocateddata.ColocatedData">https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.colocateddata.ColocatedData</a> >`__

In a graphical way it introduces the main data object and processing routines for model and observation comparisons with pyaerocom, illustrated in the following flowchart:



Only that in this example “Data server” is the local computer that has the minimal testdataset as an example dataset.

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya
pya.__version__
```

```
/home/jonasg/miniconda3/envs/pyadev/lib/python3.9/site-packages/geonum/__init__.py:26:
↳ UserWarning: Plotting of maps etc. is deactivated, please install Basemap
```

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```
warn('Plotting of maps etc. is deactivated, please install Basemap')
```

```
[1]: '0.12.0.dev1'
```

Should be at least 0.10.X

### Check access to testdata

**NOTE:** details regarding testdata access and initialization are covered in tutorial notebook *getting\_started\_setup.ipynb*.

```
[2]: from pyaerocom.testdata_access import initialise
      initialise()
```

```
Adding data search directory /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/modeldata.
Adding data search directory /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata.
Adding data search directory /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/config.
Adding ungridded dataset AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily located at /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/
↳testdata-minimal/obsdata/AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily/renamed.Reader: <class 'pyaerocom.io.
↳read_aeronet_sunv3.ReadAeronetSunV3'>
Adding ungridded dataset AeronetSDAV3L2Subset.daily located at /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/
↳testdata-minimal/obsdata/AeronetSDAV3Lev2.daily/renamed.Reader: <class 'pyaerocom.io.
↳read_aeronet_sdav3.ReadAeronetSdaV3'>
Adding ungridded dataset AeronetInvV3L2Subset.daily located at /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/
↳testdata-minimal/obsdata/AeronetInvV3Lev2.daily/renamed.Reader: <class 'pyaerocom.io.
↳read_aeronet_invv3.ReadAeronetInvV3'>
Adding ungridded dataset EBASSubset located at /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/
↳obsdata/EBASMultiColumn.Reader: <class 'pyaerocom.io.read_ebas.ReadEbas'>
Adding ungridded dataset AirNowSubset located at /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-
↳minimal/obsdata/AirNowSubset.Reader: <class 'pyaerocom.io.read_airnow.ReadAirNow'>
Adding ungridded dataset G.EEA.daily.Subset located at /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-
↳minimal/obsdata/GHOST/data/EEA_AQ_eReporting/daily.Reader: <class 'pyaerocom.io.read_
↳ghost.ReadGhost'>
Adding ungridded dataset G.EEA.hourly.Subset located at /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/
↳testdata-minimal/obsdata/GHOST/data/EEA_AQ_eReporting/hourly.Reader: <class 'pyaerocom.
↳io.read_ghost.ReadGhost'>
Adding ungridded dataset G.EBAS.daily.Subset located at /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/
↳testdata-minimal/obsdata/GHOST/data/EBAS/daily.Reader: <class 'pyaerocom.io.read_ghost.
↳ReadGhost'>
Adding ungridded dataset G.EBAS.hourly.Subset located at /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/
↳testdata-minimal/obsdata/GHOST/data/EBAS/hourly.Reader: <class 'pyaerocom.io.read_
↳ghost.ReadGhost'>
pyaerocom-testdata is ready to be used. The data is available at /home/jonasg/
↳MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal
```

## Model data: Reading of and working with *gridded* data

This section provides an introduction into the following pyaerocom classes and architectures:

- ``pyaerocom.io.ReadGridded`` <<https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#module-pyaerocom.io.readgridded>>`\_\_
- ``pyaerocom.GriddedData`` <<https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#module-pyaerocom.griddeddata>>`\_\_

\*you may click the links to see the online documentation of these classes.

### Pre-remark on the ReadGridded class

As you could see in tutorial [getting\\_started\\_setup.ipynb](#) the ReadGridded class makes extensive use of the AeroCom file naming conventions. So if you have model data that is stored using different conventions (e.g. CMIP6), this class will not be of much help (yet) for filtering the correct files to read. In that case you may locate a model NetCDF file yourself and pass it directly into a GriddedData object on initialisation.

The testdataset contains data from the TM5 model, which is used in the following. You can use the `browse_database` function of pyaerocom to find model ID's (which can be quite cryptic sometimes) using wildcard pattern search.

```
[3]: pya.browse_database('*TM5*')
```

```
Pyaerocom ReadGridded
-----
Data ID: TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6SA
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/HTAP-PHASE-I/
↳ TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6SA/renamed
Available experiments: ['SR6SA']
Available years: [2001]
Available frequencies ['monthly']
Available variables: ['MMR_BCSR6SA', 'MMR_NO3SR6SA', 'MMR_POMSR6SA', 'MMR_SO4SR6SA']

Pyaerocom ReadGridded
-----
Data ID: TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6NA
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/HTAP-PHASE-I/
↳ TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6NA/renamed
Available experiments: ['SR6NA']
Available years: [2001]
Available frequencies ['monthly']
Available variables: ['MMR_BCSR6NA', 'MMR_NO3SR6NA', 'MMR_POMSR6NA', 'MMR_SO4SR6NA']

Pyaerocom ReadGridded
-----
Data ID: TM5-JRC-cy2-ipcc-v1_SR1
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/HTAP-PHASE-I/TM5-
↳ JRC-cy2-ipcc-v1_SR1/renamed
Available experiments: ['SR1']
Available years: [2001]
Available frequencies ['monthly']
Available variables: ['vmro3']

Pyaerocom ReadGridded
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```
Data ID: TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6EU
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/HTAP-PHASE-I/
↳ TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6EU/renamed
Available experiments: ['SR6EU']
Available years: [2001]
Available frequencies ['monthly']
Available variables: ['MMR_BCSR6EU', 'MMR_NO3SR6EU', 'MMR_POMSR6EU', 'MMR_SO4SR6EU']
```

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Pyaerocom ReadGridded
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```

```
Data ID: TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6EA
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/HTAP-PHASE-I/
↳ TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6EA/renamed
Available experiments: ['SR6EA']
Available years: [2001]
Available frequencies ['monthly']
Available variables: ['MMR_BCSR6EA', 'MMR_NO3SR6EA', 'MMR_POMSR6EA', 'MMR_SO4SR6EA']
```

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Pyaerocom ReadGridded
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```

```
Data ID: TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR1
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/HTAP-PHASE-I/
↳ TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR1/renamed
Available experiments: ['SR1']
Available years: [2001]
Available frequencies ['monthly']
Available variables: ['SCONCBC', 'SCONCNO3', 'SCONCPM25', 'SCONCPOM', 'SCONCSO4']
```

```
FileNotFoundError('None of the available files in /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-
↳ users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-I/TM5_B/renamed matches a registered pyaerocom file_
↳ convention')
```

```
FileNotFoundError('None of the available files in /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-
↳ users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-I/TM5_B/renamed matches a registered pyaerocom file_
↳ convention')
```

```
Reading failed for TM5_B. Error: AttributeError("'NoneType' object has no attribute
↳ 'experiment'")
```

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Pyaerocom ReadGridded
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Data ID: TM5-V3.A2.HCA-0
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-II/
↳ TM5-V3.A2.HCA-0/renamed
Available experiments: ['']
Available years: [2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009]
Available frequencies ['daily' 'monthly']
Available variables: ['abs550aer', 'abs550dryaer', 'airmass', 'asyaer', 'drydms',
↳ 'drydust', 'dryso2', 'dryso4', 'dryss', 'ec550aer', 'ec550dryaer', 'emibc', 'emidms',
↳ 'emidust', 'emioa', 'emiso2', 'emiso4', 'emiss', 'hus', 'loadbc', 'loaddust', 'loadno3
↳ ', 'loadoa', 'loadso4', 'loadss', 'od440aer', 'od550aer', 'od550aerh2o', 'od550bc',
↳ 'od550dust', 'od550lt1aer', 'od550lt1dust', 'od550no3', 'od550oa', 'od550so4', 'od550ss
↳ ', 'od870aer', 'pmid3d', 'precip', 'pressure', 'ps', 'scatc550dryaer', 'sconcbc',
↳ 'sconcdust', 'sconcn03', 'sconcoa', 'sconcs04', 'sconcss', 'temp', 'wetbc', 'wetdms',
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→ 'wetdust', 'wetoa', 'wetso2', 'wetso4', 'wetss', 'ang4487aer', 'od550gt1aer',
→ 'fmf550aer', 'pmid']

```

#### Pyaerocom ReadGridded

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Data ID: TM5-V3.A2.HCA-IPCC

Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-II/

→ TM5-V3.A2.HCA-IPCC/renamed

Available experiments: ['']

Available years: [2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009]

Available frequencies ['daily' 'monthly' 'hourly']

Available variables: ['abs550aer', 'abs550dry1Daer', 'abs550dryaer', 'airmass', 'asyaer',

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→ 'clt', 'conccn1Dmode01', 'conccn1Dmode02', 'conccn1Dmode03', 'conccn1Dmode04',
→ 'conccn1Dmode05', 'conccn1Dmode06', 'conccn1Dmode07', 'conccnmode01', 'conccnmode02',
→ 'conccnmode03', 'conccnmode04', 'conccnmode05', 'conccnmode06', 'conccnmode07', 'drybc
→ ', 'drydust', 'dryhno3', 'drynh3', 'dryno2', 'drynoy', 'dryoa', 'dryso2', 'dryso4',
→ 'dryss', 'ec550aer', 'ec550dry1Daer', 'ec550dryaer', 'emibc', 'emidms', 'emidust',
→ 'eminh3', 'eminox', 'emioa', 'emiso2', 'emiso4', 'emiss', 'hus', 'loadbc', 'loaddust',
→ 'loadno3', 'loadoa', 'loadso4', 'loadss', 'mmr1Daerh2o', 'mmr1Dtr01', 'mmr1Dtr02',
→ 'mmr1Dtr03', 'mmr1Dtr04', 'mmr1Dtr05', 'mmr1Dtr06', 'mmr1Dtr07', 'mmr1Dtr08',
→ 'mmr1Dtr09', 'mmr1Dtr10', 'mmr1Dtr11', 'mmr1Dtr12', 'mmr1Dtr13', 'mmr1Dtr14',
→ 'mmr1Dtr15', 'mmr1Dtr16', 'mmr1Dtr17', 'mmr1Dtr18', 'mmr1Dtr19', 'mmraerh2o', 'mmrbc',
→ 'mmrdu', 'mmrno3', 'mmroa', 'mmrso4', 'mmrss', 'mmrtr01', 'mmrtr02', 'mmrtr03',
→ 'mmrtr04', 'mmrtr05', 'mmrtr06', 'mmrtr07', 'mmrtr08', 'mmrtr09', 'mmrtr10', 'mmrtr11',
→ 'mmrtr12', 'mmrtr13', 'mmrtr14', 'mmrtr15', 'mmrtr16', 'mmrtr17', 'mmrtr18', 'mmrtr19
→ ', 'od440aer', 'od550aer', 'od550aerh2o', 'od550bc', 'od550dust', 'od550lt1aer',
→ 'od550lt1dust', 'od550no3', 'od550oa', 'od550so4', 'od550ss', 'od870aer', 'pmid3d',
→ 'precip', 'pressure', 'ps', 'rsds', 'rsdscs', 'rsdscsdif', 'rsdscsvis', 'rsdt', 'rsus',
→ 'rsut', 'rsutcs', 'sconcbc', 'sconcdust', 'sconcmsa', 'sconcn03', 'sconcoa', 'sconcs04
→ ', 'sconcss', 'temp', 'vmrdms', 'vmrhno3', 'vmrno', 'vmrno2', 'vmrpan', 'vmrso2',
→ 'wet3Dbc', 'wet3Ddu', 'wet3Dhno3', 'wet3Dnh4', 'wet3Dnoy', 'wet3Doa', 'wet3Dso2',
→ 'wet3Dso4', 'wet3Dss', 'wetbc', 'wetdust', 'wethno3', 'wethnh4', 'wetnoy', 'wetoa',
→ 'wetso2', 'wetso4', 'wetss', 'ang4487aer', 'od550gt1aer', 'fmf550aer', 'pmid', 'wetdu']

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#### Pyaerocom ReadGridded

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Data ID: TM5-V3.A2.CTRL

Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-II/

→ TM5-V3.A2.CTRL/renamed

Available experiments: ['']

Available years: [2006]

Available frequencies ['daily' 'monthly' 'hourly']

Available variables: ['abs550aer', 'abs550dry1Daer', 'abs550dryaer', 'airmass',

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→ 'ang4487aer', 'asyaer', 'conccn1Dmode01', 'conccn1Dmode02', 'conccn1Dmode03',
→ 'conccn1Dmode04', 'conccn1Dmode05', 'conccn1Dmode06', 'conccn1Dmode07', 'conccnmode01',
→ 'conccnmode02', 'conccnmode03', 'conccnmode04', 'conccnmode05', 'conccnmode06',
→ 'conccnmode07', 'drybc', 'drydust', 'dryhno3', 'drynh3', 'dryno2', 'drynoy', 'dryoa',
→ 'dryso2', 'dryso4', 'dryss', 'ec550aer', 'ec550dry1Daer', 'ec550dryaer', 'emibc',
→ 'emidms', 'emidust', 'eminh3', 'eminox', 'emioa', 'emiso2', 'emiso4', 'emiss', 'hus',
→ 'loadbc', 'loaddust', 'loadno3', 'loadoa', 'loadso4', 'loadss', 'mmr1Daerh2o',
→ 'mmr1Dtr01', 'mmr1Dtr02', 'mmr1Dtr03', 'mmr1Dtr04', 'mmr1Dtr05', 'mmr1Dtr06',
→ 'mmr1Dtr07', 'mmr1Dtr08', 'mmr1Dtr09', 'mmr1Dtr10', 'mmr1Dtr11', 'mmr1Dtr12',

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→ 'mmr1Dtr13', 'mmr1Dtr14', 'mmr1Dtr15', 'mmr1Dtr16', 'mmr1Dtr17', 'mmr1Dtr18',
→ 'mmr1Dtr19', 'mmraerh2o', 'mmrbc', 'mmrdu', 'mmrno3', 'mmroa', 'mmrso4', 'mmrss',
→ 'mmrtr01', 'mmrtr02', 'mmrtr03', 'mmrtr04', 'mmrtr05', 'mmrtr06', 'mmrtr07', 'mmrtr08',
→ 'mmrtr09', 'mmrtr10', 'mmrtr11', 'mmrtr12', 'mmrtr13', 'mmrtr14', 'mmrtr15', 'mmrtr16',
→ 'mmrtr17', 'mmrtr18', 'mmrtr19', 'od440aer', 'od550aer', 'od550aerh2o', 'od550bc',
→ 'od550dust', 'od550lt1aer', 'od550lt1dust', 'od550no3', 'od550oa', 'od550so4', 'od550ss',
→ 'od870aer', 'pmid3d', 'precip', 'pressure', 'ps', 'sconcbc', 'sconcdust', 'sconcmsa',
→ 'sconcno3', 'sconcoa', 'sconco4', 'sconcss', 'temp', 'vmrdms', 'vmrhno3', 'vmrno',
→ 'vmrno2', 'vmrpan', 'vmrso2', 'wet3Dbc', 'wet3Ddu', 'wet3Dhno3', 'wet3Dnh4', 'wet3Dnoy',
→ 'wet3Doa', 'wet3Dso2', 'wet3Dso4', 'wet3Dss', 'wetbc', 'wetdust', 'wethno3', 'wethn4',
→ 'wetnoy', 'wetoa', 'wetso2', 'wetso4', 'wetss', 'od550gt1aer', 'fmf550aer', 'pmid',
→ 'wetdu']

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## Pyaerocom ReadGridded

Data ID: TM5-V3.A2.PRE

Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-II/  
→ TM5-V3.A2.PRE/renamed

Available experiments: ['']

Available years: [1850]

Available frequencies ['daily' 'monthly']

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Available variables: ['abs550aer', 'abs550dryaer', 'airmass', 'asyaer', 'clt', 'drybc',
→ 'drydms', 'drydust', 'dryhno3', 'drynh3', 'dryno2', 'drynoy', 'dryoa', 'dryso2',
→ 'dryso4', 'dryss', 'ec550aer', 'ec550dryaer', 'emibc', 'emidms', 'emidust', 'eminh3',
→ 'eminox', 'emioa', 'emiso2', 'emiso4', 'emiss', 'hus', 'loadbc', 'loaddust', 'loadno3',
→ 'loadoa', 'loadso4', 'loadss', 'od440aer', 'od550aer', 'od550aerh2o', 'od550bc',
→ 'od550dust', 'od550lt1aer', 'od550lt1dust', 'od550no3', 'od550oa', 'od550so4', 'od550ss',
→ 'od870aer', 'precip', 'pressure', 'ps', 'rsds', 'rsdscs', 'rsdscsdif', 'rsdscsvis',
→ 'rsdt', 'rsus', 'rsut', 'rsutcs', 'sconcbc', 'sconcdust', 'sconcmsa', 'sconcno3',
→ 'sconcoa', 'sconco4', 'sconcss', 'temp', 'vmrdms', 'vmrhno3', 'vmrno', 'vmrno2',
→ 'vmrpan', 'vmrso2', 'wet3Dbc', 'wet3Ddu', 'wet3Dhno3', 'wet3Dnh4', 'wet3Dnoy', 'wet3Doa',
→ 'wet3Dso2', 'wet3Dso4', 'wet3Dss', 'wetbc', 'wetdms', 'wetdust', 'wethno3', 'wethn4',
→ 'wetnoy', 'wetoa', 'wetso2', 'wetso4', 'wetss', 'ang4487aer', 'od550gt1aer',
→ 'fmf550aer', 'wetdu']

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## Pyaerocom ReadGridded

Data ID: TM5\_AP3-INSITU

Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-III/  
→ TM5\_AP3-INSITU/renamed

Available experiments: ['AP3']

Available years: [2010]

Available frequencies ['monthly' 'daily' 'hourly']

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Available variables: ['abs350aer', 'abs440aer', 'abs440dryaer', 'abs550aer',
→ 'abs550dryaer', 'abs550drylt1aer', 'abs870aer', 'abs870dryaer', 'airmass', 'asyaer',
→ 'asydryaer', 'depbc', 'depdms', 'depdust', 'dephno3', 'depmsa', 'depn', 'depnh3',
→ 'depnh4', 'depnhx', 'depno2', 'depno3', 'depnoy', 'depo3', 'depoa', 'deps', 'depso2',
→ 'depso4', 'depss', 'dh', 'drybc', 'drydms', 'drydust', 'dryhno3', 'drynh3', 'dryno2',
→ 'dryno3', 'drynoy', 'dryo3', 'dryoa', 'dryso2', 'dryso4', 'dryss', 'ec440dryaer',
→ 'ec550aer', 'ec550dryaer', 'ec550drylt1aer', 'ec870dryaer', 'emibc', 'emico', 'emidms',
→ 'emidust', 'emiisop', 'emin', 'eminh3', 'eminox', 'emioa', 'emis', 'emiso2', 'emiso4',
→ 'emiss', 'emiterp', 'hus', 'loadbc', 'loaddust', 'loadno3', 'loadoa', 'loadso4',

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→ 'loadss', 'mmrbc', 'mmrdust', 'mmrmsa', 'mmrn4', 'mmrno3', 'mmroa', 'mmrso4', 'mmrss',
→ 'od350aer', 'od440aer', 'od550aer', 'od550aerh2o', 'od550bc', 'od550dust',
→ 'od550lt1aer', 'od550lt1dust', 'od550lt1ss', 'od550no3', 'od550oa', 'od550so4',
→ 'od550ss', 'od870aer', 'plev', 'pr', 'precip', 'sconcbc', 'sconcdust', 'sconcmsa',
→ 'sconcn3', 'sconcoa', 'sconcs4', 'sconcss', 'ta', 'temp', 'vmrch4', 'vmrco', 'vmrno',
→ 'vmrno2', 'vmro3', 'vmroh', 'wetbc', 'wetdms', 'wetdust', 'wethno3', 'wetmsa', 'wetnh3',
→ 'wetnh4', 'wetno3', 'wetnoy', 'wetoa', 'wetso2', 'wetso4', 'wetss', 'ang4487aer',
→ 'angabs4487aer', 'od550gt1aer', 'vmrox', 'fmf550aer']

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#### PyAerocom ReadGridded

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Data ID: TM5_AP3-CTRL2016
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-III/
→ TM5_AP3-CTRL2016/renamed
Available experiments: ['AP3']
Available years: [2006, 2008, 2010]
Available frequencies ['monthly' '3hourly']
Available variables: ['abs350aer', 'abs440aer', 'abs440dryaer', 'abs550aer',
→ 'abs550dryaer', 'abs550drylt1aer', 'abs870aer', 'abs870dryaer', 'airmass', 'asyaer',
→ 'asydryaer', 'deltaz3d', 'depbc', 'depdms', 'depdust', 'dephno3', 'depmsa', 'depn',
→ 'depn3', 'depn4', 'depnx', 'depno2', 'depno3', 'depnoy', 'depo3', 'depoa', 'deps',
→ 'depso2', 'depso4', 'depss', 'dh', 'drybc', 'drydms', 'drydust', 'dryhno3', 'drynh3',
→ 'dryno2', 'dryno3', 'drynoy', 'dryo3', 'dryoa', 'dryso2', 'dryso4', 'dryss',
→ 'ec440dryaer', 'ec550aer', 'ec550dryaer', 'ec550drylt1aer', 'ec870dryaer', 'emibc',
→ 'emico', 'emidms', 'emidust', 'emiisop', 'emin', 'eminh3', 'eminox', 'emioa', 'emis',
→ 'emiso2', 'emiso4', 'emiss', 'emiterp', 'humidity3d', 'hus', 'loadbc', 'loaddust',
→ 'loadno3', 'loadoa', 'loadso4', 'loadss', 'od350aer', 'od440aer', 'od550aer',
→ 'od550aer3d', 'od550aerh2o', 'od550bc', 'od550dryaer', 'od550dust', 'od550lt1aer',
→ 'od550lt1dust', 'od550lt1ss', 'od550no3', 'od550oa', 'od550so4', 'od550ss', 'od870aer',
→ 'pr', 'sconcbc', 'sconcdust', 'sconcmsa', 'sconcn4', 'sconcn3', 'sconcoa', 'sconcs4',
→ 'sconcss', 'ta', 'temp', 'vmrch4', 'vmrco', 'vmrno', 'vmrno2', 'vmro3', 'vmroh',
→ 'wetbc', 'wetdms', 'wetdust', 'wethno3', 'wetmsa', 'wetnh3', 'wetnh4', 'wetno3',
→ 'wetnoy', 'wetoa', 'wetso2', 'wetso4', 'wetss', 'ang4487aer', 'angabs4487aer',
→ 'od550gt1aer', 'vmrox', 'fmf550aer', 'deltaz', 'humidity']

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#### PyAerocom ReadGridded

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Data ID: TM5_AP3-CTRL2015
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-III/
→ TM5_AP3-CTRL2015/renamed
Available experiments: ['AP3']
Available years: [2010]
Available frequencies ['monthly']
Available variables: ['depbc', 'depdust', 'depno3', 'depoa', 'depso4', 'depss', 'drybc',
→ 'drydust', 'dryno3', 'dryoa', 'dryso4', 'dryss', 'emibc', 'emidms', 'emidust', 'eminox',
→ 'emioa', 'emiso2', 'emiso4', 'emiss', 'loadbc', 'loaddust', 'loadno3', 'loadoa',
→ 'loadso4', 'loadss', 'od550aer', 'od550bc', 'od550dust', 'od550no3', 'od550oa',
→ 'od550so4', 'od550ss', 'sconcbc', 'sconcdust', 'sconcn3', 'sconcoa', 'sconcs4',
→ 'sconcss', 'wetbc', 'wetdust', 'wetno3', 'wetoa', 'wetso4', 'wetss']

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Data ID: TM5_AP3-INSITU-TIER3
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-III/
↳ TM5_AP3-INSITU-TIER3/renamed
Available experiments: ['AP3']
Available years: [2010]
Available frequencies ['hourly']
Available variables: ['abs440dryaer', 'abs550aer', 'abs550dryaer', 'abs550drylt1aer',
↳ 'abs550rh40aer', 'abs550rh55aer', 'abs550rh65aer', 'abs550rh75aer', 'abs550rh85aer',
↳ 'abs870dryaer', 'airmass', 'asydryaer', 'dh', 'ec440dryaer', 'ec550aer', 'ec550aerh2o',
↳ 'ec550bc', 'ec550dryaer', 'ec550drylt1aer', 'ec550dust', 'ec550no3', 'ec550oa',
↳ 'ec550rh40aer', 'ec550rh55aer', 'ec550rh65aer', 'ec550rh75aer', 'ec550rh85aer',
↳ 'ec550so4', 'ec550ss', 'ec870dryaer', 'hus', 'mmrbc', 'mmrdust', 'mmrmsa', 'mmrn4',
↳ 'mmrno3', 'mmroa', 'mmrso4', 'mmrss', 'od550aer', 'od550aerh2o', 'od550bc', 'od550dust
↳ ', 'od550no3', 'od550oa', 'od550so4', 'od550ss', 'plev', 'pr', 'ta']
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## Pyaerocom ReadGridded

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Data ID: TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/AEROCOM-PHASE-III-
↳ 2019/TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019/renamed
Available experiments: ['AP3']
Available years: [1850, 2010]
Available frequencies ['monthly' 'daily']
Available variables: ['abs350aer', 'abs440aer', 'abs440dryaer', 'abs550aer',
↳ 'abs550dryaer', 'abs550drylt1aer', 'abs870aer', 'abs870dryaer', 'airmass', 'asyaer',
↳ 'asydryaer', 'depbc', 'depdms', 'depdust', 'dephno3', 'depmsa', 'depn', 'dephn3',
↳ 'dephn4', 'dephnx', 'depno2', 'depno3', 'depnoy', 'depo3', 'depoa', 'deps', 'depso2',
↳ 'depso4', 'depsoa', 'depss', 'dh', 'drybc', 'drydms', 'drydust', 'dryhno3', 'drynh3',
↳ 'dryno2', 'dryno3', 'drynoy', 'dryo3', 'dryoa', 'dryso2', 'dryso4', 'drysoa', 'dryss',
↳ 'ec440dryaer', 'ec550aer', 'ec550dryaer', 'ec550drylt1aer', 'ec870dryaer', 'emibc',
↳ 'emico', 'emidms', 'emidust', 'emiisop', 'emin', 'eminh3', 'eminox', 'emis', 'emiso2',
↳ 'emiso4', 'emiss', 'emiterp', 'emivoc', 'hus', 'loadbc', 'loaddust', 'loadno3', 'loadoa',
↳ 'loadso4', 'loadsoa', 'loadss', 'od350aer', 'od440aer', 'od550aer', 'od550aerh2o',
↳ 'od550bc', 'od550dust', 'od550lt1aer', 'od550lt1dust', 'od550lt1ss', 'od550no3',
↳ 'od550oa', 'od550so4', 'od550soa', 'od550ss', 'od870aer', 'pr', 'sconcbc', 'sconcdust',
↳ 'sconcmsa', 'sconcnh4', 'sconcn3', 'sconcoa', 'sconco4', 'sconco3', 'sconcss', 'ta',
↳ 'temp', 'vmrch4', 'vmrco', 'vmrno', 'vmrno2', 'vmro3', 'vmroh', 'wetbc', 'wetdms',
↳ 'wetdust', 'wethno3', 'wetmsa', 'wetnh3', 'wetnh4', 'wetno3', 'wetnoy', 'wetoa',
↳ 'wetso2', 'wetso4', 'wetsoa', 'wetss', 'ang4487aer', 'angabs4487aer', 'od550gt1aer',
↳ 'vmrox', 'fmf550aer']
```

## Pyaerocom ReadGridded

```
-----
Data ID: TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST
Data directory: /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/modeldata/TM5-met2010_CTRL-
↳ TEST/renamed
Available experiments: ['AP3']
Available years: [2010, 9999]
Available frequencies ['daily' 'monthly']
Available variables: ['abs550aer', 'od550aer']
```

[3]: ['TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1\_SR6SA',

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```
'TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6NA',
'TM5-JRC-cy2-ipcc-v1_SR1',
'TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6EU',
'TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR6EA',
'TM5JRCCY2IPCCV1_SR1',
'TM5_B',
'TM5-V3.A2.HCA-0',
'TM5-V3.A2.HCA-IPCC',
'TM5-V3.A2.CTRL',
'TM5-V3.A2.PRE',
'TM5_AP3-INSITU',
'TM5_AP3-CTRL2016',
'TM5_AP3-CTRL2015',
'TM5_AP3-INSITU-TIER3',
'TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019',
'TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST']
```

```
[4]: model_id = 'TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST'
reader = pya.io.ReadGridded(model_id)
```

You can have a look at the individual files and corresponding metadata using the `file_info` attribute:

```
[5]: reader.file_info
```

```
[5]:   var_name  year  ts_type  vert_code      data_id name  meteo  \
0  abs550aer  2010   daily   Column  TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5  met2010
4  abs550aer  2010  monthly   Column  TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5  met2010
1  abs550aer  9999   daily   Column  TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5  met2010
2   od550aer  2010   daily   Column  TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5  met2010
3   od550aer  2010  monthly   Column  TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5

   experiment  perturbation  is_at_stations   3D  \
0         AP3      CTRL2019             False False
4         AP3      CTRL2019             False False
1         AP3      CTRL2019             False False
2         AP3      CTRL2019             False False
3         AP3      CTRL2016             False False

                                filename
0  aerocom3_TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_abs550aer_Co...
4  aerocom3_TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_abs550aer_Co...
1  aerocom3_TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_abs550aer_Co...
2  aerocom3_TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_od550aer_Col...
3  aerocom3_TM5_AP3-CTRL2016_od550aer_Column_2010...
```

You can also filter this attribute based on what you are interested in. E.g.:

```
[6]: files = reader.filter_files(var_name='od550aer')
files
```

```
[6]:   var_name  year  ts_type  vert_code      data_id name  meteo  \
2  od550aer  2010   daily   Column  TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5  met2010
3  od550aer  2010  monthly   Column  TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST  TM5
```

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```

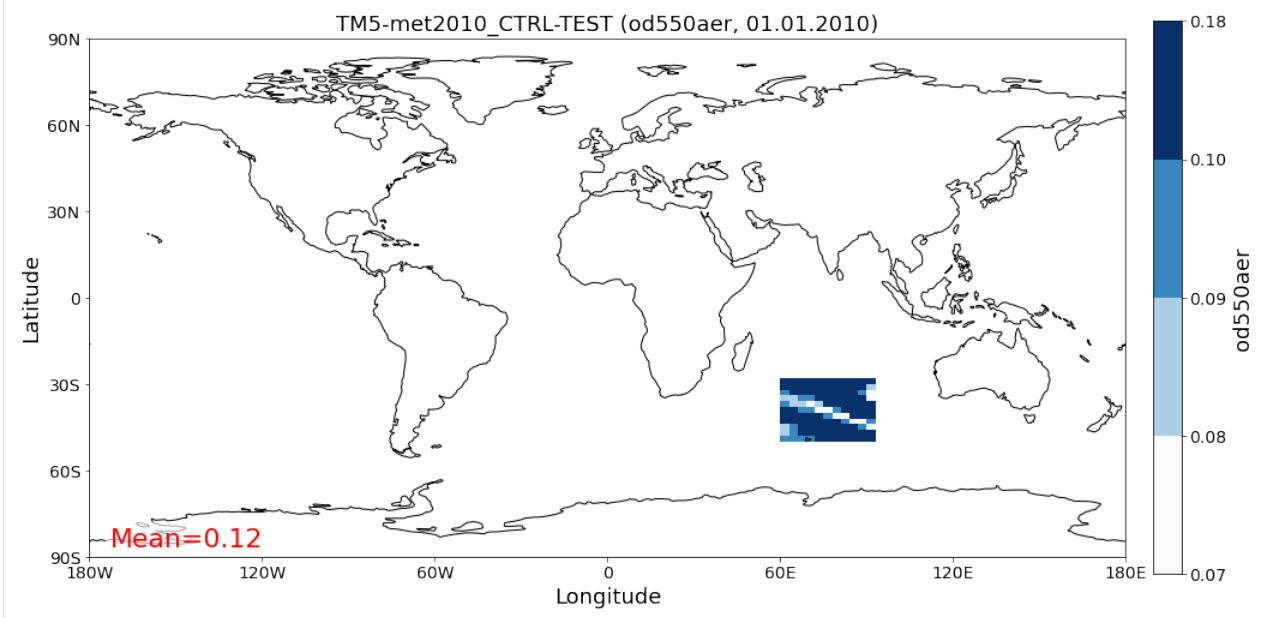
experiment perturbation is_at_stations 3D \
2          AP3          CTRL2019          False False
3          AP3          CTRL2016          False False

                                     filename
2  aerocom3_TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_od550aer_Col...
3  aerocom3_TM5_AP3-CTRL2016_od550aer_Column_2010...

```

```
[7]: od550aer = reader.read_var('od550aer')
```

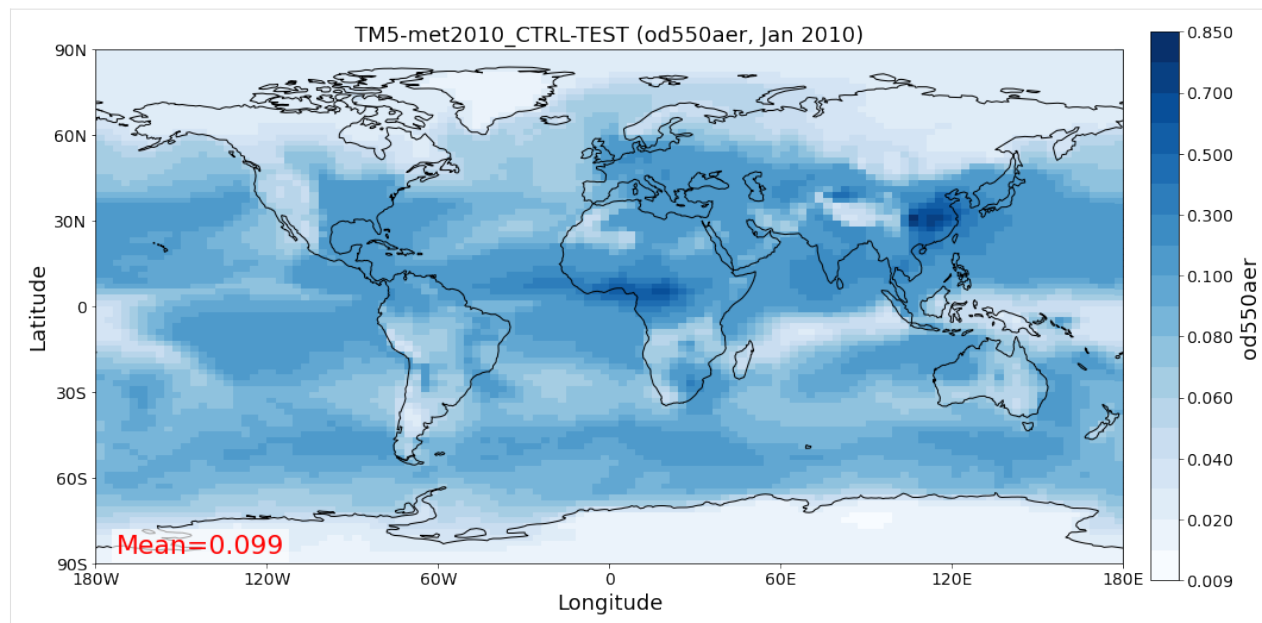
```
[8]: od550aer.quickplot_map();
```



Ups, this looks rather incomplete. The reason is that pyaerocom picked the available *daily* dataset, which is cropped in the *minimal* testdataset for storage purpose. Let's try monthly.

```
[9]: od550aer_tm5 = reader.read_var('od550aer', ts_type='monthly')
      od550aer_tm5.quickplot_map();
```

Rearranging longitude dimension from 0 -> 360 definition to -180 -> 180 definition



Looking better. You may wonder why only January is displayed here. This is because `quickplot_map` picks the first available timestamp in the dataset, you may specify that explicitly.

Under the hood `pyaerocom.GriddedData` is based on the `iris.Cube` object class ([iris library](#)) and features very similar functionality (and more).

The loaded Cube instance can be accessed via:

```
[10]: od550aer_tm5.cube
[10]: <iris 'Cube' of atmosphere_optical_thickness_due_to_ambient_aerosol / (1) (time: 12;
↳ latitude: 90; longitude: 120)>
```

If you have not heard of `xarray`, you should [check it out](#). If you have heard of it (or maybe even used it already) you may convert a `GriddedData` object to an `xarray.DataArray` via:

```
[11]: xarr = od550aer_tm5.to_xarray()
xarr
[11]: <xarray.DataArray 'od550aer' (time: 12, lat: 90, lon: 120)>
dask.array<filled, shape=(12, 90, 120), dtype=float32, chunksize=(12, 90, 61),
↳ chunktype=numpy.ndarray>
Coordinates:
  * time      (time) object 2010-01-15 12:00:00 ... 2010-12-15 12:00:00
  * lat       (lat) float64 -89.0 -87.0 -85.0 -83.0 -81.0 ... 83.0 85.0 87.0 89.0
  * lon       (lon) float64 -181.5 -178.5 -175.5 -172.5 ... 169.5 172.5 175.5
Attributes: (12/25)
  standard_name: atmosphere_optical_thickness_due_to_ambient_aerosol
  long_name:     Ambient Aerosol Optical Thickness at 550 nm
  institution:   Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, De Bilt, T...
  institute_id:  KNMI
  source:        TM5-mp: CTM ERA-Interim 3x2 34L
  model_id:      TM5
  ...           ...
  computed:      False
```

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```

concatenated:      False
meteo:
experiment:        AP3
perturbation:      CTRL2016
cell_methods:      longitude: latitude: point time: mean

```

Simply print the object.

```
[12]: print(od550aer)
```

```

pyaerocom.GriddedData: (od550aer, TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST)
atmosphere_optical_thickness_due_to_ambient_aerosol / (1) (time: 365; latitude: 11;
↳ longitude: 11)
  Dimension coordinates:
    time                                x          -          ↳
↳ -
    latitude                           -          x          ↳
↳ -
    longitude                           -          -          ↳
↳ x
  Attributes:
    Conventions: CF-1.6
    NCO: 4.7.2
    computed: False
    concatenated: False
    contact: Twan van Noije (noiije@knmi.nl)
    data_id: TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST
    experiment: AP3
    experiment_id: AP3-CTRL2019
    from_files: ['/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/modeldata/TM5-met2010_
↳ CTRL...
    history: Wed Jul  8 10:31:53 2020: ncks -d lat,20,30 -d lon,20,30 raw/aerocom3_
↳ TM5-met2010_AP3-CTRL2019_od550aer_Column_2010_daily.nc...
    institute_id: KNMI
    institution: Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, De Bilt, The
↳ Netherlands
    meteo: met2010
    model_id: TM5
    outliers_removed: False
    perturbation: CTRL2019
    project_id: AeroCom Phase 3
    reader: None
    references: Van Noije, T.P.C., et al. (Geosci. Model Dev., 7, 2435-2475, 2014);
↳ Bergman,...
    region: None
    regridded: False
    source: TM5-mp, r1058: CTM ERA-Interim 3x2 34L
    timedim-corrected: True
    title: TM5 model output prepared for AeroCom Phase 3
    ts_type: daily
    var_name_read: n/d
    vert_code: Column
  Cell methods:

```

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```
point: longitude, latitude
mean: time
```

Dimension coordinates can be simply accessed either using `[]` or `.` operator, e.g.

```
[13]: od550aer['latitude']
```

```
[13]: DimCoord(array([-49., -47., -45., -43., -41., -39., -37., -35., -33., -31., -29.]),
↳ bounds=array([[ -50., -48.],
    [-48., -46.],
    [-46., -44.],
    [-44., -42.],
    [-42., -40.],
    [-40., -38.],
    [-38., -36.],
    [-36., -34.],
    [-34., -32.],
    [-32., -30.],
    [-30., -28.])), standard_name='latitude', units=Unit('degrees'), long_name=
↳ 'Center coordinates for latitudes', var_name='lat')
```

```
[14]: od550aer.longitude
```

```
[14]: DimCoord(array([61.5, 64.5, 67.5, 70.5, 73.5, 76.5, 79.5, 82.5, 85.5, 88.5, 91.5]),
↳ bounds=array([[60., 63.],
    [63., 66.],
    [66., 69.],
    [69., 72.],
    [72., 75.],
    [75., 78.],
    [78., 81.],
    [81., 84.],
    [84., 87.],
    [87., 90.],
    [90., 93.])), standard_name='longitude', units=Unit('degrees'), long_name='Center
↳ coordinates for longitudes', var_name='lon')
```

They are instances of `iris.coords.DimCoords`, as defined in the underlying `Cube` instance used in the `GriddedData` object.

## Time stamps

Time stamps are represented as numerical values with respect to a reference date and frequency, according to the CF conventions. They can be accessed via the `time` attribute of the data class (if the data contains a time dimension).

```
[15]: od550aer_tm5.time
```

```
[15]: DimCoord(array([58454.5, 58484. , 58513.5, 58544. , 58574.5, 58605. , 58635.5,
    58666.5, 58697. , 58727.5, 58758. , 58788.5]), standard_name='time', units=Unit(
↳ 'days since 1850-01-01 00:00', calendar='julian'), long_name='Time', var_name='time')
```

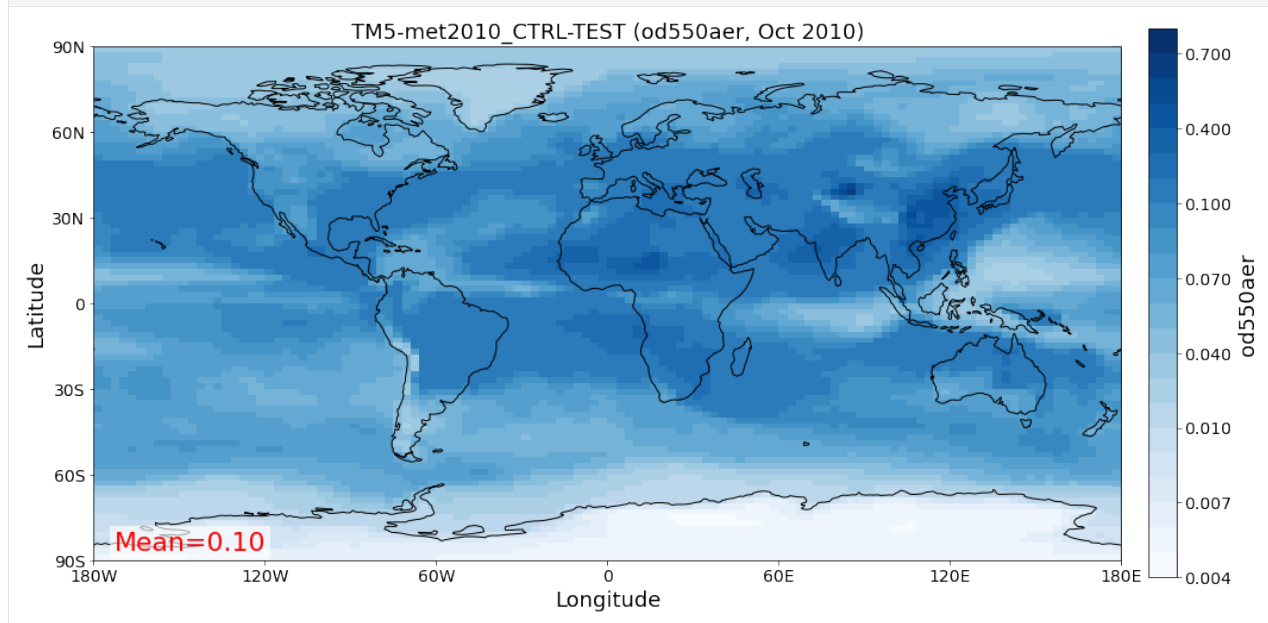
You may also want the time-stamps in the form of actual datetime-like objects. These can be computed using the `time_stamps()` method:

```
[16]: od550aer.time_stamps()[0:3]
```

```
[16]: array(['2010-01-01T00:00:00.000000', '2010-01-02T00:00:00.000000',
        '2010-01-03T00:00:00.000000'], dtype='datetime64[us]')
```

As introduced above, maps of individual time stamps can be plotted using the `quickplot_map` method. Above we used the default call, which chooses the first available timestamp. You may also specify which date you are interested in:

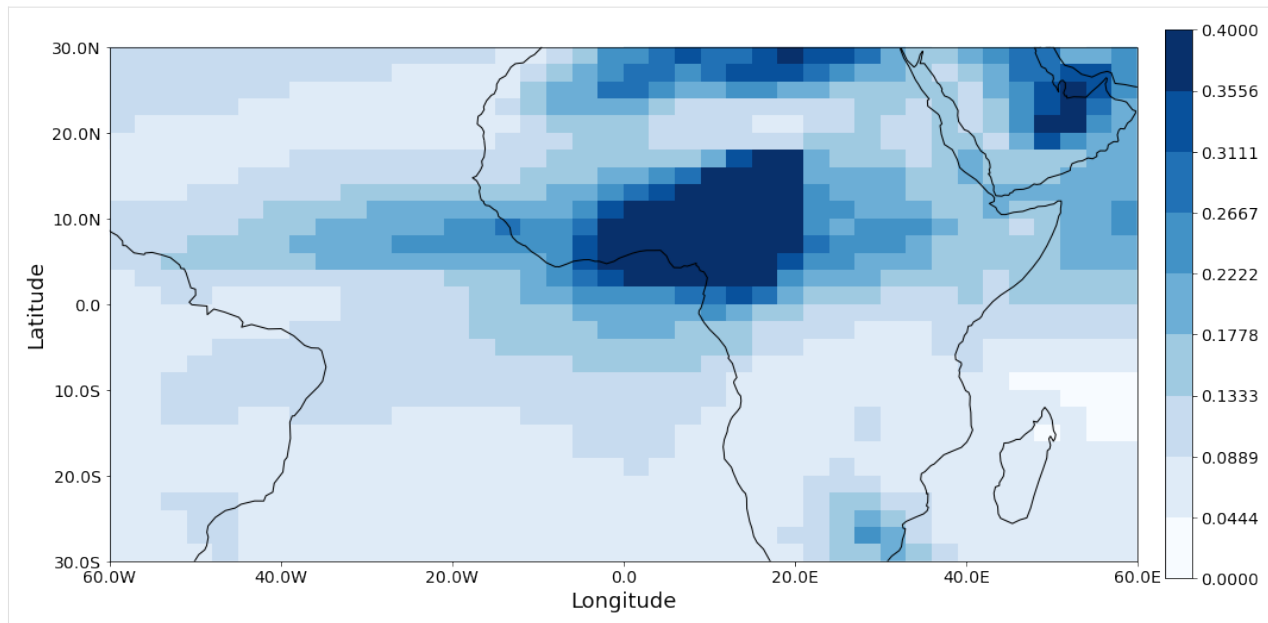
```
[17]: od550aer_tm5.quickplot_map('2010-10');
```



If you want more control on the input parameters of the map plotting function (e.g. color-binning, lower, upper limit, colorbar, etc.), you may use the underlying plot method (that is also used in `GriddedData.quickplot_map`, which is available at `pya.plot.mapping.plot_griddeddata_on_map` <[https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.plot.mapping.plot\\_griddeddata\\_on\\_map](https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.plot.mapping.plot_griddeddata_on_map)>`\_\_, e.g.:

```
[18]: pya.plot.mapping.plot_griddeddata_on_map(od550aer_tm5[1], xlim=(-60, 60), ylim=(-30, 30),
        ↪ vmin=0, vmax=0.4, log_scale=False);
```

```
/home/jonasg/github/pya/pyaerocom/pyaerocom/mathutils.py:396: RuntimeWarning: divide by_
↪ zero encountered in log10
    return np.floor(np.log10(abs(np.asarray(num))))).astype(int)
```



Regional filtering can be performed using the [Filter](#) class.

### Rectangular regions

An overview of rectangular AeroCom default regions can be accessed via:

```
[19]: print(pya.const.OLD_AEROCOM_REGIONS)

['WORLD', 'ASIA', 'AUSTRALIA', 'CHINA', 'EUROPE', 'INDIA', 'NAFRICA', 'SAFRICA',
 → 'SAMERICA', 'NAMERICA']
```

Let's choose north Africa as an example. Create instance of Filter class:

```
[20]: f = pya.Filter('NAFRICA')
```

You can print its region attribute to see the edges:

```
[21]: print(f.region)

pyaeorocom Region
Name: NAFRICA
Longitude range: [-17, 50]
Latitude range: [0, 40]
Longitude range (plots): [-17, 50]
Latitude range (plots): [0, 40]
```

Now apply to the model data object:

```
[22]: od550aer_nafrica = f(od550aer_tm5)
```

Compare shapes:

```
[23]: od550aer_nafrica
```

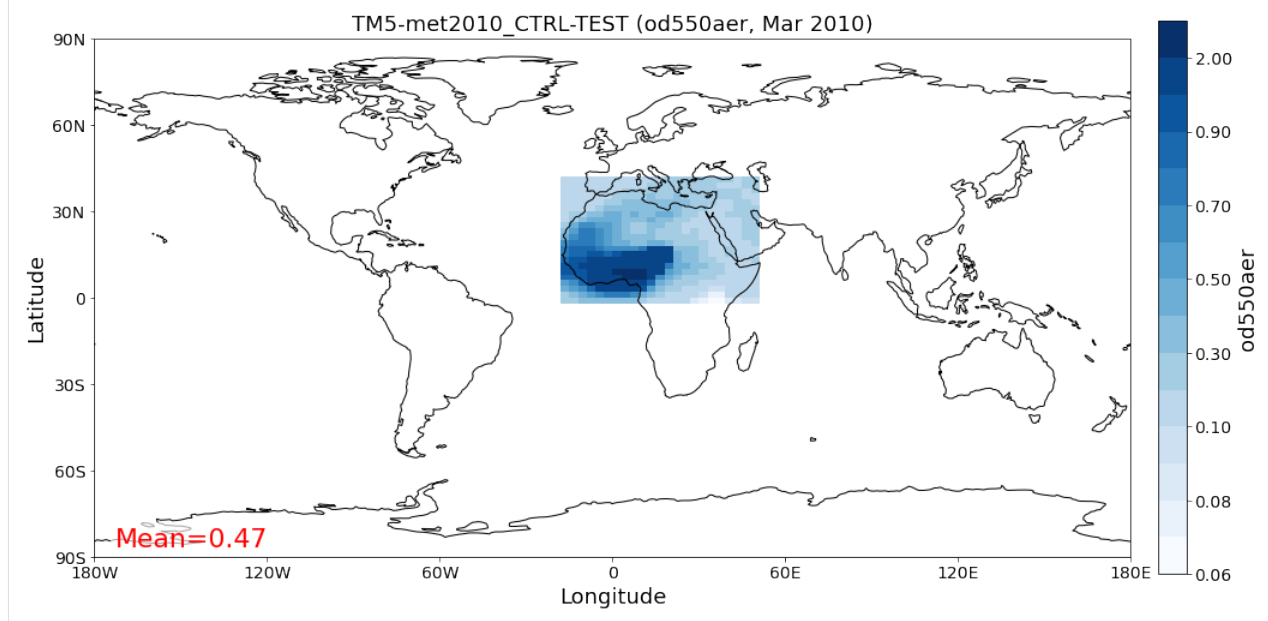
```
[23]: pyaerocom.GriddedData: (od550aer, TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST)
<iris 'Cube' of atmosphere_optical_thickness_due_to_ambient_aerosol / (1) (time: 12;
↳ latitude: 22; longitude: 23)>
```

```
[24]: od550aer_tm5
```

```
[24]: pyaerocom.GriddedData: (od550aer, TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST)
<iris 'Cube' of atmosphere_optical_thickness_due_to_ambient_aerosol / (1) (time: 12;
↳ latitude: 90; longitude: 120)>
```

As you can see, the filtered object is reduced in the longitude and latitude dimension. Let's have a look:

```
[25]: od550aer_nafrica.quickplot_map('March 2010');
```



## Binary region masks

Available [HTAP](#) binary filter masks can be accessed via:

```
[26]: print(pya.const.HTAP_REGIONS)

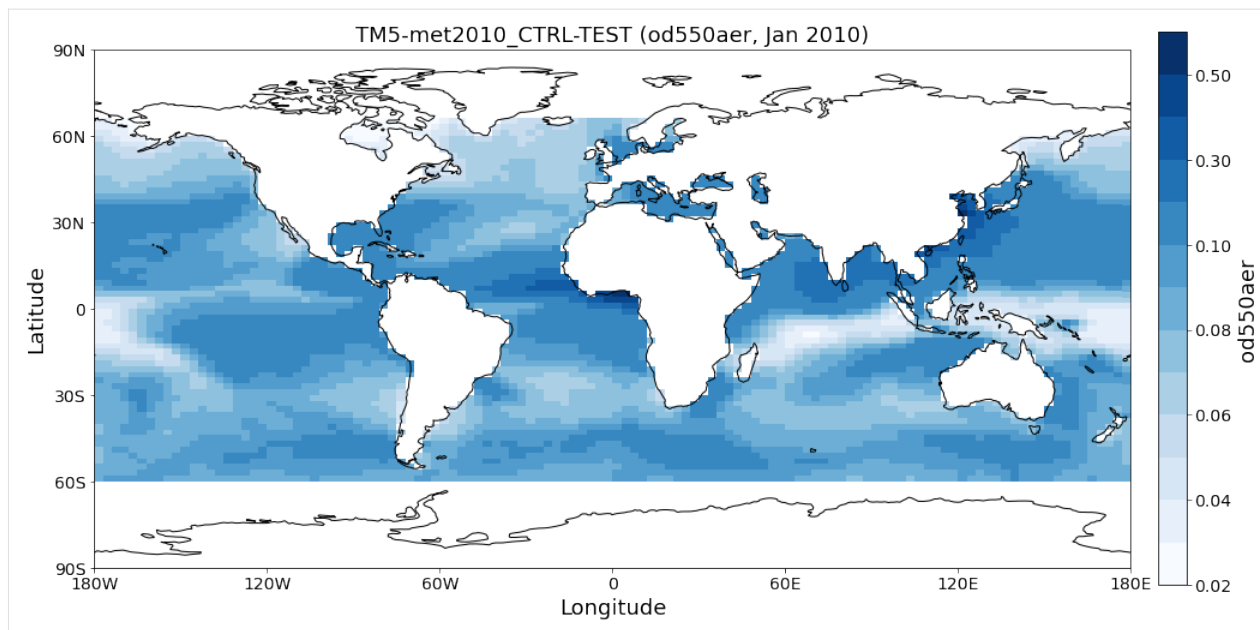
['PAN', 'EAS', 'NAF', 'MDE', 'LAND', 'SAS', 'SPO', 'OCN', 'SEA', 'RBU', 'EEUROPE', 'NAM',
↳ 'WEUROPE', 'SAF', 'USA', 'SAM', 'EUR', 'NPO', 'MCA']
```

And they are handled in the same way as the rectangular regions:

```
[27]: pya.Filter('OCN')(od550aer_tm5).quickplot_map();

Failed to compute / add area weighted mean. Reason: ValueError('Format specifier missing.
↳ precision')
```





As you can see the provided HTAP region masks are only valid within 60°S to 60°N.

### Filtering of time

Filtering of time is not included in the Filter class (which only allows for regional filtering) but can be easily performed from the GriddedData object directly. If you know the indices of the time stamps you want to crop, you can simply use numpy indexing syntax (remember that we have a 3D array containing time, latitude and longitude).

Let's say we are interested in the (northern hemispheric) summer months of June to September.

Since the time dimension corresponds the first index in the 3D data (time, lat, lon), and since we know, that we have monthly 2010 data (see above), we may use:

```
[28]: od550aer_summer = od550aer_tm5[5:8]
      od550aer_summer.time_stamps()

[28]: array(['2010-06-15T00:00:00.000000', '2010-07-15T12:00:00.000000',
            '2010-08-15T12:00:00.000000'], dtype='datetime64[us]')
```

However, this methodology might not always be handy (imagine you have a 10 year dataset of 3hourly sampled data and want to extract three months in the 6th year ...). In that case, you can perform the cropping using the actual timestamps:

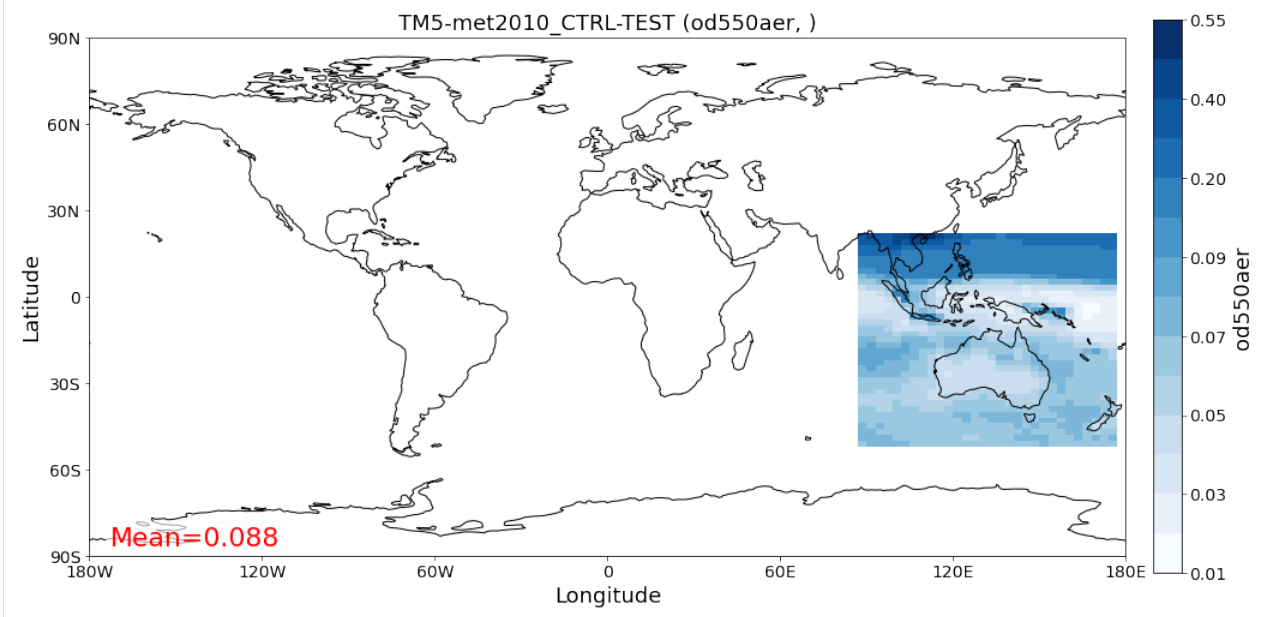
```
[29]: od550aer_tm5.crop(time_range=('6-2010', '9-2010')).time_stamps()

[29]: array(['2010-06-15T00:00:00.000000', '2010-07-15T12:00:00.000000',
            '2010-08-15T12:00:00.000000'], dtype='datetime64[us]')
```

## Data selection over multiple dimensions

Inspired by the `xarray.DataArray.sel` method, a similar method was implemented in `GriddedData`:

```
[30]: od550aer_tm5.sel(time='April 2010', longitude=(90, 179), latitude=(-50, 20)).quickplot_
      ↪map();
```



**NOTE:** Before release of version 0.10.0, there was a [bug](#) that led to a crash if a time range (i.e. `time=(start, stop)`) was passed into the `sel` method.

You may regrid `GriddedData` using the `regrid` method (for regional regridding) or the `resample_time` method (for temporal resampling). Like already done above, the calls may be combined, e.g.:

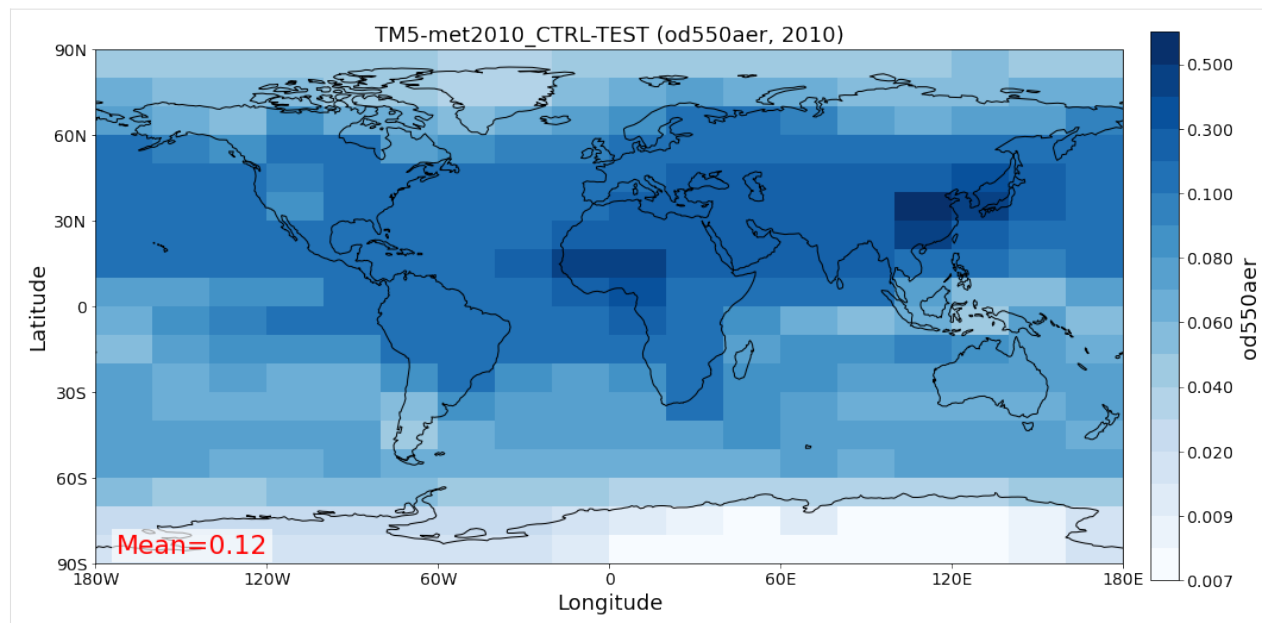
```
[31]: lowres = od550aer_tm5.regrid(lat_res_deg=10, lon_res_deg=20).resample_time('yearly')
      lowres
```

```
[31]: pyaerocom.GriddedData: (od550aer, TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST)
      <iris 'Cube' of od550aer / (1) (time: 1; latitude: 18; longitude: 18)>
```

As you can see, the time dimension only has one entry, as expected, as the data only contains 2010 timestamps and we computed a yearly average, lat and lon dimensions are also reduced, accordingly.

```
[32]: lowres.quickplot_map();
```

```
/home/jonasg/miniconda3/envs/pyadev/lib/python3.9/site-packages/iris/coords.py:1784:
  ↪UserWarning: Coordinate 'longitude' is not bounded, guessing contiguous bounds.
    warnings.warn(
/home/jonasg/miniconda3/envs/pyadev/lib/python3.9/site-packages/iris/coords.py:1784:
  ↪UserWarning: Coordinate 'latitude' is not bounded, guessing contiguous bounds.
    warnings.warn(
```



### Regional averaging

The actual cell sizes of latitude and longitude coordinates vary, dependent on where you are, that is, they are largest close to the equator, and smallest near the poles. When computing a regional average, this needs to be considered (i.e. values need to be weighted by their actual cell size). This is *area weighted regridding* is implemented in the iris library and is used by default in GriddedData, for instance, when calling:

```
[33]: od550aer_tm5.mean()
```

```
[33]: 0.11864813532841474
```

You may specify if you do not want to use area weighting:

```
[34]: od550aer_tm5.mean(areaweighted=False)
```

```
[34]: 0.09825691
```

Makes quite a difference, doesn't it?

Time-series at individual coordinates can be extracted from a GriddedData object via:

```
[35]: ts_data = od550aer_tm5.to_time_series(latitude=60, longitude=11)
ts_data
```

```
[35]: [StationData: {'dtime': [], 'var_info': BrowseDict: {'od550aer': {'units': Unit('1')}}},
      ↳ 'station_coords': {'latitude': None, 'longitude': None, 'altitude': None}, 'data_err':
      ↳ BrowseDict: {}, 'overlap': BrowseDict: {}, 'numobs': BrowseDict: {}, 'data_flagged':
      ↳ BrowseDict: {}, 'filename': None, 'station_id': None, 'station_name': None,
      ↳ 'instrument_name': None, 'PI': None, 'country': None, 'country_code': None, 'ts_type':
      ↳ 'monthly', 'latitude': 61.0, 'longitude': 10.5, 'altitude': nan, 'data_id': 'TM5-
      ↳ met2010_CTRL-TEST', 'dataset_name': None, 'data_product': None, 'data_version': None,
      ↳ 'data_level': None, 'framework': None, 'instr_vert_loc': None, 'revision_date': None,
      ↳ 'website': None, 'ts_type_src': None, 'stat_merge_pref_attr': None, 'od550aer': 2010-
      ↳ 01-15 12:00:00    0.049607
```

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```

2010-02-14 00:00:00    0.061162
2010-03-15 12:00:00    0.069986
2010-04-15 00:00:00    0.097556
2010-05-15 12:00:00    0.103770
2010-06-15 00:00:00    0.107482
2010-07-15 12:00:00    0.146354
2010-08-15 12:00:00    0.145518
2010-09-15 00:00:00    0.078066
2010-10-15 12:00:00    0.077722
2010-11-15 00:00:00    0.037447
2010-12-15 12:00:00    0.039024
dtype: float32}]

```

As you can see from the output, the return value of this method is a list, that contains *one* `pyaerocom.StationData` object. The reason why this method returns a list is because it is usually called with many input coordinates (e.g. all site locations of an observation network), and thus, returns a list of `StationData` objects, one for each input coordinate.

The `StationData` object is basically a dictionary-like object with some extra functionality.

```
[36]: station = ts_data[0]
```

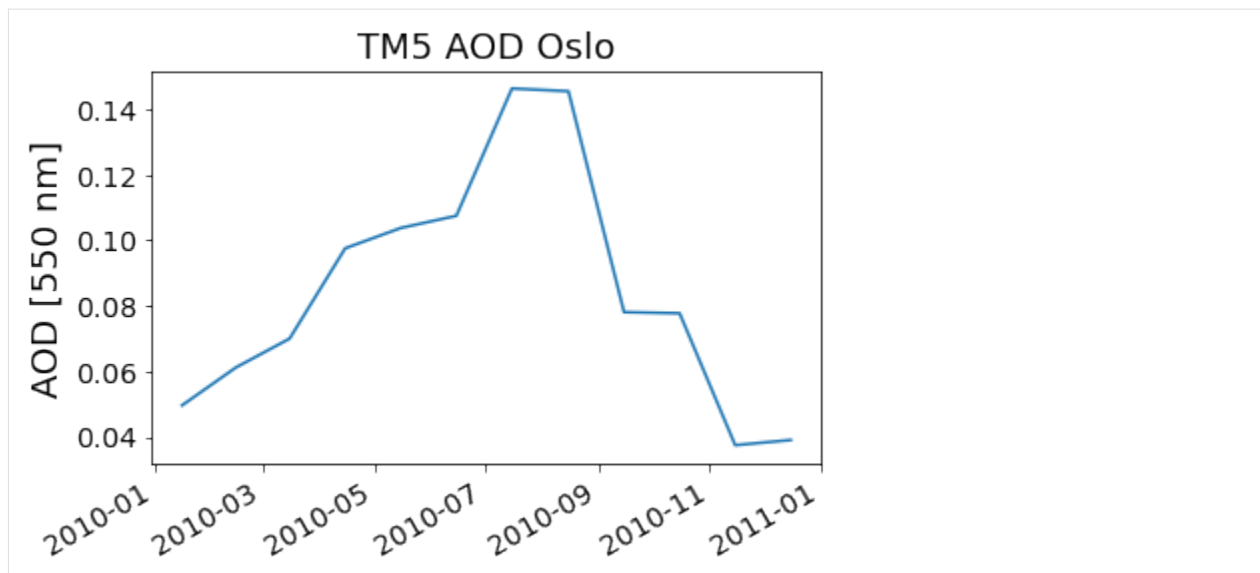
The actual time-series is a `pandas.Series` object and can be accessed through the variable name (remember, `GriddedData` instances are single variable).

```
[37]: ts = station['od550aer']
      ts
```

```
[37]: 2010-01-15 12:00:00    0.049607
      2010-02-14 00:00:00    0.061162
      2010-03-15 12:00:00    0.069986
      2010-04-15 00:00:00    0.097556
      2010-05-15 12:00:00    0.103770
      2010-06-15 00:00:00    0.107482
      2010-07-15 12:00:00    0.146354
      2010-08-15 12:00:00    0.145518
      2010-09-15 00:00:00    0.078066
      2010-10-15 12:00:00    0.077722
      2010-11-15 00:00:00    0.037447
      2010-12-15 12:00:00    0.039024
      dtype: float32

```

```
[38]: ax = ts.plot()
      ax.set_title('TM5 AOD Oslo')
      ax.set_ylabel('AOD [550 nm]');
```



Let's have a closer look at the observations. After all, the main purpose of the AeroCom initiative is to compare models with observations. As we shall see below, the just introduced `StationData` object will play a key role when bringing *gridded* model data (`GriddedData`) together with *ungridded* observational data, such as measurements of a certain variable at a given site location.

In the following section the reading of ungridded data is illustrated based on the example of AERONET version 3 (level 2) data.

### Observational data: Reading of and working with ungridded data

This section provides brief introductions into the following `pyaerocom` classes and architectures:

- ``pya.io.ReadUngridded`` <<https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.io.readungridded.ReadUngridded>>`\_\_
- ``pya.UngriddedData`` <<https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.ungriddeddata.UngriddedData>>`\_\_
- ``pya.StationData`` <<https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.stationdata.StationData>>`\_\_

### Primer on observational data

Other than model data, which can be provided as a gridded object over a certain domain (e.g. latitude, longitude, time) and in that, can be considered **fully sampled**, observational data is usually **sparsely** sampled in space and time.

That is, consider a network of observations of a certain variable (e.g. `od550aer`, or AOD), with many different site locations around the globe. Each of these sites is measuring the variable at that exact location, and the whole network of sites makes a point cloud of site locations in the latitude, longitude domain. In addition, since these are real world measurements, the temporal sampling itself between the different sites is not synchronised, that is, each site is measuring independently of any other site.

For instance, the [AERONET](#) network is a global network of sun photometer measurements, that can measure the AOD at several wavelengths based on measurements of the solar irradiance. Thus, at the least, these measurements require 2 things:

1. Daylight
2. A clear sky

Thus, it is needless to say, that a site in Antarctica cannot measure at the same time as a site in Ny-Ålesund (actually, that is also not strictly true, as AERONET now also provides AOD measurements based on the lunar irradiance, but I hope you got the point anyways).

This should illustrate, that it is more difficult to define a *harmonised* and yet, flexible data format for such observational databases. In pyaerocom, the `UngriddedData` object is designed for such point cloud data and typically holds the data belonging to a whole observation network, that is:

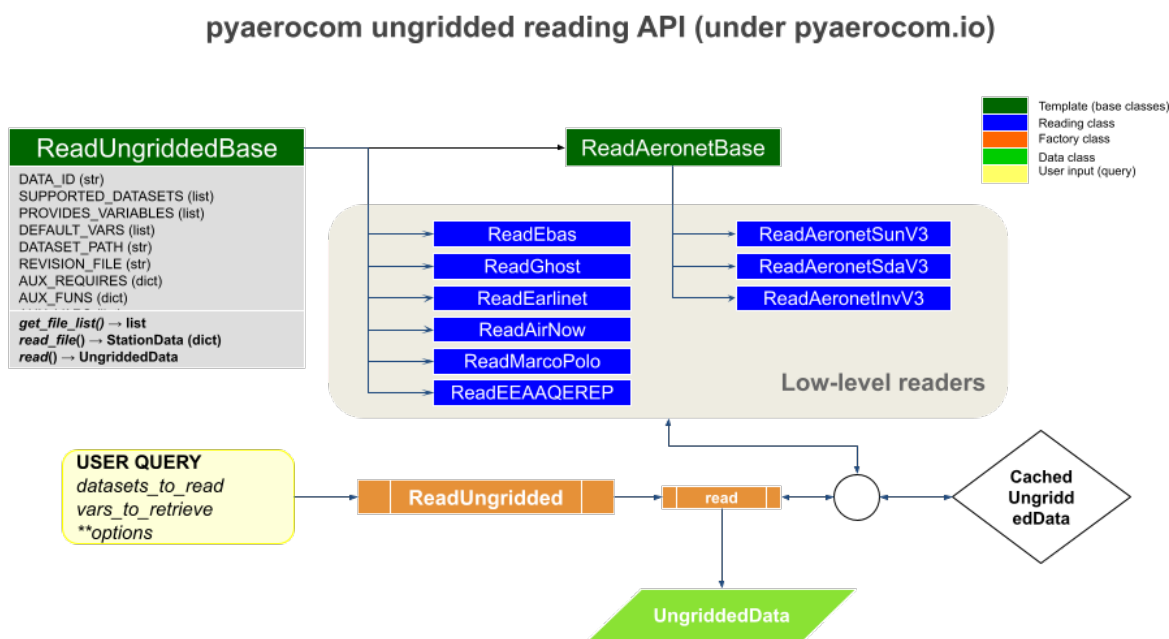
**The ``UngriddedData`` object can be considered a point-cloud-like dataobject that holds individual time-series from many locations around the globe and the associated metadata for each site and measurement**

Moreover, since observational data typically comes from many different observation networks, the formats in which these data are stored typically vary from network to network, which makes it harder to read the data, compared to model data which typically comes as NetCDF file and these days, most often follow some metadata conventions such as the [CF conventions](#).

Data from the AERONET network (that is introduced in the following), for instance, is provided in the form of column separated text files per measurement station, where columns correspond to different variables and data rows to individual time stamps.

As a result, custom reading routines for individual observation networks need to be implemented, and pyaerocom provides reading support for many commonly used observational databases such as [AERONET](#), or the [EBAS](#) or [EARLINET](#) data.

The basic workflow for reading of ungridded data, such as Aeronet data, is very similar to the reading of gridded data (comprising a reading class that handles a query and returns a data class, here `UngriddedData`). However, under the hood, the implementation is a little more complicated, as there are reading classes for each supported network, as illustrated in the following flowchart:



The actual classes handling the reading of data (for a given dataset) are indicated in blue. The orange `ReadUngridded` class is a factory class, that knows about the blue reading classes via a unique ID (similar to the gridded reading). Thus, as indicated, as a user, you do not need to know which exact reading class you need, you just need the ID and `ReadUngridded` will know which (blue) reader to use. To summarise, what you need for reading an ungridded dataset is:

1. A path where the actual datafiles are located
2. An unique ID, that links that path with a name
3. A reader that can read the class

The first 2 points are available via:

[39]: `pya.const.OBSLOCS_UNGRIDDED`

```
[39]: OrderedDict([('AeronetSunV2Lev1.5.daily', '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/'),
                  ('AeronetSun_2.0_NRT',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunNRT'),
                  ('AeronetSunV2Lev2.daily',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetRaw2.0/
↳renamed'),
                  ('AeronetSunV2Lev2.AP',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSun2.
↳0AllPoints/renamed'),
                  ('AeronetSDAV2Lev2.daily',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSun2.0.SDA.
↳daily/renamed'),
                  ('AeronetSDAV2Lev2.AP',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSun2.0.SDA.
↳AP/renamed'),
                  ('AeronetInvV2Lev1.5.daily',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/Aeronet.Inv.V2L1.
↳5.daily/renamed'),
                  ('AeronetInvV2Lev1.5.AP',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/'),
                  ('AeronetInvV2Lev2.daily',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/Aeronet.Inv.V2L2.
↳0.daily/renamed'),
                  ('AeronetInvV2Lev2.AP',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/'),
                  ('AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.daily',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev1.
↳5.daily/renamed'),
                  ('AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.AP',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev1.
↳5.AP/renamed'),
                  ('AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev2.
↳0.daily/renamed'),
                  ('AeronetSunV3Lev2.AP',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev2.
↳0.AP/renamed'),
                  ('AeronetSDAV3Lev1.5.daily',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/Aeronet.SDA.V3L1.
↳5.daily/renamed'),
                  ('AeronetSDAV3Lev1.5.AP',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/'),
                  ('AeronetSDAV3Lev2.daily',
                   '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/Aeronet.SDA.V3L2.
↳0.daily/renamed'),
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        ('AeronetSDAV3Lev2.AP',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/'),
        ('AeronetInvV3Lev1.5.daily',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/Aeronet.Inv.V3L1.
↪5.daily/renamed'),
        ('AeronetInvV3Lev2.daily',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/Aeronet.Inv.V3L2.
↪0.daily/renamed'),
        ('EBASMC',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/EBASMultiColumn/
↪data'),
        ('EEAAQeRep',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/EEA_AQeRep/renamed
↪'),
        ('EARLINET',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/Export/Earlinet/
↪CAMS/data'),
        ('GAWTADsubsetAasEtAl',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/PYAEROCOM/
↪GAWTADSulphurSubset/data'),
        ('DMS_AMS_CVO',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/PYAEROCOM/DMS_AMS_
↪CVO/data'),
        ('GHOST.EEA.daily',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/GHOST/data/EEA_AQ_
↪eReporting/daily'),
        ('GHOST.EEA.hourly',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/GHOST/data/EEA_AQ_
↪eReporting/hourly'),
        ('GHOST.EEA.monthly',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/GHOST/data/EEA_AQ_
↪eReporting/monthly'),
        ('GHOST.EBAS.daily',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/GHOST/data/EBAS/
↪daily'),
        ('GHOST.EBAS.hourly',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/GHOST/data/EBAS/
↪hourly'),
        ('GHOST.EBAS.monthly',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/GHOST/data/EBAS/
↪monthly'),
        ('EEAAQeRep.NRT',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/EEA_AQeRep.NRT/
↪renamed/'),
        ('EEAAQeRep.v2',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/EEA_AQeRep.v2/
↪renamed/'),
        ('AirNow',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/MACC_INSITU_AirNow
↪'),
        ('MarcoPolo',
         '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/CHINA_MP_NRT'),

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```

        ('AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily',
         '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily/
↪renamed'),
        ('AeronetSDAV3L2Subset.daily',
         '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/AeronetSDAV3Lev2.daily/
↪renamed'),
        ('AeronetInvV3L2Subset.daily',
         '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/AeronetInvV3Lev2.daily/
↪renamed'),
        ('EBASSubset',
         '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/EBASMultiColumn'),
        ('AirNowSubset',
         '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/AirNowSubset'),
        ('G.EEA.daily.Subset',
         '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/GHOST/data/EEA_AQ_
↪eReporting/daily'),
        ('G.EEA.hourly.Subset',
         '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/GHOST/data/EEA_AQ_
↪eReporting/hourly'),
        ('G.EBAS.daily.Subset',
         '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/GHOST/data/EBAS/daily'),
        ('G.EBAS.hourly.Subset',
         '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/GHOST/data/EBAS/hourly
↪'))

```

And the reader classes that are supposed to be used for each of these IDs is provided in the `ReadUngridded` class header:

[40]: `pya.io.ReadUngridded.SUPPORTED_READERS`

[40]: `[pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_invv3.ReadAeronetInvV3,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_invv2.ReadAeronetInvV2,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sdav2.ReadAeronetSdaV2,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sdav3.ReadAeronetSdaV3,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sunv2.ReadAeronetSunV2,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sunv3.ReadAeronetSunV3,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_earlinet.ReadEarlinet,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_ebas.ReadEbas,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_gaw.ReadGAW,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_aasetal.ReadAasEtal,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_ghost.ReadGhost,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_airnow.ReadAirNow,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_marcopolo.ReadMarcoPolo,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_eea_aqerep.ReadEEAAQEREP,`  
`pyaerocom.io.read_eea_aqerep_v2.ReadEEAAQEREP_V2]`

The link between ID (keys of `const.OBSLOCS_UNGRIDDED`) and reader is available in the actual readers themselves, e.g.:

[41]: `pya.io.read_aeronet_sunv3.ReadAeronetSunV3.SUPPORTED_DATASETS`

[41]: `['AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.daily',`  
`'AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.AP',`

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```
'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily',  
'AeronetSunV3Lev2.AP',  
'AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily']
```

But these are details that you usually do not need to worry about. If you want to register a new observation dataset, you need the 3 points specified above and can add it via:

```
[42]: aeronet_sun_datadir = f'{pya.const.OUTPUTDIR}/testdata-minimal/obsdata/AeronetSunV3Lev2.  
↪daily/renamed'  
pya.const.add_ungridded_obs(obs_id='Bla',  
                           data_dir=aeronet_sun_datadir,  
                           reader=pya.io.read_aeronet_sunv3.ReadAeronetSunV3)
```

Now, we basically have 2 names for the same dataset:

```
[43]: pya.io.read_aeronet_sunv3.ReadAeronetSunV3.SUPPORTED_DATASETS
```

```
[43]: ['AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.daily',  
       'AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.AP',  
       'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily',  
       'AeronetSunV3Lev2.AP',  
       'AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily',  
       'Bla']
```

That is, the data under the above directory is now accessible via 2 IDs: `Bla` and `AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily`.

Before continuing with the reading of observational data, some things need to be said related to the caching of `UngriddedData` objects.

### Caching of UngriddedData

Reading of ungridded data is often rather time-consuming. Therefore, `pyaerocom` uses a caching strategy that stores loaded instances of the `UngriddedData` class as pickle files in a cache directory (illustrated in the flowchart shown above). The location of the cache directory can be accessed via:

```
[44]: pya.const.CACHEDIR
```

```
[44]: '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/_cache/jonasg'
```

You may change this directory if required.

```
[45]: f'Caching is active? {pya.const.CACHING}'
```

```
[45]: 'Caching is active? True'
```

## Deactivate / Activate caching

```
[46]: pya.const.CACHING = False
```

```
[47]: pya.const.CACHING = True
```

**Note:** if caching is active, make sure you have enough disk quota or change location where the cache files are stored.

## Read Aeronet Sun v3 level 2 data

As illustrated in the flowchart above, ungridded observation data can be imported using the `ReadUngridded` class. Like for the model data, observation datasets can be searched as follows:

```
[48]: pya.browse_database('Aeronet*');
```

Found more than 20 matches for input pattern Aeronet\*:

```
Matches: ['AeronetSunV2Lev1.5.daily', 'AeronetSun_2.0_NRT', 'AeronetSunV2Lev2.daily',
↪ 'AeronetSunV2Lev2.AP', 'AeronetSDAV2Lev2.daily', 'AeronetInvV2Lev1.5.daily',
↪ 'AeronetInvV2Lev1.5.AP', 'AeronetInvV2Lev2.daily', 'AeronetInvV2Lev2.AP',
↪ 'AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.daily', 'AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.AP', 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily',
↪ 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.AP', 'AeronetSDAV3Lev1.5.daily', 'AeronetSDAV3Lev1.5.AP',
↪ 'AeronetSDAV3Lev2.daily', 'AeronetSDAV3Lev2.AP', 'AeronetInvV3Lev1.5.daily',
↪ 'AeronetInvV3Lev2.daily', 'AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily', 'AeronetSDAV3L2Subset.daily',
↪ 'AeronetInvV3L2Subset.daily', 'AERONET_TESTBED-SK']
```

To receive more detailed information, please specify search ID more accurately

The search routine found 3 matches for the 3 different AERONET data products: Sun, SDA, and Inv (inversion). You may read more about the different products at the [AERONET website](#).

Let's continue with the "Sun" product (AERONET Direct Sun algorithm). As you can see from the output above, this dataset contains daily averages, which is convenient to use for model evaluation.

```
[49]: obs_id = 'AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily'
```

```
[50]: obs_reader = pya.io.ReadUngridded(obs_id)
print(obs_reader)
```

```
Dataset name: AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily
Data directory: /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily/
↪ renamed
Supported variables: ['od340aer', 'od440aer', 'od500aer', 'od870aer', 'ang4487aer',
↪ 'ang44&87aer', 'od550aer']
Last revision: n/d
```

Let's read the data (you can read a single or multiple variables at the same time). For now, we only read the AOD at 550 nm:

```
[51]: od550aer_aeronet = obs_reader.read(vars_to_retrieve='od550aer')
od550aer_aeronet
```

```
[51]: UngriddedData <networks: ['AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily']; vars: ['od550aer']; instruments:
      ↪ ['sun_photometer']; No. of metadata units: 22
```

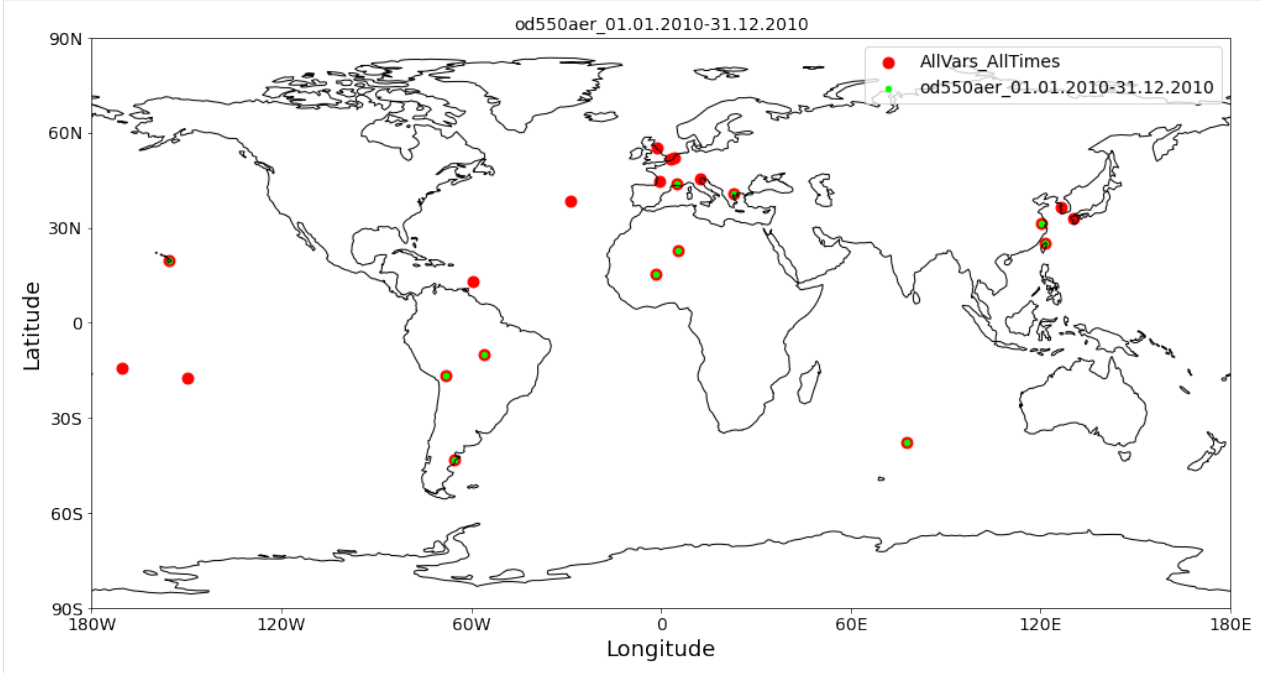
As you can see, the data object is of type `UngriddedData`. Other than `GriddedData`, `UngriddedData` can hold an arbitrary number of variables, and even networks. The number of metadata units indicates the number of data files that have been read.

### Plot all station coordinates

To get an overview, you can plot all site coordinates contained in the dataset. You can also plot multiple times into the same map with different input criteria. For instance, below we first plot all site locations available in the data (in red), and then, on top of it, in green, we plot sites that contain data in 2010.

```
[52]: ax = od550aer_aeronet.plot_station_coordinates(markersize=80)
      od550aer_aeronet.plot_station_coordinates(color='lime', var_name='od550aer', start=2010,
      ↪ stop=2011, markersize=20, ax=ax)
```

```
[52]: <GeoAxes:title={'center': 'od550aer_01.01.2010-31.12.2010'}, xlabel='Longitude', ylabel=
      ↪ 'Latitude'>
```



### Access of individual stations

For intercomparison with model data, we are interested in time-series from individual sites. You can check out all existing site-location names via:

```
[53]: od550aer_aeronet.unique_station_names
```

```
[53]: ['AAOT',
      'ARIAKE_TOWER',
      'Agoufou',
      'Alta_Floresta',
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```
'American_Samoa',
'Amsterdam_Island',
'Anmyon',
'Avignon',
'Azores',
'BORDEAUX',
'Barbados',
'Blyth_NOAH',
'La_Paz',
'Mauna_Loa',
'Tahiti',
'Taihu',
'Taipei_CWB',
'Tamanrasset_INM',
'The_Hague',
'Thessaloniki',
'Thornton_C-power',
'Trelew']
```

To access individual site location data as `StationData` you can simply do:

```
[54]: station_data = od550aer_aeronet['La_Paz'] # this is fully equivalent with aeronet_data.
      ↪ to_station_data('Leipzig')
      station_data

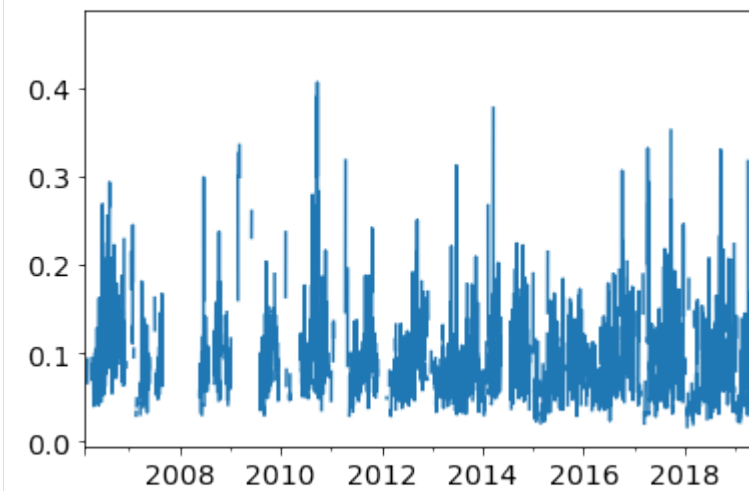
[54]: StationData: {'dtime': array(['2006-02-18T00:00:00.000000000', '2006-02-19T00:00:00.
      ↪ 000000000',
      ↪ '2006-02-20T00:00:00.000000000', ...,
      ↪ '2019-05-24T00:00:00.000000000', '2019-05-25T00:00:00.000000000',
      ↪ '2019-05-26T00:00:00.000000000'], dtype='datetime64[ns]'), 'var_info': BrowseDict:
      ↪ {'od550aer': OrderedDict([('units', '1'), ('overlap', False), ('ts_type', 'daily'), (
      ↪ 'min_num_obs', None), ('how', 'mean')])}, 'station_coords': {'latitude': -16.
      ↪ 538999999999998, 'longitude': -68.066467, 'altitude': 3439.0}, 'data_err': BrowseDict:
      ↪ {}, 'overlap': BrowseDict: {}, 'numobs': BrowseDict: {}, 'data_flagged': BrowseDict: {}
      ↪, 'filename': '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/testdata-minimal/obsdata/AeronetSunV3Lev2.
      ↪ daily/renamed/La_Paz.lev30', 'station_id': None, 'station_name': 'La_Paz', 'instrument_
      ↪ name': 'sun_photometer', 'PI': 'Brent_Holben', 'country': None, 'country_code': None,
      ↪ 'ts_type': 'daily', 'latitude': -16.538999999999998, 'longitude': -68.066467, 'altitude
      ↪ ': 3439.0, 'data_id': 'AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily', 'dataset_name': None, 'data_product
      ↪ ': None, 'data_version': None, 'data_level': None, 'framework': None, 'instr_vert_loc':
      ↪ None, 'revision_date': None, 'website': None, 'ts_type_src': 'daily', 'stat_merge_
      ↪ pref_attr': None, 'data_revision': 'n/d', 'od550aer': 2006-02-18    0.087568
2006-02-19      NaN
2006-02-20      NaN
2006-02-21      NaN
2006-02-22    0.101807
      ...
2019-05-22      NaN
2019-05-23    0.059489
2019-05-24    0.049292
2019-05-25    0.074172
2019-05-26    0.060137
Freq: D, Length: 4846, dtype: float64}
```

As you can see, the returned object is of type `StationData` which has been introduced above (remember, we extracted a time series from the TM5 model for the location of Oslo).

As mentioned above, it can be used like a dictionary, and the variable time-series can be accessed via:

```
[55]: station_data['od550aer'].plot()
```

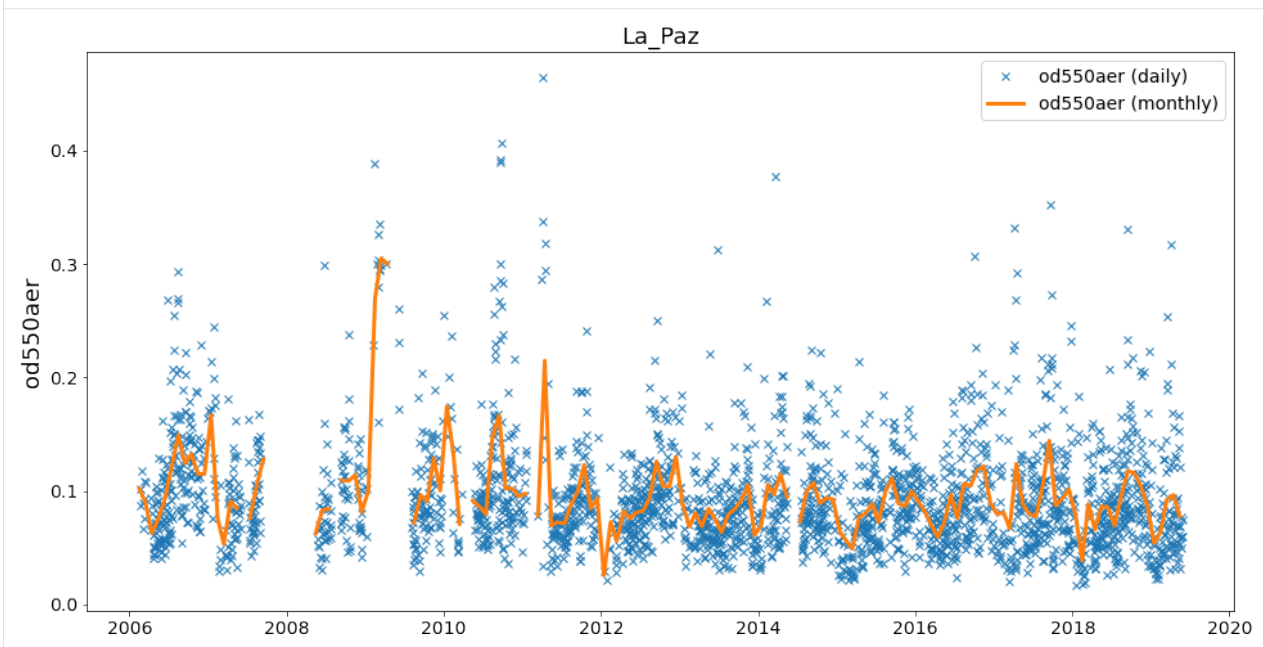
```
[55]: <AxesSubplot:>
```



You may also plot directly from the `StationData` object (and do some more other hopefully self-explanatory things):

```
[56]: ax = station_data.plot_timeseries('od550aer', marker='x', ls='none')
station_data.resample_time(var_name='od550aer', ts_type='monthly').plot_timeseries(
    'od550aer', marker=' ', ls='-', lw=3, ax=ax)
```

```
[56]: <AxesSubplot:title={'center':'La_Paz'}, ylabel='od550aer'>
```



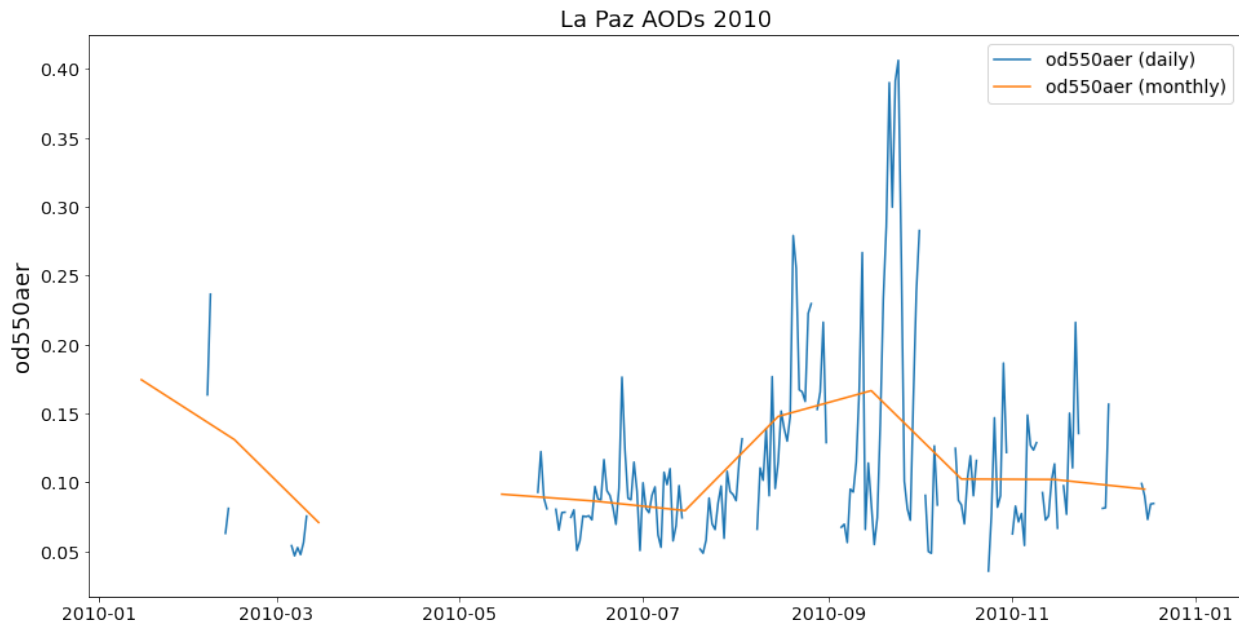
Back to `UngriddedData`: You may also retrieve the `StationData` with specifying more constraints using `to_station_data` (e.g. in monthly resolution and only for the year 2010). And you can overlay different curves,

by passing the axes instance returned by the plotting method:

```
[57]: ax=od550aer_aeronet.to_station_data('La_Paz',
                                           start=2010, stop=2011,
                                           freq='daily').plot_timeseries('od550aer')

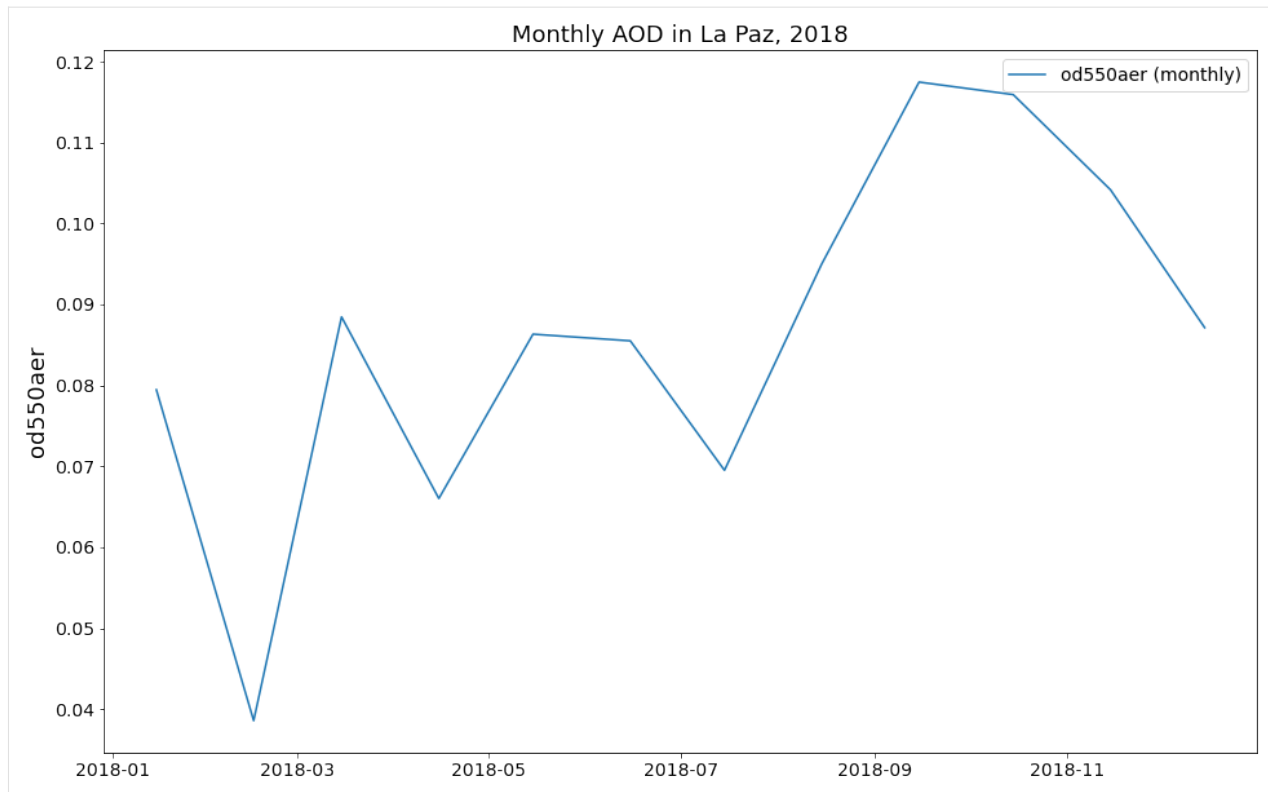
ax=od550aer_aeronet.to_station_data('La_Paz',
                                     start=2010,
                                     freq='monthly').plot_timeseries('od550aer', ax=ax)

ax.legend()
ax.set_title('La Paz AODs 2010');
```



**You can also plot the time-series directly from UngriddedData**

```
[58]: od550aer_aeronet.plot_station_timeseries('La_Paz', 'od550aer', ts_type='monthly',
                                                start=2018).set_title('Monthly AOD in La Paz, 2018
→');
```



### Computing trends (BETA API, will likely see some revisions)

Trends can be computed using the same methodology as [Mortier et al., 2020](#), which is also used in the [Aerosol trends interface](#). You may also read about the method in the *methods* section therein.

```
[59]: te = pya.trends_engine.TrendsEngine
timeseries_monthly = station_data.resample_time('od550aer', ts_type='monthly')['od550aer']
result = te.compute_trend(data=timeseries_monthly, start_year=2008, stop_year=2019, ts_type='monthly', min_num_yrs=7)
result
```

```
[59]: {'pval': 0.12097096961680295,
'm': -0.0017985318700550548,
'm_err': 0.0016087563002642336,
'n': 11,
'y_mean': 0.09864413175599861,
'y_min': 0.07926316386912101,
'y_max': 0.1684956149220456,
'slp': -1.782064278905696,
'slp_err': 1.6112865430184924,
'reg0': 0.10092407391496962,
'slp_2008': -1.782064278905696,
'slp_2008_err': 1.6112865430184924,
'reg0_2008': 0.10092407391496962,
'data': 2008-06-15    0.091931
2009-06-15    0.168496
```

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```

2010-06-15    0.113513
2011-06-15    0.099361
2012-06-15    0.086237
2013-06-15    0.079263
2014-06-15    0.094324
2015-06-15    0.081144
2016-06-15    0.090727
2017-06-15    0.093958
2018-06-15    0.086130
2019-06-15      NaN
dtype: float64,
'period': '2008-2019',
'season': 'all',
'yoffs': 0.1692682849770617}

```

## Colocation of model and obsdata

Now that we have a **gridded model dataset** and an **ungridded observation dataset** loaded we can continue with colocation of both datasets. *Colocation* essentially describes the process of matching observations and model in space and time, which makes it possible to compare both and ultimately, to assess how well the model is performing.

As the observations are usually sparse, they define the set of locations and times to be extracted from the model (for comparison). Essentially, what needs to be done is simple:

1. Decide on a time interval in which you want to colocate the observations with the model data.
2. Decide on an output frequency.
3. Find all site location coordinates from the observations in the time period and extract the model values from the model dataset at these locations.
4. Match the time interval and frequency.

pyaerocom has some methods that can do this for you and these methods return an instance of the ``ColocatedData`` object. <https://pyaerocom.met.no/api.html#pyaerocom.colocateddata.ColocatedData>

## Low-level colocation routine(s)

Let's colocate the TM5 model data with the AERONET AOD subset for the year 2010 and in monthly resolution. Since we already have both data objects loaded, we can go straight to the low-level colocation routine:

```

[60]: coldata = pya.colocation.colocate_gridded_ungridded(od550aer_tm5,
                                                         od550aer_aeronet,
                                                         ts_type='monthly',
                                                         start=2010,
                                                         filter_name='WORLD-noMOUNTAINS')

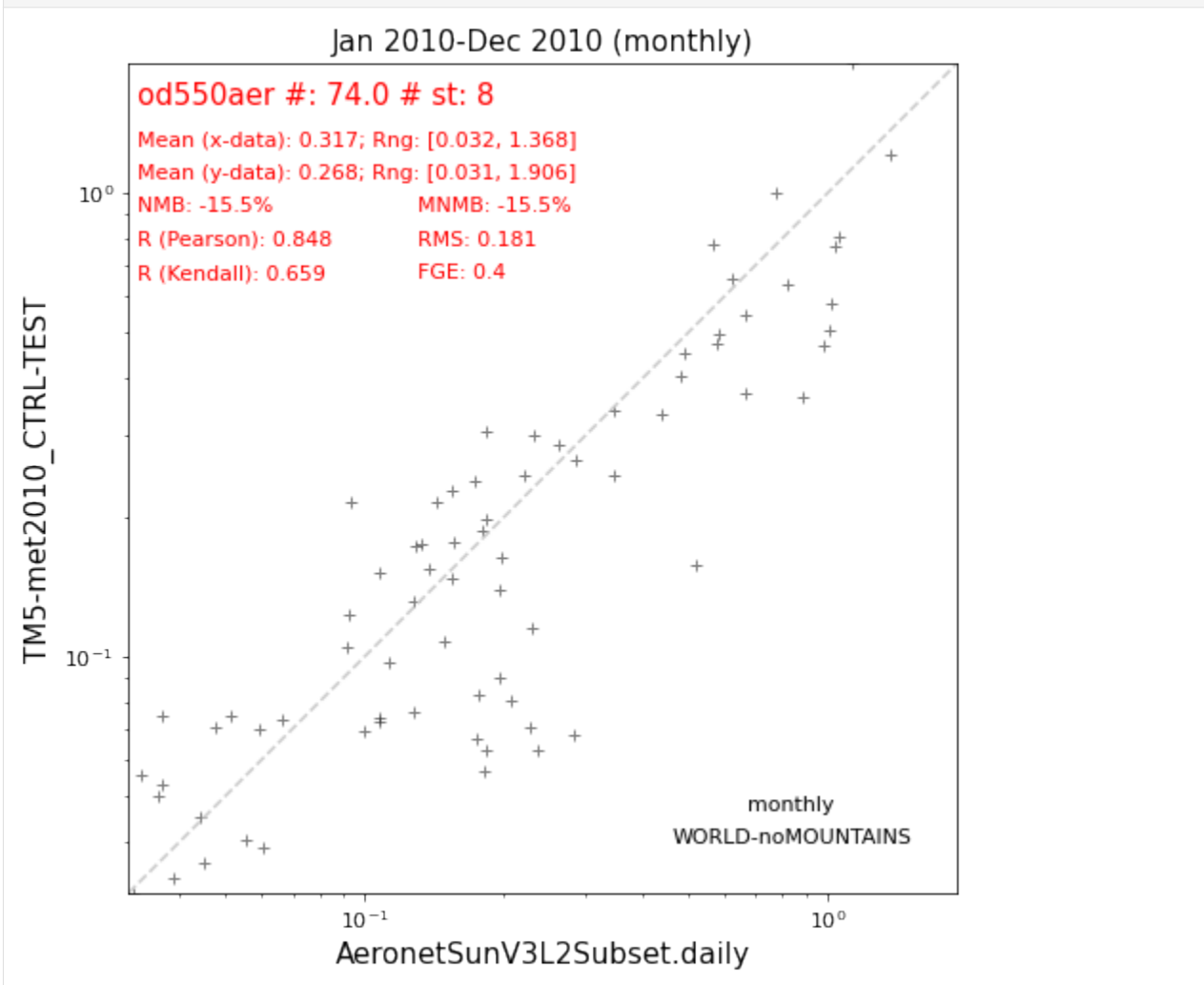
/home/jonasg/github/pya/pyaerocom/pyaerocom/ungriddeddata.py:137: RuntimeWarning:
↳ invalid value encountered in multiply
  self._data = np.empty([num_points, self._COLNO]) * np.nan

```

The filter-name WORLD-noMOUNTAINS denotes that all available AERONET sites are supposed to be used but high altitude sites (located above 1000m a.s.l). A more detailed introduction into available regions and region filters is provided in the [getting\\_started\\_setup.ipynb](#) tutorial.

You may create a scatter plot from these colocated monthly means, which includes relevant statistical parameters that help to assess model performance:

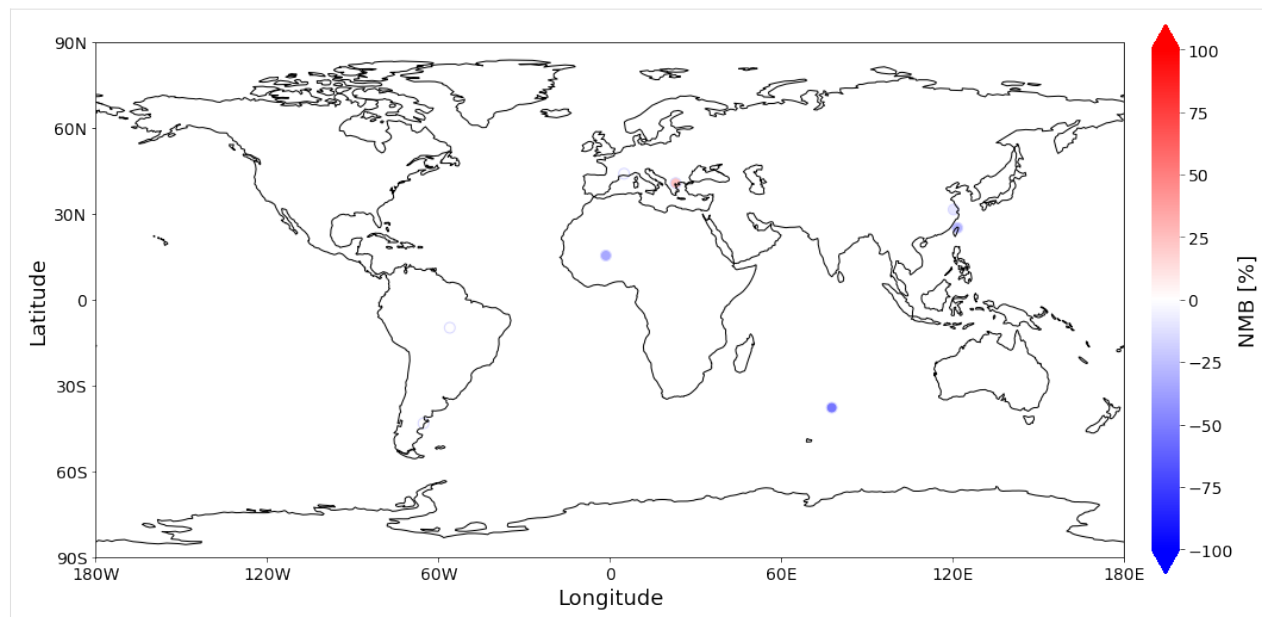
```
[61]: coldata.plot_scatter(loglog=True);
```



Does not look too bad, you can see that this result is from 8 sites and 62 data points (monthly averages). The normalised-mean-bias (NMB) is -15.5%, which means that the model slightly underestimates AOD at these locations.

A more illustrative view of the model biases can be retrieved by plotting a *bias map*:

```
[62]: pya.plot.mapping.plot_nmb_map_colocateddata(coldata);
```



The fact that you can barely see most of the sites is a good sign, since 0% bias is mapped to white color which is the same as the background color here. The largest bias is found in Amsterdam Island, in the southern Indian Ocean, which could be an indication that the model is simulating too little sea-salt aerosol in this very remote and clean region.

### Under the hood ...

... the ColocatedData object is an `xarray.DataArray`:

[63]: `coldata.data`

```
[63]: <xarray.DataArray 'od550aer' (data_source: 2, time: 12, station_name: 8)>
array([[[ nan, 0.10766512, 0.03649583, 0.11300932, nan,
          nan, 0.13828996, 0.03593528],
        [ nan, 0.1281071 , 0.05131321, 0.1490295 , 0.58044357,
          0.88151395, 0.09390731, 0.03669082],
        [ nan, 0.06650846, 0.05941147, 0.15400053, 0.77145611,
          0.81960458, 0.15375983, 0.03303893],
        [1.04184348, 0.09195735, 0.17511331, 0.17945707, 0.56584754,
          0.66320834, 0.26381093, 0.03862473],
        [1.05366664, 0.0922461 , 0.18108093, 0.13238964, 0.62159417,
          0.49044907, 0.18389999, nan],
        [1.00704245, nan, 0.23711979, 0.12935421, 1.01970277,
          0.43910105, 0.23285789, nan],
        [0.98468077, nan, 0.28315152, 0.15569135, 0.57586237,
          nan, 0.22223999, nan],
        [0.34698175, 1.1291196 , 0.22721504, 0.1078829 , 0.6659021 ,
          nan, 0.28657127, 0.03157442],
        [0.34638257, 1.36759564, 0.22911738, 0.12730093, 0.48163878,
          nan, 0.17283706, 0.05573316],
        [ nan, 0.51974499, 0.19571329, 0.19495548, nan,
          nan, 0.14301278, 0.06043777],
        ...
        [0.89635843, 0.07341532, 0.06992208, 0.14702028, 1.00326443,
```

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```

    0.63314253, 0.22872289, 0.05543199],
[0.77087325, 0.1048945 , 0.06650965, 0.1865073 , 0.7776224 ,
 0.54631037, 0.28632328, 0.03336016],
[0.80734402, 0.12378095, 0.05653326, 0.17420147, 0.65254241,
 0.45009974, 0.30526772, 0.03229909],
[0.50654256, 0.14234523, 0.06274261, 0.17343882, 0.58004749,
 0.33348686, 0.30070606, 0.03174512],
[0.46850282, 0.1863786 , 0.0675569 , 0.17624108, 0.47164536,
 0.19874078, 0.24717812, 0.04090422],
[0.34062195, 1.90581691, 0.07018556, 0.15123938, 0.36946237,
 0.18504179, 0.26474383, 0.03088068],
[0.24573354, 1.21507001, 0.11556577, 0.13191637, 0.4020009 ,
 0.26275966, 0.23841298, 0.04008143],
[0.2798166 , 0.15733013, 0.08971586, 0.13991331, 0.38702768,
 0.34291422, 0.21531013, 0.03859388],
[0.35316458, 0.08011972, 0.0626139 , 0.069165 , 0.55920124,
 0.38426778, 0.19802441, 0.03579372],
[0.28721237, 0.0827378 , 0.07033022, 0.07274448, 0.50464362,
 0.3815313 , 0.1641538 , 0.04502364]]])

```

Coordinates:

```

* data_source (data_source) <U26 'AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily' 'TM5-met201...
* time        (time) datetime64[ns] 2010-01-15 2010-02-15 ... 2010-12-15
* station_name (station_name) <U16 'Agoufou' 'Alta_Floresta' ... 'Trelew'
  latitude     (station_name) float64 15.35 -9.871 -37.8 ... 40.63 -43.25
  longitude    (station_name) float64 -1.479 -56.1 77.57 ... 22.96 -65.31
  altitude     (station_name) float64 305.0 277.0 49.0 ... 26.0 60.0 15.0

```

Attributes: (12/16)

```

data_source:      ['AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily', 'TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST']
var_name:         ['od550aer', 'od550aer']
var_name_input:   ['od550aer', 'od550aer']
ts_type:          monthly
filter_name:      WORLD-noMOUNTAINS
ts_type_src:      ['daily', 'monthly']
...
from_files_ref:   None
colocate_time:    False
obs_is_clim:      False
pyaerocom:        0.12.0.dev1
min_num_obs:      None
resample_how:     None

```

As you can see, model and obs (stored in `data_source` dimension) now share the same coordinates (dimension `station_name`) and time stamps (dimension `time`). The `data_source` dimension always contains the observation data at the first index and the model data at the second:

```
[64]: obsdata = coldata.data[0]
obsdata
```

```
[64]: <xarray.DataArray 'od550aer' (time: 12, station_name: 8)>
array([[ nan,  0.10766512, 0.03649583, 0.11300932,          nan,
         nan,  0.13828996, 0.03593528],
       [ nan,  0.1281071 , 0.05131321, 0.1490295 , 0.58044357,
         0.88151395, 0.09390731, 0.03669082],

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[      nan, 0.06650846, 0.05941147, 0.15400053, 0.77145611,
  0.81960458, 0.15375983, 0.03303893],
[1.04184348, 0.09195735, 0.17511331, 0.17945707, 0.56584754,
  0.66320834, 0.26381093, 0.03862473],
[1.05366664, 0.0922461 , 0.18108093, 0.13238964, 0.62159417,
  0.49044907, 0.18389999,      nan],
[1.00704245,      nan, 0.23711979, 0.12935421, 1.01970277,
  0.43910105, 0.23285789,      nan],
[0.98468077,      nan, 0.28315152, 0.15569135, 0.57586237,
  nan, 0.22223999,      nan],
[0.34698175, 1.1291196 , 0.22721504, 0.1078829 , 0.6659021 ,
  nan, 0.28657127, 0.03157442],
[0.34638257, 1.36759564, 0.22911738, 0.12730093, 0.48163878,
  nan, 0.17283706, 0.05573316],
[      nan, 0.51974499, 0.19571329, 0.19495548,      nan,
  nan, 0.14301278, 0.06043777],
[      nan, 0.20634955, 0.18329662, 0.09995729,      nan,
  nan, 0.18381835, 0.04511684],
[      nan, 0.17557466, 0.04773335, 0.10730821,      nan,
  nan, 0.19721314, 0.04412376]])

```

Coordinates:

```

data_source <U26 'AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily'
* time      (time) datetime64[ns] 2010-01-15 2010-02-15 ... 2010-12-15
* station_name (station_name) <U16 'Agoufou' 'Alta_Floresta' ... 'Trelew'
latitude      (station_name) float64 15.35 -9.871 -37.8 ... 40.63 -43.25
longitude      (station_name) float64 -1.479 -56.1 77.57 ... 22.96 -65.31
altitude      (station_name) float64 305.0 277.0 49.0 ... 26.0 60.0 15.0

```

Attributes: (12/16)

```

data_source:      ['AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily', 'TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST']
var_name:         ['od550aer', 'od550aer']
var_name_input:   ['od550aer', 'od550aer']
ts_type:          monthly
filter_name:      WORLD-noMOUNTAINS
ts_type_src:      ['daily', 'monthly']
...
from_files_ref:   None
colocate_time:    False
obs_is_clim:      False
pyaerocom:        0.12.0.dev1
min_num_obs:      None
resample_how:     None

```

```
[65]: modeldata = coldata.data[1]
      modeldata
```

```
[65]: <xarray.DataArray 'od550aer' (time: 12, station_name: 8)>
array([[0.15579131, 0.074198 , 0.07480989, 0.09742171, 0.51915187,
        0.32987517, 0.15443519, 0.04990007],
       [0.18340141, 0.0763083 , 0.07439816, 0.10789451, 0.49576023,
        0.36209598, 0.21525712, 0.05284398],
       [0.89635843, 0.07341532, 0.06992208, 0.14702028, 1.00326443,
        0.63314253, 0.22872289, 0.05543199],

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```
[0.77087325, 0.1048945, 0.06650965, 0.1865073, 0.7776224,
 0.54631037, 0.28632328, 0.03336016],
[0.80734402, 0.12378095, 0.05653326, 0.17420147, 0.65254241,
 0.45009974, 0.30526772, 0.03229909],
[0.50654256, 0.14234523, 0.06274261, 0.17343882, 0.58004749,
 0.33348686, 0.30070606, 0.03174512],
[0.46850282, 0.1863786, 0.0675569, 0.17624108, 0.47164536,
 0.19874078, 0.24717812, 0.04090422],
[0.34062195, 1.90581691, 0.07018556, 0.15123938, 0.36946237,
 0.18504179, 0.26474383, 0.03088068],
[0.24573354, 1.21507001, 0.11556577, 0.13191637, 0.4020009,
 0.26275966, 0.23841298, 0.04008143],
[0.2798166, 0.15733013, 0.08971586, 0.13991331, 0.38702768,
 0.34291422, 0.21531013, 0.03859388],
[0.35316458, 0.08011972, 0.0626139, 0.069165, 0.55920124,
 0.38426778, 0.19802441, 0.03579372],
[0.28721237, 0.0827378, 0.07033022, 0.07274448, 0.50464362,
 0.3815313, 0.1641538, 0.04502364]])
```

Coordinates:

```
data_source <U26 'TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST'
* time      (time) datetime64[ns] 2010-01-15 2010-02-15 ... 2010-12-15
* station_name (station_name) <U16 'Agoufou' 'Alta_Floresta' ... 'Trelew'
latitude      (station_name) float64 15.35 -9.871 -37.8 ... 40.63 -43.25
longitude     (station_name) float64 -1.479 -56.1 77.57 ... 22.96 -65.31
altitude      (station_name) float64 305.0 277.0 49.0 ... 26.0 60.0 15.0
```

Attributes: (12/16)

```
data_source: ['AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily', 'TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST']
var_name:    ['od550aer', 'od550aer']
var_name_input: ['od550aer', 'od550aer']
ts_type:     monthly
filter_name: WORLD-noMOUNTAINS
ts_type_src: ['daily', 'monthly']
...         ...
from_files_ref: None
colocate_time: False
obs_is_clim:  False
pyaerocom:   0.12.0.dev1
min_num_obs: None
resample_how: None
```

## High-level colocation routine

If it wasn't for the purpose of this notebook, normally, we don't want to go through the hassle of reading the data individually before colocating. Thus, pyaerocom has a high-level interface that can do colocation straight with the observation and model IDs (under the hood, of course, it uses the same routines that have been used here). By default, this high-level interface also stores all produced ColocatedData objects as NetCDF files, for later analysis:

```
[73]: colocator = pya.Colocator(
      model_id=model_id, obs_id=obs_id, obs_vars='od550aer',
      ts_type='monthly',
      model_ts_type_read='monthly',
```

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```

filter_name='OCN', # let's try to better isolate Amsterdam Island
reanalyse_existing=True,
save_coldata=True)

```

colocator

```

[73]: Colocator: {'model_id': 'TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST', 'obs_id': 'AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily',
↳ 'obs_vars': ['od550aer'], 'ts_type': 'monthly', 'start': None, 'stop': None, 'filter_
↳ name': 'OCN', 'basedir_coldata': '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/colocated_data', 'save_
↳ coldata': True, 'obs_name': None, 'obs_data_dir': None, 'obs_use_climatology': False,
↳ '_obs_cache_only': False, 'obs_vert_type': None, 'obs_ts_type_read': None, 'obs_filters
↳ ': {}, 'read_opts_ungridded': {}, 'model_name': None, 'model_data_dir': None, 'model_
↳ vert_type_alt': None, 'model_read_opts': {}, 'model_use_vars': {}, 'model_rename_vars':
↳ {}, 'model_add_vars': {}, 'model_to_stp': False, 'model_ts_type_read': 'monthly',
↳ 'model_read_aux': {}, 'model_use_climatology': False, 'gridded_reader_id': {'model':
↳ 'ReadGridded', 'obs': 'ReadGridded'}, 'flex_ts_type': True, 'min_num_obs': None,
↳ 'resample_how': 'mean', 'obs_remove_outliers': False, 'model_remove_outliers': False,
↳ 'obs_outlier_ranges': {}, 'model_outlier_ranges': {}, 'zeros_to_nan': False,
↳ 'harmonise_units': False, 'regrid_res_deg': None, 'colocate_time': False, 'reanalyse_
↳ existing': True, 'raise_exceptions': False, 'keep_data': True, 'add_meta': {}, '_log':
↳ None, 'logging': True, '_loaded_model_data': {}, 'data': {}, '_processing_status': [],
↳ 'files_written': [], '_model_reader': None, '_obs_reader': None}

```

Quite a few options, a lot of them are for the even higher-level automatic web-processing tools that feed the [Aerocom Evaluation websites](#), so let's not get lost in these details here.

The colocation can be run as follows:

```
[74]: colocator.run()
```

```

Rearranging longitude dimension from 0 -> 360 definition to -180 -> 180 definition
WARNING: Found definition of outlier ranges for od550aer (TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST) but
↳ outlier removal is deactivated. Consider checking your setup (note: model or obs
↳ outlier removal can be activated via attrs. model_remove_outliers and remove_outliers,
↳ respectively
The following variable combinations will be colocated
MODEL-VAR      OBS-VAR
od550aer        od550aer
Running TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST (od550aer) vs. AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily (od550aer)
WRITE: /home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/colocated_data/TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST/od550aer_od550aer_
↳ MOD-TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST_REF-AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily_20100101_20101231_monthly_OCN.
↳ nc

Colocation processing status for TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST vs. AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily
  Model Var  Obs Var  Status
0  od550aer  od550aer  SUCCESS

```

```

[74]: {'od550aer': {'od550aer': pyaerocom.ColocatedData: data: <xarray.DataArray 'od550aer'
↳ (data_source: 2, time: 12, station_name: 1)>
array([[0.03649583],
        [0.05131321],
        [0.05941147],
        [0.17511331],
        [0.18108093],

```

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```

        [0.23711979],
        [0.28315152],
        [0.22721504],
        [0.22911738],
        [0.19571329],
        [0.18329662],
        [0.04773335]],

    [[0.07480989],
     [0.07439816],
     [0.06992208],
     [0.06650965],
     [0.05653326],
     [0.06274261],
     [0.0675569 ],
     [0.07018556],
     [0.11556577],
     [0.08971586],
     [0.0626139 ],
     [0.07033022]]])

Coordinates:
  * data_source      (data_source) <U26 'AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily' 'TM5-met201...'
  * time             (time) datetime64[ns] 2010-01-15 2010-02-15 ... 2010-12-15
  * station_name     (station_name) <U16 'Amsterdam_Island'
    latitude         (station_name) float64 -37.8
    longitude        (station_name) float64 77.57
    altitude         (station_name) float64 49.0
Attributes: (12/19)
  data_source:      ['AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily', 'TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST']
  var_name:         ['od550aer', 'od550aer']
  var_name_input:   ['od550aer', 'od550aer']
  ts_type:          monthly
  filter_name:      OCN
  ts_type_src:      ['daily', 'monthly']
  ...               ...
  pyaerocom:        0.12.0.dev1
  min_num_obs:      None
  resample_how:     mean
  model_name:       TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST
  obs_name:         AeronetSunV3L2Subset.daily
  vert_code:        None}}

```

As you can see in the last line of the output, the colocated data object was stored as NetCDF file. The default direcorey for these files can be accessed (and modified) in the `const` class:

```
[75]: pya.const.COLOCATEDDATADIR
```

```
[75]: '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/colocated_data'
```

```
[76]: import os
      os.listdir(pya.const.COLOCATEDDATADIR)
```

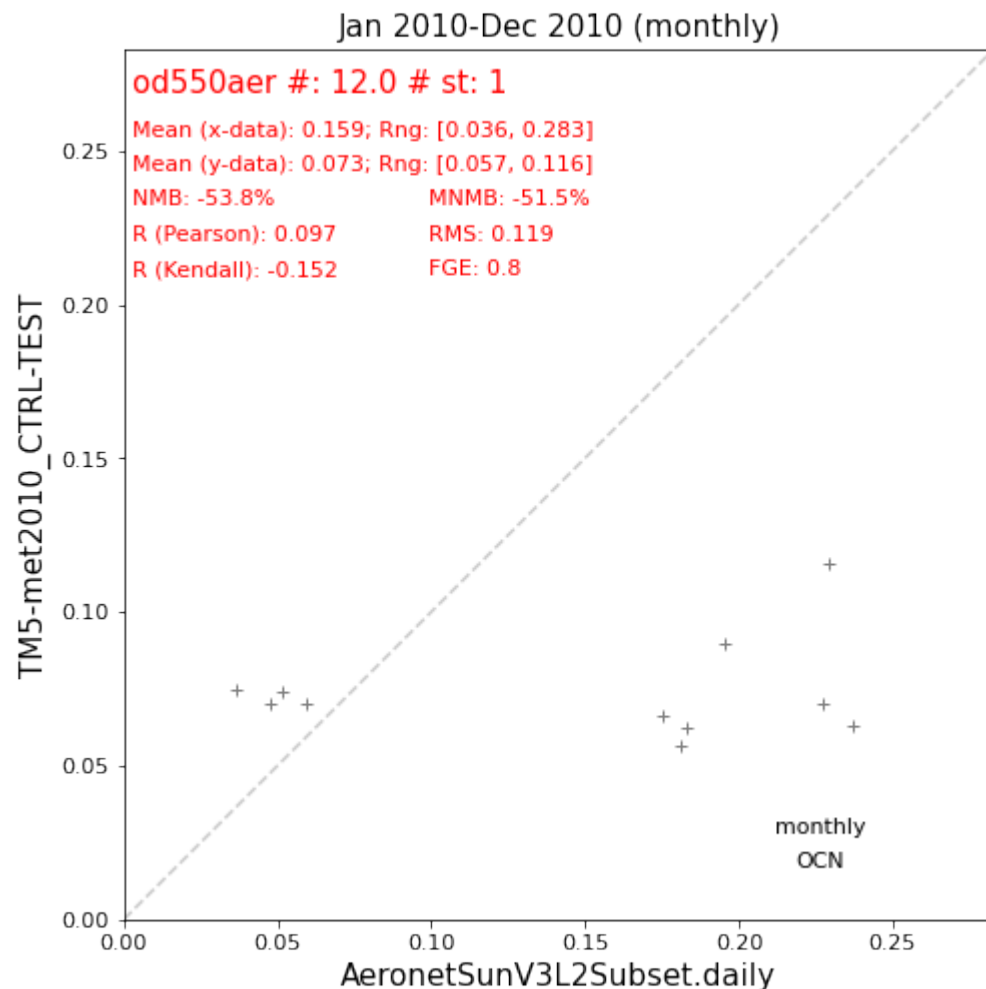


```
[76]: ['bla',
      'test',
      'logfiles',
      'project',
      'AEROCOM-MEDIAN',
      'dev',
      'proj',
      'TM5-met2010_CTRL-TEST',
      'cams84']
```

And you can see that there is a subdirectory which contains all colocated data objects that have been created for the TM5 model. The loaded colocated data object can also be accessed via:

```
[85]: coldata2 = colocator.data['od550aer']['od550aer']
```

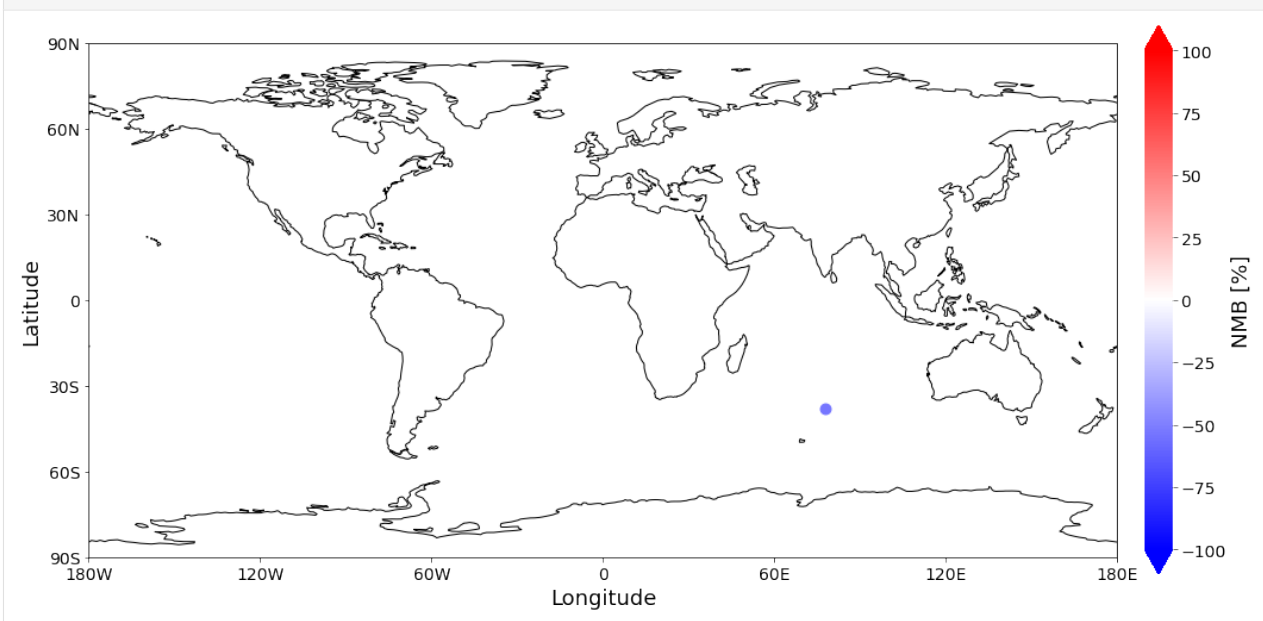
```
[86]: coldata2.plot_scatter();
```



That looks like we managed to get only Amsterdam Island here (1 site) and 8 months of data. The corresponding model bias suggests that TM5 is underestimating AOD at 550nm at Amsterdam Island by ca 50%.

As a last step for this tutorial, let's make sure it is Amsterdam Island that we got here:

```
[87]: pya.plot.mapping.plot_nmb_map_colocateddata(coldata2);
```



Looks like it! Ciao!

This section contains tutorials that are meant to help you getting started quickly with `pyaerocom`.

- [Setup and data access](#) | [getting\\_started\\_setup.ipynb](#)
- [Basic data analysis](#) | [getting\\_started\\_analysis.ipynb](#)

## 3.2 Outdated tutorials

### 3.2.1 Getting started

This notebook is meant to give a quick introduction into the main features and workflows of `pyaerocom`.

This includes brief introductions into the following features:

- Finding model and observation data on the AeroCom servers (method `browse_database`).
- Reading of **gridded** model data (`ReadGridded` class).
- Reading of **ungridded** observation data (`ReadUngridded` class).
- Working with **gridded** data (`GriddedData` class).
- Working with **ungridded** data (`UngriddedData` class).
- Retrieving and working with data from individual stations (`StationData` class).
- **Colocation** of model data with all stations from an observation network.

It ends with a colocation of CAM53-Oslo model AODs both all-sky and clear-sky with Aeronet Sun V3 level 2 data.

## Prerequisites

- In order to run this notebook, you need to be connected to the AeroCom post processing servers (PPI).
- If you have PPI (/lustre/) mounted on your local machine you need to update the basic data directory after importing pyaerocom as follows: `import pyaerocom as pya` `pya.const.BASEDIR = <path_where_lustre_is_mounted>`

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya

Initiating pyaerocom configuration
Checking database access...
Checking access to: /lustre/storeA
Access to lustre database: True
Init data paths for lustre
Expired time: 0.021 s
```

## Check data directory

By default, pyaerocom assumes that the AEROCOM database can be accessed (cf. top of flowchart), that is, it initiates all data query paths relative to the database server path names.

```
[2]: pya.const.BASEDIR

[2]: '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom'
```

**NOTE:** Execution of the following lines will only work if you are connected to the AEROCOM data server or if you have access to the pyaerocom testdataset. The latter can be retrieved upon request (please contact [jonasg@met.no](mailto:jonasg@met.no)).

## Reading of and working with *gridded* model data (ReadGridded and GriddedData classes)

This section illustrates the reading of gridded data as well as some features of the GriddedData class of *pyaerocom*. First, however, we have to find a valid model ID for the reading (cf. flow chart).

### Find model data

The database contains data from the CAM53-Oslo model, which is used in the following. You can use the `browse_database` function of *pyaerocom* to find model ID's (which can be quite cryptic sometimes) using wildcard pattern search.

```
[3]: pya.browse_database('CAM53*-Oslo*UNTUNED*')

Pyaerocom ReadGridded
-----
Data ID: CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PI_UNTUNED
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom2/NorESM_SVN_TEST/CAM53-Oslo_7310_
↳ MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PI_UNTUNED/renamed
Available experiments: ['UNTUNED']
Available years: [9999]
```

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Available frequencies ['monthly']
Available variables: ['abs440aer', 'abs440aerics', 'abs500aer', 'abs5503Daer', 'abs550aer',
→ 'abs550bc', 'abs550dryaer', 'abs550dust', 'abs550oa', 'abs550so4', 'abs550ss',
→ 'abs670aer', 'abs870aer', 'airmass', 'area', 'asy3Daer', 'bc5503Daer', 'cheaqps04',
→ 'chegps04', 'chepso2', 'cl3D', 'clt', 'drybc', 'drydms', 'drydust', 'dryoa', 'dryso2',
→ 'dryso4', 'dryss', 'ec5503Daer', 'ec550dryaer', 'emibc', 'emidms', 'emidust', 'emioa',
→ 'emiso2', 'emiso4', 'emiss', 'hus', 'landf', 'loadbc', 'loaddms', 'loaddust', 'loadoa',
→ 'loadso2', 'loadso4', 'loadss', 'mmraerh2o', 'mmrbc', 'mmrdu', 'mmroa', 'mmrso4',
→ 'mmrss', 'od440aer', 'od440csaer', 'od550aer', 'od550aerh2o', 'od550bc', 'od550csaer',
→ 'od550dust', 'od550lt1aer', 'od550lt1dust', 'od550oa', 'od550so4', 'od550ss', 'od670aer',
→ 'od870aer', 'od870csaer', 'orog', 'precip', 'pressure', 'ps', 'rlds', 'rlus', 'rlut',
→ 'rlutcs', 'rsds', 'rsdscs', 'rsdt', 'rsus', 'rsut', 'sconcbc', 'sconcdms',
→ 'sconcdust', 'sconcoa', 'sconco2', 'sconco4', 'sconcss', 'temp', 'vmrdms', 'vmrso2',
→ 'wetbc', 'wetdms', 'wetdust', 'wetoa', 'wetso2', 'wetso4', 'wetss']

```

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```

-----
Data ID: CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom2/NorESM_SVN_TEST/CAM53-Oslo_7310_
→ MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED/renamed
Available experiments: ['UNTUNED']
Available years: [2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 9999]
Available frequencies ['monthly']
Available variables: ['abs440aer', 'abs440aerics', 'abs500aer', 'abs5503Daer', 'abs550aer',
→ 'abs550aerics', 'abs550bc', 'abs550dryaer', 'abs550dust', 'abs550oa', 'abs550so4',
→ 'abs550ss', 'abs670aer', 'abs870aer', 'airmass', 'ang4487aer', 'ang4487csaer', 'area',
→ 'asy3Daer', 'bc5503Daer', 'cheaqps04', 'chegps04', 'chepso2', 'cl3D', 'clt', 'drybc',
→ 'drydms', 'drydust', 'dryoa', 'dryso2', 'dryso4', 'dryss', 'ec5503Daer', 'ec550dryaer',
→ 'emibc', 'emidms', 'emidust', 'emioa', 'emiso2', 'emiso4', 'emiss', 'hus', 'landf',
→ 'loadbc', 'loaddms', 'loaddust', 'loadoa', 'loadso2', 'loadso4', 'loadss', 'mmraerh2o',
→ 'mmrbc', 'mmrdu', 'mmroa', 'mmrso4', 'mmrss', 'od440aer', 'od440csaer', 'od550aer',
→ 'od550aerh2o', 'od550bc', 'od550csaer', 'od550dust', 'od550lt1aer', 'od550lt1dust',
→ 'od550oa', 'od550so4', 'od550ss', 'od670aer', 'od870aer', 'od870csaer', 'orog', 'precip',
→ 'pressure', 'ps', 'rlds', 'rlus', 'rlut', 'rlutcs', 'rsds', 'rsdscs', 'rsdt', 'rsus',
→ 'rsut', 'sconcbc', 'sconcdms', 'sconcdust', 'sconcoa', 'sconco2', 'sconco4',
→ 'sconcss', 'temp', 'vmrdms', 'vmrso2', 'wetbc', 'wetdms', 'wetdust', 'wetoa', 'wetso2',
→ 'wetso4', 'wetss']

```

### Initiate reader class for the present day (PD) dataset

```

[4]: import warnings
      warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
      reader = pya.io.ReadGridded('CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED')

```

You can have a look at the individual files and corresponding metadata using the `file_info` attribute:

```

[5]: reader.file_info

[5]:   var_name  year  ts_type  vert_code  \
345  abs440aer  2004  monthly    Column

```

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```

506 abs440aer 2005 monthly Column
340 abs440aer 2006 monthly Column
12 abs440aer 2007 monthly Column
685 abs440aer 2008 monthly Column
..      ...      ...      ...
169      wetss 2007 monthly Surface
213      wetss 2008 monthly Surface
36      wetss 2009 monthly Surface
129      wetss 2010 monthly Surface
454      wetss 9999 monthly Surface

                                data_id  name meteo \
345 CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P... CAM53 Oslo
506 CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P... CAM53 Oslo
340 CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P... CAM53 Oslo
12  CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P... CAM53 Oslo
685 CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P... CAM53 Oslo
..      ...      ...      ...
169 CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P... CAM53 Oslo
213 CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P... CAM53 Oslo
36  CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P... CAM53 Oslo
129 CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P... CAM53 Oslo
454 CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P... CAM53 Oslo

    experiment  is_at_stations      3D \
345      UNTUNED                False False
506      UNTUNED                False False
340      UNTUNED                False False
12      UNTUNED                False False
685      UNTUNED                False False
..      ...      ...      ...
169      UNTUNED                False False
213      UNTUNED                False False
36      UNTUNED                False False
129      UNTUNED                False False
454      UNTUNED                False False

                                filename
345 aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
506 aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
340 aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
12  aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
685 aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
..      ...
169 aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
213 aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
36  aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
129 aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
454 aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...

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```

If this contains too much information (as is the case here), you can also filter this attribute based on what you are

interested in. E.g.:

```
[6]: reader.filter_files(var_name='od550aer')
```

```
[6]:      var_name  year  ts_type  vert_code  \
199  od550aer   2004  monthly    Column
414  od550aer   2005  monthly    Column
44   od550aer   2006  monthly    Column
333  od550aer   2007  monthly    Column
46   od550aer   2008  monthly    Column
679  od550aer   2009  monthly    Column
352  od550aer   2010  monthly    Column

      data_id  name meteo  \
199  CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P...  CAM53  Oslo
414  CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P...  CAM53  Oslo
44   CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P...  CAM53  Oslo
333  CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P...  CAM53  Oslo
46   CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P...  CAM53  Oslo
679  CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P...  CAM53  Oslo
352  CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_P...  CAM53  Oslo

      experiment  is_at_stations    3D  \
199  UNTUNED                False  False
414  UNTUNED                False  False
44   UNTUNED                False  False
333  UNTUNED                False  False
46   UNTUNED                False  False
679  UNTUNED                False  False
352  UNTUNED                False  False

      filename
199  aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
414  aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
44   aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
333  aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
46   aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
679  aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
352  aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK...
```

## Read Aerosol optical depth at 550 nm

Import both clear-sky (*cs* in variable name) and all-sky data.

```
[7]: od550aer = reader.read_var('od550aer')
      od550csaer = reader.read_var('od550csaer')
```

Both data objects are instances of class `GriddedData` which is based on the `Cube` class ([iris library](#)) and features very similar functionality and more.

Some of these features are introduced below.

## Overview of what is in the data

Simply print the object.

```
[8]: print(od550aer)
```

```
pyaerocom.GriddedData: CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED
Grid data: Aerosol optical depth at 500nm / (1) (time: 84; latitude: 192; longitude: 288)
  Dimension coordinates:
    time                x                -                -
    latitude            -                x                -
    longitude           -                -                x
  Attributes:
    Conventions: CF-1.0
    NCO: 4.3.7
    Version: $Name$
    case: 53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED
    computed: False
    concatenated: True
    data_id: CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED
    from_files: ['/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom2/NorESM_SVN_TEST/CAM53-
→ Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED/renamed/aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_
→ MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED_od550aer_Column_2004_monthly.nc', ...
    history: Thu Feb  9 11:05:21 2017: ncatted -O -a units,od550aer,o,c,1 /
→ projects/NS2345K/CAM-Oslo/DO_AEROCOM/CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_
→ UNTUNED/renamed/aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED_
→ od550aer_Column_2004_monthly.nc
Thu...
    host: hexagon-2
    initial_file: /work/shared/noresm/inputdata/atm/cam/inic/fv/cami-mam3_0000-01-
→ 01_0.9...
    logname: ihkarset
    nco_openmp_thread_number: 1
    outliers_removed: False
    reader: None
    region: None
    regridded: False
    revision_Id: $Id$
    source: CAM
    title: UNSET
    topography_file: /work/shared/noresm/inputdata/noresm-only/inputForNudging/ERA_
→ f09f09_3...
    ts_type: monthly
    var_name_read: n/d
  Cell methods:
    mean: time
```

```
[9]: print(od550csaer)
```

```
pyaerocom.GriddedData: CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED
Grid data: Clear air Aerosol optical depth at 550nm / (1) (time: 84; latitude: 192;
→ longitude: 288)
  Dimension coordinates:
    time                x                -                -
```

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```

latitude                -                x                -
longitude                -                -                x
Attributes:
  Conventions: CF-1.0
  NCO: 4.3.7
  Version: $Name$
  case: 53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED
  computed: False
  concatenated: True
  data_id: CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED
  from_files: ['/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom2/NorESM_SVN_TEST/CAM53-
↪ Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED/renamed/aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_
↪ MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED_od550csaer_Column_2004_monthly.nc', ...
  history: Thu Feb  9 11:05:16 2017: ncatted -O -a units,od550csaer,o,c,1 /
↪ projects/NS2345K/CAM-Oslo/DO_AEROCOM/CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_
↪ UNTUNED/renamed/aerocom3_CAM53-Oslo_7310_MG15CLM45_5feb2017IHK_53OSLO_PD_UNTUNED_
↪ od550csaer_Column_2004_monthly.nc
Thu...
  host: hexagon-2
  initial_file: /work/shared/noresm/inputdata/atm/cam/inic/fv/cami-mam3_0000-01-
↪ 01_0.9...
  logname: ihkarset
  nco_openmp_thread_number: 1
  outliers_removed: False
  reader: None
  region: None
  regridded: False
  revision_Id: $Id$
  source: CAM
  title: UNSET
  topography_file: /work/shared/noresm/inputdata/noresm-only/inputForNudging/ERA_
↪ f09f09_3...
  ts_type: monthly
  var_name_read: n/d
Cell methods:
  mean: time

```

## Access time stamps

Time stamps are represented as numerical values with respect to a reference date and frequency, according to the CF conventions. They can be accessed via the `time` attribute of the data class.

```
[10]: od550aer.time
```

```
[10]: DimCoord(array([  0.,  31.,  60.,  91., 121., 152., 182., 213., 244.,
    274., 305., 335., 366., 397., 425., 456., 486., 517.,
    547., 578., 609., 639., 670., 700., 731., 762., 790.,
    821., 851., 882., 912., 943., 974., 1004., 1035., 1065.,
    1096., 1127., 1155., 1186., 1216., 1247., 1277., 1308., 1339.,
    1369., 1400., 1430., 1461., 1492., 1521., 1552., 1582., 1613.,
    1643., 1674., 1705., 1735., 1766., 1796., 1827., 1858., 1886.,
```

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```

1917., 1947., 1978., 2008., 2039., 2070., 2100., 2131., 2161.,
2192., 2223., 2251., 2282., 2312., 2343., 2373., 2404., 2435.,
2465., 2496., 2526.]), standard_name='time', units=Unit('days since 2004-01-01 00:
↪00:00', calendar='gregorian'), long_name='Time', var_name='time')

```

You may also want the time-stamps in the form of actual datetime-like objects. These can be computed using the `time_stamps()` method:

```

[11]: od550aer.time_stamps()[0:3]
[11]: array(['2004-01-01T00:00:00.000000', '2004-02-01T00:00:00.000000',
            '2004-03-01T00:00:00.000000'], dtype='datetime64[us]')

```

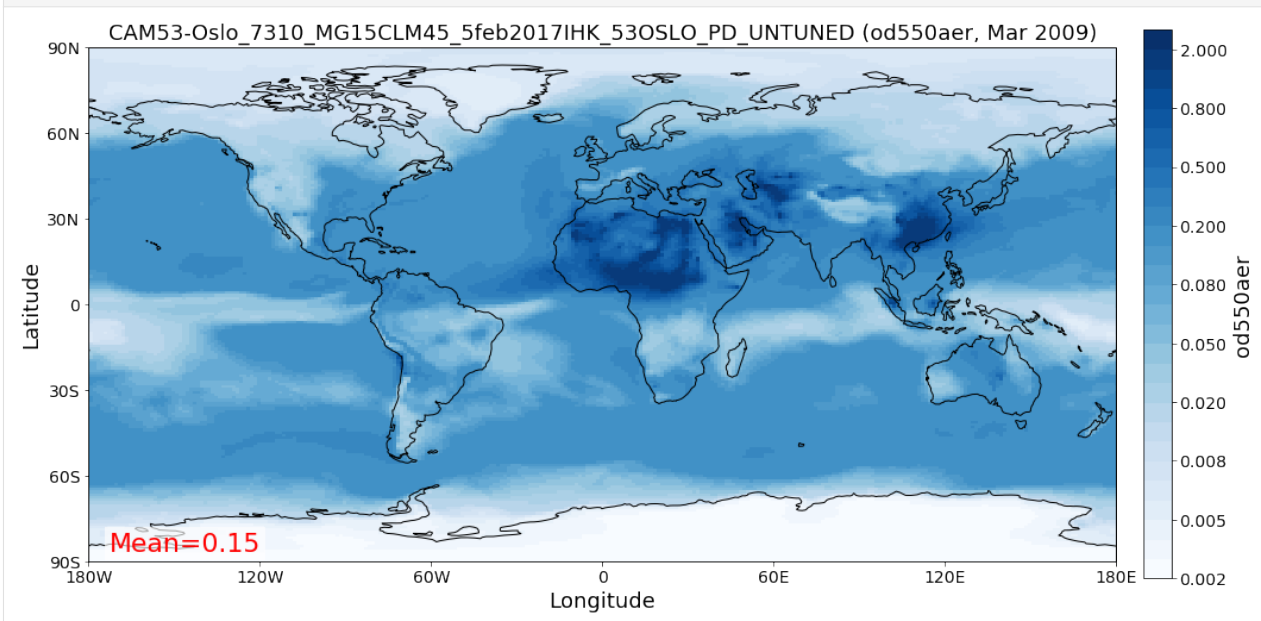
## Plotting maps

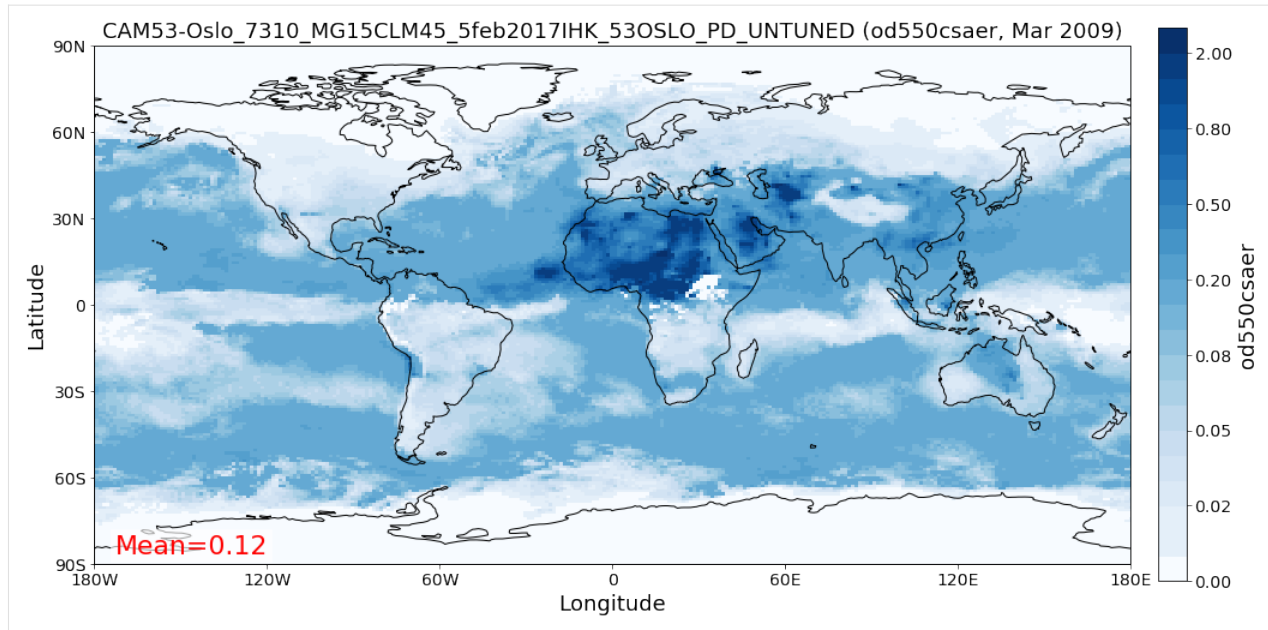
Maps of individual time stamps can be plotted using the `quickplot_map` method.

```

[12]: fig1 = od550aer.quickplot_map('2009-3-15')
      fig2 = od550csaer.quickplot_map('2009-3-15')

```





## Filtering

Regional filtering can be performed using the `Filter` class (cf. flowchart above).

An overview of available default regions can be accessed via:

```
[13]: print(pya.region.get_all_default_region_ids())

['WORLD', 'EUROPE', 'ASIA', 'AUSTRALIA', 'CHINA', 'INDIA', 'NAFRICA', 'SAFRICA',
↪ 'SAMERICA', 'NAMERICA']
```

Now let's go for north Africa. Create instance of `Filter` class:

```
[14]: f = pya.Filter('NAFRICA')
f

[14]: Filter([('name', 'NAFRICA-wMOUNTAINS'),
             ('region',
              Region NAFRICA Region([('name', 'NAFRICA'), ('lon_range', [-20, 50]), ('lat_
↪ range', [0, 40]), ('lon_range_plot', [-20, 50]), ('lat_range_plot', [0, 40]), ('lon_
↪ ticks', None), ('lat_ticks', None))]),
             ('lon_range', [-20, 50]),
             ('lat_range', [0, 40]),
             ('alt_range', None)])]
```

... and apply to the two data objects (this can be done by calling the filter with the corresponding data class as input parameter):

```
[15]: od550aer_nafrica = f(od550aer)
od550csaer_nafrica = f(od550csaer)
```

Applying regional cropping in `GriddedData` using `Filter` class. Note that this does not  
 yet include potential cropping in the vertical dimension. Coming soon...

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Compare shapes:

```
[16]: od550aer_nafrica
```

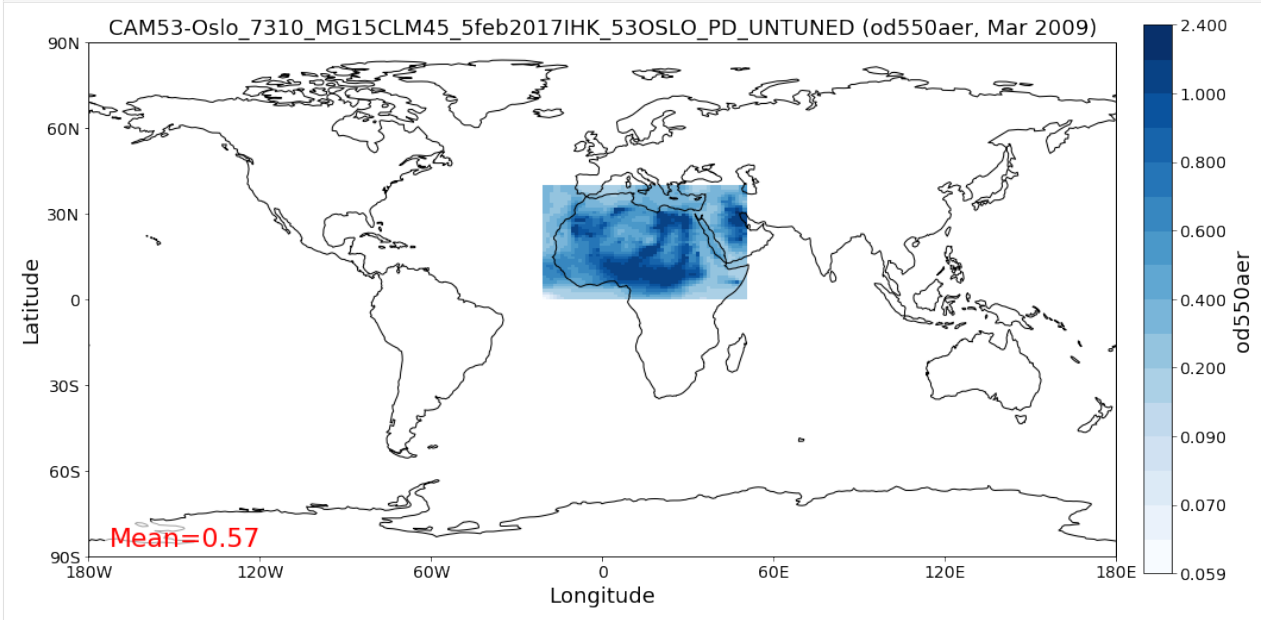
```
[16]: pyaerocom.GriddedData
Grid data: <iris 'Cube' of Aerosol optical depth at 500nm / (1) (time: 84; latitude: 42; longitude: 57)>
```

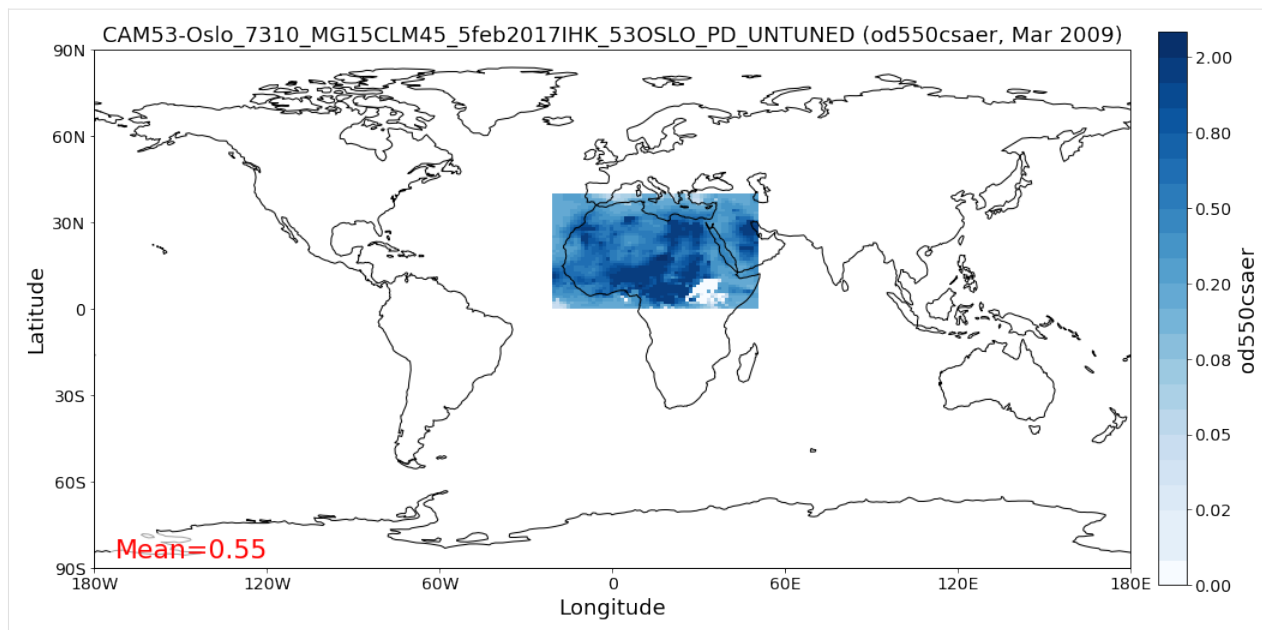
```
[17]: od550aer
```

```
[17]: pyaerocom.GriddedData
Grid data: <iris 'Cube' of Aerosol optical depth at 500nm / (1) (time: 84; latitude: 192; longitude: 288)>
```

As you can see, the filtered object is reduced in the longitude and latitude dimension. Let's plot the two new objects:

```
[18]: ax1 = od550aer_nafrica.quickplot_map('2009-3-15')
ax2 = od550csaer_nafrica.quickplot_map('2009-3-15')
```





### Filtering of time

Filtering of time is not yet included in the Filter class but can be easily performed from the GriddedData object directly. If you know the indices of the time stamps you want to crop, you can simply use numpy indexing syntax (remember that we have a 3D array containing time, latitude and longitude).

Let's say we want to filter the **year 2009**.

Since the time dimension corresponds the first index in the 3D data (time, lat, lon), and since we know, that we have monthly data from 2008-2010 (see above), we may use

```
[19]: od550aer_nafrica_2009 = od550aer_nafrica[12:24]
      od550aer_nafrica_2009.time_stamps()

[19]: array(['2005-01-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-02-01T00:00:00.000000',
            '2005-03-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-04-01T00:00:00.000000',
            '2005-05-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-06-01T00:00:00.000000',
            '2005-07-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-08-01T00:00:00.000000',
            '2005-09-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-10-01T00:00:00.000000',
            '2005-11-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-12-01T00:00:00.000000'],
      dtype='datetime64[us]')
```

in order to extract the year 2009.

However, this methodology might not always be handy (imagine you have a 10 year dataset of 3hourly sampled data and want to extract three months in the 6th year ...). In that case, you can perform the cropping using the actual timestamps (for comparability, let's stick to 2009 here):

```
[20]: od550aer_nafrica_2009_alt = od550aer_nafrica.crop(time_range=('1-1-2009', '1-1-2010'))
      od550aer_nafrica_2009_alt.time_stamps()

[20]: array(['2005-01-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-02-01T00:00:00.000000',
            '2005-03-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-04-01T00:00:00.000000',
            '2005-05-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-06-01T00:00:00.000000',
```

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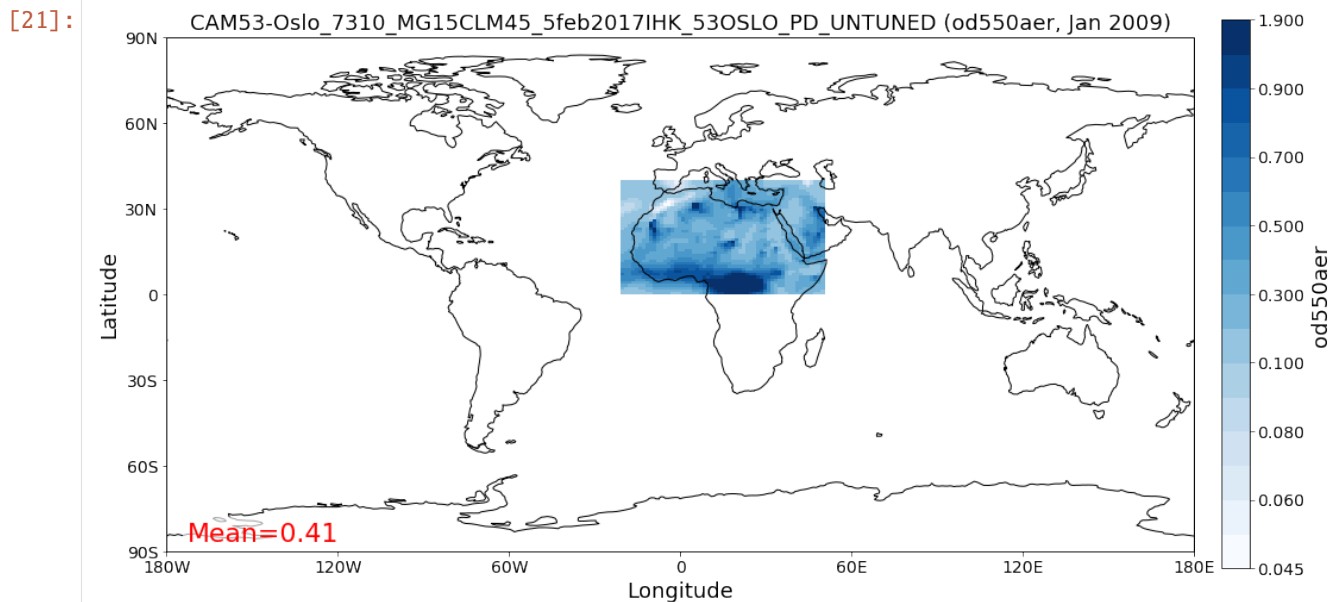
```
'2005-07-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-08-01T00:00:00.000000',
'2005-09-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-10-01T00:00:00.000000',
'2005-11-01T00:00:00.000000', '2005-12-01T00:00:00.000000'],
dtype='datetime64[us]')
```

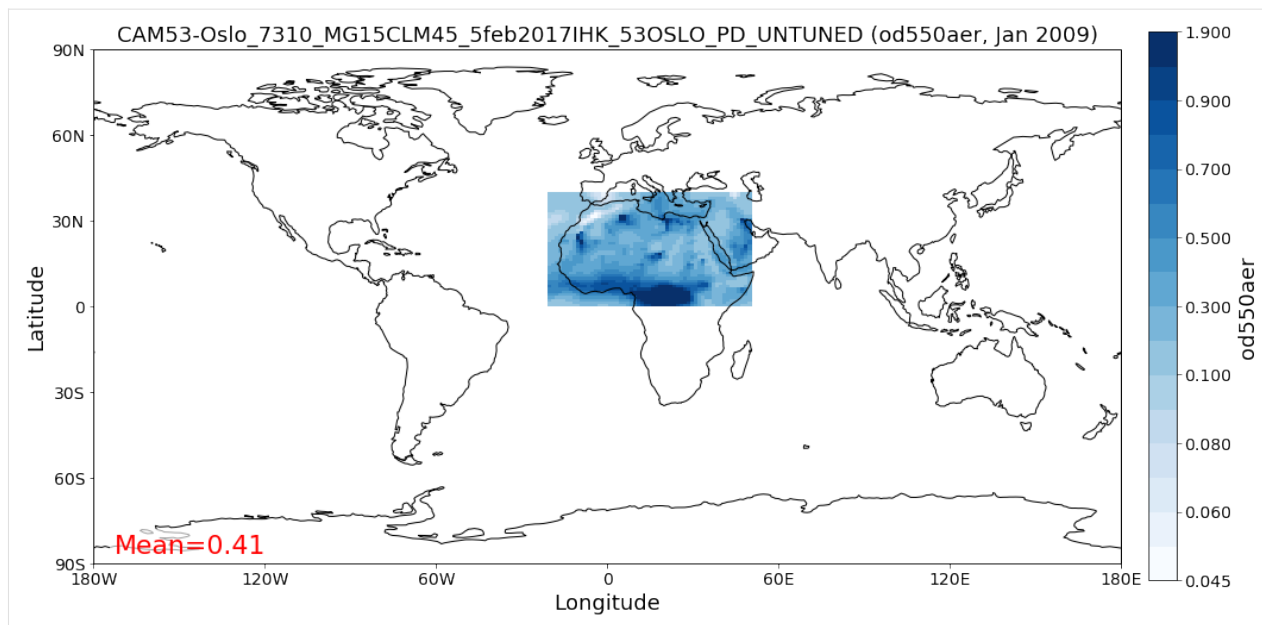
## Data aggregation

Let's say we want to compute yearly means for each of the 3 years. In this case we can simply call the `downscale_time` method:

```
[21]: od550aer_nafrica.downscale_time('yearly')
od550aer_nafrica.quickplot_map('2009')
```

This method is deprecated. Please use new name `resample_time`





**Note:** seasonal aggregation is not yet implemented in pyaerocom but will follow soon.

In the following section the reading of ungridded data is illustrated based on the example of AERONET version 3 (level 2) data. The test dataset contains a randomly picked subset of 100 Aeronet stations. Aeronet provides different products,

### Reading of and working with ungridded data (ReadUngridded and UngriddedData classes)

Ungridded data in pyaerocom refers to data that is available in the form of *files per station* and that is not sampled in a manner that it would make sense to translate into a regular gridded format such as the previously introduced `GriddedData` class.

Data from the AERONET network (that is introduced in the following), for instance, is provided in the form of column separated text files per measurement station, where columns correspond to different variables and data rows to individual time stamps. Needless to say that the time stamps (or the covered periods) vary from station to station.

The basic workflow for reading of ungridded data, such as Aeronet data, is very similar to the reading of gridded data (comprising a reading class that handles a query and returns a data class, here `UngriddedData` (see also flow chart above).

Before we can continue with the data import, some things need to be said related to the caching of `UngriddedData` objects.

### Caching of UngriddedData

Reading of ungridded data is often rather time-consuming. Therefore, pyaerocom uses a caching strategy that stores loaded instances of the `UngriddedData` class as pickle files in a cache directory (illustrated in the left hand side of the flowchart shown above). The location of the cache directory can be accessed via:

```
[22]: pya.const.CACHEDIR
```

```
[22]: '/home/jonasg/MyPyaerocom/_cache/jonasg'
```

You may change this directory if required.

```
[23]: print('Caching is active? {}'.format(pya.const.CACHING))
Caching is active? True
```

### Deactivate / Activate caching

```
[24]: pya.const.CACHING = False
```

```
[25]: pya.const.CACHING = True
```

**Note:** if caching is active, make sure you have enough disk quota or change location where the files are stored.

### Read Aeronet Sun v3 level 2 data

As illustrated in the flowchart above, ungridded observation data can be imported using the `ReadUngridded` class. The reading class requires an ID for the observation network that is supposed to be read. Let's find the right ID for these data:

```
[26]: pya.browse_database('Aeronet*V3*Lev2*')
```

Dataset name: AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily  
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM\_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev2.  
↳ 0.daily/renamed  
Supported variables: ['od340aer', 'od440aer', 'od500aer', 'od870aer', 'ang4487aer',  
↳ 'ang4487aer\_calc', 'od550aer']  
Last revision: 20190920

Dataset name: AeronetSunV3Lev2.AP  
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM\_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev2.  
↳ 0.AP/renamed  
Supported variables: ['od340aer', 'od440aer', 'od500aer', 'od870aer', 'ang4487aer',  
↳ 'ang4487aer\_calc', 'od550aer']  
Last revision: 20190511

Dataset name: AeronetSDAV3Lev2.daily  
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM\_OBSDATA/Aeronet.SDA.V3L2.  
↳ 0.daily/renamed  
Supported variables: ['od500gt1aer', 'od500lt1aer', 'od500aer', 'ang4487aer', 'od550aer',  
↳ 'od550gt1aer', 'od550lt1aer']  
Last revision: 20190920  
Reading failed for AeronetSDAV3Lev2.AP. Error: NetworkNotImplemented('No reading class\_  
↳ available yet for dataset AeronetSDAV3Lev2.AP')

Dataset name: AeronetInvV3Lev2.daily  
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM\_OBSDATA/Aeronet.Inv.V3L2.  
↳ 0.daily/renamed  
Supported variables: ['abs440aer', 'angabs4487aer', 'od440aer', 'ang4487aer', 'abs550aer  
↳ ', 'od550aer']  
Last revision: 20190914

It found one match and the dataset ID is *AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily*. It also tells us what variables can be loaded via the interface.

**Note:** You can safely ignore all the warnings in the output. These are due to the fact that the testdata set does not contain all observation networks that are available in the AEROCOM database.

```
[27]: obs_reader = pya.io.ReadUngridded('AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily')
      print(obs_reader)

Dataset name: AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev2.
↳0.daily/renamed
Supported variables: ['od340aer', 'od440aer', 'od500aer', 'od870aer', 'ang4487aer',
↳'ang4487aer_calc', 'od550aer']
Last revision: 20190920
```

Let's read the data (you can read a single or multiple variables at the same time). For now, we only read the AOD at 550 nm:

```
[28]: aeronet_data = obs_reader.read(vars_to_retrieve='od550aer')
      type(aeronet_data) #displays data type
```

```
[28]: pyaerocom.ungriddeddata.UngriddedData
```

As you can see, the data object is of type `UngriddedData`. Like the `GriddedData` object, also the `UngriddedData` class has an informative string representation (that can be printed):

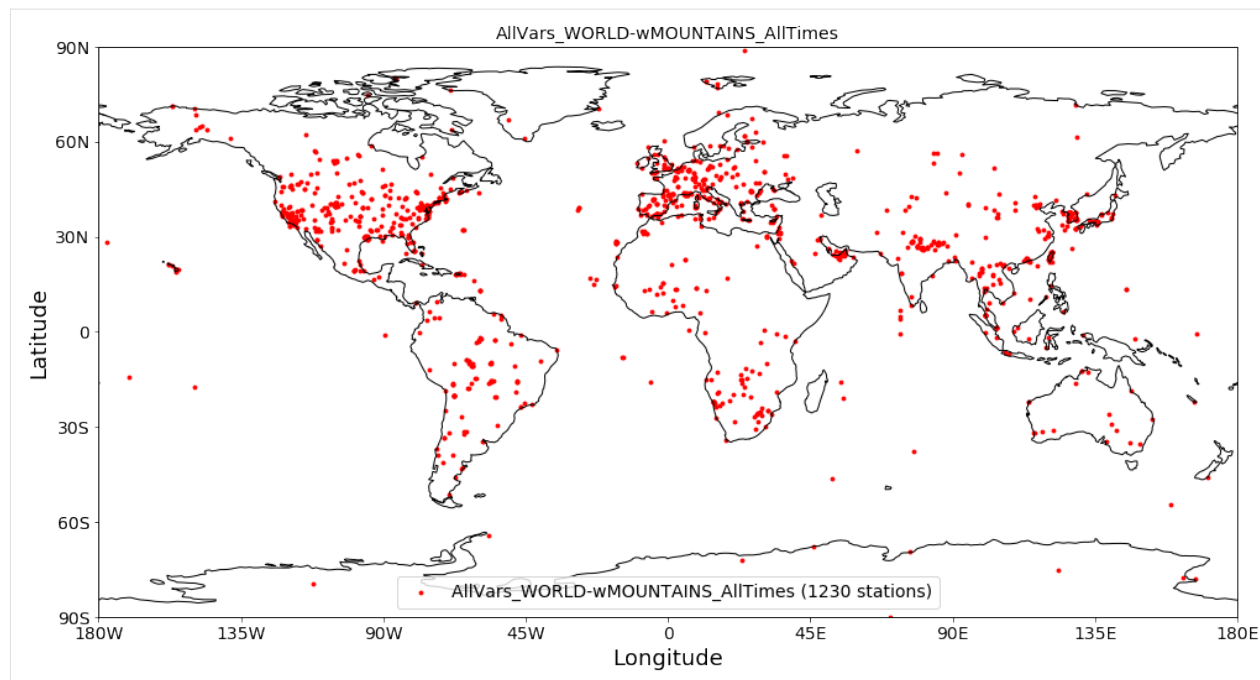
```
[29]: print(aeronet_data)

Pyaerocom UngriddedData
-----
Contains networks: ['AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily']
Contains variables: ['od550aer']
Contains instruments: ['sun_photometer']
Total no. of meta-blocks: 1230
Filters that were applied:
  Filter time log: 20191002122003
    Created od550aer single var object from multivar UngriddedData instance
```

### Plot all station coordinates

```
[30]: aeronet_data.plot_station_coordinates();
```





### Access of individual stations

Get all station names:

```
[31]: all_station_names = aeronet_data.unique_station_names
all_station_names[:10] #displays first 10 stations
```

```
[31]: ['AAOT',
'AOE_Baotou',
'ARM_Ascension_Is',
'ARM_Barnstable_MA',
'ARM_Cordoba',
'ARM_Darwin',
'ARM_Gan_Island',
'ARM_Graciosa',
'ARM_Highlands_MA',
'ARM_HyytialaFinland']
```

For instance, to access the data for the city of Leipzig, Germany, you can use square brackets with the station name of Leipzig:

```
[32]: station_data = aeronet_data['Leipzig'] # this is fully equivalent with aeronet_data.to_
↪ station_data('Leipzig')
type(station_data)
```

```
[32]: pyaerocom.stationdata.StationData
```

As you can see, the returned object is of type `StationData`, which is one further data format of `pyaerocom` (note that this is not displayed in the simplified flowchart above). `StationData` may be useful for individual stations and is an extended Python dictionary (if you are familiar with Python).

You may print it to see what is in there:

```
[33]: print(station_data)
```

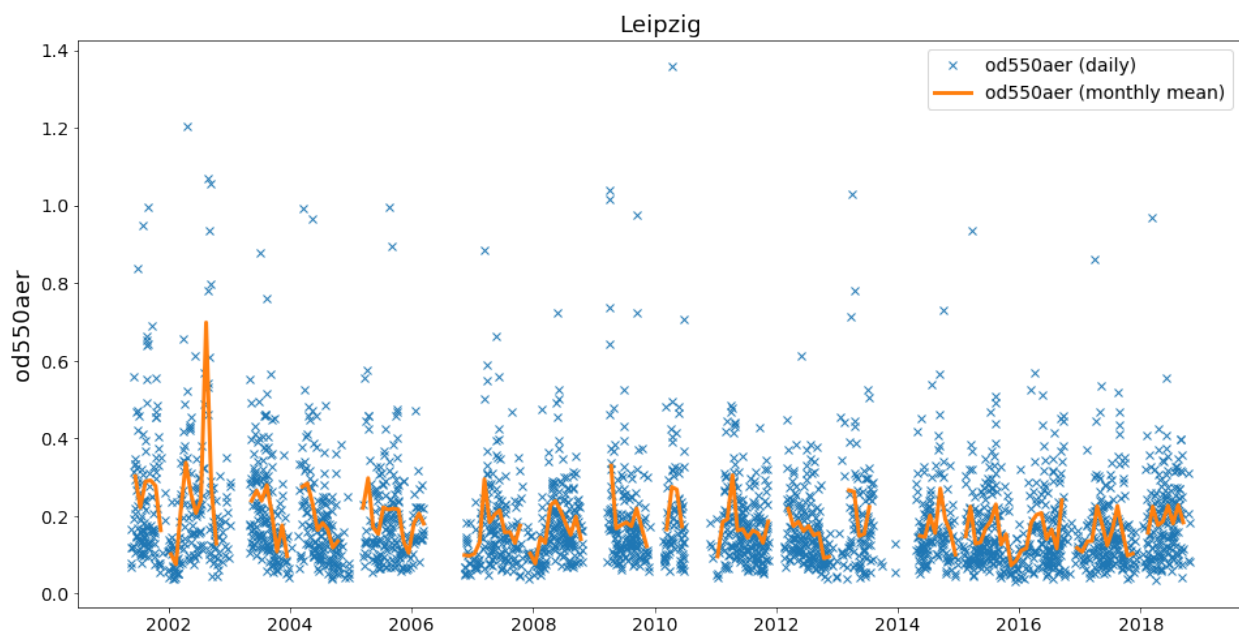
```
Pyaerocom StationData
-----
var_info (BrowseDict):
  od550aer (OrderedDict):
    units: 1
    overlap: False
    ts_type: daily
    apply_constraints: False
    min_num_obs: None
station_coords (dict):
  latitude: 51.352500000000006
  longitude: 12.435277999999998
  altitude: 125.0
data_err (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
overlap (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
data_flagged (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
filename: None
station_id: None
station_name: Leipzig
instrument_name: sun_photometer
PI: Brent_Holben
country: None
ts_type: daily
latitude: 51.352500000000006
longitude: 12.435277999999998
altitude: 125.0
data_id: AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily
dataset_name: None
data_product: None
data_version: None
data_level: None
revision_date: None
website: None
ts_type_src: daily
stat_merge_pref_attr: None
data_revision: 20190920

Data arrays
...
dtype (ndarray, 6363 items): [2001-05-21T00:00:00.000000000, 2001-05-22T00:00:00.
↪ 000000000, ..., 2018-10-20T00:00:00.000000000, 2018-10-21T00:00:00.000000000]
Pandas Series
...
od550aer (Series, 6363 items)
```

As you can see, this station contains a time-series of the AOD at 550 nm. If you like, you can plot this time-series:

```
[34]: ax = station_data.insert_nans_timeseries('od550aer').plot_timeseries('od550aer', marker=
↪ 'x', ls='none')
station_data.plot_timeseries('od550aer', freq='monthly', marker=' ', ls='-', lw=3, ax=ax)
```

[34]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f2c2061e3c8>



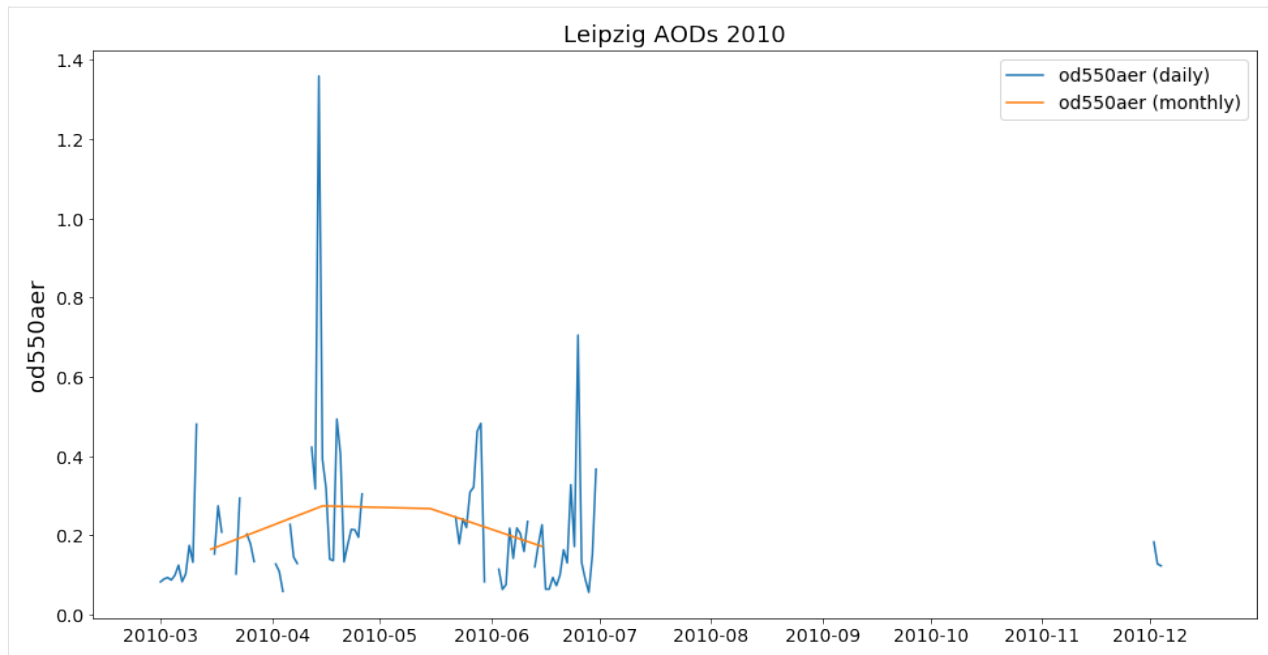
You can also retrieve the StationData with specifying more constraints using `to_station_data` (e.g. in monthly resolution and only for the year 2010). And you can overlay different curves, by passing the axes instance returned by the plotting method:

```
[35]: ax=aeronet_data.to_station_data('Leipzig',
                                     start=2010,
                                     freq='daily').plot_timeseries('od550aer')

ax=aeronet_data.to_station_data('Leipzig',
                               start=2010,
                               freq='monthly').plot_timeseries('od550aer', ax=ax)

ax.legend()
ax.set_title('Leipzig AODs 2010')
```

[35]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Leipzig AODs 2010')



### You can also plot the time-series directly

For instance, if you want to do an air-quality check for you next bouldering trip, you may call:

```
[36]: ts = aeronet_data.to_station_data('Fontainebleau', 'od550aer', 2006, None, 'monthly')
      ts

[36]: StationData([('dtype',
                    array(['2006-01-15T00:00:00.000000000', '2006-02-15T00:00:00.000000000',
                          '2006-03-15T00:00:00.000000000', '2006-04-15T00:00:00.000000000',
                          '2006-05-15T00:00:00.000000000', '2006-06-15T00:00:00.000000000',
                          '2006-07-15T00:00:00.000000000', '2006-08-15T00:00:00.000000000',
                          '2006-09-15T00:00:00.000000000', '2006-10-15T00:00:00.000000000',
                          '2006-11-15T00:00:00.000000000', '2006-12-15T00:00:00.000000000'],
                          dtype='datetime64[ns]')),
                  ('var_info',
                   BrowseDict([('od550aer',
                                OrderedDict([('units', '1'),
                                              ('overlap', False),
                                              ('ts_type', 'monthly'),
                                              ('apply_constraints', True),
                                              ('min_num_obs',
                                               {'yearly': {'monthly': 3},
                                               'monthly': {'daily': 7},
                                               'daily': {'hourly': 6},
                                               'hourly': {'minutely': 15}})]))]),
                  ('station_coords',
                   {'latitude': 48.406666999999985,
                    'longitude': 2.6802780000000004,
                    'altitude': 85.0}),
                  ('data_err', BrowseDict()))]
```

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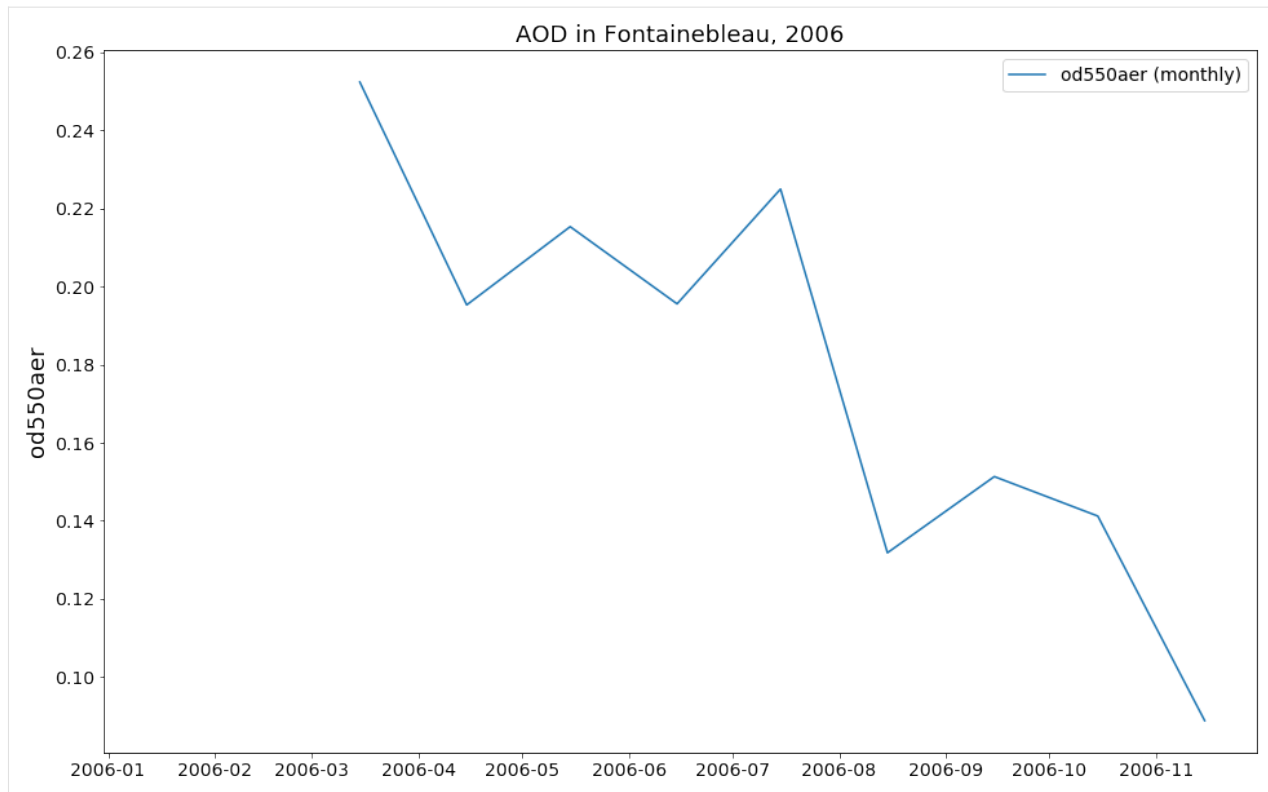
```

('overlap', BrowseDict()),
('data_flagged', BrowseDict()),
('filename', None),
('station_id', None),
('station_name', 'Fontainebleau'),
('instrument_name', 'sun_photometer'),
('PI', 'Brent_Holben'),
('country', None),
('ts_type', 'monthly'),
('latitude', 48.406666999999985),
('longitude', 2.6802780000000004),
('altitude', 85.0),
('data_id', 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily'),
('dataset_name', None),
('data_product', None),
('data_version', None),
('data_level', None),
('revision_date', None),
('website', None),
('ts_type_src', 'daily'),
('stat_merge_pref_attr', None),
('data_revision', '20190920'),
('od550aer', 2006-01-15    0.176742
2006-02-15    NaN
2006-03-15    0.252403
2006-04-15    0.195318
2006-05-15    0.215357
2006-06-15    0.195586
2006-07-15    0.224991
2006-08-15    0.131814
2006-09-15    0.151338
2006-10-15    0.141222
2006-11-15    0.088815
2006-12-15    NaN
Name: mean, dtype: float64)])

```

```
[37]: aeronet_data.plot_station_timeseries('Fontainebleau', 'od550aer', ts_type='monthly',
                                           start=2006).set_title('AOD in Fontainebleau, 2006')
```

```
[37]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'AOD in Fontainebleau, 2006')
```



Seems like November is a good time (maybe a bit rainy though)

### Colocation of model and obsdata

Now that we have different data objects loaded we can continue with colocation. In the following, both the all-sky and the clear-sky data from CAM53-Oslo will be colocated with the subset of Aeronet stations that we just loaded.

The colocation will be performed for the year of 2010 and two scatter plots will be created.

You have also the option to apply a certain filter when colocating using a valid filter name. Here, we use global data and exclude mountain sides.

```
[38]: col_all_sky_glob = pya.colocation.colocate_gridded_ungridded(od550aer, aeronet_data,
                                                                    ts_type='monthly',
                                                                    start=2010,
                                                                    filter_name='WORLD-
noMOUNTAINS')
type(col_all_sky_glob)
```

```
Setting od550aer outlier lower lim: -1.00
```

```
Setting od550aer outlier upper lim: 10.00
```

```
Interpolating data of shape (12, 192, 288). This may take a while.
```

```
Successfully interpolated cube
```

```
[38]: pyaerocom.colocateddata.ColocatedData
```

Let's do the same for the clear-sky data.

```
[39]: col_clear_sky_glob = pya.colocation.colocate_gridded_ungridded(od550csaer, aeronet_data,
                                                                    ts_type='monthly',
                                                                    start=2010,
                                                                    filter_name='WORLD-
noMOUNTAINS')
type(col_clear_sky_glob)
```

Setting od550aer outlier lower lim: -1.00

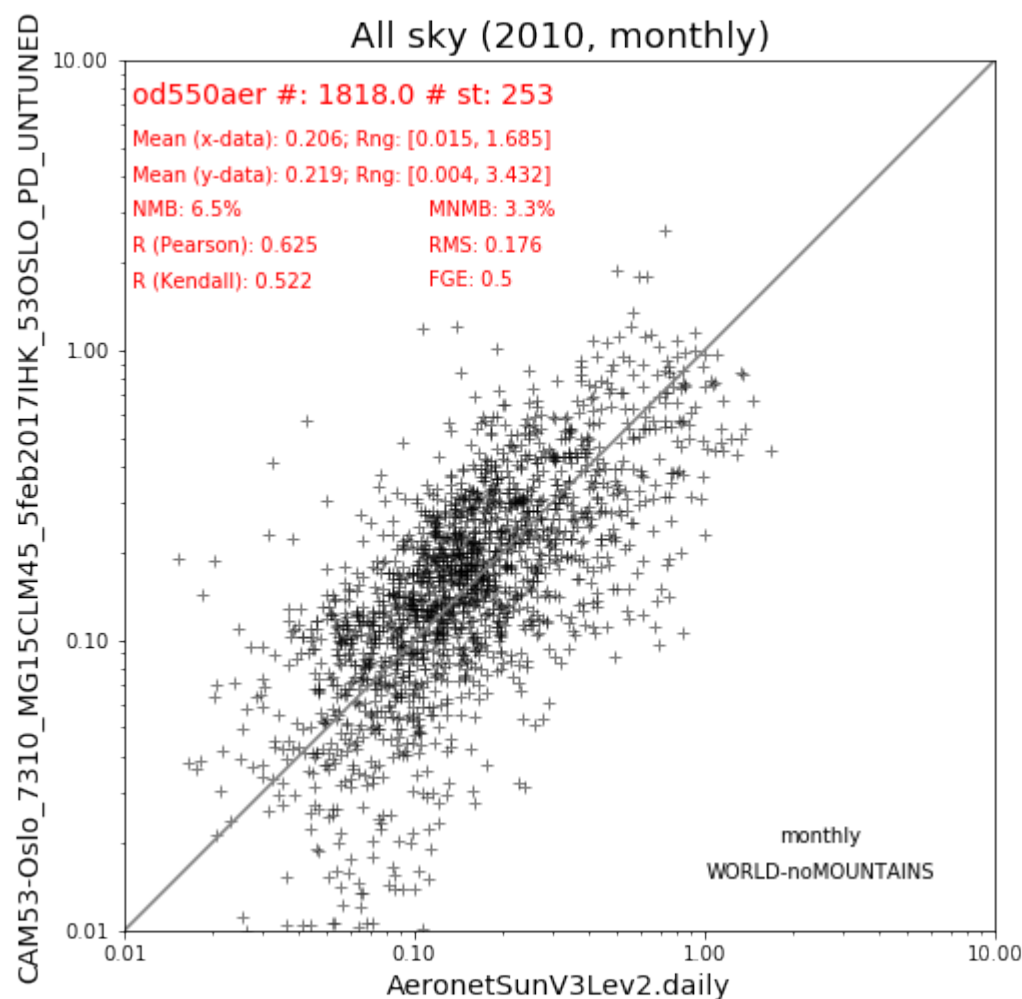
Setting od550aer outlier upper lim: 10.00

Interpolating data of shape (12, 192, 288). This may take a while.

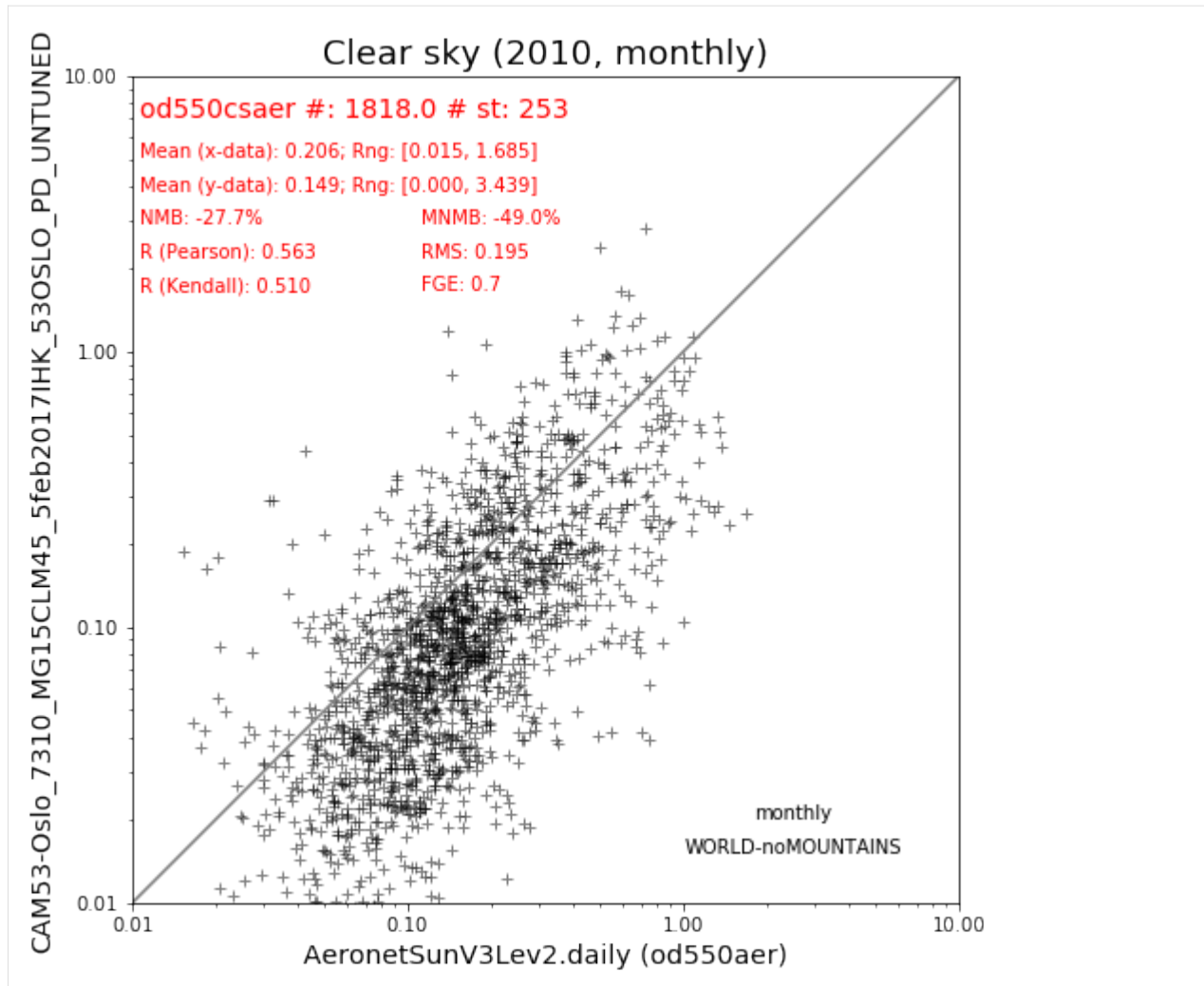
Successfully interpolated cube

```
[39]: pyaerocom.colocateddata.ColocatedData
```

```
[40]: ax1 = col_all_sky_glob.plot_scatter()
ax1.set_title('All sky (2010, monthly)');
```



```
[41]: ax2 = col_clear_sky_glob.plot_scatter()
ax2.set_title('Clear sky (2010, monthly)');
```



... or for EUROPE:

```
[42]: pya.colocation.colocate_gridded_ungridded(od550aer, aeronet_data,
                                                ts_type='monthly',
                                                start=2010,
                                                filter_name='EUROPE-noMOUNTAINS').plot_
```

```
→ scatter();
```

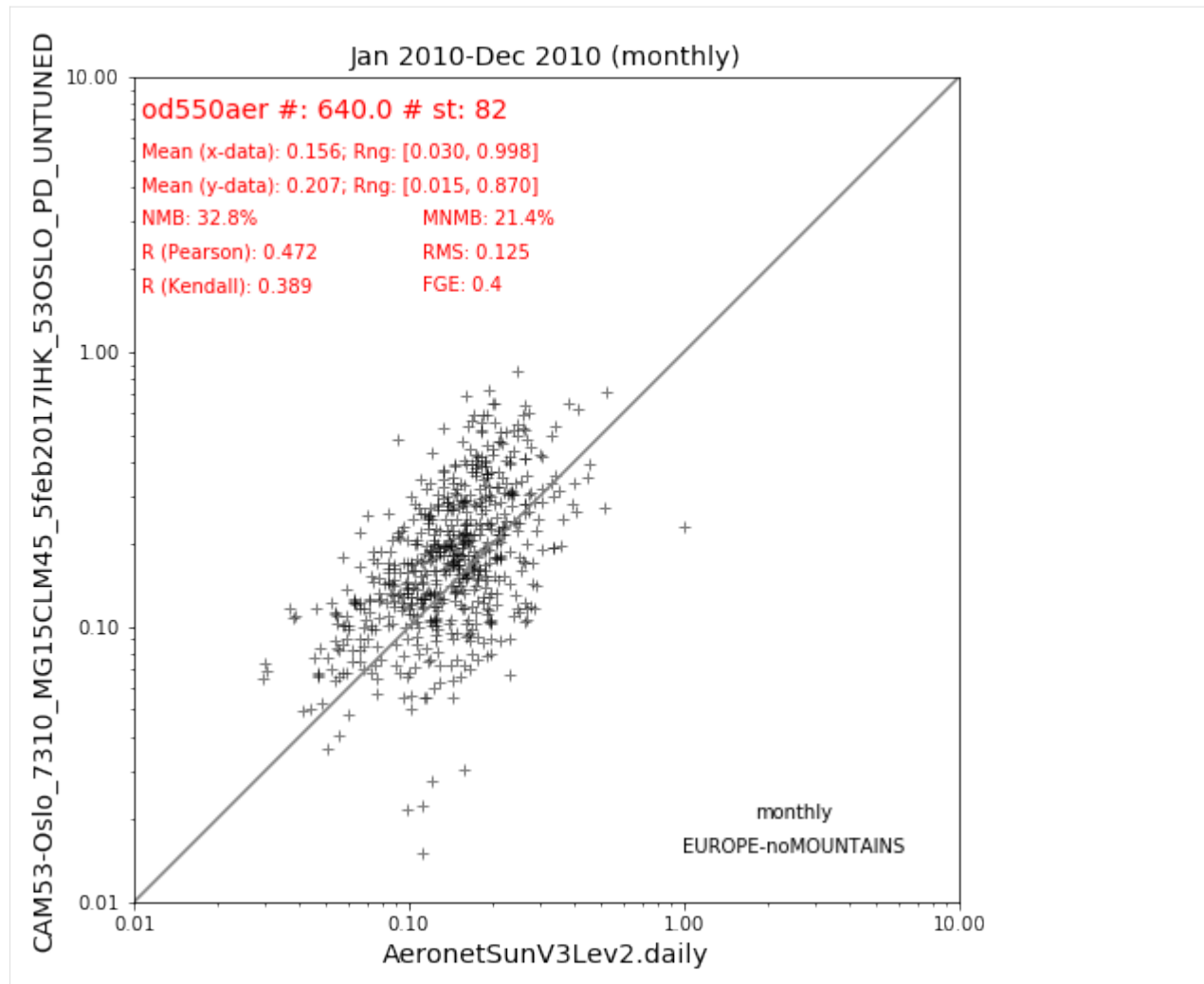
Setting od550aer outlier lower lim: -1.00

Setting od550aer outlier upper lim: 10.00

Interpolating data of shape (12, 192, 288). This may take a while.

Successfully interpolated cube

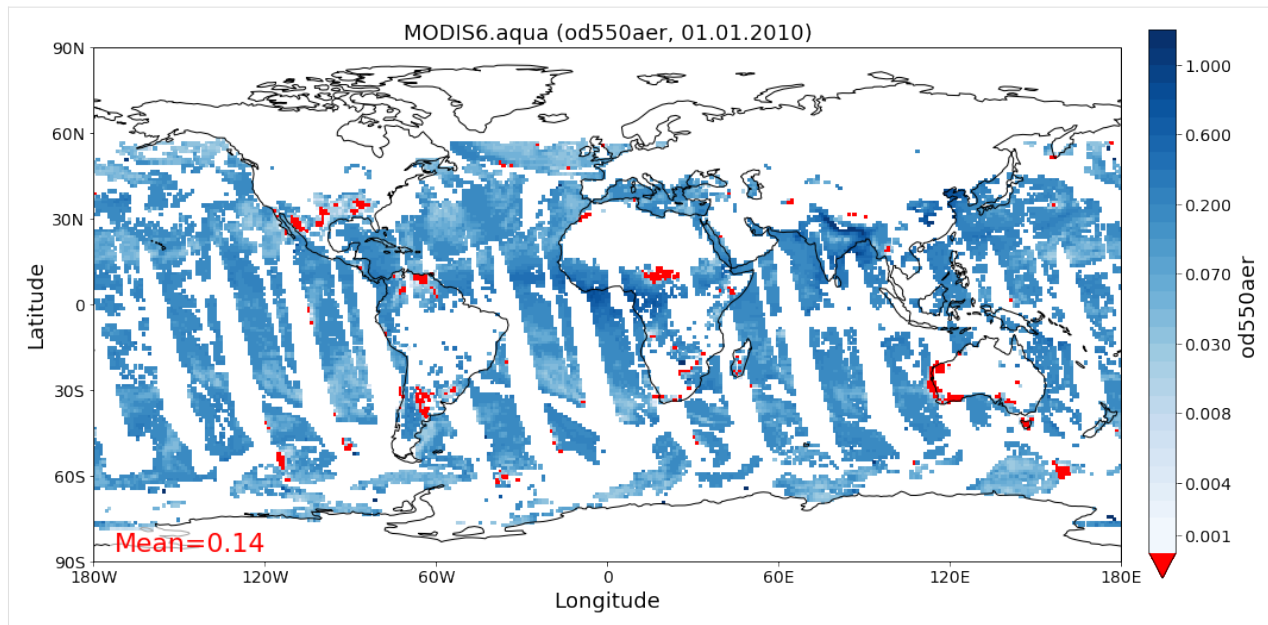




### Colocation with satellite AODs from MODIS

```
[43]: sat_data = pya.io.ReadGridded('MODIS6.aqua').read_var('od550aer', start=2010)
sat_data.quickplot_map(vmin=.001, vmax=3, c_under='r');
```

Overwriting unit unknown in cube od550aer with value "1"



Colocation is straight forward as shown below. The data will be regridded to 5x5 degrees resolution during the colocation.

```
[44]: col_modis_monthly = pya.colocation.colocate_gridded_gridded(gridded_data=od550aer,
                                                                    gridded_data_ref=sat_data,
                                                                    ts_type='monthly',
                                                                    regrid_res_deg=5,
                                                                    remove_outliers=True,
                                                                    harmonise_units=False)
```

Interpolating data of shape (365, 180, 360). This may take a while.

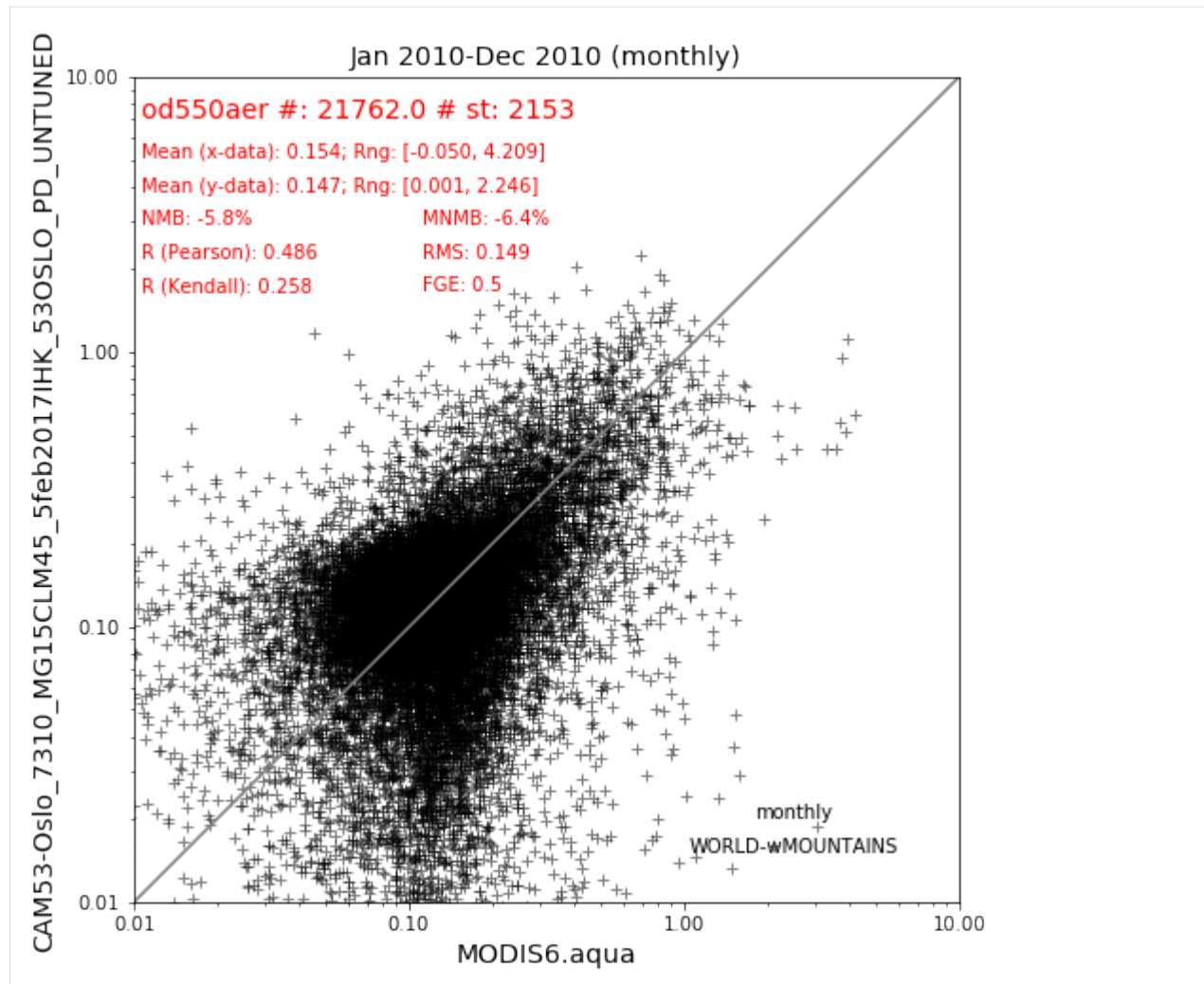
Successfully interpolated cube

Setting od550aer outlier lower lim: -1.00

Setting od550aer outlier upper lim: 10.00

```
[45]: col_modis_monthly.plot_scatter()
```

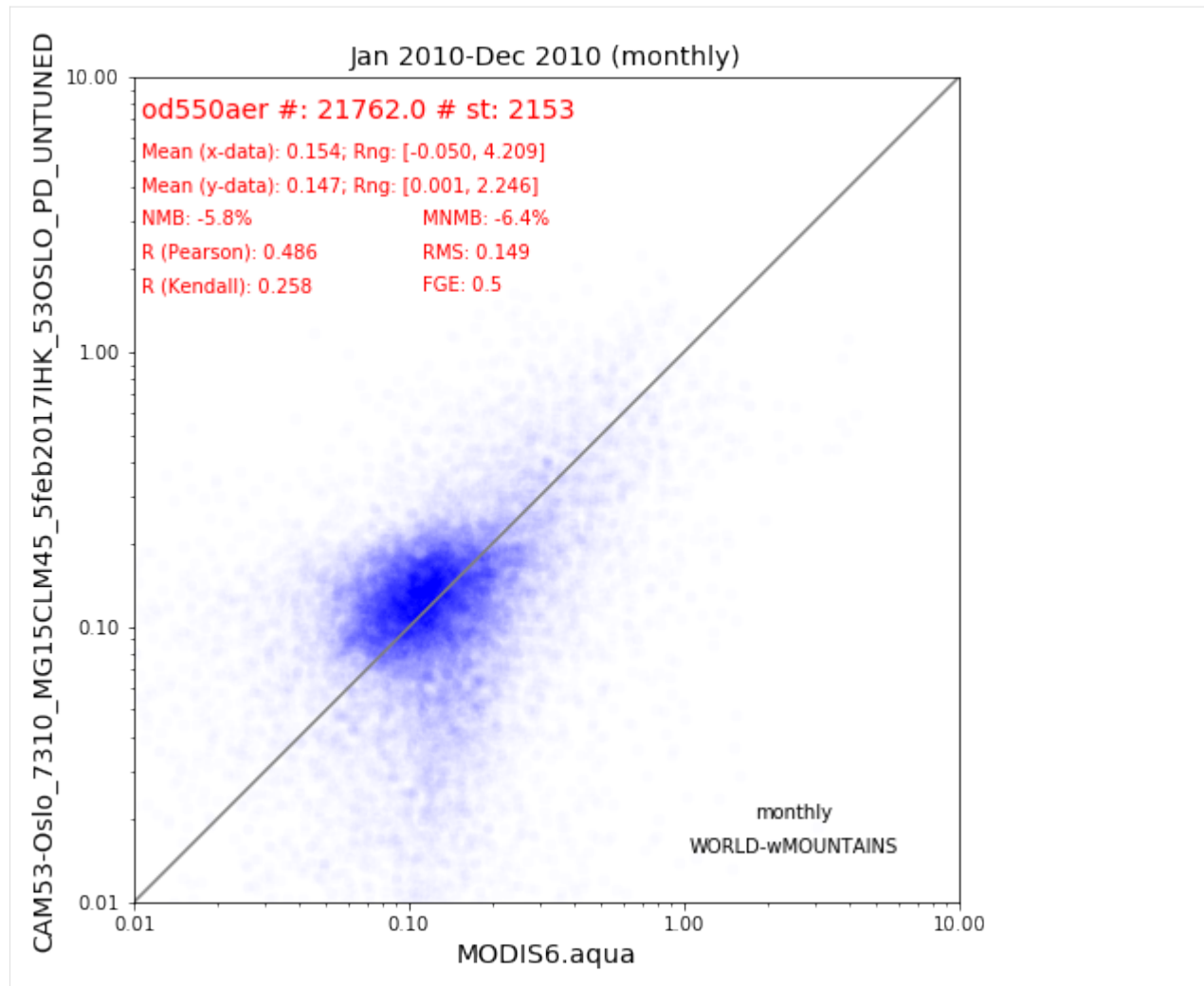
```
[45]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f2c1049a198>
```



You may also change the plot style, to adapt better to the large amount of data points here in these satellite products:

```
[46]: col_modis_monthly.plot_scatter(ms=6, marker='o', mec='none', color='b', alpha=0.01)
```

```
[46]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f2c10614908>
```



### Remark on the ColocatedData object

The ColocatedData object has not many features and methods implemented yet. But it builds a good basis for further analysis using features of the underlying data-structure, which is an instance of the `xarray.DataArray` class and can be accessed via the data attribute if the ColocatedData object:

```
[47]: arr = col_all_sky_glob.data
      type(arr)
```

```
[47]: xarray.core.dataarray.DataArray
```

You may want to read more about it [here](#).

### 3.2.2 AEROCOM default regions (class Region)

This notebook introduces how pya handles information related to default regions (e.g. Europe, Asia, ...) as used in the [AEROCOM interface](#). All default regions are defined in the file [regions.ini](#).

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya

Initating pyaerocom configuration
Checking database access...
Checking access to: /lustre/storeA
Access to lustre database: True
Init data paths for lustre
Expired time: 0.016 s
```

#### What regions are available

```
[2]: pya.region.all()
```

```
[2]: ['WORLD',
      'EUROPE',
      'ASIA',
      'AUSTRALIA',
      'CHINA',
      'INDIA',
      'NAFRICA',
      'SAFRICA',
      'SAMERICA',
      'NAMERICA']
```

These region IDs can be used to access more information about the regions (which is used throughout pyaerocom). For instance:

#### Create a Region

```
[3]: europe = pya.Region("EUROPE")
print(europe)

pyaeorocom Region
Name: EUROPE
Longitude range: [-20, 70]
Latitude range: [30, 80]
Longitude range (plots): [-20, 70]
Latitude range (plots): [30, 80]
```

```
[4]: asia = pya.Region("ASIA")
print(asia)

pyaeorocom Region
Name: ASIA
Longitude range: [40, 150]
```

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```

Latitude range: [0, 60]
Longitude range (plots): [40, 150]
Latitude range (plots): [0, 60]

```

### Load example data and apply region specific crop

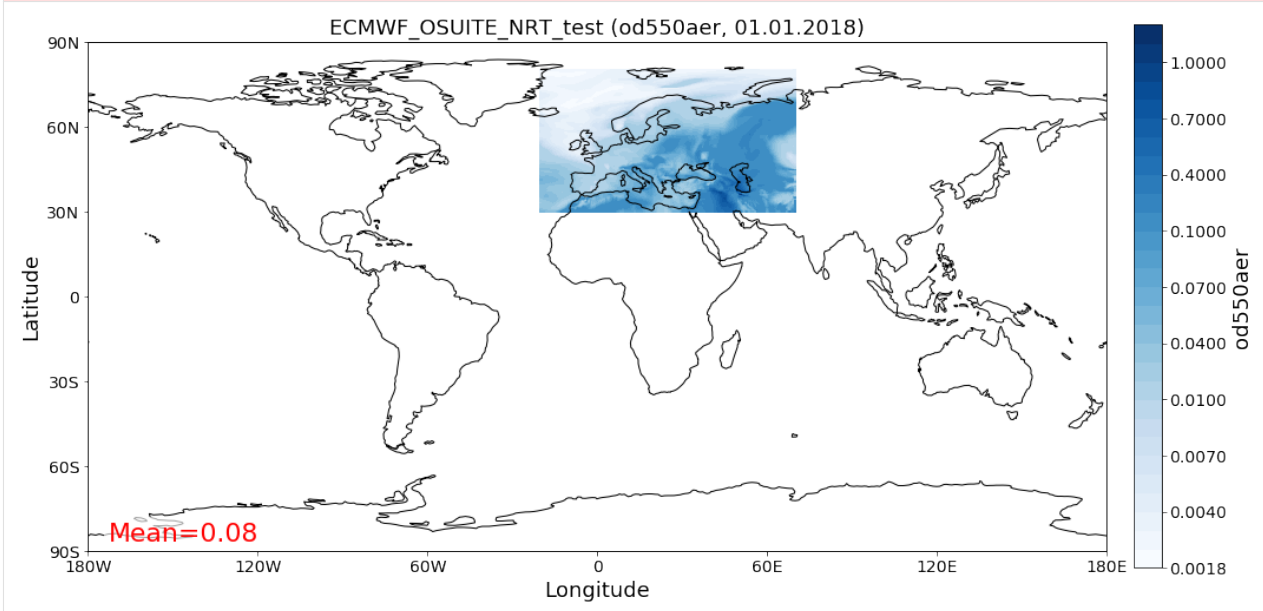
In the following cell, we create an instance of the GriddedData class (hich is introduced in more detail in a later tutorial), load some test data (from the CAMS ECMWF OSUITE dataset), crop it and plot a map of the results over Europe.

```

[5]: data = pya.GriddedData()
data._init_testdata_default()
crop = data.crop(region="EUROPE")
fig = crop.quickplot_map()

```

Overwriting unit unknown in cube od550aer with value "1"



### Computing distance to centre of region

For a given lat / lon coordinate, distances to the region centre coordinate can be computed as:

```

[6]: dc = asia.distance_to_center(lat=45, lon=60)
dc #km

```

```

[6]: 3476.358401761219

```

Access centre coordinate:

```

[7]: asia.center_coordinate # (lat, lon)

```

```

[7]: (30.0, 95.0)

```

```
[8]: asia.distance_to_center(30, 95)
```

```
[8]: 0.0
```

That's it. Not much more to say about regions until now.

### 3.2.3 The GriddedData class

This notebook introduces the `GriddedData` class of `pyaerocom`. The `GriddedData` class is the fundamental base class for the analysis of model data. The underlying data type is `iris.cube.Cube` which was extended, for instance by allowing direct imports of netCDF files when creating an instance of `GriddedData` (i.e. by passing the filename and specifying the variable name on initialisation). This notebook introduces some of the features of the `GriddedData` class. Starting with some imports:

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya
from warnings import filterwarnings
filterwarnings('ignore')
pya.change_verbosity('critical')
```

```
Initating pyaerocom configuration
```

```
Checking database access...
```

```
Checking access to: /lustre/storeA
```

```
Access to lustre database: True
```

```
Init data paths for lustre
```

```
Expired time: 0.016 s
```

Let's get a test file to load

```
[2]: test_files = pya.io.testfiles.get()
for name, filepath in test_files["models"].items(): print("%s\n%s\n" %(name, filepath))
```

```
aatsr_su_v4.3
```

```
/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/CCI-Aerosol/CCI_AEROSOL_Phase2/
↪ AATSR_SU_v4.3/renamed/aerocom.AATSR_SU_v4.3.daily.od550aer.2008.nc
```

```
ecmwf_osuite
```

```
/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/ECMWF_OSUITE_NRT_test/renamed/aerocom.ECMWF_
↪ OSUITE_NRT_test.daily.od550aer.2018.nc
```

Let's pick out the ECMWF OSUITE test file and load the data directly into an instance of the `GriddedData` class. The `GriddedData` class takes either preloaded instances of the `iris.cube.Cube` class as input, or a valid netCDF file path. The latter requires specification of the variable name which is then filtered from the data stored in the netCDF file (which may contain multiple variables. The following example imports the data for the aerosol optical density at 550 nm. The string representation of the `GriddedData` class (see print at end of following code cell) was slightly adapted from the underlying `Cube` object.

## Read ECMWF OSUITE AOD data

```
[3]: fpath = test_files["models"]["ecmwf_osuite"]
data = pya.GriddedData(input=fpath, var_name="od550aer", data_id="ECMWF_OSUITE")
print(data)
```

Overwriting unit unknown in cube od550aer with value "1"

```
pyaerocom.GriddedData: ECMWF_OSUITE
Grid data: Dust Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm / (1) (time: 365; latitude: 451;
↳ longitude: 900)
  Dimension coordinates:
    time                x          -          -
    latitude            -          x          -
    longitude           -          -          x
  Attributes:
    Conventions: CF-1.0
    NCO: 4.7.2
    computed: False
    concatenated: False
    data_id: ECMWF_OSUITE
    from_files: ['/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/ECMWF_OSUITE_NRT_test/
↳ rename...
    history: Tue Mar 20 13:08:49 2018: ncks -7 -0 -o test.nc -x -v time_bnds_
↳ od550aer.test.orig.nc
Tue...
    history_of_appended_files: Tue Mar 20 02:09:15 2018: Appended file /lustre/
↳ storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/ECMWF_OSUITE_NRT/renamed//aerocom.ECMWF_OSUITE_NRT.
↳ daily.od550bc.2018.nc...
    invalid_units: ~
    is_at_stations: False
    nco_openmp_thread_number: 1
    outliers_removed: False
    reader: None
    region: None
    regridded: False
    ts_type: daily
    var_name: od550aer
    var_name_read: n/d
    vert_code:
    year: 2018
  Cell methods:
    mean: time
```



### Remark on longitude definition

If the longitudes in the original NetCDF file are defined as:

$$0 \leq \text{lon} \leq 360$$

then, pyaerocom converts automatically to:

$$-180 \leq \text{lon} \leq 180$$

when an instance of the `GriddedData` class is created (see print statment above *Rolling longitudes to -180 -> 180 definition*). This is, for instance, the case for the ECMWF OSUITE data files.

### Basic attributes of the `GriddedData` class

In the following cells, some of the most important attributes are introduced. These are mostly reimplementations of the underlying `iris.Cube` data object, which is stored in and can be accessed via the `GriddedData.cube` attribute. For instance the attribute `GriddedData.longitude` will access `GriddedData.grid.coord("longitude")`, `GriddedData.latitude` will return `GriddedData.grid.coord("latitude")` and `GriddedData.time` will return the time dimension array (`GriddedData.grid.coord("time")`).

```
[4]: data.data_id
```

```
[4]: 'ECMWF_OSUITE'
```

```
[5]: data.var_name
```

```
[5]: 'od550aer'
```

```
[6]: data.units
```

```
[6]: Unit('1')
```

```
[7]: data.ts_type
```

```
[7]: 'daily'
```

Side note: the unit is obviously not specified in this dataset, which is part of the game, unfortunately, when working with external data...

```
[8]: type(data.longitude)
```

```
[8]: iris.coords.DimCoord
```

```
[9]: data.longitude.points.min(), data.longitude.points.max()
```

```
[9]: (-180.0, 179.600000610351562)
```

```
[10]: type(data.latitude)
```

```
[10]: iris.coords.DimCoord
```

```
[11]: data.latitude.points.min(), data.latitude.points.max()
```

```
[11]: (-90.0, 90.0)
```

```
[12]: type(data.time)
```

```
[12]: iris.coords.DimCoord
```

```
[13]: data.time.points.min(), data.time.points.max()
```

```
[13]: (0.0, 364.0)
```

```
[14]: tstamps = data.time_stamps()
print(tstamps[0], tstamps[-1])
```

```
2018-01-01T00:00:00.000000 2018-12-31T00:00:00.000000
```

If you do not specify the variable type, an Exception is raised, that will get you some information about what variables are available in the file (if the file is readable using the `iris.load` method).

```
[15]: try:
      data = pya.GriddedData(input=fpath)
except pya.exceptions.NetcdfError as e:
    print("This did not work...error message: %s" %repr(e))
```

```
This did not work...error message: NetcdfError("Could not load single cube from /lustre/
↪storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/ECMWF_OSUITE_NRT_test/renamed/aerocom.ECMWF_OSUITE_NRT_
↪test.daily.od550aer.2018.nc. Please specify var_name. Input file contains the
↪following variables: ['od550dust', 'od550oa', 'od550aer', 'od550so4', 'od550bc']")
```

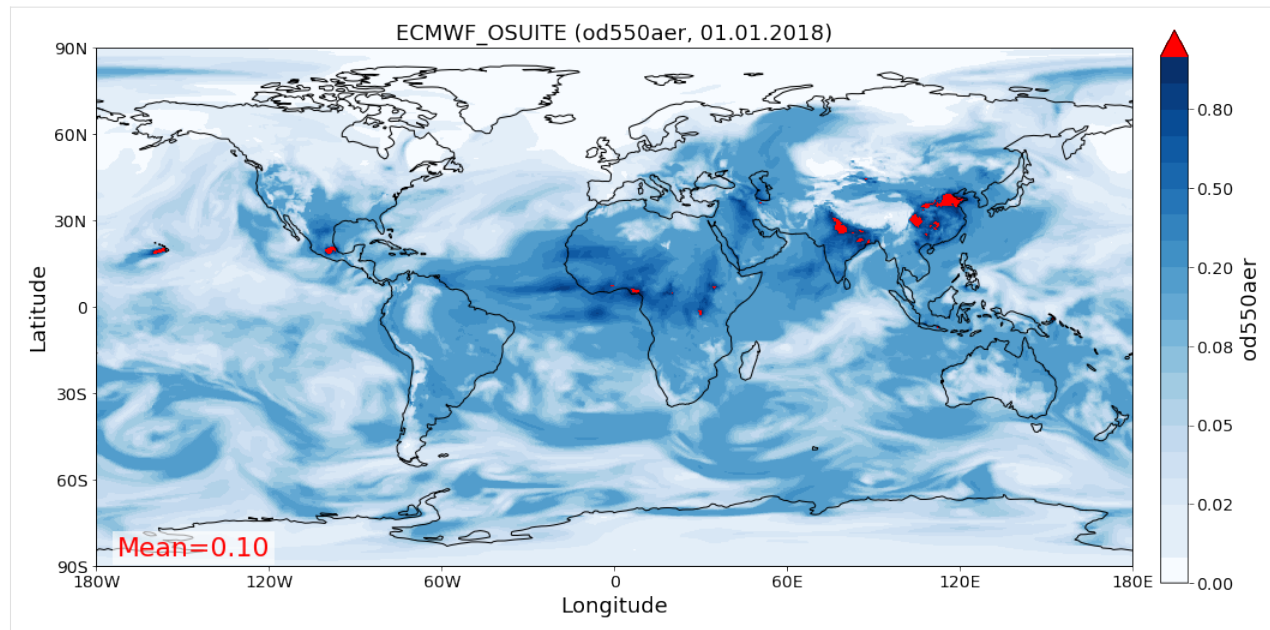
Also, if you parse an invalid variable name, you will get some hint.

```
[16]: try:
      data = pya.GriddedData(input=fpath, var_name="Blaaa")
except Exception as e:
    print("This also did not work...error message: %s" %repr(e))
```

```
This also did not work...error message: NetcdfError('Variable Blaaa not available in
↪file /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/ECMWF_OSUITE_NRT_test/renamed/aerocom.
↪ECMWF_OSUITE_NRT_test.daily.od550aer.2018.nc')
```

You can have a quick look at the data using the class-own `quickplot` method

```
[17]: data.quickplot_map(time_idx=0, vmin=0, vmax=1, c_over="r");
```



Why not load some of the other variables...

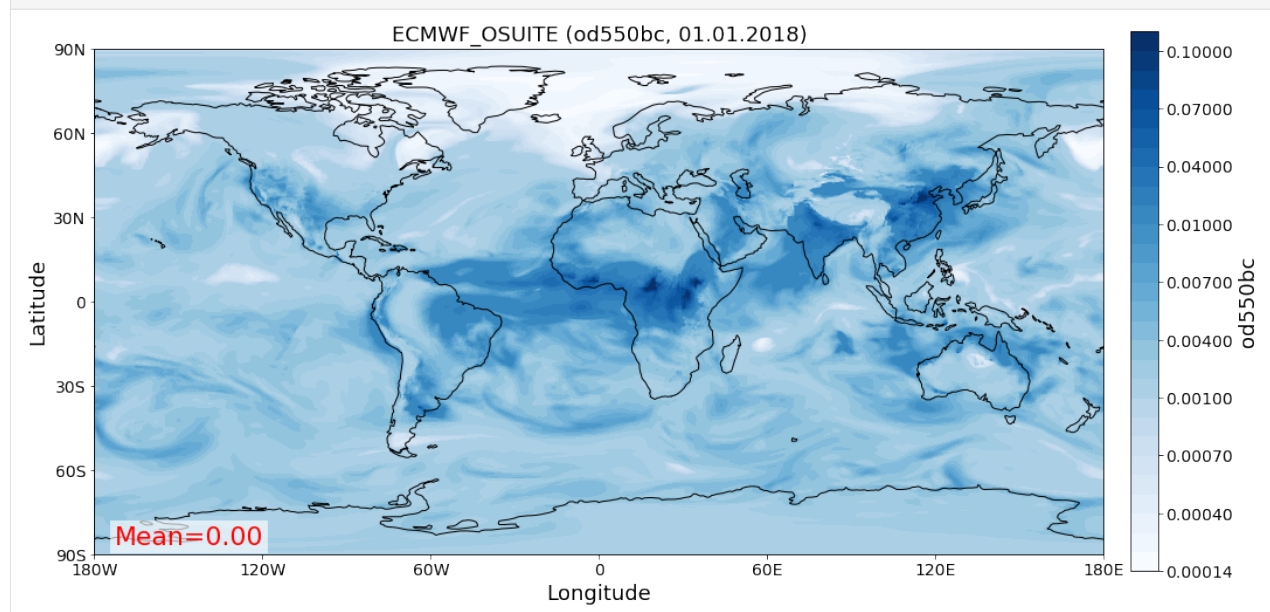
```
[18]: data_bc = pya.GriddedData(fpath, var_name="od550bc", data_id="ECMWF_OSUITE")
      data_so4 = pya.GriddedData(fpath, var_name="od550so4", data_id="ECMWF_OSUITE")
```

Overwriting unit unknown in cube od550bc with value "1"

Overwriting unit unknown in cube od550so4 with value "1"

... and plot them as well

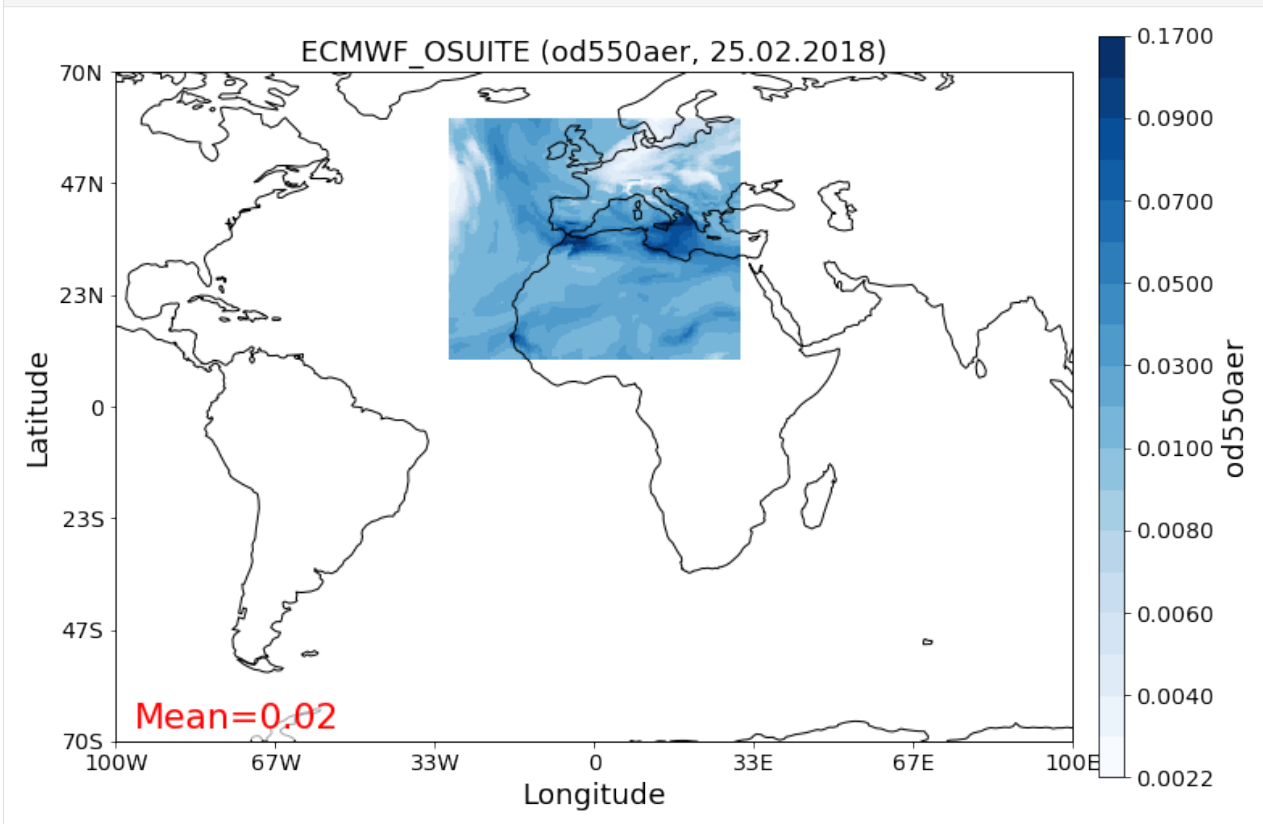
```
[19]: data_bc.quickplot_map();
```



### Apply custom crop and plot

```
[20]: data_so4_cropped = data_so4.crop(lon_range=(-30, 30),
                                         lat_range=(10, 60))

data_so4_cropped.quickplot_map(time_idx='25-2-2018', xlim=(-100, 100), ylim=(-70, 70));
```



### Change resolution

Downscale to 2x2 resolution:

```
[21]: lons = np.arange(-180, 180, 2)
lats = np.arange(-90, 90, 2)

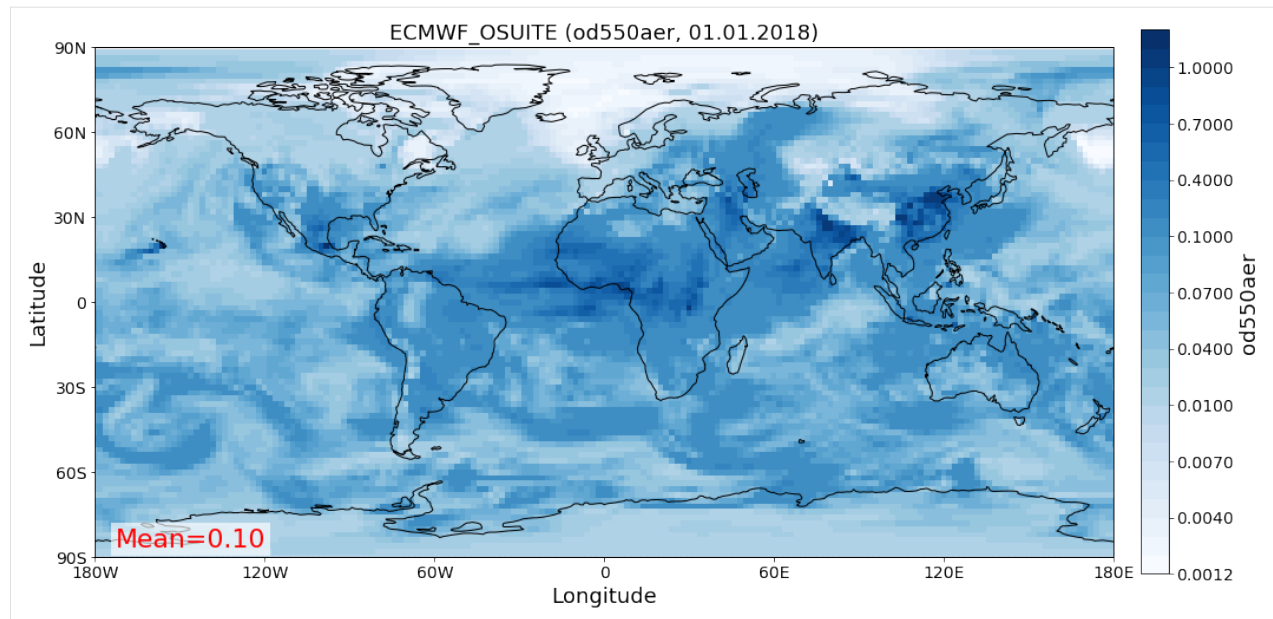
data_lowres = data.interpolate(longitude=lons, latitude=lats)

Interpolating data of shape (365, 451, 900). This may take a while.

Successfully interpolated cube
```

And plot:

```
[22]: fig = data_lowres.quickplot_map()
```

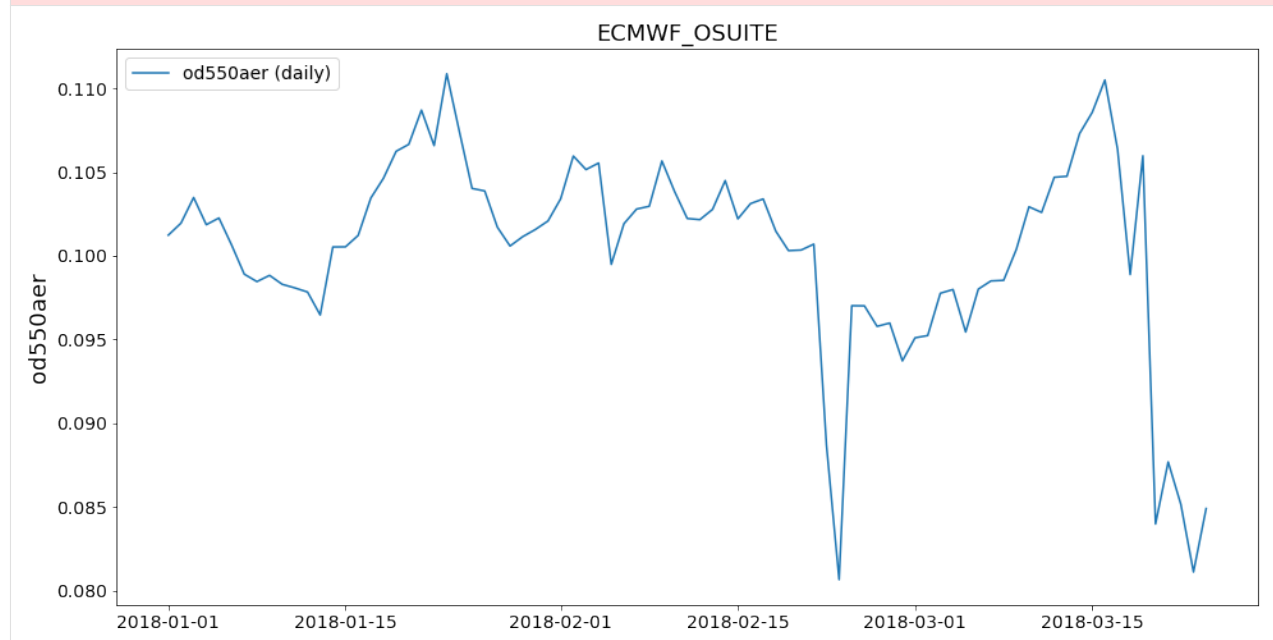


### Area weighted mean

Retrieve area weighted mean from data

```
[23]: area_mean = data.get_area_weighted_timeseries()
      area_mean.plot_timeseries('od550aer');
```

Trying to infer ts\_type in StationData ECMWF\_OSUITE for variable od550aer



... more to come

This tutorial is not yet completed as the `GriddedData` class is currently under development.

### 3.2.4 Reading of ungridded observation datasets in pyaerocom

#### Primer on observation datasets

- Observation data is often provided ungridded in the form of ASCII text files that contain both the data and relevant metadata.
- In **pyaerocom** such datasets are referred to as **ungridded data** since it is sparse observations at different locations and at different times.
- The format of the files can be very different between different observation networks but is usually the same for all data files that belong to one network.
- The data files are often provided **per station**, that is, **one data file** contains data (i.e. time-series data of one or more variables and metadata such as *station name, latitude, longitude, altitude, PI* **from a single station**
  - Other than model data (which often follows certain file standards, e.g. NetCDF files and naming conventions, e.g. [CF-conventions](#))
- For some databases, there is exactly one file per station (containing all available data from that station). This is the case in the example dataset shown below (Aeronet Sun version 3 level2 daily data). However, the general case is that there may be more than one file per station (the [EBAS](#) database is such an example, where there can be multiple data files per station, [see this notebook](#) for an example of how complicated it may get).

#### Data access

Both the model and the observation datasets related to the AeroCom project are stored on internal servers at the Norwegian Meteorological Institute (METNO). On import, pyaerocom automatically checks if it can access the METNO servers containing the data.

The data directory of each dataset can be accessed via an *unique ID* for the dataset. These ID's can be a little cryptic sometimes and parts of this tutorial show, how to find the data you search for, regardless whether you know the exact pyaerocom ID or not.

For instance, below we are going to work with AERONET Sun photometer data, using the version 3, level 2 daily data product. The corresponding ID for this dataset in pyaerocom is **AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily**.

#### NOTE

**This notebook requires access to the AeroCom database and will not work if you do not have access to the AeroCom servers at METNO**

## If you run into problems

Please [create an issue](#) if you run into problems or have suggestions for improvements.

## Reading of and investigating Aeronet Sun AODs (version 3, level 2 data)

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya
Initating pyaerocom configuration
Checking database access...
Checking access to: /lustre/storeA
Access to lustre database: True
Init data paths for lustre
Expired time: 0.017 s
```

Check version of pyaerocom:

```
[2]: pya.__version__ #0.8.0.dev6
[2]: '0.8.0.dev30'
```

## Search data ID for Aeronet Sun version 2 level 2, daily data

The `browse_database` method helps you to find model or observation datasets.

```
[3]: pya.browse_database('Aeronet*Sun*V3*')

Dataset name: AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.daily
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev1.
↳ 5.daily/renamed
Supported variables: ['od340aer', 'od440aer', 'od500aer', 'od870aer', 'ang4487aer',
↳ 'ang4487aer_calc', 'od550aer']
Last revision: 20190920

Dataset name: AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.AP
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev1.
↳ 5.AP/renamed
Supported variables: ['od340aer', 'od440aer', 'od500aer', 'od870aer', 'ang4487aer',
↳ 'ang4487aer_calc', 'od550aer']
Last revision: 20190511

Dataset name: AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev2.
↳ 0.daily/renamed
Supported variables: ['od340aer', 'od440aer', 'od500aer', 'od870aer', 'ang4487aer',
↳ 'ang4487aer_calc', 'od550aer']
Last revision: 20190920

Dataset name: AeronetSunV3Lev2.AP
```

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```
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev2.
↳0.AP/renamed
Supported variables: ['od340aer', 'od440aer', 'od500aer', 'od870aer', 'ang4487aer',
↳'ang4487aer_calc', 'od550aer']
Last revision: 20190511
```

You can see that there are three matches that can be read. The attribute `dataset_name` specifies the ID that we are looking for that is required to read the data.

Below, we are interested in the following dataset:

```
[4]: DATA_ID = 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily'
```

### Pick one (or more) variable(s) of interest

From the output above, you can also see which variables the individual datasets provide. The variable names follow AeroCom conventions and you can find more information (e.g. CF standard names) about each variable [here](#).

In the following we will import the aerosol optical depth data at 550 nm (`od550aer`)

```
[5]: VAR_TO_READ = 'od550aer' # you can also use a list of supported variables if you like, e.
↳g. (od550aer, od440aer)
```

### Read the AODs from the whole database (all available stations / times) using the `ReadUngridded` class

Since the dataformats are usually specific for each observation dataset / network, each supported dataset has its own reading routine in `pyaerocom`. The individual reading routines can be found in the `pyaerocom.io` module. For instance, the class

```
[6]: pya.io.ReadAeronetSunV3
```

```
[6]: pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sunv3.ReadAeronetSunV3
```

contains the reading methods for the Aeronet Sun version 3 dataset that we are interested in.

However in order to make life easier for everyone, all implemented *individual reading routines* for *each individual dataset* are registered in the `ReadUngridded` factory class, which has registered these *individual reading routines* (this works, because the individual reading routines are all based on the same API [template](#)).

Here, *registered* means, that the *dataset ID* of one network is linked with the corresponding reading class.

Having said that, it means that calling

```
data = pya.io.ReadAeronetSunV3(vars_to_read='od550aer')
```

will give you exactly the same result as calling:

```
data = pya.io.ReadUngridded(dataset_to_read='AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily',
vars_to_read='od550aer')
```

The returned data object is an instance of the `UngriddedData` class which is the `pyaerocom` standard object for ungridded data and which is designed to hold a whole dataset of observation records (i.e. data from all stations).



### Create instance of ReadUngridded class

```
[7]: reader = pya.io.ReadUngridded(DATA_ID)
     print(reader)
```

```
Dataset name: AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/AeronetSunV3Lev2.
↳0.daily/renamed
Supported variables: ['od340aer', 'od440aer', 'od500aer', 'od870aer', 'ang4487aer',
↳'ang4487aer_calc', 'od550aer']
Last revision: 20190920
```

You may also check, which other datasets are supported by the ReadUngridded class:

```
[8]: reader.supported_datasets
```

```
[8]: ['AeronetInvV3Lev2.daily',
      'AeronetInvV3Lev1.5.daily',
      'AeronetInvV2Lev2.daily',
      'AeronetInvV2Lev1.5.daily',
      'AeronetSDAV2Lev2.daily',
      'AeronetSDAV3Lev1.5.daily',
      'AeronetSDAV3Lev2.daily',
      'AeronetSunV2Lev2.daily',
      'AeronetSunV2Lev2.AP',
      'AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.daily',
      'AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.AP',
      'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily',
      'AeronetSunV3Lev2.AP',
      'EARLINET',
      'EBASMC',
      'DMS_AMS_CVO',
      'GAWTADsubsetAasEtAl']
```

### Read the dataset

The read method loops over all files that exist for this dataset and reads them into one data object (data) which contains the whole dataset.

**NOTE:** this can take a while as it has to read ~1000 files.

```
[9]: data = reader.read(vars_to_retrieve=VAR_TO_READ)
     print(data)
```

```
PyAerocom UngriddedData
-----
Contains networks: ['AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily']
Contains variables: ['od550aer']
Contains instruments: ['sun_photometer']
Total no. of meta-blocks: 1230
Filters that were applied:
  Filter time log: 20191002122003
    Created od550aer single var object from multivar UngriddedData instance
```

That's it! That is all that is required to import an ungridded dataset.

The data object that is returned by the read method is an instance of the `pyaerocom.UngriddedData` class.

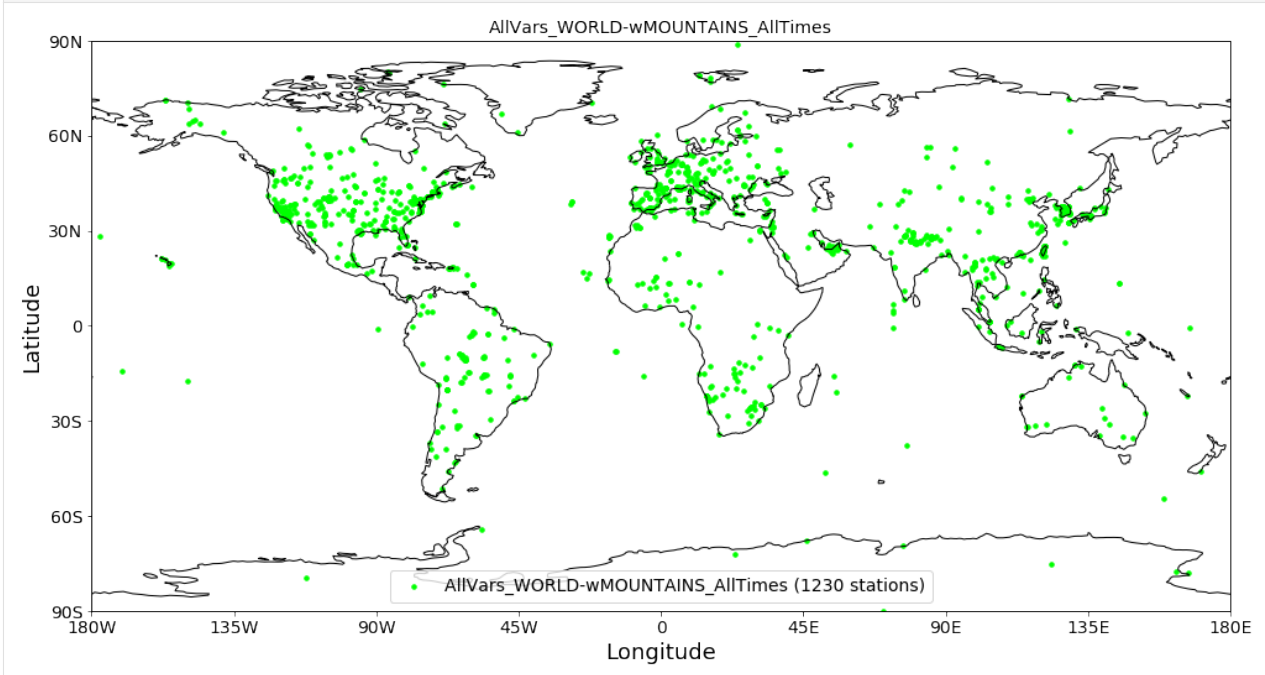
The `UngriddedData` object provides an interface that can be used to work with the data and further analyse it.

From the output above, you can see that this datasets contains 1199 *meta-blocks*, that is, one meta block per data file that was read. Since for this database, each station has exactly one datafile, this means that each meta-block corresponds to one station.

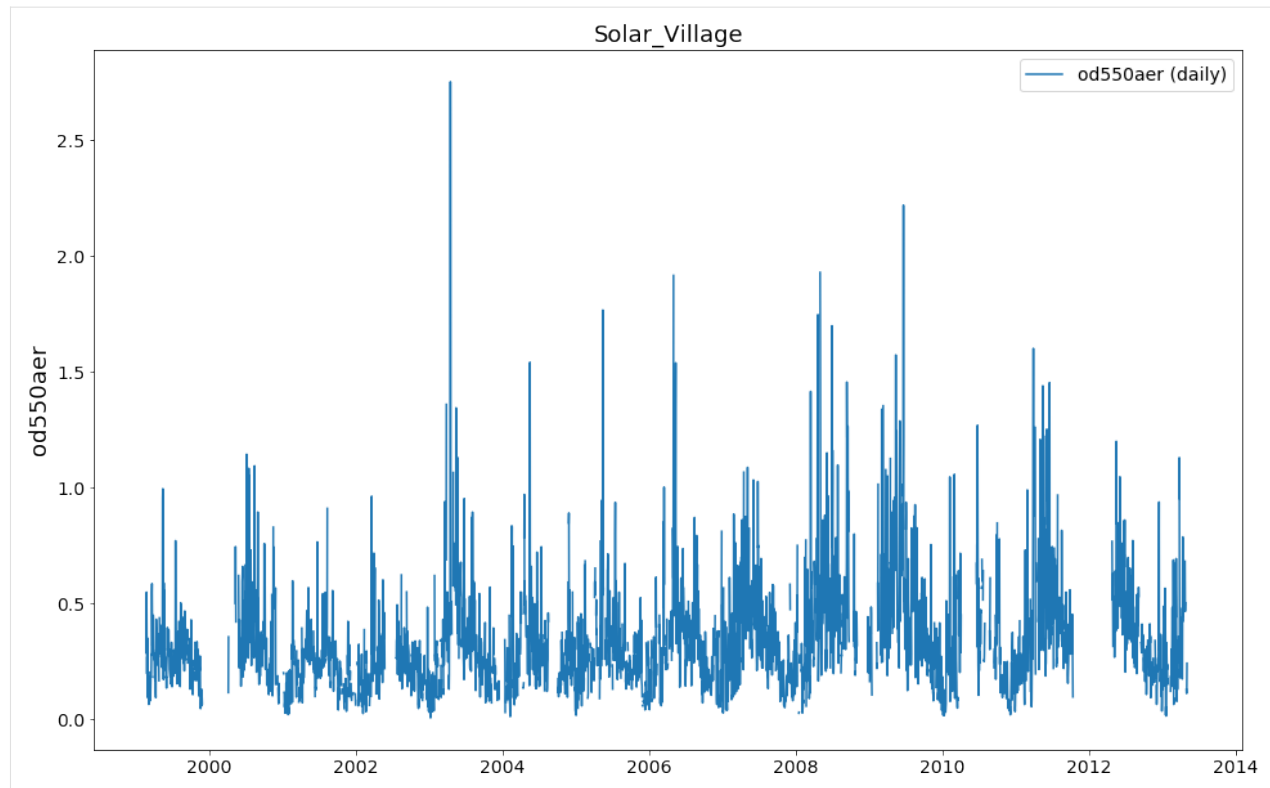
The next tutorial is based on this tutorial and will introduce the `UngriddedData` class and furthermore, the `StationData` class.

However, before ending this tutorial without a plot, let's have a glimpse at the features of the `UngriddedData` object that we just created:

```
[10]: data.plot_station_coordinates(markersize=12, color='lime');
```



```
[11]: data.plot_station_timeseries('Solar*', 'od550aer');
```



Finally, store the data object so that it can be used in the next tutorial:

```
[12]: %store data
```

```
Stored 'data' (UngriddedData)
```

### 3.2.5 Introduction into the UngriddedData class and the StationData class

This notebook introduces 2 of the most relevant data objects that exist in pyaerocom:

#### ``UngriddedData``

- Designed to hold a whole database of observations, that is, timeseries data for multiple variables from multiple stations around the globe.
- Supports also 3D variables (e.g. timeseries of lidar profiles).
- Usually, one instance of this data object contains a single network, but it can also contain more than one network.

#### ``StationData``

- Data object that contains data **from a single station**.
- Includes metadata and variable timeseries data.
- Arbitrary number of variables supported.

## NOTE

This notebook is currently under development and gives only a brief and incomplete introduction into the two data objects.

### The UngriddedData object

The first part of the tutorial shows some features of the UngriddedData object.

### Import the UngriddedData object that was created in the previous tutorial

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya
# read the data from the storage
%store -r data

data

Initating pyaerocom configuration
Checking database access...
Checking access to: /lustre/storeA
Access to lustre database: True
Init data paths for lustre
Expired time: 0.016 s

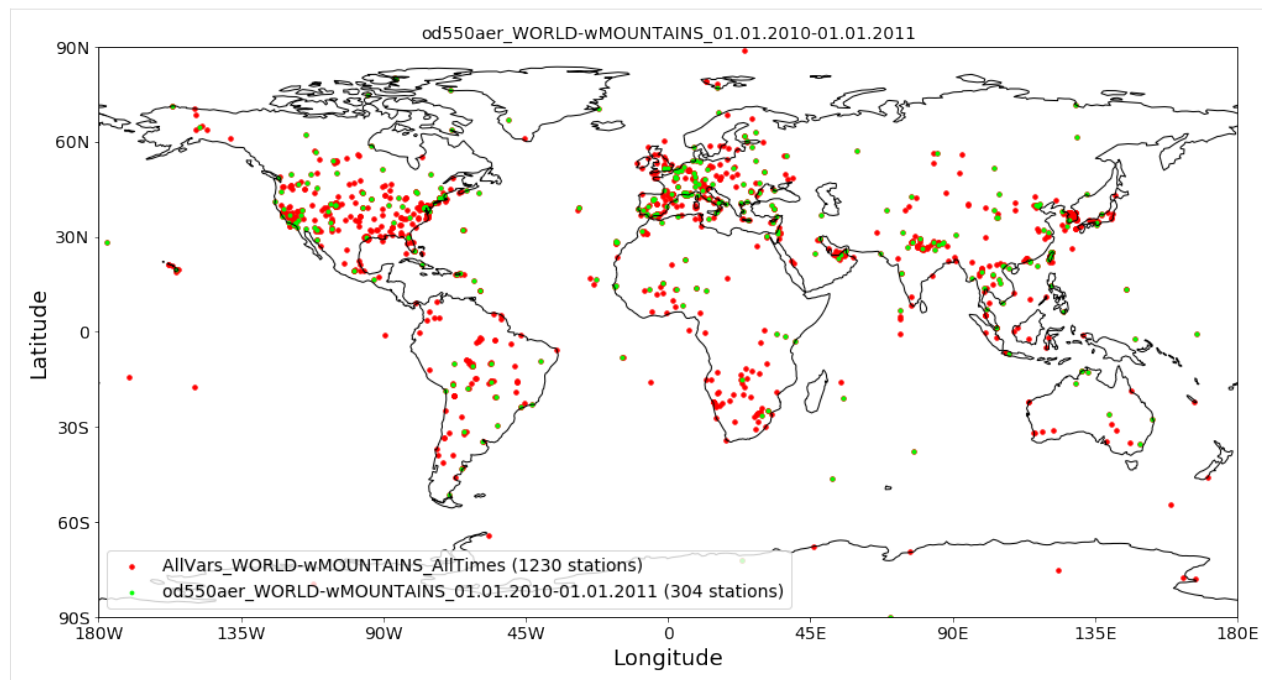
[1]: UngriddedData <networks: ['AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily']; vars: ['od550aer']; instruments: [
↳ 'sun_photometer'];No. of stations: 1230
```

### Create an overview map of all stations

Before digging a little deeper into the UngriddedData object, let's get an overview of the bigger picture:

```
[2]: # plots all stations as red dots
ax = data.plot_station_coordinates(markersize=12, color='r')

# add all stations that contain AOD data in 2010 in green
ax = data.plot_station_coordinates(var_name='od550aer',
                                   start=2010,
                                   stop=2011, color='lime', ax=ax)
```



As you can see, you can specify additional input parameters, e.g. to display only stations that contain variable data or to specify a time interval.

In any case, it is always good to know about the help function:

```
[3]: help(data.plot_station_coordinates)
```

Help on method plot\_station\_coordinates in module pyaerocom.ungriddeddata:

```
plot_station_coordinates(var_name=None, filter_name=None, start=None, stop=None, ts_
↳ type=None, color='r', marker='o', markersize=8, fontsize_base=10, **kwargs) method of
↳ pyaerocom.ungriddeddata.UngriddedData instance
```

Plot station coordinates on a map

All input parameters are optional and may be used to add constraints related to which stations are plotted. Default is all stations of all times.

Parameters

-----

```
var_name : :obj:`str`, optional
    name of variable to be retrieved
filter_name : :obj:`str`, optional
    name of filter (e.g. EUROPE-noMOUNTAINS)
start
    start time (optional)
stop
    stop time (optional). If start time is provided and stop time not,
    then only the corresponding year inferred from start time will be
    considered
ts_type : :obj:`str`, optional
```

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```

    temporal resolution
color : str
    color of stations on map
marker : str
    marker type of stations
markersize : int
    size of station markers
fontsize_base : int
    basic fontsize
**kwargs
    Additional keyword args passed to
    :func:`pyaerocom.plot.plot_coordinates`

```

Returns

-----

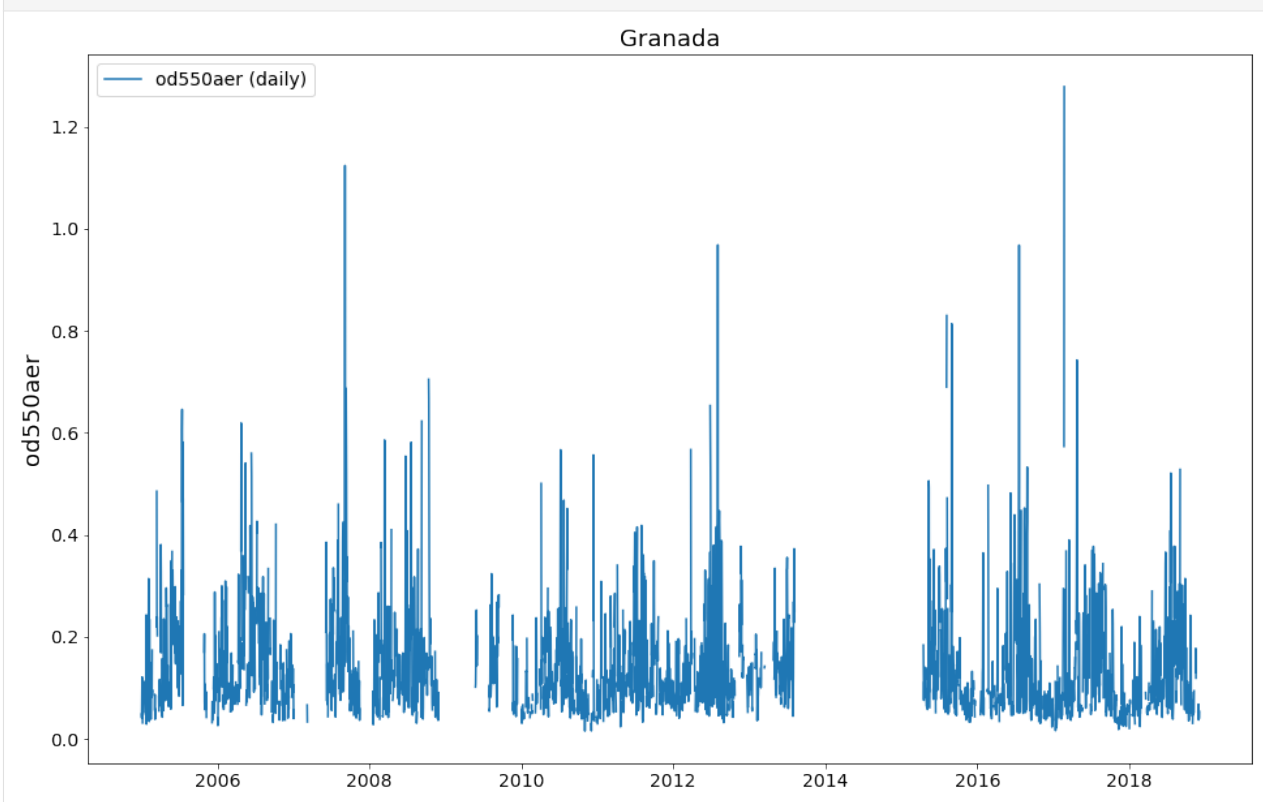
axes

matplotlib axes instance

### Quicklook plotting of station timeseries

Time series of individual stations can be plotted as follows:

```
[4]: data.plot_station_timeseries(station_name='Granada', var_name='od550aer');
```



## Access metadata of the data files that were read

Look into the metadata of the different files. Metadata can be accessed via the `metadata` attribute, and there is one `metadict` for each file that was read:

```
[5]: len(data.metadata)
```

```
[5]: 1230
```

Access metadata of first file (index 0):

```
[6]: data.metadata[0]
```

```
[6]: {'var_info': OrderedDict([('od550aer', OrderedDict([('units', '1')]))]),
      'latitude': 45.3139,
      'longitude': 12.508299999999998,
      'altitude': 10.0,
      'station_name': 'AAOT',
      'PI': 'Brent_Holben',
      'ts_type': 'daily',
      'data_id': 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily',
      'variables': ['od550aer'],
      'instrument_name': 'sun_photometer',
      'data_revision': '20190920'}
```

## Filtering of the data

So far, you can filter `UngriddedData` objects by common metadata attributes. For instance:

```
[7]: subset = data.filter_by_meta(latitude=(30, 60), longitude=(0, 45), altitude=(0, 1000))
      print(subset)
```

```
PyAerocom UngriddedData
```

```
-----
```

```
Contains networks: ['AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily']
```

```
Contains variables: ['od550aer']
```

```
Contains instruments: ['sun_photometer']
```

```
Total no. of meta-blocks: 164
```

```
Filters that were applied:
```

```
  Filter time log: 20191002122003
```

```
    Created od550aer single var object from multivar UngriddedData instance
```

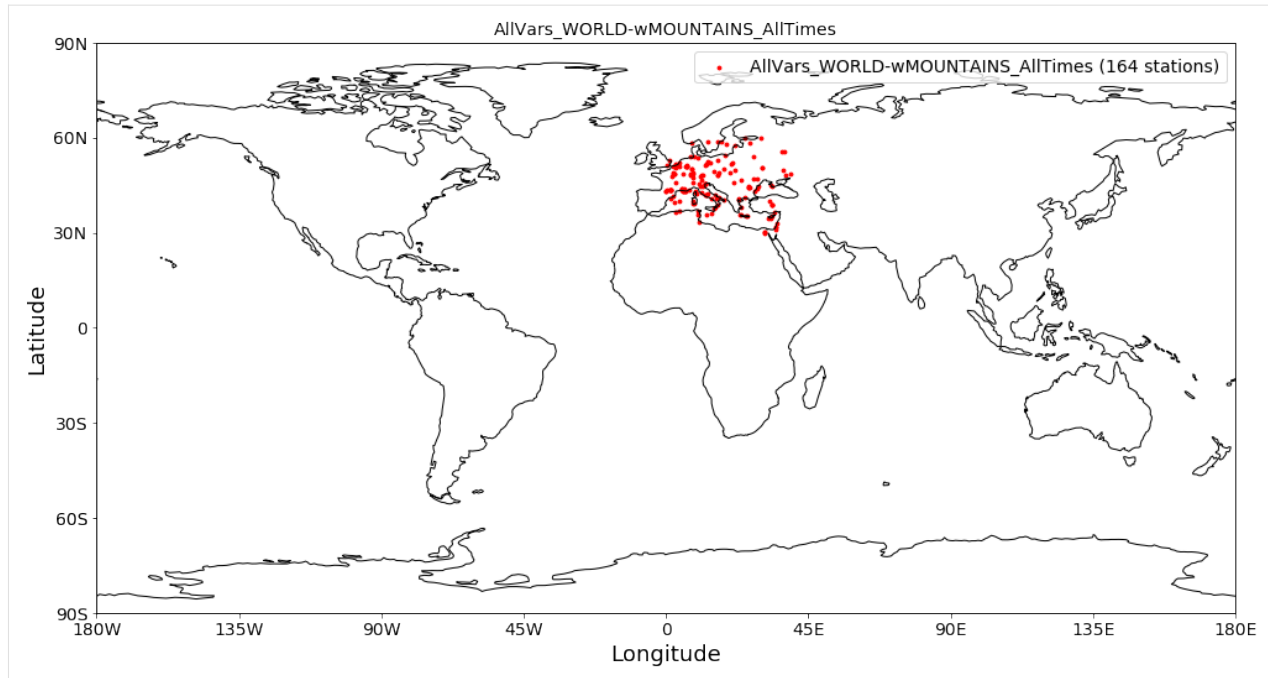
```
  Filter time log: 20191003180107
```

```
    latitude: (30, 60)
```

```
    longitude: (0, 45)
```

```
    altitude: (0, 1000)
```

```
[8]: subset.plot_station_coordinates();
```



### Other attributes that may be useful

Access all station names and print the first 4:

```
[9]: stat_names = data.station_name
print(stat_names[:4])

['AAOT', 'AOE_Baotou', 'ARM_Ascension_Is', 'ARM_Barnstable_MA']
```

Essentially, what `data.station_name` does is, it iterates over all metadata-dictionaries (that are stored in `data.metadata`, and are organised *per file that was read*) and extracts the `station_name` attribute and appends it to a list which is then returned by the method.

Hence, the list of station names corresponds to the list of metadata-blocks / files that are stored in the data object:

```
[10]: len(stat_names)
```

```
[10]: 1230
```

In a similar manner, you can access coordinates latitude, longitude and altitude arrays for all files.

```
[11]: lons = data.longitude
lons[:4]
```

```
[11]: [12.508299999999998,
109.628799999999998,
-14.349805999999996,
-70.290061000000001]
```

```
[12]: lats = data.latitude
lats[:4]
```



```
[12]: [45.3139, 40.851699999999994, -7.9669639999999998, 41.669588999999995]
```

```
[13]: alts = data.altitude
alts[:4]
```

```
[13]: [10.0, 1314.0, 341.0, 15.0]
```

### List of unique station names

As mentioned earlier, some databases provide more than one data file per station. Since the ungridded reading (see previous) tutorial is done *per data file*, this means that there can be more than one metadata-block per station (not the case here, though). In any case, you can get a list of unique station names using:

```
[14]: unique_names = data.unique_station_names
unique_names[:4]
```

```
[14]: ['AAOT', 'AOE_Baotou', 'ARM_Ascension_Is', 'ARM_Barnstable_MA']
```

### StationData: Access the data from individual stations

As you could see above the metadata dictionaries in the `UngriddedData` class for each file do only contain the associated metadata. For the sake of performance the actual data arrays are all stored in one big 2D numpy array (which does not need to bother you too much) which is accessible in the `_data` attribute of the `UngriddedData` object (if you like to dive into it).

**In most cases that concern model evaluation, the observation data is analysed station-by-station. For this purpose the `StationData` class was designed, which is introduced below.**

Starting from an instance of the `UngriddedData` object, the individual station data (i.e. time series of one or more variables + metadata) can be accessed using the method:

`UngriddedData.to_station_data`

or using the square brackets `[]` which is equivalent to the former as it is only a wrapper for `to_station_data`. This means, calling

```
UngriddedData[0]
```

will give you the same output as

```
UngriddedData.to_station_data[0]
```

that is, the data associated with the first file that was read (i.e. the first metadata-block in the object) into the `UngriddedData` object (see previous tutorial for details regarding the reading of ungridded observation networks).

To specify the station, you can either use the metadata index of the corresponding data file (`meta_idx=9`, for 10th file) **or** you can specify the station name or a wildcard specifying the station name.

The method returns a `pyaerocom.StationData` object, which is a dictionary-like object which contains data vectors and time-stamps as well as metadata.

Below we will illustrate the several options to access station data (and show that they contain the same data):

## Option 1. Get station data using the corresponding metadata indices that match the station name

Find index (or indices) that match the station name:

```
[15]: index = data.find_station_meta_indices('Granada')
      index
```

```
[15]: [497]
```

The result shows that there is one file that matches this station name (as we would expect for AERONET data) and the corresponding metadata index is 488.

To access the data, you can use the method `to_station_data`. It helps to have a look into the options of this method:

```
[16]: help(data.to_station_data)

Help on method to_station_data in module pyaerocom.ungriddeddata:

to_station_data(meta_idx, vars_to_convert=None, start=None, stop=None, freq=None, merge_
↳ if_multi=True, merge_pref_attr=None, merge_sort_by_largest=True, insert_nans=False,
↳ **kwargs) method of pyaerocom.ungriddeddata.UngriddedData instance
    Convert data from one station to :class:`StationData`

    Todo
    ----
    - Review for retrieval of profile data (e.g. Lidar data)

    Parameters
    -----
    meta_idx : float
        index of station or name of station.
    vars_to_convert : :obj:`list` or :obj:`str`, optional
        variables that are supposed to be converted. If None, use all
        variables that are available for this station
    start
        start time, optional (if not None, input must be convertible into
        pandas.Timestamp)
    stop
        stop time, optional (if not None, input must be convertible into
        pandas.Timestamp)
    freq : str
        pandas frequency string (e.g. 'D' for daily, 'M' for month end) or
        valid pyaerocom ts_type
    merge_if_multi : bool
        if True and if data request results in multiple instances of
        StationData objects, then these are attempted to be merged into one
        :class:`StationData` object using :func:`merge_station_data`
    merge_pref_attr
        only relevant for merging of multiple matches: preferred attribute
        that is used to sort the individual StationData objects by relevance.
        Needs to be available in each of the individual StationData objects.
        For details cf. :attr:`pref_attr` in docstring of
        :func:`merge_station_data`. Example could be `revision_date`. If
        None, then the stations will be sorted based on the number of
        available data points (if :attr:`merge_sort_by_largest` is True,
```

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```

    which is default).
merge_sort_by_largest : bool
    only relevant for merging of multiple matches: cf. prev. attr. and
    docstring of :func:`merge_station_data` method.
insert_nans : bool
    if True, then the retrieved :class:`StationData` objects are filled
    with NaNs

Returns
-----
StationData or list
    StationData object(s) containing results. list is only returned if
    input for meta_idx is station name and multiple matches are
    detected for that station (e.g. data from different instruments),
    else single instance of StationData. All variable time series are
    inserted as pandas Series

```

So the first input argument takes either the metadata index, or the name of the station. Here we use the metadata index option using the index that we just retrieved:

```
[17]: granada_opt1 = data.to_station_data(meta_idx=index[0], insert_nans=True)
      type(granada_opt1)
```

```
[17]: pyaerocom.stationdata.StationData
```

The returned data type is an instance of the `pyaerocom.StationData` class.

**NOTE:** if there is more than one index match for one station (i.e. `data.find_station_meta_indices('Granada')` returns more than one match), then, using Option 1, you would need to call `to_station_data` for each of the index matches. Alternatively you could use either of the following methods, which automatically merge the individual `StationData` objects into one, in case of multiple matches for that station name.

Let's have a quick look at the `StationData` object (it is a dictionary-like object and simple to use):

### Option 2: Retrieve station data using the station name directly

```
[18]: granada_opt2 = data.to_station_data('Granada', insert_nans=True)
```

Other than option 1, in case of multiple meta-index matches, this method automatically merges the individual data objects.

### Option 3: Use [...] notation

This is a wrapper for the method `to_station_data` so you may use meta-index or station name for access.

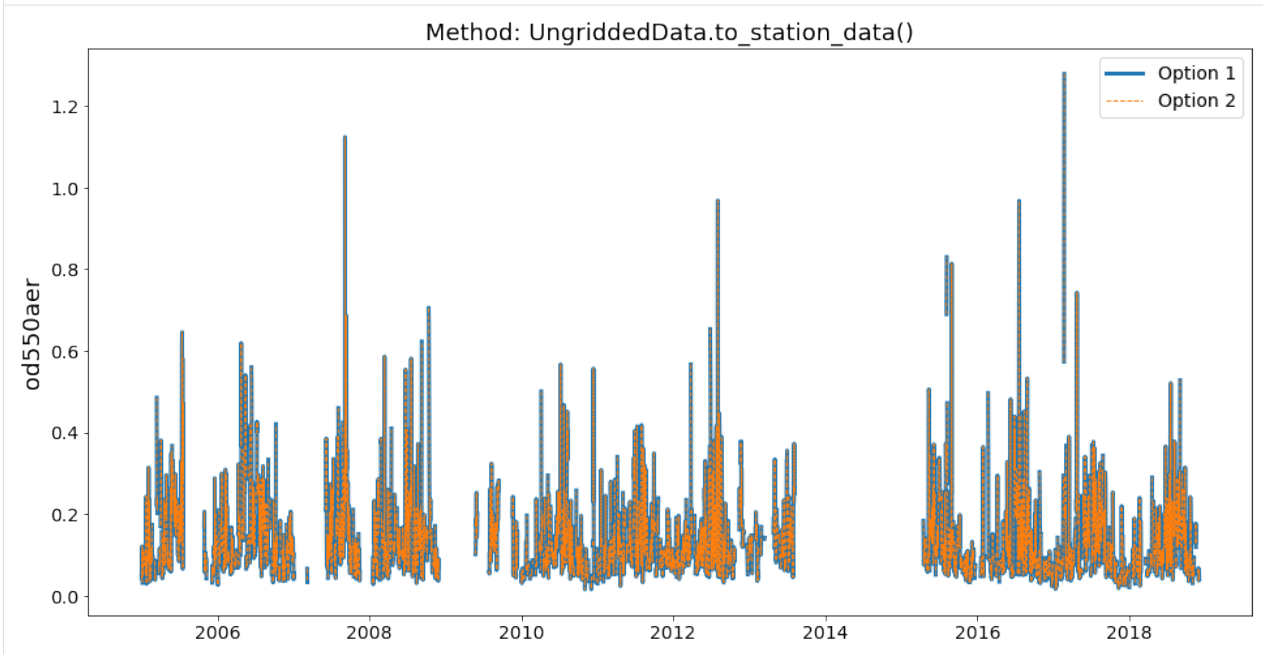
```
[19]: granada_opt3_1 = data[index[0]]
      granada_opt3_2 = data['Granada']
```

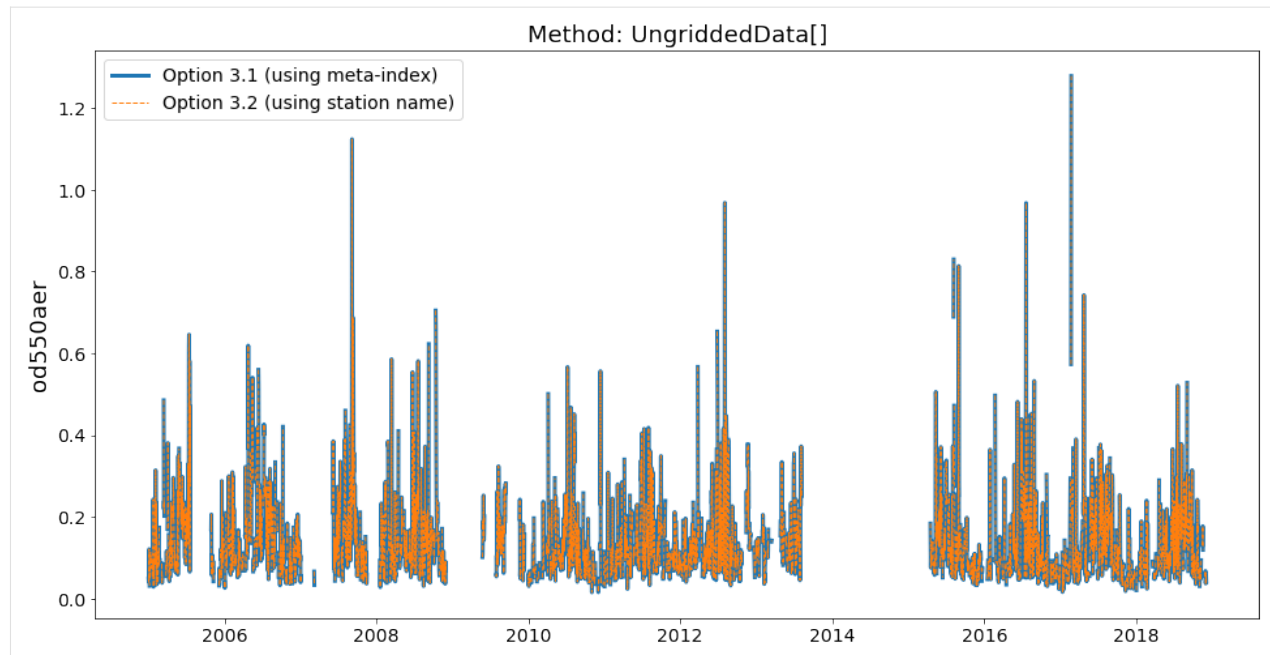
Let's have a look if the data objects are really the same (by plotting the AOD timeseries for the 4 different options):

```
[20]: ax = granada_opt1.plot_timeseries('od550aer', lw=3, label='Option 1', tit='Method: ↵
↵UngriddedData.to_station_data()')
granada_opt2.plot_timeseries('od550aer', ls='--', lw=1, label='Option 2',ax=ax)

# plot the results from the [] access option into a new figure (don't pass ax)
ax = granada_opt3_1.plot_timeseries('od550aer', lw=3, label='Option 3.1 (using meta-
↵index)',
                                tit='Method: UngriddedData[]')
granada_opt3_2.plot_timeseries('od550aer', ls='--', lw=1, label='Option 3.2 (using ↵
↵station name)',ax=ax)
```

```
[20]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f3a66706a20>
```





Looks good. Let's explore the StationData object a little more (you can print it and it will get you a nice overview):

```
[21]: print(granada_opt1)
```

```
Pyaerocom StationData
-----
var_info (BrowseDict):
  od550aer (OrderedDict):
    units: 1
    overlap: False
    ts_type: daily
    apply_constraints: False
    min_num_obs: None
station_coords (dict):
  latitude: 37.163999999999994
  longitude: -3.6049999999999995
  altitude: 680.0
data_err (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
overlap (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
data_flagged (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
filename: None
station_id: None
station_name: Granada
instrument_name: sun_photometer
PI: Brent_Holben
country: None
ts_type: daily
latitude: 37.163999999999994
longitude: -3.6049999999999995
altitude: 680.0
data_id: AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily
```

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```

dataset_name: None
data_product: None
data_version: None
data_level: None
revision_date: None
website: None
ts_type_src: daily
stat_merge_pref_attr: None
data_revision: 20190920

Data arrays
...
dtype (ndarray, 5087 items): [2004-12-30T00:00:00.000000000, 2004-12-31T00:00:00.
↪000000000, ..., 2018-12-02T00:00:00.000000000, 2018-12-03T00:00:00.000000000]
Pandas Series
...
od550aer (Series, 5087 items)

```

You can see that the StationData object contains both metadata (e.g. PI) and data vectors which can be either 1D numpy arrays or python lists (e.g. dtype) or pandas.Series objects (e.g. variable od550aer). All attributes can be accessed and manipulated either using dictionary style access (i.e. [] notation), or using the . operator.

Here some examples:

```
[22]: # get longitude using "[]" notation
granada_opt1['longitude']
```

```
[22]: -3.6049999999999995
```

```
[23]: # get longitude using "." notation
granada_opt1.longitude
```

```
[23]: -3.6049999999999995
```

```
[24]: # assign longitude using "." notation and display new value (again using "[]" notation)
granada_opt1.longitude = 42
granada_opt1['longitude']
```

```
[24]: 42
```

```
[25]: granada_opt1['station_name']
```

```
[25]: 'Granada'
```

Get station name:

```
[26]: granada_opt1.station_name
```

```
[26]: 'Granada'
```

### Small detour through the pandas world

As you can see in the output above, the time-series data in the `StationData` object is an instance of the `pandas.Series` class.

```
[27]: aod_data = granada_opt1.od550aer
      type(aod_data)
```

```
[27]: pandas.core.series.Series
```

**NOTE:** `pyaerocom` relies on `pandas`, so if you are not familiar with the `pandas` library, it is a good advice to make yourself familiar with it (especially if you are interested in timeseries analysis). See [here for a short introduction into pandas](#).

Anyways, you should know about the 2 basic datatypes of `pandas` which are:

- `pandas.Series`
- `pandas.DataFrame`

Both objects are very similar in their handling and the `Series` class can be imagined as a *single column* of the `Dataframe` object which is a table-like object that has columns (e.g. variables) and rows (e.g. time-stamps). It is hence, easy to go back and forth between the two objects.

Anyways, here is some examples what you can do with an instance of the `pandas.Series` object that we just accessed from the `pyaerocom.StationData` object from Granada (and which we named `aod_data`).

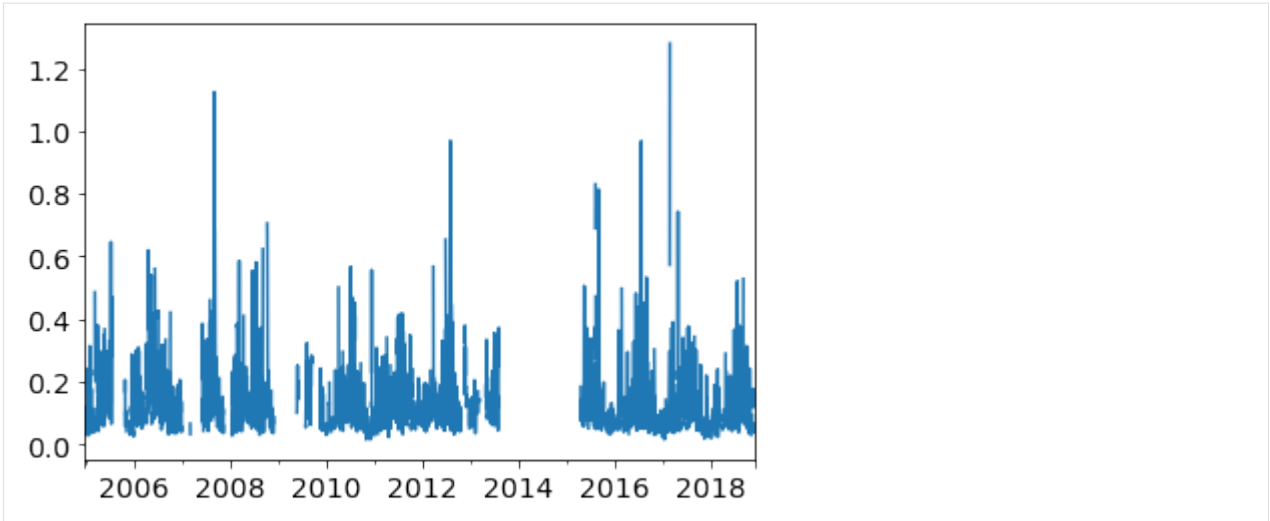
First, you can get a basic clue about the data by using the `describe` method:

```
[28]: aod_data.describe()
```

```
[28]: count      3010.000000
      mean         0.137759
      std          0.103330
      min          0.015534
      25%          0.070969
      50%          0.108200
      75%          0.171291
      max          1.278507
      dtype: float64
```

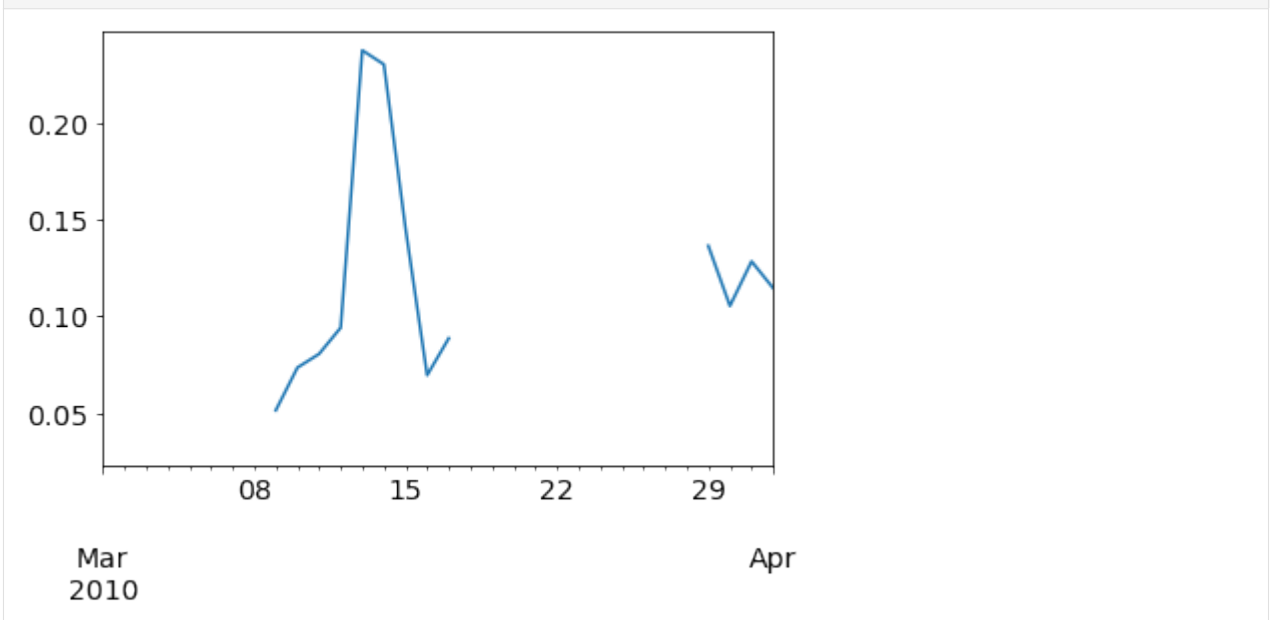
Second, you may plot it:

```
[29]: aod_data.plot();
```



Third, you may extract subsets using *fancy indexing*:

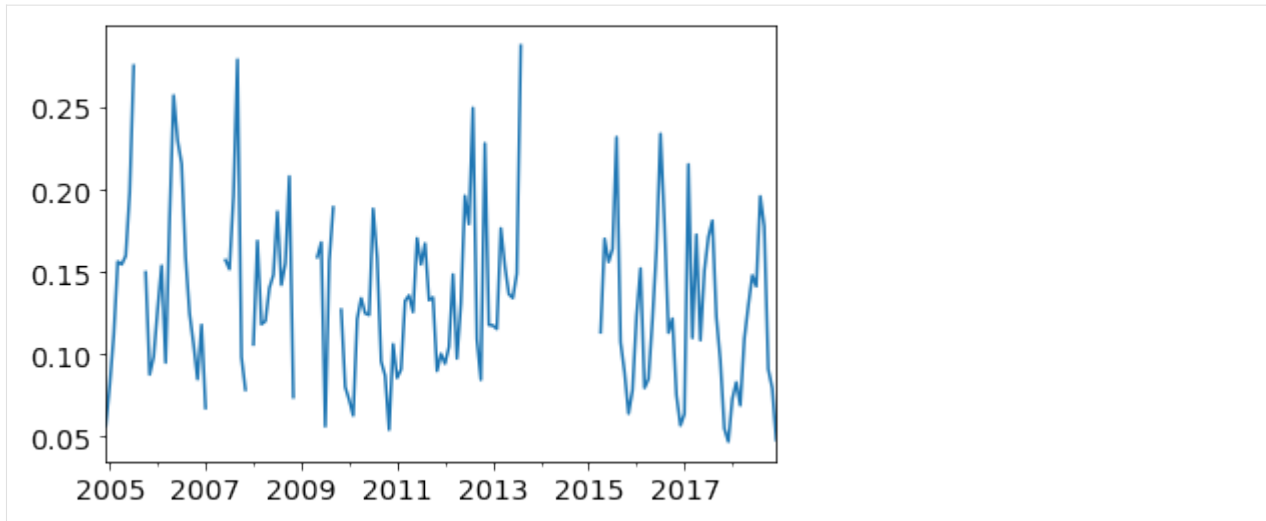
```
[30]: aod_data_march2010 = aod_data['2010-3-1':'2010-4-1']  
aod_data_march2010.plot();
```



Or fourth, resample to another frequency:

```
[31]: aod_data_monthly = aod_data.resample('M', 'mean')  
aod_data_monthly.plot();
```





Or fifth, resample to lower frequency, but require a minimum number of observations per period:

```
[32]: monthly_with_count = aod_data.resample('M').agg(['mean', 'count'])
monthly_with_count.head()
```

```
[32]:
```

	mean	count
2004-12-31	0.056462	1
2005-01-31	0.081300	28
2005-02-28	0.111567	24
2005-03-31	0.156312	17
2005-04-30	0.154527	26

Now, here you see an example, where pandas automatically converted our Series (which is single variable) to a DataFrame (which is a table), since we told the resampler above, to aggregate monthly mean and monthly count.

Now let's say we require at least 15 observations (here, days, since our original dataset is in daily resolution) per month:

```
[33]: invalid_mask = monthly_with_count['count'] < 15
monthly_with_count['mean'][invalid_mask] = np.nan
aod_monthly_min15d = monthly_with_count['mean']
aod_monthly_min15d.head()
```

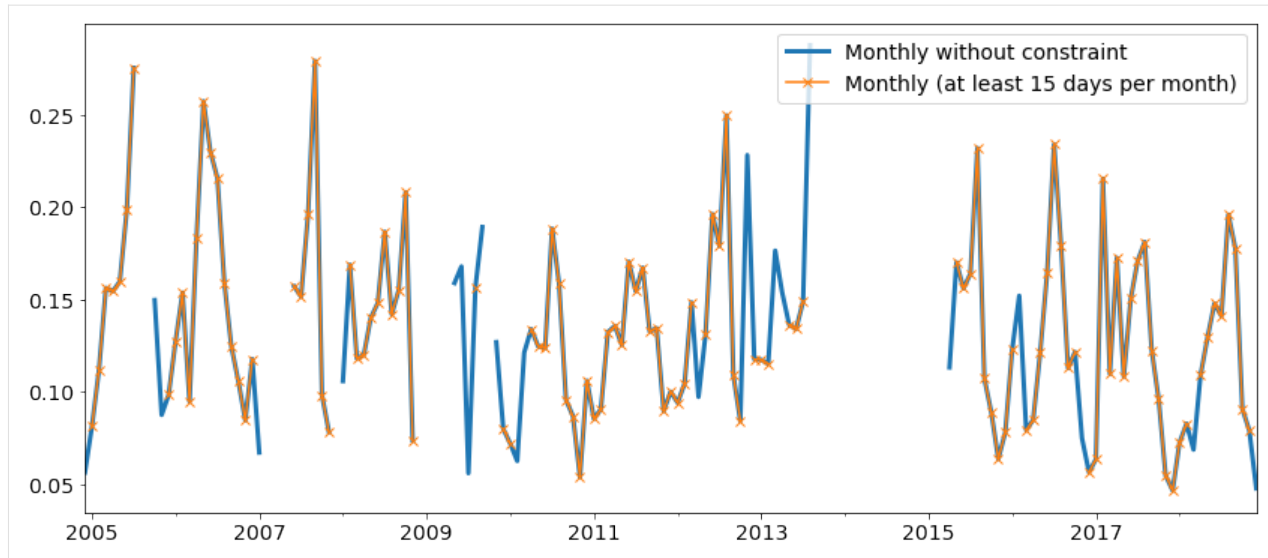
```
[33]:
```

2004-12-31	NaN
2005-01-31	0.081300
2005-02-28	0.111567
2005-03-31	0.156312
2005-04-30	0.154527

Freq: M, Name: mean, dtype: float64

Now plot both the monthly timeseries from above without constraint and the one with constraint:

```
[34]: ax = aod_data_monthly.plot(label='Monthly without constraint', lw=3, figsize=(14,6))
aod_monthly_min15d.plot(ax=ax, style='x-', label='Monthly (at least 15 days per month)')
ax.legend();
```



As you can see, there is quite some months missing when applying the filter.

You may also be interested in a climatology:

```
[35]: aod_monthly_climatology = aod_data_monthly.groupby(aod_data_monthly.index.month).mean()
aod_monthly_climatology
```

```
[35]: 1      0.091885
      2      0.125760
      3      0.114174
      4      0.132566
      5      0.146915
      6      0.164997
      7      0.174380
      8      0.192138
      9      0.146022
     10      0.115006
     11      0.091344
     12      0.082346
dtype: float64
```

And do the same for the monthly data with minimum 15 days per month that we created above:

```
[36]: aod_monthly_climatology_min15d = aod_monthly_min15d.groupby(aod_monthly_min15d.index.
    ↪month).mean()
aod_monthly_climatology_min15d
```

```
[36]: 1      0.093066
      2      0.130359
      3      0.119908
      4      0.136720
      5      0.145820
      6      0.164751
      7      0.184243
      8      0.183453
      9      0.141699
     10      0.111532
```

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```

11    0.072294
12    0.089056
Name: mean, dtype: float64

```

```

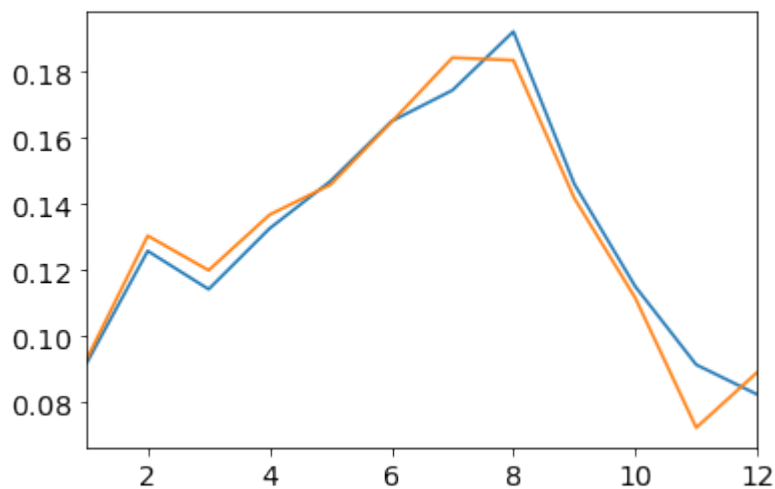
[37]: ax = aod_monthly_climatology.plot(label='Monthly climatology (no constraint)')
      aod_monthly_climatology_min15d.plot(label='Monthly climatology (min 15 days/month)')

```

```

[37]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f3a6f89a6a0>

```



That was enough of a detour into the pandas world. As you shall see below, some of these pandas features are also provided in the pyaerocom data objects (e.g. resampling) and more will follow soon!

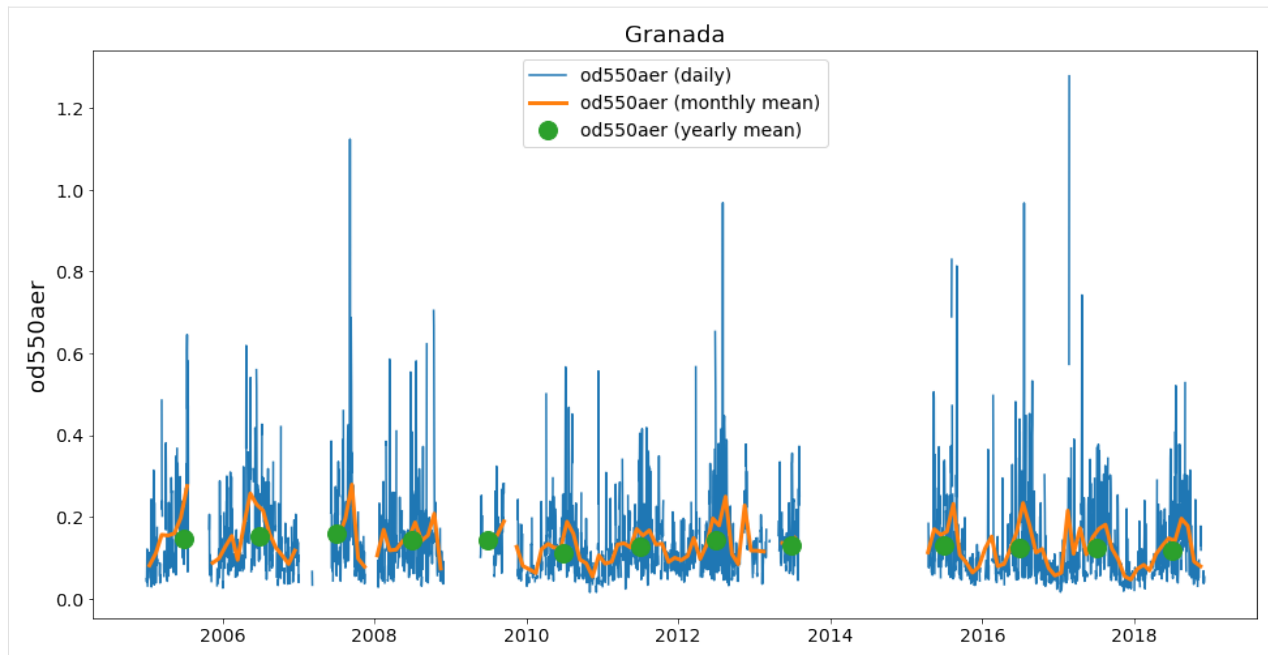
### Plotting of timeseries data directly from StationData class

Let's come back to the StationData object. Below are some more examples that show how you can plot the timeseries directly from the StationData object. This includes to do a resampling out of the box when plotting:

```

[38]: ax = granada_opt1.plot_timeseries('od550aer')
      ax = granada_opt1.plot_timeseries('od550aer', freq='monthly', lw=3, ax=ax)
      granada_opt1.plot_timeseries('od550aer', freq='yearly', ls='none', marker='o', ms=14,
      ↪ ax=ax);

```



The resampling of the timeseries in the plotting method is done automatically (if input `ts_type` is provided).

Currently, this does not apply additional constraints such as a minimum number of available observations when down-sampling (like we showed above). From the yearly data (green dots) you can see clearly that this can be an issue, especially for the first and the last year.

In order to account for it, you may to the following:

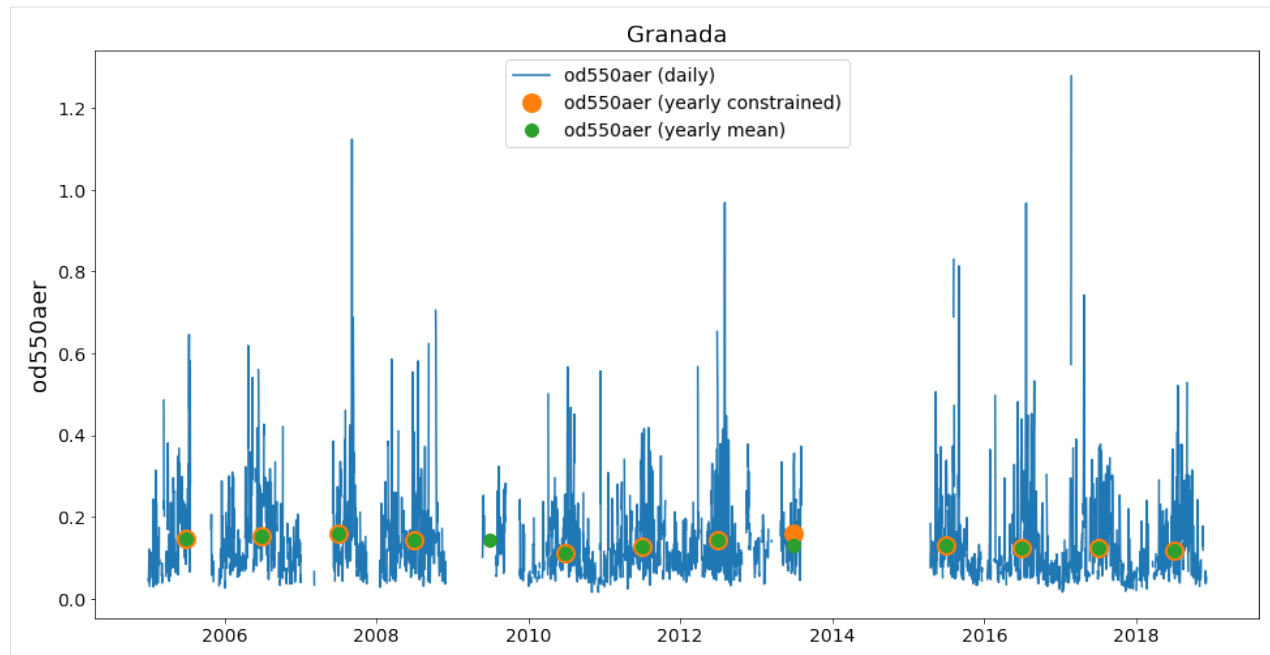
```
[39]: # convert to monthly with at least 5 days per month
od550aer_monthly = granada_opt1.resample_timeseries('od550aer', 'monthly', 'mean', min_
↳ num_obs=5)

# assign to our StationData
granada_opt1['od550aer_monthly'] = od550aer_monthly

# convert to yearly with at least 6 months per year
od550aer_yearly_constrained = granada_opt1.resample_timeseries('od550aer_monthly',
↳ 'yearly', 'mean', min_num_obs=6)
```

Compare the result with the yearly product plotted above:

```
[40]: ax = granada_opt1.plot_timeseries('od550aer')
ax.plot(od550aer_yearly_constrained, ls='none', marker='o', ms=14, label='od550aer_
↳ (yearly constrained)')
ax = granada_opt1.plot_timeseries('od550aer', freq='yearly', ls='none', marker='o',
↳ ms=10, ax=ax)
```



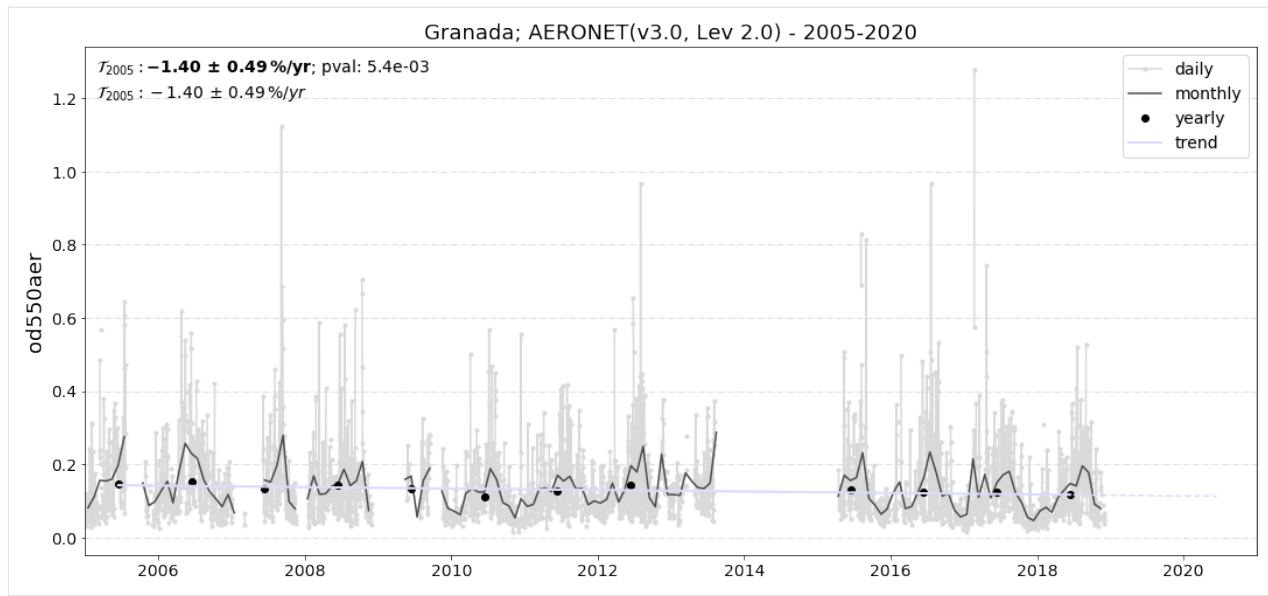
### Computing trends from station data

```
[41]: granada_opt1.compute_trend(var_name='od550aer', start_year=2005, stop_year=2020)
```

```
[41]: {'pval': 0.005380307706696595,
      'm': -0.0019984909545023464,
      'm_err': 0.0006859706833670536,
      'n': 12,
      'y_mean': 0.13274217888172632,
      'y_min': 0.11068644396371304,
      'y_max': 0.15450395909117362,
      'coverage': None,
      'slp': -1.3972849007872112,
      'slp_err': 0.48509627152652673,
      'reg0': 0.14302673373028105,
      't0': None,
      'slp_2005': -1.3972849007872112,
      'slp_2005_err': 0.48509627152652673,
      'reg0_2005': 0.14302673373028105,
      'yoffs': 0.21297391713786318,
      'period': '2005-2020'}
```

```
[42]: granada_opt1.trends['od550aer'].plot()
```

```
[42]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f3a6ccd50b8>
```



### 3.2.6 Colocation of model data with observations

This notebook gives an introduction into collocation of gridded data with observations. Here, the 550 nm AODs of the ECMWF CAMS reanalysis model are compared with global daily AeroNet Sun V2 (Level 2) data for the year 2010. The collocated data will be analysed and visualised in monthly resolution. The analysis results will be plotted in the form of the well known Aerocom loglog scatter plots as can be found in the online interface (see e.g. [here](#)).

#### Import setup and imports

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya
pya.change_verbosity('critical')

YEAR = 2010
VAR = "od550aer"
TS_TYPE = "daily"
MODEL_ID = "ECMWF_CAMS_REAN"
OBS_ID = 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily'

Initating pyaerocom configuration
Checking database access...
Checking access to: /lustre/storeA
Access to lustre database: True
Init data paths for lustre
Expired time: 0.017 s
```

## Import of model data

Create reader instance for model data and print overview of what is in there.

```
[2]: model_reader = pya.io.ReadGridded(MODEL_ID)
print(model_reader)
```

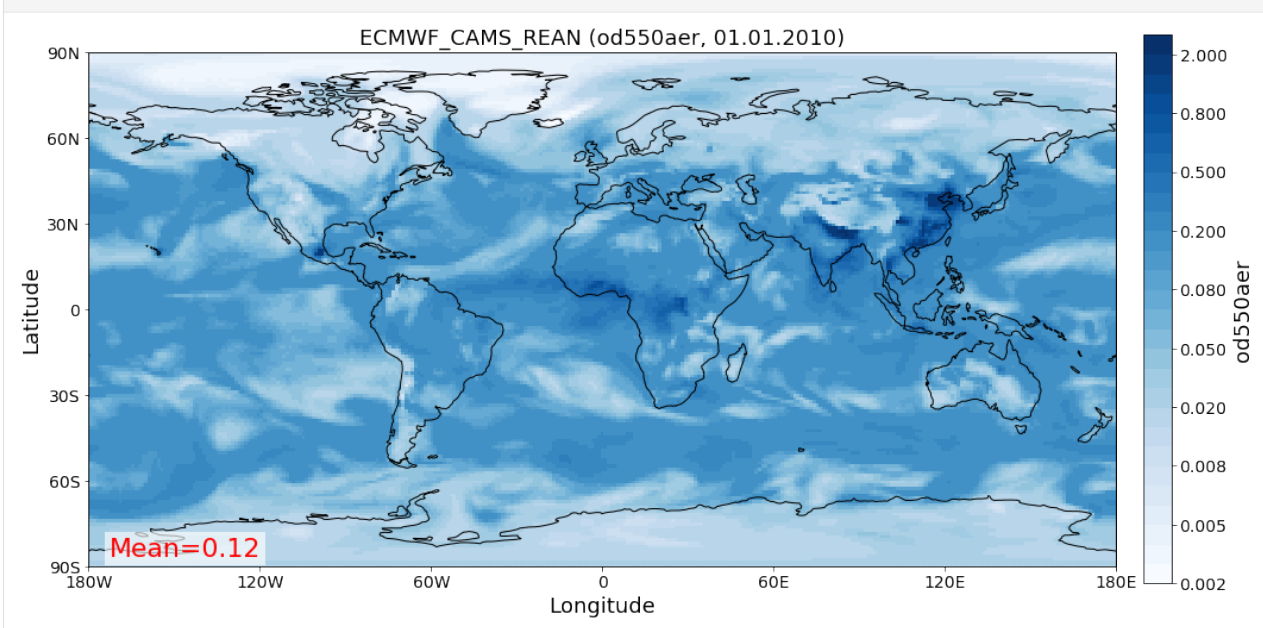
```
Pyaerocom ReadGridded
-----
Data ID: ECMWF_CAMS_REAN
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/ECMWF/ECMWF_CAMS_
↳ REAN/renamed
Available experiments: ['', 'REAN']
Available years: [2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014,
↳ 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 9999]
Available frequencies ['daily' 'monthly']
Available variables: ['ang4487aer', 'bscatc532aerboa', 'bscatc532aertoa', 'ec532aer',
↳ 'ec532dryaer', 'od440aer', 'od550aer', 'od550bc', 'od550dust', 'od550oa', 'od550so4',
↳ 'od550ss', 'od865aer', 'sconcbc', 'sconcdust', 'sconcoa', 'sconcpm10', 'sconcpm25',
↳ 'sconcs04', 'sconcss', 'time', 'z']
```

Since we are only interested in a single year we can use the method

```
[3]: model_data = model_reader.read_var(VAR, start=YEAR)
#model_data = read_result[VAR][YEAR]
print(model_data)
```

```
pyaerocom.GriddedData: ECMWF_CAMS_REAN
Grid data: Aerosol optical depth at 550 nm / (1) (time: 365; latitude: 161; longitude: 320)
↳ 320)
  Dimension coordinates:
    time                x                -                -
    latitude            -                x                -
    longitude           -                -                x
  Attributes:
    Conventions: CF-1.6
    NCO: "4.5.4"
    computed: False
    concatenated: False
    data_id: ECMWF_CAMS_REAN
    from_files: ['/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/ECMWF/
↳ ECMWF_CA...
    history: Sat May 26 21:08:48 2018: nccat -O -u time -n 365,3,1 CAMS_REAN_001.
↳ nC...
    nco_openmp_thread_number: 1
    outliers_removed: False
    reader: None
    region: None
    regridded: False
    ts_type: daily
    var_name_read: n/d
  Cell methods:
    mean: step
    mean: time
```

```
[4]: fig = model_data.quickplot_map(time_idx=0)
```



### Import of AeroNet Sun V3 data (Level 2)

Import Aeronet data and apply filter that selects only stations that are located at altitudes between 0 and 1000 m.

```
[5]: obs_reader = pya.io.ReadUngridded(OBS_ID, [VAR, 'ang4487aer'])
obs_data = obs_reader.read().filter_by_meta(altitude=[0, 1000])
print(obs_data)
```

PyAerocom UngriddedData

```
-----
Contains networks: ['AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily']
Contains variables: ['od550aer', 'ang4487aer']
Contains instruments: ['sun_photometer']
Total no. of meta-blocks: 2068
Filters that were applied:
  Filter time log: 20191002122003
    Created od550aer single var object from multivar UngriddedData instance
  Filter time log: 20191002122002
    Created ang4487aer single var object from multivar UngriddedData instance
  Filter time log: 20191003180122
    altitude: [0, 1000]
```

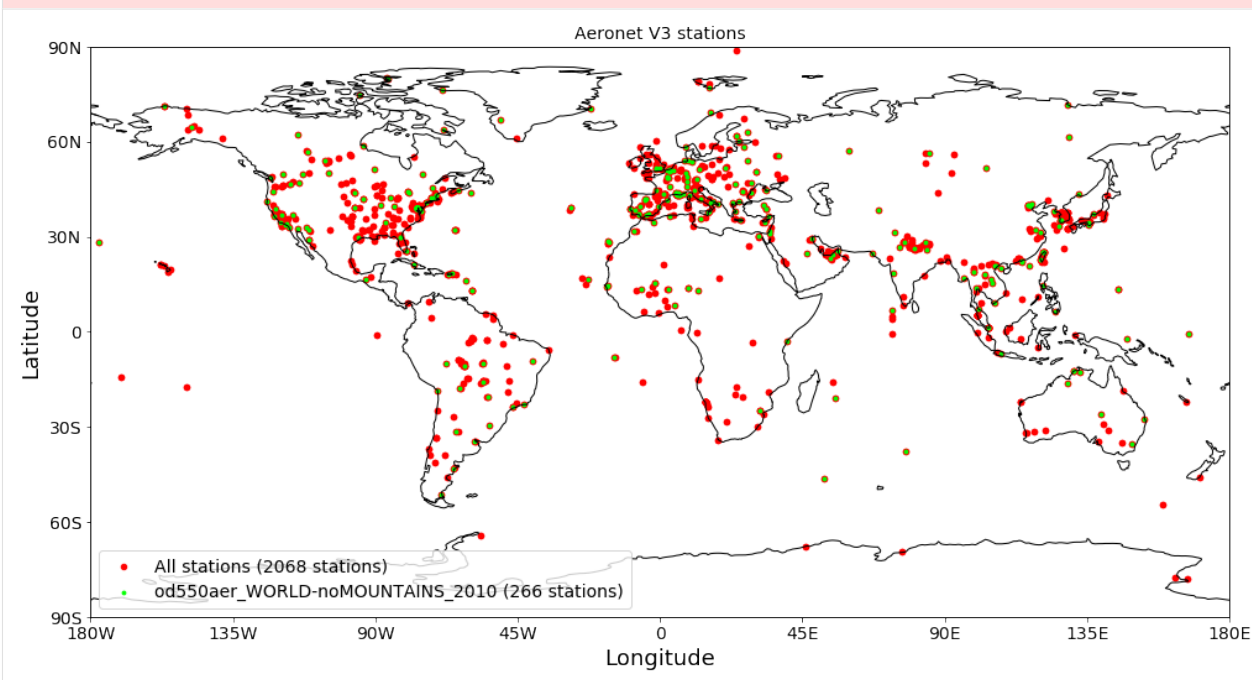


## Plot station coordinates

First, plot all stations that are available at all times (as red dots), then (on top of that in green), plot all stations that provide AODs in 2010.

```
[6]: ax = obs_data.plot_station_coordinates(color='r', markersize=20,
                                          label='All stations')
ax = obs_data.plot_station_coordinates(var_name='od550aer', start=2010,
                                          filter_name='WORLD-noMOUNTAINS',
                                          color='lime', markersize=8, legend=True,
                                          title='Aeronet V3 stations',
                                          ax=ax) #just pass the GeoAxes instance that was
↳ created in the first call
```

Input filters {'longitude': [-180, 180], 'latitude': [-90, 90], 'altitude': [-1000000.0, ↳  
↳ 1000.0]} result in unchanged data object



## Perform colocation and plot corresponding scatter plots with statistical values

### 2010 monthly World no mountains

Colocate 2010 data in monthly resolution using (cf. green dots in station plot above).

```
[7]: obs_data
[7]: UngriddedData <networks: ['AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily']; vars: ['od550aer', 'ang4487aer']; ↳
↳ instruments: ['sun_photometer']; No. of stations: 2068
```

```
[8]: data_coloc = pya.colocation.colocate_gridded_ungridded(model_data, obs_data, ts_type=
↳ 'monthly',
                                          filter_name='WORLD-noMOUNTAINS')
data_coloc
```

Input filters {'longitude': [-180, 180], 'latitude': [-90, 90], 'altitude': [-1000000.0, 1000.0]} result in unchanged data object

Setting od550aer outlier lower lim: -1.00

Setting od550aer outlier upper lim: 10.00

Interpolating data of shape (12, 161, 320). This may take a while.

Successfully interpolated cube

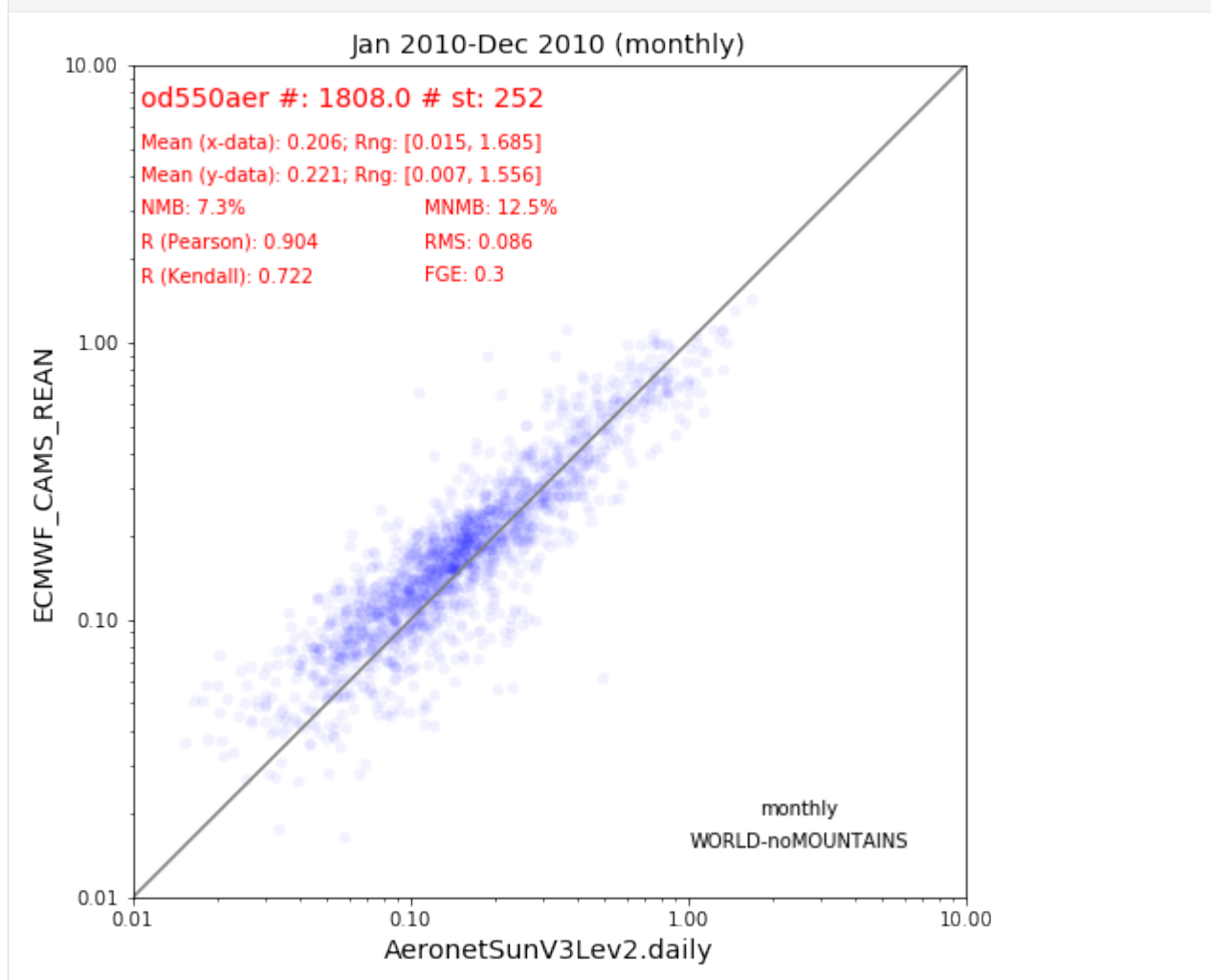
```
[8]: <xarray.DataArray 'od550aer' (data_source: 2, time: 12, station_name: 252)>
array([[[ nan, 0.117588, ..., nan, 0.222138],
        [ nan, 0.132128, ..., nan, 0.429762],
        ...,
        [0.132236, 0.195057, ..., nan, 0.261765],
        [ nan, nan, ..., nan, 0.37905 ]],

        [[0.189948, 0.140062, ..., 0.016372, 0.204337],
        [0.150408, 0.190089, ..., 0.035838, 0.257806],
        ...,
        [0.159844, 0.178564, ..., 0.022606, 0.239393],
        [0.147172, 0.138039, ..., 0.015231, 0.19986 ]]])

Coordinates:
  * data_source      (data_source) <U22 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily' 'ECMWF_CAMS_REAN'
  var_name          (data_source) <U8 'od550aer' 'od550aer'
  var_units         (data_source) <U1 '1' '1'
  ts_type_src       (data_source) <U5 'daily' 'daily'
  * time             (time) datetime64[ns] 2010-01-01 2010-02-01 ... 2010-12-01
  * station_name     (station_name) <U19 'ARM_Darwin' ... 'Zinder_Airport'
    latitude         (station_name) float64 -12.43 37.97 15.35 ... 62.45 13.78
    longitude        (station_name) float64 130.9 23.72 -1.479 ... -114.4 8.99
    altitude         (station_name) float64 29.9 130.0 305.0 ... 300.0 220.8 456.0

Attributes:
  data_source:      ['AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily', 'ECMWF_CAMS_REAN']
  var_name:         ['od550aer', 'od550aer']
  ts_type:          monthly
  filter_name:      WORLD-noMOUNTAINS
  ts_type_src:      ['daily', 'daily']
  start_str:        20100101
  stop_str:         20101231
  var_units:        ['1', '1']
  vert_scheme:      None
  data_level:       3
  revision_ref:     20190920
  from_files:       ['aerocom.ECMWF_CAMS_REAN.daily.od550aer.2010.nc']
  from_files_ref:   None
  stations_ignored: None
  colocate_time:    False
  apply_constraints: True
  min_num_obs:      {'yearly': {'monthly': 3}, 'monthly': {'daily': 7}, '...
  region:           WORLD
  lon_range:        [-180, 180]
  lat_range:        [-90, 90]
  alt_range:        [-1000000.0, 1000.0]
```

```
[9]: data_coloc.plot_scatter(marker='o', mec='none', color='b', alpha=0.05);
```



### Time colocation

The above colocation was performed based on monthly means, both from model and obs, at each station. However, if you look closely in the output you can see that both datasets are provided in daily resolution. You may colocate on a daily basis using the input argument `colocate_time`, in which case the model monthly means correspond to the mean value from the days where there were observations. This can (and most likely will) give you different results, since the observations may miss some days in the month, which is disregarded in the above monthly colocation routine:

```
[10]: data_coloc_alt = pya.colocation.colocate_gridded_ungridded(model_data, obs_data, ts_type=
    ↪ 'monthly',
                                           filter_name='WORLD-noMOUNTAINS
    ↪ ',
                                           colocate_time=True)

Input filters {'longitude': [-180, 180], 'latitude': [-90, 90], 'altitude': [-10000000.0,
    ↪ 10000.0]} result in unchanged data object

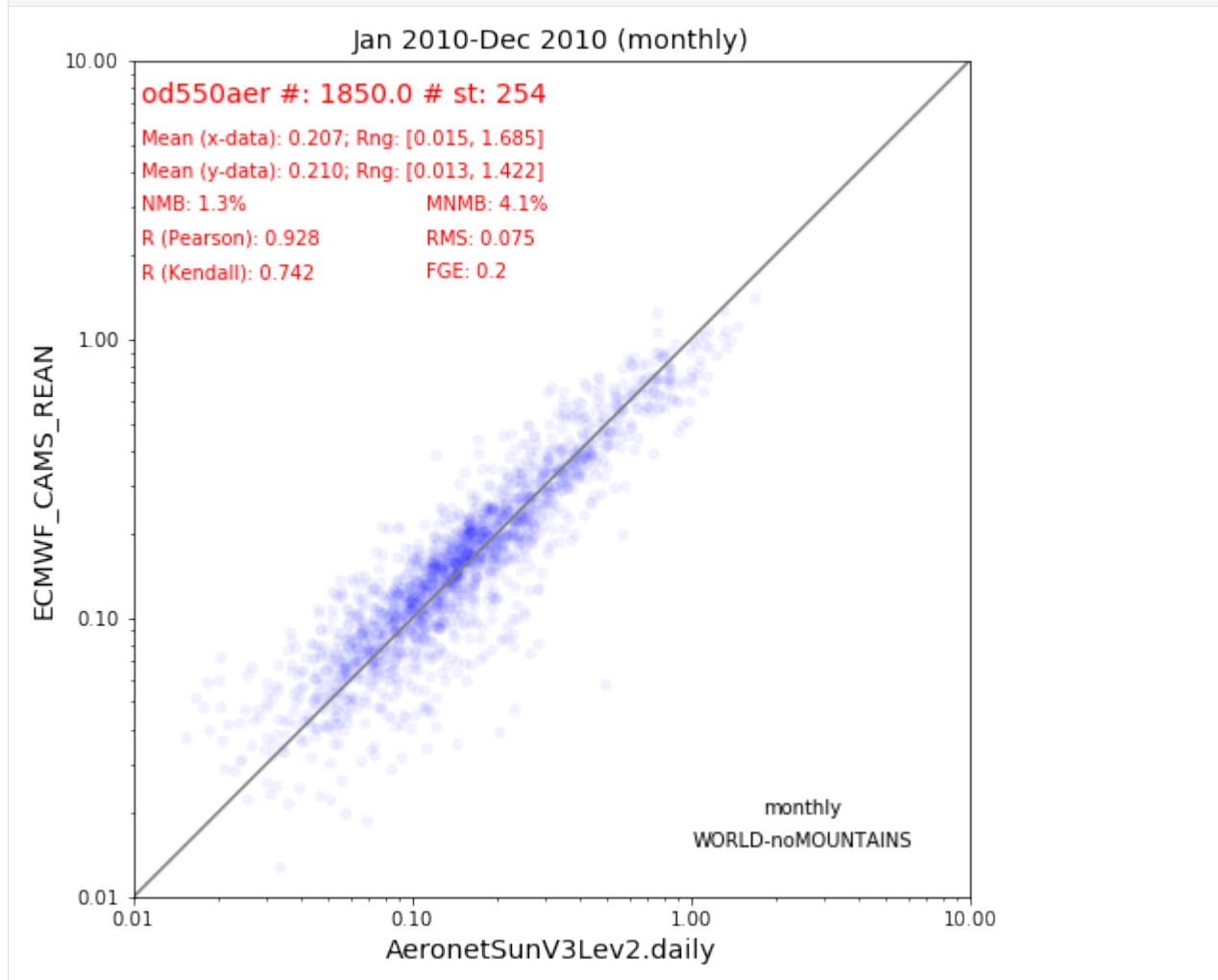
Setting od550aer outlier lower lim: -1.00
```

```
Setting od550aer outlier upper lim: 10.00
```

```
Interpolating data of shape (365, 161, 320). This may take a while.
```

```
Successfully interpolated cube
```

```
[11]: data_coloc_alt.plot_scatter(marker='o', mec='none', color='b', alpha=0.05);
```



The result shows, that time colocation yields better results, with lower biases (NMB and MNMB) and higher correlation, etc.

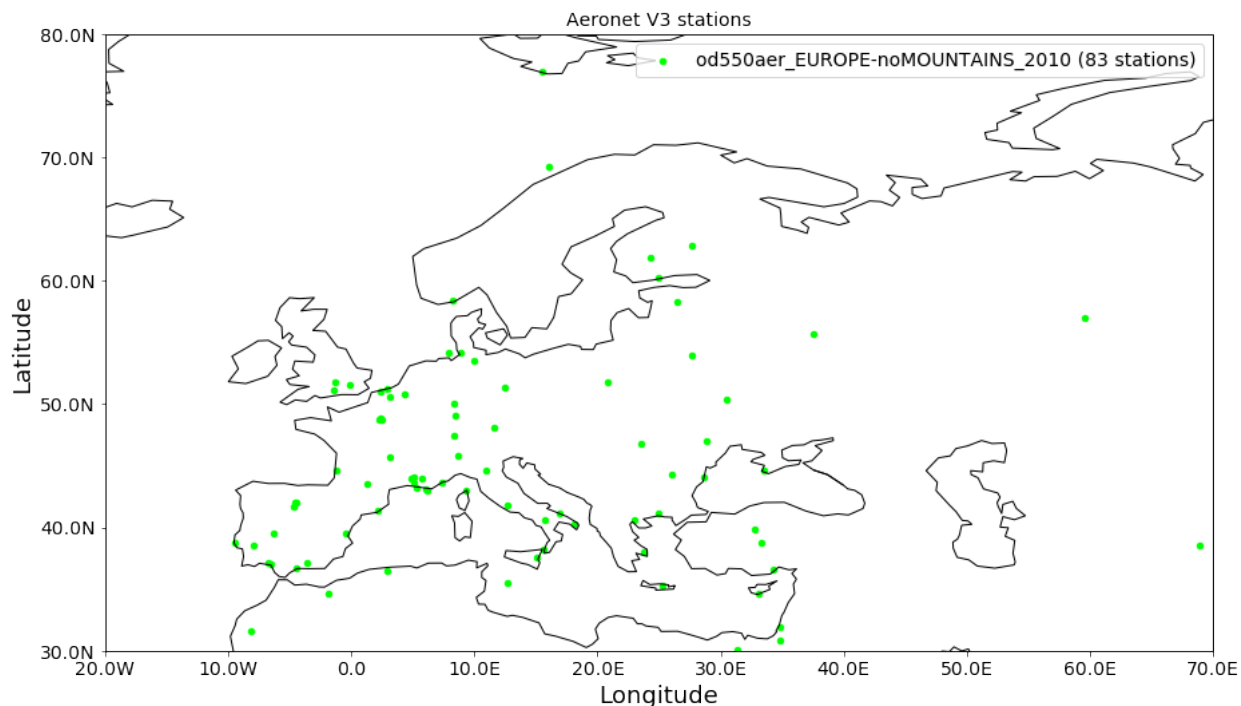
However, in reality and in particular in large model intercomparison studies (involving many variables and model outputs) the model diagnostics output files are submitted in monthly resolution, which does not allow to perform these time colocation on a daily basis.

Note also, that the model data used here is the CAMS reanalysis dataset which assimilates AERONET AODs. It is therefore not surprising, that the results look so shiny.

## 2010 daily Europe no mountains

Now perform colocation only over Europe. Starting with a station plot.

```
[12]: obs_data.plot_station_coordinates(var_name='od550aer', start=2010,
                                       filter_name='EUROPE-noMOUNTAINS',
                                       color='lime', markersize=20, legend=True,
                                       title='Aeronet V3 stations');
```



```
[13]: data_coloc_eur = pya.colocation.colocate_gridded_ungridded(model_data, obs_data, ts_type=
      ↪ 'daily',
                                       filter_name='EUROPE-noMOUNTAINS')
```

```
data_coloc_eur
```

```
Setting od550aer outlier lower lim: -1.00
```

```
Setting od550aer outlier upper lim: 10.00
```

```
Interpolating data of shape (365, 161, 320). This may take a while.
```

```
Successfully interpolated cube
```

```
[13]: <xarray.DataArray 'od550aer' (data_source: 2, time: 365, station_name: 83)>
array([[[ nan,      nan, ..., nan,      nan],
        [0.078648, nan, ..., nan,      nan],
        ...,
        [ nan,      nan, ..., nan,      nan],
        [ nan,      nan, ..., nan,      nan]],

       [[0.086522, 0.015151, ..., 0.075447, 0.03005 ],
        [0.067198, 0.043074, ..., 0.103671, 0.042999],
        ...,
```

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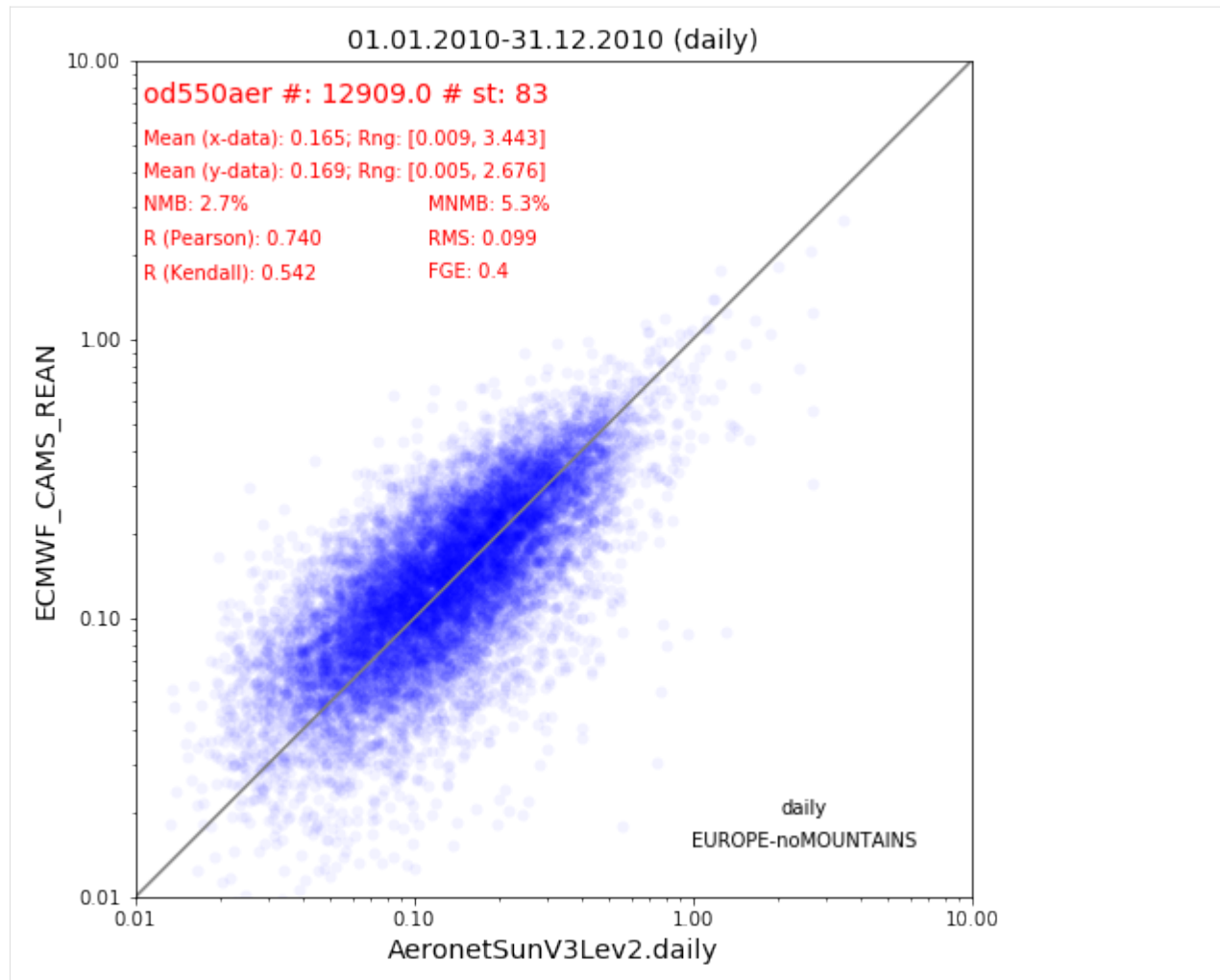
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```

        [0.242585, 0.186407, ..., 0.053797, 0.011344],
        [0.079498, 0.122098, ..., 0.027066, 0.019639]]])
Coordinates:
  * data_source      (data_source) <U22 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily' 'ECMWF_CAMS_REAN'
  var_name          (data_source) <U8 'od550aer' 'od550aer'
  var_units         (data_source) <U1 '1' '1'
  ts_type_src       (data_source) <U5 'daily' 'daily'
  * time            (time) datetime64[ns] 2010-01-01 2010-01-02 ... 2010-12-31
  * station_name     (station_name) <U19 'ATHENS-NOA' 'Andenes' ... 'Yekaterinburg'
  latitude          (station_name) float64 37.97 69.28 44.66 ... 51.77 41.15 57.04
  longitude          (station_name) float64 23.72 16.01 -1.163 ... 24.92 59.54
  altitude          (station_name) float64 130.0 379.0 11.0 ... 160.0 54.0 300.0
Attributes:
  data_source:      ['AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily', 'ECMWF_CAMS_REAN']
  var_name:         ['od550aer', 'od550aer']
  ts_type:          daily
  filter_name:      EUROPE-noMOUNTAINS
  ts_type_src:      ['daily', 'daily']
  start_str:        20100101
  stop_str:         20101231
  var_units:        ['1', '1']
  vert_scheme:      None
  data_level:       3
  revision_ref:     20190920
  from_files:       ['aerocom.ECMWF_CAMS_REAN.daily.od550aer.2010.nc']
  from_files_ref:   None
  stations_ignored: None
  colocate_time:    False
  apply_constraints: False
  min_num_obs:      None
  region:           EUROPE
  lon_range:        [-20, 70]
  lat_range:        [30, 80]
  alt_range:        [-1000000.0, 1000.0]

```

```
[14]: data_coloc_eur.plot_scatter(marker='o', mec='none', color='b', alpha=0.05);
```



### Satellite colocation

Below, the same is done for satellite colocation using AODs from the MODIS instrument onboard the Aqua satellite (Collection 6).

```
[15]: pya.browse_database('MODIS6*aqua')
```

```
Pyaerocom ReadGridded
```

```
-----
```

```
Data ID: MODIS6.aqua
```

```
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/SATELLITE-DATA/
```

```
↳ MODIS6.aqua/renamed
```

```
Available experiments: ['MODIS6.aqua']
```

```
Available years: [2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013,
```

```
↳ 2014]
```

```
Available frequencies ['daily']
```

```
Available variables: ['od550aer']
```

```
[16]: modis_aods = pya.io.ReadGridded('MODIS6.aqua').read_var('od550aer', start=2010)
      modis_aods
```

```
Overwriting unit unknown in cube od550aer with value "1"
```

```
[16]: pyaerocom.GriddedData
      Grid data: <iris 'Cube' of Aerosol Optical Thickness at 0.55 microns for both Ocean
      ↪(best) and Land (corrected): Mean / (1) (time: 365; latitude: 180; longitude: 360)>
```

Now the satellite data comes gridded, like the model data. Thus, we use the gridded / gridded colocation routine rather than the gridded / ungridded that we used above when using AERONET station data.

### No (daily) time colocation

```
[17]: coldata_modis = pya.colocation.colocate_gridded_gridded(model_data,
                                                                modis_aods,
                                                                ts_type='monthly',
                                                                regrid_res_deg=5,
                                                                remove_outliers=True,
                                                                colocate_time=False)
```

```
Interpolating data of shape (365, 180, 360). This may take a while.
```

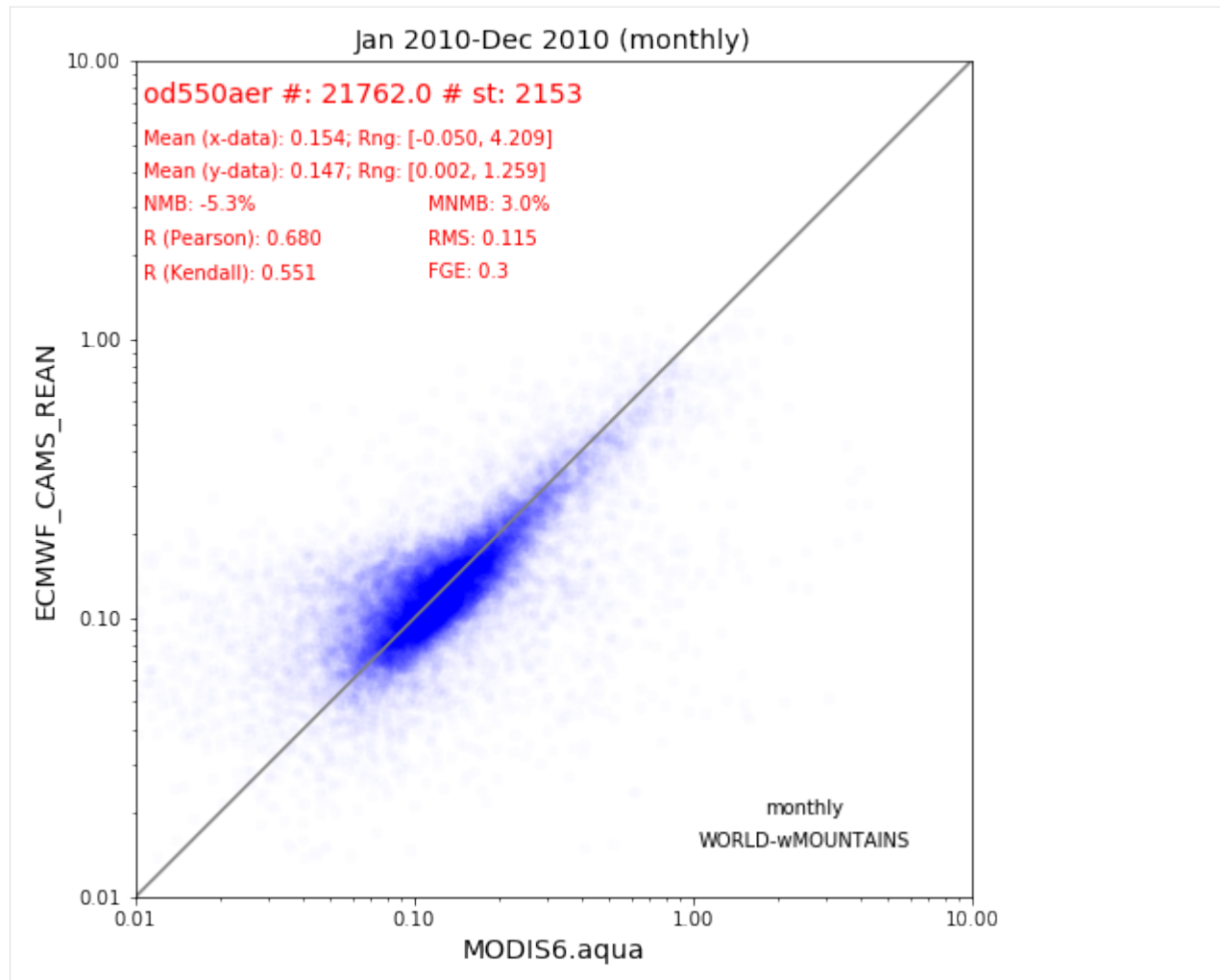
```
Successfully interpolated cube
```

```
Setting od550aer outlier lower lim: -1.00
```

```
Setting od550aer outlier upper lim: 10.00
```

```
[18]: coldata_modis.plot_scatter(marker='o', mec='none', color='b', alpha=0.01);
```





### With (daily) time collocation

```
[19]: coldata_modis_alt = pya.colocation.colocate_gridded_gridded(model_data,
                                                                    modis_aods,
                                                                    ts_type='monthly',
                                                                    regrid_res_deg=5,
                                                                    remove_outliers=True,
                                                                    colocate_time=True)
```

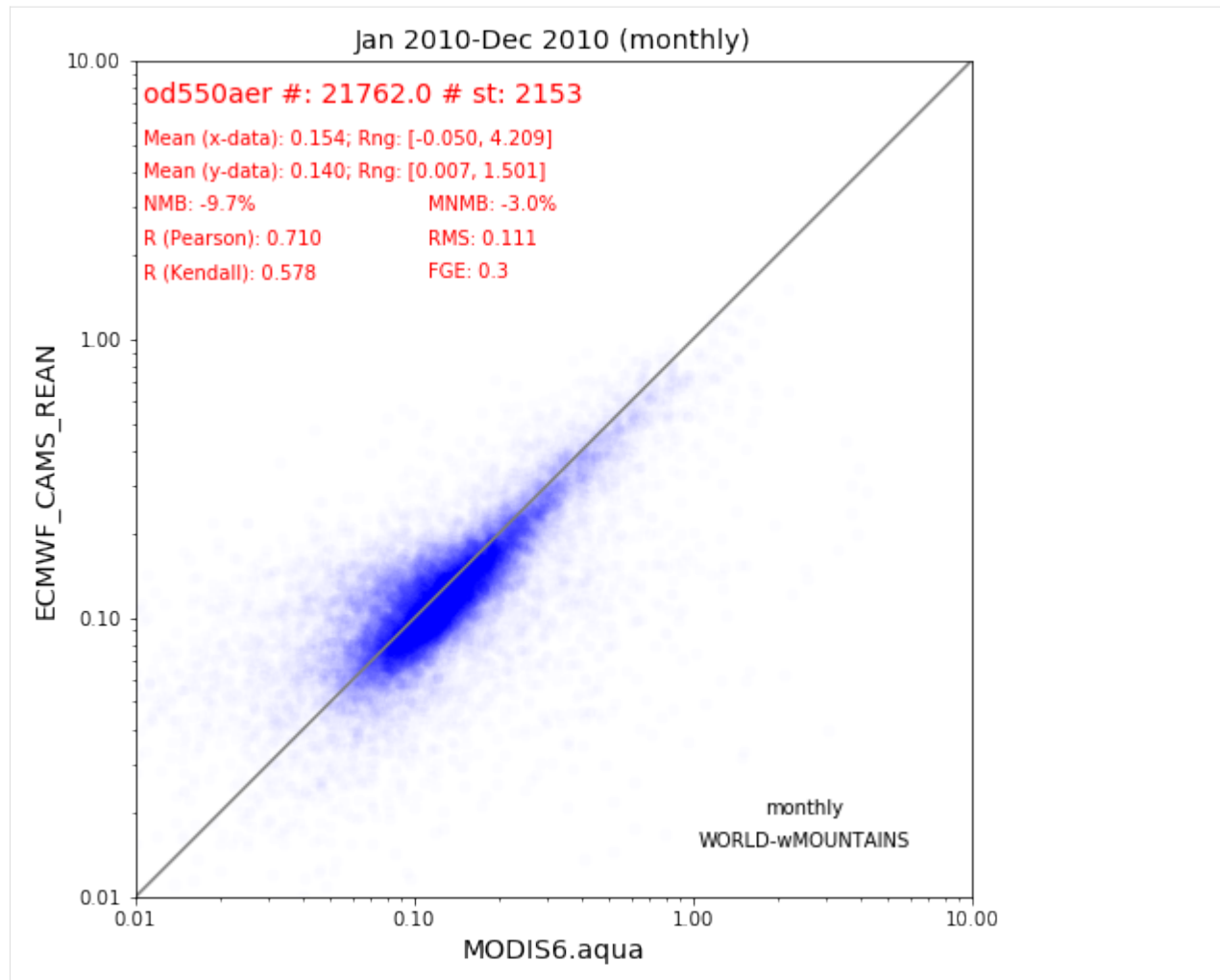
Interpolating data of shape (365, 180, 360). This may take a while.

Successfully interpolated cube

Setting od550aer outlier lower lim: -1.00

Setting od550aer outlier upper lim: 10.00

```
[20]: coldata_modis_alt.plot_scatter(marker='o', mec='none', color='b', alpha=0.01);
```



### 3.2.7 Merging of several StationData objects into one

This notebook illustrates how to merge several instances of StationData objects into one object. This merging only works for data from the same station and a typical case is if the data source files for one station are separated into many single files containing only parts of the data (e.g. if the files contain only one year of data).

In the following, the example of the EBAS database is used for illustration. In particular, we will focus on the retrieval of the aerosol light scattering coefficients at 550 nm (**scatc550aer** in AEROCOM naming convention) for the station **Jungfraujoch**, located in Germany.

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya

Initiating pyaerocom configuration
Checking database access...
Checking access to: /lustre/storeA
Access to lustre database: True
Init data paths for lustre
```

Expired time: 0.016 s

### Get list of all files containing scattering data for EBAS station Jungfrauoch

```
[2]: reader = pya.io.ReadEbas()
data = reader.read(vars_to_retrieve='scatc550aer',
                    datalevel=2, station_names='Jungfrauoch')
print(data)
```

Retrieving EBAS files for variables  
['scatc550aer']

Reading files 1-3 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:51 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 3-5 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:52 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 5-7 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:52 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 7-9 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:53 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 9-11 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:53 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 11-13 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:54 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 13-15 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:55 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 15-17 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:55 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 17-19 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:56 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 19-21 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:57 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 21-23 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:58 (delta = 0 s')
Reading files 23-25 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:10:59 (delta = 1 s')
Reading files 25-27 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:11:00 (delta = 1 s')
Reading files 27-29 of 28 (ReadEbas)   18:11:01 (delta = 1 s')

Pyaerocom UngriddedData  
-----

Contains networks: ['EBASMC']  
 Contains variables: ['scatc550aer']  
 Contains instruments: ['IN3563', 'TSI\_3563\_JFJ\_dry', 'Ecotech\_Aurora3000\_JFJ\_dry']  
 Total no. of meta-blocks: 28  
 Filters that were applied:  
   Filter time log: 20191003181051  
     prefer\_statistics: ['arithmetic mean', 'median']  
     wavelength\_tol\_nm: 50  
     datalevel: 2  
     station\_names: Jungfrauoch  
 Filter time log: 20191003181102  
 Removed 0 metadata blocks that have no data assigned

As you can see, the data has successfully been imported into an instance of the `UngriddedData` class. This class is organised *by file*, that is, for each of the 26 files that were imported, there is one metadata dictionary assigned. Let's look at the metadata from the first file:

```
[3]: data.metadata[0]
[3]: OrderedDict([('latitude', 46.5475),
                  ('longitude', 7.985),
                  ('altitude', 3578.0),
                  ('filename',
                   'CH0001G.19950101000000.20181031145000.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_
→IN3563.CH02L_backscat_coef.lev2.nas'),
                  ('station_id', 'CH0001G'),
                  ('station_name', 'Jungfraujoch'),
                  ('instrument_name', 'IN3563'),
                  ('PI', 'Baltensperger, Urs; Weingartner, Ernest'),
                  ('country', None),
                  ('ts_type', 'hourly'),
                  ('data_id', 'EBASMC'),
                  ('dataset_name', None),
                  ('data_product', None),
                  ('data_version', None),
                  ('data_level', 2),
                  ('revision_date', numpy.datetime64('2018-10-31T00:00:00')),
                  ('website', None),
                  ('ts_type_src', None),
                  ('stat_merge_pref_attr', None),
                  ('data_revision', '20190701'),
                  ('var_info',
                   OrderedDict([('scatc550aer',
                                OrderedDict([('name',
                                                'aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient'),
                                                ('units', '1/Mm'),
                                                ('wavelength', '550.0 nm'),
                                                ('method_ref', 'CH02L_scat_coef'),
                                                ('matrix', 'aerosol'),
                                                ('statistics',
                                                 'arithmetic mean'))])))),
                  ('variables', ['scatc550aer'])])
```

And the last one:

```
[4]: data.metadata[25]
[4]: OrderedDict([('latitude', 46.5475),
                  ('longitude', 7.985),
                  ('altitude', 3580.0),
                  ('filename',
                   'CH0001G.20170101000000.20190524143212.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_
→Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_Aurora3000.lev2.nas'),
                  ('station_id', 'CH0001G'),
                  ('station_name', 'Jungfraujoch'),
                  ('instrument_name', 'Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry'),
                  ('PI', 'Bukowiecki, Nicolas; Baltensperger, Urs'),
                  ('country', None),
                  ('ts_type', 'hourly'),
                  ('data_id', 'EBASMC'),
                  ('dataset_name', None),
```

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```

('data_product', None),
('data_version', None),
('data_level', 2),
('revision_date', numpy.datetime64('2019-05-24T00:00:00')),
('website', None),
('ts_type_src', None),
('stat_merge_pref_attr', None),
('data_revision', '20190701'),
('var_info',
 OrderedDict([('scatc550aer',
                  OrderedDict([('name',
                                'aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient'),
                                ('units', '1/Mm'),
                                ('wavelength', '525.0 nm'),
                                ('statistics', 'arithmetic mean'),
                                ('matrix', 'aerosol'))]))]),
('variables', ['scatc550aer']))

```

As you can see, both files contain scattering data but do not share all the same metadata attributes (e.g. `instrument_name` is different, which might be due to technological updates over time).

Let's have a look at the respective time-series for both stations. First, convert into instance of `StationData` class and then plot.

```
[5]: first_file = data.to_station_data(0, vars_to_convert='scatc550aer')
print(first_file)
```

```

Pyaerocom StationData
-----
var_info (BrowseDict):
  scatc550aer (OrderedDict):
    name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
    units: 1/Mm
    wavelength: 550.0 nm
    method_ref: CH02L_scatter_coef
    matrix: aerosol
    statistics: arithmetic mean
    overlap: False
station_coords (dict):
  latitude: 46.5475
  longitude: 7.985
  altitude: 3578.0
data_err (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
overlap (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
data_flagged (BrowseDict):
  scatc550aer (ndarray, 8760 items): [1.00, 1.00, ..., 0.0, 0.0]
filename: CH0001G.19950101000000.20181031145000.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_IN3563.
↳CH02L_backscat_coef.lev2.nas
station_id: CH0001G
station_name: Jungfraujoch
instrument_name: IN3563
PI: Baltensperger, Urs; Weingartner, Ernest

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```

country: None
ts_type: hourly
latitude: 46.5475
longitude: 7.985
altitude: 3578.0
data_id: EBASMC
dataset_name: None
data_product: None
data_version: None
data_level: 2
revision_date: 2018-10-31T00:00:00
website: None
ts_type_src: hourly
stat_merge_pref_attr: None
data_revision: 20190701

Data arrays
...
dtype (ndarray, 8760 items): [1995-01-01T00:30:00.000000000, 1995-01-01T01:29:59.
↪000000000, ..., 1995-12-31T22:29:59.000000000, 1995-12-31T23:29:59.000000000]
Pandas Series
...
scatc550aer (Series, 8760 items)

```

```

[6]: last_file = data.to_station_data(25)
print(last_file)

```

```

Pyaerocom StationData
-----
var_info (BrowseDict):
  scatc550aer (OrderedDict):
    name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
    units: 1/Mm
    wavelength: 525.0 nm
    statistics: arithmetic mean
    matrix: aerosol
    overlap: False
station_coords (dict):
  latitude: 46.5475
  longitude: 7.985
  altitude: 3580.0
data_err (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
overlap (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
data_flagged (BrowseDict):
  scatc550aer (ndarray, 8760 items): [1.00, 1.00, ..., 1.00, 0.0]
filename: CH0001G.20170101000000.20190524143212.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_
↪Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_Aurora3000.lev2.nas
station_id: CH0001G
station_name: Jungfraujoch
instrument_name: Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry
PI: Bukowiecki, Nicolas; Baltensperger, Urs

```

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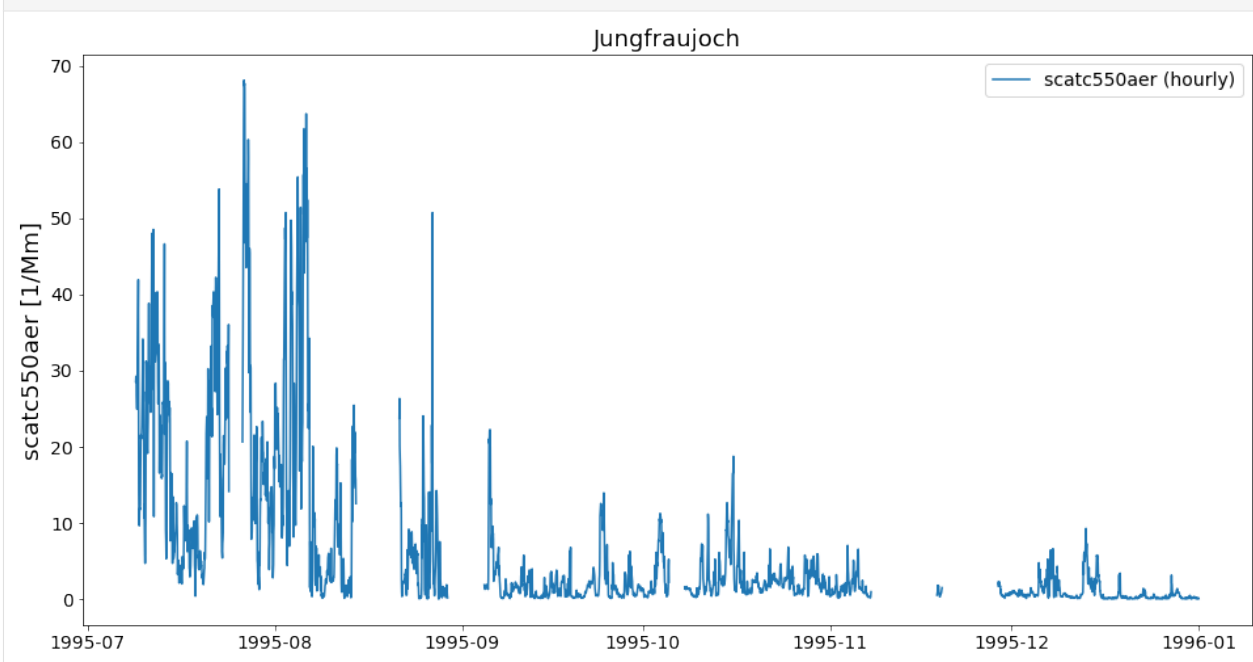
```

country: None
ts_type: hourly
latitude: 46.5475
longitude: 7.985
altitude: 3580.0
data_id: EBASMC
dataset_name: None
data_product: None
data_version: None
data_level: 2
revision_date: 2019-05-24T00:00:00
website: None
ts_type_src: hourly
stat_merge_pref_attr: None
data_revision: 20190701

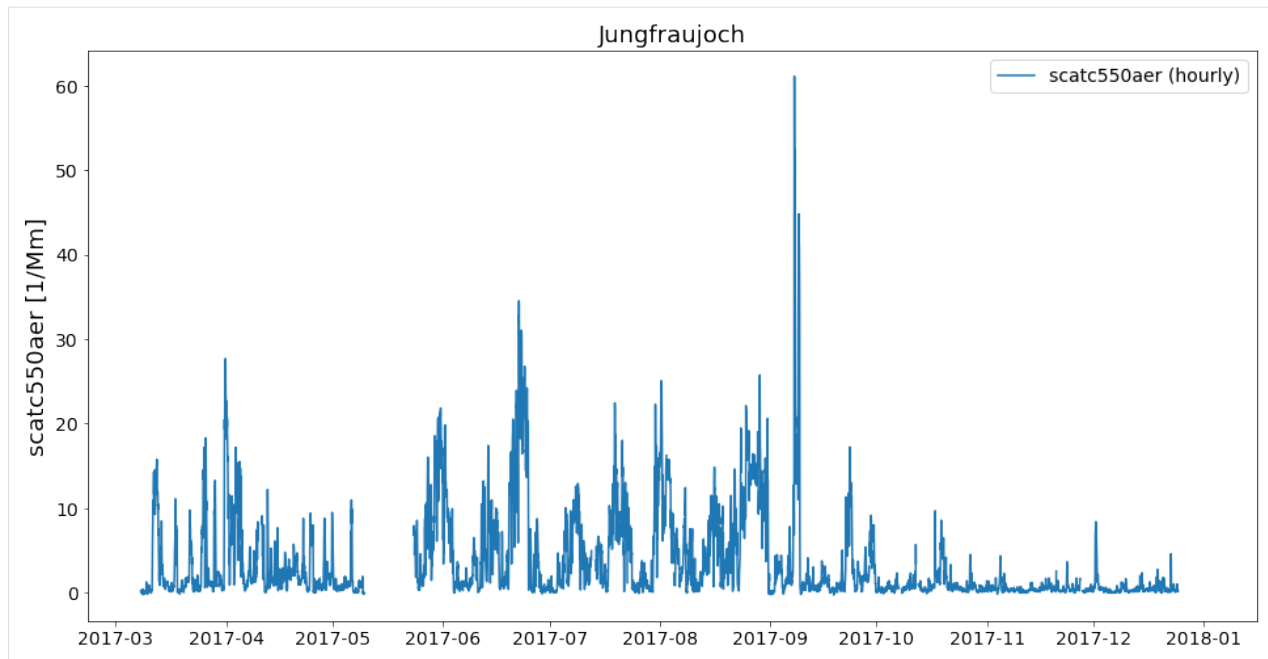
Data arrays
...
dtype (ndarray, 8760 items): [2017-01-01T00:30:00.000000000, 2017-01-01T01:29:59.
↪ 000000000, ..., 2017-12-31T22:29:59.000000000, 2017-12-31T23:29:59.000000000]
Pandas Series
...
scatc550aer (Series, 8760 items)

```

```
[7]: first_file.plot_timeseries('scatc550aer');
```



```
[8]: last_file.plot_timeseries('scatc550aer');
```



As you can see, the files contain data from different years. Now, how can we get these objects into one object that contains the timeseries of both files from this station?

This is actually very easy:

```
[9]: merged = first_file.merge_other(last_file, 'scatc550aer')
print(merged)
```

```
Pyaerocom StationData
-----
var_info (BrowseDict):
  scatc550aer (OrderedDict):
    name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
    units: 1/Mm
    wavelength: 550.0 nm;525.0 nm
    method_ref: CH02L_scatt_coef
    matrix: aerosol
    statistics: arithmetic mean
    overlap: False
    ts_type: hourly
    apply_constraints: False
    min_num_obs: None
station_coords (dict):
  latitude: 46.5475
  longitude: 7.985
  altitude: 3578.0
data_err (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
overlap (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
data_flagged (BrowseDict):
  scatc550aer (ndarray, 8760 items): [1.00, 1.00, ..., 0.0, 0.0]
filename: CH0001G.19950101000000.20181031145000.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_IN3563.
  CH02L_backscat_coef.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20170101000000.20190524143212.nephelometer..
```

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```

↪aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_Aurora3000.lev2.nas
station_id: CH0001G
station_name: Jungfrauoch
instrument_name: IN3563; Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry
PI: Baltensperger, Urs; Weingartner, Ernest; Bukowiecki, Nicolas
country: None
ts_type: hourly
latitude: 46.5475
longitude: 7.985
altitude: 3578.0
data_id: EBASMC
dataset_name: None
data_product: None
data_version: None
data_level: 2
revision_date (list, 2 items): [numpy.datetime64('2018-10-31T00:00:00'), numpy.
↪datetime64('2019-05-24T00:00:00')]
website: None
ts_type_src: hourly
stat_merge_pref_attr: None
data_revision: 20190701

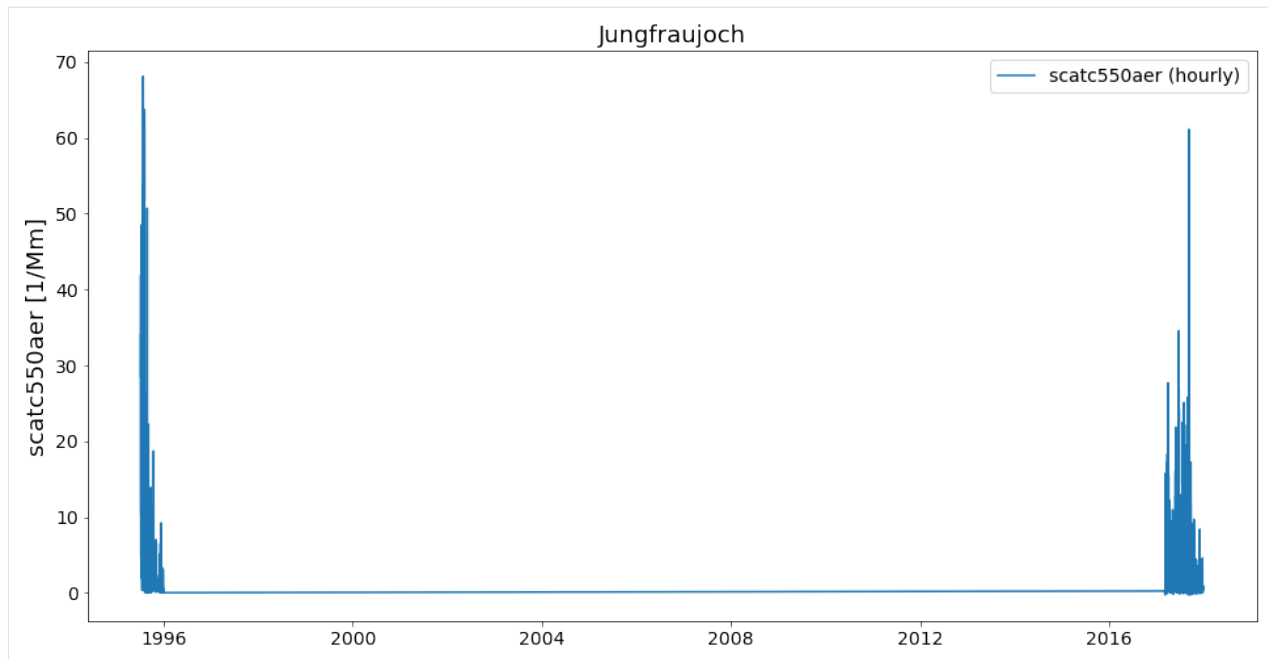
Data arrays
...
dtype (ndarray, 9794 items): [1995-07-08T23:00:00.000000000, 1995-07-09T00:00:00.
↪000000000, ..., 2017-12-24T19:00:00.000000000, 2017-12-31T23:00:00.000000000]
Pandas Series
...
scatc550aer (Series, 9794 items)

```

As you can see in the output, the merging comprises not only the data arrays but also registers any differences in the associated metadata (cf. e.g., sampling wavelength 550 nm vs. 525 nm, instrument name, PI)

Now, have a look at the merged timeseries data.

```
[10]: merged.plot_timeseries('scatc550aer');
```



Looks okay. Let's merge all 26 files and see if we get a nice long time series.

Retrieve list of StationData objects:

```
[11]: stats = data.to_station_data('Jungfraujoch', 'scatc550aer', merge_if_multi=False)
      print('Number of StationData objects retrieved: {}'.format(len(stats)))
```

```
Number of StationData objects retrieved: 28
```

Now merge them into one long time series:

```
[12]: merged = pya.helpers.merge_station_data(stats, var_name='scatc550aer')
      print(merged)
```

```
PyAerocom StationData
-----
var_info (BrowseDict):
  scatc550aer (OrderedDict):
    name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
    units: 1/Mm
    wavelength: 550.0 nm;525.0 nm
    statistics: arithmetic mean
    matrix: aerosol
    overlap: False
    ts_type: hourly
    apply_constraints: False
    min_num_obs: None
    method_ref: CH02L_scatter_coef
station_coords (dict):
  latitude: 46.5475
  longitude: 7.985
  altitude: 3580.0
```

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```

data_err (BrowseDict): <empty_dict>
overlap (BrowseDict):
  scatc550aer: 2015-01-01 01:00:00    0.255198
2015-01-01 02:00:00   -0.284809
2015-01-01 03:00:00    0.123830
2015-01-01 04:00:00    0.127599
2015-01-01 05:00:00    0.052224
...
2018-12-31 19:00:00   -0.030204
2018-12-31 20:00:00    0.625988
2018-12-31 21:00:00    0.178854
2018-12-31 22:00:00    0.175893
2018-12-31 23:00:00    0.329280
Length: 25787, dtype: float64
data_flagged (BrowseDict):
  scatc550aer (ndarray, 8760 items): [0.0, 0.0, ..., 0.0, 0.0]
filename: CH0001G.20010101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_
→ 3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20100101000000.20190524142901.
→ nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.
→ 20060101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_
→ Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20180101000000.20190520125514.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.
→ CH02L_Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_Aurora3000.lev2.nas; CH0001G.
→ 20040101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_
→ Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20180101000000.20190520124723.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.
→ CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20080101000000.20190524142901.
→ nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.
→ 20050101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_
→ Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20070101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.
→ CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20110101000000.20190524142901.
→ nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.
→ 20030101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_
→ Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20150101000000.20190524143212.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.
→ CH02L_Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_Aurora3000.lev2.nas; CH0001G.
→ 20170101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_
→ Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20160101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.
→ CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20000101000000.20181031145000.
→ nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_IN3563.CH02L_backscat_coef.lev2.nas; CH0001G.
→ 20140101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_
→ Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20020101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.
→ CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20090101000000.20190524142901.
→ nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.
→ 20120101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_
→ Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20130101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.
→ CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.19980101000000.20181031145000.
→ nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_IN3563.CH02L_backscat_coef.lev2.nas; CH0001G.
→ 19960101000000.20181031145000.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_IN3563.CH02L_backscat_
→ coef.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20170101000000.20190524143212.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_
→ Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_Aurora3000.lev2.nas; CH0001G.19990101000000.
→ 20181031145000.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_IN3563.CH02L_backscat_coef.lev2.nas;
→ CH0001G.20150101000000.20190524142901.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_TSI_3563_JFJ_
→ dry.CH02L_Neph_3563.lev2.nas; CH0001G.20160101000000.20190524143212.nephelometer..
→ aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry.CH02L_Neph_Aurora3000.lev2.nas; CH0001G.

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↪19970101000000.20181031145000.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_IN3563.CH02L_backscat_
↪coef.lev2.nas; CH0001G.19950101000000.20181031145000.nephelometer..aerosol.1y.1h.CH02L_
↪IN3563.CH02L_backscat_coef.lev2.nas
station_id: CH0001G
station_name: Jungfrauoch
instrument_name: TSI_3563_JFJ_dry; Ecotech_Aurora3000_JFJ_dry; IN3563
PI: Baltensperger, Urs; Weingartner, Ernest; Bukowiecki, Nicolas
country: None
ts_type: hourly
latitude: 46.5475
longitude: 7.985
altitude: 3580.0
data_id: EBASMC
dataset_name: None
data_product: None
data_version: None
data_level: 2
revision_date (list, 3 items): [numpy.datetime64('2019-05-24T00:00:00'), numpy.
↪datetime64('2019-05-20T00:00:00'), numpy.datetime64('2018-10-31T00:00:00')]
website: None
ts_type_src: hourly
stat_merge_pref_attr: None
data_revision: 20190701

Data arrays
...
dtype (ndarray, 205849 items): [1995-07-08T23:00:00.000000000, 1995-07-09T00:00:00.
↪000000000, ..., 2018-12-31T22:00:00.000000000, 2018-12-31T23:00:00.000000000]
Pandas Series
...
scatc550aer (Series, 205849 items)

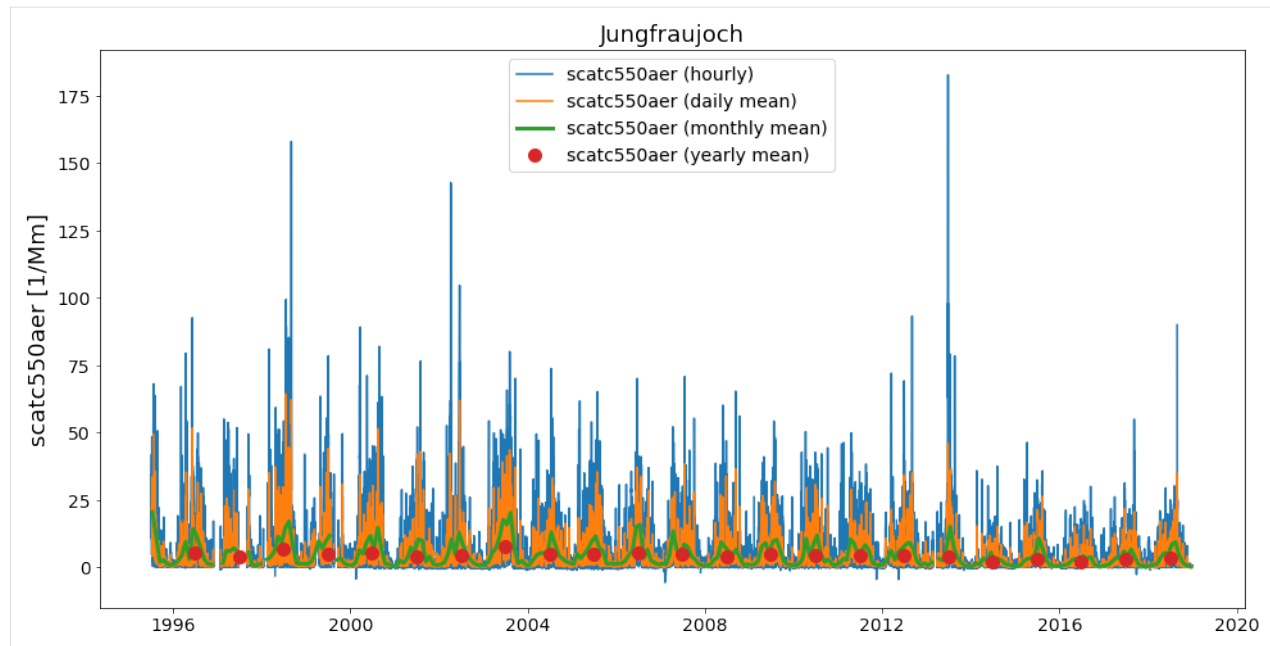
```

And plot...

```

[13]: ax = merged.plot_timeseries('scatc550aer')
merged.plot_timeseries('scatc550aer', freq='daily', ax=ax)
merged.plot_timeseries('scatc550aer', freq='monthly', lw=3, ax=ax)
merged.plot_timeseries('scatc550aer', freq='yearly', ls='none', marker='o', ms=10,
↪ax=ax);

```



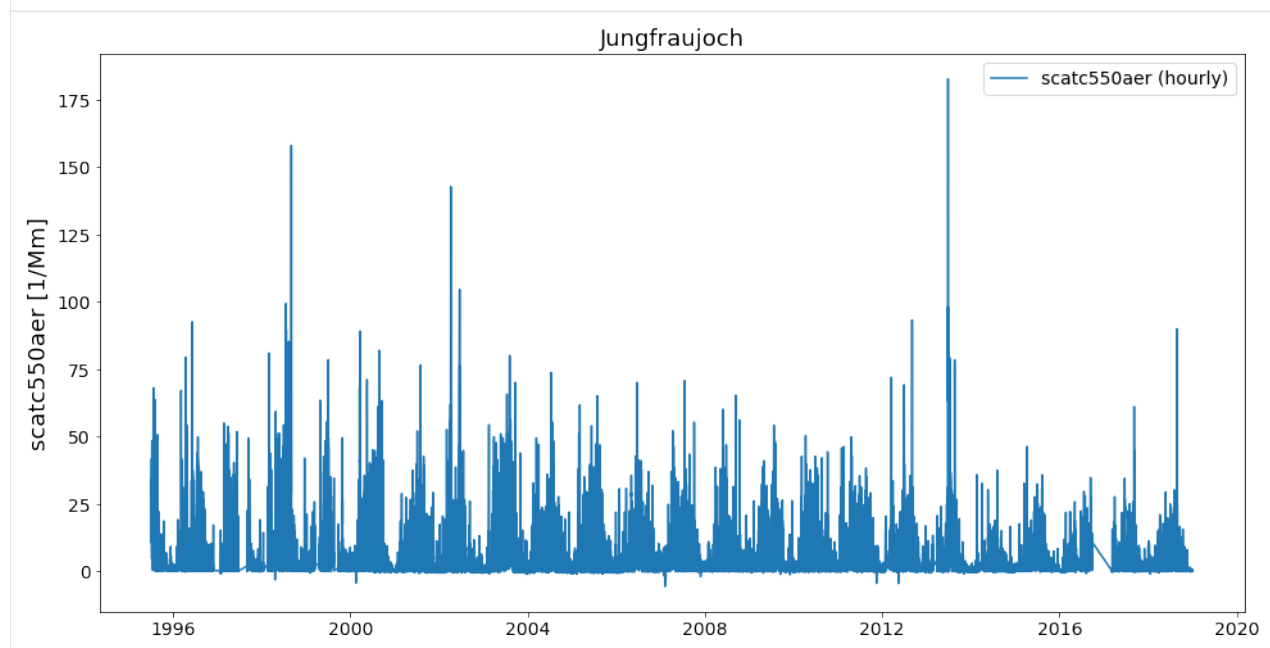
### Comment for convenience....

Actually, in the default setup you do not really need to think about all this. As you might have recognised, when creating the list of StationData objects from the UngriddedData object (using method `to_station_data`) we parsed the argument `merge_if_multi=False`.

The default here is True, so you can just go ahead and do:

```
[14]: data.to_station_data('Jungfrauoch', 'scatc550aer').plot_timeseries('scatc550aer')
```

```
[14]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f9d348975f8>
```



What's happening here is, that `to_station_data` internally creates a list of `StationData` objects and uses the above illustrated method `merge_station_data` at the end if the input argument `merge_if_multi=True`.

### What about overlapping data ??

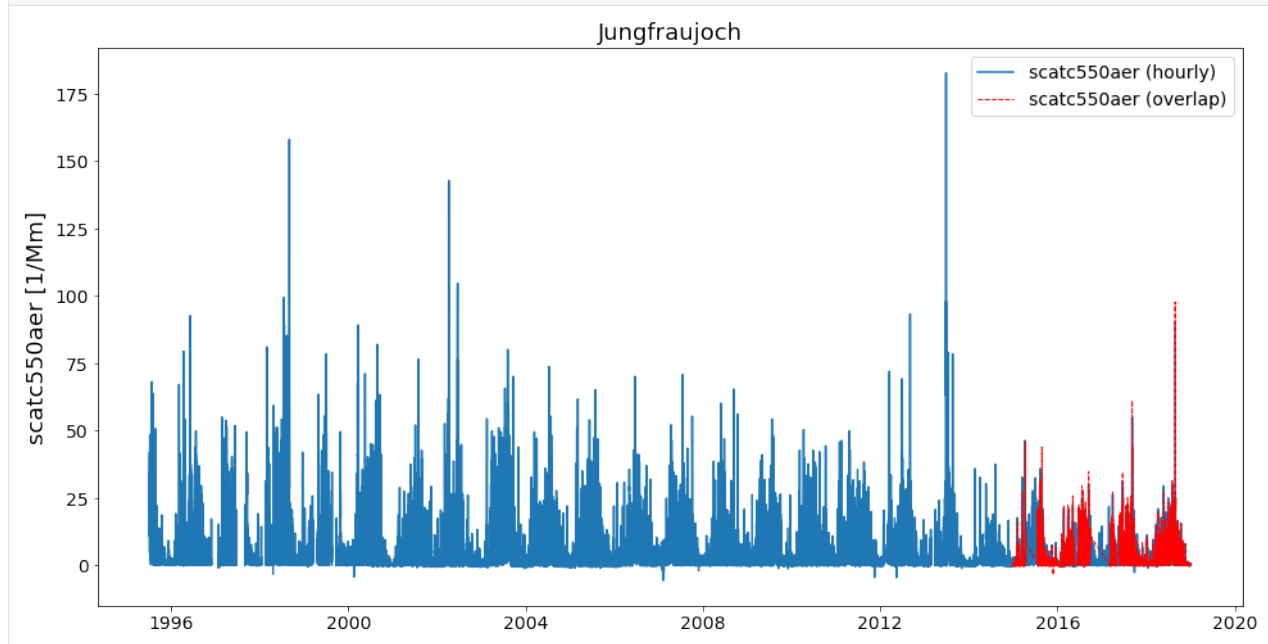
In some situations, there may be overlapping conflicts when merging multiple time series into one long time-series. In the following, we illustrate how these overlaps are handled if they occur.

The method `merge_station_data` that is illustrated above has some features to handle overlapping data and in any case, all overlaps that were detected are stored in the `overlap` attribute of the merged `StationData` object. Let's check first if there are any overlaps in the Jungfraujoch data:

```
[15]: merged.overlap
[15]: BrowseDict([('scatc550aer', 2015-01-01 01:00:00    0.255198
                2015-01-01 02:00:00   -0.284809
                2015-01-01 03:00:00    0.123830
                2015-01-01 04:00:00    0.127599
                2015-01-01 05:00:00    0.052224
                ...
                2018-12-31 19:00:00   -0.030204
                2018-12-31 20:00:00    0.625988
                2018-12-31 21:00:00    0.178854
                2018-12-31 22:00:00    0.175893
                2018-12-31 23:00:00    0.329280
                Length: 25787, dtype: float64)])
```

Apparently, there is. You can check out these data (in comparison with the retrieved time series) as follows:

```
[16]: merged.plot_timeseries('scatc550aer', add_overlaps=True);
```



## How to prioritise certain stations from others, when deciding what goes into overlap and what into the final timeseries?

The method `merge_station_data` provides a bunch of options to handle that. Things do not be written twice so please read the docstring of the method:

```
[17]: help(pya.helpers.merge_station_data)

Help on function merge_station_data in module pyaerocom.helpers:

merge_station_data(stats, var_name, pref_attr=None, sort_by_largest=True, fill_missing_
↳ nan=True, **add_meta_keys)
    Merge multiple StationData objects (from one station) into one instance

    Note
    ----
    - all input :class:`StationData` objects need to have same attributes
    ↳ ``station_name``, ``latitude``, ``longitude`` and ``altitude``

    Parameters
    -----
    stats : list
        list containing :class:`StationData` objects (note: all of these
        objects must contain variable data for the specified input variable)
    var_name : str
        data variable name that is to be merged
    pref_attr
        optional argument that may be used to specify a metadata attribute
        that is available in all input :class:`StationData` objects and that
        is used to order the input stations by relevance. The associated values
        of this attribute need to be sortable (e.g. revision_date). This is
        only relevant in case overlaps occur. If unspecified the relevance of
        the stations is sorted based on the length of the associated data
        arrays.
    sort_by_largest : bool
        if True, the result from the sorting is inverted. E.g. if
        ``pref_attr`` is unspecified, then the stations will be sorted based on
        the length of the data vectors, starting with the shortest, ending with
        the longest. This sorting result will then be inverted, if
        ``sort_by_largest=True``, so that the longest time series get's highest
        importance. If, e.g. ``pref_attr='revision_date'``, then the stations
        are sorted by the associated revision date value, starting with the
        earliest, ending with the latest (which will also be inverted if
        this argument is set to True)
    fill_missing_nan : bool
        if True, the resulting time series is filled with NaNs. NOTE: this
        requires that information about the temporal resolution (ts_type) of
        the data is available in each of the StationData objects.
```

In particular, `pref_attr` and `sort_by_largest` are relevant here.

**NOTE:** if `pref_attr` is unspecified, then the stations are sorted based on the number of valid measurement points for the input variable. This was done in the merged time series that we retrieved above.

Now, in the following, let's not use the number of available data points (to sort the stations by relevance) but prefer

stations that have a more recent data revision date.

```
[18]: try:
        merged_pref_awesome = pya.helpers.merge_station_data(stats, 'scatc550aer', pref_
        ↪attr='awesome')
    except pya.exceptions.MetadataError as e:
        print('Failed merging, error: {}'.format(repr(e)))
```

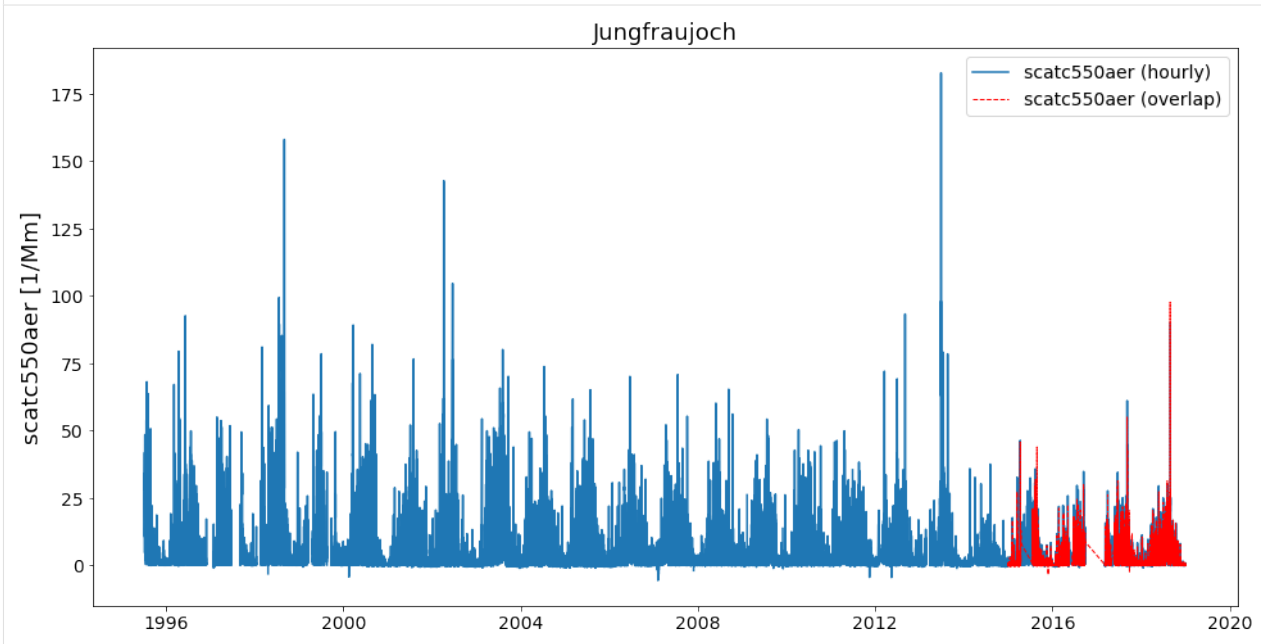
```
Failed merging, error: MetadataError('Cannot sort station relevance by attribute_
↪awesome. At least one of the input stations does not contain this attribute')
```

Unfortunately, the StationData objects do not contain an attribute awesome by which we could sort. Let's go with revision\_date instead:

```
[19]: # recompute stations, since we overwrote one above
stats = data.to_station_data('Jungfrauoch', 'scatc550aer', merge_if_multi=False)
merged_pref_recent_revision = pya.helpers.merge_station_data(stats, 'scatc550aer', pref_
↪attr='revision_date')
```

```
[20]: merged_pref_recent_revision.plot_timeseries('scatc550aer', add_overlaps=True)
```

```
[20]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f9d341f8d68>
```



Let's see if there is any difference to the previous method (resample to daily resolution):

```
[21]: ax = merged.overlap['scatc550aer'].resample('D').mean().plot(style='x', label='Overlaps_
↪(prefer longer timeseries)',
                                                                    figsize=(20, 8))

merged_pref_recent_revision.overlap['scatc550aer'].resample('D').mean().plot(style='o',
                                                                    label=
↪'Overlaps (prefer more recent)',
                                                                    ax=ax,
↪markerfacecolor='none')
ax.legend();
```

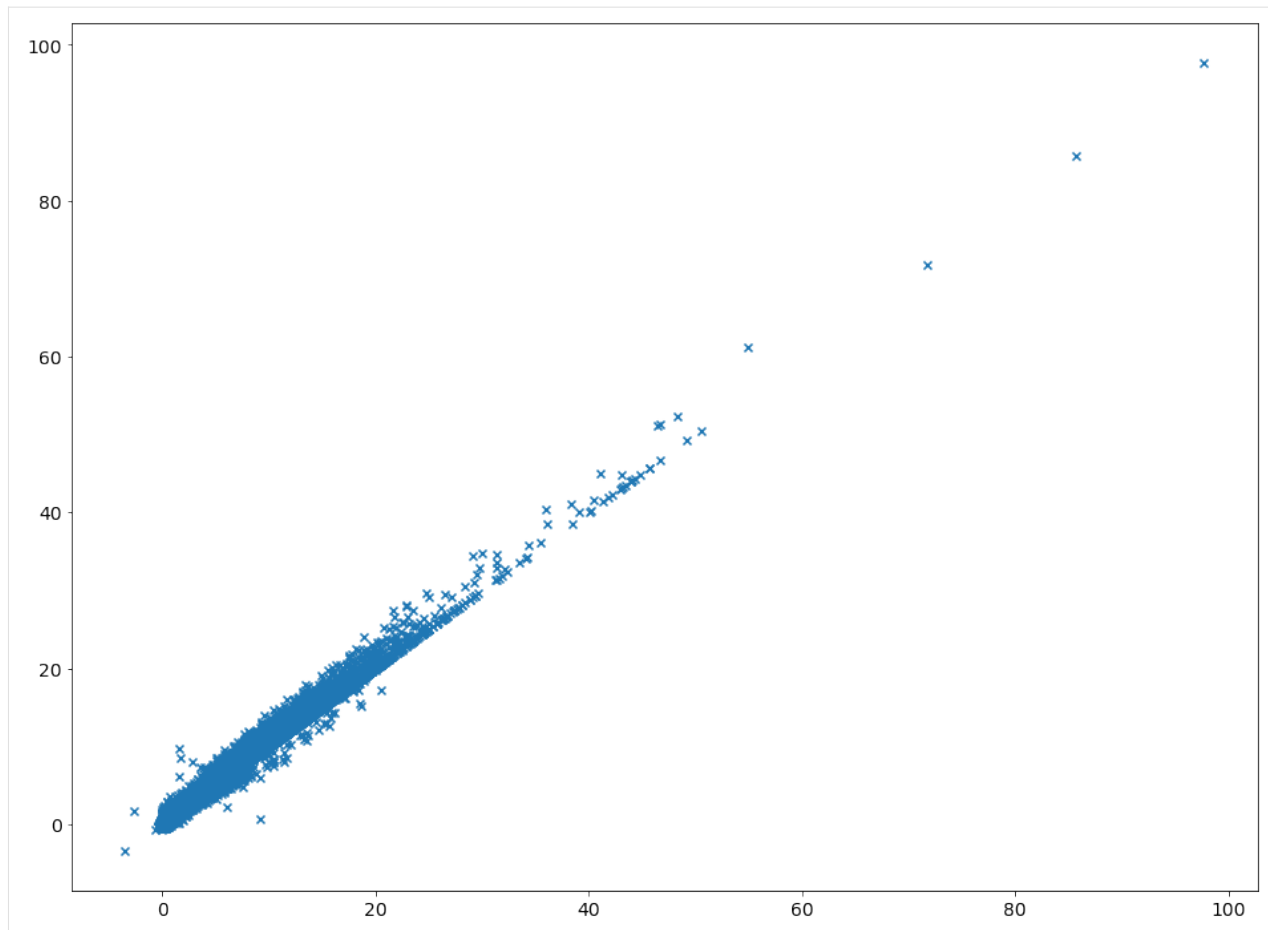




As you can see, the merging strategy can make an impact and it is important to define a reasonable strategy. In this case, it is certainly more reliable to use the data with the more recent revision date.

```
[22]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.figure(figsize=(16, 12))
ax = plt.scatter(merged_pref_recent_revision.overlap['scatc550aer'],
                merged.overlap['scatc550aer'], marker='x')
```



### 3.2.8 Short tutorial showing how trends can be computed within pyaerocom

Details regarding the trends computation routine can be found here (methods section):

<https://aerocom-trends.met.no/>

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya

Initating pyaerocom configuration
Checking database access...
Checking access to: /lustre/storeA
Access to lustre database: True
Init data paths for lustre
Expired time: 0.016 s

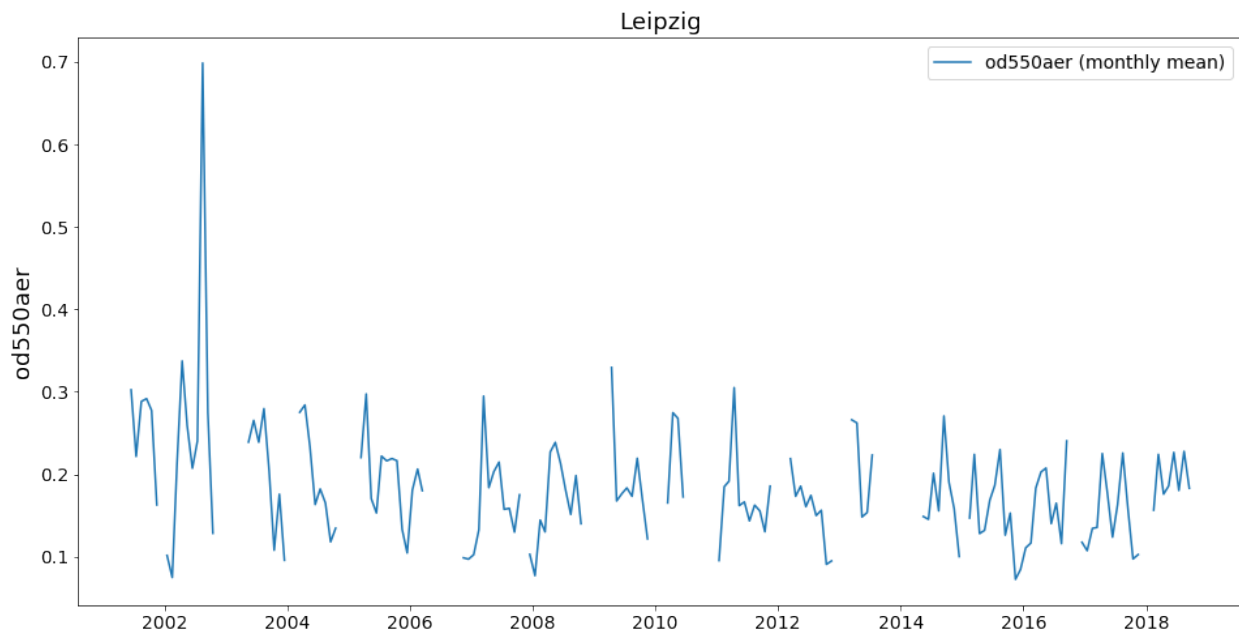
[2]: obsdata = pya.io.ReadUngridded().read('AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily', 'od550aer')
obsdata

[2]: UngriddedData <networks: ['AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily']; vars: ['od550aer']; instruments: [
↳ 'sun_photometer'];No. of stations: 1230
```

```
[3]: trends_engine = pya.trends_helpers.TrendsEngine()
```

```
[4]: leipzig = obsdata.to_station_data('Leipzig')
leipzig.plot_timeseries('od550aer', freq='monthly')
```

```
[4]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f585d4a27f0>
```



```
[5]: trend_info = leipzig.compute_trend('od550aer')
trend_info
```

```
[5]: {'pval': 0.07433498084899375,
      'm': -0.003086717318214402,
      'm_err': 0.001221428677173954,
      'n': 15,
      'y_mean': 0.1770474435541329,
      'y_min': 0.1434634180318197,
      'y_max': 0.24099296150814278,
      'coverage': None,
      'slp': -1.5142800744263278,
      'slp_err': 0.6112855317780068,
      'reg0': 0.20384058209203992,
      't0': None,
      'slp_2001': -1.4916916844764267,
      'slp_2001_err': 0.603290719703447,
      'reg0_2001': 0.20692729941025434,
      'yoffs': 0.3026155362749008,
      'period': '2001-2018'}
```

These results are stored in the station data object:

```
[6]: leipzig.trends
```

```
[6]: OrderedDict([('od550aer',
                    <pyaerocom.trends_helpers.TrendsEngine at 0x7f585d901630>)])
```

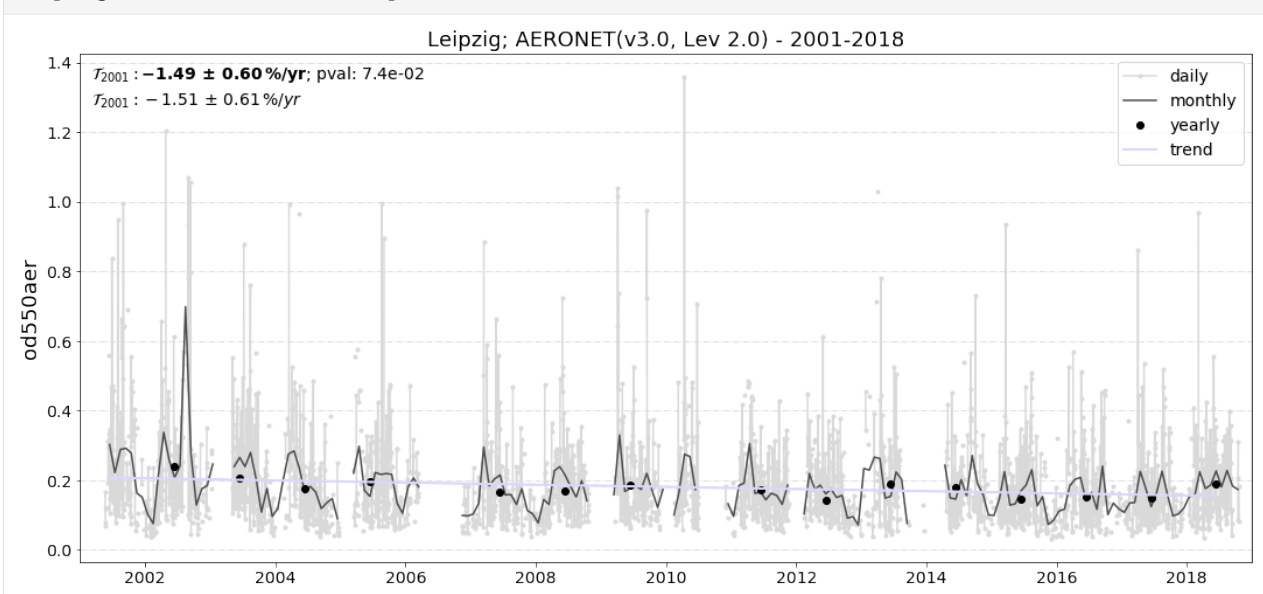
The actual trends result data can be accessed via the instance of the `TrendsEngine` class that is stored in the `trends` attribute of the `StationData` object:

```
[7]: leipzig.trends['od550aer'].results
[7]: OrderedDict([('all',
    OrderedDict([('2001-2018',
        {'pval': 0.07433498084899375,
         'm': -0.003086717318214402,
         'm_err': 0.001221428677173954,
         'n': 15,
         'y_mean': 0.1770474435541329,
         'y_min': 0.1434634180318197,
         'y_max': 0.24099296150814278,
         'coverage': None,
         'slp': -1.5142800744263278,
         'slp_err': 0.6112855317780068,
         'reg0': 0.20384058209203992,
         't0': None,
         'slp_2001': -1.4916916844764267,
         'slp_2001_err': 0.603290719703447,
         'reg0_2001': 0.20692729941025434,
         'yoffs': 0.3026155362749008,
         'period': '2001-2018'})]))])
```

Here, the first layer corresponds to the season, and the second layer corresponds to the period.

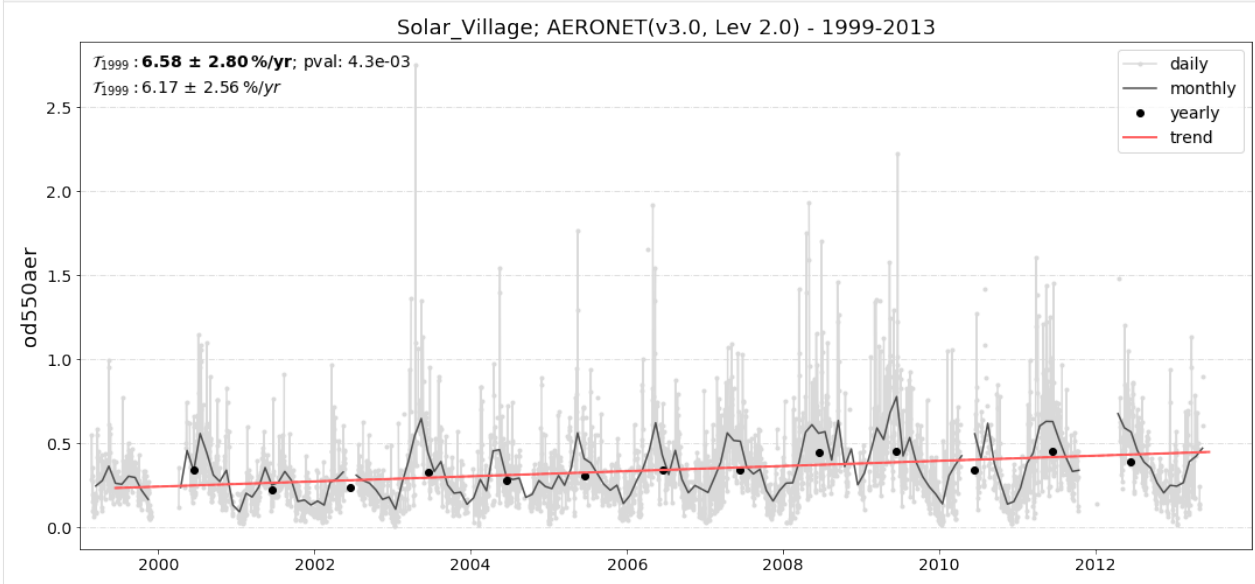
Plotting the trend can be done by using the plotting method of the `TrendsEngine` class:

```
[8]: leipzig.trends['od550aer'].plot();
```

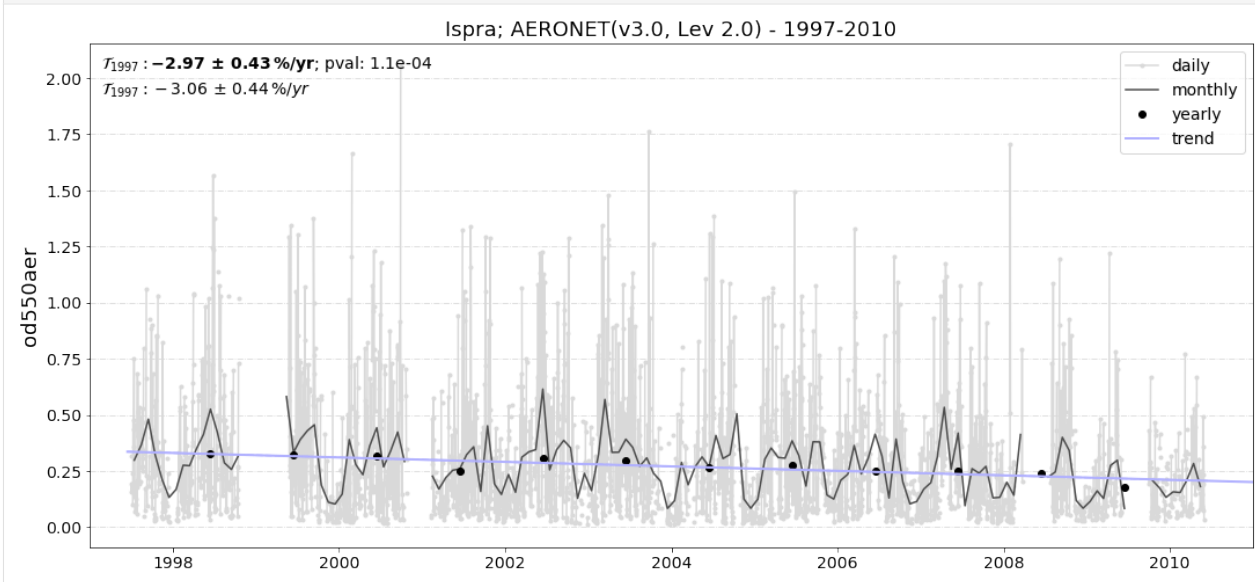


**Wrap up: Do the same for other stations:**

```
[9]: sv = obsdata.to_station_data('Solar_Village')
sv.compute_trend('od550aer')
sv.trends['od550aer'].plot();
```



```
[10]: sv = obsdata.to_station_data('Ispra')
sv.compute_trend('od550aer')
sv.trends['od550aer'].plot();
```



### 3.2.9 EBAS file query and database browser

The previous tutorial showed how to read EBAS NASA Ames files and gave insights into the structure of these files. However, this did not include the specification of an actual data request (for instance: get data from all stations in the arctic that contain measurements of the AOD between 2010 and 2016).

In this tutorial, we show, how such requests can be specified easily in pyaerocom and how the database can be browsed for instance by variable name, type of instrument, location or other relevant parameters.

The notebook is categorised as follows:

- Defining a request
- Retrieve all files for a request
- Browse the database

#### Specifying a request

Request parameters can be specified using the `EbasSQLRequest` class. E.g.:

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya

request = pya.io.ebas_file_index.EbasSQLRequest(variables=('aerosol_light_scattering_
↪coefficient',
                                                         'aerosol_light_
↪backscattering_coefficient',
                                                         'pressure'),
start_date="2010-01-01",
stop_date="2011-01-01")

print(request)
```

Initating pyaerocom configuration

Checking database access...

Checking access to: /lustre/storeA

Access to lustre database: True

Init data paths for lustre

Expired time: 0.016 s

Pyaerocom EbasSQLRequest

```
-----
variables: ('aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient', 'aerosol_light_backscattering_
↪coefficient', 'pressure')
start_date: 2010-01-01
stop_date: 2011-01-01
station_names: None
matrices: None
altitude_range: None
lon_range: None
lat_range: None
instrument_types: None
statistics: None
```

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```

datalevel: None
Filename request string:
select distinct filename from variable join station on station.station_code=variable.
↪station_code where comp_name in ('aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient', 'aerosol_
↪light_backscattering_coefficient', 'pressure') and first_end < '2011-01-01' and last_
↪start > '2010-01-01';

```

You can also output the actual SQL query string:

```

[2]: print(request.make_query_str())

select distinct filename from variable join station on station.station_code=variable.
↪station_code where comp_name in ('aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient', 'aerosol_
↪light_backscattering_coefficient', 'pressure') and first_end < '2011-01-01' and last_
↪start > '2010-01-01';

```

The request class is an extended dictionary and can thus be used like a dictionary:

```

[3]: request.update(instrument_types=("nephelometer"))
print(request)

Pyaerocom EbasSQLRequest
-----
variables: ('aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient', 'aerosol_light_backscattering_
↪coefficient', 'pressure')
start_date: 2010-01-01
stop_date: 2011-01-01
station_names: None
matrices: None
altitude_range: None
lon_range: None
lat_range: None
instrument_types: nephelometer
statistics: None
datalevel: None
Filename request string:
select distinct filename from variable join station on station.station_code=variable.
↪station_code where instr_type in ('nephelometer') and comp_name in ('aerosol_light_
↪scattering_coefficient', 'aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient', 'pressure') and_
↪first_end < '2011-01-01' and last_start > '2010-01-01';

```

### Execution of file request query

Now that we have defined which files we would like to look into, we can execute the query and retrieve all files that match our specifications. This can be done with the EbasFileIndex class:

```

[4]: db = pya.io.EbasFileIndex()
files = db.execute_request(request)

[5]: print("Total number of files found:{}\nRequest:\n{}".format(len(files), request))

```

Total number of files found:78

Request:

PyAerocom EbasSQLRequest

```
-----
variables: ('aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient', 'aerosol_light_backscattering_
↪coefficient', 'pressure')
start_date: 2010-01-01
stop_date: 2011-01-01
station_names: None
matrices: None
altitude_range: None
lon_range: None
lat_range: None
instrument_types: nephelometer
statistics: None
datalevel: None
Filename request string:
select distinct filename from variable join station on station.station_code=variable.
↪station_code where instr_type in ('nephelometer') and comp_name in ('aerosol_light_
↪scattering_coefficient', 'aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient', 'pressure') and
↪first_end < '2011-01-01' and last_start > '2010-01-01';
```

## Browsing the database

The EbasFileIndex class provides some convenience function that allow to browse meta information for a given request. These are illustrated in the following:

For instance, we can check, what variables could actually be retrieved in the request:

```
[6]: print(db.contains_variables(request))
```

```
[('pressure',), ('aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient',), ('aerosol_light_
↪scattering_coefficient',)]
```

Or what matrices the data contains:

```
[7]: print(db.contains_matrices(request))
```

```
[('instrument',), ('aerosol',), ('pm10',), ('pm1',)]
```

Or which station coordinates (lon, lat) the dataset contains:

```
[8]: print(db.contains_coordinates(request))
```

```
[(23.583333, 42.166667), (-79.783839, 44.231006), (-122.9576034546, 50.059299469), (-104.
↪986864, 54.353743), (-62.3415260315, 82.4991455078), (7.985, 46.5475), (11.0096197128,
↪47.8014984131), (12.93386, 51.53014), (10.97964, 47.4165), (-8.266, -70.666), (-16.
↪4994, 28.309), (-3.605, 37.164), (-6.733333, 37.1), (2.35, 41.766667), (24.283333, 61.
↪85), (24.116111111, 67.973333333), (2.964886, 45.772223), (25.666667, 35.316667), (19.
↪583333, 46.966667), (-9.89944, 53.32583), (77.151389, 28.427778), (8.633333, 45.8),
↪(10.7, 44.183333), (126.3300018311, 36.5383338928), (126.17, 33.28), (4.926389, 51.
↪970278), (8.252, 58.38853), (11.88668, 78.90715), (2.533333, -72.016667), (-65.618, 18.
↪381), (13.15, 56.016667), (120.87, 23.47), (-156.6114654541, 71.3230133057), (-111.
```

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```

→9841, 35.9731), (-112.1288, 36.0778), (-111.6832, 34.3405), (-88.36667, 40.05), (-83.
→9416, 35.6334), (-112.8, 31.9506), (-109.3889, 32.0097), (-155.5761566162, 19.
→5362300873), (-86.148, 37.1317), (-68.2608, 44.3772), (-113.9958, 48.5103), (-114.2158,
→39.005), (-81.7, 36.2), (-103.1772, 29.3022), (-78.4358, 38.5225), (-122.1243, 46.
→7582), (-97.484999, 36.605), (-24.7999992371, -89.9969482422), (-124.1510009766, 41.
→0541000366), (-105.5457, 40.2783), (-111.9692, 35.1406), (-77.04, 38.9), (-109.7958,
→34.9139), (18.48968, -34.35348)]

```

Now, let's narrow this down:

```

[9]: request.update(lat_range=(60, 90))
print(db.contains_coordinates(request))

[(-62.3415260315, 82.4991455078), (24.283333, 61.85), (24.116111111, 67.973333333), (11.
→88668, 78.90715), (-156.6114654541, 71.3230133057)]

```

Print all station names:

```

[10]: print(db.contains_station_names(request))

[('Alert',), ('Hyytiälä',), ('Pallas (Sammaltunturi)',), ('Zeppelin mountain (Ny-Ålesund)
→',), ('Barrow',)]

```

## Custom browsing

The previous browsing methods (e.g. `contains_coordinates()`, `contains_matrices`, `contains_variables`) are all just simple wrappers for the general query method `make_query_str` of the `EbasSQLRequest` class, that is then called by the `EbasFileIndex` class using the method `execute_request`). Thus, if needed, you may define your own request simply by using the provided interface. Here an example using the request constraints specified above. Let's say we want to retrieve a list of station names and their coordinates (lon, lat, alt). This can be done by calling (we store the results in a list named `station_info`):

```

[11]: query_str = request.make_query_str(what=("station_name",
                                             "station_longitude",
                                             "station_latitude",
                                             "station_altitude"))

station_info = db.execute_request(query_str)

for item in station_info:
    print(item)

('Alert', -62.3415260315, 82.4991455078, 210.0)
('Hyytiälä', 24.283333, 61.85, 181.0)
('Pallas (Sammaltunturi)', 24.116111111, 67.973333333, 565.0)
('Zeppelin mountain (Ny-Ålesund)', 11.88668, 78.90715, 474.0)
('Barrow', -156.6114654541, 71.3230133057, 11.0)

```

You can see that the results for each station are stored in tuples in the order of the request.

## Read all files

Let's update the file list and read all files.

```
[12]: files = db.execute_request(request)
print("Total number of files found: {}".format(len(files)))
```

```
Total number of files found: 5
```

Let's read the files:

```
[13]: import os
data = []
data_dir = os.path.join(pya.const.OBSCONFIG["EBASMC"]["PATH"], 'data')
for f in files:
    data.append(pya.io.EbasNasaAmesFile(os.path.join(data_dir, f[0])))
```

```
[14]: len(data)
```

```
[14]: 5
```

### 3.2.10 Tutorial showing how to read EBAS NASA Ames files

This low-level tutorial shows how to read an EBAS NASA Ames file using the class `EbasNasaAmesFile` of `pyaerocom` and how to access the import data and metadata.

**NOTE:** variable names and names of metadata attributes below use the EBAS conventions and **not the AeroCom naming conventions**, since the purpose of the `EbasNasaAmesFile` reading routine is to solely import the content of the original data files (provided by EBAS) into a python interface. If you intend to use EBAS data for AeroCom purposes (e.g. model intercomparison), please use the `ReadEbas` routine (or the `ReadUngridded` factory class) which is doing the mapping to AeroCom naming conventions.

Please see [here](#) for information related to the EBAS NASA Ames file format.

```
[1]: import pyaerocom as pya
import glob

Initating pyaerocom configuration
Checking database access...
Checking access to: /lustre/storeA
Access to lustre database: True
Init data paths for lustre
Expired time: 0.022 s
```

```
[2]: ebasdir = pya.const.EBASMC_DATA_DIR
ebasdir
```

```
[2]: '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/EBASMultiColumn/data/data/'
```

```
[3]: files = glob.glob('{}DE0043G*2010*nephelometer*lev2.nas'.format(ebasdir))
```

```
[4]: print('No. of files found: {}'.format(len(files)))
```

```
No. of files found: 2
```

```
[5]: files[0]
```

```
[5]: '/lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom1/AEROCOM_OBSDATA/EBASMultiColumn/data/data/
↳ DE0043G.20100201000000.20150304123917.nephelometer..pm10.11mo.1h.DE09L_TSI_Neph_3563.
↳ DE09L_scatt_NEPH.lev2.nas'
```

Read the first file that was found:

```
[6]: mc = pya.io.EbasNasaAmesFile(file=files[0],
                                only_head=False,          #set True if you only want to
                                ↳ import header
                                replace_invalid_nan=True,  #replace invalid values with NaNs
                                convert_timestamps=True,   #compute datetime64 timestamps
                                ↳ from numerical values
                                decode_flags=True)         #decode all flags (e.g. 0.
                                ↳ 111222333 -> 111 222 333)

print(mc)
```

Pyaerocom EbasNasaAmesFile  
-----

```
num_head_lines: 91
num_head_fmt: 1001
data_originator: Flentje, Harald
sponsor_organisation: DE09L, Deutscher Wetterdienst, DWD, Met. Obs., Hohenspeissenberg, ,
↳ 82283, Hohenspeissenberg, Germany
submitter: Flentje, Harald
project_association: ACTRIS EMEP GAW-WDCA
vol_num: 1
vol_totnum: 1
ref_date: 2010-01-01T00:00:00
revision_date: 2015-03-04T00:00:00
freq: 0.041667
descr_time_unit: days from file reference point
num_cols_dependent: 23
mul_factors (list, 23 items): [1.00, 1.00, ..., 1.00, 1.00]
vals_invalid (list, 23 items): [1000, 9999.0, ..., 9999.999999, 10.00]
descr_first_col: end_time of measurement, days from the file reference point
```

Column variable definitions  
-----

```
EbasColDef: name=starttime, unit=days, is_var=False, is_flag=False, flag_col=23,
EbasColDef: name=endtime, unit=days, is_var=False, is_flag=False, flag_col=23,
EbasColDef: name=pressure, unit=hPa, is_var=True, is_flag=False, flag_col=23,
↳ location=instrument internal, statistics=arithmetic mean, matrix=instrument, detection_
↳ limit=, detection_limit_expl.=, measurement_uncertainty=, measurement_uncertainty_expl.
↳ =,
EbasColDef: name=relative_humidity, unit=%, is_var=True, is_flag=False, flag_col=23,
↳ location=instrument internal, statistics=arithmetic mean, matrix=instrument, detection_
```

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```

↪ limit=, detection_limit_expl.=, measurement_uncertainty=, measurement_uncertainty_expl.
↪ =,
    EbasColDef: name=temperature, unit=K, is_var=True, is_flag=False, flag_col=23,
↪ location=instrument internal, statistics=arithmetic mean, matrix=instrument, detection_
↪ limit=, detection_limit_expl.=, measurement_uncertainty=, measurement_uncertainty_expl.
↪ =,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=450.0 nm, statistics=arithmetic mean,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=450.0 nm, statistics=percentile:15.87,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=450.0 nm, statistics=percentile:84.13,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=550.0 nm, statistics=arithmetic mean,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=550.0 nm, statistics=percentile:15.87,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=550.0 nm, statistics=percentile:84.13,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=700.0 nm, statistics=arithmetic mean,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=700.0 nm, statistics=percentile:15.87,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=700.0 nm, statistics=percentile:84.13,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=450.0 nm, statistics=arithmetic mean,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=450.0 nm, statistics=percentile:15.87,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=450.0 nm, statistics=percentile:84.13,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=550.0 nm, statistics=arithmetic mean,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=550.0 nm, statistics=percentile:15.87,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=550.0 nm, statistics=percentile:84.13,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=700.0 nm, statistics=arithmetic mean,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=700.0 nm, statistics=percentile:15.87,
    EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↪ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=700.0 nm, statistics=percentile:84.13,
    EbasColDef: name=numflag, unit=no unit, is_var=False, is_flag=True, flag_col=None,

EBAS meta data
-----
decode_flags: True
data_definition: EBAS_1.1
set_type_code: TU
timezone: UTC
file_name: DE0043G.20100201000000.20150304123917.nephelometer..pm10.11mo.1h.DE09L_TSI_
↪ Neph_3563.DE09L_scatt_NEPH.lev2.nas

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```

file_creation: 20190701194839
startdate: 20100201000000
revision_date: 20150304123917
version: 1
version_description: initial revision
data_level: 2
period_code: 11mo
resolution_code: 1h
sample_duration: 1h
orig._time_res.: 10mn
station_code: DE0043G
platform_code: DE0043S
station_name: Hohenpeissenberg
station_wdca-id: GAWADE__HPB
station_gaw-id: HPB
station_gaw-name: Hohenpeissenberg
station_land_use: Grassland
station_setting: Mountain
station_gaw_type: G
station_wmo_region: 6
station_latitude: 47.8014984131
station_longitude: 11.0096197128
station_altitude: 985.0 m
measurement_height: 15.0 m
regime: IMG
component:
unit: 1/Mm
matrix: pm10
laboratory_code: DE09L
instrument_type: nephelometer
instrument_name: TSI_Neph_3563
instrument_manufacturer: TSI
instrument_model: 3563
method_ref: DE09L_scatt_NEPH
standard_method: cal-gas=CO2+AIR_truncation-correction=Anderson1998
inlet_type: Impactor--direct
inlet_description: PM10 at ambient humidity inlet, Digitel, flow 170 l/min
humidity/temperature_control: Nafion dryer
volume_std._temperature: 273.15 K
volume_std._pressure: 1013.25 hPa
detection_limit: 0.3 1/Mm
detection_limit_expl.: Determined only by instrument counting statistics, no detection_
↳ limit flag used
measurement_uncertainty: 0.3 1/Mm
measurement_uncertainty_expl.: Determined only by instrument counting statistics, no_
↳ detection limit flag used
zero/negative_values: Zero values may appear due to statistical variations at very low_
↳ concentrations
originator: Flentje, Harald, Harald.Flentje@dwd.de, , , , , , ,
submitter: Flentje, Harald, Harald.Flentje@dwd.de, , , , , , ,
acknowledgement: Request acknowledgement details from data originator
comment: Angstrom-based Anderson & Ogren 1998 corr used for truncation correction

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```

Data
-----
[[3.10000000e+01 3.10416660e+01          nan ...          nan
   nan 9.99000000e-01]
 [3.10416670e+01 3.10833330e+01          nan ...          nan
   nan 9.99000000e-01]
 [3.10833330e+01 3.11249990e+01          nan ...          nan
   nan 9.99000000e-01]
 ...
 [3.64875000e+02 3.64916666e+02 9.04000000e+02 ... 1.35433110e+01
  1.62446480e+01 1.00000000e-01]
 [3.64916667e+02 3.64958333e+02 9.04000000e+02 ... 1.13367710e+01
  1.42932090e+01 1.00000000e-01]
 [3.64958333e+02 3.64999999e+02 9.03000000e+02 ... 1.13635590e+01
  1.40839410e+01 1.00000000e-01]]
Colnum: 24
Timestamps: 8016

```

The NASA Ames files are structured in the same way as they are represented by in the instance of the `EbasNasaAmesFile` class.

- A header with global metadata
- One row that specifies multiplication factors for each data column (`mul_factors`)
- One row that specifies NaN-equivalent values for each data column (`vals_invalid`)
- A number of rows specifying meta-information for each data column in the file (i.e. 12 rows, if the data has 12 columns)
- Dataset specific metadata
- Data block: rows are timestamps, columns are different columns specified in the header (cf. 2 points above)
  - Represented by 2D numpy array (data attribute) where first index is row and second index is column

For details related to the file format [see here](#).

```
[7]: print(mc.shape)
```

```
(8016, 24)
```

## Data array

The data is imported as a 2D numpy array which is accessible via the `data` attribute:

```
[8]: mc.data
```

```
[8]: array([[3.10000000e+01, 3.10416660e+01,          nan, ...,
            nan,          nan, 9.99000000e-01],
            [3.10416670e+01, 3.10833330e+01,          nan, ...,
            nan,          nan, 9.99000000e-01],
            [3.10833330e+01, 3.11249990e+01,          nan, ...,
            nan,          nan, 9.99000000e-01],
            ...,
            ...])
```

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```
[3.64875000e+02, 3.64916666e+02, 9.04000000e+02, ...,
 1.35433110e+01, 1.62446480e+01, 1.00000000e-01],
[3.64916667e+02, 3.64958333e+02, 9.04000000e+02, ...,
 1.13367710e+01, 1.42932090e+01, 1.00000000e-01],
[3.64958333e+02, 3.64999999e+02, 9.03000000e+02, ...,
 1.13635590e+01, 1.40839410e+01, 1.00000000e-01]])
```

The first index corresponds to the individual measurements (rows in file) and the second index corresponds to the individual columns that are stored in the file.

### Column information

Detailed information about each column can be accessed via the `var_defs` attribute, the first two columns are always the start and stop timestamps:

```
[9]: mc.var_defs[0]
```

```
[9]: EbasColDef: name=starttime, unit=days, is_var=False, is_flag=False, flag_col=23,
```

```
[10]: mc.var_defs[1]
```

```
[10]: EbasColDef: name=endtime, unit=days, is_var=False, is_flag=False, flag_col=23,
```

After the start / stop columns follow the individual data columns.

```
[11]: mc.var_defs[2]
```

```
[11]: EbasColDef: name=pressure, unit=hPa, is_var=True, is_flag=False, flag_col=23,
↳ location=instrument internal, statistics=arithmetic mean, matrix=instrument, detection_
↳ limit=, detection_limit_expl.=, measurement_uncertainty=, measurement_uncertainty_expl.
↳ =,
```

```
[12]: mc.var_defs[3]
```

```
[12]: EbasColDef: name=relative_humidity, unit=%, is_var=True, is_flag=False, flag_col=23,
↳ location=instrument internal, statistics=arithmetic mean, matrix=instrument, detection_
↳ limit=, detection_limit_expl.=, measurement_uncertainty=, measurement_uncertainty_expl.
↳ =,
```

```
[13]: mc.var_defs[4]
```

```
[13]: EbasColDef: name=temperature, unit=K, is_var=True, is_flag=False, flag_col=23,
↳ location=instrument internal, statistics=arithmetic mean, matrix=instrument, detection_
↳ limit=, detection_limit_expl.=, measurement_uncertainty=, measurement_uncertainty_expl.
↳ =,
```

```
[14]: mc.var_defs[5]
```

```
[14]: EbasColDef: name=aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient, unit=1/Mm, is_var=True, is_
↳ flag=False, flag_col=23, wavelength=450.0 nm, statistics=arithmetic mean,
```

In addition to the data columns in the files (such as time stamps, or measured values of a certain variable) there is **at least one** flag column in the data array and each data column has assigned one flag column (cf. output above where the index of the flag column for each data column is provided `flag_col=23`, i.e. column 23 is the flag column assigned to each of the 5 data columns that were displayed exemplary above:

```
[15]: mc.var_defs[23]
```

```
[15]: EbasColDef: name=numflag, unit=no unit, is_var=False, is_flag=True, flag_col=None,
```

The `is_var` attribute specifies, whether this column contains actual variable data or if it is a flag column. A NASA Ames file can have one or more flag columns that can be used to identify valid or invalid measurements. Each flag in a flag column comprises a floating point number that has encoded up to 3 3-digit numerical flags which are specified here:

[https://github.com/metno/pyaerocom/blob/master/pyaerocom/data/ebas\\_flags.csv](https://github.com/metno/pyaerocom/blob/master/pyaerocom/data/ebas_flags.csv)

More info about the flags follows below. You can see, that the column 4 printed above has assigned column 12 (index 11) as flag column.

If you want to see an overview of all available columns in the file you may use the following command:

```
[16]: mc.print_col_info()
```

```
Column 0
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: starttime
unit: days
is_var: False
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23

Column 1
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: endtime
unit: days
is_var: False
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23

Column 2
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: pressure
unit: hPa
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
location: instrument internal
statistics: arithmetic mean
matrix: instrument
detection_limit:
detection_limit_expl.:
measurement_uncertainty:
measurement_uncertainty_expl.:

Column 3
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
-----
```

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```

name: relative_humidity
unit: %
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
location: instrument internal
statistics: arithmetic mean
matrix: instrument
detection_limit:
detection_limit_expl.:
measurement_uncertainty:
measurement_uncertainty_expl.:

```

Column 4

Pyaerocom EbasColDef

-----

```

name: temperature
unit: K
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
location: instrument internal
statistics: arithmetic mean
matrix: instrument
detection_limit:
detection_limit_expl.:
measurement_uncertainty:
measurement_uncertainty_expl.:

```

Column 5

Pyaerocom EbasColDef

-----

```

name: aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 450.0 nm
statistics: arithmetic mean

```

Column 6

Pyaerocom EbasColDef

-----

```

name: aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 450.0 nm
statistics: percentile:15.87

```

Column 7

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```
PyAerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 450.0 nm
statistics: percentile:84.13
```

```
Column 8
PyAerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 550.0 nm
statistics: arithmetic mean
```

```
Column 9
PyAerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 550.0 nm
statistics: percentile:15.87
```

```
Column 10
PyAerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 550.0 nm
statistics: percentile:84.13
```

```
Column 11
PyAerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 700.0 nm
```

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```
statistics: arithmetic mean
```

```
Column 12
```

```
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
```

```
-----
```

```
name: aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient
```

```
unit: 1/Mm
```

```
is_var: True
```

```
is_flag: False
```

```
flag_col: 23
```

```
wavelength: 700.0 nm
```

```
statistics: percentile:15.87
```

```
Column 13
```

```
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
```

```
-----
```

```
name: aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient
```

```
unit: 1/Mm
```

```
is_var: True
```

```
is_flag: False
```

```
flag_col: 23
```

```
wavelength: 700.0 nm
```

```
statistics: percentile:84.13
```

```
Column 14
```

```
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
```

```
-----
```

```
name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
```

```
unit: 1/Mm
```

```
is_var: True
```

```
is_flag: False
```

```
flag_col: 23
```

```
wavelength: 450.0 nm
```

```
statistics: arithmetic mean
```

```
Column 15
```

```
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
```

```
-----
```

```
name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
```

```
unit: 1/Mm
```

```
is_var: True
```

```
is_flag: False
```

```
flag_col: 23
```

```
wavelength: 450.0 nm
```

```
statistics: percentile:15.87
```

```
Column 16
```

```
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
```

```
-----
```

```
name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
```

```
unit: 1/Mm
```

```
is_var: True
```

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```
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 450.0 nm
statistics: percentile:84.13

Column 17
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 550.0 nm
statistics: arithmetic mean

Column 18
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 550.0 nm
statistics: percentile:15.87

Column 19
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 550.0 nm
statistics: percentile:84.13

Column 20
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
-----
name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 700.0 nm
statistics: arithmetic mean

Column 21
Pyaerocom EbasColDef
-----
```

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```

name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 700.0 nm
statistics: percentile:15.87

```

Column 22

Pyaerocom EbasColDef

-----

```

name: aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient
unit: 1/Mm
is_var: True
is_flag: False
flag_col: 23
wavelength: 700.0 nm
statistics: percentile:84.13

```

Column 23

Pyaerocom EbasColDef

-----

```

name: numflag
unit: no unit
is_var: False
is_flag: True
flag_col: None

```

You can see that all variable columns were assigned the same flag column, since there is only one flag column at the end (index 23). This would be different if there were multiple flag columns (e.g. one for each variable).

### Access flag information

You can access the flags for each column using the `flag_col_info` attribute of the file (and the key of the respective flag column, that you want to access, here->11).

```
[17]: flagcol = mc.flag_col_info[23]
      flagcol
```

```
[17]: <pyaerocom.io.ebas_nasa_ames.EbasFlagCol at 0x7f11494eb2b0>
```

The raw flags can be accessed via:

```
[18]: flagcol.raw_data
```

```
[18]: array([0.999, 0.999, 0.999, ..., 0.1 , 0.1 , 0.1  ])
```

And the processed flags are in stored in a (Nx3) numpy array where N is the total number of timestamps.

```
[19]: flagcol.decoded
```

```
[19]: array([[999, 0, 0],
        [999, 0, 0],
        [999, 0, 0],
        ...,
        [100, 0, 0],
        [100, 0, 0],
        [100, 0, 0]])
```

For instance, access the flags of the 5 timestamp:

```
[20]: flagcol.decoded[4]
```

```
[20]: array([999, 0, 0])
```

This timestamp contains 1 (of the possible up to 3) flags: 999.

Validity of a combination of the flags can be directly accessed via:

```
[21]: flagcol.valid[4]
```

```
[21]: False
```

This flag (999) evaluates to an invalid measurement. Looking into [the flag definition file](#) we see that these two flags have the following meaning:

- 999,'Missing measurement, unspecified reason','M'

where the last string specifies if this flag is valid (V) or invalid (I) or missing (M).

### Convert object to pandas Dataframe

```
[22]: df = mc.to_dataframe()
df.head()
```

```
[22]:
```

	starttime_days	endtime_days	\
2010-02-01 00:29:59	31.000000	31.041666	
2010-02-01 01:29:59	31.041667	31.083333	
2010-02-01 02:29:59	31.083333	31.124999	
2010-02-01 03:29:59	31.125000	31.166666	
2010-02-01 04:29:59	31.166667	31.208333	

	pressure_hPa_instrument_arithmetic mean	\
2010-02-01 00:29:59	NaN	
2010-02-01 01:29:59	NaN	
2010-02-01 02:29:59	NaN	
2010-02-01 03:29:59	NaN	
2010-02-01 04:29:59	NaN	

	relative_humidity_%_instrument_arithmetic mean	\
2010-02-01 00:29:59	NaN	
2010-02-01 01:29:59	NaN	
2010-02-01 02:29:59	NaN	
2010-02-01 03:29:59	NaN	
2010-02-01 04:29:59	NaN	

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```

temperature_K_instrument_arithmetic mean \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN

aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient_1/Mm_450.0nm_arithmetic_
↪mean \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN

aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient_1/Mm_450.0nm_percentile:15.
↪87 \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN

aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient_1/Mm_450.0nm_percentile:84.
↪13 \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN

aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient_1/Mm_550.0nm_arithmetic_
↪mean \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN

aerosol_light_backscattering_coefficient_1/Mm_550.0nm_percentile:15.
↪87 \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN

... \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      ...
2010-02-01 01:29:59      ...
2010-02-01 02:29:59      ...
2010-02-01 03:29:59      ...

```

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```

2010-02-01 04:29:59 ...

aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_450.0nm_arithmetic mean \
2010-02-01 00:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59 NaN

aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_450.0nm_percentile:15.87 ↵
↵ \
2010-02-01 00:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59 NaN

aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_450.0nm_percentile:84.13 ↵
↵ \
2010-02-01 00:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59 NaN

aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_550.0nm_arithmetic mean \
2010-02-01 00:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59 NaN

aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_550.0nm_percentile:15.87 ↵
↵ \
2010-02-01 00:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59 NaN

aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_550.0nm_percentile:84.13 ↵
↵ \
2010-02-01 00:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59 NaN

aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_700.0nm_arithmetic mean \
2010-02-01 00:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59 NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59 NaN

```

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```

2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN

      aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_700.0nm_percentile:15.87 ↵
↵ \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN

      aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_700.0nm_percentile:84.13 ↵
↵ \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN

      numflag_no unit
2010-02-01 00:29:59      0.999
2010-02-01 01:29:59      0.999
2010-02-01 02:29:59      0.999
2010-02-01 03:29:59      0.999
2010-02-01 04:29:59      0.999

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```

You may also apply selection constraints when converting to a DataFrame

```
[23]: scattering = mc.to_dataframe('aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient', statistics=
      ↵ 'arithmetic mean')
      scattering
```

```
[23]:      aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_450.0nm_arithmetic mean \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN
...
2010-12-31 19:29:59      29.312950
2010-12-31 20:29:59      28.166000
2010-12-31 21:29:59      36.854919
2010-12-31 22:29:59      30.724499
2010-12-31 23:29:59      28.431919

      aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_550.0nm_arithmetic mean \
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
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```

2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN
...
2010-12-31 19:29:59      19.707840
2010-12-31 20:29:59      19.270330
2010-12-31 21:29:59      25.116589
2010-12-31 22:29:59      21.249210
2010-12-31 23:29:59      20.387381

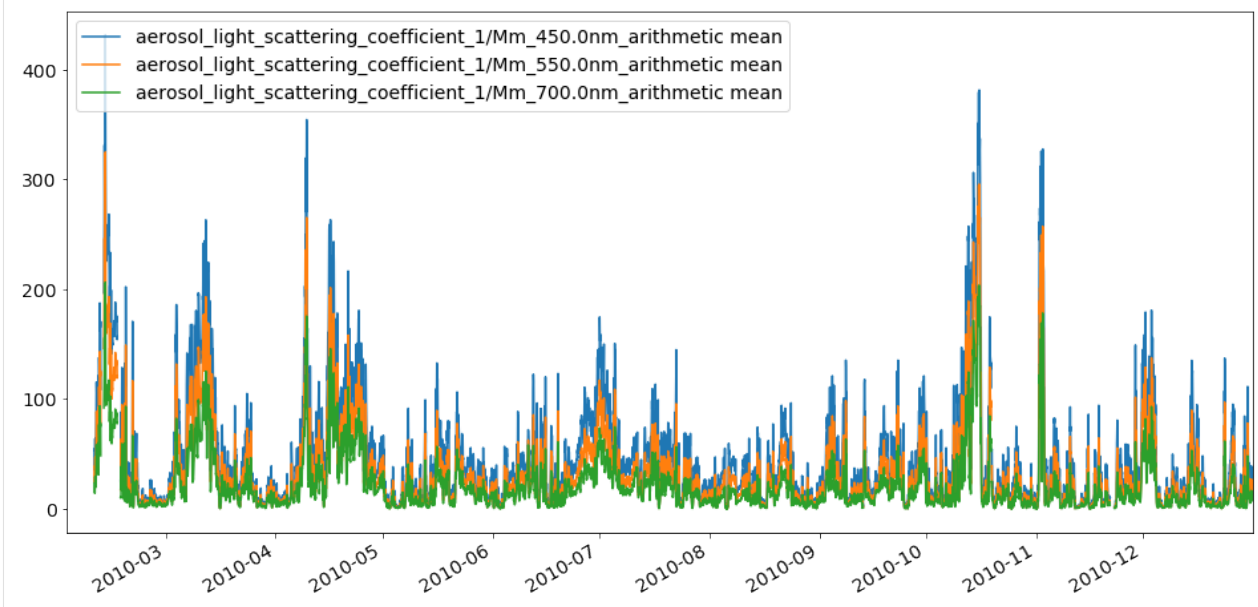
aerosol_light_scattering_coefficient_1/Mm_700.0nm_arithmetic mean
2010-02-01 00:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 01:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 02:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 03:29:59      NaN
2010-02-01 04:29:59      NaN
...
2010-12-31 19:29:59      13.09690
2010-12-31 20:29:59      11.51522
2010-12-31 21:29:59      14.89398
2010-12-31 22:29:59      12.81499
2010-12-31 23:29:59      12.72375

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```

```
[24]: scattering.plot(figsize=(16,8))
```

```
[24]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x7f11494752e8>
```



**Note:** These are old tutorials that are not tested against the latest pyaerocom version. Thus, some of the notebooks may not work properly anymore with the most recent pyaerocom version.

Also, most of these tutorials rely on access to internal servers of the Norwegian Meteorological institute and can, thus, not be executed interactively from the outside world.

However, the tutorials provide a comprehensive introduction into pyaerocom and most of the introduced features will work with the current pyaerocom version. Thus they are a useful addition to the updated notebooks above, which rely on publicly accessible data and can thus be run interactively.

- [Getting started](#) | *tut00\_get\_started.ipynb*
  - [Regions in pyaerocom](#) | *tut01\_intro\_regions.ipynb*
  - [Reading of gridded data](#) | *tut02\_intro\_ReadGridded.ipynb*
  - [Working with gridded data](#) | *tut04\_intro\_class\_GriddedData.ipynb*
  - [Reading of ungridded data](#) | *tut05\_intro\_ungridded\_reading.ipynb*
  - [Working with ungridded observations](#) | *tut06\_intro\_UngriddedData\_and\_StationData\_classes.ipynb*
  - [Colocation of models and observations](#) | *tut07\_intro\_colocation.ipynb*
  - [Merging of StationData](#) | *add04\_stationdata\_merging.ipynb*
  - [Computation of trends](#) | *tut08\_trends\_computation.ipynb*
  - [EBAS data: finding the right data files](#) | *add03\_ebas\_database\_browser.ipynb*
  - [EBAS data: low-level reading of NASA Ames files](#) | *add02\_read\_ebas\_nasa\_ames.ipynb*
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## CORE API

Documentation of the core API of pyaerocom.

## 4.1 Logging

pyaerocom initializes logging automatically on import in the following way.

1. info-messages or worse are logged to `logs/pyaerocom.log.$PID` or (dynamic feature) the file given in the environment variable `PYAEROCOM_LOG_FILE` - (dynamic feature) these log-files will be deleted after 7 days.
2. warning-messages or worse are also printed on stdout. (dynamic feature) Output to stdout is disabled if the script is called non-interactive.

Putting a file with the name `logging.ini` in the scripts current working directory will use that configuration instead of above described default. An example `logging.ini` doing about the same as described above, except for the dynamic features, and enable debug logging on one package (`pyaerocom.io.ungridded`), is provided here:

```
[loggers]
keys=root,pyaerocom-ungridded

[handlers]
keys=console,file

[formatters]
keys=plain,detailed

[formatter_plain]
format=%(message)s

[formatter_detailed]
format=%(asctime)s:%(name)s:%(levelname)s:%(message)s
datefmt=%F %T

[handler_console]
class=StreamHandler
formatter=plain
args=(sys.stdout,)
level=WARN

[handler_file]
class=FileHandler
```

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```
formatter=detailed
level=DEBUG
file_name=logs/pyaerocom.log.%(pid)s
args=('%(file_name)s', "w")

[logger_root]
handlers=file,console
level=INFO

[logger_pyaerocom-ungridded]
handlers=file
qualname=pyaerocom.io.readungriddedbase
level=DEBUG
propagate=0
```

## 4.2 Data classes

### 4.2.1 Gridded data

**class** `pyaerocom.griddeddata.GriddedData`(*input=None, var\_name=None, check\_unit=True, convert\_unit\_on\_init=True, \*\*meta*)

pyaerocom object representing gridded data (e.g. model diagnostics)

Gridded data refers to data that can be represented on a regular, multidimensional grid. In `pyaerocom` this comprises both model output and diagnostics as well as gridded level 3 satellite data, typically with dimensions *latitude*, *longitude*, *time* (for surface or columnar data) and an additional dimension *lev* (or similar) for vertically resolved data.

Under the hood, this data object is based on (but not inherited from) the `iris.cube.Cube` object, and makes large use of the therein implemented functionality (many methods implemented here in `GriddedData` are simply wrappers for `Cube` methods).

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**Note:** Note that the implemented functionality in this class is mostly limited to what is needed in the `pyaerocom` API (e.g. for `pyaerocom.colocation` routines or data import) and is not aimed at replacing or competing with similar data classes such as `iris.cube.Cube` or `xarray.DataArray`. Rather, dependent on the use case, one or another of such gridded data objects is needed for optimal processing, which is why `GriddedData` provides methods and / or attributes to convert to or from other such data classes (e.g. `GriddedData.cube` is an instance of `iris.cube.Cube` and method `GriddedData.to_xarray()` can be used to convert to `xarray.DataArray`). Thus, `GriddedData` can be considered rather high-level as compared to the other mentioned data classes from `iris` or `xarray`.

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**Note:** Since `GriddedData` object is based on the `iris.cube.Cube` object it is optimised for netCDF files that follow the CF conventions and may not work out of the box for files that do not follow this standard.

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#### Parameters

- **input** (str: or `Cube`) – data input. Can be a single .nc file or a preloaded `iris Cube`.

- **var\_name** (*str*, optional) – variable name that is extracted if *input* is a file path. Irrelevant if *input* is preloaded Cube
- **check\_unit** (*bool*) – if True, the assigned unit is checked and if it is an alias to another unit the unit string will be updated. It will print a warning if the unit is invalid or not equal the associated AeroCom unit for the input variable. Set *convert\_unit\_on\_init* to True, if you want an automatic conversion to AeroCom units. Defaults to True.
- **convert\_unit\_on\_init** (*bool*) – if True and if unit check indicates non-conformity with AeroCom unit it will be converted automatically, and warning will be printed if that conversion fails. Defaults to True.

**COORDS\_ORDER\_TSERIES** = ['time', 'latitude', 'longitude']

Req. order of dimension coordinates for time-series computation

**SUPPORTED\_VERT\_SCHEMES** = ['mean', 'max', 'min', 'surface', 'altitude', 'profile']

**property TS\_TYPES**

List with valid filename encryptions specifying temporal resolution

**aerocom\_filename**(*at\_stations=False*)

Filename of data following Aerocom 3 conventions

**Parameters**

**at\_stations** (*str*) – if True, then AtStations string will be included in filename

**Returns**

generated file name based on what is in this object

**Return type**

*str*

**aerocom\_savename**(*data\_id=None, var\_name=None, vert\_code=None, year=None, ts\_type=None*)

Get filename for saving following AeroCom conventions

**Parameters**

- **data\_id** (*str, optional*) – data ID used in output filename. Defaults to None, in which case *data\_id* is used.
- **var\_name** (*str, optional*) – variable name used in output filename. Defaults to None, in which case *var\_name* is used.
- **vert\_code** (*str, optional*) – vertical code used in output filename (e.g. Surface, Column, ModelLevel). Defaults to None, in which case assigned value in *metadata* is used.
- **year** (*str, optional*) – year to be used in filename. If None, then it is attempted to be inferred from values in time dimension.
- **ts\_type** (*str, optional*) – frequency string to be used in filename. If None, then *ts\_type* is used.

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if vertical code is not provided and cannot be inferred or if year is not provided and data is not single year. Note that if year is provided, then no sanity checking is done against time dimension.

**Returns**

output filename following AeroCom Phase 3 conventions.

**Return type**

*str*

**property altitude\_access**

**apply\_region\_mask**(*region\_id*, *thresh\_coast*=0.5, *inplace*=False)

Apply a masked region filter

**area\_weighted\_mean**()

Get area weighted mean

**property area\_weights**

Area weights of lat / lon grid

**property base\_year**

Base year of time dimension

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**Note:** Changing this attribute will update the time-dimension.

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**calc\_area\_weights**()

Calculate area weights for grid

**change\_base\_year**(*new\_year*, *inplace*=True)

Changes base year of time dimension

Relevant, e.g. for climatological analyses.

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**Note:** This method does not account for offsets arising from leap years ( affecting daily or higher resolution data). It is thus recommended to use this method with care. E.g. if you use this method on a 2016 daily data object, containing a calendar that supports leap years, you'll end up with 366 time stamps also in the new data object.

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#### Parameters

- **new\_year** (*int*) – new base year (can also be other than integer if it is convertible)
- **inplace** (*bool*) – if True, modify this object, else, use a copy

#### Returns

modified data object

#### Return type

*GriddedData*

**check\_altitude\_access**()

Checks if altitude levels can be accessed

#### Returns

True, if altitude access is provided, else False

#### Return type

*bool*

**check\_dimcoords\_tseries**() → *None*

Check order of dimension coordinates for time series retrieval

For computation of time series at certain lon / lat coordinates, the data dimensions have to be in a certain order specified by [COORDS\\_ORDER\\_TSERIES](#).

This method checks the current order (and dimensionality) of data and raises appropriate errors.



**Raises**

- ***DataDimensionError*** – if dimension of data is not supported (currently, 3D or 4D data is supported)
- ***NotImplementedError*** – if one of the required coordinates is associated with more than one dimension.
- ***DimensionOrderError*** – if dimensions are not in the right order (in which case *reorder\_dimensions\_tseries()* may be used to catch the Exception)

**check\_frequency()**

Check if all datapoints are sampled at the same time frequency

**check\_lon\_circular()**

Check if latitude and longitude coordinates are circular

**check\_unit(*try\_convert\_if\_wrong=False*)**

Check if unit is correct

**collapsed(*coords, aggregator, \*\*kwargs*)**

Collapse cube

Reimplementation of method `iris.cube.Cube.collapsed()`, for details [see here](#)

**Parameters**

- ***coords*** (*str* or *list*) – string IDs of coordinate(s) that are to be collapsed (e.g. ["longitude", "latitude"])
- ***aggregator*** (*str* or *Aggregator* or *WeightedAggregator*) – the aggregator used. If input is string, it is converted into the corresponding iris Aggregator object, see *str\_to\_iris()* for valid strings
- ***\*\*kwargs*** – additional keyword args (e.g. *weights*)

**Returns**

collapsed data object

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**property computed****property concatenated****convert\_unit(*new\_unit, inplace=True*)**

Convert unit of data to new unit

**Parameters**

- ***new\_unit*** (*str* or *cf\_units.Unit*) – new unit of data
- ***inplace*** (*bool*) – convert in this instance or create a new one

**property coord\_names**

List containing coordinate names

**property coords\_order**

Array containing the order of coordinates

**copy()**

Copy this data object

**copy\_coords**(*other*, *inplace=True*)

Copy all coordinates from other data object

Requires the underlying data to be the same shape.

**Warning:** This operation will delete all existing coordinates and auxiliary coordinates and will then copy the ones from the input data object. No checks of any kind will be performed

#### Parameters

- **other** (*GriddedData* or *Cube*) – other data object (needs to be same shape as this object)
- **inplace** (*bool*) – if True, then this object will be modified and returned, else a copy.

#### Returns

data object containing coordinates from other object

#### Return type

*GriddedData*

**crop**(*lon\_range=None*, *lat\_range=None*, *time\_range=None*, *region=None*)

High level function that applies cropping along multiple axes

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**Note:** 1. For cropping of longitudes and latitudes, the method `iris.cube.Cube.intersection()` is used since it automatically accepts and understands longitude input based on definition  $0 \leq \text{lon} \leq 360$  as well as for  $-180 \leq \text{lon} \leq 180$  2. Time extraction may be provided directly as index or in form of `pandas.Timestamp` objects.

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#### Parameters

- **lon\_range** (*tuple*, optional) – 2-element tuple containing longitude range for cropping. If None, the longitude axis remains unchanged. Example input to crop around meridian: `lon_range=(-30, 30)`
- **lat\_range** (*tuple*, optional) – 2-element tuple containing latitude range for cropping. If None, the latitude axis remains unchanged
- **time\_range** (*tuple*, optional) – 2-element tuple containing time range for cropping. Allowed data types for specifying the times are
  1. a combination of 2 `pandas.Timestamp` instances or
  2. a combination of two strings that can be directly converted into `pandas.Timestamp` instances (e.g. `time_range=(“2010-1-1”, “2012-1-1”)`) or
  3. directly a combination of indices (`int`).If None, the time axis remains unchanged.
- **region** (*str* or *Region*, optional) – string ID of pyaerocom default region or directly an instance of the *Region* object. May be used instead of `lon_range` and `lat_range`, if these are unspecified.

#### Returns

new data object containing cropped grid

**Return type***GriddedData***property cube**

Instance of underlying cube object

**property data**

Data array (n-dimensional numpy array)

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**Note:** This is a pointer to the data object of the underlying iris.Cube instance and will load the data into memory. Thus, in case of large datasets, this may lead to a memory error

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**property data\_id**

ID of data object (e.g. model run ID, obsnetwork ID)

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**Note:** This attribute was formerly named `name` which is also the corresponding attribute name in *metadata*

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**property data\_revision**

Revision string from file Revision.txt in the main data directory

**delete\_all\_coords(*inplace=True*)**

Deletes all coordinates (dimension + auxiliary) in this object

**delete\_aux\_vars()**

Delete auxiliary variables and iris AuxFactories

**property delta\_t**

Array containing timedelta values for each time stamp

**property dimcoord\_names**

List containing coordinate names

**estimate\_value\_range\_from\_data(*extend\_percent=5*)**

Estimate lower and upper end of value range for these data

**Parameters****extend\_percent** (*int*) – percentage specifying to which extend min and max values are to be extended to estimate the value range. Defaults to 5.**Returns**

- *float* – lower end of estimated value range
- *float* – upper end of estimated value range

**extract(*constraint, inplace=False*)**

Extract subset

**Parameters****constraint** (*iris.Constraint*) – constraint that is to be applied**Returns**

new data object containing cropped data

**Return type***GriddedData*

**extract\_surface\_level()**

Extract surface level from 4D field

**filter\_altitude**(*alt\_range=None*)

Currently dummy method that makes life easier in *Filter*

**Returns**

current instance

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**filter\_region**(*region\_id, inplace=False, \*\*kwargs*)

Filter region based on ID

This works both for rectangular regions and mask regions

**Parameters**

- **region\_id** (*str*) – name of region
- **inplace** (*bool*) – if True, the current data object is modified, else a new object is returned
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to *apply\_region\_mask()* if input region is a mask.

**Returns**

filtered data object

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**find\_closest\_index**(*\*\*dimcoord\_vals*)

Find the closest indices for dimension coordinate values

**property from\_files**

List of file paths from which this data object was created

**get\_altitude**(*\*\*coords*)

Extract (or try to compute) altitude values at input coordinates

**get\_area\_weighted\_timeseries**(*region=None*)

Helper method to extract area weighted mean timeseries

**Parameters**

**region** – optional, name of AeroCom default region for which the mean is to be calculated (e.g. EUROPE)

**Returns**

station data containing area weighted mean

**Return type**

*StationData*

**property grid**

Underlying grid data object

**property has\_data**

True if sum of shape of underlying Cube instance is > 0, else False

**property has\_latlon\_dims**

Boolean specifying whether data has latitude and longitude dimensions

**property has\_time\_dim**

Boolean specifying whether data has latitude and longitude dimensions

**infer\_ts\_type()**

Try to infer sampling frequency from time dimension data

**Returns**

ts\_type that was inferred (is assigned to metadata too)

**Return type**

str

**Raises**

*DataDimensionError* – if data object does not contain a time dimension

**interpolate**(*sample\_points=None, scheme='nearest', collapse\_scalar=True, \*\*coords*)

Interpolate cube at certain discrete points

Reimplementation of method `iris.cube.Cube.interpolate()`, for details [see here](#)

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**Note:** The input coordinates may also be provided using the input arg *\*\*coords* which provides a more intuitive option (e.g. input (`sample_points=[("longitude", [10, 20]), ("latitude", [1, 2])]`) is the same as input (`longitude=[10, 20], latitude=[1,2]`)

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**Parameters**

- **sample\_points** (*list*) – sequence of coordinate pairs over which to interpolate
- **scheme** (*str or iris interpolator object*) – interpolation scheme, pyaerocom default is nearest. If input is string, it is converted into the corresponding iris Interpolator object, see `str_to_iris()` for valid strings
- **collapse\_scalar** (*bool*) – Whether to collapse the dimension of scalar sample points in the resulting cube. Default is True.
- **\*\*coords** – additional keyword args that may be used to provide the interpolation coordinates in an easier way than using the Cube argument *sample\_points*. May also be a combination of both.

**Returns**

new data object containing interpolated data

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**Examples**

```
>>> from pyaerocom import GriddedData
>>> data = GriddedData()
>>> data._init_testdata_default()
>>> itp = data.interpolate([("longitude", (10)),
...                        ("latitude", (35))])
>>> print(itp.shape)
(365, 1, 1)
```

**intersection**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Extract subset using `iris.cube.Cube.intersection()`

See [here](#) for details related to method and input parameters.

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**Note:** Only works if underlying grid data type is `iris.cube.Cube`

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**Parameters**

- **\*args** – non-keyword args
- **\*\*kwargs** – keyword args

**Returns**

new data object containing cropped data

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**property is\_climatology**

**property is\_masked**

Flag specifying whether data is masked or not

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**Note:** This method only works if the data is loaded.

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**isel**(\*\*kwargs)

**property lat\_res**

**load\_input**(input, var\_name=None, perform\_fmt\_checks=None)

Import input as cube

**Parameters**

- **input** (`str`: or `Cube`) – data input. Can be a single `.nc` file or a preloaded `iris Cube`.
- **var\_name** (`str`, optional) – variable name that is extracted if *input* is a file path . Irrelevant if *input* is preloaded `Cube`
- **perform\_fmt\_checks** (`bool`, optional) – perform formatting checks based on information in filenames. Only relevant if input is a file

**property lon\_res**

**property long\_name**

Long name of variable

**max**()

Maximum value

**Return type**

`float`

**mean**(*areaweighted=True*)

Mean value of data array

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**Note:** Corresponds to numerical mean of underlying N-dimensional numpy array. Does not consider area-weights or any other advanced averaging.

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**mean\_at\_coords**(*latitude=None, longitude=None, time\_resample\_kwargs=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Compute mean value at all input locations

**Parameters**

- **latitude** (*1D list or similar*) – list of latitude coordinates of coordinate locations. If None, please provided coords in iris style as list of (lat, lon) tuples via *coords* (handled via arg kwargs)
- **longitude** (*1D list or similar*) – list of longitude coordinates of coordinate locations. If None, please provided coords in iris style as list of (lat, lon) tuples via *coords* (handled via arg kwargs)
- **time\_resample\_kwargs** (*dict, optional*) – time resampling arguments passed to `StationData.resample_time()`
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to `to_time_series()`

**Returns**

mean value at coordinates over all times available in this object

**Return type**

float

**property metadata**

**min()**

Minimum value

**Return type**

float

**property name**

ID of model to which data belongs

**nanmax()**

Maximum value excluding NaNs

**Return type**

float

**nanmin()**

Minimum value excluding NaNs

**Return type**

float

**property ndim**

Number of dimensions

**property plot\_settings**

Variable instance that contains plot settings

The settings can be specified in the variables.ini file based on the unique var\_name, see e.g. [here](#)

If no default settings can be found for this variable, all parameters will be initiated with `None`, in which case the Aerocom plot method uses

**quickplot\_map**(*time\_idx=0, xlim=(-180, 180), ylim=(-90, 90), add\_mean=True, \*\*kwargs*)

Make a quick plot onto a map

#### Parameters

- **time\_idx** (*int*) – index in time to be plotted
- **xlim** (*tuple*) – 2-element tuple specifying plotted longitude range
- **ylim** (*tuple*) – 2-element tuple specifying plotted latitude range
- **add\_mean** (*bool*) – if `True`, the mean value over the region and period is inserted
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword arguments passed to `pyaerocom.quickplot.plot_map()`

#### Returns

matplotlib figure instance containing plot

#### Return type

fig

#### property reader

Instance of reader class from which this object was created

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**Note:** Currently only supports instances of `ReadGridded`.

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**register\_var\_glob**(*delete\_existing=True*)

**regrid**(*other=None, lat\_res\_deg=None, lon\_res\_deg=None, scheme='areaweighted', \*\*kwargs*)

Regrid this grid to grid resolution of other grid

#### Parameters

- **other** (*GriddedData or Cube, optional*) – other data object to regrid to. If `None`, then input args *lat\_res* and *lon\_res* are used to regrid.
- **lat\_res\_deg** (*float or int, optional*) – latitude resolution in degrees (is only used if input arg *other* is `None`)
- **lon\_res\_deg** (*float or int, optional*) – longitude resolution in degrees (is only used if input arg *other* is `None`)
- **scheme** (*str*) – regridding scheme (e.g. linear, neirest, areaweighted)

#### Returns

regridded data object (new instance, this object remains unchanged)

#### Return type

*GriddedData*

**remove\_outliers**(*low=None, high=None, inplace=True*)

Remove outliers from data

#### Parameters

- **low** (*float*) – lower end of valid range for input variable. If `None`, then the corresponding value from the default settings for this variable are used (cf. minimum attribute of *available variables*)



- **high** (*float*) – upper end of valid range for input variable. If None, then the corresponding value from the default settings for this variable are used (cf. maximum attribute of [available variables](#))
- **inplace** (*bool*) – if True, this object is modified, else outliers are removed in a copy of this object

**Returns**

modified data object

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**reorder\_dimensions\_tseries()** → None

Transpose dimensions of data such that [to\\_time\\_series\(\)](#) works

**Raises**

- [DataDimensionError](#) – if not all needed coordinates are available
- [NotImplementedError](#) – if one of the required coordinates is associated with more than one dimension.

**resample\_time**(*to\_ts\_type*, *how=None*, *min\_num\_obs=None*, *use\_iris=False*)

Resample time to input resolution

**Parameters**

- **to\_ts\_type** (*str*) – either of the supported temporal resolutions (cf. IRIS\_AGGREGATORS in helpers, e.g. “monthly”)
- **how** (*str*) – string specifying how the data is to be aggregated, default is mean
- **min\_num\_obs** (*dict or int, optional*) – integer or nested dictionary specifying minimum number of observations required to resample from higher to lower frequency. For instance, if *input\_data* is hourly and *to\_ts\_type* is monthly, you may specify something like:

```
min_num_obs =
    {'monthly' : {'daily' : 7},
     'daily'   : {'hourly' : 6}}
```

to require at least 6 hours per day and 7 days per month.

- **use\_iris** (*bool*) – option to use resampling scheme from iris library rather than xarray.

**Returns**

new data object containing downsampled data

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**Raises**

[TemporalResolutionError](#) – if input resolution is not provided, or if it is higher temporal resolution than this object

**search\_other**(*var\_name*)

Searches data for another variable

The search is constrained to the time period spanned by this object and it is attempted to load the same frequency. Uses [reader](#) (instance of ReadGridded to search for the other variable data).

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – variable to be searched

**Raises**

***VariableNotFoundError*** – if data for input variable cannot be found.

**Returns**

input variable data

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**sel**(*use\_nearest=True, \*\*dimcoord\_vals*)

Select subset by dimension names

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**Note:** This is a BETA version, please use with care

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**Parameters**

***\*\*dimcoord\_vals*** – key / value pairs specifying coordinate values to be extracted

**Returns**

subset data object

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**property shape****short\_str()**

Short string representation

**split\_years**(*years=None*)

Generator to split data object into individual years

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**Note:** This is a generator method and thus should be looped over

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**Parameters**

***years*** (*list*, *optional*) – List of years that should be excluded. If None, it uses output from *years\_avail()*.

**Yields**

*GriddedData* – single year data object

**property standard\_name**

Standard name of variable

**property start**

Start time of dataset as datetime64 object

**std()**

Standard deviation of values

**property stop**

Start time of dataset as datetime64 object

**property suppl\_info**

**time\_stamps()**

Convert time stamps into list of numpy datetime64 objects

The conversion is done using method `cfunit_to_datetime64()`

**Returns**

list containing all time stamps as datetime64 objects

**Return type**

list

**to\_netcdf(out\_dir, savename=None, \*\*kwargs)**

Save as NetCDF file

**Parameters**

- **out\_dir** (*str*) – output direcorey (must exist)
- **savename** (*str*, *optional*) – name of file. If None, `aerocom_savename()` is used which is generated automatically and may be modified via `**kwargs`
- **\*\*kwargs** – keywords for name

**Returns**

list of output files created

**Return type**

list

**to\_time\_series(sample\_points=None, scheme='nearest', vert\_scheme=None, add\_meta=None, use\_iris=False, \*\*coords)**

Extract time-series for provided input coordinates (lon, lat)

Extract time series for each lon / lat coordinate in this cube or at predefined sample points (e.g. station data). If sample points are provided, the cube is interpolated first onto the sample points.

**Parameters**

- **sample\_points** (*list*) – coordinates (e.g. lon / lat) at which time series is supposed to be retrieved
- **scheme** (*str* or *iris interpolator object*) – interpolation scheme (for details, see `interpolate()`)
- **vert\_scheme** (*str*) – string specifying how to treat vertical coordinates. This is only relevant for data that contains vertical levels. It will be ignored otherwise. Note that if the input coordinate specifications contain altitude information, this parameter will be set automatically to 'altitude'. Allowed inputs are all data collapse schemes that are supported by `pyaerocom.helpers.str_to_iris()` (e.g. *mean*, *median*, *sum*). Further valid schemes are *altitude*, *surface*, *profile*. If not other specified and if *altitude* coordinates are provided via `sample_points` (or `**coords` parameters) then, `vert_scheme` will be set to *altitude*. Else, *profile* is used.
- **add\_meta** (*dict*, *optional*) – dictionary specifying additional metadata for individual input coordinates. Keys are meta attribute names (e.g. `station_name`) and corresponding values are lists (with length of input coords) or single entries that are supposed to be assigned to each station. E.g. `add_meta=dict(station_name=[<list_of_station_names>])`.
- **\*\*coords** – additional keyword args that may be used to provide the interpolation coordinates (for details, see `interpolate()`)

**Returns**

list of result dictionaries for each coordinate. Dictionary keys are: `longitude`, `latitude`, `var_name`

**Return type**

`list`

**to\_xarray()**

Convert this object to an `xarray.DataArray`

**Return type**

`DataArray`

**transpose(*new\_order*)**

Re-order data dimensions in object

Wrapper for `iris.cube.Cube.transpose()`

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**Note:** Changes THIS object (i.e. no new instance of `GriddedData` will be created)

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**Parameters**

**order** (`list`) – new index order

**property ts\_type**

Temporal resolution of data

**property unit**

Unit of data

**property unit\_ok**

Boolean specifying if variable unit is AeroCom default

**property units**

Unit of data

**update\_meta(\*\**kwargs*)**

Update metadata dictionary

**Parameters**

**\*\*kwargs** – metadata to be added to `metadata`.

**property var\_info**

Print information about variable

**property var\_name**

Name of variable

**property var\_name\_aerocom**

AeroCom variable name

**property vert\_code**

Vertical code of data (e.g. `Column`, `Surface`, `ModelLevel`)

**years\_avail()**

Generate list of years that are available in this dataset

**Return type**

`list`

## 4.2.2 Ungridded data

**class** `pyaerocom.ungriddeddata.UngriddedData(num_points=None, add_cols=None)`

Class representing point-cloud data (ungridded)

The data is organised in a 2-dimensional numpy array where the first index (rows) axis corresponds to individual measurements (i.e. one timestamp of one variable) and along the second dimension (containing 11 columns) the actual values are stored (in column 6) along with additional information, such as metadata index (can be used as key in [metadata](#) to access additional information related to this measurement), timestamp, latitude, longitude, altitude of instrument, variable index and, in case of 3D data (e.g. LIDAR profiles), also the altitude corresponding to the data value.

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**Note:** That said, let's look at two examples.

**Example 1:** Suppose you load 3 variables from 5 files, each of which contains 30 timestamps. This corresponds to a total of  $3*5*30=450$  data points and hence, the shape of the underlying numpy array will be  $450 \times 11$ .

**Example 2:** 3 variables, 5 files, 30 timestamps, but each variable is height resolved, containing 100 altitudes =>  $3*5*30*100=4500$  data points, thus, the final shape will be  $4500 \times 11$ .

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### metadata

dictionary containing meta information about the data. Keys are floating point numbers corresponding to each station, values are corresponding dictionaries containing station information.

**Type**  
dict

### meta\_idx

dictionary containing index mapping for each station and variable. Keys correspond to metadata key (float -> station, see [metadata](#)) and values are dictionaries containing keys specifying variable name and corresponding values are arrays or lists, specifying indices (rows) of these station / variable information in `_data`. Note: this information is redundant and is there to accelerate station data extraction since the data index matches for a given metadata block do not need to be searched in the underlying numpy array.

**Type**  
dict

### var\_idx

mapping of variable name (keys, e.g. `od550aer`) to numerical variable index of this variable in data numpy array (in column specified by `_VARINDEX`)

**Type**  
dict

### Parameters

- **num\_points** (`int`, optional) – initial number of total datapoints (number of rows in 2D dataarray)
- **add\_cols** (`list`, optional) – list of additional index column names of 2D dataarray.

`ALLOWED_VERT_COORD_TYPES = ['altitude']`

`STANDARD_META_KEYS = ['filename', 'station_id', 'station_name', 'instrument_name', 'PI', 'country', 'country_code', 'ts_type', 'latitude', 'longitude', 'altitude', 'data_id', 'dataset_name', 'data_product', 'data_version', 'data_level', 'framework', 'instr_vert_loc', 'revision_date', 'website', 'ts_type_src', 'stat_merge_pref_attr']`

**add\_chunk**(*size=None*)

Extend the size of the data array

**Parameters**

**size** (*int*, optional) – number of additional rows. If None (default) or smaller than minimum chunksize specified in attribute `_CHUNKSIZE`, then the latter is used.

**add\_station\_data**(*stat, meta\_idx=None, data\_idx=None, check\_index=False*)

**all\_datapoints\_var**(*var\_name*)

Get array of all data values of input variable

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – variable name

**Returns**

1-d numpy array containing all values of this variable

**Return type**

ndarray

**Raises**

**AttributeError** – if variable name is not available

**property altitude**

Altitudes of stations

**append**(*other*)

Append other instance of *UngriddedData* to this object

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**Note:** Calls `merge(other, new_obj=False)()`

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**Parameters**

**other** (*UngriddedData*) – other data object

**Returns**

merged data object

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if input object is not an instance of *UngriddedData*

**apply\_filters**(*var\_outlier\_ranges=None, \*\*filter\_attributes*)

Extended filtering method

Combines *filter\_by\_meta()* and adds option to also remove outliers (keyword *remove\_outliers*), set flagged data points to NaN (keyword *set\_flags\_nan*) and to extract individual variables (keyword *var\_name*).

**Parameters**

- **var\_outlier\_ranges** (*dict*, optional) – dictionary specifying custom outlier ranges for individual variables.

- **filter\_attributes** (*dict*) – filters that are supposed to be applied to the data. To remove outliers, use keyword *remove\_outliers*, to set flagged values to NaN, use keyword *set\_flags\_nan*, to extract single or multiple variables, use keyword *var\_name*. Further filter keys are assumed to be metadata specific and are passed to *filter\_by\_meta()*.

**Returns**

filtered data object

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**apply\_region\_mask**(*region\_id=None*)

TODO : Write documentations

**Parameters**

**region\_id** (*str* or *list* (of *strings*)) – ID of region or IDs of multiple regions to be combined

**property available\_meta\_keys**

List of all available metadata keys

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**Note:** This is a list of all metadata keys that exist in this dataset, but it does not mean that all of the keys are registered in all metadata blocks, especially if the data is merged from different sources with different metadata availability

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**change\_var\_idx**(*var\_name, new\_idx*)

Change index that is assigned to variable

Each variable in this object has assigned a unique index that is stored in the dictionary *var\_idx* and which is used internally to access data from a certain variable from the data array *\_data* (the indices are stored in the data column specified by *\_VARINDEX*, cf. class header).

This index thus needs to be unique for each variable and hence, may need to be updated, when two instances of *UngriddedData* are merged (cf. *merge()*).

And the latter is exactly what this function does.

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable
- **new\_idx** (*int*) – new index of variable

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if input *new\_idx* already exist in this object as a variable index

**check\_convert\_var\_units**(*var\_name, to\_unit=None, inplace=True*)

**check\_set\_country**()

Checks all metadata entries for availability of country information

Metadata blocks that are missing country entry will be updated based on country inferred from corresponding lat / lon coordinate. Uses *pyaerocom.geodesy.get\_country\_info\_coords()* (library reverse-geocode) to retrieve countries. This may be erroneous close to country borders as it uses euclidian distance based on a list of known locations.

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**Note:** Metadata blocks that do not contain latitude and longitude entries are skipped.

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**Returns**

- *list* – metadata entries where country was added
- *list* – corresponding countries that were inferred from lat / lon

**check\_unit**(*var\_name*, *unit=None*)

Check if variable unit corresponds to AeroCom unit

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name for which unit is to be checked
- **unit** (*str*, optional) – unit to be checked, if None, AeroCom default unit is used

**Raises***MetaDataError* – if unit information is not accessible for input variable name**clear\_meta\_no\_data**(*inplace=True*)

Remove all metadata blocks that do not have data associated with it

**Parameters****inplace** (*bool*) – if True, the changes are applied to this instance directly, else to a copy**Returns**

cleaned up data object

**Return type***UngriddedData***Raises***DataCoverageError* – if filtering results in empty data object**code\_lat\_lon\_in\_float**()

method to code lat and lon in a single number so that we can use np.unique to determine single locations

**colocate\_vardata**(*var1*, *data\_id1=None*, *var2=None*, *data\_id2=None*, *other=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)**property contains\_datasets**

List of all datasets in this object

**property contains\_instruments**

List of all instruments in this object

**property contains\_vars**: *list[str]*

List of all variables in this dataset

**copy**()

Make a copy of this object

**Returns**

copy of this object

**Return type***UngriddedData***Raises***MemoryError* – if copy is too big to fit into memory together with existing instance**property countries\_available**

Alphabetically sorted list of country names available



**decode\_lat\_lon\_from\_float()**

method to decode lat and lon from a single number calculated by `code_lat_lon_in_float`

**empty\_trash()**

Set all values in trash column to NaN

**extract\_dataset(data\_id)**

Extract single dataset into new instance of *UngriddedData*

Calls *filter\_by\_meta()*.

**Parameters**

**data\_id** (*str*) – ID of dataset

**Returns**

new instance of ungridded data containing only data from specified input network

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**extract\_var(var\_name, check\_index=True)**

Split this object into single-var *UngriddedData* objects

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable that is supposed to be extracted
- **check\_index** (*Bool*) – Call `_check_index()` in the new data object.

**Returns**

new data object containing only input variable data

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**extract\_vars(var\_names, check\_index=True)**

Extract multiple variables from dataset

Loops over input variable names and calls *extract\_var()* to retrieve single variable *UngriddedData* objects for each variable and then merges all of these into one object

**Parameters**

- **var\_names** (*list or str*) – list of variables to be extracted
- **check\_index** (*Bool*) – Call `_check_index()` in the new data object.

**Returns**

new data object containing input variables

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**Raises**

*VarNotAvailableError* – if one of the input variables is not available in this data object

**filter\_altitude(alt\_range)**

Filter altitude range

**Parameters**

**alt\_range** (*list or tuple*) – 2-element list specifying altitude range to be filtered in m

**Returns**

filtered data object

**Return type***UngriddedData***filter\_by\_meta**(*negate=None*, *\*\*filter\_attributes*)

Flexible method to filter these data based on input meta specs

**Parameters**

- **negate** (*list* or *str*, *optional*) – specified meta key(s) provided via *filter\_attributes* that are supposed to be treated as ‘not valid’. E.g. if *station\_name="bad\_site"* is input in *filter\_attributes* and if *station\_name* is listed in *negate*, then all metadata blocks containing “bad\_site” as *station\_name* will be excluded in output data object.
- **\*\*filter\_attributes** – valid meta keywords that are supposed to be filtered and the corresponding filter values (or value ranges) Only valid meta keywords are considered (e.g. *data\_id*, *longitude*, *latitude*, *altitude*, *ts\_type*)

**Returns**

filtered ungridded data object

**Return type***UngriddedData***Raises**

- **NotImplementedError** – if attempt variables are supposed to be filtered (not yet possible)
- **IOError** – if any of the input keys are not valid meta key

**Example**

```
>>> import pyaerocom as pya
>>> r = pya.io.ReadUngridded(['AeronetSunV2Lev2.daily',
                              'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily'], 'od550aer')
>>> data = r.read()
>>> data_filtered = data.filter_by_meta(data_id='AeronetSunV2Lev2.daily',
...                                     longitude=[-30, 30],
...                                     latitude=[20, 70],
...                                     altitude=[0, 1000])
```

**filter\_region**(*region\_id*, *check\_mask=True*, *check\_country\_meta=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Filter object by a certain region

**Parameters**

- **region\_id** (*str*) – name of region (must be valid AeroCom region name or HTAP region)
- **check\_mask** (*bool*) – if True and *region\_id* a valid name for a binary mask, then the filtering is done based on that binary mask.
- **check\_country\_meta** (*bool*) – if True, then the input *region\_id* is first checked against available country names in metadata. If that fails, it is assumed that this regions is either a valid name for registered rectangular regions or for available binary masks.
- **\*\*kwargs** – currently not used in method (makes usage in higher level classes such as *Filter* easier as other data objects have the same method with possibly other input possibilities)

**Returns**

filtered data object (containing only stations that fall into input region)

**Return type***UngriddedData***find\_common\_data\_points**(*other*, *var\_name*, *sampling\_freq*='daily')**find\_common\_stations**(*other*: *UngriddedData*, *check\_vars\_available*=None, *check\_coordinates*: *bool* = True, *max\_diff\_coords\_km*: *float* = 0.1) → dict

Search common stations between two UngriddedData objects

This method loops over all stations that are stored within this object (using *metadata*) and checks if the corresponding station exists in a second instance of *UngriddedData* that is provided. The check is performed on basis of the station name, and optionally, if desired, for each station name match, the lon lat coordinates can be compared within a certain radius (default 0.1 km).

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**Note:** This is a beta version and thus, to be treated with care.

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**Parameters**

- **other** (*UngriddedData*) – other object of ungridded data
- **check\_vars\_available** (*list* (or similar), optional) – list of variables that need to be available in stations of both datasets
- **check\_coordinates** (*bool*) – if True, check that lon and lat coordinates of station candidates match within a certain range, specified by input parameter *max\_diff\_coords\_km*

**Returns**

dictionary where keys are meta\_indices of the common station in this object and corresponding values are meta indices of the station in the other object

**Return type**

dict

**find\_station\_meta\_indices**(*station\_name\_or\_pattern*, *allow\_wildcards*=True)

Find indices of all metadata blocks matching input station name

You may also use wildcard pattern as input (e.g. *Potenza*)**Parameters**

- **station\_pattern** (*str*) – station name or wildcard pattern
- **allow\_wildcards** (*bool*) – if True, input *station\_pattern* will be used as wildcard pattern and all matches are returned.

**Returns**

list containing all metadata indices that match the input station name or pattern

**Return type**

list

**Raises**

*StationNotFoundError* – if no such station exists in this data object

**property first\_meta\_idx****static from\_cache**(*data\_dir*, *file\_name*)Load pickled instance of *UngriddedData***Parameters**

- **data\_dir** (*str*) – directory where pickled object is stored
- **file\_name** (*str*) – file name of pickled object (needs to end with pkl)

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if loading failed

**Returns**

loaded UngriddedData object. If this method is called from an instance of *UngriddedData*, this instance remains unchanged. You may merge the returned reloaded instance using *merge()*.

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**static from\_station\_data**(*stats*, *add\_meta\_keys=None*)

Create UngriddedData from input station data object(s)

**Parameters**

- **stats** (*list* or *StationData*) – input data object(s)
- **add\_meta\_keys** (*list*, *optional*) – list of metadata keys that are supposed to be imported from the input *StationData* objects, in addition to the default metadata retrieved via *StationData.get\_meta()*.

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if any of the input data objects is not an instance of *StationData*.

**Returns**

ungridded data object created from input station data objects

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**get\_variable\_data**(*variables*, *start=None*, *stop=None*, *ts\_type=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Extract all data points of a certain variable

**Parameters**

**vars\_to\_extract** (*str* or *list*) – all variables that are supposed to be accessed

**property has\_flag\_data**

Boolean specifying whether this object contains flag data

**property index**

**property is\_empty**

Boolean specifying whether this object contains data or not

**property is\_filtered**

Boolean specifying whether this data object has been filtered

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**Note:** Details about applied filtering can be found in *filter\_hist*

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**property is\_vertical\_profile**

Boolean specifying whether is vertical profile

**last\_filter\_applied()**

Returns the last filter that was applied to this dataset

To see all filters, check out *filter\_hist*

**property last\_meta\_idx**

Index of last metadata block

**property latitude**

Latitudes of stations

**property longitude**

Longitudes of stations

**merge**(*other*, *new\_obj=True*)

Merge another data object with this one

**Parameters**

- **other** (*UngriddedData*) – other data object
- **new\_obj** (*bool*) – if True, this object remains unchanged and the merged data objects are returned in a new instance of *UngriddedData*. If False, then this object is modified

**Returns**

merged data object

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if input object is not an instance of *UngriddedData*

**merge\_common\_meta**(*ignore\_keys=None*)

Merge all meta entries that are the same

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**Note:** If there is an overlap in time between the data, the blocks are not merged

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**Parameters**

**ignore\_keys** (*list*) – list containing meta keys that are supposed to be ignored

**Returns**

merged data object

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**property nonunique\_station\_names**

List of station names that occur more than once in metadata

**num\_obs\_var\_valid**(*var\_name*)

Number of valid observations of variable in this dataset

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable

**Returns**

number of valid observations (all values that are not NaN)

**Return type**

*int*

```
plot_station_coordinates(var_name=None, start=None, stop=None, ts_type=None, color='r',  
                           marker='o', markersize=8, fontsize_base=10, legend=True, add_title=True,  
                           **kwargs)
```

Plot station coordinates on a map

All input parameters are optional and may be used to add constraints related to which stations are plotted. Default is all stations of all times.

#### Parameters

- **var\_name** (*str*, optional) – name of variable to be retrieved
- **start** – start time (optional)
- **stop** – stop time (optional). If start time is provided and stop time not, then only the corresponding year inferred from start time will be considered
- **ts\_type** (*str*, optional) – temporal resolution
- **color** (*str*) – color of stations on map
- **marker** (*str*) – marker type of stations
- **markersize** (*int*) – size of station markers
- **fontsize\_base** (*int*) – basic fontsize
- **legend** (*bool*) – if True, legend is added
- **add\_title** (*bool*) – if True, title will be added
- **\*\*kwargs** – Additional keyword args passed to `pyaerocom.plot.plot_coordinates()`

#### Returns

matplotlib axes instance

#### Return type

axes

```
plot_station_timeseries(station_name, var_name, start=None, stop=None, ts_type=None,  
                          insert_nans=True, ax=None, **kwargs)
```

Plot time series of station and variable

#### Parameters

- **station\_name** (*str* or *int*) – station name or index of station in metadata dict
- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable to be retrieved
- **start** – start time (optional)
- **stop** – stop time (optional). If start time is provided and stop time not, then only the corresponding year inferred from start time will be considered
- **ts\_type** (*str*, optional) – temporal resolution
- **\*\*kwargs** – Additional keyword args passed to method `pandas.Series.plot()`

#### Returns

matplotlib axes instance

#### Return type

axes

**remove\_outliers**(*var\_name*, *inplace=False*, *low=None*, *high=None*, *unit\_ref=None*, *move\_to\_trash=True*)

Method that can be used to remove outliers from data

#### Parameters

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name
- **inplace** (*bool*) – if True, the outliers will be removed in this object, otherwise a new object will be created and returned
- **low** (*float*) – lower end of valid range for input variable. If None, then the corresponding value from the default settings for this variable are used (cf. minimum attribute of [available variables](#))
- **high** (*float*) – upper end of valid range for input variable. If None, then the corresponding value from the default settings for this variable are used (cf. maximum attribute of [available variables](#))
- **unit\_ref** (*str*) – reference unit for assessment of input outlier ranges: all data needs to be in that unit, else an Exception will be raised
- **move\_to\_trash** (*bool*) – if True, then all detected outliers will be moved to the trash column of this data object (i.e. column no. specified at `UngriddedData._TRASHINDEX`).

#### Returns

ungridded data object that has all outliers for this variable removed.

#### Return type

*UngriddedData*

#### Raises

**ValueError** – if input `move_to_trash` is True and in case for some of the measurements there is already data in the trash.

**save\_as**(*file\_name*, *save\_dir*)

Save this object to disk

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**Note:** So far, only storage as pickled object via *CacheHandlerUngridded* is supported, so input `file_name` must end with `.pkl`

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#### Parameters

- **file\_name** (*str*) – name of output file
- **save\_dir** (*str*) – name of output directory

#### Returns

file path

#### Return type

*str*

**set\_flags\_nan**(*inplace=False*)

Set all flagged datapoints to NaN

#### Parameters

- **inplace** (*bool*) – if True, the flagged datapoints will be set to NaN in this object, otherwise a new object will be created and returned

**Returns**

data object that has all flagged data values set to NaN

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**Raises**

**AttributeError** – if no flags are assigned

**property shape**

Shape of data array

**property station\_coordinates**

dictionary with station coordinates

**Returns**

dictionary containing station coordinates (latitude, longitude, altitude -> values) for all stations (keys) where these parameters are accessible.

**Return type**

dict

**property station\_name**

Latitudes of data

**property time**

Time dimension of data

**to\_station\_data**(*meta\_idx*, *vars\_to\_convert*=None, *start*=None, *stop*=None, *freq*=None, *ts\_type\_preferred*=None, *merge\_if\_multi*=True, *merge\_pref\_attr*=None, *merge\_sort\_by\_largest*=True, *insert\_nans*=False, *allow\_wildcards\_station\_name*=True, *add\_meta\_keys*=None, *resample\_how*=None, *min\_num\_obs*=None)

Convert data from one station to StationData

**Parameters**

- **meta\_idx** (*float*) – index of station or name of station.
- **vars\_to\_convert** (*list* or *str*, optional) – variables that are supposed to be converted. If None, use all variables that are available for this station
- **start** – start time, optional (if not None, input must be convertible into pandas.Timestamp)
- **stop** – stop time, optional (if not None, input must be convertible into pandas.Timestamp)
- **freq** (*str*) – pandas frequency string (e.g. ‘D’ for daily, ‘M’ for month end) or valid pyaerocom ts\_type
- **merge\_if\_multi** (*bool*) – if True and if data request results in multiple instances of StationData objects, then these are attempted to be merged into one StationData object using `merge_station_data()`
- **merge\_pref\_attr** – only relevant for merging of multiple matches: preferred attribute that is used to sort the individual StationData objects by relevance. Needs to be available in each of the individual StationData objects. For details cf. `pref_attr` in docstring of `merge_station_data()`. Example could be *revision\_date*. If None, then the stations will be sorted based on the number of available data points (if `merge_sort_by_largest` is True, which is default).
- **merge\_sort\_by\_largest** (*bool*) – only relevant for merging of multiple matches: cf. prev. attr. and docstring of `merge_station_data()` method.



- **insert\_nans** (*bool*) – if True, then the retrieved StationData objects are filled with NaNs
- **allow\_wildcards\_station\_name** (*bool*) – if True and if input *meta\_idx* is a string (i.e. a station name or pattern), metadata matches will be identified applying wildcard matches between input *meta\_idx* and all station names in this object.

### Returns

StationData object(s) containing results. list is only returned if input for *meta\_idx* is station name and multiple matches are detected for that station (e.g. data from different instruments), else single instance of StationData. All variable time series are inserted as pandas Series

### Return type

*StationData* or list

**to\_station\_data\_all**(*vars\_to\_convert=None, start=None, stop=None, freq=None, ts\_type\_preferred=None, by\_station\_name=True, ignore\_index=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Convert all data to StationData objects

Creates one instance of StationData for each metadata block in this object.

### Parameters

- **vars\_to\_convert** (*list* or *str*, optional) – variables that are supposed to be converted. If None, use all variables that are available for this station
- **start** – start time, optional (if not None, input must be convertible into pandas.Timestamp)
- **stop** – stop time, optional (if not None, input must be convertible into pandas.Timestamp)
- **freq** (*str*) – pandas frequency string (e.g. 'D' for daily, 'M' for month end) or valid pyaerocom ts\_type (e.g. 'hourly', 'monthly').
- **by\_station\_name** (*bool*) – if True, then iter over unique\_station\_name (and merge multiple matches if applicable), else, iter over metadata index
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to *to\_station\_data()* (e.g. *merge\_if\_multi, merge\_pref\_attr, merge\_sort\_by\_largest, insert\_nans*)

### Returns

4-element dictionary containing following key / value pairs:

- **stats**: list of StationData objects
- **station\_name**: list of corresponding station names
- **latitude**: list of latitude coordinates
- **longitude**: list of longitude coordinates

### Return type

dict

### property unique\_station\_names

List of unique station names

pyaerocom.ungriddeddata.**reduce\_array\_closest**(*arr\_nominal, arr\_to\_be\_reduced*)

### 4.2.3 Co-located data

```
class pyaerocom.colocateddata.CollocatedData(*, data: Path | str | DataArray | ndarray | None = None,
                                              **extra_data: Any)
```

Class representing colocated and unified data from two sources

Sources may be instances of `UngriddedData` or `GriddedData` that have been compared to each other.

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**Note:** It is intended that this object can either be instantiated from scratch OR created in and returned by pyaerocom objects / methods that perform colocation. This is particularly true as pyaerocom will now be expected to read in colocated files created outside of pyaerocom. (Related CAMS2\_82 development)

The purpose of this object is not the creation of colocated objects, but solely the analysis of such data as well as I/O features (e.g. save as / read from .nc files, convert to pandas.DataFrame, plot station time series overlays, scatter plots, etc.).

In the current design, such an object comprises 3 or 4 dimensions, where the first dimension (*data\_source*, index 0) is ALWAYS length 2 and specifies the two datasets that were co-located (index 0 is obs, index 1 is model). The second dimension is *time* and in case of 3D colocated data the 3rd dimension is *station\_name* while for 4D colocated data the 3rd and 4th dimension are latitude and longitude, respectively.

3D colocated data is typically created when a model is colocated with station based ground based observations (cf `pyaerocom.colocation.colocate_gridded_ungridded()`) while 4D colocated data is created when a model is colocated with another model or satellite observations, that cover large parts of Earth's surface (other than discrete lat/lon pairs in the case of ground based station locations).

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#### Parameters

- **data** (`xarray.DataArray` or `numpy.ndarray` or `str`, optional) – Colocated data. If str, then it is attempted to be loaded from file. Else, it is assumed that data is numpy array and that all further supplementary inputs (e.g. coords, dims) for the instantiation of `DataArray` is provided via `**kwargs`.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Additional keyword args that are passed to init of `DataArray` in case input *data* is numpy array.

#### Raises

`IOError` – if init fails

**apply\_country\_filter**(*region\_id*, *use\_country\_code=False*, *inplace=False*)

Apply country filter

#### Parameters

- **region\_id** (`str`) – country name or code.
- **use\_country\_code** (`bool`, optional) – If True, input value for *country* is evaluated against country codes rather than country names. Defaults to False.
- **inplace** (`bool`, optional) – Apply filter to this object directly or to a copy. The default is False.

#### Raises

`NotImplementedError` – if data is 4D (i.e. it has latitude and longitude dimensions).

#### Returns

filtered data object.

**Return type***ColocatedData***apply\_latlon\_filter**(*lat\_range=None, lon\_range=None, region\_id=None, inplace=False*)

Apply rectangular latitude/longitude filter

**Parameters**

- **lat\_range** (*list, optional*) – latitude range that is supposed to be applied. If specified, then also *lon\_range* need to be specified, else, *region\_id* is checked against AeroCom default regions (and used if applicable)
- **lon\_range** (*list, optional*) – longitude range that is supposed to be applied. If specified, then also *lat\_range* need to be specified, else, *region\_id* is checked against AeroCom default regions (and used if applicable)
- **region\_id** (*str*) – name of region to be applied. If provided (i.e. not *None*) then input args *lat\_range* and *lon\_range* are ignored
- **inplace** (*bool, optional*) – Apply filter to this object directly or to a copy. The default is *False*.

**Raises****ValueError** – if lower latitude bound exceeds upper latitude bound.**Returns**

filtered data object

**Return type***ColocatedData***apply\_region\_mask**(*region\_id, inplace=False*)Apply a binary regions mask filter to data object. Available binary regions IDs can be found at *pyaerocom.const.HTAP\_REGIONS*.**Parameters**

- **region\_id** (*str*) – ID of binary regions.
- **inplace** (*bool, optional*) – If *True*, the current instance, is modified, else a new instance of *ColocatedData* is created and filtered. The default is *False*.

**Raises****DataCoverageError** – if filtering results in empty data object.**Returns****data** – Filtered data object.**Return type***ColocatedData***property area\_weights**Wrapper for *calc\_area\_weights()***calc\_area\_weights()**

Calculate area weights

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**Note:** Only applies to colocated data that has latitude and longitude dimension.
 

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**Returns**array containing weights for each datapoint (same shape as *self.data[0]*)

**Return type**

ndarray

**calc\_nmb\_array()**

Calculate data array with normalised bias (NMB) values

**Returns**

NMBs at each coordinate

**Return type**

DataArray

**calc\_spatial\_statistics(*aggr=None, use\_area\_weights=False, \*\*kwargs*)**Calculate *spatial* statistics from model and obs data

*Spatial* statistics is computed by averaging first the time dimension and then, if data is 4D, flattening lat / lon dimensions into new station\_name dimension, so that the resulting dimensions are *data\_source* and *station\_name*. These 2D data are then used to calculate standard statistics using `pyaerocom.stats.stats.calculate_statistics()`.

See also `calc_statistics()` and `calc_temporal_statistics()`.**Parameters**

- **aggr** (*str*, *optional*) – aggregator to be used, currently only mean and median are supported. Defaults to mean.
- **use\_area\_weights** (*bool*) – if True and if data is 4D (i.e. has lat and lon dimension), then area weights are applied when calculating the statistics based on the coordinate cell sizes. Defaults to False.
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to `pyaerocom.stats.stats.calculate_statistics()`

**Returns**

dictionary containing statistical parameters

**Return type**

dict

**calc\_statistics(*use\_area\_weights=False, \*\*kwargs*)**

Calculate statistics from model and obs data

Calculate standard statistics for model assessment. This is done by taking all model and obs data points in this object as input for `pyaerocom.stats.stats.calculate_statistics()`. For instance, if the object is 3D with dimensions *data\_source* (obs, model), *time* (e.g. 12 monthly values) and *station\_name* (e.g. 4 sites), then the input arrays for model and obs into `pyaerocom.stats.stats.calculate_statistics()` will be each of size 12x4.

See also `calc_temporal_statistics()` and `calc_spatial_statistics()`.**Parameters**

- **use\_area\_weights** (*bool*) – if True and if data is 4D (i.e. has lat and lon dimension), then area weights are applied when calculating the statistics based on the coordinate cell sizes. Defaults to False.
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to `pyaerocom.stats.stats.calculate_statistics()`

**Returns**

dictionary containing statistical parameters

**Return type**

dict

**calc\_temporal\_statistics**(*aggr=None, \*\*kwargs*)Calculate *temporal* statistics from model and obs data

*Temporal* statistics is computed by averaging first the spatial dimension(s) (that is, *station\_name* for 3D data, and *latitude* and *longitude* for 4D data), so that only *data\_source* and *time* remains as dimensions. These 2D data are then used to calculate standard statistics using `pyaerocom.stats.stats.calculate_statistics()`.

See also `calc_statistics()` and `calc_spatial_statistics()`.

**Parameters**

- **aggr** (*str*, *optional*) – aggregator to be used, currently only mean and median are supported. Defaults to mean.
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to `pyaerocom.stats.stats.calculate_statistics()`

**Returns**

dictionary containing statistical parameters

**Return type**

dict

**check\_set\_countries**(*inplace=True, assign\_to\_dim=None*)

Checks if country information is available and assigns if not

If not country information is available, countries will be assigned for each lat / lon coordinate using `pyaerocom.geodesy.get_country_info_coords()`.

**Parameters**

- **inplace** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, modify and return this object, else a copy. The default is True.
- **assign\_to\_dim** (*str*, *optional*) – name of dimension to which the country coordinate is assigned. Default is None, in which case *station\_name* is used.

**Raises**

**DataDimensionError** – If data is 4D (i.e. if latitude and longitude are orthogonal dimensions)

**Returns**

data object with countries assigned

**Return type***ColocatedData***property coords**

Coordinates of data array

**copy()**

Copy this object

**property countries\_available**

Alphabetically sorted list of country names available

**Raises**

**MetaDataError** – if no country information is available

**Returns**

list of countries available in these data

**Return type**

list

**property country\_codes\_available**

Alphabetically sorted list of country codes available

**Raises**

**MetadataError** – if no country information is available

**Returns**

list of countries available in these data

**Return type**

list

**data:** Path | str | xr.DataArray | np.ndarray | None

**property data\_source**

Coordinate array containing data sources (z-axis)

**property dims**

Names of dimensions

**filter\_altitude**(alt\_range, inplace=False)

Apply altitude filter

**Parameters**

- **alt\_range** (list or tuple) – altitude range to be applied to data (2-element list)
- **inplace** (bool, optional) – Apply filter to this object directly or to a copy. The default is False.

**Raises**

**NotImplementedError** – If data is 4D, i.e. it contains latitude and longitude dimensions.

**Returns**

Filtered data object .

**Return type**

*ColocatedData*

**filter\_region**(region\_id, check\_mask=True, check\_country\_meta=False, inplace=False)

Filter object by region

**Parameters**

- **region\_id** (str) – ID of region
- **inplace** (bool) – if True, the filtering is done directly in this instance, else a new instance is returned
- **check\_mask** (bool) – if True and region\_id a valid name for a binary mask, then the filtering is done based on that binary mask.
- **check\_country\_meta** (bool) – if True, then the input region\_id is first checked against available country names in metadata. If that fails, it is assumed that this regions is either a valid name for registered rectangular regions or for available binary masks.

**Returns**

filtered data object

**Return type***ColocatedData***flatten\_latlon\_dim\_station\_name()**

Stack (flatten) lat / lon dimension into new dimension station\_name

**Returns**

new colocated data object with dimension station\_name and lat lon arrays as additional coordinates

**Return type***ColocatedData***from\_csv(file\_path)**

Read data from CSV file

**from\_dataframe(df)**

Create colocated Data object from dataframe

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**Note:** This is intended to be used as back-conversion from *to\_dataframe()* and methods that use the latter (e.g. *to\_csv()*).

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**get\_coords\_valid\_obs()**

Get latitude / longitude coordinates where obsdata is available

**Returns**

- *list* – latitude coordinates
- *list* – longitude coordinates

**get\_country\_codes()**

Get country names and codes for all locations contained in these data

**Raises***MetaDataError* – if no country information is available**Returns**

dictionary of unique country names (keys) and corresponding country codes (values)

**Return type***dict***static get\_meta\_from\_filename(file\_path)**

Get meta information from file name

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**Note:** This does not yet include IDs of model and obs data as these should be included in the data anyways (e.g. column names in CSV file) and may include the delimiter \_ in their name.

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**Returns**

dictionary with meta information

**Return type***dict*

**get\_meta\_item**(key: *str*)

Get metadata value

**Parameters**

**key** (*str*) – meta item key.

**Raises**

**AttributeError** – If key is not available.

**Returns**

value of metadata.

**Return type**

object

**get\_regional\_timeseries**(region\_id, \*\*filter\_kwargs)

Compute regional timeseries both for model and obs

**Parameters**

- **region\_id** (*str*) – name of region for which regional timeseries is supposed to be retrieved
- **\*\*filter\_kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to [filter\\_region\(\)](#).

**Returns**

dictionary containing regional timeseries for model (key *mod*) and obsdata (key *obs*) and name of region.

**Return type**

dict

**get\_time\_resampling\_settings**()

Returns a dictionary with relevant settings for temporal resampling

**Return type**

dict

**property has\_latlon\_dims**

Boolean specifying whether data has latitude and longitude dimensions

**property has\_time\_dim**

Boolean specifying whether data has a time dimension

**property lat\_range**

Latitude range covered by this data object

**property latitude**

Array of latitude coordinates

**property lon\_range**

Longitude range covered by this data object

**property longitude**

Array of longitude coordinates

**max**()

Wrapper for `xarray.DataArray.max()` called from [data](#)

**Returns**

maximum of data



**Return type**`xarray.DataArray`**property metadata**Meta data dictionary (wrapper to `data.attrs`)**min()**Wrapper for `xarray.DataArray.min()` called from `data`**Returns**

minimum of data

**Return type**`xarray.DataArray`**model\_computed\_fields:** `ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {}`A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding *ComputedFieldInfo* objects.**model\_config:** `ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {'arbitrary_types_allowed': True, 'extra': 'allow', 'protected_namespaces': (), 'validate_assignment': True}`Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to *[ConfigDict][pydantic.config.ConfigDict]*.**model\_fields:** `ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'data': FieldInfo(annotation=Union[Path, str, DataArray, ndarray, NoneType], required=False, default=None)}`Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to *[FieldInfo][pydantic.fields.FieldInfo]*.This replaces *Model.\_\_fields\_\_* from Pydantic V1.**property model\_name****property ndim**

Dimension of data array

**property num\_coords**

Total number of lat/lon coordinate pairs

**property num\_coords\_with\_data**

Number of lat/lon coordinate pairs that contain at least one datapoint

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**Note:** Occurrence of valid data is only checked for obsdata (first index in `data_source` dimension).

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**property obs\_name****open(file\_path)**

High level helper for reading from supported file sources

**Parameters****file\_path** (*str*) – file path**plot\_coordinates** (*marker='x', markersize=12, fontsize\_base=10, \*\*kwargs*)

Plot station coordinates

Uses `pyaerocom.plot.plotcoordinates.plot_coordinates()`.**Parameters**

- **marker** (*str*, optional) – matplotlib marker name used to plot site locations. The default is 'x'.
- **markersize** (*int*, optional) – Size of site markers. The default is 12.
- **fontsize\_base** (*int*, optional) – Basic fontsize. The default is 10.
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to `pyaerocom.plot.plotcoordinates.plot_coordinates()`

**Return type**

matplotlib.axes.Axes

**plot\_scatter**(\*\*kwargs)

Create scatter plot of data

**Parameters****\*\*kwargs** – keyword args passed to `pyaerocom.plot.plotscluster.plot_scatter()`**Returns**

matplotlib axes instance

**Return type**

Axes

**read\_netcdf**(*file\_path*)

Read data from NetCDF file

**Parameters****file\_path** (*str*) – file path**rename\_variable**(*var\_name*, *new\_var\_name*, *data\_source*, *inplace=True*)

Rename a variable in this object

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – current variable name
- **new\_var\_name** (*str*) – new variable name
- **data\_source** (*str*) – name of data source (along data\_source dimension)
- **inplace** (*bool*) – replace here or create new instance

**Returns**

instance with renamed variable

**Return type***ColocatedData***Raises**

- **VarNotAvailableError** – if input variable is not available in this object
- **DataSourceError** – if input data\_source is not available in this object

**resample\_time**(*to\_ts\_type*, *how=None*, *min\_num\_obs=None*, *colocate\_time=False*, *settings\_from\_meta=False*, *inplace=False*, \*\*kwargs)

Resample time dimension

The temporal resampling is done using TimeResampler

**Parameters**

- **to\_ts\_type** (*str*) – desired output frequency.

- **how** (*str* or *dict*, *optional*) – aggregator used for resampling (e.g. max, min, mean, median). Can also be hierarchical scheme via *dict*, similar to *min\_num\_obs*. The default is None.
- **min\_num\_obs** (*int* or *dict*, *optional*) – Minimum number of observations required to resample from current frequency (*ts\_type*) to desired output frequency.
- **colocate\_time** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, the modeldata is invalidated where obs is NaN, before resampling. The default is False (updated in v0.11.0, before was True).
- **settings\_from\_meta** (*bool*) – if True, then input args *how*, *min\_num\_obs* and *colocate\_time* are ignored and instead the corresponding values set in *metadata* are used. Defaults to False.
- **inplace** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, modify this object directly, else make a copy and resample that one. The default is False (updated in v0.11.0, before was True).
- **\*\*kwargs** – Additional keyword args passed to `TimeResampler.resample()`.

**Returns**

Resampled colocated data object.

**Return type**

*ColocatedData*

**property savename\_aerocom**

Default save name for data object following AeroCom convention

**set\_zeros\_nan**(*inplace=True*)

Replace all 0's with NaN in data

**Parameters**

**inplace** (*bool*) – Whether to modify this object or a copy. The default is True.

**Returns**

**cd** – modified data object

**Return type**

*ColocatedData*

**property shape**

Shape of data array

**stack**(*inplace=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Stack one or more dimensions

For details see `xarray.DataArray.stack()`.

**Parameters**

- **inplace** (*bool*) – modify this object or a copy.
- **\*\*kwargs** – input arguments passed to `DataArray.stack()`

**Returns**

stacked data object

**Return type**

*ColocatedData*

**property start**

Start datetime of data

**property start\_str**

Start date of data as str with format YYYYMMDD

**Type**

str

**property stop**

Stop datetime of data

**property stop\_str**

Stop date of data as str with format YYYYMMDD

**Type**

str

**property time**

Array containing time stamps

**to\_csv(out\_dir, savename=None)**

Save data object as .csv file

Converts data to pandas.DataFrame and then saves as csv

**Parameters**

- **out\_dir** (str) – output directory
- **savename** (str, optional) – name of file, if None, the default save name is used (cf. [savename\\_aerocom](#))

**to\_dataframe()**

Convert this object into pandas.DataFrame

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**Note:** This does not include meta information

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**to\_netcdf(out\_dir, savename=None, \*\*kwargs)**

Save data object as NetCDF file

Wrapper for method `xarray.DataArray.to_netcdf()`

**Parameters**

- **out\_dir** (str) – output directory
- **savename** (str, optional) – name of file, if None, the default save name is used (cf. [savename\\_aerocom](#))
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional, optional keyword arguments passed to `xarray.DataArray.to_netcdf()`

**Returns**

file path of stored object.

**Return type**

str

**property ts\_type**

String specifying temporal resolution of data

**property units**

Unit of data

**property unitstr**

String representation of obs and model units in this object

**unstack**(*inplace=False, \*\*kwargs*)

Unstack one or more dimensions

For details see `xarray.DataArray.unstack()`.

**Parameters**

- **inplace** (*bool*) – modify this object or a copy.
- **\*\*kwargs** – input arguments passed to `DataArray.unstack()`

**Returns**

unstacked data object

**Return type**

*ColocatedData*

**validate\_data()****property var\_name**

Coordinate array containing data sources (z-axis)

`pyaerocom.colocateddata.ensure_correct_dimensions(data: ndarray | DataArray)`

Ensure the dimensions on either a numpy array or xarray passed to `ColocatedData`. If a `ColocatedData` object is created outside of `pyaerocom`, this checking is needed. This function is used as part of the model validator.

## 4.2.4 Station data

**class** `pyaerocom.stationdata.StationData(**meta_info)`

Dict-like base class for single station data

ToDo: write more detailed introduction

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**Note:** Variable data (e.g. numpy array or pandas Series) can be directly assigned to the object. When assigning variable data it is recommended to add variable metadata (e.g. unit, ts\_type) in `var_info`, where key is variable name and value is dict with metadata entries.

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**dtype**

list / array containing time index values

**Type**

*list*

**var\_info**

dictionary containing information about each variable

**Type**

*dict*

**data\_err**

dictionary that may be used to store uncertainty timeseries or data arrays associated with the different variable data.

**Type**

*dict*

**overlap**

dictionary that may be filled to store overlapping timeseries data associated with one variable. This is, for instance, used in [merge\\_vardata\(\)](#) to store overlapping data from another station.

Type  
dict

PROTECTED\_KEYS = ['datetime', 'var\_info', 'station\_coords', 'data\_err', 'overlap', 'numobs', 'data\_flagged']

Keys that are ignored when accessing metadata

STANDARD\_COORD\_KEYS = ['latitude', 'longitude', 'altitude']

List of keys that specify standard metadata attribute names. This is used e.g. in [get\\_meta\(\)](#)

STANDARD\_META\_KEYS = ['filename', 'station\_id', 'station\_name', 'instrument\_name', 'PI', 'country', 'country\_code', 'ts\_type', 'latitude', 'longitude', 'altitude', 'data\_id', 'dataset\_name', 'data\_product', 'data\_version', 'data\_level', 'framework', 'instr\_vert\_loc', 'revision\_date', 'website', 'ts\_type\_src', 'stat\_merge\_pref\_attr']

VALID\_TS\_TYPES = ['minutely', 'hourly', 'daily', 'weekly', 'monthly', 'yearly', 'native']

calc\_climatology(*var\_name*, *start=None*, *stop=None*, *min\_num\_obs=None*, *clim\_mincount=None*, *clim\_freq=None*, *set\_year=None*, *resample\_how=None*)

Calculate climatological timeseries for input variable

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of data variable
- **start** – start time of data used to compute climatology
- **stop** – start time of data used to compute climatology
- **min\_num\_obs** (*dict or int, optional*) – minimum number of observations required per period (when downsampling). For details see [pyaerocom.time\\_resampler.TimeResampler.resample\(\)](#)
- **clim\_mincount** (*int, optional*) – minimum number of of monthly values required per month of climatology
- **set\_year** (*int, optional*) – if specified, the output data will be assigned the input year. Else the middle year of the climatological interval is used.
- **resample\_how** (*str*) – how should the resampled data be averaged (e.g. mean, median)
- **\*\*kwargs** – Additional keyword args passed to [pyaerocom.time\\_resampler.TimeResampler.resample\(\)](#)

**Returns**

new instance of StationData containing climatological data

**Return type**

[StationData](#)

**check\_datetime()**

Checks if datetime attribute is array or list

**check\_if\_3d(var\_name)**

Checks if altitude data is available in this object

**check\_unit**(*var\_name*, *unit=None*)

Check if variable unit corresponds to a certain unit

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name for which unit is to be checked
- **unit** (*str*, optional) – unit to be checked, if None, AeroCom default unit is used

**Raises**

- **MetaDataError** – if unit information is not accessible for input variable name
- **UnitConversionError** – if current unit cannot be converted into specified unit (e.g. 1 vs m-1)
- **DataUnitError** – if current unit is not equal to input unit but can be converted (e.g. 1/Mm vs 1/m)

**check\_var\_unit\_aerocom**(*var\_name*)

Check if unit of input variable is AeroCom default, if not, convert

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable

**Raises**

- **MetaDataError** – if unit information is not accessible for input variable name
- **UnitConversionError** – if current unit cannot be converted into specified unit (e.g. 1 vs m-1)
- **DataUnitError** – if current unit is not equal to AeroCom default and cannot be converted.

**convert\_unit**(*var\_name*, *to\_unit*)

Try to convert unit of data

Requires that unit of input variable is available in *var\_info*

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable
- **to\_unit** (*str*) – new unit

**Raises**

- **MetaDataError** – if variable unit cannot be accessed
- **UnitConversionError** – if conversion failed

**copy**()

**property default\_vert\_grid**

AeroCom default grid for vertical regridding

For details, see DEFAULT\_VERT\_GRID\_DEF in Config

**Returns**

numpy array specifying default coordinates

**Return type**

ndarray

**dist\_other**(*other*)

Distance to other station in km

**Parameters**

**other** ([StationData](#)) – other data object

**Returns**

distance between this and other station in km

**Return type**

[float](#)

**get\_meta**(*force\_single\_value=True, quality\_check=True, add\_none\_vals=False, add\_meta\_keys=None*)

Return meta-data as dictionary

By default, only default metadata keys are considered, use parameter *add\_meta\_keys* to add additional metadata.

**Parameters**

- **force\_single\_value** ([bool](#)) – if True, then each meta value that is list or array, is converted to a single value.
- **quality\_check** ([bool](#)) – if True, and coordinate values are lists or arrays, then the standard deviation in the values is compared to the upper limits allowed in the local variation. The upper limits are specified in attr. `COORD_MAX_VAR`.
- **add\_none\_vals** ([bool](#)) – Add metadata keys which have value set to None.
- **add\_meta\_keys** ([str](#) or [list](#), *optional*) – Add none-standard metadata.

**Returns**

dictionary containing the retrieved meta-data

**Return type**

[dict](#)

**Raises**

- **AttributeError** – if one of the meta entries is invalid
- **MetadataError** – in case of inconsistencies in meta data between individual time-stamps

**get\_station\_coords**(*force\_single\_value=True*)

Return coordinates as dictionary

This method uses the standard coordinate names defined in [STANDARD\\_COORD\\_KEYS](#) (latitude, longitude and altitude) to get the station coordinates. For each of these parameters it first looks in `station_coords` if the parameter is defined (i.e. it is not None) and if not it checks if this object has an attribute that has this name and uses that one.

**Parameters**

**force\_single\_value** ([bool](#)) – if True and coordinate values are lists or arrays, then they are collapsed to single value using mean

**Returns**

dictionary containing the retrieved coordinates

**Return type**

[dict](#)

**Raises**

- **AttributeError** – if one of the coordinate values is invalid



- ***CoordinateError*** – if local variation in either of the three spatial coordinates is found too large

**get\_unit**(*var\_name*)

Get unit of variable data

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable

**Returns**

unit of variable

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

***MetaDataError*** – if unit cannot be accessed for variable

**get\_var\_ts\_type**(*var\_name*, *try\_infer=True*)

Get ts\_type for a certain variable

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**Note:** Converts to ts\_type string if assigned ts\_type is in pandas format

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**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – data variable name for which the ts\_type is supposed to be retrieved
- **try\_infer** (*bool*) – if ts\_type is not available, try inferring it from data

**Returns**

the corresponding data time resolution

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

***MetaDataError*** – if no metadata is available for this variable (e.g. if *var\_name* cannot be found in *var\_info*)

**has\_var**(*var\_name*)

Checks if input variable is available in data object

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable

**Returns**

True, if variable data is available, else False

**Return type**

*bool*

**insert\_nans\_timeseries**(*var\_name*)

Fill up missing values with NaNs in an existing time series

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**Note:** This method does a resample of the data onto a regular grid. Thus, if the input *ts\_type* is different from the actual current *ts\_type* of the data, this method will not only insert NaNs but at the same.

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**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name
- **inplace** (*bool*) – if True, the actual data in this object will be overwritten with the new data that contains NaNs

**Returns**

the modified station data object

**Return type**

*StationData*

**merge\_meta\_same\_station**(*other*, *coord\_tol\_km=None*, *check\_coords=True*, *inplace=True*,  
*add\_meta\_keys=None*, *raise\_on\_error=False*)

Merge meta information from other object

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**Note:** Coordinate attributes (latitude, longitude and altitude) are not copied as they are required to be the same in both stations. The latter can be checked and ensured using input argument `check_coords`

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**Parameters**

- **other** (*StationData*) – other data object
- **coord\_tol\_km** (*float*) – maximum distance in km between coordinates of input *StationData* object and self. Only relevant if `check_coords` is True. If None, then `_COORD_MAX_VAR` is used which is defined in the class header.
- **check\_coords** (*bool*) – if True, the coordinates are compared and checked if they are lying within a certain distance to each other (cf. `coord_tol_km`).
- **inplace** (*bool*) – if True, the metadata from the other station is added to the metadata of this station, else, a new station is returned with the merged attributes.
- **add\_meta\_keys** (*str or list, optional*) – additional non-standard metadata keys that are supposed to be considered for merging.
- **raise\_on\_error** (*bool*) – if True, then an Exception will be raised in case one of the metadata items cannot be merged, which is most often due to unresolvable type differences of metadata values between the two objects

**merge\_other**(*other*, *var\_name*, *add\_meta\_keys=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Merge other station data object

**Parameters**

- **other** (*StationData*) – other data object
- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name for which info is to be merged (needs to be both available in this object and the provided other object)
- **add\_meta\_keys** (*str or list, optional*) – additional non-standard metadata keys that are supposed to be considered for merging.
- **kwargs** – keyword args passed on to *merge\_vardata()* (e.g time resampling settings)

**Returns**

this object that has merged the other station

**Return type**

*StationData*

**merge vardata**(*other*, *var\_name*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Merge variable data from other object into this object

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**Note:** This merges also the information about this variable in the dict *var\_info*. It is required, that variable meta-info is specified in both StationData objects.

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**Note:** This method removes NaN's from the existing time series in the data objects. In order to fill up the time-series with NaNs again after merging, call *insert\_nans\_timeseries()*

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#### Parameters

- **other** (*StationData*) – other data object
- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name for which info is to be merged (needs to be both available in this object and the provided other object)
- **kwargs** – keyword args passed on to *\_merge\_vardata\_2d()*

#### Returns

this object merged with other object

#### Return type

*StationData*

**merge varinfo**(*other*, *var\_name*)

Merge variable specific meta information from other object

#### Parameters

- **other** (*StationData*) – other data object
- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name for which info is to be merged (needs to be both available in this object and the provided other object)

**plot timeseries**(*var\_name*, *add\_overlaps=False*, *legend=True*, *tit=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Plot timeseries for variable

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**Note:** If you set input arg *add\_overlaps* = *True* the overlapping timeseries data - if it exists - will be plotted on top of the actual timeseries using red colour and dashed line. As the overlapping data may be identical with the actual data, you might want to increase the line width of the actual timeseries using an additional input argument *lw=4*, or similar.

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#### Parameters

- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable (e.g. “od550aer”)
- **add\_overlaps** (*bool*) – if *True* and if overlapping data exists for this variable, it will be added to the plot.
- **tit** (*str*, optional) – title of plot, if *None*, default title is used
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to matplotlib plot method

#### Returns

matplotlib.axes instance of plot

**Return type**

axes

**Raises**

- **KeyError** – if variable key does not exist in this dictionary
- **ValueError** – if length of data array does not equal the length of the time array

**remove\_outliers**(*var\_name*, *low=None*, *high=None*, *check\_unit=True*)

Remove outliers from one of the variable timeseries

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name
- **low** (*float*) – lower end of valid range for input variable. If None, then the corresponding value from the default settings for this variable are used (cf. minimum attribute of [available variables](#))
- **high** (*float*) – upper end of valid range for input variable. If None, then the corresponding value from the default settings for this variable are used (cf. maximum attribute of [available variables](#))
- **check\_unit** (*bool*) – if True, the unit of the data is checked against AeroCom default

**remove\_variable**(*var\_name*)

Remove variable data

**Parameters****var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable that is to be removed**Returns**

current instance of this object, with data removed

**Return type***StationData***Raises****VarNotAvailableError** – if the input variable is not available in this object**resample\_time**(*var\_name*, *ts\_type*, *how=None*, *min\_num\_obs=None*, *inplace=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Resample one of the time-series in this object

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of data variable
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – new frequency string (can be pyaerocom ts\_type or valid pandas frequency string)
- **how** (*str*) – how should the resampled data be averaged (e.g. mean, median)
- **min\_num\_obs** (*dict or int, optional*) – minimum number of observations required per period (when downsampling). For details see [pyaerocom.time\\_resampler.TimeResampler.resample\(\)](#)
- **inplace** (*bool*) – if True, then the current data object stored in self, will be overwritten with the resampled time-series
- **\*\*kwargs** – Additional keyword args passed to [pyaerocom.time\\_resampler.TimeResampler.resample\(\)](#)

**Returns**

with resampled variable timeseries

**Return type**

*StationData*

**resample\_timeseries**(*var\_name*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Wrapper for *resample\_time()* (for backwards compatibility)

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**Note:** For backwards compatibility, this method will return a pandas Series instead of the actual Station-Data object

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**same\_coords**(*other*, *tol\_km=None*)

Compare station coordinates of other station with this station

**Parameters**

- **other** (*StationData*) – other data object
- **tol\_km** (*float*) – distance tolerance in km

**Returns**

if True, then the two object are located within the specified tolerance range

**Return type**

*bool*

**select\_altitude**(*var\_name*, *altitudes*)

Extract variable data within certain altitude range

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**Note:** Beta version

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**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable for which metadata is supposed to be extracted
- **altitudes** (*list*) – altitude range in m, e.g. [0, 1000]

**Returns**

data object within input altitude range

**Return type**

pandas. Series or *xarray.DataArray*

**to\_timeseries**(*var\_name*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get pandas.Series object for one of the data columns

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable (e.g. “od550aer”)

**Returns**

time series object

**Return type**

Series

**Raises**

- **KeyError** – if variable key does not exist in this dictionary

- **ValueError** – if length of data array does not equal the length of the time array

**property units**

Dictionary containing units of all variables in this object

**property vars\_available**

Number of variables available in this data object

## 4.2.5 Other data classes

```
class pyaerocom.vertical_profile.VerticalProfile(data: _SupportsArray[dtype[Any]] |  
_NestedSequence[_SupportsArray[dtype[Any]]] |  
bool | int | float | complex | str | bytes |  
_NestedSequence[bool | int | float | complex | str |  
bytes], altitude: _SupportsArray[dtype[Any]] |  
_NestedSequence[_SupportsArray[dtype[Any]]] |  
bool | int | float | complex | str | bytes |  
_NestedSequence[bool | int | float | complex | str |  
bytes], dttime, var_name: str, data_err:  
_SupportsArray[dtype[Any]] |  
_NestedSequence[_SupportsArray[dtype[Any]]] |  
bool | int | float | complex | str | bytes |  
_NestedSequence[bool | int | float | complex | str |  
bytes] | None, var_unit: str, altitude_unit: str)
```

Object representing single variable profile data

**property altitude**

Array containing altitude values corresponding to data

**property data**

Array containing data values corresponding to data

**property data\_err**

Array containing data values corresponding to data

```
plot(plot_errs=True, whole_alt_range=False, rot_xlabels=30, errs_shaded=True, errs_alpha=0.1,  
add_vertbar_zero=True, figsize=None, ax=None, **kwargs)
```

Simple plot method for vertical profile

## 4.3 Co-location routines

### 4.3.1 High-level co-location engine

Classes and methods to perform high-level colocation.

```
class pyaerocom.colocation_auto.ColocationSetup(model_id=None, obs_config: PyaroConfig | None =  
None, obs_id=None, obs_vars=None, ts_type=None,  
start=None, stop=None, basedir_coldata=None,  
save_coldata=False, **kwargs)
```

Setup class for high-level model / obs co-location.

An instance of this setup class can be used to run a colocation analysis between a model and an observation network and will create a number of `pya.ColocatedData` instances, which can be saved automatically as NetCDF files.

Apart from co-location, this class also handles reading of the input data for co-location. Supported co-location options are:

1. gridded vs. ungridded data For instance 3D model data (instance of `GriddedData`) with lat, lon and time dimension that is co-located with station based observations which are represented in pyaerocom through `UngriddedData` objects. The co-location function used is `pyaerocom.colocation.colocated_gridded_ungridded()`. For this type of co-location, the output co-located data object will be 3-dimensional, with dimensions *data\_source* (index 0: obs, index 1: model), *time* and *station\_name*.
2. gridded vs. gridded data For instance 3D model data that is co-located with 3D satellite data (both instances of `GriddedData`), both objects with lat, lon and time dimensions. The co-location function used is `pyaerocom.colocation.colocated_gridded_gridded()`. For this type of co-location, the output co-located data object will be 4-dimensional, with dimensions *data\_source* (index 0: obs, index 1: model), *time* and *latitude* and *longitude*.

#### **model\_id**

ID of model to be used.

##### **Type**

str

#### **obs\_config**

In the case Pyaro is used, a config must be provided. In that case `obs_id`(see below) is ignored and only the config is used.

##### **Type**

PyaroConfig

#### **obs\_id**

ID of observation network to be used.

##### **Type**

str

#### **obs\_vars**

Variables to be analysed (need to be available in input obs dataset). Variables that are not available in the model data output will be skipped. Alternatively, model variables to be used for a given obs variable can also be specified via attributes `model_use_vars` and `model_add_vars`.

##### **Type**

list

#### **ts\_type**

String specifying colocation output frequency.

##### **Type**

str

#### **start**

Start time of colocation. Input can be integer denoting the year or anything that can be converted into `pandas.Timestamp` using `pyaerocom.helpers.to_pandas_timestamp()`. If None, than the first available date in the model data is used.

#### **stop**

stop time of colocation. int or anything that can be converted into `pandas.Timestamp` using `pyaerocom.helpers.to_pandas_timestamp()` or None. If None and if `start` is on resolution of year (e.g.

start=2010) then stop will be automatically set to the end of that year. Else, it will be set to the last available timestamp in the model data.

**filter\_name**

name of filter to be applied. If None, no filter is used (to be precise, if None, then

`pyaerocom.const.DEFAULT_REG_FILTER` is used which should default to *ALL-wMOUNTAINS*, that is, no filtering).

**Type**

str

**basedir\_coldata**

Base directory for storing of colocated data files.

**Type**

str

**save\_coldata**

if True, colocated data objects are saved as NetCDF file.

**Type**

bool

**obs\_name**

if provided, this string will be used in colocated data filename to specify obsnetwork, else obs\_id will be used.

**Type**

str, optional

**obs\_data\_dir**

location of obs data. If None, attempt to infer obs location based on obs ID.

**Type**

str, optional

**obs\_use\_climatology**

BETA if True, pyaerocom default climatology is computed from observation stations (so far only possible for ungridded / gridded colocation).

**Type**

bool

**obs\_vert\_type**

AeroCom vertical code encoded in the model filenames (only AeroCom 3 and later). Specifies which model file should be read in case there are multiple options (e.g. surface level data can be read from a *Surface.nc* file as well as from a *ModelLevel.nc* file). If input is string (e.g. 'Surface'), then the corresponding vertical type code is used for reading of all variables that are colocated (i.e. that are specified in *obs\_vars*).

**Type**

str

**obs\_ts\_type\_read**

may be specified to explicitly define the reading frequency of the observation data (so far, this does only apply to gridded obsdata such as satellites), either as str (same for all obs variables) or variable specific as dict. For ungridded reading, the frequency may be specified via *obs\_id*, where applicable (e.g. Aeronet-SunV3Lev2.daily). Not to be confused with *ts\_type*, which specifies the frequency used for colocation. Can be specified variable specific in form of dictionary.



**Type**

str or dict, optional

**obs\_filters**

filters applied to the observational dataset before co-location. In case of gridded / gridded, these are filters that can be passed to `pyaerocom.io.ReadGridded.read_var()`, for instance, *flex\_ts\_type*, or *constraints*. In case the obsdata is ungridded (gridded / ungridded co-locations) these are filters that are handled through keyword *filter\_post* in `pyaerocom.io.ReadUngridded.read()`. These filters are applied to the `UngriddedData` objects after reading and caching the data, so changing them, will not invalidate the latest cache of the `UngriddedData`.

**Type**

dict

**read\_opts\_ungridded**

dictionary that specifies reading constraints for ungridded reading, and are passed as *\*\*kwargs* to `pyaerocom.io.ReadUngridded.read()`. Note that - other than for *obs\_filters* these filters are applied during the reading of the `UngriddedData` objects and specifying them will deactivate caching.

**Type**

dict, optional

**model\_name**

if provided, this string will be used in colocated data filename to specify model, else *obs\_id* will be used.

**Type**

str, optional

**model\_data\_dir**

Location of model data. If None, attempt to infer model location based on model ID.

**Type**

str, optional

**model\_read\_opts**

options for model reading (passed as keyword args to `pyaerocom.io.ReadUngridded.read()`).

**Type**

dict, optional

**model\_use\_vars**

dictionary that specifies mapping of model variables. Keys are observation variables, values are the corresponding model variables (e.g. `model_use_vars=dict(od550aer='od550csaer')`). Example: your observation has var *od550aer* but your model model uses a different variable name for that variable, say *od550*. Then, you can specify this via `model_use_vars = {'od550aer' : 'od550'}`. NOTE: in this case, a model variable *od550aer* will be ignored, even if it exists (cf [model\\_add\\_vars](#)).

**Type**

dict, optional

**model\_rename\_vars**

rename certain model variables **after** co-location, before storing the associated `ColocatedData` object on disk. Keys are model variables, values are new names (e.g. `model_rename_vars={'od550aer': 'MyAOD'}`). Note: this does not impact which variables are read from the model.

**Type**

dict, optional

**model\_add\_vars**

additional model variables to be processed for one obs variable. E.g. `model_add_vars={'od550aer': ['od550so4', 'od550gt1aer']}` would co-locate both model SO4 AOD (od550so4) and model coarse mode AOD (od550gt1aer) with total AOD (od550aer) from obs (in addition to od550aer vs od550aer if applicable).

**Type**

dict, optional

**model\_to\_stp**

ALPHA (please do not use): convert model data values to STP conditions after co-location. Note: this only works for very particular settings at the moment and needs revision, as it relies on access to meteorological data.

**Type**

bool

**model\_ts\_type\_read**

may be specified to explicitly define the reading frequency of the model data, either as str (same for all obs variables) or variable specific as dict. Not to be confused with `ts_type`, which specifies the output frequency of the co-located data.

**Type**

str or dict, optional

**model\_read\_aux**

may be used to specify additional computation methods of variables from models. Keys are variables to be computed, values are dictionaries with keys `vars_required` (list of required variables for computation of var and `fun` (method that takes list of read data objects and computes and returns var).

**Type**

dict, optional

**model\_use\_climatology**

if True, attempt to use climatological model data field. Note: this only works if model data is in AeroCom conventions (climatological fields are indicated with 9999 as year in the filename) and if this is active, only single year analysis are supported (i.e. provide int to `start` to specify the year and leave `stop` empty).

**Type**

bool

**gridded\_reader\_id**

BETA: dictionary specifying which gridded reader is supposed to be used for model (and gridded obs) reading. Note: this is a workaround solution and will likely be removed in the future when the gridded reading API is more harmonised (see <https://github.com/metno/pyaerocom/issues/174>).

**Type**

dict

**flex\_ts\_type**

Bboolean specifying whether reading frequency of gridded data is allowed to be flexible. This includes all gridded data, whether it is model or gridded observation (e.g. satellites). Defaults to True.

**Type**

bool

**min\_num\_obs**

time resampling constraints applied, defaults to None, in which case no constraints are applied. For instance, say your input is in daily resolution and you want output in monthly and you want to make sure to have

roughly 50% daily coverage for the monthly averages. Then you may specify `min_num_obs=15` which will ensure that at least 15 daily averages are available to compute a monthly average. However, you may also define a hierarchical scheme that first goes from daily to weekly and then from weekly to monthly, via a dict. E.g. `min_num_obs=dict(monthly=dict(weekly=4), weekly=dict(daily=3))` would ensure that each week has at least 3 daily values, as well as that each month has at least 4 weekly values.

**Type**

dict or int, optional

**resample\_how**

string specifying how data should be aggregated when resampling in time. Default is “mean”. Can also be a nested dictionary, e.g. `resample_how={'conco3': 'daily': {'hourly': 'max'}}` would use the maximum value to aggregate from hourly to daily for variable conco3, rather than the mean.

**Type**

str or dict, optional

**obs\_remove\_outliers**

if True, outliers are removed from obs data before colocation, else not. Default is False. Custom outlier ranges for each variable can be specified via `obs_outlier_ranges`, and for all other variables, the pyaerocom default outlier ranges are used. The latter are specified in `variables.ini` file via `minimum` and `maximum` attributes and can also be accessed through `pyaerocom.variable.Variable.minimum` and `pyaerocom.variable.Variable.maximum`, respectively.

**Type**

bool

**model\_remove\_outliers**

if True, outliers are removed from model data (normally this should be set to False, as the models are supposed to be assessed, including outlier cases). Default is False. Custom outlier ranges for each variable can be specified via `model_outlier_ranges`, and for all other variables, the pyaerocom default outlier ranges are used. The latter are specified in `variables.ini` file via `minimum` and `maximum` attributes and can also be accessed through `pyaerocom.variable.Variable.minimum` and `pyaerocom.variable.Variable.maximum`, respectively.

**Type**

bool

**obs\_outlier\_ranges**

dictionary specifying outlier ranges for individual obs variables. (e.g. `dict(od550aer = [-0.05, 10], ang4487aer=[0,4])`). Only relevant if `obs_remove_outliers` is True.

**Type**

dict, optional

**model\_outlier\_ranges**

like `obs_outlier_ranges` but for model variables. Only relevant if `model_remove_outliers` is True.

**Type**

dict, optional

**zeros\_to\_nan**

If True, zero's in output co-located data object will be converted to NaN. Default is False.

**Type**

bool

**harmonise\_units**

if True, units are attempted to be harmonised during co-location (note: raises Exception if True and in case units cannot be harmonised).

**Type**`bool`**regrid\_res\_deg**

resolution in degrees for regridding of model grid (done before co-location). Default is None.

**Type**`int, optional`**colocate\_time**

if True and if obs and model sampling frequency (e.g. daily) are higher than output colocation frequency (e.g. monthly), then the datasets are first colocated in time (e.g. on a daily basis), before the monthly averages are calculated. Default is False.

**Type**`bool`**reanalyse\_existing**

if True, always redo co-location, even if there is already an existing co-located NetCDF file (under the output location specified by `basedir_coldata`) for the given variable combination to be co-located. If False and output already exists, then co-location is skipped for the associated variable. Default is True.

**Type**`bool`**raise\_exceptions**

if True, Exceptions that may occur for individual variables to be processed, are raised, else the analysis is skipped for such cases.

**Type**`bool`**keep\_data**

if True, then all colocated data objects computed when running `run()` will be stored in data. Defaults to True.

**Type**`bool`**add\_meta**

additional metadata that is supposed to be added to each output ColocatedData object.

**Type**`dict`**CRASH\_ON\_INVALID = False**

do not raise Exception if invalid item is attempted to be assigned (Overwritten from base class)

**OBS\_VERT\_TYPES\_ALT = {'2D': '2D', 'Surface': 'ModelLevel'}**

Dictionary specifying alternative vertical types that may be used to read model data. E.g. consider the variable is `ec550aer`, `obs_vert_type='Surface'` and `obs_vert_type_alt=dict(Surface='ModelLevel')`. Now, if a model that is used for the analysis does not contain a data file for `ec550aer` at the surface (`'ec550aer*Surface.nc'`), then, the colocation routine will look for `'ec550aer*ModelLevel.nc'` and if this exists, it will load it and extract the surface level.

**add\_glob\_meta(\*\*kwargs)**

Add global metadata to `add_meta`

**Parameters**

**kwargs** – metadata to be added

**Return type**

None

**property basedir\_logfiles**

Base directory for storing logfiles

**class** pyaerocom.colocation\_auto.Colocator(\*\*kwargs)

High level class for running co-location

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**Note:** This object inherits from *ColocationSetup* and is also instantiated as such. For setup attributes, please see base class.

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**get\_model\_name()**

Get name of model

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**Note:** Not to be confused with `model_id` which is always the database ID of the model, while `model_name` can differ from that and is used for output files, etc.

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**Raises***AttributeError* – If neither `model_id` or `model_name` are set**Returns**preferably `model_name`, else `model_id`**Return type**

str

**get\_nc\_files\_in\_coldatadir()**

Get list of NetCDF files in colocated data directory

**Returns**

list of NetCDF file paths found

**Return type**

list

**get\_obs\_name()**

Get name of obsdata source

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**Note:** Not to be confused with `obs_id` which is always the database ID of the observation dataset, while `obs_name` can differ from that and is used for output files, etc.

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**Raises***AttributeError* – If neither `obs_id` or `obs_name` are set**Returns**preferably `obs_name`, else `obs_id`**Return type**

str

**property model\_reader**

Model data reader

**property model\_vars**

List of all model variables specified in config

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**Note:** This method does not check if the variables are valid or available.

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**Returns**

list of all model variables specified in this setup.

**Return type**

list

**property obs\_is\_ungridded**

True if obs\_id refers to an ungridded observation, else False

**Type**

bool

**property obs\_is\_vertical\_profile**

True if obs\_id refers to a VerticalProfile, else False

**Type**

bool

**property obs\_reader**

Observation data reader

**property output\_dir**

Output directory for colocated data NetCDF files

**Type**

str

**prepare\_run**(var\_list: list | None = None) → dict

Prepare colocation run for current setup.

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (str, optional) – Variable name that is supposed to be analysed. The default is None, in which case all defined variables are attempted to be colocated.

**Raises**

**AttributeError** – If no observation variables are defined (obs\_vars empty).

**Returns**

**vars\_to\_process** – Mapping of variables to be processed, keys are model vars, values are obs vars.

**Return type**

dict

**run**(var\_list: list | None = None, \*\*opts)

Perform colocation for current setup

See also [prepare\\_run\(\)](#).

**Parameters**

- **var\_list** (list, optional) – list of variables supposed to be analysed. The default is None, in which case all defined variables are attempted to be colocated.

- **\*\*opts** – keyword args that may be specified to change the current setup before colocation

#### Returns

nested dictionary, where keys are model variables, values are dictionaries comprising key / value pairs of obs variables and associated instances of ColocatedData.

#### Return type

dict

### 4.3.2 Low-level co-location functions

Methods and / or classes to perform colocation

`pyaerocom.colocation.check_time_ival(data, start, stop)`

`pyaerocom.colocation.check_ts_type(data, ts_type)`

`pyaerocom.colocation.colocate_gridded_gridded(data, data_ref, ts_type=None, start=None, stop=None, filter_name=None, regrid_res_deg=None, harmonise_units=True, regrid_scheme='areaweighted', update_baseyear_gridded=None, min_num_obs=None, colocate_time=False, resample_how=None, **kwargs)`

Colocate 2 gridded data objects

#### Parameters

- **data** (`GriddedData`) – gridded data (e.g. model results)
- **data\_ref** (`GriddedData`) – reference data (e.g. gridded satellite object) that is co-located with *data*. observation data or other model)
- **ts\_type** (`str`, *optional*) – desired temporal resolution of output colocated data (e.g. “monthly”). Defaults to None, in which case the highest possible resolution is used.
- **start** (`str` or `datetime64` or *similar*, *optional*) – start time for colocation, if None, the start time of the input `GriddedData` object is used
- **stop** (`str` or `datetime64` or *similar*, *optional*) – stop time for colocation, if None, the stop time of the input `GriddedData` object is used
- **filter\_name** (`str`, *optional*) – string specifying filter used (cf. `pyaerocom.filter.Filter` for details). If None, then it is set to ‘ALL-wMOUNTAINS’, which corresponds to no filtering (world with mountains). Use ALL-noMOUNTAINS to exclude mountain sites.
- **regrid\_res\_deg** (`int` or `dict`, *optional*) – regrid resolution in degrees. If specified, the input gridded data objects will be regridded in lon / lat dimension to the input resolution (if input is integer, both lat and lon are regridded to that resolution, if input is dict, use keys `lat_res_deg` and `lon_res_deg` to specify regrid resolutions, respectively).
- **harmonise\_units** (`bool`) – if True, units are attempted to be harmonised (note: raises Exception if True and units cannot be harmonised). Defaults to True.
- **regrid\_scheme** (`str`) – iris scheme used for regridding (defaults to area weighted regridding)
- **update\_baseyear\_gridded** (`int`, *optional*) – optional input that can be set in order to redefine the time dimension in the first gridded data object `data` to be analysed. E.g., if the data object is a climatology (one year of data) that has set the base year of the time dimension to a value other than the specified input start / stop time this may be used to update the time in order to make co-location possible.

- **min\_num\_obs** (*int* or *dict*, *optional*) – minimum number of observations for resampling of time
- **colocate\_time** (*bool*) – if True and if original time resolution of data is higher than desired time resolution (*ts\_type*), then both datasets are colocated in time *before* resampling to lower resolution.
- **resample\_how** (*str* or *dict*) – string specifying how data should be aggregated when resampling in time. Default is “mean”. Can also be a nested dictionary, e.g. `resample_how={'daily': {'hourly': 'max'}}` would use the maximum value to aggregate from hourly to daily, rather than the mean.
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args (not used here, but included such that factory class can handle different methods with different inputs)

**Returns**

instance of colocated data

**Return type**

*ColocatedData*

```
pyaerocom.colocation.colocate_gridded_ungridded(data, data_ref, ts_type=None, start=None,
                                                  stop=None, filter_name=None,
                                                  regrid_res_deg=None, harmonise_units=True,
                                                  regrid_scheme='areaweighted', var_ref=None,
                                                  update_baseyear_gridded=None,
                                                  min_num_obs=None, colocate_time=False,
                                                  use_climatology_ref=False, resample_how=None,
                                                  **kwargs)
```

Colocate gridded with ungridded data (low level method)

For high-level colocation see [pyaerocom.colocation\\_auto.Colocator](#) and [pyaerocom.colocation\\_auto.ColocationSetup](#)

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**Note:** Uses the variable that is contained in input `GriddedData` object (since these objects only contain a single variable). If this variable is not contained in observation data (or contained but using a different variable name) you may specify the obs variable to be used via input arg *var\_ref*

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**Parameters**

- **data** (*GriddedData*) – gridded data object (e.g. model results).
- **data\_ref** (*UngriddedData*) – ungridded data object (e.g. observations).
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – desired temporal resolution of colocated data (must be valid AeroCom *ts\_type* str such as daily, monthly, yearly.).
- **start** (*str* or *datetime64* or similar, *optional*) – start time for colocation, if None, the start time of the input `GriddedData` object is used.
- **stop** (*str* or *datetime64* or similar, *optional*) – stop time for colocation, if None, the stop time of the input `GriddedData` object is used
- **filter\_name** (*str*) – string specifying filter used (cf. [pyaerocom.filter.Filter](#) for details). If None, then it is set to ‘ALL-wMOUNTAINS’, which corresponds to no filtering (world with mountains). Use ALL-noMOUNTAINS to exclude mountain sites.
- **regrid\_res\_deg** (*int* or *dict*, *optional*) – regrid resolution in degrees. If specified, the input gridded data object will be regridded in lon / lat dimension to the input resolution



(if input is integer, both lat and lon are regridded to that resolution, if input is dict, use keys *lat\_res\_deg* and *lon\_res\_deg* to specify regrid resolutions, respectively).

- **harmonise\_units** (*bool*) – if True, units are attempted to be harmonised (note: raises Exception if True and units cannot be harmonised).
- **var\_ref** (*str*, optional) – variable against which data in arg *data* is supposed to be compared. If None, then the same variable is used (i.e. *data.var\_name*).
- **update\_baseyear\_gridded** (*int*, optional) – optional input that can be set in order to re-define the time dimension in the gridded data object to be analysed. E.g., if the data object is a climatology (one year of data) that has set the base year of the time dimension to a value other than the specified input start / stop time this may be used to update the time in order to make colocation possible.
- **min\_num\_obs** (*int* or *dict*, optional) – minimum number of observations for resampling of time
- **colocate\_time** (*bool*) – if True and if original time resolution of data is higher than desired time resolution (*ts\_type*), then both datasets are colocated in time *before* resampling to lower resolution.
- **use\_climatology\_ref** (*bool*) – if True, climatological timeseries are used from observations
- **resample\_how** (*str* or *dict*) – string specifying how data should be aggregated when resampling in time. Default is “mean”. Can also be a nested dictionary, e.g. `resample_how={'daily': {'hourly': 'max'}}` would use the maximum value to aggregate from hourly to daily, rather than the mean.
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args (passed to `UngriddedData.to_station_data_all()`)

#### Returns

instance of colocated data

#### Return type

*ColocatedData*

#### Raises

- **VarNotAvailableError** – if grid data variable is not available in ungridded data object
- **AttributeError** – if instance of input `UngriddedData` object contains more than one dataset
- **TimeMatchError** – if gridded data time range does not overlap with input time range
- **ColocationError** – if none of the data points in input `UngriddedData` matches the input colocation constraints

`pyaerocom.colocation.correct_model_stp_coldata(coldata, p0=None, t0=273.15, inplace=False)`

Correct modeldata in colocated data object to STP conditions

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**Note:** BETA version, quite unelegant coded (at 8pm 3 weeks before IPCC deadline), but should do the job for 2010 monthly colocated data files (AND NOTHING ELSE)!

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`pyaerocom.colocation.resolve_var_name(data)`

Check variable name of *GriddedData* against AeroCom default

Checks whether the variable name set in the data corresponds to the AeroCom variable name, or whether it is an alias. Returns both the variable name set and the AeroCom variable name.

**Parameters**

**data** (*GriddedData*) – Data to be checked.

**Returns**

- *str* – variable name as set in data (may be alias, but may also be AeroCom variable name, in which case first and second return parameter are the same).
- *str* – corresponding AeroCom variable name

### 4.3.3 Co-locating ungridded observations

```
pyaerocom.combine_vardata_ungridded.combine_vardata_ungridded(data_ids_and_vars,  
                                                                match_stats_how='closest',  
                                                                match_stats_tol_km=1,  
                                                                merge_how='combine',  
                                                                merge_eval_fun=None,  
                                                                var_name_out=None,  
                                                                data_id_out=None,  
                                                                var_unit_out=None,  
                                                                resample_how=None,  
                                                                min_num_obs=None,  
                                                                add_meta_keys=None)
```

Combine and colocate different variables from UngriddedData

This method allows to combine different variable timeseries from different ungridded observation records in multiple ways. The source data may be all included in a single instance of *UngriddedData* or in multiple, for details see first input parameter **:param:`data\_ids\_and\_vars`**. Merging can be done in flexible ways, e.g. by combining measurements of the same variable from 2 different datasets or by computing new variables based on 2 measured variables (e.g. `concox=concono2+conco3`). Doing this requires colocation of site locations and timestamps of both input observation records, which is done in this method.

It comprises 2 major steps:

1. **Compute list of *StationData* objects for both input data combinations (`data_id1` & `var1`; `data_id2` & `var2`) and based on these, find the coincident locations. Finding coincident sites can either be done based on site location name or based on their lat/lon locations.** The method to use can be specified via input arg **:param:`match\_stats\_how`**.
2. **For all coincident locations, a new instance of *StationData* is computed that has merged the 2 timeseries in the way** that can be specified through input args **:param:`merge\_how`** and **:param:`merge\_eval\_fun`**. If the 2 original timeseries from both sites come in different temporal resolutions, they will be resampled to the lower of both resolutions. Resampling constraints that are supposed to be applied in that case can be provided via the respective input args for temporal resampling. Default is pyaerocom default, which corresponds to ~25% coverage constraint (as of 22.10.2020) for major resolution steps, such as daily->monthly.

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**Note:** Currently, only 2 variables can be combined to a new one (e.g. `concox=conco3+concono2`).

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**Note:** Be aware of unit conversion issues that may arise if your input data is not in AeroCom default units. For

details see below.

### Parameters

- **data\_ids\_and\_vars** (*list*) – list of 3 element tuples, each containing, in the following order 1. instance of `UngriddedData`; 2. dataset ID (remember that `UngriddedData` can contain more than one dataset); and 3. variable name. Note that currently only 2 of such tuples can be combined.
- **match\_stats\_how** (*str, optional*) – String specifying how site locations are supposed to be matched. The default is ‘closest’. Supported are ‘closest’ and ‘station\_name’.
- **match\_stats\_tol\_km** (*float, optional*) – radius tolerance in km for matching site locations when using ‘closest’ for site location matching. The default is 1.
- **merge\_how** (*str, optional*) – String specifying how to merge variable data at site locations. The default is ‘combine’. If both input variables are the same and *combine* is used, then the first input variable will be preferred over the other. Supported are ‘combine’, ‘mean’ and ‘eval’, for the latter, *merge\_eval\_fun* needs to be specified explicitly.
- **merge\_eval\_fun** (*str, optional*) – String specifying how *var1* and *var2* data should be evaluated (only relevant if *merge\_how*=‘eval’ is used) . The default is None. E.g. if one wants to retrieve the column aerosol fine mode fraction at 550nm (fmf550aer) through AERONET, this could be done through the SDA product by providing *data\_id1* and *var1* are ‘AeronetSDA’ and ‘od550aer’ and second input *data\_id2* and *var2* are ‘AeronetSDA’ and ‘od550lt1aer’ and *merge\_eval\_fun* could then be ‘fmf550aer=(AeronetSDA;od550lt1aer/AeronetSDA;od550aer)\*100’. Note that the input variables will be converted to their AeroCom default units, so the specification of *merge\_eval\_fun* should take that into account in case the originally read obsdata is not in default units.
- **var\_name\_out** (*str, optional*) – Name of output variable. Default is None, in which case it is attempted to be inferred.
- **data\_id\_out** (*str, optional*) – *data\_id* set in output *StationData* objects. Default is None, in which case it is inferred from input *data\_ids* (e.g. in above example of *merge\_eval\_fun*, the output *data\_id* would be ‘AeronetSDA’ since both input IDs are the same).
- **var\_unit\_out** (*str*) – unit of output variable.
- **resample\_how** (*str, optional*) – String specifying how temporal resampling should be done. The default is ‘mean’.
- **min\_num\_obs** (*int or dict, optional*) – Minimum number of observations for temporal resampling. The default is None in which case `pyaerocom` default is used, which is available via `pyaerocom.const.OBS_MIN_NUM_RESAMPLE`.
- **add\_meta\_keys** (*list, optional*) – additional metadata keys to be added to output *StationData* objects from input data. If None, then only the `pyaerocom` default keys are added (see `StationData.STANDARD_META_KEYS`).

### Raises

- **ValueError** – If input for *merge\_how* or *match\_stats\_how* is invalid.
- **NotImplementedError** – If one of the input `UngriddedData` objects contains more than one dataset.

**Returns**

**merged\_stats** – list of *StationData* objects containing the colocated and combined variable data.

**Return type**

list

## 4.4 Reading of gridded data

Gridded data specifies any dataset that can be represented and stored on a regular grid within a certain domain (e.g. lat, lon time), for instance, model output or level 3 satellite data, stored, for instance, as NetCDF files. In pyaerocom, the underlying data object is *GriddedData* and pyaerocom supports reading of such data for different file naming conventions.

### 4.4.1 Gridded data using AeroCom conventions

```
class pyaerocom.io.readgridded.ReadGridded(data_id=None, data_dir=None,  
                                             file_convention='aerocom3')
```

Class for reading gridded files using AeroCom file conventions

**data\_id**

string ID for model or obsdata network (see e.g. Aerocom interface map plots lower left corner)

**Type**

str

**data**

imported data object

**Type**

*GriddedData*

**data\_dir**

directory containing result files for this model

**Type**

str

**start**

start time for data import

**Type**

pandas.Timestamp

**stop**

stop time for data import

**Type**

pandas.Timestamp

**file\_convention**

class specifying details of the file naming convention for the model

**Type**

*FileConventionRead*

**files**

list containing all filenames that were found. Filled, e.g. in `ReadGridded.get_model_files()`

**Type**

list

**from\_files**

List of all netCDF files that were used to concatenate the current data cube (i.e. that can be based on certain matching settings such as `var_name` or time interval).

**Type**

list

**ts\_types**

list of all sampling frequencies (e.g. hourly, daily, monthly) that were inferred from filenames (based on AeroCom file naming convention) of all files that were found

**Type**

list

**vars**

list containing all variable names (e.g. `od550aer`) that were inferred from filenames based on AeroCom model file naming convention

**Type**

list

**years**

list of available years as inferred from the filenames in the data directory.

**Type**

list

**Parameters**

- **data\_id** (*str*) – string ID of model (e.g. “AATSR\_SU\_v4.3”, “CAM5.3-Oslo\_CTRL2016”)
- **data\_dir** (*str*, *optional*) – directory containing data files. If provided, only this directory is considered for data files, else the input *data\_id* is used to search for the corresponding directory.
- **file\_convention** (*str*) – string ID specifying the file convention of this model (cf. installation file `file_conventions.ini`)
- **init** (*bool*) – if True, the model directory is searched (`search_data_dir()`) on instantiation and if it is found, all valid files for this model are searched using `search_all_files()`.

```
AUX_ADD_ARGS = {'concrpcoxn': {'prlim': 0.0001, 'prlim_set_under': nan,
'prlim_units': 'm d-1', 'ts_type': 'daily'}, 'concrpcoxs': {'prlim': 0.0001,
'prlim_set_under': nan, 'prlim_units': 'm d-1', 'ts_type': 'daily'}, 'concrpcprdn':
{'prlim': 0.0001, 'prlim_set_under': nan, 'prlim_units': 'm d-1', 'ts_type':
'daily'}}
```

Additional arguments passed to computation methods for auxiliary data This is optional and defined per-variable like in `AUX_FUNS`

```
AUX_ALT_VARS = {'ac550dryaer': ['ac550aer'], 'od440aer': ['od443aer'], 'od870aer':
['od865aer']}
```

```
AUX_FUNS = {'ang4487aer': <function compute_angstrom_coeff_cubes>, 'angabs4487aer':
<function compute_angstrom_coeff_cubes>, 'conc*': <function multiply_cubes>,
'concNhno3': <function calc_concNhno3_from_vmr>, 'concNnh3': <function
calc_concNnh3_from_vmr>, 'concNnh4': <function calc_concNnh4>, 'concNno3pm10':
<function calc_concNno3pm10>, 'concNno3pm25': <function calc_concNno3pm25>,
'concNtnh': <function calc_concNtnh>, 'concNtno3': <function calc_concNtno3>,
'concno3': <function add_cubes>, 'concno3pm10': <function calc_concno3pm10>,
'concno3pm25': <function calc_concno3pm25>, 'concox': <function add_cubes>,
'concrpcpxn': <function compute_concrpcp_from_pr_and_wetdep>, 'concrpcpxs':
<function compute_concrpcp_from_pr_and_wetdep>, 'concrpcprdn': <function
compute_concrpcp_from_pr_and_wetdep>, 'concssp10': <function add_cubes>,
'concssp25': <function calc_ssp25>, 'dryoa': <function add_cubes>, 'fmf550aer':
<function divide_cubes>, 'mmr*': <function mmr_from_vmr>, 'od550gt1aer': <function
subtract_cubes>, 'sc550dryaer': <function subtract_cubes>, 'vmrox': <function
add_cubes>, 'wetoa': <function add_cubes>}
```

```
AUX_REQUIRES = {'ang4487aer': ('od440aer', 'od870aer'), 'angabs4487aer':
('abs440aer', 'abs870aer'), 'conc*': ('mmr*', 'rho'), 'concNhno3': ('vmrhno3',),
'concNnh3': ('vmrnh3',), 'concNnh4': ('concnh4',), 'concNno3pm10': ('concno3f',
'concno3c'), 'concNno3pm25': ('concno3f', 'concno3c'), 'concNtnh': ('concnh4',
'vmrnh3'), 'concNtno3': ('concno3f', 'concno3c', 'vmrhno3'), 'concno3': ('concno3c',
'concno3f'), 'concno3pm10': ('concno3f', 'concno3c'), 'concno3pm25': ('concno3f',
'concno3c'), 'concox': ('concno2', 'conco3'), 'concrpcpxn': ('wetoxn', 'pr'),
'concrpcpxs': ('wetoxs', 'pr'), 'concrpcprdn': ('wetrdn', 'pr'), 'concssp10':
('concss25', 'concsscoarse'), 'concssp25': ('concss25', 'concsscoarse'), 'dryoa':
('drypoa', 'drysoa'), 'fmf550aer': ('od550lt1aer', 'od550aer'), 'mmr*': ('vmr*',),
'od550gt1aer': ('od550aer', 'od550lt1aer'), 'rho': ('ts', 'ps'), 'sc550dryaer':
('ec550dryaer', 'ac550dryaer'), 'vmrox': ('vmrno2', 'vmro3'), 'wetoa': ('wetpoa',
'wetsoa')}
```

```
CONSTRAINT_OPERATORS = {'!=': <ufunc 'not_equal'>, '<': <ufunc 'less'>, '<=': <ufunc
'less_equal'>, '==': <ufunc 'equal'>, '>': <ufunc 'greater'>, '>=': <ufunc
'greater_equal'>}
```

## property TS\_TYPES

List with valid filename encryptions specifying temporal resolution

Update 7.11.2019: not in use anymore due to improved handling of all possible frequencies now using TsType class.

```
VERT_ALT = {'Surface': 'ModelLevel'}
```

```
add_aux_compute(var_name, vars_required, fun)
```

Register new variable to be computed

### Parameters

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name to be computed
- **vars\_required** (*list*) – list of variables to read, that are required to compute *var\_name*
- **fun** (*callable*) – function that takes a list of *GriddedData* objects as input and that are read using variable names specified by *vars\_required*.

```
apply_read_constraint(data, constraint, **kwargs)
```

Filter a *GriddedData* object by value in another variable

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**Note:** BETA version, that was hacked down in a rush to be able to apply AOD>0.1 threshold when reading AE.

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### Parameters

- **data** ([GriddedData](#)) – data object to which constraint is applied
- **constraint** (*dict*) – dictionary defining read constraint (see [check\\_constraint\\_valid\(\)](#) for minimum requirement). If constraint contains key `var_name` (not mandatory), then the corresponding variable is attempted to be read and is used to evaluate constraint and the corresponding boolean mask is then applied to input *data*. Wherever this mask is True (i.e. constraint is met), the current value in input *data* will be replaced with *numpy.ma.masked* or, if specified, with entry *new\_val* in input constraint dict.
- **\*\*kwargs** (*TYPE*) – reading arguments in case additional variable data needs to be loaded, to determine filter mask (i.e. if *var\_name* is specified in input constraint). Parse to [read\\_var\(\)](#).

### Raises

**ValueError** – If constraint is invalid (cf. [check\\_constraint\\_valid\(\)](#) for details).

### Returns

modified data objects (all grid-points that met constraint are replaced with either *numpy.ma.masked* or with a value that can be specified via key *new\_val* in input constraint).

### Return type

[GriddedData](#)

## browser

This object can be used to

### **check\_compute\_var**(*var\_name*)

Check if variable name belongs to family that can be computed

For instance, if input *var\_name* is *concdust* this method will check [AUX\\_REQUIRES](#) to see if there is a variable family pattern (*conc\**) defined that specifies how to compute these variables. If a match is found, the required variables and computation method is added via [add\\_aux\\_compute\(\)](#).

### Parameters

**var\_name** (*str*) – variable name to be checked

### Returns

True if match is found, else False

### Return type

[bool](#)

### **check\_constraint\_valid**(*constraint*)

Check if reading constraint is valid

### Parameters

**constraint** (*dict*) – reading constraint. Requires at least entries for following keys: - operator (*str*): for valid operators see [CONSTRAINT\\_OPERATORS](#) - filter\_val (*float*): value against which data is evaluated wrt to operator

### Raises

**ValueError** – If constraint is invalid

**Return type**

None.

**compute\_var**(*var\_name*, *start*=None, *stop*=None, *ts\_type*=None, *experiment*=None, *vert\_which*=None, *flex\_ts\_type*=True, *prefer\_longer*=False, *vars\_to\_read*=None, *aux\_fun*=None, *try\_convert\_units*=True, *aux\_add\_args*=None, *rename\_var*=None, *\*\*kwargs*)

Compute auxiliary variable

Like [read\\_var\(\)](#) but for auxiliary variables (cf. AUX\_REQUIRES)**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable that are supposed to be read
- **start** (*Timestamp or str, optional*) – start time of data import (if valid input, then the current *start* will be overwritten)
- **stop** (*Timestamp or str, optional*) – stop time of data import
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – string specifying temporal resolution (choose from hourly, 3hourly, daily, monthly). If None, prioritised of the available resolutions is used
- **experiment** (*str*) – name of experiment (only relevant if this dataset contains more than one experiment)
- **vert\_which** (*str*) – valid AeroCom vertical info string encoded in name (e.g. Column, ModelLevel)
- **flex\_ts\_type** (*bool*) – if True and if applicable, then another *ts\_type* is used in case the input *ts\_type* is not available for this variable
- **prefer\_longer** (*bool*) – if True and applicable, the *ts\_type* resulting in the longer time coverage will be preferred over other possible frequencies that match the query.
- **try\_convert\_units** (*bool*) – if True, units of GriddedData objects are attempted to be converted to AeroCom default. This applies both to the GriddedData objects being read for computation as well as the variable computed from the forme objects. This is, for instance, useful when computing concentration in precipitation from wet deposition and precipitation amount.
- **rename\_var** (*str*) – if this is set, the *var\_name* attribute of the output *GriddedData* object will be updated accordingly.
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to *\_load\_var()*

**Returns**

loaded data object

**Return type***GriddedData***concatenate\_cubes**(*cubes*)

Concatenate list of cubes into one cube

**Parameters****CubeList** – list of individual cubes**Returns**

Single cube that contains concatenated cubes from input list

**Return type**

Cube



**Raises**

**iris.exceptions.ConcatenateError** – if concatenation of all cubes failed

**property data\_dir: str**

Directory where data files are located

**property data\_id: str**

Data ID of dataset

**property experiments: list**

List of all experiments that are available in this dataset

**property file\_type**

File type of data files

**property files: list**

List of data files

**filter\_files**(*var\_name=None, ts\_type=None, start=None, stop=None, experiment=None, vert\_which=None, is\_at\_stations=False, df=None*)

Filter file database

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable that are supposed to be read
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – string specifying temporal resolution (choose from “hourly”, “3hourly”, “daily”, “monthly”). If None, prioritised of the available resolutions is used
- **start** (*Timestamp or str, optional*) – start time of data import
- **stop** (*Timestamp or str, optional*) – stop time of data import
- **experiment** (*str*) – name of experiment (only relevant if this dataset contains more than one experiment)
- **vert\_which** (*str or dict, optional*) – valid AeroCom vertical info string encoded in name (e.g. Column, ModelLevel) or dictionary containing var\_name as key and vertical coded string as value, accordingly
- **flex\_ts\_type** (*bool*) – if True and if applicable, then another ts\_type is used in case the input ts\_type is not available for this variable
- **prefer\_longer** (*bool*) – if True and applicable, the ts\_type resulting in the longer time coverage will be preferred over other possible frequencies that match the query.

**filter\_query**(*var\_name, ts\_type=None, start=None, stop=None, experiment=None, vert\_which=None, is\_at\_stations=False, flex\_ts\_type=True, prefer\_longer=False*)

Filter files for read query based on input specs

**Returns**

dataframe containing filtered dataset

**Return type**

DataFrame

**find\_common\_ts\_type**(*vars\_to\_read, start=None, stop=None, ts\_type=None, experiment=None, vert\_which=None, flex\_ts\_type=True*)

Find common ts\_type for list of variables to be read

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_read** (*list*) – list of variables that is supposed to be read
- **start** (*Timestamp or str, optional*) – start time of data import (if valid input, then the current start will be overwritten)
- **stop** (*Timestamp or str, optional*) – stop time of data import (if valid input, then the current *start* will be overwritten)
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – string specifying temporal resolution (choose from hourly, 3hourly, daily, monthly). If None, prioritised of the available resolutions is used
- **experiment** (*str*) – name of experiment (only relevant if this dataset contains more than one experiment)
- **vert\_which** (*str*) – valid AeroCom vertical info string encoded in name (e.g. Column, ModelLevel)
- **flex\_ts\_type** (*bool*) – if True and if applicable, then another *ts\_type* is used in case the input *ts\_type* is not available for this variable

**Returns**

common *ts\_type* for input variable

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

**DataCoverageError** – if no match can be found

**get\_files**(*var\_name*, *ts\_type=None*, *start=None*, *stop=None*, *experiment=None*, *vert\_which=None*, *is\_at\_stations=False*, *flex\_ts\_type=True*, *prefer\_longer=False*)

Get data files based on input specs

**get\_var\_info\_from\_files**() → *dict*

Creates dictionary that contains variable specific meta information

**Returns**

dictionary where keys are available variables and values (for each variable) contain information about available *ts\_types*, years, etc.

**Return type**

*dict*

**has\_var**(*var\_name*)

Check if variable is available

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – variable to be checked

**Return type**

*bool*

**property name**

Deprecated name of attribute *data\_id*

**read**(*vars\_to\_retrieve=None*, *start=None*, *stop=None*, *ts\_type=None*, *experiment=None*, *vert\_which=None*, *flex\_ts\_type=True*, *prefer\_longer=False*, *require\_all\_vars\_avail=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Read all variables that could be found

Reads all variables that are available (i.e. in *vars\_filename*)

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list* or *str*, *optional*) – variables that are supposed to be read. If None, all variables that are available are read.
- **start** (*Timestamp* or *str*, *optional*) – start time of data import
- **stop** (*Timestamp* or *str*, *optional*) – stop time of data import
- **ts\_type** (*str*, *optional*) – string specifying temporal resolution (choose from “hourly”, “3hourly”, “daily”, “monthly”). If None, prioritised of the available resolutions is used
- **experiment** (*str*) – name of experiment (only relevant if this dataset contains more than one experiment)
- **vert\_which** (*str* or *dict*, *optional*) – valid AeroCom vertical info string encoded in name (e.g. Column, ModelLevel) or dictionary containing var\_name as key and vertical coded string as value, accordingly
- **flex\_ts\_type** (*bool*) – if True and if applicable, then another ts\_type is used in case the input ts\_type is not available for this variable
- **prefer\_longer** (*bool*) – if True and applicable, the ts\_type resulting in the longer time coverage will be preferred over other possible frequencies that match the query.
- **require\_all\_vars\_avail** (*bool*) – if True, it is strictly required that all input variables are available.
- **\*\*kwargs** – optional and support for deprecated input args

**Returns**

loaded data objects (type GriddedData)

**Return type**

*tuple*

**Raises**

- **IOError** – if input variable names is not list or string
- **VarNotAvailableError** –
  1. if `require_all_vars_avail=True` and one or more of the desired variables is not available in this class
  2. if `require_all_vars_avail=True` and if none of the input variables is available in this object

**read\_var**(*var\_name*, *start=None*, *stop=None*, *ts\_type=None*, *experiment=None*, *vert\_which=None*, *flex\_ts\_type=True*, *prefer\_longer=False*, *aux\_vars=None*, *aux\_fun=None*, *constraints=None*, *try\_convert\_units=True*, *rename\_var=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Read model data for a specific variable

This method searches all valid files for a given variable and for a provided temporal resolution (e.g. *daily*, *monthly*), optionally within a certain time window, that may be specified on class instantiation or using the corresponding input parameters provided in this method.

The individual NetCDF files for a given temporal period are loaded as instances of the `iris.Cube` object and appended to an instance of the `iris.cube.CubeList` object. The latter is then used to concatenate the individual cubes in time into a single instance of the `pyaerocom.GriddedData` class. In order to ensure that this works, several things need to be ensured, which are listed in the following and which may be controlled within the global settings for NetCDF import using the attribute `GRID_IO` (instance of `OnLoad`) in the default instance of the `pyaerocom.config.Config` object accessible via `pyaerocom.const`.

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable that are supposed to be read

- **start** (*Timestamp or str, optional*) – start time of data import
- **stop** (*Timestamp or str, optional*) – stop time of data import
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – string specifying temporal resolution (choose from “hourly”, “3hourly”, “daily”, “monthly”). If None, prioritised of the available resolutions is used
- **experiment** (*str*) – name of experiment (only relevant if this dataset contains more than one experiment)
- **vert\_which** (*str or dict, optional*) – valid AeroCom vertical info string encoded in name (e.g. Column, ModelLevel) or dictionary containing var\_name as key and vertical coded string as value, accordingly
- **flex\_ts\_type** (*bool*) – if True and if applicable, then another ts\_type is used in case the input ts\_type is not available for this variable
- **prefer\_longer** (*bool*) – if True and applicable, the ts\_type resulting in the longer time coverage will be preferred over other possible frequencies that match the query.
- **aux\_vars** (*list*) – only relevant if var\_name is not available for reading but needs to be computed: list of variables that are required to compute var\_name
- **aux\_fun** (*callable*) – only relevant if var\_name is not available for reading but needs to be computed: custom method for computation (cf. [add\\_aux\\_compute\(\)](#) for details)
- **constraints** (*list, optional*) – list of reading constraints (dict type). See [check\\_constraint\\_valid\(\)](#) and [apply\\_read\\_constraint\(\)](#) for details related to format of the individual constraints.
- **try\_convert\_units** (*bool*) – if True, then the unit of the variable data is checked against AeroCom default unit for that variable and if it deviates, it is attempted to be converted to the AeroCom default unit. Default is True.
- **rename\_var** (*str*) – if this is set, the var\_name attribute of the output *GriddedData* object will be updated accordingly.
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args parsed to `_load_var()`

**Returns**

loaded data object

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**Raises**

- **AttributeError** – if none of the ts\_types identified from file names is valid
- **VarNotAvailableError** – if specified ts\_type is not supported

**property registered\_var\_patterns**

List of string patterns for computation of variables

The information is extracted from [AUX\\_REQUIRES](#)

**Returns**

list of variable patterns

**Return type**

list

**reinit()**

Reinit everything that is loaded specific to data\_dir

**search\_all\_files**(*update\_file\_convention=True*)

Search all valid model files for this model

This method browses the data directory and finds all valid files, that is, file that are named according to one of the aerocom file naming conventions. The file list is stored in *files*.

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**Note:** It is presumed, that naming conventions of files in the data directory are not mixed but all correspond to either of the conventions defined in

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**Parameters**

**update\_file\_convention** (*bool*) – if True, the first file in *data\_dir* is used to identify the file naming convention (cf. *FileConventionRead*)

**Raises**

*DataCoverageError* – if no valid files could be found

**search\_data\_dir**()

Search data directory based on model ID

Wrapper for method *search\_data\_dir\_aerocom*()

**Returns**

data directory

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

*IOError* – if directory cannot be found

**property start**

First available year in the dataset (inferred from filenames)

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**Note:** This is not variable or *ts\_type* specific, so it is not necessarily given that data from this year is available for all variables in *vars* or all frequencies listed in *ts\_types*

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**property stop**

Last available year in the dataset (inferred from filenames)

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**Note:** This is not variable or *ts\_type* specific, so it is not necessarily given that data from this year is available for all variables in *vars* or all frequencies listed in *ts\_types*

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**property ts\_types**

Available frequencies

**update**(*\*\*kwargs*)

Update one or more valid parameters

**Parameters**

**\*\*kwargs** – keyword args that will be used to update (overwrite) valid class attributes such as *data*, *data\_dir*, *files*

**property vars**

**property** vars\_filename

**property** vars\_provided

Variables provided by this dataset

**property** years\_avail: list

Years available in dataset

`pyaerocom.io.readgridded.is_3d(var_name)`

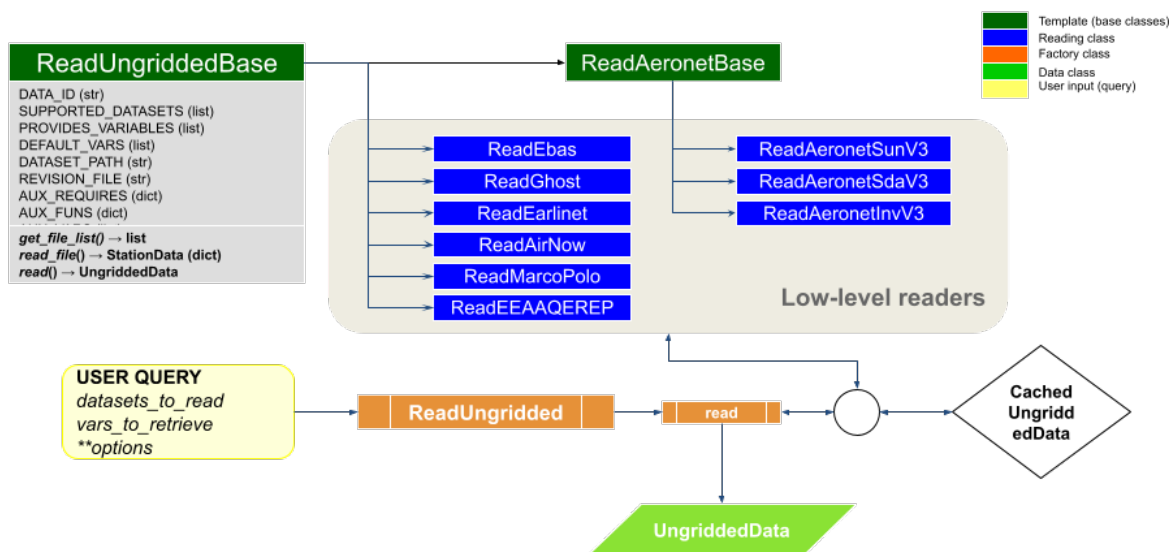
## 4.4.2 Gridded data using EMEP conventions

## 4.5 Reading of ungridded data

Other than gridded data, ungridded data represents data that is irregularly sampled in space and time, for instance, observations at different locations around the globe. Such data is represented in pyaerocom by *UngriddedData* which is essentially a point-cloud dataset. Reading of *UngriddedData* is typically specific for different observational data records, as they typically come in various data formats using various metadata conventions, which need to be harmonised, which is done during the data import.

The following flowchart illustrates the architecture of ungridded reading in pyaerocom. Below are information about the individual reading classes for each dataset (blue in flowchart), the abstract template base classes the reading classes are based on (dark green) and the factory class *ReadUngridded* (orange) which has registered all individual reading classes. The data classes that are returned by the reading class are indicated in light green.

### pyaerocom ungridded reading API (under pyaerocom.io)



### 4.5.1 ReadUngridded factory class

Factory class that has all reading class for the individual datasets registered.

```
class pyaerocom.io.readungridded.ReadUngridded(data_ids=None, ignore_cache=False, data_dirs=None,
                                              configs: PyaroConfig | list[PyaroConfig] | None =
                                              None)
```

Factory class for reading of ungridded data based on obsnetwork ID

This class also features reading functionality that goes beyond reading of individual observation datasets; including, reading of multiple datasets and post computation of new variables based on datasets that can be read.

#### Parameters

**SOON** (*COMING*)

**DONOTCACHE\_NAME** = 'DONOTCACHE'

**property INCLUDED\_DATASETS**

```
INCLUDED_READERS = [<class 'pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_invv3.ReadAeronetInvV3'>,
<class 'pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sdav3.ReadAeronetSdaV3'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sunv3.ReadAeronetSunV3'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.read_earlinet.ReadEarlinet'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.read_ebas.ReadEbas'>, <class 'pyaerocom.io.read_aasetal.ReadAasEtal'>,
<class 'pyaerocom.io.read_airnow.ReadAirNow'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.read_eea_aqerep.ReadEEAAQEREP'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.read_eea_aqerep_v2.ReadEEAAQEREP_V2'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.cams2_83.read_obs.ReadCAMS2_83'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.gaw.reader.ReadGAW'>, <class 'pyaerocom.io.ghost.reader.ReadGhost'>,
<class 'pyaerocom.io.mep.reader.ReadMEP'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.icos.reader.ReadICOS'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.icpforests.reader.ReadICPForest'>]
```

**property SUPPORTED\_DATASETS**

Returns list of strings containing all supported dataset names

```
SUPPORTED_READERS = [<class 'pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_invv3.ReadAeronetInvV3'>,
<class 'pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sdav3.ReadAeronetSdaV3'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sunv3.ReadAeronetSunV3'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.read_earlinet.ReadEarlinet'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.read_ebas.ReadEbas'>, <class 'pyaerocom.io.read_aasetal.ReadAasEtal'>,
<class 'pyaerocom.io.read_airnow.ReadAirNow'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.read_eea_aqerep.ReadEEAAQEREP'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.read_eea_aqerep_v2.ReadEEAAQEREP_V2'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.cams2_83.read_obs.ReadCAMS2_83'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.gaw.reader.ReadGAW'>, <class 'pyaerocom.io.ghost.reader.ReadGhost'>,
<class 'pyaerocom.io.mep.reader.ReadMEP'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.icos.reader.ReadICOS'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.icpforests.reader.ReadICPForest'>, <class
'pyaerocom.io.pyaro.read_pyaro.ReadPyaro'>]
```

**add\_config**(config: PyaroConfig) → None

Adds single PyaroConfig to self.configs

#### Parameters

**config** (PyaroConfig)

**Raises**

**ValueError** – If config is not PyaroConfig

**add\_pyaro\_reader**(*config: PyaroConfig*) → *ReadUngriddedBase*

**property configs**

List configs

**property data\_dirs**

Data directory(ies) for dataset(s) to read (keys are data IDs)

**Type**

dict

**property data\_id**

ID of dataset

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**Note:** Only works if exactly one dataset is assigned to the reader, that is, length of *data\_ids* is 1.

---

**Raises**

**AttributeError** – if number of items in *data\_ids* is unequal one.

**Returns**

data ID

**Return type**

str

**property data\_ids**

List of datasets supposed to be read

**dataset\_provides\_variables**(*data\_id=None*)

List of variables provided by a certain dataset

**get\_lowlevel\_reader**(*data\_id: str | None = None*) → *ReadUngriddedBase*

Helper method that returns initiated reader class for input ID

**Parameters**

**data\_id** (*str*) – Name of dataset

**Returns**

instance of reading class (needs to be implementation of base class *ReadUngriddedBase*).

**Return type**

*ReadUngriddedBase*

**get\_reader**(*data\_id*)

**get\_vars\_supported**(*obs\_id, vars\_desired*)

Filter input list of variables by supported ones for a certain data ID

**Parameters**

- **obs\_id** (*str*) – ID of observation network
- **vars\_desired** (*list*) – List of variables that are desired

**Returns**

list of variables that can be read through the input network



**Return type**

list

**property ignore\_cache**

Boolean specifying whether caching is active or not

**property post\_compute**

Information about datasets that can be computed in post

**read**(*data\_ids=None, vars\_to\_retrieve=None, only\_cached=False, filter\_post=None, configs: PyaroConfig | list[PyaroConfig] | None = None, \*\*kwargs*)

Read observations

Iter over all datasets in *data\_ids*, call *read\_dataset()* and append to data object**Parameters**

- **data\_ids** (*str* or *list*) – data ID or list of all datasets to be imported
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*str* or *list*) – variable or list of variables to be imported
- **only\_cached** (*bool*) – if True, then nothing is reloaded but only data is loaded that is available as cached objects (not recommended to use but may be used if working offline without connection to database)
- **filter\_post** (*dict*, *optional*) – filters applied to *UngriddedData* object AFTER it is read into memory, via *UngriddedData.apply\_filters()*. This option was introduced in pyaerocom version 0.10.0 and should be used preferably over **\*\*kwargs**. There is a certain flexibility with respect to how these filters can be defined, for instance, sub dicts for each *data\_id*. The most common way would be to provide directly the input needed for *UngriddedData.apply\_filters*. If you want to read multiple variables from one or more datasets, and if you want to apply variable specific filters, it is recommended to read the data individually for each variable and corresponding set of filters and then merge the individual filtered *UngriddedData* objects afterwards, e.g. using *data\_var1* & *data\_var2*.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Additional input options for reading of data, which are applied WHILE the data is read. If any such additional options are provided that are applied during the reading, then automatic caching of the output *UngriddedData* object will be deactivated. Thus, it is recommended to handle data filtering via *filter\_post* argument whenever possible, which will result in better performance as the unconstrained original data is read in and cached, and then the filtering is applied.

**Example**

```
>>> import pyaerocom.io.readungridded as pio
>>> from pyaerocom import const
>>> obj = pio.ReadUngridded(data_id=const.AERONET_SUN_V3L15_AOD_ALL_POINTS_NAME)
>>> obj.read()
>>> print(obj)
>>> print(obj.metadata[0]['latitude'])
```

**read\_dataset**(*data\_id, vars\_to\_retrieve=None, only\_cached=False, filter\_post=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Read dataset into an instance of *ReadUngridded***Parameters**

- **data\_id** (*str*) – name of dataset

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – variable or list of variables to be imported
- **only\_cached** (*bool*) – if True, then nothing is reloaded but only data is loaded that is available as cached objects (not recommended to use but may be used if working offline without connection to database)
- **filter\_post** (*dict*, *optional*) – filters applied to *UngriddedData* object AFTER it is read into memory, via *UngriddedData.apply\_filters()*. This option was introduced in pyaerocom version 0.10.0 and should be used preferably over **\*\*kwargs**. There is a certain flexibility with respect to how these filters can be defined, for instance, sub dicts for each *data\_id*. The most common way would be to provide directly the input needed for *UngriddedData.apply\_filters*. If you want to read multiple variables from one or more datasets, and if you want to apply variable specific filters, it is recommended to read the data individually for each variable and corresponding set of filters and then merge the individual filtered *UngriddedData* objects afterwards, e.g. using *data\_var1* & *data\_var2*.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Additional input options for reading of data, which are applied WHILE the data is read. If any such additional options are provided that are applied during the reading, then automatic caching of the output *UngriddedData* object will be deactivated. Thus, it is recommended to handle data filtering via *filter\_post* argument whenever possible, which will result in better performance as the unconstrained original data is read in and cached, and then the filtering is applied.

**Returns**

data object

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**read\_dataset\_post**(*data\_id*, *vars\_to\_retrieve*, *only\_cached=False*, *filter\_post=None*, **\*\*kwargs**)

Read dataset into an instance of *ReadUngridded*

**Parameters**

- **data\_id** (*str*) – name of dataset
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – variable or list of variables to be imported
- **only\_cached** (*bool*) – if True, then nothing is reloaded but only data is loaded that is available as cached objects (not recommended to use but may be used if working offline without connection to database)
- **filter\_post** (*dict*, *optional*) – filters applied to *UngriddedData* object AFTER it is read into memory, via *UngriddedData.apply\_filters()*. This option was introduced in pyaerocom version 0.10.0 and should be used preferably over **\*\*kwargs**. There is a certain flexibility with respect to how these filters can be defined, for instance, sub dicts for each *data\_id*. The most common way would be to provide directly the input needed for *UngriddedData.apply\_filters*. If you want to read multiple variables from one or more datasets, and if you want to apply variable specific filters, it is recommended to read the data individually for each variable and corresponding set of filters and then merge the individual filtered *UngriddedData* objects afterwards, e.g. using *data\_var1* & *data\_var2*.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Additional input options for reading of data, which are applied WHILE the data is read. If any such additional options are provided that are applied during the reading, then automatic caching of the output *UngriddedData* object will be deactivated. Thus, it is recommended to handle data filtering via *filter\_post* argument whenever possible, which will result in better performance as the unconstrained original data is read in and cached, and then the filtering is applied.

**Returns**

data object

**Return type***UngriddedData***property supported\_datasets**Wrapper for *SUPPORTED\_DATASETS*

## 4.5.2 ReadUngriddedBase template class

All ungridded reading routines are based on this template class.

```
class pyaerocom.io.readungriddedbase.ReadUngriddedBase(data_id: str | None = None, data_dir: str |
                                                         None = None)
```

TEMPLATE: Abstract base class template for reading of ungridded data

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**Note:** The two dictionaries `AUX_REQUIRES` and `AUX_FUNS` can be filled with variables that are not contained in the original data files but are computed during the reading. The former specifies what additional variables are required to perform the computation and the latter specifies functions used to perform the computations of the auxiliary variables. See, for instance, the class `ReadAeronetSunV3`, which includes the computation of the AOD at 550nm and the Angstrom coefficient (in 440-870 nm range) from AODs measured at other wavelengths.

---

**AUX\_FUNS** = {}

Functions that are used to compute additional variables (i.e. one for each variable defined in `AUX_REQUIRES`)

**AUX\_REQUIRES** = {}

dictionary containing information about additionally required variables for each auxiliary variable (i.e. each variable that is not provided by the original data but computed on import)

**property AUX\_VARS**

List of auxiliary variables (keys of attr. *AUX\_REQUIRES*)

Auxiliary variables are those that are not included in original files but are computed from other variables during import

**property DATASET\_PATH**

Wrapper for *data\_dir*.

**abstract property DATA\_ID**

Name of dataset (`OBS_ID`)

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**Note:**

- May be implemented as global constant in header of derieved class
  - May be multiple that can be specified on init (see example below)
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**abstract property DEFAULT\_VARS**

List containing default variables to read

**IGNORE\_META\_KEYS** = []

**abstract property PROVIDES\_VARIABLES**

List of variables that are provided by this dataset

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**Note:** May be implemented as global constant in header

---

**property REVISION\_FILE**

Name of revision file located in data directory

**abstract property SUPPORTED\_DATASETS**

List of all datasets supported by this interface

---

**Note:**

- best practice to specify in header of class definition
  - needless to mention that [DATA\\_ID](#) needs to be in this list
- 

**abstract property TS\_TYPE**

Temporal resolution of dataset

This should be defined in the header of an implementation class if it can be globally defined for the corresponding obs-network or in other cases it should be initiated as string `undefined` and then, if applicable, updated in the reading routine of a file.

The `TS_TYPE` information should ultimately be written into the meta-data of objects returned by the implementation of [read\\_file\(\)](#) (e.g. instance of `StationData` or a normal dictionary) and the method [read\(\)](#) (which should ALWAYS return an instance of the `UngriddedData` class).

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**Note:**

- Please use "undefined" if the derived class is not sampled on a regular basis.
  - If applicable please use Aerocom `ts_type` (i.e. hourly, 3hourly, daily, monthly, yearly)
  - Note also, that the `ts_type` in a derived class may or may not be defined in a general case. For instance, in the EBAS database the resolution code can be found in the file header and may thus be initiated as "undefined" in the initiation of the reading class and then updated when the class is being read
  - For derived implementation classes that support reading of multiple network versions, you may also assign
- 

**check\_vars\_to\_retrieve(*vars\_to\_retrieve*)**

Separate variables that are in file from those that are computed

Some of the provided variables by this interface are not included in the data files but are computed within this class during data import (e.g. `od550aer`, `ang4487aer`).

The latter may require additional parameters to be retrieved from the file, which is specified in the class header (cf. attribute `AUX_REQUIRES`).

This function checks the input list that specifies all required variables and separates them into two lists, one that includes all variables that can be read from the files and a second list that specifies all variables that are computed in this class.

**Parameters**

**vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – all parameter names that are supposed to be loaded

**Returns**

2-element tuple, containing

- list: list containing all variables to be read
- list: list containing all variables to be computed

**Return type**

tuple

**compute\_additional\_vars**(data, vars\_to\_compute)

Compute all additional variables

The computations for each additional parameter are done using the specified methods in AUX\_FUNS.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param vars\_to\_compute)
- **vars\_to\_compute** (*list*) – list of variable names that are supposed to be computed. Variables that are required for the computation of the variables need to be specified in [AUX\\_VARS](#) and need to be available as data vectors in the provided data dictionary (key is the corresponding variable name of the required variable).

**Returns**

updated data object now containing also computed variables

**Return type**

dict

**property data\_dir: str**

Location of the dataset

---

**Note:** This can be set explicitly when instantiating the class (e.g. if data is available on local machine). If unspecified, the data location is attempted to be inferred via `get_obsnetwork_dir()`

---

**Raises**

**FileNotFoundError** – if data directory does not exist or cannot be retrieved automatically

**Type**

str

**property data\_id**

ID of dataset

**property data\_revision**

Revision string from file Revision.txt in the main data directory

**find\_in\_file\_list**(pattern=None)

Find all files that match a certain wildcard pattern

**Parameters**

**pattern** (str, optional) – wildcard pattern that may be used to narrow down the search (e.g. use pattern=`*Berlin*` to find only files that contain Berlin in their filename)

**Returns**

list containing all files in files that match pattern

**Return type**`list`**Raises**`IOError` – if no matches can be found**get\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Search all files to be read

Uses `_FILEMASK` (+ optional input search pattern, e.g. `station_name`) to find valid files for query.**Parameters****pattern** (`str`, *optional*) – file name pattern applied to search**Returns**

list containing retrieved file locations

**Return type**`list`**Raises**`IOError` – if no files can be found**logger**

Class own instance of logger class

**abstract read**(*vars\_to\_retrieve=None, files=[], first\_file=None, last\_file=None*)Method that reads list of files as instance of `UngriddedData`**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (`list` or similar, *optional*,) – list containing variable IDs that are supposed to be read. If `None`, all variables in `PROVIDES_VARIABLES` are loaded
- **files** (`list`, *optional*) – list of files to be read. If `None`, then the file list is used that is returned on `get_file_list()`.
- **first\_file** (`int`, *optional*) – index of first file in file list to read. If `None`, the very first file in the list is used
- **last\_file** (`int`, *optional*) – index of last file in list to read. If `None`, the very last file in the list is used

**Returns**

instance of ungridded data object containing data from all files.

**Return type**`UngriddedData`**abstract read\_file**(*filename, vars\_to\_retrieve=None*)

Read single file

**Parameters**

- **filename** (`str`) – string specifying filename
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (`list` or similar, *optional*,) – list containing variable IDs that are supposed to be read. If `None`, all variables in `PROVIDES_VARIABLES` are loaded

**Returns**imported data in a suitable format that can be handled by `read()` which is supposed to append the loaded results from this method (which reads one datafile) to an instance of `UngriddedData` for all files.

**Return type**`dict` or `StationData`, or other...**read\_first\_file**(*\*\*kwargs*)Read first file returned from `get_file_list()`

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**Note:** This method may be used for test purposes.

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**Parameters****\*\*kwargs** – keyword args passed to `read_file()` (e.g. `vars_to_retrieve`)**Returns**

dictionary or similar containing loaded results from first file

**Return type**

dict-like

**read\_station**(*station\_id\_filename*, *\*\*kwargs*)Read data from a single station into `UngriddedData`Find all files that contain the station ID in their filename and then call `read()`, providing the reduced filelist as input, in order to read all files from this station into data object.**Parameters**

- **station\_id\_filename** (*str*) – name of station (MUST be encrypted in filename)
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to `read()` (e.g. `vars_to_retrieve`)

**Returns**

loaded data

**Return type**`UngriddedData`**Raises**`IOError` – if no files can be found for this station ID**remove\_outliers**(*data*, *vars\_to\_retrieve*, *\*\*valid\_rng\_vars*)

Remove outliers from data

**Parameters**

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param `vars_to_compute`)
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – list of variable names for which outliers will be removed from data
- **\*\*valid\_rng\_vars** – additional keyword args specifying variable name and corresponding min / max interval (list or tuple) that specifies valid range for the variable. For each variable that is not explicitly defined here, the default minimum / maximum value is used (accessed via `pyaerocom.const.VARS[var_name]`)

**var\_supported**(*var\_name*)

Check if input variable is supported

**Parameters****var\_name** (*str*) – AeroCom variable name or alias

**Raises**

*VariableDefinitionError* – if input variable is not supported by pyaerocom

**Returns**

True, if variable is supported by this interface, else False

**Return type**

bool

**property verbosity\_level**

Current level of verbosity of logger

## 4.5.3 AERONET

Aerosol Robotic Network (AERONET)

### AERONET base class

All AERONET reading classes are based on the template `ReadAeronetBase` class which, in turn inherits from `ReadUngrippedBase`.

**class** `pyaerocom.io.readaeronetbase.ReadAeronetBase`(*data\_id=None, data\_dir=None*)

Bases: `ReadUngrippedBase`

TEMPLATE: Abstract base class template for reading of Aeronet data

Extended abstract base class, derived from low-level base class `ReadUngrippedBase` that contains some more functionality.

**ALT\_VAR\_NAMES\_FILE** = {}

dictionary specifying alternative column names for variables defined in `VAR_NAMES_FILE`

**Type**

OPTIONAL

**AUX\_FUNS** = {}

Functions that are used to compute additional variables (i.e. one for each variable defined in `AUX_REQUIRES`)

**AUX\_REQUIRES** = {}

dictionary containing information about additionally required variables for each auxiliary variable (i.e. each variable that is not provided by the original data but computed on import)

**property AUX\_VARS**

List of auxiliary variables (keys of attr. `AUX_REQUIRES`)

Auxiliary variables are those that are not included in original files but are computed from other variables during import

**COL\_DELIM** = ','

column delimiter in data block of files

**property DATASET\_PATH**

Wrapper for `data_dir`.



**abstract property DATA\_ID**

Name of dataset (OBS\_ID)

---

**Note:**

- May be implemented as global constant in header of derieved class
  - May be multiple that can be specified on init (see example below)
- 

**DEFAULT\_UNIT = '1'**

Default data unit that is assigned to all variables that are not specified in UNITS dictionary (cf. [UNITS](#))

**abstract property DEFAULT\_VARS**

List containing default variables to read

**IGNORE\_META\_KEYS = ['date', 'time', 'day\_of\_year']****INSTRUMENT\_NAME = 'sun\_photometer'**

name of measurement instrument

**META\_NAMES\_FILE = {}**

dictionary specifying the file column names (values) for each metadata key (cf. attributes of `StationData`, e.g. 'station\_name', 'longitude', 'latitude', 'altitude')

**META\_NAMES\_FILE\_ALT = ({} ,)****abstract property PROVIDES\_VARIABLES**

List of variables that are provided by this dataset

---

**Note:** May be implemented as global constant in header

---

**property REVISION\_FILE**

Name of revision file located in data directory

**abstract property SUPPORTED\_DATASETS**

List of all datasets supported by this interface

---

**Note:**

- best practice to specify in header of class definition
  - needless to mention that [DATA\\_ID](#) needs to be in this list
- 

**property TS\_TYPE**

Default implementation of string for temporal resolution

**TS\_TYPES = {}**

dictionary assigning temporal resolution flags for supported datasets that are provided in a defined temporal resolution. Key is the name of the dataset and value is the corresponding `ts_type`

**UNITS = {}**

Variable specific units, only required for variables that deviate from [DEFAULT\\_UNIT](#) (is irrelevant for all variables that are so far supported by the implemented Aeronet products, i.e. all variables are dimensionless as specified in [DEFAULT\\_UNIT](#))

**VAR\_NAMES\_FILE** = {}

dictionary specifying the file column names (values) for each AeroCom variable (keys)

**VAR\_PATTERNS\_FILE** = {}

Mappings for identifying variables in file (may be specified in addition to explicit variable names specified in VAR\_NAMES\_FILE)

**check\_vars\_to\_retrieve**(*vars\_to\_retrieve*)

Separate variables that are in file from those that are computed

Some of the provided variables by this interface are not included in the data files but are computed within this class during data import (e.g. od550aer, ang4487aer).

The latter may require additional parameters to be retrieved from the file, which is specified in the class header (cf. attribute AUX\_REQUIRES).

This function checks the input list that specifies all required variables and separates them into two lists, one that includes all variables that can be read from the files and a second list that specifies all variables that are computed in this class.

**Parameters**

**vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – all parameter names that are supposed to be loaded

**Returns**

2-element tuple, containing

- list: list containing all variables to be read
- list: list containing all variables to be computed

**Return type**

tuple

**property col\_index**

Dictionary that specifies the index for each data column

---

**Note:** Implementation depends on the data. For instance, if the variable information is provided in all files (of all stations) and always in the same column, then this can be set as a fixed dictionary in the `__init__` function of the implementation (see e.g. class `ReadAeronetSunV2`). In other cases, it may not be ensured that each variable is available in all files or the column definition may differ between different stations. In the latter case you may automatise the column index retrieval by providing the header names for each meta and data column you want to extract using the attribute dictionaries `META_NAMES_FILE` and `VAR_NAMES_FILE` by calling `_update_col_index()` in your implementation of `read_file()` when you reach the line that contains the header information.

---

**compute\_additional\_vars**(*data, vars\_to\_compute*)

Compute all additional variables

The computations for each additional parameter are done using the specified methods in AUX\_FUNS.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param `vars_to_compute`)
- **vars\_to\_compute** (*list*) – list of variable names that are supposed to be computed. Variables that are required for the computation of the variables need to be specified in `AUX_VARS` and need to be available as data vectors in the provided data dictionary (key is the corresponding variable name of the required variable).

**Returns**

updated data object now containing also computed variables

**Return type**

dict

**property data\_dir:** str

Location of the dataset

---

**Note:** This can be set explicitly when instantiating the class (e.g. if data is available on local machine). If unspecified, the data location is attempted to be inferred via `get_obsnetwork_dir()`

---

**Raises**

**FileNotFoundError** – if data directory does not exist or cannot be retrieved automatically

**Type**

str

**property data\_id**

ID of dataset

**property data\_revision**

Revision string from file Revision.txt in the main data directory

**find\_in\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Find all files that match a certain wildcard pattern

**Parameters**

**pattern** (str, optional) – wildcard pattern that may be used to narrow down the search (e.g. use `pattern=*Berlin*` to find only files that contain Berlin in their filename)

**Returns**

list containing all files in `files` that match pattern

**Return type**

list

**Raises**

**IOError** – if no matches can be found

**get\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Search all files to be read

Uses `_FILEMASK` (+ optional input search pattern, e.g. `station_name`) to find valid files for query.

**Parameters**

**pattern** (str, optional) – file name pattern applied to search

**Returns**

list containing retrieved file locations

**Return type**

list

**Raises**

**IOError** – if no files can be found

**infer\_wavelength\_colname**(*colname*, *low*=250, *high*=2000)

Get variable wavelength from column name

**Parameters**

- **colname** (*str*) – string of column name
- **low** (*int*) – lower limit of accepted value range
- **high** (*int*) – upper limit of accepted value range

**Returns**

wavelength in nm as floating str

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if None or more than one number is detected in variable string

**logger**

Class own instance of logger class

**print\_all\_columns()**

**read**(*vars\_to\_retrieve*=None, *files*=None, *first\_file*=None, *last\_file*=None, *file\_pattern*=None, *common\_meta*=None)

Method that reads list of files as instance of UngriddedData

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list* or similar, optional,) – list containing variable IDs that are supposed to be read. If None, all variables in *PROVIDES\_VARIABLES* are loaded
- **files** (*list*, optional) – list of files to be read. If None, then the file list is used that is returned on *get\_file\_list()*.
- **first\_file** (*int*, optional) – index of first file in file list to read. If None, the very first file in the list is used. Note: is ignored if input parameter *file\_pattern* is specified.
- **last\_file** (*int*, optional) – index of last file in list to read. If None, the very last file in the list is used. Note: is ignored if input parameter *file\_pattern* is specified.
- **file\_pattern** (*str*, optional) – string pattern for file search (cf *get\_file\_list()*)
- **common\_meta** (*dict*, optional) – dictionary that contains additional metadata shared for this network (assigned to each metadata block of the UngriddedData object that is returned)

**Returns**

data object

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**abstract read\_file**(*filename*, *vars\_to\_retrieve*=None)

Read single file

**Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) – string specifying filename
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list* or similar, optional,) – list containing variable IDs that are supposed to be read. If None, all variables in *PROVIDES\_VARIABLES* are loaded

**Returns**

imported data in a suitable format that can be handled by `read()` which is supposed to append the loaded results from this method (which reads one datafile) to an instance of `UngriddedData` for all files.

**Return type**

`dict` or `StationData`, or other...

**read\_first\_file**(*\*\*kwargs*)

Read first file returned from `get_file_list()`

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**Note:** This method may be used for test purposes.

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**Parameters**

**\*\*kwargs** – keyword args passed to `read_file()` (e.g. `vars_to_retrieve`)

**Returns**

dictionary or similar containing loaded results from first file

**Return type**

dict-like

**read\_station**(*station\_id\_filename*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Read data from a single station into `UngriddedData`

Find all files that contain the station ID in their filename and then call `read()`, providing the reduced filelist as input, in order to read all files from this station into data object.

**Parameters**

- **station\_id\_filename** (*str*) – name of station (MUST be encrypted in filename)
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to `read()` (e.g. `vars_to_retrieve`)

**Returns**

loaded data

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**Raises**

**IOError** – if no files can be found for this station ID

**remove\_outliers**(*data*, *vars\_to\_retrieve*, *\*\*valid\_rng\_vars*)

Remove outliers from data

**Parameters**

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param `vars_to_compute`)
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – list of variable names for which outliers will be removed from data
- **\*\*valid\_rng\_vars** – additional keyword args specifying variable name and corresponding min / max interval (list or tuple) that specifies valid range for the variable. For each variable that is not explicitly defined here, the default minimum / maximum value is used (accessed via `pyaerocom.const.VARS[var_name]`)

**var\_supported**(*var\_name*)

Check if input variable is supported

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – AeroCom variable name or alias

**Raises**

[\*VariableDefinitionError\*](#) – if input variable is not supported by pyaerocom

**Returns**

True, if variable is supported by this interface, else False

**Return type**

bool

**property verbosity\_level**

Current level of verbosity of logger

## AERONET Sun (V3)

**class** `pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sunv3.ReadAeronetSunV3`(*data\_id=None, data\_dir=None*)

Bases: [\*ReadAeronetBase\*](#)

Interface for reading Aeronet direct sun version 3 Level 1.5 and 2.0 data

**See also:**

Base classes [\*ReadAeronetBase\*](#) and [\*ReadUngriddedBase\*](#)

**ALT\_VAR\_NAMES\_FILE** = {}

dictionary specifying alternative column names for variables defined in [\*VAR\\_NAMES\\_FILE\*](#)

**Type**

OPTIONAL

```
AUX_FUNS = {'ang44&87aer': <function calc_ang4487aer>, 'od550aer': <function
calc_od550aer>, 'od550ltlang': <function calc_od550ltlang>, 'proxyod550aerh2o':
<function calc_od550aer>, 'proxyod550bc': <function calc_od550aer>,
'proxyod550dust': <function calc_od550aer>, 'proxyod550nh4': <function
calc_od550aer>, 'proxyod550no3': <function calc_od550aer>, 'proxyod550oa': <function
calc_od550aer>, 'proxyod550so4': <function calc_od550aer>, 'proxyod550ss': <function
calc_od550aer>, 'proxyaerosol': <function calc_od550aer>, 'proxyzdust': <function
calc_od550aer>}
```

Functions that are used to compute additional variables (i.e. one for each variable defined in [\*AUX\\_REQUIRES\*](#))

```
AUX_REQUIRES = {'ang44&87aer': ['od440aer', 'od870aer'], 'od550aer': ['od440aer',
'od500aer', 'ang4487aer'], 'od550ltlang': ['od440aer', 'od500aer', 'ang4487aer'],
'proxyod550aerh2o': ['od440aer', 'od500aer', 'ang4487aer'], 'proxyod550bc':
['od440aer', 'od500aer', 'ang4487aer'], 'proxyod550dust': ['od440aer', 'od500aer',
'ang4487aer'], 'proxyod550nh4': ['od440aer', 'od500aer', 'ang4487aer'],
'proxyod550no3': ['od440aer', 'od500aer', 'ang4487aer'], 'proxyod550oa':
['od440aer', 'od500aer', 'ang4487aer'], 'proxyod550so4': ['od440aer', 'od500aer',
'ang4487aer'], 'proxyod550ss': ['od440aer', 'od500aer', 'ang4487aer'],
'proxyaerosol': ['od440aer', 'od500aer', 'ang4487aer'], 'proxyzdust': ['od440aer',
'od500aer', 'ang4487aer']}
```

dictionary containing information about additionally required variables for each auxiliary variable (i.e. each variable that is not provided by the original data but computed on import)

**property AUX\_VARS**

List of auxiliary variables (keys of attr. [AUX\\_REQUIRES](#))

Auxiliary variables are those that are not included in original files but are computed from other variables during import

**COL\_DELIM = ','**

column delimiter in data block of files

**property DATASET\_PATH**

Wrapper for [data\\_dir](#).

**DATA\_ID = 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily'**

Name of dataset (OBS\_ID)

**DEFAULT\_UNIT = '1'**

Default data unit that is assigned to all variables that are not specified in UNITS dictionary (cf. [UNITS](#))

**DEFAULT\_VARS = ['od550aer', 'ang4487aer']**

default variables for read method

**IGNORE\_META\_KEYS = ['date', 'time', 'day\_of\_year']**

**INSTRUMENT\_NAME = 'sun\_photometer'**

name of measurement instrument

**META\_NAMES\_FILE = {'altitude': 'Site\_Elevation(m)', 'data\_quality\_level': 'Data\_Quality\_Level', 'date': 'Date(dd:mm:yyyy)', 'day\_of\_year': 'Day\_of\_Year', 'instrument\_number': 'AERONET\_Instrument\_Number', 'latitude': 'Site\_Latitude(Degrees)', 'longitude': 'Site\_Longitude(Degrees)', 'station\_name': 'AERONET\_Site', 'time': 'Time(hh:mm:ss)'}**

dictionary specifying the file column names (values) for each metadata key (cf. attributes of StationData, e.g. 'station\_name', 'longitude', 'latitude', 'altitude')

**META\_NAMES\_FILE\_ALT = {'AERONET\_Site': ['AERONET\_Site\_Name']}**

**NAN\_VAL = -999.0**

**PROVIDES\_VARIABLES = ['od340aer', 'od440aer', 'od500aer', 'od870aer', 'ang4487aer']**

List of variables that are provided by this dataset (will be extended by auxiliary variables on class init, for details see `__init__` method of base class ReadUngriddedBase)

**property REVISION\_FILE**

Name of revision file located in data directory

**SUPPORTED\_DATASETS = ['AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.daily', 'AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.AP', 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily', 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.AP']**

List of all datasets supported by this interface

**property TS\_TYPE**

Default implementation of string for temporal resolution

**TS\_TYPES = {'AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.daily': 'daily', 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily': 'daily'}**

dictionary assigning temporal resolution flags for supported datasets that are provided in a defined temporal resolution

```
UNITS = {'proxyaerosol': 'km', 'proxyzdust': 'km'}
```

Variable specific units, only required for variables that deviate from `DEFAULT_UNIT` (is irrelevant for all variables that are so far supported by the implemented Aeronet products, i.e. all variables are dimensionless as specified in `DEFAULT_UNIT`)

```
VAR_NAMES_FILE = {'ang4487aer': '440-870_Angstrom_Exponent', 'od340aer':  
'AOD_340nm', 'od440aer': 'AOD_440nm', 'od500aer': 'AOD_500nm', 'od870aer':  
'AOD_870nm'}
```

dictionary specifying the file column names (values) for each AeroCom variable (keys)

```
VAR_PATTERNS_FILE = {'AOD_([0-9]*)nm': 'od*aer'}
```

Mappings for identifying variables in file

**check\_vars\_to\_retrieve**(*vars\_to\_retrieve*)

Separate variables that are in file from those that are computed

Some of the provided variables by this interface are not included in the data files but are computed within this class during data import (e.g. `od550aer`, `ang4487aer`).

The latter may require additional parameters to be retrieved from the file, which is specified in the class header (cf. attribute `AUX_REQUIRES`).

This function checks the input list that specifies all required variables and separates them into two lists, one that includes all variables that can be read from the files and a second list that specifies all variables that are computed in this class.

#### Parameters

**vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – all parameter names that are supposed to be loaded

#### Returns

2-element tuple, containing

- list: list containing all variables to be read
- list: list containing all variables to be computed

#### Return type

tuple

**property** `col_index`

Dictionary that specifies the index for each data column

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**Note:** Implementation depends on the data. For instance, if the variable information is provided in all files (of all stations) and always in the same column, then this can be set as a fixed dictionary in the `__init__` function of the implementation (see e.g. class `ReadAeronetSunV2`). In other cases, it may not be ensured that each variable is available in all files or the column definition may differ between different stations. In the latter case you may automatise the column index retrieval by providing the header names for each meta and data column you want to extract using the attribute dictionaries `META_NAMES_FILE` and `VAR_NAMES_FILE` by calling `_update_col_index()` in your implementation of `read_file()` when you reach the line that contains the header information.

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**compute\_additional\_vars**(*data*, *vars\_to\_compute*)

Compute all additional variables

The computations for each additional parameter are done using the specified methods in `AUX_FUNS`.

#### Parameters



- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param `vars_to_compute`)
- **vars\_to\_compute** (*list*) – list of variable names that are supposed to be computed. Variables that are required for the computation of the variables need to be specified in `AUX_VARS` and need to be available as data vectors in the provided data dictionary (key is the corresponding variable name of the required variable).

**Returns**

updated data object now containing also computed variables

**Return type**

`dict`

**property data\_dir:** `str`

Location of the dataset

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**Note:** This can be set explicitly when instantiating the class (e.g. if data is available on local machine). If unspecified, the data location is attempted to be inferred via `get_obsnetwork_dir()`

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**Raises**

`FileNotFoundError` – if data directory does not exist or cannot be retrieved automatically

**Type**

`str`

**property data\_id**

ID of dataset

**property data\_revision**

Revision string from file `Revision.txt` in the main data directory

**find\_in\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Find all files that match a certain wildcard pattern

**Parameters**

**pattern** (`str`, optional) – wildcard pattern that may be used to narrow down the search (e.g. use `pattern=*Berlin*` to find only files that contain Berlin in their filename)

**Returns**

list containing all files in `files` that match pattern

**Return type**

`list`

**Raises**

`IOError` – if no matches can be found

**get\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Search all files to be read

Uses `_FILEMASK` (+ optional input search pattern, e.g. `station_name`) to find valid files for query.

**Parameters**

**pattern** (`str`, optional) – file name pattern applied to search

**Returns**

list containing retrieved file locations

**Return type**`list`**Raises**`IOError` – if no files can be found**infer\_wavelength\_colname**(*colname*, *low*=250, *high*=2000)

Get variable wavelength from column name

**Parameters**

- **colname** (`str`) – string of column name
- **low** (`int`) – lower limit of accepted value range
- **high** (`int`) – upper limit of accepted value range

**Returns**

wavelength in nm as floating str

**Return type**`str`**Raises**`ValueError` – if None or more than one number is detected in variable string**logger**

Class own instance of logger class

**print\_all\_columns()****read**(*vars\_to\_retrieve*=None, *files*=None, *first\_file*=None, *last\_file*=None, *file\_pattern*=None, *common\_meta*=None)Method that reads list of files as instance of `UngriddedData`**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (`list` or similar, optional,) – list containing variable IDs that are supposed to be read. If None, all variables in `PROVIDES_VARIABLES` are loaded
- **files** (`list`, optional) – list of files to be read. If None, then the file list is used that is returned on `get_file_list()`.
- **first\_file** (`int`, optional) – index of first file in file list to read. If None, the very first file in the list is used. Note: is ignored if input parameter `file_pattern` is specified.
- **last\_file** (`int`, optional) – index of last file in list to read. If None, the very last file in the list is used. Note: is ignored if input parameter `file_pattern` is specified.
- **file\_pattern** (`str`, optional) – string pattern for file search (cf `get_file_list()`)
- **common\_meta** (`dict`, optional) – dictionary that contains additional metadata shared for this network (assigned to each metadata block of the `UngriddedData` object that is returned)

**Returns**

data object

**Return type**`UngriddedData`

**read\_file**(*filename*, *vars\_to\_retrieve*=None, *vars\_as\_series*=False)

Read Aeronet Sun V3 level 1.5 or 2 file

#### Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – absolute path to filename to read
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*, optional) – list of str with variable names to read. If None, use *DEFAULT\_VARS*
- **vars\_as\_series** (*bool*) – if True, the data columns of all variables in the result dictionary are converted into pandas Series objects

#### Returns

dict-like object containing results

#### Return type

*StationData*

**read\_first\_file**(*\*\*kwargs*)

Read first file returned from *get\_file\_list()*

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**Note:** This method may be used for test purposes.

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#### Parameters

**\*\*kwargs** – keyword args passed to *read\_file()* (e.g. *vars\_to\_retrieve*)

#### Returns

dictionary or similar containing loaded results from first file

#### Return type

dict-like

**read\_station**(*station\_id\_filename*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Read data from a single station into *UngriddedData*

Find all files that contain the station ID in their filename and then call *read()*, providing the reduced filelist as input, in order to read all files from this station into data object.

#### Parameters

- **station\_id\_filename** (*str*) – name of station (MUST be encrypted in filename)
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to *read()* (e.g. *vars\_to\_retrieve*)

#### Returns

loaded data

#### Return type

*UngriddedData*

#### Raises

**IOError** – if no files can be found for this station ID

**remove\_outliers**(*data*, *vars\_to\_retrieve*, *\*\*valid\_rng\_vars*)

Remove outliers from data

#### Parameters

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param *vars\_to\_compute*)

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – list of variable names for which outliers will be removed from data
- **\*\*valid\_rng\_vars** – additional keyword args specifying variable name and corresponding min / max interval (list or tuple) that specifies valid range for the variable. For each variable that is not explicitly defined here, the default minimum / maximum value is used (accessed via `pyaerocom.const.VARS[var_name]`)

**var\_supported**(*var\_name*)

Check if input variable is supported

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – AeroCom variable name or alias

**Raises**

*VariableDefinitionError* – if input variable is not supported by pyaerocom

**Returns**

True, if variable is supported by this interface, else False

**Return type**

*bool*

**property verbosity\_level**

Current level of verbosity of logger

## AERONET SDA (V3)

**class** `pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_sdav3.ReadAeronetSdaV3`(*data\_id=None, data\_dir=None*)

Bases: *ReadAeronetBase*

Interface for reading Aeronet Sun SDA V3 Level 1.5 and 2.0 data

**See also:**

Base classes *ReadAeronetBase* and *ReadUngriddedBase*

**ALT\_VAR\_NAMES\_FILE** = {}

dictionary specifying alternative column names for variables defined in *VAR\_NAMES\_FILE*

**Type**

*OPTIONAL*

**AUX\_FUNS** = {'od550aer': <function `calc_od550aer`>, 'od550dust': <function `calc_od550gt1aer`>, 'od550gt1aer': <function `calc_od550gt1aer`>, 'od550lt1aer': <function `calc_od550lt1aer`>}

Functions that are used to compute additional variables (i.e. one for each variable defined in *AUX\_REQUIRES*)

**AUX\_REQUIRES** = {'od550aer': ['od500aer', 'ang4487aer'], 'od550dust': ['od500gt1aer', 'ang4487aer'], 'od550gt1aer': ['od500gt1aer', 'ang4487aer'], 'od550lt1aer': ['od500lt1aer', 'ang4487aer']}

dictionary containing information about additionally required variables for each auxiliary variable (i.e. each variable that is not provided by the original data but computed on import)

**property AUX\_VARS**

List of auxiliary variables (keys of attr. *AUX\_REQUIRES*)

Auxiliary variables are those that are not included in original files but are computed from other variables during import

**COL\_DELIM** = ','  
column delimiter in data block of files

**property DATASET\_PATH**  
Wrapper for `data_dir`.

**DATA\_ID** = 'AeronetSDAV3Lev2.daily'  
Name of dataset (OBS\_ID)

**DEFAULT\_UNIT** = '1'  
Default data unit that is assigned to all variables that are not specified in UNITS dictionary (cf. [UNITS](#))

**DEFAULT\_VARS** = ['od550aer', 'od550gt1aer', 'od550lt1aer', 'od550dust']  
default variables for read method

**IGNORE\_META\_KEYS** = ['date', 'time', 'day\_of\_year']

**INSTRUMENT\_NAME** = 'sun\_photometer'  
name of measurement instrument

**META\_NAMES\_FILE** = {'altitude': 'Site\_Elevation(m)', 'data\_quality\_level': 'Data\_Quality\_Level', 'date': 'Date\_(dd:mm:yyyy)', 'day\_of\_year': 'Day\_of\_Year', 'instrument\_number': 'AERONET\_Instrument\_Number', 'latitude': 'Site\_Latitude(Degrees)', 'longitude': 'Site\_Longitude(Degrees)', 'station\_name': 'AERONET\_Site', 'time': 'Time\_(hh:mm:ss)'}  
dictionary specifying the file column names (values) for each metadata key (cf. attributes of StationData, e.g. 'station\_name', 'longitude', 'latitude', 'altitude')

**META\_NAMES\_FILE\_ALT** = ({}),

**NAN\_VAL** = -999.0  
value corresponding to invalid measurement

**PROVIDES\_VARIABLES** = ['od500gt1aer', 'od500lt1aer', 'od500aer', 'ang4487aer', 'od500dust']  
List of variables that are provided by this dataset (will be extended by auxiliary variables on class init, for details see `__init__` method of base class ReadUngriddedBase)

**property REVISION\_FILE**  
Name of revision file located in data directory

**SUPPORTED\_DATASETS** = ['AeronetSDAV3Lev1.5.daily', 'AeronetSDAV3Lev2.daily']  
List of all datasets supported by this interface

**property TS\_TYPE**  
Default implementation of string for temporal resolution

**TS\_TYPES** = {'AeronetSDAV3Lev1.5.daily': 'daily', 'AeronetSDAV3Lev2.daily': 'daily'}  
dictionary assigning temporal resolution flags for supported datasets that are provided in a defined temporal resolution

**UNITS** = {}  
Variable specific units, only required for variables that deviate from [DEFAULT\\_UNIT](#) (is irrelevant for all variables that are so far supported by the implemented Aeronet products, i.e. all variables are dimensionless as specified in [DEFAULT\\_UNIT](#))

```
VAR_NAMES_FILE = {'ang4487aer': 'Angstrom_Exponent(AE)-Total_500nm[alpha]',  
'od500aer': 'Total_AOD_500nm[tau_a]', 'od500dust': 'Coarse_Mode_AOD_500nm[tau_c]',  
'od500gt1aer': 'Coarse_Mode_AOD_500nm[tau_c]', 'od500lt1aer':  
'Fine_Mode_AOD_500nm[tau_f]'} }
```

dictionary specifying the file column names (values) for each AeroCom variable (keys)

```
VAR_PATTERNS_FILE = {}
```

Mappings for identifying variables in file (may be specified in addition to explicit variable names specified in VAR\_NAMES\_FILE)

**check\_vars\_to\_retrieve**(*vars\_to\_retrieve*)

Separate variables that are in file from those that are computed

Some of the provided variables by this interface are not included in the data files but are computed within this class during data import (e.g. od550aer, ang4487aer).

The latter may require additional parameters to be retrieved from the file, which is specified in the class header (cf. attribute AUX\_REQUIRES).

This function checks the input list that specifies all required variables and separates them into two lists, one that includes all variables that can be read from the files and a second list that specifies all variables that are computed in this class.

#### Parameters

**vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – all parameter names that are supposed to be loaded

#### Returns

2-element tuple, containing

- list: list containing all variables to be read
- list: list containing all variables to be computed

#### Return type

tuple

**property col\_index**

Dictionary that specifies the index for each data column

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**Note:** Implementation depends on the data. For instance, if the variable information is provided in all files (of all stations) and always in the same column, then this can be set as a fixed dictionary in the `__init__` function of the implementation (see e.g. class `ReadAeronetSunV2`). In other cases, it may not be ensured that each variable is available in all files or the column definition may differ between different stations. In the latter case you may automatise the column index retrieval by providing the header names for each meta and data column you want to extract using the attribute dictionaries `META_NAMES_FILE` and `VAR_NAMES_FILE` by calling `_update_col_index()` in your implementation of `read_file()` when you reach the line that contains the header information.

---

**compute\_additional\_vars**(*data*, *vars\_to\_compute*)

Compute all additional variables

The computations for each additional parameter are done using the specified methods in AUX\_FUNS.

#### Parameters

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param `vars_to_compute`)

- **vars\_to\_compute** (*list*) – list of variable names that are supposed to be computed. Variables that are required for the computation of the variables need to be specified in [AUX\\_VARS](#) and need to be available as data vectors in the provided data dictionary (key is the corresponding variable name of the required variable).

**Returns**

updated data object now containing also computed variables

**Return type**

[dict](#)

**property data\_dir:** [str](#)

Location of the dataset

---

**Note:** This can be set explicitly when instantiating the class (e.g. if data is available on local machine). If unspecified, the data location is attempted to be inferred via `get_obsnetwork_dir()`

---

**Raises**

[FileNotFoundError](#) – if data directory does not exist or cannot be retrieved automatically

**Type**

[str](#)

**property data\_id**

ID of dataset

**property data\_revision**

Revision string from file Revision.txt in the main data directory

**find\_in\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Find all files that match a certain wildcard pattern

**Parameters**

**pattern** ([str](#), optional) – wildcard pattern that may be used to narrow down the search (e.g. use `pattern=*Berlin*` to find only files that contain Berlin in their filename)

**Returns**

list containing all files in `files` that match pattern

**Return type**

[list](#)

**Raises**

[IOError](#) – if no matches can be found

**get\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Search all files to be read

Uses `_FILEMASK` (+ optional input search pattern, e.g. `station_name`) to find valid files for query.

**Parameters**

**pattern** ([str](#), optional) – file name pattern applied to search

**Returns**

list containing retrieved file locations

**Return type**

[list](#)

**Raises**

**IOError** – if no files can be found

**infer\_wavelength\_colname**(*colname*, *low*=250, *high*=2000)

Get variable wavelength from column name

**Parameters**

- **colname** (*str*) – string of column name
- **low** (*int*) – lower limit of accepted value range
- **high** (*int*) – upper limit of accepted value range

**Returns**

wavelength in nm as floating str

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if None or more than one number is detected in variable string

**logger**

Class own instance of logger class

**print\_all\_columns()**

**read**(*vars\_to\_retrieve*=None, *files*=None, *first\_file*=None, *last\_file*=None, *file\_pattern*=None, *common\_meta*=None)

Method that reads list of files as instance of UngriddedData

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list* or similar, optional,) – list containing variable IDs that are supposed to be read. If None, all variables in [PROVIDES\\_VARIABLES](#) are loaded
- **files** (*list*, optional) – list of files to be read. If None, then the file list is used that is returned on [get\\_file\\_list\(\)](#).
- **first\_file** (*int*, optional) – index of first file in file list to read. If None, the very first file in the list is used. Note: is ignored if input parameter *file\_pattern* is specified.
- **last\_file** (*int*, optional) – index of last file in list to read. If None, the very last file in the list is used. Note: is ignored if input parameter *file\_pattern* is specified.
- **file\_pattern** (*str*, optional) – string pattern for file search (cf [get\\_file\\_list\(\)](#))
- **common\_meta** (*dict*, optional) – dictionary that contains additional metadata shared for this network (assigned to each metadata block of the UngriddedData object that is returned)

**Returns**

data object

**Return type**

[UngriddedData](#)

**read\_file**(*filename*, *vars\_to\_retrieve*=None, *vars\_as\_series*=False)

Read Aeronet SDA V3 file and return it in a dictionary

**Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) – absolute path to filename to read



- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*, optional) – list of str with variable names to read. If None, use *DEFAULT\_VARS*
- **vars\_as\_series** (*bool*) – if True, the data columns of all variables in the result dictionary are converted into pandas Series objects

**Returns**

dict-like object containing results

**Return type**

*StationData*

**read\_first\_file**(*\*\*kwargs*)

Read first file returned from *get\_file\_list()*

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**Note:** This method may be used for test purposes.

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**Parameters**

**\*\*kwargs** – keyword args passed to *read\_file()* (e.g. *vars\_to\_retrieve*)

**Returns**

dictionary or similar containing loaded results from first file

**Return type**

dict-like

**read\_station**(*station\_id\_filename*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Read data from a single station into *UngriddedData*

Find all files that contain the station ID in their filename and then call *read()*, providing the reduced filelist as input, in order to read all files from this station into data object.

**Parameters**

- **station\_id\_filename** (*str*) – name of station (MUST be encrypted in filename)
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to *read()* (e.g. *vars\_to\_retrieve*)

**Returns**

loaded data

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**Raises**

**IOError** – if no files can be found for this station ID

**remove\_outliers**(*data*, *vars\_to\_retrieve*, *\*\*valid\_rng\_vars*)

Remove outliers from data

**Parameters**

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param *vars\_to\_compute*)
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – list of variable names for which outliers will be removed from data
- **\*\*valid\_rng\_vars** – additional keyword args specifying variable name and corresponding min / max interval (list or tuple) that specifies valid range for the variable. For each

variable that is not explicitly defined here, the default minimum / maximum value is used (accessed via `pyaerocom.const.VARS[var_name]`)

**var\_supported**(*var\_name*)

Check if input variable is supported

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – AeroCom variable name or alias

**Raises**

*VariableDefinitionError* – if input variable is not supported by pyaerocom

**Returns**

True, if variable is supported by this interface, else False

**Return type**

bool

**property verbosity\_level**

Current level of verbosity of logger

## AERONET Inversion (V3)

**class** `pyaerocom.io.read_aeronet_invv3.ReadAeronetInvV3`(*data\_id=None, data\_dir=None*)

Bases: *ReadAeronetBase*

Interface for reading Aeronet inversion V3 Level 1.5 and 2.0 data

**Parameters**

**data\_id** – string specifying either of the supported datasets that are defined in `SUPPORTED_DATASETS`

**ALT\_VAR\_NAMES\_FILE** = {}

dictionary specifying alternative column names for variables defined in *VAR\_NAMES\_FILE*

**Type**

OPTIONAL

**AUX\_FUNS** = {'abs550aer': <function `calc_abs550aer`>, 'od550aer': <function `calc_od550aer`>}

Functions that are used to compute additional variables (i.e. one for each variable defined in `AUX_REQUIRES`)

**AUX\_REQUIRES** = {'abs550aer': ['abs440aer', 'angabs4487aer'], 'od550aer': ['od440aer', 'ang4487aer']}

dictionary containing information about additionally required variables for each auxiliary variable (i.e. each variable that is not provided by the original data but computed on import)

**property AUX\_VARS**

List of auxiliary variables (keys of attr. *AUX\_REQUIRES*)

Auxiliary variables are those that are not included in original files but are computed from other variables during import

**COL\_DELIM** = ','

column delimiter in data block of files

**property DATASET\_PATH**

Wrapper for *data\_dir*.

**DATA\_ID = 'AeronetInvV3Lev2.daily'**

Name of dataset (OBS\_ID)

**DEFAULT\_UNIT = '1'**

Default data unit that is assigned to all variables that are not specified in UNITS dictionary (cf. [UNITS](#))

**DEFAULT\_VARS = ['abs550aer', 'od550aer']**

default variables for read method

**IGNORE\_META\_KEYS = ['date', 'time', 'day\_of\_year']**

**INSTRUMENT\_NAME = 'sun\_photometer'**

name of measurement instrument

**META\_NAMES\_FILE = {'altitude': 'Elevation(m)', 'date': 'Date(dd:mm:yyyy)',  
'day\_of\_year': 'Day\_of\_Year(fraction)', 'latitude': 'Latitude(Degrees)',  
'longitude': 'Longitude(Degrees)', 'station\_name': 'AERONET\_Site', 'time':  
'Time(hh:mm:ss)'}'**

dictionary specifying the file column names (values) for each metadata key (cf. attributes of StationData, e.g. 'station\_name', 'longitude', 'latitude', 'altitude')

**META\_NAMES\_FILE\_ALT = ({},)**

**NAN\_VAL = -999.0**

value corresponding to invalid measurement

**PROVIDES\_VARIABLES = ['abs440aer', 'angabs4487aer', 'od440aer', 'ang4487aer',  
'ssa675aer', 'ssa670aer']**

List of variables that are provided by this dataset (will be extended by auxiliary variables on class init, for details see `__init__` method of base class ReadUngriddedBase)

**property REVISION\_FILE**

Name of revision file located in data directory

**SUPPORTED\_DATASETS = ['AeronetInvV3Lev2.daily', 'AeronetInvV3Lev1.5.daily']**

List of all datasets supported by this interface

**property TS\_TYPE**

Default implementation of string for temporal resolution

**TS\_TYPES = {'AeronetInvV3Lev1.5.daily': 'daily', 'AeronetInvV3Lev2.daily': 'daily'}**

dictionary assigning temporal resolution flags for supported datasets that are provided in a defined temporal resolution

**UNITS = {}**

Variable specific units, only required for variables that deviate from [DEFAULT\\_UNIT](#) (is irrelevant for all variables that are so far supported by the implemented Aeronet products, i.e. all variables are dimensionless as specified in [DEFAULT\\_UNIT](#))

**VAR\_NAMES\_FILE = {'abs440aer': 'Absorption\_AOD[440nm]', 'ang4487aer':  
'Extinction\_Angstrom\_Exponent\_440-870nm-Total', 'angabs4487aer':  
'Absorption\_Angstrom\_Exponent\_440-870nm', 'od440aer': 'AOD\_Extinction-Total[440nm]',  
'ssa670aer': 'Single\_Scattering\_Albedo[675nm]', 'ssa675aer':  
'Single\_Scattering\_Albedo[675nm]'}'**

dictionary specifying the file column names (values) for each Aerocom variable (keys)

**VAR\_PATTERNS\_FILE** = {}

Mappings for identifying variables in file (may be specified in addition to explicit variable names specified in VAR\_NAMES\_FILE)

**check\_vars\_to\_retrieve**(*vars\_to\_retrieve*)

Separate variables that are in file from those that are computed

Some of the provided variables by this interface are not included in the data files but are computed within this class during data import (e.g. `od550aer`, `ang4487aer`).

The latter may require additional parameters to be retrieved from the file, which is specified in the class header (cf. attribute `AUX_REQUIRES`).

This function checks the input list that specifies all required variables and separates them into two lists, one that includes all variables that can be read from the files and a second list that specifies all variables that are computed in this class.

**Parameters**

**vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – all parameter names that are supposed to be loaded

**Returns**

2-element tuple, containing

- list: list containing all variables to be read
- list: list containing all variables to be computed

**Return type**

*tuple*

**property** `col_index`

Dictionary that specifies the index for each data column

---

**Note:** Implementation depends on the data. For instance, if the variable information is provided in all files (of all stations) and always in the same column, then this can be set as a fixed dictionary in the `__init__` function of the implementation (see e.g. class `ReadAeronetSunV2`). In other cases, it may not be ensured that each variable is available in all files or the column definition may differ between different stations. In the latter case you may automatise the column index retrieval by providing the header names for each meta and data column you want to extract using the attribute dictionaries `META_NAMES_FILE` and `VAR_NAMES_FILE` by calling `_update_col_index()` in your implementation of `read_file()` when you reach the line that contains the header information.

---

**compute\_additional\_vars**(*data*, *vars\_to\_compute*)

Compute all additional variables

The computations for each additional parameter are done using the specified methods in `AUX_FUNS`.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param `vars_to_compute`)
- **vars\_to\_compute** (*list*) – list of variable names that are supposed to be computed. Variables that are required for the computation of the variables need to be specified in `AUX_VARS` and need to be available as data vectors in the provided data dictionary (key is the corresponding variable name of the required variable).

**Returns**

updated data object now containing also computed variables

**Return type**

dict

**property data\_dir: str**

Location of the dataset

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**Note:** This can be set explicitly when instantiating the class (e.g. if data is available on local machine). If unspecified, the data location is attempted to be inferred via `get_obsnetwork_dir()`

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**Raises****FileNotFoundError** – if data directory does not exist or cannot be retrieved automatically**Type**

str

**property data\_id**

ID of dataset

**property data\_revision**

Revision string from file Revision.txt in the main data directory

**find\_in\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Find all files that match a certain wildcard pattern

**Parameters****pattern** (str, optional) – wildcard pattern that may be used to narrow down the search (e.g. use `pattern=*Berlin*` to find only files that contain Berlin in their filename)**Returns**list containing all files in `files` that match pattern**Return type**

list

**Raises****IOError** – if no matches can be found**get\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Search all files to be read

Uses `_FILEMASK` (+ optional input search pattern, e.g. `station_name`) to find valid files for query.**Parameters****pattern** (str, optional) – file name pattern applied to search**Returns**

list containing retrieved file locations

**Return type**

list

**Raises****IOError** – if no files can be found**infer\_wavelength\_colname**(*colname*, *low=250*, *high=2000*)

Get variable wavelength from column name

**Parameters**

- **colname** (str) – string of column name

- **low** (*int*) – lower limit of accepted value range
- **high** (*int*) – upper limit of accepted value range

**Returns**

wavelength in nm as floating str

**Return type**

str

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if None or more than one number is detected in variable string

**logger**

Class own instance of logger class

**print\_all\_columns()**

**read**(*vars\_to\_retrieve=None, files=None, first\_file=None, last\_file=None, file\_pattern=None, common\_meta=None*)

Method that reads list of files as instance of *UngriddedData*

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list* or similar, optional,) – list containing variable IDs that are supposed to be read. If None, all variables in *PROVIDES\_VARIABLES* are loaded
- **files** (*list*, optional) – list of files to be read. If None, then the file list is used that is returned on *get\_file\_list()*.
- **first\_file** (*int*, optional) – index of first file in file list to read. If None, the very first file in the list is used. Note: is ignored if input parameter *file\_pattern* is specified.
- **last\_file** (*int*, optional) – index of last file in list to read. If None, the very last file in the list is used. Note: is ignored if input parameter *file\_pattern* is specified.
- **file\_pattern** (*str*, optional) – string pattern for file search (cf *get\_file\_list()*)
- **common\_meta** (*dict*, optional) – dictionary that contains additional metadata shared for this network (assigned to each metadata block of the *UngriddedData* object that is returned)

**Returns**

data object

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**read\_file**(*filename, vars\_to\_retrieve=None, vars\_as\_series=False*)

Read Aeronet file containing results from v2 inversion algorithm

**Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) – absolute path to filename to read
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – list of str with variable names to read
- **vars\_as\_series** (*bool*) – if True, the data columns of all variables in the result dictionary are converted into pandas Series objects

**Returns**

dict-like object containing results

**Return type**

*StationData*

### Example

```
>>> import pyaerocom.io as pio
>>> obj = pio.read_aeronet_invv2.ReadAeronetInvV2()
>>> files = obj.get_file_list()
>>> filedata = obj.read_file(files[0])
```

**read\_first\_file**(\*\*kwargs)

Read first file returned from `get_file_list()`

---

**Note:** This method may be used for test purposes.

---

#### Parameters

**\*\*kwargs** – keyword args passed to `read_file()` (e.g. `vars_to_retrieve`)

#### Returns

dictionary or similar containing loaded results from first file

#### Return type

dict-like

**read\_station**(station\_id\_filename, \*\*kwargs)

Read data from a single station into `UngriddedData`

Find all files that contain the station ID in their filename and then call `read()`, providing the reduced filelist as input, in order to read all files from this station into data object.

#### Parameters

- **station\_id\_filename** (*str*) – name of station (MUST be encrypted in filename)
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to `read()` (e.g. `vars_to_retrieve`)

#### Returns

loaded data

#### Return type

*UngriddedData*

#### Raises

**IOError** – if no files can be found for this station ID

**remove\_outliers**(data, vars\_to\_retrieve, \*\*valid\_rng\_vars)

Remove outliers from data

#### Parameters

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param `vars_to_compute`)
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – list of variable names for which outliers will be removed from data
- **\*\*valid\_rng\_vars** – additional keyword args specifying variable name and corresponding min / max interval (list or tuple) that specifies valid range for the variable. For each variable that is not explicitly defined here, the default minimum / maximum value is used (accessed via `pyaerocom.const.VARS[var_name]`)

**var\_supported**(*var\_name*)

Check if input variable is supported

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – AeroCom variable name or alias

**Raises**

*VariableDefinitionError* – if input variable is not supported by pyaerocom

**Returns**

True, if variable is supported by this interface, else False

**Return type**

bool

**property verbosity\_level**

Current level of verbosity of logger

## 4.5.4 EARLINET

European Aerosol Research Lidar Network (EARLINET)

**class** `pyaerocom.io.read_earlinet.ReadEarlinet`(*data\_id=None, data\_dir=None*)

Bases: *ReadUngriddedBase*

Interface for reading of EARLINET data

**ALTITUDE\_ID** = 'altitude'

variable name of altitude in files

**AUX\_FUNS** = {}

Functions that are used to compute additional variables (i.e. one for each variable defined in AUX\_REQUIRES)

**AUX\_REQUIRES** = {}

dictionary containing information about additionally required variables for each auxiliary variable (i.e. each variable that is not provided by the original data but computed on import)

**property AUX\_VARS**

List of auxiliary variables (keys of attr. *AUX\_REQUIRES*)

Auxiliary variables are those that are not included in original files but are computed from other variables during import

**property DATASET\_PATH**

Wrapper for *data\_dir*.

**DATA\_ID** = 'EARLINET'

Name of dataset (OBS\_ID)

**DEFAULT\_VARS** = ['bsc532aer', 'ec532aer']

default variables for read method

**ERR\_VARNAMEs** = {'ec355aer': 'error\_extinction', 'ec532aer': 'error\_extinction'}

Variable names of uncertainty data

**EXCLUDE\_CASES** = ['cirrus.txt']



```
IGNORE_META_KEYS = []
```

```
KEEP_ADD_META = ['location', 'wavelength', 'zenith_angle', 'comment', 'shots',
'backscatter_evaluation_method']
```

Metadata keys from [META\\_NAMES\\_FILE](#) that are additional to standard keys defined in StationMetaData and that are supposed to be inserted into UngriddedData object created in [read\(\)](#)

```
META_NAMES_FILE = {'PI': 'PI', 'altitude': 'altitude', 'comment': 'comment',
'dataset_name': 'title', 'instrument_name': 'system', 'location': 'location',
'start_utc': 'measurement_start_datetime', 'stop_utc': 'measurement_stop_datetime',
'wavelength_emis': 'wavelength', 'website': 'references'}
```

```
META_NEEDED = ['location', 'measurement_start_datetime',
'measurement_stop_datetime']
```

metadata keys that are needed for reading (must be values in [META\\_NAMES\\_FILE](#))

```
PROVIDES_VARIABLES = ['ec532aer', 'ec355aer', 'bsc532aer', 'bsc355aer',
'bsc1064aer']
```

```
READ_ERR = True
```

If true, the uncertainties are also read (where available, cf. ERR\_VAR\_NAMES)

property **REVISION\_FILE**

Name of revision file located in data directory

```
SUPPORTED_DATASETS = ['EARLINET']
```

List of all datasets supported by this interface

```
TS_TYPE = 'hourly'
```

```
VAR_NAMES_FILE = {'bsc1064aer': 'backscatter', 'bsc355aer': 'backscatter',
'bsc532aer': 'backscatter', 'ec1064aer': 'extinction', 'ec355aer': 'extinction',
'ec532aer': 'extinction', 'zdust': 'DustLayerHeight'}
```

dictionary specifying the file column names (values) for each AeroCom variable (keys)

```
VAR_PATTERNS_FILE = {'bsc1064aer': '_Lev02_b1064', 'bsc355aer': '_Lev02_b0355',
'bsc532aer': '_Lev02_b0532', 'ec355aer': '_Lev02_e0355', 'ec532aer': '_Lev02_e0532'}
```

```
VAR_UNIT_NAMES = {'altitude': 'units', 'backscatter': ['units'], 'dustlayerheight':
['units'], 'extinction': ['units']}
```

Attribute access names for unit reading of variable data

**check\_vars\_to\_retrieve**(vars\_to\_retrieve)

Separate variables that are in file from those that are computed

Some of the provided variables by this interface are not included in the data files but are computed within this class during data import (e.g. od550aer, ang4487aer).

The latter may require additional parameters to be retrieved from the file, which is specified in the class header (cf. attribute AUX\_REQUIRES).

This function checks the input list that specifies all required variables and separates them into two lists, one that includes all variables that can be read from the files and a second list that specifies all variables that are computed in this class.

**Parameters**

**vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – all parameter names that are supposed to be loaded

**Returns**

2-element tuple, containing

- list: list containing all variables to be read
- list: list containing all variables to be computed

**Return type**

tuple

**compute\_additional\_vars**(*data*, *vars\_to\_compute*)

Compute all additional variables

The computations for each additional parameter are done using the specified methods in `AUX_FUNS`.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param `vars_to_compute`)
- **vars\_to\_compute** (*list*) – list of variable names that are supposed to be computed. Variables that are required for the computation of the variables need to be specified in `AUX_VARS` and need to be available as data vectors in the provided data dictionary (key is the corresponding variable name of the required variable).

**Returns**

updated data object now containing also computed variables

**Return type**

dict

**property data\_dir: str**

Location of the dataset

---

**Note:** This can be set explicitly when instantiating the class (e.g. if data is available on local machine). If unspecified, the data location is attempted to be inferred via `get_obsnetwork_dir()`

---

**Raises**

**FileNotFoundError** – if data directory does not exist or cannot be retrieved automatically

**Type**

str

**property data\_id**

ID of dataset

**property data\_revision**

Revision string from file `Revision.txt` in the main data directory

**exclude\_files**

files that are supposed to be excluded from reading

**excluded\_files**

files that were actually excluded from reading

**find\_in\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Find all files that match a certain wildcard pattern

**Parameters**

**pattern** (*str*, optional) – wildcard pattern that may be used to narrow down the search (e.g. use `pattern=*Berlin*` to find only files that contain Berlin in their filename)

**Returns**

list containing all files in `files` that match pattern

**Return type**

list

**Raises**

**IOError** – if no matches can be found

**get\_file\_list**(*vars\_to\_retrieve=None, pattern=None*)

Perform recursive file search for all input variables

---

**Note:** Overloaded implementation of base class, since for Earlinet, the paths are variable dependent

---

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – list of variables to retrieve
- **pattern** (*str*, *optional*) – file name pattern applied to search

**Returns**

list containing file paths

**Return type**

list

**logger**

Class own instance of logger class

**read**(*vars\_to\_retrieve=None, files=None, first\_file=None, last\_file=None, read\_err=None, remove\_outliers=True, pattern=None*)

Method that reads list of files as instance of UngriddedData

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list* or similar, optional,) – list containing variable IDs that are supposed to be read. If `None`, all variables in `PROVIDES_VARIABLES` are loaded
- **files** (*list*, optional) – list of files to be read. If `None`, then the file list is used that is returned on `get_file_list()`.
- **first\_file** (*int*, optional) – index of first file in file list to read. If `None`, the very first file in the list is used
- **last\_file** (*int*, optional) – index of last file in list to read. If `None`, the very last file in the list is used
- **read\_err** (*bool*) –  
  
if `True`, uncertainty data is also read (where available). If unspecified (`None`), then the default is used (cf. `READ_ERR`)
- **pattern**  
[*str*, optional] string pattern for file search (cf `get_file_list()`)

**Returns**

data object

**Return type***UngriddedData***read\_file**(filename, vars\_to\_retrieve=None, read\_err=None, remove\_outliers=True)

Read EARLINET file and return it as instance of StationData

**Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) – absolute path to filename to read
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*, optional) – list of str with variable names to read. If None, use *DEFAULT\_VARS*
- **read\_err** (*bool*) – if True, uncertainty data is also read (where available).
- **remove\_outliers** (*bool*) – if True, outliers are removed for each variable using the *minimum* and *maximum* attributes for that variable (accessed via `pyaerocom.const.VARS[var_name]`).

**Returns**

dict-like object containing results

**Return type***StationData***read\_first\_file**(\*\*kwargs)Read first file returned from *get\_file\_list()*

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**Note:** This method may be used for test purposes.

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**Parameters****\*\*kwargs** – keyword args passed to *read\_file()* (e.g. `vars_to_retrieve`)**Returns**

dictionary or similar containing loaded results from first file

**Return type**

dict-like

**read\_station**(station\_id\_filename, \*\*kwargs)

Read data from a single station into UngriddedData

Find all files that contain the station ID in their filename and then call *read()*, providing the reduced filelist as input, in order to read all files from this station into data object.**Parameters**

- **station\_id\_filename** (*str*) – name of station (MUST be encrypted in filename)
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to *read()* (e.g. `vars_to_retrieve`)

**Returns**

loaded data

**Return type***UngriddedData***Raises****IOError** – if no files can be found for this station ID

**remove\_outliers**(*data*, *vars\_to\_retrieve*, *\*\*valid\_rng\_vars*)

Remove outliers from data

#### Parameters

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param *vars\_to\_compute*)
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – list of variable names for which outliers will be removed from data
- **\*\*valid\_rng\_vars** – additional keyword args specifying variable name and corresponding min / max interval (list or tuple) that specifies valid range for the variable. For each variable that is not explicitly defined here, the default minimum / maximum value is used (accessed via `pyaerocom.const.VARS[var_name]`)

**var\_supported**(*var\_name*)

Check if input variable is supported

#### Parameters

**var\_name** (*str*) – AeroCom variable name or alias

#### Raises

**VariableDefinitionError** – if input variable is not supported by pyaerocom

#### Returns

True, if variable is supported by this interface, else False

#### Return type

bool

**property verbosity\_level**

Current level of verbosity of logger

## 4.5.5 EBAS

EBAS is a database with atmospheric measurement data hosted by the [Norwegian Institute for Air Research](#). Declaration of AEROCOM variables in EBAS and associated information such as acceptable minimum and maximum values occurs in `pyaerocom/data/variables.ini`.

**class** `pyaerocom.io.read_ebas.ReadEbas`(*data\_id=None*, *data\_dir=None*)

Bases: [ReadUngriddedBase](#)

Interface for reading EBAS data

#### Parameters

- **data\_id** – string specifying either of the supported datasets that are defined in `SUPPORTED_DATASETS`
- **data\_dir** (*str*) – directory where data is located (NOTE: needs to point to the directory that contains the “`ebas_file_index.sqlite3`” file and not to the underlying directory “`data`” which contains the actual NASA Ames files.)

**ASSUME\_AAE\_SHIFT\_WVL** = 1.0

**ASSUME\_AE\_SHIFT\_WVL** = 1

```

AUX_FUNS = {'ac550dryaer': <function compute_ac550dryaer>, 'ang4470dryaer':
<function compute_ang4470dryaer_from_dry_scat>, 'proxydryhno3': <function
compute_wetoxn_from_concprcpoxn>, 'proxydryhono': <function
compute_wetoxn_from_concprcpoxn>, 'proxydryn2o5': <function
compute_wetoxn_from_concprcpoxn>, 'proxydryna': <function
compute_wetna_from_concprcpna>, 'proxydrynh3': <function
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compute_wetoxs_from_concprcpoxs>, 'proxydryso4': <function
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compute_wetrnd_from_concprcprdn>, 'proxywetso2': <function
compute_wetoxs_from_concprcpoxs>, 'proxywetso4': <function
compute_wetoxs_from_concprcpoxs>, 'sc440dryaer': <function compute_sc440dryaer>,
'sc550dryaer': <function compute_sc550dryaer>, 'sc700dryaer': <function
compute_sc700dryaer>, 'vmro3max': <function calc_vmro3max>, 'wetna': <function
compute_wetna_from_concprcpna>, 'wetnh4': <function
compute_wetnh4_from_concprcpnh4>, 'wetno3': <function
compute_wetno3_from_concprcpno3>, 'wetoxn': <function
compute_wetoxn_from_concprcpoxn>, 'wetoxs': <function
compute_wetoxs_from_concprcpoxs>, 'wetoxsc': <function
compute_wetoxs_from_concprcpoxsc>, 'wetoxst': <function
compute_wetoxs_from_concprcpoxst>, 'wetrnd': <function
compute_wetrnd_from_concprcprdn>, 'wetso4': <function
compute_wetso4_from_concprcps04>}

```

Functions supposed to be used for computation of auxiliary variables

```

AUX_REQUIRES = {'ac550dryaer': ['ac550aer', 'acrh'], 'ang4470dryaer':
['sc440dryaer', 'sc700dryaer'], 'proxydryhno3': ['concpo3', 'pr'],
'proxydryhno': ['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxydryn2o5': ['concpo3', 'pr'],
'proxydryna': ['concpna', 'pr'], 'proxydrynh3': ['concpo3', 'pr'],
'proxydrynh4': ['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxydryno2': ['concpo3', 'pr'],
'proxydryno2no2': ['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxydryno3c': ['concpo3', 'pr'],
'proxydryno3f': ['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxydryo3': ['vmro3'], 'proxydryoxn':
['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxydryoxs': ['concpoxs', 'pr'], 'proxydrypm10':
['concpoxs', 'pr'], 'proxydrypm25': ['concpoxs', 'pr'], 'proxydryrdn':
['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxydryso2': ['concpoxs', 'pr'], 'proxydryso4':
['concpoxs', 'pr'], 'proxydryss': ['concpna', 'pr'], 'proxywethno3':
['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxywethono': ['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxywetn2o5':
['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxywetnh3': ['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxywetnh4':
['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxywetno2': ['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxywetno2no2':
['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxywetno3c': ['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxywetno3f':
['concpo3', 'pr'], 'proxyweto3': ['vmro3'], 'proxywetoxn': ['concpo3',
'pr'], 'proxywetoxs': ['concpoxs', 'pr'], 'proxywetpm10': ['concpoxs', 'pr'],
'proxywetpm25': ['concpoxs', 'pr'], 'proxywetrdn': ['concpo3', 'pr'],
'proxywetso2': ['concpoxs', 'pr'], 'proxywetso4': ['concpoxs', 'pr'],
'sc440dryaer': ['sc440aer', 'scrh'], 'sc550dryaer': ['sc550aer', 'scrh'],
'sc700dryaer': ['sc700aer', 'scrh'], 'vmro3max': ['vmro3'], 'wetna': ['concpna',
'pr'], 'wetnh4': ['concpnh4', 'pr'], 'wetno3': ['concpno3', 'pr'], 'wetoxn':
['concpo3', 'pr'], 'wetoxs': ['concpoxs', 'pr'], 'wetoxsc': ['concpoxsc',
'pr'], 'wetoxst': ['concpoxst', 'pr'], 'wetrdn': ['concpo3', 'pr'], 'wetso4':
['concpso4', 'pr']}

```

variables required for computation of auxiliary variables

```

AUX_USE_META = {'ac550dryaer': 'ac550aer', 'sc440dryaer': 'sc440aer', 'sc550dryaer':
'sc550aer', 'sc700dryaer': 'sc700aer'}

```

Meta information supposed to be migrated to computed variables

#### property `AUX_VARS`

List of auxiliary variables (keys of attr. [AUX\\_REQUIRES](#))

Auxiliary variables are those that are not included in original files but are computed from other variables during import

```

CACHE_SQLITE_FILE = ['EBASMC']

```

For the following data IDs, the sqlite database file will be cached if `const.EBAS_DB_LOCAL_CACHE` is `True`

#### property `DATASET_PATH`

Wrapper for [data\\_dir](#).

```

DATA_ID = 'EBASMC'

```

Name of dataset (`OBS_ID`)

#### property `DEFAULT_VARS`

list of default variables to be read

---

**Note:** Currently a wrapper for [PROVIDES\\_VARIABLES](#)

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Type  
list

**property FILE\_REQUEST\_OPTS**

List of options for file retrieval

**FILE\_SUBDIR\_NAME** = 'data'

Name of subdirectory containing data files (relative to [data\\_dir](#))

**IGNORE\_COLS\_CONTAIN** = ['fraction', 'artifact']

Ignore data columns in NASA Ames files that contain any of the listed attributes

**IGNORE\_FILES** = ['CA0420G.20100101000000.20190125102503.filter\_absorption\_photometer.  
aerosol\_absorption\_coefficient.aerosol.1y.1h.CA01L\_Magee\_AE31\_ALT.  
CA01L\_aethalometer.lev2.nas',  
'DK0022R.20180101070000.20191014000000.bulk\_sampler..precip.1y.15d.DK01L\_bs\_22.  
DK01L\_IC.lev2.nas',  
'DK0012R.20180101070000.20191014000000.bulk\_sampler..precip.1y.15d.DK01L\_bs\_12.  
DK01L\_IC.lev2.nas',  
'DK0008R.20180101070000.20191014000000.bulk\_sampler..precip.1y.15d.DK01L\_bs\_08.  
DK01L\_IC.lev2.nas',  
'DK0005R.20180101070000.20191014000000.bulk\_sampler..precip.1y.15d.DK01L\_bs\_05.  
DK01L\_IC.lev2.nas']

list of EBAS data files that are flagged invalid and will not be imported

**IGNORE\_META\_KEYS** = []

**MERGE\_STATIONS** = {'Birkenes': 'Birkenes II', 'Rörvik': 'Råö', 'Vavihill':  
'Hallahus', 'Virolahti II': 'Virolahti III'}

**property NAN\_VAL**

Irrelevant for implementation of EBAS I/O

**property PROVIDES\_VARIABLES**

List of variables provided by the interface

**property REVISION\_FILE**

Name of revision file located in data directory

**SQL\_DB\_NAME** = 'ebas\_file\_index.sqlite3'

Name of sqlite database file

**SUPPORTED\_DATASETS** = ['EBASMC']

List of all datasets supported by this interface

**TS\_TYPE** = 'undefined'

**TS\_TYPE\_CODES** = {'1d': 'daily', '1h': 'hourly', '1mn': 'minutely', '1mo': 'monthly',  
'1w': 'weekly', 'd': 'daily', 'h': 'hourly', 'mn': 'minutely', 'mo': 'monthly', 'w':  
'weekly'}

Temporal resolution codes that (so far) can be understood by pyaerocom

**VAR\_READ\_OPTS** = {'pr': {'convert\_units': False, 'freq\_min\_cov': 0.75}, 'prmm':  
{ 'freq\_min\_cov': 0.75}}

Custom reading options for individual variables. Keys need to be valid attributes of [ReadEbasOptions](#) and anything specified here (for a given variable) will be overwritten from the defaults specified in the options class.

**property all\_station\_names**

List of all available station names in EBAS database



**check\_vars\_to\_retrieve**(*vars\_to\_retrieve*)

Separate variables that are in file from those that are computed

Some of the provided variables by this interface are not included in the data files but are computed within this class during data import (e.g. `od550aer`, `ang4487aer`).

The latter may require additional parameters to be retrieved from the file, which is specified in the class header (cf. attribute `AUX_REQUIRES`).

This function checks the input list that specifies all required variables and separates them into two lists, one that includes all variables that can be read from the files and a second list that specifies all variables that are computed in this class.

**Parameters**

**vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – all parameter names that are supposed to be loaded

**Returns**

2-element tuple, containing

- list: list containing all variables to be read
- list: list containing all variables to be computed

**Return type**

tuple

**compute\_additional\_vars**(*data*, *vars\_to\_compute*)

Compute additional variables and put into station data

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**Note:** Extended version of `ReadUngriddedBase.compute_additional_vars()`

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**Parameters**

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param `vars_to_compute`)
- **vars\_to\_compute** (*list*) – list of variable names that are supposed to be computed. Variables that are required for the computation of the variables need to be specified in `AUX_VARS` and need to be available as data vectors in the provided data dictionary (key is the corresponding variable name of the required variable).

**Returns**

updated data object now containing also computed variables

**Return type**

dict

**property data\_dir**: str

Location of the dataset

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**Note:** This can be set explicitly when instantiating the class (e.g. if data is available on local machine). If unspecified, the data location is attempted to be inferred via `get_obsnetwork_dir()`

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**Raises**

**FileNotFoundError** – if data directory does not exist or cannot be retrieved automatically

**Type**`str`**property data\_id**

ID of dataset

**property data\_revision**

Revision string from file Revision.txt in the main data directory

**property file\_dir**

Directory containing EBAS NASA Ames files

**property file\_index**

SQLite file mapping metadata with filenames

**files\_contain**this is filled in method `get_file_list` and specifies variables to be read from each file**find\_in\_file\_list**(*pattern=None*)

Find all files that match a certain wildcard pattern

**Parameters**

**pattern** (`str`, optional) – wildcard pattern that may be used to narrow down the search (e.g. use `pattern=*Berlin*` to find only files that contain Berlin in their filename)

**Returns**list containing all files in `files` that match pattern**Return type**`list`**Raises**`IOError` – if no matches can be found**find\_var\_cols**(*vars\_to\_read, loaded\_nasa\_ames*)

Find best-match variable columns in loaded NASA Ames file

For each of the input variables, try to find one or more matches in the input NASA Ames file (loaded data object). If more than one match occurs, identify the best one (an example here is: user wants `sc550aer` and file contains scattering coefficients at 530 nm and 580 nm: in this case the 530 nm column will be used, cf. also accepted wavelength tolerance for reading of wavelength dependent variables `wavelength_tol_nm`).

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_read** (`list`) – list of variables that are supposed to be read
- **loaded\_nasa\_ames** (`EbasNasaAmesFile`) – loaded data object

**Returns**

dictionary specifying the best-match variable column for each of the input variables.

**Return type**`dict`**get\_ebas\_var**(*var\_name*)Get instance of `EbasVarInfo` for input AeroCom variable**get\_file\_list**(*vars\_to\_retrieve, \*\*constraints*)

Get list of files for all variables to retrieve

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list* or *str*) – list of variables that are supposed to be read
- **\*\*constraints** – further EBAS request constraints deviating from default (default info for each AEROCOM variable can be found in ``ebas_config.ini`` < [https://github.com/metno/pyaerocom/blob/master/pyaerocom/data/ebas\\_config.ini](https://github.com/metno/pyaerocom/blob/master/pyaerocom/data/ebas_config.ini)> ``__``). For details on possible input parameters see EbasSQLRequest (or [this tutorial](#))

**Returns**

unified list of file paths each containing either of the specified variables

**Return type**

*list*

**get\_read\_opts**(*var\_name*)

Get reading options for input variable

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable

**Returns**

options

**Return type**

EbasReadOptions

**logger**

Class own instance of logger class

**read**(*vars\_to\_retrieve=None, first\_file=None, last\_file=None, files=None, \*\*constraints*)

Method that reads list of files as instance of UngriddedData

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list* or similar, optional,) – list containing variable IDs that are supposed to be read. If None, all variables in [PROVIDES\\_VARIABLES](#) are loaded
- **first\_file** (*int*, optional) – index of first file in file list to read. If None, the very first file in the list is used
- **last\_file** (*int*, optional) – index of last file in list to read. If None, the very last file in the list is used
- **files** (*list*) – list of files
- **\*\*constraints** – further reading constraints deviating from default (default info for each AEROCOM variable can be found in ``ebas_config.ini`` < [https://github.com/metno/pyaerocom/blob/master/pyaerocom/data/ebas\\_config.ini](https://github.com/metno/pyaerocom/blob/master/pyaerocom/data/ebas_config.ini)> ``__``). For details on possible input parameters see EbasSQLRequest (or [this tutorial](#))

**Returns**

data object

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**read\_file**(*filename, vars\_to\_retrieve=None, \_vars\_to\_read=None, \_vars\_to\_compute=None*)

Read EBAS NASA Ames file

**Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) – absolute path to filename to read

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*, optional) – list of str with variable names to read, if None (and if not both of the alternative possible parameters `_vars_to_read` and `_vars_to_compute` are specified explicitly) then the default settings are used

**Returns**

dict-like object containing results

**Return type**

*StationData*

**read\_first\_file**(*\*\*kwargs*)

Read first file returned from *get\_file\_list()*

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**Note:** This method may be used for test purposes.

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**Parameters**

**\*\*kwargs** – keyword args passed to *read\_file()* (e.g. `vars_to_retrieve`)

**Returns**

dictionary or similar containing loaded results from first file

**Return type**

dict-like

**read\_station**(*station\_id\_filename*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Read data from a single station into *UngriddedData*

Find all files that contain the station ID in their filename and then call *read()*, providing the reduced filelist as input, in order to read all files from this station into data object.

**Parameters**

- **station\_id\_filename** (*str*) – name of station (MUST be encrypted in filename)
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to *read()* (e.g. `vars_to_retrieve`)

**Returns**

loaded data

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**Raises**

*IOError* – if no files can be found for this station ID

**property readopts\_default**

Default reading options

These are applied to all variables if not defined explicitly for individual variables in :attr:`REA`

**remove\_outliers**(*data*, *vars\_to\_retrieve*, *\*\*valid\_rng\_vars*)

Remove outliers from data

**Parameters**

- **data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing data vectors for variables that are required for computation (cf. input param `vars_to_compute`)
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*) – list of variable names for which outliers will be removed from data

- **\*\*valid\_rng\_vars** – additional keyword args specifying variable name and corresponding min / max interval (list or tuple) that specifies valid range for the variable. For each variable that is not explicitly defined here, the default minimum / maximum value is used (accessed via `pyaerocom.const.VARS[var_name]`)

**property sqlite\_database\_file**

Path to EBAS SQL database

**var\_info**(var\_name)

Aerocom variable info for input var\_name

**var\_supported**(var\_name)

Check if input variable is supported

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – AeroCom variable name or alias

**Raises**

*VariableDefinitionError* – if input variable is not supported by pyaerocom

**Returns**

True, if variable is supported by this interface, else False

**Return type**

*bool*

**property verbosity\_level**

Current level of verbosity of logger

**class pyaerocom.io.read\_ebas.ReadEbasOptions(\*\*args)**

Bases: *BrowseDict*

Options for EBAS reading routine

**prefer\_statistics**

preferred order of data statistics. Some files may contain multiple columns for one variable, where each column corresponds to one of the here defined statistics that were applied to the data. This attribute is only considered for ebas variables, that have not explicitly defined what statistics to use (and in which preferred order, if applicable). Reading preferences for all Ebas variables are specified in the file `ebas_config.ini` in the data directory of pyaerocom.

**Type**

*list*

**ignore\_statistics**

columns that have either of these statistics applied are ignored for variable data reading.

**Type**

*list*

**wavelength\_tol\_nm**

Wavelength tolerance in nm for reading of (wavelength dependent) variables. If multiple matches occur (e.g. query -> variable at 550nm but file contains 3 columns of that variable, e.g. at 520, 530 and 540 nm), then the closest wavelength to the queried wavelength is used within the specified tolerance level.

**Type**

*int*

**shift\_wavelengths**

(only for wavelength dependent variables). If True, and a data columns candidate is valid within wavelength tolerance around desired wavelength, that column will be considered to be used for data import. Defaults to True.

**Type**

bool

**assume\_default\_ae\_if\_unavail**

assume an Angstrom Exponent for applying wavelength shifts of data. See [ReadEbas.ASSUME\\_AE\\_SHIFT\\_WVL](#) and [ReadEbas.ASSUME\\_AAE\\_SHIFT\\_WVL](#) for AE and AAE assumptions related to scattering and absorption coeffs. Defaults to True.

**Type**

bool

**check\_correct\_MAAP\_wrong\_wvl**

(BETA, do not use): set correct wavelength for certain absorption coeff measurements. Defaults to False.

**Type**

bool

**eval\_flags**

If True, the flag columns in the NASA Ames files are read and decoded (using [EbasFlagCol.decode\(\)](#)) and the (up to 3 flags for each measurement) are evaluated as valid / invalid using the information in the flags CSV file. The evaluated flags are stored in the data files returned by the reading methods [ReadEbas.read\(\)](#) and [ReadEbas.read\\_file\(\)](#).

**Type**

bool

**keep\_aux\_vars**

if True, auxiliary variables required for computed variables will be written to the `UngriddedData` object created in [ReadEbas.read\(\)](#) (e.g. if `sc550dryaer` is requested, this requires reading of `sc550aer` and `scrh`. The latter 2 will be written to the data object if this parameter evaluates to True)

**Type**

bool

**convert\_units**

if True, variable units in EBAS files will be checked and attempted to be converted into AeroCom default unit for that variable. Defaults to True.

**Type**

bool

**try\_convert\_vmr\_conc**

attempt to convert vmr data to conc if user requires conc (e.g. user wants `conco3` but file only contains `vmro3`), and vice versa.

**Type**

bool

**ensure\_correct\_freq**

if True, the frequency set in NASA Ames files (provided via attr `resolution_code`) is checked using time differences inferred from start and stop time of each measurement. Measurements that are not in that resolution (within 5% tolerance level) will be flagged invalid.

**Type**

bool

**freq\_from\_start\_stop\_meas**

infer frequency from start / stop intervals of individual measurements.

**Type**

bool

**freq\_min\_cov**

defines minimum number of measurements that need to correspond to the detected sampling frequency in the file within the specified tolerance range. Only applies if *ensure\_correct\_freq* is True. E.g. if a file contains 100 measurements and the most common frequency (as inferred from stop-start of each measurement) is daily. Then, if *freq\_min\_cov* is 0.75, it will be ensured that at least 75 of the measurements are daily (within +/- 5% tolerance), otherwise this file is discarded. Defaults to 0.

**Type**

float

**Parameters**

**\*\*args** – key / value pairs specifying any of the supported settings.

**ADD\_GLOB** = []

**FORBIDDEN\_KEYS** = []

**IGNORE\_JSON** = []

Keys to be ignored when converting to json

**MAXLEN\_KEYS** = 100.0

**SETTER\_CONVERT** = {}

**clear()** → None. Remove all items from D.

**property filter\_dict**

**get(*k*, *d*)** → D[k] if k in D, else d. d defaults to None.

**import\_from(*other*)** → None

Import key value pairs from other object

Other than *update()* this method will silently ignore input keys that are not contained in this object.

**Parameters**

**other** (*dict* or *BrowseDict*) – other dict-like object containing content to be updated.

**Raises**

**ValueError** – If input is invalid type.

**Return type**

None

**items()** → a set-like object providing a view on D's items

**json\_repr()** → *dict*

Convert object to serializable json dict

**Returns**

content of class

**Return type**

*dict*

**keys()** → a set-like object providing a view on D's keys

**pop**(*k*, *d*) → *v*, remove specified key and return the corresponding value.

If key is not found, *d* is returned if given, otherwise `KeyError` is raised.

**popitem()** → (*k*, *v*), remove and return some (key, value) pair  
as a 2-tuple; but raise `KeyError` if D is empty.

**pretty\_str()**

**setdefault**(*k*, *d*) → *D.get(k, d)*, also set *D[k]=d* if *k* not in *D*

**to\_dict()**

**update**(*E*, *F*) → None. Update D from mapping/iterable *E* and *F*.

If *E* present and has a `.keys()` method, does: for *k* in *E*: *D[k] = E[k]* If *E* present and lacks `.keys()` method,  
does: for (*k*, *v*) in *E*: *D[k] = v* In either case, this is followed by: for *k*, *v* in *F.items()*: *D[k] = v*

**values()** → an object providing a view on D's values

## EBAS (low level)

Pyearocom module for reading and processing of EBAS NASA Ames files

For details on the file format see [here](#)

**class** `pyaerocom.io.ebas_nasa_ames.EbasColDef`(*name*, *is\_var*, *is\_flag*, *unit='I'*)

Dict-like object for EBAS NASA Ames column definitions

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**Note:** The meta attribute name 'unit' can also be accessed using the CF attr name 'units'

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**name**

column name

**Type**

str

**unit**

unit of data in column (if applicable)

**Type**

str

**is\_var**

True if column corresponds to variable data, False if not

**Type**

bool

**is\_flag**

True, if column corresponds to Flag column, False if not

**Type**

bool



**flag\_col**

column number of flag column that corresponds to this data column (only relevant if *is\_var* is True)

**Type**

int

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – column name
- **is\_var** (*bool*) – True if column corresponds to variable data, False if not
- **is\_flag** (*bool*) – True, if column corresponds to Flag column, False if not
- **unit** (*str*, optional) – unit of data in column (if applicable)
- **flag\_col** (*str*, optional) – name of flag column that corresponds to this data column (only relevant if *is\_var* is True)

**get\_wavelength\_nm()**

Try to access wavelength information in nm (as float)

**to\_dict** (*ignore\_keys*=['is\_var', 'is\_flag', 'flag\_col', 'wavelength\_nm'])

**class** pyaerocom.io.ebas\_nasa\_ames.**EbasFlagCol**(*raw\_data*, *interpret\_on\_init=True*)

Simple helper class to decode and interpret EBAS flag columns

**raw\_data**

raw flag column (containing X-digit floating point numbers)

**Type**

ndarray

**property FLAG\_INFO**

Detailed information about EBAS flag definitions

**decode()**

Decode raw flag column

**property decoded**

Nx3 numpy array containing decoded flag columns

**property valid**

Boolean array specifying valid and invalid measurements

**class** pyaerocom.io.ebas\_nasa\_ames.**EbasNasaAmesFile**(*file=None*, *only\_head=False*,  
*replace\_invalid\_nan=True*,  
*convert\_timestamps=True*, *evaluate\_flags=False*,  
*quality\_check=True*, *\*\*kwargs*)

EBAS NASA Ames file interface

Class interface for reading and processing of EBAS NASA Ames file

**time\_stamps**

array containing datetime64 objects with timestamps

**Type**

ndarray

**flags**

dictionary containing *EbasFlagCol* objects for each column containing flags

**Type**

*dict*

**Parameters**

- **file** (*str*, optional) – EBAS NASA Ames file. if valid file path, then the file is read on init (please note following options for import)
- **only\_head** (*bool*) – read only file header
- **replace\_invalid\_nan** (*bool*) – replace all invalid values in the table by NaNs. The invalid values for each dependent data column are identified based on the information in the file header.
- **convert\_timestamps** (*bool*) – compute array of numpy datetime64 timestamps from numeric timestamps in data
- **evaluate\_flags** (*bool*) – if True, all flags in all flag columns are decoded from floating point representation to 3 integers, e.g. 0.111222333 -> 111 222 333
- **quality\_check** (*bool*) – perform quality check after import (for details see *\_quality\_check()*)
- **\*\*kwargs** – optional input args that are passed to init of *NasaAmesHeader* base class

**ERR\_HIGH\_STATS** = 'percentile:84.13'

**ERR\_LOW\_STATS** = 'percentile:15.87'

**TIMEUNIT2SECFAC** = {'Days': 86400, 'days': 86400}

**all\_cols\_contain**(*colnums*, *what*)

Check if all input columns contain input attr *what*

**Parameters**

- **colnums** (*list*) – list of column numbers
- **what** (*str*) – name of attribute (e.g. *matrix*, *statistics*, *tower\_inlet\_height*)

**Returns**

True if all input columns contain *what* attr., else False.

**Return type**

*bool*

**assign\_flagcols**()

**property base\_date**

Base date of data as numpy.datetime64[s]

**property col\_names**

Column names of table

**property col\_names\_vars**

Names of all columns that are flagged as variables

**property col\_num**

Number of columns in table

**property col\_nums\_vars**

Column index number of all variables

**compute\_time\_stamps()**

Compute time stamps from first two data columns

**property data**

2D numpy array containing data table

**property data\_header****get\_dt\_meas(*np\_freq='s'*)**

Get array with time between individual measurements

This is computed based on start and timestamps, e.g.  $dt[0] = start[1] - start[0]$

**Parameters**

**np\_freq** (*str*) – string specifying output frequency of gap values

**Returns**

array with time-differences as floating point number in specified input resolution

**Return type**

ndarray

**get\_time\_gaps\_meas(*np\_freq='s'*)**

Get array with time gaps between individual measurements

This is computed based on start and stop timestamps, e.g.  $dt[0] = start[1] - stop[0]$

**Parameters**

**np\_freq** (*str*) – string specifying output frequency of gap values

**Returns**

array with time-differences as floating point number in specified input resolution

**Return type**

ndarray

**init\_flags(*evaluate=True*)**

Decode flag columns and store info in *flags*

**static numarr\_to\_datetime64(*basedate, num\_arr, mulfac\_to\_sec*)**

Convert array of numerical timestamps into datetime64 array

**Parameters**

- **basedate** (*datetime64*) – reference date
- **num\_arr** (*ndarray*) – numerical time stamps relative to basedate
- **mulfac\_to\_sec** (*float*) – multiplicative factor to convert numerical values to unit of seconds

**Returns**

array containing timestamps as datetime64 objects

**Return type**

ndarray

**print\_col\_info()**

Print information about individual columns

```
read_file(nasa_ames_file, only_head=False, replace_invalid_nan=True, convert_timestamps=True,  
           evaluate_flags=False, quality_check=False)
```

Read NASA Ames file

#### Parameters

- **nasa\_ames\_file** (*str*) – EBAS NASA Ames file
- **only\_head** (*bool*) – read only file header
- **replace\_invalid\_nan** (*bool*) – replace all invalid values in the table by NaNs. The invalid values for each dependent data column are identified based on the information in the file header.
- **convert\_timestamps** (*bool*) – compute array of numpy datetime64 timestamps from numeric timestamps in data
- **evaluate\_flags** (*bool*) – if True, all data columns get assigned their corresponding flag column, the flags in all flag columns are decoded from floating point representation to 3 integers, e.g. 0.111222333 -> 111 222 333 and if input `replace\_invalid\_nan==True`, then the invalid measurements in each column are replaced with NaN's.
- **quality\_check** (*bool*) – perform quality check after import (for details see `_quality_check()`)

```
read_header(nasa_ames_file, quality_check=True)
```

#### property shape

Shape of data array

#### property time\_unit

Time unit of data

```
class pyaerocom.io.ebas_nasa_ames.NasaAmesHeader(**kwargs)
```

Header class for Ebas NASA Ames file

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**Note:** Is used in [EbasNasaAmesFile](#) and should not be used directly.

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```
CONV_FLOAT()
```

```
CONV_INT()
```

```
CONV_MULTIFLOAT()
```

```
CONV_MULTIINT()
```

```
CONV_PI()
```

```
CONV_STR()
```

#### property head\_fix

Dictionary containing fixed header info (that is always available)

#### property meta

Meta data dictionary (specific for this file)

```
update(**kwargs)
```

**property var\_defs**

List containing column variable definitions

List index is column index in file and value is instance of [EbasColDef](#)

**class** `pyaerocom.io.ebas_file_index.EbasFileIndex(database=None)`

EBAS SQLite I/O interface

Takes care of connection to database and execution of requests

**property ALL\_INSTRUMENTS**

List of all variables available

**property ALL\_MATRICES**

List of all matrix values available

**property ALL\_STATION\_CODES**

List of all available station codes in database

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**Note:** Not tested whether the order is the same as the order in STATION\_NAMES, i.e. the lists should not be linked to each other

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**property ALL\_STATION\_NAMES**

List of all available station names in database

**property ALL\_STATISTICS\_PARAMS**

List of all statistical parameters available

For more info see [here](#)

**property ALL\_VARIABLES**

List of all variables available

**property database**

Path to `ebas_file_index.sqlite3` file

**execute\_request**(*request*, *file\_request=False*)

Connect to database and retrieve data for input request

**Parameters**

**request** ([EbasSQLRequest](#) or `str`) – request specifications

**Returns**

list of tuples containing the retrieved results. The number of items in each tuple corresponds to the number of requested parameters (usually one, can be specified in `make_query_str()` using argument `what`)

**Return type**

[list](#)

**get\_file\_names**(*request*)

Get all files that match the request specifications

**Parameters**

**request** ([EbasSQLRequest](#) or `str`) – request specifications

**Returns**

list of file paths that match the request

**Return type**

list

**get\_table\_columns**(*table\_name*)

Get all columns of a table in SQLite database file

**get\_table\_names**()

Get all table names in SQLite database file

```
class pyaerocom.io.ebas_file_index.EbasSQLRequest(variables=None, start_date=None,  
                                                  stop_date=None, station_names=None,  
                                                  matrices=None, altitude_range=None,  
                                                  lon_range=None, lat_range=None,  
                                                  instrument_types=None, statistics=None,  
                                                  datalevel=None)
```

Low level dictionary like object for EBAS sqlite queries

**variables**

tuple containing variable names to be extracted (e.g. ('aerosol\_light\_scattering\_coefficient', 'aerosol\_optical\_depth')). If None, all available is used

**Type**

tuple, optional

**start\_date**

start date of data request (format YYYY-MM-DD). If None, all available is used

**Type**

str, optional

**stop\_date**

stop date of data request (format YYYY-MM-DD). If None, all available is used

**Type**

str, optional

**station\_names**

tuple containing station\_names of request (e.g. ('Birkenes II', 'Asa')). If None, all available is used

**Type**

tuple, optional

**matrices**

tuple containing station\_names of request (e.g. ('pm1', 'pm10', 'pm25', 'aerosol')). If None, all available is used

**Type**

tuple, optional

**altitude\_range**

tuple specifying altitude range of station in m (e.g. (0.0, 500.0)). If None, all available is used

**Type**

tuple, optional

**lon\_range**

tuple specifying longitude range of station in degrees (e.g. (-20, 20)). If None, all available is used

**Type**

tuple, optional

**lat\_range**

tuple specifying latitude range of station in degrees (e.g. (50, 80)). If None, all available is used

**Type**

tuple, optional

**instrument\_type**

string specifying instrument types (e.g. ("nephelometer"))

**Type**

str, optional

**statistics**

string specifying statistics code (e.g. ("arithmetic mean"))

**Type**

tuple, optional

**Parameters**

**Attributes** (*see*)

**make\_file\_query\_str**(*distinct=True, \*\*kwargs*)

Wrapper for base method [make\\_query\\_str\(\)](#)

**Parameters**

- **distinct** (*bool*) – return unique files
- **\*\*kwargs** – update request attributes (e.g. lon\_range=(30, 60))

**Returns**

SQL file request command for current specs

**Return type**

str

**make\_query\_str**(*what=None, distinct=True, \*\*kwargs*)

Translate current class state into SQL query command string

**Parameters**

- **what** (*str or tuple, optional*) – what columns to retrieve (e.g. comp\_name for all variables) from table specified. Defaults to None, in which case “filename” is used
- **distinct** (*bool*) – return unique files
- **\*\*kwargs** – update request attributes (e.g. lon\_range=(30, 60))

**Returns**

SQL file request command for current specs

**Return type**

str

**update**([*E*, ]\*\**F*) → None. Update D from mapping/iterable E and F.

If E present and has a .keys() method, does: for k in E: D[k] = E[k] If E present and lacks .keys() method, does: for (k, v) in E: D[k] = v In either case, this is followed by: for k, v in F.items(): D[k] = v

**class** pyaerocom.io.ebas\_varinfo.**EbasVarInfo**(*var\_name: str, init: bool = True, \*\*kwargs*)

Interface for mapping between EBAS variable information and AeroCom

For more information about EBAS variable and data information see [EBAS website](#).

**var\_name**

AeroCom variable name

**Type**

`str`

**component**

list of EBAS variable / component names that are mapped to *var\_name*

**Type**

`list`

**matrix**

list of EBAS matrix values that are accepted, default is None, i.e. all available matrices are used

**Type**

`list`, optional

**instrument**

list of all instruments that are accepted for this variable

**Type**

`list`, optional

**requires**

for variables that are computed and not directly available in EBAS. Provided as list of (AeroCom) variables that are required to compute *var\_name* (e.g. for *sc550dryaer* this would be [*sc550aer*,*scrh*]).

**Type**

`list`, optional

**scale\_factor**

multiplicative scale factor that is applied in order to convert EBAS variable into AeroCom variable (e.g. 1.4 for conversion of EBAS OC measurement to AeroCom concoa variable)

**Type**

`float`, optional

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (`str`) – AeroCom variable name
- **init** (`bool`) – if True, EBAS configuration for input variable is retrieved from data file *ebas\_config.ini* (if possible)
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword arguments (currently not used)

**static PROVIDES\_VARIABLES()** → `list[str]`

List specifying provided variables

**instrument**

list of instrument names (EBAS side, optional)

**make\_sql\_request**(*\*\*constraints*) → *EbasSQLRequest*

Create an SQL request for the specifications in this object

**Parameters**

**constraints** – request constraints deviating from default. For details on parameters see *EbasSQLRequest*



**Returns**

the SQL request object that can be used to retrieve corresponding file names using instance of `EbasFileIndex.get_file_names()`.

**Return type**

*EbasSQLRequest*

**make\_sql\_requests**(\*\**constraints*) → *list[EbasSQLRequest]*

Create a list of SQL requests for the specifications in this object

**Parameters**

- **requests** (*dict*, *optional*) – other SQL requests linked to this one (e.g. if this variable requires)
- **constraints** – request constraints deviating from default. For details on parameters see *EbasSQLRequest*

**Returns**

list of *EbasSQLRequest* instances for this component and potential required components.

**Return type**

*list*

**matrix**

list of matrix names (EBAS side, optional)

**static open\_config()**

Open `ebas_config.ini` file with *ConfigParser*

**Return type**

*ConfigParser*

**parse\_from\_ini**(*var\_name*: *str*, *conf\_reader*: *ConfigParser* | *None* = *None*)

Parse EBAS info for input AeroCom variable (works also for aliases)

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – AeroCom variable name
- **conf\_reader** (*ConfigParser*) – open config parser object

**Raises**

*VarNotAvailableError* – if variable is not supported

**Returns**

True, if default could be loaded, False if not

**Return type**

*bool*

**requires**

list of additional variable required for retrieval of this variable

**scale\_factor**

scale factor for conversion to Aerocom units

**statistics**

list containing variable statistics info (EBAS side, optional)

**to\_dict**() → *dict*

Convert into dictionary

**property** `var_name_aerocom`: `str`

Variable name in AeroCom convention

## 4.5.6 EEA data

### EEA base reader

Reader for European air pollution data from [EEA AqERep files](#). Interface for reading EEA AqERep files (formerly known as Airbase data).

**class** `pyaerocom.io.read_eea_aqerep_base.ReadEEAAQEREPBase`(*data\_id=None, data\_dir=None*)

Class for reading EEA AQERep data

Extended class derived from low-level base class `ReadUngriddedBase` that contains some more functionality.

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**Note:** Currently only single variable reading into an `UngriddedData` object is supported.

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**ALTITUDENAME** = `'altitude'`

name of altitude variable in metadata file

**AUX\_FUNS** = `{'concNno': NotImplementedError(), 'concNno2': NotImplementedError(), 'concSso2': NotImplementedError(), 'vmrno2': NotImplementedError(), 'vmro3': NotImplementedError(), 'vmro3max': NotImplementedError()}`

Functions that are used to compute additional variables (i.e. one for each variable defined in `AUX_REQUIRES`)

**AUX\_REQUIRES** = `{'concNno': ['concno'], 'concNno2': ['concno2'], 'concSso2': ['concso2'], 'vmrno2': ['concno2'], 'vmro3': ['conco3'], 'vmro3max': ['conco3']}`

dictionary containing information about additionally required variables for each auxiliary variable (i.e. each variable that is not provided by the original data but computed on import)

**CONV\_FACTOR** = `{'concNno': 0.466788868521913, 'concNno2': 0.3044517868011477, 'concSso2': 0.50052292274792, 'vmrno2': 0.514, 'vmro3': 0.493, 'vmro3max': 0.493}`

**CONV\_UNIT** = `{'concNno': 'µgN/m3', 'concNno2': 'µgN/m3', 'concSso2': 'µgS/m3', 'vmrno2': 'ppb', 'vmro3': 'ppb', 'vmro3max': 'ppb'}`

**property** `DATASET_NAME`

Name of the dataset

**DATA\_ID** = `''`

Name of the dataset (`OBS_ID`)

**DATA\_PRODUCT** = `''`

**DEFAULT\_METADATA\_FILE** = `'metadata.csv'`

**property** `DEFAULT_VARS`

List of default variables

**END\_TIME\_NAME** = `'datetimeend'`

filed name of the end time of the measurement (in lower case)

**FILE\_COL\_DELIM** = `','`

Column delimiter

```
FILE_MASKS = {'concNno': '**/??_38*_timeseries.csv*', 'concNno2':
 '**/??_8*_timeseries.csv*', 'concSso2': '**/??_1*_timeseries.csv*', 'concco':
 '**/??_10*_timeseries.csv*', 'concno': '**/??_38*_timeseries.csv*', 'concno2':
 '**/??_8*_timeseries.csv*', 'conco3': '**/??_7*_timeseries.csv*', 'concpm10':
 '**/??_5*_timeseries.csv*', 'concpm25': '**/??_6001*_timeseries.csv*', 'concso2':
 '**/??_1*_timeseries.csv*', 'vmrno2': '**/??_8*_timeseries.csv*', 'vmro3':
 '**/??_7*_timeseries.csv*', 'vmro3max': '**/??_7*_timeseries.csv*'}
```

file masks for the data files

```
INSTRUMENT_NAME = 'unknown'
```

there's no general instrument name in the data

```
LATITUDENAME = 'latitude'
```

Name of latitude variable in metadata file

```
LONGITUDENAME = 'longitude'
```

name of longitude variable in metadata file

```
MAX_LINES_TO_READ = 8784
```

```
NAN_VAL = {}
```

Dictionary specifying values corresponding to invalid measurements there's no value for NaNs in this data set. It uses an empty string

```
PROVIDES_VARIABLES = ['concso2', 'conco3', 'concno2', 'concco', 'concno',
 'concpm10', 'concpm25', 'vmro3', 'vmro3max', 'vmrno2', 'concSso2', 'concNno',
 'concNno2']
```

List of variables that are provided by this dataset (will be extended by auxiliary variables on class init, for details see `__init__` method of base class `ReadUngriddedBase`)

```
START_TIME_NAME = 'datetimebegin'
```

field name of the start time of the measurement (in lower case)

```
SUPPORTED_DATASETS = ['']
```

List of all datasets supported by this interface

```
TS_TYPE = 'variable'
```

There is no global `ts_type` but it is specified in the data files...

```
TS_TYPES_FILE = {'day': 'daily', 'hour': 'hourly'}
```

sampling frequencies found in data files

```
VAR_CODES = {'1': 'concso2', '10': 'concco', '38': 'concno', '5': 'concpm10',
 '6001': 'concpm25', '7': 'conco3', '8': 'concno2'}
```

dictionary that connects the EEA variable codes with aerocom variable names

```
VAR_CODE_NAME = 'airpollutantcode'
```

column name that holds the EEA variable code

```
VAR_NAMES_FILE = {'concNno': 'concentration', 'concNno2': 'concentration',
 'concSso2': 'concentration', 'concco': 'concentration', 'concno': 'concentration',
 'concno2': 'concentration', 'conco3': 'concentration', 'concpm10': 'concentration',
 'concpm25': 'concentration', 'concso2': 'concentration', 'vmrno2': 'concentration',
 'vmro3': 'concentration', 'vmro3max': 'concentration'}
```

```
VAR_UNITS_FILE = {'mg/m3': 'mg m-3', 'ppb': 'ppb', 'µg/m3': 'ug m-3', 'µgN/m3': 'ug  
N m-3', 'µgS/m3': 'ug S m-3'}
```

units of variables in files (needs to be defined for each variable supported)

```
WEBSITE = 'https://discomap.eea.europa.eu/map/fme/AirQualityExport.htm'
```

this class reads the European Environment Agency's Eionet data for details please read <https://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/countries-and-eionet>

```
get_file_list(pattern=None)
```

Search all files to be read

Uses `_FILEMASK` (+ optional input search pattern, e.g. `station_name`) to find valid files for query.

**Parameters**

**pattern** (*str*, optional) – file name pattern applied to search

**Returns**

list containing retrieved file locations

**Return type**

list

**Raises**

**IOError** – if no files can be found

```
get_station_coords(meta_key)
```

get a station's coordinates

**Parameters**

**meta\_key** (*str*) – string with the internal station key

```
read(vars_to_retrieve=None, files=None, first_file=None, last_file=None, metadatafile=None)
```

Method that reads list of files as instance of `UngriddedData`

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list* or similar, optional) – List containing variable IDs that are supposed to be read. If `None`, all variables in `PROVIDES_VARIABLES` are loaded.
- **files** (*list*, optional) – List of files to be read. If `None`, then the file list used is the returned from `get_file_list()`.
- **first\_file** (*int*, optional) – Index of the first file in `:obj:'file'` to be read. If `None`, the very first file in the list is used.
- **last\_file** (*int*, optional) – Index of the last file in `:obj:'file'` to be read. If `None`, the very last file in the list is used.
- **metadatafile** (`:obj:'str'`, optional) – full qualified path to metadata file. If `None`, the default metadata file will be used

**Returns**

data object

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

```
read_file(filename, var_name, vars_as_series=False)
```

Read a single EEA file

Note that there's only a single variable in the file

**Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) – Absolute path to filename to read.
- **var\_name** (*str*) – Name of variable in file.
- **vars\_as\_series** (*bool*) – If True, the data columns of all variables in the result dictionary are converted into pandas Series objects.

**Returns**

Dict-like object containing the results.

**Return type**

*StationData*

**EEA E2a product (NRT)**

Near realtime EEA data. Interface for reading EEA AqERep files (formerly known as Airbase data).

**class** pyaerocom.io.read\_eea\_aqerep.**ReadEEAAQEREP**(*data\_id=None, data\_dir=None*)

Class for reading EEA AQERep data

Extended class derived from low-level base class :class: ReadUngriddedBase that contains the main functionality.

**DATA\_ID** = 'EEAAQeRep.NRT'

Name of the dataset (OBS\_ID)

**DATA\_PRODUCT** = 'E2a'

**SUPPORTED\_DATASETS** = ['EEAAQeRep.NRT']

List of all datasets supported by this interface

**EEA E1a product (QC)**

Quality controlled EEA data. Interface for reading EEA AqERep files (formerly known as Airbase data).

**class** pyaerocom.io.read\_eea\_aqerep\_v2.**ReadEEAAQEREP\_V2**(*data\_id=None, data\_dir=None*)

Class for reading EEA AQERep data

Extended class derived from low-level base class :class: ReadUngriddedBase that contains the main functionality.

**DATA\_ID** = 'EEAAQeRep.v2'

Name of the dataset (OBS\_ID)

**DATA\_PRODUCT** = 'E1a'

**SUPPORTED\_DATASETS** = ['EEAAQeRep.v2']

List of all datasets supported by this interface

### 4.5.7 AirNow data

Reader for air quality measurements from North America.

```
class pyaerocom.io.read_airnow.ReadAirNow(data_id=None, data_dir=None)
    Reading routine for North-American Air Now observations

    BASEYEAR = 2000

    DATA_ID = 'AirNow'
        Name of dataset (OBS_ID)

    DEFAULT_VARS = ['concbc', 'concpm10', 'concpm25', 'vmrco', 'vmrnh3', 'vmrno',
                    'vmrno2', 'vmrnox', 'vmrnoy', 'vmro3', 'vmrso2']
        Default variables

    FILE_COL_DELIM = '|'
        Column delimiter

    FILE_COL_NAMES = ['date', 'time', 'station_id', 'station_name', 'time_zone',
                      'variable', 'unit', 'value', 'institute']
        Columns in data files

    FILE_COL_ROW_NUMBER = 9

    PROVIDES_VARIABLES = ['concbc', 'concpm10', 'concpm25', 'vmrco', 'vmrnh3', 'vmrno',
                           'vmrno2', 'vmrnox', 'vmrnoy', 'vmro3', 'vmrso2']
        List of variables that are provided

    REPLACE_STATNAME = {'&': 'and', '":': '"', '. ': ' ', '/': ' ', ':': ' '}

    ROW_VAR_COL = 5

    STATION_META_DTYPES = {'address': <class 'str'>, 'altitude': <class 'float'>,
                            'area_classification': <class 'str'>, 'city': <class 'str'>, 'comment': <class
                            'str'>, 'latitude': <class 'float'>, 'longitude': <class 'float'>,
                            'modificationdate': <class 'str'>, 'station_classification': <class 'str'>,
                            'station_id': <class 'str'>, 'station_name': <class 'str'>, 'timezone': <class
                            'str'>}}
        conversion functions for metadata dtypes

    STATION_META_MAP = {'address': 'address', 'aqsid': 'station_id', 'city': 'city',
                        'comment': 'comment', 'elevation': 'altitude', 'environment': 'area_classification',
                        'lat': 'latitude', 'lon': 'longitude', 'modificationdate': 'modificationdate',
                        'name': 'station_name', 'populationclass': 'station_classification', 'timezone':
                        'timezone'}
```

Mapping of columns in station metadata file to pyaerocom standard

```
STAT_METADATA_FILENAME = 'allStations_20191224.csv'
    file containing station metadata

SUPPORTED_DATASETS = ['AirNow']
    List of all datasets supported by this interface

TS_TYPE = 'hourly'
    Frequency of measurements
```

```
UNIT_MAP = {'C': 'celcius', 'M/S': 'm s-1', 'MILLIBAR': 'mbar', 'MM': 'mm',
            'PERCENT': '%', 'PPB': 'ppb', 'PPM': 'ppm', 'UG/M3': 'ug m-3', 'WATTS/M2': 'W m-2'}
```

Units found in data files

```
VAR_MAP = {'concbc': 'BC', 'concpm10': 'PM10', 'concpm25': 'PM2.5', 'vmrco': 'CO',
            'vmrnh3': 'NH3', 'vmrno': 'NO', 'vmrno2': 'NO2', 'vmrnox': 'NOX', 'vmrnoy': 'NOY',
            'vmro3': 'OZONE', 'vmrso2': 'SO2'}
```

Variable names in data files

```
get_all_file_encodings(filename)
```

```
get_file_bom_encoding(filename)
```

```
get_file_encoding(filename)
```

```
get_file_list()
```

Retrieve list of data files

**Return type**

*list*

```
read(vars_to_retrieve=None, first_file=None, last_file=None)
```

Read variable data

**Parameters**

- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*str* or *list*, optional) – List of variables to be retrieved. The default is None.
- **first\_file** (*int*, optional) – Index of first file to be read. The default is None, in which case index 0 in file list is used.
- **last\_file** (*int*, optional) – Index of last file to be read. The default is None, in which case last index in file list is used.

**Returns**

**data** – loaded data object.

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

```
read_file(filename, vars_to_retrieve=None)
```

This method returns just the raw content of a file as a dict

**Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) – absolute path to filename to read
- **vars\_to\_retrieve** (*list*, optional) – list of str with variable names to read. If None, use *DEFAULT\_VARS*
- **vars\_as\_series** (*bool*) – if True, the data columns of all variables in the result dictionary are converted into pandas Series objects

**Returns**

dict-like object containing results

**Return type**

*StationData*

**Raises**

*NotImplementedError* –

**property station\_metadata**

Dictionary containing global metadata for each site

## 4.5.8 MarcoPolo data

Reader for air quality measurements for China from the [EU-FP7 project MarcoPolo](#).

## 4.5.9 GHOST

GHOST (Globally Harmonised Observational Surface Treatment) project developed at the Earth Sciences Department of the Barcelona Supercomputing Center (see e.g., [Petetin et al., 2020](#) for more information).

## 4.6 Further I/O features

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**Note:** The *pyaerocom.io* package also includes all relevant data import and reading routines. These are introduced above, in Section *reading*.

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### 4.6.1 AeroCom database browser

**class** `pyaerocom.io.aerocom_browser.AeroComBrowser(*args, **kwargs)`

Interface for browsing all Aerocom data directories

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**Note:** Use `browse()` to find directories matching a certain search pattern. The class methods `find_matches()` and `find_dir()` both use `browse()`, the only difference is, that the `find_matches()` adds the search result (a list with strings) to

---

**property dirs\_found**

All directories that were found

**find\_data\_dir**(*name\_or\_pattern*, *ignorecase=True*)

Find match of input name or pattern in Aerocom database

**Parameters**

- **name\_or\_pattern** (*str*) – name or pattern of data (can be model or obs data)
- **ignorecase** (*bool*) – if True, upper / lower case is ignored

**Returns**

data directory of match

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

*DataSearchError* – if no matches or no unique match can be found



**find\_matches**(*name\_or\_pattern*, *ignorecase=True*)

Search all Aerocom data directories that match input name or pattern

**Parameters**

- **name\_or\_pattern** (*str*) – name or pattern of data (can be model or obs data)
- **ignorecase** (*bool*) – if True, upper / lower case is ignored

**Returns**

list of names that match the pattern (corresponding paths can be accessed from this class instance)

**Return type**

*list*

**Raises**

*DataSearchError* – if no matches can be found

**property** *ids\_found*

All data IDs that were found

## 4.6.2 File naming conventions

```
class pyaerocom.io.fileconventions.FileConventionRead(name='aerocom3', file_sep='_',
                                                       year_pos=None, var_pos=None,
                                                       ts_pos=None, vert_pos=None,
                                                       data_id_pos=None, from_file=None)
```

Class that represents a file naming convention for reading Aerocom files

**name**

name of this convention (e.g. “aerocom3”)

**Type**

*str*

**file\_sep**

filename delimiter for accessing different variables

**Type**

*str*

**year\_pos**

position of year information in filename after splitting using delimiter *file\_sep*

**Type**

*int*

**var\_pos**

position of variable information in filename after splitting using delimiter *file\_sep*

**Type**

*int*

**ts\_pos**

position of information of temporal resolution in filename after splitting using delimiter *file\_sep*

**Type**

*int*

**vert\_pos**

position of information about vertical resolution of data

**Type**

`int`

**data\_id\_pos**

position of data ID

**Type**

`int`

```
AEROCOM3_VERT_INFO = {'2d': ['surface', 'column', 'modellevel', '2d'], '3d':  
['modellevelatstations']}
```

**check\_validity(*file*)**

Check if filename is valid

**from\_dict(*new\_vals*)**

Load info from dictionary

**Parameters**

**new\_vals** (*dict*) – dictionary containing information

**Return type**

`self`

**from\_file(*file*)**

Identify convention from a file

Currently only two conventions (aerocom2 and aerocom3) exist that are identified by the delimiter used.

**Parameters**

**file** (*str*) – file path or file name

**Returns**

this object (with updated convention)

**Return type**

*FileConventionRead*

**Raises**

*FileConventionError* – if convention cannot be identified

**Example**

```
>>> from pyaerocom.io import FileConventionRead  
>>> filename = 'aerocom3_CAM5.3-Oslo_AP3-CTRL2016-PD_od550aer_Column_2010_  
↳monthly.nc'  
>>> print(FileConventionRead().from_file(filename))  
pyaerocom FileConventionRead  
name: aerocom3  
file_sep: _  
year_pos: -2  
var_pos: -4  
ts_pos: -1
```

**get\_info\_from\_file**(*file: str*) → dict

Identify convention from a file

Currently only two conventions (aerocom2 and aerocom3) exist that are identified by the delimiter used.

**Parameters**

**file** (*str*) – file path or file name

**Returns**

dictionary containing keys *year*, *var\_name*, *ts\_type* and corresponding variables, extracted from the filename

**Return type**

dict

**Raises**

**FileConventionError** – if convention cannot be identified

**Example**

```
>>> from pyaerocom.io import FileConventionRead
>>> filename = 'aerocom3_CAM5.3-Oslo_AP3-CTRL2016-PD_od550aer_Column_2010_
↳monthly.nc'
>>> conv = FileConventionRead("aerocom3")
>>> info = conv.get_info_from_file(filename)
>>> for item in info.items(): print(item)
('year', 2010)
('var_name', 'od550aer')
('ts_type', 'monthly')
```

**import\_default**(*name: str*)

Checks and load default information from database

**property info\_init**

Empty dictionary containing init values of infos to be extracted from filenames

**string\_mask**(*data\_id, var, year, ts\_type, vert\_which=None*)

Returns mask that can be used to identify files of this convention

**Parameters**

- **data\_id** (*str*) – experiment ID (e.g. GISS-MATRIX.A2.CTRL)
- **var** (*str*) – variable string ID (e.g. “od550aer”)
- **year** (*int*) – desired year of observation (e.g. 2012)
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – string specifying temporal resolution (e.g. “daily”)

### Example

```
conf_aero2 = FileConventionRead(name="aerocom2")    conf_aero3 = FileConvention-  
Read(name="aerocom2")  
  
var = od550aer year = 2012 ts_type = "daily"  
  
match_str_aero2 = conf_aero2.string_mask(var, year, ts_type)  
match_str_aero3 = conf_aero3.string_mask(var, year, ts_type)  
  
to_dict()  
    Convert this object to ordered dictionary
```

### 4.6.3 Iris helpers

Module containing helper functions related to iris I/O methods. These contain reading of Cubes, and some methods to perform quality checks of the data, e.g.

1. checking and correction of time definition
2. number and length of dimension coordinates must match data array
3. Longitude definition from -180 to 180 (corrected if defined on 0 -> 360 intervall)

`pyaerocom.io.iris_io.check_and_regrid_lons_cube(cube)`

Checks and corrects for if longitudes of grid are 0 -> 360

---

**Note:** This method checks if the maximum of the current longitudes array exceeds 180. Thus, it is not recommended to use this function after subsetting a cube, rather, it should be checked directly when the file is loaded (cf. `load_input()`)

---

#### Parameters

**cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – gridded data loaded as *iris.Cube*

#### Returns

True, if longitudes were on 0 -> 360 and have been rolled, else False

#### Return type

`bool`

`pyaerocom.io.iris_io.check_dim_coord_names_cube(cube)`

`pyaerocom.io.iris_io.check_dim_coords_cube(cube)`

Checks, and if necessary and applicable, updates coords names in *Cube*

#### Parameters

**cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – input cube

#### Returns

updated or unchanged cube

#### Return type

*iris.cube.Cube*

`pyaerocom.io.iris_io.check_time_coord(cube, ts_type, year)`

Method that checks the time coordinate of an iris Cube

This method checks if the time dimension of a cube is accessible and according to the standard (i.e. fully usable). It only checks, and does not correct. For the latter, please see [correct\\_time\\_coord\(\)](#).

#### Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – cube containing data
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – pyaerocom ts\_type
- **year** – year of data

#### Returns

True, if time dimension is ok, False if not

#### Return type

*bool*

`pyaerocom.io.iris_io.concatenate_iris_cubes(cubes, error_on_mismatch=True)`

Concatenate list of `iris.Cube` instances cubes into single Cube

Helper method for concatenating list of cubes

This method is not supposed to be called directly but rather `concatenate_cubes()` (which ALWAYS returns instance of `Cube` or raises `Exception`) or `concatenate_possible_cubes()` (which ALWAYS returns instance of `CubeList` or raises `Exception`)

#### Parameters

- **cubes** (*CubeList* or *list(Cubes)*) – list of individual cubes
- **error\_on\_mismatch** – boolean specifying whether an `Exception` is supposed to be raised or not

#### Returns

result of concatenation

#### Return type

*Cube*

#### Raises

**iris.exceptions.ConcatenateError** – if `error_on_mismatch=True` and input cubes could not all concatenated into a single instance of `iris.Cube` class.

`pyaerocom.io.iris_io.correct_time_coord(cube, ts_type, year)`

Method that corrects the time coordinate of an iris Cube

#### Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – cube containing data
- **ts\_type** (*TsType* or *str*) – temporal resolution of data (e.g. “hourly”, “daily”). This information is e.g. encoded in the filename of a NetCDF file and may be accessed using `pyaerocom.io.FileConventionRead`
- **year** (*int*) – integer specifying start year, e.g. 2017

#### Returns

the same instance of the input cube with corrected time dimension axis

#### Return type

*Cube*

```
pyaerocom.io.iris_io.get_coord_names_cube(cube)
```

```
pyaerocom.io.iris_io.get_dim_names_cube(cube)
```

```
pyaerocom.io.iris_io.load_cube_custom(file, var_name=None, file_convention=None,  
                                     perform_fmt_checks=None)
```

Load netcdf file as iris.Cube

#### Parameters

- **file** (*str*) – netcdf file
- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable to read
- **quality\_check** (*bool*) – if True, then a quality check of data is performed against the information provided in the filename
- **file\_convention** (*FileConventionRead*, optional) – Aeroicom file convention. If provided, then the data content (e.g. dimension definitions) is tested against definition in file name
- **perform\_fmt\_checks** (*bool*) – if True, additional quality checks (and corrections) are (attempted to be) performed.

#### Returns

loaded data as Cube

#### Return type

iris.cube.Cube

```
pyaerocom.io.iris_io.load_cubes_custom(files, var_name=None, file_convention=None,  
                                       perform_fmt_checks=True)
```

Load multiple NetCDF files into CubeList

---

**Note:** This function does not apply any concatenation or merging of the variable data in the individual files, it only loads the files into individual instances of `iris.cube.Cube`, which can be accessed via the returned list.

---

#### Parameters

- **files** (*list*) – list of netcdf file paths
- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable to be imported from input files.
- **file\_convention** (*FileConventionRead*, optional) – Aeroicom file convention. If provided, then the data content (e.g. dimension definitions) is tested against definition in file name
- **perform\_fmt\_checks** (*bool*) – if True, additional quality checks (and corrections) are (attempted to be) performed.

#### Returns

- *list* – loaded cube instances.
- *list* – list containing all files from which the input variable could be successfully loaded.

```
pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.add_cubes(cube1, cube2)
```

Method to add cubes from 2 gridded data objects

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.apply_rh_thresh_cubes(cube, rh_cube, rh_max=None)`

Method that applies a low RH filter to input cube

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.compute_angstrom_coeff_cubes(cube1, cube2, lambda1=None, lambda2=None)`

Compute Angstrom coefficient cube based on 2 optical density cubes

#### Parameters

- **cube1** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – AOD at wavelength 1
- **cube2** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – AOD at wavelength 2
- **lambda1** (*float*) – wavelength 1
- **2 (lambda)** – wavelength 2

#### Returns

Cube containing Angstrom exponent(s)

#### Return type

Cube

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.conc_from_vmr(cube, ts, ps)`

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.conc_from_vmr_STP(cube)`

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.divide_cubes(cube1, cube2)`

Method to divide 2 cubes with each other

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.lifetime_from_load_and_dep(load, wetdep, drydep)`

Compute lifetime from load and wet and dry deposition

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.merge_meta_cubes(cube1, cube2)`

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.mmr_from_vmr(cube)`

Convert gas volume/mole mixing ratios into mass mixing ratios.

#### Parameters

**cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – A cube containing gas vmr data to be converted into mmr.

#### Returns

**cube\_out** – Cube containing mmr data.

#### Return type

*iris.cube.Cube*

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.mmr_to_vmr_cube(data)`

Convert cube containing MMR data to VMR

#### Parameters

**data** (*iris.Cube* or *GriddedData*) – input data object containing MMR data for a certain variable. Needs to have *var\_name* attr. assigned and valid MMR AeroCom variable name (e.g. mmro3, mmrno2)

#### Raises

**AttributeError** – if attr. *var\_name* of input data does not start with mmr

#### Returns

cube containing mixing ratios expressed as VMR in units of nmole mole-1

#### Return type

*iris.Cube*

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.multiply_cubes(cube1, cube2)`

Method to multiply 2 cubes

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.rho_from_ts_ps(ts, ps)`

`pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.subtract_cubes(cube1, cube2)`

Method to subtract 1 cube from another

## 4.6.4 Handling of cached ungridded data objects

Caching class for reading and writing of ungridded data Cache objects

**class** `pyaerocom.io.cachehandler_ungridded.CacheHandlerUngridded`(*reader=None, cache\_dir=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Interface for reading and writing of cache files

Cache filename mask is

`<data_id>_<var>.pkl`

e.g. `EBASMC_scadc550aer.pkl`

**reader**

reading class for dataset

**Type**

*ReadUngriddedBase*

**loaded\_data**

dictionary containing successfully loaded instances of single variable `UngriddedData` objects (keys are variable names)

**Type**

*dict*

`CACHE_HEAD_KEYS = ['pyaerocom_version', 'newest_file_in_read_dir', 'newest_file_date_in_read_dir', 'data_revision', 'reader_version', 'ungridded_data_version', 'cacher_version']`

Cache file header keys that are checked (and required unchanged) when reading a cache file

**property cache\_dir**

Directory where cache data objects are stored

**cache\_meta\_info()**

Dictionary containing relevant caching meta-info

**check\_and\_load**(*var\_or\_file\_name, force\_use\_outdated=False, cache\_dir=None*)

Check if cache file exists and load

---

**Note:** If a cache file exists for this database, but cannot be loaded or is outdated against `pyaerocom` updates, then it will be removed (the latter only if `pyaerocom.const.RM_CACHE_OUTDATED` is `True`).

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### Parameters

- **var\_or\_file\_name** (*str*) – name of output filename or variable that is supposed to be stored. Default usage is to provide variable and then `default_file_name()` is used. Can be `None` if input *data* contains only a single variable.ead



- **force\_use\_outdated** (*bool*) – if True, read existing cache file even if it is not up to date or pyaerocom version changed (not recommended to use)
- **cache\_dir** (*str*, *optional*) – output directory (default is pyaerocom cache dir accessed via `cache_dir()`).

**Returns**

True, if cache file exists and could be successfully loaded, else False. Note: if import is successful, the corresponding data object (instance of `pyaerocom.UngriddedData` can be accessed via `:attr:loaded_data`

**Return type**

*bool*

**Raises**

**TypeError** – if cached file is not an instance of `pyaerocom.UngriddedData` class (which should not happen)

**property data\_id**

Data ID of the associated dataset

**default\_file\_name**(*var\_name*)

File name of cache file

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable to be cached.

**Returns**

file name of pickle file

**Return type**

*str*

**file\_path**(*var\_or\_file\_name*, *cache\_dir=None*)

File path of cache file

**Parameters**

- **var\_or\_file\_name** (*str*) – name of output filename or variable that is supposed to be stored. Default usage is to provide variable and then `default_file_name()` is used. Can be None if input *data* contains only a single variable.
- **cache\_dir** (*str*, *optional*) – output directory (default is pyaerocom cache dir accessed via `cache_dir()`).

**Returns**

output file path

**Return type**

*str*

**property reader**

Instance of reader class

**property src\_data\_dir**

Data source directory of the associated dataset

Needed to check whether an existing cache file is outdated

**write**(*data*, *var\_or\_file\_name=None*, *cache\_dir=None*)

Write single-variable instance of UngriddedData to cache

**Parameters**

- **data** ([UngriddedData](#)) – object containing the data (possibly containing multiple variables)
- **var\_or\_file\_name** (*str*, *optional*) – name of output filename or variable that is supposed to be stored. Default usage is to provide variable and then [default\\_file\\_name\(\)](#) is used. Can be None if input *data* contains only a single variable.
- **cache\_dir** (*str*, *optional*) – output directory (default is pyaerocom cache dir accessed via [cache\\_dir\(\)](#)).

**Returns**

output file path

**Return type**

*str*

`pyaerocom.io.cachehandler_ungridded.list_cache_files()` → [Iterator\[Path\]](#)

List all pickled data objects in cache directory

If not set differently, the cache directory is the pyaerocom default, accessible via `pyaerocom.const.CACHEDIR`.

## 4.6.5 I/O utils

High level I/O utility methods for pyaerocom

`pyaerocom.io.utils.browse_database(model_or_obs, verbose=False)`

Browse Aerocom database using model or obs ID (or wildcard)

Searches database for matches and prints information about all matches found (e.g. available variables, years, etc.)

**Parameters**

- **model\_or\_obs** (*str*) – model or obs ID or search pattern
- **verbose** (*bool*) – if True, verbosity level will be set to debug, else to critical

**Returns**

list with data\_ids of all matches

**Return type**

*list*

### Example

```
>>> import pyaerocom as pya
>>> pya.io.browse_database('AATSR*ORAC*v4*')
Pyaerocom ReadGridded
-----
Model ID: AATSR_ORAC_v4.01
Data directory: /lustre/storeA/project/aerocom/aerocom-users-database/CCI-Aerosol/
→ CCI_AEROSOL_Phase2/AATSR_ORAC_v4.01/renamed
Available variables: ['abs550aer', 'ang4487aer', 'clt', 'landseamask', 'od550aer',
```

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```

→ 'od550dust', 'od550gt1aer', 'od550lt1aer', 'pixelcount']
Available years: [2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012]
Available time resolutions ['daily']

```

```
pyaerocom.io.utils.get_ungridded_reader(obs_id)
```

## 4.6.6 I/O helpers

I/O helper methods of the pyaerocom package

```
pyaerocom.io.helpers.COUNTRY_CODE_FILE = 'country_codes.json'
```

country code file name will be prepended with the path later on

```
pyaerocom.io.helpers.add_file_to_log(filepath, err_msg)
```

Add input file path to error logdir

The logdir location can be accessed via `pyaerocom.const.LOGFILES_DIR`

### Parameters

- **filepath** (*str* or *Path*) – path of file that has an error
- **err\_msg** (*str*) – Problem associated with input file

```
pyaerocom.io.helpers.aerocom_savename(data_id, var_name, vert_code, year, ts_type)
```

Generate filename in AeroCom conventions

ToDo: complete docstring

```
pyaerocom.io.helpers.get_all_supported_ids_ungridded()
```

Get list of datasets that are supported by ReadUngridded

### Returns

list with supported network names

### Return type

list

```
pyaerocom.io.helpers.get_country_name_from_iso(iso_code: str | None = None, filename: str | Path | None
                                                = None, return_as_dict: bool = False)
```

get the country name from the 2 digit iso country code

the underlaying json file was taken from this github repository <https://github.com/lukes/ISO-3166-Countries-with-Regional-Codes>

### Parameters

- **iso\_code** (*str*) – string containing the 2 character iso code of the country (e.g. no for Norway)
- **filename** (*str*, optional) – optional string with the json file to read
- **return\_as\_dict** (*bool*, optional) – flag to get the entire list of countries as a dictionary with the country codes as keys and the country names as value Useful if you have to get the names for a lot of country codes

### Returns

- *string with country name or dictionary with iso codes as keys and the country names as values*

- *empty string if the country code was not found*

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if the country code is invalid

`pyaerocom.io.helpers.get_metadata_from_filename(filename)`

Try access metadata information from filename

`pyaerocom.io.helpers.get_obsnetwork_dir(obs_id)`

Returns data path for obsnetwork ID

**Parameters**

**obs\_id** (*str*) – ID of obsnetwork (e.g. AeronetSunV2Lev2.daily)

**Returns**

corresponding directory from `pyaerocom.const`

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

- **ValueError** – if `obs_id` is invalid
- **IOError** – if directory does not exist

`pyaerocom.io.helpers.get_standard_name(var_name)`

Get standard name of aerocom variable

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – HTAP2 variable name

**Returns**

corresponding standard name

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

- **VarNotAvailableError** – if input variable is not defined in *variables.ini* file
- **VariableDefinitionError** – if standard name is not set for variable in *variables.ini* file

`pyaerocom.io.helpers.read_ebas_flags_file(ebas_flags_csv)`

Reads file `ebas_flags.csv`

**Parameters**

**ebas\_flags\_csv** (*str*) – file containing flag info

**Returns**

dict with loaded flag info

**Return type**

*dict*

`pyaerocom.io.helpers.search_data_dir_aerocom(name_or_pattern, ignorecase=True)`

Search Aerocom data directory based on model / data ID

## 4.7 Metadata and vocabulary standards

**class** `pyaerocom.metastandards.AeroComDataID`(*data\_id=None, \*\*meta\_info*)

Class representing a model data ID following AeroCom PhaseIII conventions

The ID must contain 4 substrings with meta parameters:

`<ModelName>-<MeteoConfigSpecifier>_<ExperimentName>-<PerturbationName>`

E.g.

`NorESM2-met2010_CTRL-AP3`

For more information see [AeroCom diagnostics spreadsheet](#)

This interface can be used to make sure a provided data ID is following this convention and to extract the corresponding meta parameters as dictionary (`to_dict()`) or to create an `data_id` from the corresponding meta parameters `from_dict()`.

**DELIM** = '\_'

**KEYS** = ['model\_name', 'meteo', 'experiment', 'perturbation']

**SUBDELIM** = '-'

**property** `data_id`

str AeroCom data ID

**static** `from_dict`(*meta*)

Create instance of `AeroComDataID` from input meta dictionary

**Parameters**

**meta** (*dict*) – dictionary containing required keys (cf. [KEYS](#)) and corresponding values to create an `data_id`

**Raises**

**KeyError** – if not all information required is provided

**Return type**

[AeroComDataID](#)

**static** `from_values`(*values*)

Create `data_id` from list of values

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**Note:** The values have to be in the right order, cf. [KEYS](#)

---

**Parameters**

**values** (*list*) – list containing values for each key in [KEYS](#)

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if length of input list mismatches length of [KEYS](#)

**Returns**

generated `data_id`

**Return type**

str

**to\_dict()**

Convert data\_id to dictionary

**Returns**

dictionary with metadata information

**Return type**

`dict`

**property values**

**class** pyaerocom.metastandards.DataSource(\*\*info)

Dict-like object defining a data source

**data\_id**

name (or ID) of dataset (e.g. AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily)

**dataset\_name**

name of dataset (e.g. AERONET)

**data\_product**

data product (e.g. SDA, Inv, Sun for Aeronet)

**data\_version**

version of data (e.g. 3)

**data\_level**

level of data (e.g. 2)

**framework**

ID of framework to which data is associated (e.g. ACTRIS, GAW)

**Type**

`str`

**instr\_vert\_loc**

Vertical location of measuring instrument(s).

**Type**

`str`

**revision\_date**

last revision date of dataset

**ts\_type\_src**

sampling frequency as defined in data files (use None if undefined)

**stat\_merge\_pref\_attr**

optional, a metadata attribute that is available in data and that is used to order the individual stations by relevance in case overlaps occur. The associated values of this attribute need to be sortable (e.g. revision\_date). This is only relevant in case overlaps occur.

**Type**

`str`

**SUPPORTED\_VERT\_LOCS** = ['ground', 'space', 'airborne']

**property data\_dir**

Directory containing data files

**dataset\_str()**

**load\_dataset\_info()**

Wrapper for `_parse_source_info_from_ini()`

**class** `pyaerocom.metastandards.StationMetaData`(\*\**info*)

This object defines a standard for station metadata in pyaerocom

Variable names associated with meta data can vary significantly between different conventions (e.g. conventions in modellers community vs. observations community).

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**Note:**

- This object is a dictionary and can be easily expanded
  - In many cases, only some of the attributes are relevant
- 

**filename**

name of file (may be full path or only filename)

**Type**

`str`

**station\_id**

Code or unique ID of station

**Type**

`str`

**station\_name**

name or ID of a station. Note, that the concept of a station in pyaerocom is not necessarily related to a fixed coordinate. A station can also be a satellite, ship, or a human walking around and measuring something

**Type**

`str`

**instrument\_name**

name (or ID) of instrument

**Type**

`str`

**PI**

principal investigator

**Type**

`str`

**country**

string specifying country (or country ID)

**Type**

`str`

**ts\_type**

frequency of data (e.g. monthly). Note the difference between `ts_type_src` of [DataSource](#), which specifies the freq. of the original files.

**Type**

`str`

**latitude**

latitude coordinate

**Type**

float

**longitude**

longitude coordinate

**Type**

float

**altitude**

altitude coordinate

**Type**

float

## 4.8 Variables

### 4.8.1 Variable collection

**class** `pyaerocom.variable.Variable`(*var\_name=None, init=True, cfg=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Interface that specifies default settings for a variable

See [variables.ini](#) file for an overview of currently available default variables.**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – string ID of variable (see file [variables.ini](#) for valid IDs)
- **init** (*bool*) – if True, input variable name is attempted to be read from config file
- **cfg** (*ConfigParser*) – open config parser that holds the information in config file available (i.e. `ConfigParser.read()` has been called with config file as input)
- **\*\*kwargs** – any valid class attribute (e.g. `map_vmin`, `map_vmax`, ...)

**var\_name**

input variable name

**Type***str***var\_name\_aerocom**AEROCOM variable name (see e.g. [AEROCOM protocol](#) for a list of available variables)**Type***str***is\_3d**

flag that indicates if variable is 3D

**Type***bool*



**is\_dry**

flag that is set based on filename that indicates if variable data corresponds to dry conditions.

**Type**

bool

**units**

unit of variable (None if no unit)

**Type**

str

**default\_vert\_code**

default vertical code to be loaded (i.e. Column, ModelLevel, Surface). Only relevant during reading and in case conflicts occur (e.g. abs550aer, 2010, Column and Surface files)

**Type**

str, optional

**aliases**

list of alternative names for this variable

**Type**

list

**minimum**

lower limit of allowed value range

**Type**

float

**upper\_limit**

upper limit of allowed value range

**Type**

float

**obs\_wavelength\_tol\_nm**

wavelength tolerance (+/-) for reading of obsdata. Default is 10, i.e. if this variable is defined at 550 nm and obsdata contains measured values of this quantity within interval of 540 - 560, then these data is used

**Type**

float

**scat\_xlim**

x-range for scatter plot

**Type**

float

**scat\_ylim**

y-range for scatter plot

**Type**

float

**scat\_loglog**

scatter plot on loglog scale

**Type**

bool

**scat\_scale\_factor**

scale factor for scatter plot

**Type**

float

**map\_cmap**

name of default colormap (matplotlib) of this variable.

**Type**

str

**map\_vmin**

data value corresponding to lower end of colormap in map plots of this quantity

**Type**

float

**map\_vmax**

data value corresponding to upper end of colormap in map plots of this quantity

**Type**

float

**map\_c\_under**

color used for values below *map\_vmin* in map plots of this quantity

**Type**

str

**map\_c\_over**

color used for values exceeding *map\_vmax* in map plots of this quantity

**Type**

str

**map\_cbar\_levels**

levels of colorbar

**Type**

list, optional

**map\_cbar\_ticks**

colorbar ticks

**Type**

list, optional

**ALT\_NAMES** = {'unit': 'units'}

**VMAX\_DEFAULT** = inf

**VMIN\_DEFAULT** = -inf

**property aliases**

Alias variable names that are frequently found or used

**Returns**

list containing valid aliases

**Return type**

list

**get\_cmap()**

Get cmap str for var

**Return type**

str

**get\_cmap\_bins(*infer\_if\_missing=True*)**

Get cmap discretisation bins

**Parameters**

**infer\_if\_missing** (*bool*) – if True and *map\_cbar\_levels* is not defined, try to infer using *\_cmap\_bins\_from\_vmin\_vmax()*.

**Raises**

**AttributeError** – if unavailable

**Returns**

levels

**Return type**

list

**get\_default\_vert\_code()**

Get default vertical code for variable name

**property has\_unit**

Boolean specifying whether variable has unit

**property is\_3d**

True if str '3d' is contained in *var\_name\_input*

**property is\_alias****property is\_at\_dry\_conditions**

Indicate whether variable denotes dry conditions

**property is\_deposition**

Indicates whether input variables is a deposition rate

---

**Note:** This function only identifies wet and dry deposition based on the variable names, there might be other variables that are deposition variables but cannot be identified by this function.

---

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – Name of variable to be checked

**Returns**

If True, then variable name denotes a deposition variables

**Return type**

bool

**property is\_emission**

Indicates whether input variables is an emission rate

---

**Note:** This function only identifies wet and dry deposition based on the variable names, there might be other variables that are deposition variables but cannot be identified by this function.

---

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – Name of variable to be checked

**Returns**

If True, then variable name denotes a deposition variables

**Return type**

*bool*

**property is\_rate**

Indicates whether variable name is a rate

Rates include e.g. deposition or emission rate variables but also precipitation

**Returns**

True if variable is rate, else False

**Return type**

*bool*

**property is\_wavelength\_dependent**

Indicates whether this variable is wavelength dependent

**keys()****literal\_eval\_list()****property long\_name**

Wrapper for description

**property lower\_limit**

Old attribute name for *minimum* (following HTAP2 defs)

**parse\_from\_ini** (*var\_name=None, cfg=None*)

Import information about default region

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name
- **var\_name\_alt** (*str*) – alternative variable name that is used if variable name is not available
- **cfg** (*ConfigParser*) – open config parser object

**Returns**

True, if default could be loaded, False if not

**Return type**

*bool*

**property plot\_info**

Dictionary containing plot information

```
plot_info_keys = ['scat_xlim', 'scat_ylim', 'scat_loglog', 'scat_scale_factor',  
'map_vmin', 'map_vmax', 'map_cmap', 'map_c_under', 'map_c_over', 'map_cbar_levels',  
'map_cbar_ticks']
```

**static read\_config()****str2bool()**

**str2list()**

**property unit**  
Unit of variable (old name, deprecated)

**property unit\_str**  
string representation of unit

**update(\*\*kwargs)**

**property upper\_limit**  
Old attribute name for maximum (following HTAP2 defs)

**property var\_name\_aerocom**  
AeroCom variable name of the input variable

**property var\_name\_info**

**property var\_name\_input**  
Input variable

## 4.8.2 Variable class

**class** `pyaerocom.variable.Variable`(*var\_name=None, init=True, cfg=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Interface that specifies default settings for a variable

See [variables.ini](#) file for an overview of currently available default variables.

### Parameters

- **var\_name** (*str*) – string ID of variable (see file `variables.ini` for valid IDs)
- **init** (*bool*) – if True, input variable name is attempted to be read from config file
- **cfg** (*ConfigParser*) – open config parser that holds the information in config file available (i.e. `ConfigParser.read()` has been called with config file as input)
- **\*\*kwargs** – any valid class attribute (e.g. `map_vmin`, `map_vmax`, ...)

**var\_name**

input variable name

**Type**

*str*

**var\_name\_aerocom**

AEROCOM variable name (see e.g. [AEROCOM protocol](#) for a list of available variables)

**Type**

*str*

**is\_3d**

flag that indicates if variable is 3D

**Type**

*bool*

**is\_dry**

flag that is set based on filename that indicates if variable data corresponds to dry conditions.

**Type**

bool

**units**

unit of variable (None if no unit)

**Type**

str

**default\_vert\_code**

default vertical code to be loaded (i.e. Column, ModelLevel, Surface). Only relevant during reading and in case conflicts occur (e.g. abs550aer, 2010, Column and Surface files)

**Type**

str, optional

**aliases**

list of alternative names for this variable

**Type**

list

**minimum**

lower limit of allowed value range

**Type**

float

**upper\_limit**

upper limit of allowed value range

**Type**

float

**obs\_wavelength\_tol\_nm**

wavelength tolerance (+/-) for reading of obsdata. Default is 10, i.e. if this variable is defined at 550 nm and obsdata contains measured values of this quantity within interval of 540 - 560, then these data is used

**Type**

float

**scat\_xlim**

x-range for scatter plot

**Type**

float

**scat\_ylim**

y-range for scatter plot

**Type**

float

**scat\_loglog**

scatter plot on loglog scale

**Type**

bool

**scat\_scale\_factor**

scale factor for scatter plot

**Type**

float

**map\_cmap**

name of default colormap (matplotlib) of this variable.

**Type**

str

**map\_vmin**

data value corresponding to lower end of colormap in map plots of this quantity

**Type**

float

**map\_vmax**

data value corresponding to upper end of colormap in map plots of this quantity

**Type**

float

**map\_c\_under**

color used for values below *map\_vmin* in map plots of this quantity

**Type**

str

**map\_c\_over**

color used for values exceeding *map\_vmax* in map plots of this quantity

**Type**

str

**map\_cbar\_levels**

levels of colorbar

**Type**

list, optional

**map\_cbar\_ticks**

colorbar ticks

**Type**

list, optional

**ALT\_NAMES** = {'unit': 'units'}

**VMAX\_DEFAULT** = inf

**VMIN\_DEFAULT** = -inf

**property aliases**

Alias variable names that are frequently found or used

**Returns**

list containing valid aliases

**Return type**

list

**get\_cmap()**

Get cmap str for var

**Return type**

str

**get\_cmap\_bins(*infer\_if\_missing=True*)**

Get cmap discretisation bins

**Parameters**

**infer\_if\_missing** (*bool*) – if True and *map\_cbar\_levels* is not defined, try to infer using *\_cmap\_bins\_from\_vmin\_vmax()*.

**Raises**

**AttributeError** – if unavailable

**Returns**

levels

**Return type**

list

**get\_default\_vert\_code()**

Get default vertical code for variable name

**property has\_unit**

Boolean specifying whether variable has unit

**property is\_3d**

True if str '3d' is contained in *var\_name\_input*

**property is\_alias****property is\_at\_dry\_conditions**

Indicate whether variable denotes dry conditions

**property is\_deposition**

Indicates whether input variables is a deposition rate

---

**Note:** This funtion only identifies wet and dry deposition based on the variable names, there might be other variables that are deposition variables but cannot be identified by this function.

---

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – Name of variable to be checked

**Returns**

If True, then variable name denotes a deposition variables

**Return type**

bool

**property is\_emission**

Indicates whether input variables is an emission rate

---

**Note:** This funtion only identifies wet and dry deposition based on the variable names, there might be other variables that are deposition variables but cannot be identified by this function.

---



**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – Name of variable to be checked

**Returns**

If True, then variable name denotes a deposition variables

**Return type**

*bool*

**property is\_rate**

Indicates whether variable name is a rate

Rates include e.g. deposition or emission rate variables but also precipitation

**Returns**

True if variable is rate, else False

**Return type**

*bool*

**property is\_wavelength\_dependent**

Indicates whether this variable is wavelength dependent

**keys()****literal\_eval\_list()****property long\_name**

Wrapper for description

**property lower\_limit**

Old attribute name for *minimum* (following HTAP2 defs)

**parse\_from\_ini** (*var\_name=None, cfg=None*)

Import information about default region

**Parameters**

- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name
- **var\_name\_alt** (*str*) – alternative variable name that is used if variable name is not available
- **cfg** (*ConfigParser*) – open config parser object

**Returns**

True, if default could be loaded, False if not

**Return type**

*bool*

**property plot\_info**

Dictionary containing plot information

```
plot_info_keys = ['scat_xlim', 'scat_ylim', 'scat_loglog', 'scat_scale_factor',
                  'map_vmin', 'map_vmax', 'map_cmap', 'map_c_under', 'map_c_over', 'map_cbar_levels',
                  'map_cbar_ticks']
```

**static read\_config()****str2bool()**

**str2list()**

**property unit**  
Unit of variable (old name, deprecated)

**property unit\_str**  
string representation of unit

**update(\*\*kwargs)**

**property upper\_limit**  
Old attribute name for maximum (following HTAP2 defs)

**property var\_name\_aerocom**  
AeroCom variable name of the input variable

**property var\_name\_info**

**property var\_name\_input**  
Input variable

### 4.8.3 Variable helpers

`pyaerocom.variable_helpers.get_aliases(var_name: str, parser: ConfigParser | None = None)`

Get aliases for a certain variable

`pyaerocom.variable_helpers.get_variable(var_name: str)`

Get a certain variable

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – variable name

**Return type**

*Variable*

`pyaerocom.variable_helpers.parse_aliases_ini()`

Returns instance of ConfigParser to access information

`pyaerocom.variable_helpers.parse_variables_ini(fpath: str | Path | None = None)`

Returns instance of ConfigParser to access information

### 4.8.4 Variable name info

`class pyaerocom.varnameinfo.VarNameInfo(var_name)`

This class can be used to retrieve information from variable names

```
DEFAULT_VERT_CODE_PATTERNS = {'abs*': 'Column', 'ang*': 'Column', 'dry*': 'Surface',  
'emi*': 'Surface', 'load*': 'Column', 'od*': 'Column', 'wet*': 'Surface'}
```

```
PATTERNS = {'od': 'od\\d+aer'}
```

**property contains\_numbers**

Boolean specifying whether this variable name contains numbers

**property contains\_wavelength\_nm**

Boolean specifying whether this variable contains a certain wavelength

**get\_default\_vert\_code()**

Get default vertical code for variable name

**in\_wavelength\_range(*low*, *high*)**

Boolean specifying whether variable is within wavelength range

**Parameters**

- **low** (*float*) – lower end of wavelength range to be tested
- **high** (*float*) – upper end of wavelength range to be tested

**Returns**

True, if this variable is wavelength dependent and if the wavelength that is inferred from the filename is within the specified input range

**Return type**

*bool*

**property is\_wavelength\_dependent**

Boolean specifying whether this variable name is wavelength dependent

**translate\_to\_wavelength(*to\_wavelength*)**

Create new variable name at a different wavelength

**Parameters**

**to\_wavelength** (*float*) – new wavelength in nm

**Returns**

new variable name

**Return type**

*VarNameInfo*

**property wavelength\_nm**

Wavelength in nm (if applicable)

## 4.9 Helpers for auxiliary variables

**pyaerocom.aux\_var\_helpers.calc\_abs550aer(*data*)**

Compute AOD at 550 nm using Angstrom coefficient and 500 nm AOD

**Parameters**

**data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing imported results

**Returns**

AOD(s) at shifted wavelength

**Return type**

*float* or *ndarray*

**pyaerocom.aux\_var\_helpers.calc\_ang4487aer(*data*)**

Compute Angstrom coefficient (440-870nm) from 440 and 870 nm AODs

**Parameters**

**data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing imported results

---

**Note:** Requires the following two variables to be available in provided data object:

1. `od440aer`
  2. `od870aer`
- 

**Raises**

**AttributError** – if either ‘`od440aer`’ or ‘`od870aer`’ are not available in data object

**Returns**

array containing computed angstrom coefficients

**Return type**

ndarray

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.calc_od550aer(data)`

Compute AOD at 550 nm using Angstrom coefficient and 500 nm AOD

**Parameters**

**data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing imported results

**Returns**

AOD(s) at shifted wavelength

**Return type**

`float` or ndarray

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.calc_od550gt1aer(data)`

Compute coarse mode AOD at 550 nm using Angstrom coeff. and 500 nm AOD

**Parameters**

**data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing imported results

**Returns**

AOD(s) at shifted wavelength

**Return type**

`float` or ndarray

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.calc_od550lt1aer(data)`

Compute fine mode AOD at 550 nm using Angstrom coeff. and 500 nm AOD

**Parameters**

**data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing imported results

**Returns**

AOD(s) at shifted wavelength

**Return type**

`float` or ndarray

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.calc_od550lt1ang(data)`

Compute AOD at 550 nm using Angstrom coeff. and 500 nm AOD,  
that is filtered for angstrom coeff < 1 to get AOD representative of coarse particles.

**Parameters**

**data** (*dict-like*) – data object containing imported results

**Returns**

AOD(s) at shifted wavelength

**Return type**

`float` or `ndarray`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.calc_vmro3max(data)`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_ac550dryaer(data)`

Compute aerosol dry absorption coefficient applying RH threshold

Cf. `_compute_dry_helper()`

**Parameters**

**dict** – data object containing scattering and RH data

**Returns**

modified data object containing new column `sc550dryaer`

**Return type**

`dict`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_ang4470dryaer_from_dry_scatter(data)`

Compute angstrom exponent between 440 and 700 nm

**Parameters**

**dict** (*StationData* or) – data containing dry scattering coefficients at 440 and 700 nm (i.e. keys `sc440dryaer` and `sc700dryaer`)

**Returns**

extended data object containing angstrom exponent

**Return type**

*StationData* or `dict`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_angstrom_coeff(od1, od2, lambda1, lambda2)`

Compute Angstrom coefficient based on 2 optical densities

**Parameters**

- **od1** (`float` or `ndarray`) – AOD at wavelength 1
- **od2** (`float` or `ndarray`) – AOD at wavelength 2
- **lambda1** (`float` or `ndarray`) – wavelength 1
- **2** (*lambda*) – wavelength 2

**Returns**

Angstrom exponent(s)

**Return type**

`float` or `ndarray`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_od_from_angstromexp(to_lambda, od_ref, lambda_ref, angstrom_coeff)`

Compute AOD at specified wavelength

Uses Angstrom coefficient and reference AOD to compute the corresponding wavelength shifted AOD

**Parameters**

- **to\_lambda** (`float` or `ndarray`) – wavelength for which AOD is calculated

- **od\_ref** (`float` or `ndarray`) – reference AOD
- **lambda\_ref** (`float` or `ndarray`) – wavelength corresponding to reference AOD
- **angstrom\_coeff** (`float` or `ndarray`) – Angstrom coefficient

**Returns**

AOD(s) at shifted wavelength

**Return type**

`float` or `ndarray`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_sc440dryaer(data)`

Compute dry scattering coefficient applying RH threshold

Cf. `_compute_dry_helper()`

**Parameters**

**dict** – data object containing scattering and RH data

**Returns**

modified data object containing new column `sc550dryaer`

**Return type**

`dict`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_sc550dryaer(data)`

Compute dry scattering coefficient applying RH threshold

Cf. `_compute_dry_helper()`

**Parameters**

**dict** – data object containing scattering and RH data

**Returns**

modified data object containing new column `sc550dryaer`

**Return type**

`dict`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_sc700dryaer(data)`

Compute dry scattering coefficient applying RH threshold

Cf. `_compute_dry_helper()`

**Parameters**

**dict** – data object containing scattering and RH data

**Returns**

modified data object containing new column `sc550dryaer`

**Return type**

`dict`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_wetna_from_concprcpna(data)`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_wetnh4_from_concprcpnh4(data)`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_wetno3_from_concprcpno3(data)`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_wetoxn_from_concprcpoxn(data)`

Compute wdep from conc in precip and precip data

---

**Note:** In addition to the returned numpy array, the input instance of `StationData` is modified by additional metadata and flags for the new variable. See also `_compute_wdep_from_concprcp_helper()`.

---

**Parameters**

**StationData** – data object containing concprcp and precip data

**Returns**

array with wet deposition values

**Return type**

`numpy.ndarray`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_wetoxs_from_concprcpoxs(data)`

Compute wdep from conc in precip and precip data

---

**Note:** In addition to the returned numpy array, the input instance of `StationData` is modified by additional metadata and flags for the new variable. See also `_compute_wdep_from_concprcp_helper()`.

---

**Parameters**

**StationData** – data object containing concprcp and precip data

**Returns**

array with wet deposition values

**Return type**

`numpy.ndarray`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_wetoxs_from_concprcpoxsc(data)`

Compute wdep from conc in precip and precip data

---

**Note:** In addition to the returned numpy array, the input instance of `StationData` is modified by additional metadata and flags for the new variable. See also `_compute_wdep_from_concprcp_helper()`.

---

**Parameters**

**StationData** – data object containing concprcp and precip data

**Returns**

array with wet deposition values

**Return type**

`numpy.ndarray`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_wetoxs_from_concprcpoxst(data)`

Compute wdep from conc in precip and precip data

---

**Note:** In addition to the returned numpy array, the input instance of `StationData` is modified by additional metadata and flags for the new variable. See also `_compute_wdep_from_concprcp_helper()`.

---

**Parameters**

**StationData** – data object containing concprcp and precip data

**Returns**

array with wet deposition values

**Return type**

`numpy.ndarray`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_wetrdn_from_concprcp_rdn(data)`

Compute wdep from conc in precip and precip data

---

**Note:** In addition to the returned numpy array, the input instance of `StationData` is modified by additional metadata and flags for the new variable. See also `_compute_wdep_from_concprcp_helper()`.

---

**Parameters**

**StationData** – data object containing concprcp and precip data

**Returns**

array with wet deposition values

**Return type**

`numpy.ndarray`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.compute_wetso4_from_concprcpso4(data)`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.concx_to_vmr(x)(data, p_pascal, T_kelvin, conc_unit, mmol_var,  
mmol_air=None, to_unit=None)`

Convert mass concentration to volume mixing ratio (vmr)

**Parameters**

- **data** (*float* or *ndarray*) – array containing vmr values
- **p\_pascal** (*float*) – pressure in Pa of input data
- **T\_kelvin** (*float*) – temperature in K of input data
- **vmr\_unit** (*str*) – unit of input data
- **mmol\_var** (*float*) – molar mass of variable represented by input data
- **mmol\_air** (*float*, *optional*) – Molar mass of air. Uses average density of dry air if None. The default is None.
- **to\_unit** (*str*, *optional*) – Unit to which output data is converted. If None, output unit is kg m<sup>-3</sup>. The default is None.

**Returns**

input data converted to volume mixing ratio

**Return type**

*float* or *ndarray*

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.identity(data)`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.make_proxy_drydep_from_O3(data)`

`pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.make_proxy_wetdep_from_O3(data)`



```
pyaerocom.aux_var_helpers.vmr_x_to_conc_x(data, p_pascal, T_kelvin, vmr_unit, mmol_var, mmol_air=None,
                                           to_unit=None)
```

Convert volume mixing ratio (vmr) to mass concentration

#### Parameters

- **data** (*float* or *ndarray*) – array containing vmr values
- **p\_pascal** (*float*) – pressure in Pa of input data
- **T\_kelvin** (*float*) – temperature in K of input data
- **vmr\_unit** (*str*) – unit of input data
- **mmol\_var** (*float*) – molar mass of variable represented by input data
- **mmol\_air** (*float*, *optional*) – Molar mass of air. Uses average density of dry air if None. The default is None.
- **to\_unit** (*str*, *optional*) – Unit to which output data is converted. If None, output unit is kg m<sup>-3</sup>. The default is None.

#### Returns

input data converted to mass concentration

#### Return type

*float* or *ndarray*

## 4.10 Variable categorisations

Variable categorisation groups

These are needed in some cases to infer, e.g. units associated with variable names. Used in [pyaerocom.variable.Variable](#) to identify certain groups.

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**Note:** The below definitions are far from complete

---

```
pyaerocom.var_groups.dep_add_vars = []
    additional deposition rate variables (that do not start with wet* or dry*)
pyaerocom.var_groups.drydep_startswith = 'dry'
    start string of dry deposition variables
pyaerocom.var_groups.emi_add_vars = []
    additional emission rate variables (that do not start with emi*)
pyaerocom.var_groups.emi_startswith = 'emi'
    start string of emission variables
pyaerocom.var_groups.totdep_startswith = 'dep'
    start string of total deposition variables
pyaerocom.var_groups.wetdep_startswith = 'wet'
    start string of wet deposition variables
```

## 4.11 Regions and data filtering

### 4.11.1 Region class and helper functions

This module contains functionality related to regions in pyaerocom

**class** pyaerocom.region.Region(*region\_id=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Class specifying a region

**region\_id**

ID of region (e.g. EUROPE)

**Type**

str

**name**

name of region (e.g. Europe) used e.g. in plotting.

**Type**

str

**lon\_range**

longitude range (min, max) covered by region

**Type**

list

**lat\_range**

latitude range (min, max) covered by region

**Type**

list

**lon\_range\_plot**

longitude range (min, max) used for plotting region.

**Type**

list

**lat\_range\_plot**

latitude range (min, max) used for plotting region.

**Type**

list

**lon\_ticks**

list of longitude ticks used for plotting

**Type**

list

**lat\_ticks**

list of latitude ticks used for plotting

**Type**

list

**Parameters**

- **region\_id** (*str*) – ID of region (e.g. “EUROPE”). If the input region ID is registered as a default region in `pyaerocom.region_defs`, then the default information is automatically imported on class instantiation.
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional class attributes (see above for available default attributes). Note, any attr. values provided by kwargs are preferred over potentially defined default attrs. that are imported automatically.

### property center\_coordinate

Center coordinate of this region

### contains\_coordinate(*lat, lon*)

Check if input lat/lon coordinate is contained in region

#### Parameters

- **lat** (*float*) – latitude of coordinate
- **lon** (*float*) – longitude of coordinate

#### Returns

True if coordinate is contained in this region, False if not

#### Return type

*bool*

### distance\_to\_center(*lat, lon*)

Compute distance of input coordinate to center of this region

#### Parameters

- **lat** (*float*) – latitude of coordinate
- **lon** (*float*) – longitude of coordinate

#### Returns

distance in km

#### Return type

*float*

### get\_mask\_data()

### import\_default(*region\_id*)

Import region definition

#### Parameters

**region\_id** (*str*) – ID of region

#### Raises

**KeyError** – if no region is registered for the input ID

### is\_htap()

Boolean specifying whether region is an HTAP binary region

### mask\_available()

### plot(*ax=None*)

Plot this region

Draws a rectangle of the outer bounds of the region and if a binary mask is available for this region, it will be plotted as well.

**Parameters**

**ax** (*GeoAxes*, *optional*) – axes instance to be used for plotting. Defaults to None in which case a new instance is created.

**Returns**

axes instance used for plotting

**Return type**

*GeoAxes*

**plot\_borders**(*ax*, *color*, *lw=2*)

**plot\_mask**(*ax*, *color*, *alpha=0.2*)

`pyaerocom.region.all()`

Wrapper for `get_all_default_region_ids()`

`pyaerocom.region.find_closest_region_coord(lat: float, lon: float, regions: dict | None = None, **kwargs)`  
→ `list[str]`

Finds list of regions sorted by their center closest to input coordinate

**Parameters**

- **lat** (*float*) – latitude of coordinate
- **lon** (*float*) – longitude of coordinate
- **regions** (*dict*, *optional*) – dictionary containing instances of *Region* as values, which are considered. If None, then all default regions are used.

**Returns**

sorted list of region IDs of identified regions

**Return type**

`list[str]`

`pyaerocom.region.get_all_default_region_ids()`

Get list containing IDs of all default regions

**Returns**

IDs of all predefined default regions

**Return type**

`list`

`pyaerocom.region.get_all_default_regions()`

Get dictionary containing all default regions from region.ini file

**Returns**

dictionary containing all default regions; keys are region ID's, values are instances of *Region*.

**Return type**

`dict`

`pyaerocom.region.get_htap_regions()`

Load dictionary with HTAP regions

**Returns**

keys are region ID's, values are instances of *Region*

**Return type**

`dict`

`pyaerocom.region.get_old_aerocom_default_regions()`

Load dictionary with default AeroCom regions

**Returns**

keys are region ID's, values are instances of [Region](#)

**Return type**

`dict`

`pyaerocom.region.get_regions_coord(lat, lon, regions=None)`

Get the region that contains an input coordinate

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**Note:** This does not yet include HTAP, since this causes troubles in automated AeroCom processing

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**Parameters**

- **lat** (`float`) – latitude of coordinate
- **lon** (`float`) – longitude of coordinate
- **regions** (`dict`, *optional*) – dictionary containing instances of [Region](#) as values, which are considered. If `None`, then all default regions are used.

**Returns**

list of regions that contain this coordinate

**Return type**

`list`

### 4.11.2 Region definitions

Definitions of rectangular regions used in pyaerocom

NOTE: replaces former regions.ini in pyaerocom/data dir

`pyaerocom.region_defs.ALL_REGION_NAME: Final = 'ALL'`

Name of region containing absolute all valid data points (WORLD in old aerocom notation)

### 4.11.3 Region filter

`class pyaerocom.filter.Filter(name=None, region=None, altitude_filter=None, land_ocn=None, **kwargs)`

Class that can be used to filter gridded and ungridded data objects

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**Note:**

- BETA version (currently being tested)
  - Can only filter spatially
  - Might be renamed to RegionFilter at some point in the future
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`ALTITUDE_FILTERS = {'noMOUNTAINS': [-1000000.0, 1000.0], 'wMOUNTAINS': None}`

dictionary specifying altitude filters

**LAND\_OCN\_FILTERS** = ['LAND', 'OCN']

**NO\_ALTITUDE\_FILTER\_NAME** = 'wMOUNTAINS'

**NO\_REGION\_FILTER\_NAME** = 'ALL'

**property alt\_range**

Altitude range of filter

**apply**(*data\_obj*)

Apply filter to data object

**Parameters**

**data\_obj** (UngriddedData, GriddedData) – input data object that is supposed to be filtered

**Returns**

filtered data object

**Return type**

UngriddedData, GriddedData

**Raises**

**IOError** – if input is invalid

**from\_list**(*lst*)

Set filter name based on input list

**property land\_ocn**

**property lat\_range**

Latitude range of region

**property lon\_range**

Longitude range of region

**property name**

Name of filter

String containing up to 3 substrings (delimited using dash -) containing: <region\_id>-<altitude\_filter>-<land\_or\_sea\_only\_info>

**property region**

Region associated with this filter (instance of Region)

**property region\_name**

Name of region

**property spl**

**to\_dict**()

Convert filter to dictionary

**property valid\_alt\_filter\_codes**

Valid codes for altitude filters

**property valid\_land\_sea\_filter\_codes**

Codes specifying land/sea filters

**property valid\_regions**

Names of valid regions (AeroCom regions and HTAP regions)

#### 4.11.4 Land / Sea masks

Helper methods for access of and working with land/sea masks. `pyaerocom` provides automatic access to HTAP land sea masks from this URL:

<https://pyaerocom.met.no/pyaerocom-suppl>

Filtering by these masks is implemented in `Filter` and all relevant data classes (i.e. `GriddedData`, `UngriddedData`, `ColocatedData`).

`pyaerocom.helpers_landsea_masks.available_htap_masks()`

List of HTAP mask names

**Returns**

Returns a list of available htap region masks.

**Return type**

list

`pyaerocom.helpers_landsea_masks.check_all_htap_available()`

Check for missing HTAP masks on local computer and download

`pyaerocom.helpers_landsea_masks.download_htap_masks(regions_to_download=None)`

Download HTAP mask

URL: <https://pyaerocom.met.no/pyaerocom-suppl>.

**Parameters**

**regions\_to\_download** (list) – List containing the regions to download.

**Returns**

List of file paths that point to the mask files that were successfully downloaded

**Return type**

list

**Raises**

- **ValueError** – if one of the input regions does not exist
- **DataRetrievalError** – if download fails for one of the input regions

`pyaerocom.helpers_landsea_masks.get_htap_mask_files(*region_ids)`

Get file paths to input HTAP regions

**Parameters**

**\*region\_ids** – ID's of regions for which mask files are supposed to be retrieved

**Returns**

list of file paths for each input region

**Return type**

list

**Raises**

- **FileNotFoundError** – if default local directory for storage of HTAP masks does not exist
- **NameError** – if multiple mask files are found for the same region

`pyaerocom.helpers_landsea_masks.get_lat_lon_range_mask_region(mask, latdim_name=None, londim_name=None)`

Get outer lat/lon rectangle of a binary mask

**Parameters**

- **mask** (*xr.DataArray*) – binary mask
- **latdim\_name** (*str*, *optional*) – Name of latitude dimension. The default is None, in which case lat is assumed.
- **londim\_name** (*str*, *optional*) – Name of longitude dimension. The default is None, in which case long is assumed.

**Returns**

dictionary containing lat and lon ranges of the mask.

**Return type**

*dict*

`pyaerocom.helpers_landsea_masks.get_mask_value(lat, lon, mask)`

Get value of mask at input lat / lon position

**Parameters**

- **lat** (*float*) – latitude
- **lon** (*float*) – longitude
- **mask** (*xarray.DataArray*) – data array

**Returns**

nearest neighbour mask value to input lat lon

**Return type**

*float*

`pyaerocom.helpers_landsea_masks.load_region_mask_iris(*regions)`

Loads regional mask to iris.

**Parameters**

**region\_id** (*str*) – Chosen region.

**Returns**

cube representing merged mask from input regions

**Return type**

*iris.cube.Cube*

`pyaerocom.helpers_landsea_masks.load_region_mask_xr(*regions)`

Load boolean mask for input regions (as *xarray.DataArray*)

**Parameters**

**\*regions** – regions that are supposed to be loaded and merged (just use string, no list or similar)

**Returns**

boolean mask for input region(s)

**Return type**

*xarray.DataArray*



## 4.12 Time and frequencies

### 4.12.1 Handling of time frequencies

General helper methods for the pyaerocom library.

```
class pyaerocom.tstype.TsType(val)

    FROM_PANDAS = {'AS': 'yearly', 'D': 'daily', 'H': 'hourly', 'MS': 'monthly', 'Q':
    'season', 'T': 'minutely', 'W-MON': 'weekly'}

    TOL_SECS_PERCENT = 5

    TO_NUMPY = {'daily': 'D', 'hourly': 'h', 'minutely': 'm', 'monthly': 'M', 'weekly':
    'W', 'yearly': 'Y'}

    TO_PANDAS = {'daily': 'D', 'hourly': 'H', 'minutely': 'T', 'monthly': 'MS',
    'season': 'Q', 'weekly': 'W-MON', 'yearly': 'AS'}

    TO_SI = {'daily': 'd', 'hourly': 'h', 'minutely': 'min', 'monthly': 'month',
    'weekly': 'week', 'yearly': 'yr'}

    TSTR_TO_CF = {'daily': 'days', 'hourly': 'hours', 'monthly': 'days'}

    TS_MAX_VALS = {'daily': 180, 'hourly': 168, 'minutely': 360, 'monthly': 120,
    'weekly': 104}

    VALID = ['minutely', 'hourly', 'daily', 'weekly', 'monthly', 'yearly', 'native']

    VALID_ITER = ['minutely', 'hourly', 'daily', 'weekly', 'monthly', 'yearly']

    property base
        Base string (without multiplication factor, cf mul fac)

    property cf_base_unit
        Convert ts_type str to CF convention time unit

    check_match_total_seconds(total_seconds)
        Check if this object matches with input interval length in seconds

        Parameters
            total_seconds (int or float) – interval length in units of seconds (e.g. 86400 for daily)

        Return type
            bool

    property datetime64_str
        Convert ts_type str to datetime64 unit string

    static from_total_seconds(total_seconds)
        Try to infer TsType based on interval length

        Parameters
            total_seconds (int or float) – total number of seconds

        Raises
            TemporalResolutionError – If no TsType can be inferred for input number of seconds
```

**Return type***TsType***get\_min\_num\_obs**(*to\_ts\_type*: *TsType*, *min\_num\_obs*: *dict*) → *int***property mulfac**

Multiplication factor of frequency

**property next\_higher**

Next lower resolution code

**property next\_lower**

Next lower resolution code

This will go to the next lower base resolution, that is if current is 3daily, it will return weekly, however, if current exceeds next lower base, it will iterate that base, that is, if current is 8daily, next lower will be 2weekly (and not 9daily).

**property num\_secs**

Number of seconds in one period

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**Note:** Be aware that for monthly frequency the number of seconds is not well defined!

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**property timedelta64\_str**Convert *ts\_type* str to *datetime64* unit string**to\_numpy\_freq()****to\_pandas\_freq()**Convert *ts\_type* to pandas frequency string**to\_si()**

Convert to SI conform string (e.g. used for unit conversion)

**to\_timedelta64()**Convert frequency to *timedelta64* object

Can be used, e.g. as tolerance when reindexing pandas Series

**Return type***timedelta64***property tol\_secs**Tolerance in seconds for current *TsType***property val**

Value of frequency (string type), e.g. 3daily

**static valid**(*val*)

## 4.12.2 Temporal resampling

Module containing time resampling functionality

**class** `pyaerocom.time_resampler.TimeResampler`(*input\_data=None*)

Object that can be use to resample timeseries data

It supports hierarchical resampling of `xarray.DataArray` objects and `pandas.Series` objects.

Hierarchical means, that resampling constraints can be applied for each level, that is, if hourly data is to be resampled to monthly, it may be specified to first required minimum number of hours per day, and minimum days per month, to create the output data.

**AGGRS\_UNIT\_PRESERVE** = ('mean', 'median', 'std', 'max', 'min')

**DEFAULT\_HOW** = 'mean'

**property fun**

Resamplig method (depends on input data type)

**property input\_data**

Input data object that is to be resampled

**property last\_units\_preserved**

Boolean indicating if last resampling operation preserves units

**resample**(*to\_ts\_type*, *input\_data=None*, *from\_ts\_type=None*, *how=None*, *min\_num\_obs=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Resample input data

**Parameters**

- **to\_ts\_type** (*str* or *TsType*) – output resolution
- **input\_data** (*pandas.Series* or *xarray.DataArray*) – data to be resampled
- **from\_ts\_type** (*str* or *TsType*, *optional*) – current temporal resolution of data
- **how** (*str*) – string specifying how the data is to be aggregated, default is mean
- **min\_num\_obs** (*dict* or *int*, *optinal*) – integer or nested dictionary specifying minimum number of observations required to resample from higher to lower frequency. For instance, if *input\_data* is hourly and *to\_ts\_type* is monthly, you may specify something like:

```
min_num_obs =
    {'monthly' : {'daily' : 7},
     'daily'   : {'hourly' : 6}}
```

to require at least 6 hours per day and 7 days per month.

- **\*\*kwargs** – additional input arguments passed to resampling method

**Returns**

resampled data object

**Return type**

`pandas.Series` or `xarray.DataArray`

### 4.12.3 Global constants

Definitions and helpers related to time conversion

## 4.13 Vertical coordinate support

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**Note:** BETA: most functionality of this module is currently not implemented in any of the pyaerocom standard API.

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Methods to convert different standards of vertical coordinates

For details see here:

<http://cfconventions.org/Data/cf-conventions/cf-conventions-1.0/build/apd.html>

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**Note:** UNDER DEVELOPMENT -> NOT READY YET

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**class** pyaerocom.vert\_coords.**AltitudeAccess**(*gridded\_data*)

**ADD\_FILE\_OPT** = {'pres': ['temp']}

**ADD\_FILE\_REQ** = {'deltaz3d': ['ps']}

Additional variables that are required to compute altitude levels

**ADD\_FILE\_VARS** = ['z', 'z3d', 'pres', 'deltaz3d']

Additional variable names (in AEROCOM convention) that are used to search for additional files that can be used to access or compute the altitude levels at each grid point

**check\_altitude\_access**(\*\**coord\_info*)

Checks if altitude levels can be accessed

**Parameters**

**\*\*coord\_info** – test coordinate specifications for extraction of 1D data object. Passed to `extract_1D_subset_from_data()`.

**Returns**

True, if altitude access is provided, else False

**Return type**

bool

**property coord\_list**

List of AeroCom coordinate names for altitude access

**extract\_1D\_subset\_from\_data**(\*\**coord\_info*)

Extract 1D subset containing only vertical coordinate dimension

---

**Note:** So far this Works only for 4D or 3D data that contains latitude and longitude dimension and a vertical coordinate, optionally also a time dimension.

The subset is extracted for a test coordinate (latitude, longitude) that may be specified optionally via `coord_info`.

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**Parameters**

**\*\*coord\_info** – optional test coordinate specifications for other than vertical dimension. For all dimensions that are not specified explicitly, the first available coordinate in `data_obj` is used.

**get\_altitude**(*latitude, longitude*)

**property has\_access**

Boolean specifying whether altitudes can be accessed

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**Note:** Performs access check using `check_altitude_access()` if access flag is False

---

**property reader**

Instance of ReadGridded

**search\_aux\_coords**(*coord\_list*)

Search and assign coordinates provided by input list

All coordinates that are found are assigned to this object and can be accessed via `self[coord_name]`.

**Parameters**

**coord\_list** (*list*) – list containing AeroCom coordinate names

**Returns**

True if all coordinates can be accessed, else False

**Return type**

`bool`

**Raises**

**`CoordinateNameError`** – if one of the input coordinate names is not supported by pyaerocom. See `coords.ini` file of pyaerocom for available coordinates.

**class** pyaerocom.vert\_coords.**VerticalCoordinate**(*name=None*)

```
CONVERSION_METHODS = {'ahspc': <function
atmosphere_hybrid_sigma_pressure_coordinate_to_pressure>, 'asc': <function
atmosphere_sigma_coordinate_to_pressure>, 'gph': <function
geopotentialheight2altitude>}
```

```
CONVERSION_REQUIRES = {'ahspc': ['a', 'b', 'ps', 'p0'], 'asc': ['sigma', 'ps',
'ptop'], 'gph': []}
```

```
FUNS_YIELD = {'ahspc': 'air_pressure', 'asc': 'air_pressure', 'gph': 'altitude'}
```

```
NAMES_NOT_SUPPORTED = ['model_level_number']
```

```
NAMES_SUPPORTED = {'air_pressure': 'pres', 'altitude': 'z',
'atmosphere_hybrid_sigma_pressure_coordinate': 'ahspc',
'atmosphere_sigma_coordinate': 'asc', 'geopotential_height': 'gph'}
```

```
REGISTERED = ['altitude', 'air_pressure', 'geopotential_height',
'atmosphere_sigma_coordinate', 'atmosphere_hybrid_sigma_pressure_coordinate',
'model_level_number']
```

registered names

```
STANDARD_NAMES = {'ahspc': 'atmosphere_hybrid_sigma_pressure_coordinate', 'asc':  
'atmosphere_sigma_coordinate', 'gph': 'geopotential_height', 'pres': 'air_pressure',  
'z': 'altitude'}
```

**calc\_pressure**(*lev*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Compute pressure levels for input vertical coordinate

**Parameters**

- **vals** – level values that are supposed to be converted into pressure
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args required for computation of pressure levels (cf. [CONVERSION\\_METHODS](#) and corresponding inputs for method available)

**Returns**

pressure levels in Pa

**Return type**

ndarray

**property conversion\_requires**

Valid argument names for [fun\(\)](#)

**property conversion\_supported**

Boolean specifying whether a conversion scheme is provided

**property fun**

Function used to convert levels into pressure

**property lev\_increases\_with\_alt**

Boolean specifying whether coordinate levels increase with altitude

**Return type**

True

**pressure2altitude**(*p*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Convert pressure to altitude

Wrapper for method

**property vars\_supported\_str**

`pyaerocom.vert_coords.atmosphere_hybrid_sigma_pressure_coordinate_to_pressure(a, b, ps,  
p0=None)`

Convert atmosphere\_hybrid\_sigma\_pressure\_coordinate to pressure in Pa

**Formula:**

Either

$$p(k) = a(k) \cdot p_0 + b(k) \cdot p_{surface}$$

or

$$p(k) = ap(k) + b(k) \cdot p_{surface}$$

**Parameters**

- **a** (*ndarray*) – sigma level values (*a*(*k*) in formula 1, and *ap*(*k*) in formula 2)
- **b** (*ndarray*) – dimensionless fraction per level (must be same length as *a*)

- **ps** (*float*) – surface pressure
- **p0** – reference pressure (only relevant for alternative formula 1)

**Returns**

computed pressure levels in Pa (standard\_name=air\_pressure)

**Return type**

ndarray

`pyaerocom.vert_coords.atmosphere_sigma_coordinate_to_pressure(sigma, ps, ptop)`

Convert atmosphere sigma coordinate to pressure in Pa

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**Note:** This formula only works at one lon lat coordinate and at one instant in time.

**Formula:**

$$p(k) = p_{top} + \sigma(k) \cdot (p_{surface} - p_{top})$$

---

**Parameters**

- **sigma** (*ndarray or float*) – sigma coordinate (1D) array
- **ps** (*float*) – surface pressure
- **ptop** (*float*) – ToA pressure

**Returns**

computed pressure levels in Pa (standard\_name=air\_pressure)

**Return type**

ndarray or *float*

`pyaerocom.vert_coords.geopotentialheight2altitude(geopotential_height)`

Convert geopotential height in m to altitude in m

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**Note:** This is a dummy function that returns the input, as the conversion is not yet implemented.

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**Parameters**

**geopotential\_height** – input geopotential height values in m

**Return type**

Computed altitude levels

`pyaerocom.vert_coords.is_supported(standard_name)`

Checks if input coordinate standard name is supported by pyaerocom

**Parameters**

**standard\_name** (*str*) – standard name of vertical coordinate

**Returns**

True, if this coordinate is supported, else False

**Return type**

*bool*

`pyaerocom.vert_coords.pressure2altitude(p, *args, **kwargs)`

General formula to convert atm. pressure to altitude

Wrapper method for `geonum.atmosphere.pressure2altitude()`

**Formula:**

$$h = h_{ref} + \frac{T_{ref}}{L} \left( \exp \left[ -\frac{\ln \left( \frac{p}{p_{ref}} \right)}{\beta} \right] - 1 \right) \quad [m]$$

where:

- $h_{ref}$  is a reference altitude
- $T_{ref}$  is a reference temperature
- $L$  is the atmospheric lapse-rate (cf. `L_STD_ATM`, `L_DRY_AIR`)
- $p$  is the pressure (cf. `pressure()`)
- $p_{ref}$  is a reference pressure
- $\beta$  is computed using `beta_exp()`

**Parameters**

- **p** – pressure in Pa
- **\*args** – additional non-keyword args passed to `geonum.atmosphere.pressure2altitude()`
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to `geonum.atmosphere.pressure2altitude()`

**Return type**

altitudes in m corresponding to input pressure levels in defined atmosphere

## 4.14 Trends computation

### 4.14.1 Trends engine

**class** `pyaerocom.trends_engine.TrendsEngine`

Trend computation engine (does not need to be instantiated)

**static compute\_trend**(*data*, *ts\_type*, *start\_year*, *stop\_year*, *min\_num\_yrs*, *season=None*, *slope\_confidence=None*)

Compute trend

**Parameters**

- **data** (*pd.Series*) – input timeseries data
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – frequency of input data (must be monthly or yearly)
- **start\_year** (*int* or *str*) – start of period for trend
- **stop\_year** (*int* or *str*) – end of period for trend
- **min\_num\_yrs** (*int*) – minimum number of years for trend computation
- **season** (*str*, *optional*) – which season to use, defaults to whole year (no season)



- **slope\_confidence** (*float*, *optional*) – confidence of slope, between 0 and 1, defaults to 0.68.

**Returns**

trends results for input data

**Return type**

*dict*

## 4.14.2 Helper methods

Helper methods for computation of trends

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**Note:** Most methods here are private and not to be used directly. Please use `TrendsEngine` instead.

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`pyaerocom.trends_helpers._compute_trend_error(m, m_err, v0, v0_err)`

Computes error of trend estimate using gaussian error propagation

The (normalised) trend is computed as  $T = m / v0$

where  $m$  denotes the slope of a regression line and  $v0$  denotes the normalisation value. This method computes the uncertainty of  $T$  ( $\delta T$ ) using gaussian error propagation of uncertainties accompanying  $m$  and  $v0$ .

**Parameters**

- **m** (*float*) – slope in units of  $\langle U \rangle$  yr-1 (where  $\langle U \rangle$  denotes the unit of the data). ( $m \rightarrow$  “montant”).
- **m\_err** (*float*) – slope error (same unit as  $m$ )
- **v0** (*float*) – normalisation value in units of  $\langle U \rangle$
- **v0\_err** (*float*) – error of  $v0$  (same units as  $v0$ )

**Returns**

error of  $T$  in computed using gaussian error propagation of trend formula in units of  $\%/yr$

**Return type**

*float*

`pyaerocom.trends_helpers._end_season(seas, yr)`

`pyaerocom.trends_helpers._find_area(lat, lon, regions_dict=None)`

Find area corresponding to input lat/lon coordinate

**Parameters**

- **lat** (*float*) – latitude
- **lon** (*float*) – longitude

**Returns**

name of region

**Return type**

*str*

`pyaerocom.trends_helpers._get_season(mon)`

`pyaerocom.trends_helpers._get_season_from_months(months: str)  $\rightarrow$  str`

```
pyaerocom.trends_helpers._get_unique_seasons(idx)
pyaerocom.trends_helpers._get_yearly(data, seas, start_yr)
pyaerocom.trends_helpers._init_period_dates(start_year, stop_year, season)
pyaerocom.trends_helpers._init_trends_result_dict(start_yr)
pyaerocom.trends_helpers._mid_season(seas, yr)
pyaerocom.trends_helpers._seas_slice(yr, season)
pyaerocom.trends_helpers._start_season(seas, yr)
pyaerocom.trends_helpers._start_stop_period(period)
```

Convert period str to start / stop dates

**Parameters**

**period** (*str*) – period str, e.g. ‘1990-2010’

**Returns**

- *date* – start datetime
- *date* – stop datetime

```
pyaerocom.trends_helpers._years_from_periodstr(period)
```

Convert period str to start / stop years

**Parameters**

**period** (*str*) – period str, e.g. ‘1990-2010’

**Returns**

- *int* – start year
- *int* – stop year

## 4.15 Utility functions

```
pyaerocom.utils.create_varinfo_table(model_ids, vars_or_var_patterns, read_data=False,
                                     sort_by_cols=['Var', 'Model'])
```

Create an info table for model list based on variables

The method iterates over all models in `model_list` and creates an instance of `ReadGridded`. Variable matches are searched based on input list `vars_or_var_patterns` (you may also use wildcards to specify a family of variables) and for each match the information below is collected. The search also includes variables that are not directly available in the model data but can be computed from other available variables. That is, all variables that are defined in `ReadGridded.AUX_REQUIRES`.

The output table (`DataFrame`) then consists of the following columns:

- Var: variable name
- Model: model name
- Years: available years
- Freq: frequency
- Vertical: information about vertical dimension (inferred from Aerocom file name)

- At stations: data is at stations (inferred from filename)
- AUX vars: Auxiliary variable required to compute Var (col 1). Only relevant for variables that are computed by the interface
- Dim: number of dimensions (only retrieved if *read\_data* is True)
- Dim names: names of dimension coordinates (only retrieved if *read\_data* is True)
- Shape: Shape of data (only retrieved if *read\_data* is True)
- Read ok: reading was successful (only retrieved if *read\_data* is True)

#### Parameters

- **model\_ids** (*list*) – list of model ids to be analysed (can also be string -> single model)
- **vars\_or\_var\_patterns** (*list*) – list of variables or variable patterns to be analysed (can also be string -> single variable or variable family)
- **read\_data** (*bool*) – if True, more information about the imported data will be available in the table (e.g. no. of dimensions, names of dimension coords) but the routine will run longer since the data is imported
- **sort\_by\_cols** (*list*) – column sort order (use header names in listing above). Defaults to ['Var', 'Model']

#### Returns

dataframe including result table (ready to be saved as csv or other tabular format or to be displayed in a jupyter notebook)

#### Return type

`pandas.DataFrame`

### Example

```
>>> from pyaerocom import create_varinfo_table
>>> models = ['INCA-BCext_CTRL2016-PD',
              'GEOS5-freegcm_CTRL2016-PD']
>>> vars = ['ang4487aer', 'od550aer', 'ec*']
>>> df = create_varinfo_table(models, vars)
>>> print(df)
```

`pyaerocom.utils.print_file(path: Path | str)`

## 4.16 Helpers

General helper methods for the pyaerocom library.

`pyaerocom.helpers.calc_climatology(s, start, stop, min_count=None, set_year=None, resample_how='mean')`

Compute climatological timeseries from `pandas.Series`

#### Parameters

- **s** (*pandas.Series*) – time series data

- **start** (*numpy.datetime64 or similar*) – start time of data used to compute climatology
- **stop** (*numpy.datetime64 or similar*) – start time of data used to compute climatology
- **mincount\_month** (*int, optional*) – minimum number of observations required per aggregated month in climatological interval. Months not meeting this requirement will be set to NaN.
- **set\_year** (*int, optional*) – if specified, the output data will be assigned the input year. Else the middle year of the climatological interval is used.
- **resample\_how** (*str*) – string specifying how the climatological timeseries is to be aggregated

**Returns**

dataframe containing climatological timeseries as well as columns std and count

**Return type**

DataFrame

`pyaerocom.helpers.cftime_to_datetime64(times, cfunit=None, calendar=None)`

Convert numerical timestamps with epoch to numpy datetime64

This method was designed to enhance the performance of datetime conversions and is based on the corresponding information provided in the cftime package ([see here](#)). Particularly, this object does, what the `num2date()` therein does, but faster, in case the time stamps are not defined on a non standard calendar.

**Parameters**

- **times** (*list or ndarray or iris.coords.DimCoord*) – array containing numerical time stamps (relative to basedate of cfunit). Can also be a single number.
- **cfunit** (*str or Unit, optional*) – CF unit string (e.g. day since 2018-01-01 00:00:00.000000000 UTC) or unit. Required if *times* is not an instance of *iris.coords.DimCoord*
- **calendar** (*str, optional*) – string specifying calendar (only required if cfunit is of type str).

**Returns**

numpy array containing timestamps as datetime64 objects

**Return type**

ndarray

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if cfunit is str and calendar is not provided or invalid, or if the cfunit string is invalid

**Example**

```
>>> cfunit_str = 'day since 2018-01-01 00:00:00.000000000 UTC'
>>> cftime_to_datetime64(10, cfunit_str, "gregorian")
array(['2018-01-11T00:00:00.000000'], dtype='datetime64[us]')
```

`pyaerocom.helpers.check_coord_circular(coord_vals, modulus, rtol=1e-05)`

Check circularity of coordinate

**Parameters**

- **coord\_vals** (*list* or *ndarray*) – values of coordinate to be tested
- **modulus** (*float* or *int*) – modulus of coordinate (e.g. 360 for longitude)
- **rtol** (*float*) – relative tolerance

**Returns**

True if circularity is given, else False

**Return type**

*bool*

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if circularity is given and results in overlap (right end of input array is mapped to a value larger than the first one at the left end of the array)

`pyaerocom.helpers.copy_coords_cube(to_cube, from_cube, inplace=True)`

Copy all coordinates from one cube to another

Requires the underlying data to be the same shape.

**Warning:** This operation will delete all existing coordinates and auxiliary coordinates and will then copy the ones from the input data object. No checks of any kind will be performed

**Parameters**

- **to\_cube**
- **other** (*GriddedData* or *Cube*) – other data object (needs to be same shape as this object)

**Returns**

data object containing coordinates from other object

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

`pyaerocom.helpers.datetime2str(time, ts_type=None)`

`pyaerocom.helpers.delete_all_coords_cube(cube, inplace=True)`

Delete all coordinates of an iris cube

**Parameters**

- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – input cube that is supposed to be cleared of coordinates
- **inplace** (*bool*) – if True, then the coordinates are deleted in the input object, else in a copy of it

**Returns**

input cube without coordinates

**Return type**

*iris.cube.Cube*

`pyaerocom.helpers.extract_latlon_dataarray(arr, lat, lon, lat_dimname=None, lon_dimname=None, method='nearest', new_index_name=None, check_domain=True)`

Extract individual lat / lon coordinates from *DataArray*

**Parameters**

- **arr** (*DataArray*) – data (must contain lat and lon dimensions)
- **lat** (*array or similar*) – 1D array containing latitude coordinates
- **lon** (*array or similar*) – 1D array containing longitude coordinates
- **lat\_dimname** (*str, optional*) – name of latitude dimension in input data (if None, it assumes standard name)
- **lon\_dimname** (*str, optional*) – name of longitude dimension in input data (if None, it assumes standard name)
- **method** (*str*) – how to interpolate to input coordinates (defaults to nearest neighbour)
- **new\_index\_name** (*str, optional*) – name of flattend latlon dimension (defaults to latlon)
- **check\_domain** (*bool*) – if True, lat/lon domain of datarray is checked and all input coordinates that are outside of the domain are ignored.

**Returns**

data at input coordinates

**Return type**

*DataArray*

`pyaerocom.helpers.get_constraint(lon_range=None, lat_range=None, time_range=None, meridian_centre=True)`

Function that creates an `iris.Constraint` based on input

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**Note:** Please be aware of the definition of the longitudes in your data when cropping within the longitude dimension. The longitudes in your data may be defined either from **-180 <= lon <= 180** (pyaerocom standard) or from **0 <= lon <= 360**. In the former case (-180 -> 180) you can leave the additional input parameter `meridian_centre=True` (default).

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**Parameters**

- **lon\_range** (*tuple, optional*) – 2-element tuple containing longitude range for cropping  
Example input to crop around meridian: `lon_range=(-30, 30)`
- **lat\_range** (*tuple, optional*) – 2-element tuple containing latitude range for cropping.
- **time\_range** (*tuple, optional*) – 2-element tuple containing time range for cropping. Allowed data types for specifying the times are
  1. a combination of 2 `pandas.Timestamp` instances or
  2. a combination of two strings that can be directly converted into `pandas.Timestamp` instances (e.g. `time_range=("2010-1-1", "2012-1-1")`) or
  3. directly a combination of indices (`int`).
- **meridian\_centre** (*bool*) – specifies the coordinate definition range of longitude array. If True, then -180 -> 180 is assumed, else 0 -> 360

**Returns**

the combined constraint from all valid input parameters

**Return type**

`iris.Constraint`

`pyaerocom.helpers.get_highest_resolution(ts_type, *ts_types)`

Get the highest resolution from several ts\_type codes

**Parameters**

- **ts\_type** (*str*) – first ts\_type
- **\*ts\_types** – one or more additional ts\_type codes

**Returns**

the ts\_type that corresponds to the highest resolution

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if one of the input ts\_type codes is not supported

`pyaerocom.helpers.get_lat_rng_constraint(low, high)`

Create latitude constraint based on input range

**Parameters**

- **low** (*float* or *int*) – lower latitude coordinate
- **high** (*float* or *int*) – upper latitude coordinate

**Returns**

the corresponding iris.Constraint instance

**Return type**

iris.Constraint

`pyaerocom.helpers.get_lon_rng_constraint(low, high, meridian_centre=True)`

Create longitude constraint based on input range

**Parameters**

- **low** (*float* or *int*) – left longitude coordinate
- **high** (*float* or *int*) – right longitude coordinate
- **meridian\_centre** (*bool*) – specifies the coordinate definition range of longitude array of the data to be cropped. If True, then -180 -> 180 is assumed, else 0 -> 360

**Returns**

the corresponding iris.Constraint instance

**Return type**

iris.Constraint

**Raises**

- **ValueError** – if first coordinate in lon\_range equals or exceeds second
- **LongitudeConstraintError** – if the input implies cropping over border of longitude array (e.g. 160 -> -160 if -180 <= lon <= 180).

`pyaerocom.helpers.get_lowest_resolution(ts_type, *ts_types)`

Get the lowest resolution from several ts\_type codes

**Parameters**

- **ts\_type** (*str*) – first ts\_type
- **\*ts\_types** – one or more additional ts\_type codes

**Returns**

the `ts_type` that corresponds to the lowest resolution

**Return type**

`str`

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if one of the input `ts_type` codes is not supported

`pyaerocom.helpers.get_max_period_range(periods)`

`pyaerocom.helpers.get_standard_name(var_name)`

Converts AeroCom variable name to CF standard name

Also handles alias names for variables, etc. or strings corresponding to older conventions (e.g. names containing 3D).

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (`str`) – AeroCom variable name

**Returns**

corresponding standard name

**Return type**

`str`

`pyaerocom.helpers.get_standard_unit(var_name)`

Gets standard unit of AeroCom variable

Also handles alias names for variables, etc. or strings corresponding to older conventions (e.g. names containing 3D).

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (`str`) – AeroCom variable name

**Returns**

corresponding standard unit

**Return type**

`str`

`pyaerocom.helpers.get_time_rng_constraint(start, stop)`

Create `iris.Constraint` for data extraction along time axis

**Parameters**

- **start** (`Timestamp` or `:obj:`str``) – start time of desired subset. If string, it must be convertible into `pandas.Timestamp` (e.g. “2012-1-1”)
- **stop** (`Timestamp` or `:obj:`str``) – start time of desired subset. If string, it must be convertible into `pandas.Timestamp` (e.g. “2012-1-1”)

**Returns**

`iris.Constraint` instance that can, e.g., be used as input for `pyaerocom.griddeddata.GriddedData.extract()`

**Return type**

`iris.Constraint`

`pyaerocom.helpers.get_tot_number_of_seconds(ts_type, dtime=None)`

Get total no. of seconds for a given frequency

**Parameters**



- **ts\_type** (*str* or *TsType*) – frequency for which number of seconds is supposed to be retrieved
- **dtype** (*TYPE*, *optional*) – DESCRIPTION. The default is None.

**Raises**

**AttributeError** – DESCRIPTION.

**Returns**

DESCRIPTION.

**Return type**

TYPE

`pyaerocom.helpers.infer_time_resolution(time_stamps, dt_tol_percent=5, minfrac_most_common=0.8)`

Infer time resolution based on input time-stamps

Calculates time difference *dt* between consecutive timestamps provided via input array or list. Then it counts the most common *dt* (e.g. 86400 s for daily). Before inferring the frequency it then checks all other *dt*s occurring in the input array to see if they are within a certain interval around the most common one (e.g. +/- 5% as default, via arg *dt\_tol\_percent*), that is, 86390 would be included if most common *dt* is 86400 s but not 80000s. Then it checks if the number of *dt*s that are within that tolerance level around the most common *dt* exceed a certain fraction (arg *minfrac\_most\_common*) of the total number of *dt*s that occur in the input array (default is 80%). If that is the case, the most common frequency is attempted to be derived using `TsType.from_total_seconds()` based on the most common *dt* (in this example that would be *daily*).

**Parameters**

- **time\_stamps** (*pandas.DatetimeIndex*, or *similar*) – list of time stamps
- **dt\_tol\_percent** (*int*) – tolerance in percent of accepted range of time diffs with respect to most common time difference.
- **minfrac\_most\_common** (*float*) – minimum required fraction of time diffs that have to be equal to, or within tolerance range, the most common time difference.

**Raises**

**TemporalResolutionError** – if frequency cannot be derived.

**Returns**

inferred frequency

**Return type**

*str*

`pyaerocom.helpers.is_year(val)`

Check if input is / may be year

**Parameters**

**val** – input that is supposed to be checked

**Returns**

True if input is a number between -2000 and 10000, else False

**Return type**

*bool*

`pyaerocom.helpers.isnumeric(val)`

Check if input value is numeric

**Parameters**

**val** – input value to be checked

**Returns**

True, if input value corresponds to a range, else False.

**Return type**

bool

`pyaerocom.helpers.isrange(val)`

Check if input value corresponds to a range

Checks if input is list, or array or tuple with 2 entries, or alternatively a slice that has defined start and stop and has set step to None.

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**Note:** No check is performed, whether first entry is smaller than second entry if all requirements for a range are fulfilled.

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**Parameters**

**val** – input value to be checked

**Returns**

True, if input value corresponds to a range, else False.

**Return type**

bool

`pyaerocom.helpers.lists_to_tuple_list(*lists)`

Convert input lists (of same length) into list of tuples

e.g. input 2 lists of latitude and longitude coords, output one list with tuple coordinates at each index

`pyaerocom.helpers.make_datetime_index(start, stop, freq)`

Make pandas.DatetimeIndex for input specs

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**Note:** If input frequency is specified in *PANDAS\_RESAMPLE\_OFFSETS*, an offset will be added (e.g. 15 days for monthly data).

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**Parameters**

- **start** – start time. Preferably as `pandas.Timestamp`, else it will be attempted to be converted.
- **stop** – stop time. Preferably as `pandas.Timestamp`, else it will be attempted to be converted.
- **freq** – frequency of datetime index.

**Return type**

DatetimeIndex

`pyaerocom.helpers.make_datetimeindex_from_year(freq, year)`

Create pandas datetime index

**Parameters**

- **freq** (*str*) – pandas frequency str
- **year** (*int*) – year

**Returns**

index object

**Return type**

`pandas.DatetimeIndex`

`pyaerocom.helpers.make_dummy_cube(var_name: str, start_yr: int = 2000, stop_yr: int = 2020, freq: str = 'daily', dtype=<class 'float'>) → Cube`

`pyaerocom.helpers.make_dummy_cube_latlon(lat_res_deg: float = 2, lon_res_deg: float = 3, lat_range: list[float] | tuple[float, float] = (-90, 90), lon_range: list[float] | tuple[float, float] = (-180, 180))`

Make an empty Cube with given latitude and longitude resolution

Dimensions will be lat, lon

**Parameters**

- **lat\_res\_deg** (*float* or *int*) – latitude resolution of grid
- **lon\_res\_deg** (*float* or *int*) – longitude resolution of grid
- **lat\_range** (*tuple* or *list*) – 2-element list containing latitude range. If *None*, then *(-90, 90)* is used.
- **lon\_range** (*tuple* or *list*) – 2-element list containing longitude range. If *None*, then *(-180, 180)* is used.

**Returns**

dummy cube in input resolution

**Return type**

Cube

`pyaerocom.helpers.merge_station_data(stats, var_name, pref_attr=None, sort_by_largest=True, fill_missing_nan=True, add_meta_keys=None, resample_how=None, min_num_obs=None)`

Merge multiple StationData objects (from one station) into one instance

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**Note:** all input StationData objects need to have same attributes `station_name`, `latitude`, `longitude` and `altitude`

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**Parameters**

- **stats** (*list*) – list containing StationData objects (note: all of these objects must contain variable data for the specified input variable)
- **var\_name** (*str*) – data variable name that is to be merged
- **pref\_attr** – optional argument that may be used to specify a metadata attribute that is available in all input StationData objects and that is used to order the input stations by relevance. The associated values of this attribute need to be sortable (e.g. `revision_date`). This is only relevant in case overlaps occur. If unspecified the relevance of the stations is sorted based on the length of the associated data arrays.
- **sort\_by\_largest** (*bool*) – if *True*, the result from the sorting is inverted. E.g. if `pref_attr` is unspecified, then the stations will be sorted based on the length of the data vectors, starting with the shortest, ending with the longest. This sorting result will then be inverted, if `sort_by_largest=True`, so that the longest time series get's highest importance.

If, e.g. `pref_attr='revision_date'`, then the stations are sorted by the associated revision date value, starting with the earliest, ending with the latest (which will also be inverted if this argument is set to `True`)

- **fill\_missing\_nan** (*bool*) – if `True`, the resulting time series is filled with NaNs. NOTE: this requires that information about the temporal resolution (`ts_type`) of the data is available in each of the `StationData` objects.
- **add\_meta\_keys** (*str or list, optional*) – additional non-standard metadata keys that are supposed to be considered for merging.
- **resample\_how** (*str or dict, optional*) – in case input stations come in different frequencies they are merged to the lowest common freq. This parameter can be used to control, which aggregator(s) are to be used (e.g. mean, median).
- **min\_num\_obs** (*str or dict, optional*) – in case input stations come in different frequencies they are merged to the lowest common freq. This parameter can be used to control minimum number of observation constraints for the downsampling.

**Returns**

merged data

**Return type**

*StationData*

`pyaerocom.helpers.numpy_to_cube(data, dims=None, var_name=None, units=None, **attrs)`

Make a cube from a numpy array

**Parameters**

- **data** (*ndarray*) – input data
- **dims** (*list, optional*) – list of `iris.coord.DimCoord` instances in order of dimensions of input data array (length of list and shapes of each of the coordinates must match dimensions of input data)
- **var\_name** (*str, optional*) – name of variable
- **units** (*str*) – unit of variable
- **\*\*attrs** – additional attributes to be added to metadata

**Return type**

`iris.cube.Cube`

**Raises**

*DataDimensionError* – if input `dims` is specified and results in conflict

`pyaerocom.helpers.resample_time_dataarray(arr, freq, how=None, min_num_obs=None)`

Resample the time dimension of a `xarray.DataArray`

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**Note:** The dataarray must have a dimension coordinate named “time”

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**Parameters**

- **arr** (*DataArray*) – data array to be resampled
- **freq** (*str*) – new temporal resolution (can be pandas freq. string, or pyaerocom `ts_type`)
- **how** (*str*) – how to aggregate (e.g. mean, median)

- **min\_num\_obs** (*int*, *optional*) – minimum number of observations required per period (when downsampling). E.g. if input is in daily resolution and freq is monthly and min\_num\_obs is 10, then all months that have less than 10 days of data are set to nan.

**Returns**

resampled data array object

**Return type**

DataArray

**Raises**

- **IOError** – if data input *arr* is not an instance of DataArray
- **DataDimensionError** – if time dimension is not available in dataset

`pyaerocom.helpers.resample_timeseries(ts, freq, how=None, min_num_obs=None)`

Resample a timeseries (pandas.Series)

**Parameters**

- **ts** (*Series*) – time series instance
- **freq** (*str*) – new temporal resolution (can be pandas freq. string, or pyaerocom ts\_type)
- **how** – aggregator to be used, accepts everything that is accepted by `pandas.core.resample.Resampler.agg()` and in addition, percentiles may be provided as str using e.g. 75percentile as input for the 75% percentile.
- **min\_num\_obs** (*int*, *optional*) – minimum number of observations required per period (when downsampling). E.g. if input is in daily resolution and freq is monthly and min\_num\_obs is 10, then all months that have less than 10 days of data are set to nan.

**Returns**

resampled time series object

**Return type**

Series

`pyaerocom.helpers.same_meta_dict(meta1, meta2, ignore_keys=['PI'], num_keys=['longitude', 'latitude', 'altitude'], num_rtol=0.01)`

Compare meta dictionaries

**Parameters**

- **meta1** (*dict*) – meta dictionary that is to be compared with meta2
- **meta2** (*dict*) – meta dictionary that is to be compared with meta1
- **ignore\_keys** (*list*) – list containing meta keys that are supposed to be ignored
- **num\_keys** (*keys that contain numerical values*)
- **num\_rtol** (*float*) – relative tolerance level for comparison of numerical values

**Returns**

True, if dictionaries are the same, else False

**Return type**

bool

`pyaerocom.helpers.seconds_in_periods(timestamps, ts_type)`

Calculates the number of seconds for each period in timestamps.

**Parameters**

- **timestamps** (*numpy.datetime64* or *numpy.ndarray*) – Either a single datetime or an array of datetimes.
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – Frequency of timestamps.

**Returns**

Array with same length as timestamps containing number of seconds for each period.

**Return type**

*np.array*

`pyaerocom.helpers.sort_ts_types(ts_types)`

Sort a list of ts\_types

**Parameters**

**ts\_types** (*list*) – list of strings (or instance of *TsType*) to be sorted

**Returns**

list of strings with sorted frequencies

**Return type**

*list*

**Raises**

*TemporalResolutionError* – if one of the input ts\_types is not supported

`pyaerocom.helpers.start_stop(start, stop=None, stop_sub_sec=True)`

Create pandas timestamps from input start / stop values

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**Note:** If input suggests climatological data in AeroCom format (i.e. year=9999) then the year is converted to 2222 instead since pandas cannot handle year 9999.

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**Parameters**

- **start** – start time (any format that can be converted to *pandas.Timestamp*)
- **stop** – stop time (any format that can be converted to *pandas.Timestamp*)
- **stop\_sub\_sec** (*bool*) – if True and if input for stop is a year (e.g. 2015) then one second is subtracted from stop timestamp (e.g. if input stop is 2015 and denotes “until 2015”, then for the returned stop timestamp one second will be subtracted, so it would be 31.12.2014 23:59:59).

**Returns**

- *pandas.Timestamp* – start timestamp
- *pandas.Timestamp* – stop timestamp

**Raises**

*ValueError* – if input cannot be converted to pandas timestamps

`pyaerocom.helpers.start_stop_from_year(year)`

Create start / stop timestamp from year

**Parameters**

**year** (*int*) – the year for which start / stop is to be instantiated

**Returns**

- *numpy.datetime64* – start datetime

- `numpy.datetime64` – stop datetime

`pyaerocom.helpers.start_stop_str(start, stop=None, ts_type=None)`

`pyaerocom.helpers.str_to_iris(key, **kwargs)`

Mapping function that converts strings into iris analysis objects

Please see dictionary STR\_TO\_IRIS in this module for valid definitions

**Parameters**

**key** (`str`) – key of STR\_TO\_IRIS dictionary

**Returns**

corresponding iris analysis object (e.g. Aggregator, method)

**Return type**

obj

`pyaerocom.helpers.to_datestring_YYYYMMDD(value)`

Convert input time to string with format YYYYMMDD

**Parameters**

**value** – input time, may be string, datetime, `numpy.datetime64` or `pandas.Timestamp`

**Returns**

input formatted to string YYYYMMDD

**Return type**

`str`

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if input is not supported

`pyaerocom.helpers.to_datetime64(value)`

Convert input value to `numpy.datetime64`

**Parameters**

**value** – input value that is supposed to be converted, needs to be either `str`, `datetime.datetime`, `pandas.Timestamp` or an integer specifying the desired year.

**Returns**

input timestamp converted to `datetime64`

**Return type**

`datetime64`

`pyaerocom.helpers.to_pandas_timestamp(value)`

Convert input to instance of `pandas.Timestamp`

**Parameters**

**value** – input value that is supposed to be converted to time stamp

**Return type**

`pandas.Timestamp`

`pyaerocom.helpers.tuple_list_to_lists(tuple_list)`

Convert list with tuples (e.g. (lat, lon)) into multiple lists

`pyaerocom.helpers.varlist_aerocom(varlist)`

## 4.17 Mathematical helpers

Mathematical low level utility methods of pyaerocom

`pyaerocom.mathutils.closest_index(num_array, value)`

Returns index in number array that is closest to input value

`pyaerocom.mathutils.corr(ref_data, data, weights=None)`

Compute correlation coefficient

### Parameters

- **data\_ref** (*ndarray*) – x data
- **data** (*ndarray*) – y data
- **weights** (*ndarray*, *optional*) – array containing weights for each point in *data*

### Returns

correlation coefficient

### Return type

*float*

`pyaerocom.mathutils.estimate_value_range(vmin, vmax, extend_percent=0)`

Round and extend input range to estimate lower and upper bounds of range

### Parameters

- **vmin** (*float*) – lower value of range
- **vmax** (*float*) – upper value of range
- **extend\_percent** (*int*) – percentage specifying to which extent the input range is supposed to be extended.

### Returns

- *float* – estimated lower end of range
- *float* – estimated upper end of range

`pyaerocom.mathutils.exponent(num)`

Get exponent of input number

### Parameters

**num** (*float* or iterable) – input number

### Returns

exponent of input number(s)

### Return type

*int* or *ndarray* containing ints



### Example

```
>>> from pyaerocom.mathutils import exponent
>>> exponent(2340)
3
```

`pyaerocom.mathutils.in_range(x, low, high)`

`pyaerocom.mathutils.is_strictly_monotonic(iter1d) → bool`

Check if 1D iterable is strictly monotonic

**Parameters**

**iter1d** – 1D iterable object to be tested

**Return type**

`bool`

`pyaerocom.mathutils.make_binlist(vmin: float, vmax: float, num: int | None = None) → list`

`pyaerocom.mathutils.numbers_in_str(input_string)`

This method finds all numbers in a string

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**Note:**

- Beta version, please use with care
  - Detects only integer numbers, dots are ignored
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**Parameters**

**input\_string** (*str*) – string containing numbers

**Returns**

list of strings specifying all numbers detected in string

**Return type**

`list`

### Example

```
>>> numbers_in_str('Bla42Blub100')
[42, 100]
```

`pyaerocom.mathutils.range_magnitude(low, high)`

Returns magnitude of value range

**Parameters**

- **low** (*float*) – lower end of range
- **high** (*float*) – upper end of range

**Returns**

magnitudes spanned by input numbers

**Return type**

`int`

### Example

```
>>> range_magnitude(0.1, 100)
3
>>> range_magnitude(100, 0.1)
-3
>>> range_magnitude(1e-3, 1e6)
9
```

`pyaerocom.mathutils.sum(data, weights=None)`

Summing operation with option to perform weighted sum

#### Parameters

- **data** (*ndarray*) – data array that is supposed to be summed up
- **weights** (*ndarray, optional*) – array containing weights for each point in *data*

#### Returns

sum of values in input array

#### Return type

float or int

`pyaerocom.mathutils.weighted_corr(ref_data, data, weights)`

Compute weighted correlation

#### Parameters

- **data\_ref** (*ndarray*) – x data
- **data** (*ndarray*) – y data
- **weights** (*ndarray*) – array containing weights for each point in *data*

#### Returns

weighted correlation coefficient

#### Return type

float

`pyaerocom.mathutils.weighted_cov(ref_data, data, weights)`

Compute weighted covariance

#### Parameters

- **data\_ref** (*ndarray*) – x data
- **data** (*ndarray*) – y data
- **weights** (*ndarray*) – array containing weights for each point in *data*

#### Returns

covariance

#### Return type

float

`pyaerocom.mathutils.weighted_mean(data, weights)`

Compute weighted mean

#### Parameters

- **data** (*ndarray*) – data array that is supposed to be averaged

- **weights** (*ndarray*) – array containing weights for each point in *data*

**Returns**

weighted mean of data array

**Return type**

float or int

`pyaerocom.mathutils.weighted_sum(data, weights)`

Compute weighted sum using numpy dot product

**Parameters**

- **data** (*ndarray*) – data array that is supposed to be summed up
- **weights** (*ndarray*) – array containing weights for each point in *data*

**Returns**

weighted sum of values in input array

**Return type**

float

## 4.18 Geodesic calculations and topography

Module for geographical calculations

This module contains low-level methods to perform geographical calculations, (e.g. distance between two coordinates)

`pyaerocom.geodesy.calc_distance(lat0, lon0, lat1, lon1, alt0=None, alt1=None, auto_altitude_srtm=False)`

Calculate distance between two coordinates

**Parameters**

- **lat0** (*float*) – latitude of first point in decimal degrees
- **lon0** (*float*) – longitude of first point in decimal degrees
- **lat1** (*float*) – latitude of second point in decimal degrees
- **lon1** (*float*) – longitude of second point in decimal degrees
- **alt0** (*float*, optional) – altitude of first point in m
- **alt1** (*float*, optional) – altitude of second point in m
- **auto\_altitude\_srtm** (*bool*) – if True, then all altitudes that are unspecified are set to the corresponding topographic altitude of that coordinate, using SRTM (only works for coordinates where SRTM topographic data is accessible).

**Returns**

distance between points in km

**Return type**

float

`pyaerocom.geodesy.calc_latlon_dists(latref, lonref, latlons)`

Calculate distances of (lat, lon) coords to input lat, lon coordinate

**Parameters**

- **latref** (*float*) – latitude of reference coordinate

- **lonref** (*float*) – longitude of reference coordinate
- **latlons** (*list*) – list of (lat, lon) tuples for which distances to (latref, lonref) are computed

**Returns**

list of computed geographic distances to input reference coordinate for all (lat, lon) coords in *latlons*

**Return type**

*list*

`pyaerocom.geodesy.find_coord_indices_within_distance(latref, lonref, latlons, radius=1)`

Find indices of coordinates that match input coordinate

**Parameters**

- **latref** (*float*) – latitude of reference coordinate
- **lonref** (*float*) – longitude of reference coordinate
- **latlons** (*list*) – list of (lat, lon) tuples for which distances to (latref, lonref) are computed
- **radius** (*float or int, optional*) – Maximum allowed distance to input coordinate. The default is 1.

**Returns**

Indices of latlon coordinates in **:param: `latlons`** that are within the specified radius around (*latref, lonref*). The indices are sorted by distance to the input coordinate, starting with the closest

**Return type**

*ndarray*

`pyaerocom.geodesy.get_country_info_coords(coords)`

Get country information for input lat/lon coordinates

**Parameters**

**coords** (*list or tuple*) – list of coord tuples (lat, lon) or single coord tuple

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if input format is incorrect

**Returns**

list of dictionaries containing country information for each input coordinate

**Return type**

*list*

`pyaerocom.geodesy.get_topo_altitude(lat, lon, topo_dataset='srtm', topodata_loc=None, try_etopo1=True)`

Retrieve topographic altitude for a certain location

Supports topography datasets supported by geonum. These are currently (20 Feb. 19) srtm (SRTM dataset, default, automatic access if online) and etopo1 (ETOPO1 dataset, lower resolution, must be available on local machine or server).

**Parameters**

- **lat** (*float*) – latitude of coordinate
- **lon** (*float*) – longitude of coordinate
- **topo\_dataset** (*str*) – name of topography dataset
- **topodata\_loc** (*str*) – filepath or directory containing supported topographic datasets

- **try\_etopo1** (*bool*) – if True and if access fails via input arg *topo\_dataset*, then try to access altitude using ETOPO1 dataset.

**Returns**

dictionary containing input latitude, longitude, altitude and topographic dataset name used to retrieve the altitude.

**Return type**

*dict*

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if altitude data cannot be accessed

```
pyaerocom.geodesy.get_topo_data(lat0, lon0, lat1=None, lon1=None, topo_dataset='srtm',
                                topodata_loc=None, try_etopo1=False)
```

Retrieve topographic altitude for a certain location

Supports topography datasets supported by geonum. These are currently (20 Feb. 19) srtm (SRTM dataset, default, automatic access if online) and etopo1 (ETOPO1 dataset, lower resolution, must be available on local machine or server).

**Parameters**

- **lat0** (*float*) – start longitude for data extraction
- **lon0** (*float*) – start latitude for data extraction
- **lat1** (*float*) – stop longitude for data extraction (default: None). If None only data around lon0, lat0 will be extracted.
- **lon1** (*float*) – stop latitude for data extraction (default: None). If None only data around lon0, lat0 will be extracted
- **topo\_dataset** (*str*) – name of topography dataset
- **topodata\_loc** (*str*) – filepath or directory containing supported topographic datasets
- **try\_etopo1** (*bool*) – if True and if access fails via input arg *topo\_dataset*, then try to access altitude using ETOPO1 dataset.

**Returns**

data object containing topography data in specified range

**Return type**

geonum.TopoData

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if altitude data cannot be accessed

```
pyaerocom.geodesy.haversine(lat0, lon0, lat1, lon1, earth_radius=6371.0)
```

Haversine formula

Approximate horizontal distance between 2 points assuming a spherical earth using haversine formula.

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**Note:** This code was copied from geonum library (date 12/11/2018, J. Gliss)

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**Parameters**

- **lat0** (*float*) – latitude of first point in decimal degrees
- **lon0** (*float*) – longitude of first point in decimal degrees

- **lat1** (*float*) – latitude of second point in decimal degrees
- **lon1** (*float*) – longitude of second point in decimal degrees
- **earth\_radius** (*float*) – average earth radius in km, defaults to 6371.0

**Returns**

horizontal distance between input coordinates in km

**Return type**

*float*

`pyaerocom.geodesy.is_within_radius_km(lat0, lon0, lat1, lon1, maxdist_km, alt0=0, alt1=0, **kwargs)`

Checks if two lon/lat coordinates are within a certain distance to each other

**Parameters**

- **lat0** (*float*) – latitude of first point in decimal degrees
- **lon0** (*float*) – longitude of first point in decimal degrees
- **lat1** (*float*) – latitude of second point in decimal degrees
- **lon1** (*float*) – longitude of second point in decimal degrees
- **maxdist\_km** (*float*) – maximum distance between two points in km
- **alt0** (*float*) – altitude of first point in m
- **alt1** (*float*) – altitude of second point in m

**Returns**

True, if coordinates are within specified distance to each other, else False

**Return type**

*bool*

## 4.19 Units and unit conversion

### 4.19.1 Units helpers in base package

`pyaerocom.units_helpers.RATES_FREQ_DEFAULT = 'd'`

default frequency for rates variables (e.g. deposition, precip)

```
pyaerocom.units_helpers.UCONV_MUL_FACS = to fac var_name from concso2 ug S/m3 ug m-3
1.997910 concbc ug C/m3 ug m-3 1.000000 concoa ug C/m3 ug m-3 1.000000 concoc ug C/m3 ug
m-3 1.000000 conctc ug C/m3 ug m-3 1.000000 concpm25 ug m-3 1 1.000000 concpm10 ug m-3 1
1.000000 concno2 ug N/m3 ug m-3 3.284478 concnh3 ug N/m3 ug m-3 1.215862 wetso4 kg S/ha
kg m-2 0.000300 concso4pr mg S/L g m-3 2.995821
```

Custom unit conversion factors for certain variables columns: variable -> from unit -> to\_unit -> conversion factor

`pyaerocom.units_helpers.convert_unit(data, from_unit, to_unit, var_name=None, ts_type=None)`

Convert unit of data

**Parameters**

- **data** (*np.ndarray or similar*) – input data
- **from\_unit** (*cf\_units.Unit or str*) – current unit of input data

- **to\_unit** (*cf\_units.Unit* or *str*) – new unit of input data
- **var\_name** (*str*, *optional*) – name of variable. If provided, and standard conversion with *cf\_units* fails, then custom unit conversion is attempted.
- **ts\_type** (*str*, *optional*) – frequency of data. May be needed for conversion of rate variables such as precip, deposition, etc, that may be defined implicitly without proper frequency specification in the unit string.

**Returns**

data in new unit

**Return type**

data

`pyaerocom.units_helpers.get_unit_conversion_fac(from_unit, to_unit, var_name=None, ts_type=None)`

`pyaerocom.units_helpers.rate_unit_implicit(unit)`

Check whether input rate unit is implicit

Implicit rate units do not contain frequency string, e.g. “mg m-2” instead of “mg m-2 d-1”. Such units are, e.g. used in EMEP output where the frequency corresponds to the output frequency, e.g. “mg m-2” per day if output is daily.

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**Note:** For now, this is just a wrapper for `_check_unit_endswith_freq()`, but there may be more sophisticated options in the future, which may be added to this function.

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**Parameters**

**unit** (*str*) – unit to be tested

**Returns**

True if input unit appears to be implicit, else False.

**Return type**

bool

## 4.19.2 Units helpers in *io* sub-package

`pyaerocom.io.helpers_units.mass_to_nr_molecules(mass, mm)`

Calculating the number of molecules from mass and molar mass.

Mass, Molar mass need to be in the same unit, either both g and g/mol or kg and kg/mol.

**Parameters**

- **mass** (*float*) – mass of all compounds.
- **mm** (*float*) – molar mass of compounds.

**Returns**

**nr\_molecules** – number of molecules

**Return type**

float

`pyaerocom.io.helpers_units.nr_molecules_to_mass(nr_molecules, mm)`

Calculates the mass from the number of molecules and molar mass.

**Parameters**

- **nr\_molecules** (*int*) – Number of molecules
- **mm** (*float*) – Molar mass [g/mol]

**Returns**

**mass** – mass in grams

**Return type**

*float*

`pyaerocom.io.helpers_units.unitconv_sfc_conc(data, nr_of_O=2)`

Unitconverting: ugS/m3 to ugSOx/m3

**Parameters**

- **data** (*array\_like*) – Contains the data in units of ugS/m3.
- **nr\_of\_0** (*int*) – The number of O's in you desired SOx compound.

**Returns**

**data** – data in units of ug SOx/m3

**Return type**

*ndarray*

`pyaerocom.io.helpers_units.unitconv_sfc_conc_bck(data, x=2)`

Converting: ugSOx/m3 to ugS/ m3.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*ndarray*) – Contains the data in units of ugSoX/m3.
- **x** (*int*) – The number of oxygen atoms, O in you desired SOx compound.

**Returns**

**data** – in units of ugS/ m3.

**Return type**

*ndarray*

**Notes**

micro grams to kilos is 10\*\*6

`pyaerocom.io.helpers_units.unitconv_wet_depo(data, time, ts_type='monthly')`

Unitconversion kg S/ha to kg SOx m-2 s-1.

Adding mass of oksygen.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*ndarray*) – data in unit kg S/ha = kg S/(1000 m2)
- **time** (*pd.Seires[numpy.datetime64]*) – Array of datetime64 timesteps.
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – The timeseries type. Default “monthly”.

**Returns**

**data** – data in units of ugSOx/m3

**Return type**

*ndarray*



`pyaerocom.io.helpers_units.unitconv_wet_depo_bck(data, time, ts_type='monthly')`

The unitconversion kg SO<sub>4</sub> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> to kgS/ha.

Removing the weight of oxygen.

#### Parameters

- **data** (*ndarray*) – Sulphur data you wish to convert.
- **time** (*pd.Seires[numpy.datetime64]*) – Array of datetime64 timesteps.
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – The timeseries type. Default monthly.

#### Returns

**data** – Sulphur data in units of ugSO<sub>x</sub> m<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Return type

*ndarray*

`pyaerocom.io.helpers_units.unitconv_wet_depo_from_emep(data, time, ts_type='monthly')`

Unitconversion mgS m<sup>-2</sup> to kg SO<sub>4</sub> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.

Milligram to kilos is 10<sup>-6</sup>.

Adding mass of oksygen.

#### Parameters

- **data** (*ndarray*) – data in unit mg S m<sup>-2</sup>.
- **time** (*pd.Seires[numpy.datetime64]*) – Array of datetime64 timesteps.
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – The timeseries type. Default “monthly”.

#### Returns

**data** – data in units of ugSO<sub>x</sub>/m<sup>3</sup>

#### Return type

*ndarray*

## 4.20 Plotting / visualisation (sub package *plot*)

The `pyaerocom.plot` package contains algorithms related to data visualisation and plotting.

### 4.20.1 Plotting of maps

`pyaerocom.plot.mapping.get_cmap_maps_aerocom(color_theme=None, vmin=None, vmax=None)`

Get colormap using pyAeroCom color scheme

#### Parameters

- **color\_theme** (*:ColorTheme, optional*) – instance of `pyaerocom` color theme. If None, the default schemes is used
- **vmin** (*float, optional*) – lower end of value range (only considered for diverging color maps with non-symmetric mapping)
- **vmax** (*float, optional*) – upper end of value range only considered for diverging color maps with non-symmetric mapping)

**Return type**

colormap

```
pyaerocom.plot.mapping.init_map(xlim=(-180, 180), ylim=(-90, 90), figh=8, fix_aspect=False, xticks=None,
                                yticks=None, color_theme=light, projection=None, title=None,
                                gridlines=False, fig=None, ax=None, draw_coastlines=True,
                                contains_cbar=False)
```

Initialise a map plot

**Parameters**

- **xlim** (*tuple*) – 2-element tuple specifying plotted longitude range
- **ylim** (*tuple*) – 2-element tuple specifying plotted latitude range
- **figh** (*int*) – height of figure in inches
- **fix\_aspect** (*bool*, *optional*) – if True, the aspect of the GeoAxes instance is kept fix using the default aspect `MAP_AXES_ASPECT` defined in [pyaerocom.plot.config](#)
- **xticks** (*iterable*, *optional*) – ticks of x-axis (longitudes)
- **yticks** (*iterable*, *optional*) – ticks of y-axis (latitudes)
- **color\_theme** (*ColorTheme*) – pyaerocom color theme.
- **projection** – projection instance from cartopy.crs module (e.g. PlateCarea). May also be string.
- **title** (*str*, *optional*) – title that is supposed to be inserted
- **gridlines** (*bool*) – whether or not to add gridlines to the map
- **fig** (*matplotlib.figure.Figure*, *optional*) – instance of matplotlib Figure class. If specified, the former to input args (**figh** and **fix\_aspect**) are ignored. Note that the Figure is wiped clean before plotting, so any plotted content will be lost
- **ax** (*GeoAxes*, *optional*) – axes in which the map is plotted
- **draw\_coastlines** (*bool*) – whether or not to draw coastlines
- **contains\_cbar** (*bool*) – whether or not a colorbar is intended to be added to the figure ( impacts the aspect ratio of the figure).

**Returns****ax** – axes instance**Return type**

cartopy.mpl.geoaxes.GeoAxes

```
pyaerocom.plot.mapping.plot_griddeddata_on_map(data, lons=None, lats=None, var_name=None,
                                                unit=None, xlim=(-180, 180), ylim=(-90, 90),
                                                vmin=None, vmax=None, add_zero=False,
                                                c_under=None, c_over=None, log_scale=True,
                                                discrete_norm=True, cbar_levels=None,
                                                cbar_ticks=None, add_cbar=True, cmap=None,
                                                cbar_ticks_sci=False, color_theme=None, ax=None,
                                                ax_cbar=None, **kwargs)
```

Make a plot of gridded data onto a map

**Parameters**

- **data** (*ndarray*) – 2D data array

- **lons** (*ndarray*) – longitudes of data
- **lats** (*ndarray*) – latitudes of data
- **var\_name** (*str*, optional) – name of variable that is plotted
- **xlim** (*tuple*) – 2-element tuple specifying plotted longitude range
- **ylim** (*tuple*) – 2-element tuple specifying plotted latitude range
- **vmin** (*float*, optional) – lower value of colorbar range
- **vmax** (*float*, optional) – upper value of colorbar range
- **add\_zero** (*bool*) – if True and vmin is not 0, then, the colorbar is extended down to 0. This may be used, e.g. for logarithmic scales that should include 0.
- **c\_under** (*float*, optional) – colour of data values smaller than vmin
- **c\_over** (*float*, optional) – colour of data values exceeding vmax
- **log\_scale** (*bool*) – if True, the value to color mapping is done in a pseudo log scale (see `get_cmap_levels_auto()` for implementation)
- **discrete\_norm** (*bool*) – if True, color mapping will be subdivided into discrete intervals
- **cbar\_levels** (*iterable*, *optional*) – discrete colorbar levels. Will be computed automatically, if None (and applicable)
- **cbar\_ticks** (*iterable*, *optional*) – ticks of colorbar levels. Will be computed automatically, if None (and applicable)

**Returns**

matplotlib figure instance containing plot result. Use `fig.axes[0]` to access the map axes instance (e.g. to modify the title or lon / lat range, etc.)

**Return type**

fig

`pyaerocom.plot.mapping.plot_map_aerocom(data, region, **kwargs)`

High level map plotting function for Aerocom default plotting

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**Note:** This function does not iterate over a cube in time, but uses the first available time index in the data.

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**Parameters**

- **data** (*GriddedData*) – input data from one timestamp (if data contains more than one time stamp, the first index is used)
- **region** (*str* or *Region*) – valid region ID or region

`pyaerocom.plot.mapping.plot_nmb_map_colocateddata(coldata, in_percent=True, vmin=-100, vmax=100, cmap=None, s=80, marker=None, step_bounds=None, add_cbar=True, norm=None, cbar_extend=None, add_mean_edgecolor=True, ax=None, ax_cbar=None, cbar_outline_visible=False, cbar_orientation=None, ref_label=None, stats_area_weighted=False, **kwargs)`

Plot map of normalised mean bias from instance of ColocatedData

**Parameters**

- **coldata** (`ColocatedData`) – data object
- **in\_percent** (`bool`) – plot bias in percent
- **vmin** (`int`) – minimum value of colormapping
- **vmax** (`int`) – maximum value of colormapping
- **cmap** (`str` or `cmap`) – colormap used, defaults to `bwr`
- **s** (`int`) – size of marker
- **marker** (`str`) – marker used
- **step\_bounds** (`int`, *optional*) – step used for discrete colormapping (if `None`, continuous is used)
- **cbar\_extend** (`str`) – extend colorbar
- **ax** (`GeoAxes`, *optional*) – axes into which the bias is supposed to be plotted
- **ax\_cbar** (`plt.Axes`, *optional*) – axes for colorbar
- **cbar\_outline\_visible** (`bool`) – if `False`, borders of colorbar are removed
- **cbar\_orientation** (`str`) – e.g. ‘vertical’, defaults to ‘vertical’
- **\*\*kwargs** – keyword args passed to `init_map()`

**Return type**`GeoAxes``pyaerocom.plot.mapping.set_map_ticks(ax, xticks=None, yticks=None)`Set or update ticks in instance of `GeoAxes` object (cartopy)**Parameters**

- **ax** (`cartopy.GeoAxes`) – map axes instance
- **xticks** (*iterable*, *optional*) – ticks of x-axis (longitudes)
- **yticks** (*iterable*, *optional*) – ticks of y-axis (latitudes)

**Returns**

modified axes instance

**Return type**`cartopy.GeoAxes`

## 4.20.2 Plotting coordinates on maps

`pyaerocom.plot.plotcoordinates.plot_coordinates(lons, lats, xlim=None, ylim=None, label=None, legend=True, color=None, marker=None, markersize=8, ax=None, **kwargs)`

Plot input coordinates on a map

**lons**`[ndarray]` array of longitude coordinates (can also be list or tuple)**lats**`[ndarray]` array of latitude coordinates (can also be list or tuple)

**xlim**  
[tuple] longitude range

**ylim**  
[tuple] latitude range

**label**  
[str, optional] label of data

**legend**  
[bool] whether or not to display a legend, defaults to True.

**color**  
[str, optional] color of markers, defaults to red

**marker**  
[str, optional] marker shape, defaults to 'o'

**markersize**  
[int] size of markers

**ax**  
[GeoAxes] axes instance to be plotted into

**\*\*kwargs**  
additional keyword args passed on to `init_map()`

**Return type**  
GeoAxes

### 4.20.3 Scatter plots

This module contains scatter plot routines for Aerocom data.

`pyaerocom.plot.plotsscatter.plot_scatter(x_vals, y_vals, **kwargs)`  
Scatter plot

Currently a wrapper for high-level method `plot_scatter_aerocom` (same module, see there for details)

`pyaerocom.plot.plotsscatter.plot_scatter_aerocom(x_vals, y_vals, var_name=None, var_name_ref=None, x_name=None, y_name=None, start=None, stop=None, ts_type=None, unit=None, stations_ok=None, filter_name=None, lowlim_stats=None, highlim_stats=None, loglog=None, ax=None, figsize=None, fontsize_base=11, fontsize_annot=None, marker=None, color=None, alpha=0.5, **kwargs)`

Method that performs a scatter plot of data in AEROCOM format

#### Parameters

- **y\_vals** (*ndarray*) – 1D array (or list) of model data points (y-axis)
- **x\_vals** (*ndarray*) – 1D array (or list) of observation data points (x-axis)
- **var\_name** (*str*, optional) – name of variable that is plotted
- **var\_name\_ref** (*str*, optional) – name of variable of reference data
- **x\_name** (*str*, optional) – Name of observation network
- **y\_name** (*str*, optional) – Name / ID of model

- **start** (*str* or *:obj`datetime` or similar*) – start time of data
- **stop** (*str* or *:obj`datetime` or similar*) – stop time of data
- **ts\_type** (*str*) – frequency of data
- **unit** (*str*, *optional*) – unit of data
- **stations\_ok** (*int*, *optional*) – number of stations from which data were generated
- **filter\_name** (*str*, *optional*) – name of filter
- **lowlim\_stats** (*float*, *optional*) – lower value considered for statistical parameters
- **highlim\_stats** (*float*, *optional*) – upper value considered for statistical parameters
- **loglog** (*bool*, *optional*) – plot log log scale, if None, pyaerocom default is used
- **ax** (*Axes*) – axes into which the data are to be plotted
- **figsize** (*tuple*) – size of figure (if new figure is created, ie ax is None)
- **fontsize\_base** (*int*) – basic fontsize, defaults to 11
- **fontsize\_annot** (*int*, *optional*) – fontsize used for annotations
- **marker** (*str*, *optional*) – marker used for data, if None, ‘+’ is used
- **color** (*str*, *optional*) – color of markers, default to ‘k’
- **alpha** (*float*, *optional*) – transparency of markers (does not apply to all marker types), defaults to 0.5.
- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword args passed to `ax.plot()`

**Returns**

plot axes

**Return type**

matplotlib.axes.Axes

## 4.20.4 Heatmap plots

```
pyaerocom.plot.heatmaps.df_to_heatmap(df, cmap=None, center=None, low=0.3, high=0.3, vmin=None,
                                       vmax=None, color_rowwise=False, normalise_rows=False,
                                       normalise_rows_how=None, normalise_rows_col=None,
                                       norm_ref=None, sub_norm_before_div=True, annot=True,
                                       num_digits=None, ax=None, figsize=(12, 12), cbar=False,
                                       cbar_label=None, cbar_labelsize=None, xticklabels=None,
                                       xtick_rot=45, yticklabels=None, ytick_rot=45, xlabel=None,
                                       ylabel=None, title=None, labelsz=12, annot_fontsize=None,
                                       annot_fmt_rowwise=False, annot_fmt_exceed=None,
                                       annot_fmt_rows=None, cbar_ax=None, cbar_kws=None,
                                       **kwargs)
```

Plot a pandas dataframe as heatmap

**Parameters**

- **df** (*DataFrame*) – table data
- **cmap** (*str*, *optional*) – string specifying colormap to be used
- **center** (*float*, *optional*) – value that is mapped to center colour of colormap (e.g. 0)

- **low** (*float*, *optional*) – Extends lower range of the table values so that when mapped to the colormap, it's entire range isn't used. E.g. 0.3 roughly corresponds to colormap crop of 30% at the lower end.
- **high** (*float*, *optional*) – Extends upper range of the table values so that when mapped to the colormap, it's entire range isn't used. E.g. 0.3 roughly corresponds to colormap crop of 30% at the upper end.
- **vmin** (*float*, *optional*) – lower end of value range to be plotted. If specified, input arg *low* will be ignored.
- **vmax** (*float*, *optional*) – upper end of value range to be plotted. If specified, input arg *low* will be ignored.
- **color\_rowwise** (*bool*, *optional*) – if True, the color mapping is applied row by row, else, for the whole table. Defaults to False.
- **normalise\_rows** (*bool*, *optional*) – if True, the table is normalised in a rowwise manner either using the mean value in each row (if argument *normalise\_rows\_col* is unspecified) or using the value in a specified column. Defaults to False.
- **normalise\_rows\_how** (*str*, *optional*) – aggregation string for row normalisation. Choose from mean or median. Only relevant if input arg *normalise\_rows*==True.
- **normalise\_rows\_col** (*int*, *optional*) – if provided and if arg. *normalise\_rows*==True, then the corresponding table column is used for normalisation rather than the mean value of each row.
- **norm\_ref** (*float or ndarray*, *optional*) – reference value(s) used for rowwise normalisation. Only relevant if *normalise\_rows* is True. If specified, *normalise\_rows\_how* and *normalise\_rows\_col* will be ignored.
- **sub\_norm\_before\_div** (*bool*, *optional*) – if True, the rowwise normalisation is applied by subtracting the normalisation value for each row before dividing by it. This can be useful to visualise positive or negative departures from the mean or median.
- **annot** (*bool or list or ndarray*, *optional*) – if True, the table values are printed into the heatmap. Defaults to True, in which case the values are computed based on the table content. If list or ndarray, the shape needs to be the same as input table shape (no of rows and cols), in which case the values of that 2D frame are used.
- **num\_digits** (*int*, *optional*) – number of digits printed in heatmap annotation.
- **ax** (*axes*, *optional*) – matplotlib axes instance used for plotting, if None, an axes will be created
- **figsize** (*tuple*, *optional*) – size of figure for plot
- **cbar** (*bool*, *optional*) – if True, a colorbar is included
- **cbar\_label** (*str*, *optional*) – label of colorbar (if colorbar is included, see *cbar* option)
- **cbar\_labelsize** (*int*, *optional*) – size of colorbar label
- **xticklabels** (*list*, *optional*) – List of x axis labels.
- **xtick\_rot** (*int*, *optional*) – rotation of x axis labels, defaults to 45 degrees.
- **yticklabels** (*list*, *optional*) – List of string labels.
- **ytick\_rot** (*int*, *optional*) – rotation of y axis labels, defaults to 45 degrees.
- **xlabel** (*str*, *optional*) – x axis label
- **ylabel** (*str*, *optional*) – y axis label

- **title** (*str*, *optional*) – title of heatmap
- **labelsize** (*int*, *optional*) – fontsize of labels, default to 12
- **annot\_fontsize** (*int*, *optional*) – fontsize of annotated text.
- **annot\_fmt\_rowwise** (*bool*) – rowwise formatting of annotation values, based on row value ranges. Defaults to False.
- **annot\_fmt\_exceed** (*list*, *optional*) – how to format annotated values that exceed a certain threshold. The list contains 2 entries, 1. the threshold values, 2. how values exceeding this threshold should be formatted. This parameter is only considered if *annot\_fmt\_rowwise* is True. See also `_format_annot_heatmap()`.
- **annot\_fmt\_rows** (*list*) – annotation formatting strings for each row of the input table. This parameter is only considered if *annot\_fmt\_rowwise* is True. See also `_format_annot_heatmap()`.
- **cbar\_ax** (*Axes*, *optional*) – axes instance for colorbar, parsed to `seaborn.heatmap()`.
- **cbar\_kws** (*dict*, *optional*) – keywords for colorbar formatting, , parsed to `seaborn.heatmap()`.
- **\*\*kwargs** – further keyword args parsed to `seaborn.heatmap()`

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if input *annot* is list or ndarray and has a different shape than the input *df*.

**Returns**

- *Axes* – plot axes instance
- *list or None* – annotation information for rows

## 4.20.5 Colors schemes

```
class pyaerocom.plot.config.ColorTheme(name='dark', cmap_map=None, color_coastline=None,
                                       cmap_map_div=None, cmap_map_div_shifted=True)
```

Pyaerocom class specifying plotting color theme

**name**

name of color theme (e.g. “light” or “dark”)

**Type**

*str*

**cmap\_map**

name of colormap or colormap for map plotting

**Type**

*str*

**color\_coastline**

coastline color for map plotting

**Type**

*str*

**cmap\_map\_div**

name of diverging colormap (used in map plots when plotted value range crosses 0)



**Type**

str

**cmap\_map\_div\_shifted**

boolean specifying whether center of diverging colormaps for map plots is supposed to be shifted to 0

**Type**

bool

**Example**

Load default color theme >>> theme = ColorTheme(name="dark") >>> print(theme) pyaerocom ColorTheme  
name : dark cmap\_map : viridis color\_coastline : #e6e6e6

**from\_dict**(info\_dict)

Import theme information from dictionary

**info\_dict**

[dict] dictionary containing theme settings

**load\_default**(theme\_name='dark')

Load default color theme

**Parameters**

**theme\_name** (str) – name of default theme

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if theme\_name is not a valid default theme

**to\_dict**()

Convert this object into dictionary

**Returns**

dictionary representation of this object

**Return type**

dict

```
pyaerocom.plot.config.get_color_theme(theme_name='dark')
```

## 4.20.6 Plot helper functions

```
pyaerocom.plot.helpers.calc_figsize(lon_range, lat_range, figh=8)
```

Calculate figure size based on data

The required figure width is computed based on the input height and the aspect ratio of the longitude and latitude arrays

**Parameters**

- **lon\_range** (tuple) – 2-element tuple specifying longitude range (may also be list or array)
- **lat\_range** (tuple) – 2-element tuple specifying latitude range (may also be list or array)
- **figh** (int) – figure height in inches
- **add\_cbar** (bool) – if True, the width is adapted accordingly

**Returns**

2-element tuple containing figure width and height

**Return type**`tuple``pyaerocom.plot.helpers.calc_pseudolog_cmaplevels(vmin, vmax, add_zero=False)`

Initiate pseudo-log discrete colormap levels

**Parameters**

- **vmin** (`float`) – lower end of colormap (e.g. minimum value of data)
- **vmax** (`float`) – upper value of colormap (e.g. maximum value of data)
- **add\_zero** (`bool`) – if True, the lower bound is set to 0 (irrelevant if vmin is 0).

**Returns**

list containing boundary array for discrete colormap (e.g. using BoundaryNorm)

**Return type**`list`**Example**

```
>>> vmin, vmax = 0.02, 0.75
>>> vals = calc_pseudolog_cmaplevels(vmin, vmax, num_per_mag=10, add_zero=True)
>>> for val in vals: print("%.4f" %val)
0.0000
0.0100
0.0126
0.0158
0.0200
0.0251
0.0316
0.0398
0.0501
0.0631
0.0794
0.1000
```

`pyaerocom.plot.helpers.custom_mpl(mpl_rcparams=None, default_large=True, **kwargs)`

Custom matplotlib settings

`pyaerocom.plot.helpers.get_cmap_levels_auto(vmin, vmax, num_per_mag=10)`

Initiate pseudo-log discrete colormap levels

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**Note:** This is a beta version and aims to

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**Parameters**

- **vmin** (`float`) – lower end of colormap (e.g. minimum value of data)
- **vmax** (`float`) – upper value of colormap (e.g. maximum value of data)

`pyaerocom.plot.helpers.get_cmap_ticks_auto(lvs, num_per_mag=3)`

Compute cmap ticks based on cmap levels

The cmap levels may be computed automatically using `get_cmap_levels_auto()`.

**Parameters**

- **lvls** (*list*) – list containing colormap levels
- **num\_per\_mag** (*int*) – desired number of ticks per magnitude

`pyaerocom.plot.helpers.projection_from_str(projection_str='PlateCarree')`

Return instance of cartopy projection class based on string ID

## 4.21 Configuration and global constants

### 4.21.1 Basic configuration class

Will be initiated on input and is accessible via `pyaerocom.const`.

**class** `pyaerocom.config.Config`(*config\_file=None, try\_infer\_environment=True*)

Class containing relevant paths for read and write routines

A loaded instance of this class is created on import of `pyaerocom` and can be accessed via `pyaerocom.const`.

TODO: provide more information

**AEOLUS\_NAME** = 'AeolusL2A'

**AERONET\_INV\_V2L15\_ALL\_POINTS\_NAME** = 'AeronetInvV2Lev1.5.AP'

**AERONET\_INV\_V2L15\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetInvV2Lev1.5.daily'

**AERONET\_INV\_V2L2\_ALL\_POINTS\_NAME** = 'AeronetInvV2Lev2.AP'

**AERONET\_INV\_V2L2\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetInvV2Lev2.daily'

**AERONET\_INV\_V3L15\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetInvV3Lev1.5.daily'

Aeronet V3 inversions

**AERONET\_INV\_V3L2\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetInvV3Lev2.daily'

**AERONET\_SUN\_V2L15\_AOD\_ALL\_POINTS\_NAME** = 'AeronetSun\_2.0\_NRT'

**AERONET\_SUN\_V2L15\_AOD\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetSunV2Lev1.5.daily'

Aeronet Sun V2 access names

**AERONET\_SUN\_V2L2\_AOD\_ALL\_POINTS\_NAME** = 'AeronetSunV2Lev2.AP'

**AERONET\_SUN\_V2L2\_AOD\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetSunV2Lev2.daily'

**AERONET\_SUN\_V2L2\_SDA\_ALL\_POINTS\_NAME** = 'AeronetSDAV2Lev2.AP'

**AERONET\_SUN\_V2L2\_SDA\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetSDAV2Lev2.daily'

Aeronet SDA V2 access names

**AERONET\_SUN\_V3L15\_AOD\_ALL\_POINTS\_NAME** = 'AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.AP'

**AERONET\_SUN\_V3L15\_AOD\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetSunV3Lev1.5.daily'

Aeronet Sun V3 access names

**AERONET\_SUN\_V3L15\_SDA\_ALL\_POINTS\_NAME** = 'AeronetSDAV3Lev1.5.AP'

**AERONET\_SUN\_V3L15\_SDA\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetSDAV3Lev1.5.daily'

Aeronet SDA V3 access names

**AERONET\_SUN\_V3L2\_AOD\_ALL\_POINTS\_NAME** = 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.AP'

**AERONET\_SUN\_V3L2\_AOD\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily'

**AERONET\_SUN\_V3L2\_SDA\_ALL\_POINTS\_NAME** = 'AeronetSDAV3Lev2.AP'

**AERONET\_SUN\_V3L2\_SDA\_DAILY\_NAME** = 'AeronetSDAV3Lev2.daily'

**property ALL\_DATABASE\_IDS**

ID's of available database configurations

**property CACHEDIR**

Cache directory for UngriddedData objects

**property CACHING**

Activate writing of and reading from cache files

**CAMS2\_83\_NRT\_NAME** = 'CAMS2\_83.NRT'

**CLIM\_FREQ** = 'daily'

**CLIM\_MIN\_COUNT** = {'daily': 30, 'monthly': 5}

**CLIM\_RESAMPLE\_HOW** = 'mean'

**CLIM\_START** = 2005

**CLIM\_STOP** = 2015

**property COLOCATEDDATADIR**

Directory for accessing and saving colocated data objects

**property COORDINFO**

Instance of VarCollection containing coordinate info

**property DATA\_SEARCH\_DIRS**

Directories which pyaerocom will consider for data access

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**Note:** This corresponds to directories considered for searching gridded data (e.g. models and level 3 satellite products). Please see OBSLOCS\_UNGRIDDED for available data directories for reading of ungridded data.

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#### Returns

list of directories

#### Return type

list

**DEFAULT\_REG\_FILTER** = 'ALL-wMOUNTAINS'

**DEFAULT\_VERT\_GRID\_DEF** = {'lower': 0, 'step': 250, 'upper': 15000}

Information specifying default vertical grid for post processing of profile data. The values are in units of m.

```

DMS_AMS_CVO_NAME = 'DMS_AMS_CVO'
    DMS
DONOTCACHEFILE = None
property DOWNLOAD_DATADIR
    Directory where data is downloaded into
EARLINET_NAME = 'EARLINET'
    Earlinet access name;
EBAS_DB_LOCAL_CACHE = True
    boolean specifying wheter EBAS DB is copied to local cache for faster access, defaults to True
property EBAS_FLAGS_FILE
    Location of CSV file specifying meaning of EBAS flags
EBAS_MULTICOLUMN_NAME = 'EBASMC'
    EBAS name
EEA_NAME = 'EEAAQeRep'
    EEA nmea
EEA_NRT_NAME = 'EEAAQeRep.NRT'
    EEA.NRT name
EEA_V2_NAME = 'EEAAQeRep.v2'
    EEAV2 name
property ERA5_SURFTEMP_FILE
ERA5_SURFTEMP_FILENAME = 'era5.msl.t2m.201001-201012.nc'
property ETOPO1_AVAILABLE
    Boolean specifying if access to ETOPO1 dataset is provided
        Return type
        bool
property FILTERMASKKDIR
GAWTADSUBSETAASETAL_NAME = 'GAWTADsubsetAasEtAl'
    GAW TAD subset aas et al paper
GRID_IO
    Settings for reading and writing of gridded data
property HOMEDIR
    Home directory of user
HTAP_REGIONS = ['PAN', 'EAS', 'NAF', 'MDE', 'LAND', 'SAS', 'SPO', 'OCN', 'SEA',
    'RBU', 'EEUROPE', 'NAM', 'WEUROPE', 'SAF', 'USA', 'SAM', 'EUR', 'NPO', 'MCA']
ICOS_NAME = 'ICOS'
    ICOS name
ICPFORESTS_NAME = 'ICPFORESTS'
    ICP Forests

```

**property LOCAL\_TMP\_DIR**

Local TEMP directory

**property LOGFILES\_DIR**

Directory where logfiles are stored

**MAX\_YEAR = 20000**

Highest possible year in data

**MEP\_NAME = 'MEP'**

MEP name

**MIN\_YEAR = 0**

Lowest possible year in data

**OBS\_ALLOW\_ALT\_WAVELENGTHS = True**

This boolean can be used to enable / disable the former (i.e. use available wavelengths of variable in a certain range around variable wavelength).

**property OBS\_IDS\_UNGRIDDED**

List of all data IDs of supported ungridded observations

**OBS\_MIN\_NUM\_RESAMPLE = {'daily': {'hourly': 6}, 'hourly': {'minutely': 15}, 'monthly': {'daily': 7}, 'yearly': {'monthly': 3}}**

Time resample strategies for certain combinations, first level refers to TO, second to FROM and values are minimum number of observations

**OBS\_WAVELENGTH\_TOL\_NM = 10.0**

Wavelength tolerance for observations imports

**OLD\_AEROCOM\_REGIONS = ['ALL', 'ASIA', 'AUSTRALIA', 'CHINA', 'EUROPE', 'INDIA', 'NAFRICA', 'SAFRICA', 'SAMERICA', 'NAMERICA']****property OUTPUT\_DIR**

Default output directory

**REVISION\_FILE = 'Revision.txt'**

Name of the file containing the revision string of an obs data network

**RH\_MAX\_PERCENT\_DRY = 40**

maximum allowed RH to be considered dry

**RM\_CACHE\_OUTDATED = True****property ROOT\_DIR**

Local root directory

**SENTINEL5P\_NAME = 'Sentinel5P'****SERVER\_CHECK\_TIMEOUT = 1**

timeout to check if one of the supported server locations can be accessed

**STANDARD\_COORD\_NAMES = ['latitude', 'longitude', 'altitude']**

standard names for coordinates

**URL\_HTTP\_MASKS = 'https://pyaerocom.met.no/pyaerocom-suppl/http\_masks/'**

**property VARS**

Instance of class VarCollection (for default variable information)

**property VAR\_PARAM**

Deprecated name, please use [VARS](#) instead

**add\_data\_search\_dir(\*dirs)**

Add data search directories for database browsing

**add\_ungridded\_obs(obs\_id, data\_dir, reader=None, check\_read=False)**

Add a network to the data search structure

**Parameters**

- **obs\_id** (*str*) – name of network. E.g. MY\_OBS or EBASMC
- **data\_dir** (*str*) – directory where data files are stored
- **reader** (*pyaerocom.io.ReadUngriddedBase*, *optional*) – reading class used to import these data. If *obs\_id* is known (e.g. EBASMC) this is not needed.

**Raises**

- **AttributeError** – if the network name is already reserved in OBSLOCS\_UNGRIDDED
- **ValueError** – if the data directory does not exist

**add\_ungridded\_post\_dataset(obs\_id, obs\_vars, obs\_aux\_requires, obs\_merge\_how, obs\_aux\_funs=None, obs\_aux\_units=None, \*\*kwargs)**

Register new ungridded dataset

Other than [add\\_ungridded\\_obs\(\)](#), this method adds required logic for a “virtual” ungridded observation datasets, that is, a dataset that can only be computed from other ungridded datasets but not read from disk.

If all input parameters are okay, the new dataset will be registered in OBS\_UNGRIDDED\_POST and will then be accessible for import in ungridded reading factory class `pyaerocom.io.ReadUngridded`.

**Parameters**

- **obs\_id** (*str*) – Name of new dataset.
- **obs\_vars** (*str* or *list*) – variables supported by this dataset.
- **obs\_aux\_requires** (*dict*) – dictionary specifying required datasets and variables for each variable supported by the auxiliary dataset.
- **obs\_merge\_how** (*str* or *dict*) – info on how to derive each of the supported coordinates (e.g. eval, combine). For valid input args see [pyaerocom.combine\\_vardata\\_ungridded](#). If value is string, then the same method is used for all variables.
- **obs\_aux\_funs** (*dict*, *optional*) – dictionary specifying computation methods for auxiliary variables that are supposed to be retrieved via *obs\_merge\_how='eval'*. Keys are variable names, values are respective computation methods (which need to be strings as they will be evaluated via

`pandas.DataFrame.eval()` in [pyaerocom.combine\\_vardata\\_ungridded](#)).  
This input is

optional, but mandatory if any of the *obs\_vars* is supposed to be retrieved via *merge\_how='eval'*.

- **obs\_aux\_units** (*dict*, *optional*) – output units of auxiliary variables (only needed for variables that are derived via *merge\_how='eval'*)

- **\*\*kwargs** – additional keyword arguments (unused, but serves the purpose to allow for parsing info from dictionaries and classes that contain additional attributes than the ones needed here).

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if input `obs_id` is already reserved

**Return type**

None.

**property cache\_basedir**

Base directory for caching

The actual files are cached in user subdirectory, cf [CACHEDIR](#)

**property ebas\_flag\_info**

Information about EBAS flags

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**Note:** Is loaded upon request -> cf. [pyaerocom.io.ebas\\_nasa\\_ames.EbasFlagCol.FLAG\\_INFO](#)

Dictionary containing 3 dictionaries (keys: ``valid`, `values`, `info``) that contain information about validity of each flag (``valid``), their actual values (``values``, e.g. V, M, I)

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**property has\_access\_lustre**

Boolean specifying whether MetNO AeroCom server is accessible

**property has\_access\_users\_database****infer\_basedir\_and\_config()**

Boolean specifying whether the lustre database can be accessed

**make\_default\_vert\_grid()**

Makes default vertical grid for resampling of profile data

`path = PosixPath('/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/pyaerocom/checkouts/latest/pyaerocom/data/coords.ini')`

`read_config(config_file, basedir=None, init_obslocs_ungridded=False, init_data_search_dirs=False)`

Import paths from one of the config ini files

**Parameters**

- **config\_file** (*str*) – file location of config ini file
- **basedir** (*str*, *optional*) – Base directory to be used for relative model and obs dirs specified via BASEDIR in config file. If None, then the BASEDIR value in the config file is used. The default is None.
- **init\_obslocs\_ungridded** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, OBSLOCS\_UNGRIDDED will be re-instantiated (i.e. all currently set obs locations will be deleted). The default is False.
- **init\_data\_search\_dirs** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, [DATA\\_SEARCH\\_DIRS](#) will be re-instantiated (i.e. all currently set data search directories will be deleted). The default is False.

**Raises**

**FileNotFoundError** – If input config file is not a file or does not exist.

**Return type**

None.



**reload**(*keep\_basedirs=True*)

Reload config file (for details see [read\\_config\(\)](#))

**short\_str**()

Deprecated method

**property user**

User ID

## 4.21.2 Config defaults related to gridded data

**class** `pyaerocom.grid_io.GridIO(**kwargs)`

Global I/O settings for gridded data

This class includes options related to the import of gridded data. This includes both options related to file search as well as preprocessing options.

**FILE\_TYPE**

file type of data files. Defaults to .nc

**Type**

`str`

**TS\_TYPES**

list of strings specifying temporal resolution options encrypted in file names.

**Type**

`list`

**PERFORM\_FMT\_CHECKS**

perform formatting checks when reading netcdf data, using metadata encoded in filenames (requires that NetCDF file follows a registered naming convention)

**Type**

`bool`

**DEL\_TIME\_BOUNDS**

if True, preexisting bounds on time are deleted when grid data is loaded. Else, nothing is done. Aerocom default is True

**Type**

`bool`

**SHIFT\_LONS**

if True, longitudes are shifted to  $-180 \leq \text{lon} \leq 180$  when data is loaded (in case they are defined  $0 \leq \text{lon} \leq 360$ ). Aerocom default is True.

**Type**

`bool`

**CHECK\_TIME\_FILENAME**

the times stored in NetCDF files may be wrong or not stored according to the CF conventions. If True, the times are checked and if [CORRECT\\_TIME\\_FILENAME](#), corrected for on data import based what is encrypted in the file name. In case of Aerocom models, it is ensured that the filename contains both the year and the temporal resolution in the filenames (for details see `pyaerocom.io.FileConventionRead`). Aerocom default is True

**Type**  
bool

#### **CORRECT\_TIME\_FILENAME**

if True and time dimension in data is found to be different from filename, it is attempted to be corrected

**Type**  
bool

#### **EQUALISE\_METADATA**

if True (and if metadata varies between different NetCDF files that are supposed to be merged in time), the metadata in all loaded objects is unified based on the metadata of the first grid (otherwise, concatenating them in time might not work using the Iris interface). This might need to be reviewed and should be used with care if specific metadata aspects of individual files need to be accessed. Aerocom default is True

**Type**  
bool

#### **USE\_FILECONVENTION**

if True, file names are strictly required to follow one of the file naming conventions that can be specified in the file `file_conventions.ini`. Aerocom default is True.

**Type**  
bool

#### **INCLUDE\_SUBDIRS**

if True, search for files is expanded to all subdirectories included in data directory. Aerocom default is False.

**Type**  
bool

#### **INFER\_SURFACE\_LEVEL**

if True then surface level for 4D gridded data is inferred automatically when necessary (e.g. when extracting surface time series from 4D gridded data object that does not contain sufficient information about vertical dimension)

**Type**  
bool

**UNITS\_ALIASES** = {'/m': 'm-1'}

**from\_dict**(*dictionary=None, \*\*settings*)

Import settings from dictionary

**load\_aerocom\_default**()

**load\_default**()

**to\_dict**()

Convert object to dictionary

**Returns**  
settings dictionary

**Return type**  
dict

### 4.21.3 Config details related to observations

Settings and helper methods / classes for I/O of observation data

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**Note:** Some settings like paths etc can be found in `pyaerocom.config.py`

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```
class pyaerocom.obs_io.AuxInfoUngridded(data_id, vars_supported, aux_requires, aux_merge_how,
                                         aux_funs=None, aux_units=None)
```

```
    MAX_VARS_PER_METHOD = 2
```

```
    check_status()
```

Check if specifications are correct and consistent

**Raises**

- **ValueError** – If one of the class attributes is invalid
- **NotImplementedError** – If computation method contains more than 2 variables / datasets

```
    to_dict()
```

Dictionary representation of this object

Ignores any potential private attributes.

```
pyaerocom.obs_io.OBS_ALLOW_ALT_WAVELENGTHS = True
```

This boolean can be used to enable / disable the former (i.e. use available wavelengths of variable in a certain range around variable wavelength).

```
pyaerocom.obs_io.OBS_WAVELENGTH_TOL_NM = 10.0
```

Wavelength tolerance for observations if data for required wavelength is not available

```
class pyaerocom.obs_io.ObsVarCombi(obs_id, var_name)
```

### 4.21.4 Molar masses and related helpers

```
exception pyaerocom.molmasses.UnkownSpeciesError
```

```
pyaerocom.molmasses.get_mmr_to_vmr_fac(var_name)
```

Get conversion factor for MMR -> VMR conversion for input variable

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**Note:** Assumes dry air molar mass

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**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – Name of variable to be converted

**Returns**

multiplication factor to convert MMR -> VMR

**Return type**

*float*

```
pyaerocom.molmasses.get_molmass(var_name)
```

Get molar mass for input variable

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – pyaerocom variable name (cf. variables.ini) or name of species

**Returns**

molar mass of species in units of g/mol

**Return type**

*float*

```
pyaerocom.molmasses.get_species(var_name)
```

Get species name from variable name

**Parameters**

**var\_name** (*str*) – pyaerocom variable name (cf. variables.ini)

**Raises**

*UnknownSpeciesError* – if species cannot be inferred

**Returns**

name of species

**Return type**

*str*

## 4.22 Access to minimal test dataset

## 4.23 Low-level helper classes and functions

Small helper utility functions for pyaerocom

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.AsciiFileLoc(default=None, assert_exists=False, auto_create=False,
                                                tooltip=None, logger=None)
```

**create**(*value*)

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.BrowseDict(*args, **kwargs)
```

Dictionary-like object with getattr and setattr options

Extended dictionary that supports dynamic value generation (i.e. if an assigned value is callable, it will be executed on demand).

**ADD\_GLOB** = []

**FORBIDDEN\_KEYS** = []

**IGNORE\_JSON** = []

Keys to be ignored when converting to json

**MAXLEN\_KEYS** = 100.0

**SETTER\_CONVERT** = {}

**import\_from**(*other*) → `None`

Import key value pairs from other object

Other than `update()` this method will silently ignore input keys that are not contained in this object.

**Parameters**

**other** (`dict` or `BrowseDict`) – other dict-like object containing content to be updated.

**Raises**

**ValueError** – If input is invalid type.

**Return type**

`None`

**items**() → a set-like object providing a view on D's items

**json\_repr**() → `dict`

Convert object to serializable json dict

**Returns**

content of class

**Return type**

`dict`

**keys**() → a set-like object providing a view on D's keys

**pretty\_str**()

**to\_dict**()

**values**() → an object providing a view on D's values

**class** `pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.ConstrainedContainer`(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Restrictive dict-like class with fixed keys

This class enables to create dict-like objects that have a fixed set of keys and value types (once assigned). Optional values may be instantiated as `None`, in which case the first time instantiation defines its type.

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**Note:** The limitations for assignments are only restricted to setitem operations and attr assignment via “.” works like in every other class.

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## Example

```
class MyContainer(ConstrainedContainer):
```

```
    def __init__(self):
```

```
        self.val1 = 1 self.val2 = 2 self.option = None
```

```
>>> mc = MyContainer()
```

```
>>> mc['option'] = 42
```

```
CRASH_ON_INVALID = True
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.DictStrKeysListVals
```

```
    validate(val: dict)
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.DictType
```

```
    validate(val)
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.DirLoc(default=None, assert_exists=False, auto_create=False,  
                                           tooltip=None, logger=None)
```

```
    create(value)
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.EitherOf(allowed: list)
```

```
    validate(val)
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.FlexList
```

```
    list that can be instantiated via input str, tuple or list or None
```

```
    validate(val)
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.ListOfStrings
```

```
    validate(val)
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.Loc(default=None, assert_exists=False, auto_create=False,  
                                       tooltip=None, logger=None)
```

```
    Abstract descriptor representing a path location
```

```
    Descriptor??? See here: https://docs.python.org/3/howto/descriptor.html#complete-practical-example
```

---

**Note:**

- Child classes need to implement `create()`
  - value is allowed to be `None` in which case no checks are performed
- 

```
abstract create(value)
```

```
validate(value)
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.NestedContainer(*args, **kwargs)
```

```
    keys_unnested() → list
```

```
    update([E, ]**F) → None. Update D from mapping/iterable E and F.
```

```
        If E present and has a .keys() method, does: for k in E: D[k] = E[k] If E present and lacks .keys() method,  
        does: for (k, v) in E: D[k] = v In either case, this is followed by: for k, v in F.items(): D[k] = v
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.StrType
```

```
    validate(val)
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.StrWithDefault(default: str)
```

```
    validate(val)
```

```
class pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.TypeValidator(type)
```

```
    validate(val)
```

**class** pyaerocom.\_lowlevel\_helpers.**Validator**

**abstract** **validate**(*val*)

pyaerocom.\_lowlevel\_helpers.**check\_dir\_access**(*path*)

Uses multiprocessing approach to check if location can be accessed

**Parameters**

**loc** (*str*) – path that is supposed to be checked

**Returns**

True, if location is accessible, else False

**Return type**

*bool*

pyaerocom.\_lowlevel\_helpers.**check\_dirs\_exist**(\**dirs*, \*\**add\_dirs*)

pyaerocom.\_lowlevel\_helpers.**check\_write\_access**(*path*)

Check if input location provides write access

**Parameters**

**path** (*str*) – directory to be tested

pyaerocom.\_lowlevel\_helpers.**chk\_make\_subdir**(*base*, *name*)

Check if sub-directory exists in parent directory

pyaerocom.\_lowlevel\_helpers.**dict\_to\_str**(*dictionary*, *indent=0*, *ignore\_null=False*)

Custom function to convert dictionary into string (e.g. for print)

**Parameters**

- **dictionary** (*dict*) – the dictionary
- **indent** (*int*) – indent of dictionary content
- **ignore\_null** (*bool*) – if True, None entries in dictionary are ignored

**Returns**

the modified input string

**Return type**

*str*

pyaerocom.\_lowlevel\_helpers.**invalid\_input\_err\_str**(*argname*, *argval*, *argopts*)

Just a small helper to format an input error string for functions

**Parameters**

- **argname** (*str*) – name of input argument
- **argval** – (invalid) value of input argument
- **argopts** – possible input args for arg

**Returns**

formatted string that can be parsed to an Exception

**Return type**

*str*

pyaerocom.\_lowlevel\_helpers.**list\_to\_shortstr**(*lst*, *indent=0*)

Custom function to convert a list into a short string representation

`pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.merge_dicts(dict1, dict2, discard_failing=True)`

Merge two dictionaries

**Parameters**

- **dict1** (*dict*) – first dictionary
- **dict2** (*dict*) – second dictionary
- **discard\_failing** (*bool*) – if True, any key, value pair that cannot be merged from the 2nd into the first will be skipped, which means, the value of the output dict for that key will be the one of the first input dict. All keys that could not be merged can be accessed via key 'merge\_failed' in output dict. If False, any Exceptions that may occur will be raised.

**Returns**

merged dictionary

**Return type**

*dict*

`pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.sort_dict_by_name(d, pref_list: list | None = None) → dict`

Sort entries of input dictionary by their names and return ordered

**Parameters**

- **d** (*dict*) – input dictionary
- **pref\_list** (*list*, *optional*) – preferred order of items (may be subset of keys in input dict)

**Returns**

sorted and ordered dictionary

**Return type**

*dict*

`pyaerocom._lowlevel_helpers.str_underline(title: str, indent: int = 0)`

Create underlined string

## 4.24 Custom exceptions

Module containing pyaerocom custom exceptions

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.AeronetReadError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.CacheReadError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.CacheWriteError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.CachingError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.ColocationError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.ColocationSetupError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.CoordinateError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.CoordinateNameError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.DataCoverageError`



`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.DataDimensionError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.DataExtractionError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.DataIdError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.DataQueryError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.DataRetrievalError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.DataSearchError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.DataSourceError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.DataUnitError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.DeprecationError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.DimensionOrderError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.EEA_v2_File_Error`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.EbasFileError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.EntryNotAvailable`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.EvalEntryNameError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.FileConventionError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.InitialisationError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.LongitudeConstraintError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.MetadataError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.ModelVarNotAvailable`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.NasaAmesReadError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.NetcdfError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.NetworkNotImplemented`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.NetworkNotSupported`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.NotInFileError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.ResamplingError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.StationCoordinateError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.StationNotFoundError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.TemporalResolutionError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.TemporalSamplingError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.TimeMatchError`  
`exception` `pyaerocom.exceptions.TimeZoneError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.UnitConversionError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.UnknownRegion`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.UnresolvableTimeDefinitionError`

Is raised if time definition in NetCDF file is wrong and cannot be corrected

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.VarNotAvailableError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.VariableDefinitionError`

**exception** `pyaerocom.exceptions.VariableNotFoundError`

## API OF AEROVAL TOOLS

Documentation of the pyaerocom AeroVal API, for high level web processing tools.

### 5.1 Tools for AeroVal experiment setup

#### 5.1.1 High level analysis setup for AeroVal experiment

```
class pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.CAMS2_83Setup(*, use_cams2_83: bool = False)

    model_computed_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {}
        A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding ComputedFieldInfo objects.

    model_config: ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {}
        Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to [Config-
        Dict][pydantic.config.ConfigDict].

    model_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'use_cams2_83':
    FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=False)}
        Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to [Field-
        Info][pydantic.fields.FieldInfo].

        This replaces Model.__fields__ from Pydantic V1.

class pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.EvalRunOptions(*, clear_existing_json: bool = True, only_json:
    bool = False, only_colocation: bool = False,
    only_model_maps: bool = False, obs_only: bool
    = False)

    model_computed_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {}
        A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding ComputedFieldInfo objects.

    model_config: ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {}
        Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to [Config-
        Dict][pydantic.config.ConfigDict].

    model_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'clear_existing_json':
    FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=True), 'obs_only':
    FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=False), 'only_colocation':
    FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=False), 'only_json':
    FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=False), 'only_model_maps':
    FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=False)}
```

Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to [*FieldInfo*][pydantic.fields.FieldInfo].

This replaces *Model.\_\_fields\_\_* from Pydantic V1.

**only\_model\_maps:** *bool*

If True, process only maps (skip obs evaluation)

```
class pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.EvalSetup(*, IGNORE_JSON: list[str] = ['_aux_funs'],
                                              ADD_GLOB: list[str] = ['io_aux_file'], io_aux_file:
                                              ~pathlib.Path | str = "", proj_id: str, exp_id: str,
                                              var_web_info: dict = {}, obs_cfg:
                                              ~pyaerocom.aeroval.collections.ObsCollection | dict =
                                              ObsCollection: {}, model_cfg:
                                              ~pyaerocom.aeroval.collections.ModelCollection | dict =
                                              ModelCollection: {}, **extra_data: ~typing.Any)
```

Composite class representing a whole analysis setup

This represents the level at which json I/O happens for configuration setup files.

**static from\_json**(filepath: *str*) → *Self*

Load configuration from json config file

**get\_model\_entry**(model\_name) → *dict*

Get model entry configuration

Since the configuration files for experiments are in json format, they do not allow the storage of executable custom methods for model data reading. Instead, these can be specified in a python module that may be specified via *add\_methods\_file* and that contains a dictionary *FUNS* that maps the method names with the callable methods.

As a result, this means that, by default, custom read methods for individual models in *model\_config* do not contain the callable methods but only the names. This method will take care of handling this and will return a dictionary where potential custom method strings have been converted to the corresponding callable methods.

**Parameters**

**model\_name** (*str*) – name of model

**Returns**

Dictionary that specifies the model setup ready for the analysis

**Return type**

*dict*

**property json\_filename:** *str*

cfg\_<proj\_id>\_<exp\_id>.json

**Type**

*str*

**Type**

Savename of config file

```

model_computed_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {'cams2_83_cfg':
ComputedFieldInfo(wrapped_property=<functools.cached_property object>,
return_type=<class 'pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.CAMS2_83Setup'>, alias=None,
alias_priority=None, title=None, description=None, deprecated=None, examples=None,
json_schema_extra=None, repr=True), 'colocation_opts':
ComputedFieldInfo(wrapped_property=<functools.cached_property object>,
return_type=<class 'pyaerocom.colocation_auto.ColocationSetup'>, alias=None,
alias_priority=None, title=None, description=None, deprecated=None, examples=None,
json_schema_extra=None, repr=True), 'exp_info':
ComputedFieldInfo(wrapped_property=<functools.cached_property object>,
return_type=<class 'pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.ExperimentInfo'>, alias=None,
alias_priority=None, title=None, description=None, deprecated=None, examples=None,
json_schema_extra=None, repr=True), 'modelmaps_opts':
ComputedFieldInfo(wrapped_property=<functools.cached_property object>,
return_type=<class 'pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.ModelMapsSetup'>, alias=None,
alias_priority=None, title=None, description=None, deprecated=None, examples=None,
json_schema_extra=None, repr=True), 'path_manager':
ComputedFieldInfo(wrapped_property=<functools.cached_property object>,
return_type=<class 'pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.OutputPaths'>, alias=None,
alias_priority=None, title=None, description=None, deprecated=None, examples=None,
json_schema_extra=None, repr=True), 'processing_opts':
ComputedFieldInfo(wrapped_property=<functools.cached_property object>,
return_type=<class 'pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.EvalRunOptions'>, alias=None,
alias_priority=None, title=None, description=None, deprecated=None, examples=None,
json_schema_extra=None, repr=True), 'proj_info':
ComputedFieldInfo(wrapped_property=<functools.cached_property object>,
return_type=<class 'pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.ProjectInfo'>, alias=None,
alias_priority=None, title=None, description=None, deprecated=None, examples=None,
json_schema_extra=None, repr=True), 'statistics_opts':
ComputedFieldInfo(wrapped_property=<functools.cached_property object>,
return_type=<class 'pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.StatisticsSetup'>, alias=None,
alias_priority=None, title=None, description=None, deprecated=None, examples=None,
json_schema_extra=None, repr=True), 'time_cfg':
ComputedFieldInfo(wrapped_property=<functools.cached_property object>,
return_type=<class 'pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.TimeSetup'>, alias=None,
alias_priority=None, title=None, description=None, deprecated=None, examples=None,
json_schema_extra=None, repr=True), 'webdisp_opts':
ComputedFieldInfo(wrapped_property=<functools.cached_property object>,
return_type=<class 'pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.WebDisplaySetup'>, alias=None,
alias_priority=None, title=None, description=None, deprecated=None, examples=None,
json_schema_extra=None, repr=True)}

```

A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding *ComputedFieldInfo* objects.

```

model_config: ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {'arbitrary_types_allowed': True, 'extra':
'allow', 'protected_namespaces': ()}

```

Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to *[ConfigDict][pydantic.config.ConfigDict]*.

```

model_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'ADD_GLOB':
FieldInfo(annotation=list[str], required=False, default=['io_aux_file']),
'IGNORE_JSON': FieldInfo(annotation=list[str], required=False,
default=['_aux_funs']), 'exp_id': FieldInfo(annotation=str, required=True),
'io_aux_file': FieldInfo(annotation=Union[Path, str], required=False, default='',
metadata=['.py file containing additional read methods for modeldata']),
'model_cfg': FieldInfo(annotation=Union[ModelCollection, dict], required=False,
default=ModelCollection: {}), 'obs_cfg': FieldInfo(annotation=Union[ObsCollection,
dict], required=False, default=ObsCollection: {}), 'proj_id':
FieldInfo(annotation=str, required=True), 'var_web_info': FieldInfo(annotation=dict,
required=False, default={})}

```

Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to *[FieldInfo][pydantic.fields.FieldInfo]*.

This replaces *Model.\_\_fields\_\_* from Pydantic V1.

**model\_post\_init**(*\_\_context: Any*) → *None*

This function is meant to behave like a BaseModel method to initialise private attributes.

It takes context as an argument since that's what pydantic-core passes when calling it.

#### Parameters

- **self** – The BaseModel instance.
- **\_\_context** – The context.

**to\_json**(*outdir: str, ignore\_nan: bool = True, indent: int = 3*) → *None*

Save configuration as JSON file

#### Parameters

- **outdir** (*str*) – directory where the config json file is supposed to be stored
- **ignore\_nan** (*bool*) – set NaNs to Null when writing
- **indent** (*int*) – json indentation

```

class pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.ExperimentInfo(*, exp_id: str, exp_name: str = "", exp_descr: str
= "", public: bool = False, exp_pi: str = 'docs',
pyaerocom_version: str = '0.18.dev0')

```

```

model_computed_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {}

```

A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding *ComputedFieldInfo* objects.

```

model_config: ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {}

```

Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to *[ConfigDict][pydantic.config.ConfigDict]*.

```

model_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'exp_descr':
FieldInfo(annotation=str, required=False, default=''), 'exp_id':
FieldInfo(annotation=str, required=True), 'exp_name': FieldInfo(annotation=str,
required=False, default=''), 'exp_pi': FieldInfo(annotation=str, required=False,
default='docs'), 'public': FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False,
default=False), 'pyaerocom_version': FieldInfo(annotation=str, required=False,
default='0.18.dev0')}

```

Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to *[FieldInfo][pydantic.fields.FieldInfo]*.

This replaces *Model.\_\_fields\_\_* from Pydantic V1.

```

class pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.ModelMapsSetup(*, maps_freq: Literal['monthly', 'yearly'] =
    'monthly', maps_res_deg: int = 5)

    model_computed_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {}
        A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding ComputedFieldInfo objects.

    model_config: ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {}
        Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to [ConfigDict][pydantic.config.ConfigDict].

    model_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'maps_freq':
        FieldInfo(annotation=Literal['monthly', 'yearly'], required=False,
        default='monthly'), 'maps_res_deg': FieldInfo(annotation=int, required=False,
        default=5, metadata=[Gt(gt=0)])}
        Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to [FieldInfo][pydantic.fields.FieldInfo].

        This replaces Model.__fields__ from Pydantic V1.

class pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.OutputPaths(*, JSON_SUBDIRS: list[str] = ['map', 'ts',
    'ts/diurnal', 'scat', 'hm', 'hm/ts', 'contour', 'profiles'],
    json_basedir: Path | str =
    '/home/docs/MyPyAerocom/aeroval/data',
    coldata_basedir: Path | str =
    '/home/docs/MyPyAerocom/aeroval/coldata',
    ADD_GLOB: list[str] = ['coldata_basedir',
    'json_basedir'], proj_id: str, exp_id: str)

```

Setup class for output paths of json files and co-located data

This interface generates all paths required for an experiment.

**proj\_id**

project ID

**Type**

str

**exp\_id**

experiment ID

**Type**

str

**json\_basedir**

**Type**

str

```

model_computed_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {}

```

A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding *ComputedFieldInfo* objects.

```

model_config: ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {'arbitrary_types_allowed': True}

```

Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to *[ConfigDict][pydantic.config.ConfigDict]*.

```

model_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'ADD_GLOB':
FieldInfo(annotation=list[str], required=False, default=['coldata_basedir',
'json_basedir']), 'JSON_SUBDIRS': FieldInfo(annotation=list[str], required=False,
default=['map', 'ts', 'ts/diurnal', 'scat', 'hm', 'hm/ts', 'contour', 'profiles']),
'coldata_basedir': FieldInfo(annotation=Union[Path, str], required=False,
default='/home/docs/MyPyaerocom/aeroval/coldata', validate_default=True), 'exp_id':
FieldInfo(annotation=str, required=True), 'json_basedir':
FieldInfo(annotation=Union[Path, str], required=False,
default='/home/docs/MyPyaerocom/aeroval/data', validate_default=True), 'proj_id':
FieldInfo(annotation=str, required=True)}

```

Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to [*FieldInfo*][pydantic.fields.FieldInfo].

This replaces *Model.\_\_fields\_\_* from Pydantic V1.

```

class pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.ProjectInfo(*, proj_id: str)

```

```

model_computed_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {}

```

A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding *ComputedFieldInfo* objects.

```

model_config: ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {}

```

Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to [*ConfigDict*][pydantic.config.ConfigDict].

```

model_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'proj_id': FieldInfo(annotation=str,
required=True)}

```

Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to [*FieldInfo*][pydantic.fields.FieldInfo].

This replaces *Model.\_\_fields\_\_* from Pydantic V1.

```

class pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.StatisticsSetup(*, MIN_NUM: int = 1, weighted_stats: bool =
True, annual_stats_constrained: bool = False,
add_trends: bool = False, trends_min_yrs: int
= 7, stats_tseries_base_freq: str | None =
None, forecast_evaluation: bool = False,
forecast_days: int = 4, use_fairmode: bool =
False, use_diurnal: bool = False,
obs_only_stats: bool = False,
model_only_stats: bool = False, drop_stats:
tuple[str, ...] = (), stats_decimals: int | None =
None, round_floats_precision: int | None =
None, **extra_data: Any)

```

Setup options for statistical calculations

### weighted\_stats

if True, statistics are calculated using area weights, this is only relevant for gridded / gridded evaluations.

Type  
bool

### annual\_stats\_constrained

if True, then only sites are considered that satisfy a potentially specified annual resampling constraint (see [pyaerocom.colocation\\_auto.ColocationSetup.min\\_num\\_obs](#)). E.g.

lets say you want to calculate statistics (bias, correlation, etc.) for monthly model / obs data for a given site and year. Lets further say, that there are only 8 valid months of data, and 4 months are missing, so



statistics will be calculated for that year based on 8 vs. 8 values. Now if `pyaerocom.colocation_auto.ColocationSetup.min_num_obs` is specified in way that requires e.g. at least 9 valid months to represent the whole year, then this station will not be considered in case `annual_stats_constrained` is True, else it will. Defaults to False.

**Type**  
bool

#### **stats\_tseries\_base\_freq**

The statistics Time Series display in AeroVal (under Overall Evaluation) is computed in intervals of a certain frequency, which is specified via `TimeSetup.main_freq` (defaults to monthly). That is, monthly colocated data is used as a basis to compute the statistics for each month (e.g. if you have 10 sites, then statistics will be computed based on 10 monthly values for each month of the timeseries, 1 value for each site). `stats_tseries_base_freq` may be specified in case a higher resolution is supposed to be used as a basis to compute the timeseries in the resolution specified by `TimeSetup.main_freq` (e.g. if daily is specified here, then for the above example 310 values would be used - 31 for each site - to compute the statistics for a given month (in this case, a month with 31 days, obviously).

**Type**  
str, optional

#### **drop\_stats**

tuple of strings with names of statistics (as determined by keys in `aeroval.glob_defaults.py`'s `statistics_defaults`) to not compute. For example, setting `drop_stats = ("mb", "mab")`, results in json files in `hm/ts` with entries which do not contain the mean bias and mean absolute bias, but the other statistics are preserved.

**Type**  
tuple, optional

#### **stats\_decimals**

If provided, overwrites the `decimals` key in `glob_defaults` for the statistics, which has a default of 3. Setting this higher or lower changes the number of decimals shown on the Aeroval webpage.

**Type**  
int, optional

#### **round\_floats\_precision**

Sets the precision argument for the function `pyaerocom.aeroval.json_utils.set_float_serialization_precision`

**Type**  
int, optional

#### **Parameters**

**kwargs** – any of the supported attributes, e.g. `StatisticsSetup(annual_stats_constrained=True)`

**model\_computed\_fields:** `ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {}`

A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding `ComputedFieldInfo` objects.

**model\_config:** `ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {'extra': 'allow', 'protected_namespaces': ()}`

Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to `[ConfigDict][pydantic.config.ConfigDict]`.

```

model_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'MIN_NUM': FieldInfo(annotation=int,
required=False, default=1, metadata=[Gt(gt=0)]), 'add_trends':
FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=False),
'annual_stats_constrained': FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False,
default=False), 'drop_stats': FieldInfo(annotation=tuple[str, ...], required=False,
default=()), 'forecast_days': FieldInfo(annotation=int, required=False, default=4,
metadata=[Gt(gt=0)]), 'forecast_evaluation': FieldInfo(annotation=bool,
required=False, default=False), 'model_only_stats': FieldInfo(annotation=bool,
required=False, default=False), 'obs_only_stats': FieldInfo(annotation=bool,
required=False, default=False), 'round_floats_precision':
FieldInfo(annotation=Union[int, NoneType], required=False, default=None),
'stats_decimals': FieldInfo(annotation=Union[int, NoneType], required=False,
default=None), 'stats_tseries_base_freq': FieldInfo(annotation=Union[str, NoneType],
required=False, default=None), 'trends_min_yrs': FieldInfo(annotation=int,
required=False, default=7, metadata=[Gt(gt=0)]), 'use_diurnal':
FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=False), 'use_fairmode':
FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=False), 'weighted_stats':
FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=True)}

```

Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to *[FieldInfo]*[pydantic.fields.FieldInfo].

This replaces *Model.\_\_fields\_\_* from Pydantic V1.

```

class pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.TimeSetup(*, DEFAULT_FREQS: Literal['monthly', 'yearly'] =
'monthly', SEASONS: list[str] = ['all', 'DJF', 'MAM',
'JJA', 'SON'], main_freq: str = 'monthly', freqs:
list[str] = ['monthly', 'yearly'], periods: list[str] =
None, add_seasons: bool = True)

```

**get\_seasons()**

Get list of seasons to be analysed

Returns SEASONS if add\_seasons is True, else *['all']* (only whole year).

**Returns**

list of season strings for analysis

**Return type**

list

```

model_computed_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {}

```

A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding *ComputedFieldInfo* objects.

```

model_config: ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {}

```

Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to *[ConfigDict]*[pydantic.config.ConfigDict].

```

model_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'DEFAULT_FREQS':
FieldInfo(annotation=Literal['monthly', 'yearly'], required=False,
default='monthly'), 'SEASONS': FieldInfo(annotation=list[str], required=False,
default=['all', 'DJF', 'MAM', 'JJA', 'SON']), 'add_seasons':
FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=True), 'freqs':
FieldInfo(annotation=list[str], required=False, default=['monthly', 'yearly']),
'main_freq': FieldInfo(annotation=str, required=False, default='monthly'),
'periods': FieldInfo(annotation=list[str], required=False, default_factory=list)}

```

Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to *[FieldInfo]*[pydantic.fields.FieldInfo].

This replaces *Model.\_\_fields\_\_* from Pydantic V1.

```
class pyaerocom.aeroval.setupclasses.WebDisplaySetup(*, map_zoom: str = 'World', regions_how:
    Literal['default', 'aerocom', 'htap', 'country'] =
    'default', add_model_maps: bool = False,
    modelorder_from_config: bool = True,
    obsorder_from_config: bool = True,
    var_order_menu: tuple[str, ...] = (),
    obs_order_menu: tuple[str, ...] = (),
    model_order_menu: tuple[str, ...] = (),
    hide_charts: tuple[str, ...] = (), hide_pages:
    tuple[str, ...] = (), ts_annotations: dict[str, str]
    = None, add_pages: tuple[str, ...] = ())
```

```
model_computed_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, ComputedFieldInfo]] = {}
```

A dictionary of computed field names and their corresponding *ComputedFieldInfo* objects.

```
model_config: ClassVar[ConfigDict] = {'protected_namespaces': ()}
```

Configuration for the model, should be a dictionary conforming to *[ConfigDict][pydantic.config.ConfigDict]*.

```
model_fields: ClassVar[dict[str, FieldInfo]] = {'add_model_maps':
    FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=False), 'add_pages':
    FieldInfo(annotation=tuple[str, ...], required=False, default=()), 'hide_charts':
    FieldInfo(annotation=tuple[str, ...], required=False, default=()), 'hide_pages':
    FieldInfo(annotation=tuple[str, ...], required=False, default=()), 'map_zoom':
    FieldInfo(annotation=str, required=False, default='World'), 'model_order_menu':
    FieldInfo(annotation=tuple[str, ...], required=False, default=()),
    'modelorder_from_config': FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=True),
    'obs_order_menu': FieldInfo(annotation=tuple[str, ...], required=False, default=()),
    'obsorder_from_config': FieldInfo(annotation=bool, required=False, default=True),
    'regions_how': FieldInfo(annotation=Literal['default', 'aerocom', 'htap',
    'country'], required=False, default='default'), 'ts_annotations':
    FieldInfo(annotation=dict[str, str], required=False, default_factory=dict),
    'var_order_menu': FieldInfo(annotation=tuple[str, ...], required=False, default=())}
```

Metadata about the fields defined on the model, mapping of field names to *[FieldInfo][pydantic.fields.FieldInfo]*.

This replaces *Model.\_\_fields\_\_* from Pydantic V1.

## 5.1.2 Specification of observation datasets

```
class pyaerocom.aeroval.obsentry.ObsEntry(**kwargs)
```

Observation configuration for evaluation (dictionary)

---

**Note:** Only *obs\_id* and *obs\_vars* are mandatory, the rest is optional.

---

**obs\_id**

ID of observation network in AeroCom database (e.g. 'AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily')

**Type**

str

**obs\_vars**

list of pyaerocom variable names that are supposed to be analysed (e.g. ['od550aer', 'ang4487aer'])

**Type**

list

**obs\_ts\_type\_read**

may be specified to explicitly define the reading frequency of the observation data (so far, this does only apply to gridded obsdata such as satellites). For ungridded reading, the frequency may be specified via *obs\_id*, where applicable (e.g. AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily). Can be specified variable specific in form of dictionary.

**Type**

str or dict, optional

**obs\_vert\_type**

Aerocom vertical code encoded in the model filenames (only AeroCom 3 and later).

**Type**

str, optional

**obs\_aux\_requires**

information about required datasets / variables for auxiliary variables.

**Type**

dict, optional

**instr\_vert\_loc**

vertical location code of observation instrument. This is used in the aéroval interface for separating different categories of measurements such as “ground”, “space” or “airborne”.

**Type**

str, optional

**is\_superobs**

if True, this observation is a combination of several others which all have to have their own obs config entry.

**Type**

bool

**only\_superobs**

this indicates whether this configuration is only to be used as part of a superobs network, and not individually.

**Type**

bool

**read\_opts\_ungridded**

dictionary that specifies reading constraints for ungridded reading (c.g. `pyaerocom.io.ReadUngridded`).

**Type**

dict, optional

**only\_json**

Only to be set if the obs entry already has colocated data files which were preprocessed outside of pyaerocom. Setting to True will skip the colcoation and just create the JSON output.

**Type**

bool

**coldata\_dir**

Only to be set if the obs entry already has colocated data files which were preprocessed outside of pyaerocom. This is the directory in which the colocated data files are located.

**Type**

str

**check\_add\_obs()**

Check if this dataset is an auxiliary post dataset

**check\_cfg()**

Check that minimum required attributes are set and okay

**get\_all\_vars()** → list

Get list of all variables associated with this entry

**Returns**

DESCRIPTION.

**Return type**

list

**get\_vert\_code(var)**

Get vertical code name for obs / var combination

**has\_var(var\_name)**

Check if input variable is defined in entry

**Returns**

True if entry has variable available, else False

**Return type**

bool

### 5.1.3 Specification of model datasets

**class** pyaerocom.aeroval.modelentry.**ModelEntry**(*model\_id*, *\*\*kwargs*)

ModelIn configuration for evaluation (dictionary)

---

**Note:** Only *model\_id* is mandatory, the rest is optional.

---

**model\_id**

ID of model run in AeroCom database (e.g. 'ECMWF\_CAMS\_REAN')

**Type**

str

**model\_ts\_type\_read**

may be specified to explicitly define the reading frequency of the model data. Not to be confused with *ts\_type*, which specifies the frequency used for colocation. Can be specified variable specific by providing a dictionary.

**Type**

str or dict, optional

**model\_use\_vars**

dictionary that specifies mapping of model variables. Keys are observation variables, values are strings specifying the corresponding model variable to be used (e.g. `model_use_vars=dict(od550aer='od550csaer')`)

**Type**  
dict

**model\_add\_vars**

dictionary that specifies additional model variables. Keys are observation variables, values are lists of strings specifying the corresponding model variables to be used (e.g. `model_use_vars=dict(od550aer=['od550csaer', 'od550so4'])`)

**Type**  
dict

**model\_rename\_vars**

key / value pairs specifying new variable names for model variables in the output json files (is applied after co-location).

**Type**  
dict

**model\_read\_aux**

may be used to specify additional computation methods of variables from models. Keys are obs variables, values are dictionaries with keys *vars\_required* (list of required variables for computation of var and *fun* (method that takes list of read data objects and computes and returns var)

**Type**  
dict

**property aux\_funs\_required**

Boolean specifying whether this entry requires auxiliary variables

**get\_vars\_to\_process**(*obs\_vars: list*) → tuple

Get lists of obs / mod variables to be processed

**Parameters**

**obs\_vars** (*list*) – list of observation variables

**Returns**

- *list* – list of observation variables (potentially extended from input list)
- *list* – corresponding model variables which are mapped based on content of *model\_add\_vars* and *model\_use\_vars*.

## 5.1.4 Containers for model and observation setup

Collection classes to specify a number of model entries and a number of observation entries for a given AeroVal experiment.

```
class pyaerocom.aeroval.collections.BaseCollection(*args, **kwargs)
```

```
FORBIDDEN_CHARS_KEYS = ['_']
```

Invalid chars in entry names

```
MAXLEN_KEYS = 25
```

maximum length of entry names

**abstract** `get_entry(key) → object`

Getter for eval entries

**Raises**

**KeyError** – if input name is not in this collection

**keylist**(*name\_or\_pattern: str | None = None*) → list

Find model names that match input search pattern(s)

**Parameters**

**name\_or\_pattern** (*str, optional*) – Name or pattern specifying search string.

**Returns**

list of keys in collection that match input requirements. If *name\_or\_pattern* is None, all keys will be returned.

**Return type**

list

**Raises**

**KeyError** – if no matches can be found

**abstract property** `web_iface_names: list`

List of webinterface names for

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval.collections.ModelCollection(*args, **kwargs)`

Dict-like object that represents a collection of model entries

Keys are model names, values are instances of `ModelEntry`. Values can also be assigned as dict and will automatically be converted into instances of `ModelEntry`.

---

**Note:** Entries must not necessarily be only models but may also be observations. Entries provided in this collection refer to the x-axis in the AeroVal heatmap display and must fulfill the protocol defined by `ModelEntry`.

---

**get\_entry**(*key*) → object

Get model entry configuration

Since the configuration files for experiments are in json format, they do not allow the storage of executable custom methods for model data reading. Instead, these can be specified in a python module that may be specified via `add_methods_file` and that contains a dictionary *FUNS* that maps the method names with the callable methods.

As a result, this means that, by default, custom read methods for individual models in `model_config` do not contain the callable methods but only the names. This method will take care of handling this and will return a dictionary where potential custom method strings have been converted to the corresponding callable methods.

**Parameters**

**model\_name** (*str*) – name of model

**Returns**

Dictionary that specifies the model setup ready for the analysis

**Return type**

dict

**property** `web_iface_names: list`

List of web interface names for each obs entry

**Return type**`list`**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval.collections.ObsCollection(*args, **kwargs)`

Dict-like object that represents a collection of obs entries

Keys are obs names, values are instances of `ObsEntry`. Values can also be assigned as dict and will automatically be converted into instances of `ObsEntry`.

---

**Note:** Entries must not necessarily be only observations but may also be models. Entries provided in this collection refer to the y-axis in the AeroVal heatmap display and must fulfill the protocol defined by `ObsEntry`.

---

**property** `all_vert_types`

List of unique vertical types specified in this collection

**get\_all\_vars()** → `list`

Get unique list of all obs variables from all entries

**Returns**

list of variables specified in obs collection

**Return type**`list`**get\_entry(key)** → `object`

Getter for obs entries

**Raises****KeyError** – if input name is not in this collection**get\_web\_iface\_name(key)**

Get webinterface name for entry

---

**Note:** Normally this is the key of the obsentry in `obs_config`, however, it might be specified explicitly via key `web_interface_name` in the corresponding value.

---

**Parameters****key** (`str`) – key of entry.**Returns**

corresponding name

**Return type**`str`**property** `web_iface_names`: `list`

List of web interface names for each obs entry

**Return type**`list`



## 5.2 Processing tools

### 5.2.1 Experiment processing engine

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval.experiment_processor.ExperimentProcessor`(*cfg*: `EvalSetup`)

Processing engine for AeroVal experiment

By default, this class processes one configuration file, represented by `EvalSetup`. As such, an instance of `EvalSetup` represents an AeroVal experiment, comprising a list of models, a list of observations (and variables).

For each possible (or defined) model / obs / variable combination, the processing engine will perform spatial and temporal co-location and will store on co-located NetCDF file (e.g. if there are 2 models, 2 observation networks and 2 variables there will be 4 co-located NetCDF files). The co-location is done using `pyaerocom.colocation_auto.Colocator`.

**run**(*model\_name*=None, *obs\_name*=None, *var\_list*=None, *update\_interface*=True)

Create colocated data and json files for model / obs combination

#### Parameters

- **model\_name** (*str* or *list*, optional) – Name or pattern specifying model that is supposed to be analysed. Can also be a list of names or patterns to specify multiple models. If None (default), then all models are run that are part of this experiment.
- **obs\_name** (*str*, or *list*, optional) – Like `model_name`, but for specification(s) of observations that are supposed to be used. If None (default) all observations are used.
- **var\_list** (*list*, optional) – list variables supposed to be analysed. If None, then all variables available are used. Defaults to None. Can also be *str* type.
- **update\_interface** (*bool*) – if true, relevant json files that determine what is displayed online are updated after the run, including the `menu.json` file and also, the model info table (`minfo.json`) file is created and saved in `exp_dir`.

#### Returns

list containing all colocated data objects that have been converted to json files.

#### Return type

*list*

**update\_interface**()

Update aeroval interface

Things done here:

- Update menu file
- Make aeroval info table json (tab informations in interface)
- update and order heatmap file

### 5.2.2 Model maps processing

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval.modelmaps_engine.ModelMapsEngine(cfg: EvalSetup)`

Engine for processing of model maps

**run**(*\*\*kwargs*)

Method that runs the processing based on settings in `cfg`

**Parameters**

- **\*args** – positional arguments.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Keyword arguments.

**Returns**

list of output file paths generated by the engine.

**Return type**

`list`

### 5.2.3 Processing of super-observation entries

Super observations refer to merged observation datasets to increase the number of stations.

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval.superobs_engine.SuperObsEngine(cfg: EvalSetup)`

Class to handle the processing of combined obs datasets

**run**(*model\_name*, *obs\_name*, *var\_list*, *try\_colocate\_if\_missing=True*)

Method that runs the processing based on settings in `cfg`

**Parameters**

- **\*args** – positional arguments.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Keyword arguments.

**Returns**

list of output file paths generated by the engine.

**Return type**

`list`

### 5.2.4 Low-level base classes for processing engines

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval._processing_base.DataImporter(cfg: EvalSetup)`

Class that supports reading of model and obs data based on an eval config.

Depending on a `EvalSetup`, reading of model and obs data may have certain constraints (e.g. freq, years, alias variable names, etc.), which are / can be specified flexibly for each model and obs entry in an analysis setup (`EvalSetup`). Proper handling of these reading constraints and data import settings are handled in the `pyaerocom.colocation_auto.Colocator` engine, therefore the reading in this class is done via the `Colocator` engine.

**read\_model\_data**(*model\_name*, *var\_name*)

Import model data

**Parameters**

- **model\_name** (*str*) – Name of model in `cfg`,

- **var\_name** (*str*) – Name of variable to be read.

**Returns**

**data** – loaded model data.

**Return type**

*GriddedData*

**read\_ungridded\_obsdata**(*obs\_name*, *var\_name*)

Import ungridded observation data

**Parameters**

- **obs\_name** (*str*) – Name of observation network in cfg
- **var\_name** (*str*) – Name of variable to be read.

**Returns**

**data** – loaded obs data.

**Return type**

*UngriddedData*

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval._processing_base.HasColocator`(*cfg*: *EvalSetup*)

Config class that also has the ability to co-locate

**get\_colocator**(*model\_name*: *str* | *None* = *None*, *obs\_name*: *str* | *None* = *None*) → *Colocator*

Instantiate colocation engine

**Parameters**

- **model\_name** (*str*, *optional*) – name of model. The default is *None*.
- **obs\_name** (*str*, *optional*) – name of obs. The default is *None*.

**Return type**

*Colocator*

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval._processing_base.HasConfig`(*cfg*: *EvalSetup*)

Base class that ensures that evaluation configuration is available

**cfg**

AeroVal experiment setup

**Type**

*EvalSetup*

**exp\_output**

Manages output for an AeroVal experiment (e.g. path locations).

**Type**

*ExperimentOutput*

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval._processing_base.ProcessingEngine`(*cfg*: *EvalSetup*)

Abstract base for classes supposed to do one or more processing tasks

Requirement for a processing class is to inherit attrs from *HasConfig* and, in addition to that, to have implemented a method `:fun: run` which is running the corresponding processing task and storing all the associated output files, that are read by the frontend.

One example of an implementation is the `pyaerocom.aeroval.modelmaps_engine.ModelMapsEngine`.

**abstract run**(\*args, \*\*kwargs) → list

Method that runs the processing based on settings in `cfg`

**Parameters**

- **\*args** – positional arguments.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Keyword arguments.

**Returns**

list of output file paths generated by the engine.

**Return type**

list

## 5.2.5 Helpers for processing of auxiliary variables

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval.aux_io_helpers.ReadAuxHandler`(*aux\_file*: str)

Helper class for import of auxiliary function objects

**aux\_file**

path to python module containing function definitions (note: function definitions in module need to be stored in a dictionary called *FUNS* in the file, where keys are names of the functions and values are callable objects.)

**Type**

str

**Parameters**

**aux\_file** (str) – input file containing auxiliary functions (details see Attributes section).

**import\_all()**

Import all callable functions in module with their names

Currently, these are expected to be stored in a dictionary called *FUNS* which should be defined in the python module.

**Returns**

function definitions.

**Return type**

dict

**import\_module()**

Import *aux\_file* as python module

Uses `importlib.import_module()` for import. :returns: imported module. :rtype: module

`pyaerocom.aeroval.aux_io_helpers.check_aux_info`(*fun*, *vars\_required*, *funcs*)

Make sure information is correct for computation of auxiliary variables

**Parameters**

- **fun** (str or callable) – name of function or function used to compute auxiliary variable. If str, then arg *funcs* needs to be provided.
- **vars\_required** (list) – list of required variables for computation of auxiliary variable.
- **funcs** (dict) – Dictionary with possible functions (values) and names (keys)

**Returns**

dict containing callable function object and list of variables required.

**Return type**

dict

## 5.2.6 Conversion of co-located data to json output

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval.coldatatojson_engine.ColdataToJsonEngine(cfg: EvalSetup)`

**process\_coldata**(*coldata*: ColocatedData)

Creates all json files for one ColocatedData object

**Parameters**

**coldata** (*ColocatedData*) – colocated data to be processed.

**Raises**

- **NotImplementedError** – DESCRIPTION.
- **ValueError** – DESCRIPTION.
- **ConfigError** – DESCRIPTION.

**Return type**

None.

**run**(*files*)

Convert colocated data files to json

**Parameters**

**files** (*list*) – list of file paths pointing to colocated data objects to be processed.

**Returns**

list of files that have been converted.

**Return type**

list

## 5.3 Output management

**class** `pyaerocom.aeroval.experiment_output.ExperimentOutput(cfg)`

JSON output for experiment

**clean\_json\_files**() → *list*

Checks all existing json files and removes outdated data

This may be relevant when updating a model name or similar.

**delete\_experiment\_data**(*also\_coldata=True*) → *None*

Delete all data associated with a certain experiment

---

**Note:** This simply deletes the experiment directory with all the json files and, if *also\_coldata* is True, also the associated co-located data objects.

---

**Parameters**

- **base\_dir** (*str*, *optional*) – basic output direcorey (containing subdirs of all projects)
- **proj\_name** (*str*, *optional*) – name of project, if None, then this project is used
- **exp\_name** (*str*, *optional*) – name experiment, if None, then this project is used
- **also\_coldata** (*bool*) – if True and if output directory for colocated data is default and specific for input experiment ID, then also all associated colocated NetCDF files are deleted. Defaults to True.

**property exp\_dir:** *str*

Experiment directory

**property exp\_id:** *str*

Experiment ID

**get\_model\_order\_menu()** → *list*

Order of models in menu

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**Note:** Returns empty list if no specific order is to be used in which case the models will be alphabetically ordered

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**get\_obs\_order\_menu()** → *list*

Order of observation entries in menu

**property menu\_file:** *str*

json file containing region specifications

**property out\_dirs\_json:** *dict*

json output directories (*dict*)

**property regions\_file:** *str*

json file containing region specifications

**reorder\_experiments**(*exp\_order=None*) → *None*

Reorder experiment order in evaluation interface

Puts experiment list into order as specified by *exp\_order*, all remaining experiments are sorted alphabetically.

**Parameters**

**exp\_order** (*list*, *optional*) – desired experiment order, if None, then alphabetical order is used.

**property results\_available:** *bool*

True if results are available for this experiment, else False

**Type**

*bool*

**property statistics\_file:** *str*

json file containing region specifications

**update\_interface()** → *None*

Update web interface

Steps:

1. Check if results are available, and if so:

2. Add entry for this experiment in experiments.json
3. Create/update ranges.json file in experiment directory
4. Update menu.json against available output and evaluation setup
5. Synchronise content of heatmap json files with menu
6. Create/update file statistics.json in experiment directory
7. Copy json version of EvalSetup into experiment directory

**Return type**

None

**update\_menu()** → None

Update menu

The menu.json file is created based on the available json map files in the map directory of an experiment.

**Parameters**

- **menu\_file** (*str*) – path to json menu file
- **delete\_mode** (*bool*) – if True, then no attempts are being made to find json files for the experiment specified in *config*.

**property var\_ranges\_file:** *str*

json file containing region specifications

**class** pyaerocom.aeroval.experiment\_output.**ProjectOutput**(*proj\_id: str, json\_basedir: str*)

JSON output for project

**property available\_experiments:** *list*

List of available experiments

**property experiments\_file:** *str*

json file containing region specifications

**property proj\_dir:** *str*

Project directory

## 5.4 Global settings

### 5.4.1 Global defaults

```

pyaerocom.aeroval.glob_defaults.statistics_defaults = {'R': {'colmap': 'RdYlGn',
'decimals': 2, 'forecast': True, 'longname': 'Correlation Coefficient', 'name': 'R',
'scale': [0, 0.125, 0.25, 0.375, 0.5, 0.625, 0.75, 0.875, 1], 'unit': '1'}, 'R_spearman':
{'colmap': 'RdYlGn', 'decimals': 2, 'longname': 'R Spearman Correlation', 'name': 'R
Spearman', 'scale': [0, 0.125, 0.25, 0.375, 0.5, 0.625, 0.75, 0.875, 1], 'unit': '1'},
'data_mean': {'colmap': 'coolwarm', 'decimals': 2, 'longname': 'Model Mean', 'name':
'Mean-Mod', 'scale': None, 'unit': '1'}, 'fge': {'colmap': 'reverseColmap(RdYlGn)',
'decimals': 2, 'forecast': True, 'longname': 'Fractional Gross Error', 'name': 'FGE',
'scale': [0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25, 1.5, 1.75, 2], 'unit': '1'}, 'mab': {'colmap':
'bwr', 'decimals': 1, 'longname': 'Mean Absolute Bias', 'name': 'MAB', 'scale': [0,
0.025, 0.05, 0.075, 0.1, 0.125, 0.15], 'unit': 'var'}, 'mb': {'colmap': 'bwr',
'decimals': 1, 'longname': 'Mean Bias', 'name': 'MB', 'scale': [-0.15, -0.1, -0.05, 0,
0.05, 0.1, 0.15], 'unit': 'var'}, 'mnmb': {'colmap': 'bwr', 'decimals': 1, 'forecast':
True, 'longname': 'Modified Normalized Mean Bias', 'name': 'MNMB', 'scale': [-100, -75,
-50, -25, 0, 25, 50, 75, 100], 'unit': '%'}, 'nmb': {'colmap': 'bwr', 'decimals': 1,
'forecast': True, 'longname': 'Normalized Mean Bias', 'name': 'NMB', 'scale': [-100, -75,
-50, -25, 0, 25, 50, 75, 100], 'unit': '%'}, 'nrms': {'colmap': 'Reds', 'decimals': 1,
'longname': 'Normalized Root Mean Square Error', 'name': 'NRMSE', 'scale': [0, 25, 50,
75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200], 'unit': '%'}, 'num_coords_with_data': {'colmap': None,
'decimals': 0, 'longname': 'Number of Stations with data', 'name': 'Nb. Stations',
'overall_only': True, 'scale': None, 'unit': '1'}, 'num_valid': {'colmap': None,
'decimals': 0, 'longname': 'Number of Valid Observations', 'name': 'Nb. Obs',
'overall_only': True, 'scale': None, 'unit': '1'}, 'refdata_mean': {'colmap': 'coolwarm',
'decimals': 2, 'longname': 'Observation Mean', 'name': 'Mean-Obs', 'scale': None, 'unit':
'1'}, 'rms': {'colmap': 'coolwarm', 'decimals': 2, 'forecast': True, 'longname': 'Root
Mean Square Error', 'name': 'RMSE', 'scale': None, 'unit': '1'}}

```

Default information for statistical parameters

```

pyaerocom.aeroval.glob_defaults.statistics_trend = {'mod_trend': {'colmap': 'bwr',
'decimals': 1, 'longname': 'Modelled Trends', 'name': 'Mod-Trends', 'scale': [-10, -7.5,
-5.0, -2.5, 0, 2.5, 5.0, 7.5, 10.0], 'unit': '%/yr'}, 'obs/mod_trend': {'colmap': 'bwr',
'decimals': 1, 'longname': 'Trends', 'name': 'Obs/Mod-Trends', 'scale': [-10.0, -7.5,
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```

Default information about trend display



```

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```

Default variable ranges for web display

## 5.4.2 Frontend variable naming conventions

```
class pyaerocom.aeroval.varinfo_web.VarinfoWeb(var_name: str, cmap: str | None = None, cmap_bins:
                                                list | None = None, vmin: float | None = None, vmax:
                                                float | None = None)
```

Additional variable information relevant for AeroVal web output

### **var\_name**

Name of variable (AeroCom name, not web display name)

#### **Type**

str

### **cmap\_bins**

Value bins for web display

#### **Type**

list

### **cmap**

name of colormap for web display

#### **Type**

str

### **Parameters**

- **var\_name** (str) – Name of variable (AeroCom name, not web display name)
- **cmap** (str, optional) – name of colormap for web display. If None, the colormap associated with the input variable is used (via `pyaerocom.variable.Variable.get_cmap()`). Defaults to None.
- **cmap\_bins** (list, optional) – Value bins for web display. If None, then they are inferred from input `vmin` and `vmax`, or, if the latter are also None, from attrs `pyaerocom.variable.Variable.minimum` and `pyaerocom.variable.Variable.maximum`. If the latter are not defined an `AttributeError` will be thrown on initialisation.
- **vmin** (float, optional) – lower end of range
- **vmax** (float, optional) – upper end of range

```
autofill_missing(vmin: float | None = None, vmax: float | None = None) → None
```

Autofill missing attributes related to cmap bins and cmap

### **Parameters**

- **vmin** (float, optional) – lower end of range
- **vmax** (float, optional) – upper end of range

### **Return type**

None

**static from\_dict(dict)**

Instantiate from dictionary

**Parameters**

**dict** (*dict*) – settings

**Returns**

instantiated instance

**Return type**

*VarinfoWeb*

**to\_dict()**

Convert to dictionary

**Return type**

*dict*

**property vmax: float**

Upper end of range

**property vmin: float**

Lower end of range

## 5.5 High-level utility functions

`pyaerocom.aeroval.utils.compute_model_average_and_diversity(cfg, var_name, model_names=None, ts_type=None, lat_res_deg=2, lon_res_deg=3, data_id=None, avg_how=None, extract_surface=True, ignore_models=None, comment=None, model_use_vars=None)`

Compute median or mean model based on input models

---

### Note:

- BETA version that will likely undergo revisions.
  - Time selection currently not properly handled
- 

### Parameters

- **cfg** (*AerocomEvaluation*) – analysis instance
- **var\_name** (*str*) – name of variable
- **model\_names** (*list*, *optional*) – list of model names. If None, all entries in input engine are used.
- **ts\_type** (*str*, *optional*) – output freq. Defaults to monthly.
- **lat\_res\_deg** (*int*, *optional*) – output latitude resolution, defaults to 2 degrees.
- **lon\_res\_deg** (*int*, *optional*) – output longitude resolution, defaults to 3 degrees.

- **data\_id** (*str*, *optional*) – output data\_id of ensemble model.
- **avg\_how** (*str*, *optional*) – how to compute averages (choose from mean or median), defaults to “median”.
- **extract\_surface** (*bool*) – if True (and if data contains model levels), surface level is extracted
- **ignore\_models** (*list*, *optional*) – list of models to be ignored
- **comment** (*str*, *optional*) – comment string added to metadata of output data objects.
- **model\_use\_vars** (*dict*, *optional*) – model variables to be used.

#### Returns

- *GriddedData* – ensemble model for input variable computed averaged using median or mean (input avg\_how). Default is median.
- *GriddedData* – corresponding diversity field, if avg\_how is “mean”, then computed using definition from Textor et al., 2006 (ACP) DOI: 10.5194/acp-6-1777-2006. If avg\_how is “median” then interquartile range is used (Q3-Q1)/Q2
- *GriddedData or None* – Q1 field (only output if avg\_how is median)
- *GriddedData or None* – Q3 field (only output if avg\_how is median)
- *GriddedData or None* – standard deviation field (only output if avg\_how is mean)

`pyaerocom.aeroval.utils.make_config_template(proj_id: str, exp_id: str) → EvalSetup`

Make a template for an AeroVal evaluation setup

#### Parameters

- **proj\_id** (*str*) – ID of project.
- **exp\_id** (*str*) – ID of experiment

#### Returns

template evaluation setup (all defaults are set) that can be used to add model and obs entries, and modified to meet the purposes.

#### Return type

*EvalSetup*

## 5.6 Helper modules

### 5.6.1 General helper functions

`pyaerocom.aeroval.helpers.check_if_year( periods: list[str] ) → bool`

Checks if the periods in the periods list are years or dates

`pyaerocom.aeroval.helpers.check_var_ranges_avail(model_data, var_name)`

Check if lower and upper variable ranges are available for input variable

#### Parameters

- **model\_data** (*GriddedData*) – modeldata containing variable data
- **var\_name** (*str*) – variable name to be checked (must be the same as model data AeroCom variable name).

**Raises**

**ValueError** – if ranges for input variable are not defined and if input model data corresponds to a different variable than the input variable name.

**Return type**

None

## 5.6.2 Helpers for coldat2json conversion

Helpers for conversion of ColocatedData to JSON files for web interface.

```
pyaerocom.aeroval.coldatatjson_helpers.add_profile_entry_json(profile_file: str, data:
                                                                ColocatedData, profile_viz: dict,
                                                                periods: list[str], seasons:
                                                                list[str])
```

Analogous to `_add_heatmap_entry_json` for profile data. Every time this function is called it checks to see if the `profile_file` exists. If so, it reads it, if not it makes a new one. This is because one can not add to json files and so everytime we want to add entries for profile layers we must read in the old file, add the entries, and write a new file.

**Parameters**

- **profile\_file** (*str*) – Name of profile\_file
- **data** (*ColocatedData*) – For this vertical layer
- **profile\_viz** (*dict*) – Output of `process_profile_data()`
- **periods** (*list[str]*) – periods to compute over (years)
- **seasons** (*list[str]*) – seasons to compute over (e.g., All, DJF, etc.)

```
pyaerocom.aeroval.coldatatjson_helpers.get_json_mapname(obs_name, var_name_web, model_name,
                                                         model_var, vert_code, period)
```

Get base name of json file

```
pyaerocom.aeroval.coldatatjson_helpers.get_stationfile_name(station_name, obs_name,
                                                            var_name_web, vert_code)
```

Get name of station timeseries file

```
pyaerocom.aeroval.coldatatjson_helpers.process_profile_data_for_regions(data: ColocatedData,
                                                                           region_id: str,
                                                                           use_country: bool,
                                                                           periods: list[str],
                                                                           seasons: list[str]) →
                                                                           dict
```

This method populates the json files in `data/profiles` which are use for visualization. Analogous to `_process_map_and_scat` for profile data. Each json file corresponds to a region or station, obs network, and variable. Inside the json, it is broken up by model. Each model has a key for “z” (the vertical dimension), “obs”, and “mod” Each “obs” and “mod” is broken up by period.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*ColocatedData*) – ColocatedData object for this layer
- **region\_id** (*str*) – Spatial subset to compute the mean profiles over
- **station\_name** (*str*) – Station to compute mean profiles over for period
- **use\_country** (*boolean*) – Passed to `filter_region()`.

- **periods** (*str*) – Year part of the temporal range to average over
- **seasons** (*str*) – Sesonal part of the temporal range to average over

**Returns**

Dictionary to write to json

**Return type**

output (*dict*)

```
pyaerocom.aeroval.coldatatojson_helpers.process_profile_data_for_stations(data:  
                                                                           ColocatedData,  
                                                                           station_name: str,  
                                                                           use_country: bool,  
                                                                           periods: list[str],  
                                                                           seasons: list[str])  
                                                                           → dict
```

This method populates the json files in data/profiles which are use for visualization. Analogous to `_process_map_and_scatter` for profile data. Each json file corresponds to a region, obs network, and variable. Inside the json, it is broken up by model. Each model has a key for “z” (the vertical dimension), “obs”, and “mod” Each “obs” and “mod” is broken up by period.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*ColocatedData*) – ColocatedData object for this layer
- **region\_id** (*str*) – Spatial subset to compute the mean profiles over
- **station\_name** (*str*) – Station to compute mean profiles over for period
- **use\_country** (*boolean*) – Passed to `filter_region()`.
- **periods** (*str*) – Year part of the temporal range to average over
- **seasons** (*str*) – Sesonal part of the temporal range to average over

**Returns**

Dictionary to write to json

**Return type**

output (*dict*)

```
pyaerocom.aeroval.coldatatojson_helpers.update_regions_json(region_defs, regions_json)
```

Check current regions.json for experiment and update if needed

**Parameters**

- **region\_defs** (*dict*) – keys are names of region (not IDs!) values define rectangular borders
- **regions\_json** (*str*) – regions.json file (if it does not exist it will be created).

**Returns**

current content of updated regions.json

**Return type**

*dict*

### 5.6.3 Model maps helper functions

`pyaerocom.aerocal.modelmaps_helpers.calc_contour_json(data, cmap, cmap_bins)`

Convert gridded data into contours for json output

**Parameters**

- **data** (`GriddedData`) – input data
- **cmap** (`str`) – colormap of output
- **cmap\_bins** (`list`) – list containing the bins to which the values are mapped.

**Returns**

dictionary containing contour data

**Return type**

`dict`

`pyaerocom.aerocal.modelmaps_helpers.griddeddata_to_jsondict(data, lat_res_deg=5, lon_res_deg=5)`

Convert gridded data to json dictionary

**Parameters**

- **data** (`GriddedData`) – input data to be converted
- **lat\_res\_deg** (`int`) – output latitude resolution in decimal degrees
- **lon\_res\_deg** (`int`) – output longitude resolution in decimal degrees

**Returns**

data dictionary for json output (keys are metadata and data).

**Return type**

`dict`





## EXAMPLE CONFIGURATION FILES FOR AEROVAL

This section provides some example setup files for AeroVal evaluations with detailed explanations of the setup parameters. A configuration could be run as the following:

```
python cfg_example1.py
```

The code blocks below are the Python configuration files *cfg\_examples\_example1.py* and *sample\_gridded\_io\_aux.py*.

### 6.1 Example 1

NorESM2 and CAMS reanalysis vs AERONET and merged satellite AOD dataset.

```
"""
Example AeroVal configuration file
=====

Author: Jonas Gliß
Date: 15.10.2021
Minimum pyaerocom version: 0.12.2

IMPORTANT NOTE
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This script requires access to the PPI infrastructure of MET
Norway and cannot be run by external users.
If you work at MET, you can check whether pyaerocom has access to PPI by
running (from the command line):

pya --ppiaccess

What this is about?
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This example script will show how to create a basic AeroVal evaluation setup
and run the evaluation. The output of this example is available at:

https://aeroval.met.no/evaluation.php?project=examples&exp\_name=example1

General evaluation procedure:
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```

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This configuration defines a set of models to be evaluated against a certain set of observations, within what is called an "Experiment" in AeroVal. The observations defined specify which variables are supposed to be evaluated from each of the models. For instance, one "Experiment" could comprise 2 observation data sources (OBS1 and OBS2), each of which measures 2 variables (OBS1: var1, var2 and OBS2: var1 and var3).

Now if that "Experiment" comprises 2 models (MOD1 and MOD2, which all have output for var1, var2 and var3) then, this would result in an evaluation matrix of 4x2 entries (4 OBS / var combinations and 2 models). Each "pixel" of that matrix corresponds to one evaluation entry (e.g. var1 from OBS1 is co-located with var1 from MOD1, and so on). Based on the co-located data objects (pyaerocom.ColocatedData) that are created for each of these "pixels" of the evaluation matrix, a set of statistical parameters (such as bias, correlation coefficients, RMS, etc) are computed within certain time periods that can be defined flexibly by the user (e.g. 2000-2010 and 2010-2020 or a single year, e.g. 2010).

In AeroVal, each of these "pixels" of that matrix is evaluated completely independently, doing the following steps:

- Create co-located NetCDF file for that model / obs / var entry:
  - Read model data
  - Read obs data
  - Co-locate model with obs data (in space and time) within the time period range specified (e.g. 2000-2020 if user specifies output periods 2000-2010 and 2010-2020).
  - Save co-located data as NetCDF file.
- Convert co-located data to json output files read by the AeroVal frontend

The script below is grouped into the following sections:

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- Section 1: Global setup for AeroVal output
- Section 2: Default co-location settings
- Section 3: Configuration of observations
- Section 4: Configuration of models
- Section 5: Main script (run analysis)

"""

"""

Section 1: Global setup for AeroVal output

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The global setup defines:

- Project and experiment ID
- Information about the purpose of the experiment and PI
- Information about the output paths
- Time periods to be evaluated
- Desired output frequencies
- Additional options such as:

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```

- Whether to compute trends
- Whether to compute model maps
- Whether to add seasonal statistics
- Which regions to use for regional statistics
- Web display options (e.g. default map zoom)

"""
import os # needed for specification of path locations below

GLOB_CFG = dict(
    # PI of experiment
    exp_pi="Jonas Gliß",
    # ID of project (will define URL, see below)
    proj_id="examples",
    # ID of experiment (will define URL, see below)
    exp_id="example1",
    # These 2 IDs define where the output data is stored relative to the 2
    # output directories below, and they also define the URL link for this
    # project, e.g. for this example, the web URL for this experiment would be:
    #
    # https://aeroval.met.no/evaluation.php?project=examples&exp_name=example1
    #
    # Base directory for json output files
    json_basedir=os.path.abspath(".././data"),
    # Base directory for co-located data output NetCDF files
    coldata_basedir=os.path.abspath(".././coldata"),
    # E.g. for this experiment, the co-located data files can be found in:
    #
    # .././coldata/examples/example1
    #
    # And the output json files in:
    #
    # .././data/examples/example1
    #
    # relative to the location of this script file. Note: if
    #
    # .././data/examples
    #
    # happens to be a Gitlab (or Github) repository (or Github),
    # then pyaerocom will write all required json files into that
    # repository, which makes it easier to share the results by pushing them
    # to the remote repository. You can then contact e.g. Augustin Mortier (
    # augustinm@met.no) at MET Norway to clone that repository on the
    # AeroVal web server, so it becomes visible at
    #
    # https://aeroval.met.no/evaluation.php?project=examples&exp_name=example1
    # Optional: location a python file containing function definitions that
    # combine some iris.Cube instances to compute new variables. This
    # enables flexible computation of new model variables that are not in
    # the model output. The file has to have a FUNS attribute which is a
    # dictionary mapping names of the functions with the callable objects.
    # Below in Section 4, this is used to compute clear-sky Angstrom

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# Exponent for NorESM2 model from 440nm and 870nm AOD, which are output
# by the model.
io_aux_file=os.path.abspath("../eval_py/gridded_io_aux.py"),
# Frequencies for which statistical parameters are computed
freqs=["daily", "monthly", "yearly"],
# Main output frequency for AeroVal (some of the AeroVal processing
# steps are only done for this resolution, since they would create too
# much output otherwise, such as statistics timeseries or scatter plot in
# "Overall Evaluation" tab on AeroVal).
# Note that this frequency needs to be included in previous setting "freqs".
main_freq="monthly",
# Time periods for which statistical parameters are computed
periods=["2010"],
# Whether or not to add seasonal statistics
add_seasons=True,
# Whether or not to add trends output to the analysis. Trends analysis
# needs at least 7 years of data, so this is skipped here for this
# single year experiment
add_trends=False,
# Whether or not to re-colocate existing co-located data files from the
# input data or not.
reanalyse_existing=True,
# Name of experiment
exp_name="AeroVal example 1",
# Description of experiment
exp_descr=(
    "A simple setup evaluating AOD and Angstrom Exponent of 2 "
    "models (NorESM2 from AeroCom phase 3 control experiment and "
    "CAMS reanalysis dataset) for the year 2010, using AERONET "
    "version 3 sun photometer data as well as data from a merged "
    "satellite product"
),
public=True,
# Whether or not maps of the model fields are supposed to be computed
add_model_maps=True,
)

"""
Section 2: Default co-location settings
-----

The following specifies some settings to be used for co-location. Note
that this does not cover all possible settings, but only the ones that
deviate from the default co-location settings.
For all co-location options (and their defaults), see here:
https://pyaerocom.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api.html?highlight=ColocationSetup#pyaerocom.colocation\_auto.ColocationSetup
↪ colocation_auto.ColocationSetup

Note that all of the available co-location settings can also be specified
for model and obs entries individually below.
"""
DEFAULT_COLOCATION_SETUP = dict(

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# Default frequency of co-located data objects.
# NOTE: the output resolution of the co-located data files needs to be at
# least as high as the highest output resolution for the statistical
# results specified in parameter "freqs" above, since all statistical
# results (stored in the output json files) are computed based on the
# co-located NetCDF files.
ts_type="daily",
# Time resample setup: the following setup will perform resampling
# from daily to monthly in 2 steps, 1. daily to weekly (requiring at
# least 5 valid daily values per week) and 2. weekly to monthly,
# requiring at least 3 weekly values per week. This corresponds to a
# conservative resampling approach, requiring ca 75% coverage of
# measurements. Note that min_num_obs may also be a simple integer,
# specifying the minimum number of observations to resample the input
# data to the co-location frequency, disregarding the frequency of the
# input data (e.g. if min_num_obs is=5 and ts_type="monthly" and input
# data is in hourly resolution, then this translated to "at least 5
# hourly values per month", however, if input data is in daily resolution
# then this translated to "at least 5 daily values per month").
min_num_obs=dict(weekly=dict(daily=5), monthly=dict(weekly=3)),
# How to aggregate the data when resampling (linked with min_num_obs and
# can be setup in a similar way). This setting defaults to "mean",
# however, here we use a slightly more complicated setup that does
# "median" and is synched with the stepwise min_num_obs regime.
resample_how=dict(weekly=dict(daily="median"), monthly=dict(weekly="median")),
)

"""
Section 3: Configuration of observations
-----

Each obs entry needs at least an obs ID specified, a list of variables
that are supposed to be analysed and a specification of the vertical type
of the data (e.g. Column, Surface).
You may search for observational data via the pyaerocom CLI. E.g. to search
for observations containing the strings "Aeronet" and "Sun" and "V3" you may
search from the command line via:

pya --browse *Aeronet*Sun*V3*

This will list all data IDs matching this request and will also show
variables that are provided by each of the datasets that match the search.
"""

# Define a filter for the AERONET obs dataset that excludes data from
# stations that start with DRAGON and use only sites that are located
# between 0 m and 1000 m a.s.l.
AERONET_SITE_FILTER = dict(station_name="DRAGON*", negate="station_name", altitude=[0,
↪1000])

# Define a python dictionary containing observation datasets to be used and
# the associated variables.

```

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```

OBS_CFG = {
    # This entry is for the AERONET Sun version 3, daily dataset and will
    # provides total AOD (od550aer) and Angstrom Exponent (ang4487aer) to be
    # compared with the models.
    # AERONET is a ground based measurement network of sun photometer
    # measurements, for more info see here:
    # https://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/
    #
    # This dataset will be read by pyaerocom as "UngriddedData" since the
    # measurements are performed at AERONET site locations, and the input
    # data are provided as CSV files "per site location".
    #
    # This dataset will appear as AERONET in the AeroVal interface.
    "AERONET": dict(
        # obs_id tells pyaerocom where to find the data
        obs_id="AeronetSunV3Lev2.daily",
        # Which variables to use from AERONET, here we use total AOD (
        # od550aer) and Angstrom Exponent (ang4487aer).
        obs_vars=["od550aer", "ang4487aer"],
        # What vertical type do the variables represent (columnar)
        obs_vert_type="Column",
        # Metadata filters applied to the observations AFTER reading them
        # (as UngriddedData) and BEFORE co-locating them with the models.
        obs_filters={**AERONET_SITE_FILTER},
    ),
    # 2nd obs entry is a merged satellite AOD dataset, for more info see here:
    # https://acp.copernicus.org/articles/20/2031/2020/
    #
    # This dataset will be read by pyaerocom as "GriddedData" as it is
    # provided as gridded NetCDF file (near global coverage).
    #
    "MERGED-SAT": dict(
        # ID is linked with data location
        obs_id="MODIS6.1terra",
        # Which variables to use
        obs_vars=["od550aer"],
        # Which vertical code
        obs_vert_type="Column",
        # Since these data are gridded observations with near global
        # coverage, the underlying co-location routine will be
        # gridded OBS / gridded MOD. The following parameter defines to
        # which lat / lon resolution both MOD and OBS should be regridded
        # for co-location (5 degrees is a good compromise for a global
        # dataset, between spatial resolution and required storage of the
        # output files).
        regrid_res_deg=5,
    ),
}

```

```

"""

```

Section 4: Configuration of models

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Each model entry needs at least a model ID specified. If the model data is available in the AeroCom database (in AeroCom file format) you may search for data via the pyaerocom CLI. E.g. to search for model IDs containing the strings "ECMWF" and "CAMs" you may search from the command line via:

```
pya --browse *ECMWF*CAMS*
```

```
"""
MODEL_CFG = {
    # The key "CAMs-REAN" is how this model will be named in AeroVal
    "CAMs-REAN": dict(
        # Data ID of model data (tells pyaerocom where the data is located)
        model_id="ECMWF_CAMs_REAN"
    ),
    # The key "NorESM2" is how this model will be named in AeroVal
    "NorESM2": dict(
        # Data ID of model run (tells pyaerocom where the data is located)
        model_id="NorESM2-met2010_AP3-CTRL",
        # if model
        model_use_vars={
            # if obs var is od550aer, use od550csaer from the model
            # (od550csaer refers to clear-sky AOD)
            "od550aer": "od550csaer",
            # if obs var is ang4487aer, use ang4487csaer from the model
            "ang4487aer": "ang4487csaer",
        },
        model_read_aux={
            # Clear-sky AE is actually not available from the model so,
            # it is computed from clear-sky AOD at 440nm and 870 nm.
            # The function "calc_ae" is defined in "io_aux_file" (see
            # global setup above).
            "ang4487csaer": dict(vars_required=["od440csaer", "od870csaer"], fun="calc_ae
↪)
        },
    ),
}

"""
Section 5: Main script (run analysis)
-----
"""
# Combine all settings into one dictionary called CFG
CFG = {**GLOB_CFG, **DEFAULT_COLOCATION_SETUP}

# Add obs config
CFG["obs_cfg"] = OBS_CFG
# Add model config
CFG["model_cfg"] = MODEL_CFG
```

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```

def main():
    """
    Create EvalSetup and pass to ExperimentProcessor and run analysis
    """
    from pyaerocom.aeroval import EvalSetup, ExperimentProcessor

    CFG["raise_exceptions"] = True
    stp = EvalSetup(**CFG)
    ana = ExperimentProcessor(stp)

    # The following command is optional:
    # it checks deletes all output files associated with this experiment,
    # that is, for this experiment, everything under:
    # ../../coldata/examples/example1
    # ../../data/examples/example1
    ana.exp_output.delete_experiment_data()

    # The following command is optional:
    # it checks all output json files associated with
    # this proj_id and exp_id for outdated data. This is useful if e.g.
    # model or observation entries are removed or renamed and the experiment
    # is rerun. It can also be run independently of the actual processing.
    # It is especially useless to call this one if
    # ana.exp_output.delete_experiment_data() is called before =>
    # Anyways, good to know that it exists.
    ana.exp_output.clean_json_files()

    # Run the experiment
    # This co-locates all "pixels" of the evaluation matrix and creates all
    # json files needed for AeroVal. It should end with printing something
    # like:
    # Processing finished.
    ana.run()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

## 6.2 Example IO aux file for model reading

```

"""
Sample gridded IO AUX file for computation of new model variables

This file can be registered in an AeroVal configuration script and the
callable functions in FUNS can be used to compute new model variables.

In this example only 1 function is registered that is already implemented in
pyaerocom.

```

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The function is documented here:

[https://pyaerocom.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api.html?highlight=compute\\_angstrom\\_coeff\\_cubes#pyaerocom.io.aux\\_read\\_cubes.compute\\_angstrom\\_coeff\\_cubes](https://pyaerocom.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api.html?highlight=compute_angstrom_coeff_cubes#pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes.compute_angstrom_coeff_cubes)

Similar functions (that take `iris.cube.Cube` instances as input and return a new "Cube" can be defined in this file directly and then registered with a name (key) in `FUNS` and then used in configuration files to compute auxiliary model variables.

```
"""  
from pyaerocom.io.aux_read_cubes import compute_angstrom_coeff_cubes  
  
FUNS = {  
    "calc_ae": compute_angstrom_coeff_cubes,  
}
```



## CLI

Documentation of pyaerocom command line interface.

--help

-V, --version: Version of pyaerocom

Commands:

browse: Browse database. e.g., browse <DATABASE>

clearcache: Delete cached data objects

ppiaccess: Check if MetNO PPI can be accessed



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