

1 **Spatio-Temporal Distributions of the Natural Non-Sea Salt Aerosol over the Southern Ocean and Coastal Antarctica and its Potential**
2 **Source Regions**

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4 Information about the database, details of data processing, and complementary results

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8 **1. Information about the database**

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10 In Table T1 the logistic data of the sites and cruises are compiled together with relevant citations. The map in Figure S1 shows the cruise tracks of
11 all utilized experiments and the locations of the stations used in the present study. Only samples and hourly CPC-data are considered with air-ass
12 back trajectories not touching any continent north of Antarctica within five days before arrival at the measuring point. After trajectory-filtering
13 19205 samples remained comprising 788545 sampling hours. The corresponding number of filtered sampling hours of CPC-data was 331747. In
14 Figure S2 the meridional distribution of data chemical aerosol samples and hourly CPC-data are collected from all sites and research cruises of the
15 present study. To make the sample events comparable to the hourly CPC-values the occurrences in each latitudinal bin were divided by the total

16 number in each distribution. In both subsets of the database Antarctic coastal stations dominate the meridional distributions. Only the long CPC-
 17 timeseries at Kennaook Cape Grim Tasmania yields a secondary data maximum with 19% of the data.

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19 Table T1 Names of stations or experiments (cruise names in caps), station acronyms, station coordinates (S.O. = Southern Ocean parts of cruises,
 20 N_3 = time periods with number concentrations of particles > 3 nm, N_{10} = time periods with number concentrations of particles > 10 nm,
 21 Major ions= time periods with samples in which the particulate chemical components Na, NH₄, K, Mg, Ca, MSA, Cl, NO₃, SO₄ were
 22 analyzed, Citations = relevant publications concerning the data used in the present study, (PC = Personal Communication).

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Station or Experiment	Station acronym	Latitude	Longitude	N_3	N_{10}	Major ions	Citations
Aboa, Antarctica	ABO	-73.05	-13.42	2006-12-29_2007-1-29	2006-12-29_2007-1-29	1998-01-01_1998_02_02, 2006-12-30_2007-01-28	(Teinilä et al., 2000), (Asmi et al., 2010)
ACADEMIC FEDOROV 1999		S.O.	S.O.	1999-11-08_1999-12-08	1999-11-08_1999-12-08	1999-11-08_1999-12-08	(Koponen et al., 2002)
ACE (Antarctic Circumnavigation Expedition)		S.O.	S.O.		2016-12-20_2017-03-30	2016-12-20_2017-03-21	(Schmale et al., 2019a),

							(Schmale et al., 2019b)
ACE1_DISCOVERER		S.O.	S.O.	1995-10-13_1995-12-12	1995-10-13_1995-12-12	1995-10-26_1995-12-11	(Bates et al., 2000)
AEROSOLS99		S.O.	S.O.	1999-01-28_1999-02-24	1999-01-28_1999-02-24	1999-01-28_1999-02-24	(Bates et al., 2001)
Amsterdam Island	AMI	-37.48	77.34			2003-05-02_2011-12-26 2006-12-03_2007-04-05	(Claeys et al., 2010)
ANA06B		S.O.	S.O.			2016-01-07_2016-02-22	(Jung et al., 2020)
Arctowski, Antarctica	ARC	-62.15	-58.42		2013-03-01_2013-10-31		(Kubicki et al., 2016)
Baring Head, New Zealand	BAH	-41.42	174.87			1993-08-23_1996-11-05 2015-07-07_2016_08-04	(Savoie and Prospero, 1989), (Li et al., 2018)
Bird Island	BDI	-54.01	-38.05		2010-11-17_2010-12-28	2010-11-03_2010-12-26	(Schmale et al., 2013)
Kennaook Cape Grim, Tasmania	CGI	-40.68	144.69		1989-2020	1976-2010	(Savoie and Prospero, 1989);

							Gras, 1990; Gras, 1995; Ayers et al., 1996; Ayers et al., 1997; Ayers and Gillett, 2000; Keywood, 2003)
Cape Point, South Africa	CPT	-34.35	18.49		2008-01-01_2013-12-31		PC
CAPRICORN1		S.O.	S.O.	2016-03-14_2016-04-15		2016-03-14_2016-03-25	(Humphries et al., 2021)
CAPRICORN2		S.O.	S.O.		2018-01-10_2018-02-21	2018-01-14_2018-02-21	(Humphries et al., 2021)
Chatham Island	CHI	-43.92	-176.50			1983-09-15_1996-10-04	(Savoie, 1984)
CHINARE		S.O.	S.O.			2014-02-02_2014-04-14	(Zhang et al., 2021)
Davis, Antarctica	DAV	-68.58	77.97			1988-11-18_1991-02-23	3359
Dumont d'Urville, Antarctica	DDU	-66.67	140.02			1991-03-01_2017-10-15	(Weller et al., 2011b; Legrand

							et al., 2016; Legrand et al., 2021)
Falkland Island	FAI	-51.75	-60.00			1987-07-23_1996-18-11	(Savoie and Prospero, 1989)
G.v.Neumayer, Antarctica	GVN	-70.67	-8.27	1996-2021	1993-2018	1983-2021	(Weller et al., 2008; Weller et al., 2011a; Weller et al., 2011b; Weller et al., 2015)
King George Island	KGI	-62.18	-58.30			1990-03-27_1996-09-19	(Savoie et al., 1993)
King Sejong, Antarctica	KSJ	-62.22	-58.78	2009-2019	2009-2019	2013-01-13_2014-01-11, 2019-01-17_2020-01-24	(Hong et al., 2020; Jang et al., 2022)
MacMurdo, Antarctica	MAM	-77.85	166.73		2015-11-15_2017-01-03		(Lubin et al., 2020)
Macquarie Island	MAI	-54.50	158.95	1995-11-21_1995-12-12	1995-11-21_1995-12-12	1988-12-09_1993-03-03,	(Brechtel et al.,

						1995-10-31_1995-12-26	1998)
Maitri, Antarctica	MAT	-70.77	11.73		2005-01-01_2005-02-27		(Pant et al., 2011)
Marambio, Antarctica	MAR	-64.25	-56.63			2013-02-07_2015-11-30	(Asmi et al., 2018)
MARCUS		S.O.	S.O.		2017-10-29_2018-03-24		(McFarquhar et al., 2021)
Mario Zucchelli, Antarctica	MAZ	-74.68	164.10			2010-11-29_2011-01-23, 2014-11-06_2015-01-13	(Becagli et al., 2022)
Marion Island	MRI	-46.92	37.75			1992-02-25_1996-01-01	(Savoie and Prospero, 1989)
Mawson, Antarctica	MAW	-67.60	62.50			1987-02-18_1996-01-01	(Savoie et al., 1993), (Prospero et al., 1991; Savoie et al., 1992)
NORTHWIND		S.O.	S.O.		1979-12-18_1980_01-04		(Hogan, 1981)
OAC92		S.O.	S.O.		1992-11-14_1993-01-03	1992-11-14_1993-01-03	(Leck et al., 2002)

OOMPH2007		S.O.	S.O.			2007-01-19_2007-03-23	(Zorn et al., 2008)
Palmer, Antarctica	PAL	-64.77	-64.05			1990-04-03_1996-10-12	(Savoie et al., 1993)
PEGASO		S.O.	S.O.		2015-01-05_2015-02-07	2015-01-05_2015-02-08	(Decesari et al., 2020)
POLARSTERN		S.O.	S.O.		2011-04-23_2011-05-17, 2011-10-29_2011-11-29, 2012-04-13_2012-05-12, 2012-10-28_2012-11-26	2011-04-23_2011-05-17, 2011-10-29_2011-11-29, 2012-04-13_2012-05-12, 2012-10-28_2012-11-26	(Huang et al., 2018)
Princess Elisabeth, Antarctica	PRE	-71.95	23.35	2012-2019			(Herenz et al., 2019)
Russian Antarctic Expeditions		S.O.	S.O.			2004-2019	(Sakerin et al., 2022)
RITS93		S.O.	S.O.	1993-03-21_1993-05-07	1993-03-21_1993-05-07	1993-03-22_1993-05-06	(Quinn et al., 2017)
RITS94		S.O.	S.O.	1993-11-21_1994_01-07	1993-11-21_1994_01-07	1993-12-05_1994-01-05	(Quinn et al., 2017)
SHIRASE		S.O.	S.O.		2011-2020		PC

SIPEX_II		S.O.	S.O.	2012-09-13_2012-11-15	2012-09-13_2012-11-15		(Humphries et al., 2016)
Syowa, Antarctica	SYO	-69.00	39.58		1997-05-01_2021-12-31		(Hara et al., 2019)
Wellington, New Zealand	WEZ	-41.28	174.78			1987-10-20_1993-08-23	(Savoie and Prospero, 1989)
XUELONG		S.O.	S.O.			2017-12-02_2018-02-14	(Yan et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2021)
Zhongshan, Antarctica	ZHO	-69.37	76.37			2005-02-01_2008-11-09	(Xu et al., 2019)

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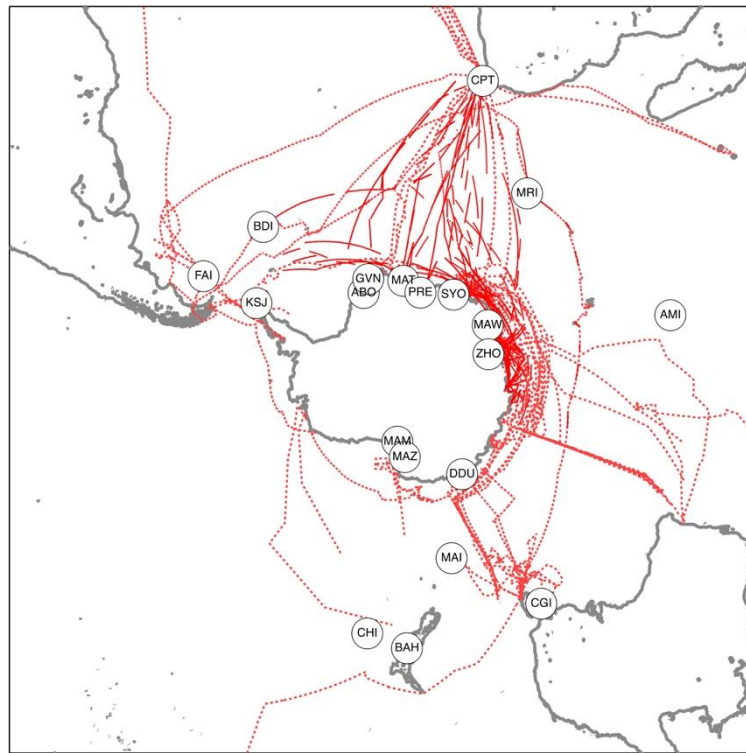
32 Table T2 Statistics of particle number concentrations (cm^{-3}), and major ion concentrations (ngm^{-3}) during the months October through April over
 33 the Southern Ocean and at island and coastal stations in Table S1. Non-sea-salt fractions are denoted as “nss”. Only data with 5-day
 34 back trajectories not touching any continent are included.

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Parameter	N ₃	N ₁₀	N ₃₋₁₀	Na	NH ₄	K	Mg	Ca	MSA	Cl	NO ₃	SO ₄	nssSO ₄	nssK	nssMg	nssCa
Number of cases	99344	140900	26555	11483	13112	10463	5589	5247	13124	10103	13767	13737	11815	10396	5568	5224
Average	517	491	70	482	91	30	53	36	49	799	38	358	207	16	7.1	17
Standard deviation	488	426	161	945	125	71	182	178	65	1417	50	417	190	35	20	79
Median	386	382	26	167	39	11	19	7.3	29	267	26	229	165	1.7	0.93	0.73
Median absolute deviation	169	150	26	124	33	8.9	15	5.8	18	210	17	116	85	1.7	0.93	0.73

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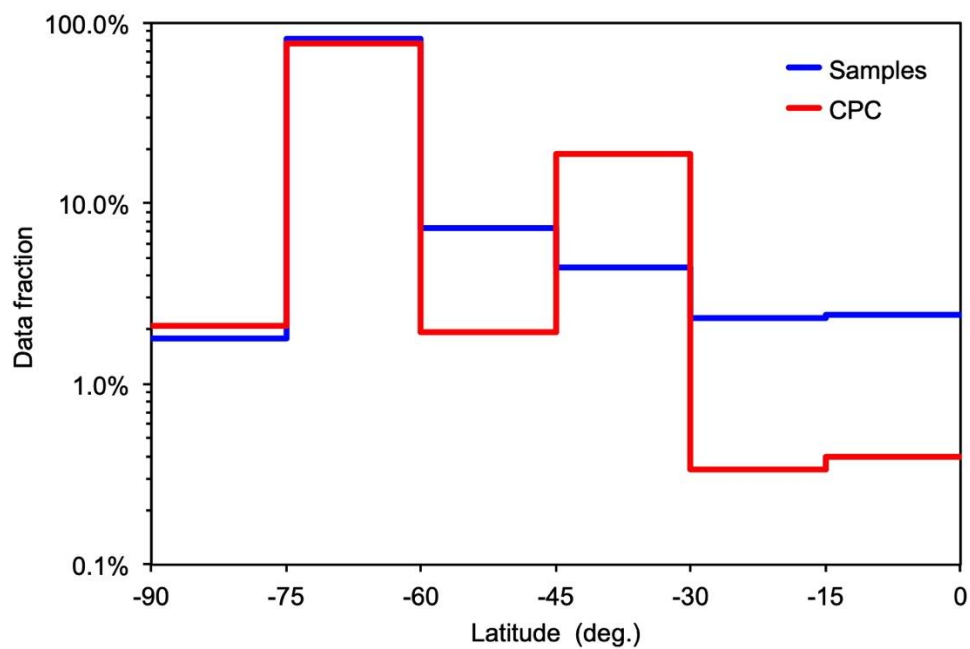
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40 Figure S1 Stations and tracks of cruises used in the present study. Station acronyms are
 41 listed in Table S1. Only stations with non-overlapping marker-text are shown.
 42 For the Russian Antarctic Expeditions, only sampling periods are available.

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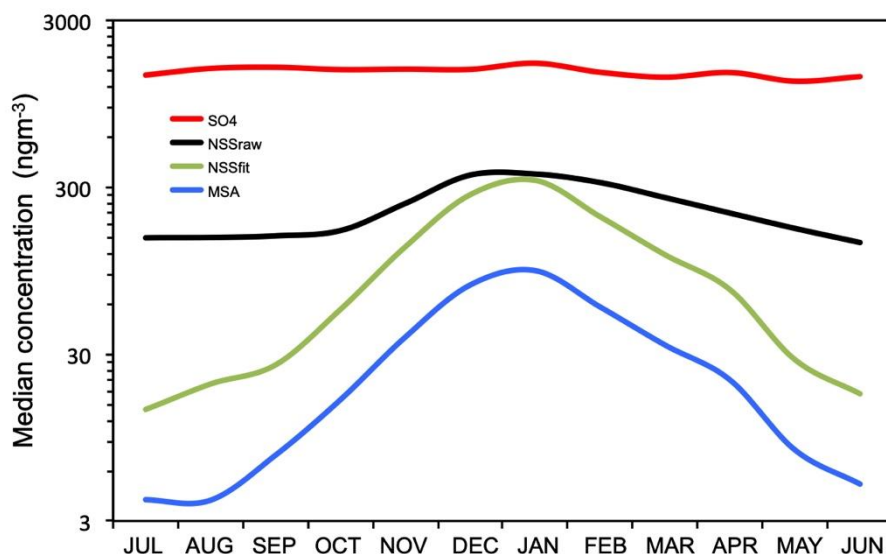
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45 Figure S2 Relative meridional distributions of aerosol sample and CPC data points used in
46 the present study. Only samples and hourly CPC-data are considered with back
47 trajectories not touching any continent north of Antarctica within five days before
48 arrival at the measuring point.

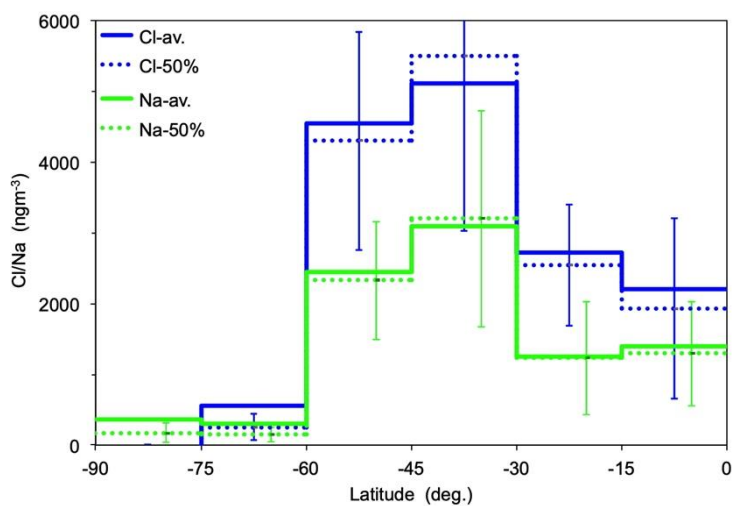
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50 **2. The problem of non-sea salt sulfate**

51 At Kennaook Cape Grim, Tasmania very few samples were taken without any influence
52 from the nearest continent. In Figure S3 this is illustrated for sulfate that shows high SO_4 -
53 values throughout the year with only a small indication of a potentially biogenic summer
54 peak. The component nssSO_4 (NSSraw in Figure S3) exhibits a stronger seasonal variation
55 albeit still considerably weaker than the purely biogenic component MSA, which we interpret
56 as due to continental contamination, in particular during winter. As we were interested in the
57 biological source of nssSO_4 we assumed that this component has a similar seasonal
58 distribution as MSA and formulated a correction procedure based on the seasonal distribution
59 of the latter and the potential continental contamination of the individual samples. The latter
60 was calculated by the ratio of sampling hours with five-day back trajectories reaching a
61 continent divided by the total number of sampling hours, termed BFRAC. For each month a
62 correction term was calculated. This term was weighed by BFRAC of the individual samples
63 and subtracted from NSSraw of the individual chemical aerosol samples in order to fit the
64 seasonal variation of nssSO_4 to that of MSA while allowing for higher absolute values of
65 nssSO_4 than for MSA by means of a scale factor. The 12 monthly correction terms plus the
66 scale factor were determined with Excels General Reduced Gradient solver by fitting the
67 corrected monthly median nssSO_4 values to the relative seasonal distribution of MSA. The
68 results of this procedure are shown as NSSfit in Figure S3. The optimized scale factor was
69 determined to $\text{MSA}/\text{NSSfit}=0.28$, which is somewhat higher than the value 0.23 given earlier
70 in Ayers et al. (1996) for Kennaook Cape Grim.

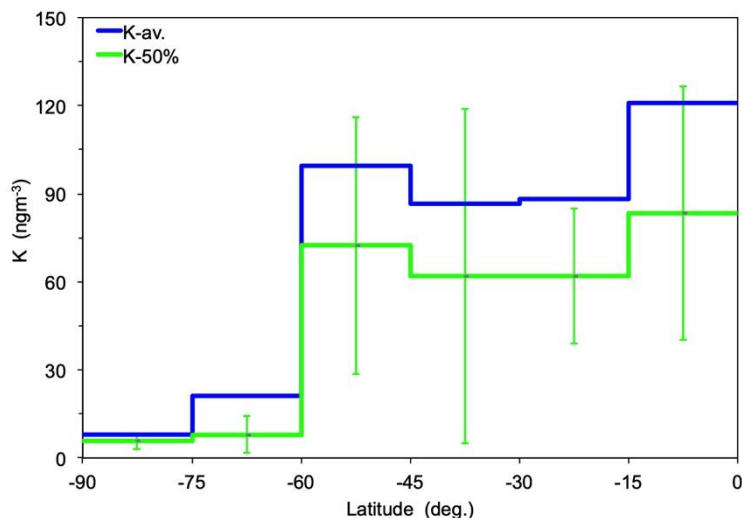


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 72 Figure S3 Monthly median sulfate (SO₄), methane sulfonic acid distribution (MSA), raw
 73 monthly median nssSO₄ (NSSraw), and contamination-corrected median nssSO₄
 74 (NSSfit) in ngm⁻³ from samples taken at Kennaook Cape Grim, Tasmania 1976-
 75 2008.



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 79 Figure S4 Annual average and median meridional distributions of Cl and Na over the
 80 Southern Ocean. Error bars correspond to median absolute deviations from the
 81 medians.

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84 Figure S5 Annual average and median meridional distributions of K over the Southern
 85 Ocean. Error bars correspond to median absolute deviations from the medians.

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87 4 Trajectory analysis

88 Hourly ten-day air-mass back trajectories were calculated arriving at 300 m over the sampling
 89 points. The trajectories cover each hour of the collected physical and chemical aerosol data.

90 The trajectories were based on the meteorological fields kindly made available by the US
 91 National Weather Service's National Center for Environmental Prediction (NCEP). Post2005

92 the calculations were based on the Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS1). In horizontal
 93 grids of $1^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$ resolution, meteorological parameters are stored every three hours with a

94 vertical grid spacing of 23 pressure surfaces between 1000 and 20 hPa. Vertical layers 1-5 are
 95 separated by 25 hPa. All higher layers (with the exception of the top layer) are separated by

96 50 hPa, (Kanamitsu, 1989). Before 2005 the trajectories are based on NCEP/NCAR
 97 reanalyzed meteorological fields with $2.5^{\circ} \times 2.5^{\circ}$ resolution

98 (https://www.ready.noaa.gov/gbl_reanalysis.php, last accessed 2021-11-29). The HYSPLIT-
 99 model for trajectory calculation (Stein et al., 2015) analyzes the meteorological inputs to

100 determine the appropriate internal vertical model resolution so that there are sufficient levels

101 to interpolate all the meteorological input without skipping data due to insufficient vertical
102 resolution.

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104 **4 The problem of local and distant continental contamination**

105 Any sampling of the natural aerosol in the pristine environment of the Southern Ocean or on
106 Antarctica faces a high risk of contamination. This risk is at least twofold, beginning with
107 local contamination since in most cases the necessary energy for the sampling instrumentation
108 has to come through local combustion sources. These combustion sources emit high amounts
109 of aerosol that needs to be minimized in the samples. At different stations and during
110 different research cruises varying approaches have been used to avoid local contamination
111 such as post-sampling inspection of results to eliminate outliers, often undocumented.

112 Wind sector controls, sometimes combined with windspeed thresholds reduce the risk of
113 local contamination. Because of the proximity of the Australian mainland the Kennaook
114 Cape Grim baseline station established early on such a baseline wind sector (Robbins and
115 Enting, 1989) that is applied to particle number data at Cape Point and for part of the
116 Kennaook Cape Grim data of the present study. At Cape Point and G.v.Neumayer a post-fact
117 critical wind sector for local contamination was available from information in the literature or
118 through discussion with the site operators, and was utilized in the present study. In these
119 cases, a “local” wind direction was calculated from the back trajectories during the last hour
120 before arriving at the sampling site. This wind direction was utilized in a virtual sector
121 control, i.e. to eliminate samples as potentially locally contaminated. Much more rigorous
122 sampling control is reached with fast sensitive condensation particle counters switching
123 samplers off when set thresholds or temporal concentration changes are reached (e.g., Ogren
124 and Heintzenberg, 1990).

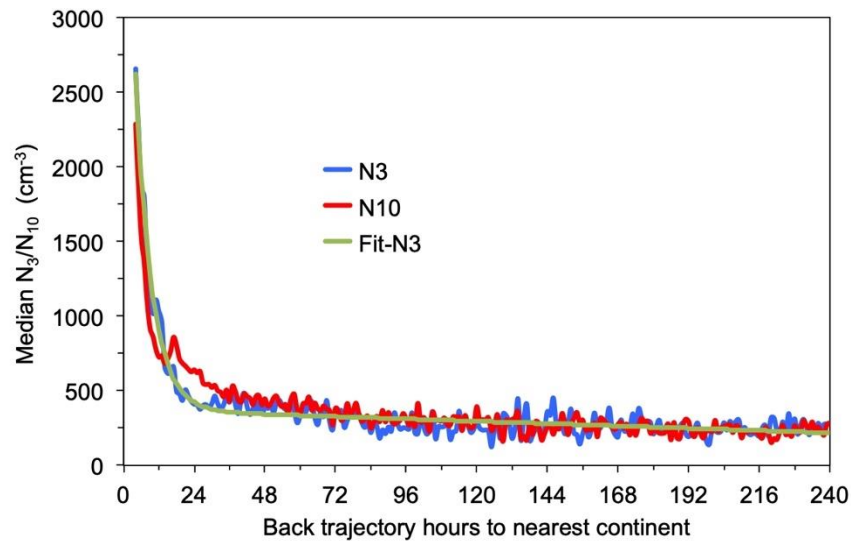
125 The particular sampling conditions at the Australian Baseline station at Kennaook Cape
126 Grim, Tasmania caused a contamination of chemical aerosol samples with local soil dust,

127 which was corrected with the help of local soil composition measurements according to the
128 method detailed in Ayers (2001) and Keywood (2007).

129 Excluding distant aerosol sources that are not part of the present study is more difficult to
130 achieve. Neff and Bertler (2015) quantified the contributions of continental dust sources to
131 the aerosol over the Southern Ocean by means of a large ensemble of forward trajectories
132 from the adjacent continents. The present synopsis is directed at the natural aerosol
133 originating over the Southern Ocean, and the influence of surrounding continents has been
134 minimized. For this purpose, hourly 10-day back trajectories to the available sampling
135 stations and ships were utilized in an inverse way in this study, compared to the study of Neff
136 and Bertler (2015). Whenever any such trajectory came within 10 km of any continental
137 margin, (except for Antarctica), the travel time to the respective sampling site was noted,
138 yielding a means to eliminate the data from any statistics.

139 A first test of this approach of minimizing any continental influence on the aerosol data of
140 the present study to build on hourly values of N_3 and N_{10} taken at all sites and cruises and the
141 travel times of their respective back trajectories to the nearest continents. In Figure S6
142 median N_3 and N_{10} as a function of travel time greater than three hours are plotted. From
143 median values beyond 2000 cm^{-3} concentrations drop rapidly with increasing travel time,
144 reaching stable levels around 400 cm^{-3} and below beyond travel times of 24 hours. To make
145 this result useful for other studies aimed at minimizing the continental influence on the marine
146 atmosphere we fitted a combination of rapid exponential and slow linear decay to N_3 in
147 Figure S6. Eq. 1 shows the respective decay formula with t being the trajectory travel time in
148 hours from the nearest continent.

$$149 \quad N_3 = 4594 * e^{(-0.178*t)} - 0.6512 * t + 374.03 \quad (1)$$



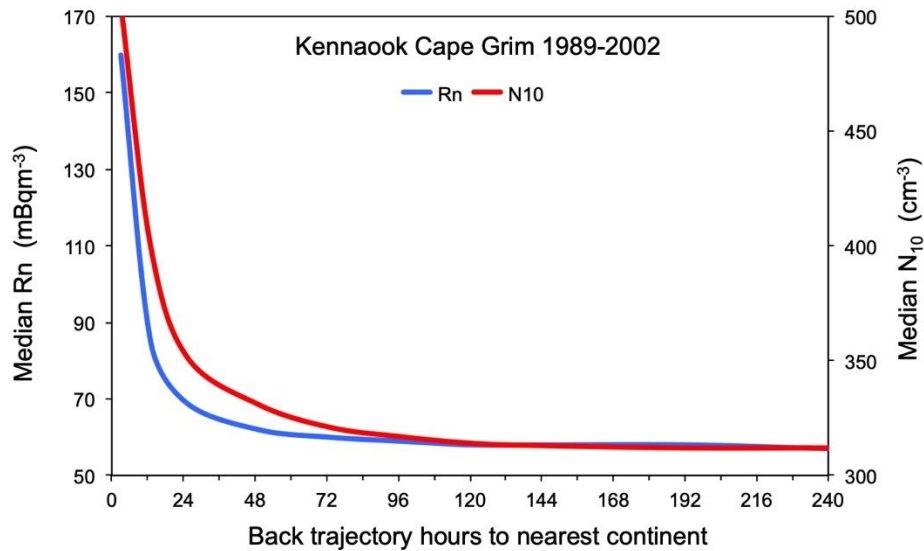
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151 Figure S6 Median N_3 and N_{10} (cm^{-3}) at all stations and on all cruises as function of back
 152 trajectory hours to the nearest continent. Fit-N3 = A sum of an exponential and a
 153 linear decay fitted to N_3 , see text for details.

154 A second test was made with the hourly N_{10} data from Kennaook Cape Grim along with
 155 ^{222}Rn data during the years 1989-2002. The measurement of ^{222}Rn has proven to be an
 156 excellent indicator of the continental nature of air sampled in marine environments because it
 157 is almost exclusively of continental origin (Larson and Bressan, 1980). At Kennaook Cape
 158 Grim this measurement was established by Whittlestone in the 1980s, (Whittlestone, 1989).
 159 For the years 1989 to 2002 hourly Rn data were available for the present study along with
 160 hourly particle number concentrations and major ion data. At Cape Point complementary
 161 ^{222}Rn was available for the CN data during 2008-2012. Whenever possible the procedures
 162 discussed above were applied to the physical and chemical aerosol data to filter out potential
 163 continental influences. Independent of the locally determined filtering procedures discussed
 164 in this section the constraint of at least five days of back trajectories to the nearest continent
 165 was applied to all data discussed below, except for MSA, (cf. section 3.2.1 in the manuscript).

166 Figure S7 shows median N_{10} and Radon as function of travel time to the nearest continent.
 167 Both, ^{222}Rn and N_{10} drop rapidly with travel time with levelling out after about 48 hours
 168 with N_{10} around 300 cm^{-3} . We deduce from these results that the threshold of 100 mBqm^{-3} as

169 threshold in segregating Kennaook Cape Grim data with minimum continental influence
170 reported by Zahorowski et al., (1996) was well justified. At times without Radon information
171 a threshold of 48h of travel time from Australia was used.



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173 Figure S7 Median N₁₀ (N10, cm⁻³), and ²²²Radon (Rn, mBqm⁻³) at Kennaook Cape Grim,
174 Tasmania during the years 1989 – 2002 as function of back trajectory hours to the
175 nearest continent.

176 It would be desirable to conduct comparable contamination exercises at all other stations and
177 on the cruises of the present study. However, the necessary tracer data were not available.

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