

Interactive comment on “A comparison of three optical absorption photometers at a boreal forest site – effects of different correction algorithms” by Krista Luoma et al.

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Dear authors,

I have found the paper very interesting. I would like to add a quick comment on section 4.3, where you discuss the Absorption Ångström exponent (AAE) retrieved when using different correction algorithms.

In the case of the AE31 (page 19, paragraph starting in line 29), I would like to mention that we have compared the AE31 with a multi-wavelength absorption photometer (see ref1), an instrument that works in a similar way to the MAAP but uses multiple

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light sources at 5 different wavelengths. In our comparison we have found that the AAE retrieved from "raw" AE31 data was closer to the reference AAE, compared to the "corrected" AAE, calculated after correcting the data using two different correction algorithms.

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