

Table 1: “Sub-Saharan” aerosol model: spectral aerosol optical depths and precipitable water vapor information.

Season	τ_a (440)	τ_a (500)	τ_a (670)	τ_a (870)	τ_a (1020)	P.W.V. (cm)
	0.895	0.830	0.695	0.602	0.558	2.787
Harmattan		0.59 ¹	0.653 ²			2.76 ²
(Nov-Mar)		0.29 ⁵	0.485 ⁴			1.35 ³
		0.333 ⁶				1.13 ⁴
	0.476	0.455	0.405	0.372	0.363	4.620
Non-		0.431 ¹	0.704 ⁴			2.75 ³
Harmattan		0.19 ⁵				3.84 ⁴
(Apr-Oct)		0.273 ⁶				

¹d’Almeida (1987), measurements made at Zaria, Nigeria during 1981-82.

²Faizoun et al. (1994), measurements made at Ouangofitini during 1985-87.

³Tuller (1968).

⁴Faizoun et al. (1994), measurements made at Bidi during 1987-89.

⁵Tegen et al. (1997), obtained from monthly mean totals of nine individual species, derived from a transport models, in a grid cell over Ilorin, Nigeria.

⁶Values from the Global Aerosol Data Sets (GADS) by Koepke et al., (1997) for winter (0% RH) and summer (70% RH), at 500 nm over a 10N, 5E grid box.