

# aeronetSolarVillage sun photometer

## General information

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Dataset name: aeronetSolarVillage sun photometer  
Created on: 2006-12-05

### Contact(s)

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### Period

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Date begin (yyyy-mm-jj): 1999-02-22  
Date end (yyyy-mm-jj): 2005-09-25

### Project(s)

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## Data description

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### Abstract

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### Observing strategy

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## Instrument information

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### Sensor

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Instrument type:	Photometers
Manufacturer:	Cimel Electronique 172, rue de Charonne 75011 Paris, FRANCE
Model:	Sun Photometer

## Geographic information

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### SOLAR VILLAGE

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Location name:	SOLAR VILLAGE
Platform type:	GROUND STATIONS
West bounding coordinate (°):	46.41
East bounding coordinate (°):	46.41
North bounding coordinate (°):	24.91
South bounding coordinate (°):	24.91
Altitude min:	650
Altitude max:	650

## Measured parameters

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### Aerosol Optical Thickness

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Parameter name:	Aerosol Optical Thickness
Parameter keyword:	Atmosphere > Aerosols
Unit:	no unit
Date begin (yyyy-mm-jj):	1999-02-22
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### Water Vapor

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Parameter name:	Water Vapor
Parameter keyword:	Atmosphere > Atmospheric Water Vapor > Water Vapor Indicators > Water Vapor
Unit:	grams per square centimeter
Date begin (yyyy-mm-jj):	1999-02-22
Date end (yyyy-mm-jj):	2005-09-25

## Solar Zenith Angle

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Parameter name:	Solar Zenith Angle
Parameter keyword:	Atmosphere > Atmospheric Radiation
Unit:	degrees - degrees
Date begin (yyyy-mm-jj):	1999-02-22
Date end (yyyy-mm-jj):	2005-09-25

## Data use information

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