Comparison of RSS spectral measurements and RT model calculations for clear skies

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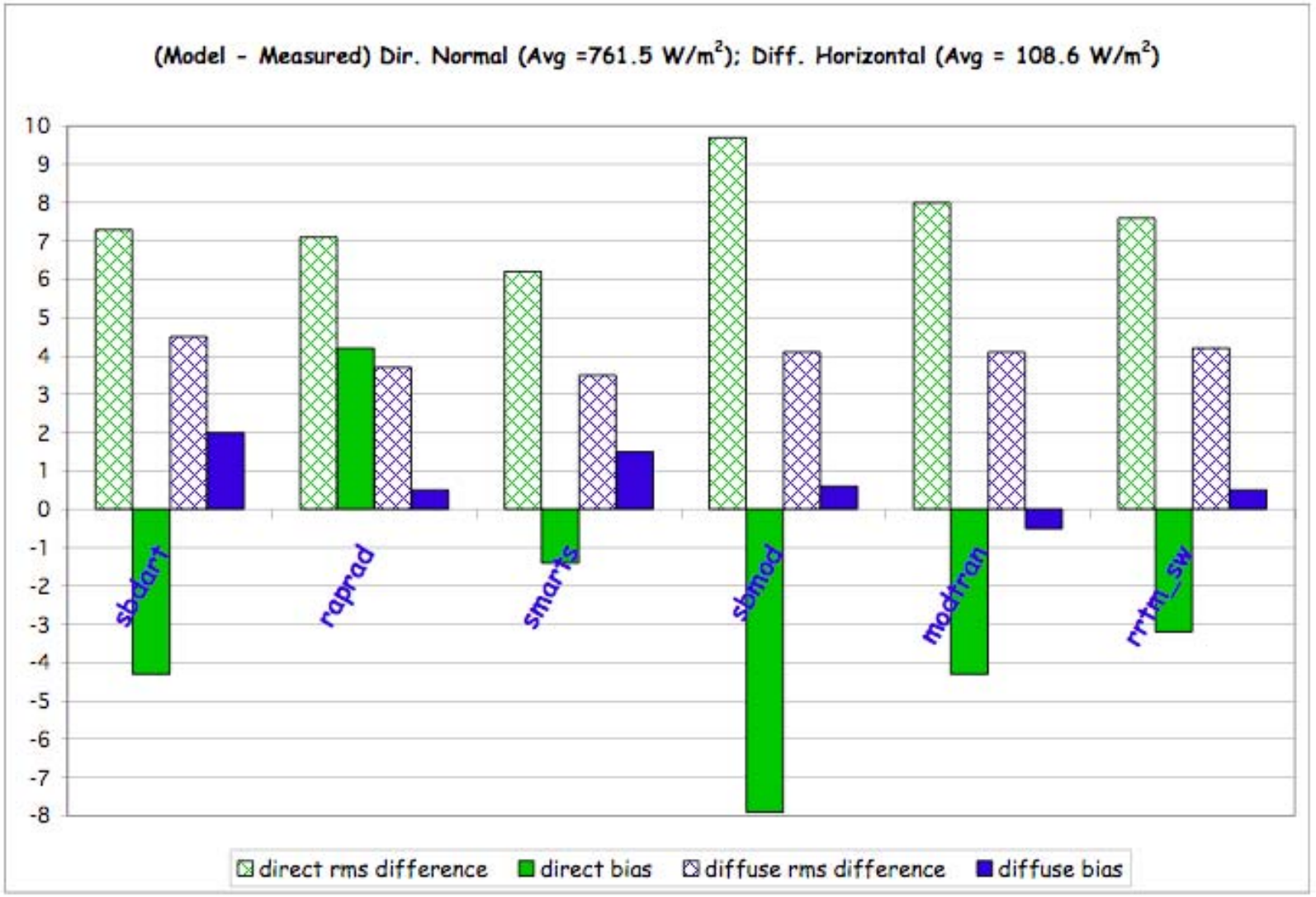
- Compare irradiance at moderate spectral resolution
- Rotating shadowband spectroradiometer (RSS)
- Why work in transmission
- Inputs to the models
- Six clear-sky comparisons
- Summarize results to this point

Broadband SW Model and Measurement Comparison



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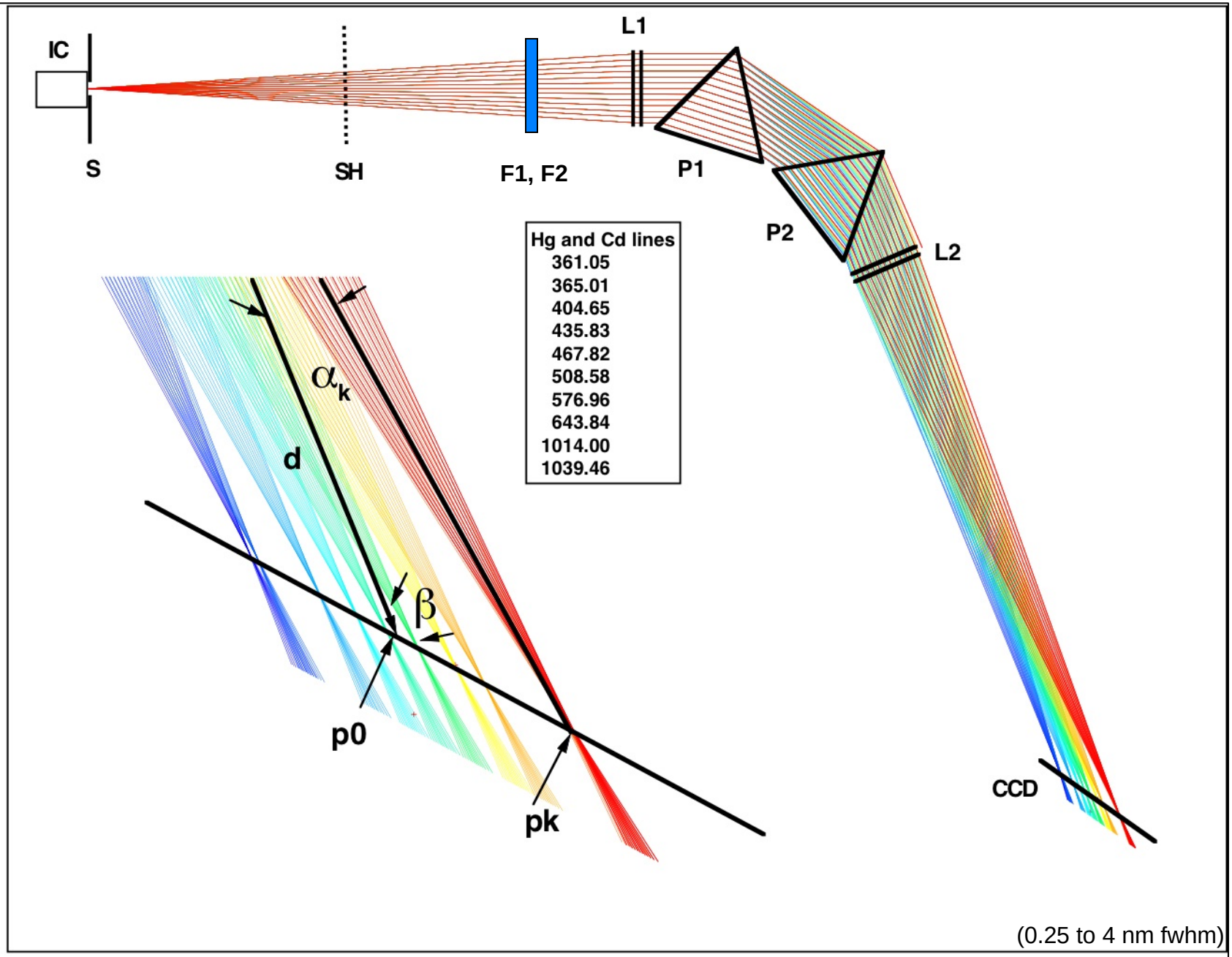
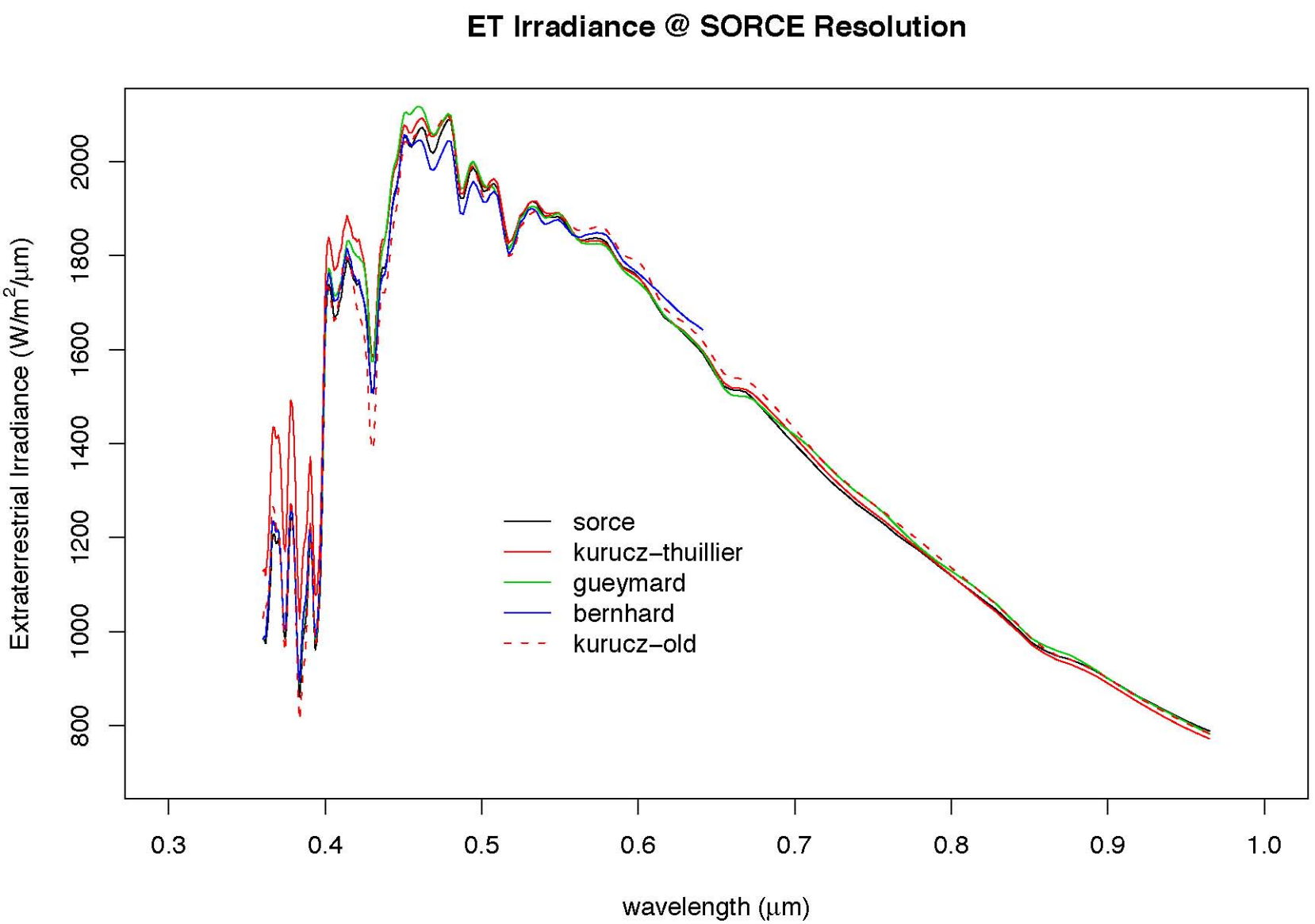
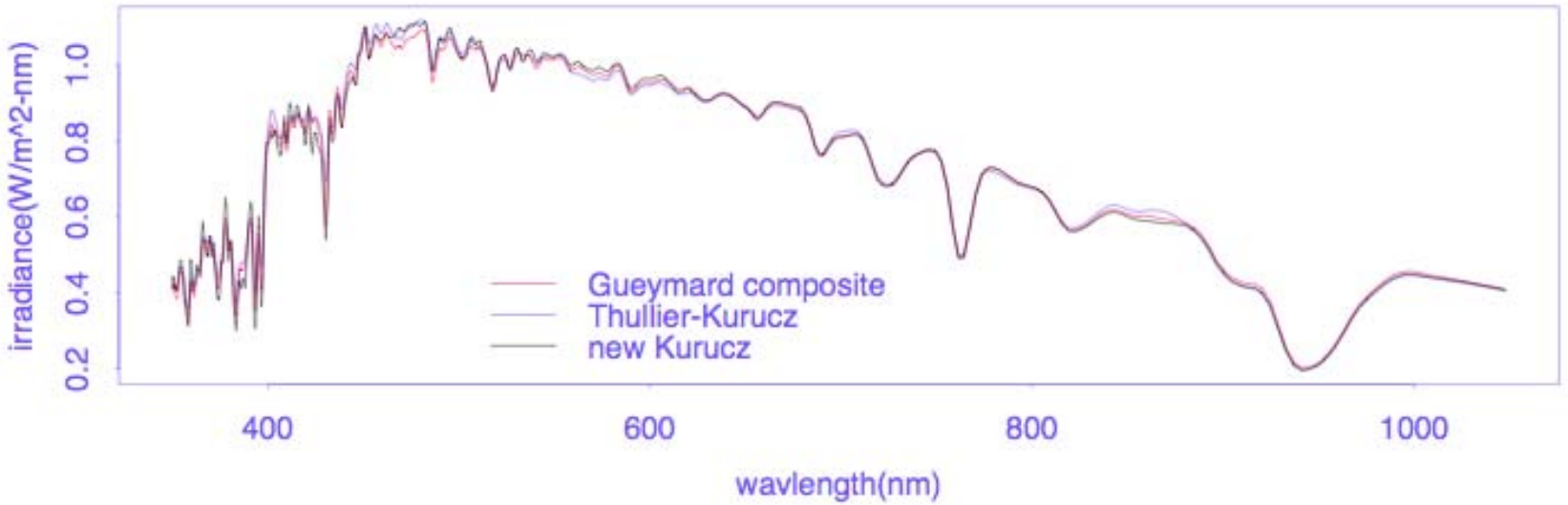
Rotating Shadowband Spectroradiometers
at ARM in Oklahoma, USA

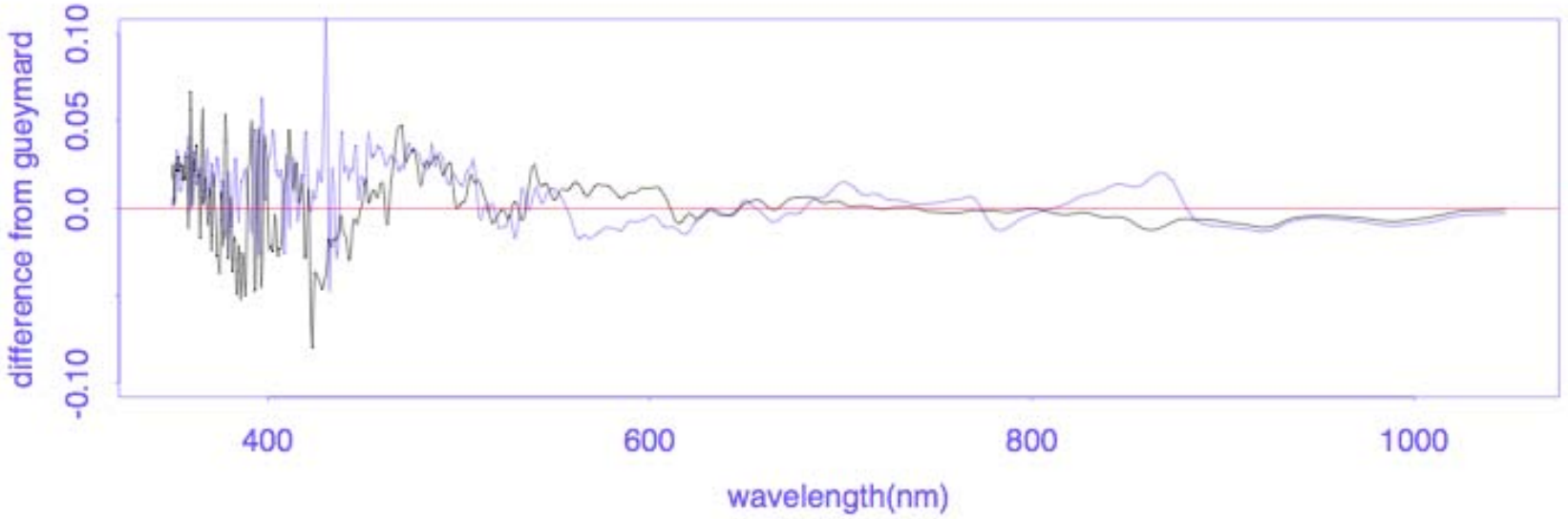


(0.25 to 4 nm fwhm)

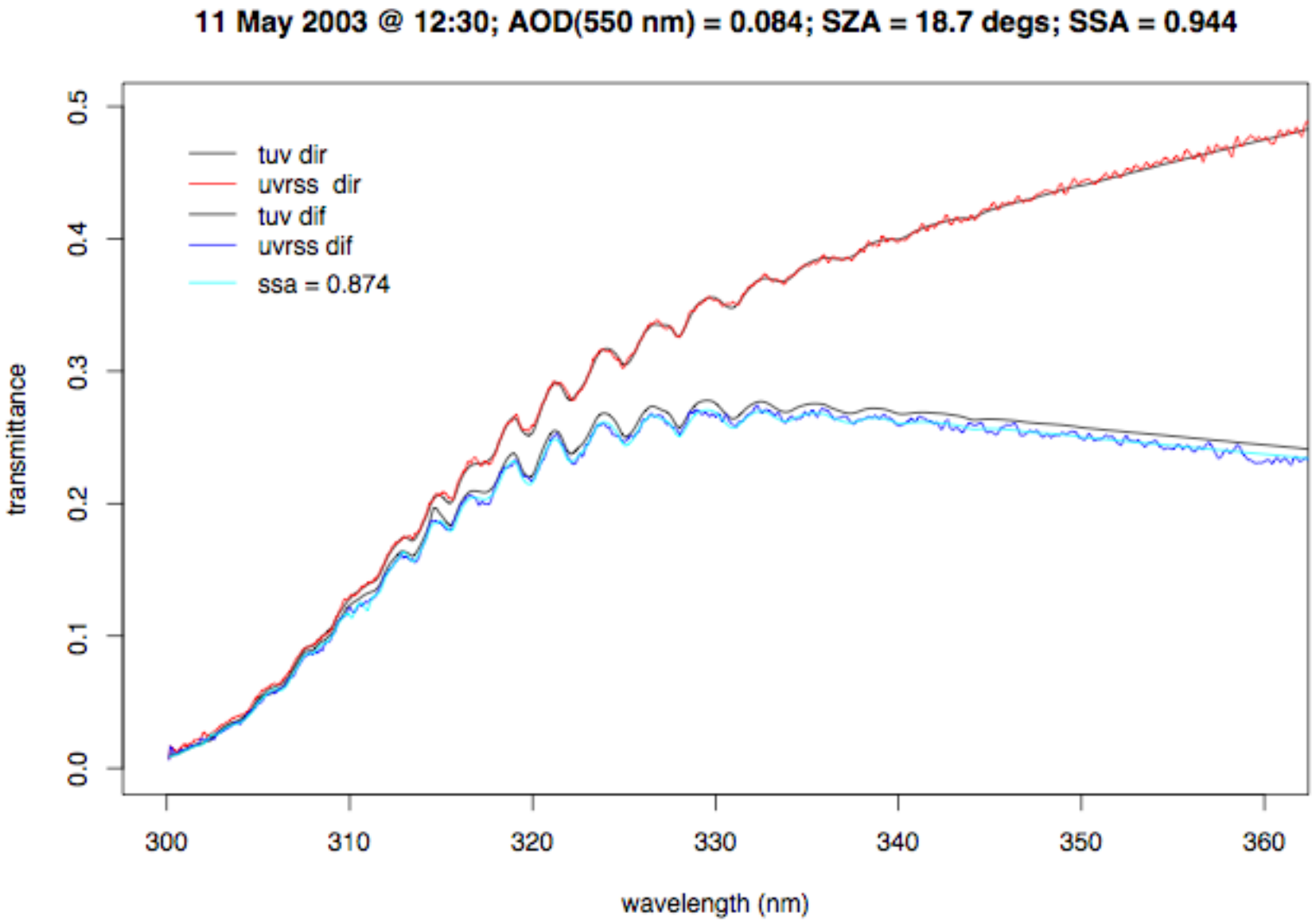

ET Irradiance @ SORCE Resolution
Extraterrestrial Irradiance (W/m^2/μm)
800
1000
1200
1400
1600
1800
2000
0.3
0.4
0.5
0.6
0.7
0.8
0.9
1.0
wavelength (μm)
sorce
kurucz–thuillier
gueymard
bernhard
kurucz–old

Some Differences Caused by ET Source Functions in SMARTS2





Results from Using UV-RSS in Transmission



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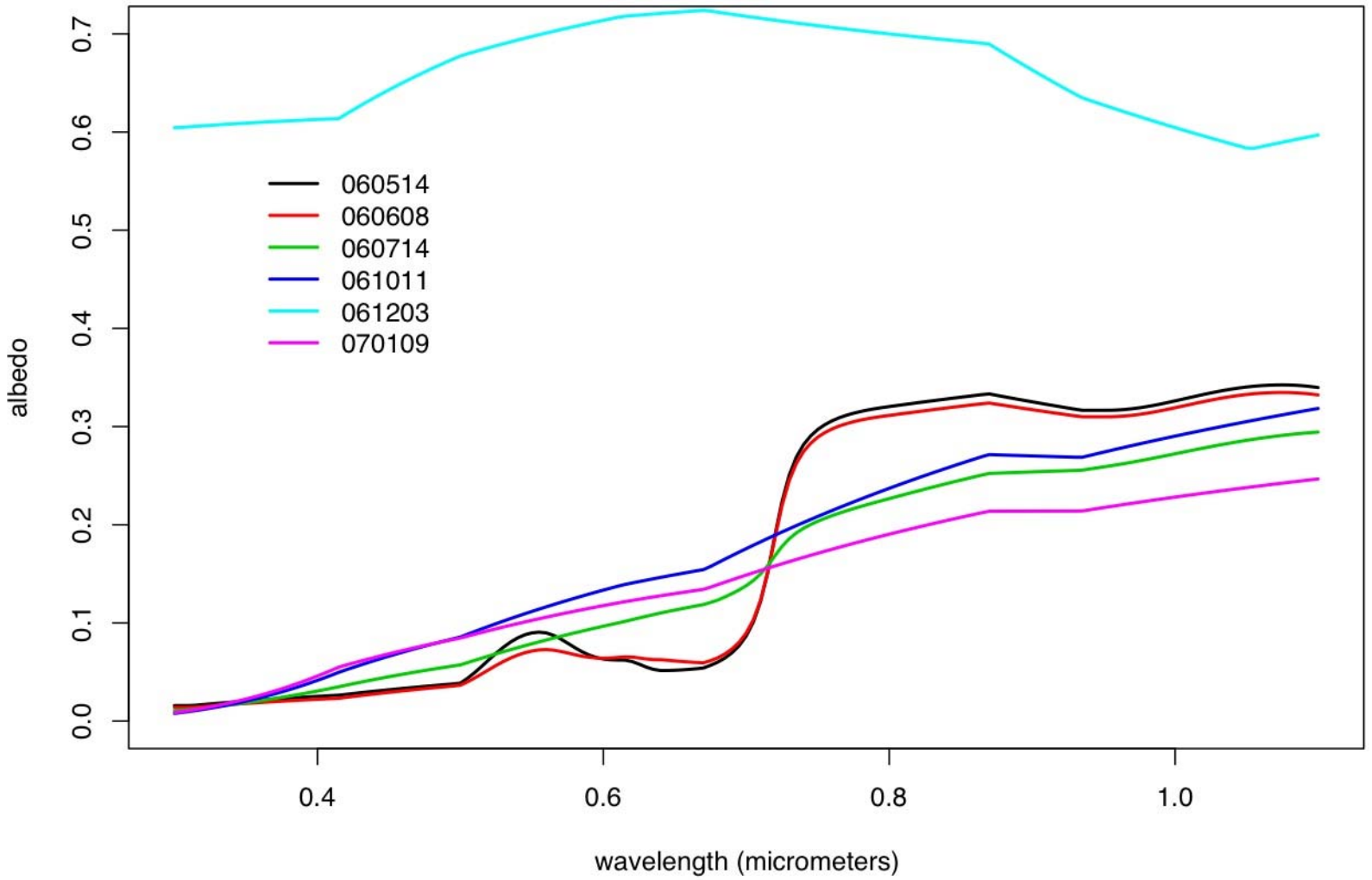
20060608	159.728426	18.88	2.26	0.311	0.083	1.23	0.92	0.49
20060714	195.728519	20.84	3.37	0.297	0.121	1.19	0.93	0.62
20061011	284.729259	45.1	1.27	0.288	0.045	1.73	0.81	0.48
20061203	337.72912	59.92	0.38	0.306	0.064	1.37	0.9	0.46
20070109	9.729167	60.75	0.65	0.289	0.034	0.67	0.87	0.52

Assigned ssa

Albedos Based on Six Spectral Filter Measurements Above Crop and Pasture



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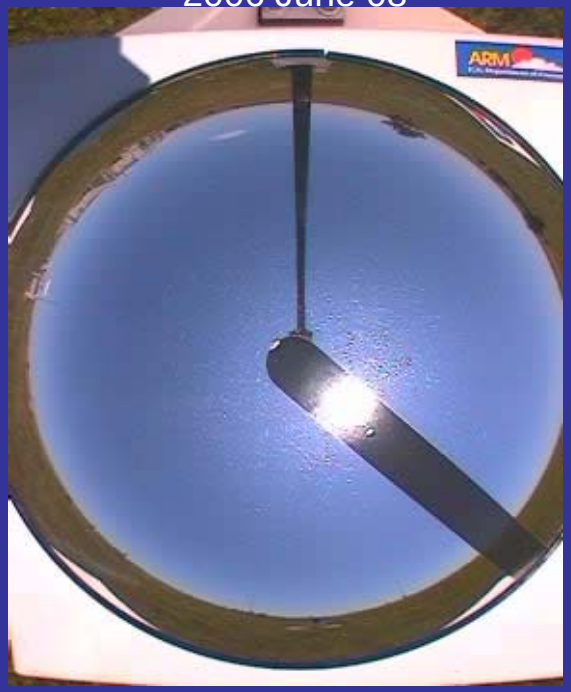

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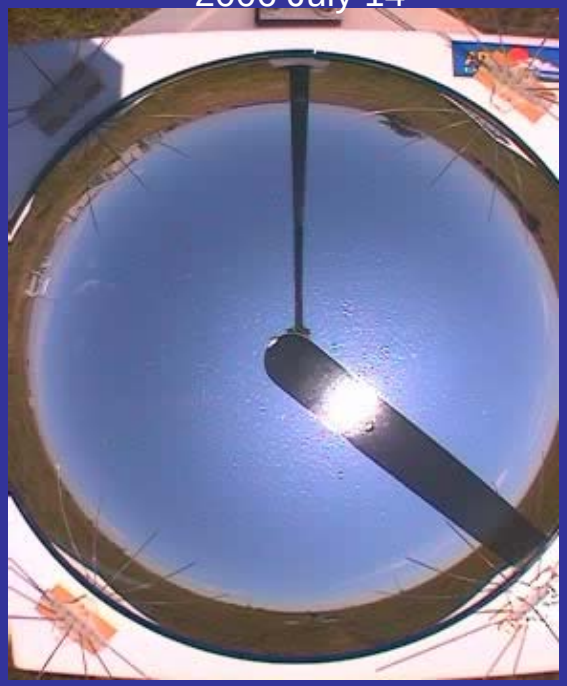

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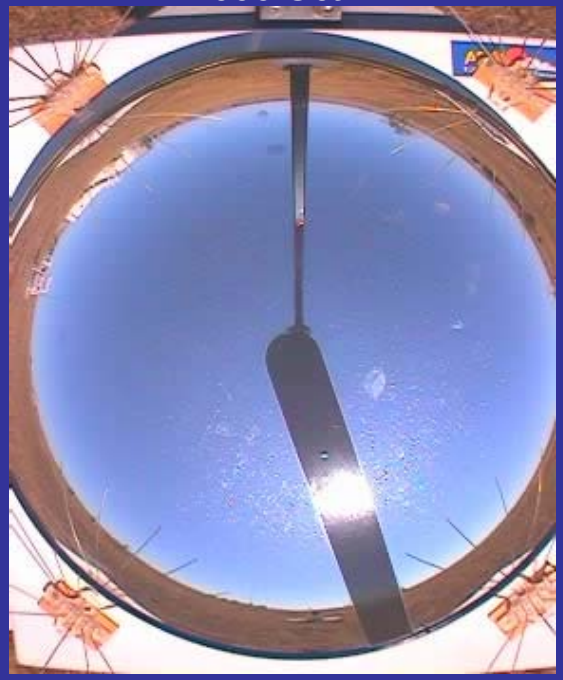

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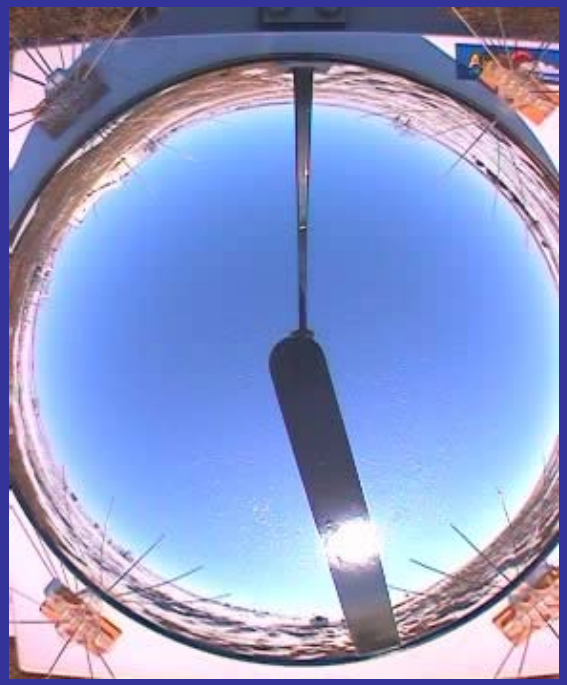

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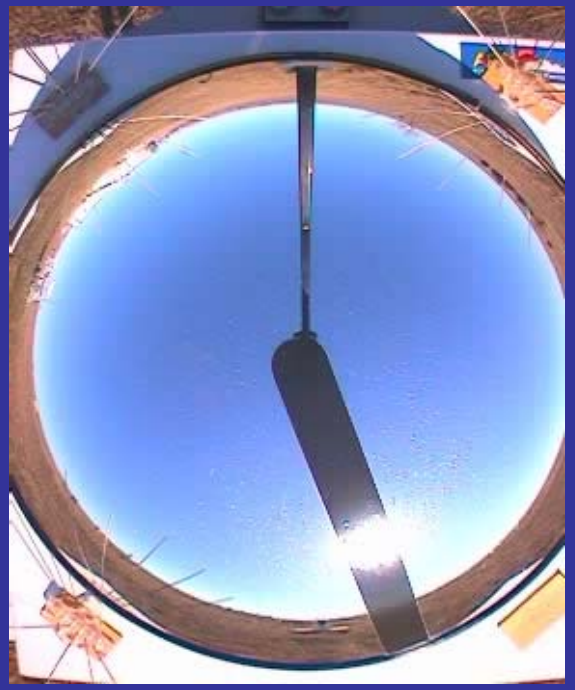

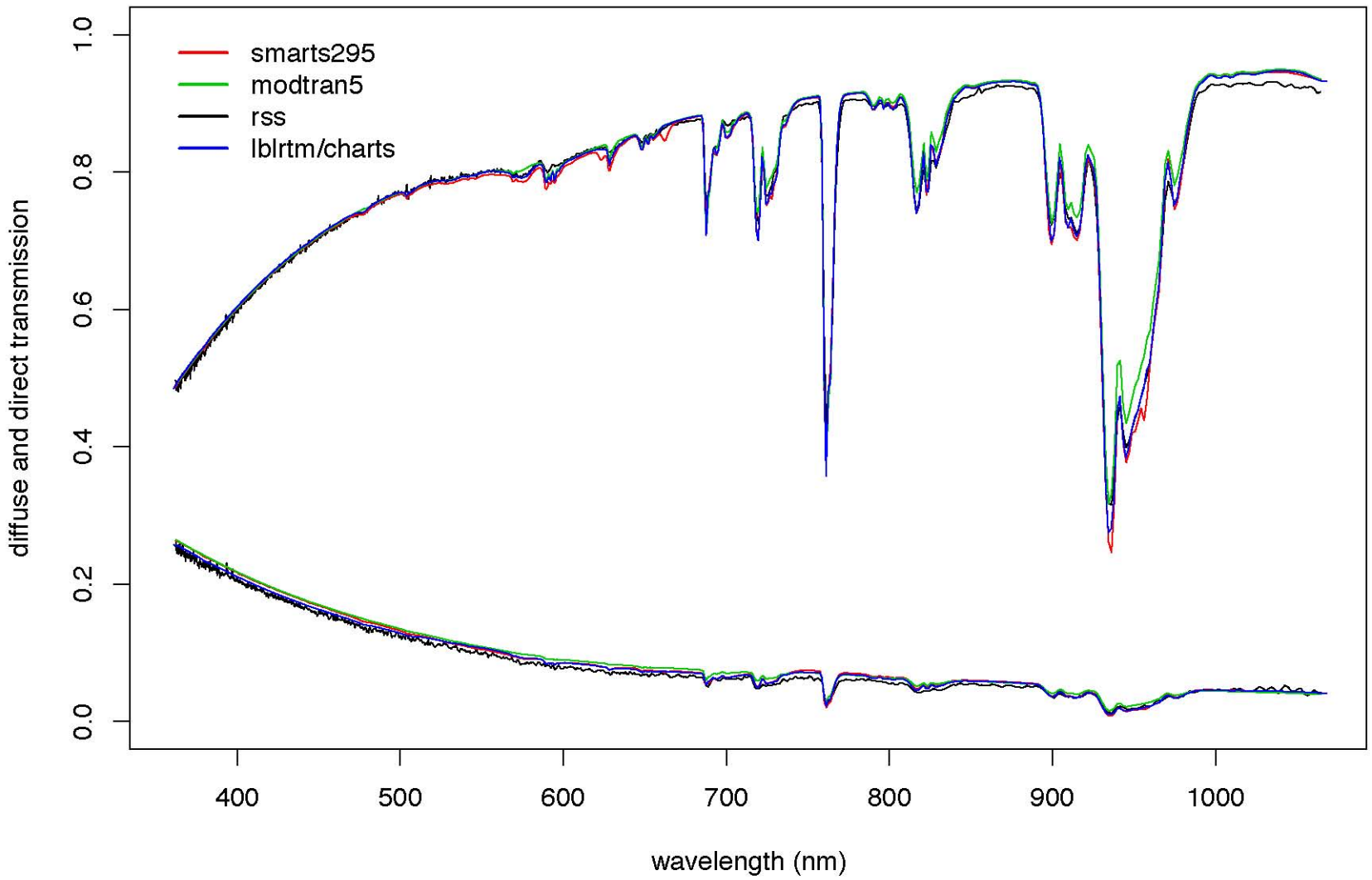
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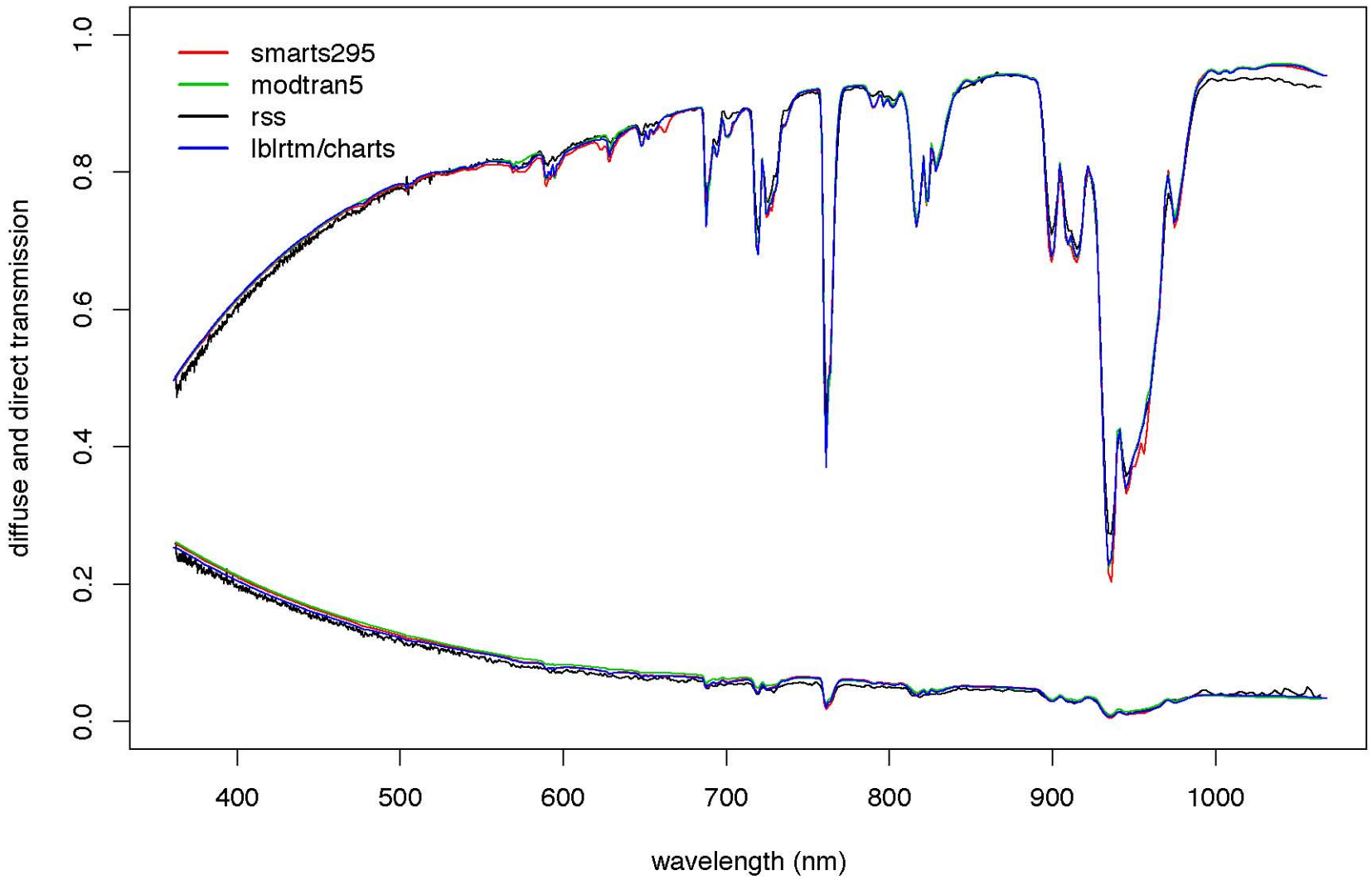
smarts295
modtran5
rss
lblrtm/charts
diffuse and direct transmission
0.0
0.2
0.4
0.6
0.8
1.0
400
500
600
700
800
900
1000
wavelength (nm)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rss
lblrtm/charts
diffuse and direct transmission
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0.8
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400
500
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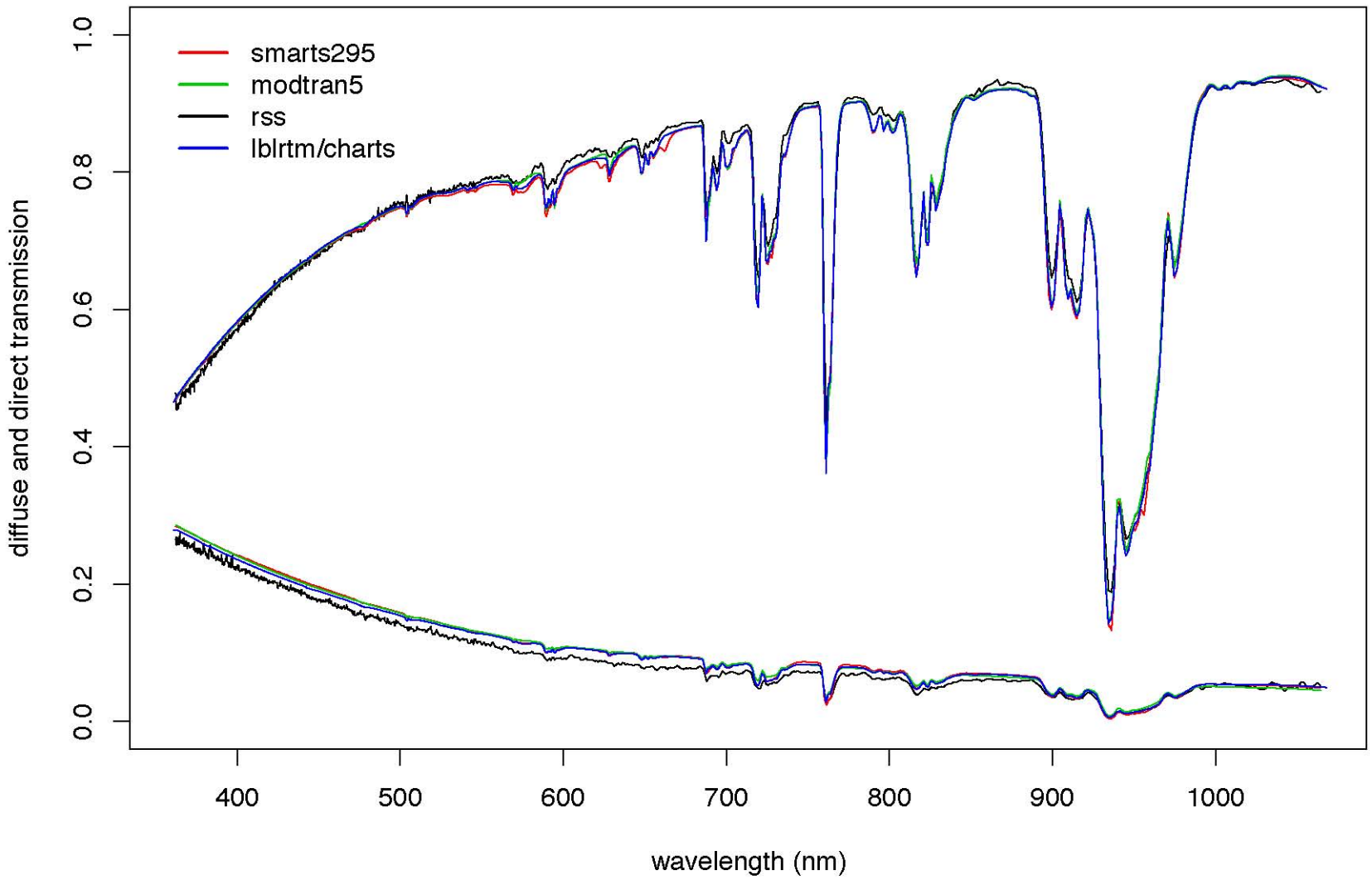
wavelength (nm)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rss
lblrtm/charts
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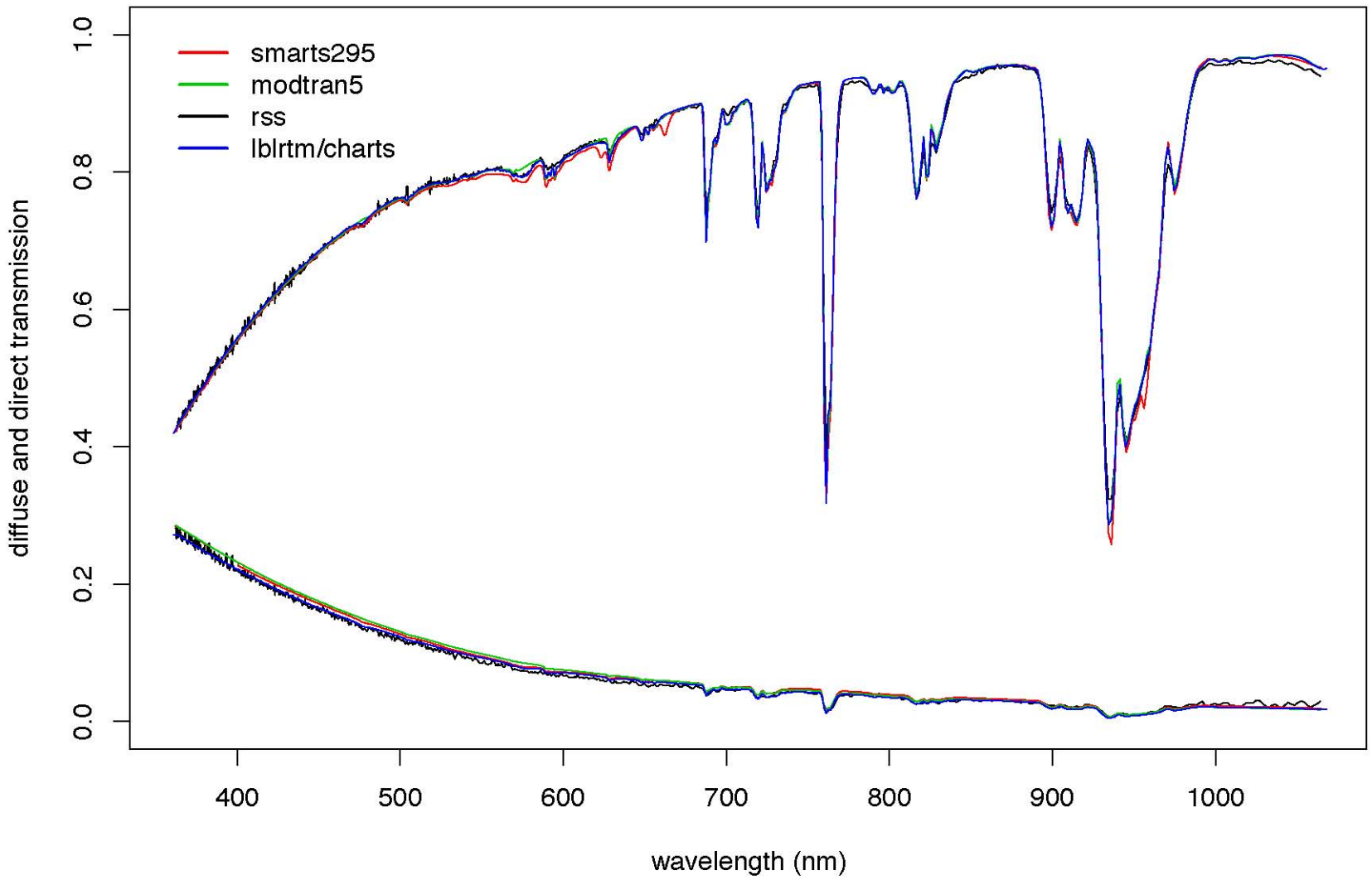
wavelength (nm)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diffuse and direct transmission
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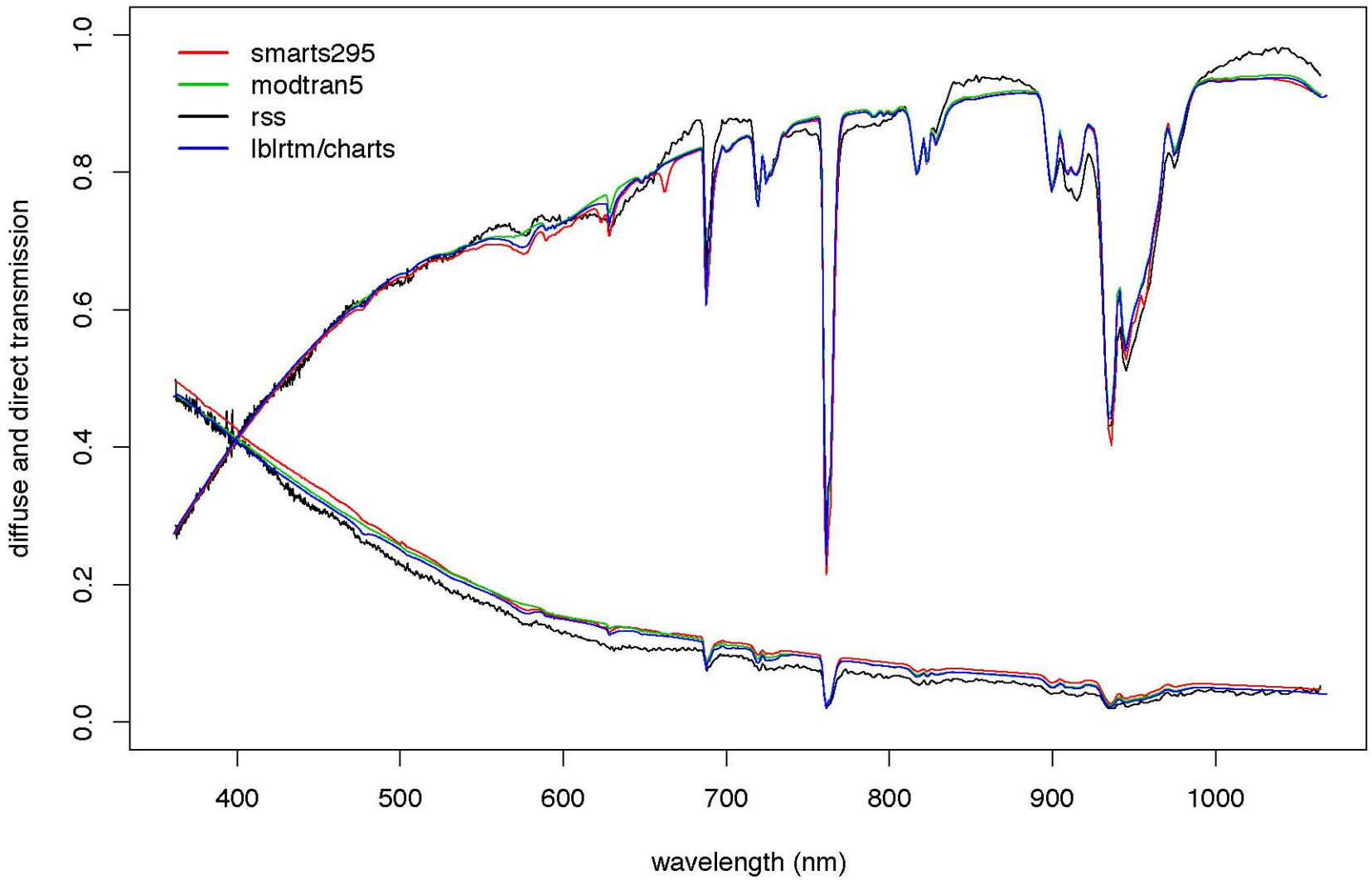
wavelength (nm)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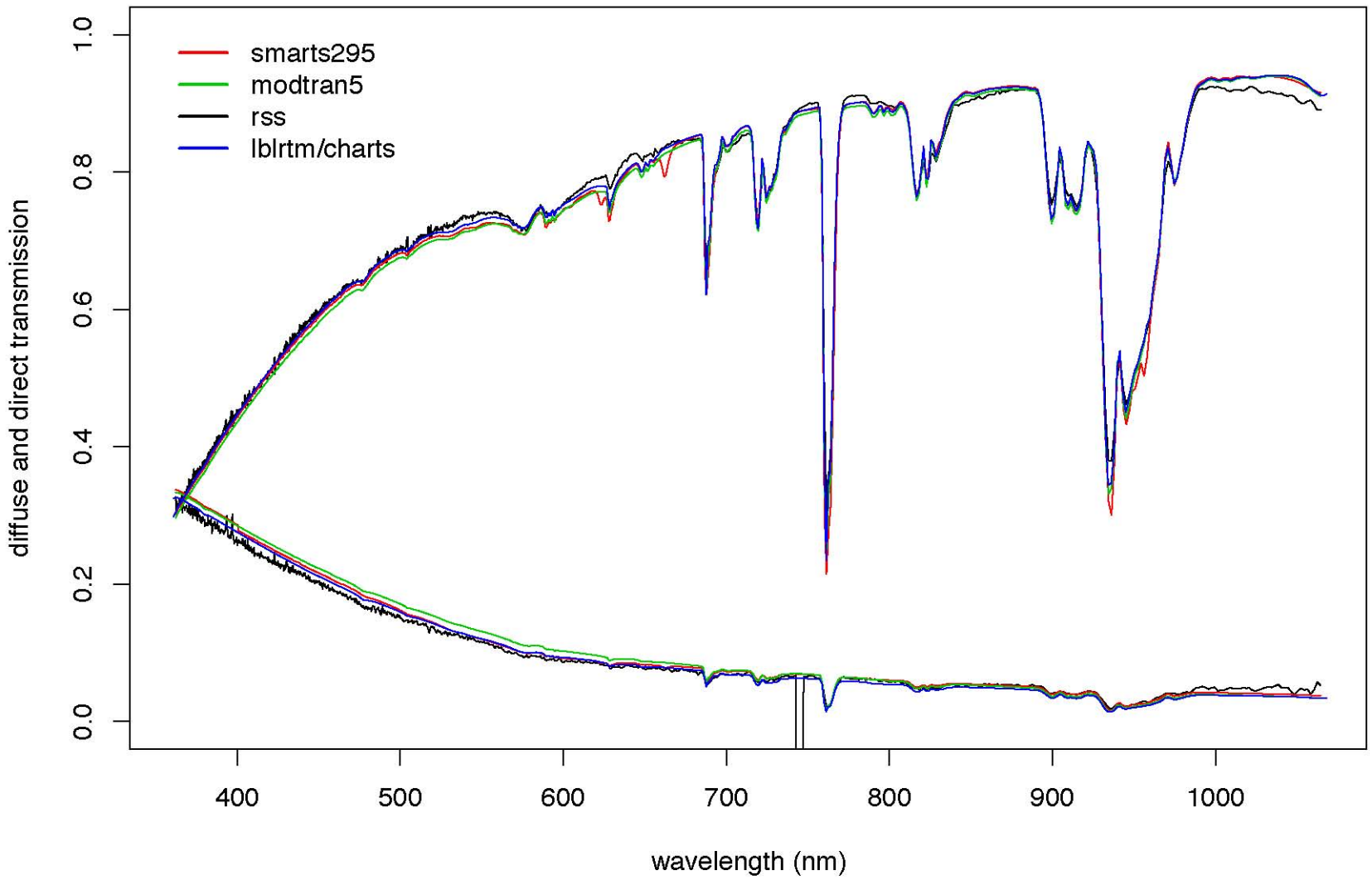
wavelength (nm)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0.8
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400
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wavelength (nm)

Summary to Date

- Would like to know of others' efforts to compare spectrally at these wavelengths
- Trying to refurbish the RSS for better stability
- Transmission is a viable approach for comparisons
- Blue-green diffuse is overestimated by models
- Some model modifications clearly warranted
- Coarse mode may not be represented well by simple Angstrom model; need more certain ssa's(λ) and g's(λ)