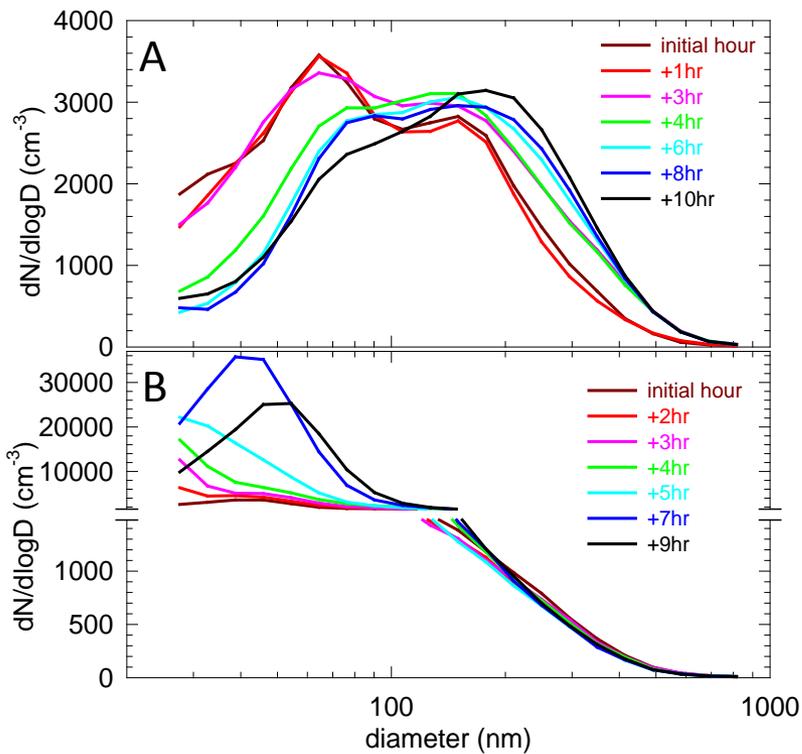


**Figure 1. A and B Aitken particles 25-100 nm diameter. C and D accumulation particles 100-400 nm.** All data are when mixing height (MH) exceeds cloud base altitude. A legend applies to B. C legend applies to D. Correlation coefficients,  $R$ , of ceilometer (CEIL) cloud fraction,  $cf$ , (**A**) and (**B**) with mean particle diameter,  $mpd$ , and (**C**) and (**D**)  $cf$  with concentration for aerosol lags of  $cf$  measurements at zero hour.  $R_{max}$  is maximum  $R$ ,  $R_{min}$  is minimum  $R$ ,  $P2$  is two-tailed probability. Black is all CEIL data, red is CEIL daytime (07-19h). Red is daytime cases. Pink includes  $cf = 0$  for daytime.

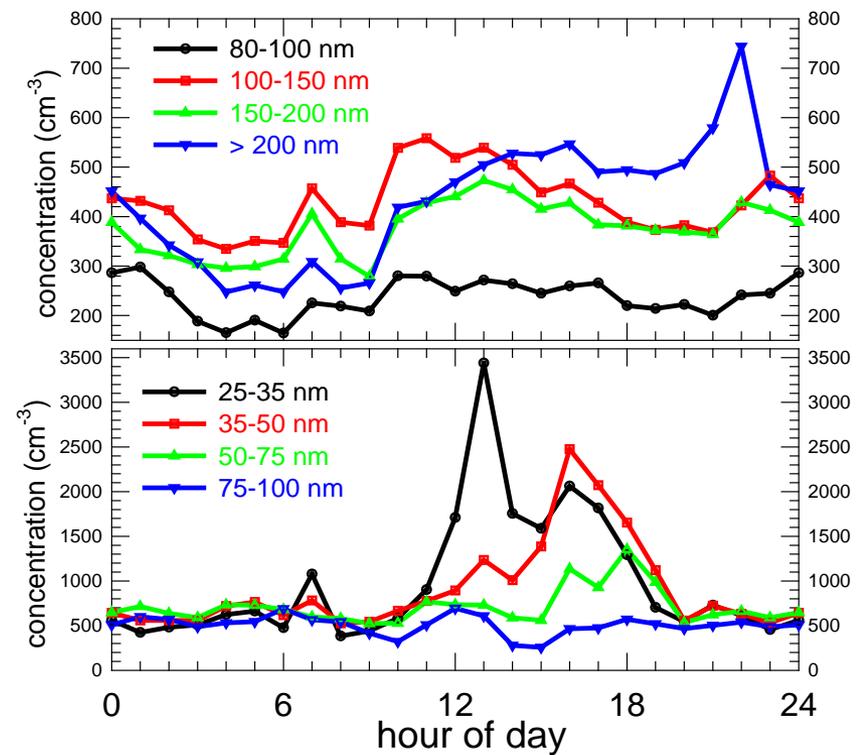
## Cloud fraction ( $cf$ ) effects on the Aitken and accumulation modes at SGP by Hudson and Noble DRI

Both Aitken (25-100 nm) and accumulation mode (100-400 nm) mean particle diameter ( $mpd$ ) are positively related to cloud fraction ( $cf$ ) for surface aerosol lagging  $cf$ .

Aitken concentration is negatively related to  $cf$  while accumulation concentration is positively related to  $cf$ .



**Figure 2.** Mean particle size distributions at the initial onset of 7+ consecutive hours of **A)** ceilometer  $cf > 0.75$  when  $MH > cba$  and the majority of hours are daytime; and **B)** daytime ceilometer  $cf = 0$ . Hours following onset are denoted in legend.



**Figure 3 (A)** Diurnals of large particle concentrations (mostly accumulation) when CEIL  $cf$  of 5-hour running mean 4 hours prior to aerosol exceeds mean  $cf$ , 0.225. **(B)** Diurnals of small particle concentrations, Aitken, when CEIL  $cf = 0$ .

Cloud processing of aerosol occurs in continental air and can be readily detected at the surface. Photochemical particle production is readily observed in non-cloudy conditions. Aitken particles nucleate cloud droplets even when there are abundant accumulation particles. Cloud processing is the best way to move Aitkens to accumulation.