A COMPARISON OF AEROSOL OBSERVATIONS FROM FIRE-ACE AND ISDAC FIELD PROJECTS AND ICE CLOUD MICROPHYSICAL PROPERTIES

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- Show differences in ice crystal and aerosol number concentrations obtained during FIRE-ACE and ISDAC projects and previous work.
- Discuss parameterizations between Ni versus RHi, T, and/or Na, and understand variability.
- Emphasize the importance of ice crystal shape versus T, and existence of small ice crystals.

AIRCRAFT OBSERVATIONS

- 2DC Ni (25-800 μm)/2DP (200-6400)
- FSSP/LWCk/CDP
- RID for icing
- T and RHw/RHi
- 2DS (SPEC) and CIP (DMT) measurements

FOCUS ON WORK OF

- Fletcher
- Meyers et al
- DeMott et al
- Ryan et al
- Gultepe et al
- Twohy et al
- Phillips et al
- AND
- ISDAC/FIRE-ACE observations



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TEMPERATURE (°C)

FIG. 2. Summary of ice-crystal concentration measurements in Elk Mountain cap clouds. Each aircraft data point (circle) represents a cloud penetration average (30 clouds on 26 days). Geometric means and standard deviations of ice-nucleus data are from (H) Huffman's (1973) membrane filter measurements, from (V) Vali's (1974 and 1976) and (D) Deshler's (1982) contact-freezing nucleus measurements, and from (R) Rogers (1982) continuous-flow diffusion. chamber measurements. Fletcher's (1962) ice-nucleus curve is also



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FIG. 4. Summary of measurements of contact-freezing ice-nuclei concentrations made by various authors (C, D, V) as discussed in text. For comparison, the estimates of Young (1974a) (Y) are shown. The regression line is an exponential fit to measurements. Fletcher's (1962) ice-nucleus curve is also shown for reference (---).





Phillips, DeMott, and Andronache, 2008



Fig. 2. IN number concentration (at STP) active at water saturation or above vs. temperature. Projects (see *SI Text*) are <u>WISP-94 (gray triangle</u>), Alliance Icing Research Study—2 (X), AMAZE-08 (square), Cloud Layer Experiment-10/ Canadian Cloudsat/CALIPSO Validation Project (open circle), Ice in Clouds Experiment—Layer Clouds (solid circle), Ice Nuclei SPECTroscopy-1 (–), Ice Nuclei SPECTroscopy-2 (diamond), Mixed-Phase Arctic Cloud Experiment (black triangle), and Pacific Dust Experiment (open triangle). Parameterizations described in the text are labeled and are plotted over the experimental measurement range on which they were based. The dashed gray line is a *T*-dependent fit to all data [0.117 exp(-0.125*(*T_K* - 273.2)); *r*² = 0.2].

ISDAC CLEAN (Shantz et al)



ISDAC POLLUTED (Shantz et al)





Na COMPARISONS FROM ISDAC AND FIRE PROJECTS







•DOF •Wetting

Shattering

issues

ISDAC





Process 2DC Ni (L>=75 μm)-T ISDAC ALL DATA

DeMott et al CFDC IN observations (RHw>100)

<u>minus</u>

ISDAC Ni observations

=Secondary Ice Production







CONCLUSIONS

- Variability in Na and Ni versus T is very large. Depends on which fit is used we can control SIMULATION of the cloud microphysics; therefore, precipitation amount is controlled.
- There are many issues related to small ice crystals and not all of them shattered particles.
- Earlier work usually use very few data points to make fits between observations of Ni and Na and/or T/RH, and combined various clouds in the same data set that results in likely large uncertainty in the model simulations.
- Based on low T and high RHi over Arctic atmosphere, increasing pollution (having a source of IN) may result in an increase in Ni and its variability, and this increases extinction of SW radiation.
- Need well designed field programs for accurate IN and Ni measurements that include sizes >100 micron and <100 micron.
- Ice/freezing fog are like clouds at the surface, and conditions are similar to these of the cloud chambers. But, we have no control of the conditions. Understanding fog can help to reduce the uncertainties in IN and Ni measurements, and improve parameterizations.