Dear Editor,

Thank you for your work on our manuscript. Please find below details of the manuscript changes in response to the reviewer comments.

Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker.

#### **Replies to review RC1**

Review of Hawker et al. (2020): The nature of ice-nucleating particles affects the radiative properties of tropical convective cloud systems, submitted to Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics.

Thank you for your helpful comments on our paper. Note that as a result of additional figures in response to review RC2, the figure numbers in our responses to this review are different to those in the original manuscript.

#### General comments:

The authors present a very interesting study on the effect of different INP parametrizations on the radiative budget in Tropical Atlantic deep convective cloud fields. In particular, they show that INP parametrizations with a larger temperature-dependency lead to a larger increase in domain-mean daytime top of atmosphere outgoing radiation. In contrast to previous work by other authors, they present data that indicates primary ice production to be relevant also in presence of secondary ice formation. It should be clarified that the INP parameterizations tested against the Hallet-Mossop process explicitly, since this is the only SIP considered in the model.

Change to paper: We have made clearer in the text that the only SIP tested in this study was the Hallett Mossop process. We have also highlighted more explicitly that the results are only relevant to the Hallett Mossop process and future studies should explore the impact of INP in the presence of other secondary ice production mechanisms. We have detailed our changes below, but for example in the abstract, we now state 'The controlling effect of the INP temperature dependence is substantial even in the presence of Hallett Mossop secondary ice production.....'

The writing (from an editorial standpoint) is to be commended. The methodology appears stringent and valid with one minor aspect to be clarified. The work addresses relevant scientific atmospheric questions with impacts on global climate simulations. The title speaks of the nature of INPs, but the paper never refers back what "the nature" explicitly is. The topic of the paper is well suited for ACP. I recommend the manuscript for publication if the above and following comments below are addressed:

Change to paper: We have rephrased the title and any mention of the 'nature of INP' in the text to refer instead to the INP parameterisation choice or the temperature dependence of the INP number concentration.

#### Specific comments:

Line 19-20: The paper presented tests the effect of 5 parameterizations on radiation and SIPs but the word parameterization doesn't shown up even once in the abstract. Also, the work is not explicitly testing the impact of the nature of the INPs (i.e. bio and physico-chemical properties of INPs). It is testing the impact of the various parameterizations which are based on desert dust, feldspar and continental aerosol, so there isn't an explicit testing of physico-chemical properties of INP on the radiation. The C86 and M92 are not aerosol based either. I suggest being more explicit about what this work does. Same goes with the title, the nature of the INP is not tested as much as the type of parameterization.

Change to paper: The title has been changed to "The **temperature dependence** of ice-nucleating particle **concentrations** affects the radiative properties of tropical convective cloud systems" and the lines in question have been changed to "Our results show that the domain-mean daylight outgoing radiation varies by up to 18 W m<sup>-2</sup> depending on **the chosen INP parameterisation**. The key distinction between different INP **parameterisations** is the temperature dependence of ice formation, which alters the vertical distribution of cloud microphysical processes."

Line 22: should add "due to the Hallet-Mossop process" after "....secondary ice production" since the paper tests the parameterizations against one secondary ice process, not all.

Change to paper: We have added 'Hallett-Mossop': 'The controlling effect of the INP temperature dependence is substantial even in the presence of Hallett Mossop secondary ice production'

Line 51: Add Peckhaus et al. (2016) to the references who also studied different types of feldspars and reported ns.

Change to paper: As suggested.

line 53: Are e.g. mineral dust events not driven by meteorological factors (gust fronts, lack of precipitation, convective instability, trade winds, etc.) and have a major impact on INP concentrations?

Reply: The reviewer is correct that meteorological factors strongly influence dust concentrations in the Cape Verde region, but a number of studies have found that simple meteorological variables such as temperature and pressure are poor predictors of INP number concentrations.

Change to paper: We have edited this to read 'Although INP concentrations do not simply correlate with meteorological variables such as pressure and temperature...'. We have also added (Price et al., 2018) to the citation which found large variability in INP number concentrations of 'African continental 'INP filter samples during the ICE-D field campaign (see Figure 9 and the associated discussion in Section 3.1 of Price et al. (2018)).

Line 59-60: Not sure what the authors means here. Can this sentence be elaborated upon, or restructured?

Reply: The sentence in question highlighted that the studies in question did not alter the temperature dependence of the INP number concentration or used the same INP parameterisation in their approach.

Change to paper: The sentence has been changed to "However, in these model studies perturbations to INP number concentrations have predominantly involved uniform increases in aerosol or INP concentrations with all simulations using the same INP parameterisation (Carrió et al., 2007; Connolly et al., 2006; Deng et al., 2018; Ekman et al., 2007; Fan et al., 2010; Gibbons et al., 2018; van den Heever et al., 2006; Phillips et al., 2005), i.e. the temperature dependence of INP number concentrations was not altered."

Page 6 (line 165). Maybe it would help the reader to also convert the smallest allowable size of ice to an idealized diameter of a sphere, e.g. (i.e. 10-18 kg or  $\sim$ 0.1  $\mu$ m in diameter)

Change to paper: As suggested, we have added the approximate effective radius to the text: "The ice splinters produced by the representation of the Hallett Mossop process are the smallest allowable size of ice in the model (i.e.  $10^{-18}$  kg, volume radius ~0.11  $\mu$ m)"

Line 183: What errors would you expect from SOCRATES not responding to changes in ice crystal or snow number concentration, or any changes to rain or graupel species? An over- or underestimation in radiative processes? Also, how does the model then account for changes in in ICNC due to heterogeneous freezing?

Reply: As the reviewer notes, the lack of consideration of ice and snow particle number by the SOCRATES radiation scheme is an important limitation of the results presented here. As such changes to ICNC due to heterogeneous freezing are not represented in the calculations, except through any corresponding changes in ice crystal water path. Due to the complex interactions between multiple hydrometeor types in these simulations, we don't feel

able to give an accurate estimate of whether our results would under- or overestimate the radiative process. We acknowledge that the outgoing radiation simulated here may change with the inclusion of particle number and size from snow or ice, or from the inclusion of rain and graupel, and this is clearly stated and discussed in Section 4. The difference the inclusion of particle number from snow or ice would make to the outgoing radiation will vary across the domain and over time depending on whether the 'real' modelled effective radius was larger or smaller than the one implicitly assumed by the radiation code.

Line 189: If LW radiation is only calculated for daytime, how biased is this estimate, since LW would be most effective (trapping outgoing radiation) at night time, so how will this bias the results presented for outgoing LW radiation.

Reply: We decided to only calculate the radiative differences for the daytime hours because the simulation is 24 hours in length and includes 6 hours of spin up. Including the night-time hours in the radiation calculations would either mean including the spin up or averaging over 18 hours which gives an artificial dependence on simulation length (because we would be excluding some of the dark hours). Therefore we felt the most consistent and meaningful way to report the radiation differences was to analyze the daytime hours only. The inclusion of night-time values would reduce the contribution of shortwave to the total outgoing radiation differences shown in Figure 4a. The difference between including and excluding night-time values when averaging the outgoing longwave radiation was checked and found to be negligible.

Line 196: should "(ΔRadREFL)" come after the word "...difference" in the sentence? It seems to appear too early in the sentence.

Change to paper: The sentence has been changed as follows to make the definition of ( $\Delta Rad_{REFL}$  clearer:

"The cloudy regions contribution, i.e. the difference in outgoing radiation between two cloudy regions due to changes in cloud albedo or thickness ignoring any changes in cloud fraction, ( $\Delta Rad_{REFL}$ ) to a domain radiative difference...."

Line 197: What do s and r stand for? It is hard to follow the equations below without knowing some sort of physical definition of s and r.

Reply: s refers to a generic sensitivity simulation (e.g. a simulation using a specific INP parameterisation while r refers to a generic reference simulation (e.g. a simulation without any INP).

Change to paper: The following lines have been amended to make the use of s and r for the purposes of this paper clearer:

"The cloudy regions contribution, i.e. the difference in outgoing radiation between two cloudy regions due to changes in cloud albedo or thickness ignoring any changes in cloud fraction, ( $\Delta Rad_{REFL}$ ) to a domain radiative difference between a sensitivity simulation (s) and a reference simulation (r) (s - r) is calculated using Eq. (1).

$$\Delta Rad_{REFL} = cf_r \times \Delta Rad_{cl} \tag{1}$$

where  $cf_r$  is the cloud fraction of simulation r and  $\Delta Rad_{cl}$  is the change in outgoing radiation from cloudy areas only between simulations (s-r). The reference run (r) in Sections 3.1 – 3.4 refers to the NoINP simulation while the sensitivity run (s) are simulations which include an INP parameterisation. In Section 3.5, the reference run (r) refers to a simulation which has no representation of SIP and the sensitivity run (s) to a simulation which includes SIP due to the Hallett Mossop process."

Line 201: I am not sure if I followed equation 2 correctly, but could  $\Delta cf$  in this equation be replaced with (Rads,cl – Rads,cs) since you are looking at the contributions of cloud fraction to radiation between simulation s and r? If this is correctly understood, I would replace the  $\Delta cf$  with (Rads,cl – Rads,cs), to make it easier to follow equation 2. Or define  $\Delta cf$  more explicitly than has been done in line 203.

Reply: This equation calculates the change in outgoing radiation due to the increase or decrease in domain cloud fraction and as such calculates the change in outgoing radiation that occurs when an area in simulation s that was clear sky becomes cloudy in simulation r (or vice versa). It therefore calculates the average difference between cloud and clear sky in simulation s and multiplies this by the proportion of the domain that the change occurs in (the cloud fraction change between simulation s and r, or  $\Delta cf$ ). This therefore assumes that the outgoing radiation from cloudy and clear regions in simulations s and r is the same. We know this assumption is false from the result of Equation 1 which is why we calculate the interaction effect (i.e. what the contribution of changes in cloud reflectivity or thickness in regions that have become cloudy is) to domain outgoing radiation from cloudy and clear sky regions in Equation 3. However the contribution of  $\Delta Rad_{INT}$  calculated in Equation 3 was negligible and therefore we are happy that Equation 2 captures the majority of the change in outgoing radiation due to cloud fraction change.

Change to paper: We have altered the description of Equation 2 as follows to make clearer what the equation defines and that  $\Delta cf$  refers to the change in domain cloud fraction between simulations s and r:

"The contribution of cloud fraction changes, i.e. the change in radiation that can be attributed to an area of clear sky in simulation s becoming cloudy in simulation r or vice versa, to the total change in domain outgoing radiation ( $\Delta Rad_{CF}$ ) is calculated using Eq. (2).

$$\Delta Rad_{CF} = (Rad_{r,cl} - Rad_{r,cs}) \times \Delta cf$$
 (2)

Where  $Rad_{r,cl}$  is the mean outgoing radiation from cloudy regions in simulation r and  $Rad_{r,cs}$  is the mean outgoing radiation from clear sky regions in simulation r and  $\Delta cf$  is the difference in **domain** cloud fraction between simulations s and r (s-r)."

Line 239: If the evolution of the clouds are not being discussed further, then no need to show the plots in figure 2e, f,g and h. The most useful plots are a-d since they compare the satellite with the model. Since there are no comparisons to the satellite for the other times, it doesn't give much of a validation. Also to show that the model produces a complex realistic cloud field can be demonstrated with Fig2c and 2d, so that c-h are not necessary.

Change to paper: As suggested.

Line 242: Same comment as above with Fig A2, panel c, d, e and f are not necessary.

Change to paper: As suggested.

Line 255: "flow" should be "flown"

Change to paper: As suggested.

Line 272: In the noINP case, can ice crystals that formed via homogeneous freezing, fall to lower levels and initiate secondary ice processes?

Reply: Yes, this is possible.

Change to paper: We have added the following sentence to clarify this:

"Ice crystals formed via homogeneous freezing can sediment to lower levels and initiate ice production via the Hallett Mossop process."

Lines 281 to 283: similar to comment above, the comparison of noINP to simulations with INP parameterization demonstrates an enhancement in outgoing radiation for D10 and A13. Can the authors clarify here that noINP simulation excludes any contribution of SIPs that could result from ice settling from higher altitudes to warmer regions of the clouds? Or is such a contribution included in this assessment?

To me this seems possible to diagnose in the model, if the assessment of precipitation evaporating results in higher humidity such that the LWP due to increase cloud droplet number. Then why isn't the possibility of ice crystals or snow settling through the clouds at Hallet-Mossop relevant temperatures allowed to produce secondary ice?

Reply: The Hallett Mossop process can occur and produce ice due to ice settling in the NoINP simulation, as can be seen in Figure A4a.

Change to paper: We have added the bold sections in the following sentences to clarify this:

"We first examine the effect of INP parameterisation on the outgoing radiation relative to the simulation where the only source of primary ice production was through homogeneous freezing (NoINP). Cloud ice formed via homogeneous freezing can sediment to lower levels and initiate ice production via the Hallett Mossop process. When contrasting the effect of different INP parameterisations in Sect 3.1-3.4, the Hallett Mossop process was always active including in the NoINP simulation. As stated in Sect. 2.1.3, the radiation code is represented by the Suite Of Community RAdiative Transfer codes based on Edwards and Slingo (SOCRATES) (Edwards and Slingo, 1996; Manners et al., 2017), and responds to changes in cloud droplet number and cloud droplet, ice crystal and snow mass. The results detailed below relate to either the domain-wide properties or all in-cloud regions within the domain. This means that the results describe the direct and indirect changes, for example changes to the Hallett Mossop ice production, occurring due to the presence of INP across all cloud present in the domain, including low-level liquid clouds, mixed-phase clouds without a convective anvil and very deep convective clouds with an anvil."

Line 285-286: "Radiative changes from the NoINP simulation to the inclusion of INP are caused mainly by .."

It is not cleat to me what is meant by this statement. I think it means the difference in radiation between the NoINP and the INP simulations mostly arises from the changes in outgoing SW radiation, but if that is the case why not state it more simply, i.e. the difference in radiation between NoINP and INP simulations ...

Change to paper: As suggested.

Lines 291 – 292: The reported comparatively small change in TOA radiation when SIP is active relative to when it is inactive mentioned here, could this be because in the homogeneous freezing run SIP is by default assumed to be absent (i.e. settling of crystals to warmer Hallet-Mossop regions for secondary ice is not represented in the model)?

Reply: The settling of crystals to warmer Hallet-Mossop regions for secondary ice is represented in the model and is allowed to produce secondary ice as can be seen in Fig A4a.

Change to paper: We have added the bold in the following sentence to make this clear:

"Bear in mind that SIP was active (SIP\_active) in the simulations summarised in Fig. 4a, including in the NoINP simulation in which the Hallett Mossop process can be initiated by settling ice crystals, indicating that these cloud systems are sensitive to INP even in the presence of SIP."

Line 293: The relationship between the slope of the parameterization and the outgoing radiation is implicit and not explicit. So stating that it is the key determinant seems very strong here, without clarifying that the slope is representative of the INP concentration as a function of T (Fig 1). It is the T at which a certain proportion of INPs are active is they key determinant and the physical reason for the strong influence on available supercooled liquid to be transported to higher altitudes of the MPC region. Could this relationship be clarified to invoke the temperature dependence rather than just stating the slope of the parameterization is the key determinant?

Reply: This comment is correct in that it is the INP concentration as a function of T that is important. We have termed this dependence of INP number concentration on temperature as the slope for simplicity as stated in the introduction "In particular, we examine the importance of the dependence of INP number concentration on temperature, referred to as INP parameterisation slope herein, as a major factor that determines cloud properties."

Change to paper: We have altered this line as follows to make clearer that it is the temperature dependent concentration that is important:

"The slope of the INP parameterisation (i.e. the dependence of INP number concentration on temperature) is a key determinant of the outgoing radiation."

Line 303-304: This sounds counterintuitive to me because compared to the NoINP simulation, the increase in INP should increase the ICNC and decrease the cloud lifetime or outgoing SW (reflectivity) compared to otherwise what would be a more reflective liquid cloud with less ice. However further down the authors do explain why they observe this, because the liquid water path increases in the warmer part of the cloud which increases the outgoing SW. However, I find this assessment to be biased, without accounting for potential SIP in the NoINP simulation due to settling ice crystals.

Reply: We have addressed the issue of SIP in the noINP case above. To be clear, SIP due to settling ice crystals is possible in the NoINP simulation, as can be seen in Figure A4a. In the Hallett Mossop region, the ICNC is lowest in the NoINP simulation (see Figure AC1 below) because of the reduced production of ice by SIP. However, in all other regions of the cloud, including the upper mixed phase temperatures, ICNC is highest in the NoINP simulation due to the enhanced ice production by homogeneous freezing (Figure A4b), and subsequent settling of the ice crystals.

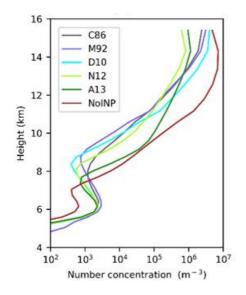


Figure AC1. In-cloud profile of ice crystal number concentration in the parameterisations that included SIP by the Hallett Mossop process.

Line 309/Figure 4b: I would have expected the water path due to snow to decrease because snow should leave the cloud faster than ice crystals? So why is the water path due to ice crystals decreasing? Or does it have to do with the categorisation of when a hydrometeor is considered a snow flake vs. an ice crystal in the model? Also, I would have expected that the increase in water path should be the lowest for the M92 and not for the D10, since the M92 has the shallowest slope?

Reply: The water path of ice crystals (cloud ice) decreases (in all except A13) when INP are included because in the NoINP simulation, more homogeneous freezing occurs and these ice crystals can settle through the cloud. In the simulations with INP, snow production is enhanced in the mixed-phase region (Figure A4c) due to enhanced accretion, riming and aggregation which increases the in-cloud snow water path. This increase is large enough to compensate for any decreases in snow mass that may occur due to increased settling. The changes in snow water path do not correspond to INP parameterisation slope because the increase in snow mass is relatively similar between all parameterisations (Figure A4c).

Lines 313-320: If the precipitation is increased, then the snow and graupel should not be part of the cloud anymore and thus not contribute to the increased reflected shortwave radiation. If the increased condensate is falling as precipitation such that it is resulting in an increased humidity thus increasing the LWP from an increase in cloud droplets, how can it

also contribute to increasing the outgoing shortwave in the cloud? It should either be classified as increased precipitation below cloud or increased condensate in-cloud leading to outgoing shortwave.

Reply: The in-cloud snow and graupel mass is enhanced significantly from the NoINP simulation (Fig A4c, d), allowing a proportion of snow and graupel to both remain 'in-cloud' and precipitate out of cloud to cause increased humidity at low cloud levels. Once the snow and graupel precipitate out of cloud below the melting temperature, they will be classified as rain in the model. Rain is excluded from the cloud mass threshold and thus hydrometeors that have precipitated out of cloud and melted are not included in the 'in-cloud 'values.

Change to paper: We have added the bold text to the following sentence to clarify this:

"At the same time, the enhanced production of relatively heavy snow and graupel increases precipitation which **on melting to form rain below the freezing level and subsequent** evaporation below 4 km, reduces out-of-cloud temperature and increases relative humidity (Fig. A5a, b)."

Lines 321 – 334: This explanation makes more sense and sounds stronger and more convincing to me than the explanation in lines 308 to 320. Perhaps it would be better to shift the order of these paragraphs and explain the higher outgoing shortwave by the increased CDNC at lower altitudes due to increased LWP from lower freezing rates arising from steeper INP parameterizations (which imply very little het. freezing at small supercooling).

Reply: The lines in question relate to the difference in outgoing radiation from cloudy regions between simulations using different parameterisations and the impact of the temperature dependence of INP number concentrations. However, we feel it is logical and important to first address the reason for the change in outgoing radiation from the NoINP simulation before addressing the difference between different INP simulations.

Line 331: clarify statement more, I suggest (italics is suggested part) something like "...due to lower rates of heterogeneous freezing at the mid-bottom region of the mixed-phase cloud (lower supercooling, Fig. 1) and SIP at ..."

Change to paper: As suggested.

Line 339: clarify by inserting "cloud fraction due to" i.e. sentence should read

"...offset somewhat by decreases in the cloud fraction due to homogeneous freezing in the ~10 – 14 km regime (Fig 6a)"

Change to paper: The sentence has been altered as suggested with one minor difference: "offset somewhat by decreases in the cloud fraction due to **reduced** homogeneous freezing in the  $\sim 10 - 14$  km regime (Fig. 7a)"

Line 358-360: If this is true, (and it sounds like a good explanation), shouldn't the decrease in outgoing LW shown in Figure 4a be the highest for A13 and not for C86. Because A13 results in the highest number of ICNC at the top of the MPC region and in the homogeneous freezing region therefore should trap most of the outgoing LW radiation thus giving the most decrease in the outgoing LW.

Reply: The sentence in question refers to the ratio of ice crystals to snow and graupel which affects the cloud fraction, not their absolute values which effects the cloud thickness and thus the outgoing longwave. The decrease in outgoing longwave radiation would be greatest for A13 if the only thing contributing to outgoing longwave was ice crystal number or ice crystal mass, however the change in outgoing longwave from cloudy regions is due to changes in all of snow, ice crystals and cloud droplets. The decreases in longwave are predominately due to increases in total waterpath, and thus cloud thickness, from cloud droplets, ice crystals and snow particles. C86 has the greatest combined water path from cloud droplets, ice crystals and snow particles (Figure 4c) and thus the largest decrease in outgoing longwave from the NoINP simulation.

Line 379:. Change to "It has been argued that the observed (or derived) primary ice particle production rate...". Otherwise, the statement is false, because if the primary production rate is high, the secondary ice production (H-M process) would be low but still present, primary ice production would in fact dominate cloud properties.

#### Change to paper: As suggested.

Line 384/ line 219/lines 440-445: Most relevant comment. You show that higher primary ice production rates in the temperature range between 253 and 238 K, e.g. in A13, have a large impact on the total on top of atmosphere outgoing radiation, yet you exclude SIP which are active at colder temperatures than 265 K. Can you elaborate on the expected impact/uncertainty in your results and concluding statement, (SIP is less important than primary ice production) stemming from your simplification that SIP is only including Hallett Mossop process? Please justify why your concluding statement is valid.

Reply: It is correct that we have only modelled Hallett Mossop SIP and have made this much clearer in the revised paper (i.e. rather than referring generally to SIP, we refer to Hallett-Mossop SIP). However, it is also true that other theoretical SIP mechanisms are unquantified and it has not been clearly shown that they need to be included in models, beyond specific cases. As understanding of other potential SIP mechanisms emerges they should be included and assessed in studies like this one in future research.

Change to paper: We have clarified wherever relevant that the only SIP included in our simulations is the Hallett Mossop process and caveated if necessary that the results may be different if other mechanisms of SIP were included.

Line 383-384: This is an important outcome of the study, but should be caveated with the notion that other possible known and unknown SIPs are not considered. The authors in part do that by acknowledging in parenthesis that the SIP considered is the H-M, but I think they could go one step further in saying that this could change with more parameterizations and quantification becoming available for lower temperatures where SIP becomes important say below 265 K (Lauber et al., 2018).

Change to paper: As suggested.

Page 14 (line 385). An average impact comparison in the text might be supportive for the reader (e.g. mean over all parameterizations total INP impact 9.8 W/m2 to total SIP impact 2.7 W/m2)

Change to paper: As suggested.

Line 453-455: A possible explanation for this statement should be given here in in the conclusions, since this is an important point or outcome of the study. Have the other studies that are mentioned in these lines also only tested the influence of the Hallet-Mossop process? If not, this should be clarified. Further, since this has evaluated the influence of SIP due to the HM process, it should be stated here in the conclusions.

So this conclusion is true, when the SIP being considered is HM. But it remains open if the conclusions would still hold if freeze shattering and other mechanisms (e.g., as described in Lauber et al., 2018) were included in the models.

Reply: The papers cited either explicitly tested the Hallett Mossop process or inferred using observational data that INP concentrations were relevant up to a threshold needed to initiate the Hallett Mossop process.

Change to paper: The section has been modified to make clear that only the Hallett Mossop process was included.

Line 496: In addition to Holden et al. (2019) the authors could add Coluzza et al. (2017) and Kanji et al. (2017) since that lack of knowledge on what constitutes the identity of an active site was already discussed in these publications.

Change to paper: As suggested.

Line 497: The last statement here has surely been mentioned before by other authors in numerous publications. While it is valuable that the authors also come to this conclusion (need for INP measurement across the entirety of the MPC regime), this study is not the first to recommend such an outlook and the sentence can be modified to say "..as reported before by XX.."

Change to paper: As suggested the line in question has been altered to "This work demonstrates the importance of solving these problems and measuring INP number concentrations across the entirety of the mixed-phase temperature spectrum, as has been demonstrated in previous work (e.g. Liu et al., 2018; Takeishi and Storelymo, 2018)."

Figure 2: Should there not be a "radiation" in the color bar caption, e.g. Outgoing OA longwave radiation (W m-2)?

Change to paper: As suggested. The same change was made in Figure A1.

Figure 5: Colour legend is missing. I suggest adding it here even if it is the same as previous figures for ease of reading.

Change to paper: As suggested.

Appendix A, page 34 (Figure A1). The three kind of blue lines are not easy to distinguish from the black line.

Change to paper: The blue lines in the plot in question (Now Figure 1b,c) have been changed to red.

Appendix A, page 34 (Figure A1). What does the unit of / 108 m-3 mean? Is it two particles per 108 m-3 of volume?

Change to paper: Changed to '10<sup>8</sup> m<sup>-3</sup> 'to reflect 10<sup>8</sup> particles m<sup>-3</sup> of volume (now Figure 1b). There was a similar error in Figure 7b y-axis units changed from /10<sup>-5</sup> m<sup>-3</sup> to '10<sup>5</sup> m<sup>-3</sup>'.

Figure A3 panel a: what are the regions filled with black colour? Could the colors be changed so that the contrast between green and blue is better visible? If black is just the border of the bars, I suggest removing the borders since it reduces clarity of the plot suggesting that there is a third colour.

Change to paper: As suggested, the black outline has been removed.

Line 810: Histograms should be singular not plural.

Change to paper: As suggested.

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#### **Replies to review RC2**

Review "The nature of ice-nucleating particles affects the radiative properties of tropical convective cloud systems" by R. E. Hawker, et al.

Thank you for your constructive comments on our paper.

This modeling study investigates the effects of ice nucleating particles (INP) on the radiative properties of tropical convective cloud system. Several widely used INP parameterizations are used in the model, and interestingly the slope of the INP temperature dependence is found to play a key role in the INP effects. The effects of secondary ice production (SIP) are studied, which demonstrate the important role of INP nature for the SIP effects. The study examines the difference aspects of cloud microphysical properties and cloud fraction to understand the INP effects on radiative forcing. Generally, the research topics of INP and SIP and effects on convection are interesting and the results are novel. The manuscript may be accepted for publication after addressing my comments.

#### Main comments

1. Adding a schematic to illustrate how different slopes of INP temperature dependence could affect cloud microphysics at different vertical layers of convective clouds. That will help readers to better understand the interactions.

Change to paper: As suggested, a schematic has been added (Fig. 9, shown below)

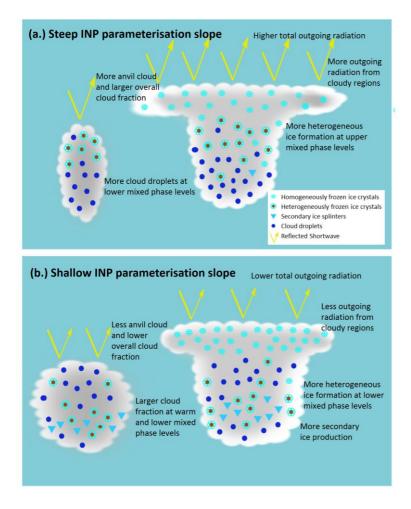


Figure 9. Schematic of the main effects of INP parameterisation slope (i.e. a steep (a) or shallow (b) temperature dependence of INP number concentrations).

2. A better description of model configuration such as model domain, and initial thermodynamical profiles, is required.

Change to paper: As suggested. Fig. 1a (shown below) has been added to the paper to better illustrate the domain location and how the global model is used to initiate the nested domain. Fig. A1a and b (now Fig. 1b, c, shown below) have been moved to the main paper so that the initial aerosol profiles are clearer to the reader. More detail has been added to the reference to the global model (from "The Met Office global model is used to initialise the nested simulation" to "A global model simulation (UM vn 8.5, GA6 configuration, N512 resolution (Walters et al., 2017)) is used to initialise the nested simulation").

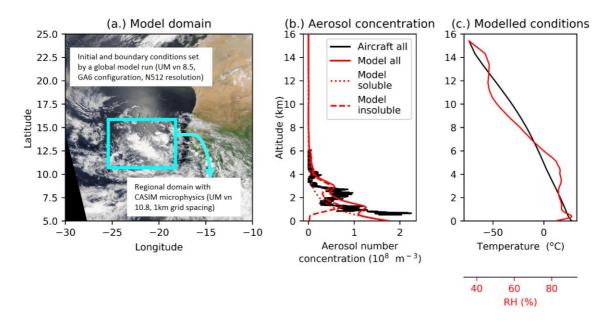


Figure 1. Modelled domain location and resolution details (a), observed (black line) and modelled (red lines) aerosol concentrations (b), and mean modelled domain mean temperature and relative humidity profiles (c). The observed aerosol profile shown in b was measured using the Passive Cavity Aerosol Spectrometer Probe (PCASP) which captures aerosols between 0.1 and 3µm in size. The insoluble aerosol profile shown in b is extracted from a regional UM vn 10.3 simulation (8 km grid spacing, CLASSIC dust scheme). The modelled aerosol profiles are applied throughout the regional domain shown in a at the start of the simulation (00:00 21st August 2015) and at the boundaries throughout. INP concentrations in the D10, N12 and A13 simulations are linked to the insoluble aerosol profile shown in b. The image shown in (a) are moderate resolution imaging spectroradiometer (MODIS) Corrected Reflectance imagery produced using the MODIS Level 1B data and downloaded from the NASA Worldview website.

Change to paper: As a result of the above two changes the numbers of the other figures in the paper have been changed.

#### Minor comments

1. Line 45: "..INP number concentrations can vary by as much as six orders of magnitude at any one temperature". Can you add some reasons to explain this large variability?

Change to paper: The sentence in question has been altered to

"Measurements indicate that INP number concentrations can vary by as much as six orders of magnitude at any one temperature due to variations in, for example, aerosol source, chemical or biological composition and surface morphology (DeMott et al., 2010; Kanji et al., 2017).

2. Line 56: "...global models based on known INP-active materials show reasonable skill in simulating global INP concentrations (Vergara-Temprado et al., 2017)." There are also other studies that can be cited here: e.g., Shi and Liu (2019), GRL, compared the modeled INPs with observations.

Change to paper: As suggested

3. Line 81: "and droplets can freeze homogeneously below around -33°C". Does your model represent the homogeneous freezing of aerosol droplets below around -37°C?

No, it represents the freezing of cloud droplets only.

4. Lines 93-103. You can add one sentence here to introduce your work on SIP effects and dependence on INP parameterizations.

Change to paper: As suggested.

5. Section 2.1.1. Please add a figure in main text showing the model domains and how different models, cloud microphysics, and aerosols are applied to these domains.

Change to paper: As suggested, a new figure has been added showing the model domains. Former Fig. A1a and b was combined with this new figure becoming Fig. 1b and c.

6. Line 131. "five hydrometeor classes (cloud droplets, rain droplets, ice crystals, graupel, snow)". It would be clearer to use "cloud ice" to replace "ice crystals" since ice crystals can contain snow and graupel particles. Also changes the words in text.

Change to paper: We have clarified in this sentence that throughout the paper ice crystals refers to cloud ice.

7. Line 149. You can make it clear the insoluble aerosol is dust which is used in N12 and A13 parameterizations.

Change to paper: We have altered "insoluble aerosol" to "insoluble dust aerosol".

8. Line 158: "predict an ice production rate via heterogeneous freezing". These ice nucleation parameterizations (M92, N12, D10) only predict INP number concentrations. How do you calculate the ice production rate?

Reply: CASIM examines the gridbox temperature, cloud number, ice number and, in the case of D10, N12 and A13, the insoluble aerosol concentrations. If the cloud number is above a minimum threshold and the temperature is below 0°C, it calculates the available INP. It then subtracts the existing ICNC in the gridbox from this calculated INP number concentration to calculate the ice crystals produced by heterogeneous freezing giving an ice production rate. The number of ice crystals produced by heterogeneous freezing is output as a 3D diagnostic from the model.

Change to paper: We have altered the sentence as follows to make it clearer what else other than insoluble aerosol number concentration is used to calculate the rate of ice production.

"The INP parameterisations inspect the conditions (temperature, cloud droplet number, ICNC) and aerosol concentrations within a gridbox and use that information to predict an ice production rate via heterogeneous freezing."

9. Line 159. Do you also represent the CCN wet scavenging?

Reply: No the aerosols are not depleted by cloud droplet activation or ice nucleation in these simulations. We have clarified this in the second paragraph of Section 2.1.2.

10. Line 223. It would be good to note that these INP parameterizations only applied to certain temperature ranges and cannot reliably extrapolate to temperatures outside the range.

Change to paper: As suggested, we have added the following to make this clear:

"It should be noted that all parameterisations tested in this work were developed between specific temperature ranges and extrapolation beyond these temperatures adds uncertainty. However, for the purposes of this paper and to allow a direct comparison between parameterisations, all parameterisations have been applied between 0 and -37°C."

11. Section 3.5. Line 384. How do other SIP mechanisms impact your results here in this section?

Reply: Other SIP mechanisms are not included in the model simulations. Their inclusion may alter the results presented which only relate to the Hallett Mossop process because it is the most well-known and best quantified SIP mechanism.

Change to paper: The paragraph in question has been altered as follows to highlight the limitations and caveats of not including other SIP mechanisms:

"We find that the microphysical and radiative properties of the cloud field depend strongly on the properties of the INP even when SIP due to the Hallett-Mossop process occurs. Furthermore, the effect of including SIP on daylight domain-mean outgoing radiation varies between –2.0 W m<sup>-2</sup> and +6.6 W m<sup>-2</sup> (Fig. 4b), showing that the presence of the Hallett Mossop process has a smaller effect than the INP parameterisation and that the sign and magnitude of this effect depends on the INP parameterisation. Therefore, rather than primary ice being simply overwhelmed by SIP, it actually determines how SIP affects cloud microphysics. Other mechanisms of SIP have been proposed (Field et al., 2017; Lauber et al., 2018) and the impact of INP on cloud properties in the presence of these mechanisms, particularly those present at temperatures below 10°C such as droplet shattering (Lauber et al., 2018), should be tested in future but this was beyond the scope of the present study."

12. Line 399-407. As commented above, a schematic showing the interactions and mechanisms would be helpful for the readers.

Change to paper: As suggested, a schematic has been added to the paper (Fig. 9)

13. Line 412. Since CASIM is a two-moment cloud microphysics scheme, why are ice and snow particle numbers not used in the radiation scheme?

Reply: The SOCRATES radiation scheme is the radiation component of the Met Office Unified Model, and has not yet been fully coupled to the CASIM microphysics module. As such ice and snow particle numbers, and thus size, have not yet been included in the radiation calculations. The incorporation of ice and snow particle numbers into the SOCRATES scheme is a desirable feature for future model development but was beyond the scope of this paper.

14. Line 415. It is not correct to state: "climate models do not typically represent ICNCs". Please remove.

Change to paper: Altered as follows to be more specific that we are referring only to the representation of ICNC in radiation calculations in climate models:

"However, our results are still very relevant for climate model simulations as climate models typically employ single moment microphysics schemes that do not explicitly predict ICNC for the purposes of inclusion in radiation calculations and have frequently been shown to poorly represent ice crystal mass concentrations (Baran et al., 2014b; Waliser et al., 2009).

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### **Abstract**

16 Convective cloud systems in the maritime tropics play a critical role in global climate, but accurately representing 17 aerosol interactions within these clouds persists as a major challenge for weather and climate modelling. We quantify 18 the effect of ice-nucleating particles (INP) on the radiative properties of a complex Tropical Atlantic deep convective 19 cloud field using a regional model with an advanced double-moment microphysics scheme. Our results show that the 20 domain-mean daylight outgoing radiation varies by up to 18 W m<sup>-2</sup> depending on the chosen INP parameterisation the 21 bio and physico chemical properties of INP. The key distinction between different INP parameterisationss is the 22 temperature dependence of ice formation, which alters the vertical distribution of cloud microphysical processes. The 23 controlling effect of the INP temperature dependence is substantial even in the presence of Hallett Mossop secondary 24 ice production, due to the Hallett Mossop process, and the effects of secondary ice formation depend strongly on the 25 nature of the INP chosen INP parameterisation. Our results have implications for climate model simulations of tropical 26 clouds and radiation, which currently do not consider a link between INP particle type and ice water content. The 27 results also provide a challenge to the INP measurement community, since we demonstrate that INP concentration 28 measurements are required over the full mixed-phase temperature regime, which covers around 10 orders of 29 magnitude in INP concentration.

# 1. Introduction

Deep convective clouds are important drivers of local, regional and global climate and weather (Arakawa, 2004;
Lohmann et al., 2016). They produce substantial precipitation (Arakawa, 2004) and the associated phase changes
release latent heat that helps to drive global atmospheric circulation (Fan et al., 2012). Convective clouds have a direct
impact on climate through interactions with incoming shortwave and outgoing longwave radiation (Lohmann et al.,
2016), for example by producing radiatively important long-lived cirrus clouds (Luo and Rossow, 2004). The clouds
extend from the warmer lower levels of the atmosphere where only liquid exists to the top of the troposphere where
only ice exists (Lohmann et al., 2016). Between these levels is the mixed-phase region where both liquid and ice
coexist and interact (Seinfeld and Spyros, 2006). Within the mixed-phase region, primary ice particles can form
heterogeneously through the freezing of cloud droplets by ice-nucleating particles (INP). The importance and relative
contribution of heterogeneous freezing to ice crystal number concentrations (ICNC) and resultant cloud properties,
such as cloud reflectivity, is very uncertain (Cantrell and Heymsfield, 2005; Kanji et al., 2017). This uncertainty stems
from the difficulty of predicting INP number concentrations (Kanji et al., 2017; Lacher et al., 2018) as well as the
difficulty of quantifying complex interactions between heterogeneous freezing and other ice production mechanisms
(Crawford et al., 2012; Huang et al., 2017; Phillips et al., 2005).
Understanding the effects of INP on convective clouds presents substantial challenges. Measurements indicate that
INP number concentrations can vary by as much as six orders of magnitude at any one temperature <u>due to variations</u>
in, for example, aerosol source, chemical or biological composition and surface morphology (DeMott et al., 2010;
Kanji et al., 2017), and I. Large variability exists even in measurements of individual regions or aerosol populations
(Boose et al., 2016b; Kanji et al., 2017; Lacher et al., 2018). For example, there are four orders of magnitude variation
in summertime measurements of INP number concentrations in the Saharan Air Layer at -33°C (Boose et al., 2016b).
Even for particles of similar and known mineralogy, measurements of ice-nucleation efficiency can span several orders
of magnitude: The spread in laboratory measurements of ice nucleation active site densities ( $n_s$ ) for different types of
feldspar spans seven orders of magnitude at -15°C (Atkinson et al., 2013; Harrison et al., 2016, 2019; Peckhaus et al.,
2016). Our ability to understand and quantify such variability in INP concentrations has improved as more
measurements have been made. Although meteorological factors are not strong indicators of INP concentrations do
not simply correlate with meteorological variables such as pressure and temperature-(Boose et al., 2016a; Lacher et
al., 2018; Price et al., 2018), aerosol surface area (Lacher et al., 2018) and diameter (DeMott et al., 2015) provide

58 some predictability and global models based on known INP-active materials show reasonable skill in simulating global 59 INP concentrations (Shi and Liu, 2019; Vergara-Temprado et al., 2017). 60 It is known from model simulations that changes in INP number concentration affect the microphysical properties and 61 behaviour of deep convective clouds (Deng et al., 2018; Fan et al., 2010a, 2010b; Gibbons et al., 2018; Takeishi and 62 Storelymo, 2018). However, in these model studies perturbations to INP number concentrations have predominantly 63 involved uniform increases in aerosol or INP concentrations with all simulations using the same INP parameterisation 64 (Carrió et al., 2007; Connolly et al., 2006; Deng et al., 2018; Ekman et al., 2007; Fan et al., 2010a; Gibbons et al., 2018; 65 van den Heever et al., 2006; Phillips et al., 2005), i.e. the temperature dependence of INP number concentrations has 66 not beenwas not altered. Where different INP parameterisations have been used (Eidhammer et al., 2009; Fan et al., 67 2010b; Liu et al., 2018; Takeishi and Storelymo, 2018), the results have in most cases been interpreted in terms of the 68 overall increase in INP number concentration (Fan et al., 2010b; Liu et al., 2018; Takeishi and Storelvmo, 2018). 69 However, there are important structural differences between different INP parameterisations that have not yet been 70 explored in detail. For example, currently available and regularly used parameterisations of INP vary substantially in 71 the dependence of INP activity on temperature. We hypothesise that the difference between parameterisations will 72 be particularly important for deep convective clouds because heterogeneous ice formation occurs over a very wide 73 temperature range from just below 0 to around -38°C in the mixed-phase region of these clouds. For the same dust 74 particle concentration, predicted INP concentrations can increase by up to three orders of magnitude from -15 to -75 20°C (corresponding to approximately 1 km altitude change) using an INP parameterisation with a steep temperature 76 dependence (lower INP concentrations at high temperatures and higher INP concentrations at low temperatures) 77 (Atkinson et al., 2013), but by less than one order of magnitude using an INP parameterisation with a shallower 78 dependence (DeMott et al., 2010; Meyers et al., 1992). We hypothesise that such large differences in ice production 79 rates between INP parameterisations are likely to affect cloud properties. In simulations of deep convective clouds 80 over North America (Takeishi and Storelymo, 2018) there were differences in the magnitude and altitude of droplet 81 depletion depending on INP parameterisation choice (Bigg, 1953; DeMott et al., 2010, 2015). 82 Uncertainty in mixed-phase cloud properties is compounded further by a lack of quantification of the interaction of 83 heterogeneous freezing with other ice production mechanisms. Ice crystals in the mixed-phase region can also be 84 formed by secondary ice production (SIP) from existing hydrometeors (Field et al., 2017) and droplets can freeze 85 homogeneously below around -33°C (Herbert et al., 2015). In observations of convective clouds with relatively warm 86 cloud-top temperatures (Fridlind et al., 2007; Heymsfield and Willis, 2014; Ladino et al., 2017; Lasher-Trapp et al.,

2016; Lawson et al., 2015), ICNC has frequently exceeded INP number concentrations by several orders of magnitude, suggesting that secondary ice production is the dominant small-ice formation mechanism in mixed-phase regions (Ladino et al., 2017). The importance of heterogeneous ice production relative to secondary and homogeneous freezing has therefore been questioned (Ladino et al., 2017; Phillips et al., 2007) and it has been proposed that INP concentrations may only be relevant up to a threshold needed to initiate SIP (Ladino et al., 2017; Phillips et al., 2007), a value that may be as low as 0.01 L<sup>-1</sup> (Crawford et al., 2012; Huang et al., 2017) for the Hallett Mossop process (Hallett and Mossop, 1974). If this is the case, in clouds where SIP may also be initiated by the primary freezing of a few large (~1 mm) droplets in a rising parcel (Field et al., 2017), INP number concentrations may be largely irrelevant to cloud ice properties. The effect of INP and INP parameterisation on convective cloud properties must therefore be examined with consideration for the presence of, and interactions with, SIP. Here we explore how the choice of INP parameterisation affects the properties of a large and realistic cloud field containing clouds at all levels as well as deep convective systems in the eastern Tropical Atlantic with a focus on the top of atmosphere (TOA) outgoing radiation. The eastern Tropical Atlantic is an ideal location in which to examine the role of INP concentrations in convective cloud systems because, owing to its position at the interface between the Saharan Air Layer and the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone, it is subject to both high levels of convective activity and high loadings of desert dust, a relatively well-defined INP type (DeMott et al., 2003; Niemand et al., 2012; Price et al., 2018). First, we determine how the presence of INP alters the radiative properties of the cloud field. We then examine how the properties of the simulated cloud field, including cloud shortwave reflectivity, cloud fraction and anvil extent, depend on the choice of INP parameterisation. In particular, we examine the importance of the dependence of INP number concentration on temperature, referred to as INP parameterisation slope herein, as a major factor that determines cloud properties. We also examine the effect on cloud properties of the inclusion of SIP

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## 2. Methods

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#### 2.1. Model set-up

#### 2.1.1 Regional domain and initial conditions

Simulations described in this article were performed using the Unified Model (UM) version 10.8 (GA6 configuration) (Walters et al., 2017). The UM is a numerical weather prediction model developed by the UK Met Office. We use a regional nest within the global model simulation (Fig. 1a), which has a grid spacing of 1 km (900\*700 grid points) and 70 vertical levels. Meteorology of the driving global model is based on operational analysis data. Within the nested domain, the Cloud AeroSol Interacting Microphysics scheme (CASIM) is employed to handle cloud microphysical properties. The Met Office global model global model simulation (UM vn 8.5, GA6 configuration, N512 resolution (Walters et al., 2017)) is used to initialise the nested simulation at 00:00 on the 21st of August 2015 and is used throughout the simulation for the boundary conditions. The 21st of August 2015 was chosen for simulation to coincide with flight b933 of the Ice in Clouds Experiment – Dust (ICE-D) July-August 2015 field campaign that targeted convective clouds extending to and beyond the freezing level. The aerosol profile measured during flight b933 (Fig. A1a1b) was used to derive the aerosol profiles prescribed over the nested domain at the beginning of the simulation and are constantly applied at the boundaries. Model profiles were calculated as follows: The UM vn 10.3 was used to simulate a domain comprising the entire Tropical Atlantic and West Africa. This simulation was initiated on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015 with a grid spacing of 8 km using the UM operational one-moment microphysics (i.e. not CASIM) and the CLASSIC aerosol scheme with a 6-bin dust model (Johnson et al., 2015a). On the day of the b933 flight (21st August 2015), a dust layer was present between 2 and 3 km altitude. Comparison to MODIS AOD data indicates agreement between the model and observations (not shown). This UM vn 10.3 simulation was used to calculate the average dust profile (mass and number concentration) over the CASIM domain on the 21st of August 2015 and these dust profiles are applied in the nested domain as the insoluble aerosol profiles (Fig. A1a1b). The approximate difference between the dust aerosol profile provided by the UM regional simulation and the observed aerosol profile measured during flight b933 (comprising both insoluble and soluble particles) is used as the soluble aerosol profile (Fig. A1a1b). The simulations are 24 hours in length.

#### 2.1.2. CASIM microphysics

CASIM is a multi-moment bulk scheme, which is configured to be two-moment in this work. Both number concentration and mass concentration for each of the five hydrometeor classes (cloud droplets, rain droplets, ice

138 crystals (or cloud ice), graupel, snow) are prognostic variables. The model set-up is very similar to that used in 139 Miltenberger et al. (2018) including the parameter choices within CASIM. CASIM has been used and tested previously 140 in simulations of coastal mixed-phase convective clouds (Miltenberger et al., 2018), South-East Pacific stratocumulus 141 clouds (Grosvenor et al., 2017), Southern Ocean supercooled shallow cumulus (Vergara-Temprado et al., 2018), 142 midlatitude cyclones (McCoy et al., 2018) and CCN-limited Arctic clouds (Stevens et al., 2018). 143 Cloud droplet activation is parameterised according to (Abdul-Razzak and Ghan, 2000). The soluble accumulation 144 mode aerosol profile shown in Fig. A1a-1b is used for cloud droplet activation and a simplistic CCN activation 145 parameterisation is included for the insoluble aerosol mode(Abdul-Razzak and Ghan, 2000) that assumes a 5% soluble 146 fraction on dust. Scavenging of CCN or INP is not represented. Collision-coalescence, riming of ice crystals to graupel 147 and aggregation of ice crystals to snow is represented. Rain drop freezing is described using the parameterisation of 148 Bigg (1953). For reference, the modelled domain-mean out-of-cloud temperature and relative humidity are shown in 149 Fig. A1<u>c</u>b. The model time-step is 5 seconds. 150 Heterogeneous ice nucleation is represented using 5 different parameterisations: Cooper (1986) (C86), Meyers et al. 151 (1992) (M92), DeMott et al. (2010b) (D10), Niemand et al. (2012) (N12) and Atkinson et al. (2013) (A13) (Fig. 1Fig. 2). 152 C86 and M92 calculate a freezing rate based on temperature and are independent of aerosol concentration. D10 153 calculates an INP concentration from temperature and the concentration of insoluble dust aerosol with a diameter 154 greater than 0.5 µm. N12 and A13 calculate an INP concentration from the temperature dependent active surface site 155 density and the surface area of insoluble  $\underline{\text{dust}}$  aerosol ( $n_s$ ). For A13, a potassium-feldspar fraction of 0.25 is assumed. 156 This is the upper recommended fraction(Atkinson et al., 2013) which was deemed appropriate because of the study 157 region's exposure to Saharan dust outflow. M92 is described as a deposition and condensation freezing 158 parameterisation (Meyers et al., 1992) and is often used alongside an immersion freezing parameterisation in 159 modelling studies (Deng et al., 2018; Fan et al., 2010b, 2010a; Gibbons et al., 2018). However, the M92 160 parameterisation is based on aircraft continuous flow diffusion chamber measurements and those measurements 161 should capture all relevant nucleation mechanisms (see Vali et al., 2015). To represent nucleation at conditions 162 relevant for clouds with liquid water present, we have set the saturation term in the M92 parameterisation to water 163 saturation. One simulation is conducted with no active heterogeneous ice nucleation representation (NoINP). The INP 164 parameterisations inspect the conditions (temperature, cloud droplet number, ICNC) and aerosol concentrations 165 within a gridbox and use that information to predict an ice production rate via heterogeneous freezing. The

supercooled droplets are depleted by the freezing parameterisation, but scavenging of INPs is not represented.

Homogeneous freezing of cloud droplets is parameterised according to Jeffery and Austin (1997).

Secondary ice production (SIP) is represented using an approximation of the Hallett Mossop process which occurs between -2.5 and -7.5°C. The efficiency of the Hallett Mossop process increases from -2.5 and -7.5°C to 100% at -5°C. The rate of splinter production per rimed mass is prescribed with 350 new ice splinters produced per milligram of rime at -5°C. The ice splinters produced by the representation of the Hallett Mossop process are the smallest allowable size of ice in the model (i.e.  $10^{-18}$  kg, volume radius  $^{\sim}0.11~\mu m$ ). The rate of splinter production by the Hallett Mossop process is based on the best available estimate of the efficacy of the mechanism (Connolly et al., 2006; Hallett and Mossop, 1974; Mossop, 1985). In-situ cloud observations have frequently observed ICNC that could be explained by the Hallett Mossop process, but the mechanism underlying the Hallett Mossop process as well as the ice particle production rate remain uncertain and not well quantified (Field et al., 2017). A maximum splinter production rate of 350 per milligram of rimed material has been measured in a number of laboratory studies (Hallett and Mossop, 1974; Mossop, 1985) and has been applied as the best estimate here and in previous modelling studies (Connolly et al., 2006), although other rates have also been measured (Heymsfield and Mossop, 1984; Saunders and Hosseini, 2001). Uncertainties regarding the rate of splinter production by Hallett Mossop are an important consideration that will be investigated in future work; this study explores the structural uncertainty of the presence/absence of the Hallett Mossop process as currently understood. Other mechanisms of SIP such as collision fragmentation, droplet shattering and sublimation fragmentation have been proposed (Field et al., 2017), but are not represented in these simulations, in part because they are very poorly defined and it is not clear how important they are. Other studies have attempted to model some of these additional SIP processes (Phillips et al., 2018; Sullivan et al., 2018) but that was beyond the scope of this study.

#### 2.1.3. Cloud radiation

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The radiative processes are represented by the Suite of Community RAdiative Transfer codes based on Edwards and Slingo (SOCRATES) (Edwards and Slingo, 1996; Manners et al., 2017), which considers cloud droplet number and mass, as well as ice crystal and snow water paths for the calculation of cloud radiative properties. It does not respond to changes in ice crystal or snow number concentration, or any changes to rain or graupel species. The cloud droplet single scattering properties are calculated from the cloud droplet mass and effective radius in each gridbox using the equations detailed in Edwards and Slingo (1996). Snow and ice are combined to form one ice category for the purposes of the radiation calculations. The single scattering properties of this snow and ice category are calculated

from their combined mass and the ambient temperature. The parameterisation of bulk optical properties of snow and ice used in the model is detailed in Baran et al. (2014).

The radiative properties (shortwave, longwave and total radiation) are calculated for daylight hours only, i.e. 10:00-17:00 UTC. For all other modelled properties presented, except when plotted against a corresponding radiative property, values are calculated for the last 14 hours of the simulation, i.e. from 10:00 - 24:00. The sensitivity of analysis to time period selection was tested and found to have little impact.

Changes to outgoing radiation from cloudy regions and changes in cloud fraction both contribute to the total overall change in outgoing radiation between two simulations. The contributions from changes in outgoing radiation from cloudy regions and cloud fraction to the overall radiative differences between simulations were calculated separately as described below. The cloudy regions contribution, i.e. the difference in outgoing radiation between two cloudy regions due to changes in cloud albedo or thickness ignoring any changes in cloud fraction, ( $\Delta Rad_{REFL}$ ) to a domain radiative difference between two simulations a sensitivity simulation (s) and a reference simulation (r) (s – r) is calculated using Eq. (1).

$$\Delta Rad_{REFL} = cf_r \times \Delta Rad_{cl} \tag{1}$$

where  $cf_r$  is the cloud fraction of simulation r and  $\Delta Rad_{cl}$  is the change in outgoing radiation from cloudy areas only between simulations (s - r). The reference run (r) in Sections 3.1 – 3.4 refers to the NoINP simulation while the sensitivity run (s) are simulations which include an INP parameterisation. In Section 3.5, the reference run (r) refers to a simulation which has no representation of SIP and the sensitivity run (s) to a simulation which includes SIP due to the Hallett Mossop process. The cloud fraction econtribution of cloud fraction changes, i.e. the change in radiation that can be attributed to an area of clear sky in simulation s becoming cloudy in simulation r or vice versa, to the total change in domain outgoing radiation ( $\Delta Rad_{CF}$ ) is calculated using Eq. (2).

$$\Delta Rad_{CF} = \left(Rad_{r,cl} - Rad_{r,cs}\right) \times \Delta cf \tag{2}$$

Where  $Rad_{r,cl}$  is the mean outgoing radiation from cloudy regions in simulation r and  $Rad_{r,cs}$  is the mean outgoing radiation from clear sky regions in simulation r and  $\Delta cf$  is the difference in domain cloud fraction between simulations s and r (s-r). There is interaction between the outgoing radiation from cloudy regions and cloud fraction changes  $(\Delta Rad_{INT})$  which is calculated in Eq (3).

$$\Delta Rad_{INT} = \Delta Rad_{cl} \times \Delta cf + \Delta Rad_{cs} \times (1 - cf_s)$$
 (3)

- Where  $\Delta Rad_{cs}$  is the change in mean outgoing radiation from clear sky areas between simulations s and r and  $cf_s$  is the cloud fraction of simulation s.
- The total outgoing radiation difference between simulations s and r ( $\Delta Rad_{s-r}$ ) is therefore as shown in Eq. (4).

$$\Delta Rad_{s-r} = Rad_s - Rad_r = \Delta Rad_{REFL} + \Delta Rad_{CF} + \Delta Rad_{INT}$$
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- The interaction term  $\Delta Rad_{INT}$  was found to be negligible and was therefore ignored for the purpose of this paper.
- 227 **2.1.4.** Model simulations

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- The conducted simulations are as follows:
- Five simulations with different heterogeneous ice nucleation parameterisations (C86, M92, D10, N12 and A13) with a representation of the Hallett Mossop process (SIP active).
- One simulation with no heterogeneous ice nucleation (NoINP), but with a representation of the Hallett

  Mossop process (SIP\_active).
- Five simulations with different heterogeneous ice nucleation parameterisations (C86, M92, D10, N12 and A13) without a representation of the Hallett Mossop process (SIP\_inactive).
  - The INP number concentration ([INP]) predicted by the five INP parameterisations (C86, M92, D10, N12, A13) are compared with the available measurements from the study region (Price et al., 2018; Welti et al., 2018) in Fig. 1Fig. 2, including those taken during the ICE-D field campaign (Price et al., 2018). All parameterisations are in reasonable agreement with the measurements (and with each other) at around -17°C, but deviate strongly at higher and lower temperatures. It should be noted that all parameterisations tested in this work were developed between specific temperature ranges and extrapolation beyond these temperatures adds uncertainty. However, for the purposes of this paper and to allow a direct comparison between parameterisations, all parameterisations have been applied between 0 and -37°C. Importantly, the INP parameterisation slopes of the chosen parameterisations span the range used within regional models (from a shallow dlog10[INP]/dT = -0.07 in M92 (Meyers et al., 1992) to a steep dlog10[INP]/dT = -0.45 in A13 (Atkinson et al., 2013)).

When analysing the simulation output, cloudy grid boxes were classed as those containing more than 10<sup>-5</sup> kg kg<sup>-1</sup> condensed water from cloud droplets, ice crystals, graupel and snow. Rain was not included to ensure analysis did not include areas below cloud base. Other cloud thresholds were tested and found to have no notable effect on the results. For cloud categorisation into low, mid and high clouds, model vertical columns containing cloudy grid boxes were categorised by cloud altitude. Low cloud occurs below 4km, mid cloud between 4 and 9 km and high cloud above 9 km. Columns with cloudy grid boxes in two or more cloud categories were classified as mixed category columns according to the vertical placement of the cloudy grid boxes, e.g. low/high for columns containing cloud below 4 km and above 9 km. 4 and 9 km were chosen as the low/mid and mid/high division points because they are just below two well-defined peaks in cloud base heights (not shown) and roughly correspond to the beginning of the heterogeneous and homogeneous freezing regions, respectively.

#### 2.2. The observed case

MODIS visible images of the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015 are shown in Fig. 2Fig. 3 (a, b) alongside a time series of snapshots of the TOA outgoing longwave radiation in our one of our simulations (c, d—h). The simulated cloud field has more cloud-free areas than the satellite images but in general produces clouds similar to those shown in the satellite image and in approximately the correct location. Overall the simulations produce a complex and realistic cloud field. Snapshots of the simulated model TOA outgoing shortwave radiation are shown in Fig. A2Fig. A1.

In-situ measurements of cloud and aerosol properties were made using the UK FAAM Bae-146 research aircraft, which was flown from Praia, Cape Verde Islands. An extensive suite of in-situ aerosol and cloud particle instruments were operated onboard the aircraft and are described in detail in Lloyd et al. (2019). The aircraft penetrated the growing convective clouds at a range of altitudes from just below the freezing level up to -20°C. In order to show that the model reproduces the observed conditions, the observational data were compared to the conditions in modelled clouds of similar size to those the aircraft flew in (10 – 150 km²) where a comparison was thought appropriate.

Comparisons of a selection of simulated cloud properties with aircraft data are shown in Fig. A3Fig. A2. In-cloud measurements from the aircraft were selected using the same total water content threshold as for the model data (10<sup>-5</sup> kg kg<sup>-1</sup>). Note that observational data only samples clouds along the 1D flight path, while model results include all grid points inside the selected clouds.

The vertical wind and cloud droplet and ice number concentrations are shown Fig. A3Fig. A2. The vertical wind speeds from the model and aircraft measurements agree well (Fig. A3Fig. A2a). The aircraft data exhibit less measurements of

vertical wind speeds above 10 m s<sup>-1</sup> but that is expected since the aircraft was purposefully not flown in very high updraft speeds. The aircraft cloud droplet number concentration (CDNC), measured using a DMT cloud droplet probe, falls predominantly in the regions of parameter space most highly populated by model data when plotted against vertical wind speed (Fig. A3Fig. A2b). Note that the simulated points in Figure A1b represent values of CDNC and updraft speed in all cloudy gridboxes, not just those at cloud base. The updraft speed is collocated with CDNC and therefore does not necessarily represent the updraft speed at which the cloud droplets were activated. The higher CDNC values exhibited in the model data may be due to the higher updraft speeds which were not measured by the aircraft. The observed ICNC was derived from measurements using the DMT Cloud Imaging Probes (CIP-15 and CIP-100) and the SPEC Stereoscopic optical array probe covering a size range from 10 to 6200 μm using the SODA2 processing code to reconstruct ice particle images that are fully contained within the probe sample volume. Because of uncertainties in the optical array probe sample volume for very small images, only ice particle images greater than 100 μm were included. The aircraft ICNC fall almost entirely within the range of the model values (Fig. A3Fig. A2c).

3. Results

#### 3.1. Effect of INP and INP parameterisation on outgoing radiation

We first examine the effect of INP parameterisation on the outgoing radiation relative to the simulation where the only source of primary ice production was through homogeneous freezing (NoINP). Ice crystals formed via homogeneous freezing can sediment to lower levels and initiate ice production via the Hallett Mossop process. When contrasting the effect of different INP parameterisations in Sect 3.1-3.4, the Hallett Mossop process was always active including in the NoINP simulation. As stated in Sect. 2.1.3, the radiation code is represented by the Suite Of Community RAdiative Transfer codes based on Edwards and Slingo (SOCRATES) (Edwards and Slingo, 1996; Manners et al., 2017), and responds to changes in cloud droplet number and cloud droplet, ice crystal and snow mass. The results detailed below relate to either the domain-wide properties or all in-cloud regions within the domain. This means that the results describe the direct and indirect changes, for example changes to the Hallett Mossop ice production, occurring due to the presence of INP across all cloud present in the domain, including low-level liquid clouds, mixed-phase clouds without a convective anvil and very deep convective clouds with an anvil. The effects of INP parameterisation and SIP on convective anvils are discussed in Sect. 3.4.

Domain-mean TOA outgoing radiation (daylight hours, shortwave plus longwave) is enhanced by the inclusion of INP in all cases (Fig. 3Fig. 4a). The enhancement in outgoing radiation varies between 2.6 W m<sup>-2</sup> for D10 and 20.8 W m<sup>-2</sup> for A13 relative to the NoINP simulation. There is a variation of up to 18.2 W m<sup>-2</sup> depending on the chosen representation of heterogeneous ice nucleation, which shows that the INP parameterisation can affect outgoing radiation as much as excluding or including heterogeneous freezing altogether. Radiative changes from the NoINP simulation due to the inclusion of INPThe difference in radiation between the NoINP and the simulations where INP are present are caused mainly by changes to outgoing shortwave radiation. The inclusion of INP enhances outgoing shortwave radiation by between 5.3 W m<sup>-2</sup> for D10 and 26.6 W m<sup>-2</sup> for A13 (Fig. A4Fig. A3a). Differences in outgoing longwave radiation are comparatively small (-2.7 W m<sup>-2</sup> for D10 to -5.8 W m<sup>-2</sup> for A13; Fig. A4Fig. A3b) due to similar cloud top heights between simulations of these thermodynamically limited clouds. Bear in mind that SIP was active (SIP\_active) in the simulations summarised in Fig. 3Fig. 4a, including in the NoINP simulation in which the Hallett Mossop process can be initiated by settling ice crystals, indicating that these cloud systems are sensitive to INP even in the presence of SIP. This is consistent with a comparatively small change in TOA radiation when SIP is active relative to when it is inactive (Fig. 3Fig. 4b and 3c) (we discuss the role of SIP in more detail in Sect. 3.5). The slope of the INP parameterisation (i.e. the dependence of INP number concentration on temperature) is a key determinant of the outgoing radiation. There is a statistically significant correlation between INP parameterisation slope and total TOA outgoing radiation ( $r^2 = 0.75$ , p < 0.01, n = 10) (Fig. 3Fig. 4c). Changes in outgoing radiation due to the presence of INP are caused by a combination of changes to the outgoing radiation from cloudy regions, caused by changes in cloud structure and microphysical properties, and changes to domain cloud fraction, whose contributions to the total radiative difference are shown in Fig. 3Fig. 4a (left and centre). In order to appreciate the reasons for

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domain cloud fraction and cloud type.

3.2. Effect of INP and INP parameterisation on outgoing radiation from cloudy regions

Here we discuss the changes in outgoing radiation from cloudy regions only due to INP parameterisation choice.

Daytime outgoing radiation from cloudy regions increases due to INP for all but one INP parameterisation (Fig. 4Fig.

5a). The absolute change in outgoing radiation from cloudy regions is between –0.8 (D10) and +28.1 (A13) W m<sup>-2</sup>, and the larger values are a result of large increases in reflected shortwave (up to +37.2 W m<sup>-2</sup>) and relatively moderate decreases in outgoing longwave radiation (up to –11.1 W m<sup>-2</sup>) from cloudy regions. The above absolute changes in

these trends, we will now take a closer look at the effect of INP on outgoing radiation from cloudy regions only,

outgoing radiation from cloudy regions contribute between –0.7 and +11.4 W m<sup>-2</sup> to the domain-mean change in outgoing radiation due to the presence of INP (Fig. 3Fig. 4a, cloudy regions contribution).

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The enhancement of outgoing radiation from cloudy regions due to INP is caused primarily by increases in cloud condensate relative to the NoINP simulation (Fig. 4Fig. 5b). When INP are included in a simulation, snow and cloud droplet water path are enhanced, causing increases in total cloud condensate, despite decreases (in all except A13) in ice crystal water path due to a reduction in ice crystal number and mass concentrations due a reduction in the availability of cloud droplets for homogeneous freezing. Snow, cloud droplets and ice crystals are the hydrometeors that affect outgoing radiation in CASIM and the combined water path of these three species is significantly positively correlated with cloud shortwave reflectivity ( $r^2 = 0.62$ , p < 0.01, n = 11) (Fig. 4Fig. 5c). The mechanism for this INP induced increase in cloud condensate and consequently cloud shortwave reflectivity is as follows: When heterogeneous ice nucleation is active, liquid is consumed in the warmer regions of mixed-phase clouds because of increased heterogeneous ice nucleation (Fig.  $\underline{1}$ Fig.  $\underline{2}$ ) and SIP (Fig.  $\underline{A5}$ Fig.  $\underline{A4}$ a). The resultant additional ice crystals in mixed-phase regions facilitate riming causing increases in snow and graupel (Fig. A5Fig. A4c, d), increasing snow water path and reflectivity in mixed-phase and ice clouds. At the same time, the enhanced production of relatively heavy snow and graupel increases precipitation which on melting to form rain below the freezing level and subsequent evaporation below 4 km, reduces out-of-cloud temperature and increases relative humidity (Fig. A6Fig. A5a, b). This leads to increases in water path in low-level liquid clouds and thus an enhancement in their shortwave reflectivity. However, increases in total cloud condensate alone cannot account for the differences in outgoing radiation from cloudy regions between simulations using different INP parameterisations, which are caused by a combination of cloud microphysical responses. We find that outgoing radiation from cloudy regions is significantly negatively correlated with INP parameterisation slope ( $r^2 = 0.63$ , p < 0.01, n = 10) (Fig. 5Fig. 6a), i.e. simulations using a steep INP parameterisation have a higher outgoing radiation from cloudy regions. This result makes sense when we consider the relationships between INP parameterisation slope and a multitude of cloud microphysical properties affecting cloud radiative properties. In particular, a steep INP parameterisation results in a mixed-phase cloud region characterised by a higher ice crystal water path aloft ( $r^2 = 0.80$ , p < 0.01, n = 10; Fig. 5Fig. 6b) and higher cloud droplet number concentrations at the bottom of the mixed-phase region ( $r^2 = 0.89$ , p < 0.01, n = 10; Fig. 5Fig. 6c) when compared to shallower parameterisations. A steeper INP parameterisation slope allows increased transport of liquid to upper cloud levels due to lower rates of heterogeneous freezing at the mid-bottom region of the mixed-phase cloud (lower supercooling, (Fig. 1Fig. 2) and SIP at high temperatures (Fig. A5Fig. A4a). This, combined with higher INP

concentrations at low temperatures (Fig. 1 Fig. 2), increases ICNC at upper mixed-phase altitudes, as well as enhancing the lifetime of liquid cloud droplets at lower altitudes in the mixed-phase region when compared to shallower INP parameterisations.

#### 3.3. Effect of INP and INP parameterisation on cloud fraction

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Overall cloud fraction is increased by INP for all INP parameterisations and these increases in cloud fraction contribute about as much to changes in domain-mean radiation as the changes in outgoing radiation from cloudy regions (Fig. 3Fig. 4a, cloud fraction contribution). Increases in domain cloud fraction due to INP are driven by cloud cover increases in the warm and mixed-phase regions of the cloud (~ 4 -6 km), offset somewhat by decreases in the cloud fraction due to reduced homogeneous freezing in the ~ 10 - 14 km regime (~ 10 - 14 km) (Fig. 6Fig. 7a). Cloud fraction increases at mid-levels occur because heterogeneous ice nucleation induces an increase in precipitation-sized particles (snow and graupel) which sediment to lower levels and moisten the atmosphere by evaporation (Fig. A6Fig. A5a, b). This increases new cloud formation and may prolong the lifetime of existing cloud cells. Additionally, increased droplet freezing and riming in the mixed-phase cloud region releases latent heat and invigorates cloud development with increases in updraft speed just above 4 km (Fig. A6Fig. A5c). The increased cloud fraction at midlevels due to INP are partially offset by a reduced cloud fraction above 10 km (Fig. 6Fig. 7a) which is caused by an INP induced enhancement in freezing and riming in the mixed-phase region reducing moisture transport to the homogeneous freezing regime. The effects of INP on the altitude profile of cloud fraction are strongest for shallow INP parameterisation slopes, which have a freezing profile most different to that of the NoINP simulation (Fig. 6Fig. 7a). At 5 km, the shallowest parameterisation (M92) causes the largest increase in cloud fraction, while the steepest parameterisation (A13) causes the smallest ( $r^2 = 0.83$ , p < 0.05, n = 5). At 12 km, the order is reversed, and steep parameterisations exhibit the highest cloud fraction ( $r^2 = 0.94$ , p < 0.01, n = 5). The largest cloud fraction-induced increases in outgoing radiation relative to the NoINP simulation (Fig. 3Fig. 4a) are seen in simulations using steeper INP parameterisations because these simulations exhibit higher cloud fractions at high altitudes (~12 km), translating into the higher total cloud fraction. These slope dependent changes in cloud fraction are explained by a relationship between cloud fraction and several microphysical properties affecting cloud fraction. For example, steeper INP parameterisations produce higher ICNC at the top of the mixed-phase region (10 km) as well as higher ratios of ice crystal mass to snow and graupel mass within the homogeneous freezing region (12 km) (Fig. 6Fig. 7b, c). A higher number and mass of ice crystals

relative to those of larger precipitation-sized hydrometeors with the steepest parameterisations results in lower frozen hydrometeor sedimentation, a longer cloud lifetime and a higher cloud fraction.

#### 3.4. Effect of INP and INP parameterisation on cirrus anvils

Our results show that the INP parameterisation affects the properties and spatial extent of cirrus anvils. We define cirrus anvils to be regions where cloud is present above 9 km only (further details available in Sect. 2.1.4). 2D aerial images of cloud categorisation (Fig. 7Fig. 8a-f) show well-defined regions of anvil cloud (light blue - H) surrounding a large convective system containing clouds at a range of altitudes from <4 km to >9 km. There are clearly differences in the extent and position of cloud categories between simulations (Fig. 7Fig. 8a-f).

The presence of INP reduces convective anvil extent by between 2.1 and 4.1% of the domain area depending on the choice of INP parameterisation (Fig. 7Fig. 8 g), corresponding to a decrease in anvil cloud of between 22 and 53% relative to the NoINP simulation (not shown). The reduction in anvil extent in the presence of INP is caused by increased liquid consumption at all mixed-phase levels, due to heterogeneous freezing, enhanced SIP and increased graupel and snow production, reducing the availability of cloud droplets for homogeneous freezing (Fig. A5Fig. A4b), reducing ICNC at cloud-top, and reducing cloud anvil extent (Fig. 7Fig. 8g).

Reductions in anvil extent caused by INP are somewhat offset by the overall increases in cloud fraction across the domain (Fig. 7Fig. 8g). However, it is possible that the effect of INP and INP parameterisation choice on anvil cloud fraction, and the contribution of anvil cloud to overall cloud fraction and radiative changes, would become larger with a longer analysis period. This is because detrained convective anvils can persist longer in the atmosphere than the convective core that creates them (Luo and Rossow, 2004; Mace et al., 2006), but this is beyond the scope of the current study.

#### 3.5. Importance of secondary ice production

It has been argued that the observed (or derived) primary ice particle production rate is unimportant for convective cloud properties when secondary ice production (SIP) is active (Fridlind et al., 2007; Heymsfield and Willis, 2014; Ladino et al., 2017; Lawson et al., 2015) because primary ice crystal concentrations are often overwhelmed by ice crystals formed via SIP (Field et al., 2017). However, the results shown in Fig. 3Fig. 4a (in which the simulations included SIP) do not support this argument. We find that the microphysical and radiative properties of the cloud field depend strongly on the properties of the INP even with when SIP due to the (Hallett-Mossop process) occurs.

Furthermore, the effect of including SIP on daylight domain-mean outgoing radiation varies between –2.0 W m<sup>-2</sup> and

414 +6.6 W m<sup>-2</sup> (Fig. 3Fig. 4b), showing that SIP the presence of the Hallett Mossop process has a smaller effect than the 415 INP parameterisation. Furthermore, the and that the sign and magnitude of this effect of SIP-depends on the INP 416 parameterisation. The mean effect on daylight domain-mean outgoing radiation of including INP is +9.8 W m<sup>-2</sup> 417 whereas the mean effect of including SIP via the Hallett Mossop process is +2.9 W m<sup>-2</sup>. Therefore, rather than primary 418 ice being simply overwhelmed by SIP, it actually determines how SIP affects cloud microphysics. Other mechanisms of 419 SIP have been proposed (Field et al., 2017; Lauber et al., 2018) and the impact of INP on cloud properties in the 420 presence of these mechanisms, particularly those present at temperatures below 10°C such as droplet shattering 421 (Lauber et al., 2018), should be tested in future but this was beyond the scope of the present study. 422 The effect of SIP on the radiative properties of the cloud field is dependent on INP parameterisation choice, both in 423 magnitude and sign of change (Fig. 3Fig. 4b). SIP makes the clouds more reflective independent of the chosen 424 parameterisation (Fig. 3Fig. 4b, cloudy regions contribution) due to increases in snow and cloud droplet water path. 425 N12 and A13 have the largest overall radiative response to SIP because changes to the radiative forcing from cloudy 426 regions and cloud fraction contributions act to increase outgoing radiation (Fig. 3Fig. 4b). However, the cloud fraction 427 response to SIP is opposite for C86, M92 and D10 meaning the cloudy regions and cloud fraction contributions act in 428 opposite directions, reducing the total radiative forcing. 429 The different response of the domain cloud fraction to the presence of SIP is caused by substantial variation between 430 simulations in the anvil cloud extent (Fig. 7Fig. 8h), from an increase of 10% (+0.9% of the domain area) in N12 to a 431 decrease of 40% (-3.6% of the domain area) in M92 (Fig. 7Fig. 8h). These non-uniform changes in cloud fraction and 432 outgoing radiation can be explained by differences in the response of cloud freezing profiles to SIP due to variations in 433 INP parameterisation slope. For all INP parameterisations, SIP reduces the availability of liquid at higher altitudes. For 434 shallower parameterisations such as M92 this causes a reduction in the amount of cloud droplets reaching the 435 homogeneous freezing regime and thereby reduces ICNC and cloud anvil spatial extent. However, in simulations using 436 a steep parameterisation, almost all available droplets are frozen heterogeneously before they reach the 437 homogeneous regime (see reduced homogeneous ice production rates in N12 and A13 in Fig. A5Fig. A4b). Therefore, 438 in simulations using a steeper parameterisation, such as N12, a reduction in liquid availability due to SIP occurs at the 439 top of the heterogeneous freezing regime, reducing the availability of liquid for riming, causing a reduction in frozen 440 hydrometeor size at high altitudes, a reduction in hydrometeor sedimentation and an increase in anvil extent. The 441 effects of INP parameterisation slope and the Hallett Mossop process on the simulated cloud field properties are 442 summarised in Fig. 9. Overall, our simulations show that INP parameterisation choice and slope is an important

determinant of cloud field micro- and macrophysical properties, even when SIP is active, and that choice of INP parameterisation affects the cloud field response to SIP.

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# 4. Limitations of this modelling study

The lack of consideration of ice and snow particle number by the SOCRATES radiation scheme is an important limitation of the results presented here. Changes to ICNC, without a co-occurring change in ice crystal mass concentrations, will not be reflected in modelled radiative fluxes. However, our results are still very relevant for climate model simulations as climate models do not typically represent account for ICNC in their radiation calculations and have frequently been shown to poorly represent ice crystal mass concentrations (Baran et al., 2014; Waliser et al., 2009). The SOCRATES representation of radiation with a dependence on ice mass is a more accurate and realistic representation of radiation than is seen in many climate models which often derive bulk optical properties using empirically derived deterministic relationships between ice particle size and environmental temperature and/or ice water content (Baran et al., 2014; Edwards et al., 2007; Fu et al., 1999; Gu et al., 2011). However, the effect of INP parameterisation on deep convective clouds radiative properties using a radiation code that considers ice particle number should be explored in future studies. The sensitivity of the cloud field to the chosen INP parameterisation and SIP indicates the importance of accurately representing ice water content in climate models and linking this ice water content to ice-nucleating particle type. Another limitation of the SOCRATES radiation code is its lack of consideration of rain and graupel particles. The effects of these hydrometeors are expected to be less than that of ice, snow and cloud droplets as they precipitate faster and therefore have a shorter lifetime. Furthermore, the effect of graupel on the tropical longwave radiative effect has been found to be negligible and dwarfed by that of snow (Chen et al., 2018). The global radiative effect of rain has also been found to be small in the vast majority of cases even at high temporal and spatial resolution (Hill et al., 2018). The effect of the incorporation of these hydrometeors into radiative transfer parameterisations should however be tested in future studies. The use of both aerosol-dependent (D10, N12, A13) and solely-temperature dependent (C86, M92) parameterisations in this study means that we have examined the radiative sensitivity of a complex cloud field to a larger variety of INP parameterisations used in weather and climate models than if we had exclusively used parameterisations that

consider aerosol concentration. However, this experimental design has limitations. For example, due to the lack of aerosol dependence of the C86 and M92 schemes a 'presumed 'dust concentration is implicitly present in these two cases and remains uniform throughout the simulation period. The effect of INP parameterisation choice on convective cloud field properties should also be examined with the inclusion of aerosol scavenging but this was beyond the scope of this study.

This study utilised our best estimate of ice production by the Hallett Mossop process (Connolly et al., 2006; Hallett and Mossop, 1974; Mossop, 1985), the most well-studied SIP mechanism, to try and understand the effect of the process, as currently understood, on deep convective cloud properties. The work indicates that INP concentrations at all mixed phase temperatures can be important for cloud properties even in the presence of the Hallett Mossop process, and that the impact of the Hallett Mossop process depends on INP number concentrations. The dependence of the rate of ice production by the Hallett Mossop process on INP number concentrations (Figure A5a) in particular highlights that the role of SIP in clouds may be dependent on INP. However, this-the rate of ice production by the Hallett Mossop process is very uncertain and other mechanisms of SIP have also been proposed (Field et al., 2017). We recommend that similar studies examining the effect of INP should be conducted with the inclusion of other proposed SIP mechanisms, particularly those that may be present at temperatures below -10°C, such as droplet shattering (Lauber et al., 2018). However, this was beyond the scope of the present study due in part to the lack of quantification and parameterisations for these other mechanisms (Field et al., 2017).—Future work will attempt to overcome the above caveats by using statistical emulation (Johnson et al., 2015b) to examine the interacting effects of dust number concentration, INP parameterisation slope and SIP in an idealised deep convective cloud.

### 5. Conclusions

We quantified the effect of INP parameterisation choice on the radiative properties of a deep convective cloud field using a regional model with advanced double-moment capabilities. The simulated domain exceeds 600,000 km² and therefore captures the effects of INP and INP parameterisation on a typical large, complex and heterogeneous convective cloud field. The presence of INP increases domain-mean daylight TOA outgoing radiation by between 2.6 and 20.8 W m⁻² and the choice of INP parameterisation can have as large an effect on cloud field properties as the inclusion or exclusion of INP. These effects are evident even in the presence of SIP due to the Hallett Mossop process,

refuting the hypothesis that INP is irrelevant beyond a minimum concentration needed to initiate SIP-the Hallett Mossop process (Crawford et al., 2012; Ladino et al., 2017; Phillips et al., 2007). An important caveat of this result is that other SIP mechanisms, such as droplet shattering (Ladino et al., 2017; Lauber et al., 2018), are not represented in our model simulations. Furthermore, the effects of SIP on the cloud field properties are strongly dependent on INP parameterisation choice. Both the magnitude and direction of change in cloud fraction and total outgoing radiation due to SIP varies according to INP parameterisation choice. Microphysical alterations to cloud properties are important contributors to radiative differences between simulations, in agreement with previous studies documenting the effect of aerosol-cloud interactions to the radiative forcing by deep convective clouds (Fan et al., 2013). For example, increasing cloud condensation nuclei concentrations, with no perturbations to INP, was shown to increase cloud albedo and cloud fraction, deepen clouds and increase TOA outgoing radiation by 2-4 W m<sup>-2</sup> (Fan et al., 2013). Here we find that even for the same aerosol and CCN concentrations, just altering the relationship between aerosol concentration and ice-nucleating ability can cause changes in daylight TOA outgoing radiation of up to 18.2 W m<sup>-2</sup> in our domain.

Our results indicate that the slope of the INP parameterisation with respect to temperature (dlog[INP]/dT) is particularly important: Outgoing total radiation, along with many cloud field and microphysical properties affecting radiation, were significantly correlated with INP parameterisation slope. Best practise for accurately representing INP number concentrations based on current knowledge is to utilise parameterisations that link aerosol number and particle size to INP number concentration (e.g. D10, N12, A13) but that is not enough without also using a parameterisation in which the temperature dependence of the INP number concentrations matches reality; the largest differences in domain outgoing radiation existed in this study between simulations using aerosol dependent parameterisations (D10 and A13). These large variations in outgoing radiation between simulations using different aerosol dependent INP parameterisations justifies investment in observational campaigns to more effectively constrain the range of expected INP concentrations and parameterisation slopes in the Saharan dust outflow region, and other regions dominated by maritime deep convective activity.

The significance of the slope of the INP parameterisation indicates the potential importance of accounting for differences in aerosol composition in modelling studies. For example, INP derived from marine organics (Wilson et al., 2015) have a shallower slope than mineral dust INP (Atkinson et al., 2013; Niemand et al., 2012). Furthermore, real-world INP concentrations are known to have complex temperature dependencies with biological INP, such as soil borne fungus and plant related bacteria, making significant contributions at the warmest temperatures and mineral

components being more important at lower temperatures (O'Sullivan et al., 2018). The work here suggests that the presence of biological INP might be to reduce liquid water transport to the upper levels of the cloud, reducing cirrus anvil extent, but also to increase low cloud fraction. Nevertheless, measurements in the eastern tropical Atlantic indicate that biological INP in the Saharan dust plumes is at most a minor contribution and that the parameterisations with shallow slope in Fig. 1Fig. 2 produce too much glaciation at warm temperatures.

The results presented here also present a new framework for understanding the effect of SIP by identifying a potential relationship between the effect of the Hallett Mossop process and INP parameterisation slope. The significance of INP parameterisation slope also highlights the importance of characterising the INP concentration across the entirety of the mixed-phase temperature range rather than just at one temperature, or in a narrow temperature range, as is common in many field campaigns. For example, in the ICE-D field campaign, INP concentrations at temperatures above -7 and below -27°C were not measurable due to experimental and sampling constraints (Price et al., 2018). Measuring INP over the entire mixed-phase temperature range, throughout which deep convective clouds extend, conceivably covering around 10 orders of magnitude in INP number concentration, represents a major experimental challenge. This issue is compounded by the fact that INP spectra cannot reliably be extrapolated to higher or lower temperatures since our underpinning physical understanding of what makes an effective nucleation site is lacking (Coluzza et al., 2017; Holden et al., 2019; Kanji et al., 2017). This work demonstrates the importance of solving these problems and measuring INP number concentrations across the entirety of the mixed-phase temperature spectrum, as has been demonstrated in previous work (e.g. Liu et al., 2018; Takeishi and Storelvmo, 2018).

#### **Data Availability**

The datasets generated and analysed in this study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

#### **Author Contributions**

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## **Figures**

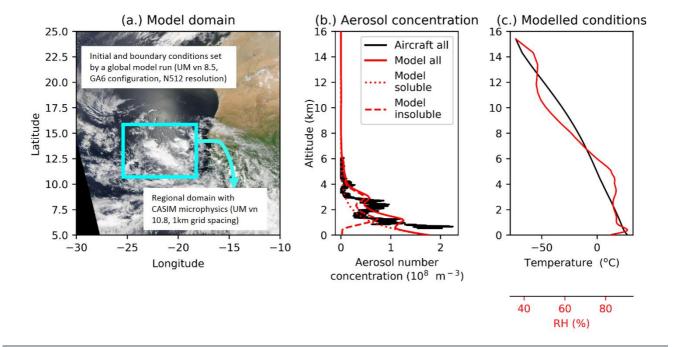


Figure 1. Modelled domain location and resolution details (a), observed (black line) and modelled (red lines) aerosol concentrations (b), and mean modelled domain mean temperature and relative humidity profiles (c). The observed aerosol profile shown in b was measured using the Passive Cavity Aerosol Spectrometer Probe (PCASP) which captures aerosols between 0.1 and 3μm in size. The insoluble aerosol profile shown in b is extracted from a regional UM vn 10.3 simulation (8 km grid spacing, CLASSIC dust scheme). The modelled aerosol profiles are applied throughout the regional domain shown in a at the start of the simulation (00:00 21st August 2015) and at the boundaries throughout. INP concentrations in the D10, N12 and A13 simulations are linked to the insoluble aerosol profile shown in b. The image shown in (a) are moderate resolution imaging spectroradiometer (MODIS) Corrected Reflectance imagery produced using the MODIS Level 1B data and downloaded from the NASA Worldview website.

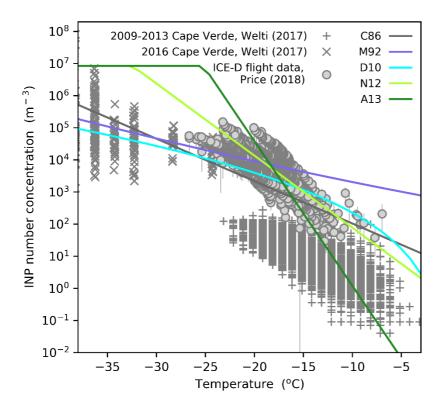


Figure 24. Dependence of INP number concentration on temperature (*d[INP]/dT*) for the five heterogeneous freezing parameterisations simulated in this study (C86, M92, D10, N12, A13) compared to INP number concentrations measured in the eastern Tropical Atlantic(Price et al., 2018; Welti et al., 2018). Parameterisations are shown for the aerosol concentrations at approximately the first freezing level in our simulations (~ 8 cm<sup>-3</sup>). D10, N12 and A13 are dependent on aerosol concentrations, while C86 and M92 are not dependent on aerosol concentration. For the correlation analysis where model outputs were plotted against parameterisation slope (dlog<sub>10</sub>[INP]/d*T*), a straight line was fitted to the D10 parameterisation between -3 and -37°C to obtain an approximate INP parameterisation slope. Other temperature ranges were tested and were found to have no notable effect on results.

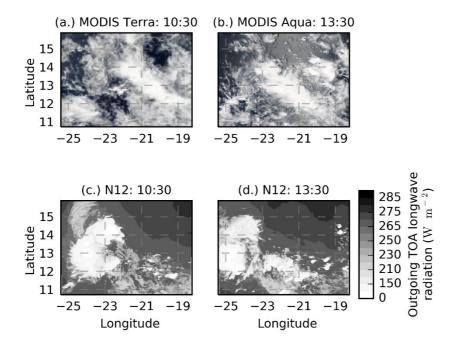


Figure 23. Cloud field evolution. MODIS Terra (a) and Aqua (b) corrected reflectance images of the modelled domain for the 21st of August 2015 and the corresponding simulated top of atmosphere outgoing longwave radiation for the N12 simulation throughout the study period (c-h, d). Note that the colour bar relates to panels c and d-h only. Images shown in (a) and (b) are moderate resolution imaging spectroradiometer (MODIS) Corrected Reflectance imagery produced using the MODIS Level 1B data and downloaded from the NASA Worldview website.

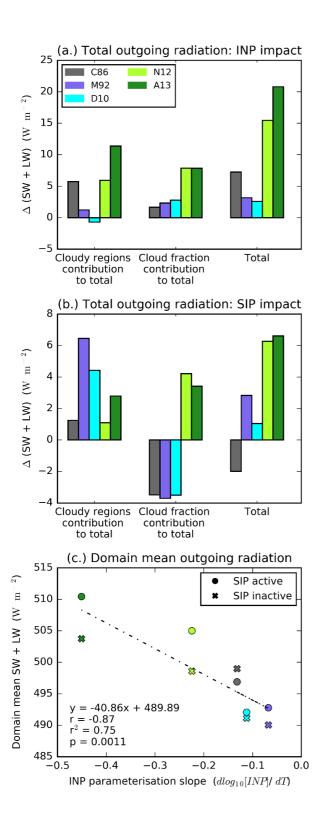


Figure 43. Effect of INP and secondary production on top of atmosphere (TOA) outgoing radiation. Effect of INP parameterisation (a) and SIP (a representation of the Hallett Mossop process) (b) on domain-mean daytime TOA outgoing radiation and total domain-mean daytime TOA outgoing radiation plotted against INP parameterisation slope (c). In (a), the change from the NoINP simulation is shown (INP - NoINP) with SIP active. In (b), the change from SIP\_active to SIP\_inactive is shown (SIP\_active – SIP\_inactive). A positive value indicates more outgoing radiation when INP or SIP are active. In (a) and (b), the relative contributions of changes in outgoing radiation from cloudy regions (left) and cloud fraction (middle) to the total radiative forcing (right) are shown (calculation described in Sect. 2.1.3). In addition to the simulated values, a regression line (n=10) is shown in (c) along with its associated statistical descriptors.

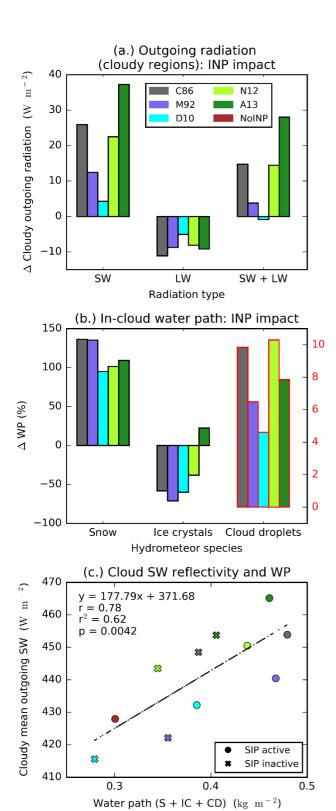


Figure 54. INP and outgoing radiation from cloudy regions. Absolute change in outgoing shortwave, longwave and total radiation from cloudy regions relative to the NoINP simulation (a), the percentage change in water path (WP) associated with snow (S), ice crystals (IC) and cloud droplets (CD) relative to the NoINP simulation (b), and mean daytime outgoing shortwave from cloudy regions plotted against the sum of S, IC and CD water paths (c). Note different scale for CD water path in (b). In addition to the simulated values, a regression line (n=11) is shown in (c) along with its associated statistical descriptors.

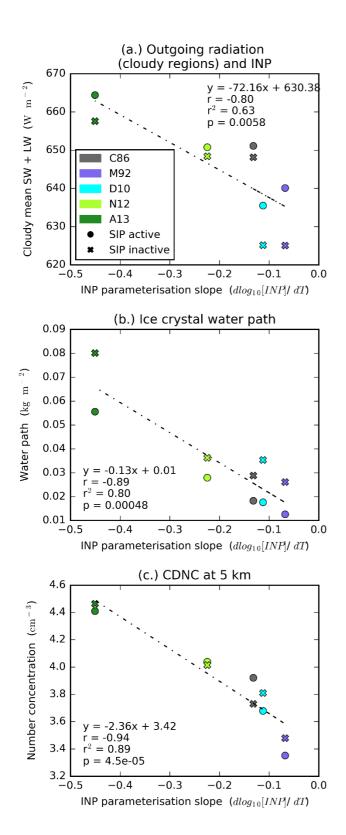


Figure <u>65</u>. Outgoing radiation from cloudy regions and INP parameterisation slope. Scatter plots of INP parameterisation slope and total daytime outgoing radiation from cloudy regions (a), in-cloud mean ice crystal <u>(cloud ice only)</u> water path (b), and in-cloud cloud droplet number concentrations at the start of the mixed-phase region (5 km) (c). Also shown are the respective regression lines (n=10) and associated statistical descriptors.

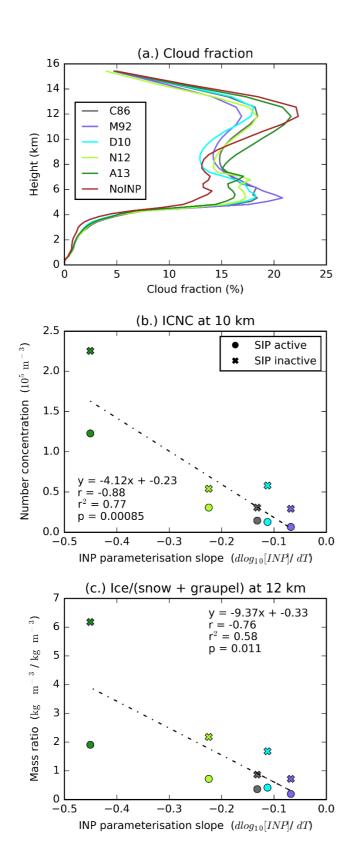


Figure <u>7</u>6. Cloud fraction and INP parameterisation slope. Domain-mean cloud fraction profile (a), INP parameterisation slope plotted against ice crystal number concentration at 10 km (b) and mass ratio of ice crystals to snow plus graupel at 12 km (c). Also shown in (b) and (c) are the respective regression lines (n=10) and associated statistical descriptors.

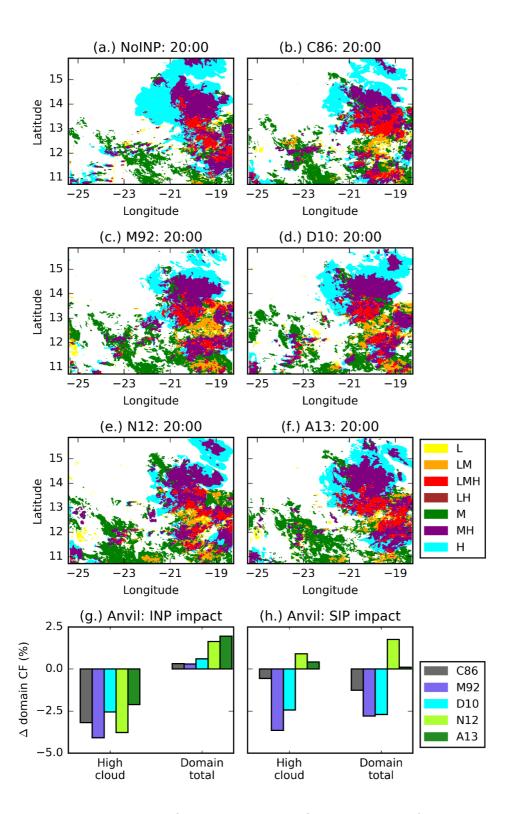


Figure 87. Vertical composition of cloud. 2D distribution of cloud type at 20:00 for all six SIP\_active simulations (a-f), as well as anvil and domain cloud fraction change due to INP (g) and due to SIP (h). Clouds are categorised according to their altitude into low (L, <4 km), mid (M, 4-9 km) and high (H, >9 km) levels and mixed category columns if cloud (containing more than 10<sup>-5</sup> kg kg<sup>-1</sup> condensed water from cloud droplets, ice crystals, snow and graupel) was present in more than one of these levels (a more detailed description can be found in Sect. 2.1.4). A positive value in (g) or (h) indicates higher values when INP (g) or SIP (h) are active.

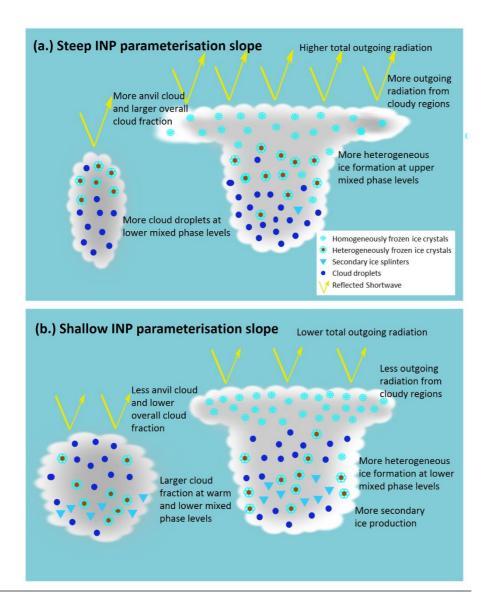


Figure 9. Schematic of the main effects of INP parameterisation slope (i.e. a steep (a) or shallow (b) temperature dependence of INP number concentrations).

## 875 Appendix A



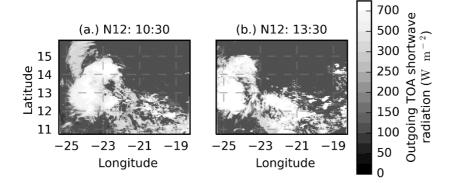


Figure A<u>1</u>2. <u>The cloud field.</u> <u>Cloud field evolution.</u> Simulated top of atmosphere outgoing shortwave radiation for the N12 simulation <u>at 10:30 (a) and 13:30 (b)in the daylight hours throughout the study period (a f).</u>

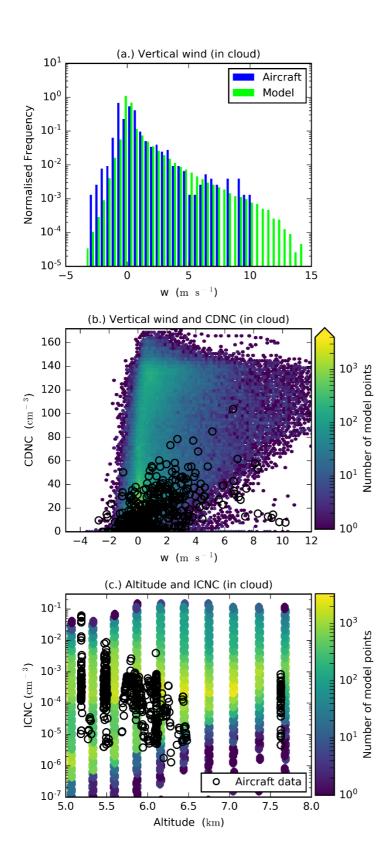


Figure A32. Comparison of observed conditions from the b933 ICED field campaign flight on the 21st August 2015 and the modelled conditions. Vertical wind speed from the model and aircraft data (a), a 2D histograms of modelled vertical wind against cloud droplet number concentration (CDNC) (b) and altitude plotted against ice crystal number concentration (ICNC) (c) with the aircraft data overlaid. Modelled values are selected from clouds between 10 and 150 km² in size from the N12 simulation.

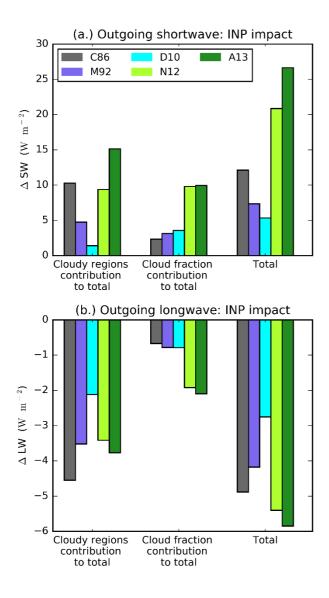


Figure A43. Effect of INP on domain mean daytime outgoing TOA shortwave and longwave radiation. The change from the NoINP simulation is shown (INP - NoINP). A positive value indicates more outgoing radiation when INP are present. The contributions of changes in outgoing radiation from cloudy regions (left) and cloud fraction (middle) to the total radiative forcing (right) are also shown.

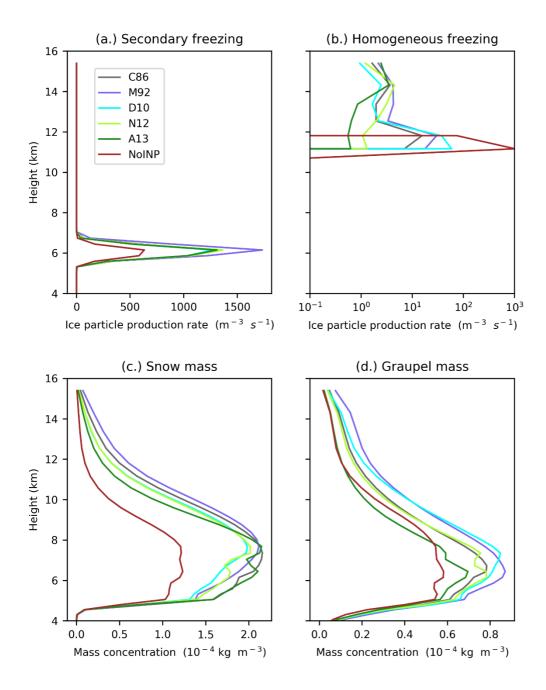


Figure A54. Profiles of some microphysical properties of the simulated clouds. Mean in-cloud ice particle production rates from secondary (b) and homogeneous (c) freezing, snow mass concentration (c) and graupel mass concentration (d).

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## Difference to NoINP simulation (a) Temperature (out of cloud) 16 14 12 C86 Height (km) 10 M92 D10 8 N12 6 A13 4 2 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 -0.2-0.1Δ Temperature (°C) (b) Relative humidity (out of cloud) 16 14 12 Height (km) 10 8 6 4 2 0 -4 -2 0 2 Δ Relative humidity (%) (c) Updraft speed (in cloud) 16 14 12 10 Height (m) 8 6 4 2 0 -0.10.1 0.0

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Figure A65. Effect of INP on domain mean out of cloud temperature (a) and relative humidity (b), and in cloud updraft speed (c). The difference from the NoINP simulation is shown, a positive value indicates a higher value when INP is present.