



1 **Relative importance and interactions of primary and secondary ice**  
2 **production in the Arctic mixed-phase clouds**

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8 **Abstract**

9 A discrepancy of up to 5 orders of magnitude between ice crystal and ice nucleating  
10 particle (INP) number concentrations was found in the measurements, indicating the  
11 potential important role of secondary ice production (SIP) in the clouds. However, the  
12 relative importance and interactions between primary and SIP processes remain  
13 unexplored. In this study, we implement five different ice nucleation schemes as well as  
14 physical representations of SIP processes (i.e., droplet shattering during rain freezing,  
15 ice-ice collisional break-up, and rime splintering) in the Community Earth System Model  
16 version 2 (CESM2). We run CESM2 in the single column mode for model comparisons  
17 with the DOE Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Mixed-Phase Arctic Cloud  
18 Experiment (M-PACE) observations. We find that the model experiments with aerosol-  
19 aware ice nucleation schemes and SIP processes yield the best simulation results for the  
20 M-PACE single-layer mixed-phase clouds. We further investigate the relative importance  
21 of ice nucleation and SIP to ice number and cloud phase as well as interactions between



22 ice nucleation and SIP in the M-PACE single-layer mixed-phase clouds. Our results show  
23 that SIP contributes 80% to the total ice formation and transforms ~30% of pure liquid-  
24 phase clouds simulated in the model experiments without considering SIP into mixed-  
25 phase clouds. We find that SIP is not only a result of ice crystals produced from ice  
26 nucleation, but also competes with the ice nucleation. Conversely, strong ice nucleation  
27 also suppresses SIP by glaciating mixed-phase clouds.



## 28 **1 Introduction**

29 Ice crystals significantly impact microphysical and radiative properties of mixed-  
30 phase clouds (Korolev and Isaac 2003; Korolev et al., 2017; Morrison et al., 2012), which  
31 further impact the Earth's energy budgets. Ice particles in mixed-phase clouds with  
32 temperatures between about -38 °C and 0 °C can be formed via heterogeneous ice  
33 nucleation on ice nucleating particles (INPs) or arisen through secondary ice production  
34 (SIP) (Kanji et al., 2017; Field et al., 2017). There are three identified heterogeneous ice  
35 nucleation mechanisms, namely, contact, deposition, and immersion/condensation  
36 freezing. Dust is generally considered as the most effective INPs for heterogeneous ice  
37 nucleation at temperatures below about -15 °C (Hoose et al., 2008; Atkinson et al., 2013;  
38 Kanji et al., 2017). SIP processes generate additional ice crystals, often involving the  
39 primary ice. Several SIP mechanisms have been suggested: rime splintering (also known  
40 as the Hallett–Mossop (HM) process), droplet shattering during rain freezing (FR), ice-  
41 ice collisional break-up (IIC), and fragmentation during the sublimation of ice bridge  
42 (Field et al., 2017; Korolev et al., 2020). In addition, other microphysical processes such  
43 as rain formation and ice growth are important for mixed-phase cloud properties.  
44 Regarding ice-related microphysical processes in mixed-phase clouds, some processes,  
45 including riming, accretion, and the Wegener–Bergeron–Findeisen (WBF) process can  
46 increase the ice mass mixing ratios while have no effect on ice crystal number



47 concentrations (ICNCs). On the other hand, some processes such as ice aggregational  
48 growth decrease the ICNCs while have no impacts on the ice mass mixing ratios.

49 A systematically measured discrepancy by up to 5 orders of magnitude between the  
50 ICNCs and INP number concentrations has been reported in previous studies (Mossop,  
51 1985; Lasher-Trapp et al., 2016; Field et al., 2017), indicating the existence of additional  
52 ice production mechanisms in addition to the primary ice production (PIP) or ice  
53 nucleation. Moreover, a strong increase in ICNCs over INP number concentrations may  
54 suggest that the PIP would be less important once the SIP processes take place in the  
55 clouds. However, the relative importance between PIP and SIP to the ice formation in  
56 mixed-phase clouds is largely unknown and warrants a further investigation.

57 Previous studies have identified the potential role of PIP in initiating the SIP based  
58 on measurements and idealized parcel model simulations. Sullivan et al. (2018) found  
59 that clouds with INP concentrations from 0.002 to 0.15 L<sup>-1</sup> can initiate the IIC  
60 fragmentation to produce enough ice crystals based on parcel model simulations. They  
61 also indicated that higher INP concentrations enhance the IIC and HM process rates,  
62 while the FR rate is not dependent on the INP concentration. Huang et al. (2017)  
63 suggested that a number concentration as low as 0.01 L<sup>-1</sup> for primary ice is sufficient to  
64 generate secondary ice though the HM process in the cumulus clouds observed over the  
65 British Isles during the Ice and Precipitation Initiation in Cumulus (ICEPIC) campaign.  
66 Crawford et al. (2012) found that a small amount of primary ice (0.01 L<sup>-1</sup>) could produce



67 enough ice crystals with concentrations up to  $100 \text{ L}^{-1}$  through the SIP processes in a  
68 shallow convective cloud over the UK. Beard (1992) found that the droplet shattering can  
69 be initiated by primary ice with a number concentration of  $\sim 0.001 \text{ L}^{-1}$  in the  
70 measurement of a warm-base convective cloud. Albeit these studies, how the SIP  
71 processes depend on the PIP and whether PIP promotes the SIP are not explored in the  
72 Arctic mixed-phase stratus clouds.

73 SIP is not only a result of PIP, but also can interact with and may even suppress the  
74 subsequent PIP. A previous study indicated a 40% decrease of heterogeneous ice  
75 nucleation after implementing the SIP into a model (Phillips et al., 2017b), because some  
76 of the mixed-phase clouds with weak ascents and low humidities are fully glaciated and  
77 become ice-only phase. The influence of SIP processes on PIP is far less investigated  
78 compared to the limited studies of PIP influence on the SIP.

79 The goal of this study is to investigate the relative importance of PIP and SIP to  
80 ICNCs and their interactions in the Arctic mixed-phase stratus clouds. We are attempting  
81 to address the following scientific questions: Is the PIP still important for ICNCs once the  
82 SIP processes take place? What effect does the PIP have on the SIP processes? Once  
83 happening, how do the SIP processes affect the following PIP through the cloud  
84 microphysical processes? This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 introduces the  
85 model and the model parameterizations we used in this study. Section 3 describes the



86 model setup and model experiments. Section 4 presents the model results and comparison  
87 with observations. The main findings of this study are summarized in section 5.

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## 89 **2 Model and Parameterizations**

### 90 **2.1 Model description**

91 This study uses the Community Atmosphere Model version 6 (CAM6), the  
92 atmosphere component of the Community Earth System Model version 2 (CESM2)  
93 (Danabasoglu et al., 2020) for all the model experiments. In CAM6, the cloud  
94 microphysics is represented by a double-moment scheme (Gettelman and Morrison,  
95 2015, hereafter as MG), which predicts mass mixing ratios and number concentrations of  
96 four categories of hydrometeors: cloud droplet, cloud ice, rain, and snow. Graupel is not  
97 considered in the current MG scheme. Furthermore, the MG scheme only treats the HM  
98 process among various SIPs. The aerosol properties and processes are represented by the  
99 four-mode version of the Model Aerosol Module (MAM4) (Liu et al., 2012, 2016). Ice  
100 nucleation in cirrus clouds considers the homogeneous freezing of sulfate droplets and  
101 heterogeneous freezing on dust (Liu and Penner, 2005), while the classical nucleation  
102 theory (CNT) is used to treat the heterogeneous ice nucleation in mixed-phase cloud  
103 regime (Wang et al., 2014; Hoose et al., 2010).

104 In our previous study (Zhao et al., 2021), we have implemented the  
105 parameterizations (Phillips et al., 2017a, 2018) of the two new SIP processes: FR and IIC



106 (without graupel involved) into CAM6 via an emulated bin framework. The graupel  
107 related IIC was further included in CAM6 (Zhao and Liu, 2021), with the graupel amount  
108 diagnosed following Zhao et al. (2017). In this study, we compare several different ice  
109 nucleation schemes in CAM6 to examine the relative importance and interactions  
110 between PIP and SIP in the Arctic mixed-phase clouds.

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## 112 **2.2 Ice nucleation parameterization**

### 113 **CNT scheme**

114 The default CAM6 uses the CNT for treating the ice nucleation in mixed-phase  
115 clouds. CNT is a “stochastic” scheme which calculates the ice nucleation rates from  
116 deposition, contact, and immersion freezing of cloud droplets, depending on the surface  
117 areas and contact angles of cloud-borne dust and black carbon particles. The contact  
118 angle is used as a proxy for the ice nucleation efficiency on INPs (Wang et al., 2014;  
119 Hoose et al., 2010).

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### 121 **N12 scheme**

122 Based on laboratory measurements from the Aerosol Interaction and Dynamics in  
123 the Atmosphere (AIDA) cloud chamber, Niemand et al. (2012) (hereafter as N12)  
124 proposed a surface-active site density-based scheme for the immersion freezing of cloud  
125 droplets on dust aerosols. N12 is an empirical scheme that connects the dust INP number



126 concentration to the density of ice-active surface sites ( $n_s(T)$ ) at a given temperature  $T$ ,  
127 total number concentration of dust aerosols ( $N_{tot}$ ), and dust particle surface area ( $S_{ae}$ ).

128 The dust INP number concentration in N12 is calculated as:

$$129 \quad N_{INP}(T) = N_{tot} S_{ae} n_s(T) \quad (1)$$

130 in which  $S_{ae}$  is calculated based on the dry diameter of dust particles, and  $n_s(T)$  is  
131 calculated following:

$$132 \quad n_s(T) = e^{(-0.517(T-273.15)+8.934)} \quad (2)$$

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#### 134 **D15 scheme**

135 An empirical scheme for the immersion freezing of cloud droplets on dust aerosols  
136 was developed by considering dust particles with sizes larger than  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$  (DeMott et al.,  
137 2015), hereafter referred to as D15. This scheme argues that dust particles smaller than  
138  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$  may not be efficient INPs (DeMott et al., 2010, 2015). The dust INP number  
139 concentration in D15 is calculated as:

$$140 \quad N_{INP}(T) = a(n_{0.5})^b e^{c(T-273.15)-d} \quad (3)$$

141 in which  $n_{0.5}$  is the number concentration of dust particles with diameters larger than  $0.5$   
142  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the parameters  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 1.25$ ,  $c = -0.46$ , and  $d = 11.6$ .

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144 **B53 scheme**

145 Bigg (1953) proposed a volume-dependent immersion freezing scheme, hereafter  
146 referred to as the B53 scheme. In this scheme, the number concentration of frozen cloud  
147 droplets with a diameter  $D$  is given as:

$$148 \quad \frac{\partial N_{B53}}{\partial t} = N_c(D) \times \left( -B \times \left( e^{A \times (T_0 - T)} - 1 \right) \times \frac{\pi D^3}{6} \right) \quad (4)$$

149 in which  $\frac{\partial N_{B53}}{\partial t}$  is the ice number production rate,  $T$  is the environmental temperature in  
150 unit of K,  $T_0 = 273.15$  K,  $A = 0.66$  and  $B = 100$ , and  $N_c(D)$  is the number concentration  
151 of cloud droplets with a diameter  $D$ .

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153 **M92 scheme**

154 An empirical temperature dependent scheme was developed based on measurements  
155 in the Northern Hemisphere midlatitudes by using a continuous-flow diffusion chamber  
156 (CFDC) (Meyers et al., 1992), hereafter referred to as M92. The INP number  
157 concentration is calculated as:

$$158 \quad N_{INP} = e^{a+b \times (100 \times (S_i - 1))} \quad (5)$$

159 in which  $a = -0.639$ ,  $b = 0.1296$ , and  $S_i$  is the saturation ratio with respect to ice.

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161 **3 Model setup, experiments, and observations**

162 The CAM6 model was set up with the Single Column Atmospheric Model (SCAM)  
163 configuration. SCAM is an efficient approach to understand the physical processes in the



164 model without the impact from nonlinear interactions with dynamic processes (Gettelman  
165 et al., 2019a). In SCAM, aerosols are initialized with a monthly averaged profile for the  
166 given location, which is derived from a present-day CAM6 climatological simulation.  
167 Aerosol processes are fully represented in SCAM, including emission, transport,  
168 chemistry, dry and wet scavenging, and aerosol-radiation and aerosol-cloud interactions  
169 (Liu et al., 2012; 2016). For example, the interstitial aerosols will be activated to become  
170 the cloud-borne aerosols once cloud droplets are nucleated in the cloud microphysics.  
171 The cloud-borne aerosols will be released to the interstitial aerosols once cloud droplets  
172 evaporate. The simulated aerosols are relaxed to a monthly averaged profile, and  
173 temperature and horizontal winds to the large-scale forcing data every three hours. More  
174 details about the model setup and the large-scale forcing data used to drive the model  
175 experiments can be found in Zhao et al. (2021).

176 This study focuses on the Arctic mixed-phase clouds observed during the  
177 Department of Energy (DOE)'s Atmospheric Radiation Program (ARM) Mixed-Phase  
178 Arctic Cloud Experiment (M-PACE), which was conducted in the North Slope of Alaska  
179 in October 2004 (Verlinde et al., 2007). Four major cloud regimes were identified during  
180 M-PACE, i.e., the multilayer stratiform cloud period (6 to 8 October 2004), the single-  
181 layer boundary-layer stratiform cloud period (9 to 12 October), the transition cloud  
182 period (16 October), and the frontal cloud period (18 to 20 October).



183           Several SCAM model experiments are conducted in this study (Table 1), covering  
184   the whole M-PACE period from 5 to 22 October 2004. The CNT experiment uses the  
185   default CAM6 model with the MG scheme, in which only HM is considered for SIP. The  
186   ice nucleation is treated by the CNT scheme. The N12, D15, B53, and M92 experiments  
187   are the same as the CNT experiment except using the respective ice nucleation scheme to  
188   replace the CNT scheme (section 2.2). The impacts of other SIP mechanisms rather than  
189   HM, i.e., FR and IIC, are addressed in the CNT\_SIP experiment. To evaluate the SIP  
190   sensitivity to ice nucleation, four additional experiments with different ice nucleation  
191   schemes are conducted, and these experiments are named as N12\_SIP, D15\_SIP,  
192   B53\_SIP, and M92\_SIP.

193           The model simulations are compared against the M-PACE observations. The  
194   observed ice water path (IWP) and liquid water path (LWP) data are from Zhao et al.  
195   (2012) with uncertainties within one order of magnitude. The INP concentrations were  
196   measured by a CFDC on board an aircraft (Prenni et al., 2007). McFarquhar et al. (2007)  
197   documented the measured ICNCs and cloud phase during M-PACE. However, the ICNCs  
198   were measured before anti-shattering algorithms were developed to remove the shattered  
199   particles for the 2DC cloud probe. To remove the shattering effect, the M-PACE  
200   observed ICNCs were scaled by a factor of 1/4, as Jackson and McFarquhar (2014) and  
201   Jackson et al. (2014) suggested an averaged reduction of ICNCs by 1–4.5 times in other



202 field campaigns which adopted the anti-shattering algorithms and also used the 2DC  
203 cloud probe.

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## 205 **4 Results**

### 206 **4.1 Overview of modeled clouds during M-PACE**

207 The simulated LWP and IWP are compared with observations in Fig. 1 and Fig. S1.  
208 First, SIP processes have a varied impact on modeled LWP and IWP, depending on ice  
209 nucleation. In the experiments with the CNT, N12, and D15 ice nucleation schemes,  
210 simulated IWP is enhanced and LWP is reduced after considering the SIP. In the  
211 experiments with the B53 and M92 schemes, however, SIP has a minimal impact on the  
212 LWP/IWP. Second, the B53, B53\_SIP, M92, and M92\_SIP produce the largest IWP,  
213 followed by CNT\_SIP, N12\_SIP, and D15\_SIP. CNT, N12, and D15 experiments produce  
214 the smallest IWP. These characteristics are also evident in the vertical profiles of LWC and  
215 IWC in Fig. 2 and Fig. S2. It indicates that the B53 and M92 nucleation schemes are highly  
216 efficient in forming ice; meanwhile, the SIP simulations using CNT/N12/D15 ice  
217 nucleation schemes show the modest ice production capabilities. B53, B53\_SIP, M92, and  
218 M92\_SIP experiments generate the closest IWP compared with the observation. However,  
219 these four experiments also show substantially low biases of LWP (Fig. 1 and Fig. S1), and  
220 the mixed-phase clouds are almost fully glaciated during the single layer stratus period.  
221 Therefore, the CNT\_SIP, N12\_SIP, and D15\_SIP experiments give the best simulation



222 results in terms of LWP and IWP during the M-PACE. Adding the SIP does not change the  
223 modeled LWP/LWC and IWP/IWC with the B53 and M92 ice nucleation schemes. On the  
224 contrary, SIP significantly decreases the LWP/LWC and increases the IWP/IWC with the  
225 CNT, N12, and D15 ice nucleation schemes.

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## 227 **4.2 PIP and SIP importance to ice number and cloud phase**

228 A comparison between INP number concentrations ( $N_{INPs}$ ) and ICNCs during 9-12  
229 October is shown in Fig. 3. During this period, a long-lived single-layer mixed-phase cloud  
230 occurred between 800-950 hPa, with observed cloud top temperatures of  $-17^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Verlinde  
231 et al., 2007). Modeled ICNCs include ice crystals of all sizes, since our purpose here is to  
232 compare  $N_{INPs}$  with ICNCs. With the empirical ice nucleation schemes (e.g., N12 and  
233 D15), there appears an inversely linear relationship between  $\log_{10}(N_{INPs})$  and temperature  
234 (Fig. 3c, d). However, this relationship is not as clear with the CNT and B53 schemes, and  
235  $N_{INPs}$  reduces dramatically at temperatures warmer than  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Fig. 3b, e). In contrast,  
236  $N_{INPs}$  with the aerosol-independent M92 scheme is less variable with temperature, and is  
237 much higher than that with the aerosol-aware schemes, such as CNT, N12, and D15,  
238 particularly at warmer temperatures. We note that the model may significantly  
239 underestimate dust burdens in the Arctic regions by 1-2 orders of magnitude (Shi and Liu,  
240 2019) and may miss the representation of other INP sources in the Arctic (e.g., local high-  
241 latitude dust, marine and terrestrial biological aerosols).



242        The ice multiplication from the SIP processes can be noted by the results that modeled  
243        ICNCs are higher than modeled  $N_{INPs}$  in Fig. 3, even when we account for the 1-2 orders of  
244        magnitude underestimation of  $N_{INPs}$  for these aerosol-aware ice nucleation schemes (CNT,  
245        N12 and D15). The model simulation with the aerosol-independent nucleation scheme M92  
246        is an exception (Fig. 3f). However, M92, which was based on the measurements in the  
247        Northern Hemisphere mid-latitudes may overestimate the  $N_{INPs}$  in the Arctic during the M-  
248        PACE (Prezzi et al., 2007) (comparing  $N_{INPs}$  in Fig. 3a, f). Observed  $N_{INPs}$  are mostly  
249        within the medium range of observed ICNCs (Fig. 3a). However, observed ICNCs only  
250        include ice crystals with diameters larger than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , and thus the actual ambient ICNCs  
251        including all-size ice crystals can be much higher.

252        Figure 4 shows the vertical distribution of ICNCs in the single-layer mixed-phase  
253        clouds during October 9 to 12 from model simulations and observations. Here, modeled  
254        and observed ICNCs only include ice particles with diameters larger than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . The  
255        observed ICNCs, which range mainly between 0.1 and 1  $\text{L}^{-1}$ , show a slight decrease with  
256        altitude. CNT, N12, and D15 all show rather constant ICNCs with altitude, which are also  
257        one order of magnitude lower than the observation. The ICNCs with B53 and M92 are  
258        increased compared with CNT, but the vertical ICNC patterns show increasing trends with  
259        altitude. As suggested in Morrison et al. (2012), the long-lived Arctic mixed-phase clouds  
260        are featured with liquid phase at cloud top and ice phase at cloud bottom. The SIP  
261        experiments with CNT, N12, and D15 increase the ICNCs mainly in the lower portion of



262 clouds, and thus improve the agreement with the observed vertical distribution trend of  
263 ICNCs. In contrast, SIP does little changes to the ICNCs when the B53 and M92 schemes  
264 are used.

265 The ICNC in the CNT experiment and ice enhancement ratios of ICNC from the other  
266 experiments to that from CNT are shown in Fig. 5. The enhancement ratios are around 1.0  
267 in the N12 and D15 experiments, suggesting that these three ice nucleation schemes (CNT,  
268 N12, and D15) produce similar magnitudes of ICNCs, even though the N12 experiment has  
269 a slightly higher ice enhancement ratio compared with the D15 experiment.

270 Correspondingly, the ice enhancement ratio patterns in the CNT\_SIP, N12\_SIP, and  
271 D15\_SIP experiments show the dominant role of SIP in increasing the ICNCs by up to 4  
272 orders of magnitude. In contrast, the ice enhancement ratios in B53 and M92 are up to 3.4  
273 and 4 orders of magnitude, respectively, suggesting that the B53 and M92 schemes are  
274 much more efficient in producing ice particles than CNT, N12, and D15. The ice  
275 enhancements in B53\_SIP and M92\_SIP are mainly contributed from the ice nucleation  
276 (B53 and M92) with only a minor contribution from SIP, unlike the N12\_SIP and D15\_SIP  
277 experiments where the ice enhancements are predominantly contributed from SIP.

278 Figure 6 shows the vertical distribution of the supercooled liquid fraction (SLF)  
279 (defined as  $LWC/TWC$ ,  $TWC = LWC + IWC$ ) in the single-layer mixed-phase clouds  
280 during October 9 to 12 from aircraft observations and model simulations. The CNT, N12,  
281 and D15 experiments share the similar cloud phase distribution and all overestimate the



282 SLF in the lower portion of clouds. On the contrary, the B53 and M92 experiments with  
283 more efficient ice nucleation show predominantly ice phase clouds, which agrees with  
284 previous findings (Liu et al., 2011). The experiments with SIP (CNT\_SIP, N12\_SIP, and  
285 D15\_SIP) improve the simulated cloud phase by reducing the SLF in the CNT, N12, and  
286 D15 experiments, respectively, and the SLF patterns are also similar among these  
287 experiments. SIP transforms ~30% of pure liquid-phase clouds simulated in the CNT, N12,  
288 and D15 experiments into mixed-phase clouds. SIP does little changes to the cloud phase  
289 simulated in the B53\_SIP and M92\_SIP experiments, since the clouds are already glaciated  
290 by ice crystals nucleated with the B53 and M92 schemes. These findings highlight that the  
291 “foundation” effect of PIP on the cloud phase. We note that the CNT\_SIP, N12\_SIP, and  
292 D15\_SIP experiments overall have the best performance in terms of vertical distribution of  
293 ICNCs and cloud phase during the single-layer mixed-phase cloud period.

294 Figure 7 show the relative contributions from PIP and SIP processes to the total ice  
295 production from model experiments with different ice nucleation schemes averaged over  
296 different M-PACE periods. We notice that the CNT\_SIP, N12\_SIP, and D15\_SIP  
297 experiments have similar relative contributions between PIP and SIP. The averaged PIP  
298 contribution is around 20% for all the cloud types observed during M-PACE, with the  
299 maximum contribution of 60% for the frontal clouds, and the minimum contribution of 7%  
300 for the single-layer mixed-phase clouds. Moreover, the IIC is the dominant ice production  
301 process in these three experiments, with an averaged contribution of 60%. On the contrary,



302 the B53\_SIP and M92\_SIP experiments show much larger contributions from PIP, which  
303 contributes 65% and 80% to the total ice production, respectively averaged for all the cloud  
304 types. However, we note that the unrealistic pure ice-phase clouds simulated in the B53  
305 and M92 experiments imply that the role of ice nucleation in these experiments is  
306 overstated. Given that the CNT\_SIP, N12\_SIP, and D15\_SIP experiments give the best  
307 performance in simulating ICNCs and cloud phase, their estimates of the relative  
308 importance of primary and secondary ice production are more reliable.

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### 310 **4.3 Interactions between PIP and SIP**

311 Figure 8 shows the temporally-averaged vertical profiles of PIP and SIP process rates  
312 and total from experiments with the CNT and M92 ice nucleation schemes, respectively  
313 during the single-layer mixed-phase cloud period (October 9 to 12). As shown in Fig. 8a,  
314 clear suppression of PIP by SIP is revealed: the ice nucleation rate is reduced after the SIP  
315 is introduced for both CNT and M92 ice nucleation but with different sensitivities. The  
316 M92 ice nucleation is more suppressed by SIP than the CNT ice nucleation. The peak PIP  
317 rate is reduced by about one order of magnitude in M92 compared to a factor of 2 in CNT.  
318 The suppression of PIP by SIP is robust for the other three ice nucleation schemes over the  
319 single-layer mixed-phase cloud period (Fig. S4), as well as for the whole M-PACE period  
320 (Figs. S5 and S6).



321           The mechanism for the suppression of PIP by SIP for the CNT ice nucleation is  
322 illustrated in Figure 9. The ice nucleation is contributed from heterogeneous immersion,  
323 deposition and contact ice nucleation. Among these mechanisms, the immersion freezing is  
324 the dominant process in the single-layer mixed-phase clouds (Fig. 9a, b, c). The immersion  
325 freezing rate is a function of INPs in cloud droplets and temperature. CNT calculates the  
326 immersion freezing rate based on cloud-borne black carbon and dust, the latter of which is  
327 the dominant INPs.

328           The immersion ice nucleation is substantially weakened (Fig. 9a) after considering  
329 SIP in the model due to lower number concentrations of INPs (Fig. 9d) and cloud droplets  
330 (Fig. 9g). The cloud-borne dust number concentrations in the accumulation (Fig. 9e) and  
331 coarse modes (Fig. 9f) are both decreased below ~750 hPa level, corresponding to the  
332 reduction of INP number concentration and immersion ice nucleation rate in CNT\_SIP  
333 compared to the CNT experiment. Lower cloud-borne dust number concentrations in the  
334 CNT\_SIP experiment are caused by the reduction of cloud droplet number concentrations  
335 (Fig. 9g) as a result of SIP. The SIP strongly enhances the accretion of cloud water by snow  
336 (Fig. 9h) and the WBF process (Fig. 9i), leading to more consumption of cloud water (Zhao  
337 and Liu, 2021).

338           The N12 and D15 schemes calculate the INP number concentrations based on the  
339 interstitial aerosols (section 2.2). The mechanism for the suppression of PIP by SIP in the  
340 case of the N12 ice nucleation is shown in Fig. S7: less cloud droplets and less available



341 interstitial aerosols (as a result of stronger wet deposition) with the introduction of SIP lead  
342 to weaker PIP. The B53 and M92 schemes calculate the ice nucleation based on  
343 temperature, supersaturation, and cloud droplet number concentration (section 2.2). Since  
344 temperature and supersaturation are similar in these nudged experiments, the decreased  
345 cloud droplet number concentration with the introduction of SIP leads to weaker PIP in  
346 B53\_SIP and M92\_SIP.

347 On the other hand, ice nucleation can also compete with SIP. The ice nucleation  
348 scheme with a larger ice nucleation rate (e.g., M92 versus CNT, Fig. 8a) is in accompany  
349 with a smaller SIP rate (Fig. 8b). The peak SIP rate in M92\_SIP is  $\sim 10^{-14}$  kg kg<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, which  
350 is about 10 times lower than that in CNT\_SIP ( $\sim 10^{-13}$  kg kg<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>). This competition  
351 between PIP and SIP is also revealed in the other ice nucleation schemes for the single-  
352 layer mixed-phase cloud period (Fig. S4) and for the whole M-PACE period (Figs. S5 and  
353 S6). We note that the largest PIP rate is M92, followed by B53, CNT, N12, and D15, while  
354 the SIP rate is in the reversed order.

355 The mechanism for the suppression of SIP by PIP is illustrated in Figure 10. First, the  
356 SIP rate is determined by three components, FR, IIC, and HM (Fig. 10a, b, c). The SIP rate  
357 is dominated by IIC and FR. Second, the smaller FR rate in M92\_SIP compared to that in  
358 CNT\_SIP (Fig. 10a) is a result of smaller rainwater mass mixing ratio (Fig. 10d), which is  
359 caused by the strong M92 ice nucleation resulting in nearly complete glaciation of the  
360 cloud in the M92\_SIP experiment. Third, the IIC can be further subdivided into the non-



361 graupel-related IIC (Fig. 10e) and the graupel-related IIC (Fig. 10f), the latter of which  
362 dominates the total IIC. A smaller graupel-related IIC rate (Fig. 10f) in M92\_SIP compared  
363 to CNT\_SIP is a result of smaller graupel mass mixing ratio in M92\_SIP (Fig. 10g). As the  
364 graupel mass is diagnosed from the cloud water mass, snow mass, and temperature, smaller  
365 mass mixing ratios of cloud water (Fig. 10h) and snow (Fig. 10i) in M92\_SIP eventually  
366 lead to a smaller graupel mass mixing ratio and a smaller graupel-related IIC rate. Similar  
367 results can be found with the other ice nucleation schemes.

368 In summary, different from the PIP rate which is dependent on cloud-borne aerosols  
369 and cloud droplets, the SIP rate is directly controlled by the precipitation particles, such as  
370 rain, snow, and graupel. A stronger ice nucleation leads to more glaciation of mixed-phase  
371 clouds in M92\_SIP. As a consequence, less rainwater and graupel exist, leading to lower  
372 SIP rate in the M92\_SIP experiment compared to the CNT experiment.

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## 374 **5 Summary and conclusions**

375 In this study, the relative importance of PIP through ice nucleation and SIP and their  
376 interactions are investigated for the Arctic single-layer mixed-phase clouds observed  
377 during M-PACE. To understand the interactions between PIP and SIP, five different ice  
378 nucleation schemes (CNT, N12, D15, B53 and M92) are implemented in the model.  
379 Model experiments with only ice nucleation and with both ice nucleation and SIP are  
380 conducted. The CNT, N12, and D15 experiments without considering SIP show rather



381 constant ICNCs with cloud height, which are also one order of magnitude lower than the  
382 observation. The SIP experiments based on the CNT, N12 and D15 ice nucleation schemes  
383 (i.e., CNT\_SIP, N12\_SIP, and D15\_SIP) reverse the vertical distribution pattern of ICNCs  
384 by increasing the ICNCs in the lower portion of clouds. SIP also transforms ~30% of pure  
385 liquid-phase clouds simulated in the CNT, N12, and D15 experiments into mixed-phase  
386 clouds. In contrast, modeled clouds are totally ice phase instead of observed mixed-phase  
387 in the B53 and M92 experiments. Since the cloud is already completely glaciated by the ice  
388 nucleation with these ice nucleation schemes, adding the SIP processes has little impact on  
389 the cloud phase in the B53\_SIP and M92\_SIP experiments. These findings highlight the  
390 “foundation” effect of PIP on the cloud phase. We conclude that the model experiments  
391 with both aerosol-aware ice nucleation schemes and SIP processes (i.e., CNT\_SIP,  
392 N12\_SIP, and D15\_SIP) yield the best agreement with observations in simulating the  
393 Arctic single-layer mixed-phase clouds.

394 The relative importance of PIP and SIP is investigated in this study. We find that ice  
395 nucleation contributes around 20% to the total ice production during M-PACE, with a  
396 maximum value of 60% for the frontal clouds, and a minimum value of 7% for the single-  
397 layer mixed-phase clouds in the CNT\_SIP, N12\_SIP, and D15\_SIP experiments. The  
398 B53\_SIP and M92\_SIP experiments may overestimate the contribution from PIP, which  
399 contributes 65% and 80% to the total ice production, respectively averaged over the M-  
400 PACE clouds.



401           In this study, for the first time, the interactions between PIP and SIP in the single-  
402 layer mixed-phase clouds are investigated and possible mechanisms behind are discussed.  
403 We find a clear suppression of PIP by SIP, and the ice nucleation rate is reduced when SIP  
404 is introduced in the model. Ice crystals produced from SIP trigger a series of changes in  
405 microphysical processes (e.g., WBF, riming), resulting in reduced number concentrations  
406 of cloud droplets and cloud-borne dust aerosols. Less cloud-borne dust aerosols eventually  
407 cause a weakening of the following ice nucleation (e.g., immersion freezing of cloud  
408 droplets on dust). On the other hand, ice nucleation also competes with SIP. The ice  
409 nucleation schemes with larger nucleation rates are in accompany with smaller SIP rates.  
410 Different from the ice nucleation which depends on cloud water and aerosols, the SIP rate  
411 is directly controlled by the precipitation particles. A stronger ice nucleation leads to more  
412 glaciation of mixed-phase clouds, and as a consequence, less rain and graupel are formed,  
413 leading to lower SIP rate.

414           We note that uncertainties still exist in the representations of ice nucleation and SIP in  
415 the model. First, the diagnostic graupel approach still has a large uncertainty. A cloud  
416 microphysical scheme with prognostic graupel (Gettelman et al., 2019b) or a “Single-Ice”  
417 microphysical scheme (Morrison and Milbrandt, 2015; Zhao et al., 2017) will be needed to  
418 further examine the impacts of graupel-related IIC. Second, modeled INP concentrations  
419 may be significantly underestimated in the Arctic regions with the aerosol-aware CNT,  
420 D15, and N12 ice nucleation schemes. This is owing to the model underestimation of long-



421 range transport of dust from lower latitudes as well as the model missing of high-latitude  
422 local dust and biological aerosol emissions in the Arctic regions. The underestimation of  
423 modeled INPs can reach 1-2 orders of magnitude (Shi and Liu, 2019; Shi et al., 2021). A  
424 sensitivity test using CNT scheme with 100 times dust concentration shows overall similar  
425 cloud properties, but the relative contribution of primary ice nucleation is increased by 1~2  
426 times. Our future work will focus on representing the high latitude dust and biological  
427 aerosol emissions in the model as well as improving the parameterization of SIP processes.

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433 last access: 3 July 2021). The SIP source code and model datasets are archived at the NCAR  
434 Cheyenne supercomputer and are available upon request. The measured LWP and IWP  
435 datasets of M-PACE campaign are obtained from the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement  
436 (ARM) user facility, US Department of Energy Office of Science, available at  
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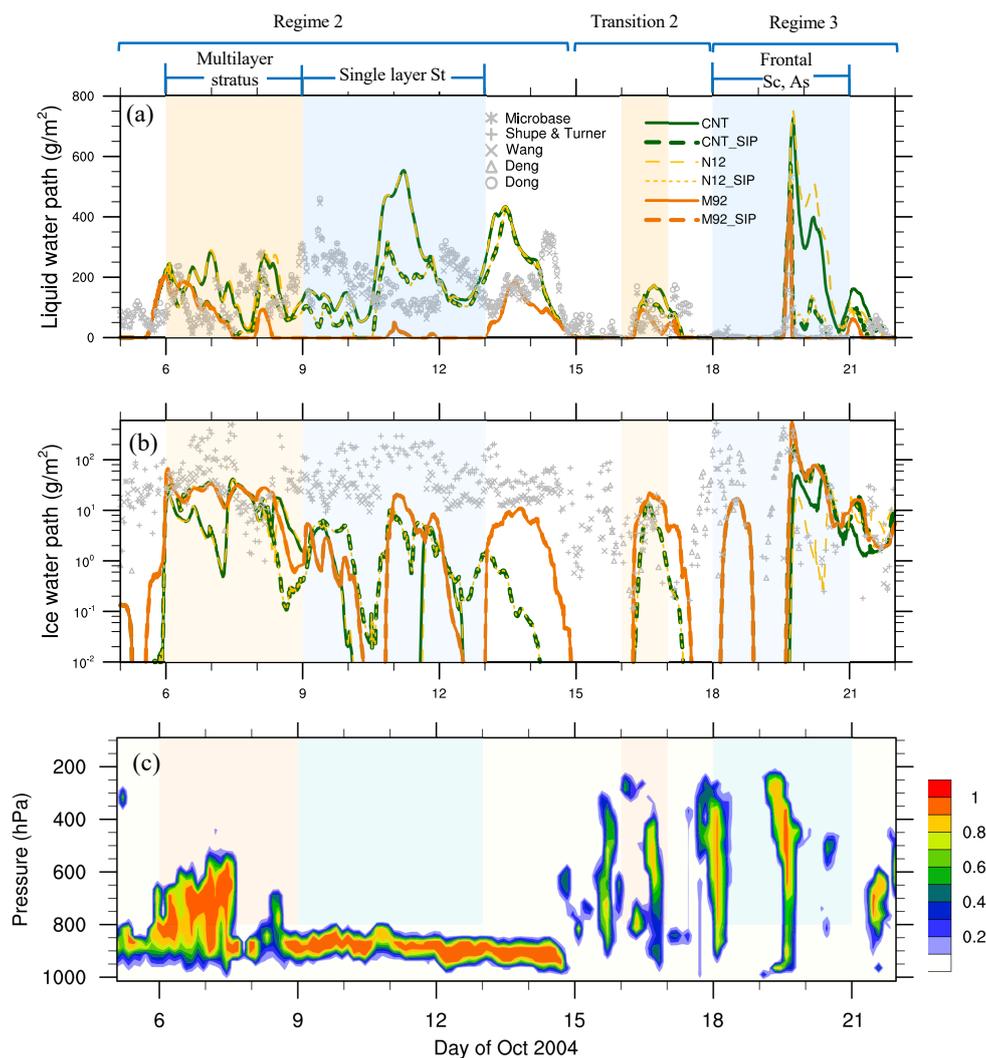


620 Table 1. List of model experiments.

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<b>Experiment</b>	<b>Secondary Ice Production</b>	<b>Ice Nucleation</b>
<b>CNT</b>	HM	Default model with CNT ice nucleation
<b>N12</b>	HM	Niemand et al. (2012) ice nucleation
<b>D15</b>	HM	DeMott et al. (2015) ice nucleation
<b>B53</b>	HM	Bigg (1953) ice nucleation
<b>M92</b>	HM	Meyers et al. (1992) ice nucleation
<b>CNT_SIP</b>	HM, FR, IIC	CNT ice nucleation
<b>N12_SIP</b>	HM, FR, IIC	Niemand et al. (2012) ice nucleation
<b>D15_SIP</b>	HM, FR, IIC	DeMott et al. (2015) ice nucleation
<b>B53_SIP</b>	HM, FR, IIC	Bigg (1953) ice nucleation
<b>M92_SIP</b>	HM, FR, IIC	Meyers et al. (1992) ice nucleation

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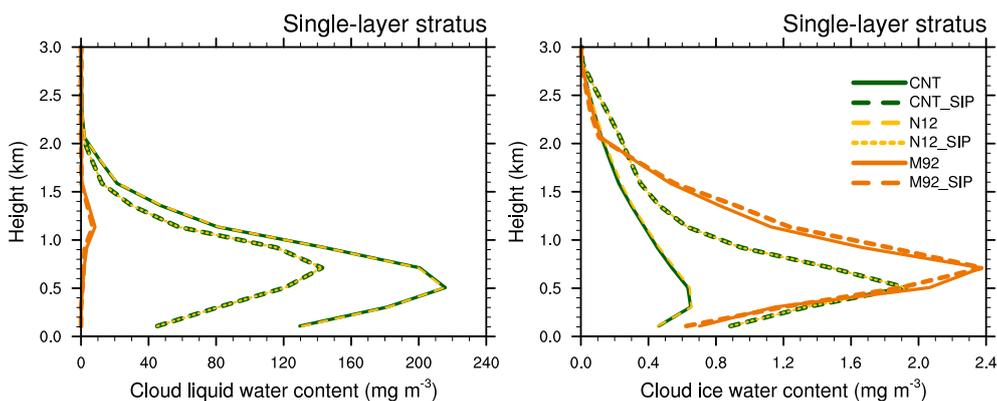
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624 Figure 1. Temporal evolution of (a) LWP and (b) IWP from remote sensing retrievals  
625 (symbols) and CNT, CNT\_SIP, N12, N12\_SIP, M92, and M92\_SIP experiments (lines);  
626 (c) vertical distribution of observed cloud fraction. The light orange shadings show the  
627 multilayer stratus and transition periods; light blue shadings show the single-layer stratus  
628 and frontal clouds periods. Note that N12 (N12\_SIP) coincides with CNT (CNT\_SIP)  
629 during the single-layer stratus cloud period.

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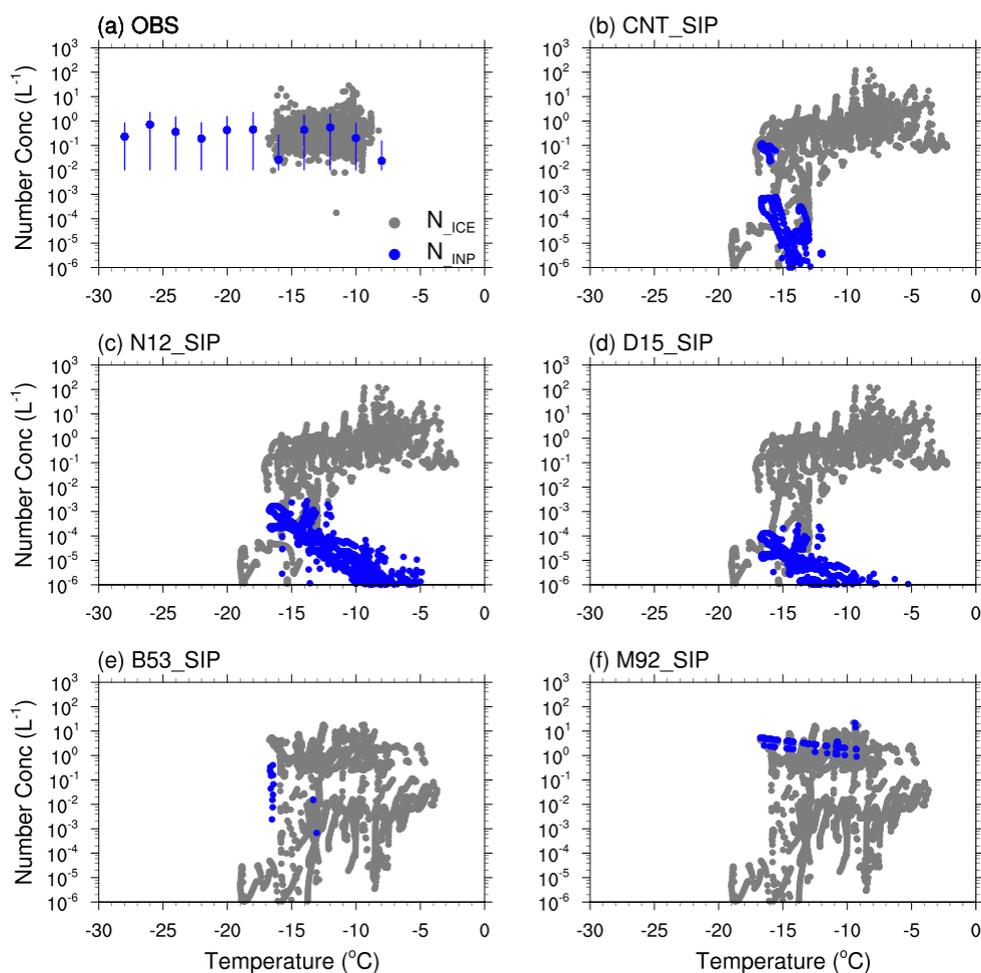
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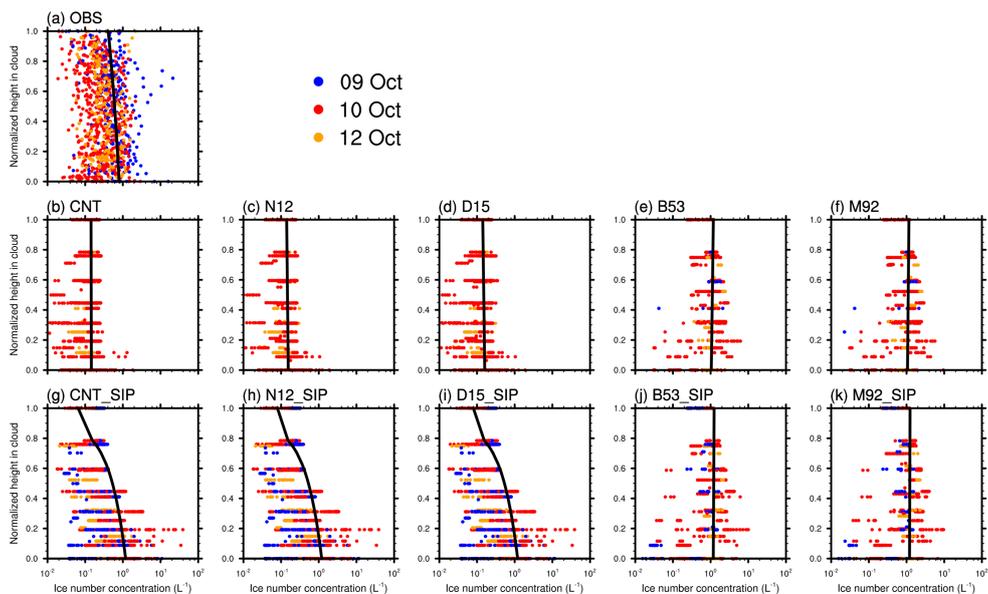
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634 phased cloud period (October 9-12) from CNT, CNT\_SIP, N12, N12\_SIP, M92, and  
635 M92\_SIP experiments. Note that N12 (N12\_SIP) coincides with CNT (CNT\_SIP) during  
636 the single layer stratus cloud period.

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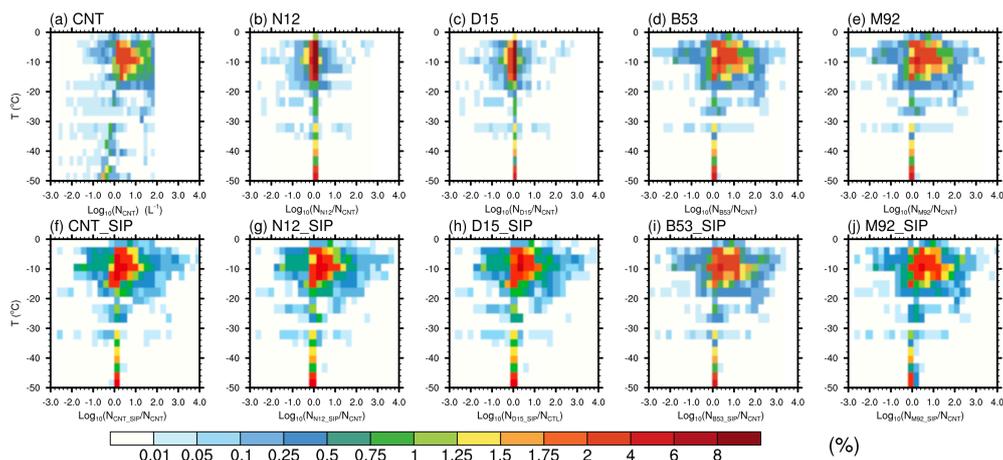
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639 Figure 3. Comparison between INP (blue dots, in unit of  $L^{-1}$ ) and ice crystal number  
640 concentrations (gray dots, in unit of  $L^{-1}$ ) from (a) observations, (b) CNT\_SIP, (c)  
641 N12\_SIP, (d) D15\_SIP, (e) B53\_SIP, and (f) M92\_SIP experiments. Modeled ice number  
642 concentrations include ice crystals of all sizes, since the purpose of this figure is to  
643 compare INP number concentrations with ice crystal number concentrations. To account  
644 for the anti-shattering tip effect, only ice particles with diameters larger than  $100 \mu m$   
645 from observations are included in Fig. 3a, and a correction factor of  $1/4$  is also applied to  
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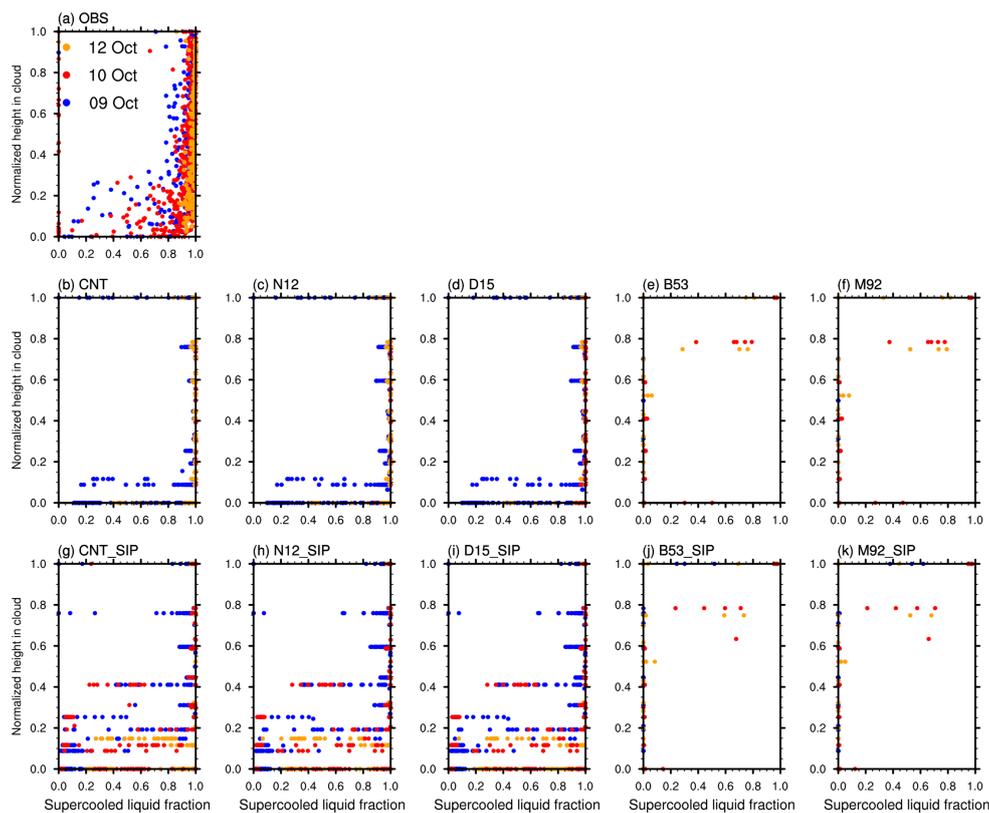
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650 0 for cloud base and 1 for cloud top) from (a) observation, (b) CNT, (c) N12, (d) D15, (e)  
651 B53, (f) M92, (g) CNT\_SIP, (h) N12\_SIP, (i) D15\_SIP, (j) B53\_SIP, and (k) M92\_SIP  
652 experiments. Black solid lines show the linear regression between ice number  
653 concentration and height. Only ice particles with diameters larger than 100  $\mu\text{m}$  from  
654 simulations and observations are included in the comparison. To account for the anti-  
655 shattering tip effect, a correction factor of 1/4 is applied to the measured ice number  
656 concentrations based on Jackson et al. (2014) and Jackson and McFarquhar (2014).  
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659 Figure 5. Bivariate joint probability density functions (PDF) of (a) ice crystal number  
660 concentration ( $L^{-1}$ ) from the CNT experiment; and (b)-(j) enhancement ratios of ice  
661 crystal number concentration from the respective experiment to that from the CNT  
662 experiment as a function of temperature. A logarithmic scale is used for x-axis.

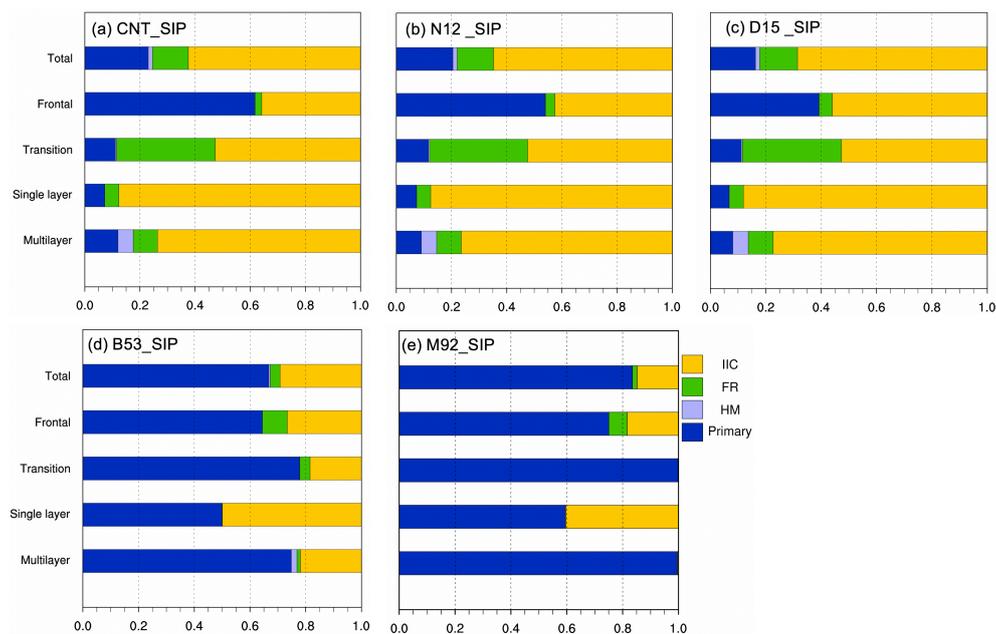
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665 Figure 6. Supercooled liquid fraction (defined as  $LWC/(LWC + IWC)$ ) as a function of  
666 normalized cloud height (i.e., 0 for cloud base and 1 for cloud top) from observations and  
667 model experiments.

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670 Figure 7. Stacked bar charts of relative contributions from ice nucleation and secondary

671 ice production to the total ice production rate from (a) CNT\_SIP, (b) N12\_SIP, (c)

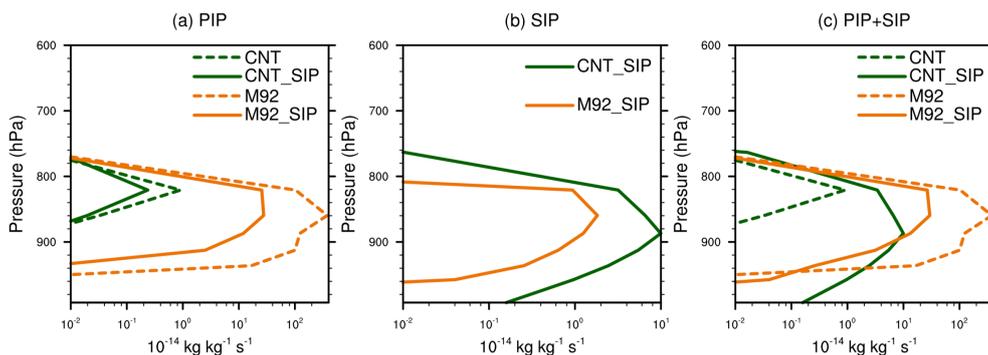
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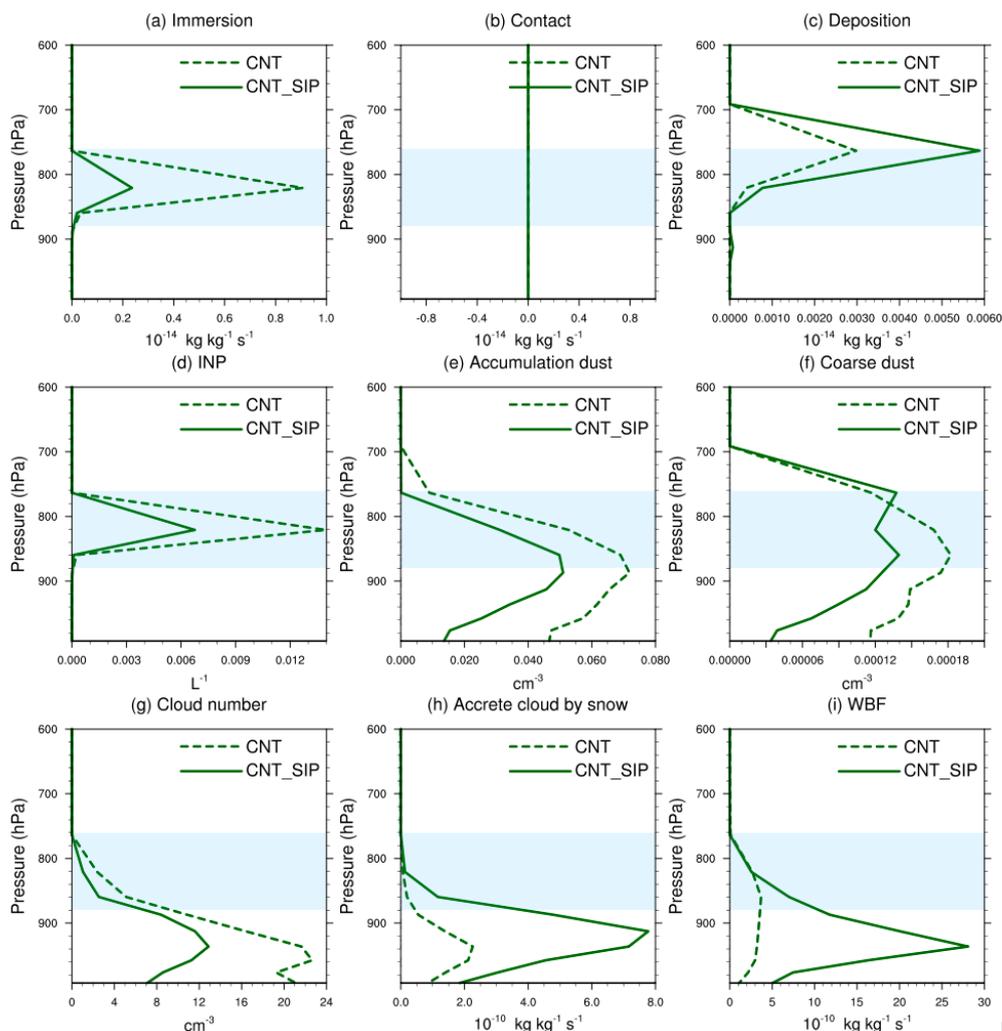
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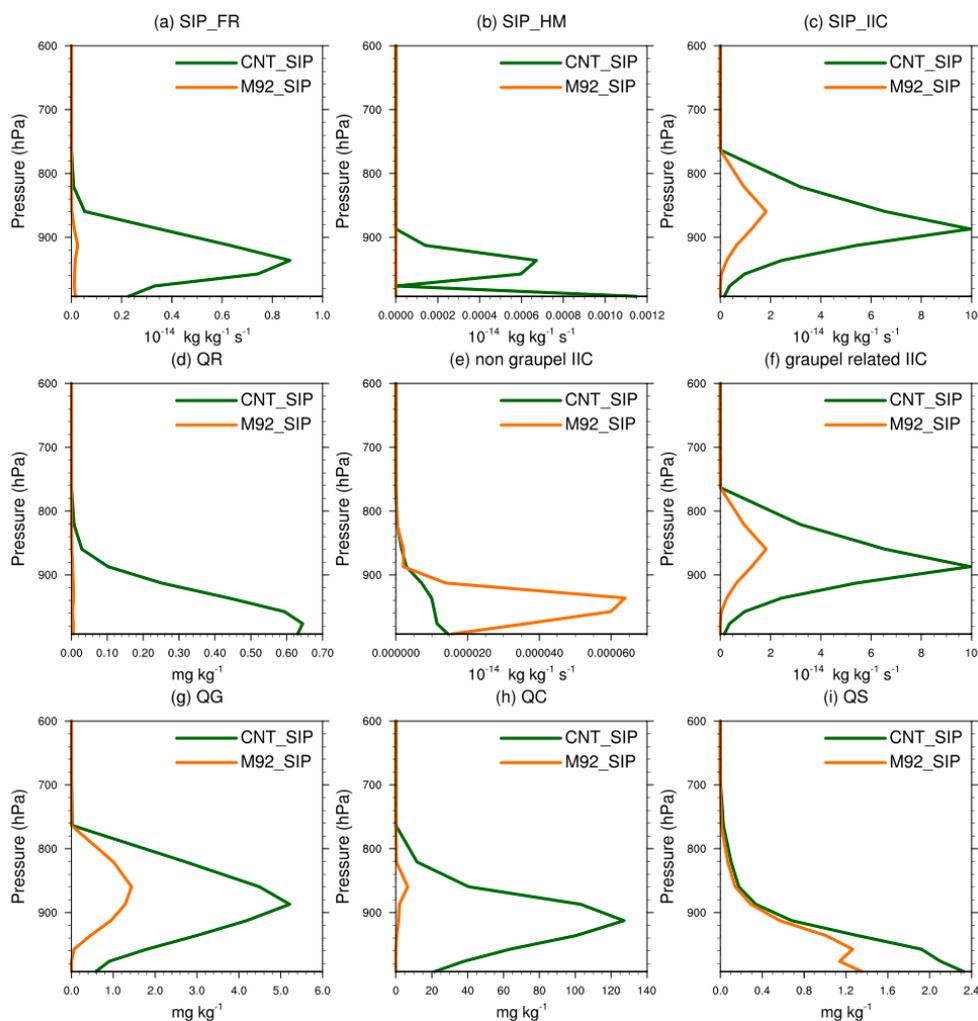
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679 rate, and (c) primary plus secondary ice production rate from CNT, CNT\_SIP, M92, and  
680 M92\_SIP model experiments averaged over the single-layer mixed-phase cloud period.

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683 Figure 9. Vertical profiles of (a) ice production rate from immersion freezing of cloud  
684 water, (b) ice production rate from contact freezing of cloud water, (c) ice production rate  
685 from homogeneous and heterogeneous deposition nucleation, (d) immersion freezing INP  
686 number concentration, (e) cloud-borne dust number in accumulation mode, (f) cloud-  
687 borne dust number in coarse mode, (g) cloud droplet number concentration, (h) accretion  
688 rate of cloud water by snow, and (i) WBF process rate from CNT and CNT\_SIP  
689 experiments averaged over the single-layer mixed-phase cloud period. Light blue shadings  
690 indicate the ice nucleation regime.



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692 Figure 10. Vertical profiles of (a) rain droplet shattering rate during freezing (FR), (b)  
 693 rime splintering rate (HM), (c) ice-ice collision fragmentation rate (IIC), (d) rain water  
 694 mixing ratio (Qr, in unit of  $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$ ), (e) non graupel related ice-ice collision  
 695 fragmentation rate, (f) graupel related ice-ice collision fragmentation rate, (g) graupel  
 696 mass mixing ratio (Qg, in unit of  $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$ ), (h) cloud water mass mixing ratio (Qc, in unit  
 697 of  $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$ ), and (i) snow mass mixing ratio (Qs, in unit of  $\text{mg kg}^{-1}$ ) from the CNT\_SIP  
 698 and M92\_SIP experiments.