

# Long-term Variability in Immersion-mode Marine Ice Nucleating Particles from Climate Model Simulations and Observations

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**Abstract.** Ice nucleating particles (INPs) in the Southern Ocean (SO) atmosphere have significant impacts on cloud radiative and microphysical properties. Yet, INP prediction skill in climate models remains poorly understood, in part because of the lack of long-term measurements. Here we show, for the first time, how model-simulated INP concentrations compare with year-round INP measurements during the Macquarie Island Cloud Radiation Experiment (MICRE) campaign from 2017-2018.

5 We simulate immersion-mode INP concentrations using the Energy Exascale Earth System Model version 1 (E3SMv1) by combining simulated aerosols with recently-developed deterministic INP parameterizations and the native classical nucleation theory (CNT) for mineral dust in E3SMv1. Because MICRE did not collect aerosol measurements of super-micron particles, which are more effective ice nucleators, we evaluate the model's aerosol fields at other Southern high-latitude sites using long-term in situ observations of dust and sea spray aerosol. We find that the model underestimates dust and overestimates sea spray aerosol concentrations by one to two orders of magnitude for most of the high latitude sites in the Southern Hemisphere. We next compare predicted INP concentrations with concentrations of INPs collected on filter samples (typically for 2 or 3 days), and processed offline using the Colorado State University ice spectrometer (IS) in immersion freezing mode. We find that when deterministic parameterizations for both dust and sea spray INPs are used, simulated INPs are within a factor of 10 of observed INPs more than 60% of the time during summer. Our results also indicate that the E3SM's current treatment of mineral dust immersion freezing in the SO is impacted by compensating biases – an underprediction of dust amount is compensated by an overprediction of its effectiveness as INP. We also perform idealized droplet freezing experiments to quantify the implications of the time-dependent behavior assumed by the E3SM's CNT-parameterization and compare with the ice spectrometer observations. We find that the E3SM CNT 10 s diagnostic used in this study is a reasonable approximation of the exact formulation of CNT, when applied to ice spectrometer measurements in low INP conditions similar to Macquarie Island. However, the linearized 10 s diagnostic underestimates the exact formula by an order of magnitude or more in places with high INP conditions like the Sahara desert. Overall, our findings suggest that it is important to correct the biases in E3SM's simulated dust life cycle and update E3SM's INP parameterizations. INP prediction errors of two to three orders of magnitude can have considerable impacts on the simulated cloud and radiative properties in global climate models. On comparing INP concentrations

during MICRE against ship-based campaigns, Measurements of Aerosols, Radiation, and Clouds over the Southern Ocean (MARCUS) and Antarctic Circumnavigation Expedition (ACE), we find that INPs from the latter are significantly higher only in regions closer to Macquarie Island. This alludes to the fact that physical, chemical and biological processes affecting INP concentrations as stimulated by the island could be partly responsible for the high INP concentrations observed at Macquarie Island during the MICRE campaign. Therefore, improvements to both aerosol simulation and INP parameterizations are required to adequately simulate INPs and their cloud impacts in E3SM. It will be helpful to include a parallel measurement of the size-resolved aerosol composition, and explore opportunities for long-term measurement platforms in future field campaigns studying INP sources in remote marine regions.

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## 1 Introduction

The Southern Ocean (SO) is a pristine remote marine environment with unique microphysical cloud properties (Gettelman et al., 2020; McCoy et al., 2015; Meskhidze and Nenes, 2006; Tan et al., 2016). Southern Ocean clouds contain supercooled liquid droplets in higher fractions than is observed almost anywhere across the globe (Hu et al., 2010). The co-existence of supercooled liquid droplets and ice (mixed-phase) in these clouds is inadequately simulated in global models (Komurcu et al., 2014), introducing uncertainty into simulations of shortwave radiative flux (Vergara-Temprado et al., 2018) and cloud-climate feedbacks (Tan and Storelvmo, 2016) in this region. The supercooled liquid state is metastable, but in the absence of a mechanism to initiate freezing, supercooled water can persist in clouds at temperatures between 0°C and approximately −38°C (Koop and Murray, 2016), the homogeneous freezing temperature of water.

In the presence of aerosol particles that can nucleate ice such as dust, bacteria, and fungal spores, supercooled cloud droplets can freeze into ice at warmer temperatures than required for homogeneous ice nucleation (Vali et al., 2015; Vergara-Temprado et al., 2018; Kanji et al., 2017). The aerosol particles responsible for this process of heterogeneous ice formation are called ice nucleating particles (INPs) (Vali et al., 2015). Following the initial (or primary) formation of ice, clouds contain a thermodynamically unstable mixture of ice and supercooled liquid water. In such clouds, secondary ice production (SIP) processes contribute to the rapid multiplication of cloud ice, resulting in rapid glaciation of regions of the cloud (Crawford et al., 2012; Field et al., 2017; Korolev and Leisner, 2020). Even in clouds where SIP is responsible for a large portion of ice production, however, the cloud evolution and state may be sensitive to INP concentrations (Crawford et al., 2012; Phillips et al., 2007; Hawker et al., 2021), although this sensitivity is reduced in certain cloud regimes (Sullivan et al., 2018; Mignani et al., 2019; Miltenberger et al., 2020; Sotiropoulou et al., 2020).

The cloud phase, lifetime, and radiative properties of SO mixed-phase clouds are sensitive to INP concentrations (Vergara-Temprado et al., 2018; Vignon et al., 2021). Accurate representations of INPs are therefore critical for simulating ice formation in the mixed-phase clouds that affect the aerosol-cloud interactions, radiation budget, and precipitation over the SO (McCluskey et al., 2017; McFarquhar et al., 2021; McCoy et al., 2015). Despite the importance of INPs in the representation of mixed-phase clouds, knowledge about their sources, transport, and seasonal variability over the SO are still uncertain. In this study, we

investigate the simulated and observed variability of SO INPs active in the immersion mode, noting that of all the modes of ice nucleation, the immersion mode is the most critical for freezing in mixed-phase clouds (Hande and Hoose, 2017).

The concentration of INPs active at a specific temperature can vary over a range of up to four orders of magnitude across observations collected at different times and locations (Kanjani et al., 2017; Welti et al., 2018). However, recent field experiments have shown that, given adequate parameterizations of INP effectiveness for the major relevant classes of INPs, the ambient concentration of INPs in the atmosphere can be predicted from observed aerosol properties with reasonable accuracy (Cornwell et al., 2019; Knopf et al., 2021). In climate models, INPs can be similarly predicted on the basis of parameterizations that are dependent on temperature, humidity and simulated aerosol properties, i.e., the size-resolved concentration of the relevant aerosol species. Accurate representation of INPs in atmospheric models will depend on both the model's fidelity in simulating relevant aerosol properties and the realism of the model's INP parameterizations.

In the SO, INPs arise from a combination of local sea spray aerosol and dust from regional and long-range transport (Twohy et al., 2021). Laboratory experiments using realistic proxies for biologically-influenced sea spray particles have clearly shown that these particles can act as INPs, although IN efficiency of dust (expressed in terms of ice active-site density  $n_s$ ) is ca. 2 orders of magnitudes more than sea spray particles for a given aerosol surface area and for temperatures colder than 263 K (DeMott et al., 2016; McCluskey et al., 2018b). Experiments that isolate specific organic molecules or ocean biota have provided hints to potential sources of these INPs (e.g., Knopf et al., 2011). Despite its weak INP effectiveness, models and field experiments indicate that sea spray is the primary source of background INPs in boundary-layer air in remote marine regions such as the SO, where continental aerosols are scarce (Burrows et al., 2013; Wilson et al., 2015; Vergara-Temprado et al., 2017; McCluskey et al., 2018a, 2019).

In addition to sea spray produced from strong surface winds, natural windblown dusts are an important source of INPs to the SO. Dust particles, which are a major global source of INPs, are 3–4 orders of magnitude more efficient as immersion-freezing INPs than marine aerosols (DeMott et al., 2015; Niemand et al., 2012; Boose et al., 2016; McCluskey et al., 2018c; Cornwell et al., 2019). Therefore, transported dust, even in small quantities, likely also affects INP number concentrations in the SO. The source regions of dust transported to the SO include South America, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa (Wagener et al., 2008; Struve et al., 2020; Neff and Bertler, 2015). In addition to long-range transport, local Antarctic dust is another source in the SO during the summer. Dry deposition is a major sink for desert dust aerosols because they are mainly emitted in dry regions with weak precipitation and their mass distribution is dominated by larger sized particles (Bergametti et al., 2018). The ability of the numerical models to simulate aerosol burdens at high-latitudes depends on emissions and transport as well as wet and dry deposition (Sand et al., 2017). A study by Wu et al. (2020) found that Energy Exascale Earth System Model version 1 (E3SMv1) produces higher dry deposition than the Community Earth System Model (CESM1) for similar dust emission fluxes. Biases in dry deposition fluxes in E3SMv1 can affect predictive skill for aerosol and INP concentrations. Witek et al. (2016) evaluated sea spray emission functions using satellite observations and found large differences between various sea spray parameterizations. These discrepancies between the model aerosol concentrations and the observations in turn affect the predictability of INP concentrations.

A handful of previous studies have evaluated INP predictability in global models, using data from short-term field campaigns (Wilson et al., 2015; McCluskey et al., 2018a). Due to the complex nature of field deployments on research vessels, most field campaigns have measured INPs only for periods of a few weeks; long-term or year-round observations of INPs are rare, especially in the high-latitude oceans. However, given the episodic nature of dust transport to the remote SO, as well as the  
95 existence of seasonal cycles in high-latitude sea spray and dust concentrations (e.g., Ito and Kok, 2017; Liu et al., 2018), long-term observations are required to understand whether there is a strong seasonality in SO INP sources. Without such observations, it is challenging to understand and constrain the aerosol sources and processes driving seasonal INP variations in climate models.

Large uncertainties in simulated INP concentrations can contribute to uncertainties in cloud radiative properties and related  
100 climate forcing, particularly in the SO (Vergara-Temprado et al., 2017; Yun and Penner, 2012; Tan and Storelvmo, 2016). Vergara-Temprado et al. (2018) simulated INP concentrations ranging over approximately four orders of magnitude in marine air between 40°S and 70°S, and examined the impacts of higher INP concentrations on low-level mixed-phase clouds in the cold sectors of extratropical cyclones, simulated at high resolution. Based on their simulations, they estimated that variations in INP concentration over the SO could modulate the radiative properties of similar clouds by as much as 24-60 Wm<sup>-2</sup>. Vignon  
105 et al. (2021) showed that a new immersion freezing ice nucleation parameterization based on INP measurements from the Measurements of Aerosols, Radiation and Clouds over the Southern Ocean (MARCUS) campaign improved simulations of cloud radiative effects in the presence of supercooled liquid water near cloud top in the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model. Few studies have systematically (co-located in space and time) evaluated the simulated INP concentrations from climate models in the SO. Such a comparison using long-term INP observations is critical for assessing the seasonality  
110 of different INP sources and their impacts on SO clouds and energy budget.

Macquarie Island Cloud Radiation Experiment (MICRE) (2017-2018) provides a unique opportunity to advance modeling efforts regarding INP variability in the Southern Ocean, and understand the atmospheric processes controlling that variability, by providing year-round, near-daily INP observations at Macquarie Island (DeMott et al., 2018a). Macquarie Island is ideal for marine aerosol sampling due to its remote location. In this study, we use aerosols simulated by the E3SMv1 model in  
115 combination with INP parameterizations for dust and sea spray aerosol to simulate INP number concentrations. We compare these with MICRE near-surface INP measurements at different temperatures.

This study focuses on two primary objectives: (1) evaluate simulated INP predictions against measurements during MICRE; and (2) assess the potential causes of model-observation differences during MICRE due to missing particle sources of INPs, or other model processes.



## 2.1 Aerosol Modeling

We use the aerosol fields simulated by the E3SMv1 Atmosphere Model (EAMv1) (Rasch et al., 2019) to simulate aerosol properties and the resulting INP concentrations. EAMv1 is the atmospheric component of the E3SMv1 model (Golaz et al., 2019). The land component in these simulations uses a prescribed vegetation seasonal cycle based on satellite phenology (Lawrence and Chase, 2007). The use of EAMv1 for simulating immersion-mode INP concentrations has been demonstrated in previous studies for high-latitude regions in the SO and the Arctic (McCluskey et al., 2019; Shi et al., 2021). We use EAMv1's low-resolution configuration, which has a horizontal resolution of ca. 110 km with 72 vertical layers extending up to 0.1 hPa (approximately. 64 km). The atmosphere layer nearest to the surface is 20 m thick, with a total of 15 layers between the surface and 850 hPa, supporting an improved representation of gradients within the atmospheric boundary layer. EAMv1 uses a spectral element method to solve the atmosphere's dynamic equations on a cubed-sphere grid (Dennis et al., 2012; Golaz et al., 2019). Turbulence and clouds are parameterized using the Cloud Layers Unified by Binormals (CLUBB) parameterization (Larson et al., 2002; Larson and Golaz, 2005; Bogenschutz et al., 2013; Golaz et al., 2002). The deep convection parameterization is based on Zhang and McFarlane (1995) with improvements by Richter and Rasch (2008) and Neale et al. (2008). We nudge the horizontal winds towards the Modern Era Retrospective-Analysis for Research and Applications reanalysis (MERRA-2) (Gelaro et al., 2017) with a 6-h relaxation time scale following Ma et al. (2015) and Sun et al. (2019).

EAMv1 uses the four-mode version of the Modal Aerosol Module (MAM4) to represent aerosol life cycles and properties (Liu et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2020). Aerosol species represented in the baseline MAM4 version include sulfate, black carbon (BC), mineral dust, sea salt aerosol, primary organic aerosol (POA), secondary organic aerosol (SOA), and marine organic aerosol (MOA). In this study, we focus on two aerosol species relevant to INPs in the SO: (1) mineral dust and (2) sea spray, which includes both inorganic (sea salt) and organic constituents (MOA). MAM4 simulates aerosol mass mixing ratios and size distributions in four log-normal modes: the (1) Aitken, (2) accumulation, (3) coarse, and (4) primary carbon modes. Aerosols are internally mixed within each mode and externally mixed between modes. Individual aerosol species are included in some or all of the four modes, depending on their typical size distributions and hygroscopicity. Once emitted, aerosol species undergo horizontal transport and vertical mixing, chemical and microphysical transformation processes (e.g., condensation, coagulation), dry deposition, and wet scavenging.

Emission fluxes of natural dusts are calculated using the Dust Entrainment and Deposition (DEAD) model as a function of wind speed, friction velocity, and surface erodibility (Zender et al., 2003; Mahowald et al., 2006). Anthropogenic dust emissions associated with activities such as agriculture and off-road vehicle activity are not represented. The size distribution of emitted dust particles is prescribed, with a mass fraction of 3.2% in the accumulation mode [ $0.1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  to  $1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ] and 96.8% in the coarse mode [ $1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  to  $10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ]. Comparison of E3SMv1 dust concentrations with CESM1 and CESM2 has shown that E3SMv1 underestimates the coarse mode dust lifetime, which may be mainly due to increased dry deposition in the thinner bottom layer of the model (Wu et al., 2020). However, E3SMv1 emits more dust than CESM1 and CESM2 in the accumulation mode. As a

result, dust optical depth (DOD) in E3SMv1 is higher than in CESM, but lower than lidar satellite retrievals (Wu et al., 2020). As a consequence of the short dust lifetime, dust transport to the remote Arctic and SO is underestimated by the model.

155 Sea spray emission fluxes are simulated in the Aitken, accumulation, and coarse modes as a function of near-surface wind speed and prescribed sea surface temperature, with a prescribed emission size distribution (Mårtensson et al., 2003; Monahan, 1986). MOA emissions, and the variations in these emissions associated with ocean biological activity, are simulated using the Organic Compounds from Ecosystems to Aerosols: Natural Films and Interfaces via Langmuir Molecular Surfactants (OCEANFILMS) parameterization (Burrows et al., 2022a). In the EAMv1 implementation of OCEANFILMS, the main  
160 impact of the simulated MOA is to elevate the total emitted sea spray particle number and mass in specific regions and seasons where the parameterization predicts increased organic fractions in accumulation mode sea spray particles. In an early version of E3SM, the OCEANFILMS parameterization produced statistically-significant regional effects at high latitudes in both hemispheres, including 20–50% increases in cloud condensation nuclei concentrations (at a supersaturation of  $S=0.1\%$ ) across most of the SO (Burrows et al., 2022a).

## 165 2.2 Calculating INP Concentrations

In this study, we compare INP concentrations calculated by E3SM’s default parameterizations with more recent parameterizations that have a stronger empirical basis, i.e., they are based on measurements of ambient (rather than laboratory-generated) particles, and on a larger number of measurements.

Heterogeneous ice nucleation occurring in mixed-phase clouds is currently represented in EAMv1 for dust and BC aerosols  
170 using classical nucleation theory (CNT) (Hoose et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2014). EAMv1 does not include marine aerosols as INP sources in CNT. In this study, we calculate INP concentrations at measurement temperatures using the aerosols simulated by E3SM at the model’s surface layer.

Because smaller dust particles may not be effective INPs, we adopt DeMott et al. (2015) (hereafter, D15) to simulate the immersion-mode dust INPs for particles larger than  $0.5\ \mu\text{m}$ . For predicting sea spray INPs, we use a parameterization based on  
175 surface active-site density of SSA which was developed using observations under clean conditions at a coastal site in Ireland (McCluskey et al., 2018c) (hereafter, M18). For INP contributions from MOAs, we use the Wilson et al. (2015) parameterization (hereafter, W15), which assumes that the INP number concentrations are directly proportional to the amount of organic carbon in the SSA. W15 was originally developed using droplet samples from the sea surface microlayer and the subsurface water in the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans. We apply these parameterizations to the relevant aerosol fields simulated by the  
180 E3SMv1 model (see Section 2.1). The different empirical INP parameterizations used in this study and their limitations are summarized in Table S1 in the Supplementary Information.

To compare with measured INPs, we modified the heterogeneous ice nucleation module in E3SMv1 to output additional diagnostic variables that use measurement temperatures instead of ambient temperatures to calculate the INP concentrations [ $\text{m}^{-3}$ ] at the surface (see Equation 1). While the default immersion freezing parameterizations in E3SMv1 treat both dust and

185 BC, we focus only on dust INPs here since the contribution of BC to immersion mode ice nucleation in the SO atmosphere is negligible (Kanji et al., 2020).

In the E3SMv1 implementation of CNT, the change in cloud ice crystal number concentration due to immersion freezing on dust,  $N_{imm,dust}$  [ $\text{m}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$ ], during the model time step  $\Delta t$ , is calculated as:

$$\Delta N_{imm,dust} = N_{aer,dust} [1 - e^{(-J_{imm,dust}(T_{ambient}, r_{aer}) \Delta t_{model})}], \quad (1)$$

190 where  $N_{aer,dust}$  [ $\text{m}^{-3}$ ] is the total (cloud-borne and interstitial) dust number concentration in accumulation and coarse modes (ice-borne aerosol is not tracked in the model), and  $J_{imm,dust}$  [ $\text{s}^{-1}$ ] is the heterogeneous nucleation rate for dust calculated as a function of modal radii of dust,  $r_{aer}$ , and model's ambient temperature,  $T_{ambient}$ . Analogous relationships are implemented for each ice-nucleating species and freezing mode handled by the CNT scheme.

We calculate a diagnostic that uses the measurement temperature, and an assumed measurement time scale:

$$195 \quad N_{INP,imm,dust} = N_{aer,dust} [1 - e^{(-J_{imm,dust}(T_{measurement}, r_{aer}) \Delta t_{measurement})}]. \quad (2)$$

A notable feature of Equation 1 is that the freezing rate is non-linearly dependent on time. Therefore, the number of freezing events that occur during a particular time interval is sensitive to the model's discretization of time, i.e., to the length of the time step. All else being equal, a reduction in model time step would be expected to increase heterogeneous freezing. By implementing CNT in Community Atmospheric Model version 5 (CAM5) mode, Wang et al. (2014) showed that this time  
200 step dependence is small at time scales close to the E3SMv1 model time step (1800 s), for typical conditions. However, such a timestep dependence of CNT in E3SMv1 is still unclear and requires future investigation.

Since observational time scales are much shorter – on the order of a few seconds – the values of  $N_{INP,imm,dust}$  calculated following Equation 2 have a significant sensitivity to the assumed time scale. In this study, we use  $t_{measurement} = 10\text{s}$ , following the approach used in other similar model evaluation exercises (for example, Wang et al. (2014)). We also assume that all dust  
205 particles are equally likely to participate in ice nucleation, which is also an assumption used in Hoose et al. (2010) and Wang et al. (2014). Under these assumptions, we calculate and output  $N_{INP,imm,dust}$  at several measurement temperatures. The addition of these diagnostic outputs does not modify the simulation results.

### 2.3 INP Observations

We use INP measurements from the MICRE campaign that was conducted between April 2016 and March 2018. This campaign  
210 was a joint effort by the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD), Bureau of Meteorology, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), and US Department of Energy Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (DOE-ARM) to address the current observation gaps that limit evaluation of cloud properties over the SO in climate models. Immersion-

mode INP number concentrations were collected for the second year of MICRE adjacent to the cloud, precipitation, aerosol and radiation instruments (McFarquhar et al., 2021; Tansey et al., 2022).

215 Measurement samples were collected and averaged for a period of 2–3 days at Macquarie Island location [54.49°S, 158.93°E] in the remote SO. All measurements were made at an altitude of ca. 4m above mean sea level (MSL) and the sampler was located inside the enclosure (DeMott et al., 2018a). Filters were processed using the Colorado State University ice spectrometer (McCluskey et al., 2018a) to obtain temperature spectra of immersion freezing INP concentrations from -28°C to 0°C (DeMott et al., 2018a). Particle samples collected on filters were immersed in purified water and shaken to create suspensions for im-  
220 mersion freezing measurements. In this standard technique, the tray was inserted into an aluminum block and cooled until the samples were frozen. Concentrations of INPs were calculated at different temperatures using the fraction of unfrozen wells per given temperature (Beall et al., 2017; Vali, 1971). Uncertainty ranges in measured INP concentrations were calculated using Poisson counting statistics (McCluskey et al., 2017).

MICRE produced the first dataset of long term INP number concentrations over the SO (DeMott et al., 2018a). Long-term  
225 INP datasets like MICRE are a valuable resource for evaluating model estimates of seasonal and day-to-day variability in INP number concentrations over large, pristine marine environments (McFarquhar et al., 2021). Aerosol measurements from MICRE were limited. Number concentrations of sub-micron aerosols using condensation particle counter (CPC) and cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) were directly measured. However, since CPC and CCN counts are dominated by smaller, soluble particles that do not contribute significantly to INPs, we do not expect these instruments to provide an informative measure of  
230 the particles that drive INP concentrations.

## 2.4 Model Experiments Design

We ran E3SMv1 model simulations from October 2015 to October 2018 with horizontal winds nudged using the Modern-Era Retrospective Analysis-2 (MERRA-2) (Gelaro et al., 2017). Nudging was applied to the entire vertical domain. The model simulation period was chosen to correspond to the time period of the MICRE campaign and other aerosol evaluation datasets used  
235 in this study. The first two months of the simulation were treated as spin-up and excluded from our analysis. Control simulations (hereafter, CTL) use default dry deposition in MAM4 as described in Zhang et al. (2001). Model fields in a cubed-sphere grid are remapped to latitude and longitude domain and co-located spatially (nearest grid cell in the model to Macquarie Island location) and temporally (taking the average of the same days used for INP calculations from observations) with measurements. The aerosol number and speciated mass concentrations are prognostically simulated at 30-minute intervals, and the model  
240 fields are written as 6-hour instantaneous outputs at a horizontal resolution of approximately  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ . The cloud microphysics (Gettelman et al., 2015) in E3SMv1 uses freezing tendencies calculated for each model grid box on the basis of the simulated aerosol population and ambient state variables (temperature, pressure, and specific humidity). However, measurements of INP are typically performed across multiple temperatures, and are reported as a function of the instrument temperature rather than the ambient temperature. In order to compare the model simulations of INPs from CNT against the in situ measurements, we

245 added diagnostic variables in the model to simulate immersion-mode freezing rates and INP concentrations at measurement temperatures. These diagnostic variables are not passed to the cloud microphysics module and do not change the simulation.

## 2.5 Sensitivity Experiments

### 2.5.1 Dry deposition

250 An additional sensitivity simulation is conducted where we revise the coefficients in the model's particle dry deposition parameterization following Emerson et al. (2020) (hereafter, EXP). The revised coefficients were shown by Emerson et al. (2020) to produce dry deposition fluxes that showed better agreement with observed fluxes over several land use categories, with some of the largest changes occurring over the ocean. Emerson et al. (2020) showed that GEOS-Chem simulations of coarse mode particles between  $2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and  $10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  increased over the oceans using the new coefficients for dry deposition. While many processes contribute to the model bias in INP concentrations, we focus on the role of dry deposition in this study because it is  
255 the dominant removal mechanism for coarse mode particles.

### 2.6 Comparison to In situ Aerosol Observations

Very limited long-term measurements are available for evaluation of simulated aerosol concentrations in the SO. Because MICRE does not provide aerosol information, we compare modeled dust and sea salt concentrations with climatological measurements from University of Miami coastal stations. The sampling time period varies between the stations. We compare  
260 observed values with simulated values from the model grid cell closest to the measurement location. The geographic locations of stations used in this study are shown in Figure 1, and their coordinates and measurement time periods are listed in Table 1. These measurements are not constrained by a upper cut-off radius (Spada et al., 2015).

In addition to the long-term climatological dataset from the University of Miami, we also evaluate the model results using year-long measurements of aerosol elemental composition from the DOE-ARM West Antarctic Radiation Experiment  
265 (AWARE). AWARE collected samples at McMurdo station, Antarctica ( $77.84^\circ\text{ S}$ ,  $166.68^\circ\text{ E}$ ) located at the southern tip of Ross Island, from November 2015 - December 2016. X-ray fluorescence was used to derive elemental composition of minerals, including Na, Mg, Al, Si, P, S, Cl, K, Ca, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Br, Rb, Sr, Zr, Ag, Pb, and Ba (Liu et al., 2018). We derive concentrations of  $\text{MgCO}_3$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ , and  $\text{BaO}$  from these elemental compositions to calculate dust mass concentrations following Usher et al. (2003).

270 To evaluate the vertical distribution of dust and sea salt aerosols, we use aerosol mass concentrations from aircraft measurements made during the Atmospheric Tomography Mission (ATom) mission using the Particle Analysis by Laser Mass Spectrometry (PALMS) instrument (Froyd et al., 2019). The PALMS instrument measures aerosol particles in the size range from ca.  $100 - 5000\text{ nm}$ , and particles are classified into several composition types, including mineral dust and sea salt. While the entire time period for the ATom campaign does not overlap with MICRE, we use some flight tracks from ATom for February  
275 and October of 2017 that overlap with the MICRE campaign.

To assess the predictive skill of simulated INP concentrations in near-surface air, we use a set of standard skill scores outlined by the Monitoring Atmospheric Composition and Climate (MACC-II) project model evaluation methods (Cuevas et al., 2015; Eskes et al., 2015; Huijnen and Eskes, 2012). The modified normalized mean bias (MNMB), Pearson’s correlation coefficient, fractional gross error (FGE), and percentage of data points within a factor of 2 (2x) and 10 (10x) from the observations are used to assess E3SMv1 INP concentrations. McCluskey et al. (2019) used MNMB and FGE to assess the model’s ability to simulate INP concentrations observed in Mace Head and the SO. We define MNMB and FGE in Equation 3 and Equation 4 respectively. In both these metrics, the differences between the observed and predicted INPs are normalized by the sum of observed and predicted INP concentrations. Both are symmetric; MNMB ranges from -2 to 2 and FGE ranges from 0 to 2. Because they are normalized, both these metrics avoid enormously high values in cases where model-observation differences go up to several orders of magnitude.

$$\text{MNMB}(\text{INP}_P(T), \text{INP}_O(T)) = \frac{2}{N_{\text{tot}}} \sum \frac{\text{INP}_P(T) - \text{INP}_O(T)}{\text{INP}_P(T) + \text{INP}_O(T)}, \quad (3)$$

$$\text{FGE}(\text{INP}_P(T), \text{INP}_O(T)) = \frac{2}{N_{\text{tot}}} \sum \left| \frac{\text{INP}_P(T) - \text{INP}_O(T)}{\text{INP}_P(T) + \text{INP}_O(T)} \right|, \quad (4)$$

where  $\text{INP}_O(T)$  is a set of observed INP concentrations at the measurement temperature  $T$ ,  $\text{INP}_P(T)$  is a set of predicted INP concentrations from the model for temperature  $T$  using different INP parameterizations, and  $N_{\text{tot}}$  is the total number of model-observation pairs.

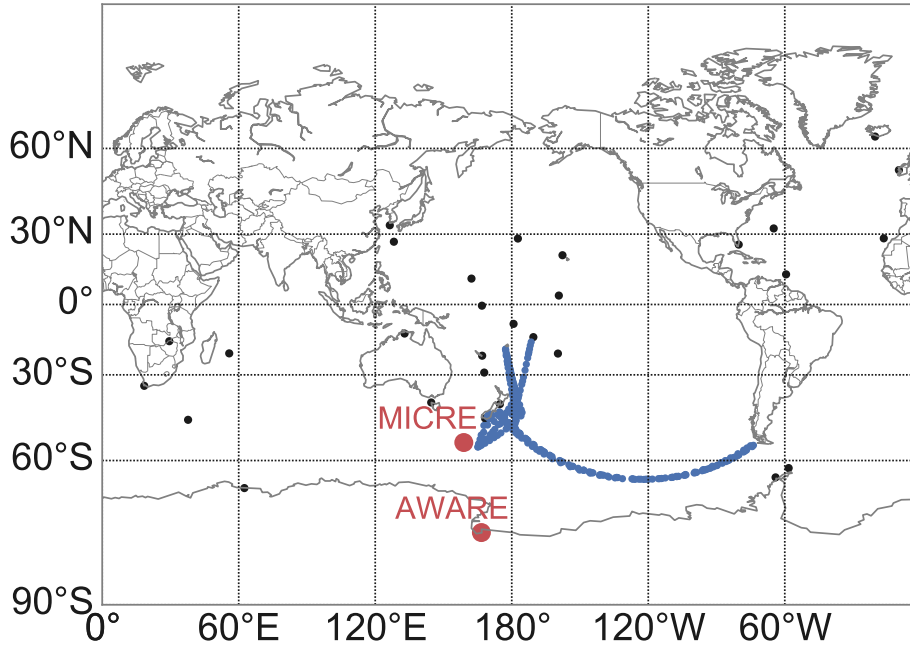
### 3 Results and Discussion

#### 3.1 Evaluation of E3SMv1 aerosol concentrations

Figure 2 compares measured and simulated dust concentrations at Cape Grim, Cape Point, Ruckomechi, Palmer station, Mawson station, and McMurdo Station in Ross Island. All in situ locations in Figure 2 except McMurdo Station compare the model with long-term climatological means from the U. Miami measurement network. At McMurdo Station, we evaluate monthly means for 2015-2016 using the AWARE field campaign measurements. In the SH, E3SM CTL simulations underestimate dust concentrations by one to two orders of magnitude, especially at high latitude stations such as McMurdo Station, Palmer, and Mawson, Antarctica. Substantial underestimation of dust in remote regions is a common problem across many climate models (Adebisi and Kok, 2020; Huneus et al., 2011; Wu et al., 2020), and may be caused by problems with model source terms, simulated transport, loss processes, dust size distribution, or numerical issues (Schutgens et al., 2020). For additional context, we also show evaluation results from stations in the NH in Figure S1 and Figure S2. The model overestimates dust in the NH for the in situ stations in University of Miami; Ragged Point, Barbados; Oahu; Izana, Tenerife; Fanning Island; Bermuda East; Cheju (except August and September); and Midway Island.

**Table 1.** Location and data collection period of the ground stations used in this study for dust and sea salt concentrations.

Station name	Latitude	Longitude	Data sampling period
Chatham Island	43.92°S	176.50°W	16-Sept-83 ; 11-Oct-1996
Cape Point	34.35°S	18.48°E	27-Feb-92 ; 21-Nov-96
Cape Grim Tasmania	40.68°S	144.68°E	11-Jan-83 ; 08-Nov-96
Marsh King George Island	62.18°S	58.30°W	27-Mar-1990 ; 25-Sept-96
Marion Island	46.92°S	37.75°E	25-Mar-1992 ; 01-May-1996
Mawson, Antarctica	67.60°S	62.50°E	18-Feb-87 ; 01-Jan-96
Palmer Station, Antarctica	64.77°S	64.05°W	03-Apr-90 ; 18-Oct-1996
Yate, New Caledonia	22.15°S	167.00°E	23-Aug-83 ; 23-Oct-1985
Funafuti Tuvalu	8.500°S	179.20°W	08-Apr-83 ; 31-Jul-87
Nauru	0.530°S	166.95°E	16-Mar-1983 ; 02-Oct-1987
Norfolk Island	29.08°S	167.98°E	27-May-1983 ; 21-Feb-97
Rarotonga, Cook Islands	21.25°S	159.75°W	23-Mar-1983 ; 23-Jun-94
American Samoa	14.25°S	170.58°W	19-Mar-1983 ; 03-Jan-96
Midway Island, NPacific	28.22°N	177.35°W	18-Jan-81 ; 02-Jan-97
Oahu, Hawaii, NPacific	21.33°N	157.70°W	21-Jan-81 ; 13-Jul-95
Cheju, Korea West	33.52°N	126.48°E	10-Sept-91 ; 27-Oct-1995
Hedo, Okinawa NASA	26.92°N	128.25°E	01-Sept-91 18-Mar-1994
Fanning Island, SEAREX	3.920°N	159.33°W	02-Apr-81 14-Aug-86
Enewetak Atoll, SEAREX	11.33°N	162.33°E	27-Feb-81 ; 10-Jun-87
Ragged Point, Barbados	13.17°N	59.43°W	05-May-1984 ; 01-Jul-98
Izana Tenerife	28.30°N	16.50°W	25-Jul-87 ; 01-Jul-98
Bermuda, West And East	32.27°N	64.87°W	29-Mar-1989 ; 01-Jan-98
Mace Head	53.32°N	9.850°W	11-Aug-88 ; 15-Aug-94
Rsmas, University of Miami	25.75°N	80.25°W	02-Jan-89 ; 07-Aug-98
Rukomechi, Zimbabwe	16.00°S	29.50°E	Not-Known
Jabirun, Northern Australia	12.70°S	132.90°E	Not-Known
Ross Island, McMurdo Station	77.85°S	166.66°E	29-Nov-2015 ; 03-Aug-2017



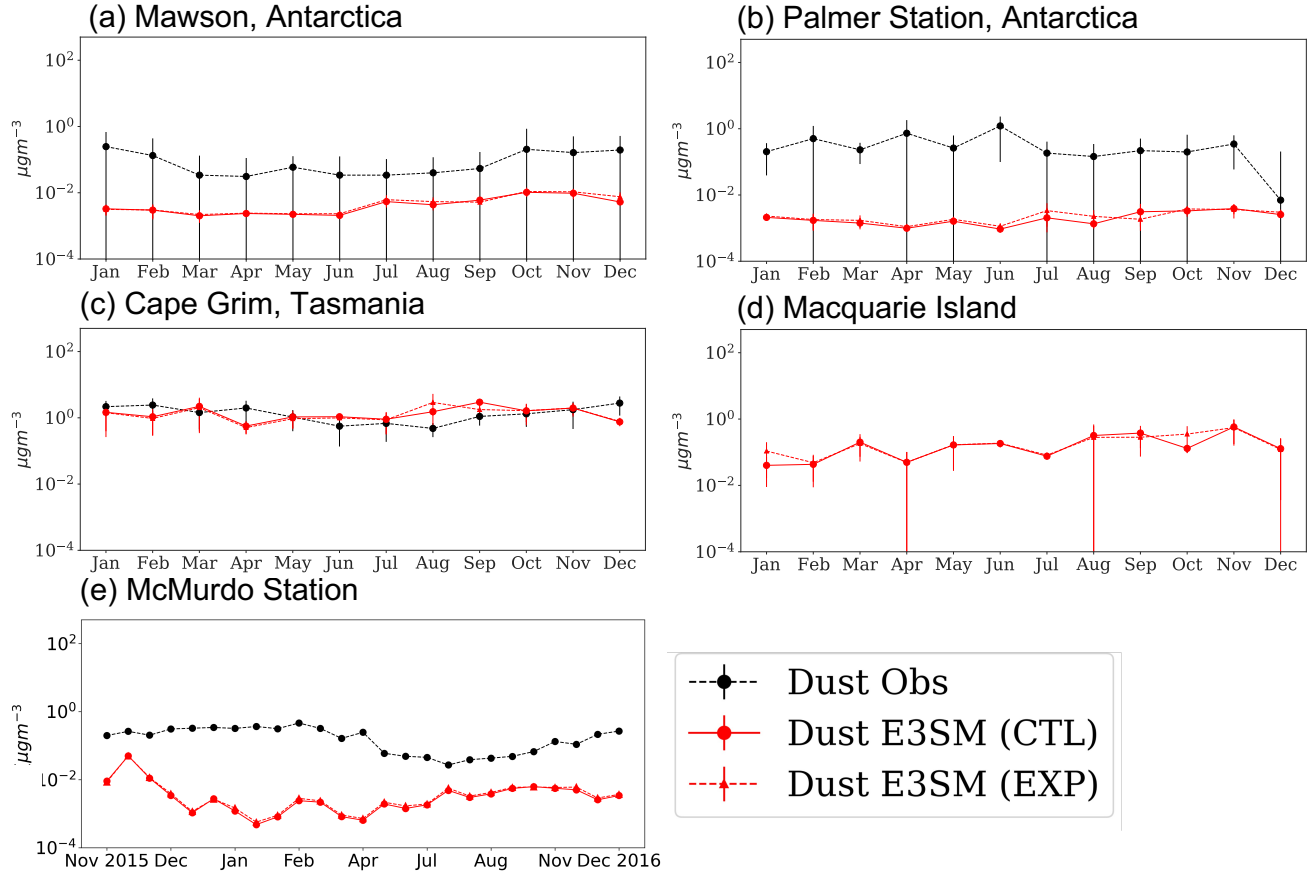
**Figure 1.** The geographic locations of the ground observational stations used in this study for evaluating model aerosol concentrations. Descriptions of these stations can be found in Table 1. Also shown are the sampling locations for the MICRE and AWARE campaigns (red), and ATom flight tracks (blue).

Turning to sea salt, Figure 3 shows a model overestimation by at least an order of magnitude at Mawson and McMurdo Station in Antarctica whereas it underestimates sea salt in Cape Grim and Palmer Station. The model also underestimates sea salt climatology by 1–2 orders of magnitudes in the NH stations (Figure S2).

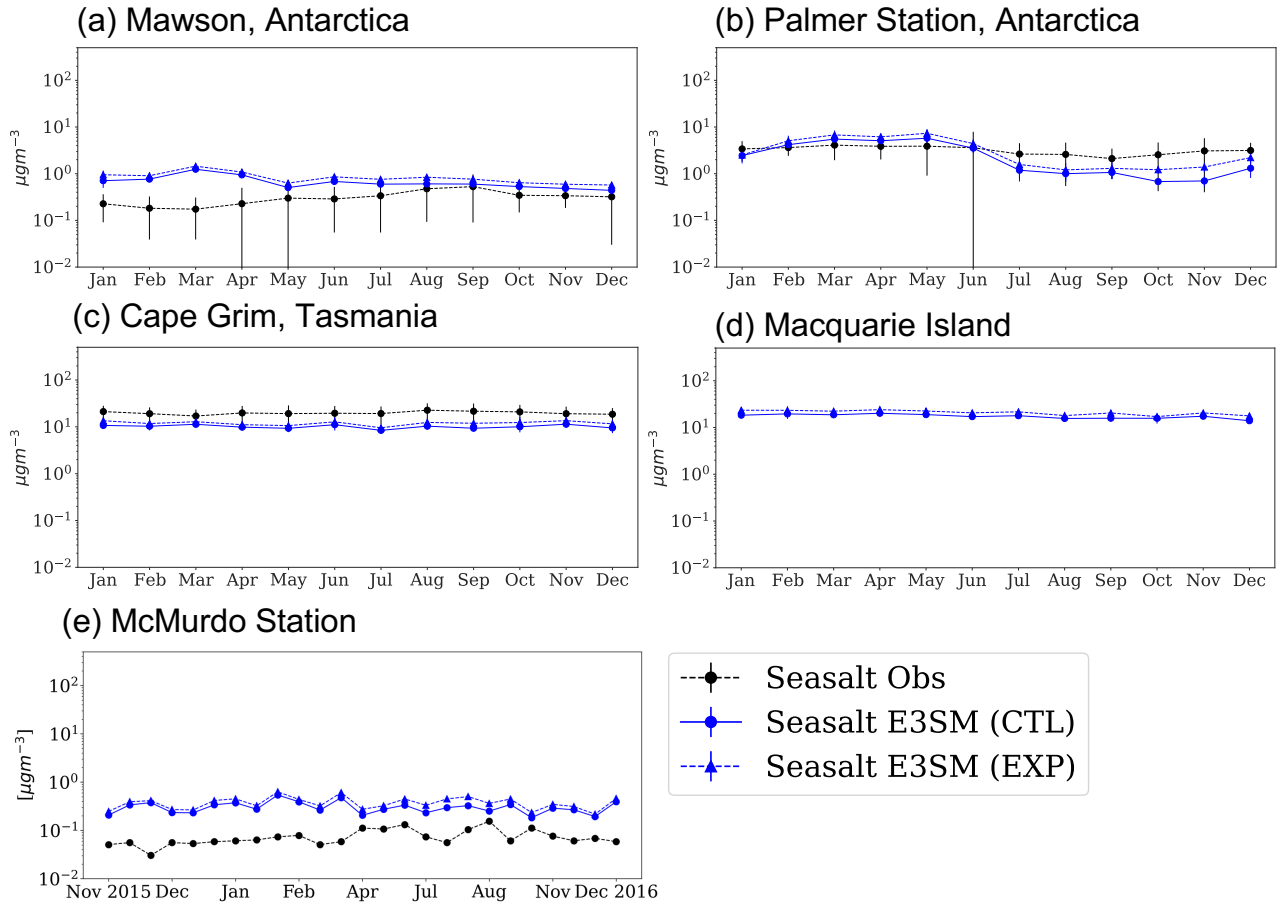
We considered whether these biases in dust and sea salt simulation might be caused by model biases in simulation of dry deposition, by examining the model’s response to adjusted dry deposition coefficients in the EXP sensitivity case. Dry deposition is a major loss process for super-micron aerosol, and the parameterization of dry deposition used in E3SM was recently shown to overestimate deposition to the ocean (Emerson et al., 2020). This adjustment does not yield significant improvements to dust and sea salt concentrations in SH high latitude sites. Dust and sea salt budgets from CTL and EXP simulations are provided in Table 2. Using revised dry deposition coefficients does not significantly improve the dry deposition flux for dust or sea salt.

While this adjustment affects the dust life cycle, quantifying the causes of biases in dust and sea salt aerosols in E3SMv1 requires further investigation of other sources such as missing emission hotspots (recently shown to be important for high-latitudes (Neff and Bertler, 2015; Bullard, 2017)), loss processes (wet scavenging by precipitation and dry deposition to surfaces), uncertainties in wind-driven dust emissions (Gliß et al., 2021), and numerical diffusion (Ginoux et al., 2004).





**Figure 2.** Climatology of dust concentrations from ground stations in the Southern Hemisphere (SH) compared against E3SMv1 aerosol climatology. Ground stations and their locations are listed in Table 1. Model aerosol concentrations were derived from monthly average dust concentrations for the period 2016-2018. Error bars in the model represent standard deviation of dust aerosol mass concentrations for 2016-2018. Error bars in the observations for each ground station represent standard deviation of measurements for the period shown in Table 1. Both CTL and sensitivity simulations (EXP) are shown for comparison with observations. Also shown are the E3SM simulated dust climatology at Macquarie Island and time series of dust concentrations from the AWARE field campaign with co-located E3SM model simulations.



**Figure 3.** Climatology of sea salt concentrations from ground stations in the Southern Hemisphere (SH) compared against E3SMv1 aerosol climatology. Ground stations and their locations are listed in Table 1. Model aerosol concentrations were derived from monthly average sea salt concentrations for the period 2016-2018. Error bars in the model represent standard deviation of aerosol mass concentrations for 2016-2018. Error bars in the observations for each ground station represent standard deviation of measurements for the periods shown in Table 1. Both CTL and sensitivity simulations (EXP) are shown for comparison with observations. Also shown are the E3SM simulated sea salt climatology at Macquarie Island.

**Table 2.** Global Aerosol Budget: CTL and EXP E3SMv1 simulations

Parameters	CTL	EXP
Dust emission (Tg)	2.9e03	2.9e03
Sea salt emission (Tg)	3.0e03	3.0e03
Dust burden (Tg)	16	16
Sea salt burden (Tg)	4.6	5.2
Dust total lifetime (days)	2.1	2.0
Sea salt total lifetime (days)	0.60	0.63
Dust dry deposition lifetime (days)	2.6	2.4
Dust wet deposition lifetime (days)	9.1	9.5
Sea salt dry deposition lifetime (days)	0.8	1.0
Sea salt wet deposition lifetime (days)	1.7	1.8

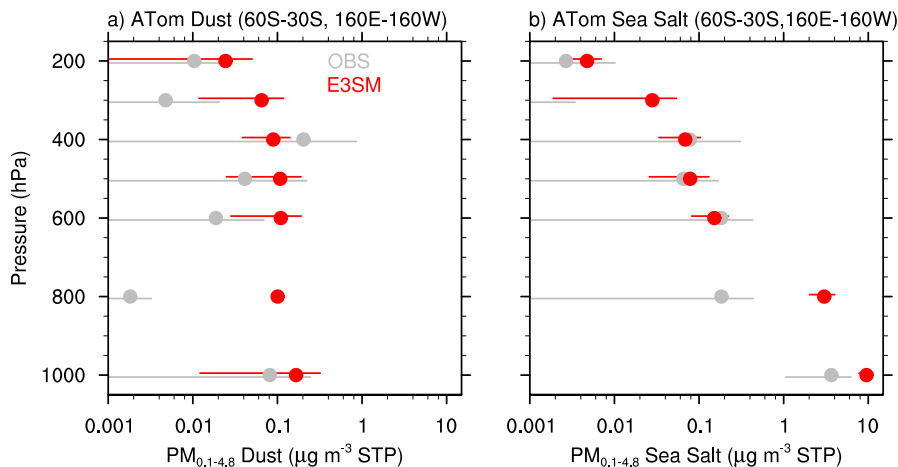
EXP is the experiment with Emerson et al. (2020) dry deposition parameterization

While the MICRE observations were conducted in near-surface air, the impacts of INPs on clouds occur at higher altitudes. Therefore, adequate simulation of dust and sea spray aerosols above the surface level is also required to correctly simulate the impacts of INPs on cloud properties. Evaluating the vertical profiles of aerosols from model and observations helps to identify if simulated biases in INP concentrations are mainly due to the biases in the model transport and removal mechanisms of aerosol particles or due to the aerosol emissions near the surface (Burrows et al., 2022b). Because desert dust and other INP relevant aerosol particles can be transported to longer distances from source regions, knowledge of aerosol vertical profiles are important to understand INP contribution from different aerosol source types (Schrod et al., 2017).

To evaluate the model simulated vertical distributions of aerosols in the SO, we compare simulated vertical profiles of dust and sea salt aerosols with aircraft measurements of ATom in the size range 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 4.8  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter averaged over 30°S - 60°S and 160°E - 160°W (Thompson et al., 2021). Figure 4 shows that E3SMv1 adequately simulates the dust and sea salt concentrations to within the range of observed values at all pressure levels up to 400 hPa, with the exception of 800 hPa where the number of observations is too small to provide a meaningful sample (sample size = 2). ATom measurements are converted to concentrations under standard temperature and pressure. We find that the simulated dust concentrations from E3SM (Figure 4, red lines) show smaller standard deviation compared to that observed in ATom measurements (Figure 4, grey lines). We find that the dust concentrations do not vary much from the surface up to 400 hPa in E3SM simulations and ATom measurements, which can be attributed to vertical mixing of the advected dust from the continental regions. In contrast, sea spray concentrations decline monotonically with altitude, consistent with the presence of local surface emissions driven by strong winds.

The interpretation of model-observation agreement in vertical profiles should be taken with caution because the ATom measurements used in Figure 4 includes only eight days of flights (dates are provided in Figure 4 caption) and might only

be representative of zonal average aerosol concentrations for the flight days. However, E3SM-simulated dust and sea salt concentrations represent monthly averaged values for the flight track. This is likely one of the reasons why simulated dust concentrations in E3SMv1 show an underestimation of dust compared to in situ dust climatologies at SH stations (Figure 2), but are within the observational uncertainty for ATom measurements. Although the ATom flights did not directly pass over Macquarie Island, these comparisons are useful to understand the model's general behavior in simulating the vertical profiles of dust and sea salt concentrations in this region. Visual inspection of the simulated and observed vertical gradients in dust



**Figure 4.** Vertical profiles of dust and sea salt concentrations from ATom aircraft observations using the PALMS instrument and E3SMv1 simulations averaged over 30S-60S and 160E-160W (grey, ATom observations and red, E3SMv1 simulations). Standard deviation for ATom flight tracks are shown as grey lines and those from the model are shown as red lines. Vertical profiles of dust are shown for the size range 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 4.8  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter. Total number of observations at each pressure are given here: 1000 hPa : 24, 900 hPa : 0, 800 hPa : 2, 700 hPa : 0, 600 hPa : 15, 500 hPa : 29, 400 hPa : 11, 300 hPa : 25, 200 hPa : 16. Profiles include flight tracks from 2016-08-08, 2016-08-12, 2017-02-05, 2017-02-10, 2017-10-08, 2017-10-11, 2018-05-03, 2018-05-06.

and sea salt aerosols show good agreement and therefore indicate that vertical mixing is likely a smaller concern, compared  
345 to other sources of biases in simulated INP concentrations in this region. The agreement between model and observations was  
assessed by checking if ATom observed mean values are within the simulated standard deviation for dust and sea salt. The  
model evaluation of vertical aerosol profiles has implications for the role of INPs in cloud optical and microphysical properties  
in the marine boundary layer (MBL) and free troposphere (Murray et al., 2021; Tan and Storelvmo, 2019; Burrows et al.,  
2022b). For example, using lidar retrievals of dust, smoke, and cloud phase, Tan et al. (2014) showed that the presence of dust  
350 and smoke particles were negatively correlated with the supercooled liquid fraction.

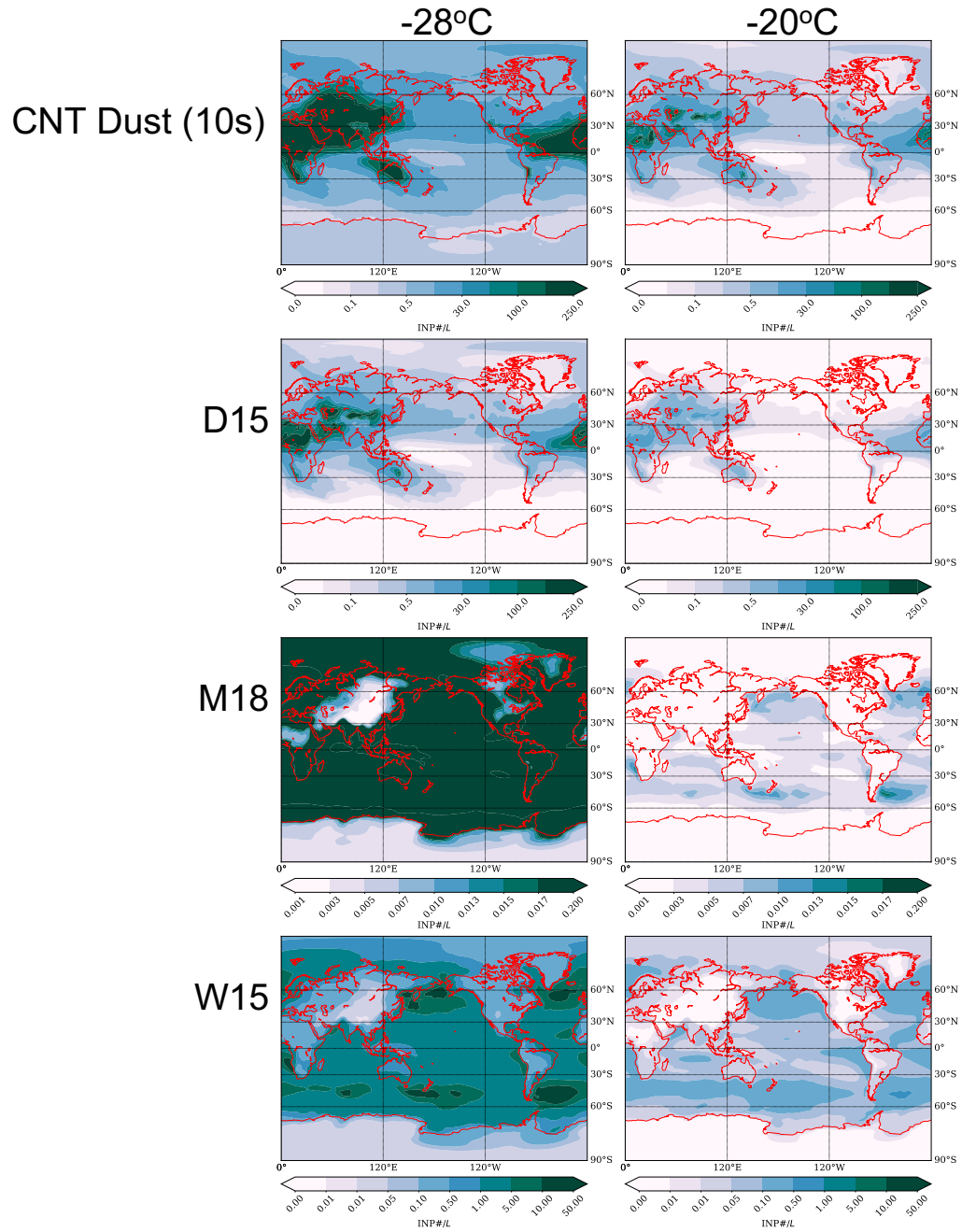
### 3.2 Simulated global mean INP distributions

Atmospheric concentrations of INPs vary significantly between different regions of the globe due to geographic variations  
in the concentrations of various INP-active aerosols. For example, Atkinson et al. (2013) showed that ice nucleation active  
site densities for different types of feldspar dust mineral span seven orders of magnitude at  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . We illustrate the global  
355 distributions of simulated INPs in Figure 5, which shows maps of surface annual mean immersion-mode INP concentrations  
calculated using various INP parameterizations, at  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  (left panels) and  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  (right panels).

Different INP parameterizations produce substantially different concentrations of INPs. For example, CNT at 10s produces  
annual mean dust INP concentrations that are 1-3 orders of magnitude higher than the D15 parameterization globally. The ratio  
of CNT/D15 is highest near the SH polar regions, indicating that these regions are most sensitive to the choice of dust INP  
360 parameterization during the dust episodes. Figure S3 shows the ratio of CNT/D15 over the SO being larger at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , compared  
to  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This can be explained by differences in the INP-temperature dependence, i.e., the slope of  $\text{INP}[\text{L}^{-1}] / T_{\text{measurement}}$   
for the two parameterizations, which is shown in Figure S4.

In Table 3 and Table 4, we show statistics for the annual and seasonal INP concentrations in the SH and across the globe, at  
two activation temperatures,  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Dust INPs dominate the global mean INP concentrations as well as its variability  
365 at both  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . CNT shows the highest variability in INP concentrations as seen from the standard deviation values  
in Table 3 and Table 4.

W15 has been used in past modeling studies of marine INP impacts on cloud properties (Vergara-Temprado et al., 2018)  
and in the evaluation of model-simulated INPs in the SO (McCluskey et al., 2019). W15 was developed on the basis of  
samples of organic matter collected from the sea surface microlayer (SSML) in the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. The  
370 concentration of ice-nucleating entities (INE) in these samples was shown to be correlated with their total organic carbon  
mass. W15 parameterizes marine INPs as a function of simulated MOA, on the assumption that the relationship between  
organic mass and INPs found in SSML material can be extrapolated to sea spray aerosol. This assumption may have important  
limitations; e.g., differences in the size distribution and composition of INEs released into atmospheric SSA particles due to the  
different SSA production mechanisms (Wang et al., 2017). A recent study using laboratory measurements showed that the INP  
375 concentrations from submicron-sized SSA were lower by a factor of 10 compared to atmospheric INP concentrations from total  
SSA (Mitts et al., 2021). This study found that in addition to the submicron INEs within the SSML, super-micron-sized SSA



**Figure 5.** Global annual mean INP concentrations for 2017 at activation temperatures  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  (left panels) and  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  (right panels). Rows represent different INP parameterizations used in this study: CNT (dust) 10s, D15 (dust), M18 (sea spray), and W15 (marine organic sea spray). Details on INP parameterizations can be found in Table S1.

particles produced from jet drops were also important to the total marine INP concentrations. Using the cruise measurements, Trueblood et al. (2021) investigated the relationships between SSML INP and SSA INP at  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  during a dust wet deposition event in the Mediterranean Sea. These observations showed a three-day lag between the increase in INP concentrations in the SML and the increase in INPs from total SSA. This study concluded that processes governing the evolution of INPs in SSA and INPs in SSML are not the same. The effects of INEs and INPs on clouds in remote marine regions will therefore vary based on their composition and other physical properties.

As shown in Table 3, global annual mean INP concentrations simulated by W15 are approximately an order of magnitude higher than those simulated by M18 for background sea spray INPs. Such order-of-magnitude differences in INPs can have important impacts on simulated cloud processes, including precipitation and cloud phase feedbacks on climate (Shi and Liu, 2019; Kawai et al., 2021; Fan et al., 2017). Given this large discrepancy between the INP concentrations from various parameterizations, additional efforts are needed to evaluate and improve upon the existing parameterizations of marine INPs, particularly in understanding the emissions and INP effectiveness of marine biogenic INPs emitted episodically from the ocean surface (Steinke et al., 2021).

Kanji et al. (2017) compared temperature-INP spectra from studies of field measurements conducted globally for different categories of INP composition. This study found several orders of magnitude differences in INP concentration within any air mass or particle composition. Figure 10 in Kanji et al. (2017) shows that at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , INP concentrations for marine samples range from  $0.001\text{ L}^{-1}$  to  $2.0\text{ L}^{-1}$ . The SH INP number concentration mean from D15, W15, CNT, and M18 are also within the range estimated in Kanji et al. (2017). The E3SM-simulated SH INP mean across the temperature spectra are also within the range of most frequently observed INP concentrations ( $0.0001\text{ L}^{-1}$  to  $0.1\text{ L}^{-1}$ ) shown in Figure 5 of Welti et al. (2020) for the South Polar marine regions.

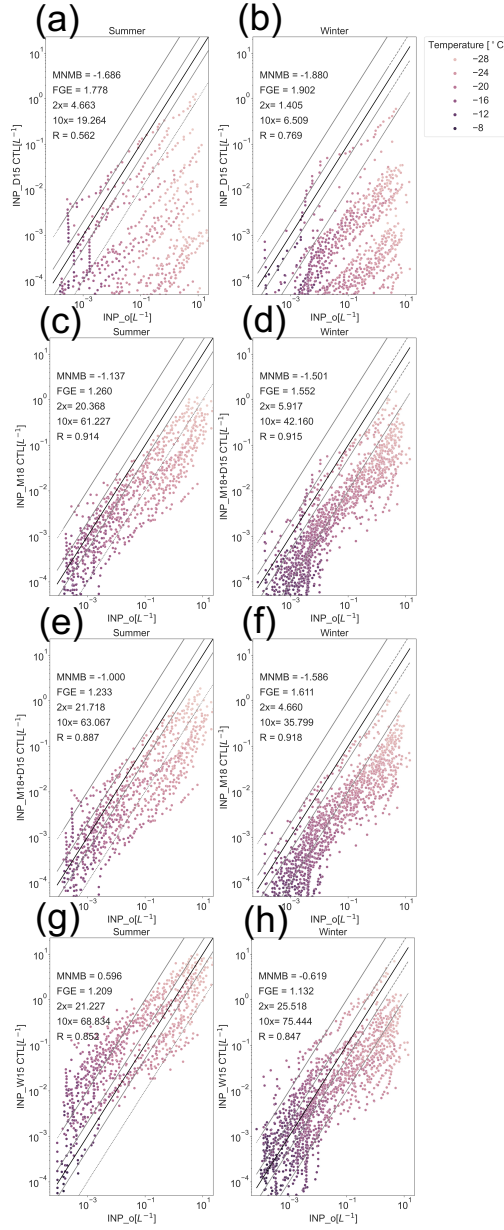
**Table 3.** Mean and standard deviations for E3SM surface INP concentrations for  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$ . For context, both global and SH statistics are shown for 2017.

Parameterization	Global Annual Mean	Global Annual $\sigma$	SH Mean	SH $\sigma$	SH Summer Mean	SH Summer $\sigma$	SH Winter Mean	SH Winter $\sigma$
D15 [ $\text{L}^{-1}$ ]	13	72	1.5	10	1.9	12	1.1	6.6
M18 [ $\text{L}^{-1}$ ]	0.21	0.27	0.24	0.27	0.28	0.32	0.21	0.18
W15 [ $\text{L}^{-1}$ ]	2.4	4.4	2.8	4.9	3.7	6.2	1.9	2.6
CNT 10 s [ $\text{L}^{-1}$ ]	1.6e02	8e02	24	1.4e02	28	1.6e02	20	1.1e02

$\sigma$  represents standard deviation of the season or year.

### 3.3 Comparisons of simulated INPs with MICRE measurements

In the previous section, we compared global distributions of INPs from different parameterizations. In this section, we compare the model-simulated INPs against MICRE observations at Macquarie Island, which can help evaluate the day-to-day and long-term INP predictive skill of the model for remote marine regions in high-latitudes. In Figure 6, we show scatterplots of



**Figure 6.** Observed INP concentrations ( $L^{-1}$ ) at Macquarie Island from MICRE and simulated INPs from E3SMv1 and INP parameterizations. (a) and (b) : D15, (c) and (d) : M18, (e) and (f) : M18+D15, (g) and (h) : W15. INP concentrations are colored by activation temperatures used for measurements. Solid line in each panel represents 1:1 comparison, while dashed lines represent a factor of 2 and 10 from the observations. Error metrics in each panel include fractional gross error (FGE), modified normalized mean bias (MNMB), spearman correlation (R), percentage of model INPs within a factor of two from observations (2x), and percentage of model INPs within a factor of 10 from observations (10x). Scatter plots for austral summer (October-February) are shown in the left column and those for austral winter (March - September) are shown in the right column.



**Table 4.** Mean and standard deviations for E3SM surface INP concentrations for -20°C. For context, both global and SH statistics are shown for 2017.

Parameterization	Global Annual Mean	Global Annual $\sigma$	SH Mean	SH $\sigma$	SH Summer Mean	SH Summer $\sigma$	SH Winter Mean	SH Winter $\sigma$
D15 [ $\text{L}^{-1}$ ]	0.33	1.8	0.041	0.25	0.052	0.31	0.028	0.17
M18 [ $\text{L}^{-1}$ ]	2.7e-03	3.4e-03	3.2e-03	3.4e-03	3.6e-03	4.2e-03	2.7e-03	2.4e-03
W15 [ $\text{L}^{-1}$ ]	0.071	0.12	0.080	0.14	0.10	0.17	0.051	0.073
CNT 10 s [ $\text{L}^{-1}$ ]	5.2	28	0.72	4.9	0.84	5.7	0.60	4.0

$\sigma$  represents standard deviation of the season or year.

simulated INPs from several INP parameterizations compared against MICRE INP measurements (for collections made over 2–3 days) and corresponding performance metrics.

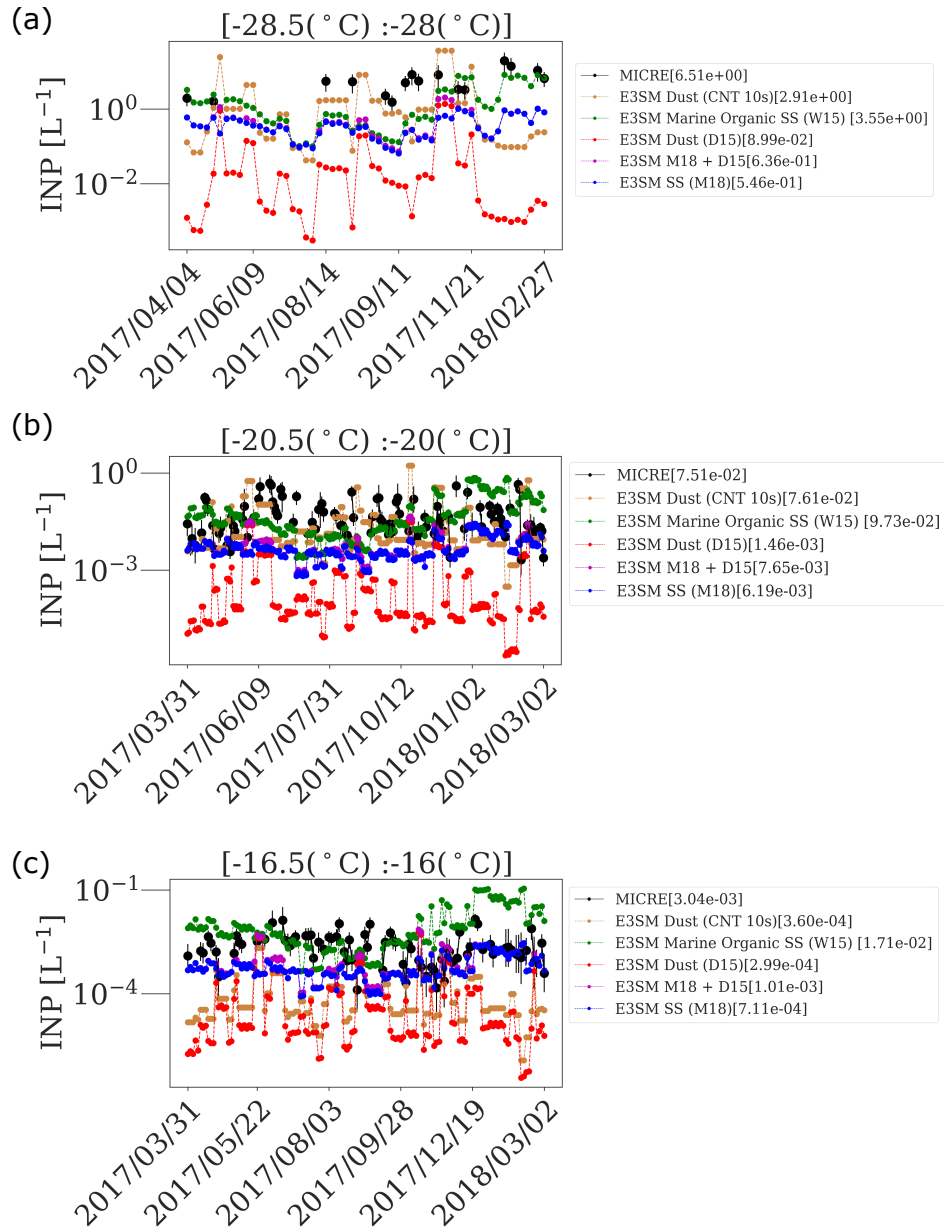
We show results separately for austral summer (Figure 6, left) and austral winter (Figure 6, right). In both seasons, INPs are significantly underpredicted using dust alone (D15; MNMB of -1.68 during the summer and -1.88 during the winter) or sea spray alone (M18; MNMB of -1.13 during the summer and -1.58 during the winter). Across all measurement temperatures, D15 is biased low by up to four orders of magnitude compared to the measurements.

This low bias is consistent with the findings of McCluskey et al. (2019), who showed that using a combination of M18 and D15 INPs from dust and sea spray aerosols simulated by the CESM model produced better agreement with immersion freezing INP measurements at Mace Head research station and in the SO for the CAPRICORN campaign. Similarly, we find that better agreement is achieved at MICRE when using the combination of M18 sea spray and D15 dust INPs (Figure 6g and Figure 6h) than by either sea spray or dust alone. Potential reasons for the remaining model-observation disagreement will be discussed further in Section 3.6.

Interestingly, the W15 parameterization also produces better agreement with observed INPs compared to M18+D15 based on the metrics shown in scatterplots in Figure 5. While W15 overpredicts summertime INPs by 1-2 orders of magnitude for temperatures warmer than -20°C, summertime INPs at colder temperatures, and wintertime INPs at warmer temperatures, agree better with observations than INPs predicted by the other parameterizations. Given the large uncertainties currently associated with prediction of sea spray organic matter (Burrows et al., 2022a) and its INP efficiency (Steinke et al., 2021; Mitts et al., 2021), and the lack of aerosol chemistry measurements at MICRE, it is difficult to discern at this time whether this improved agreement reflects a better representation of the underlying physical and chemical processes. Clearly, more study is needed to understand the regional and seasonal impacts of marine biology on sea spray INPs (Wolf et al., 2020; Trueblood et al., 2021).

### 3.4 Variability in INPs

The time series of near-daily observed and simulated INP concentrations from 2017-2018 at Macquarie Island show that at a given temperature, variability in INP measurements ranges over 2–3 orders of magnitude (Figure 7). We choose an interval of 0.5°C for the time series analysis, because this interval matches the MICRE reported measurement increments for temperature.



**Figure 7.** Time series of near-daily INP concentrations at Macquarie Island for specific activation temperature intervals: (a) -28.5°C to -28°C, (b) -20.5°C to -20°C, and -16.5°C to -16°C. INP observations from MICRE are shown in black circles. Error bars on the observations represent 95 % confidence interval width for number of INPs per liter of air at ambient temperature and pressure. Simulated INP concentrations are interpolated to the grid box closest to Macquarie Island using the nearest neighbor interpolation method. For each sampling period, simulated values are output as instantaneous values every 30 minutes and averaged from the start date to the end date. We color code different parameterizations as follows: D15 (red), CNT (orange), W15(green), M18(blue), M18+D15(magenta). The values displayed in the brackets in the legend show the mean values from observed and simulated INP concentrations.

425 Panels a, b, and c in Figure 7 correspond to temperature intervals,  $-28.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $-20.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and  $-16.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-16^{\circ}\text{C}$  respectively. From both observed and simulated INP concentrations, we do not see a clear seasonal cycle. INP highs in the observations are episodic and are not restricted to specific seasons. However, some of the peak observed INP concentrations occurring in Figure 7b during the austral summer months coincide with the time period for major dust emission events in southern Australia and favorable ocean conditions for phytoplankton growth (Gabric et al., 2010). At  $-20.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  range, 430 CNT agrees well with INP measurements. However, for temperatures warmer than  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , CNT significantly underestimates INP measurements by 2-3 orders of magnitude.

Episodic dust from long-range transport may contribute to INP concentrations in the SO. For example, Neff and Bertler (2015) found that dust emissions of  $30 \text{ Tg a}^{-1}$  in New Zealand could contribute as much as 21.9% to dust deposition in the SO. In particular, previous studies using backtrajectories and observed radon concentrations have shown that air masses 435 arriving at Macquarie Island can be influenced by aerosol emissions in Australia and Antarctica (Brechtel et al., 1998). In order to understand the potential dust sources to Macquarie Island, we performed 15-day backtrajectory analyses using the Hybrid Single-Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory model (HYSPLIT) (Draxler and Rolph, 2010). Often, we found that air transported to Macquarie Island had passed over potential regional dust sources including the coasts of Antarctica and South America (not shown).

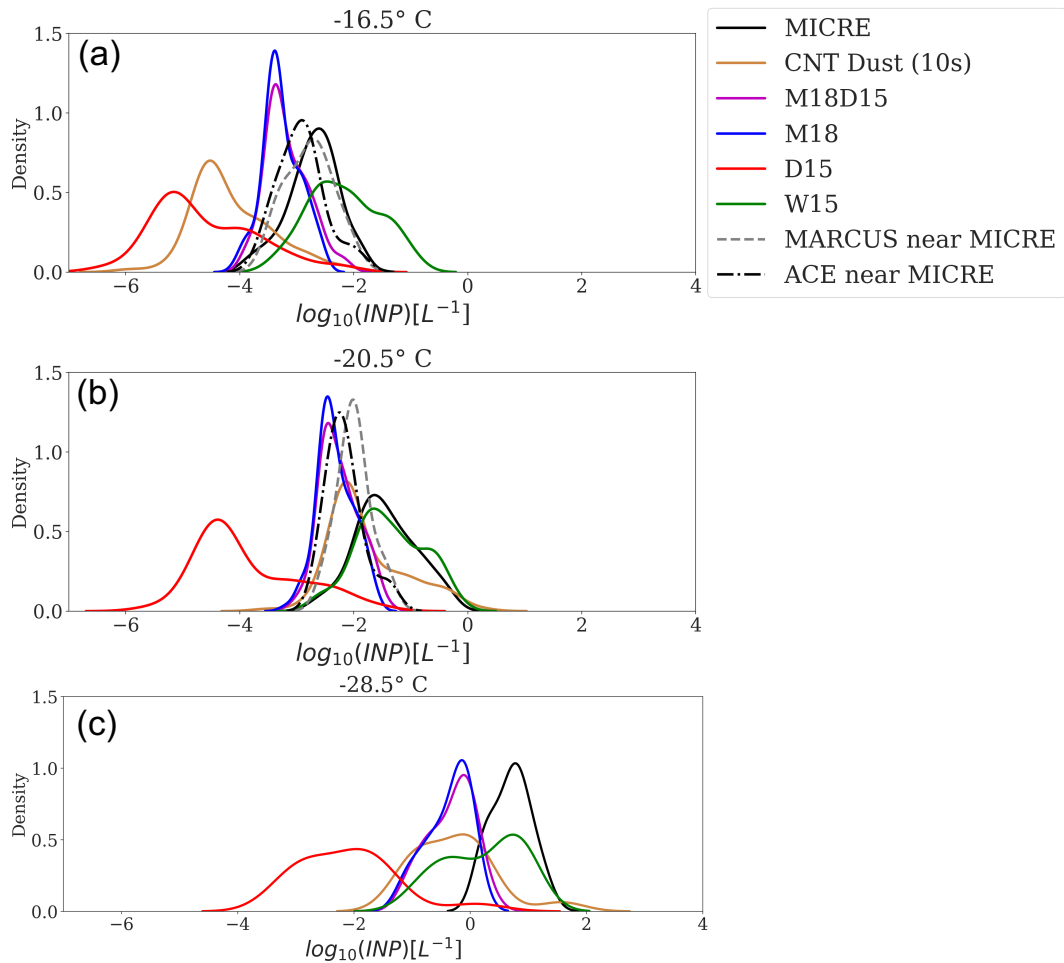
### 440 3.5 INP statistics in models and measurements

We evaluate the shape of the INP probability density functions (PDFs) to understand how the frequency distribution of simulated INP concentrations compare against those from the MICRE observations. Figure 8 presents the PDFs of simulated and observed  $\log_{10}(\text{INP})$  concentrations, in several freezing temperature ranges. The PDFs for the model represent only the days 445 when the MICRE INP observations are valid at a given measurement temperature.

Such an analysis can provide qualitative insights into the sources likely to be relevant to peak INP concentrations (Hartmann et al., 2019). For example, previous studies have shown that the log-normal shape of the INP PDF distributions can be associated with air-quality events that involve more mixing and dilution whereas skewed distributions can be associated with local emission sources (Gong et al., 2019).

Figure 8 is consistent with the results observed in Figure 7 and shows that M18+D15 PDF peak is centered at INP concentration about an order of magnitude lower than MICRE PDF. The D15 PDFs are consistently shifted to lower values compared 450 to MICRE and other parameterizations and the distribution is bimodal. We observe that E3SM's default CNT dust parameterization predicts significantly more freezing than D15 especially at colder measurement temperatures. The PDFs for W15 parameterization are also bimodal and has a broader spread compared to MICRE.

We also compare MICRE INP PDFs with INP PDFs from other ship-based campaigns in the SO to assess the island effects on 455 the MICRE data. At  $-16.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , PDFs for INPs sampled closer to Macquarie Island from other ship-based campaigns, MARCUS and ACE, are similar to MICRE PDFs and centered around  $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L}^{-1} - 1.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ L}^{-1}$ . Even though we include INPs



**Figure 8.** Probability density function (PDF) plots of  $\log_{10}\text{INP} (T)$  from E3SM CTL simulations and MICRE observations for 2017-2018. Also shown are the PDFs of INP measurements from other SO field campaigns, MARCUS and ACE (includes INP measurements collected closer to Macquarie Island). We show simulated and observed  $\log_{10}\text{INP} (T)$  PDFs for temperatures (a)  $-16.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-16^{\circ}\text{C}$ , (b)  $-20.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , (c)  $-28.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Corresponding MARCUS and ACE PDFs are shown for  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and  $-16^{\circ}\text{C}$  in panels (a), (b), and (c). For PDFs of simulated and observed INPs during MICRE, the panels include 16 data points for  $-16.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-16^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; 103 for  $-20.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; 78 for  $-28.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Model-simulated INPs are included only for co-located days with MICRE.

sampled near Macquarie Island, we see a growing discrepancy between MICRE and other ship-based campaigns at colder temperatures (Figure 8b). These results show that the island effects are not uniform with temperature.

### 3.6 Potential reasons for model INP bias

460 By taking into account additional observational evidence and recent studies documenting limitations in the E3SMv1 aerosol representation, we discuss three likely sources of model-observation discrepancies in MICRE INPs: (1) Potential local or regional INP sources that are not represented in the model, such as land sources, sea spray arising from coastal wave action, coastal shelf-induced changes in ocean biology, ocean chemistry, and sea spray composition, or re-suspension of dust from surface waters (Cornwell et al., 2020); (2) E3SMv1's underprediction of dust aerosol, especially over remote regions away from  
465 emission sources, including high latitudes; (3) a likely high bias in dust freezing rates in the E3SMv1 CNT parameterization that partially compensates for the underprediction of dust concentrations; and (4) regionally elevated marine organic emissions that are not necessarily accurately represented at local scale in the OCEANFILMS MOA emission model, or in their ice nucleation efficiency by W15.

#### 3.6.1 Bias in E3SM CNT INP concentrations

470 Potential causes of bias in E3SM's CNT-based dust INPs include: 1) Overestimation of dust immersion freezing rate coefficients estimated by the Wang et al. (2014) parameterization used in E3SM (Cornwell et al., 2021), and 2) biases associated with using E3SMv1's CNT-based INP 10 s diagnostic as a proxy for INPs measured by the ice spectrometer.

To compare the E3SMv1 model's CNT-based parameterization with INPs observed by the ice spectrometer, it is necessary to make assumptions, either implicit or explicit, about the time dependence of immersion freezing. Throughout this manuscript,  
475 we have used E3SM's built-in 10 s diagnostic to compare E3SM's prediction of INPs with observations. This diagnostic is calculated from the rate of change of freezing rate (also called the tendency) over the E3SM model's cloud microphysics time step of 300 s, and linearly interpolated to a time step of 10 s. In taking this approach, we have implicitly assumed that the INPs measured by the ice spectrometer can be adequately estimated by a linearized version of the CNT model that simulates isothermal freezing over a 10 s time scale. Since ice spectrometer experiments are not performed isothermally, but at a constant  
480 cooling rate, these assumptions are inconsistent with the experimental approach used in these observations. We quantified how much the number of INPs predicted by E3SM's CNT parameterization would change if the parameterization were applied to an idealized ice spectrometer measurement performed at a constant cooling rate.

We conducted idealized simulations of isothermal and constant cooling rate droplet freezing experiments to explore the implications of the time-dependent behavior assumed by the E3SM's CNT parameterization when compared with observed  
485 INPs from the ice spectrometer. We perform sensitivity simulations for conditions representative of high and low INP regimes.

We calculated the heterogeneous ice nucleation rate coefficient for a given temperature ( $J_{\text{hetcoeff}_{imm}}(T_{\text{measurement}}) [\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}]$ ) by dividing the nucleation rate  $J_{\text{imm,dust}} [\text{s}^{-1}]$  by the particle surface area. We assumed a median particle radius of 1.5  $\mu\text{m}$ . To calculate dust ice nucleation tendencies, we adopted the CNT expression proposed by Wang et al. (2014), but we used a

fixed contact angle of  $46^\circ$ . We note that except for the idealized simulations, all other CNT-based results shown in this study  
 490 use a probability density function (PDF) model for contact angle distributions following Wang et al. (2014). Since a linearized  
 version of CNT is frequently used to approximate the relationships between frozen fractions and particle freezing properties,  
 we also compared the idealized simulations of frozen fractions and INPs from the isothermal prognostic CNT against the  
 linearized version of CNT (Equation 5)

$$FF_{\text{linear CNT}} = J_{\text{hetcoeff}}(T_{\text{measurement}}) A_g \Delta t_{\text{measurement}}, \quad (5)$$

495 where  $\Delta t_{\text{measurement}}$  is the measurement time after the start of the experiment at which the measurement of frozen fraction is  
 made and  $A_g$  is the median ice nucleation active surface area per droplet.

We first estimated the dust total surface area per filter by multiplying the dust surface area per grid box volume simulated  
 in the E3SM model by the volume of air sampled by the ice spectrometer during the MICRE campaign. For ice spectrometer  
 measurements of INPs, filters collected are placed in tubes with 7 mL of deionized water and immersion freezing spectra are  
 500 obtained by dispensing 50  $\mu\text{L}$  aliquots of aerosol suspensions into multiple wells trays (Creamean et al., 2022b). We multiplied  
 the total particle surface area per filter by a factor of  $\frac{50 \mu\text{L}}{7 \text{ mL}}$  and diluted 11-fold to calculate the median ice nucleation active  
 surface area per droplet ( $A_g$ ) to be used in constant cooling rate experiments. Because isothermal measurements use one particle  
 per droplet, we renormalized the dust total surface area per filter by the E3SM model simulated dust number concentrations  
 at Macquarie Island. We assumed a log-normal distribution centered around  $A_g$  with one standard deviation, representative of  
 505 monodisperse INPs.

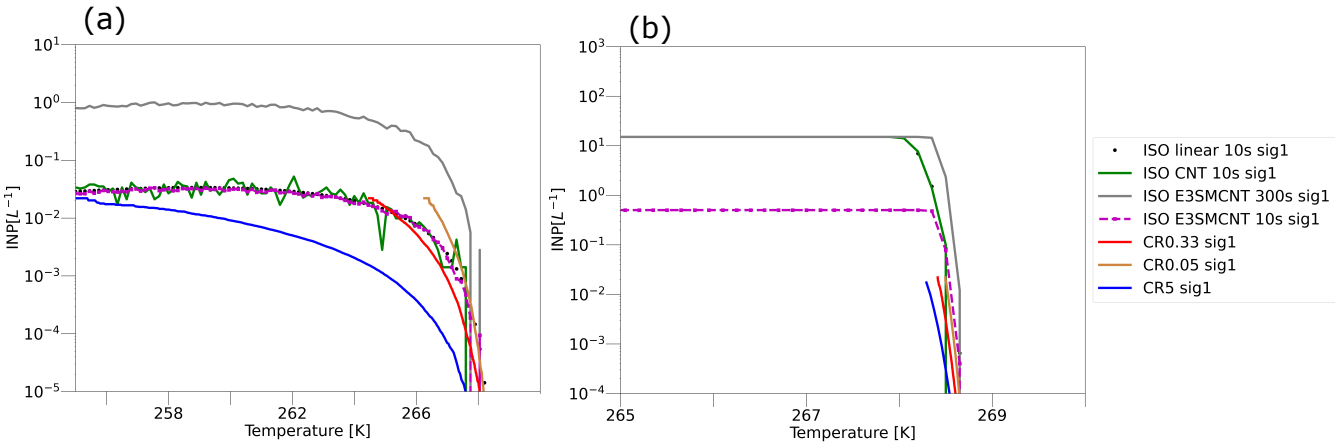
We simulated droplet freezing and calculated the ensemble mean frozen fraction using a Monte Carlo approach following  
 Alpert and Knopf (2016). For each experiment, we calculated the ensemble mean frozen fraction by sampling a random amount  
 of ice nucleation surface area for each of 1000 droplets in 10 trials. From the fraction of droplets frozen and the known volume  
 of air filtered, we calculated INP concentrations for constant cooling rate experiments using Equation 6 (Vali, 1971).

$$510 \quad \text{INP}(T)[\text{L}^{-1}] = \frac{\ln(1 - \text{FF})}{V_{\text{drop}}} \frac{V_{\text{suspension}}}{V_{\text{air}}}, \quad (6)$$

where FF is the frozen fraction,  $V_{\text{drop}}$  is the volume of each drop 7 mL,  $V_{\text{suspension}}$  is the volume of the aerosol suspension  
 50  $\mu\text{L}$  diluted 11-fold, and  $V_{\text{air}}$  is the volume of air per sample from the MICRE measurements. For isothermal experiments, we  
 calculated INP concentrations by multiplying the frozen fraction and the total dust aerosol number concentrations in Macquarie  
 Island collocated using E3SM outputs. Since these are idealized simulations, we chose an average estimate of total dust aerosol  
 515 number concentrations for the duration of the MICRE campaign. Figure 9 shows idealized simulations of INP concentrations  
 for INP surface areas typically found in Macquarie Island (low dust loading) and the Sahara desert (high dust loading). We list  
 and describe the idealized immersion freezing simulations in Table 5.

**Table 5.** List of stochastic droplet freezing experiments

Experiment name	Description
<b>Isothermal experiments</b>	
ISO linear 10s sig1	Linearized CNT (Equation 5) with monodisperse INPs for constant temperatures and a residence time of 10 s
ISO CNT 10s sig1	Prognostic CNT with monodisperse INPs for constant temperatures and a residence time of 10 s
ISO E3SMCNT 300s sig1	Same as ISO CNT 10s sig1 but for a residence time of 300 s
ISO E3SMCNT 10s sig1	ISO E3SMCNT 300s linearly interpolated to 10 s
<b>Constant cooling rate experiments</b>	
CR5 sig1	Constant cooling rate of 5 K/min with monodisperse INPs; Temperature is reduced with time using the cooling rate of 5 K/min
CR0.33 sig1	Same as CR5 sig1 but for a cooling rate of 0.33 K/min
CR0.05 sig1	Same as CR5 sig1 but for a cooling rate of 0.05 K/min



**Figure 9.** Idealized simulations of CNT-based INP concentrations using isothermal and constant cooling rate stochastic freezing experiments. Table 5 describes the different experiments shown in this figure. (a) Low dust conditions with  $A_g$  for isothermal experiments =  $6.06 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^2$  per droplet and  $A_g$  for constant cooling rate experiments =  $8.27 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$  per droplet. (b) High dust conditions with  $A_g$  for isothermal experiments =  $6.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2$  per droplet and  $A_g$  for constant cooling rate experiments =  $2.18 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2$  per droplet.

We find that E3SMv1’s CNT-based linearized 10s diagnostic is a good approximation of the prognostic CNT formulation used in ISO CNT 10s sig1 for low-INP conditions similar to those observed at MICRE. However, the linearized diagnostic underestimates the exact formula by an order of magnitude or more in places like the Sahara desert where the dust loading is several orders of magnitude higher than in Macquarie Island. This can be attributed to the fact that the E3SM INP 10 s diagnostic is linearly interpolated from the ice nucleation rate tendencies calculated over the E3SM model’s internal cloud processing time step size of 300 s (Zhang et al., 2018). This implies that the time dependence of nucleation becomes more non-linear in high dust loading conditions and cannot be represented using the linearized formulation of CNT.

525 We find that in high dust loading conditions (Figure 9b), idealized simulations of different measurement approaches (isothermal and constant cooling rate) yield similar INP results whereas they yield very different results in low dust loading conditions. We find that relatively smaller INP concentrations are simulated for higher cooling rates (Figure 9, CR5 sig1, CR0.03 sig1, CR0.33 sig1). This is because droplets are exposed to colder temperatures for a shorter duration at higher cooling rates and therefore the droplets are less likely to freeze. A dependence of frozen fraction on cooling rate has been reported in some past  
530 experimental studies of certain INP types that include some pure minerals of certain mass concentrations in drops (e.g. Alpert and Knopf, 2016; Broadley et al., 2012; Herbert et al., 2014).

Because the INP 10 s diagnostic is used only for model comparisons against in situ measurements, this bias in the calculation of the CNT-based INP 10 s diagnostic does not affect the cloud properties simulated in the microphysics modules in E3SM. Revisiting the treatment of CNT in E3SM is beyond the scope of this paper. However, we recommend that future studies of  
535 this kind should consider the non-linear time-dependent behavior of heterogeneous ice nucleation in models when comparing INP observations against model simulations, especially in regions with high INP concentrations.

We show that for aerosol conditions similar to MICRE, the INP concentrations simulated by CNT for idealized ice spectrometer experiments are similar to the INP concentrations estimated using the 10 s INP diagnostic that we have used throughout this manuscript. These results indicate that the 10 s diagnostic is a reasonable approximation of the exact formulation of CNT  
540 used by E3SM, when applied to ice spectrometer measurements at this location.

We have used idealized experiments here to explore the implications of parameterization choices for the evaluation of INPs simulated by models that use CNT parameterizations. However, it is important to note that, to date, the prediction of time-dependent behavior arising from idealized CNT-based simulations has not been systematically validated with experimental results from the ice spectrometer. Given the potentially important implications of these parameterization choices for model  
545 evaluation, controlled laboratory studies would be valuable that challenge this theory by targeting experimental conditions where the predictions of CNT differ from those of deterministic parameterizations.

### 3.6.2 Bias in E3SM simulated aerosol properties

Biases in E3SM-simulated aerosol could contribute to model-observation differences in INP concentrations. One of the known reasons for underestimation of high latitude dust concentrations in E3SMv1 is the lack of high-latitude dust emission sources.  
550 Shi et al. (2021) found that adding high latitude dust sources led to improvements in model simulations of INP concentrations in the Arctic. Aerosol bias in climate models can be due to inaccurate representations of one or more important processes in the aerosol life cycle. For example, Rosenberg et al. (2014) compared global climate model simulations with Saharan desert dust measurements and concluded that most models underestimated coarse mode Saharan dust emissions. As previously discussed, E3SM under predicts dust concentrations at high latitudes, due in part to a low bias in the dust lifetime (Wu et al., 2020).  
555 Adebisi and Kok (2020) found that the systematic underestimation of coarse dust in climate models is primarily determined by the dust size distribution. In this study, we have shown that in E3SMv1, biases in dust are ameliorated, but do not appear to be fully resolved by revising the dry deposition coefficients. Many other processes could cause biases in simulated dust, such



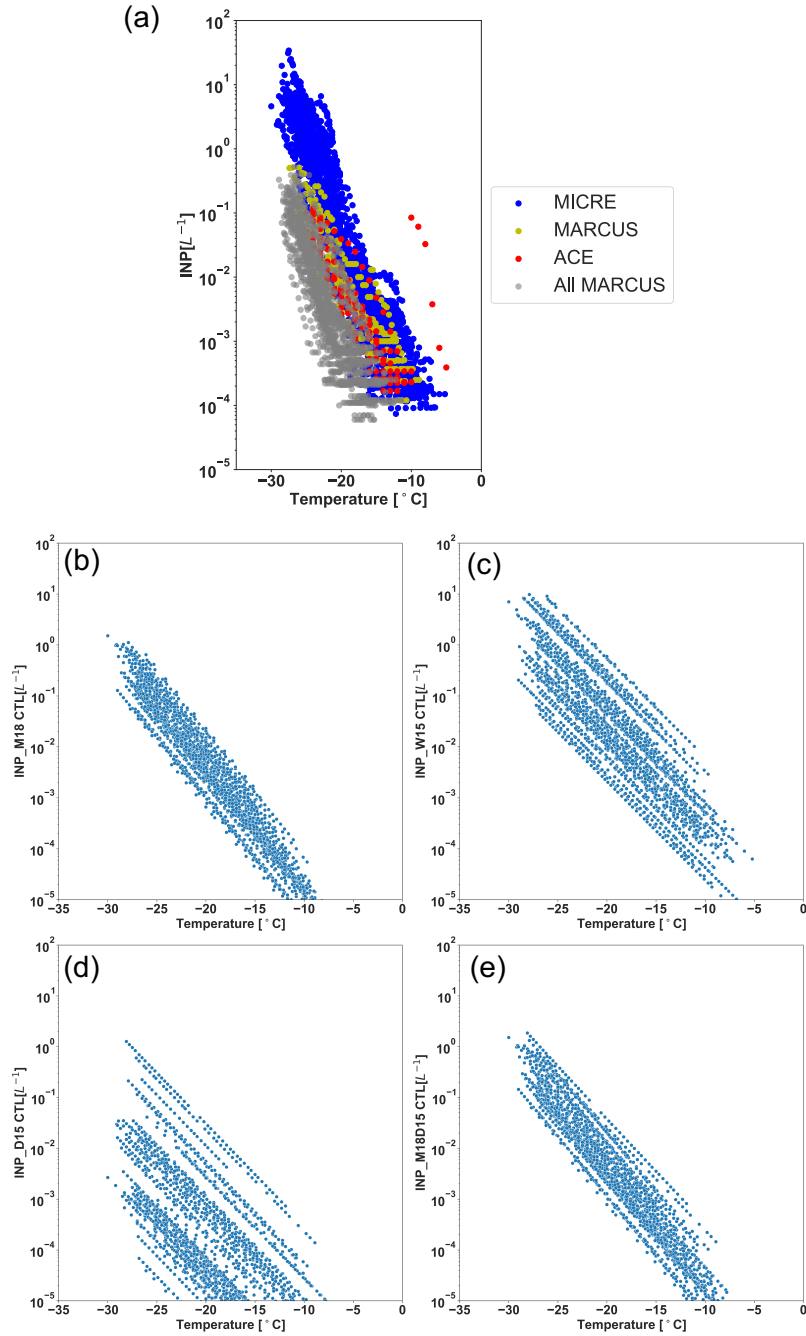
as structural errors in E3SM's dry deposition, errors in parameterized wet deposition, and errors associated with the model's numerics.

### 560 3.6.3 Island effects and comparisons to other ship-based campaigns

We discuss the evidence that the island may affect observed INP concentrations and contribute to model-observation differences during MICRE. To understand whether MICRE is representative of the SO region, we compare MICRE INPs with those from other ship-based campaigns in the SO, Measurements of Aerosols, Radiation, and Clouds over the Southern Ocean (MARCUS) (DeMott et al., 2018b) and Antarctic Circumnavigation Expedition (ACE) (Tatzelt et al., 2021). Figure S5 (top panel) shows an aerial shot of Macquarie Island, along with the Aurora Australis ship used for MARCUS field campaign. MARCUS INP measurements (November 2017 - April 2018) were largely collected over the open ocean and likely less impacted by local island effects. Bottom panel in Figure S5 shows the MICRE filter. ACE INP measurements were carried out during the austral summer of 2016 – 2017 and INP concentrations were estimated using the immersion freezing droplet array method (Conen et al., 2012).

570 Figure 10a shows INP-temperature dependency for INPs collected during MICRE (blue) and the ship-based campaigns in the SO. Below  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , observed INP concentrations during MICRE are significantly higher than open-ocean INPs during MARCUS (gray) and ACE (red) campaigns. For temperatures above  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , few INP values in the ACE campaign are higher than MICRE, but these are likely the INP data measured when the cruise was in the vicinity of the land (Tatzelt et al., 2021). MARCUS INPs measured closer to Macquarie Island (yellow) are in the range of INP concentrations seen from MICRE. 575 Figure 10a suggests that processes local to Macquarie Island may produce local INP concentrations that are significantly higher than over the open ocean.

Porter et al. (2022) found that small island sources off the coast of Russia contribute to high concentrations of biological INPs in the Arctic due to the nutrient rich water from the riverine sources. Their findings indicated that islands may be potential sources of biogenic INPs near the Russian coast. Although more work is needed to define the key sources of biological or biogenic INPs affecting MICRE INP concentrations, similar island processes may play a role in altering the marine boundary-layer dynamics near Macquarie Island. These effects could potentially influence surface INP sources, losses, and boundary-layer mixing due to surface drag and orographic lifting caused by the island. Inoue et al. (2021) investigated the cruise data from the marginal ice zone in the Chukchi Sea and found high INP concentrations from sea salt and organic carbon above  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  during the high wave conditions. Since MICRE collected samples near the surf zone, taller waves and high surface winds may increase sea spray supply to the INPs. Figure S5 shows that the sea spray aerosols emitted from wave breaking on the western side of the island pass over the entire isthmus during the regular strong wind conditions present at these latitudes. The potential existence of local terrestrial or anthropogenic sources from the island could yield high INP concentrations during MICRE compared to open ocean INP samples from ACE or MARCUS campaigns in the SO. It would be interesting to employ a regional model with atmosphere-ocean-wave coupling to test these localized island processes. If local sources indeed dominate 585



**Figure 10.** Relationships between temperature and INP concentrations. (a) MICRE INP measurements (in blue) along with MARCUS (March 15 - 30 2018) (in yellow) and ACE (December 2016 - Jan 2017) (red) ship measurements when the ships were closer to Macquarie Island. Also shown are other MARCUS measurements from dates when the ship was in the open ocean (gray). Shown in other panels are INP-temperature dependency for E3SM simulated INPs (b) M18+D15, (c) M18, (d) D15, (e) W15. Model INP concentrations are shown only at Macquarie Island for the time period of the MICRE campaign.

590 the INPs observed at MICRE, it may therefore be expected to be less directly comparable to global models than the open ocean measurements from ship-based campaigns such as MARCUS.

For comparison, we also plot simulated INP concentrations versus temperature using different parameterizations (Figure 10b – 10e). We find that INPs simulated using the combination of M18 and D15 are more similar to the MARCUS measurements than to MICRE. Therefore, we tentatively conclude that some combination of potential nearby terrestrial and coastal effects,  
595 along with model bias in aerosol concentrations from regional sea spray and long-range dust transport, may be primary causes of model-observation differences at MICRE.

## 4 Summary, Conclusions, and Outlook

As global models increasingly introduce aerosol-aware treatments of cloud freezing, they improve their process realism and their ability to dynamically simulate climate and Earth system responses to future change (e.g. increases in dust and sea  
600 spray emissions associated with higher wind speeds in a warmer climate, increases in Arctic sea spray emissions as the sea ice retreats, and changes in dust emissions associated with desertification, permafrost melt, and changes in land management practices). However, with this increased complexity of process representations, model simulations of cloud processes also become increasingly susceptible to biases in simulated aerosol.

In this study, we use the first long-term observations of INPs from the SO to evaluate the potential of a state-of-the art Earth  
605 System model, E3SMv1, to accurately simulate SO INPs on the basis of simulated aerosol. First, we evaluate and identify biases in E3SMv1 simulation of the major aerosol sources of INPs in the SO (sea spray and dust aerosol) by using regional in situ observations from across the SO. Consistent with previous studies, we find that E3SMv1 underpredicts near-surface dust aerosol mass concentrations as compared with ground-based in situ measurements at several SO coastal sites in the University of Miami measurement network, and the AWARE field campaign. However, vertical dust concentration profiles are consistent  
610 with limited aircraft-based measurements in the SO from the ATom campaign. Both the model and observations show little change in dust concentration with height, which is consistent with dust arising from remote sources. However, the decline in sea spray aerosol amount with increasing height above sea level is also consistent with ATom observations, suggesting that E3SMv1 adequately represents the mixing of aerosol tracers between boundary-layer and free tropospheric air in this region.

These model evaluations enable us to clearly articulate both the key limitations of the MICRE INP observations as a model  
615 evaluation dataset, and certain key limitations of E3SMv1 aerosol process representations for simulating INPs that are adequate for use in cloud microphysics parameterizations. Here we summarize the main limitations of this study and make recommendations for future field experiments and model developments to overcome these limitations.

For future field campaigns measuring INP concentrations, it will be valuable to include a strategy for parallel measurement of size-resolved aerosol concentration and composition, ideally including super-micron particles. On the other hand, other long-  
620 term INP field studies (Schrod et al., 2020; Tatzelt et al., 2021; Welti et al., 2018) have shown that bulk aerosol concentrations do not necessarily correlate with INP climatology. A recent work by Creamean et al. (2022a) also showed that there was no

significant relationship between the INP concentrations and particle size in the central Arctic for year-long size-resolved INP observations. However, due to the lack of in situ aerosol measurements during MICRE, we could not conclusively attribute the causes of the model-observation differences or explain the sources of day-to-day variability in measured INPs, although  
625 a closer investigation of this issue is the topic of a separate, ongoing study. While a multi-week campaign with simultaneous measurements of INP, particle chemistry, and particle size distributions can improve the predictability of INP concentrations, long-term INP measurements such as MICRE are important to understand the impacts of synoptic weather and seasonal aerosol characteristics on INP concentrations.

Another interesting finding from this study is the unexpected discrepancy between observed INP concentrations at a coastal  
630 site (MICRE) and over the open ocean (MARCUS). One approach to utilize island sites yet limit the island impacts is to tie auxiliary observations such as wind speed, direction, and aerosol properties to detect days that are significantly impacted by local sources. A second approach is to collect observations directly over the open ocean. Such measurements have been conducted during ship campaigns in recent years. However, with a few notable exceptions, most of these campaigns have lasted only a few weeks. Although ship-based short term campaigns have provided important insights into INP sources and model  
635 performance (McCluskey et al., 2019), in light of the ca. three order-of-magnitude day-to-day variability in INP concentrations during MICRE, long term multi-season INP and aerosol measurements are critical to adequately evaluate INP variability over the SO in climate models. Despite their inherent challenges, it would be interesting to explore longer-term at-sea measurement platforms (e.g., ship-based experiments covering multiple months or a full seasonal cycle, unmanned floating platforms) that collect representative samples of INPs in open and remote ocean regions.

We note that for all of the INP parameterizations we have used, it was necessary to extend them beyond the conditions for which they were originally developed, in order to apply them to model simulation of INPs. For example, D15 was originally developed for activation temperatures below  $-19^{\circ}\text{C}$ , but we have extrapolated it to warmer temperatures in this study. Similarly, the M18 and W15 parameterizations were developed on the basis of sampled aerosol and sea surface microlayer material from limited geographic regions and seasons. However, recent studies have shown that the efficiency of ice nucleating entities in  
645 seawater changes in response to ocean biological processes and the INP efficiency is not uniformly high in all marine regions with high primary productivity (Wolf et al., 2020). Future experimental efforts should continue to extend the temperature range of available INP parameterizations, and also to evaluate and improve their representativeness for different environmental conditions.

Additionally, INPs can interact with other aerosol particles and trace gases, which can affect their IN ability and lifetime in  
650 the atmosphere. For example, Creamean et al. (2019) showed that biological INPs from summertime phytoplankton blooms and bacterial respiration were likely transported hundreds of kilometers from the Bering Strait to the Arctic atmosphere, as a result that these INPs experienced significant exposure to the weather and chemistry along the transport pathways. The impacts of atmospheric and cloud processing on INP effectiveness are currently not fully understood and require more study.

The simulation of INPs in this study is subject to biases in E3SMv1 simulation of dust and sea spray aerosol. However, we  
655 find that E3SMv1 underpredicts dust in the SO, consistent with previous studies, while E3SMv1's native CNT parameterization

of dust INPs likely overpredicts their freezing efficiency compared to recent measurements and parameterizations of natural and ambient dusts (Cornwell et al., 2021). Therefore, it is important to improve both the simulated dust lifecycle and dust INP parameterizations to correct INP biases in high latitudes.

We examined one model process potentially contributing to biases in aerosol simulation: the choice of coefficients in the model's dry deposition parameterization. Dry deposition has important impacts on long-range transport of coarse mode aerosol, and the parameterization used in E3SMv1 was recently shown by Emerson et al. (2020) to be inconsistent with a meta-analysis of experimental results. However, our sensitivity experiment shows that E3SMv1's biases in sea spray and dust deposition were not alleviated by adopting the dry deposition coefficient values recommended by Emerson et al. (2020). A more comprehensive analysis of biases in E3SM-simulated aerosol, and the causes of those biases, is an important topic that will be examined in separate ongoing and future research activities. As a result, INP concentrations do not improve on using the revised dry deposition coefficients (Figure S6).

In addition to the above limitations, additional model development would be helpful to improve the simulation of processes affecting INPs in global models, such as the addition of parameterizations for the emissions of agricultural dusts (Tobo et al., 2014; O'Sullivan et al., 2014; Steinke et al., 2016; Suski et al., 2018), minerology of dust particles (Atkinson et al., 2013; Harrison, 2019; Vergara-Temprado et al., 2017) and biological particles that act as efficient INPs at warmer temperatures such as fungal spores and bacteria (Prenni et al., 2009; Huffman et al., 2013; Tobo et al., 2013; Mason et al., 2015).

We have shown that E3SMv1's current immersion freezing parameterizations do not consider sea spray aerosol, which is an important source of INPs in the SO. Further, E3SMv1's treatment of dust immersion freezing is impacted by compensating biases – an underprediction of dust amount compensated by an overprediction of its effectiveness as INP. Overall, we find that using recent INP parameterizations for both sea spray and dust (M18 and D15), E3SMv1 would underpredict INPs by 2–3 orders of magnitude at Macquarie Island, although biases over the open ocean are likely smaller. Previous studies have shown that INP simulation errors of one order of magnitude (or less) can contribute to significant biases in modeled cloud radiative effects and cloud-climate feedbacks. For example, Zhao et al. (2021) showed that strong seasonal changes in cloud properties and radiative forcing occurred in global model simulations after including MOA INPs. Consequently, global net cloud forcing changed by  $0.016 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$  per year due to INP variations. Our findings therefore have important implications for climate model simulations of the cloud-phase climate feedback (Murray et al., 2021; Vignon et al., 2021) and seasonal climate in high latitudes (Prenni et al., 2007), particularly for future climate projections where aerosol INP sources will change in a changing Earth System.

*Code availability.* The EAMv1/E3SMv1 source code can be found at <https://github.com/E3SM-Project/E3SM/tree/v1.0.0>. Code for droplet freezing idealized simulations will be available upon request.

*Data availability.* INP measurements from MICRE and MARCUS campaigns used in this study can be found in the DOE ARM archive <https://adc.arm.gov/discovery/#/results/s::micre> - MICRE INP data <https://iop.archive.arm.gov/arm-iop/2017/mar/marcus/> - MARCUS INP data. INP measurements from the ACE campaign are available through the web portal Zenodo: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3832045>. Aerosol measurements from the AWARE campaign can be accessed from the DOE-ARM Data discovery <https://www.arm.gov/research/campaigns/amf2015aware>. Dust and sea salt climatology are available from the AEROCOM data archive <https://aerocom-classic.met.no/DATA/>. ATom measurements can be accessed in the NASA data archive <https://espo.nasa.gov/atom/archive/>. Underway RSV Aurora Australis ship location data was provided by the Australian Antarctic Division and can be accessed through their Data Centre at [data.antarctica.gov.au](http://data.antarctica.gov.au)

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