

*Supplement of*

**Vertical profiles of cloud condensation nuclei number concentration  
and its empirical estimate from aerosol optical properties over the  
North China Plain**

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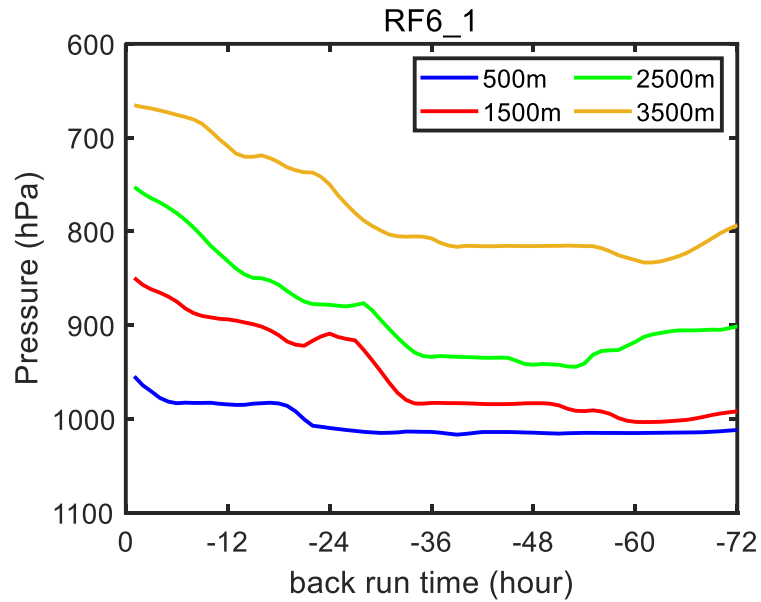
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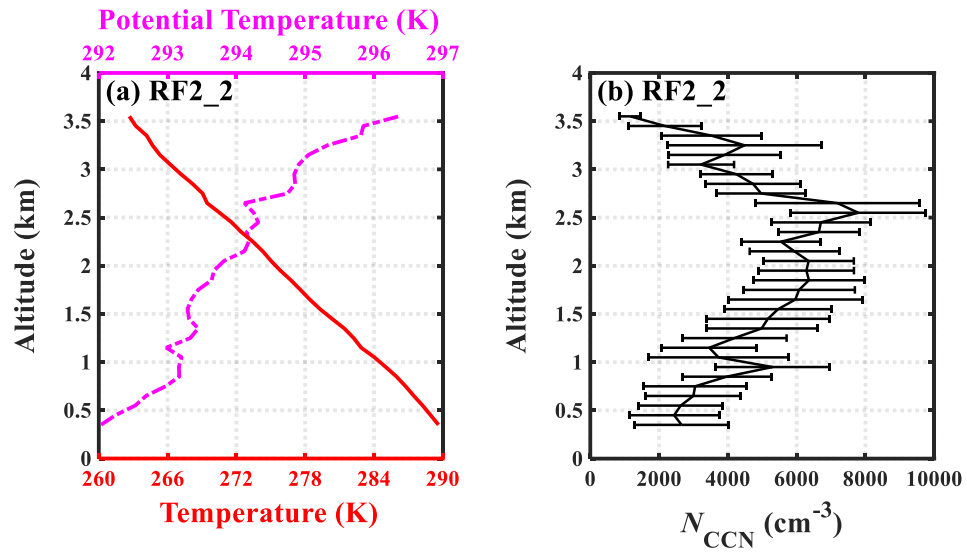
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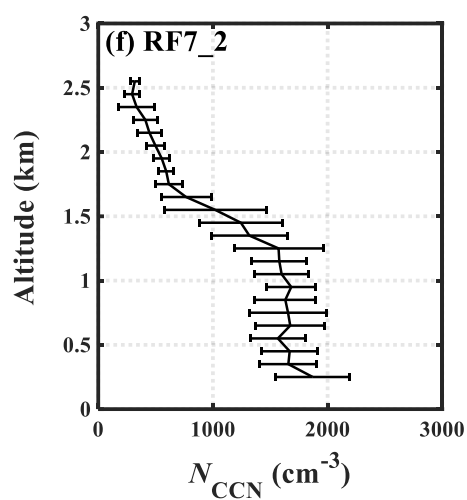
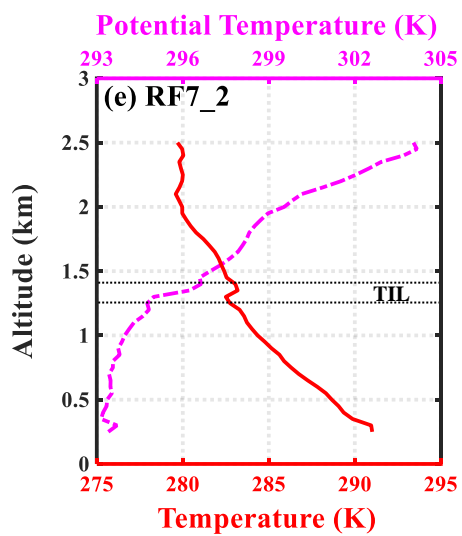
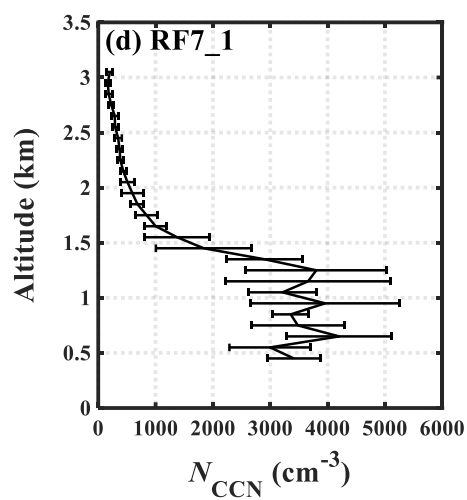
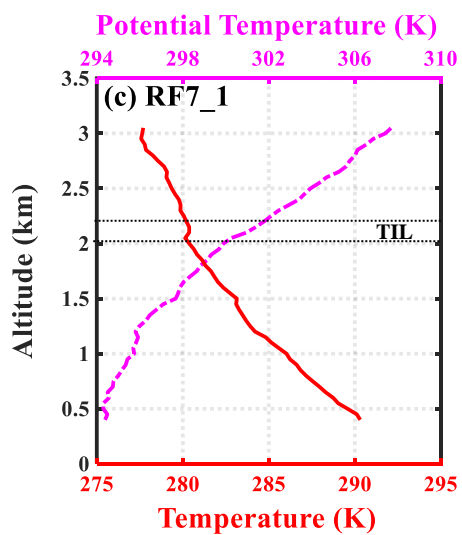
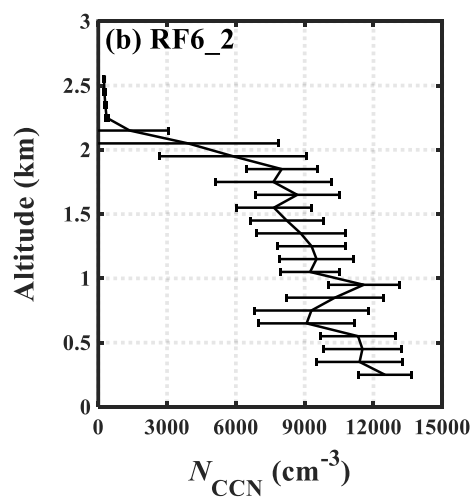
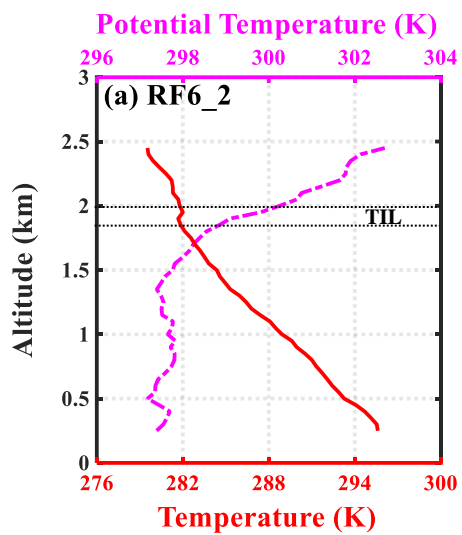
**Table S1.** The fitting results of Eq. (1) for the 11 level flights

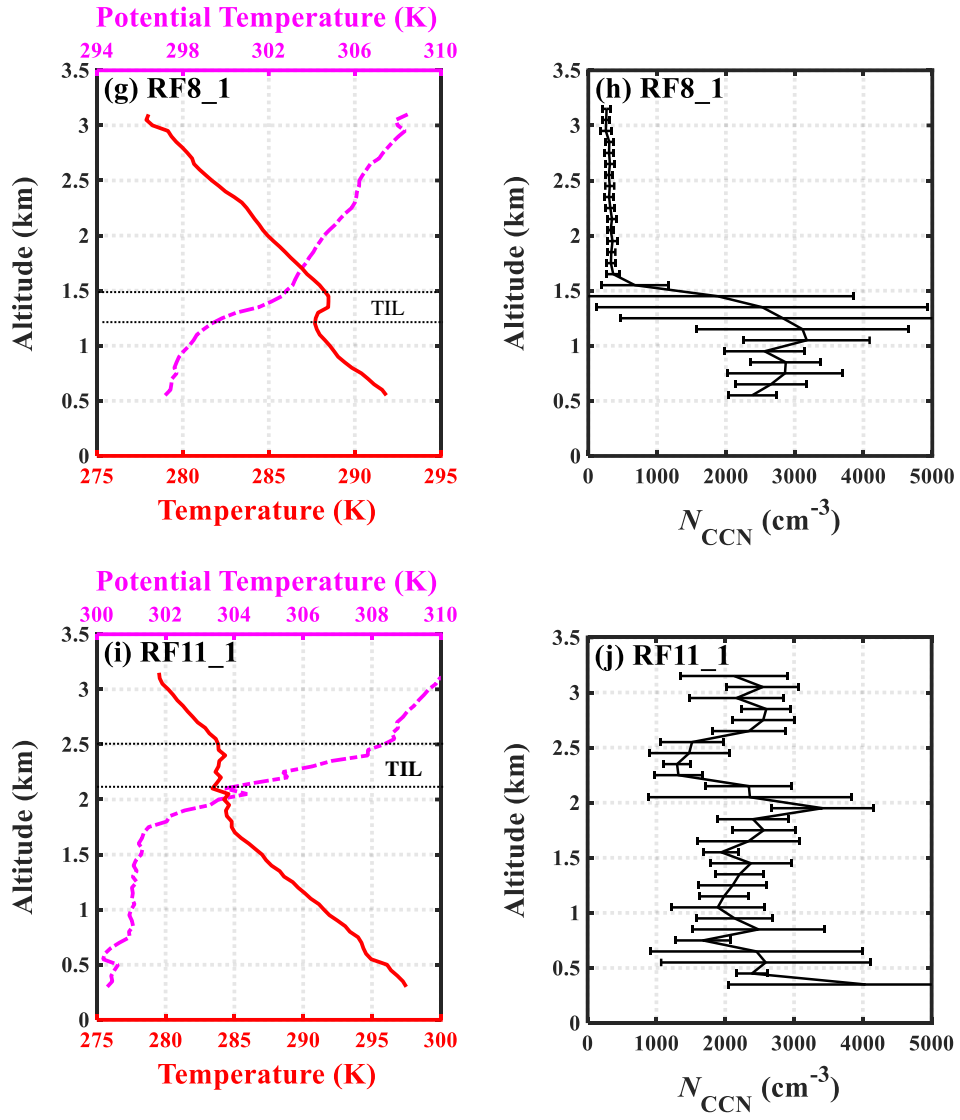
Flight code	Altitude(km)	$C$	$k$	$R^2$
RF1_a	3.6	156	0.18	0.59
RF2_a	0.4	3029	1.71	0.94
RF2_b	3.6	2317	0.86	0.88
RF2_c	0.4	6560	1.75	0.92
RF6_a	2.5	282	0.46	0.91
RF6_b	1.1	9981	0.79	0.83
RF7_a	3.1	391	0.62	0.95
RF7_b	0.4	3218	0.65	0.73
RF7_c	1.8	828	0.37	0.91
RF8_a	0.6	8120	0.89	0.91
RF11_a	0.7	10310	0.97	0.96

**Figure S1.** Seventy-two-hour HYSPLIT back trajectories in southeast air masses at 0.5, 1.5, 2.5, and 3.5 km starting altitudes (showing RF6\_1 as the example).

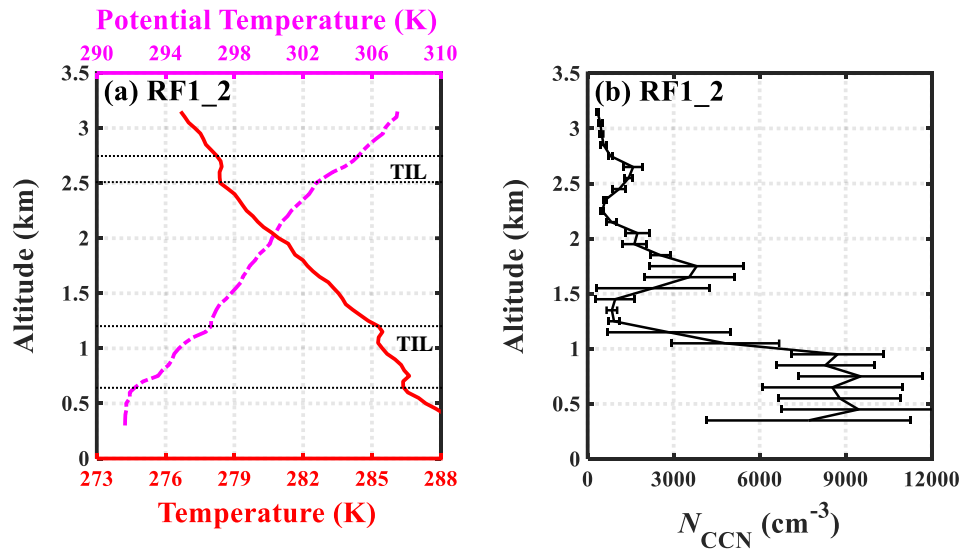


**Figure S2.** Same as Fig.3 but for RF2\_2  $N_{CCN}$  profile with no TIL.

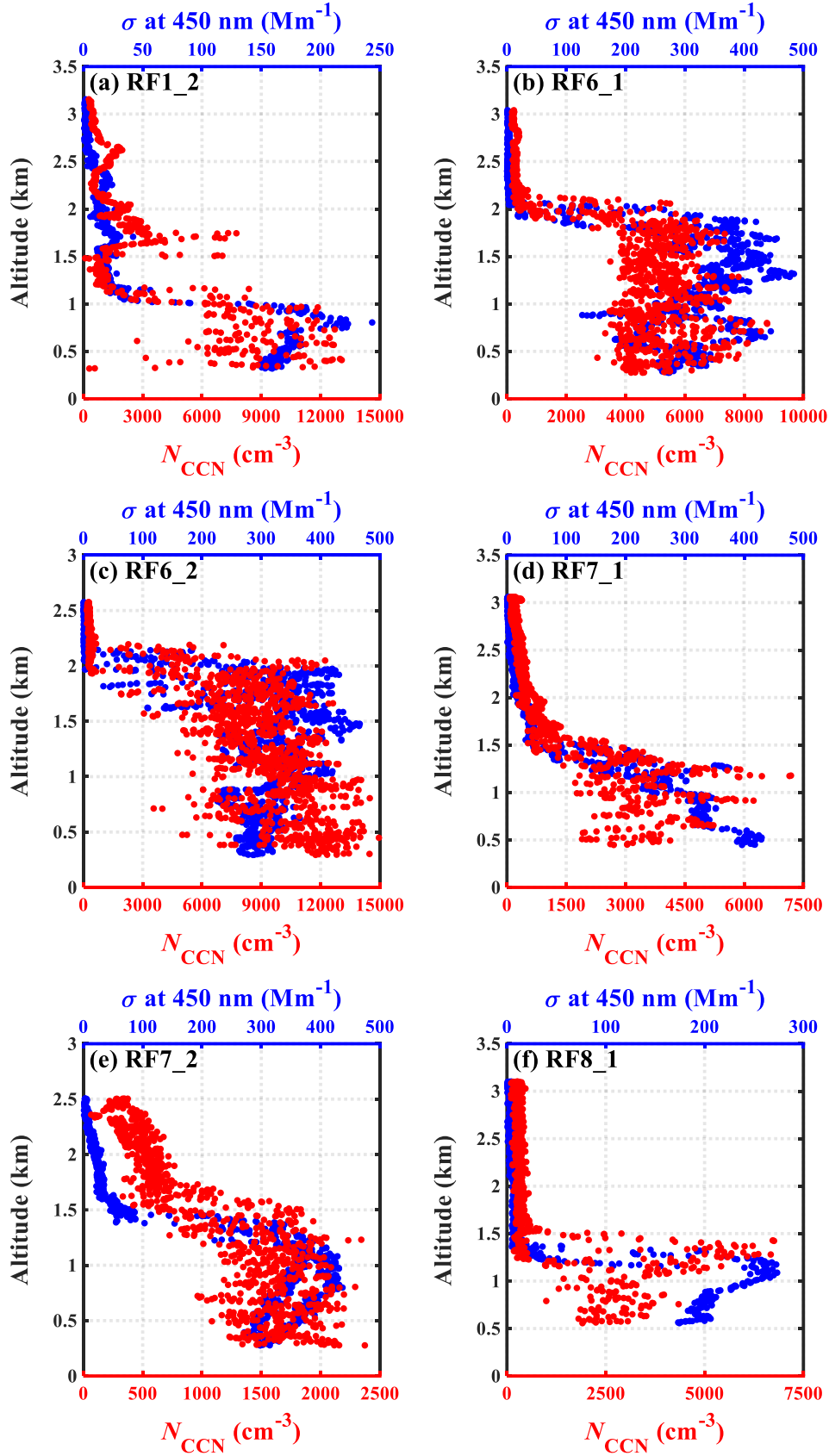




**Figure S3.** Same as Fig.3 but for RF6\_2, RF7\_1, RF7\_2, RF8\_1, and RF11\_1  $N_{\text{CCN}}$  profiles with one TIL.



**Figure S4.** Same as Fig.3 but for RF1\_2  $N_{\text{CCN}}$  profiles with dual TIL.



**Figure S5.** Same as Fig. 6b but in (a) RF1\_2, (b) RF6\_1, (c) RF6\_2, (d) RF7\_1, (e) RF7\_2, and (f) RF8\_1 vertical spiral flight.