

**Table S1.** Statistics for aerosol and other atmospheric properties investigated across the MinAlt-BCB pairs ( $\Delta$  calculation refers to the MinAlt value minus the BCB value) for the summer flights, except for MinAlt  $\sigma_w$  and BCB  $\sigma_w$ , which are the average  $\sigma_w$  for each respective leg. Each property is broken down into the different degrees of coupling (n = number of points used in each coupling category).

Parameter	Degree of Coupling	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min	25%	50%	75%	Max	n
$\Delta_{\text{scat}}$	Strong	2.6	2.6	0.02	0.75	1.8	3.3	13.9	106
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	4.0	3.8	0.08	1.4	3.3	5.9	13.3	12
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	2.3	2.2	0.42	0.80	1.5	3.4	9.2	16
	Weak	3.8	3.7	0.01	0.18	3.0	7.7	10.8	11
$\Delta_{\text{IntV}}$	Strong	3.0	2.7	0.02	1.2	2.0	4.0	13.6	115
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	3.2	3.0	0.38	0.75	2.2	5.8	9.3	12
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	1.6	1.6	0.01	0.17	1.0	3.4	4.3	17
	Weak	2.7	2.0	0.18	1.1	2.5	4.2	5.8	11
$\Delta N_{>3\mu\text{m}}$	Strong	0.47	0.55	0.00	0.10	0.32	0.61	3.3	115
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.42	0.33	0.00	0.12	0.41	0.68	1.1	12
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.20	0.18	0.02	0.05	0.12	0.30	0.61	17
	Weak	0.14	0.14	0.02	0.04	0.09	0.27	0.41	11
$N_d$	Strong	249	133	45	169	216	335	774	90
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	256	140	45	114	330	349	440	9
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	290	118	25	211	287	384	450	12
	Weak	209	112	50	77	220	293	392	10
MinAlt $\sigma_w$	Strong	0.51	0.24	0.00	0.33	0.51	0.66	1.2	118
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.43	0.36	0.00	0.15	0.36	0.67	1.2	12
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.61	0.25	0.30	0.40	0.59	0.74	1.2	18
	Weak	0.38	0.20	0.11	0.16	0.35	0.52	0.73	11
BCB $\sigma_w$	Strong	0.58	0.68	0.00	0.22	0.41	0.69	4.0	118
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.47	0.36	0.00	0.22	0.37	0.76	1.1	12
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.76	0.81	0.00	0.26	0.45	0.97	3.3	18
	Weak	0.32	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.50	0.97	11
BCB - MinAlt $\sigma_w$	Strong	0.08	0.73	-1.2	-0.26	-0.10	0.19	3.6	116
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.02	0.43	-0.83	-0.25	0.08	0.32	0.59	10
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.15	0.81	-0.64	-0.26	-0.09	0.20	0.00	18
	Weak	-0.07	0.33	-0.52	-0.36	0.02	0.15	0.50	11

**Table S2.** Same as Table S1, except for winter flights only.

Parameter	Degree of Coupling	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min	25%	50%	75%	Max	n
$\Delta_{\text{scat}}$	Strong	2.0	1.7	0.00	0.79	1.6	2.7	10.3	168
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_t$	3.3	3.5	0.07	0.90	2.2	4.3	14.6	40
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	2.5	2.1	0.01	0.67	2.3	4.3	6.7	23
	Weak	3.1	2.8	0.54	0.89	1.6	6.5	7.1	9
$\Delta_{\text{IntV}}$	Strong	2.3	2.5	0.02	0.45	1.5	3.2	13.0	173
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_t$	1.8	1.8	0.00	0.44	1.3	2.6	7.5	42
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	2.0	2.1	0.12	0.74	1.3	2.4	8.3	24
	Weak	2.9	2.7	0.30	0.84	2.3	5.0	7.6	9
$\Delta N_{>3\mu\text{m}}$	Strong	0.22	0.52	0.00	0.04	0.09	0.19	4.9	173
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_t$	0.30	0.69	0.00	0.03	0.10	0.23	3.6	42
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.11	0.08	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.35	24
	Weak	0.93	2.1	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.92	6.0	9
$N_d$	Strong	402	238	19	226	367	550	954	148
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_t$	457	246	73	243	409	670	962	39
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	354	171	40	235	363	512	671	19
	Weak	358	222	81	116	419	560	606	8
MinAlt $\sigma_w$	Strong	1.1	0.46	0.00	0.82	1.1	1.4	2.4	175
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_t$	1.1	0.52	0.00	0.97	1.2	1.5	2.2	44
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.95	0.49	0.00	0.63	0.85	1.4	1.9	24
	Weak	0.75	0.46	0.00	0.32	0.95	1.0	1.3	9
BCB $\sigma_w$	Strong	0.79	0.57	0.00	0.33	0.80	1.2	2.5	175
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_t$	0.69	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.68	1.1	2.2	44
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.86	0.74	0.00	0.10	0.81	1.2	2.5	24
	Weak	0.71	0.63	0.00	0.10	0.86	1.4	1.6	9
BCB - MinAlt $\sigma_w$	Strong	-0.30	0.57	-2.0	-0.58	-0.23	0.10	1.1	169
	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_t$	-0.42	0.57	-2.2	-0.88	-0.29	0.00	0.53	43
	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	-0.09	0.68	-1.6	-0.57	-0.05	0.24	1.6	24
	Weak	-0.04	0.62	-1.1	-0.46	0.00	0.38	0.90	9

**Table S3.** Mean cloud water sample concentrations ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ), pH, and  $\text{Cl}^-:\text{Na}^+$  mass ratio. Each chemical species is broken down into the different degrees of coupling (n = number of points used in each coupling category;  $n_{\text{pH}}$  = number of points used in pH analysis).

	Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_t$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	Weak
$\text{Cl}^-$	45.6	32.0	52.2	4.1
$\text{Na}^+$	27.9	18.6	29.9	2.5
$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	3.3	2.2	3.6	0.35
$\text{K}^+$	0.56	0.37	0.59	0.05
nss- $\text{Ca}^{2+}$	0.53	0.18	0.17	0.03
nss- $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	2.6	1.5	1.7	1.2
$\text{NO}_3^-$	6.0	2.7	3.3	1.5
Oxalate	0.10	0.01	0.03	0.01
$\text{NH}_4^+$	0.89	0.37	0.33	0.56
pH	4.9	4.6	5.3	4.4
$\text{Cl}^-:\text{Na}^+$	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5
n	40	17	4	6
$n_{\text{pH}}$	16	11	3	2

**Table S4.** Mean cloud water sample concentrations ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) , pH, and  $\text{Cl}^-:\text{Na}^+$  mass ratio during the summer flights. Each chemical species is broken down into two different degrees of coupling (strong and ‘moderate, high  $\Delta\theta_t$ ’), since there were not any samples that fit the criteria for the other two degrees of coupling (‘moderate, high  $\Delta q_t$ ’ and weak). (n = number of points used in each coupling category;  $n_{\text{pH}}$  = number of points used in pH analysis)

	Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_t$
$\text{Cl}^-$	39.3	4.6
$\text{Na}^+$	24.0	2.7
$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	2.5	0.35
$\text{K}^+$	0.50	0.06
nss- $\text{Ca}^{2+}$	0.65	0.10
nss- $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	4.0	0.22
$\text{NO}_3^-$	9.1	0.58
Oxalate	0.27	0.00
$\text{NH}_4^+$	2.0	0.03
pH	5.2	5.4
$\text{Cl}^-:\text{Na}^+$	1.6	1.7
n	10	1
$n_{\text{pH}}$	4	1

**Table S5.** Mean cloud water sample concentrations ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ), pH, and  $\text{Cl}^-:\text{Na}^+$  mass ratio during the winter flights. Each chemical species is broken down into the different degrees of coupling (n = number of points used in each coupling category;  $n_{\text{pH}}$  = number of points used in pH analysis).

	Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_t$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	Weak
$\text{Cl}^-$	47.7	33.7	52.2	4.1
$\text{Na}^+$	29.2	19.6	29.9	2.5
$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	3.6	2.3	3.6	0.35
$\text{K}^+$	0.58	0.39	0.59	0.05
nss- $\text{Ca}^{2+}$	0.49	0.19	0.17	0.03
nss- $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	2.1	1.6	1.7	1.2
$\text{NO}_3^-$	5.0	2.8	3.3	1.5
Oxalate	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.01
$\text{NH}_4^+$	0.57	0.39	0.33	0.56
pH	4.8	4.5	5.3	4.4
$\text{Cl}^-:\text{Na}^+$	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5
n	30	16	4	6
$n_{\text{pH}}$	12	10	3	2

**Table S6.** Results of Welch's t-tests for nine different chemical species, pH, and Cl<sup>-</sup>:Na<sup>+</sup> comparing species concentrations within different degrees of coupling. Cells colored green indicate statistical significance ( $\alpha < 0.05$ ). Refer to Tables S3-S5 (also Table 5) for the number of points within each coupling category.

Cl <sup>-</sup>				Na <sup>+</sup>			
	Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$		Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$
Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.36			Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.30		
Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.57	0.35		Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.61	0.34	
Weak	3.54E <sup>-5</sup>	0.01	0.15	Weak	1.07E <sup>-4</sup>	0.01	0.14

Mg <sup>2+</sup>				K <sup>+</sup>			
	Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$		Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$
Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.24			Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.27		
Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.88	0.45		Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.61	0.34	
Weak	6.41E <sup>-5</sup>	0.01	0.12	Weak	5.52E <sup>-5</sup>	0.01	0.15

nss-Ca <sup>2+</sup>				nss-SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>			
	Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$		Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$
Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.06			Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.21		
Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.06	0.94		Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.74	0.64	
Weak	1.30E <sup>-3</sup>	0.21	0.31	Weak	0.25	0.78	0.54

NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>				Oxalate			
	Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$		Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$
Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.07			Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.14		
Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.46	0.65		Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.35	0.50	
Weak	9.57E <sup>-3</sup>	0.37	0.36	Weak	0.18	0.71	0.61

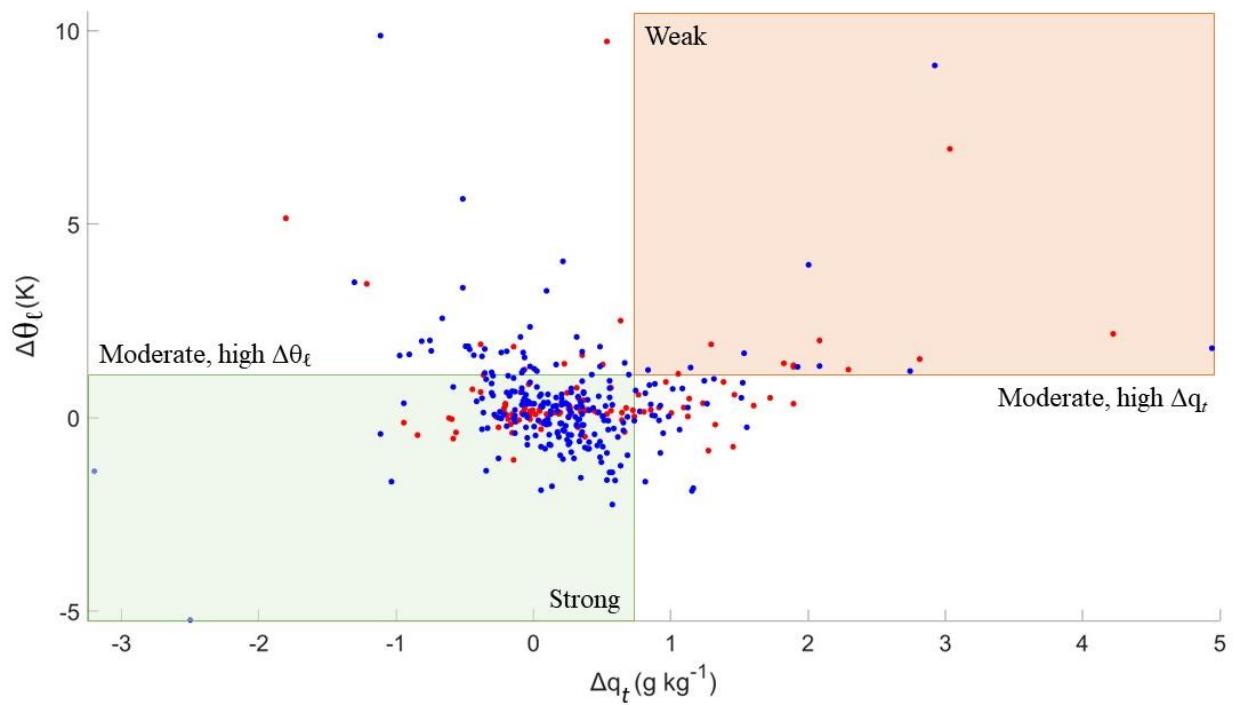
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>				pH			
	Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$		Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$
Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.09			Moderate, high $\Delta\theta_\ell$	0.08		

Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.07	0.84	
Weak	0.47	0.63	0.56

Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.96	0.62	
Weak	0.16	0.75	0.58

$\text{Cl}^-:\text{Na}^+$

	Strong	Moderate, high $\Delta \theta_\ell$	Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$
Moderate, high $\Delta \theta_\ell$	0.79		
Moderate, high $\Delta q_t$	0.49	0.43	
Weak	0.30	0.34	0.22



**Figure S1.** Scatterplot of  $\Delta\theta_\ell$  vs.  $\Delta q_t$  values for the BCB and MinAlt pairs divided into the four coupling regimes, where winter pairs are indicated by blue points and summer pairs are indicated by red points. Refer to Table 3 for the number of points in each coupling regime categorized by season.