

1 **Supporting Information**

2 **Contrasting Inland-Coastal Aerosol Mixing States: An Entropy-Based**  
3 **Metric for CCN Activity**

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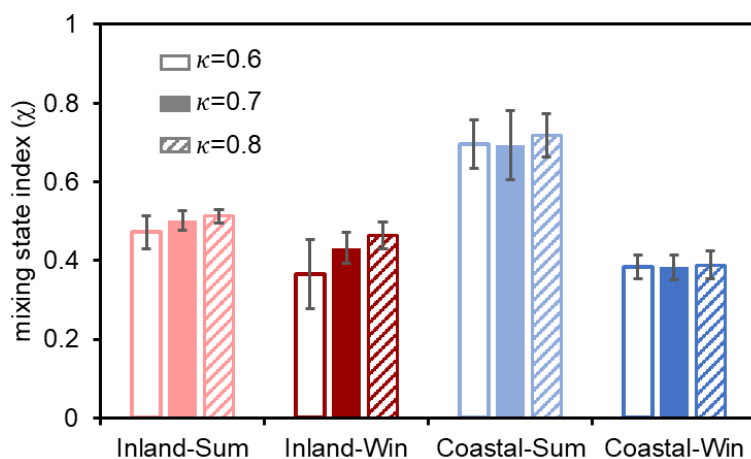
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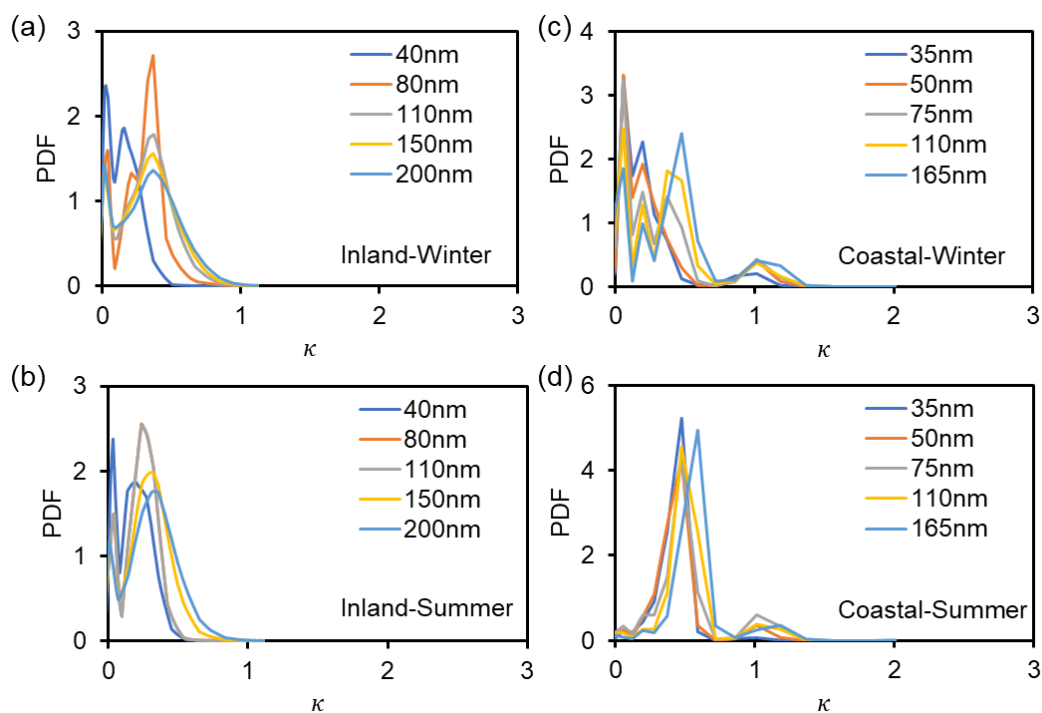
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## 19 Supplementary Figures



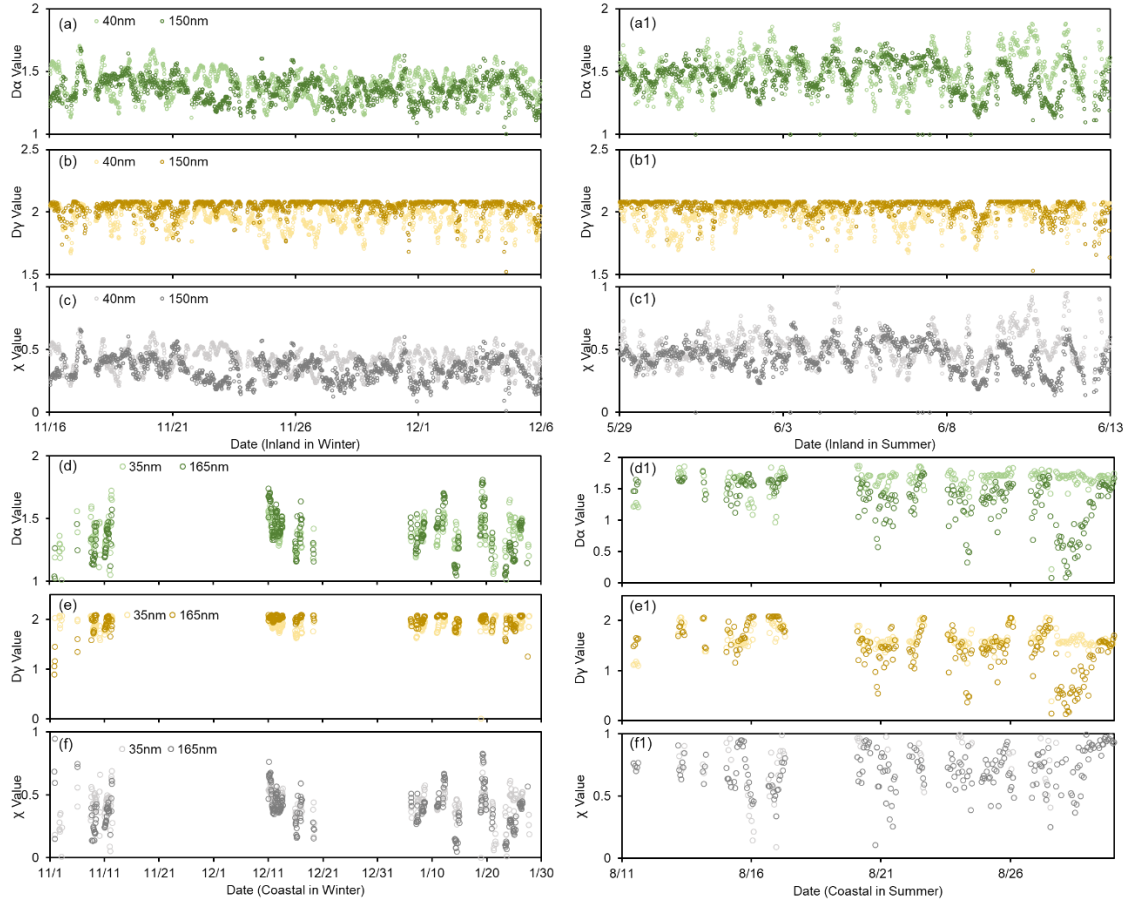
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21 **Fig S1.** Sensitivity of the hygroscopic parameter for the group of the hygroscopic  
 22 species on the mixing state index  $\chi$ .

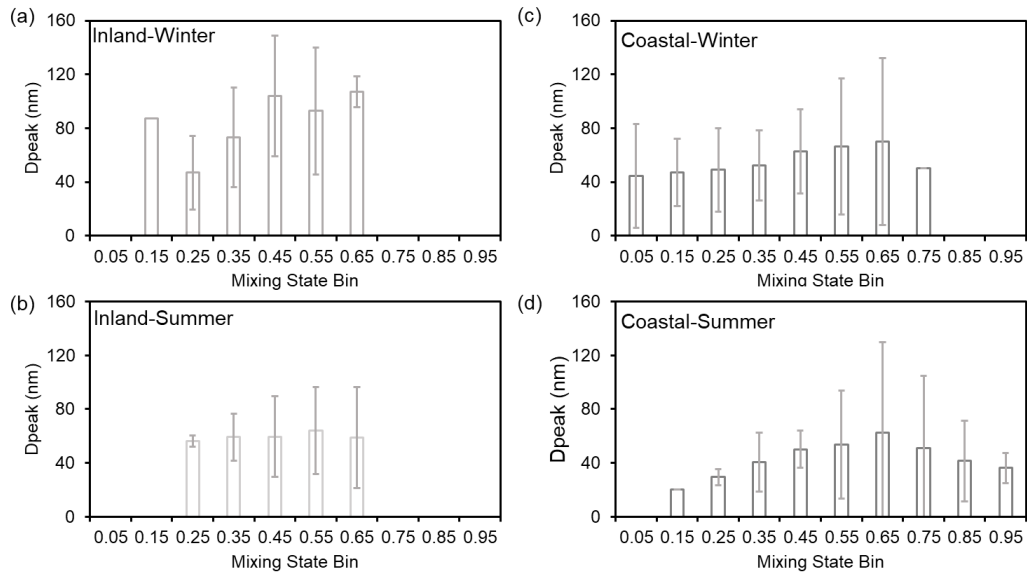


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24 **Fig S2.** Mean value of the  $\kappa$ -PDF for aerosols of five diameters during winter and  
 25 summer periods in Inland (IAP) (a and b) and Coastal (MHD) (c and d) sites.

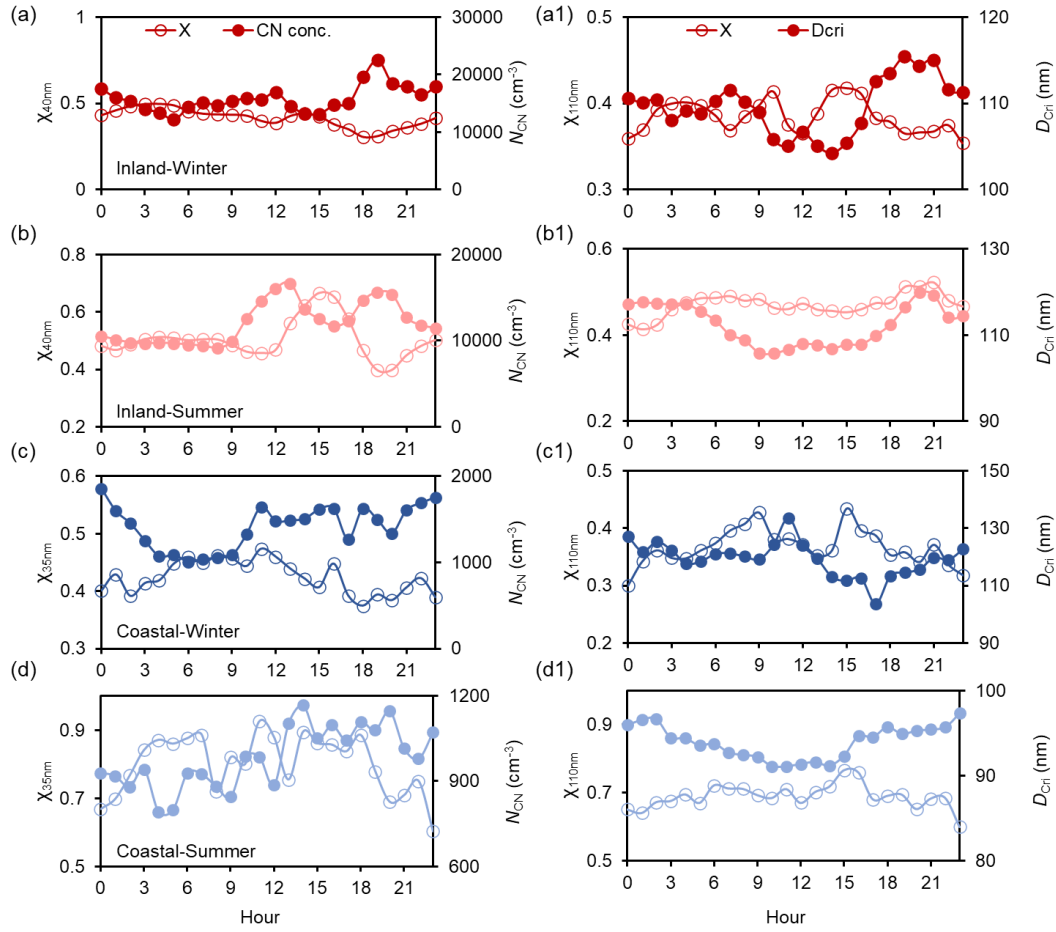


**Fig S3.** Time series of the average per-particle species diversity  $D\alpha$ , the bulk population species diversity  $D\gamma$ , and their affine ratio  $\chi$ . During winter and summer periods in Inland (IAP) and Coastal (MHD) sites.

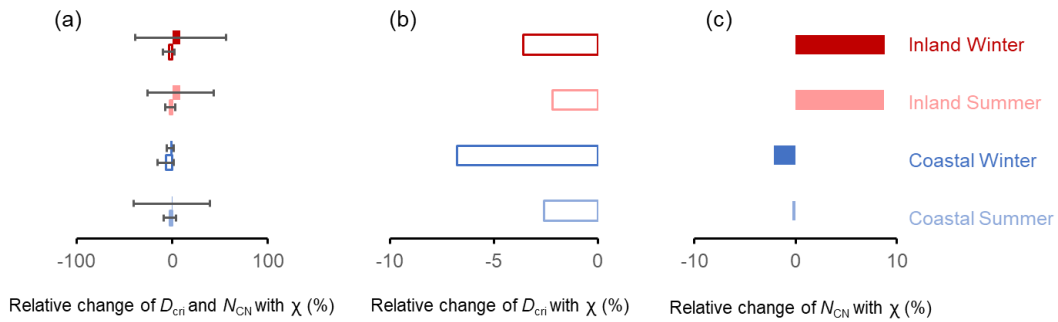


**Fig S4.** Variation of the peak diameter ( $D_{\text{peak}}$ ) with the mixing state index at the step of

0.1 during winter and summer periods in Inland (IAP) (a and b) and Coastal (MHD) sites (c and d).



**Fig S5.** Diurnal variation of  $\chi$  and CN concentration during winter and summer periods for 40 nm and 150 nm aerosols in inland and for 35 nm and 165 nm aerosols coastal site.



**Fig S6.** Relative change of the critical diameter and CN concentration with the mixing state index  $\chi$  in Inland-winter, Inland-summer, Coastal-winter and Coastal-summer.