## **Supplementary Information**

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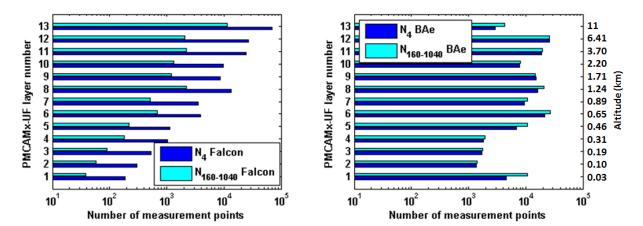


Figure S1. The availability of particle number concentration measurements as data point counts (x-axis) in the different model layers for particles larger than 4 nm ( $N_4$ ) and particles with sizes between 160 and 1040 nm ( $N_{160-1040}$ ) measured by the German DLR Falcon 20 (left panel) and the British FAAM BAe 146 (right panel) aircrafts. The corresponding altitude of the layer midpoint is shown on the right-hand side of the y-axis of the right panel. Note that similarly to  $N_4$ , the  $N_{10}$  has been measured by the same instrument onboard the Falcon 20 which results in the same data availability as  $N_4$ .

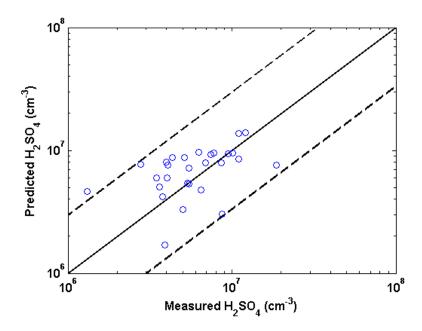


Figure S2. Comparison of PMCAMx-UF predictions vs. measurements of daily-averaged gas phase concentration (cm<sup>-3</sup>) of sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) during May 2008 for the site Melpitz, Germany. Lines corresponding to 1:1 (solid line), and 1:3 and 3:1 (dashed lines) are shown.