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## **Trends and drivers of soluble iron deposition from East Asian dust to the Northwest Pacific: a springtime analysis (2001–2017)**

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Table S1. List of irreversible heterogeneous reactions about Ca. (Zaveri et al., 2008)

| Irreversible heterogeneous reactions |                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| R1                                   | $\text{CaCO}_3(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{CaSO}_4(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$    |
| R2                                   | $\text{CaCl}_2(\text{s,l}) + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{CaSO}_4(\text{s}) + 2\text{HNO}_3(\text{g})$                               |
| R3                                   | $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{s,l}) + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{CaSO}_4(\text{s}) + 2\text{HCl}(\text{g})$                      |
| R4                                   | $\text{CaCO}_3(\text{s}) + 2\text{HNO}_3(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$ |
| R5                                   | $\text{CaCl}_2(\text{s,l}) + 2\text{HNO}_3(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{HCl}(\text{g})$                              |
| R6                                   | $\text{CaCO}_3(\text{s}) + 2\text{HCl}(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2(\text{s}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g})$              |

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Table S2. Iron content and initial iron solubility for each of the five minerals

|           | Fe_rs | Fe_ms  | Fe_ss | Fe content | Fe solubility |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|------------|---------------|
| Hematite  | 0%    | 0%     | 57.5% | 57.5%      | 0%            |
| Smectite  | 0.55% | 10.45% | 0%    | 11.0%      | 5%            |
| Illite    | 0.11% | 3.89%  | 0%    | 4.0%       | 2.8%          |
| Kaolinite | 0.01% | 0%     | 0.23% | 0.24%      | 4.2%          |
| Feldspar  | 0.01% | 0%     | 0.33% | 0.34%      | 2.9%          |

Table S3. Global emissions of dust, dust total/soluble iron in 2017.

|                   | Dust | Total iron | Soluble iron | Iron content | Iron solubility |
|-------------------|------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Emissions (Tg/yr) | 2707 | 109        | 0.98         | 4.0%         | 0.91%           |
| coarse mode       | 2677 | 107        | 0.93         | 3.9%         | 0.88%           |
| fine mode         | 30   | 2          | 0.05         | 5.3%         | 3.4%            |

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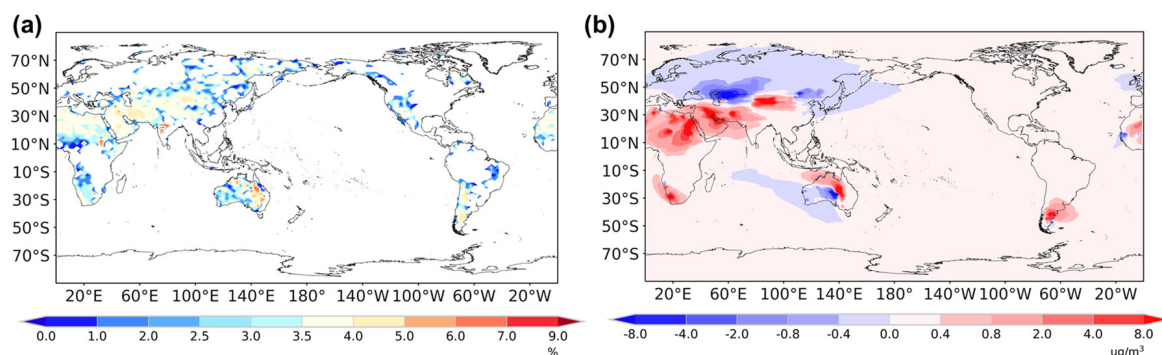


Figure S1. (a) Spatial distribution of iron content in coarse mode dust aerosol. (b) Changes in dust total iron surface concentrations from the developed model compared to the setting of 3.5%, averaged over the 2001-2017 springs.

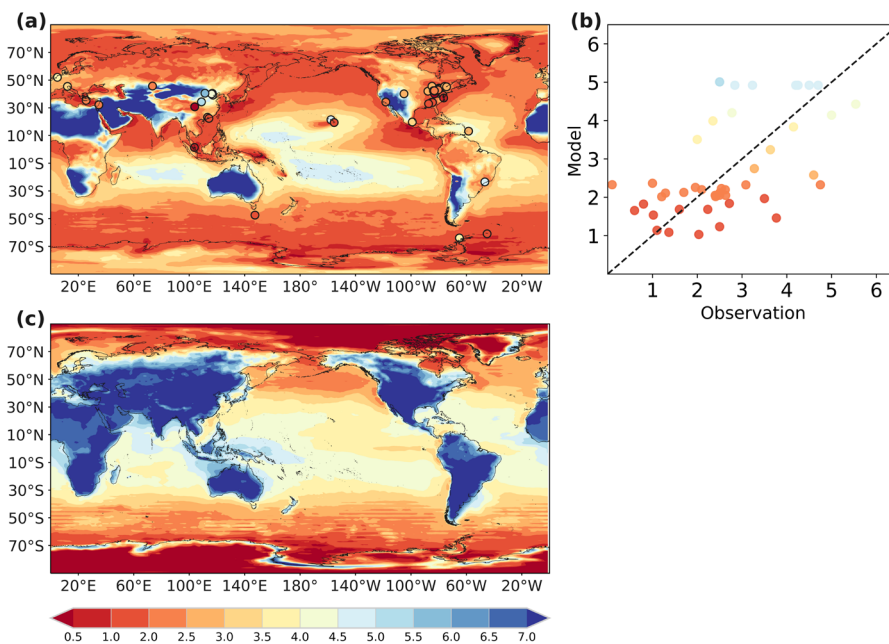


Figure S2. (a) Spatial distribution of surface aerosol pH in accumulation mode in 2013 and observationally estimated ground-level fine-aerosol pH (dots) from Pye et al. (2020). (b) The linear relationship between simulated surface aerosol pH in accumulation mode and observationally estimated ground-level fine-aerosol pH. (c) Spatial distribution of surface aerosol pH in coarse mode in 2013. The aerosol pH is calculated based on  $\text{H}^+$  concentrations for each aerosol mode at each time step.

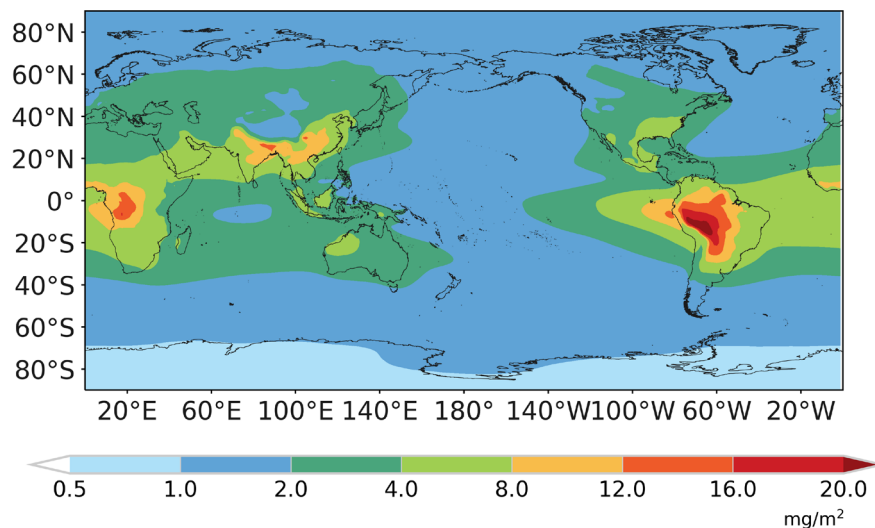


Figure S3. Spatial distribution of Secondary Organic Aerosols (SOA) burden from 2001 to 2017 with simulation data from Liu et al. (2023).

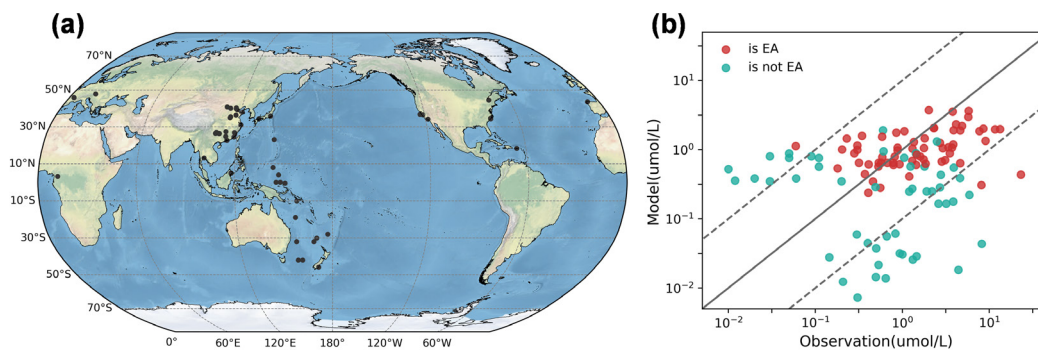


Figure S4. (a) Sample locations of the observed oxalate in rain/cloud water (Sempéré and Kawamura, 1996; Willey et al., 2000; Brooks Avery et al., 2001; Kawamura et al., 2001; Hegg et al., 2002; Kieber et al., 2002; Löflund et al., 2002; Peña et al., 2002; Kim et al., 2003; Sigha-Nkamdjou et al., 2003; Crahan et al., 2004; Hu et al., 2005; Brooks Avery et al., 2006; Xu et al., 2009; Huang et al., 2010; Huo et al., 2010; Sumari et al., 2010; Gioda et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2011; Zhang et al., 2011; Khuntong, 2012; Zhu et al., 2016; Du et al., 2017; Zhao et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2021; González et al., 2022; Lee et al., 2022; Xie et al., 2022; Sun et al., 2024). (b) The comparison between estimated oxalate concentration in cloud water and observations. Red circles represent locations in East Asia (EA), and green circles represent locations elsewhere.

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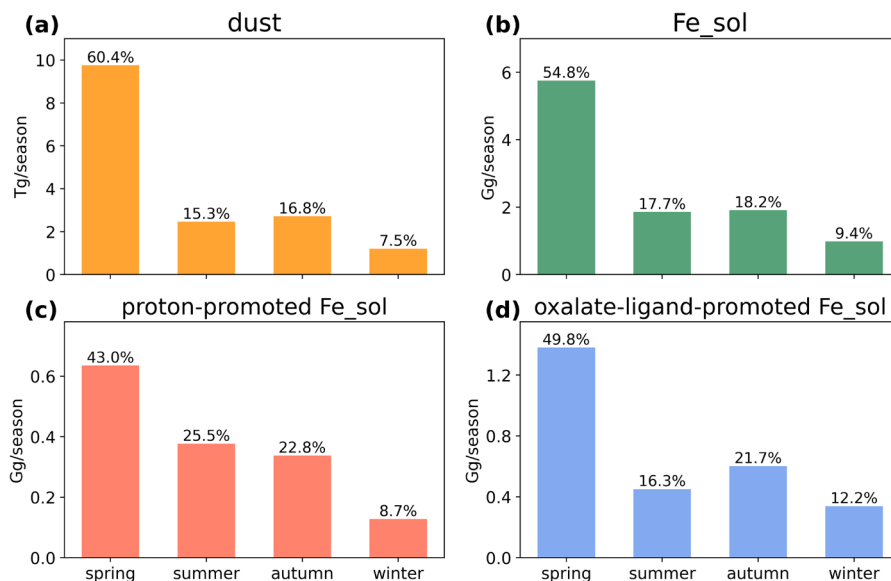
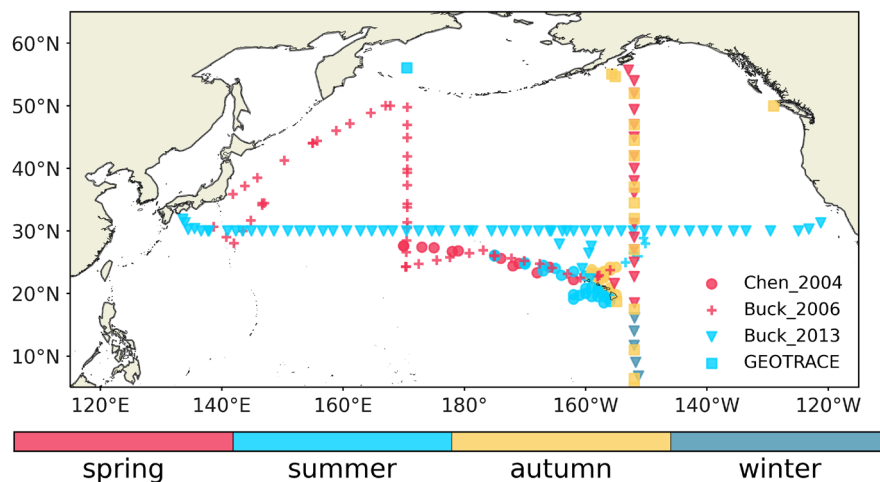


Figure S5. Dust, total soluble iron, proton-promoted soluble iron, and oxalate-promoted soluble iron deposition over Northwest Pacific (30-50N, 140E-160W) in 2001.



45 Figure S6. Seasons and locations of total and soluble iron observational samples over the North Pacific. Different colors represent different months and different shapes represent different data sources (Chen et al., 2004; Buck et al., 2006; Buck et al., 2013; GEOTRACES Intermediate Data Product Group (2021)).

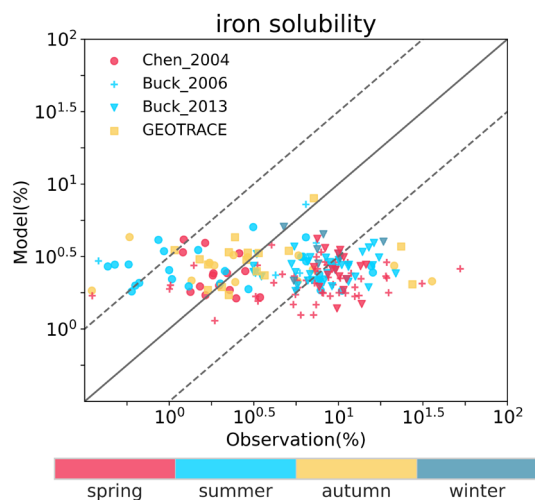


Figure S7. The comparison about iron solubility between simulation and observations.

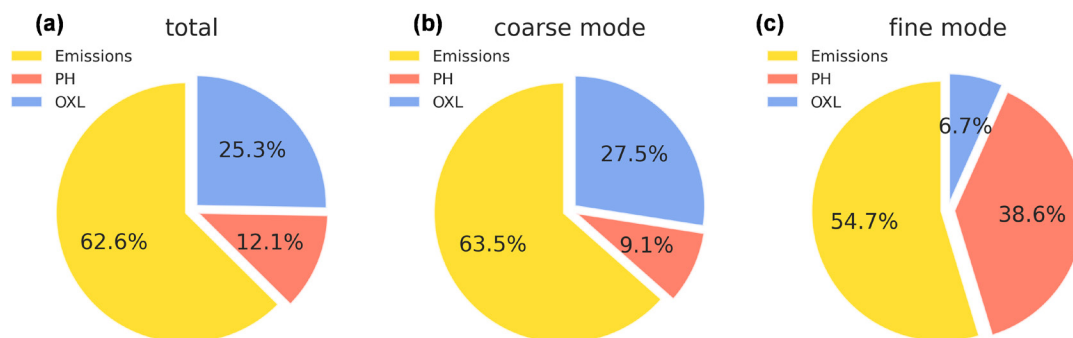


Figure S8. Relative contributions of emissions, oxalate-promoted, and proton-promoted processing to the Northwest Pacific dust soluble iron deposition averaged of 2001-2017 springs in total (a), coarse mode (b), and fine mode (c).

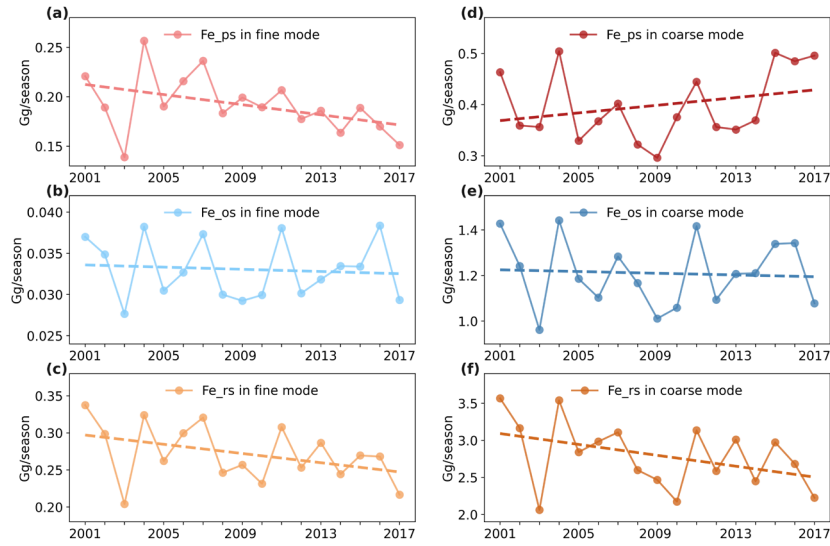


Figure S9. Interannual variations of dust soluble iron deposition from proton-promoted (a, d), oxalate-promoted (b, e) and emissions (c, f) in coarse and fine mode (aitken + accumulation) to the Northwest Pacific averaged of 2001-2017 springs.

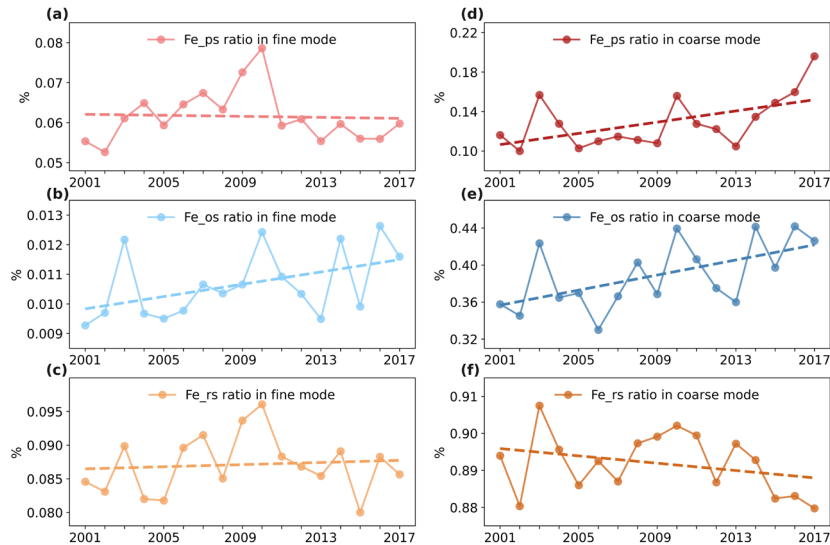


Figure S10. Interannual variations of contribution of each iron solubilization process including proton-promoted (a, d), oxalate-promoted (b, e) and emissions (c, f) in coarse and fine mode (aitken + accumulation) to dust total iron deposition to the Northwest Pacific averaged of 2001-2017 springs.

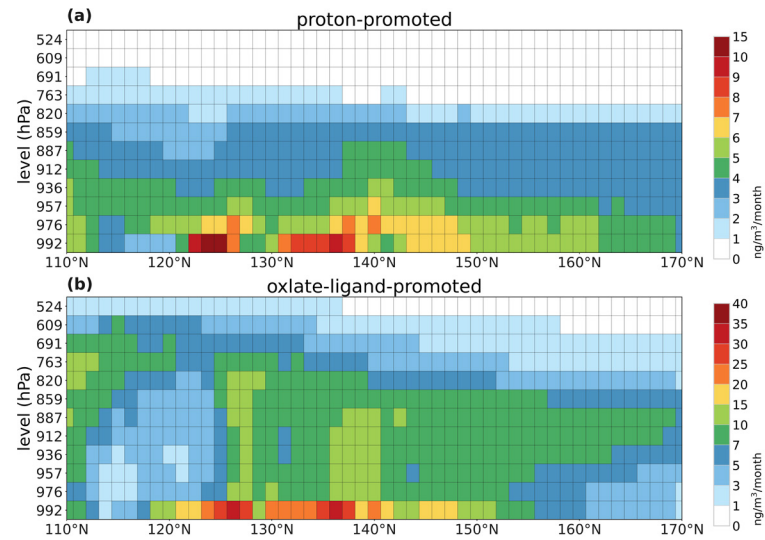


Figure S11. Vertical distributions of proton-promoted (a) and oxalate-promoted (b) soluble iron production rate averaged 30N-50N during the 2001-2017 springs.

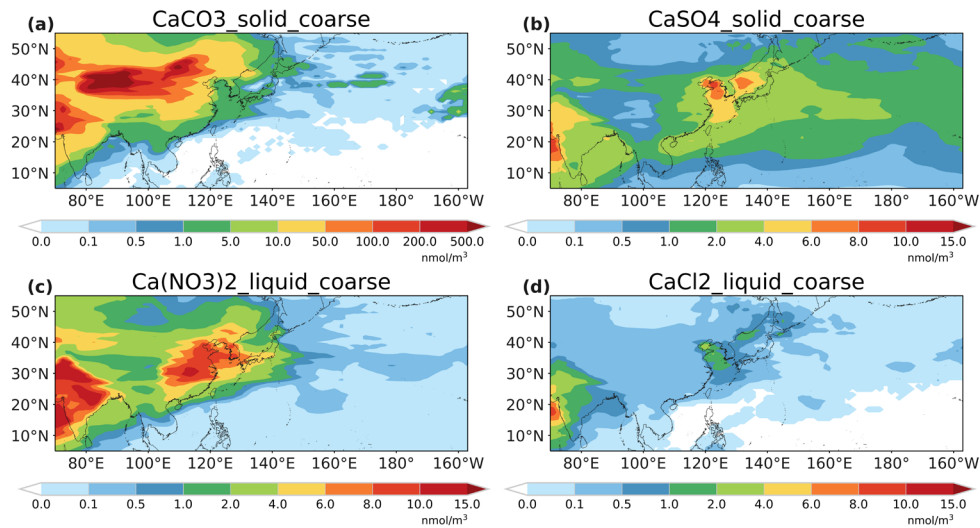
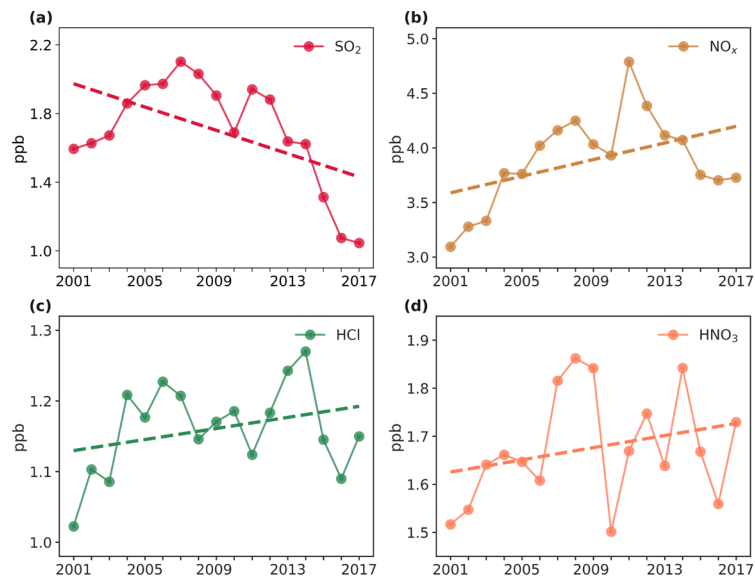
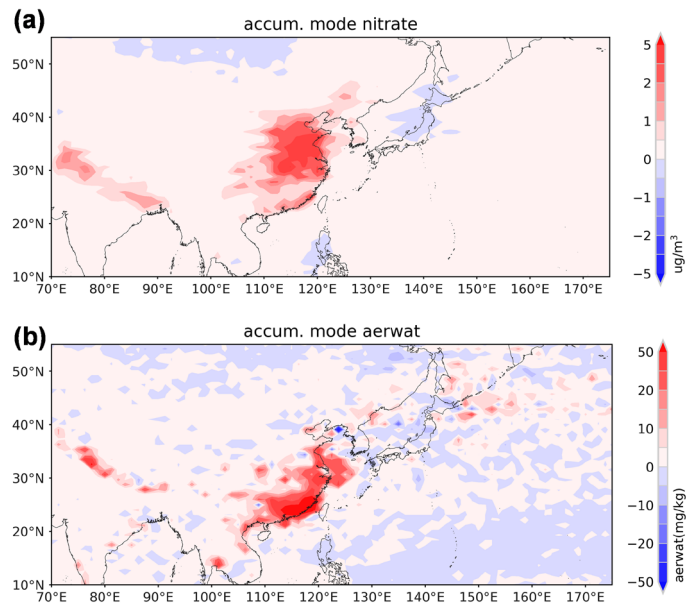


Figure S12. Spatial distributions of coarse mode solid-phase  $\text{CaCO}_3$ (a), solid-phase  $\text{CaSO}_4$ (b), liquid-phase  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ , and liquid-phase  $\text{CaCl}_2$  averaged of 2001 spring.



80 Figure S13. Temporal variations of surface concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub> (a), NO<sub>x</sub> (a), HCl (c), and HNO<sub>3</sub>(d) over the area of high production rate of proton-promoted soluble iron (30-45N, 120-150E) averaged of 2001-2017 springs.



85 Figure S14. Changes in the spatial distributions of surface accumulation mode nitrate aerosol concentration (a) and aerosol water content (b) induced by NO<sub>x</sub> experiment.

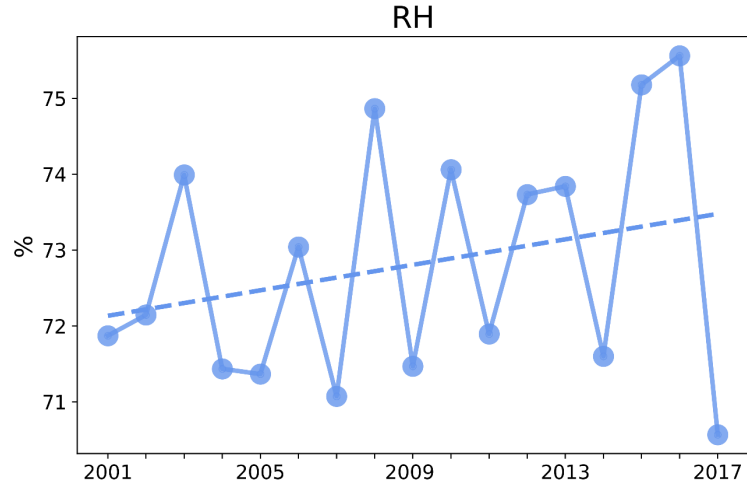


Figure S15. Temporal variations of simulated surface relative humidity over the high production rate of oxalate-promoted soluble iron area (30-45N, 120-150E) averaged of 2001-2017 springs.

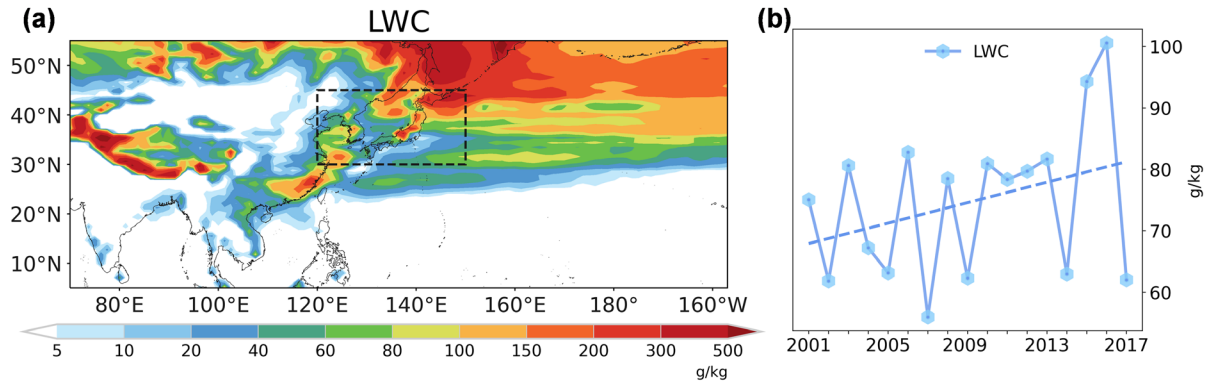


Figure S16. (a) Spatial distributions of surface cloud liquid water content averaged of 2001-2017 springs. (b) Temporal variations of surface cloud liquid water content over high production rate area (30-45N, 120-150E) averaged of 2001-2017 springs.

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