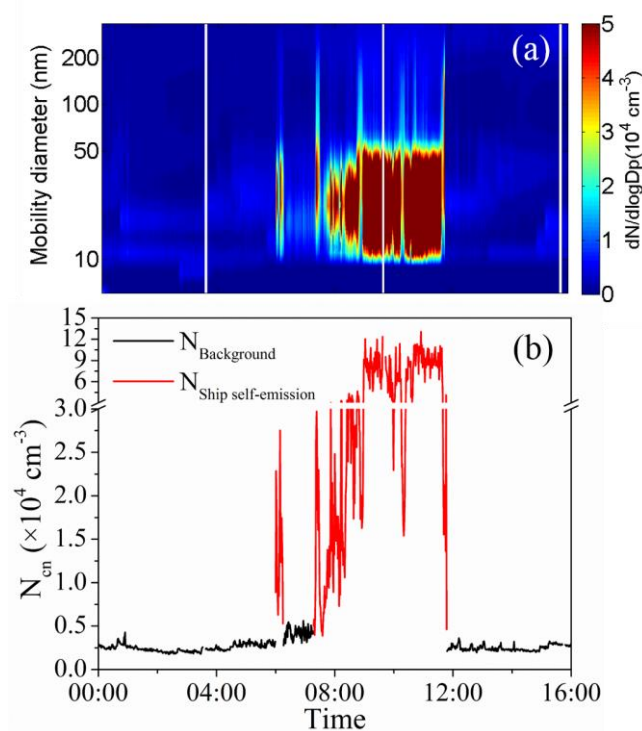


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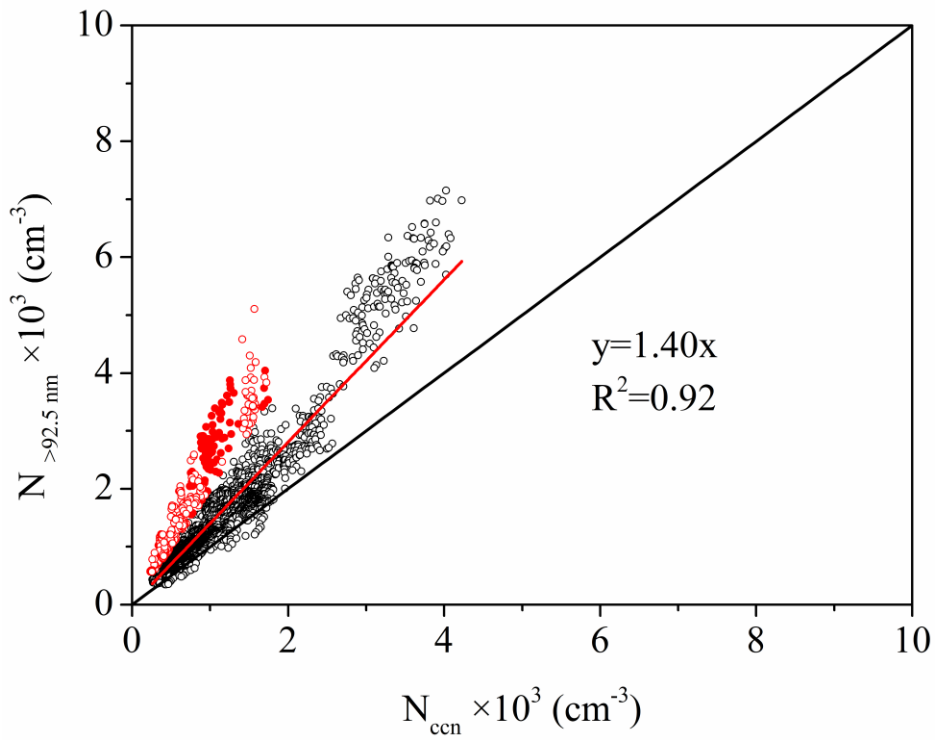
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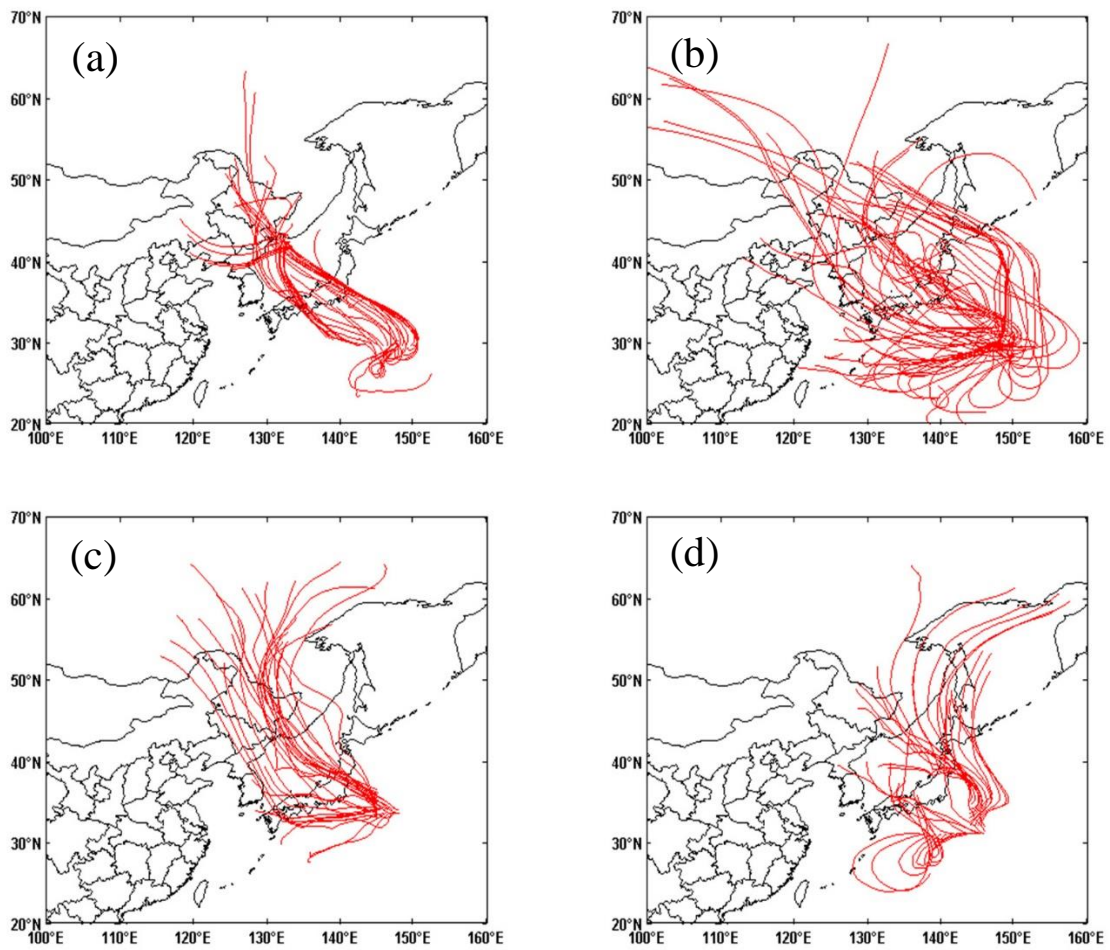
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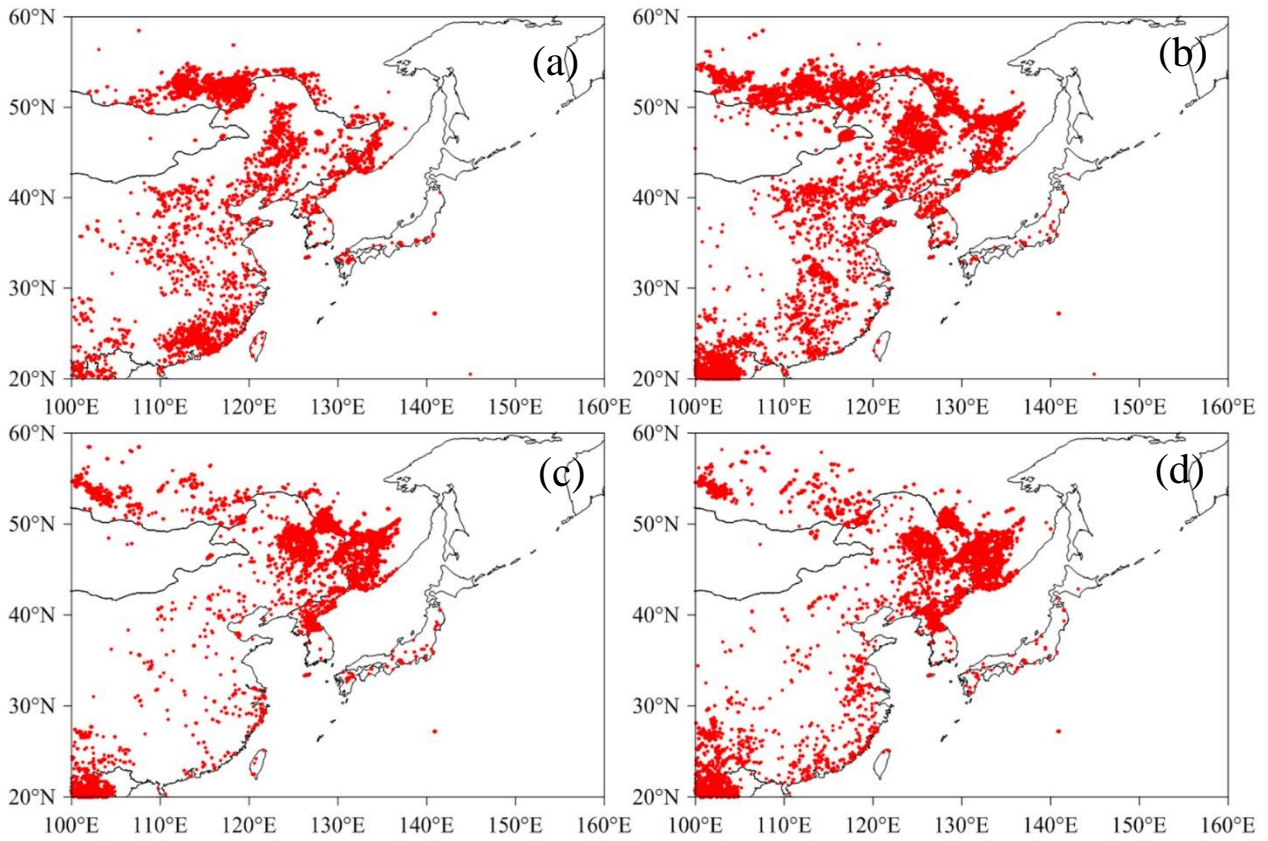
**Figure S1** An example to screen out the signals from ship self-emissions (a: high particle number concentration signals in dark red suffer from the large interference of ship self-emissions; particle number size distributions show a constant dominant mode at  $22 \pm 2$  nm; b: red spikes are the signals mainly reflect the contribution from ship-emissions and the black baseline reflects the signals of marine background aerosols).



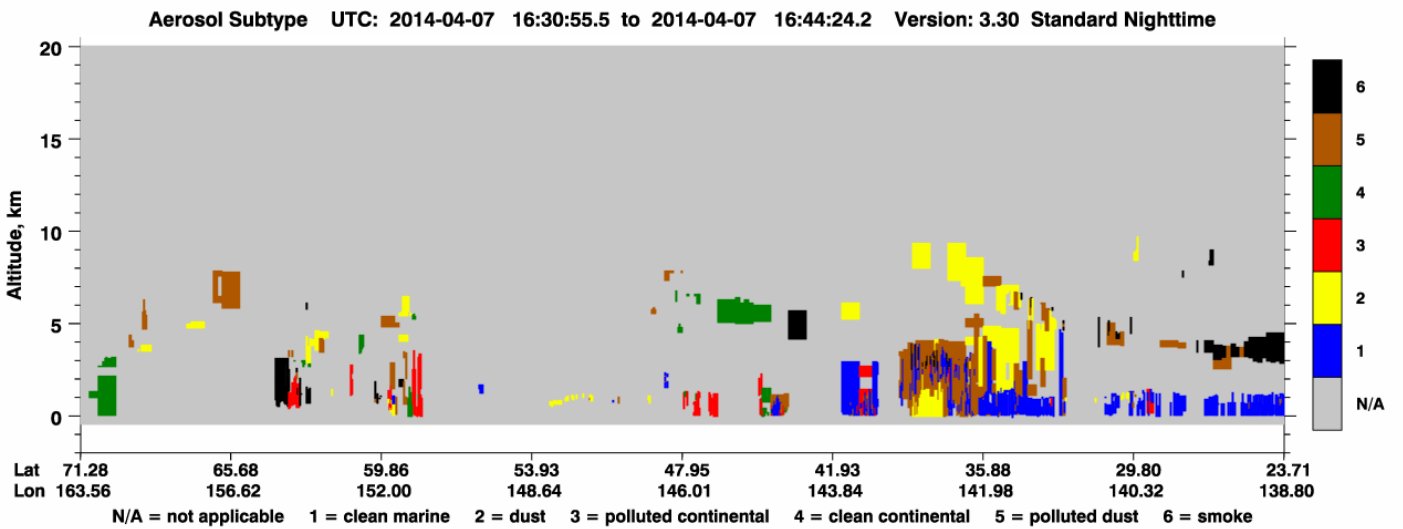
**Figure S2** Scatterplots of  $N_{\text{ccn}}$  at SS of 0.2% versus  $N_{>92.5 \text{ nm}}$ . (Biomass burning aerosol and dust aerosol are shown in full red cycles with empty red cycles representing suspected either biomass burning or dust aerosol; the black line represents the 1:1 relationship, and the red line shows the best fit using the data shown as empty black cycles.)



**Figure S3** 72-hour air mass backward trajectories over the NWPO at 1000 m for Period 1 (a), Period 2 (b), Period 3 (c), and Period 4 (d).



**Figure S4** Fire spots from FIRMS in East China, Siberia, and Russian Far East for Period 1 (a), Period 2 (b), Period 3 (c), and Period 4 (d).



**Figure S5** Vertical profiles of the aerosol subtypes captured by CALIPSO during dust event.

**Table S1** Concentrations of CN and CCN and AR during DOY 77-80 and DOY 109-112, 2014.

Sampling periods	DOY 77-80	DOY 109-112	DOY 77-80 and DOY 109-112
CN( $\times 10^3$ ) <sup>a</sup>	1.9-19.2, 5.2 $\pm$ 2.4 <sup>b</sup>	2.4-13.4, 7.2 $\pm$ 3.1	1.9-19.2, 5.8 $\pm$ 2.8
CCN( $\times 10^3$ ), SS =0.2%	0.23-4.2, 1.5 $\pm$ 1.0	0.64-4.0, 2.1 $\pm$ 0.99	0.23-4.2, 1.7 $\pm$ 1.0
CCN( $\times 10^3$ ), SS =0.4%	0.34-7.5, 2.7 $\pm$ 1.9	1.1-7.5, 4.2 $\pm$ 2.0	0.34-7.5, 3.3 $\pm$ 2.0
AR, 0.2%SS	0.07-0.53, 0.29 $\pm$ 0.11	0.21-0.53, 0.32 $\pm$ 0.06	0.07-0.53, 0.30 $\pm$ 0.09
AR, 0.4%SS	0.11-0.92, 0.50 $\pm$ 0.19	0.29-0.88, 0.61 $\pm$ 0.13	0.11-0.92, 0.53 $\pm$ 0.18

<sup>a</sup> Unit the  $\times 10^3\text{cm}^{-3}$ <sup>b</sup> Range and mean  $\pm$  standard deviation