Supplementary materials

Modeling of the concentrations of ultrafine particles in the plumes of ships in the vicinity of major harbors

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Figure S1. Measurement sites in (**a**) Helsinki South Harbor (sites H1, H2 and H4) and in West Harbor (site H7), and (**b**) along the shipping channel to Turku Harbor (sites T2, T4, T6, T7 and T8). The sites are numbered as in Pirjola et al. (2014) [11]. (©OpenStreetMap contributors, CC BY-SA, see http://www.openstreetmap.org/).



Figure S2. Power-law fit to the modeled concentrations at receptors in the ship plume based on dispersion simulations with EPISODE-CityChem: (a) A_20110111, (b) A_20110912, (c) A_20110913, (d) B_20100803, (e) D_20110111, (f) D_20110908, (g) H_20100811, (h) H_20100817, (i) I_20100812, (k) J_20100817, (l) J_20110217, (m) K_20110802. In addition, the measured peak 1-min averaged concentration at Sniffer (red dot) is indicated. Background concentrations were subtracted from the data.



Figure S3. Gas-phase concentrations of relevant tracers and atmospheric oxidants in the ship plume in the first 15 minutes after release: (**a**) Helsinki ship event A_20110912 in summer, (**b**) Turku ship event J_20100811 in summer, and (**c**) Turku ship event J_20110217 in winter. Nitric acid (HNO₃) forming via reaction between NO₂ and OH is the main oxidation product of primary emitted NO₂ in the daytime plume, while nitrate (NO₃) radicals lead to increasing production of dinitrogen pentoxide (N₂O₅) in the nighttime plume.



Figure S4. Results from the sensitivity tests with the aerosol dynamics model. (**a**) NP number concentration after 30 s and 120 s plume travel time, (**b**) number concentration of ultrafine particles with Dp > 25 nm (after 30 s and 120 s), (**c**) mean diameter of Nuc1 mode (after 30 s and 120 s), (**d**) PN concentration as function of time on logarithmic scale, (**e**) chemical composition of nanoparticles (wet particle mass) in the base run after 1 s, 30 s, 120 s, 300 s ; and (**f**) the same for case HSULF. Sensitivity tests were performed for ship event A_20110912. BASE: base run configuration; 2XSO3: SOx-to-SO3 conversion rate of 2%; T310K: initial in-plume temperature of 310 K; NUHET: homogeneous heteromolecular nucleation between H₂SO₄ and organic vapor molecules; HSULF: Nuc₂ mode mass composed of 100 % liquid H₂SO₄.



Figure S5. Mass composition distribution in the size range 1–600 nm at different travel times of the ship plume simulated with the MAFOR model. In addition to the total mass concentration (green line), the plots show the mass distributions of nonvolatile primary organic matter (NV-POM; red dashed line with open circles), soot (black dashed line), sulfuric acid (magenta dash dotted line), semivolatile and low volatile organic matter (SV-OM, black dashed line with open circles), extremely low-volatility organic matter (ELV-OM) as well as the mass distribution of water (blue dashed line). Results are from the base simulation for ship event A_20110912.

Ship name	Hs (m)	Ds ¹ (m)	Т _Е (К)	Vs (m s ⁻¹)	Н _в (m)	Wв (m)
A (Viking Express)	33	0.8	580	23	28 ²	28
B (Baltic Princess)	45	0.8	580	23	40 ²	29
D (Viking Mariella)	45	0.8	580	23	40 ²	28
H (Silja Galaxy)	45	0.8	580	23	40 ²	29
I (Viking Isabella)	45	0.8	580	23	40 ²	28
J (Viking Amorella)	45	0.8	580	23	45	28
K (Seawind)	40	0.8	580	23	35 ²	22

Table S1. Ship stack parameters and ship geometry. Stack height (Hs), stack diameter (Ds), exhausttemperature (TE), exhaust exit velocity (Vs), ship building height (HB), ship building width (WB).

¹ A circular stack exit is assumed.

² Building height estimated as being 5 m below stack exit.

Table S2. Ship engine power (ME: main engine, AE: auxiliary engine) and ship emissions of NOx, SOx and total particle number (PN) based on STEAM during ship events. Values are 1-min. averages during ship passage, when the ship was closest to Sniffer.

Event	ME (kW)	AE (kW)	E(NOx) (g s ⁻¹)	E(SOx) (g s ⁻¹)	E(PN) (s ⁻¹)
A_20110111	4100	1460	1.4	2.9	0.72×10^{15}
A_20110912	900	1460	0.5	1.0	0.50×10^{15}
A_20110913	3050	1460	1.0	2.2	1.07×10^{15}
B_20100803	0	3530	11.8	0.4	1.05x10 ¹⁵
D_20110111	0	3270	10.9	0.4	0.99x10 ¹⁵
D_20110908	10	3270	10.9	0.4	0.97x10 ¹⁵
H_20100811	1570	3530	12.3	2.3	1.50×10^{15}
H_20100817	1770	3530	12.4	2.5	1.56x10 ¹⁵
I_20100812	1060	2440	11.9	1.6	1.05×10^{15}
I_20110207	1080	2440	12.0	2.2	1.06x10 ¹⁵
J_20100811	1250	2440	12.6	1.9	1.11x10 ¹⁵
J_20100817	940	2440	11.6	1.5	1.03x10 ¹⁵
J_20110217	970	2440	12.7	2.1	1.12x10 ¹⁵
K_20110802	690	700	4.8	0.9	0.44×10^{15}

Table S3. Mass composition (in %) of the ship exhaust particle emissions. Size ranges of the particle modes: $Nuc_2 - Dp < 10$ nm; Aitken - 10 nm < Dp < 100 nm; Acc - 100 nm < Dp < 1000 nm; Coarse - 1000 nm < Dp < 8000 nm.

Particle size mode	Sulfuric acid	Organic carbon	Elemental carbon	Mineral dust	Sea salt	Ammonium nitrate
Nuc2	20	80	0	0	0	0
Aitken	16	40	44	0	0	0
Acc	16	67	5	12	0	0
Coarse	16	65	5	14	0	0

Table S4. Mass composition (in %) of particulate matter in the urban background air. Size ranges of theparticle modes: Nuc2 – Dp < 10 nm; Aitken – 10 nm < Dp < 100 nm; Acc – 100 nm < Dp < 1000 nm; Coarse –</td>1000 nm < Dp < 8000 nm.</td>

Particle size mode	Sulfuric acid	Organic carbon	Elemental carbon	Mineral dust	Sea salt	Ammonium nitrate
Nuc2	26	68	0	0	0	6
Aitken	23	18	20	12	5	22
Acc	23	18	20	12	5	22
Coarse	23	18	20	12	5	22

Table S5. Conditions of the ship plume dispersion and parameters used in the single term power series fits to the modeled NOx concentration data for ship events in Helsinki and Turku. The atmospheric stability conditions (according to the P-G classification) was determined based on the inverse Monin-Obukhov length (Lo⁻¹) calculated by MPI-FMM; H_{mix} is the mixing height and H_{eff} is the effective emission height.

Event	Atmospheric stability, P-G	Lo ⁻¹ (m ⁻¹)	H _{mix} (m)	Heff (m)	a	b
A_20110111	neutral, D	4.95x10 ⁻⁴	638	14	0.19x10 ⁶	1.29
A_20110912	slightly unstable, C	-8.01x10-5	519	14	0.03x10 ⁶	0.99
A_20110913	slightly unstable, C	-2.36x10-4	2020	14	0.11x10 ⁶	1.19
B_20100803	unstable, B	-1.04x10-2	1140	48	1.29x10 ⁶	1.29
D_20110111	neutral, D	5.45x10-4	661	32	0.85x10 ⁶	1.31
D_20110908	very stable, F	4.59x10-2	131	87	0.41x10 ⁶	1.24
H_20100811	unstable, B	-1.19x10-2	1060	41	0.42x10 ⁶	1.28
H_20100817	unstable, B	-6.80x10-3	674	42	0.97x10 ⁶	1.33
I_20100812	unstable, B	-2.95x10 ⁻²	1620	84	1.20x10 ⁶	1.47
I_20110207	slightly stable, E	3.10x10 ⁻³	194	43	1.19x10 ⁶	1.44
J_20100811	unstable, B	-1.19x10 ⁻²	1060	38	0.59x10 ⁶	1.27
J_20100817	unstable, B	-6.80x10-3	674	44	0.94x10 ⁶	1.44
J_20110217	very stable, F	3.50x10-1	64	44	0.30x10 ⁶	1.14
K_20110802	very stable, F	1.14x10-1	95	84	0.05x10 ⁶	0.99

Event	Peak time t	Travel time dt (s)	Distance ship (m)	Observed PN (cm ⁻³)	Modeled PN (cm ⁻³)	M-O (%)
A_20110111	11:37:33	22	220	11.8x10 ⁴	16.2x10 ⁴	37
A_20110912	11:40:47	42	231	27.0x10 ⁴	16.5x10 ⁴	-39
A_20110913	11:33:43	79	394	29.5x104	7.62x10 ⁴	-74
B_20100803	18:36:40	103	556	4.25x10 ⁴	3.63x10 ⁴	-15
D_20110111	17:44:45	69	348	7.07x10 ⁴	4.43x10 ⁴	-37
D_20110908	17:42:28	130	261	6.34x10 ⁴	8.97x10 ⁴	41
H_20100811	08:43:20	240	1342	2.36x104	2.24x10 ⁴	-5
H_20100817	08:35:30	193	732	2.43x10 ⁴	3.25x10 ⁴	34
I_20100812	19:31:40	139	416	4.48x10 ⁴	2.67x10 ⁴	-40
I_20110207	19:26:50	335	1273	2.11x10 ⁴	0.61x10 ⁴	-71
J_20100811	09:05:00	269	1143	2.77x10 ⁴	2.22x10 ⁴	-20
J_20100817	09:01:50	93	625	1.86x104	2.72x10 ⁴	46
J_20110217	07:14:50	196	451	8.24x10 ⁴	8.32x10 ⁴	1
K_20110802	20:23:50	1797	1258	0.79x104	1.20x104	51

Table S6. Comparison of modeled and measured PN concentrations at peak time t1, for ship events in Helsinki and Turku. PN includes all particles with Dp > 10 nm in size. Travel time dt is the time an air parcel released at ship stack needs to reach Sniffer; dt = t1 - t0. Distance of the ship to Sniffer at t1 is based on the AIS position data.