Black carbon measurements in different conditions

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**) Reporting of the ship measurements ongoing.

Results have been reported to IMO PPR 4
Ships travel close to coast where dense population lives

Globally, from shipping appr. 9% of $\text{SO}_x$, 18-30% of $\text{NO}_x$ and 8-13% of diesel BC (Winther 2014, Azzara 2015).

BC from increasing shipping in Arctic would threaten climate

BC is a major contributor to Arctic warming. Extending ship BC to the Arctic region would be detrimental to the climate. BC on snow and ice accelerate melting by reducing the reflectivity.

IMO limit for BC from ships is anticipated. Controls on BC are on a high priority.

SEA-EFFECTS BC project aims at more reliable BC emission measurements from ships in different conditions.
Test matrix in laboratory

Wärtsilä Vasa 4R32 LN 1.6 MW medium-speed engine at VTT’s engine laboratory.

Two engine loads:
- 75% corresponding to the open sea engine loading conditions.
- 25% corresponding to the near-harbor engine loading conditions.

Test fuels:
- Marine Diesel Oil with 0.1% sulphur content: “0.1%S”
- Fuel with 0.5% sulphur content: “0.5%S” (not a distillate)
- Heavy fuel oil: “2.5%S”
- A blend of “biofuel” and distillate in ratio of 30:70: “Bio30”

Engine oil: Shell Argina XL 40 engine oil.
From the IMO’s candidate BC methods, FSN, PAS and MAAP were included

| BC: Smoke Meters. BC based on Filter Smoke Number (FSN). | AVL 415S (VTT)  
AVL 415SE (AVL) |
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| BC: Aethalometers. | MAGEE AE42 (FMI)  
MAGEE AE33 (Metropolia) |
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Ref. CIMAC Paper no. 068, 6-10 June 2016.
Test set-up in laboratory

- Nine different BC/EC instruments.
- A number of in-depth analyses.
- Complex dilution set-up for MAAP and aethalometers. Heated diluters.
- Sample pre-treatment (CS, TD).
- Gaseous emissions, i.a. H₂O for dry/wet corrections.
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The best practices for emission tests followed

Before/after test campaign
- Engine and test set-up stabilisation
- Lube oil running hours checked
- Fuel and lube samples analysed
- One fuel tested before and after campaign (stability of the set-up)

During the test campaign
- Warm-up and load change protocol
- On-line measurements (e.g. NO with FTIR) to follow engine stability
- Fuel temperature adjusted according to engine manufacturer’s requirements
- Systematic daily protocol and ”dummy” tests before actual sampling

Periodical recordings
- Engine speed, alternator power, rack position, bearing temp, HC of blow-by
- Test cell T&RH, intake air T, pressure diff, under pressure in meas pipe, T and P before/after TC, TC speed, air gauge P before cooler/ in receiver, air T in receiver, exhaust T, cyl. T
- Water T from different locations
- Fuel mass flow rate in/out/booster, fuel T/P after feed pump, fuel P before/after engine (booster), fuel volume flow rate in/out, fuel T before/after engine, fuel viscosity before engine, fuel P on engine (in/out)
- Lube T from different locations, lube P

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Test matrix on-board a modern cruising ship

- Two different engine sizes
- 40% and 75% engine loads

- Two different fuels:
  - HFO fuel
  - MGO fuel (only one engine at 40% load)

- Measurements after and before scrubber

Measurement set-up on-board resembled that of the laboratory measurements

These ship results not been published before.
Share of EC in PM low for all fuels. Heavy PAHs lowest for 0.1%S and Bio30.

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BC 75% load

BC 25% load

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PM and BC from an old engine in lab and from a modern ship

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CHALLENGING CONDITIONS IN BC MEASUREMENTS
Raw exhaust? Mild or high dilution ratio?

Equipment designed for ambient measurements need high dilution ratios at high BC concentrations.

DR = \frac{CO_{2\text{raw}} - CO_{2\text{bg}}}{CO_{2\text{dil}} - CO_{2\text{bg}}}

DR > 400 at BC ~ 10 mg/Nm³ for MAAP (16.7 lpm).

How to measure DR 400? E.g. raw CO₂ 50 000 ppm, diluted CO₂ 500 ppm, background CO₂ 380 ppm. Prone to CO₂ contamination in engine environment.
High dilution ratios are challenging

- Multi-stage dilution set-up is complex
- Extensive instrumentation, procedures and experienced personnel needed for reliable results.
  - CO₂ measurements at different locations of the sampling system
  - CO₂ measurements on-line from dilution air.
  - CO₂ contamination risk in the engine environment.
  - T, RH, impurities (PN) of dilution air to be monitored.
  - Ultra-pure dilution air without CO₂ recommended.

- High DRs are **challenging in laboratory and not practical on board**.

* Dilution ratio is a multiplier in the calculation of the BC results → bias in DR is directly reflected in the BC results.

* Exceedance of the measurement range of MAAP is not easily recognized.
How exceedances of MAAP range were found?

Lower BC with MAAP than with the other instruments at DR<200.

Similar BC in the same dilution line at DR>600 (not quantitative).

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|                               | • No need for pressurised air and filteration or drying (typically)  
• Simple installation  
• No need to consider the uncertainty of dilution ratio | Condensation of sample gas to be avoided |
| **Instrument’s own dilution, low dilution ratio**  
(AVL MSS, Pegasor PPS) | • Low risk of condensation of the sample gas  
• Simple system  
• Manufacturer’s procedures for calibrations and quality assurance | • Pressurized air needed from ship (or small compressor)  
• Filteration and drying of the dilution air  
• More complex installation and more devices compared to a raw measurement  
• Increases uncertainties to some extent |
| **High dilution ratios DR>>100**  
(MAAP, aethalometers) | Good for research (qualitative) purposes | • Not for regular ship BC measurements  
• Complicated test set-up  
• Experienced operators needed  
• High uncertainties due to DR |
Observations of the BC methods

BC meas. instruments using raw exhaust or low DR performed well (FSN, PAS)

Comparability of BC was good for two smoke meters (FSN), AVL MSS (PAS), MAAP and aethalometers when all requirements for test conditions were met.

Instruments designed for ambient measurements are challenging

- High uncertainties in the results as DR is a multiplier in the calculation.
- Measurement range of MAAP exceeded.
- EC method designed for ambient PM needed development for ship PM.

Pretreatment (CS, TD) alleviated bias between BC instruments, but at the cost of increased complexity of the test set-up.

Size-dependent corrections for soot particle losses are need for the calculation of the results when using high DR and/or pre-treatment (CS, TD).

Heated diluters are needed for high-sulphur fuels (clogging and corrosion are threats).

On-board a ship, heavy and large instruments are not desired.

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Summary

- In the laboratory for an old engine, the results unveiled dependences between BC, fuel types and engine loads. BC was not directly dependent, while PM was dependent on the fuel sulphur content.

- On-board measurements on a modern cruising ship showed low BC from two different size engines at two loads and two different fuel types (HFO, MGO).

- Conditions in ship measurements are challenging. Not all IMO candidate methods are recommendable to be used in practise.