Air Quality, Black Carbon and Ultrafine particles in the Port Area of Civitavecchia

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GOALS

- In spite of epidemiological studies showing higher mortality of residents with respect to the surrounding region (respiratory pathologies and cancer), air quality thresholds for PM10 and NO2 are rarely exceeded in Civitavecchia.
- This study addresses the port loads and origins of black carbon (BC) and ultrafine particles (UFP) (two pollutants with stronger associations with health effects than PM10), as measured in the month of April 2016 by the CNR-ISAC van "AEROLAB".
- Concurrently, short and long-term air quality measurements performed by the regional environmental agency (ARPA Lazio) and by the Port Authority are analyzed to investigate the port's impact on regulated air constituents.



BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

- Civitavecchia is the major port serving the Rome area in central Italy.
- In addition to regular ferry links with Sardinia, north Africa, and Spain the port hosts an important traffic of cruise ships, cargo ferries, and carrier ships summing-up to some 3000 ship movements per year, involving 4 million passengers, 1 million vehicles, and 17 Mt of goods.





 The port touches the NW portion of the city of Civitavecchia (50,000 inhabitants), and extends NW for about 3 km, up the coal cargo pier serving the 2000 MW, coal-fired power station of Torrevaldaliga Nord.





CIVITAVECCHIA PORT's SITES





CIVITAVECCHIA 'PORTO' STATION - WIND CLIMATOLOGY 2013-2016





Proportion contribution to the mean (%)



CIVITAVECCHIA - PIER 24

AEROLAB instrumentation



| Instrument | Measured Variable | Time Res | Operation | |
|--|--|----------|------------|--|
| APS | Aerosol number size Distribution (da 500-20000 nm) | 5 min | 5-27APR16 | |
| SMPS | Aerosol number size Distribution (dm 10-800 nm) | 5 min | 5-27APR16 | |
| Nephelometer | Aerosol Scattering Coeff. @ 3 wavelengths | 1 min | 5-27APR16 | |
| Aethalometer | Aerosol Absorption Coeff. @ 7 wavelengths | 1 min | 5-27APR16 | |
| OPC | Aerosol (optical) size Distribution 0.25-20 um + PM10-PM2.5-PM1 | 1 min | 5-27APR16 | |
| CHM15K Lidar-Ceilometer | Range-resolved Aerosol Backscatter, MLH, Clouds, Fog | 5 min | 5-27APR16 | 200 100 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| Meteo & Radiation | Meteo Station + Pyranometer | 1 min | 5-27APR16 | |
| Aerosol Chemical Speciation Monitor-Isac-BO | PM1 organics + sulfates + nitrates (@ISAC Bologna) | 20 min | 12-27APR16 | |
| PM2.5 + PM10 streaker (INFN-FI) | PIXE Elemental analysis @ INFN accelerator Florence | 60 min | 6-27APR16 | |
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ARPA-Porto a Three-Year Climatology 2013-2016 PM10 (avg. 23 ug/m3)





Proportion contribution to the mean (%)





ARPA-Porto Three-Year Climatology 2013-2016 NOx (42 ug/m3)







Proportion contribution to the mean (%)





ARPA-Porto Three-Year Climatology 2013-2016

SO2 (1.21ug/m3)



Civitavecchia – April 2016 – ARPA Porto / Molinari AQ stations





Black-carbon (eBC) and ultrafine particles (UFP) @ Molo24

60% of Black Carbon originated from port's piers area. Avg. Load 1.3 (90° pct 2.7) μg/m3 Rome city center UB (1.28+/-1 μg/m3); Vespucci transect offshore 2016 (0.3 μg/m3)



75% of ultrafine particles originated from port's piers area. Avg. Conc. 20400 (90° PCT 49500 cm-3) Rome city center (18000+/-8000 cm-3)

mean







CPF at the 90th percentile (=49513)



Average levels and percent contribution from the port area

Regulated pollutants

| PERIOD | SITE | PM10 μg/m3 | % PM10 from Port | NOx μg/m3 | % NOx from Port | SO2 µg/m3 | % SO2 from Port |
|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 2013-2016 | Arpa Porto | 22.4 | 40% | 42.6 | 49 | 1.21 | 65 |
| APR 2016 | Arpa Porto | 26.7 | 30 | 36.2 | 50 | 1.11 | 65 |

Black Carbon and Ultra Fine Particles

| DATE | SITE | eBC μg/m3 | % eBC from Piers | UFP cm-3 | % UFP from Piers |
|----------|---------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| APR-2016 | PIER 24 | 1.3 | 60 | 20400 | 75 |







Some Conclusions

- The Civitavecchia port area includes important sources of pollutants affecting the city (about 50% of regulated ones); Minimum port emissions occur in winter;
- > Principal port emissions:
 - BC: Ferries+Cargo+Ground Traffic+Carriers;
 - > UFP: Ferries+Carriers+Cruise+Ground Traffic
 - > SO2 & NO2: Ferries+Cruise+Ground Traffic
 - PM10: All
- Local meteorology plays an important role at conveying pollutants away from the city; it should be better exploited.
- In April 2016, Ro-Ro ferries conveyed the highest BC+PM10 emissions; Cruise ships and Ro-Ro ferries the maximum UFP and NO2; Ferries, Cruise and Tugboats Cruise the highest SO2 emissions;
- > Average levels of UFP and BC similar to the ones observed in major cities;
- > No meaningful impact was observed from the ENEL power station;







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