

Response to the reviewer's comments

“Dramatic increase in reactive VOC emissions from ships at berth after implementing the fuel switch policy in the Pearl River Delta Emissions Control Area” by Zhen-Feng Wu et al.

Reviewer #1

Ship emissions as important sources of air pollution at the coastal cities have raise widespread attention and their emission characteristics have been consistently studied by many researchers. Wu et al. presents the changes of VOC emissions from ships at berth after implementing the fuel switch policy at the ECA. They find that the apparent increase of reactive species in the VOC emissions due to the strategy and their second formation potentials including O₃ and SOA are also estimated. This study is well motivated for the effect evaluation of emission control strategies. However, despite the potential meaning of results from this study, the presentation of this study needs be improved to a large extent, especially for the writing.

Major Comments

1. Description of VOCs. The author measured 68 VOC species used by GC-MS/FID, but the author is very chaotic for the description of VOC species in this manuscript, using the term NMHCs or VOCs in different sentences. Which one is the accurate expression? Generally, NMHC concentrations are determined by subtracting the amount of CH₄ constituents from the THC measured by FID. The samples collected in canisters and analyzed by a preconcentrator coupled to GC-MSD/FID are speciated VOCs. Could the PEMS system measure THC and CH₄ concentrations?

Reply: Thanks. Yes, generally NMHC concentrations are determined by subtracting the amount of CH₄ constituents from the THC measured by FID. In this study, we collected samples in canisters and measured 68 VOC species by a preconcentrator coupled to the GC-MSD/FID. We further measured CH₄ in the canister samples by a gas chromatograph (Agilent 6980GC, USA) with a flame ionization detector and a packed column (5A molecular sieve 60/80 mesh, 3m × 1/8 in.). We did not report CH₄ in the manuscript since our concern is focused on photochemically reactive species. As the 68 VOC species we

determined are C2-C12 hydrocarbons, sometimes we just used the term “NMHC” when referring to the 68 VOCs in our manuscript. To avoid confusion, in the revised manuscript we have replaced all “NMHCs” with “VOCs”.

2. More information about sampling and analysis is needed, such as sampling flow, sampling time, sampling temperature, the auxiliary load, the devices used for conventional pollutants, and the standard gas for VOC measurement.

Reply: Thanks. As suggested, in the revised manuscript we have added more information about sampling flow, sampling time, devices used for conventional pollutants and standard gas for VOCs measurement as below:

“The ship exhaust first entered a Dekati® ejector dilutor (DI-1000, Dekati Ltd., Finland) from the sampling nozzle and then was spilt into four parts after being diluted with clean air: one part was for air sampling with 2 L canisters and 4 L Teflon bags for 3-5 min after passing through a filter; two other parts were for collecting PM_{2.5} samples with 47 mm Teflon filters (Whateman, Mainstone, UK) and 47 mm quartz fiber filters (Whateman, Mainstone, UK), respectively, at a flow of 16.7 L min⁻¹ for 20-30 min, after the diluted exhaust was mixed well in a stay cabin, and then passing through a PM_{2.5} separator; and the last part was the vent. Before dilution, the concentrations of CO₂, CO, SO₂ and NO_x in the ship exhaust were directly measured by a flue gas analyzer (F-550, WOHLER, Germany) while air samples were also collected simultaneously by a 2L canisters and a 4L Teflon bags.” (lines 120-127 in the revised manuscript).

We have added more information about the VOCs standards. “The calibration standards were prepared by dynamically diluting the 100 ppbv Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) standard mixture (57 NMHCs including 15 AHs) and TO-14 standard mixture (39 compounds) from Spectra Gases Inc., NJ, USA to 0.5, 1, 5, 15 and 30 ppbv. More details about the analysis are described elsewhere (Zhang et al., 2013; 2015; Yang et al., 2018).” Line 131-138.

Besides, we have also added sampling temperature and the auxiliary load in Table S1 in the supporting information as showed below:

Table S1. More information during sampling.

NO	Auxiliary engine
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	Sampling temperature (°C)	Power (kW)	Amount	Condition	Engine loads (%)	Fuel consumption rate(t*d ⁻¹)
Coastal vessels (before IFSP)						
A	17	1760	2	Off	-	-
		1320	1	On	53	3.0
B	32	2045	2	Off	-	-
		2045	1	On	40	4.1
C-1	34	1760	2	Off	-	-
		1320	1	On	55	4.0
D-1	29	660	1	Off	-	-
		660	2	On	34	2.2
Coastal vessels (after IFSP)						
E	25	200	1	Off	-	-
		200	1	On	39	0.4
F	21	200	2	Off	-	-
		200	1	On	50	0.5
C-2	29	1760	2	Off	-	-
		1320	1	On	52	3.5
G	31	500	2	Off	-	-
		500	1	On	65	1.8
D-2	31	660	1	Off	-	-
		660	2	On	37	2.4
River vessels						
H	25	76	1	Off	-	-
		144	1	Off	-	-
		144	1	On	40	0.3
I	32	73.5	2	On	40	0.3
J	38	58	1	Off	-	-
		58	1	On	32	0.1
K	35	58.8	1	Off	-	-
		58.8	1	On	35	0.1

54 Reference

- 55 Yang, W. Q., Zhang, Y. L., Wang, X. M., Li, S., Zhu, M., Yu, Q. Q., Li, G. H., Huang, Z. H., Zhang, H.
56 N., Wu, Z. F., Song, W., Tan, J. H., and Shao, M.: Volatile organic compounds at a rural site in Beijing:
57 influence of temporary emission control and wintertime heating, Atmos. Chem. Phys., 18, 12663-12682,
58 <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-18-12663-2018>, 2018.
- 59 Zhang, Y. L., Wang, X. M., Barletta, B., Simpson, I. J., Blake, D. R., Fu, X. X., Zhang, Z., He, Q. F., Liu,
60 T. Y., Zhao, X. Y., and Ding, X.: Source attributions of hazardous aromatic hydrocarbons in urban,

suburban and rural areas in the Pearl River Delta (PRD) region, *J. Hazard. Mater.*, 250, 403-411, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2013.02.023>, 2013.

Zhang, Y. L., Wang, X. M., Zhang, Z., Lv, S. J., Huang, Z. H., and Li, L. F.: Sources of C₂-C₄ alkenes, the most important ozone nonmethane hydrocarbon precursors in the Pearl River Delta region, *Sci. Total Environ.*, 502, 236-245, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2014.09.024>, 2015.

3. As mentioned by the author, the fuel composition is a very important factor for VOC profiles, which is a possible reason for the different VOC compositions of the tested ships with the previous results. Then, is there apparent difference of VOC compositions for tested ships using four different fuels? What is the trend of the VOC emissions when correlating the diesel composition?

Reply: We simply measured solvent-extractable fraction of the oils by GC-MSD as some fuels are very sticky residue oils before the fuel switch policy. Nonetheless, as showed in Figure S1, we could see that after the implementing the fuel switch policy, there is a tendency to have more fractions of low molecular weight hydrocarbons (or hydrocarbons having lower carbon numbers). As for ship C, the residual oil used before the fuel switch policy was mainly composed of saturated C₁₁-C₃₆ alkanes; after implementing the new policy, however, the residue oil used by ship C was replaced with diesel oil with no peaks after heptacosane (C₂₇) in its total ion chromatographs. For ship D, before implementing the fuel switch policy it used residual oil slightly different from that used by ships A, B and C in its compositions, particularly in relative high fractions of naphthalene and methylnaphthalenes apart from saturated alkanes. After implementing the fuel switch policy, ship D instead used low-sulfur heavy oil. Although the responses of the most hydrocarbons did not change very much, the responses of low carbon number species, including naphthalene, tridecanes and methylnaphthalenes, became relatively higher, and lower carbon number species such as indene (C₈) were also detected. As a result, we found the mass percentages of < C₆ VOCs (VOCs with carbon numbers below 6) in the total VOCs in ship exhaust increased from 8.5%-27.3% to 44.4%-86.6% after implementing the fuel switch policy. As described in the manuscript, we noticed that the fuel used by the ships became more abundant in low molecular weight fractions, but we did not conduct a comprehensive analysis of the fuel compositions and we do not know if the fuels we samples are representative enough, so we feel it would be inappropriate to go further saying more in this aspect. As a matter of fact, after we report our results to local administrations, they determined to start a

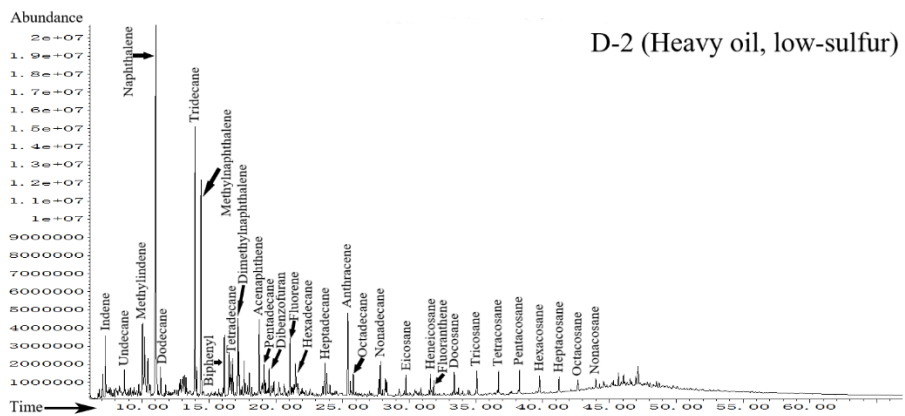
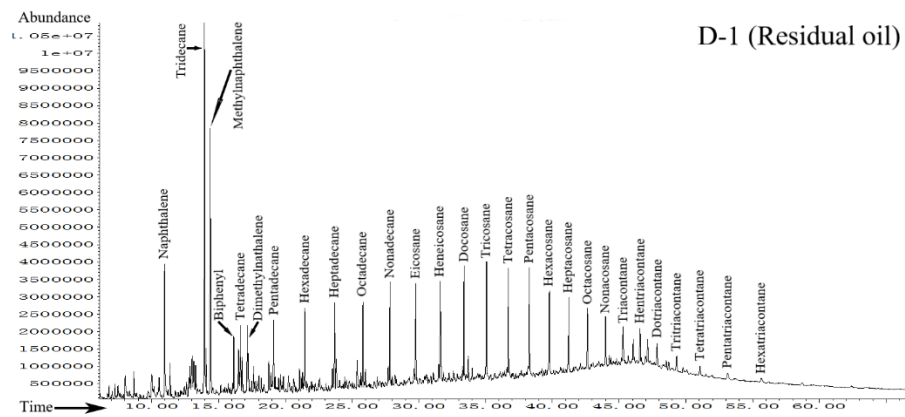
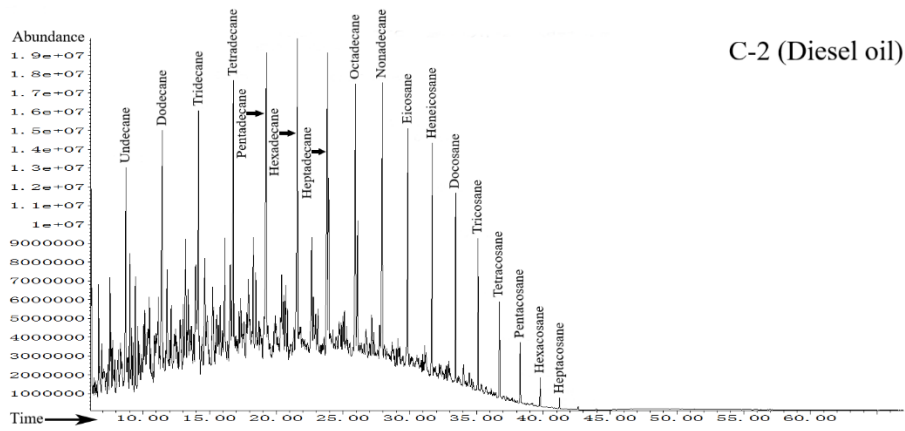
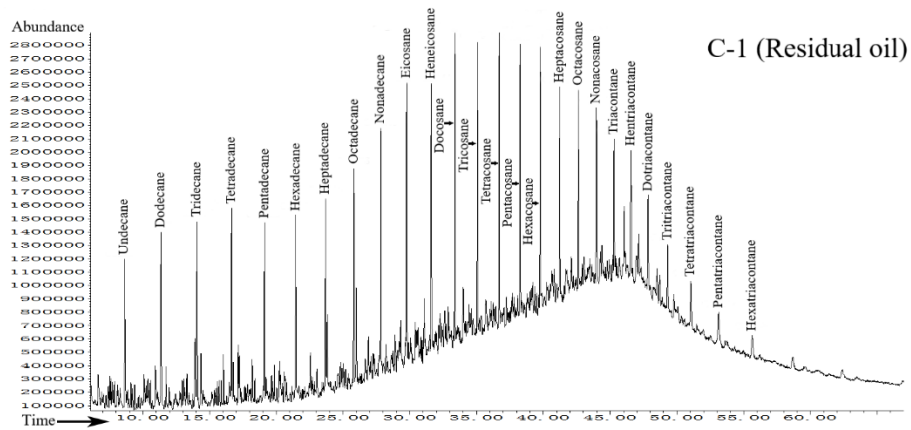


Figure S1. Typical total ion chromatographs of VOC species in fuel oils.

4. More concise. Academic writing is a big question for this manuscript. There are many simple mistakes appeared in substantial sentences, which are mostly summarized in minor comments. Polishing the language is strongly suggested.

Reply: Really sorry for making so many simple mistakes. Thanks a lot for your hard work in carefully checking the manuscript. We have also requested an academic editing service “SPRINGER NATURE Author Services (SNAS)” to improve the English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style by one or more of the highly qualified native English speaking editors at SNAS. The verification code is 04C9-9B0B-7E9B-561C-1839.

5. The unified expression. The author wrote several types of phrases to express the implementation of the fuel switch policy, such as after implementing the fuel switch policy, after the new policy, after implementing the policy, after the fuel switch, and after the implementation of the fuel switch policy. Choose a suitable phrase for this expression.

Reply: Thanks for the suggestion. In the revised manuscript, we use “the implementation of the fuel switch policy” to unify the expression.

Minor Comments

1. Line 24 The unit of EF is not unitized, mg/kg and mg kg⁻¹.

Reply: As suggested, we have unitized the unit of EF in mg kg⁻¹.

2. Line 26 more rich... is it not richer?

Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “more rich” with “richer”.

3. Line 34 The number of PM_{2.5} should be subscripted.

Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “PM_{2.5}” with “PM_{2.5}”.

4. Line 34 “may threatens”? It doesn’t need the plural form for the term “threaten”.

114 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “threatens” with “threaten”.

115 5. Line 46 ECAs?

116 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “ECA” with “ECAs”.

117 6. Line 54 ship emissions?

118 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “ship emission” with “ship emissions”.

119 7. Line 57 Is it suitable using the word “combat”?

120 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “combat” with “control”.

121 8. Line 78 reveals?

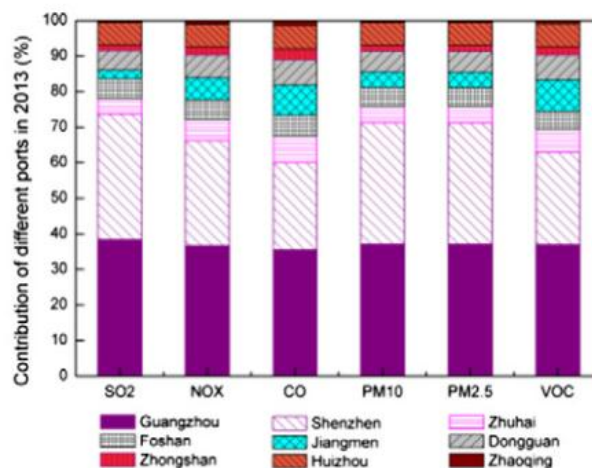
122 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “reveal” with “reveals”.

123 9. Line 84 emissions from ships?

124 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “emissions from ship” with “emissions from ships”.

125 10. Line 99 Are all the pollutant emissions accounted for 40%?

126 Reply: Yes, all the pollutant emissions, including SO₂, NO_x, CO, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and VOCs accounted for
127 nearly 40%, as shown below (Li et al., 2016a):



a) Ports

Reference

Li, C., Yuan, Z. B., Ou, J. M., Fan, X. L., Ye, S. Q., Xiao, T., Shi, Y. Q., Huang, Z. J., Ng, S. K. W., Zhong, Z. M., and Zheng, J. Y.: An AIS-based high-resolution ship emission inventory and its uncertainty in Pearl River Delta region, China, Sci. Total Environ., 573, 1-10, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2016.07.219>, 2016a.

11. Line 113 What is a PM2.5 cutting head? Please give an accurate description.

Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “PM_{2.5} cutting head” with “PM_{2.5} separator”.

12. Line 120 Is the mass selective detector MSD? What about the mass spectrometer detector?

Reply: Here MSD represents mass selective detector. Both mass selective detector and mass spectrometer detector are often abbreviated as MSD.

13. Line 105 have already used?

Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “already used” with “have already used”.

14. Line 133 The EF of CO₂ is calculated not determined. As follows not as following.

Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “determined” with “calculated”.

15. Line 136 Is the unit of Cf (g kg⁻¹)

144 Reply: It is C_F instead of C_f . In the revised manuscript, we have changed the expression in line 154 as
 145 “ C_F is the carbon content per kg of fuel (g kg^{-1}),”

146 16. Line 140 concentration?

147 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “concentrations” with “concentration”.

148 17. Line 151-153 Why is the explanation of VOC composition change placed in this section?

149 Reply: As suggested, we have moved this part to line 200-202.

150 18. Line 161 The number of C_6 should be subscripted.

151 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “ C_6 ” with “ C_6 ”.

152 19. Line 156 What is NMHCs? Is the measured VOC species?

153 Reply: Yes, it refers to the measured VOC species. We have replaced “NMHCs” with “VOCs”.

154 20. Line 158 limited...

155 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “limit” with “limited”.

156 21. Line 160 The EFs of CO_2

157 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “The EF of CO_2 ” with “The EFs of CO_2 ”.

158 22. Line 160 Is it right “before to”?

159 Reply: We have deleted “before”.

160 23. Line 159-163 It should give a summary rather than displaying the tested results of every ship.

161 Reply: Because ships C and D were tested both before and after the implementation of the fuel switch
 162 policy, the changes in emissions for the two ships would be more convincing in reflecting the influence
 163 of the fuel switch policy. This is why we particularly display the tested results of ships C and D.

164 24. Line 166 The term “that” should be “those”.

165 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “that” with “those”.

166 25. Line 168 What is the carbonaceous aerosol? Does that mean OC and EC?

167 Reply: Yes, carbonaceous aerosol included OC and EC.

168 26. Line 169 “As shown” is the correct form, please revise all of the forms in this manuscript.

169 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “As showed” with “As shown” in the whole manuscript.

170 27. Line 172 the EFs of?

171 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “the EF of” with “the EFs of”.

172 28. Line 176 by marine gasoline?

173 Reply: The “marine gasoil” was mentioned in Copper et al. (2003) and it referred to a kind of diesel.

174 Reference

175 Cooper, D. A.: Exhaust emissions from ships at berth, Atmos. Environ., 37, 3817-3830,

176 [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1352-2310\(03\)00446-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1352-2310(03)00446-1), 2003.

177 29. Line 178 TVOCs? Does TVOCs denote the measured VOC species?

178 Reply: Yes, TVOCs denoted the total measured VOC species.

179 30. Line 180 the emissions?

180 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “emission” with “emissions”.

181 31. Line 191 NMHCs?

182 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “NMHCs” with “VOCs”.

183 32. Line 199 and 214 individual NMHCs?

184 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “NMHCs” with “VOCs”.

185 33. Line 206 the fuel switch?

186 Reply: We have replaced “after the fuel switch” with “after the implementation of the fuel switch policy”.

187 34. Line 208 the only alkynes?

188 Reply: Yes, we only measured acetylene in this study.

189 35. Line 212 “were” should be revised to “was”.

190 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “were” with “was”.

191 36. Line 217 might played?

192 Reply: We have replaced “might played” with “might play”.

193 37. Line 217 their emission are?

194 Reply: We have replaced “their emission are” with “their emissions are”.

195 38. Line 223 emission from ship

196 Reply: We have replaced “emission from ship” with “emissions from ships”.

197 39. Line 230 Ozone Formation Potentials (OFPs) is?

198 Reply: We have replaced “Ozone Formation Potentials (OFPs)” with “Ozone formation potential (OFP)”.

199 40. Line 245 ship-emitted VOCs at berth...

200 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “ship-emitted VOCs” with “ship-emitted VOCs at berth”.

201 41. Line 247 Please give the literature for the calculated method of SOAFPs.

202 Reply: As suggested, we added “(Zhang et al., 2018a)” in line 283.

203 Reference

204 Zhang, Y. L., Yang, W. Q., Simpson, I., Huang, X. Y., Yu, J. Z., Huang, Z. H., Wang, Z. Y., Zhang, Z.,

205 Liu, D., Huang, Z. Z., Wang, Y. J., Pei, C. L., Shao, M., Blake, D. R., Zheng, J. Y., Huang, Z. J., and
206 Wang, X. M.: Decadal changes in emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from on-road
207 vehicles with intensified automobile pollution control: Case study in a busy urban tunnel in south China,
208 *Environ. Pollut.*, 233, 806-819, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envpol.2017.10.133>, 2018a.

209 42. Line 247 normalized secondary organic aerosol reactivity?

210 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “normalized secondary organic aerosols (SOA)” with
211 “normalized secondary organic aerosol reactivity (R_{SOA} , g SOA g⁻¹ VOCs)”.

212 43. Line 250 Like Zhang et.al reported?

213 Reply: We deleted “Like Zhang et.al reported”.

214 44. Line 258-260 What is the problem told by the SOAFP difference under the high NO_x and low NO_x
215 conditions?

216 Reply: In this method, Y_i is the SOA yield of VOC species i , as determined by chamber studies (Ng et
217 al., 2007; Lim and Ziemann, 2009; Loza et al., 2014). SOA yields of VOCs depend on nitrogen oxide
218 (NO_x) (Ng et al., 2007). Thus, we calculated the SOAFPs under high-NO_x and low-NO_x conditions,
219 respectively.

220 Reference

221 Lim, Y. B., and Ziemann, P. J.: Effects of molecular structure on aerosol yields from OH radical-initiated
222 reactions of linear, branched, and cyclic alkanes in the presence of NO_x, *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, 43,
223 2328-2334, <https://doi.org/10.1021/es803389s>, 2009.

224 Loza, C. L., Craven, J. S., Yee, L. D., Coggon, M. M., Schwantes, R. H., Shiraiwa, M., Zhang, X.,
225 Schilling, K. A., Ng, N. L., Canagaratna, M. R., Ziemann, P. J., Flagan, R. C., and Seinfeld, J. H.:
226 Secondary organic aerosol yields of 12-carbon alkanes, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 14, 1423-1439,
227 <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-14-1423-2014>, 2014.

228 Ng, N. L., Kroll, J. H., Chan, A. W. H., Chhabra, P. S., Flagan, R. C., and Seinfeld, J. H.: Secondary

229 organic aerosol formation from m-xylene, toluene, and benzene, Atmos. Chem. Phys., 7, 3909-3922,
230 <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-7-3909-2007>, 2007.

231 45. Line 256 This decline of RSOA?

232 Reply: As suggested, we have replaced “This decline in RSOA” with “This decline of R_{SOA} ”.

233 50. Line 262 What is the NMHCs?

234 Reply: We have replaced “NMHCs” with “VOCs”.

235 51. Line 266-267 How about the comparison of Huang et al. results and this study results?

236 Reply: Huang et al. (2018a) also measured the emissions of VOCs from ship at berth using low-sulfur
237 fuels, so we could directly compare with the coastal vessels after the implementation of the fuel switch
238 policy. We have changed the expression in line 304-307 as below:

239 “As shown in Fig. S4, based on the VOCs emissions from ship at berth reported in Huang et al. (2018a),
240 we calculated a RSOA of 0.080 g SOA g⁻¹ VOCs under high-NO_x conditions and 0.228 g SOA g⁻¹
241 VOCs under low-NO_x conditions for a coastal vessel also using low-sulfur fuels. This relatively higher
242 RSOA under low-NO_x conditions was related to the higher fractions of aromatics in the VOC emissions.”

243 52. Line 268 What is the reason for the lower RSOA of Xiao’s results?

244 Reply: The reason for lower R_{SOA} of Xiao’s results was that they adopted another method in Gentner et
245 al. (2012) using another set of SOA yield for hydrocarbons as shown in Table R1-1. In the revised
246 manuscript we added explanations for this in line 307-309 “Using another method in Gentner et al. (2012),
247 Xiao et al. (2018) reported an average R_{SOA} of 0.017 g SOA g⁻¹ VOCs under high-NO_x conditions, which
248 was close to a R_{SOA} of 0.015 g SOA g⁻¹ VOCs calculated by the same method for the coastal vessels after
249 IFSP.

250 Table R1-1. Average high-NO_x SOA yields in Gentner et al. (2012)

Carbon number	Straight-chain alkanes	Branched alkanes	Cycloalkanes (single straight alkyl chain)	Cycloalkanes (branched or multiple alkyl chain (s))	Bicycloalkanes	Tricycloalkanes	Aromatics	Polycyclic aromatics compounds
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	0.0004	-	-	-	0.14	-
7	-	-	0.0007	0.0001	-	-	0.083	-
8	0.0006	0.0001	0.0015	0.0002	-	-	0.048	-
9	0.0012	0.0002	0.0031	0.0005	0.0005	-	0.077	-
10	0.0026	0.0004	0.0059	0.001	0.001	-	0.12	0.17
11	0.0053	0.0008	0.01	0.0018	0.0018	-	0.15	0.23
12	0.01	0.0017	0.016	0.0034	0.0031	0.0032	0.19	0.28
13	0.019	0.0035	0.026	0.0062	0.0056	0.0057	0.26	0.4
14	0.033	0.007	0.041	0.011	0.0097	0.0098	0.33	0.49
15	0.055	0.013	0.064	0.019	0.016	0.017	0.39	0.62
16	0.089	0.024	0.099	0.031	0.026	0.027	0.43	0.7
17	0.14	0.042	0.16	0.053	0.044	0.045	0.46	0.75
18	0.23	0.073	0.24	0.088	0.072	0.073	0.51	0.79
19	0.37	0.12	0.36	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.56	0.82
20	0.56	0.2	0.5	0.22	0.19	0.19	0.61	0.82
21	0.77	0.32	0.66	0.33	0.29	0.3	0.65	0.82

22	0.96	0.47	0.82	0.45	0.43	0.43	0.67	0.82
23	1.08	0.61	0.94	0.57	0.56	0.57	0.68	0.82
24	1.14	0.7	1.03	0.67	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.82
25	1.16	0.75	1.09	0.73	0.74	0.74	0.68	0.82

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252 [Reference](#)

253 [Gentner, D. R., Isaacman, G., Worton, D. R., Chan, A. W. H., Dallmann, T. R., Davis, L., Liu, S., Day,](#)
254 [D. A., Russell, L. M., Wilson, K. R., Weber, R., Guha, A., Harley, R. A., and Goldstein, A. H.: Elucidating](#)
255 [secondary organic aerosol from diesel and gasoline vehicles through detailed characterization of organic](#)
256 [carbon emissions, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A., 109, 18318-18323,](#)
257 <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1212272109>, 2012.

258 53. Line 271 Ships?

259 [Reply: We have replaced “Ships” with “Ship”.](#)

260 54. Line 273 one the three?

261 [Reply: We have replaced “one the three” with “one of the three”.](#)

262 55. Line 278 the EF of VOCs and Line 281 the EF of NMHCs? Which one is right?

263 [Reply: We have replaced “NMHCs” with “VOCs” in the whole manuscript.](#)

264 56. Line 281 Why explained the unit of fuel-based EF here?

265 [Reply: We have deleted “for VOCs emitted per kilogram fuel burned”.](#)

266 57. Line 287 are not affected?

267 [Reply: We have changed “For river vessels unaffected” to “For the river vessels were not affected”.](#)

268 58. Table 2 g kg⁻¹ fuel?

Reply: This shows the unit of the emission factor in the table.

59. Figure 5 before and IFSP?

Reply: We have changed “before and IFSP” as “before and after the implementation of the fuel switch policy”.

60. Figure 4 The figure needs add the standard error bar. IFSP is the first appearance. Spell out all acronyms on first use in the abstract and in the body of the article.

Reply: Thanks for the suggestion. We have added the standard error bar in Figure 4 and spell out the acronyms of IFSP on its first use in the abstract and in the body of the article in line 21 and line 86.

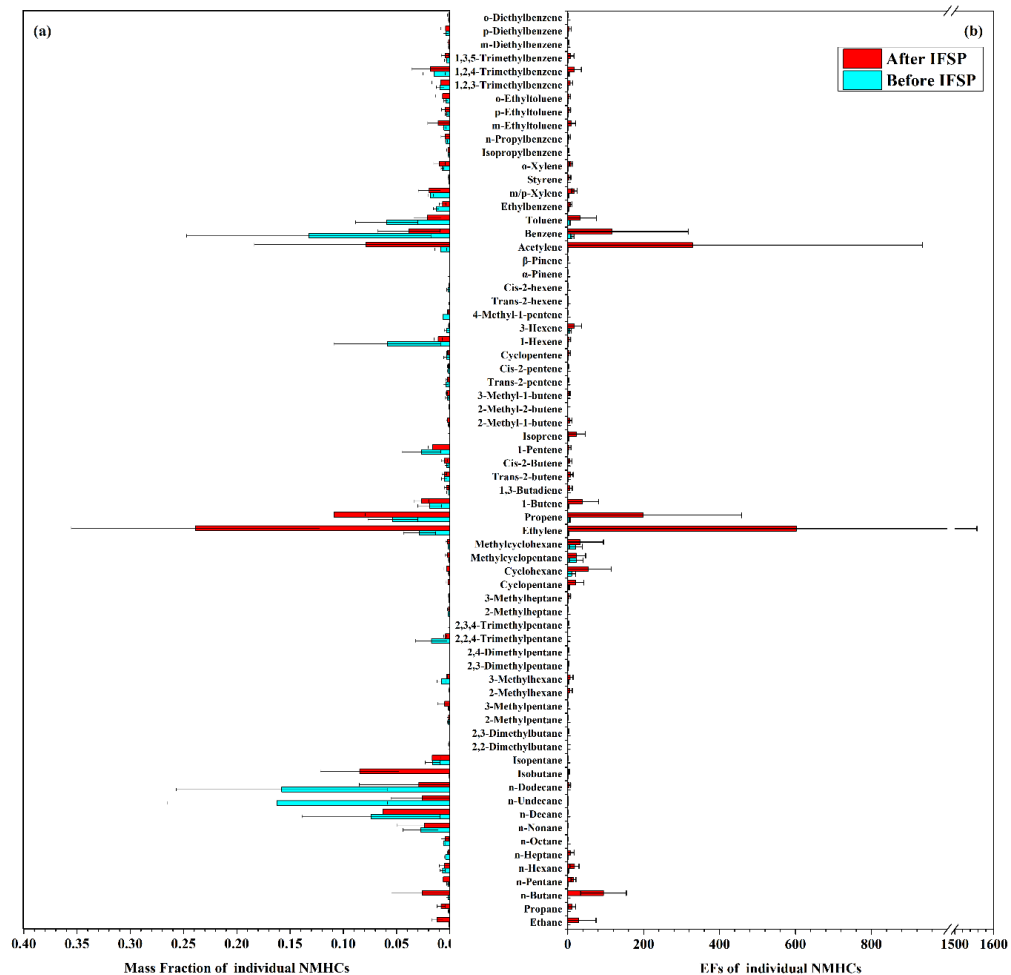


Figure 4. Comparison of VOCs emission factors before and after IFSP for coastal vessels.

61. Figure 2 diagrams?

280 Reply: We have replaced “diagrams” with “diagram”.

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282 **Reviewer #2**

283 The manuscript of Wu et al. with the title of “Dramatic increase of reactive VOC emission from ships at
284 berth after implementing the fuel switch policy in the Pearl River Delta Emission Control Area”
285 characterized the emissions of PM_{2.5}, SO₂ and VOCs from ships at berth before and after implementing
286 the fuel switch policy with a FSC limit of 0.5% in the Pearl River Delta ECA in south China. After
287 implementing the fuel switch policy, the EFs of SO₂ and PM_{2.5} for coastal vessels dropped 23 by 78%
288 and 56%, however, the EFs of NMHCs increased by a factor of 15 times before implementing the new
289 policy. The reactive alkenes overtook alkanes to become the dominant group, which led to the sharp
290 increase of ozone formation potential. The results showed that this change may threatens ozone pollution
291 control in the harbor cities. This is a well-written manuscript. The results could help to improve our
292 understanding of another side of fuel switch policy and raised the concerns for reactive VOCs emissions
293 from ships, and found river vessels might had even larger emissions of VOCs and NO_x than coastal
294 vessels. I highly recommend this manuscript to be accepted by the journal.

295 **Minor revisions**

296 line 18, change “to reduce” to for reducing”;

297 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 18, replaced “to reduce” to “for reducing”.

298 line 19, change “matters” to “matter”;

299 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 19, replaced “matters” to “matter”.

300 line 19, change “emission” to “emissions”;

301 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 19, replaced “emission” to “emissions”.

302 line 20, change “south” to “southern”;

303 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 21, replaced “south” to “southern”.

304 line 21, change “a” to “an”;

305 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 21, replaced “a” to “an”.

306 line 21, delete “in south China”;

307 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 22, deleted “in south China”.

308 line 22, change “emission” to “emissions”;

309 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 23, replaced “emission” to “emissions”.

310 line 22, change “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”;

311 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 23, replaced “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”.

312 line 22, change “dropped” to “decreased”;

313 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 23, replaced “dropped” to “decreased”.

314 line 23, change “the EFs of non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHCs), however, reached” to “however, the

315 EFs of the nonmethane hydrocarbons (NMHCs), were”;

316 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 24, replaced “the EFs of non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHCs),

317 however, reached to” to “however, the EFs of the VOCs were”.

318 line 24, change “about” to “approximately”;

319 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 25, replaced “about” to “approximately”.

320 line 24, change “emission” to “emissions”;

321 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 26, replaced “emission” to “emissions”.

322 line 25, change “NMHCs” to “the NMHCs”;

323 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 26, replaced “NMHCs” to “the VOCs”.

324 line 26, change “more rich” to “richer”;

325 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 27, replaced “more rich” to “richer”.

326 line 28, change “the new policy” to “the new policy was implemented”;

327 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 29, replaced “the new policy” to “IFSP”.

328 line 28, change “reactive alkenes” to “the reactive alkenes”;

329 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 30, replaced “reactive alkenes” to “the reactive alkenes”.

330 line 29, change “for per kilogram of fuel burned, emitted NMHCs” to “the emitted NMHCs per kg of

331 fuel burned”;

332 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 30, replaced “for per kilogram of fuel burned, emitted NMHCs” to

333 “the emitted VOCs per kg of fuel burned”.

334 line 29, change “about” to “approximately”;

335 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 31, replaced “about” to “approximately”.

336 line 30, change “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”;

337 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 32, replaced “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”.

338 line 30, change “river vessels” to “the river vessels”;

339 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 32, replaced “river vessels” to “the river vessels”.

340 line 31, change “their EFs of NMHCs” to “the EFs of their NMHCs”;

341 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 34, replaced “their EFs of NMHCs” to “the EFs of their VOCs”.

342 line 35, change “coastal or ocean-going vessels” to “the coastal or ocean-going vessels”;

343 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 38, replaced “coastal or ocean-going vessels” to “the coastal or ocean-
344 going vessels”.

345 line 35, change “along with” to “in addition to”;

346 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 38, replaced “along with” to “in addition to”.

347 line 35, change “river vessels” to “the river vessels”;

348 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 39, replaced “river vessels” to “the river vessels”.

349 line 38, change “total world merchandise trade” to “the total global merchandise trade”;

350 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 42, replaced “total world merchandise” to “the total global
351 merchandise trade”.

352 line 39, change “it is no surprise that” to “unsurprisingly”;

353 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 44, replaced “it is no surprise that” to “unsurprisingly”.

354 line 42, change “would give rise to” to “can cause”;

355 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 46, replaced “would give rise to” to “can cause”.

356 line 42, change “areas,” to “areas”;

357 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 46, replaced “areas,” to “areas”.

358 line 42, change “environmental burden” to “the environmental burden”;

359 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 47, replaced “environmental burden” to “the environmental burden”.

360 line 46, change “more” to “a more”;

361 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 51, replaced “more” to “a more”.

362 line 47, change “brought about” to “resulted in”;

363 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 52, replaced “brought about” to “resulted in”.

364 line 49, change “resulted” to “has resulted”;

365 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 54, replaced “resulted” to “has resulted”.

366 line 50, change “aerosols” to “aerosols, respectively,”

367 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 55, replaced “aerosols” to “aerosols, respectively”.

368 line 51, change “revealed” to “has revealed”;

369 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 56, replaced “revealed” to “has revealed”.

370 line 55, change “reduce” to “be reduced”;

371 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 60, replaced “reduce” to “be reduced”.

372 line 56, change “emission sources” to “emissions sources”;

373 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 62, replaced “emission sources” to “emissions sources”.

374 line 67, change “VOCs” to “the VOCs”;

375 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 73, replaced “VOCs” to “the VOCs”.

376 line 68, change “north” to “northern”;

377 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 74, replaced “north” to “northern”.

378 line 69, change “As a matter of fact, previous” to “Previous”;

379 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 75, replaced “As a matter of fact, previous” to “Previous”.

380 line 70, change “Meanwhile” to “In addition”;

381 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 77, replaced “Meanwhile” to “In addition”.

382 line 75, change “January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019” to “1 January, 2017, to 31 December, 2019”;

383 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 83, replaced “January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019” to “1 January,
384 2017, to 31 December, 2019”.

385 line 76, change “estimated” to “estimated”;

386 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 83, replaced “estimated” to “estimated”.

387 line 76, change “atmosheric” to “atmospheric”;

388 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 84, replaced “atmosheric” to “atmospheric”.

389 line 77, change “south” to “southern”;

390 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 84, replaced “south” to “southern”.

391 line 81, change “bring about” to “result in”;

392 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 89, replaced “bring about” to “result in”.

393 line 82, change “shut down” to “shut down,”;

394 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 90, replaced “shut down” to “shut down,”.

395 line 82, change “emission” to “emissions”;

396 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 90, replaced “emission” to “emissions”.

397 line 88, change “like” to “such as”;

398 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 96, replaced “like” to “such as”.

399 line 92, change “in comparison” to “for a comparison”;

400 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 100, replaced “in comparison” to “for a comparison”.

401 line 97, change “the fifth” to “fifth”;

402 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 106, replaced “the fifth” to “fifth”.

- 403 line 98, change “the seventh” to “seventh”;
- 404 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 107, replaced “the seventh” to “seventh”.
- 405 line 98, change “contribute near 40%” to “account for nearly 40% of”;
- 406 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 107, replaced “contribute near 40%” to “account for nearly 40% of”.
- 407 line 99, change “nine” to “the nine”;
- 408 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 108, replaced “nine” to “the nine”.
- 409 line 101, change “FSC” to “the FSC”;
- 410 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 111, replaced “FSC” to “the FSC”.
- 411 line 101, change “be lower” to “have been less”;
- 412 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 111, replaced “be lower” to “have been less”.
- 413 line 102, change “that” to “in that”;
- 414 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 112, replaced “that” to “in which”.
- 415 line 147, change “on average decreased from $2.2 \pm 0.5\%$ ” to “decreased from $2.2 \pm 0.5\%$ on average”;
- 416 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 167, replaced “on average decrease from $2.2 \pm 0.5\%$ ” to “decreased
- 417 from $2.2 \pm 0.5\%$ on average”.
- 418 line 148, change “though” to “although”;
- 419 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 168, replaced “though” to “although”.
- 420 line 150, change “hydrocarbons” to “hydrocarbons,”;
- 421 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 171, replaced “hydrocarbons” to “hydrocarbons,”.
- 422 line 151, change “chromatograms” to “chromatograms, than those of coastal vessels before the policy”;

423 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 171, replaced “chromatograms” to “chromatograms, than those of
424 coastal vessels before IFSP”.

425 line 157, change “performance of combustion system” to “the performance of the combustion system”;

426 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 178, replaced “performance of combustion system” to “the
427 performance of the combustion system”.

428 line 185, change “, and also larger” to “and higher”;

429 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 211, replaced “and also larger” to “and larger”.

430 line 185, change “engineering vessel” to “engineering vessels”;

431 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 211, replaced “engineering vessel” to “engineering vessels”.

432 line 185, change “crusing condition” to “cruising conditions”;

433 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 212, replaced “crusing condition” to “cruising conditions”.

434 line 186, change “the maximum” to “a maximum”;

435 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 212, replaced “the maximum” to “a maximum”.

436 line 199, change “individual” to “the individual”;

437 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 229, replaced “individual” to “the individual”.

438 line 199, change “remain” to “remained”;

439 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 229, replaced “remain” to “remained”.

440 line 210, change “before” to “before implementing the new policy”;

441 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 232, replaced “before” to “before IFSP”.

442 line 242, change “after implementing the policy, respectively” to “, respectively, after implementing the
443 policy”;

444 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 242, replaced “after implementing the policy, respectively” to
445 “respective, after IFSP”.

446 line 212, change “NMHCs from river vessels were” to “the NMHCs from the river vessels was”;

447 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 243, replaced “NMHCs from river vessels were” to “the VOCs from
448 the river vessels was”.

449 line 212, change “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”;

450 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 243, replaced “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”.

451 line 213, change “showed” to “shown”;

452 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 244, replaced “showed” to “shown”.

453 line 213, change “dominated the emission of NMHCs with a share of” to “were dominant in the emissions
454 of the NMHCs at”;

455 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 244, replaced “dominated the emission of NMHCs with a share of”
456 to “were dominant in the emissions of the NMHCs at”.

457 line 214, change “individual” to “the individual”;

458 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 246, replaced “individual” to “the individual”.

459 line 223, change “had a share up to 70.9%” to “accounted for up to 70.9% of those emissions”;

460 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 254, replaced “had a share up to 70.9%” to “accounted for up to 70.9%
461 of those emissions”.

462 line 223, change “variety of the” to “variation in”;

463 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 255, replaced “variety of the” to “variation in”.

464 line 224, change “big” to “large”;

465 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 256, replaced “big” to “large”.

466 line 224, change “compositions of VOC emissions” to “the compositions the VOC emissions”;

467 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 256, replaced “compositions of VOC emissions” to “the compositions

468 of the VOC emissions”.

469 line 225, change “only restricted” to “restricted only”;

470 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 256, replaced “only restricted” to “restricted only”.

471 line 225, delete “can be”;

472 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 257, deleted “can be”.

473 line 226, change “diesels” to “diesel fuels used”;

474 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 258, replaced “diesels” to “diesel fuels used”.

475 line 226, change “sampling might also lead” to “the sampling might have also led”;

476 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 258, replaced “sampling might also lead” to “the sampling might have

477 also led”.

478 line 228, change “potentials” to “potential”;

479 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 260, replaced “potentials” to “potential”.

480 line 229, change “OFPs of VOCs from ship exhausts” to “OFP of the VOCs from ship exhaust”;

481 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 261, replaced “OFPs of VOCs from ship exhausts” to “OFP of the

482 VOCs from ship exhaust”.

483 line 230, change “Formation Potentials (OFPs)” to “formation potentials (OFP)”;

484 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 262, replaced “Formation Potentials (OFPs)” to “formation potential

485 (OFP)”.

486 line 231, change “ships emission” to “ships emissions”;

487 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 263, replaced “ships emission” to “ships emissions”.](#)

488 line 232, change “reactivity,” to “reactivity”;

489 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 264, replaced “reactivity,” to “reactivity”.](#)

490 line 237, change “rise of” to “increase in”;

491 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 270, replaced “rise of” to “increase in”.](#)

492 line 237, change “like” to “such as”;

493 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 271, replaced “like” to “such as”.](#)

494 line 240, change “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”;

495 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 274, replaced “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”.](#)

496 line 241, change “OFPs” to “OFP”;

497 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 275, replaced “OFPs” to “OFP”.](#)

498 line 241, change “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”;

499 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 276, replaced “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”.](#)

500 line 245, change “suggests” to “suggest”;

501 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 279, replaced “suggests” to “suggest”.](#)

502 line 246, change “SOAFPs of VOCs from ship exhausts” to “SOAFP of the VOCs from ship exhaust”;

503 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 281, replaced “SOAFPs of VOCs from ship exhausts” to “SOAFP of](#)

504 [the VOCs from ship exhaust”.](#)

505 line 250, change “Like” to “Similar to”;

- 506 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 286, replaced “Like” to “Similar to”.
- 507 line 251, change “SOAFPs” to “SOAFP”;
- 508 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 287, replaced “SOAFPs” to “SOAFP”.
- 509 line 252, change “to interpret” to “in interpreting”;
- 510 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 288, replaced “to interpret” to “in interpreting”.
- 511 line 252, delete “(IVOCs)”;
- 512 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 288, deleted “(IVOCs)”.
- 513 line 261, change “higher” to “higher than that of the other ships,”;
- 514 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 298, replaced “higher” to “higher than that of the other ships”.
- 515 line 262, change “has: to “had”;
- 516 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 299, replaced “has” to “had”.
- 517 line 262, change “river vessels” to “the river vessels”;
- 518 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 299, replaced “river vessels” to “the river vessels”.
- 519 line 262, change “test ships” to “the tested ships”;
- 520 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 300, replaced “test ships” to “the tested ships”.
- 521 line 262, change the value” to “a value”;
- 522 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 300, replaced “the value” to “a value”.
- 523 line 273, change “one the three ECAs newly established” to “one of the three newly established ECAs”;
- 524 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 315, replaced “one the three ECAs newly established” to “one of the
- 525 three newly established ECAs”.

- 526 line 280, change “of EFs” to “in the EFs”;
- 527 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 322, replaced “of EFs” to “in the EFs”.](#)
- 528 line 280, change “more” to “the more”;
- 529 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 323, replaced “more” to “the more”.](#)
- 530 line 288, change “did bring about largely” to “resulted in substantially”;
- 531 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 332, replaced “did bring about largely” to “resulted in substantially”.](#)
- 532 line 289, change “for” to “due to”;
- 533 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 334, replaced “for” to “due to”.](#)
- 534 line 290, change “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”;
- 535 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 334, replaced “coastal vessels” to “the coastal vessels”.](#)
- 536 line 290, change “is” to “was”;
- 537 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 334, replaced “is” to “was”.](#)
- 538 line 290, change “use” to “had used”;
- 539 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 335, replaced “use” to “had used”.](#)
- 540 line 290, change “all along and thus” to “the entire time and thus were”;
- 541 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 335, replaced “all along and thus” to “the entire time and thus were”.](#)
- 542 line 291, change “much higher” to “high”;
- 543 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 336, replaced “much higher” to “high”.](#)
- 544 line 291, change “larger emission” to “high level of emissions”;
- 545 [Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 336, replaced “larger emission” to “high level of emissions”.](#)

546 line 292, delete “would”;

547 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 337, deleted “would”.

548 line 292, change “how to further lower the emission” to “and further lowering the emissions”;

549 Reply: Revised as suggested, Line 337, replaced “how to further lower the emission” to “and further

550 lowering the emissions”.

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1 **Dramatic increase in reactive VOC emissionss from ships at berth**
2 **after implementing the fuel switch policy in the Pearl River Delta**
3 **Emissionss Control Area**

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19 **Abstract.** Limiting fuel sulfur content (FSC) is a widely adopted approach for reducing ship emissions of sulfur dioxide
20 (SO₂) and particulate matter (PM), particularly in emissions control areas (ECAs), but its impact on the emissions of volatile
21 organic compounds (VOCs) is still not well understood. In this study, emissions from ships at berth in Guangzhou, southern
22 China, were characterized before and after the implementation of the fuel switch policy (IFSP) with an FSC limit of 0.5% in
23 the Pearl River Delta ECA. After IFSP, the emissions factors (EFs) of SO₂ and PM_{2.5} for the coastal vessels decreased by 78%
24 and 56% on average, respectively; however, the EFs of the VOCs were 1807 ± 1746 mg kg⁻¹, approximately 15 times that of
25 118 ± 56.1 mg kg⁻¹ before IFSP. This dramatic increase in the emissions of the VOCs might have been largely due to the
26 replacement of high-sulfur residual fuel oil with low-sulfur diesel or heavy oils, which are typically richer in short-chain
27 hydrocarbons. Moreover, reactive alkenes surpassed alkanes to become the dominant group among the VOCs, and low
28 carbon number VOCs, such as ethylene, propene and isobutane, became the dominant species after IFSP. As a result of the
29 largely elevated EFs of the reactive alkenes and aromatics after IFSP, the emitted VOCs per kg of fuel burned had nearly 29
30 times larger ozone formation potential (OFP) and approximately 2 times greater secondary organic aerosol formation
31 potential (SOAFP) than those before IFSP. Unlike the coastal vessels, the river vessels in the region used diesel fuels
32 consistently and were not affected by the fuel switch policy, but the EFs of their VOCs were 90% greater than those of the
33 coastal vessels after IFSP, with approximately 120% greater fuel-based OFP and 70-140% greater SOAFP. The results from
34 this study suggest that while the fuel switch policy could effectively reduce SO₂ and PM emissions and thus help control
35 PM_{2.5} pollution, it also will lead to greater emissions of reactive VOCs, which may threaten ozone pollution control in the
36 harbor cities. This change for the coastal or ocean-going vessels, in addition to the large amounts of reactive VOCs from the
37 river vessels, raises regulatory concerns for ship emissions of reactive VOCs.

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38 **1 Introduction**

39 World seaborne trade volumes are estimated to account for over 80% of the total global merchandise trade (UNCTAD,
40 2016). The controls on ship emissions, however, are far less stringent than those on land emissions sources, and
41 unsurprisingly, ship engines are among the world's highest polluting combustion sources in terms of per ton of fuel
42 consumed (Corbett and Fischbeck, 1997). As a large amount of marine ship emissions occur within 400 km of coastlines (Fu
43 et al., 2017), ship emissions can cause air pollution in coastal areas and thus contribute substantially to the environmental
44 burden of disease (Corbett et al., 2007; Lv et al., 2018; Feng et al., 2019; Ramacher et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2019a).
45 Therefore, global efforts have been implemented to regulate and prevent health risks from ship emissions particularly in
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47 An important intervention policy by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to reduce ship emissions is the
48 designation of emissions control areas (ECAs) where a more stringent limit of fuel sulfur content (FSC) is implemented
49 (IMO, 2017). This ECA approach has resulted in significant improvements in ambient air quality for coastal areas (Lack et
50 al., 2011; Tao et al., 2013; Contini et al., 2015; Zetterdahl et al., 2016). In the North Sea regions, for example, the new policy

115 restricting FSC below 1.5% since 2007 has resulted in reduction rates of 42%, 38% and 20% for ambient concentrations of
116 sulfur dioxide (SO₂), sulphate aerosols and ammonium aerosols, respectively, which were related to ship emissions (Matthias
117 et al., 2010); monitoring in U.S. coastal states has revealed significant reductions in ambient PM_{2.5} (particulate matter with
118 an aerodynamic diameter less than 2.5 µm) from residual fuel oil (RFO) combustion due to marine vessel fuel sulfur
119 regulations in the North American Emissions Control Area (NA-ECA) (Kotchenruther, 2017). In the Marmara Sea and the
120 Turkish Straits, ship emissions of SO₂, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than 10 µm)
121 were projected to be reduced by 95%, 67% and 67%, respectively, if FSC was restricted to below 0.1% (Viana et al., 2015).
122 Consequently, with the increasingly stringent control over land-based emissions sources, limiting ship emissions has
123 gradually stood out as an effective measure to control air pollution in coastal zones.

124 Intervention measures for ship emissions, however, are mostly targeted at SO₂ and PM, and much less attention has been
125 paid to other pollutants from ship emissions, such as nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs),
126 although they are also important precursors to ozone and secondary aerosols (Chameides et al., 1992; Odum et al., 1997;
127 Atkinson, 2000; O'Dowd et al., 2002). Cooper et al. (1996) found that many reactive VOCs, such as ethylene, propylene and
128 isobutylene, were found in emissions from passenger ferries in the Skagerak-Kattegatt-öresund region; Agrawal et al. (2008)
129 reported emissions of VOCs including carbonyls, 1, 3-butadiene, aromatics and n-alkanes from the main engine, auxiliary
130 engine and boiler of a Suezmax class vessel; Agrawal et al. (2010) and Murphy et al. (2009) further calculated their
131 emissions factors based on shipboard platform measurements and aircraft-based measurements for the main engine of a
132 PanaMax Class container ship. Recently, Huang et al. (2018a) tested a handsize-class bulk carrier under at-berth,
133 maneuvering and cruising conditions, and found that single-ring aromatics accounted for 50-74% of the VOCs with toluene
134 as the most abundant species. Xiao et al. (2018) tested 20 ships at berth in the Jingtang Port in northern China and found that
135 alkanes and aromatics were dominant in the VOC emissions. Previous studies have already demonstrated that ship emissions
136 impact ambient ozone formation in coastal cities (Wang et al., 2019b). In addition, ship emissions could contribute
137 substantially to NO_x in the oceans and coastal areas (Song et al., 2010; Tagaris et al., 2017). Therefore, even in terms of for
138 lowering ambient ozone levels, there is a growing concern about ship emissions as ozone precursors, including NO_x and
139 VOCs.

140 China has many of the world's busiest ports, sharing approximately 10% of global ship emissions (Fu et al., 2017). To
141 reduce ship emissions, China has also designated three ECAs, namely, the Pearl River Delta (PRD), the Yangtze River Delta
142 and the Bohai Rim, where ships have been required to gradually switch to fuels with an FSC limit of 0.5% from 1 January,
143 2017, to 31 December, 2019. As estimated by Liu et al. (2018), this fuel switch policy could lower atmospheric
144 concentrations of SO₂ and PM_{2.5} by 9.5% and 2.7%, respectively, in the coastal region of the PRD in southern China. A
145 recent field observation campaign in Jingtang Port also demonstrated that due to the implementation of the fuel switch policy
146 (IFSP), ambient levels of SO₂ dropped from 165.5 ppb to 67.4 ppb, while particulate vanadium (V), a marker of ship PM
147 emissions (Agrawal et al., 2009; Pey et al., 2013; Perez et al., 2016; Tao et al., 2017), decreased drastically from 309.9 ng m⁻³

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179 ³ to 9.1 ng m⁻³ (Zhang et al., 2019). However, it is still unknown whether the fuel switch policy will result in changes in ship
180 emissions of VOCs.

181 For ships at berth, their main engines are shut down, and auxiliary engines become the only emission source. Because a
182 ship is usually at berth for one day or more and the place where its auxiliary engine discharges pollutants is usually closer to
183 densely populated areas, emissions from ships at berth could have a large impact on coastal areas (Cooper et al., 2003). In
184 the present study, we conducted shipboard platform measurements of air pollutants emitted from coastal vessels at berth in
185 Guangzhou Port in the PRD region in southern China in 2017 and 2018 after IFSP, and we compared the results with those
186 from a similar campaign previously conducted by the authors in 2015 and 2016 before IFSP. Apart from the emissions of
187 pollutants such as PM_{2.5} and SO₂, in this study, we focus on emissions of VOCs and aim to investigate changes in
188 composition profiles and emission factors of VOCs from ships at berth and to assess the potential influence on the
189 formation of ozone (O₃) and secondary organic aerosol (SOA) due to the fuel switch policy. In addition, river vessels, which
190 commonly use diesel oil as fuel and did not need to implement the fuel switch policy, were also tested in 2017 for a
191 comparison with the coastal vessels that had implemented the policy.

192 **2 Experimental section**

193 **2.1 Study area**

194 Guangzhou Port is located in the estuary of the Pearl River and the centre of the PRD region, adjacent to Hong Kong and
195 Macao (Fig. 1). In 2017, cargo throughput of Guangzhou Port was 590 million tons, ranking fifth in China and sixth in the
196 world, and the container throughput in Guangzhou Port was 20.37 million TEU, ranking fifth in China and seventh in the
197 world (China Port Press, 2018). In 2013, Guangzhou Port was estimated to account for nearly 40% of ship emissions of SO₂,
198 NO_x, CO, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and VOC from the nine port groups in the PRD bay area (Li et al., 2016a).

199 **2.2 Test ships and fuel types**

200 As required, the FSC for ships at berth should have been less than 0.5% since 1 January, 2017. In the PRD, measures are
201 even more stringent in which ships at berth should use diesel oil that conforms to Chinese national standard GB252-2015
202 (Standards Press of China, 2015). Table 1 presents the basic information for the 11 tested ships (more information during
203 sampling was presented in Table S1), among which ships C and D were tested both before and after IFSP. According to the
204 classification of ships as by Li et al. (2016a), ships H, I, J and K were river vessels, which were not regulated because they
205 have already used diesel oil as fuel before IFSP, and the others were coastal vessels. No ocean-going ships were tested in this
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238 **2.3 Ship exhaust sampling and laboratory analysis**

239 The ship exhaust sampling system is composed of a flue gas dilution system, flue gas analyzer, particulate matter sampler
240 and air sampler (Figure 2). The ship exhaust first entered the Dekati® ejector dilutor (DI-1000, Dekati Ltd., Finland) from the
241 sampling nozzle, and then was spilt into four parts, after being diluted with clean air: one part was for air sampling with 2 L
242 canisters and 4 L Teflon bags for 3-5 min after passing through a filter, two other parts were for collecting PM_{2.5} samples
243 with 47mm Teflon filters (Whateman, Mainstone, UK) and 47mm quartz fiber filters (Whateman, Mainstone, UK) at a flow
244 of 16.7 L min⁻¹ for 20-30 min, after the diluted exhaust was mixed well in a stay cabin, and then passing through a PM_{2.5}
245 separator, and the last part was the vent. Before dilution, the concentrations of CO₂, CO, SO₂ and NO_x in the ship exhaust
246 were directly measured by a flue gas analyzer (F-550, WOHLER, Germany), while air samples were also collected
247 simultaneously by a 2L canisters and a 4L Teflon bags. The dilution ratios of the flue gas dilution system were then more
248 accurately calculated by comparing the CO₂ concentrations in the samples before and after the dilution. In addition, 500 ml
249 of the fuel oil used by each ship was collected in brown glass bottles to determine its carbon and sulfur contents, and to
250 analyse the C₁₁-C₃₆ hydrocarbon species.

251 VOCs in the air samples collected in the canisters and Teflon bags were analyzed by using a preconcentrator (Model 7100,
252 Entech Instruments Inc., USA) coupled to an Agilent 5973N gas chromatography-mass selective detector/flame ionization
253 detector (GC-MSD/FID, Agilent Technologies, USA). The calibration standards were prepared by dynamically diluting the
254 100 ppbv Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) standard mixture (57 NMHCs including 15 AHs) and
255 TO-14 standard mixture (39 compounds) from Spectra Gases Inc., NJ, USA to 0.5, 1, 5, 15 and 30 ppbv. More details about
256 the analysis are described elsewhere (Zhang et al., 2013; 2015; Yang et al., 2018). Besides measured by the flue gas
257 analyzer, the CO₂/CO concentrations were also analyzed by gas chromatography (Agilent 6980GC, USA) with a flame
258 ionization detector and a packed column (5A molecular sieve, 60/80 mesh, 3 m × 1/8 in.) (Liu et al., 2015). The particulate
259 samples collected by quartz filters were analyzed by a DRI Model 2015 multi-wavelength thermal/elemental carbon (OC/EC)
260 analyzer (Li et al., 2018). The carbon contents of the ship fuels were analyzed by an elemental analyzer (Vario EL III,
261 Elementar, Germany), and the sulfur contents were analyzed by the conversion to sulfate with an oxygen bomb combustion
262 (IKA AOD1, IKA, Germany) followed by the determination of sulfate with an ion chromatography (883 Basic IC plus,
263 Metrohm, Switzerland) (Li et al., 2016b). The C₁₁-C₃₆ hydrocarbons in the fuels were analyzed with an Agilent 7890/5975C
264 gas chromatography/mass spectrometer detector (GC/MSD) equipped with a HP-5MS capillary column (30 m in length, 0.25
265 mm I.D., 0.25 µm film thickness) (Yu et al., 2018) after dissolving 50µl fuel oil in 1ml n-hexane and removing the insoluble
266 material through filtration.

267 **2.4 Calculations of emission factors**

268 The emissions factors (EFs) were calculated by a carbon balance approach, which assumed that the carbon in fuel was
269 transformed into the carbon in CO₂, CO, PM and VOCs, and the EF of CO₂ was calculated as follows (Liu et al., 2014):

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$$EF_{CO_2} = \frac{C_F \cdot \Delta[CO_2]}{\Delta C_{CO_2} + \Delta C_{CO} + \Delta C_{PM} + \Delta C_{VOCs}}, \quad (1)$$

321 where EF_{CO_2} is the emissions factor of CO_2 in unit of $g\ kg^{-1}$; C_F is the carbon content per kg of fuel ($g\ kg^{-1}$); $\Delta[CO_2]$ is the
 322 incremental concentrations of CO_2 ; ΔC_{CO_2} , ΔC_{CO} , ΔC_{PM} and ΔC_{VOCs} represent the carbon mass concentrations of CO_2 , CO ,
 323 PM and $VOCs$, respectively, after subtracting their background concentrations.

324 The EF of a pollutant i was calculated by:

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$$EF_i = \frac{\Delta[i]}{\Delta[CO_2]} \times EF_{CO_2}, \quad (2)$$

326 where $\Delta[i]$ is the incremental concentration of pollutant i .

327 According to the standard method ISO 8178-1, the sulfur in fuel is assumed to be fully transformed into SO_2 , so we used
 328 Eq. (3) to calculate the EF of SO_2 (Zhang et al., 2018a):

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$$EF_{SO_2} = S\% \times \frac{64}{32} \times 10^3, \quad (3)$$

330 where EF_{SO_2} is the EF of SO_2 in $g\ kg^{-1}$, and $S\%$ represents FSC.

331 3 Results and discussion

332 3.1 Changes in EFs for ships at berth

333 The FSC for the tested coastal vessels decreased from $2.2 \pm 0.5\%$ on average before to $0.4 \pm 0.5\%$ after IFSP, although there
 334 were some ships, such as ship G, which violated the regulation with an FSC still above the limit of 0.5% (Table 1). In fact,
 335 the ship fuel was transferred from residual fuel oil to diesel oil or heavy oil (Fig S1), and the compositions of the fuels used
 336 by the coastal vessels tended to have more low-carbon number hydrocarbons, as demonstrated by their total ion
 337 chromatograms, than those of coastal vessels before IFSP (Fig S2).

338 As shown in Table 2, the EFs for SO_2 , which were independent of the combustion system (Corbett et al., 1999), decreased
 339 by 78.0% from $44.0 \pm 10.5\ g\ kg^{-1}$ to $9.66 \pm 7.97\ g\ kg^{-1}$ on average. Fuel-based EFs for CO_2 , CO , NO_x ($NO+NO_x$), $VOCs$,
 340 $PM_{2.5}$, OC and EC , however, were more complex because they are not only related to the properties of the fuels but also
 341 heavily influenced by the performance of the combustion system. The comparison before and after IFSP was also challenged
 342 by the fact that the tested coastal vessels during the two campaigns were not the same, and that we tested a limited number of
 343 ships. Nevertheless, ships C and D had been tested both before and after IFSP, and we compared them. The EFs of CO_2 for
 344 ships C and D slightly increased from $3025\ g\ kg^{-1}$ and $3069\ g\ kg^{-1}$ to $3131\ g\ kg^{-1}$ and $3196\ g\ kg^{-1}$ after IFSP; the EF of CO
 345 for ship C increased from $3.80\ g\ kg^{-1}$ to $6.16\ g\ kg^{-1}$, but that for ship D decreased from $14.6\ g\ kg^{-1}$ to $6.41\ g\ kg^{-1}$; the EF of
 346 NO_x for ship C slightly decreased from $19.9\ g\ kg^{-1}$ to $19.0\ g\ kg^{-1}$, while that for ship D decreased from $51.5\ g\ kg^{-1}$ to $31.1\ g\ kg^{-1}$.
 347 $g\ kg^{-1}$.

348 Similar to the EFs of SO_2 , the EFs of $PM_{2.5}$ also decreased significantly after IFSP. For example, the EFs of $PM_{2.5}$ for ship
 349 C decreased by 45.1% from $1.02\ g\ kg^{-1}$ to $0.56\ g\ kg^{-1}$ and that for ship D decreased by 64.3% from $2.44\ g\ kg^{-1}$ to $0.87\ g\ kg^{-1}$;

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415 similar to that of $\text{PM}_{2.5}$, the EF of OC for ships C and D decreased by 28.7% and 60.5%, but no significance change
416 occurred in the EF of EC. Therefore, after IFSP, the changes in the EFs of CO_2 , CO, NO_x and EC were not significant for the
417 coastal vessels, but the EFs of SO_2 , $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and OC decreased.

418 Compared to SO_2 or other pollutants, the VOCs from coastal vessels shown more dramatic changes in their EFs. As
419 shown in Table 2, the EFs of the VOCs ranged from 60.7 mg kg^{-1} to 197 mg kg^{-1} with an average of $118 \pm 56.1 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$
420 before IFSP, and they ranged from 292 mg kg^{-1} to 5251 mg kg^{-1} with an average of $1807 \pm 1746 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ after IFSP. For
421 ships C and D that were tested both before and after IFSP, the EFs of the VOCs for ship C increased approximately 6 times
422 from 106 mg kg^{-1} to 706 mg kg^{-1} , and that for ship D also increased approximately 4 times from 60.7 mg kg^{-1} to 292 mg kg^{-1} .
423 This substantial change in our study was consistent with that based on shipboard platform measurements by Copper et al.
424 (2003), who also found that the EFs of hydrocarbons from a passenger ferry at berth increased from $0.29\text{--}0.57 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$ to 1.71
425 g kg^{-1} after replacing the residual oil (FSC=0.53%) with marine gasoil (FSC=0.09%) (Table 3).

426 There are only a few previous studies available on air pollutants from coastal vessels at berth (Table 3). The ranges for the
427 EFs of CO_2 , PM, VOCs and SO_2 in our study were similar to those determined by Cooper et al. (2003), but our EFs of CO
428 were much higher and our EFs of NO_x were much lower.

429 River vessels sail in inland rivers and many studies have investigated the emissions from river vessels under cruising
430 conditions (Fu et al., 2013; Peng et al., 2016; Zhang et al., 2016), but no studies are available about their emissions at berth.
431 In this study, river vessels used diesel as fuel, and they were not affected by the fuel switch policy. As shown in Table 3, for
432 the tested river vessels (ships H, I, J and K), the EFs of CO_2 ($3014 \pm 99.0 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$) and NO_x ($28.1 \pm 24.5 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$) were close to
433 those for coastal vessels; the EF of CO ($77.9 \pm 62.5 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$), however, was nearly 4 times higher than that of coastal vessels
434 after IFSP, and larger than that reported for engineering vessels and research vessels under cruising conditions with a
435 maximum of 30.2 g kg^{-1} (Zhang et al., 2016); their EF of SO_2 was as low as $0.69 \pm 0.36 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$, while the EF of the VOCs
436 was as high as $3.36 \pm 2.77 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$, 85.6% larger than that reported for coastal vessels after IFSP but within the range for
437 research vessels ($1.24\text{--}4.18 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$) as reported by Zhang et al. (2016).

438 3.2 EFs of grouped and individual VOCs

439 The data on the EFs of grouped and individual VOCs are sparse (Cooper et al., 1996; Murphy et al., 2010; Agrawal et al.,
440 2008; 2010), especially for ship emissions at berth. In this study, 68 species of VOCs, including 29 alkanes, 21 alkenes, 1
441 alkyne and 17 aromatics, were determined. As shown in Fig. 3 and Table 4, for coastal vessels before IFSP, alkanes
442 dominated the emissions among the VOCs at $49.4 \pm 24.1\%$ and an EF of $66.0 \pm 48.3 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$, while aromatics and alkenes
443 accounted for $27.9 \pm 12.3\%$ and $21.9 \pm 11.9\%$ of the VOCs with EFs of $29.2 \pm 8.6 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ and $21.9 \pm 4.5 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$,
444 respectively. However, there were dramatic changes in the compositions of the VOCs after IFSP. Alkenes overtook alkanes
445 to become the most abundant group at $43.1\% \pm 12.8\%$ and an EF of $924.6 \pm 1314.9 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$, followed by alkanes ($33.0 \pm$
446 17.5% , $339.2 \pm 176.6 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$) and aromatics ($16.1 \pm 4.1\%$, $247.3 \pm 236.4 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$). In addition, the mass percentages of <

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515 C₆ VOCs (VOCs with carbon numbers below 6) in the total VOCs in ship exhaust increased from 8.5%-27.3% to 44.4%-
516 86.6% after IFSP (Fig S3), which indicated more low carbon number VOCs were emitted from ships at berth.

517 For the EFs of the individual VOCs, the top 25 species remained unchanged after IFSP, but their rankings changed (Table
518 S2). As shown in Fig. 4 and Table 4, n-undecane and n-dodecane were still among the dominant species, although their
519 percentages decreased substantially. Their EFs did not change to the same degree and were $22.5 \pm 18.2 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ and $21.5 \pm$
520 17.1 mg kg^{-1} before IFSP and $22.5 \pm 24.6 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ and $32.1 \pm 62.1 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ after IFSP, respectively. In addition, the EF of
521 isobutane increased from $0.06 \pm 0.07 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ to $94.3 \pm 62.2 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$. A striking increase in EFs was also observed for
522 alkenes. Ethylene overtook 1-hexene to become the most abundant alkene, with its EF increasing from 2.8 mg kg^{-1} to 602 mg
523 kg^{-1} on average. Propene, with an EF of $5.5 \pm 1.5 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ before IFSP, had the second largest EF of $198 \pm 260 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ after
524 IFSP, an increase of over 30 fold. The alkene 1-hexene, which ranked first among alkenes with an EF of $5.9 \pm 3.8 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$
525 before IFSP, also increased 1.9 times to $17.3 \pm 19.4 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$. The mass percentages of acetylene, the only alkynes detected,
526 increased from $0.9 \pm 0.6\%$ to $7.5 \pm 7.6\%$, with its EF increasing from $0.9 \pm 0.6 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ to $328.7 \pm 605.4 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$. Benzene
527 and toluene were the dominant aromatic species before and after IFSP. Their EFs increased from $11.9 \pm 4.6 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ and 6.0
528 $\pm 1.2 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ to $116.5 \pm 200.8 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ and $33.3 \pm 42.5 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$, respectively, after IFSP.

529 The composition of the VOCs from the river vessels was similar to that of the coastal vessels after IFSP. As shown in Fig.
530 3 and Table S2, alkenes also were dominant in the emissions of the VOCs at $45.1 \pm 5.9\%$, while aromatics and alkenes
531 accounted for $33.7 \pm 4.8\%$ and $14.3 \pm 4.1\%$, respectively. For the individual VOCs, the most abundant species were ethylene,
532 isobutene, propene, acetylene, n-decane and benzene. However, the EFs of the VOCs for the river vessels were 1.9 times
533 those of the coastal vessels after IFSP (Table 2), suggesting that VOCs emissions from the river vessels might have played
534 an important role as their emissions are closer to populated areas and thus should be regulated.

535 Recently, both Xiao et al. (2018) and Huang et al. (2018a) carried out VOC emissions tests on ships at berth in China's
536 ECA. Xiao et al. (2018) reported that aromatics and alkanes dominated the VOCs emissions from the ships at berth.
537 Furthermore, the most abundant alkane species were n-heptane, methylcyclohexane, n-octane, n-nonane, n-decane and n-
538 undecane, and benzene and toluene accounted for 9% of the VOCs emissions; Huang et al. (2018a) also investigated the
539 VOC emissions from ships at berth, but aromatics accounted for up to 70.9% of those emissions, while alkenes only
540 accounted for 6.7%. The variation in ship fuels might be one of the key reasons for the large differences in the compositions
541 of the VOC emissions among the available studies. The fuel switch policy restricted only the FSC below 0.5%, so many
542 types of fuels could be used in ships, as seen from the four types of diesel fuels used by the tested ships (Fig. S1).
543 Nonetheless, engine designs, performance and loads during the sampling might have also led to the differences (Cooper et al.,
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598 3.3 Ozone and SOA formation potential

599 3.3.1 OFP of the VOCs from ship exhaust

600 Ozone formation potential (OFP) is the approach that uses maximum incremental reactivity (MIR) to represent the maximum
601 contribution of VOCs to near-surface ozone formation under optimal conditions (Carter, 2009). With ships emissions data in
602 this study, the normalized ozone reactivity (R_{O_3} , $g\ O_3\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$) and OFP ($g\ O_3\ kg^{-1}\ fuel$) were calculated as:

603 $R_{O_3} = \sum_i w_i \times (MIR)_i$, (4)

604 $OFP = \sum_i EF_i \times (MIR)_i$, (5)

605 where w_i is the mass percentage of the total VOC emissions for i species.

606 As described in Fig. 5, the R_{O_3} of the tested coastal vessels increased by almost 70% from $3.19 \pm 0.82\ g\ O_3\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$ to
607 $5.41 \pm 0.69\ g\ O_3\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$. The main reason for the increase in R_{O_3} is that shares of highly reactive alkenes (such as ethylene
608 and propene) increased among the VOCs emitted, and the contribution percentages of alkenes to R_{O_3} increased from 56.4% \pm
609 13.3% to 75.7% \pm 13.3%. OFP increased 28.7 times from $0.35 \pm 0.11\ g\ O_3\ kg^{-1}\ fuel$ to $10.37 \pm 13.55\ g\ O_3\ kg^{-1}\ fuel$.

610 For the river vessels, their average R_{O_3} was $5.55\ g\ O_3\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$, which was close to that of the coastal vessels after IFSP,
611 but their average OFP ($22.98 \pm 16.59\ g\ O_3\ kg^{-1}\ fuel$) was more than double that of the coastal vessels. As shown in Fig. S4,
612 the R_{O_3} ($4.22\ g\ O_3\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$) reported by Huang et al. (2018a) for ship emissions after IFSP was approximately 20% lower
613 than the R_{O_3} ($5.41\ g\ O_3\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$) from this study, and the R_{O_3} of $2.63\ g\ O_3\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$ reported by Xiao et al. (2018) was even
614 lower than the R_{O_3} before IFSP in this study. These results also suggest that there is great diversity in ship-emitted VOCs at
615 berth, even in different regions of China.

616 3.3.2 SOAFP of the VOCs from ship exhaust

617 Similarly, normalized secondary organic aerosols reactivity (R_{SOA} , $g\ SOA\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$) and SOA formation potential (SOAFP,
618 $g\ SOA\ kg^{-1}\ fuel$) can also be calculated as (Zhang et al., 2018a):

619 $R_{SOA} = \sum_i w_i \times Y_i$, (6)

620 $SOAFP = \sum_i EF_i \times Y_i$, (7)

621 where Y_i is the SOA yield of VOC species i . We could calculate the SOAFP under high- NO_x and low- NO_x conditions (Ng et
622 al., 2007). However, we should be cautious in interpreting the results because intermediate volatile organic compounds were
623 not measured in this study, which may lead to underestimation of SOA yields (Huang et al., 2018b; Lou et al., 2019).

624 As shown in Fig. 5, for the coastal vessels, R_{SOA} decreased by ~75% from $0.288 \pm 0.114\ g\ SOA\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$ to $0.073 \pm$
625 $0.079\ g\ SOA\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$ under high- NO_x conditions, while R_{SOA} also decreased by 66.5% from $0.313 \pm 0.088\ g\ SOA\ g^{-1}$
626 $VOCs$ to $0.105 \pm 0.085\ g\ SOA\ g^{-1}\ VOCs$ under low- NO_x conditions. This decline of R_{SOA} resulted from the decrease in mass
627 percentages of aromatics and alkanes, which have higher SOA yields than those of alkenes (Ng et al., 2007; Lim and
628 Ziemann, 2009; Loza et al., 2014). However, with the dramatically increased EFs of the VOCs, under high- NO_x conditions,

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699 SOAFP_v increased 1.6 times from 0.037 ± 0.026 g SOA kg⁻¹ fuel to 0.096 ± 0.092 g SOA kg⁻¹ fuel, and under low-NO_x
700 conditions, SOAFP_v increased 2.5 times from 0.040 ± 0.025 g SOA kg⁻¹ fuel to 0.137 ± 0.111 g SOA kg⁻¹ fuel.
701 In particular, the R_{SOA} for ship F (Fig. S4) was significantly higher than that of the other ships, largely due to a higher
702 fraction (11.5%) of n-dodecane, which had the highest SOA yield among the VOCs. For the river vessels, the R_{SOA} was the
703 lowest in the test ships, with a value of 0.037 ± 0.017 g SOA g⁻¹ VOCs under high-NO_x conditions and 0.069 ± 0.026 g SOA
704 g⁻¹ VOCs under low-NO_x conditions. However, their SOAFP_v was 0.165 ± 0.131 g SOA kg⁻¹ fuel under high-NO_x conditions
705 and 0.322 ± 0.267 g SOA kg⁻¹ fuel under low-NO_x conditions, which were the largest of the values due to their much higher
706 EFs.

707 As shown in Fig. S4, based on the VOCs emissions from ship at berth reported in Huang et al. (2018a), we calculated a
708 R_{SOA} of 0.080 g SOA g⁻¹ VOCs under high-NO_x conditions and 0.228 g SOA g⁻¹ VOCs under low-NO_x conditions for a
709 coastal vessel also using low-sulfur fuels. This relatively higher R_{SOA} under low-NO_x conditions was related to the higher
710 fractions of aromatics in the VOC emissions. Using another method in Gentner et al. (2012), Xiao et al. (2018) reported an
711 average R_{SOA} of 0.017 g SOA g⁻¹ VOCs under high-NO_x conditions, which was close to a R_{SOA} of 0.015 g SOA g⁻¹ VOCs
712 calculated by the same method for the coastal vessels after IFSP.

713 3.4 Conclusions

714 Ships emissions control is primarily targeted in terms of PM-related pollution, and designating ECA with a fuel switch
715 policy is a widely adopted approach to control air pollution in harbor cities. In the present study, we measured emissions
716 from coastal vessels at berth in Guangzhou Port in the PRD region, one of the three newly established ECAs since 2017, and
717 we preliminarily investigated the changes in emissions caused by the fuel switch policy, and further compared the results
718 with those measured for river vessels unaffected by the fuel switch policy.

719 As reported by previous studies, our study also demonstrated that after IFSP, the EFs of both SO₂ and PM_{2.5} for the coastal
720 vessels decreased, as evidenced by the fact that the EFs of SO₂ reduced by ~78.0% and the EFs of PM_{2.5} reduced by ~55.5%
721 on average. However, the EF of the VOCs increased approximately 14 fold from 118 ± 56.1 mg kg⁻¹ to 1807 ± 1746 mg kg⁻¹.
722 Moreover, the compositions of the VOCs emitted from the coastal vessels also changed greatly. The mass percentages of
723 alkenes increased from 8.5%-27.3% to 44.4%-86.6%. The sharp increase in the EFs, as well as elevated fractions of the more
724 reactive species, resulted in a much higher OFP for the VOCs than that of the other species, which sharply increased at
725 approximately 29 fold from 0.35 ± 0.11 g O₃ kg⁻¹ fuel to 10.37 ± 13.55 g O₃ kg⁻¹ fuel. The SOAFP_v also increased by over
726 50%, although the R_{SOA} was reduced by 66.5%-74.8%.

727 For the river vessels were not affected by the fuel switch policy, the EFs of the VOCs were measured at value as high as
728 3358 ± 2771 mg kg⁻¹, which was almost double those for the coastal vessels after IFSP, with the OFP and SOAFP_v also at
729 approximately 2 times their counterparts for the coastal vessels after IFSP.

730 In summary, our tests in the Guangzhou Port demonstrated that for coastal vessels at berth, the fuel switch from high-
731 sulfur residual fuel oil to low-sulfur diesel or heavy oil resulted in substantially decreased emissions of SO₂ and PM_{2.5} and

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808 therefore would benefit PM pollution control. However, the fuel switch policy raised another concern due to the dramatic
809 increase in emissions of reactive VOCs from the coastal vessels. This phenomenon was also reinforced by the fact that river
810 vessels, which had used diesel oils the entire time, and thus were not affected by the fuel switch policy, also had high
811 emissions of reactive VOCs. This high level of emissions of reactive VOCs probably worsen the ozone pollution and SOA
812 formation in the harbor cities, and further lowering the emissions of reactive VOCs from ocean-going, coastal and river
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814 **Data availability**

815 The data used in this publication are available to the community and can be accessed by request to the corresponding author.

816 **Author contributions**

817 ZFW performed data analysis with contributions from YLZ and XMW. JJH, XLH, XY and WQY helped sampling. HZC
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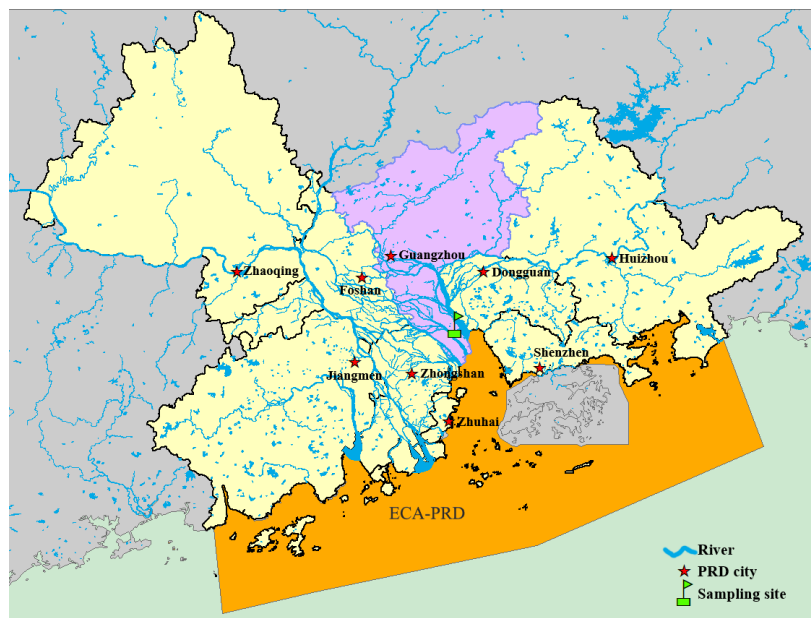
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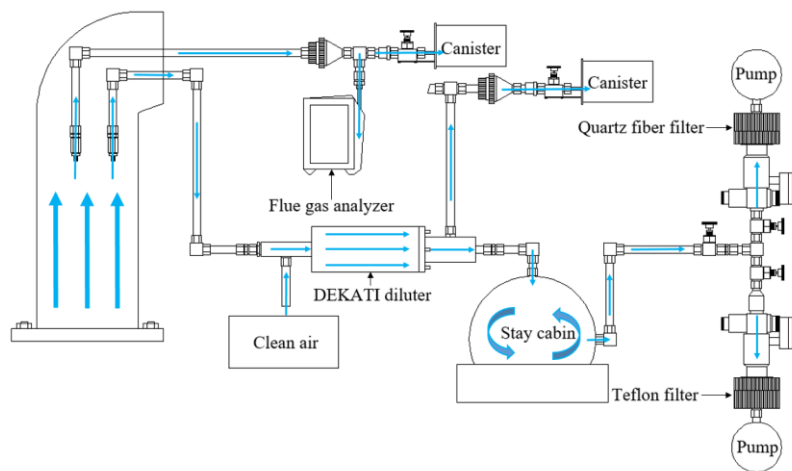
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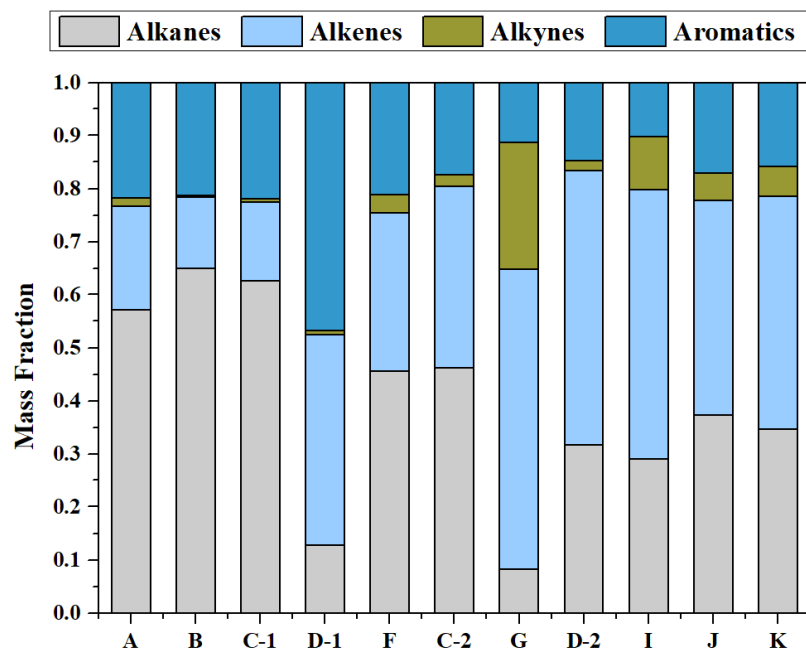
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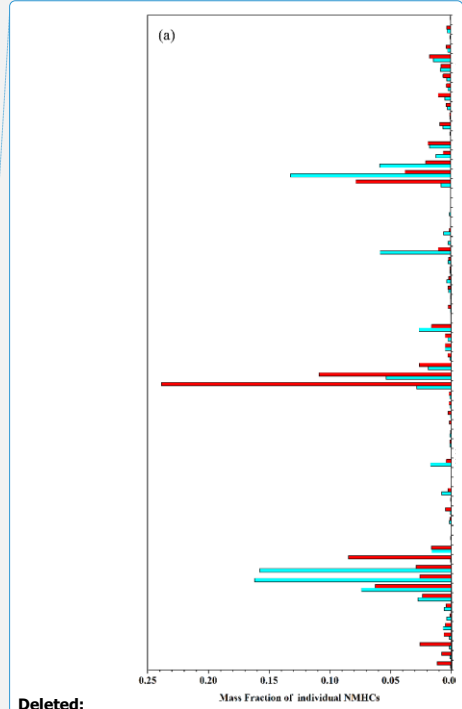
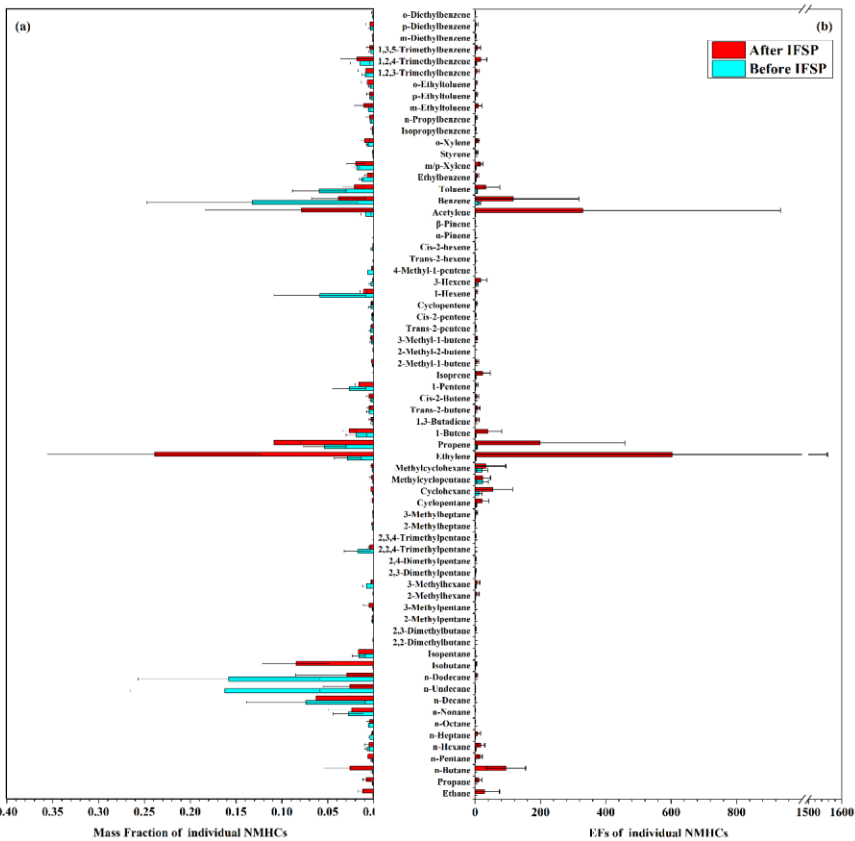
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1026 Figure 3. VOCs grouping according to their functional group. A, B, C-1 and D-1 are coastal vessels tested before JFSP, F, G,

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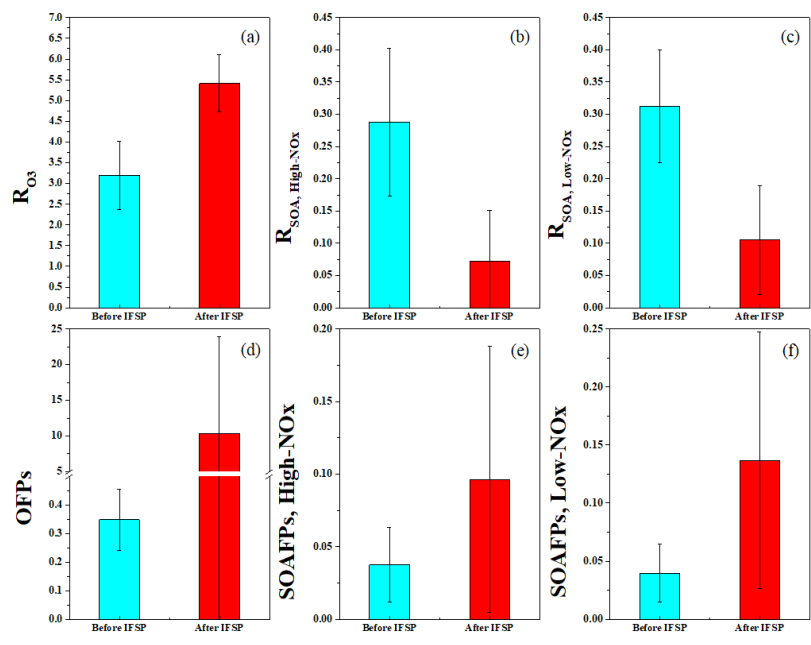
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 1036 Figure 5. The changes in R_{O_3} (g O_3 g $^{-1}$ VOCs), R_{SOA} (g SOA g $^{-1}$ VOCs), OFP (g O_3 kg $^{-1}$ fuel) and SOAFP (g SOA kg $^{-1}$ fuel)
 1037 for coastal vessels before and after IFSP.

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1042 Table 1. The basic information of test vessels.

NO	Test date	Ship types	Gross tonnage (t)	Vessel age (yr)	Auxiliary engine		Fuel types		
					Power (kW)	Amount	Types	C/%	S/%
Coastal vessels (before JFSP)									
A	2015.12.17	container vessel	47917	3	<div><div>1760</div><div>1320</div></div>	<div><div>2</div><div>1</div></div>	residual oil	84.9	1.60
B	2016.08.19	container vessel	41482	8	2045	3	residual oil	82.9	2.90
C-1	2016.08.19	container vessel	49437	4	<div><div>1760</div><div>1320</div></div>	<div><div>2</div><div>1</div></div>	residual oil	82.7	2.10
D-1	2016.11.15	bulk carrier	38384	3	660	3	residual oil	84.4	2.20
Coastal vessels (after JFSP)									
E	2017.03.29	bulk carrier	8376	8	200	2	diesel oil	86.6	0.68
F	2017.12.22	bulk carrier	10716	10	200	3	diesel oil	86.6	0.13
C-2	2018.04.21	container vessel	49437	6	<div><div>1760</div><div>1320</div></div>	<div><div>2</div><div>1</div></div>	diesel oil	85.8	<0.01
G	2018.05.03	container vessel	25719	19	500	3	heavy oil (low-sulfur)	86.5	1.14
D-2	2018.05.06	bulk carrier	38384	4	660	3	heavy oil (low-sulfur)	87.5	0.47
River vessels									
H	2017.03.29	dry cargo carrier	2445	9	<div><div>144</div><div>76</div></div>	<div><div>2</div><div>1</div></div>	diesel oil	86.0	0.06
I	2017.09.27	container vessel	1862	7	73.5	2	diesel oil	86.0	0.03
J	2017.09.27	container vessel	1357	15	58	2	diesel oil	86.1	0.03
K	2017.09.27	container vessel	1420	10	58.5	2	diesel oil	85.9	0.02

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1046 Table 2. The emission factors for test vessels (in unit of g kg⁻¹).

Ships	CO ₂	CO	SO ₂	NO _x	VOCs	OC	EC	PM _{2.5}
Coastal vessels (before JFSP)								
A	3097	8.03	32.0	61.7	0.11	0.59	0.15	2.30
B	3029	5.33	58.0	29.1	0.20	0.29	0.05	1.46
C-1	3025	3.80	42.0	19.9	0.11	0.22	0.07	1.02
D-1	3069	14.6	44.0	51.5	0.06	0.16	0.61	2.44
Coastal vessels (after JFSP)								
E	3120	24.2	13.5	56.6	1.68	1.41	2.08	8.46
F	3156	5.50	2.52	13.0	1.11	0.55	1.41	2.17
C-2	3130	6.16	0.06	19.0	0.71	0.16	0.29	0.56
G	3079	41.0	22.8	19.2	5.25	2.05	1.49	5.90
D-2	3196	6.41	9.40	31.1	0.29	0.07	0.22	0.87
River vessels								
H	3087	26.2	1.20	25.0	0.81	0.74	5.21	12.5
I	3055	59.6	0.52	13.3	1.40	-	-	-
J	2865	171	0.68	9.77	6.93	-	-	-
K	3050	55.0	0.36	64.4	4.29	-	-	-

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Table 3. Fuel-based average EFs (g kg⁻¹) from this study in comparison with those reported previously.

Ships	FSC	Condition	CO ₂	CO	PM	VOCs	SO ₂	NO _x
Coastal vessels or ocean-going vessels								
Coastal vessels-Before IFSP ^a	>0.5%	At berth	3055	7.93	1.81	0.12	44.0	40.6
Coastal vessels-After IFSP ^a	<0.5%	At berth	3136	16.7	3.59	1.81	9.66	27.8
Passenger ferry-α ^b	0.08%	At berth	3080-3297	2.69-4.58	0.99-2.12	0.57-0.99	1.56-1.65	70.3-90.6
Passenger ferry-β-1 ^b	0.53%	At berth	3121-3284	4.34-6.99	1.96	0.29-0.57	10.2-11.0	54.4-71.6
Passenger ferry-β-2 ^b	0.09%	At berth	3200	-	1.29	1.71	1.67	84.2
Passenger ferry-γ ^b	1.20%	At berth	3125-3226	1.50-2.60	1.37-2.00	0.87-1.14	23.7-24.1	64.7-84.7
Car/truck carrier ^b	0.23%	At berth	3237-3251	4.31-4.59	0.80-0.89	0.89-1.08	4.68	45.0-46.4
Container/ro-ro ^b	2.20%	At berth	3199-3212	3.55-4.17	2.49-3.10	0.79-0.88	44.0-44.2	59.4-70.4
Chemical tanker ^b	0.06%	At berth	3159	3.22-3.41	0.65-0.75	1.36-1.40	1.21	81.8-83.6
PanaMax Class Container ^c	3.01%	Cruising	2805	1.32	10.9	-	52.40	89.9
River vessels								
River vessels ^a	<0.5%	At berth	3134	77.9	12.5	3.36	0.69	28.1
Engineering vessel ^d	0.08%	Cruising	3071	30.2	9.40	23.7	1.60	115
Research vessel-α ^d	0.05%	Cruising	3153	6.93	0.72	1.24	0.92	35.7
Research vessel-β ^d	0.13%	Cruising	3151	9.20	0.16	4.18	2.60	31.6

^aThis study; ^bCooper et al. (2003); ^cAgrawal et al. (2010); ^dZhang et al. (2016); ^eZhang et al., (2018^b) with a coefficient of 0.22 kg kWh⁻¹ to convert g kWh⁻¹ to g kg⁻¹.

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Table 4. Emission factors (mg kg⁻¹) of VOCs for test vessels.

Species	Coastal vessels (before IFSP)				Coastal vessels (after IFSP)				River vessels		
	A	B	C-1	D-1	F	C-2	G	D-2	I	J	K
Ethane	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	8.8	5.6	99.0	3.4	17.4	59.4	31.6
Propane	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	14.6	3.6	24.5	2.7	2.4	9.0	7.5
n-Butane	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0	5.6	20.7	15.4	19.3	0.6	2.1	149.3
n-Hexane	0.4	1.7	1.0	0.4	5.0	1.4	2.8	3.6	0.3	3.6	0.6
n-Octane	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.3	9.6	4.5	1.2	0.7	4.9	57.7	26.3
n-Nonane	4.6	4.5	4.1	0.3	43.0	37.3	1.4	0.9	20.5	199.6	144.5
n-Decane	2.4	23.2	15.2	0.8	117.3	97.9	2.2	1.7	32.8	300.5	247.5
n-Undecane	21.0	45.7	22.9	0.3	45.6	42.8	0.7	0.7	24.7	195.9	179.9
n-Dodecane	26.8	42.5	15.5	1.3	127.2	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.7	6.8	57.6
Isobutane	0.2	0.04	0.04	ND ^a	88.5	73.3	180.0	35.2	252.1	1336.5	459.1
Isopentane	2.2	1.1	2.0	1.2	14.5	14.1	35.6	7.6	23.6	171.3	73.4
3-Methylhexane	0.8	1.0	1.5	0.3	3.1	1.4	15.6	1.0	7.0	36.8	35.0
TM224PE ^a	ND	4.1	1.3	2.2	2.8	4.0	18.0	1.4	9.0	73.5	32.8
Other alkanes	1.8	3.0	1.8	0.6	21.2	18.4	34.6	14.4	11.1	129.0	43.2
Sum of alkanes	61.5	128.3	66.5	7.8	506.8	326.2	431.1	92.7	407.1	2581.9	1488.4
Ethylene	2.9	3.2	2.2	3.1	170.5	96.7	2062.7	79.3	401.8	1155.1	1125.2
Propene	7.1	6.3	3.7	4.9	82.8	71.1	595.2	42.8	201.1	969.5	378.3
1-Butene	2.1	0.6	2.6	1.7	23.9	21.1	102.7	10.1	32.0	149.0	105.6
Trans-2-butene	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	3.9	5.5	17.6	1.7	5.7	34.0	21.0
1-Pentene	4.1	2.0	1.2	2.9	17.3	14.7	57.9	5.2	24.7	143.1	80.4
1-Hexene	2.5	10.3	2.8	8.1	7.9	11.1	46.6	3.5	18.0	127.1	68.9
M4PE1ENE ^b	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.7	1.4	1.5	10.4	0.6	3.0	26.4	12.6
Other alkenes	1.1	2.7	2.4	2.2	23.1	19.9	82.5	7.2	26.1	206.0	96.8
Sum of alkenes	21.1	26.5	15.8	24.0	330.8	241.6	2975.6	150.4	712.5	2810.3	1888.8
Acetylene	1.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	38.5	15.4	1255.1	5.6	139.1	355.5	241.8
Benzene	9.6	11.6	7.9	18.6	18.3	13.0	423.7	10.9	46.6	191.7	129.5
Toluene	5.4	7.6	4.8	6.3	15.7	7.8	98.2	11.7	22.1	131.3	75.5
Ethylbenzene	1.1	2.5	1.8	0.7	7.4	5.3	13.1	3.0	6.3	61.5	28.2
m/p-Xylene	1.8	3.5	1.7	1.3	24.1	19.4	20.4	7.0	11.5	129.1	57.4
o-Xylene	0.6	1.5	0.7	0.5	14.1	10.1	9.3	2.9	6.3	69.1	31.6
m-Ethyltoluene	0.7	1.5	0.5	0.2	24.8	11.4	2.0	1.4	8.4	100.0	75.9
o-Ethyltoluene	0.3	1.2	0.6	0.1	16.8	6.1	1.7	0.9	5.0	54.2	28.9
TM123B ^c	1.1	2.4	1.1	0.2	19.7	9.5	2.2	0.8	5.5	71.1	43.9
TM124B ^d	1.0	5.3	2.1	0.2	44.1	18.3	3.3	1.6	15.2	167.8	99.7
Other aromatics	1.7	4.6	2.2	0.3	49.1	21.6	15.5	2.8	15.5	206.2	105.2
Sum of aromatics	23.3	41.8	23.2	28.4	234.0	122.6	589.5	43.0	142.5	1182.0	675.7

^a2,2,4-Trimethylpentane; ^b4-Methyl-1-pentene; ^c1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene; ^d1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene; ^eNot detected.

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