

Supplementary Materials: Development of a Refrigerant-Free Cryotrap Unit for Pre-Concentration of Biogenic Volatile Organic Compounds in Air

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Table S1. List the chemical properties of target species for ambient measurements.

Compounds	CAS	Formula	Molar mass	Purity (%)	Producer
Isoprene	78-79-5	C ₅ H ₈	68.1	100	Linder, USA
α -pinene	80-56-8	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	136.2	96.7	Dr. Ehrenstorfer, Germany
camphene	79-92-5	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	136.2	95.0	Supelco, USA
sabinene	3387-41-5	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	136.2	97.9	ChromaDex, USA
β -Myrcene	123-35-3	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	136.2	95.0	ChromaDex, USA
β -pinene	127-91-3	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	136.2	98.8	Dr. Ehrenstorfer, Germany
2-carene	4497-92-1	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	136.2	96.6	ChromaDex, USA
3-carene	13466-78-9	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	136.2	92.6	Dr. Ehrenstorfer, Germany
D-limonene	5989-27-5	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	136.2	92.3	ChromaDex, USA
p-Cymene	99-87-6	C ₁₀ H ₁₄	134.2	99.1	Dr. Ehrenstorfer, Germany
Ocimene	13877-91-3	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	136.2	98.0	Supelco, USA
Cineole	470-82-6	C ₁₀ H ₁₈ O	154.3	98.7	ANPLE, China
γ -terpinene	99-85-4	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	136.2	94.5	Dr. Ehrenstorfer, Germany
Isolongifolene	1135-66-6	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204.4	98.0	Supelco, USA
Longifolene	475-20-7	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204.4	81.1	ChromaDex, USA
α -cedrene	469-61-4	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204.4	94.7	ChromaDex, USA
β -caryophyllene	87-44-5	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204.4	98.0	YuanyeBio, China
α -caryophyllene	6753-98-6	C ₁₅ H ₂₄	204.4	96.7	ChromaDex, USA

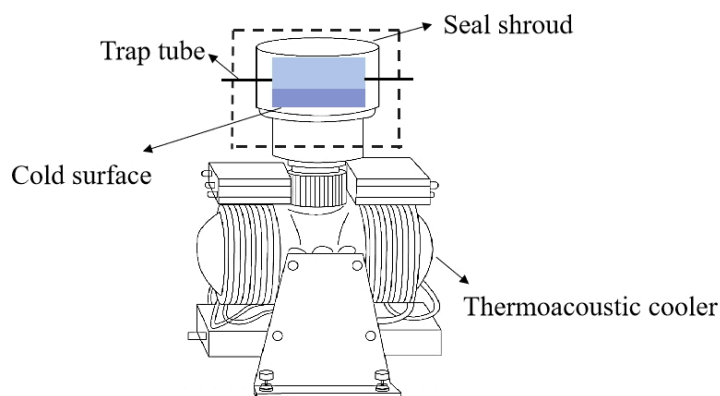


Figure S1. A drawing of thermoacoustic cooler which is used in this device.

Table S2. Detection limit (DL), repeatability and their mixing ratios (mean concentration \pm standard deviation) (ppbv) of measured VOC compounds in the air of Guangzhou sie at June 2022.

Species	R ²	DL (ppbv)	Repeatability	AVG
Alkanes (n=29)				
Ethane	0.999	0.036	1.8%	1.67 \pm 0.862
Propane	0.999	0.016	1.0%	3.58 \pm 2.43
iso-Butane	0.999	0.012	0.8%	2.08 \pm 2.36
n-Butane	0.999	0.020	0.4%	3.33 \pm 2.28
Cyclopentane	0.999	0.008	0.2%	0.236 \pm 0.181
iso-Pentane	0.999	0.012	0.1%	5.48 \pm 5.44
n-Pentane	0.999	0.010	1.3%	5.40 \pm 6.31
2,2-Dimethylbutane	0.996	0.010	2.0%	0.228 \pm 0.247
2,3-Dimethylbutane	0.999	0.015	1.3%	0.192 \pm 1.069
2-Methylpentane	0.998	0.012	1.6%	0.807 \pm 0.771
3-Methylpentane	0.998	0.012	2.4%	0.790 \pm 0.696
n-Hexane	0.997	0.008	1.4%	1.05 \pm 1.04
2,4-Dimethylpentane	0.999	0.009	1.4%	0.123 \pm 0.105
Methylcyclopentane	0.997	0.008	1.9%	0.439 \pm 0.376
2-Methylhexane	0.998	0.012	1.3%	0.553 \pm 0.465
2,3-Dimethylpentane	0.999	0.013	1.8%	0.153 \pm 0.129
Cyclohexane	0.999	0.011	1.8%	0.133 \pm 0.102
3-Methylhexane	0.998	0.009	1.1%	0.362 \pm 0.310
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	0.998	0.003	1.6%	0.135 \pm 0.119
n-Heptane	0.998	0.009	1.9%	0.250 \pm 0.196
Methylcyclohexane	0.997	0.013	2.4%	0.142 \pm 0.113
2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	0.998	0.010	1.3%	0.044 \pm 0.032
2-Methylheptane	0.999	0.010	1.6%	0.038 \pm 0.030
3-Methylheptane	0.999	0.009	1.5%	0.043 \pm 0.033
n-Octane	0.999	0.009	1.6%	0.084 \pm 0.052
Nonane	0.997	0.011	1.8%	0.087 \pm 0.043
n-Decane	0.998	0.009	1.5%	0.040 \pm 0.020
n-Undecane	0.995	0.011	1.7%	0.057 \pm 0.028
n-Dodecane	0.988	0.021	5.5%	0.000 \pm 0.000
Alkenes (n=11)				
Ethylene	0.999	0.039	1.2%	1.52 \pm 0.780
Propylene	0.997	0.018	2.8%	0.222 \pm 0.171
trans-2-Butene	0.998	0.009	1.7%	0.313 \pm 0.593
1-Butene	0.998	0.020	1.6%	0.161 \pm 0.095
cis-2-Butene	0.998	0.018	1.7%	0.071 \pm 0.229
1,3-Butadiene	0.998	0.014	1.4%	0.026 \pm 0.029
Isbutene	0.995	0.012	2.1%	0.650 \pm 0.455
1-Pentene	0.998	0.019	1.4%	0.059 \pm 0.102
trans-2-Pentene	0.999	0.009	1.6%	0.077 \pm 0.104

cis-2-Pentene	0.997	0.006	3.9%	0.021 ± 0.028
1-Hexene	0.998	0.013	1.8%	0.090 ± 0.053
Alkynes (n=1)				
Acetylene	0.997	0.039	3.5%	1.01 ± 0.737
Carbonyls (n=12)				
Acrolein	0.988	0.022	6.3%	0.076 ± 0.072
Propanal	0.998	0.030	5.4%	0.257 ± 0.183
Acetone	0.998	0.013	1.5%	0.154 ± 0.140
MTBE	0.999	0.010	4.9%	0.710 ± 0.975
Methacrolein	0.997	0.009	3.4%	0.055 ± 0.050
n-Butanal	0.999	0.012	8.6%	0.159 ± 0.106
MethylVinylKetone	0.995	0.010	6.5%	0.203 ± 0.163
MethylEthylKetone	0.997	0.011	5.5%	0.179 ± 0.119
2-Pentanone	0.988	0.025	9.2%	0.000 ± 0.000
Pentanal	0.956	0.022	10.3%	0.123 ± 0.114
3-Pentanone	0.957	0.032	13.9%	0.000 ± 0.000
Hexanal	0.950	0.016	14.7%	1.30 ± 0.832
Aromatics (n=16)				
Benzene	0.998	0.007	1.3%	0.303 ± 0.223
Toluene	0.999	0.006	1.4%	2.73 ± 2.36
Ethylbenzene	0.999	0.009	1.7%	0.652 ± 0.531
m/p-Xylene	0.998	0.008	1.5%	1.99 ± 2.83
o-Xylene	0.998	0.007	1.3%	0.852 ± 0.734
Styrene	0.998	0.008	1.6%	0.343 ± 0.328
Isopropylbenzene	0.998	0.007	1.6%	0.030 ± 0.018
n-Propylbenzene	0.999	0.009	1.8%	0.027 ± 0.016
m-Ethyltoluene	0.999	0.015	1.5%	0.053 ± 0.039
p-Ethyltoluene	0.993	0.014	0.5%	0.033 ± 0.022
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	0.999	0.020	0.8%	0.027 ± 0.020
o-Ethyltoluene	0.999	0.010	0.9%	0.033 ± 0.022
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	0.993	0.029	0.8%	0.107 ± 0.077
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	0.995	0.012	0.7%	0.039 ± 0.027
m-Diethylbenzene	0.998	0.060	1.0%	0.013 ± 0.008
p-Diethylbenzene	0.982	0.050	7.2%	0.030 ± 0.019
Haloalkane (n=31)				
Freon-114	0.998	0.025	0.8%	0.021 ± 0.005
Chloromethane	0.999	0.020	2.0%	0.160 ± 0.187
Vinylchloride	0.999	0.023	1.0%	0.170 ± 0.048
Bromomethane	0.999	0.019	1.0%	0.004 ± 0.002
Chloroethane	0.998	0.020	1.1%	0.002 ± 0.004
Freon-11	0.976	0.015	4.3%	0.362 ± 0.054
1,1-Dichloroethene	0.999	0.017	1.0%	0.001 ± 0.005
Freon-113	0.998	0.009	1.2%	0.069 ± 0.013
Dichloromethane	0.996	0.026	1.2%	1.97±1.61
1,1-Dichloroethane	0.999	0.024	1.0%	0.004 ± 0.004
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	0.999	0.009	0.8%	0.005 ± 0.003
Chloroform	0.958	0.026	5.1%	0.060 ± 0.033
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.988	0.015	3.5%	0.002 ± 0.002
CarbonTetrachloride	0.999	0.010	4.9%	0.074 ± 0.018
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.997	0.031	1.0%	0.115 ± 0.095
Trichloroethylene	0.999	0.024	1.3%	0.119 ± 0.167
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.998	0.016	1.6%	0.081 ± 0.073
Bromodichloromethane	0.995	0.023	2.0%	0.002 ± 0.003
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.997	0.033	5.8%	0.025 ± 0.011
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	0.998	0.034	2.0%	0.001 ± 0.003
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.998	0.015	1.5%	0.014 ± 0.011
Tetrachloroethylene	0.998	0.031	1.4%	0.054 ± 0.045
1,2-Dibromoethane	0.998	0.028	2.0%	0.001 ± 0.004
Chlorobenzene	0.995	0.033	1.9%	0.003 ± 0.003
Bromoform	0.991	0.030	2.1%	0.004 ± 0.005

1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.991	0.021	2.0%	0.002 ± 0.003
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	0.995	0.021	2.0%	0.003 ± 0.003
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	0.997	0.011	1.9%	0.024 ± 0.019
BenzylChloride	0.993	0.038	5.9%	0.001 ± 0.001
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	0.995	0.017	2.0%	0.003 ± 0.004
Acetonitrile	0.993	0.043	4.5%	0.326 ± 0.320
BVOCs (n=4)				
Isoprene	0.998	0.007	1.6%	1.15 ± 0.511
α-pinene	0.994	0.004	3.8%	0.105 ± 0.048
β-pinene	0.994	0.004	3.7%	0.016 ± 0.006
D-limonene	0.993	0.005	5.3%	0.013 ± 0.007

Table S3. The optimization results water trap temperature, desorption temperature and desorption time of target analytes. The number of repetitions of each analysis was 3 times.

The optimization results of water trap temperature of target analytes			
Compound	0 °C (Average ^a ±SD ^b)	-20 °C (Average ±SD)	-40 °C (Average ±SD)
α-Pinene	4.22 ± 0.012	4.47 ± 0.018	4.63 ± 0.012
Camphene	3.37 ± 0.009	3.61 ± 0.019	3.73 ± 0.009
Sabinene	4.41 ± 0.016	4.58 ± 0.010	4.77 ± 0.016
β-Myrcene	4.40 ± 0.016	4.58 ± 0.010	4.76 ± 0.016
β-Pinene	4.40 ± 0.016	4.58 ± 0.010	4.77 ± 0.016
2-Carene	4.48 ± 0.007	4.71 ± 0.013	4.89 ± 0.007
3-Carene	4.63 ± 0.010	4.92 ± 0.006	5.12 ± 0.010
D-limonene	4.24 ± 0.025	4.34 ± 0.031	4.57 ± 0.025
p-Cymene	5.33 ± 0.013	5.49 ± 0.004	5.51 ± 0.013
Ocimene	4.40 ± 0.016	4.52 ± 0.003	4.59 ± 0.016
Cineole	4.84 ± 0.074	4.57 ± 0.021	4.48 ± 0.074
γ-Terpinene	4.69 ± 0.016	4.85 ± 0.006	5.00 ± 0.016
Isolongifolene	4.67 ± 0.042	4.73 ± 0.059	4.12 ± 0.042
Longifolene	4.55 ± 0.010	4.30 ± 0.079	3.60 ± 0.010
α-Cedrene	4.86 ± 0.039	4.62 ± 0.082	3.92 ± 0.039
β-Caryophyllene	4.32 ± 0.035	3.81 ± 0.093	2.97 ± 0.035
α-Caryophyllene	4.59 ± 0.086	3.65 ± 0.106	2.90 ± 0.086
The optimization results of desorption temperature of target analytes			
Compound	150 °C (Average ±SD)	200 °C (Average ±SD)	250 °C (Average ±SD)
α-Pinene	4.69 ± 0.030	4.84 ± 0.070	4.81 ± 0.042
Camphene	3.76 ± 0.030	3.87 ± 0.051	3.85 ± 0.037
Sabinene	4.83 ± 0.022	5.01 ± 0.061	4.98 ± 0.040
β-Myrcene	4.83 ± 0.021	5.01 ± 0.061	4.98 ± 0.040

β -Pinene	4.83 ± 0.022	5.01 ± 0.061	4.98 ± 0.040
2-Carene	4.92 ± 0.018	5.08 ± 0.058	5.05 ± 0.033
3-Carene	5.16 ± 0.017	5.32 ± 0.056	5.30 ± 0.032
D-limonene	4.58 ± 0.011	4.69 ± 0.073	4.72 ± 0.052
p-Cymene	5.74 ± 0.012	5.90 ± 0.048	5.89 ± 0.028
Ocimene	4.74 ± 0.016	4.90 ± 0.055	4.87 ± 0.032
Cineole	4.76 ± 0.016	4.89 ± 0.008	5.04 ± 0.043
γ -Terpinene	5.09 ± 0.013	5.26 ± 0.057	5.26 ± 0.031
Isolongifolene	4.98 ± 0.013	5.12 ± 0.022	5.16 ± 0.024
Longifolene	4.57 ± 0.019	4.71 ± 0.047	4.78 ± 0.045
α -Cedrene	4.92 ± 0.019	5.09 ± 0.043	5.18 ± 0.048
β -Caryophyllene	4.08 ± 0.036	4.27 ± 0.060	4.42 ± 0.076
α -Caryophyllene	3.97 ± 0.047	4.23 ± 0.032	4.38 ± 0.139

The optimization results of desorption time of target analytes						
Compound	1 min (Average \pm SD)	2 min (Average \pm SD)	3 min (Average \pm SD)	4 min (Average \pm SD)	5 min (Average \pm SD)	7 min (Average \pm SD)
α -Pinene	4.88 \pm 0.031	4.99 \pm 0.031	5.01 \pm 0.031	4.99 \pm 0.031	4.94 \pm 0.031	4.86 \pm 0.031
Camphene	3.94 \pm 0.026	4.08 \pm 0.026	4.09 \pm 0.026	4.06 \pm 0.026	3.99 \pm 0.026	3.88 \pm 0.026
Sabinene	4.80 \pm 0.067	5.10 \pm 0.067	5.12 \pm 0.067	5.11 \pm 0.067	5.06 \pm 0.067	5.01 \pm 0.067
β -Myrcene	4.79 \pm 0.067	5.10 \pm 0.067	5.12 \pm 0.067	5.11 \pm 0.067	5.06 \pm 0.067	5.01 \pm 0.067
β -Pinene	4.79 \pm 0.067	5.10 \pm 0.067	5.12 \pm 0.067	5.11 \pm 0.067	5.06 \pm 0.067	5.01 \pm 0.067
2-Carene	4.92 \pm 0.046	5.13 \pm 0.046	5.15 \pm 0.046	5.14 \pm 0.046	5.11 \pm 0.046	5.07 \pm 0.046
3-Carene	5.13 \pm 0.049	5.36 \pm 0.049	5.37 \pm 0.049	5.37 \pm 0.049	5.34 \pm 0.049	5.31 \pm 0.049
D-limonene	4.36 \pm 0.089	4.76 \pm 0.089	4.80 \pm 0.089	4.79 \pm 0.089	4.77 \pm 0.089	4.74 \pm 0.089
p-Cymene	5.46 \pm 0.106	5.88 \pm 0.106	5.93 \pm 0.106	5.94 \pm 0.106	5.92 \pm 0.106	5.91 \pm 0.106
Ocimene	4.43 \pm 0.112	4.92 \pm 0.112	4.96 \pm 0.112	4.96 \pm 0.112	4.93 \pm 0.112	4.90 \pm 0.112
Cineole	4.12 \pm 0.150	4.55 \pm 0.150	4.84 \pm 0.150	4.95 \pm 0.150	5.15 \pm 0.150	5.25 \pm 0.150
γ -Terpinene	4.88 \pm 0.084	5.29 \pm 0.084	5.32 \pm 0.084	5.31 \pm 0.084	5.29 \pm 0.084	5.27 \pm 0.084
Isolongifolene	2.47 \pm 0.086	4.04 \pm 0.086	4.75 \pm 0.086	5.02 \pm 0.086	5.18 \pm 0.086	5.20 \pm 0.086
Longifolene	2.30 \pm 0.233	3.34 \pm 0.233	4.21 \pm 0.233	4.60 \pm 0.233	4.83 \pm 0.233	4.89 \pm 0.233
α -Cedrene	2.73 \pm 0.070	3.57 \pm 0.070	4.53 \pm 0.070	4.97 \pm 0.070	5.21 \pm 0.070	5.29 \pm 0.070
β -Caryophyllene	1.97 \pm 0.069	2.58 \pm 0.069	3.60 \pm 0.069	4.19 \pm 0.069	4.50 \pm 0.069	4.61 \pm 0.069
α -Caryophyllene	2.60 \pm 0.038	3.02 \pm 0.038	3.36 \pm 0.038	4.14 \pm 0.038	4.56 \pm 0.038	4.81 \pm 0.038

^a Average: The average of the Log (Area). ^bSD: Standard deviation.

Table S4. Comparisons the average mixing ratios of BVOCs measured in Guangzhou and other sites in China.

References	Guangzhou Jun. 2022	Guangzhou Jun. 2011-May. 2012	Guangzhou Aug. 29, 2020	Guangzhou* Aug. 30-31, 2020	Hongkong Jun.-Jul. 2007	Beijing Jun.-Aug. 2014	Xi'an May. 2017
	This study	[1]	[2]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
Sampling site	Suburb	Forest park	Suburb	Suburb	Urban-park	Urban	Mountain
Sampling method	Online	Canister samples	Canister samples	Canister samples	Canister samples	Online	Cartridges
Enrichment method	Cryotrap-thermoacoustic cooler	Cryotrap-liquid nitrogen	Cryotrap-liquid nitrogen	Cryotrap-liquid nitrogen	Cryotrap-liquid argon	solid adsorbents	Tenax\Carbograph-solid adsorbents
Analytical method	GC-MS/FID	GC-FID	GC-MS/FID	GC-MS/FID	GC-FID	GC-FID	Offline-TD-GC-MS/FID
BVOCs	Concentrations						
Isoprene	1.15	4.90	1.21	1.75	1.33	0.927	1.30
α -pinene	0.105	0.184	0.009	0.023	-	0.018	-
β -pinene	0.016	-	0.016	0.017	0.24	-	-
D-limonene	0.013	-	-	-	0.19	-	-
Monoterpenes	0.13	0.184	0.025	0.04	0.43	0.018	0.21

* pollution.

- data were not available in the relative reference.

Table S5. Comparisons of VOCs with high levels in Guangzhou with other cities in China.

	Guangzhou	Guangzhou	Guangzhou	Guangzhou	Wanqingsha	Beijing	Shanghai	Wuhan
References	This study	[6]	[7]	[2]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]
Sampling site	Suburb	Suburb	Urban	Suburb	Suburb	Suburb	Urban	Urban
Top ten VOCs	Concentrations							
iso-Pentane	5.48	1.72	2.52	1.18	2.31	0.79	1.03	0.94
n-Pentane	5.40	1.37	1.78	0.52	1.69	0.33	0.55	0.44
Propane	3.58	4.34	3.90	3.67	4.63	1.97	2.99	5.49
n-Butane	3.33	3.07	3.62	3.82	3.86	0.81	1.57	1.74
Toluene	2.73	4.59	2.97	1.42	4.90	0.39	1.31	0.71
iso-Butane	2.08	2.67	1.82	2.10	2.22	0.47	0.91	1.09
m/p-Xylene	1.99	1.41	1.44	1.15	2.75	0.27	1.07	0.27
Dichloromethane	1.97	-	-	-	-	0.68	1.57	1.16
Ethane	1.67	3.66	1.43	1.52	2.40	1.84	3.69	3.91
Ethylene	1.52	2.99	1.21	0.61	1.56	0.69	1.53	1.97

* pollution.

- data were not available in the relative reference.

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