

Response to Reviewers

Reviewer #1

The authors present comprehensive speciation of ROG emissions from industrial VCP sources, including shoemaking, plastic surface coating, furniture coating, printing, and ship coating industries. They use the combination of a PTR-ToF-MS in H_3O^+ and NO^+ to capture OVOCs and long chain alkanes, respectively, alongside a GC-MS to identify individual molecules and smaller alkanes. They highlight the important contribution of OVOCs not only to the overall emissions but also to the reactivity, ozone, and SOA formation potential. Finally, they evaluate the performance of ROG treatment devices used to reduce ineffectively emissions from these VCP sources. This paper provides unique insights on the emission fingerprint of VOCs and OVOCs from industrial VCPs in China and is suitable for publication after the following minor comments.

Reply: We would like to thank you for your insightful comments, which helped us tremendously in improving the quality of our work. Please find our responses to individual comments below.

Comments:

1.I recommend that the authors thoroughly proofread and improve the English, especially in the supplement and captions.

Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have checked all these comments and checked the grammar and syntax throughout the manuscript and the supplement.

2.Line 38-39: The meaning of this sentence is unclear to me.

Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have re-wording this sentence.

The sentence in the Abstract (line 39-41) is modified to:

We find that a few species can contribute the majority of the ROG emissions, and also their OHR and OFP from various industrial VCP sources.

3.Line 66: Delete the word "on."

30 Reply: We have deleted “on”.

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32 *4.Lines 97-98: This sentence feels somewhat out of place.*

33 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have re-wording this sentence.

34 The sentence in the Introduction (line 103-104) is modified to:

35 **More evidence shows that the contribution of VCP sources to anthropogenic**
36 **ROG emissions is gradually becoming more prominent.**

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38 *5.Line 100: Add "...attributed to a VCP-dominated..."*

39 Reply: We have added “a” in this sentence.

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41 *6.Line 126: I'm unsure about the definition of ROG treatment devices. It would be*
42 *helpful to define this term early on, as it is used extensively throughout, including in*
43 *figure captions.*

44 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We agree with you that the definition of ROG
45 treatment devices should be much early in our manuscript. We have removed
46 descriptions in the Section 3.1 and Section 3.3, and added some description in the
47 Section 2.1. We have modified them accordingly.

48 The sentence in the Introduction (line 131-135) is modified to:

49 **We investigated emission characteristics of ROGs across these industries,**
50 **and utilized the dataset to analyze the contributions of different ROG components**
51 **to total ROG emissions, OH reactivity (OHR), ozone formation potential (OFP),**
52 **and volatility in various industrial VCP sources.**

53 The sentences in the Section 2.1 (line 150-162) are modified to:

54 **Typically, workshop waste gases are routed through collection devices (e.g.**
55 **gas-collecting hoods, airtight partitions), and then processed in ROG treatment**
56 **devices (e.g. ultraviolet-ray (UV) oxidation, activated carbon adsorption,**
57 **combustion, and biodegradation). These treated gases are then released into the**
58 **atmosphere through exhaust stacks. ROG treatment devices play a crucial role in**

59 **reducing ROG emissions by employing recovery and destruction technologies**
60 **(Wang et al., 2023;Kamal et al., 2016). Recovery processes involve enriching and**
61 **separating VOCs by means of temperature or pressure changes and selective**
62 **absorbents, while destruction processes converts VOCs into harmless substances**
63 **such as CO₂ and H₂O through combustion (Wang et al., 2023). In this study, we**
64 **evaluate two types of ROG treatment devices: activated carbon adsorption**
65 **combined with UV photolysis devices (installed in shoemaking, plastic surface**
66 **coating, furniture coating, and printing industries) and catalytic combustion**
67 **devices (installed in printing and ship coating industries).**

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69 *7.Line 149: These sampling lines are quite long. Is there any treatment for wall losses,*
70 *especially for sticky OVOCs?*

71 **Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. The sampling tubings used varied in length**
72 **from 10 m to 50 m for most sampling sites. A tubing with a length of 100 m were**
73 **employed for sampling at the ROG treatment device at the shoemaking industry, as the**
74 **treatment device is located on the 9th floor of the building. During the campaign, all**
75 **sampling tubing were shielded with aluminum foil during the campaign. To investigate**
76 **the potential wall losses resulting from the use of long tubes, we conducted an**
77 **assessment of the uncertainty related to the sampling techniques in laboratory tests. The**
78 **results indicated that the tubing had a minimal impact on most ROG species, affirming**
79 **the feasibility of measurements using the long PFA tubing. Further details can be found**
80 **elsewhere (Li et al., 2023).**

81 **The sentences in the Section 2.1 (line 169-172) are modified to:**

82 **The use of long tubing was assessed through laboratory tests, which showed**
83 **that the tubing had a negligible and minor influence on most ROG species. This**
84 **confirmed the feasibility of measurement using long PFA tubing, more detail can**
85 **be found elsewhere (Li et al., 2023).**

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87 *8.Line 188: Remove the double dot.*

88 Reply: We have removed the double dot.

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90 *9.Lines 221-223: This sentence is unclear. Please rephrase it.*

91 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. Considering that this sentence seem to be
92 abrupt here, we removed it in the revised manuscript.

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94 *10.Lines 235-238: One could argue that this agreement is not ideal when both axes are*
95 *in logarithmic scale. The differences are often greater than a factor of 2. More*
96 *discussions on these differences would be great, especially considering the*
97 *fragmentation interferences for both ionization methods.*

98 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. The correlation between two modes are
99 slightly weaker than the ambient measurements reported in our previous study. Here,
100 we have added some descriptions about the differences between both ionization
101 methods.

102 The sentences in the Section 2.3 (line 255-260) are modified to:

103 **Finally, the comparison between PTR-ToF-MS with H₃O⁺ and NO⁺**
104 **chemical ionization is shown in Fig. S4-S5. Previous studies have shown good**
105 **agreement between measurements obtained using PTR-ToF-MS with H₃O⁺ and**
106 **NO⁺ chemical ionization in ambient measurements (Wang et al., 2020). However,**
107 **a slightly weaker correlation was observed in industrial VCP sources, potentially**
108 **due to the large changes for different species between the switch of the two reagent**
109 **ions.**

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111 *11.Section 3.1: The current organization of the paper, with frequent references to*
112 *Figures 1 and 2, makes it difficult for the reader to follow. I suggest reconstructing the*
113 *paper to address each emission source separately, with overview graphs that combine*
114 *information from both (or more) figures. The comparison of all sources could be*
115 *presented in a separate figure.*

116 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have reconstructed Section 3.1 by added
117 subheadings (3.1.1 and 3.1.2), each emission source is now individually introduced in
118 Section 3.1.1. In addition, we presented combine information from Fig. 1 and Fig. 2
119 could better compare the emission characteristics of various emission sources, and we
120 have included a graph (Fig. S9) to compare the fraction of different ion categories
121 measured by the PTR-ToF-MS across various industrial VCP sources.

122 The subheadings in the Section 3.1(line 280-382) is modified to:

123 **3.1.1 Emission characteristics from industrial VCP sources**

124 **A. Shoemaking industry**

125 **B. Plastic surface coating industry**

126 **C. Furniture coating industry**

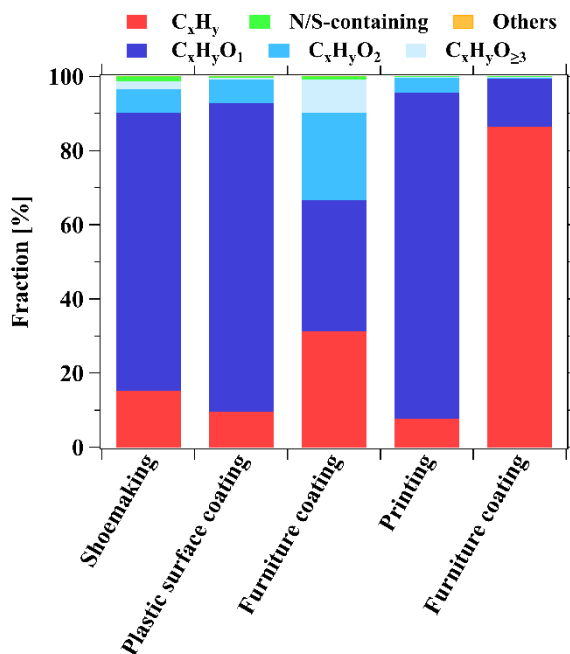
127 **D. Printing industry**

128 **E. Ship coating industry**

129 **3.1.2 Comparison of ROG composition from industrial VCP sources**

130 The sentence in the Section 3.1 (line383-384) is modified to:

131 **The quantification of the proportions of different ion categories measured**
132 **by the PTR-ToF-MS across various industrial VCP sources is shown in Fig.2 and**
133 **Fig. S9.**



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135 **Figure S9. The fractions of different ROG categories measured by the PTR-ToF-**
136 **MS from stack emissions across various industrial VCP sources.**

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138 *12.Lines 251-252: Please provide more elaboration on what is meant here. Is it that*
139 *the angle θ approach was previously only used for AMS spectra, which have substantial*
140 *fragmentation compared to PTR?*

141 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We changed this part:

142 The sentences in the Section 2.4 (line275-278) are modified to:

143 **As these previous studies utilize the similarity analysis on mass spectra of**
144 **aerosol mass spectrometer (AMS) obtained from electron ionization, leading to**
145 **very similar mass spectra for different sources.**

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147 *13.Lines 260-262: It's unclear what is meant by collection devices and collection and*
148 *treatment devices, as well as their differences.*

149 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have added some descriptions about these
150 two devices in the Section 2.1 in the revised manuscript.

151 The sentences in the Section 2.1 (line 150-154) are modified to:

152 **Typically, workshop waste gases are routed through collection devices (e.g.**
153 **gas-collecting hoods, airtight partitions), and then processed in ROG treatment**
154 **devices (e.g. ultraviolet-ray (UV) oxidation, activated carbon adsorption,**
155 **combustion, and biodegradation). These treated gases are then released into the**
156 **atmosphere through exhaust stacks.**

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158 *14.Lines 263-264: How do these treatment devices work? How do they ensure fewer*
159 *ROG emissions?*

160 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have added some descriptions about the
161 operation of treatment devices. in the Section 2.1 in the revised manuscript.

162 The sentences in the Section 2.1 (line154-159) are modified to:

163 **ROG treatment devices play a crucial role in reducing ROG emissions by**

164 **employing recovery and destruction technologies (Wang et al., 2023;Kamal et al.,**
165 **2016). Recovery processes involve enriching and separating VOCs by means of**
166 **temperature or pressure changes and selective absorbents, while destruction**
167 **processes converts VOCs into harmless substances such as CO₂ and H₂O through**
168 **combustion (Wang et al., 2023).**

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170 *15.Lines 265-266: I'm unsure about the meaning of this sentence. Please define what*
171 *stacked emissions are.*

172 **Reply:** Thanks for your suggestion. We have modified this description here.

173 **The sentence in the Section 3.1 (line 285-287) is modified to:**

174 **As the waste gas was directly discharged into the ambient air from exhaust**
175 **stacks, the after treatment emission can be considered as stack emission (Zheng et**
176 **al., 2013).**

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178 *16.Line 327: Replace "are" with "have".*

179 **Reply:** We have replaced "are" with "have".

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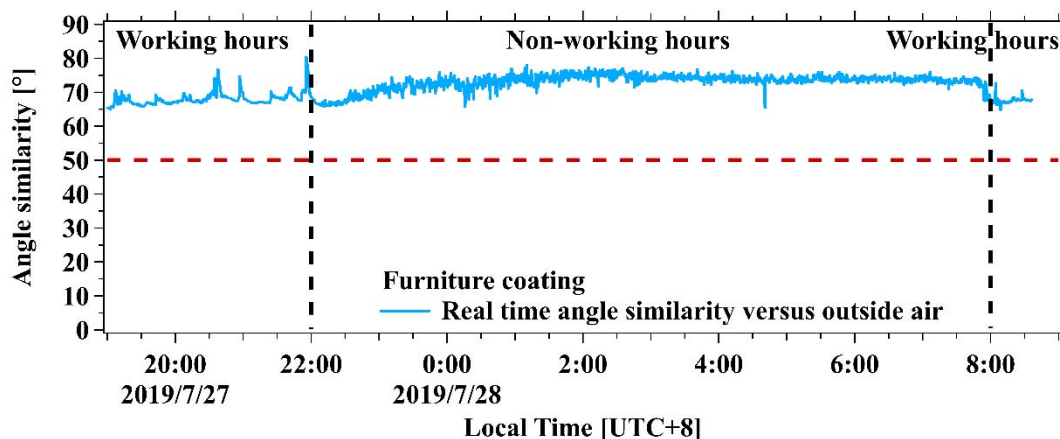
181 *17.Lines 327-331: Did the authors measure outside air and consider its influence on*
182 *the measured spectra? Could there be any influence from outside air on the factory*
183 *spectra? Given that later on, ambient measurements are discussed, it might be worth*
184 *comparing the two in more detail.*

185 **Reply:** Thanks for your suggestion. We have measured outside air before and
186 after each industrial VCP source. We compared the similarity between the mass spectra
187 obtained during non-working hour and those for outside air. As shown in Fig.S8, the
188 results indicate the outside air has almost no influence on ROG emissions during non-
189 working hours. We have added some descriptions in the Section 3.1.

190 **The sentence in the Section 3.1 (line 351-354) is modified to:**

191 **Additionally, the poor similarity observed between real-time concentrations**
192 **in workshops during non-working hours and those in the outside air suggests that**

193 outside air has minimal influence on ROG emissions during non-working hours
 194 (Fig. S8).



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 196 **Figure S8. The θ angles of mass spectra among real-time concentrations versus**
 197 **outside air measurement in the furniture coating industry.**

199 *18.Line 354: Change to "a quantification."*

200 **Reply: We have replaced "quantified" with "quantification ".**

202 *19.Line 427: Delete the word "in."*

203 **Reply: We have deleted "in".**

205 *20.Lines 453-457: It would be helpful to provide a more detailed description of how O₃*
 206 *sensitivity was calculated here, rather than limiting it to previous citations.*

207 **Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have added some descriptions in the**
 208 **Section 3.2.**

209 **The sentences in the Section 3.2 (line 481-488) are modified to:**

210 **To facilitate for making controlling strategies of ozone, we determine the**
 211 **OFP from a unity of emission from different sources for comparison (Yuan et al.,**
 212 **2010;Na and Pyo Kim, 2007), which represent the ability to ozone formation from**
 213 **ROG sources on a relative basis (Fig. 6), and calculated using the following**
 214 **equation:**

215
$$OFP_i = \sum_{j=1}^n f_{ji}MIR_j \quad (2)$$

216 Where $OF P_i$ is the estimated ozone formation amount when 1 g ROG is
217 emitted from source i , f_{ji} is the mass fraction of species j in source i , and MIR_j is
218 the maximum incremental reactivity (MIR) of species j (Carter, 2007).

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220 *21.Lines 536-530: The definition of treatment devices should be introduced earlier and*
221 *discussed at the beginning of the paper.*

222 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We agree with you that the definition of ROG
223 treatment devices should be much early in our manuscript. We have removed
224 descriptions in the Section 3.1 and Section 3.3, and added some description in the
225 Section 2.1. We have modified them accordingly.

226 The sentences in the Section 2.1 (line150-162) are modified to:

227 **Typically, workshop waste gases are routed through collection devices (e.g.**
228 **gas-collecting hoods, airtight partitions), and then processed in ROG treatment**
229 **devices (e.g. ultraviolet-ray (UV) oxidation, activated carbon adsorption,**
230 **combustion, and biodegradation). These treated gases are then released into the**
231 **atmosphere through exhaust stacks. ROG treatment devices play a crucial role in**
232 **reducing ROG emissions by employing recovery and destruction technologies**
233 **(Wang et al., 2023;Kamal et al., 2016). Recovery processes involve enriching and**
234 **separating VOCs by means of temperature or pressure changes and selective**
235 **absorbents, while destruction processes converts VOCs into harmless substances**
236 **such as CO₂ and H₂O through combustion (Wang et al., 2023). In this study, we**
237 **evaluate two types of ROG treatment devices: activated carbon adsorption**
238 **combined with UV photolysis devices (installed in shoemaking, plastic surface**
239 **coating, furniture coating, and printing industries) and catalytic combustion**
240 **devices (installed in printing and ship coating industries).**

241

242 *22.Section 3.3: This discussion is based on a double logarithmic graph that shows a*
243 *highly variable scatter by a factor of 10 to 100. In many cases, most compounds are*
244 *increasing, not just the ones highlighted by the authors. It would be beneficial for the*

245 *authors to provide a more detailed analysis for this section. They should describe the*
246 *trends by group of compounds and dive into the reasons for the observed differences,*
247 *supported by clear graphs indicating the efficiency of the treatment devices e.g.,*
248 *histogram percentage differences per source category.*

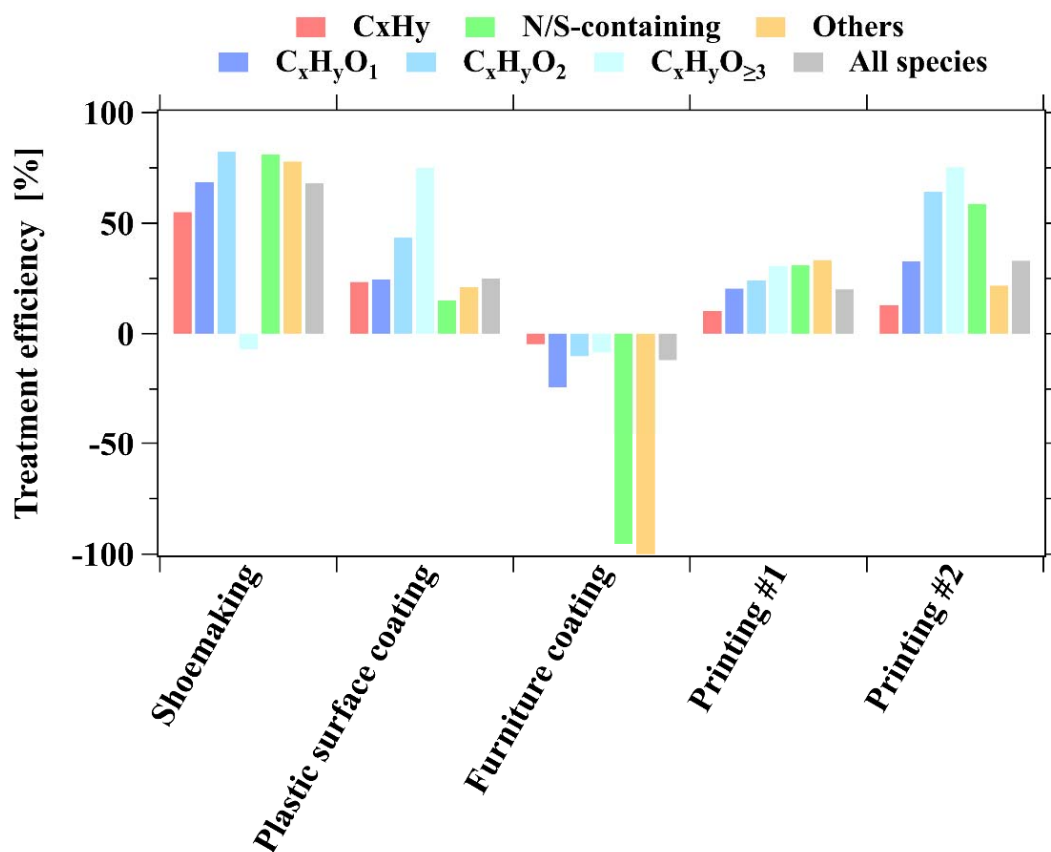
249 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We added a graph depicting treatment
250 efficiencies of various groups of ROGs from industrial VCP sources as Fig. S11. These
251 treatment efficiencies are obtained from the slope of each group (Fig. R1). The analysis
252 reveals an overall increase in most groups of ROGs, we have revised the descriptions
253 in Section 3.3 accordingly.

254 The sentence in the Section 3.3 (line 567-569) is modified to:

255 **Nonetheless, it is evident that the treatment efficiency has not reached the**
256 **desired levels for all ROG groups (Fig. S11), which possibly due to the challenges**
257 **associated with effectively removing majority ROG emissions using current**
258 **treatment technologies.**

259 The sentences in the Section 3.3 (line 578-583) are modified to:

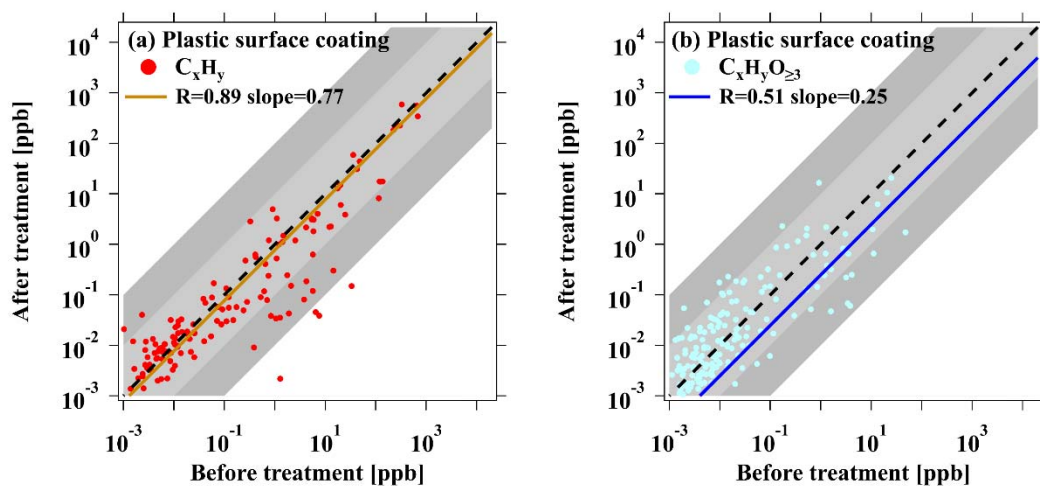
260 **The lowest treatment efficiency of ROG was obtained in the furniture**
261 **coating industry (slope=1.12). This treatment device demonstrates inefficiency for**
262 **all ROG groups (Fig. S11). The inadequate performance of the ROG treatment**
263 **devices in this specific facility may be attributed to a number of possible reasons,**
264 **e.g., delayed replacement of activated carbon and other adsorption materials, and**
265 **the implementation of the UV photolysis device could potentially result in the**
266 **generation of more ROGs as byproducts.**



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268 **Figure S11. Treatment efficiencies of different ROG categories provided by**

269 **treatment devices in various industrial VCP sources.**



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271 **Figure R1. Scatterplots of (a) C_xH_y ions and (b) C_xH_yO_{≥3} ions concentrations between**

272 **before and after treatment for the plastic surface coating industry. The brown and blue**

273 **lines are the fitted results for C_xH_y ions and C_xH_yO_{≥3} ions data points. The black dashed**

274 **lines represent 1:1 ratio, and the shaded areas represent ratios of a factor of 10 and 100.**

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276 *23.Line 591: Delete the word "in."*

277 **Reply: We have deleted “in”.**

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279 *24.Lines 612-614: It would be valuable if the authors could verify these ratios by*
280 *running a PMF on the ambient data. Observing whether they can separate different*
281 *sources and extract the aromatic to MEK ratio would provide more confidence in using*
282 *this ratio as an indicator of different VCP emissions. Was the site downwind of the*
283 *industry? Meteorological data could also help narrow the influence of the different*
284 *industrial sectors.*

285 **Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. In this section, we observed that the**
286 **concentration of selected ROG species is significantly higher than those reported in**
287 **previous studies conducted in other environments. The peak concentrations of MEK**
288 **exceeding 200 ppb from the ambient measurements are among the highest reported in**
289 **the literature. The MEK / C₈ aromatics ratio can serve as good evidence for the impact**
290 **of industrial VCP sources on ambient measurements in industrial areas. Due to a lack**
291 **of meteorological data, we are unsure whether the site is downwind of the industry in**
292 **this study. However, the consistency in concentrations of MEK and C₈ aromatics**
293 **suggests a substantial influence of industrial VCP sources on ROG emissions in**
294 **industrial areas. We have modified Fig. 10 and some discuss on Fig. 11, and added**
295 **Fig. S13 to compare the concentration of MEK and C₈ aromatics bwtween our study**
296 **and previous studies. We have modified these comments accordingly.**

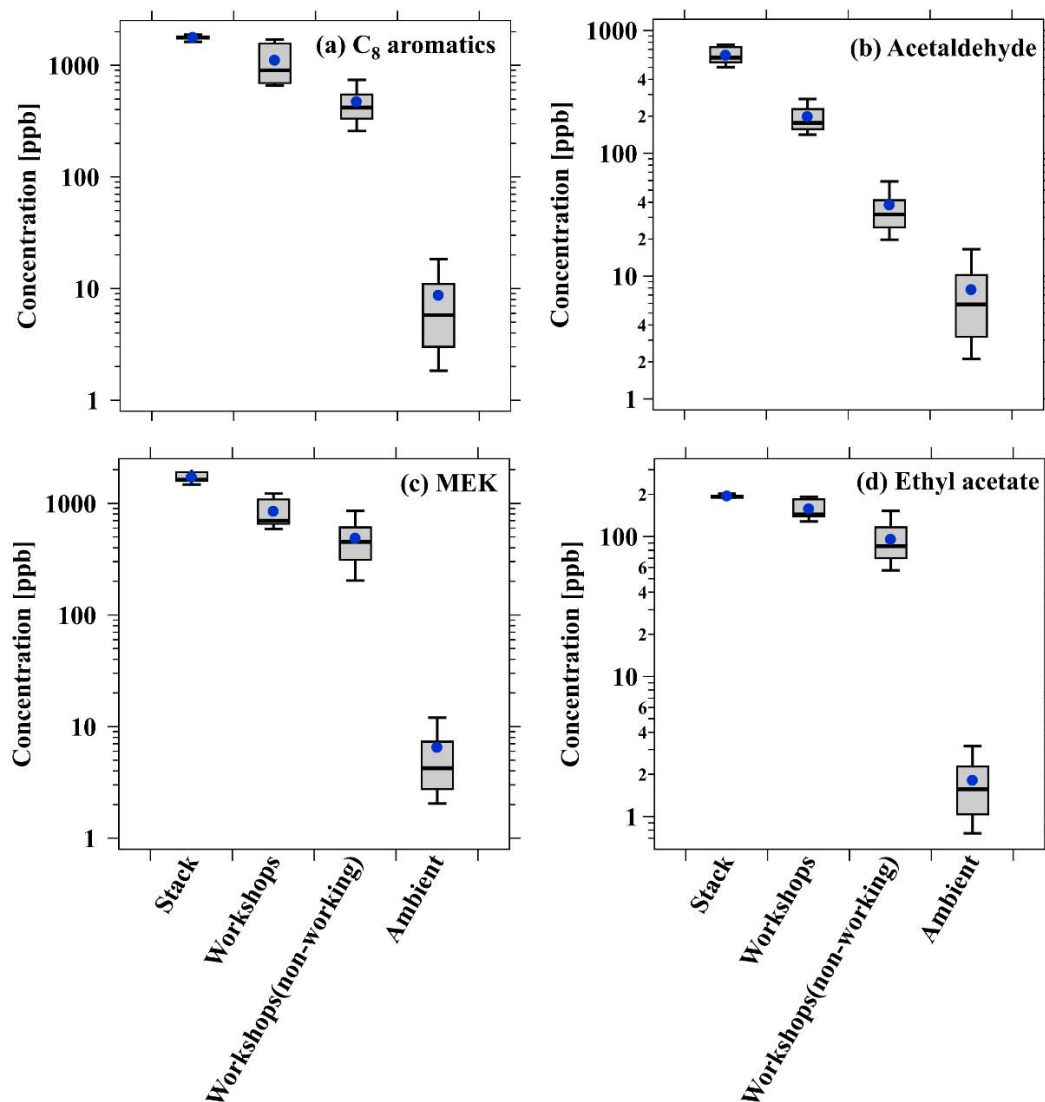
297 **The title of the Section 3.4 (line 603) is modified to:**

298 **3.4 Impact of industrial VCP sources on ambient air**

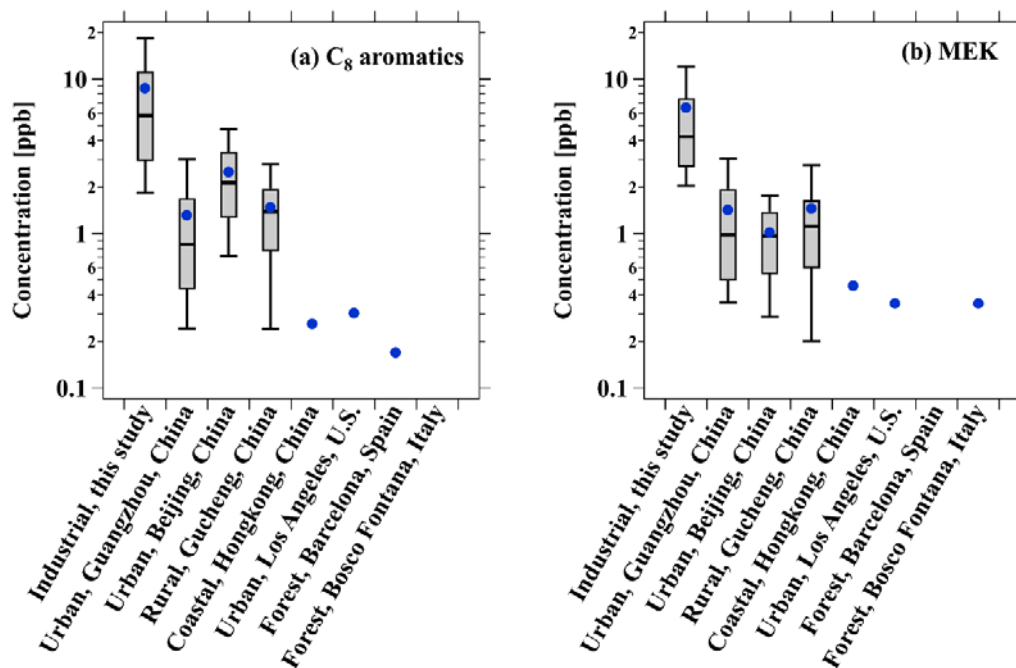
299 **The sentences in the Section 3.4 (line 641-649) are modified to:**

300 **The peak concentration of MEK exceeding 200 ppb from the ambient**
301 **measurements are among the highest in the literature (Fig. 11). Therefore, we**
302 **conducted a comparison of MEK and C₈ aromatics concentrations in this study**
303 **with those in clean environments (urban, rural, forest, and coastal sites) from**

304 previous studies (Fig. S13) (Wu et al., 2020;Coggon et al., 2024;Yuan et al.,
305 2012;Seco et al., 2011;Acton et al., 2016;Tan et al., 2021;He et al., 2022). It is
306 indicating that ambient measurements in industrial areas have been significantly
307 impacted by industrial VCP sources, and the MEK / C₈ aromatics ratio can serve
308 as good evidence by using high time-resolution ROG measurements from PTR-
309 ToF-MS.



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311 **Figure 10. Boxplots of (a) C₈ aromatics, (b) acetaldehyde, (c) MEK, and (d) ethyl**
312 **acetate concentrations across the stack, workshops during working and non-**
313 **working hours in the furniture coating industry, and ambient measurement near**
314 **the industry, respectively.**



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316 **Figure S13. Boxplots of (a) C₈ aromatics and (b) MEK concentrations across the**
 317 **industrial site in this study and clean environments from previous studies.**

318 The sentence in the Abstract (line 43-46) is modified to:

319 **Furthermore, we found that ambient measurements in industrial areas have**
 320 **been significantly impacted by industrial VCP sources, and ROG pairs (e.g.,**
 321 **methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) /C₈ aromatics ratio) can be utilized as reliable evidence**
 322 **by using high time-resolution ROG measurements from PTR-ToF-MS.**

323 The sentences in the Conclusion (line 677-681) are modified to

324 **In addition, OVOCs should be paid more attention to industrialized urban**
 325 **areas due to the substantial impact of industrial VCP sources. Our study**
 326 **demonstrated that ROG pairs (e.g., MEK / C₈ aromatics ratio) can be utilized as**
 327 **reliable evidence for indicating the impact of industrial VCP sources on ambient**
 328 **measurements in industrial areas.**

329

330 *25.Line 623: Add "that have been..."*

331 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have re-wording this sentence.

332 The sentence in the Conclusion (line 655-657) is modified to:

333 **Our study demonstrated that OVOCs have been identified as representative**
334 **ROGs emitted from these sources, which are highly related to specific chemicals**
335 **used during the industrial activities.**
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338 **Reviewer #2**

339 *This work investigated the emissions of ROGs from five industrial VCP sources in*
340 *China, including shoemaking, plastic surface coating, furniture coating and shipping*
341 *coating industries. PTR-ToF-MS and GC-MS/FID are combined together to develop*
342 *comprehensive speciation of VOC from these industrial sources in PRD, China. The*
343 *manuscript is generally well organized. Some statements are unclear and need to be*
344 *clarified. I also suggest authors polish English and grammar throughout the*
345 *manuscript. Please see below for my detailed comments.*

346 *Reply: We would like to thank you for your insightful comments, which helped*
347 *us tremendously in improving the quality of our work. We have checked the grammar*
348 *and syntax throughout the manuscript and the supplement. Please find our responses to*
349 *individual comments below.*

350

351 *1.Abstract: This work is only for PRD, China, instead of the whole nation. Please*
352 *clarify this in the title and abstract to avoid misunderstanding.*

353 *Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have modified this description in the title*
354 *and abstract.*

355 *The title in the revised manuscript is modified to:*

356 **Emission characteristics of reactive organic gases from industrial volatile**
357 **chemical products (VCPs) in the Pearl River Delta (PRD), China**

358 *The sentence in the Abstract (line 21-24) is modified to:*

359 **This study aimed to investigate the emissions of ROGs from five industrial**
360 **VCP sources in the Pearl River Delta (PRD) region of China, including**
361 **shoemaking, plastic surface coating, furniture coating, printing, and ship coating**
362 **industries.**

363

364 *2.Line 30: Not sure what this sentence means. Please keep in mind that this study*
365 *doesn't cover all emission sources. Please clarify this sentence to avoid*
366 *misunderstanding.*

367 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have modified this description here.

368 The sentence in the Abstract (line 30-32) is modified to:

369 **Moreover, mass spectra similarity analysis revealed significant**
370 **dissimilarities among the ROG emission from industrial activities, indicating**
371 **substantial variations between different industrial VCP sources.**

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373 *3.Line 32: so, what's the proportion of OVOCs for ship coating industry then? Does it*
374 *make big difference using solvent-borne coatings or waterborne coatings for OVOC*
375 *proportion?*

376 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. There is a significant difference in the
377 proportion of OVOCs between solvent-borne coatings and water-borne coatings. We
378 have included additional descriptions regarding the proportion of OVOCs in the ship
379 coating industry.

380 The sentence in the Abstract (line 32-36) is modified to:

381 **Except for the ship coating industry utilizing solvent-borne coatings, the**
382 **proportions of OVOCs range from 67% to 96% in total ROG emissions and 72%**
383 **to 97% in total OH reactivity (OHR) for different industrial sources, while the**
384 **corresponding contributions of OVOCs in the ship coating industry are only**
385 **16%±3.5% and 15%±3.6%.**

386

387 *4.Line 37-39: please improve the statement.*

388 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. We have re-wording this sentence.

389 The sentence in the Abstract (line 39-41) is modified to:

390 **We find that a few species can contribute the majority of the ROG emissions,**
391 **and also their OHR and OFP from various industrial VCP sources.**

392

393 *5.Line 41: Why is the treatment efficiency negative?*

394 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. The negative treatment efficiency of ROG
395 was obtained in the furniture coating industry, as shown in the discussion in Section

396 3.3. This treatment device demonstrates inefficiency for all ROG groups. The
397 inadequate performance of the ROG treatment devices in this specific facility may be
398 attributed to a number of possible reasons, e.g., delayed replacement of activated carbon
399 and other adsorption materials, and the implementation of the UV photolysis device
400 could potentially result in the generation of more ROGs as byproducts.

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402 *6.Line 74: Not accurate statement. The substitution of solvent-borne VCPs by water-*
403 *borne ones are for several sources., e.g., interior wall painting.*

404 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. The substitution of solvent-borne VCPs by
405 water-borne VCPs are not for all of industrial VCP sources. We have revised
406 descriptions here.

407 The sentences in the Introduction (line 74-81) are modified to:

408 **To mitigate the emissions of most primary pollutants, stricter emission**
409 **standards have been implemented along with advancements in ROG treatment**
410 **technologies in China. Specifically, water-borne VCPs has substituted solvent-**
411 **borne VCPs in several industries, such as printing, interior wall coating, and**
412 **automotive manufacturing. However, the replacement in steel structures,**
413 **automotive plastic parts manufacturing and ship building industries remains**
414 **below 3% (Mo et al., 2021;Li et al., 2019;Shi et al., 2023;Wang et al., 2023).**

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416 *7.Line 159: I'm curious how to combine PTR-ToF-MS with GC-MS/FID measurements*
417 *when they overlap? How to handle the un-known species?*

418 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. Careful consideration should be given to the
419 overlap of ROG species in the combined measurements of PTR-ToF-MS and GC-
420 MS/FID, to make sure that each species should only be considered once. Species that
421 are not calibrated were semi-quantified using methods based on the kinetics of proton-
422 transfer reactions of H_3O^+ with ROGs (Fig. S2). We have added some description about
423 these in Section S2 in the Supplement.

424 The sentence in the Section 2.1 (line 180-181) is modified to:

425 The selection of overlapping ROGs was similar to a previous study (Table.
426 S2).

427 The sentences in the Section S2 in the Supplement (line 85-92) are modified to:

428 In this study, a more comprehensive speciation of ROGs was achieved by
429 the combination of GC-MS/FID and PTR-ToF-MS, the same ROG species from
430 the combination measurement should be counted only once. All ROG species
431 detected in this study is summarized in Table S2. Specifically, to facilitate
432 comparison with traditional photochemical assessment monitoring stations
433 (PAMS) species, C₆-C₁₀ aromatics were identified using GC/MS-FID, while C₁₀-
434 C₁₂ alkanes were detected using NO⁺ PTR-ToF-MS, as GC-MS/FID only
435 containing the n-alkanes. For unknown ROG species, we used the semi-quantity
436 based on the methods.

437

438 Table S2. Detailed information of ROG species measured by different instruments.

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Components	Measurements	ROG species
OVOCs	PTR-H ₃ O ⁺	formula only including CHO
N/S-containing	PTR-H ₃ O ⁺	formula including CHN, CHS, CHON, CHOS, and CHONS
Heavy aromatics and monoterpenes	PTR-H ₃ O ⁺	monoterpenes, C ₁₁ -C ₂₀ aromatics, and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
Higher alkanes	PTR-NO ⁺	C ₁₀ -C ₂₀ acyclic, cyclic and bicyclic alkanes
Alkanes	GC-MS/FID	C ₂ -C ₉ alkanes
Alkenes	GC-MS/FID	C ₂ -C ₆ alkenes
Aromatics	GC-MS/FID	C ₆ -C ₁₀ aromatics
Halohydrocarbons	GC-MS/FID	C ₁ -C ₆ halohydrocarbons

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441 *8.Line 299: have you found any additional important OVOCs using PTR-ToF-MS?*

442 *Please list them or at list some examples here.*

443 Reply: Thanks for your suggestion. In the Introduction, we have discussed the

444 utilization of PTR-ToF-MS to enhance the characterization of OVOC emissions from

445 industrial VCPs. In addition, some OVOCs with high concentrations (i.e. acetates and
446 acrylates) have been listed in the line 317-320 in the revised manuscript (line 294-296
447 in the original manuscript), which were seldom reported in previous studies.

448 Considering that this sentence seem to be abrupt here, we removed it in the
449 revised manuscript.

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