



**Impact of cooking style and oil on semi-volatile and intermediate
volatility organic compound emissions from Chinese domestic cooking**

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18 **Abstract:**

19 To elucidate the molecular chemical compositions, volatility-polarity distributions, as well as
20 influencing factors of Chinese cooking emissions, a comprehensive cooking emission experiment
21 was conducted. Semi-volatile and intermediate volatility organic compounds (S/IVOCs) from
22 cooking fumes were analyzed by a thermal desorption comprehensive two-dimensional gas
23 chromatography coupled with quadrupole mass spectrometer (TD-GC×GC-qMS). Emissions from
24 four typical Chinese dishes, i.e., fried chicken, Kung Pao chicken, pan-fried tofu, and stir-fried
25 cabbage were investigated to illustrate the impact of cooking style and material. Fumes of chicken
26 fried with corn, peanut, soybean, and sunflower oils were investigated to demonstrate the influence
27 of cooking oil. A total of 201 chemicals were quantified. Dishes cooked by stir-frying or deep-frying
28 cooking styles emit much more pollutants than relatively mild cooking methods. Aromatics and
29 oxygenated compounds were extensively detected among meat-related cooking fumes, while a
30 vegetable-related profile was observed in the emissions of stir-fried cabbage. The volatility-polarity
31 distributions of the four dish emissions were quite similar, yet the distributions diverged when
32 different types of oils were utilized. Ozone formation potential (OFP) was dominated by chemicals
33 in the VOC range. 10.2% - 32.0% of the SOA estimation could be explained by S/IVOCs.
34 Pixel-based partial least squares-discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) and multiway principal component
35 analysis (MPCA) were utilized for sample classification and key components identification. The
36 results indicated that the oil factor explained more variance of chemical compositions than the
37 cooking style factor. MPCA results emphasize the importance of the unsaturated fatty
38 acid-alkadienal-volatile products mechanism (oil autooxidation) accelerated by the cooking and
39 heating procedure.

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41 **Keywords:** Cooking emissions; Semi-volatile organic compounds; Intermediate volatility organic
42 compounds; Cooking style; Oil

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1 Introduction

Organics are key components of urban particles (Guo et al., 2014; Tang et al., 2018). Source apportionment results indicated that vehicle exhaust is one of the important sources of gaseous and particulate organics (Guo et al., 2020; Hu et al., 2015). However, the importance of cooking emissions is rising due to the high impact on both primary precursor emissions and secondary formation (Zhu et al., 2021). Cooking emitted organics are complex mixtures covering a wide range of volatility, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs, organics with effective saturation concentration higher than $10^6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) (Bruns et al., 2016; Fullana et al., 2004; Huang et al., 2011; Lu et al., 2021; Zhang et al., 2019), intermediate volatility organic compounds (IVOCs, organics with effective saturation concentration in the range of 10^3 – $10^6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) (Liu et al., 2018; Lu et al., 2021; Schauer et al., 2002), and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs, organics with effective saturation concentration in the range of 10^{-1} – $10^3 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) (Liu et al., 2018; Lu et al., 2021; Ma et al., 2021; Schauer et al., 2002; Vicente et al., 2021). Along with a large variety of volatility, these organics are also a large pool of complex components of different polarities, such as alkanes with lower polarity (Gysel et al., 2018; Lin et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2015), polycyclic aromatics with intermediate polarity (Chen et al., 2019; Kim et al., 2013; Wei See et al., 2006), acids, ketones, and aldehydes with higher polarity (Alves et al., 2012; Gysel et al., 2018; He et al., 2004; Peng et al., 2017). Such cooking-related organics are key pollutants exhibiting health effects (Gligorovski et al., 2018; Huang et al., 2011; Zhao and Zhao, 2018) and air-quality problems (Abdullahi et al., 2013; Zhao and Zhao, 2018). Although chemical compositions, fingerprints, and influencing factors of cooking emissions have been clarified in some previous studies (Alves et al., 2021; Klein et al., 2016a; Peng et al., 2017; Vicente et al., 2021), there are still questions that remain uncertain. The first constrain is that resolving complex mixtures of cooking emissions is a tough job. Most components in traditional gas chromatography-mass spectrometer (GC-MS) chromatograms remain unresolved (Takhar et al., 2021; Zhao et al., 2014). It is of vital importance to identify chemical compositions of unresolved complex mixtures (UCM) to better comprehend their contributions to secondary organic aerosol (SOA). Particle-phase SVOC organics from cooking emissions are widely demonstrated yet few studies focus on gas-phase IVOC or SVOC ones. Meanwhile, current studies



74 mainly focus on a single kind or a series of homologs (aldehydes (Abdullahi et al., 2013; Klein et al.,
75 2016a; Peng et al., 2017), alkanes (Abdullahi et al., 2013), or acids (Abdullahi et al., 2013; Takhar et
76 al., 2021; Zeng et al., 2020)). In other words, currently, there is no comprehensive source profile of
77 cooking emissions covering VOCs, IVOCs, and SVOCs.

78 The volatility-based method originated from the volatility-based set (VBS) is widely used to
79 demonstrate IVOC or SVOC emissions from different sources (Zhao et al., 2014, 2017), yet
80 chemical compositions from cooking emissions could not be demonstrated well only from the
81 volatility perspective. Large proportions of acids, esters, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs),
82 and *n*-alkanes expand a wide range of polarity. A novel scheme combining volatility and polarity
83 should be developed to better figure out source emission characteristics.

84 Besides, it is well-known that cooking emissions vary dramatically with cooking style,
85 ingredients, food, oil, and temperature (Amouei Torkmahalleh et al., 2017; Klein et al., 2016b; Liu et
86 al., 2018; Takhar et al., 2021; Zhao et al., 2007b). Cooking style and oil are typical influencing
87 factors dominating the compositions of cooking fume (Klein et al., 2016a; Takhar et al., 2021; Zhang
88 et al., 2019). Some studies demonstrated the emission patterns of cooking fumes emphasizing the
89 influence of different dishes or cooking methods (Chen et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2020), and several
90 studies clarified the importance of *n*-alkanes (Zhao et al., 2007a), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
91 (PAHs) (Abdel-Shafy and Mansour, 2016; Abdullahi et al., 2013), aldehydes (Katragadda et al., 2010;
92 Peng et al., 2017), and acids (Pei et al., 2016; Zeng et al., 2020; Zhao et al., 2007a) from cooking
93 emissions using various kinds of oils. However, few comprehensive investigations have been
94 reported that speciated the dominant influencing factor under multiple conditions of cooking
95 procedures.

96 In this work, a thermal desorption comprehensive two-dimensional gas chromatography
97 coupled with quadrupole mass spectrometer (TD-GC×GC-qMS) is utilized to resolve and quantify
98 gaseous organic emissions from the molecular level. GC×GC has been proved to be a powerful
99 technique to resolve UCM in previous studies (Cordero et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2021a). A
100 two-dimensional panel combining the volatility and polarity properties of chemicals is developed to
101 better understand organic emissions. The ozone formation potential (OFP) and SOA formation from



gaseous precursors were estimated. To elucidate the main influencing factor of cooking emissions, pixel-based partial least squares-discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) was utilized. The main chemical reactions of cooking emission were further demonstrated by pixel-based multiway principal component analysis (MPCA).

2 Experimental Description

2.1 Sampling and quantification

Four typical Chinese dishes, i.e., fried chicken, Kung Pao chicken, pan-fried tofu, and stir-fried cabbage, were cooked in corn oil in the laboratory of the Institute of Process Engineering, Chinese Academy of Sciences. The detailed cooking procedures could be found in Table S1 and elsewhere (Zhang et al., 2021b). Meanwhile, four types of oil (i.e., soybean, corn, sunflower, and peanut oil) were used for frying chicken to comprehend the influence of oil. These four oils were chosen for chicken-frying as they are commonly consumed in China (especially soybean oil) (Jamet and Chaumet, 2016) and other countries worldwide (Awogbemi et al., 2019). Cooking fumes were mixed with ambient air immediately in the kitchen ventilator and were sampled directly without dilution. After collecting particles on quartz filters, gas-phase organics were sampled by pre-conditioned Tenax TA tubes (Gerstel, Germany) with a flow of 0.5 L min⁻¹. A daily blank sampling of the air in the kitchen ventilator was conducted before cooking and was subtracted in the quantification procedure. All samples were frozen at -20°C before analyzing.

A thermal desorption comprehensive two-dimensional gas chromatography coupled with quadrupole mass spectrometer (TD-GC×GC-qMS, GC-MS TQ8050, Shimadzu, Japan) was utilized for sample analysis with a desorption temperature of 280 °C. The modulation period was 6s. See more detail in Table S2. As the first and second columns of GC×GC were non-polar SH-Rxi-1ms (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 μm) and polar BPX50 (2.5 m × 0.1 mm × 0.1 μm), the 1st retention time of a chemical is related to its volatility while 2nd retention time is related to polarity (Nabi et al., 2014; Nabi and Arey, 2017; Zushi et al., 2016). The total chromatogram was cut into volatility bins (B9 to B31 with a decrease in volatility) following the pipeline of previous studies (Tang et al., 2021; Zhao et al., 2014, 2017, 2018), while it was cut into slices by an increase of 0.5 s in the second retention time (called 2D bins, from P1 to P12 with an increase of polarity). A two-dimensional panel was



developed in this way to investigate the emission of contaminants from aspects of their volatility and polarity properties.

326 kinds of chemicals were qualified and quantified (Table S3) while 201 kinds of contaminants were detected (Table S4) in cooking fumes covering a wide range of VOCs, IVOCs, and SVOCs, including 25 aromatics, 19 *n*-alkanes, 100 oxygenated compounds (containing 7 acids, 10 alcohols, 29 aldehydes, 24 esters, 5 ketones, and others), 3 PAHs, and 54 other chemicals. The 1D retention time shift of most chemicals is within 0.5 min, while the 2D retention time shift of most chemicals is within 0.1s (Table S4), which is much less than the length of 1D (~ 8 min) and 2D (0.5s) bins. Most of the R^2 of external calibration curves was between 0.90 – 1 (Table S5). Chemicals without standards are semi-quantified by surrogates from the same class or *n*-alkanes in the same 1D bins (Table S3). The uncertainties of semi-quantification of surrogates from the same class or *n*-alkanes were 27% and 69% (Table S6). The average concentrations ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) of (semi-)quantified chemicals are listed in Table S4.

2.2 Estimation of ozone and secondary organic aerosol (SOA) formation potential

Ozone formation potential (OFP, $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) was calculated by the following equation (Atkinson and Arey, 2003),

$$OFP = \sum [HC_i] \times MIR_i$$

Where $[HC_i]$ is the mass concentration of precursor *i* ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) with maximum incremental reactivity (MIR) of MIR_i . The MIR could be found in Table S3 and calculation procedures could be found inside the FOQAT packages developed by Tianshu Chen (<https://github.com/tianshu129/foqat>).

SOA ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) was estimated by the following equation, where $[HC_i]$ is the mass concentration of precursor *i* ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) with OH reaction rate of $k_{OH,i}$, ($\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecules}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) and SOA yield of Y_i (Table S3). The SOA yields of precursors were from literature (Algrim and Ziemann, 2016, 2019; Chan et al., 2009, 2010; Harvey and Petrucci, 2015; Li et al., 2016; Liu et al., 2018; Loza et al., 2014; Matsunaga et al., 2009; McDonald et al., 2018; Shah et al., 2020; Tkacik et al., 2012; Wu et al., 2017) or surrogates from *n*-alkanes in the same volatility bins (Zhao et al., 2014, 2017). $[OH] \times \Delta t$ is the OH exposure and was set to be $14.4 \times 10^{10} \text{ molecules cm}^{-3} \text{ s}$ (~ 1.1 days in OH concentration of 1.5



157 $\times 10^6$ molecules cm^{-3}) in order to keep pace with our previous work (Zhang et al., 2021b; Zhu et al.,
 158 2021).

$$159 \quad SOA = \sum [HC_i] \times (1 - e^{-k_{OH,i} \times [OH] \times \Delta t}) \times Y_i \quad (2)$$

160 2.3 Pixel-based analysis to demonstrate the main influencing factor of cooking emissions

161 Pixel-based analysis was widely used as a dimension reduction tool for data interpretation
 162 (Furbo et al., 2014). Pixel-based approaches have been proved to be powerful techniques for the
 163 identification of atmospheric gaseous fingerprints (Song et al., 2022). In this work, pixel-based
 164 partial least squares-discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) and multiway principal component analysis
 165 (MPCA) were utilized for sample classification and key components identification, following the
 166 pipeline of RGC×GC toolbox (Quiroz-Moreno et al., 2020). Chromatograms were imported in the
 167 network common data form (netCDF) form by the interface of RGC×GC package. Smoothing,
 168 baseline correction, alignment, and chromatogram unfolding were then conducted. MPCA was
 169 calculated inside the R language, while PLS-DA was conducted by the interface of RGC×GC and
 170 mixOmics packages (González et al., 2012; Lê Cao et al., 2009; Rohart et al., 2017). See more
 171 information about the data processing procedure elsewhere (Quiroz-Moreno et al., 2020; Song et al.,
 172 2022).

173 PLS-DA is a supervised method for the classification of grouped data. The main influencing
 174 factor could be apportioned if one separation results of PLS-DA is much better than the other. MPCA
 175 composes matrix $X_{(i,j)}$ into score (S) and loading (L) matrices. Pixel-based MPCA could identify the
 176 similarities by resolving chemicals from the positive loading chromatogram (Song et al., 2022).

177 All data processing was accomplished by GC Image® (GC×GC Software, 2.8r2, USA) and R
 178 4.1.0 (Chen, 2021; Patil, 2021; R Core Team, 2020).

179 3 Results and discussions

180 3.1 Molecular compositions of S/IVOCs, OFP, and SOA estimation from different dish fumes

181 Typical chromatograms of four dish emissions are displayed in Figure S1. Chemicals identified
 182 are colored in groups in Figure 1. A typical system blank chromatogram is displayed in Figure S2.
 183 The total mass concentrations of four dishes are displayed in Figure S3. Kung Pao chicken emitted
 184 the most gaseous pollutants ($461.2 \pm 394.9 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), followed by fried chicken ($321.8 \pm 220.6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$),



185 pan-fried tofu ($257.0 \pm 253.9 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), and stir-fried cabbage ($46.5 \pm 36.5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Stir-frying
186 procedures of Kung Pao chicken were rather intense, followed by deep-frying chicken. Research has
187 revealed that VOC emissions from quick- and stir-frying or deep-frying cooking methods are much
188 higher than those emitted from relatively mild cooking methods (Chen et al., 2018; Ciccone et al.,
189 2020; Lu et al., 2021).

190 The compositions of the gaseous emissions are exhibited in Figure S4. Aromatics contributed
191 59.1%, 23.7%, 8.1%, and 11.8% of the total mass concentration of Kung Pao chicken, fried chicken,
192 pan-fried tofu, and stir-fried cabbage, while oxygenated compounds accounted for 17.1%, 53.7%,
193 76.9%, and 25.0% of the total concentration, respectively. Compositions of organic emissions
194 diverged significantly and showed a great influence pattern of cooking styles (Wang et al., 2020).
195 Dishes cooked by intense cooking methods, like stir-frying, released more aromatics, while mild
196 cooking styles emitted more oxygenated compounds. Despite this, researches have indicated that the
197 emission patterns of different cooking styles are heavily driven by the thin or thick layer of oil (oil
198 amount), oil temperature, evaporation of water during cooking, and chemical reactions, such as
199 starch gelatinization, and protein denaturation (Atamaleki et al., 2021; Zhang et al., 2020). As for
200 chemical species, toluene, hexanoic acid, and pentanoic acid were extensively detected among
201 meat-related cooking fumes, which were among the top 5 species and accounted for more than half
202 of the total mass concentration. A vegetable-related pattern was observed in the emissions of
203 stir-fried cabbage. Alkanes (C10 – C12), alcohols (linalool, butanol), and pinenes (beta-pinene) were
204 the dominant chemical classes. As much as 26.3% and 26.1% of the total organics of stir-fried
205 cabbage emission were alkanes and alkenes (especially pinenes). The high plant wax content (Zhao
206 et al., 2007a) in this dish dramatically influenced the composition of the fume.

207 Although the profiles of compositions diverged from dish to dish, their volatility-polarity
208 patterns remained similar. The volatility-polarity distributions of the gaseous emissions are displayed
209 in Figure 2. VOCs (B11 and before) with low polarity (P1 – P4) dominated the emissions of
210 gas-phase contaminants. Chemicals in the VOC range accounted for 88.7%, 95.6%, 85.2%, and 81.4%
211 of the total mass concentration of fried chicken, Kung Pao chicken, pan-fried tofu, and stir-fried
212 cabbage emissions, while S/IVOCs accounted for 11.3%, 4.3%, 14.8%, and 18.6%, respectively.



213 The total mass concentration, compositions, and volatility-polarity distributions of OFP and
214 SOA estimation by gaseous precursors are displayed in Figure S3, Figure S4, and Figure 2,
215 respectively. The total OFP and SOA estimation are consistent with the mass concentration, as Kung
216 Pao chicken emitted the most pollutants and produced the most ozone formation ($1408.3 \pm 1296.5 \mu\text{g}$
217 m^{-3}) and SOA formation ($38.9 \pm 32.1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Pan-fried tofu emitted a little bit less than fried
218 chicken, yet produced more SOA estimation due to a large proportion of short-chain acids (hexanoic
219 acid). The short-chain acids are likely derived from scission reactions of allylic hydroperoxides
220 originated from unsaturated fatty acids (Chow, 2007; Goicoechea and Guillán, 2014). Although
221 chemicals in the VOC range dominated ozone and SOA formation, an enhancement of ozone
222 formation contribution and a decrease of SOA formation contribution were observed. VOCs
223 contributed more than 90% of the ozone estimation, and 68.0% - 89.8% of the total SOA estimation.
224 S/IVOCs explained 10.2% - 32.0% of the SOA estimation. Aromatics (toluene) and alkenes (heptene)
225 were dominant ozone formation precursors in meat-relating dishes (fried chicken, Kung Pao chicken,
226 and pan-fried tofu), while alcohols (butanol and linalool) were predominant for stir-fried cabbage.
227 Acids (hexanoic acid), aromatics (toluene), alkenes (pinenes), and alkanes were important SOA
228 precursors.

229 **3.2 Molecular compositions of S/IVOCs, OFP, and SOA estimation from fried chicken fumes** 230 **using four types of oils**

231 Typical chromatograms of fried chicken emissions cooked with corn, peanut, soybean and
232 sunflower oils are displayed in Figure S5. Chemicals identified are colored in groups in Figure S6.
233 Total chemical concentrations were $321.8 \pm 220.6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, $228.2 \pm 65.9 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, $241.7 \pm 122.3 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$,
234 and $151.2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ($n = 1$) for chicken fried with corn, peanut, soybean, and sunflower oils,
235 respectively (Figure S7). Chicken fried with corn oil emitted the most abundant gaseous
236 contaminants. The emission patterns diverged from heated oil fumes as heated sunflower oil and
237 peanut oil emitted more organics (Liu et al., 2018). Compositions and volatility-polarity distributions
238 of contaminants are displayed in Figure S8 and Figure S9, respectively. Aromatic contributed 23.7%,
239 20.1%, 50.5%, and 19.8% of the total concentrations of fried chicken fumes cooked with corn,
240 peanut, soybean, and sunflower, oils, respectively. Fried chicken fumes cooked with soybean and



corn oil were abundant in toluene (rank 1st). Butanol was the most abundant chemical when peanut and sunflower oils were used for frying. A previous study indicated that benzene, toluene, and ethylbenzene were the three dominant aromatics in kitchens (Huang et al., 2011; Yi et al., 2019). Monocyclic aromatics are formed from linoleic and linolenic acyl groups in the oil (Atamaleki et al., 2021; Uriarte and Guillén, 2010). The decomposition of linoleic and linolenic acid forms alkadienals and the latter ones form aromatics once lose H₂O (Atamaleki et al., 2021; Zhang et al., 2019). According to previous studies, soybean oil contains more unsaturated fatty acids, especially linolenic acid (Kostik et al., 2013; Ryan et al., 2008). The aromatic concentrations and compositions of the fried chicken fumes diverged accordingly (Chow, 2007). Oxygenated compounds were extensively detected, which accounted for 53.7%, 33.1%, 24.7%, and 35.0% of the total mass concentration (Figure S8). Short-chain acids and aldehydes were the most abundant oxygenated compounds and were dominated by hexanoic acid, hexanal, and nonanal. Despite acids and aldehydes, alcohols (butanol, octenal) were heavily detected in the fume of corn oil-fried chicken, which was also supported by another study (Liu et al., 2018; Reyes-Villegas et al., 2018). The short-chain contaminants were fundamentally formed by hydroperoxide decomposition (originated from oleate and linoleate in the oil) through homolytic scission or homolytic β -scission reactions (Chow, 2007; Goicoechea and Guillén, 2014) and quickly evaporated from the oil. Either aromatics or oxygenated compounds detected in the gas phase showed high sensitivity to oil compositions, especially potentially influenced by oleic and linoleic compounds.

Although pollutants were dominated by aromatics, alkanes, and oxygenated compounds with volatility bins of B9 to B12 (VOC-IVOC range) and polarity bins of P1 to P5 (low to medium polarity), significant diversities of volatility-polarity distributions were observed (Figure S9). IVOCs accounted for as much as 22.8% and 23.7% of the total mass concentration when peanut and sunflower oils were utilized for frying. These two oils are more abundant in unsaturated fatty acids (Kostik et al., 2013; Ryan et al., 2008). In contrast, the volatility-polarity distributions of dishes did not vary much when corn oil was used for cooking. The volatility-polarity panels indicated that the influence of oil might be much more effective than different cooking styles (dishes).

As for OFP estimation, chicken fried in soybean oil produced more ozone ($675.6 \pm 397.2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)



269 due to the large proportion of aromatics. Chicken fried in corn oil emitted the most precursors and
270 produced the highest SOA formation ($28.4 \pm 18.0 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Aromatics were predominant in ozone
271 formation, while oxygenated compounds, alkenes, alkanes, and aromatics were important SOA
272 precursors. S/IVOCs were non-negligible SOA precursors because they contributed as much as
273 22.0%, 28.2%, 24.0%, and 29.7% of the SOA estimation. Without S/IVOCs, a large proportion of
274 SOA would be underestimated. Our work illustrated the importance of the measurement of S/IVOC
275 precursors which was absent in previous studies (Liu et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2021b). Despite the
276 importance of aldehydes revealed in previous studies (Klein et al., 2016a; Liu et al., 2018), our
277 results demonstrated that alkanes, pinenes, and short-chain acids are also key precursors in cooking
278 SOA reduction.

279 3.3 Elucidating the influencing factor and key reactions of cooking emissions

280 From the discussion above, cooking style and oil could influence emissions dramatically. But
281 we still wonder what is the main predominant factor shaping the profile of cooking emission. In
282 other words, we want to learn that does the cooking styles affect cooking patterns more, or vice versa?
283 A pixel-based partial least squares-discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) was utilized to investigate the
284 key factor. The results are displayed in Figure 3. PLS-DA is a supervised classification method
285 requiring the data pre-grouping. The separation results of the PLS-DA indicate the crucial pattern
286 behind the classification. When oil was set as the grouping variable, the separation was much better
287 than setting the dish as the grouping variable (Figure 3 (a) and (b)). The separation results
288 demonstrated that the oil used during the cooking procedure is much more crucial in shaping the
289 emission profiles than the cooking style. The variance of cooking fumes could be largely explained
290 by the different oil utilized.

291 Plenty of physical and chemical reactions occur during the cooking procedure (Chow, 2007;
292 Goicoechea and Guillén, 2014). To demonstrate the direct effect of oil on cooking emission, PLS-DA
293 and MPCA analyses were utilized. The PLS-DA result showed that cooking emissions diverged from
294 oils (Figure 3 (c)), indicating that the physical reactions (evaporation) were not the main reactions
295 during the cooking procedure. MPCA results showed the chromatogram similarities (positive loading)
296 of oils and emissions. Fatty acids (palmitic acid, oleic acid, and linoleic acid), decanal, and



decadienals were the key fingerprints. The pattern is linked to the autooxidation procedure of oil. Oil autooxidation is a three-step free radical process: initiation, propagation, and termination (Atamaleki et al., 2021; Uriarte and Guillén, 2010; Yi et al., 2019). The key initiation step is the formation of lipid radical ($R\bullet$) from unsaturated fatty acid (RH). $R\bullet$ then react with O_2 to form peroxy radical ($ROO\bullet$) and then form hydroperoxides (ROOH). Another RH changes to $R\bullet$ in this propagation process. During the termination process, the decomposition of ROOH forms monomeric (keto-, hydroxy-, and epoxy- derivatives), polymeric (RR, ROR, ROOR), and volatile compounds (short-chain acids, aldehydes, alcohols, ketones). In more detail, the oxidation of unsaturated fatty acids (such as linoleic acid) in oil leads to the production of alkadienals (such as (*E*, *E*)-2,4-decadienal) which form aromatics (butylbenzene) by losing H_2O (Atamaleki et al., 2021; Zhang et al., 2019). The short-chain aldehydes and acids are derived from scission reactions of allylic hydroperoxides originated from unsaturated fatty acids (Chow, 2007; Goicoechea and Guillén, 2014), while the dehydration reaction of alkenals forms furanones (Zhang et al., 2019). Aldehydes, acids, and furanones are regarded as potential tracers of cooking emissions (Klein et al., 2016a; Wang et al., 2020; Zeng et al., 2020) and were widely detected in this work. These highly volatile contaminants escape from oil immediately and lead to an accumulation of oxygenated compounds in the gas-phase. Figure S10 showed the key reactions originating from linoleic acid. The key chemicals elucidated by the MPCA analysis (Figure 3 (d)) demonstrated that the key chemical reactions of cooking emissions are largely driven by the autooxidation of oil, which is accelerated during the heating and cooking procedures (Atamaleki et al., 2021; Uriarte and Guillén, 2010; Yi et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2019).

4 Atmospheric Implications

To our best knowledge, this is the first time that gaseous VOCs, IVOCs, and SVOCs from cooking fumes are quantified in detail. The influence of cooking style and oil is taken into consideration in this work. S/IVOC species are key components as they contributed near a quarter of the total SOA estimation. Previous works might underestimate the importance of cooking fumes to SOA formation because only a series of IVOC homologs were quantified (Liu et al., 2018).

We also first proposed a novel two-dimensional panel elucidating the physiochemical properties



325 of contaminants from the perspectives of their volatilities and polarities. This novel scheme is
326 appropriate to demonstrate the complicated evolution of contaminants clearly and provide new
327 insight into the previously 1D-bins method. The volatility-polarity panel inherited the spirit of the
328 two-dimensional volatility-based set (2D-VBS) (Donahue et al., 2011, 2012) and would be further
329 implemented in the analysis of complex ambient or source samples along with the powerful
330 separating capacity of GC×GC. We also provide powerful tools in speciating the main driving factor
331 and key chemical reactions in rather complicated systems. The pixel-based PLS-DA and MPCA
332 analysis greatly enhance our learning of complex chromatograms and provide us with new insight
333 into the dimension reduction processes. The analyzing scheme could benefit those analysts with less
334 experience in GC×GC data processing.

335 Our results demonstrated that both cooking styles (dish) and oils influence the cooking
336 emissions. Dishes cooked by quick- and stir-frying or deep-frying cooking methods emit much more
337 gas-phase contaminants than relatively mild cooking methods. Cooking materials could also
338 influence the compositions of fumes as well. Aromatics and oxygenated compounds were
339 extensively detected among meat-related cooking fumes, while a vegetable-related pattern was
340 observed in the emissions of stir-fried cabbage. As much as 26.3% and 26.1% of the total organics of
341 stir-fried cabbage emission were alkanes and alkenes (especially pinenes). On the other hand, oils
342 greatly influence the composition and volatility-polarity distribution of pollutants. Chicken fried by
343 corn oil emitted the most abundant contaminants. However, the ozone formation from soybean-oil
344 fried chicken fumes was much higher. Considering the high consumption proportion of soybean oil
345 (~ 44% in volume of oil usage) in China (Jamet and Chaumet, 2016), the influence of using soybean
346 cooking oil on ozone formation might be underestimated. The PLS-DA and MPCA analysis indicated
347 the importance of edible oils on cooking emissions. If cooking-related pollution control strategies are
348 made, the suggestion of deduction of oils that contain more unsaturated fatty acids (such as soybean
349 oil) could be taken into consideration. The MPCA results also indicate that the heating and cooking
350 procedure greatly enhance the autooxidation of oil. MPCA results emphasize the importance of the
351 unsaturated fatty acid-alkadienal-volatile product mechanism.

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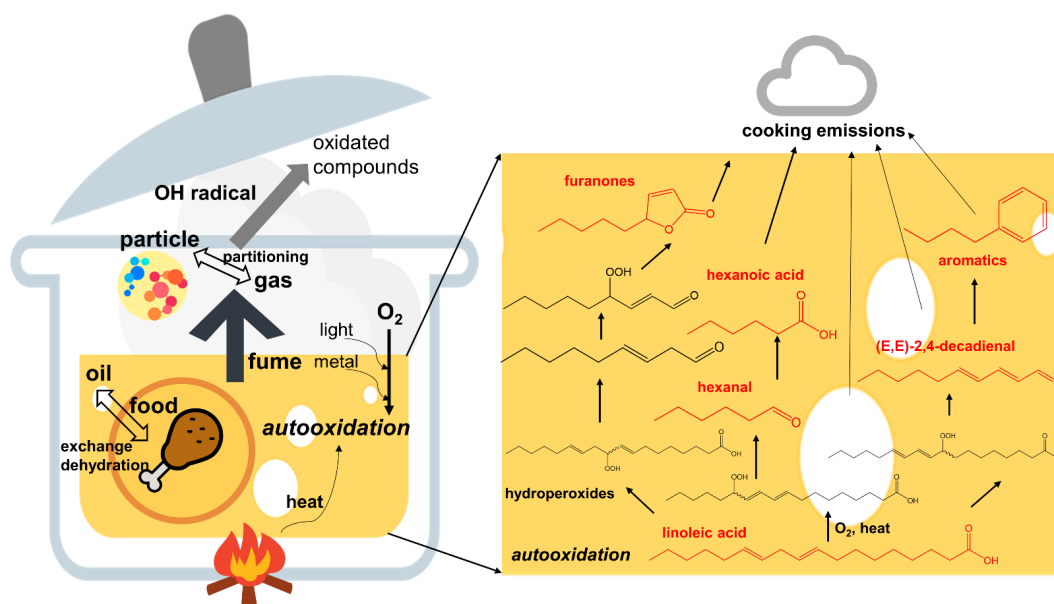
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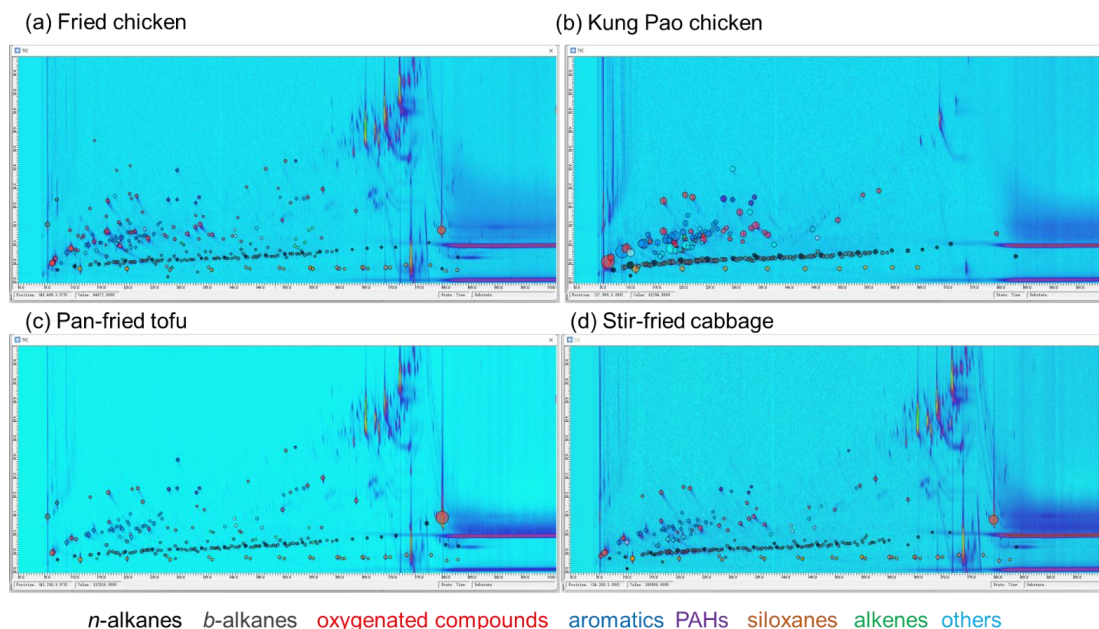
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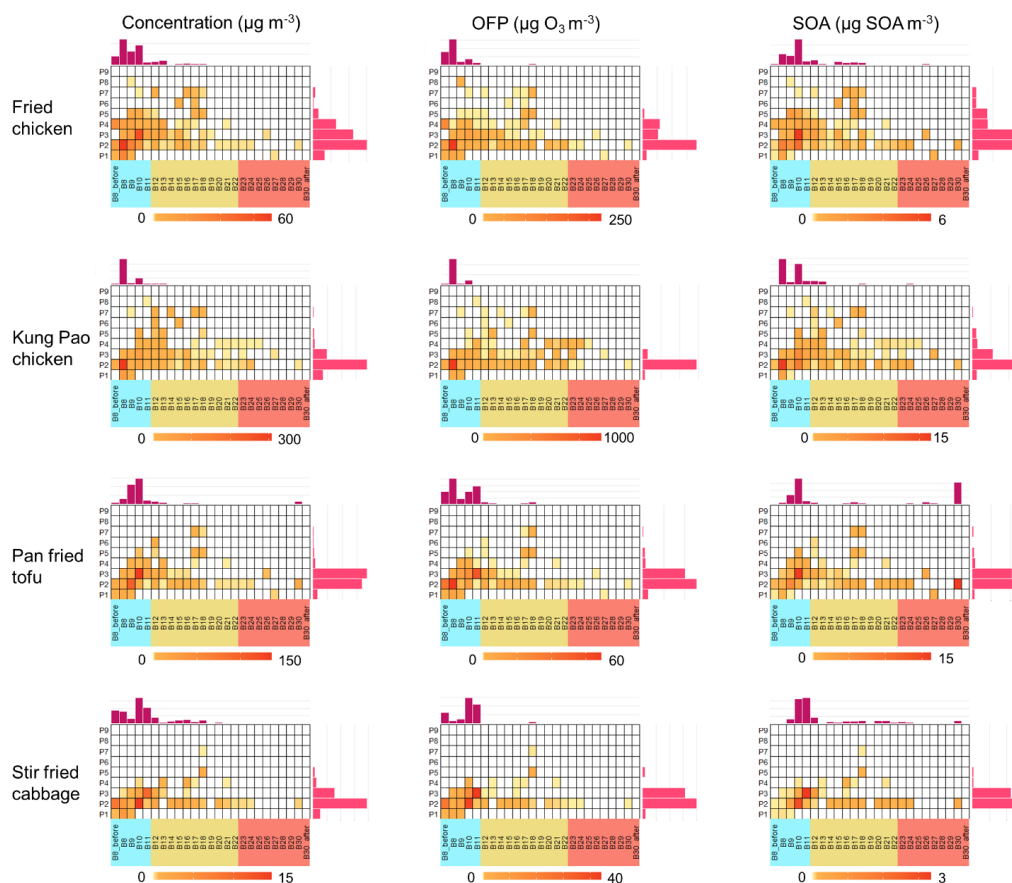
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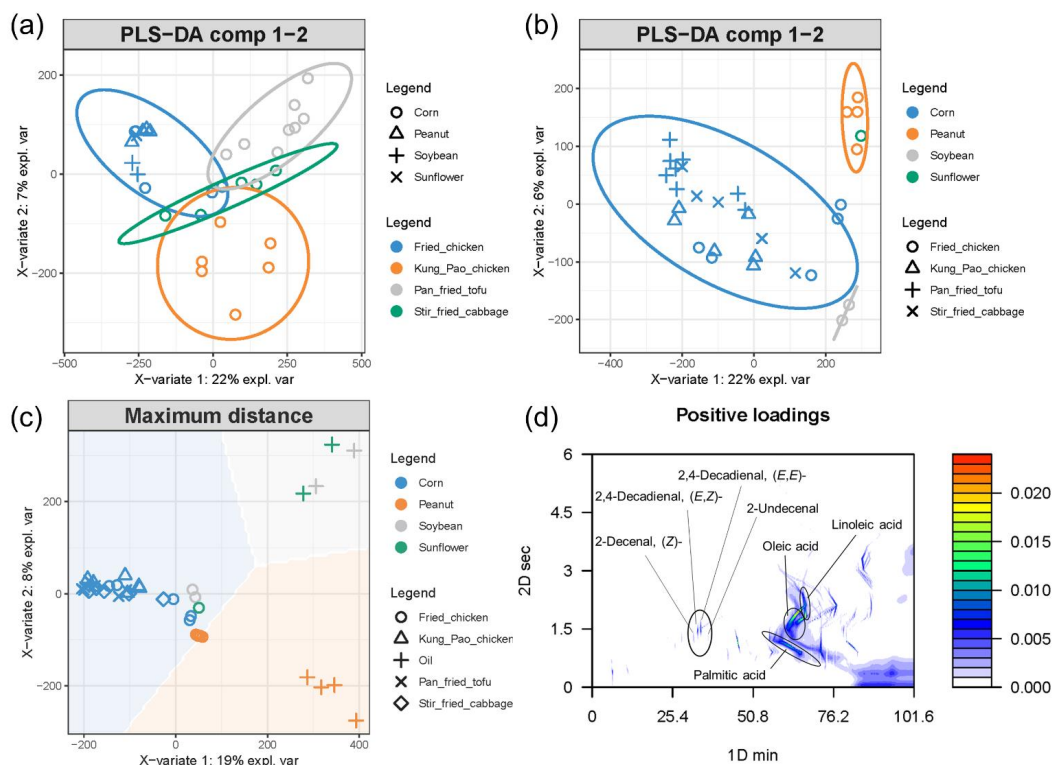


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