

Supplemental Information for

**Universal Microfluidic Automaton for Autonomous Sample
Processing: Application to the Mars Organic Analyzer**

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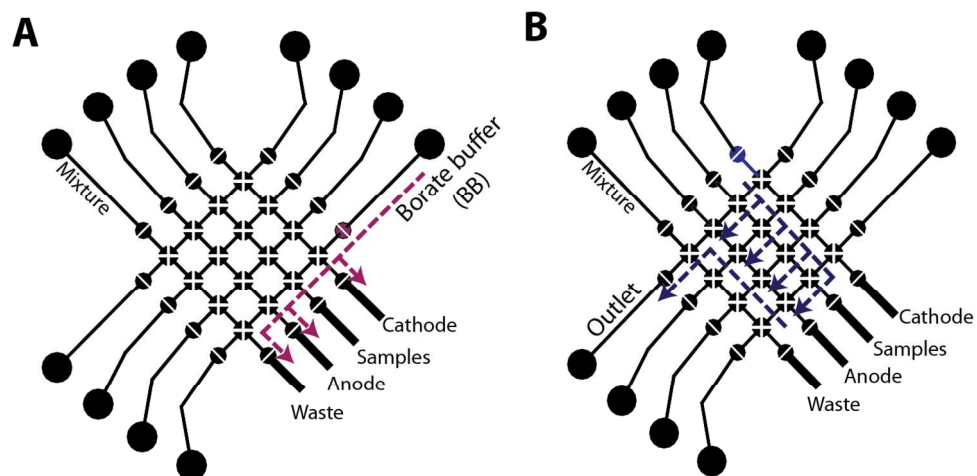


Figure SI1. Detail of (A) buffer loading process and (B) washing process.

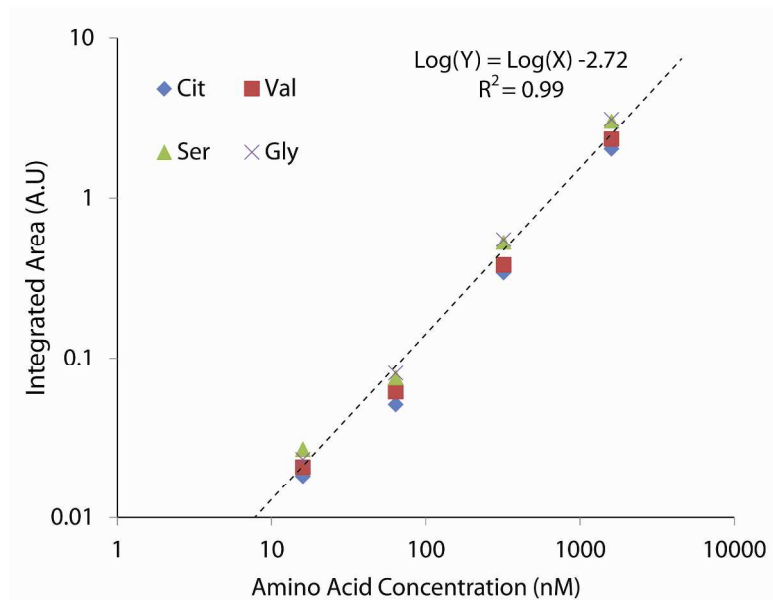


Figure SI2. Integrated peak area as a function of 4 different amino acid concentrations resulting from the automated sample processing program. There is a log-linear correlation between concentration and integrated area as expected.

Table SI1-1. Off-chip vs. on-chip labeling and separation of an amino acid standard.

	Labeling Efficiency (Peak Area, Rel. Fluorescence Units)		Separation Efficiency (Peak Efficiency, Theoretical Plates)	
	Off-Chip Manual	On-Chip Autonomous	Off-Chip Manual	On-Chip Autonomous
Cit	0.44	0.53	2.9×10^5	2.5×10^5
Val	0.46	0.57	2.8×10^5	2.4×10^5
Ser	0.55	0.74	2.7×10^5	2.2×10^5
Ala	0.21	0.28	2.7×10^5	2.2×10^5
Gly	0.70	0.95	2.4×10^5	2.2×10^5
Glu	0.41	0.61	1.8×10^5	1.5×10^5
Asp	0.23	0.31	1.8×10^5	1.7×10^5
Average	0.43	0.57	2.5×10^5	2.1×10^5
Normalized	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.9

Table SI1-2. Off-chip vs. on-chip labeling and separation of an aldehyde and ketone standard.

	Labeling Efficiency (Peak Area, Rel. Fluorescence Units)		Separation Efficiency (Peak Efficiency, Theoretical Plates)	
	Off-Chip Manual	On-Chip Autonomous	Off-Chip Manual	On-Chip Autonomous
Methylethyl ketone	0.25	0.17	3.5×10^5	3.6×10^5
Propionaldehyde	1.9	1.3	3.1×10^5	3.3×10^5
Acetaldehyde (1)	1.7	1.2	2.9×10^5	3.2×10^5
Acetaldehyde (2)	0.21	0.14	2.5×10^5	2.8×10^5
Formaldehyde	1.7	1.2	4.0×10^5	3.3×10^5
Average	1.1	0.82	3.2×10^5	3.2×10^5
Normalized	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0

Table SI1-3. Off-chip vs. on-chip labeling and separation of a carboxylic acid standard.

	Labeling Efficiency (Peak Area, Rel. Fluorescence Units)		Separation Efficiency (Peak Efficiency, Theoretical Plates)	
	Off-Chip Manual	On-Chip Autonomous	Off-Chip Manual	On-Chip Autonomous
Valeric acid	0.28	0.33	0.6×10^5	0.5×10^5
Butanoic acid	0.32	0.42	1.0×10^5	0.8×10^5
Propionic acid	0.66	0.87	2.1×10^5	1.2×10^5
Acetic acid	0.37	0.54	1.0×10^5	0.8×10^5
Formic acid	0.63	1.0	0.9×10^5	0.8×10^5
Average	0.45	0.64	1.1×10^5	0.8×10^5
Normalized	1.0	1.4	1.0	0.7

Table SI02. Separation characteristics from figure 5E

Total Analysis					Amino Acid Analysis		Aldehyde / Ketone Analysis		Carboxylic Acid Analysis	
<i>Species</i>	<i>Conc.</i>	<i>Signal-to-Noise</i>	<i>N^a</i>	<i>Resolution^b</i>	<i>N^a</i>	<i>Resolution^b</i>	<i>N^a</i>	<i>Resolution^b</i>	<i>N^a</i>	<i>Resolution^b</i>
Cit	400 nM	1200	3.6×10^5		3.7×10^5					
Val	400 nM	1300	3.4×10^5	7.7	3.6×10^5	7.9				
Ser	400 nM	1200	3.2×10^5	6.0	3.3×10^5	6.1				
Gly	400 nM	1500	2.9×10^5	7.8	3.0×10^5	8.0				
Acetone	400 nM	4000	2.9×10^5	15			3.0×10^5			
PB (1)		900	2.8×10^5	0.66	2.6×10^5	16				
Acetic acid	400 nM	2800	1.3×10^5	3.3					1.3×10^5	
PB (2)		1200	2.8×10^5	0.96	3.2×10^5	5.4				
Formaldehyde	40 nM	4100	2.8×10^5	5.3			2.7×10^5	11		
CB		NA ^c	NA ^c	4.2			NA ^c	4.4 ^d	NA ^c	9.6 ^d
Formic acid	40 nM	4100	1.0×10^5	4.2 ^d					1.1×10^5	5.2 ^d

^a Peak efficiency (theoretical plates).

^b Resolution between the peak indicated and the previously eluting peak in the separation.

^c Cannot be quantified in this electropherogram due to detector saturation.

^d Estimated.