

## Supplementary Data

**MANUSCRIPT TITLE:** Fate estimation of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in soils in a rapid urbanization region, Shenzhen of China

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## Standard Materials

**Standard mixtures:** A standard mixture containing naphthalene, 1-methylnaphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene, 2,3,5-trimethylnaphthalene, biphenyl, acenaphthylene, acenaphthene, fluorene, phenanthrene, 1-methylphenanthrene, 2-methylphenanthrene, 2,6-dimethylphenanthrene, anthracene, fluoranthene, pyrene, 11H-benzo[b]fluorene, benzo[a]anthracene, chrysene, benzo[b]fluoranthene, benzo[k]fluoranthene, benzo[e]pyrene, benzo[a]pyrene, perylene, and 9,10-diphenylanthracene at 1mg/mL each and a standard mixture including indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene, dibenzo[a, h]anthrancene and benzo[g,h,i]perylene at 2mg/mL each purchased from Accustandard (New Haven, CT) were used for identification and quantification.

**Surrogates standards:** Six deuterated PAHs (including naphthalene-d<sub>8</sub>, acenaphthene-d<sub>10</sub>, phenanthrene-d<sub>10</sub>, chrysene-d<sub>12</sub>, perylene-d<sub>12</sub>, and benzo[g,h,i]perylene-d<sub>12</sub>) (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories (Andover, MA)) were employed as surrogates standards. All solvents were redistilled using a glass system.

**Internal standards:** 2-fluoro-1,1-biphenyl, p-terphenyl-d<sub>14</sub>, dibenzo[a,h]anthracene (Dr. Ehrenstorfer GmbH).

**Σ<sub>27</sub>PAHs List:** 2-methylnaphthalene (2-Mn), 1-methylnaphthalene (1-Mn), Biphenyl

(Bip), 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene (2,6-Dn), Acenaphthylene (Acy), Acenaphthene (Acen), 2,3,5-trinaphthalene (Trn), Fluorene (Flo), Phenanthrene (Phe), Anthracene (Ant), 2-methylphenanthrene (2-Mp), 1-methylphenanthrene (1-Mp), 2,6-dimethlyphenanthrene (2,6-Dp), Fluoranthene (Fla), Pyrene (Pyr), 11H-benzo(b)fluorine (11H-B), Benzo(a)anthracene (BaA), Chrysene (Chr), Benzo(b)fluoranthene (BbF), Benzo(k)fluoranthene (BkF), Benzo(e)pyrene (BeP), Benzo(a)pyrene (BaP), Perylene (Per), 9,10-diphenylanthracen (9,10-Di), Iden(123-cd)pyrene (IP), Dibenz(a,h)anthracene (DBahA), Benzo(ghi)perylene (BghiP)

**$\Sigma_{15}$ PAHs List:** Acenaphthylene (Acy), Acenaphthene (Acen), Fluorene (Flo), Phenanthrene (Phe), Anthracene (Ant), Fluoranthene (Fla), Pyrene (Pyr), Benzo(a)anthracene (BaA), Chrysene (Chr), Benzo(b)fluoranthene (BbF), Benzo(k)fluoranthene (BkF), Benzo(e)pyrene (BeP), Iden(123-cd)pyrene (IP), Dibenz(a,h)anthracene (DBahA), Benzo(ghi)perylene (BghiP)

#### **Estimation procedure of mass inventories of PAHs in soils:**

With the mean concentrations of 27 or 15 PAHs in each district and relative soil area, we estimated the mass inventories of PAHs by the equation (5). The mean concentration, soil area, and estimation are listed in Table S4.

**Table S1**  
 Calculation of transfer or reaction coefficients ( $D$ ).

| compartment    | process                | individual $D$                                                                                     | total $D$                                 |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| air-soil       | diffusion <sup>a</sup> | $D_s = 1/\{1/(k_{SA} \cdot A \cdot Z_A) + Y_s / [A \cdot (B_{MA} \cdot Z_A + B_{MW} \cdot Z_w)]\}$ | $D_{AS} = D_s + D_{DS} + D_{WS} + D_{RS}$ |
| Rain washout   |                        | $D_{RS} = A/(U_R \cdot Z_w)$                                                                       |                                           |
| wet deposition |                        | $D_{WS} = A \cdot U_R \cdot Q \cdot v_Q \cdot Z_Q$                                                 |                                           |
| dry deposition |                        | $D_{DS} = A \cdot U_Q \cdot v_Q \cdot Z_Q$                                                         |                                           |
| soil-water     | soil runoff            | $D_{SS} = A \cdot U_{SS} \cdot Z_s$                                                                | $D_{soil-water} = D_{SS} + D_{SW}$        |
|                | water runoff           | $D_{SW} = A \cdot U_{SW} \cdot Z_w$                                                                |                                           |
| reaction       | degradation            | $D_{HL} = \ln 2 \cdot A \cdot d \cdot Z_s / HL$                                                    |                                           |

$k_{SA}$  is air-side mass transfer coefficient ( $1 \text{ m/h}^{1,2}$ ),  $A$  is the interfacial area ( soil area of Shenzhen  $1.949 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2$  ),  $Z_A (=1/RT^2)$ ,  $Z_Q (=Z_A \cdot 6 \times 10^6/P_L)$ ,  $P_L$  is liquid vapor pressure ( $\text{Pa}$ ) <sup>2</sup>),  $Z_w (=1/H)$ ,  $H$  is Henry's law constant ( $\text{Pa m}^3/\text{mol}$ ) <sup>2</sup>) are fugacity capacities for air, aerosol, and water ( $\text{mol/m}^3 \cdot \text{pa}$ ) and can be calculated by the method in literatures <sup>1,3-5</sup>,  $Y_s$  is the length of the pathway in soil (0.05 m <sup>2,3</sup> ,  $B_{MA}$  and  $B_{MW}$  are molecular diffusive coefficients for air and water (Table S3),  $U_Q$  and  $U_R$  are dry and wet deposition velocities,  $Q$  is atmosphere scavenging ratio (Table S3),  $v_Q$  is aerosol volume fraction <sup>2,3</sup> ,  $d$  is depth of soil (0.1 m was taken as depth of soil in

the present study),  $HL$  is half lives of individual PAHs (in h, listed in Table S3).

**Table S2**  
 Estimated and assumed transport parameter.

| Parameter                                   | Value                                  | Description                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| rain rate ( $U_R$ )                         | $2.3 \times 10^{-4}$ m/h               | estimated with annual average rainfall 2000 mm in Shenzhen <sup>6</sup>                                                                                    |
| soil water runoff rate ( $U_{sw}$ )         | $1.6 \times 10^{-4}$ m/h               | estimated with annual total surface runoff $27.06 \times 10^8$ m <sup>3</sup> in Shenzhen <sup>7</sup>                                                     |
| soil solids runoff rate ( $U_{ss}$ )        | $3.3 \times 10^{-8}$ m/h               | estimated with soil erosion modulus $1.67 \times 10^4$ tons/km <sup>2</sup> .year and total soil eroded area $60$ km <sup>2</sup> in Shenzhen <sup>8</sup> |
| scavenging ratio $Q$                        | $2 \times 10^5$                        | data was taken from Mackay et al study <sup>1,2</sup>                                                                                                      |
| molecular diffusivity in air ( $B_{MA}$ )   | $0.04$ m <sup>2</sup> /h               | data was taken from Mackay et al study <sup>1,2</sup>                                                                                                      |
| molecular diffusivity in water ( $B_{MW}$ ) | $4.0 \times 10^{-6}$ m <sup>2</sup> /h | data was taken from Mackay et al study <sup>1,2</sup>                                                                                                      |
| dry deposition velocity ( $U_Q$ )           | $10.8$ m/h                             | data was taken from Mackay et al study <sup>1,2</sup>                                                                                                      |

**Table S3**

Physicochemical data, half-lives of PAHs.

| Compounds | mol.wt. | lgK <sub>oa</sub> | lgK <sub>ow</sub> <sup>c</sup> | H (pa m <sup>3</sup> /mol) | half lives (h)     |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Acy       | 152     | 6.23 <sup>b</sup> | 3.98                           | 146 <sup>b</sup>           | 240 <sup>d</sup>   |
| Acen      | 154     | 6.28 <sup>b</sup> | 4.07                           | 402 <sup>b</sup>           | 240 <sup>e</sup>   |
| Flo       | 166     | 6.58 <sup>b</sup> | 4.18                           | 10.1 <sup>b</sup>          | 1128 <sup>e</sup>  |
| Phe       | 178     | 7.33 <sup>b</sup> | 4.45                           | 2.59 <sup>b</sup>          | 1440 <sup>e</sup>  |
| Ant       | 178     | 7.09 <sup>b</sup> | 4.45                           | 179 <sup>b</sup>           | 6240 <sup>e</sup>  |
| Fla       | 202     | 8.32 <sup>b</sup> | 4.90                           | 0.64 <sup>b</sup>          | 10560 <sup>e</sup> |
| Pyr       | 202     | 8.80 <sup>a</sup> | 4.88                           | 4.93 <sup>b</sup>          | 45600 <sup>e</sup> |
| BaA       | 228     | 9.10 <sup>b</sup> | 5.61                           | 0.10 <sup>b</sup>          | 10320 <sup>e</sup> |
| Chr       | 228     | 9.40 <sup>b</sup> | 5.16                           | 0.11 <sup>b</sup>          | 24000 <sup>e</sup> |
| BbF       | 252     | 10.7 <sup>b</sup> | 6.04                           | 1.23 <sup>b</sup>          | 14640 <sup>e</sup> |
| BkF       | 252     | 10.7 <sup>b</sup> | 6.06                           | 3.91 <sup>b</sup>          | 33600 <sup>e</sup> |
| BaP       | 252     | 10.7 <sup>b</sup> | 6.06                           | 0.05 <sup>b</sup>          | 6960 <sup>e</sup>  |
| IP        | 276     | 11.6 <sup>b</sup> | 6.58                           | 0.01 <sup>b</sup>          | 17520 <sup>e</sup> |
| DBahA     | 278     | 13.7 <sup>b</sup> | 6.84                           | 0.01 <sup>b</sup>          | 18000 <sup>e</sup> |
| BghiP     | 276     | 11.8 <sup>b</sup> | 6.50                           | 0.01 <sup>b</sup>          | 14400 <sup>e</sup> |

<sup>a</sup> data from <sup>9</sup> and therein; <sup>b</sup> data were taken from <sup>10</sup>; <sup>c</sup> data source <sup>11</sup>; <sup>d</sup> according to Coover et al. report <sup>12</sup>, the half life of Naph and Acy in soil shorter than 60 days, therefore we assumed both of them half life in soil are as the same of Acen's half life; <sup>e</sup> data source <sup>12</sup>.

**Table S4**  
 Mean concentration of PAHs in soil from different districts of Shenzhen or from different land use types.

| Compounds                | Acronym | Districts of Shenzhen |     |     |     |     |     | Land use types |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                          |         | LH                    | FT  | NS  | YT  | LG  | BA  | SZ             | Ind | Agr | Com | Tra | Res | Orc | For | Gre |
| 2-methylnaphthalene      | 2-Mn    | 14                    | 13  | 22  | 71  | 12  | 33  | 28             | 15  | 17  | 31  | 30  | 14  | 33  | 29  | 19  |
| 1-methylnaphthalene      | 1-Mn    | 7.7                   | 9.0 | 13  | 43  | 6.7 | 19  | 16             | 9.3 | 8.4 | 19  | 17  | 7.8 | 19  | 17  | 12  |
| Biphenyl                 | Bip     | 2.6                   | 2.8 | 3.0 | 7.5 | 2.7 | 6.1 | 4.1            | 3.1 | 4   | 7.3 | 6.5 | 2.6 | 4.6 | 3.6 | 2.5 |
| 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene  | 2,6-Dn  | 14                    | 20  | 18  | 69  | 12  | 44  | 30             | 17  | 17  | 53  | 35  | 17  | 36  | 24  | 20  |
| Acenaphthylene           | Acy     | 1.0                   | 1.1 | 1.4 | 3.9 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.1            | 1.5 | 1.9 | 4.1 | 6.2 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.1 |
| Acenaphthene             | Acen    | 0.8                   | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.2            | 1.0 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| 2,3,5-trinaphthalene     | Trn     | 7.7                   | 9.6 | 7.6 | 33  | 4.6 | 16  | 13             | 6.5 | 7.9 | 23  | 16  | 6.9 | 12  | 9.5 | 9.2 |
| Fluorene                 | Flo     | 4.2                   | 5.4 | 4.7 | 14  | 6.7 | 8.5 | 7.3            | 3.8 | 4.9 | 14  | 17  | 3.4 | 6.7 | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| Phenanthrene             | Phe     | 14                    | 12  | 13  | 16  | 57  | 33  | 24             | 22  | 26  | 72  | 142 | 12  | 10  | 9.7 | 9.8 |
| Anthracene               | Ant     | 2.3                   | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 3.8            | 2.9 | 4.1 | 11  | 20  | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| 2-methylphenanthrene     | 2-Mp    | 4.0                   | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 10  | 8.7 | 5.8            | 4.7 | 4.8 | 15  | 30  | 3.9 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.5 |
| 1-methylphenanthrene     | 1-Mp    | 2.7                   | 1.9 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 3.5            | 3.0 | 3.3 | 9.6 | 17  | 2.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| 2,6-dimethylphenanthrene | 2,6-Dp  | 0.7                   | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.8            | 0.6 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 4.1 | 0.4 | ND  | ND  | ND  |
| Fluoranthene             | Fla     | 18                    | 8.7 | 14  | 10  | 97  | 35  | 31             | 30  | 30  | 110 | 235 | 13  | 4.2 | 5.1 | 7.3 |
| Pyrene                   | Pyr     | 14                    | 6.9 | 11  | 8.2 | 68  | 28  | 23             | 25  | 28  | 76  | 172 | 9.9 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 5.5 |

|                        |         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 11H-benzo(b)fluorine   | 11H-B   | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 18  | 5.7 | 4.7 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 1.9  | 49   | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Benzo(a)anthracene     | BaA     | 6.5 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 45  | 14  | 13  | 9.5 | 7.6 | 51   | 112  | 4.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 2.2 |
| Chrysene               | Chr     | 16  | 7.9 | 14  | 12  | 67  | 35  | 26  | 24  | 17  | 96   | 180  | 11  | 2.8 | 3.7 | 5.8 |
| Benzo(b)fluoranthene   | BbF     | 22  | 10  | 19  | 17  | 99  | 46  | 36  | 33  | 21  | 141  | 252  | 15  | 3.0 | 4.2 | 8.4 |
| Benzo(k)fluoranthene   | BkF     | 6.4 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 30  | 15  | 11  | 9.5 | 7.1 | 42   | 77   | 5.0 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 2.8 |
| Benzo(e)pyrene         | BeP     | 17  | 6.9 | 16  | 14  | 56  | 32  | 24  | 23  | 15  | 92   | 149  | 9.7 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 5.4 |
| Benzo(a)pyrene         | BaP     | 9.2 | 3.5 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 43  | 17  | 14  | 13  | 8.4 | 60   | 105  | 5.3 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 3.2 |
| Perylene               | Per     | 3.6 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 13  | 5.6 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 20   | 32   | 2.6 | 0   | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| 9,10-diphenylanthracen | 9,10-Di | ND  | ND  | ND  | ND  | 0.5 | ND  | ND  | ND  | ND  | 1.4  | 0.6  | ND  | ND  | ND  | ND  |
| Iden(123-cd)pyrene     | IP      | 14  | 4.8 | 10  | 11  | 58  | 29  | 21  | 22  | 16  | 89   | 148  | 7.3 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 4.6 |
| Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene | DBahA   | 3.0 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 18  | 8.0 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 23   | 50   | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| Benzo(ghi)perylene     | BghiP   | 22  | 8.9 | 20  | 18  | 70  | 44  | 31  | 33  | 24  | 116  | 190  | 12  | 2.3 | 3.0 | 7.0 |
| $\Sigma_{27}$ PAH      |         | 230 | 151 | 220 | 383 | 813 | 498 | 383 | 325 | 282 | 1200 | 2093 | 174 | 151 | 135 | 140 |
| $\Sigma_{15}$ PAH      |         | 155 | 80  | 129 | 132 | 670 | 321 | 248 | 235 | 200 | 906  | 1708 | 104 | 41  | 45  | 66  |

ND: not detected.

LH: Luohu, FT: Futian, NS:Nanshan, YT: Yantian, LG: Longgang, BA: Baoan, SZ: Shenzhen.

Ind: industry, Agr: agricultural, Com: commerce, Tra: traffic, Res: residential, Orc: orchard, For: forestry, Gre: greenbelt.

**Table S5**  
 Estimated mass inventories of PAHs in soils.

|                                   |                     | LH  | FT  | NS  | YT  | LG  | BA  | SZ   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| C (μg/kg) <sup>a</sup>            | Σ <sub>27</sub> PAH | 230 | 151 | 220 | 383 | 813 | 498 | 383  |
|                                   | Σ <sub>15</sub> PAH | 155 | 80  | 129 | 132 | 670 | 321 | 248  |
| A (km <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>b</sup> |                     | 79  | 76  | 173 | 73  | 845 | 704 | 1949 |
| Σ <sub>27</sub> PAH (ton)         |                     | 3   | 2   | 7   | 5   | 124 | 63  | 204  |
| Σ <sub>15</sub> PAH (ton)         |                     | 2   | 1   | 4   | 2   | 102 | 41  | 152  |
| R.A. <sup>c</sup>                 | Σ <sub>27</sub> PAH | 2   | 1   | 3   | 2   | 61  | 31  |      |
|                                   | Σ <sub>15</sub> PAH | 1   | 1   | 3   | 1   | 67  | 27  |      |

<sup>a</sup> Concentration in μg/kg

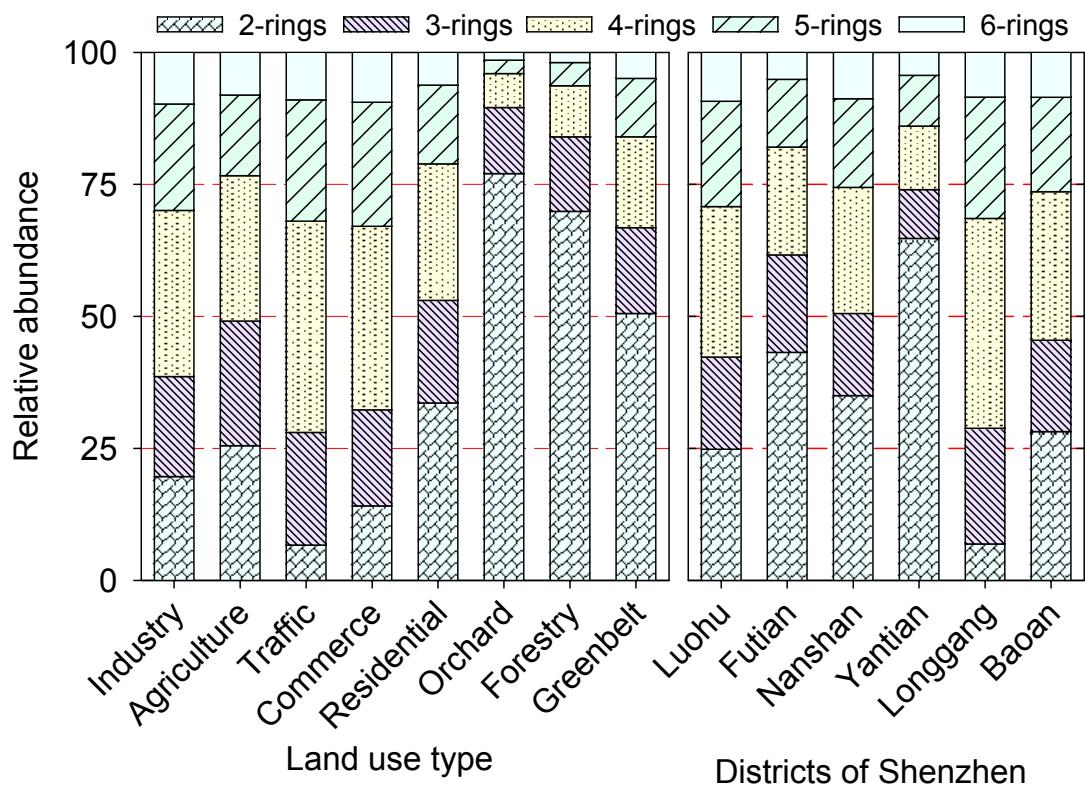
<sup>b</sup> Soil area of each district of Shenzhen, data are taken from <sup>13</sup>.

<sup>c</sup> Relative abundance of inventory in soil from different district (%).

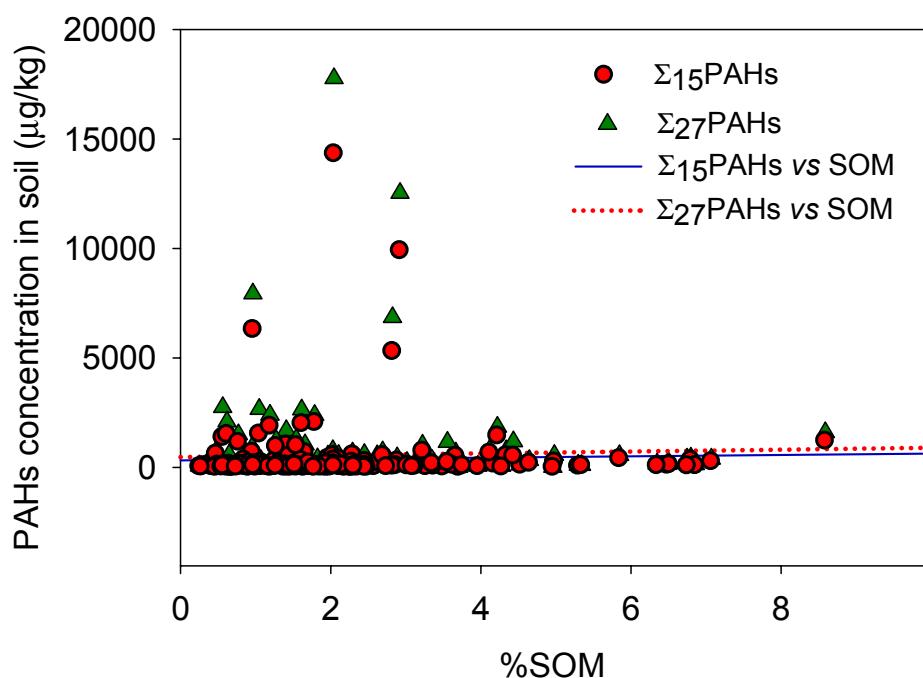
LH: Luohu, FT: Futian, NS: Nanshan, YT: Yantian, LG: Longgang, BA: Baoan, SZ: Shenzhen.



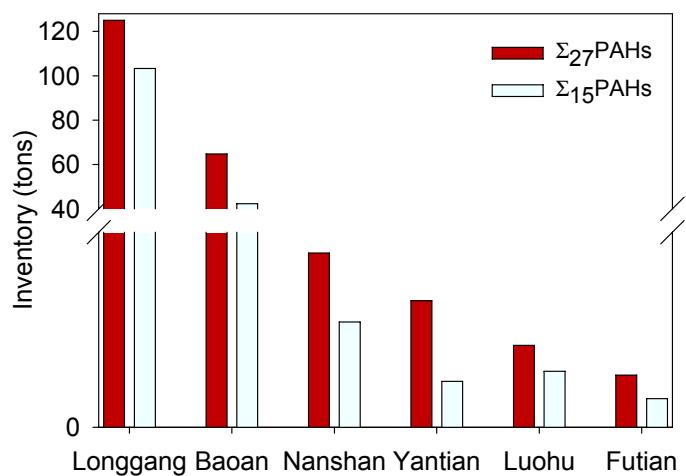
**Fig. S1.** Administrative divisions of Shenzhen. The Special Economic Zone comprises of Luohu, Futian, Nanshan, and Yantian but not include Baoan, Guangming, and Longgang district.



**Fig. S2.** Percentage composition of 2,3,4,5,6-ring PAHs in the soils of Shenzhen. (2-ring PAHs include naphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene, 1-methylnaphthalene, biphenyl, 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene, acenaphthylene, acenaphthene, 2,3,5-trinaphthalene, fluorene; 3-ring PAHs include phenanthrene, anthracene, 2-methylphenanthrene, 1-methylphenanthrene, 2,6-dimethylphenanthrene, fluoranthrene; 4-ring PAHs include pyrene, 11H-benzo(b)fluorine), benzo(a)anthracene, chrysene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene; 5-ring PAHs include benzo(e)pyrene, benzo(a)pyrene, perylene, 9,10-diphenylanthracen, iden(123-cd)pyrene, dibenzo(a,h)anthracene; 6-ring include benzo(ghi)perylene.



**Fig. S3** Regression analysis between concentration of PAHs and fraction of soil organic matter.



**Fig. S4.** Inventories of  $\Sigma_{27}\text{PAHs}$  and  $\Sigma_{15}\text{PAHs}$  in soil of Shenzhen. Longgang, Baoan Nanshan, Yantian, Luohu, Futian are districts of Shenzhen.

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