

Adsorption of organic compounds to diesel soot: Frontal analysis and polyparameter linear free energy relationship

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25 **Text S1**

26 **Polyparameter linear free energy relationship with 4 parameters**

27 It was also possible to fit the ppLFER model well with only 4 parameters (including a constant). With all
28 the 102 measurements, the regression was:

29 $\log K_{sootC} = (4.04 \pm 0.12)V + ((-0.30 \pm 0.02) \log a_i)E + (-3.47 \pm 0.13)B + (-1.67 \pm 0.11)$

30 (N=102, R²=0.94, SE=0.22) [Equation S1](#)

31 In general, the same most important parameter were found (compare to [Equation 5](#) in the main text).
32 Again, rigid statistic methods were applied to identify usual points and totally, 6 such points were
33 detected: 1 data point with leverage value larger than limit also with SRE 3.4 (the lowest concentration of
34 atrazine, the blue square in [Figure S7](#)); 1 with leverage value larger than limit (the highest concentration
35 of dimethylphthalate, the red triangle in [Figure S7](#)) and 4 with SRE between 2 and 3 (the lowest
36 concentration of anisole and nitrobenzene, the second lowest concentration of nitrobenzene and atrazine,
37 green triangles in [Figure S7](#)). Removal of these suspicious data points step by step, and rebuilding the
38 ppLFER models gave the following:

39 Remove 1 data point with leverage value larger than limit also with SRE 3.4

40 $\log K_{sootC} = (4.07 \pm 0.11)V + ((-0.31 \pm 0.02) \log a_i)E + (-3.42 \pm 0.12)B + (-1.73 \pm 0.10)$

41 (N=101, R²=0.95, SE=0.20) [Equation S2](#)

42 Remove 2 data point with leverage value larger than limit:

43 $\log K_{sootC} = (4.07 \pm 0.11)V + ((-0.31 \pm 0.02) \log a_i)E + (-3.41 \pm 0.12)B + (-1.73 \pm 0.10)$

44 (N=100, R²=0.95, SE=0.20) [Equation S3](#)

45 Remove all 6 suspicious data points:

46 $\log K_{sootC} = (4.15 \pm 0.10)V + ((-0.31 \pm 0.02) \log a_i)E + (-3.36 \pm 0.11)B + (-1.82 \pm 0.09)$

47 (N=96, R²=0.96, SE=0.17) [Equation S4](#)

48 Predictions of $\log K_{sootC}$ values by these models are shown in [Figures S8-S10](#), respectively. Again, there
49 were no significant differences among all these models ([Equations S1-3](#)). However, all these models had
50 larger SE compared to 5 parameters ppLFER models. Thus, [Equation 5](#) was suggested to use and when
51 [Equation S1](#) was only suggested when sorbates' A parameters were not available.

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54 **Text S2**

55 **Prediction of Freundlich coefficients and exponents.** Freundlich coefficients and exponents can be
56 calculated by combining Equations 3 and 5^{1,2}:

57 $\log K_f((\text{mg kg}^{-1})/(\text{mg L}^{-1})^n) = (3.74 \pm 0.11)V + (-0.62 \pm 0.10)A + (-3.35 \pm 0.11)B -$
58 $((-0.35 \pm 0.02) \log C_{w,\text{sat}})E + (-1.45 \pm 0.09)$ Equation S5

59 $n = 1 + (-0.35 \pm 0.02)E$ Equation S6

60 where $C_{w,\text{sat}}$ is the sorbate (subcooled) liquid solubility in mg L⁻¹. According to these equations, the
61 Freundlich coefficients and exponents of our 21 sorbates were predicted (Figure S11). Predictions of
62 Freundlich coefficients accurately matched measured values (Figure S11a). However, predictions of n
63 values were much less accurate (Figure S11b). This may be due to using only one parameter (E term) to
64 estimate n in Equation S6, implying the need to use a wider spectrum of sorbates to isolate the factors that
65 control n . It should be noted that the worst case was atrazine with a residue (the difference between the
66 predicted value and the observed value) of 0.34 while residues for other 20 sorbates were smaller than 0.18.
67 Again, this suggests aspects of atrazine's stereochemistry (non-planar or molecular size) are causing such
68 sorbates to deviate from the ppLFER-based expectations.

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71 Table S1 Octanol-water partition coefficients and Abraham descriptors of selected sorbates

Compounds	log	V *	E*	S*	A*	B*
	K _{ow}	(cm ³ mol ⁻¹)/100	(cm ³ mol ⁻¹)/100			
trichloroethene	2.42	0.715	0.52	0.37	0.08	0.03
benzene	2.17	0.716	0.61	0.52	0	0.14
acetophenone	1.63	1.014	0.82	1.01	0	0.48
aniline	0.95	0.816	0.96	0.96	0.26	0.41
anisole	2.11	0.916	0.71	0.75	0	0.29
toluene	2.69	0.857	0.6	0.52	0	0.14
fluorobenzene	2.24	0.734	0.477	0.57	0	0.1
chlorobenzene	2.78	0.839	0.72	0.65	0	0.07
1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	4.06	1.084	0.98	0.81	0	0
bromobenzene	2.99	0.891	0.882	0.73	0	0.09
nitrobenzene	1.85	0.891	0.871	1.11	0	0.28
2,4-dinitrotoluene	2	1.21	1.17	1.48	0.05	0.45
phenol	1.44	0.775	0.81	0.89	0.6	0.3
4-chlorophenol	2.42	0.898	0.92	1.08	0.67	0.21
4-cresol	1.93	0.92	0.82	0.87	0.57	0.31
naphthalene	3.33	1.085	1.34	0.92	0	0.2
1-methylnaphthalene	3.87	1.226	1.34	0.94	0	0.22
1-chloronaphthalene	4	1.21	1.42	1	0	0.14
dimethylphthalate	1.53	1.43	0.78	1.4	0	0.86
atrazine	2.65	1.62	1.51	1.29	0.17	1.01
phenanthrene	4.46	1.454	2.06	1.29	0	0.26

72 * Data from UFZ-LSER database ³

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75 Table S2 Pearson correlation of ppLFER parameters (N=21).

		E	S	A	B
V	Pearson Correlation	0.78*	0.78*	-0.21	0.66*#
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.00
E	Pearson Correlation		0.64*	-0.09	0.26
	Sig. (2-tailed)		0.00	0.71	0.25
S	Pearson Correlation			0.10	0.71*
	Sig. (2-tailed)			0.66	0.00
A	Pearson Correlation				0.10
	Sig. (2-tailed)				0.65

76 *. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

77 #. Correlation is not significant after removing dimethylphthalate and atrazine (correlation coefficient
78 0.24, 2-tailed significance 0.332)

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86 Table S3 Comparisons of reported Freundlich isotherm parameters of selected sorbates on soot, char, and activated carbon by different methods.

Sorbate	Sorbent	Method	$\log K_f$	n	Ref.
benzene	NIST soot 2975	frontal analysis, 4hr	1.37	0.71	This study
	chestnut wood char	batch, 14 d	3.08	0.75	Plata et al. ²
	granular activated carbon	batch, 14 d	4.50	0.29	Shih and Gschwend ¹
toluene	NIST soot 2975	frontal analysis, 4 hr	1.72	0.79	This study
	chestnut wood char	batch, 14 d	3.21	0.79	Plata et al. ²
	granular activated carbon	batch, 14 d	4.80	0.30	Shih and Gschwend ¹
nitrobenzene	NIST soot 2975	frontal analysis, 6 hr	2.22	0.51	This study
	chestnut wood char	batch, 14 d	3.74	0.46	Plata et al. ²
	granular activated carbon	batch, 14 d	4.88	0.19	Shih and Gschwend ¹
naphthalene	NIST soot 2975	frontal analysis, 8 hr	2.80	0.55	This study
	NIST soot 2975	batch, 28 d	3.21	0.60	Endo et al. ⁴
	NIST soot 2975/methanol extracted	batch, 28 d	3.29	0.41	Endo et al. ⁴
1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	NIST soot 2975	frontal analysis, 6 hr	3.06	0.54	This study
	NIST soot 2975	batch, flocculation, 59 d	3.43	0.66	Nguyen et al. ⁵
	NIST soot 2975	batch, 60 d	3.42	0.66	Nguyen and Ball ⁶
	NIST soot 1650b	batch, 60 d	3.80	0.82	Nguyen and Ball ⁶
	oxidized hexane soot	batch, 60 d	3.53	0.67	Nguyen and Ball ⁶
phenanthrene	NIST soot 2975	frontal analysis, 33 hr	3.54	0.31	This study
	NIST soot 2975	batch, flocculation, 59 d	3.68	0.43	Nguyen et al. ⁵
	NIST 1650	air-bridge, 134 d	5.37	1	Bucheli and Gustafsson ⁷
	375 °C combusted Lake Ketelmeer sediment	batch POM-SPE, 35 d	4.24	0.54	Cornelissen and Gustafsson ⁸
	NIST soot 2975	batch, 60 d	3.72	0.41	Nguyen and Ball ⁶
	NIST soot 1650b	batch, 60 d	3.58	0.6	Nguyen and Ball ⁶
	hexane soot	batch, 60 d	3.64	0.52	Nguyen and Ball ⁶
	oxidized hexane soot	batch, 60 d	3.48	0.52	Nguyen and Ball ⁶
atrazine	NIST soot 2975	frontal analysis, 10 hr	2.37	0.81	This study
	375 °C combusted Lake Ketelmeer sediment	batch POM-SPE, 35d	3.01	0.97	Cornelissen and Gustafsson ⁸
	NIST soot 2975	frontal analysis, 13 hr	2.35	0.62	This study
4-chlorophenol	carbon black	batch, 1 d	3.50	0.4	Shih et al. ⁹
	rice straw char	batch, 1 d	3.11	0.56	Shih et al. ⁹

88 Table S4 Octanol-water partition coefficients, subcooled liquid solubilities, and Abraham descriptors of selected PAHs and PCBs

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Compounds	log K_{ow}	subcooled liquid solubility* µg L⁻¹	V#	E#	S#	A#	B#
fluorene	4.14	11397	1.357	1.59	1.06	0	0.25
anthracene	4.45	5100	1.454	2.29	1.34	0	0.28
fluoranthene	5.16	1207	1.585	2.38	1.55	0	0.24
pyrene	4.88	1119	1.585	2.81	1.71	0	0.28
chrysene	5.73	133	1.823	3.03	1.73	0	0.33
benz[a]anthracene	5.79	135	1.823	2.99	1.7	0	0.33
benzo[b]fluoranthene	6.6	19.62	1.954	3.19	1.82	0	0.4
benzo[k]fluoranthene	6.84	128	1.954	3.19	1.91	0	0.33
benzo[a]pyrene	6.13	13.56	1.954	3.63	1.98	0	0.44
dibenz[a,h]anthracene	6.75	737	2.192	4	2.04	0	0.44
PCB44	5.8	164	1.8138	1.9	1.48	0	0.15
PCB66	6.2	381	1.8138	1.91	1.46	0	0.13
PCB101	6.4	322	1.9362	2.04	1.61	0	0.13
PCB153	6.9	5.88	2.0586	2.18	1.74	0	0.11
PCB138	6.83	12.79	2.0586	2.18	1.74	0	0.11
PCB180	7.72	3.73	2.181	2.29	1.87	0	0.09
PCB170	7.36	3.73	2.181	2.33	1.87	0	0.09

90 * Data from van Noort¹⁰, Shiu and Mackay¹¹ and Liu et al.¹²91 # Data from Abraham and Al-Hussaini¹³ and UFZ-LSER database.³

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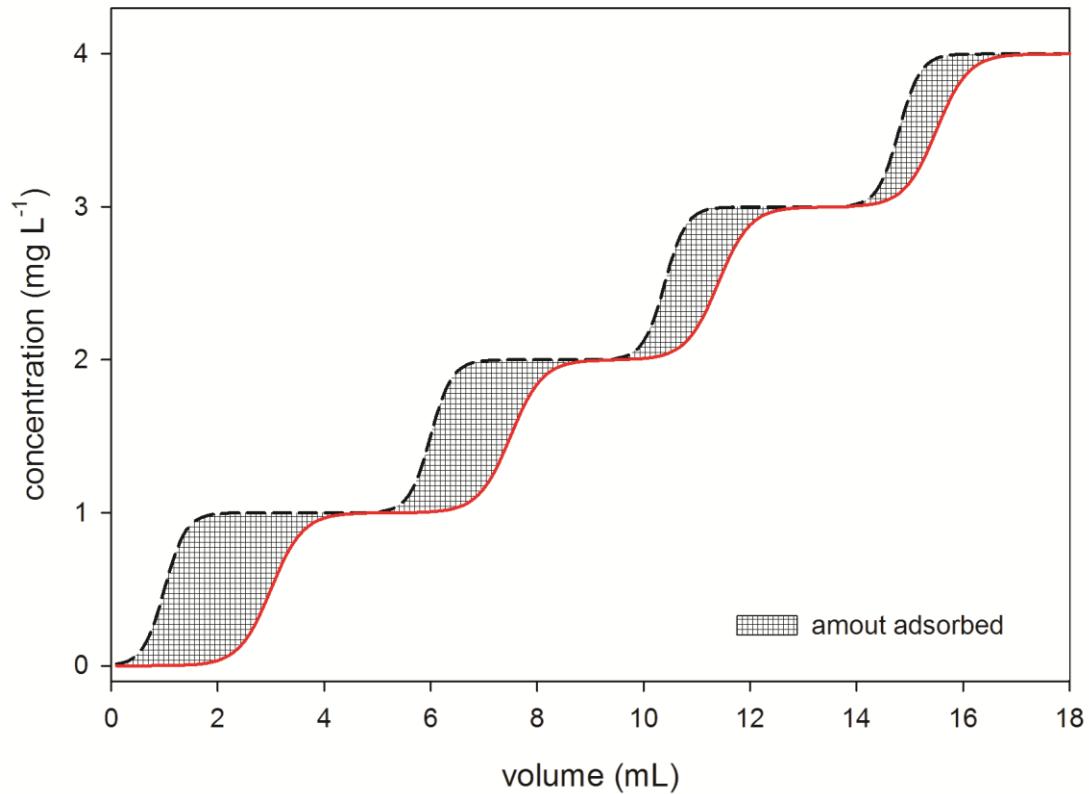
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95 Table S5 Comparisons of reported ppLFER models for adsorption to soot, char, carbon nanotube and activated carbon.

Sorbent	ppLFER model	N	R ²	SE	Ref
NIST soot 2975	$\log K_{\text{sootC}} = (3.74 \pm 0.11)V + ((-0.35 \pm 0.02)\log a_i)E + (-0.62 \pm 0.10)A + (-3.35 \pm 0.11)B + (-1.45 \pm 0.09)$	102	0.96	0.1	This study
Chestnut wood char	$\log K_d = ((4.03 \pm 0.14) + (-0.15 \pm 0.04) \log a_i)V + ((-0.28 \pm 0.04) \log a_i)S + (-5.20 \pm 0.21)B$	128	0.98	0.4	Plata et al. ²
MWCNT	$\log K = f_1 + f_2 E + f_3 S + f_4 A + f_5 B + f_6 V$ $f_1 = 0.528(\log a_i)^2 + 1.23\log a_i - 4.25;$ $f_2 = 0.0204(\log a_i)^2 + 0.265\log a_i + 0.229;$ $f_3 = 0.0644(\log a_i)^2 + 0.118\log a_i + 0.849;$ $f_4 = -0.207(\log a_i)^2 - 0.934\log a_i - 2.84;$ $f_5 = -0.589(\log a_i)^2 - 1.58\log a_i - 4.04;$ $f_6 = -0.450(\log a_i)^2 - 1.74\log a_i + 3.85$				Zhao et al. ¹⁴
MWCNT	$\log K_{d,\infty} = -(4.31 \pm 0.37) - (0.01 \pm 0.21)A - (1.91 \pm 0.39)B + (4.45 \pm 0.38)V + (1.06 \pm 0.21)S$ $\log K_{d,0.01} = -(3.81 \pm 0.78) - (1.31 \pm 0.56)A - (2.86 \pm 1.22)B + (4.41 \pm 0.70)V + (0.67 \pm 0.47)S$ $\log K_{d,0.1} = -(4.42 \pm 0.55)B - (1.29 \pm 0.40)A - (3.81 \pm 0.85)B + (4.59 \pm 0.49)V + (0.74 \pm 0.33)S$	58	0.83		Apul et al. ¹⁵
GAC	$\log K_d = ((3.76 \pm 0.28) + (-0.20 \pm 0.10) \log a_i)V + ((-0.80 \pm 0.14) + (-0.48 \pm 0.05) \log a_i)S + ((-4.47 \pm 0.20) + (-0.16 \pm 0.06) \log a_i)B + (0.73 \pm 0.28) - (0.24 \pm 0.09) \log a_i$	176	0.96		Shih and Gschwend ¹
GAC	$\log K_{d,\infty} = (4.29 \pm 0.12)V + (0.92 \pm 0.49)E + (0.42 \pm 0.13)S - (0.20 \pm 0.11)A - (2.93 \pm 0.74)B - (2.25 \pm 0.32)$	22	0.96	0.0	Poole and Poole ¹⁶
GAC	$\log K_{d,\infty} = 3.35V - 1.14B - D^*$	360	0.846	0.6	Luehrs et al. ¹⁷
GAC	$\log K_{d,\infty} = 3.06V + 0.56S - 3.20B - 1.93$	37	0.974	0.1	Kamlet et al. ¹⁸

96 *D accounts for differences in data sets.



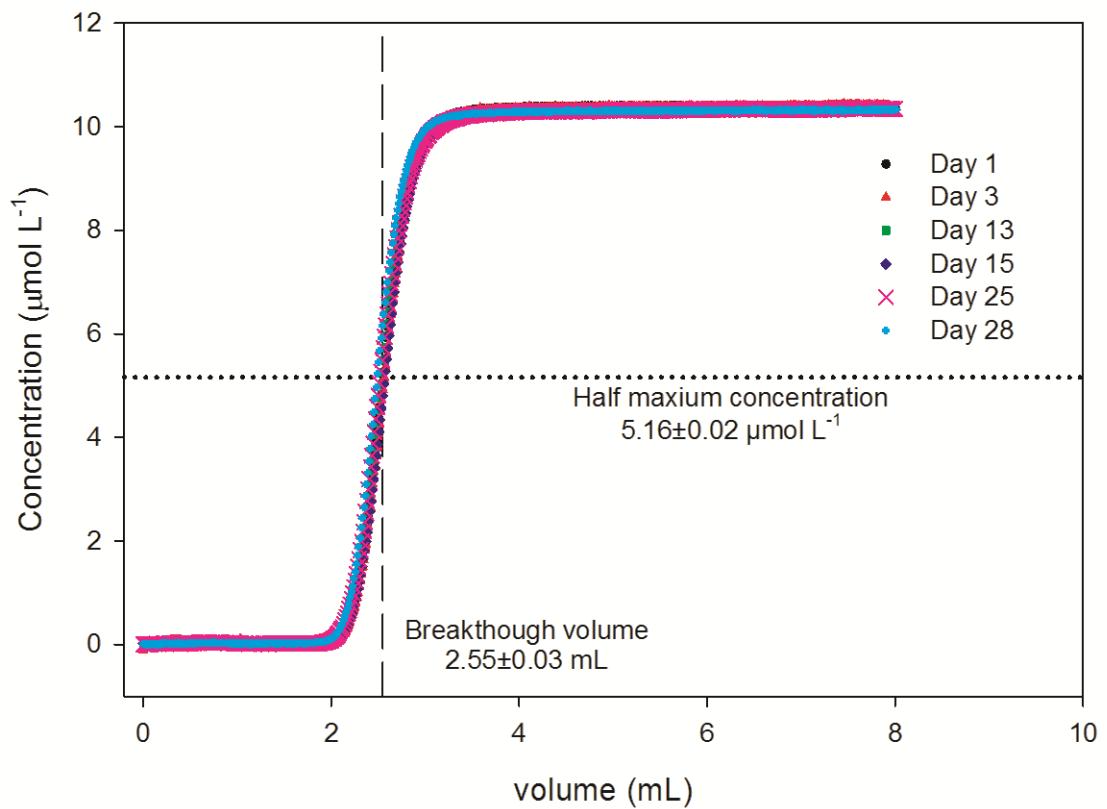
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99 Figure S1 Illustration of breakthrough of stair-case frontal analysis

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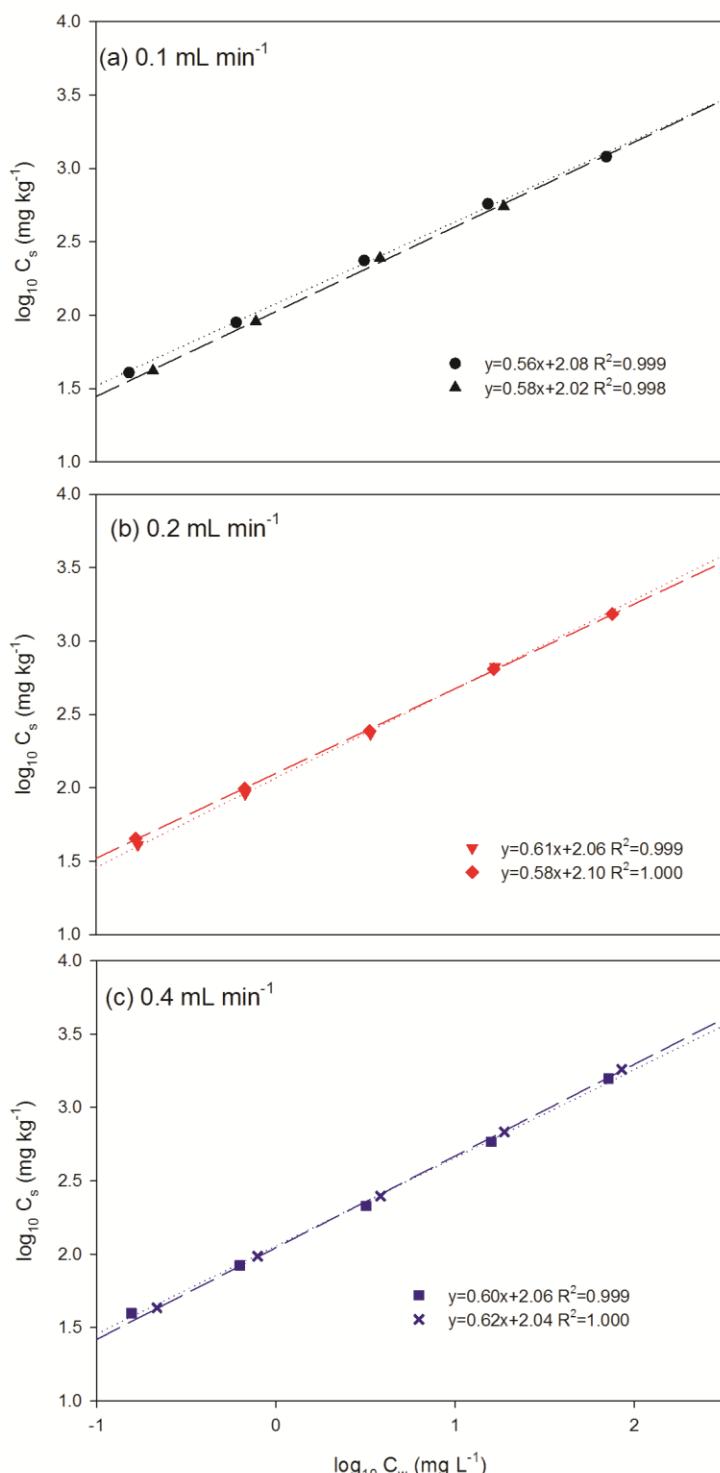
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103 Figure S2 Nitrate breakthrough curves on 1% soot column within a month.

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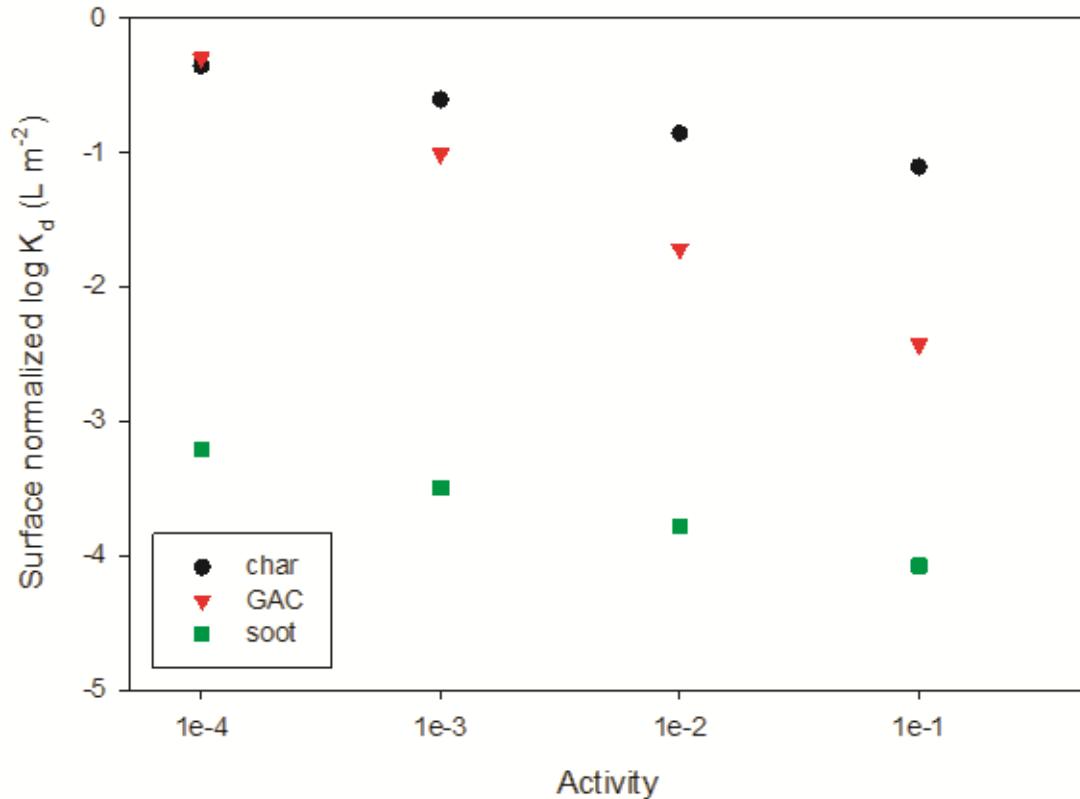
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106 Figure S3 Isotherms of anisole at different flow rates obtained on 1% soot column: (a) at 0.1 mL min^{-1} ;
 107 (b) at 0.2 mL min^{-1} ; and (c) at 0.4 mL min^{-1} .

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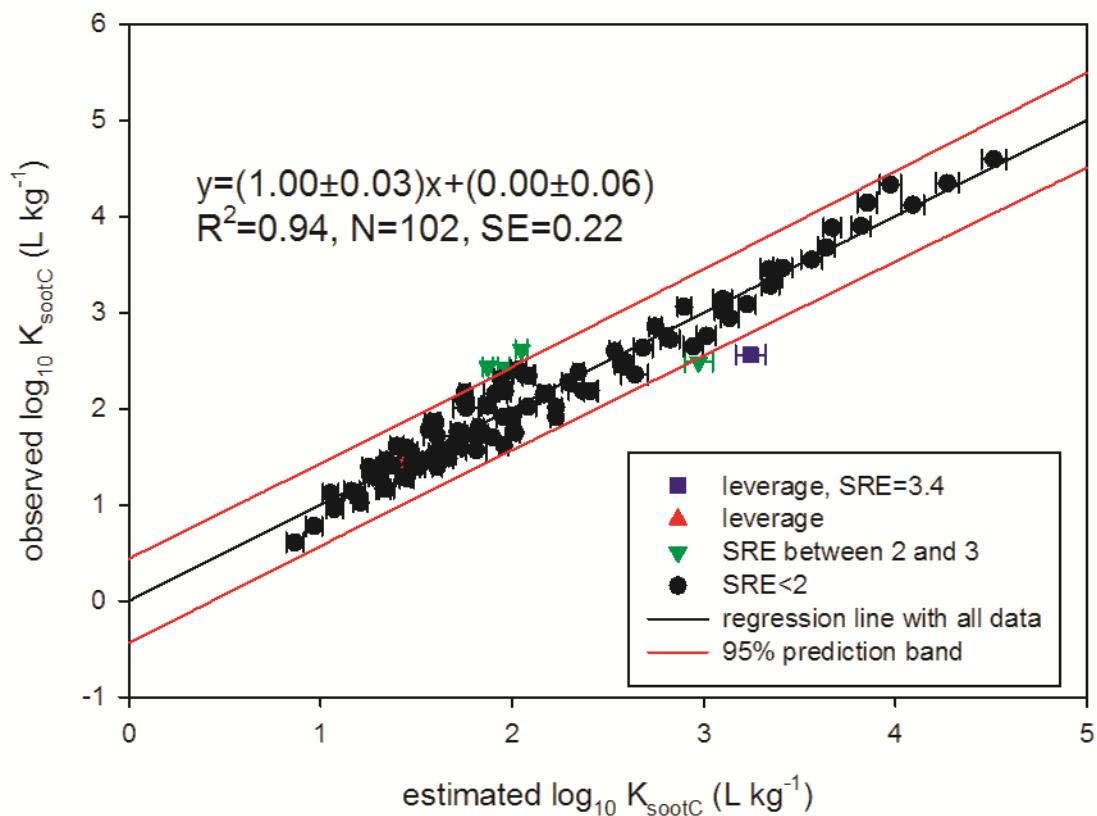
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Figure S4 Surface-area normalized adsorption coefficients of benzene on char ($5.9 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$), granular activated carbon ($556 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$), and soot ($91 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$). Data from this study from Shih and Gschwend¹ and Plata et al.^{1, 2}

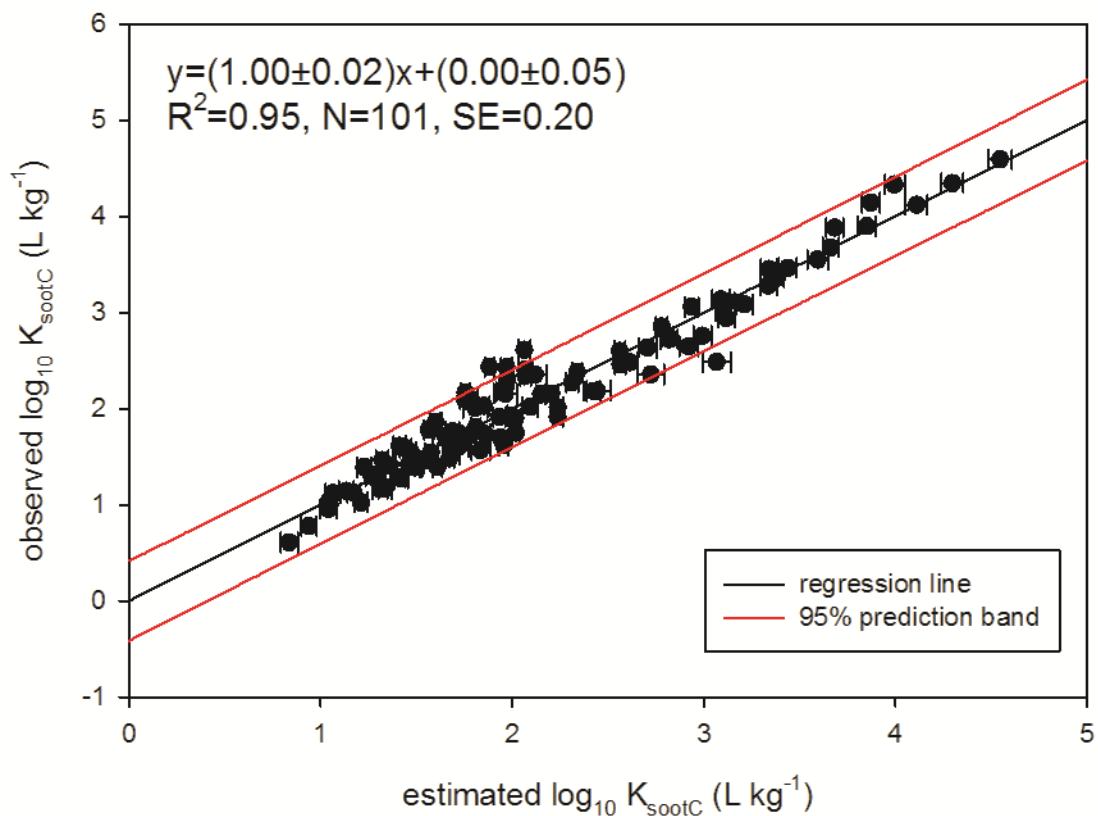


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120 Figure S5 Prediction of $\log K_{sootC}$ by the 4 parameters ppLFER models with all data (Equation S1).
121 Error bars in the horizontal reflect propagated errors using uncertainties in the fitted ppLFER coefficients.

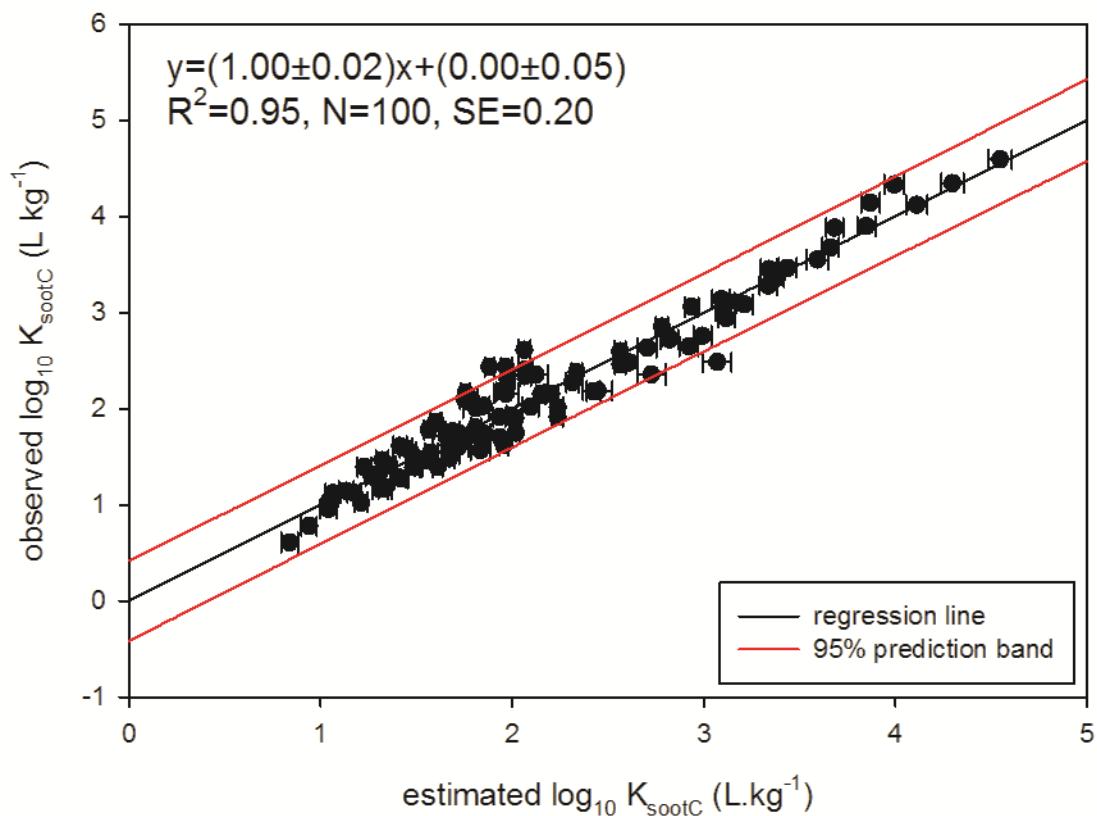
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124 Figure S6 Prediction of $\log K_{sootC}$ by the 4 parameter ppLFER models with 101 data points (Equation
 125 S2). Error bars in the horizontal reflect propagated errors using uncertainties in the fitted ppLFER
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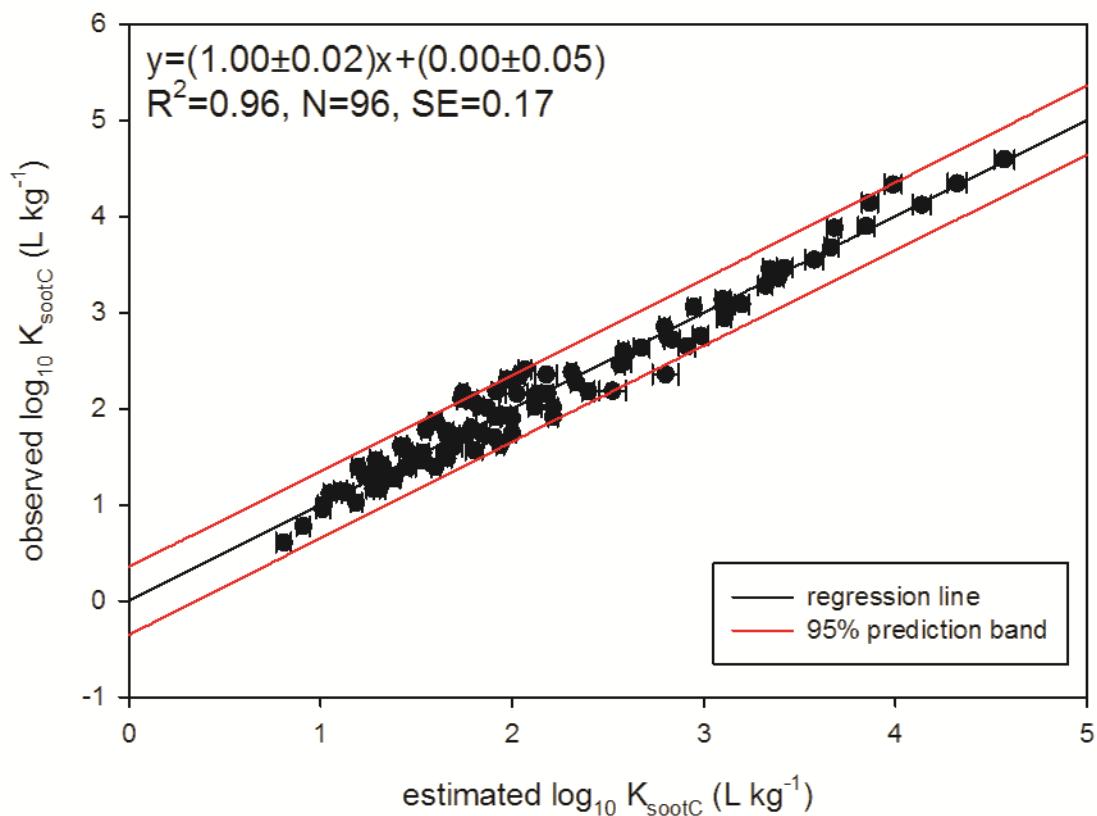


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129 Figure S7 Prediction of $\log K_{sootC}$ by the 4 parameters ppLFER models with 100 data points (Equation
 130 S3). Error bars in the horizontal reflect propagated errors using uncertainties in the fitted ppLFER
 131 coefficients.

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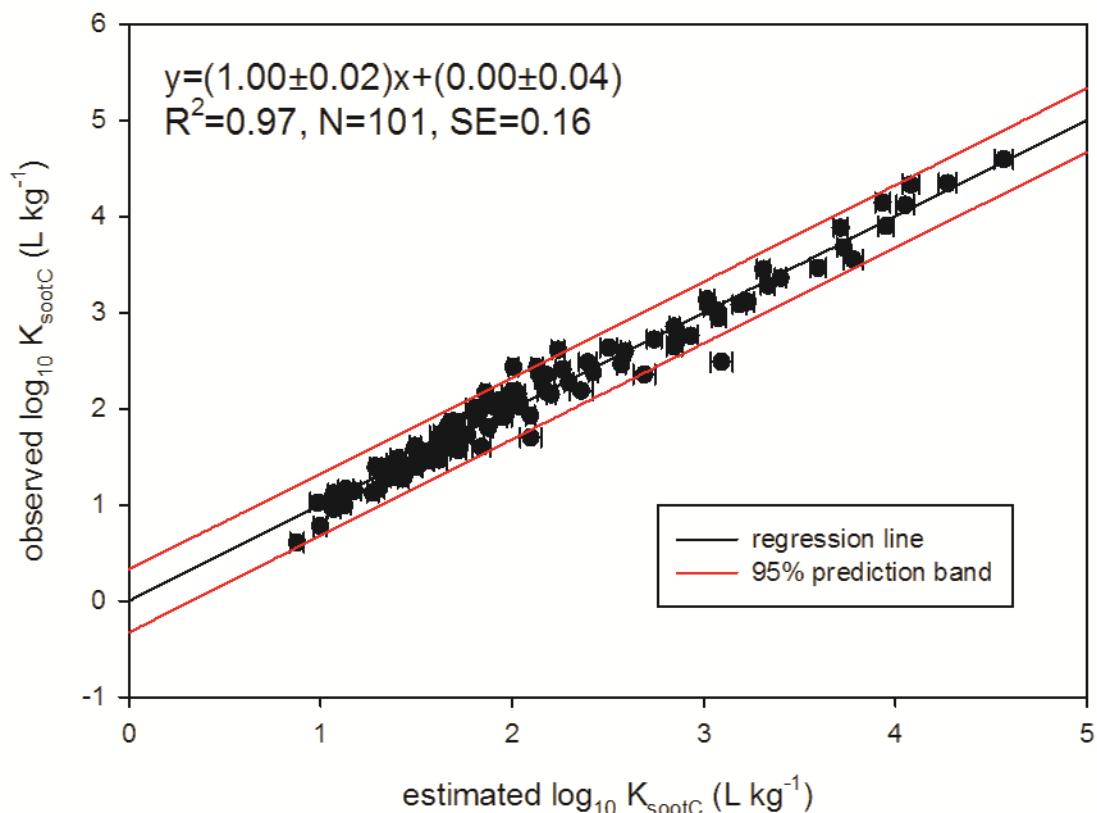
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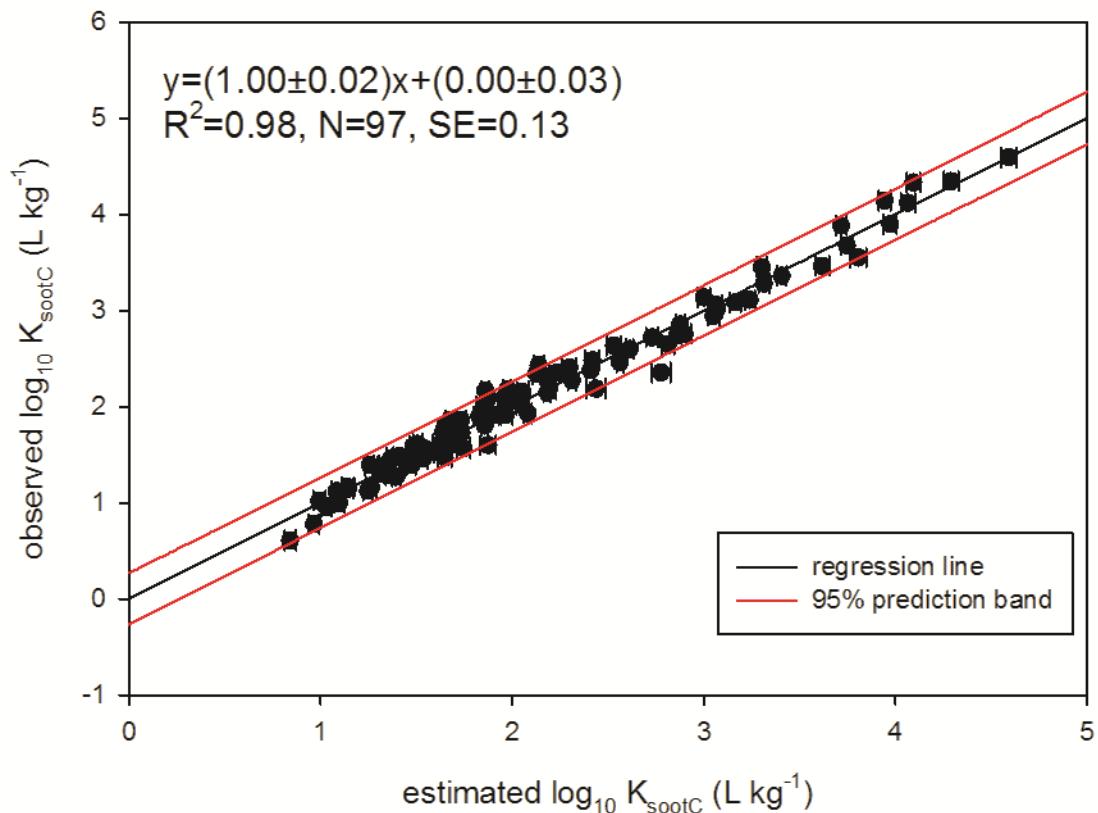
135 Figure S8 Prediction of $\log K_{sootC}$ by the 4 parameters ppLFER models with 96 data points (Equation
 136 S4). Error bars in the horizontal reflect propagated errors using uncertainties in the fitted ppLFER
 137 coefficients.

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141 Figure S9 Prediction of $\log K_{sootC}$ by the ppLFER models excluding the data point SRE 4.5 (Equation
142 6). Error bars in the horizontal reflect propagated errors using uncertainties in the fitted ppLFER
143 coefficients.
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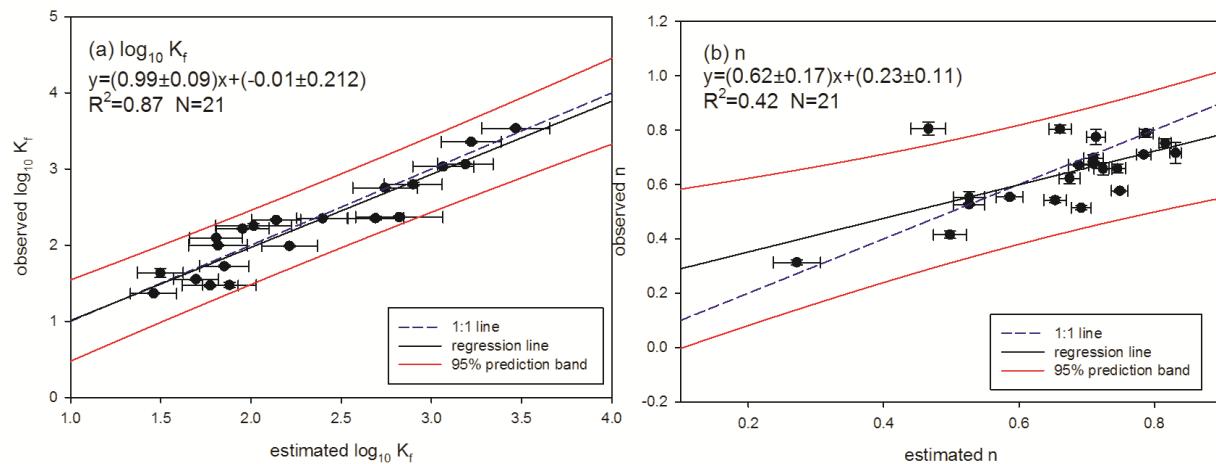
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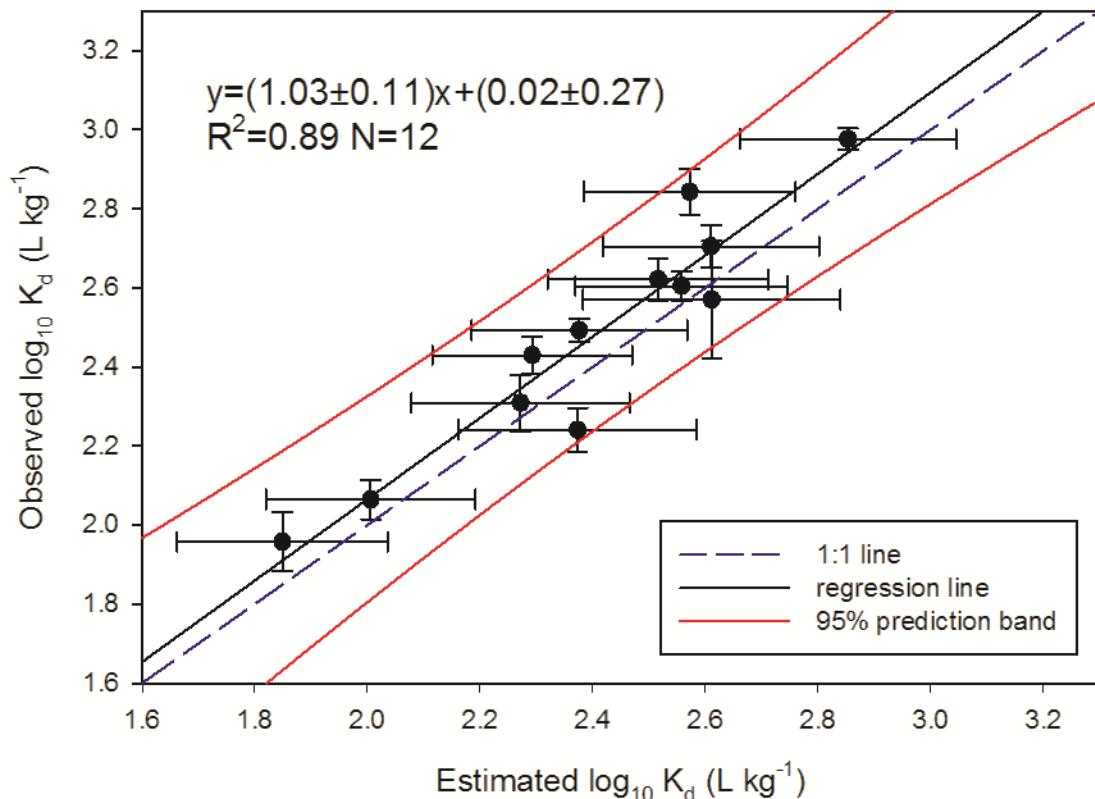


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154 Figure S11 Prediction of (a) Freundlich coefficients and (b) exponents (Equations S5 and 6,
155 respectively). Error bars in the horizontal reflect propagated errors using uncertainties in the fitted
156 ppLFER coefficients. Error bars in the vertical reflect 1 standard error of observed values.

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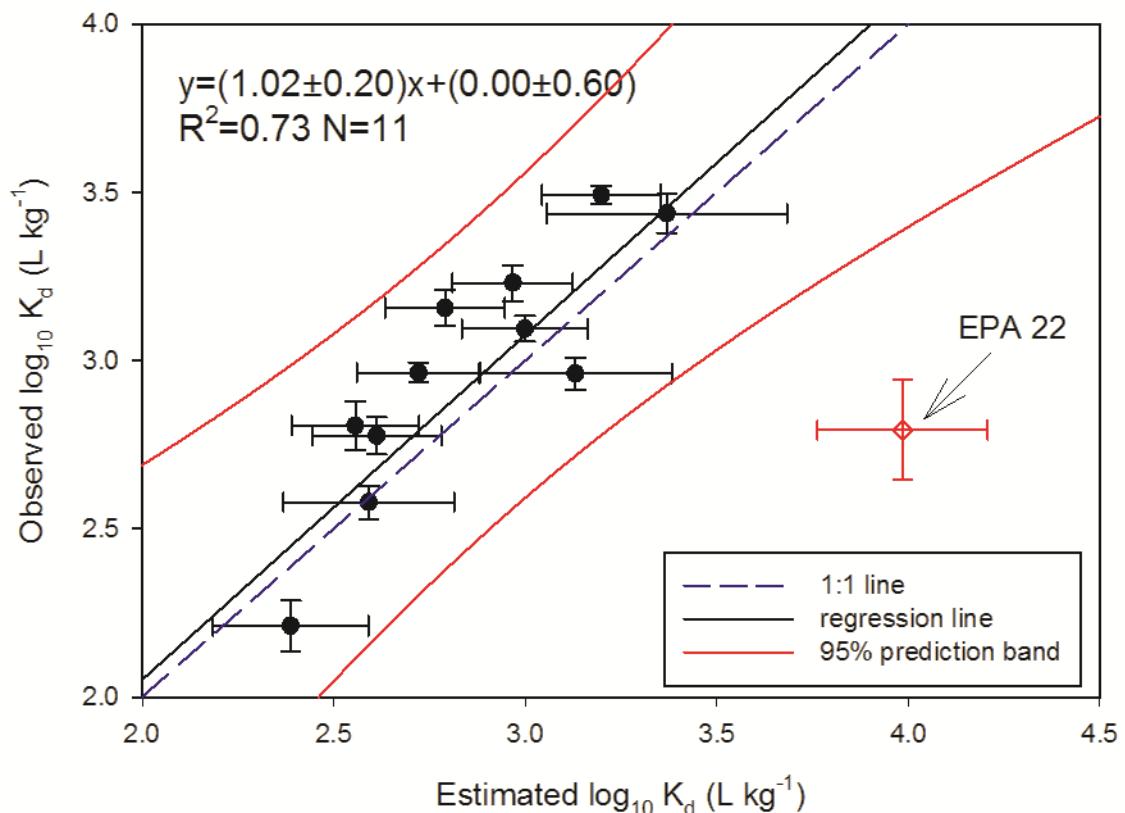


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161 Figure S12 Observed and predicted $\log K_d$ values of phenanthrene at $100 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ on different EPA soils
 162 and sediments. Data from Huang et al.¹⁹ and Accardi-Dey and Gschwend²⁰. Error bars in the horizontal
 163 reflect propagated errors using uncertainties in the fitted ppLFER coefficients. Error bars in the vertical
 164 reflect 1 standard error of observed values.

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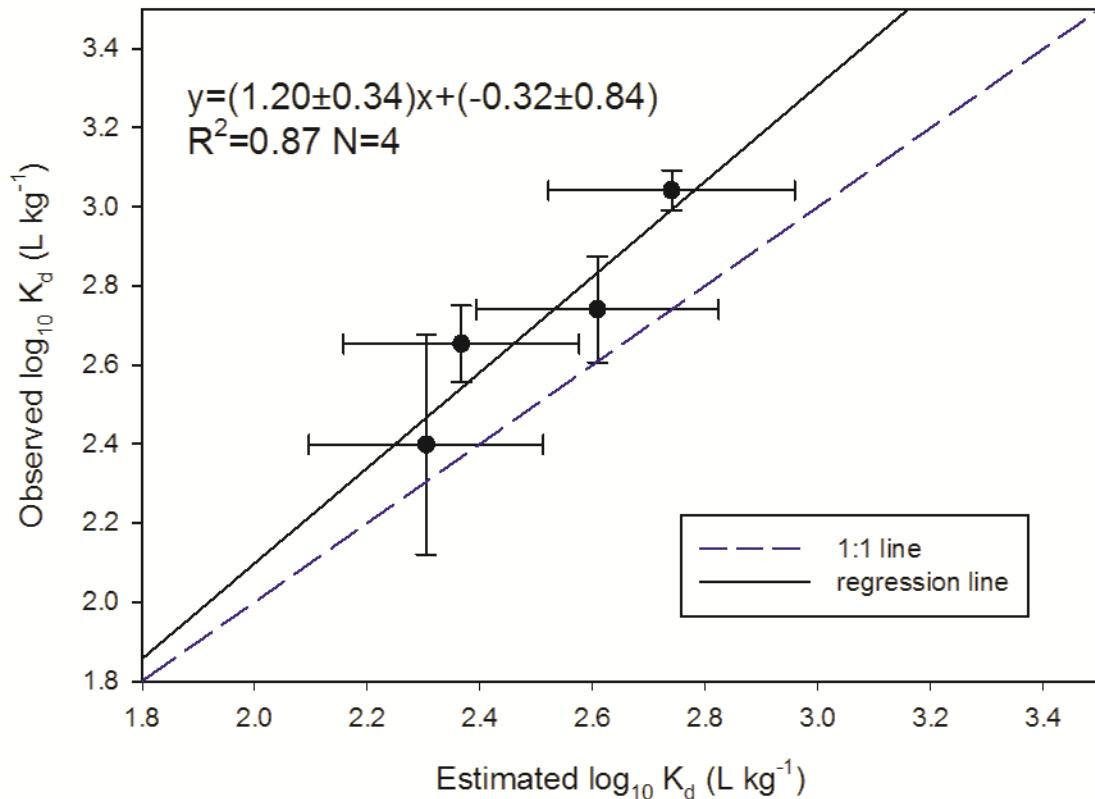
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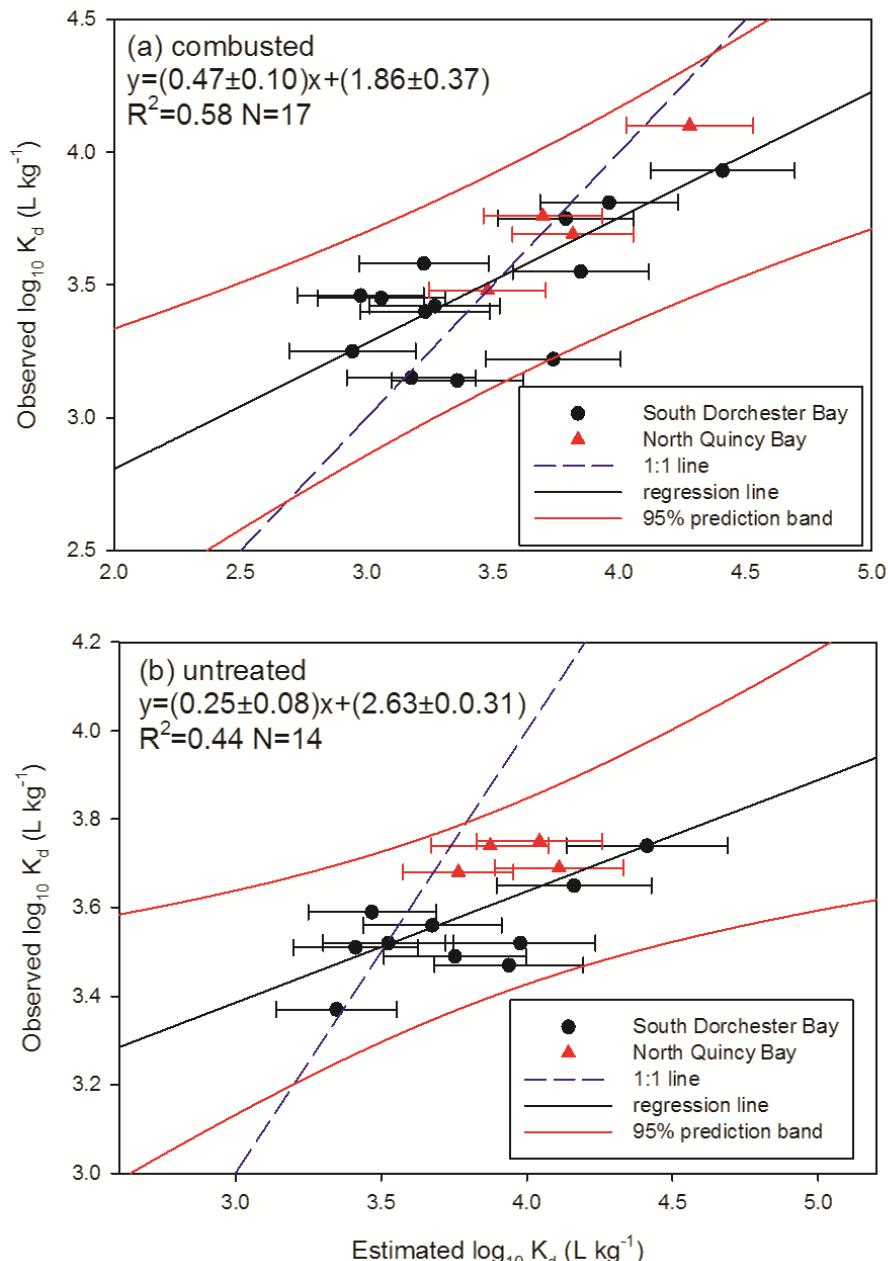


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176 Figure S14 Observed and predicted $\log K_d$ of phenanthrene on the combusted Boston Harbor sediment.
177 Data from Accardi-Dey and Gschwend²⁰. Error bars in the horizontal reflect propagated errors using
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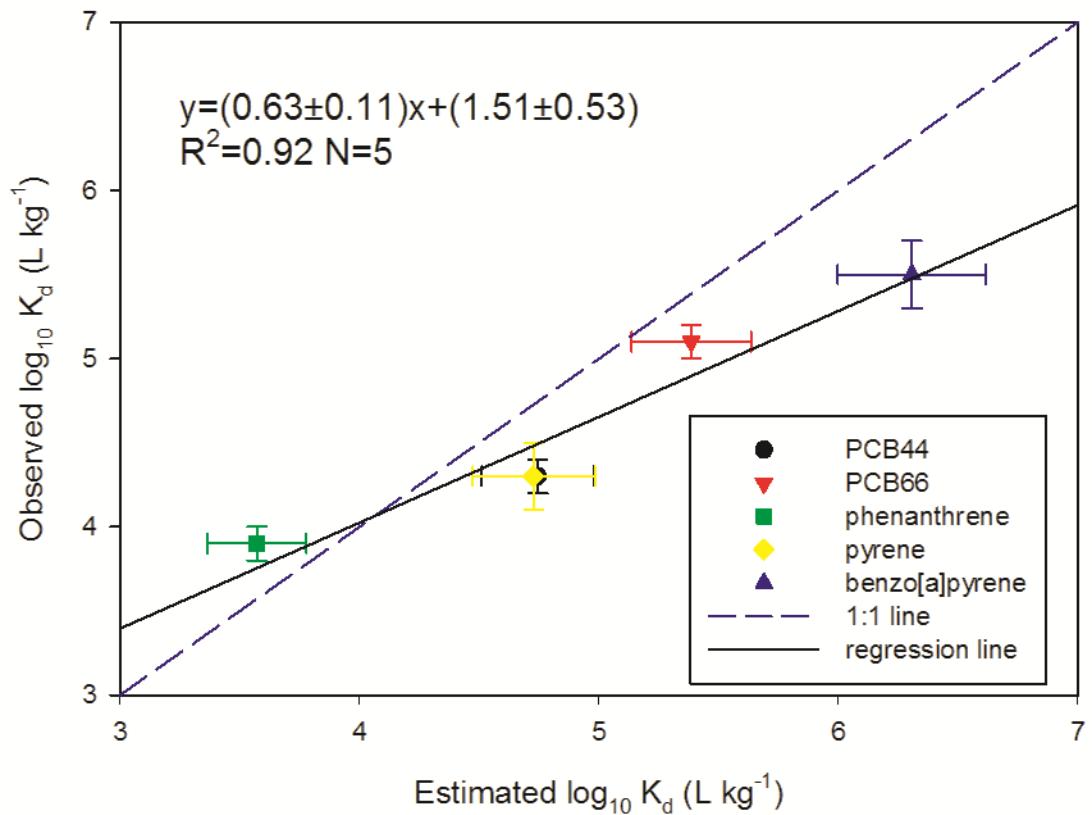


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183 Figure S15 Observed and predicted $\log K_d$ of pyrene on the (a) combusted and (b) untreated
 184 South Dorchester Bay and North Quincy Bay sediments. Data from Accardi-Dey and Gschwend²¹. Error
 185 bars in the horizontal reflect propagated errors using uncertainties in the fitted ppLFER coefficients. Error
 186 bars in the vertical reflect 1 standard error of observed values.

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191 Figure S16 Observed and predicted $\log K_d$ of PAHs and PCBs on the Boston Harbor sediment. Data from
 192 Lohmann et al.²² Error bars in the horizontal reflect propagated errors using uncertainties in the fitted
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