

Supplementary material

Pyrolysis process of mixed microplastics using TG-FTIR and TED-GC-MS

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Table S1. Material information, ultimate analysis of microplastics

Sample	Ultimate analysis (wt.%)					
	C	H	O	N	S	Cl
PP	85.08	13.98	-	-	-	
PET	62.58	4.31	33.12	-	-	
PVC	39.27	5.02	0.68	-	-	55.03

Table S2. GC-MS instrumental parameter

Parameter	Set value
CIS ramp rate	12K/s
CIS final temperature, hold time	543K, 5min
CIS split	20:1
GC initial temperature	313K
GC He flow rate	1ml/min
GC temperature ramp	5K/min
GC final temperature, hold time	573K, 5min
GC column	HP-5MS (Agilent J&W)
MS ion source temperature	503K
MS Quad temperature	423K

Table S3. Thermogravimetric stage and Tmax for single polymer and MP

	PP	PET	PVC	MP
1st stage Temp (K)	630-770	660-775	460-650	520-650
T _{max}	739	725	605	601
2nd stage Temp (K)	-	-	670-800	670-735, 735-795
T _{max}			740	728, 754

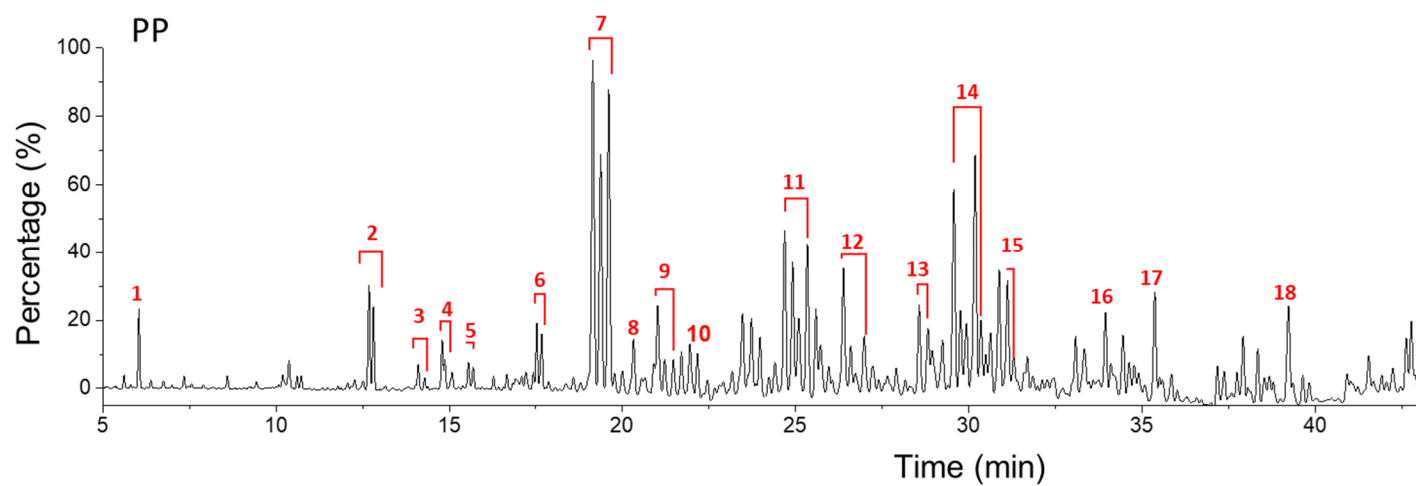
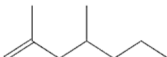
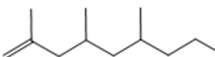
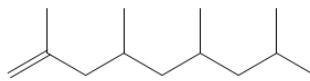
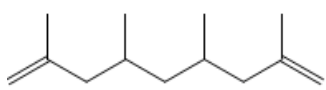
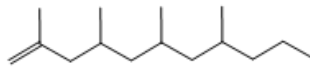
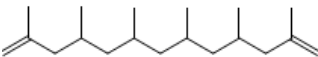
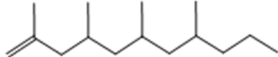
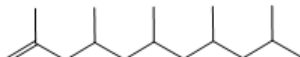
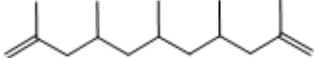
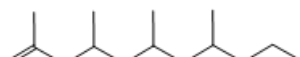
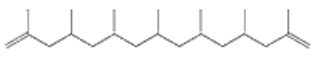
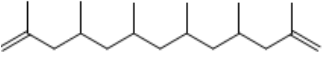
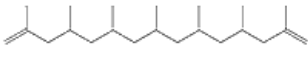
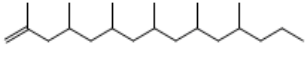
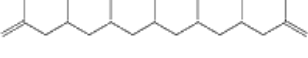
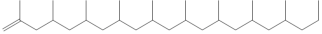
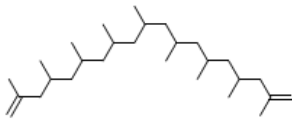


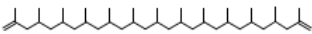
Figure S1. Single TED-GC-MS chromatogram of PP

Table S4. Thermal degradation compounds of PP shown in Figure S1

No.	RT/min	Compound	Structure	Formula
PP 1	6.044	2,4-Dimethyl-1-heptene		C ₉ H ₁₈
PP 2	12.691 12.816	2,4,6-Trimethyl-1-nonene		C ₁₂ H ₂₄
PP 3	14.104 14.289	2,4,6,8-Tetramethyl-1-nonene		C ₁₃ H ₂₆
PP 4	14.794 14.876	2,4,6,8-Tetramethyl-1,8-nonadiene		C ₁₃ H ₂₄
PP 5	15.555 15.691	2,4,6,8-Tetramethyl-1-undecene		C ₁₅ H ₃₀

PP 6	17.528 17.674	2,4,6,8,10,12- Hexamethyl-1,12- tridecadiene		$C_{19}H_{36}$
PP 7	19.154 19.375 19.613	2,4,6,8-Tetramethyl- 1-undecene		$C_{15}H_{30}$
PP 8	20.319	2,4,6,8,10- Pentamethyl-1- undecene		$C_{16}H_{32}$
PP 9	21.017 21.220 21.467	2,4,6,8,10- Pentamethyl-1,10- undecadiene		$C_{16}H_{30}$
PP 10	22.165	2,4,6,8-Tetramethyl- 1-undecene		$C_{15}H_{30}$
PP 11	23.471 23.728 23.975	2,4,6,8,10,12,14- Heptamethyl-1,14- pentadecadiene		$C_{22}H_{42}$

PP 12	26.385	2,4,6,8,10,12-		$C_{19}H_{36}$
	26.588	Hexamethyl-1,12-		
	26.986	tridecadiene		
PP 13	28.566	2,4,6,8,10,12,14-		$C_{22}H_{42}$
	28.822	Heptamethyl-1,14-pentadecadiene		
PP 14	29.564	2,4,6,8,10,12-Hexamethyl-1-pentadecene		$C_{21}H_{42}$
	29.758			
	29.935			
	30.182			
	30.341			
PP 15	31.118	2,4,6,8,10,12,14-		$C_{22}H_{42}$
	31.286	Heptamethyl-1,14-pentadecadiene		
PP 16	33.943	2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18-nonamethyl-1-heneicosene		$C_{30}H_{60}$
PP 17	35.374	2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18-Nonamethyl-1,18-nonadecadiene		$C_{28}H_{54}$

PP 18	39.232	2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16, 18,20,22,24,26- Tridecamethyl-1,26- heptacosadiene		$C_{40}H_{78}$
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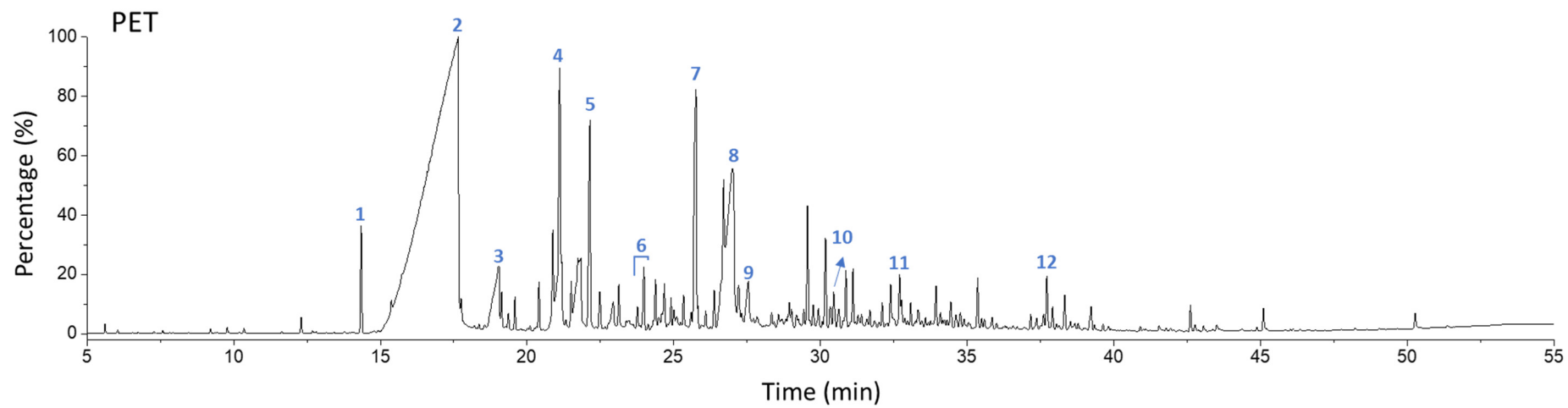
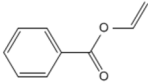
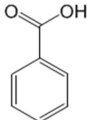
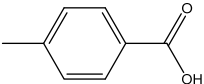
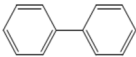
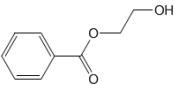
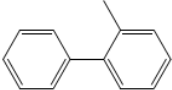
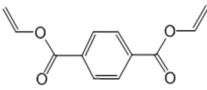
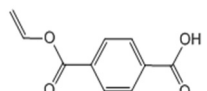
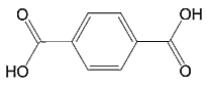
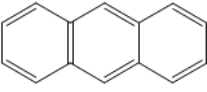
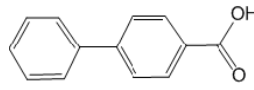
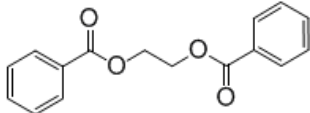


Figure S2. Single TED-GC-MS chromatogram of PET

Table S5. Thermal degradation compounds of PET shown in Figure S2

No.	RT/min	Compound	Structure	Formula
PET 1	14.346	Vinyl benzoate		C ₉ H ₈ O ₂
PET 2	17.667	Benzoic acid		C ₇ H ₆ O ₂
PET 3	19.032	4-Methylbenzoic acid		C ₈ H ₈ O ₂
PET 4	21.120	Biphenyl		C ₁₂ H ₁₀
PET 5	22.151	2-Hydroxyethyl benzoate		C ₉ H ₁₀ O ₃
PET 6	23.771 23.983	2-Methylbiphenyl		C ₁₃ H ₁₂

PET 7	25.762	Divinyl terephthalate		$C_{12}H_{10}O_4$ 4
PET 8	26.996	Vinyl terephthalate		$C_{10}H_8O_4$
PET 9	27.550	Terephthalic acid		$C_8H_6O_4$
PET 10	30.457	Anthracene		$C_{14}H_{10}$
PET 11	32.704	Biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid		$C_{13}H_{10}O_2$ 2
PET 12	37.707	Ethylene glycol dibenzoate		$C_{16}H_{14}O_4$ 4

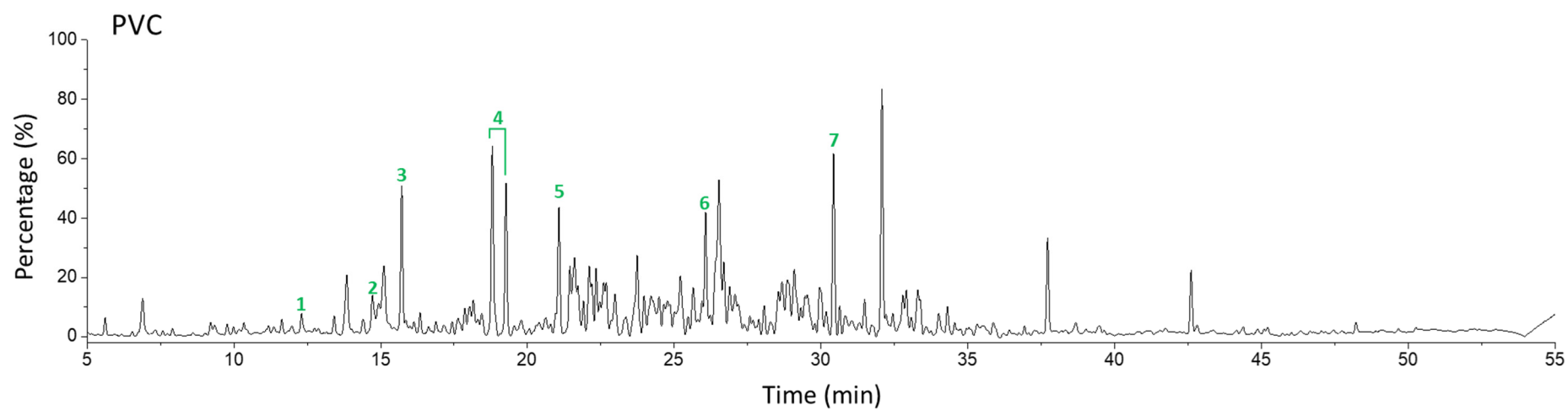
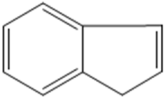
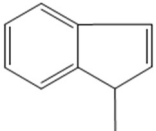
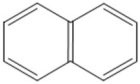
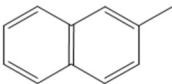
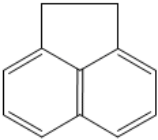
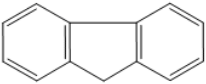
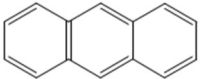


Figure S3. Single TED-GC-MS chromatogram of PVC

Table. S6. Thermal degradation compounds of PVC shown in FigureS3

No.	RT/min	Compound	Structure	Formula
PVC 1	11.636	Indene		C_9H_8
PVC 2	14.715	1-Methylindene		$C_{10}H_{10}$
PVC 3	15.717	Naphthalene		$C_{10}H_8$
PVC 4	18.807 19.283	2-Methyl naphthalene		$C_{11}H_{10}$
PVC 5	21.070	Acenaphthene		$C_{12}H_{10}$
PVC 6	26.069	Fluorene		$C_{13}H_{10}$
PVC 7	30.447	Anthracene		$C_{14}H_{10}$

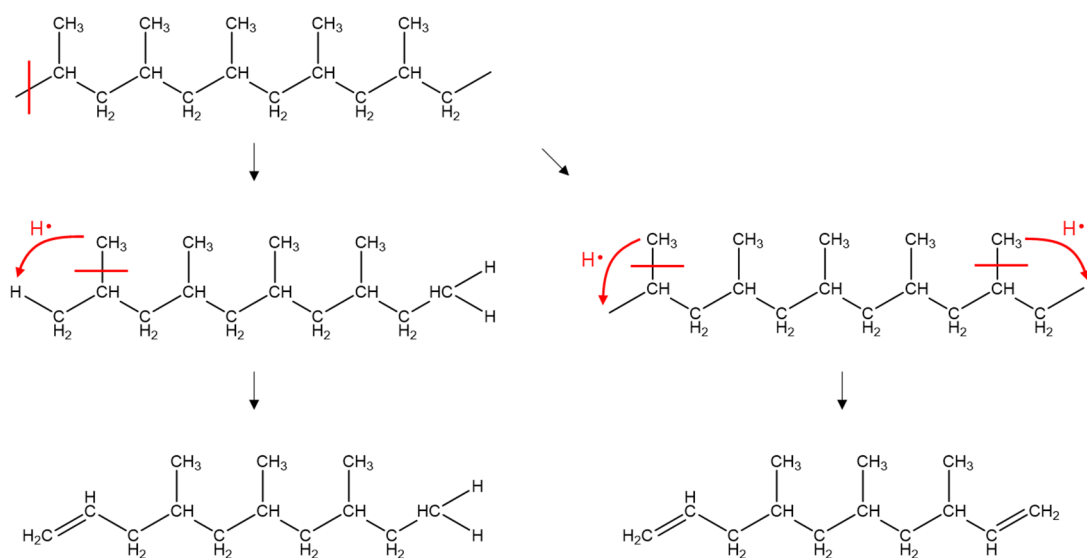


Figure S4. Partial pyrolysis pathway of PP proposed following the IR spectrum and TED-GC-MS

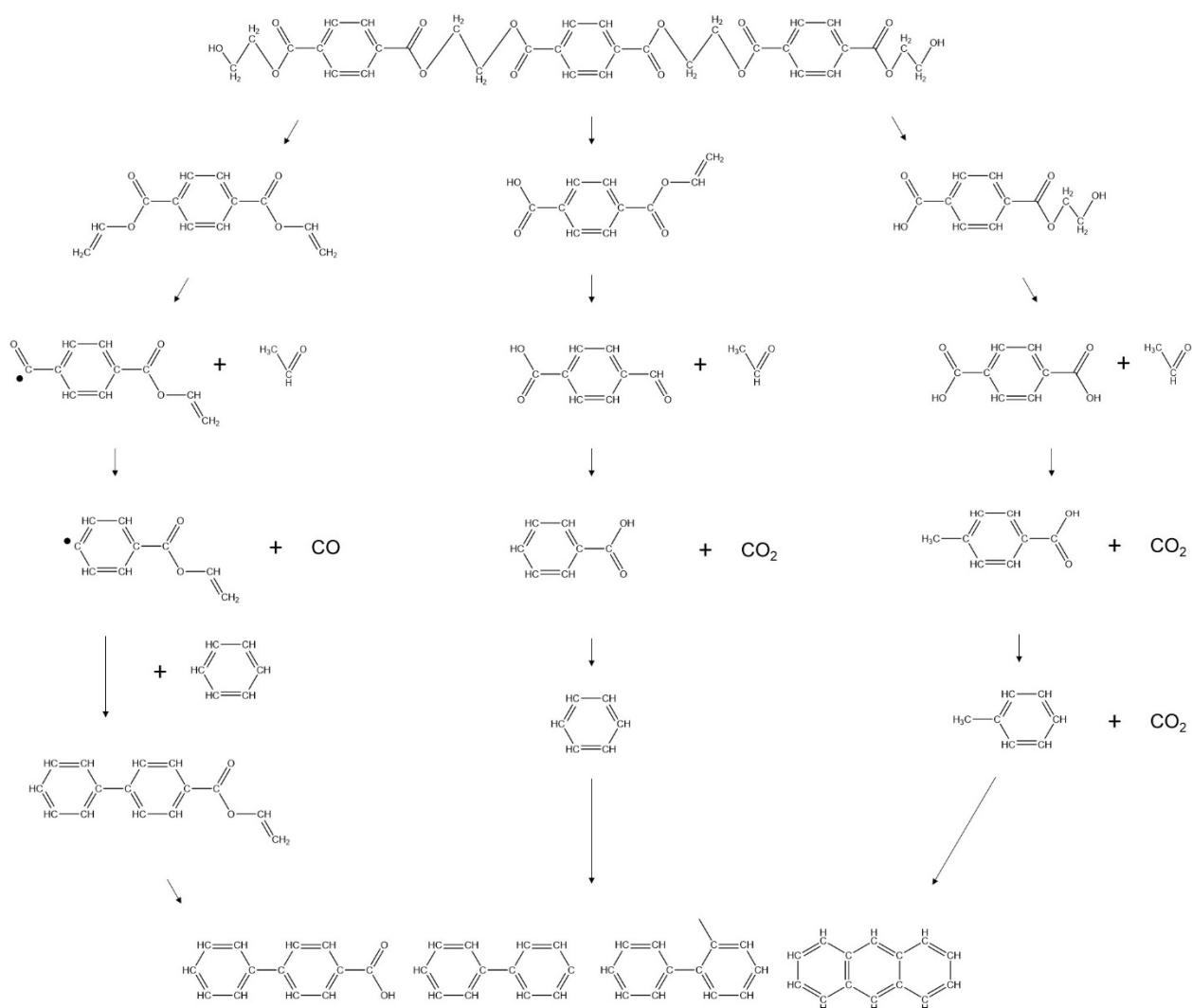


Figure S5. Pyrolysis pathway of PP proposed following the IR spectrum and TED-GC-MS, formation of some polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) may not be suggested by the IR spectrum and TED-GC-MS.

