

Spatiotemporal gradients of PAH concentrations in Greek cities and associated exposure impacts

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Table S1. Statistical significance of seasonal differences in Σ_{16} PAH concentrations measured at each site.

	<i>P-value</i>
Athens	7.68E-06
Piraeus	3.94E-05
Ioannina	3.93E-07
Volos	9.89E-12
Xanthi	1.63E-05
Heraklion	1.29E-03

Displayed *p*-values are derived by t-tests, and indicate statistical significance at the 99% confidence level in all cases.

Table S2. Statistical significance of inter-site differences in Σ_{16} PAH concentrations during the warm season.

	Athens	Piraeus	Ioannina	Volos	Xanthi	Heraklion
Athens		0.036	0.009	0.400	0.007	0.095
Piraeus	0.036		0.007	0.067	0.007	0.012
Ioannina	0.009	0.007		0.001	0.953	0.033
Volos	0.400	0.067	0.001		0.001	0.010
Xanthi	0.007	0.007	0.953	0.001		0.011
Heraklion	0.095	0.012	0.033	0.010	0.011	

Displayed *p*-values are derived by t-tests. It is apparent that mean concentrations between the sites are significantly different ($p < 0.10$), apart from Xanthi-Ioannina, and similarities also exist between Volos-Athens. The results are also verified by analysis of variance (ANOVA) that indicates statistical significant variation ($p < 0.01$) when all six sites are considered, but not when examining smaller subsets that include Ioannina and Xanthi ($p > 0.05$).

Table S3. Statistical analysis between the OC/EC ratios during winter and summer at each site.

	<i>OC/EC winter</i>	<i>OC/EC summer</i>	<i>P-value</i>
Athens	4.06	3.01	7.56E-03
Piraeus	3.09	3.62	3.13E-01
Ioannina	9.79	6.99	2.19E-04
Volos	8.99	3.25	6.39E-07
Xanthi	8.99	21.17	6.25E-13
Heraklion	3.68	6.05	1.35E-02

It is apparent that average levels between winter and summer at all the sites are significantly different ($p < 0.05$), apart from the site of Piraeus, due to the additional primary sources linked to traffic/shipping during summer.

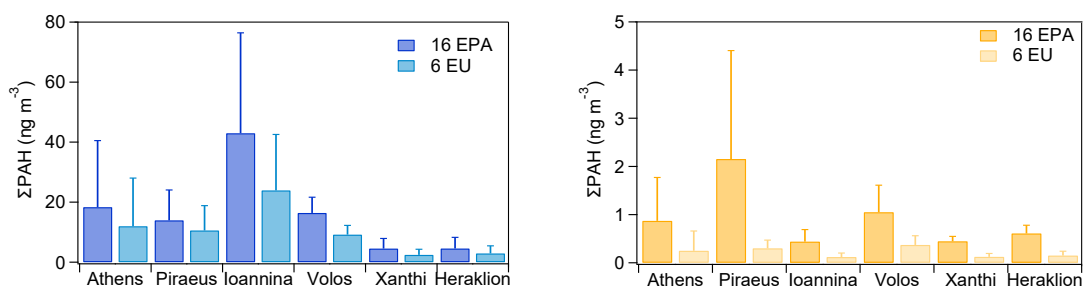


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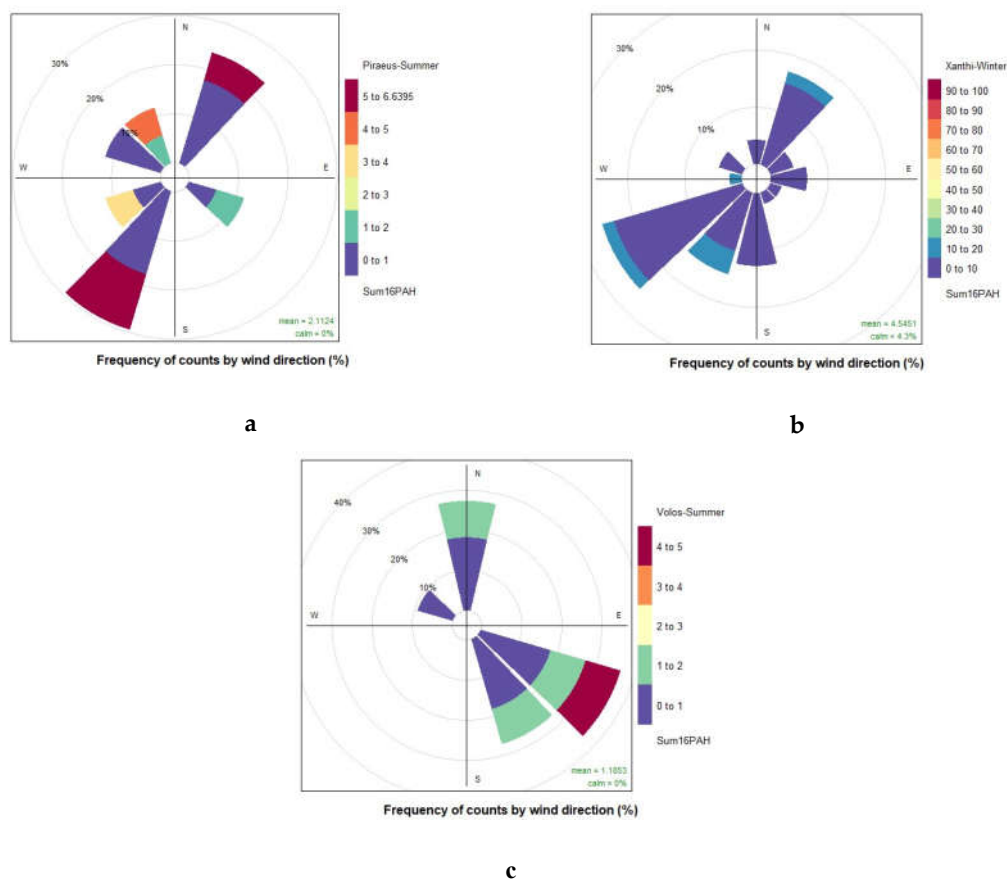


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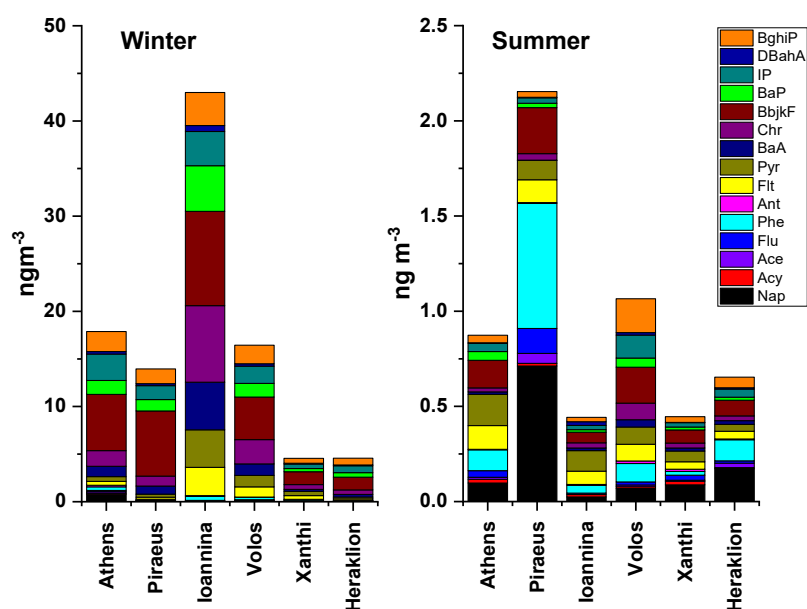


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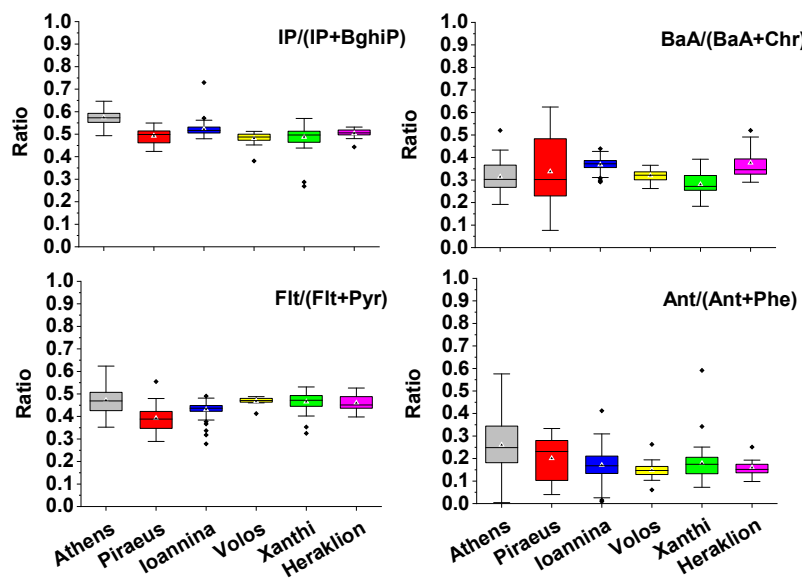


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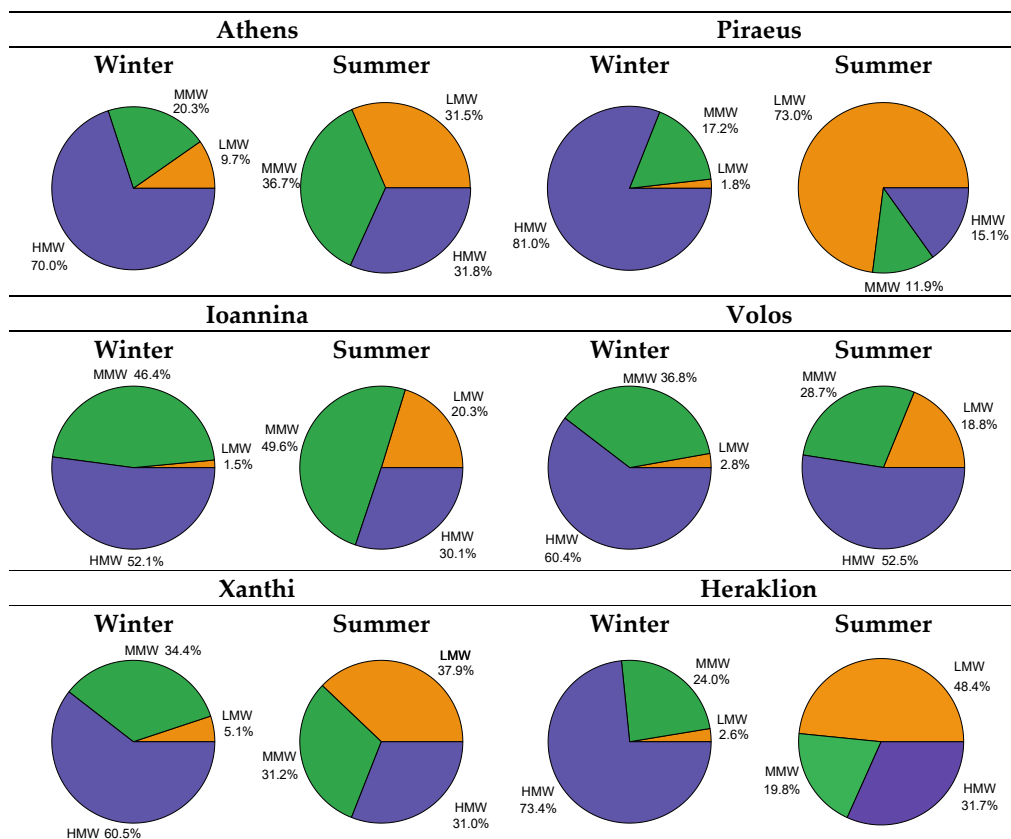


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