

Pesticides in air in Alsace

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- Research on pesticides in air stats in 1992 (LPCA),
- Ph.D thesis of M. Millet (1992) = second in France on the research area,
- 8 Ph.D on the area of research (actually one in work)

Resarches on :

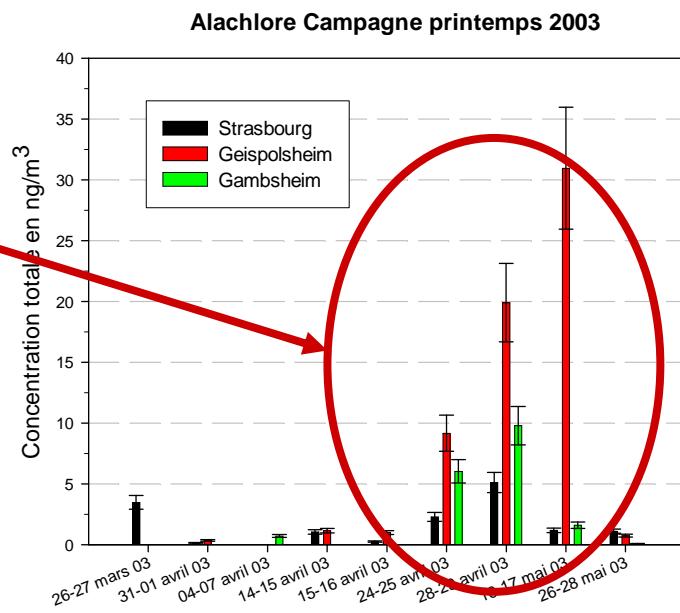
- analytical development,
- Drift and Volatilisation,
- Ecotoxicology,
- Sampling development (strategies and methods),
- Indoor air,
- Others(runoff, precipitation transfer to urban drainage,...)

Spatial and temporal variations of airborne pesticides concentrations.

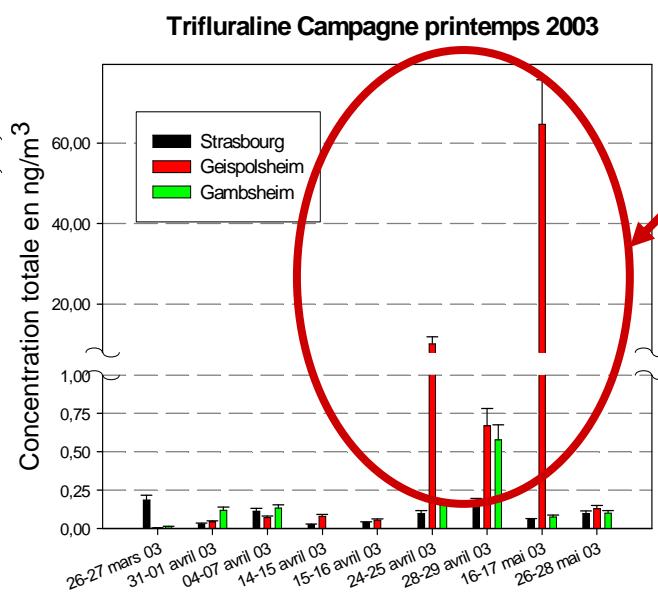
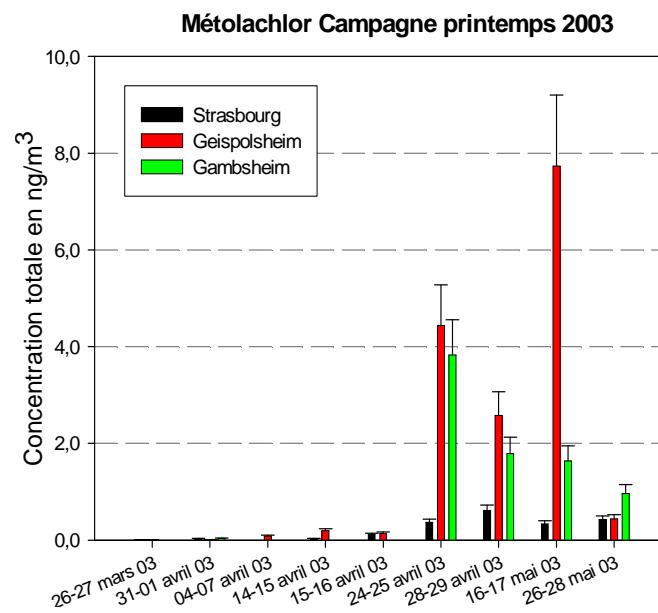
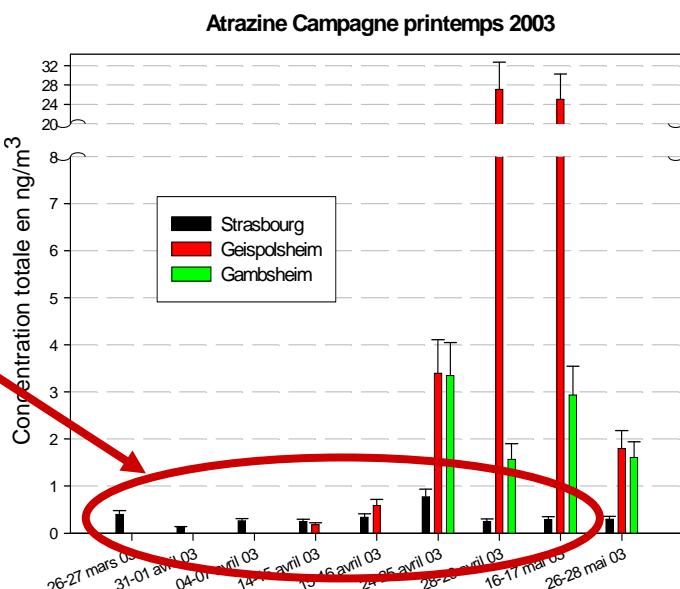
Short range transport



Seasonal profile correlated with applications



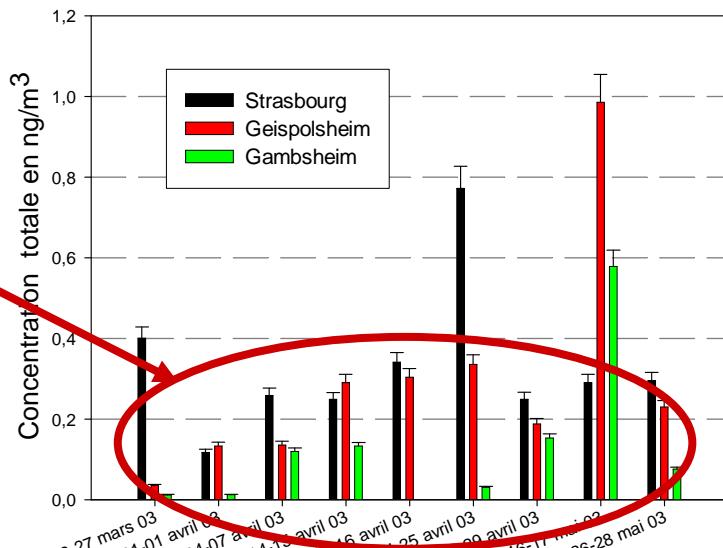
Lower concentrations in Strasbourg



Higher concentrations in Geispolsheim

Lindane Campagne printemps 2003

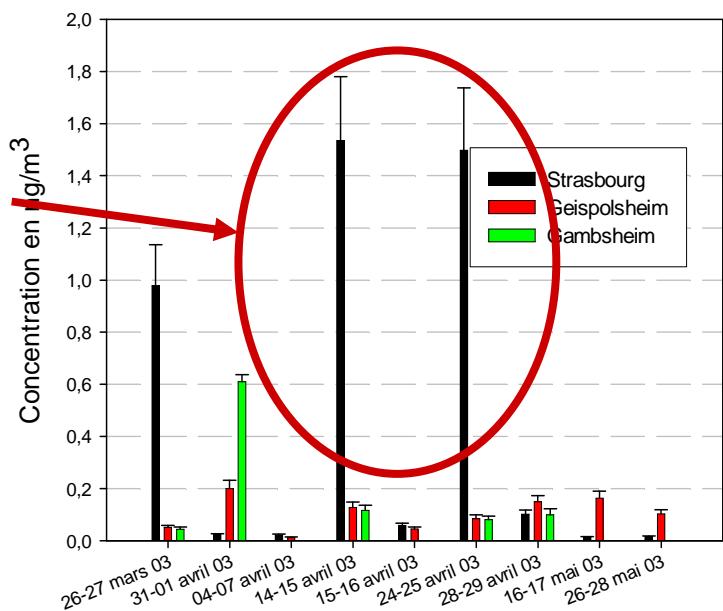
No seasonal profile



➤ Lower concentrations than CUP
mean below 500 pg.m⁻³

Diuron campagne printemps 2003

Urban pesticides



➤ Diuron more concentrated in urban area

➤ Comparison of two successives years of application

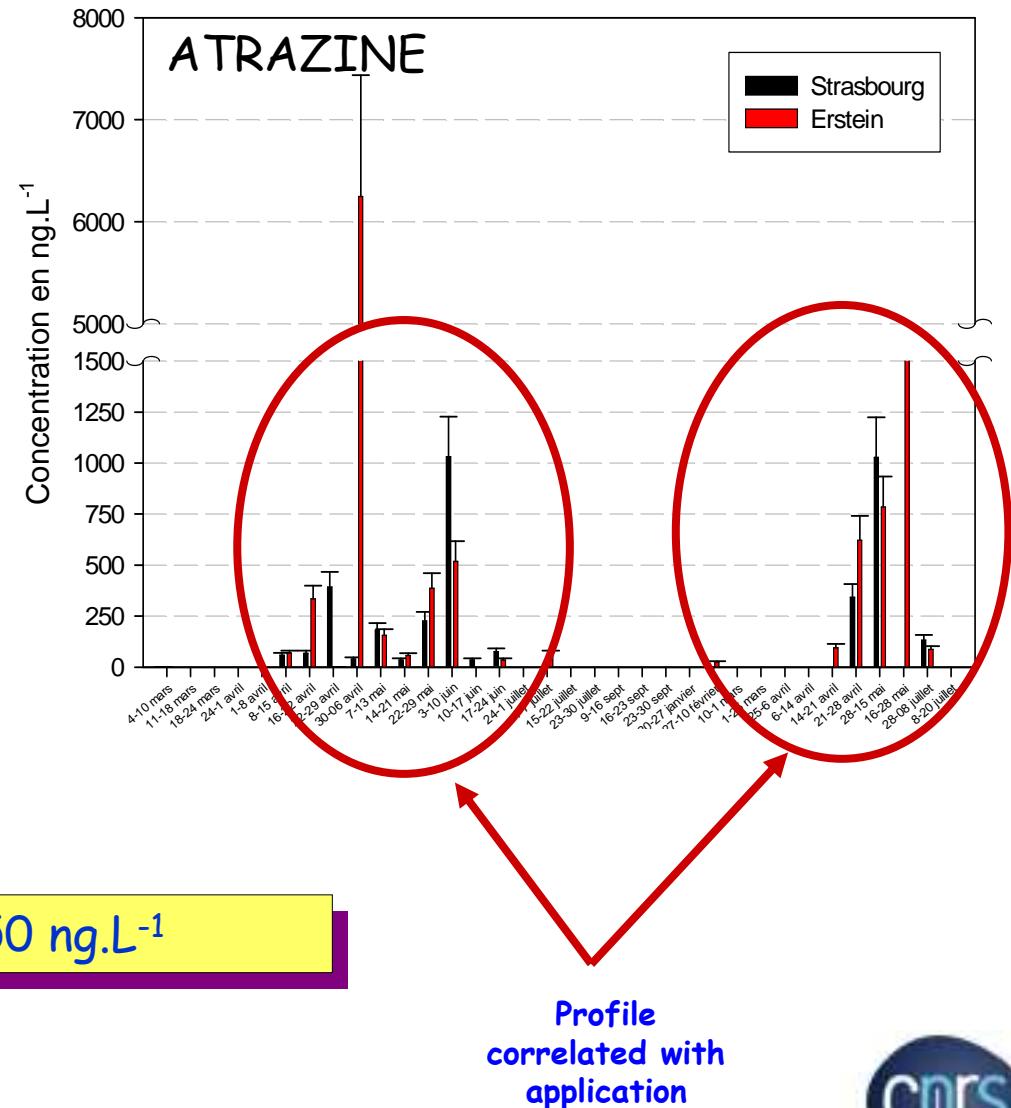
$$C_{\text{pondérée}} = \frac{C_{\text{pluie}} * H_{\text{éch}}}{H_{\text{moyenne}}}$$

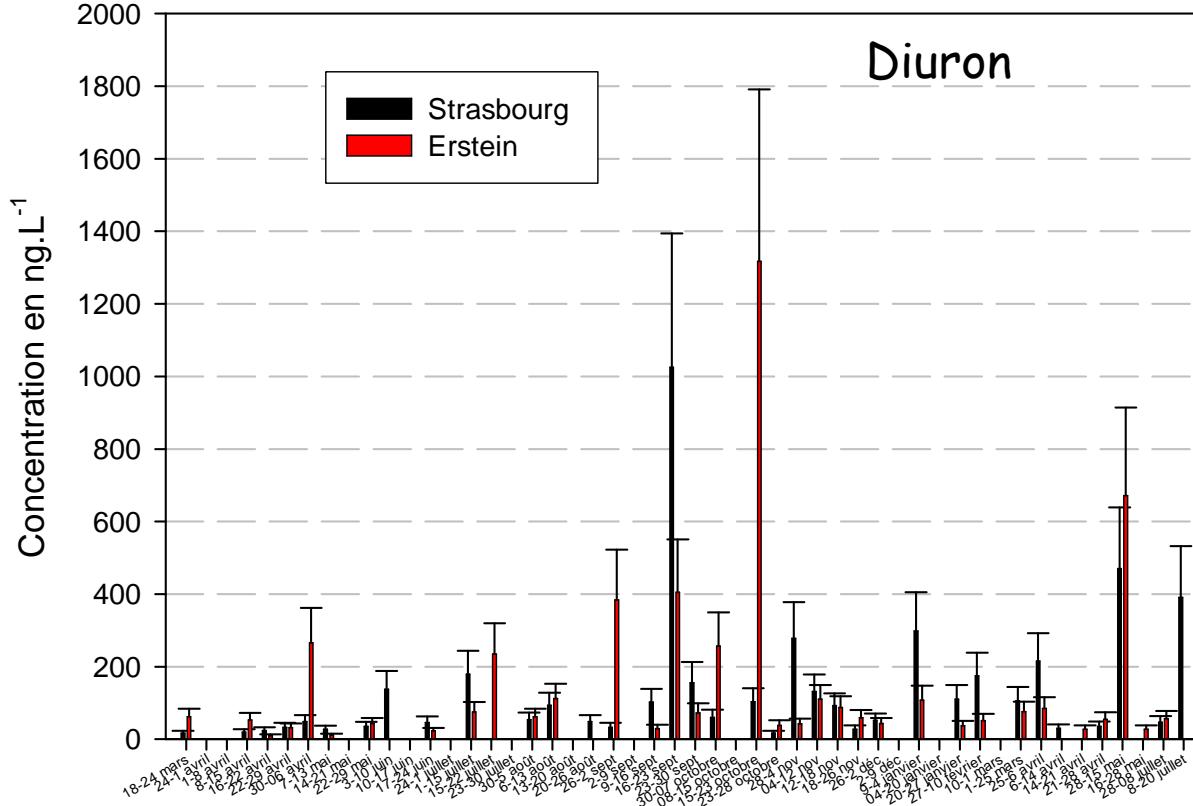
Height of rain in mm

Height of rain by week
mean 26,1 et 25,2 mm

➤ Comparison between urban and rural site

➤ high concentration until 6250 ng.L⁻¹





- detected during all the year

- No urban - rural profile

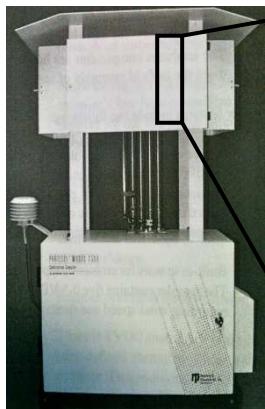
➤ high concentration until 1310 ng.L⁻¹



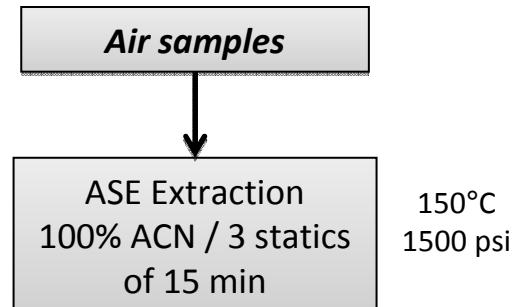
Analytical development.

Application to outdoor / indoor air

Experimental protocol



XAD-2
filter



45°C
220 mbar

Concentration to 1 mL
Rotary evaporator



Accelerated Solvent Extractor
(Dionex – ASE®300)

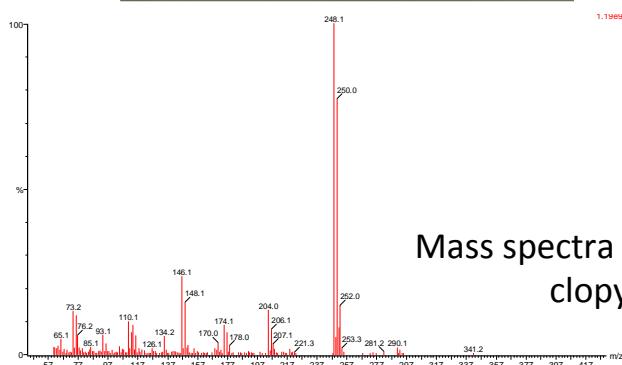


SPME solution
1mL extract in 10 mL
water (pH3, 1.5 %
NaCl)

Internal standards

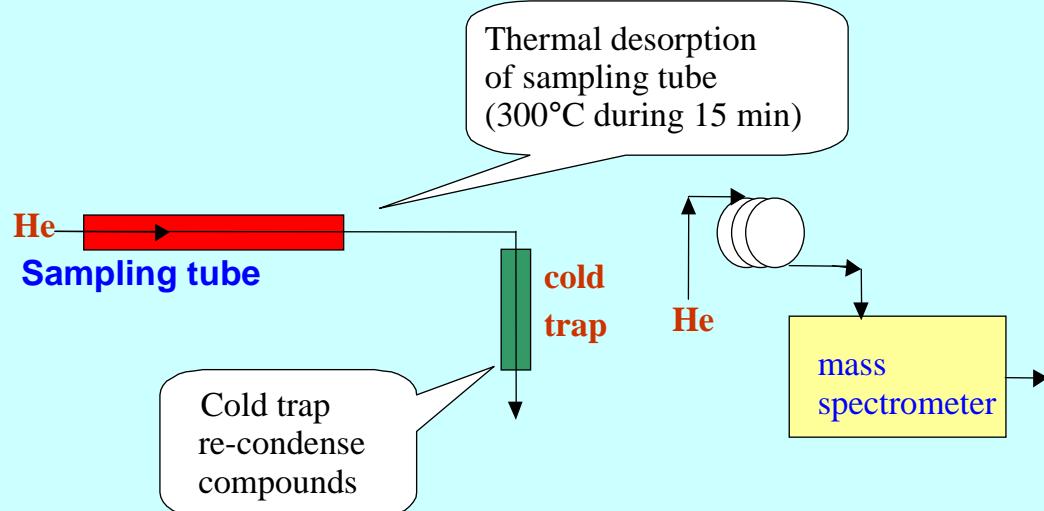
2 µL MtBSTFA

SPME-GC-MS

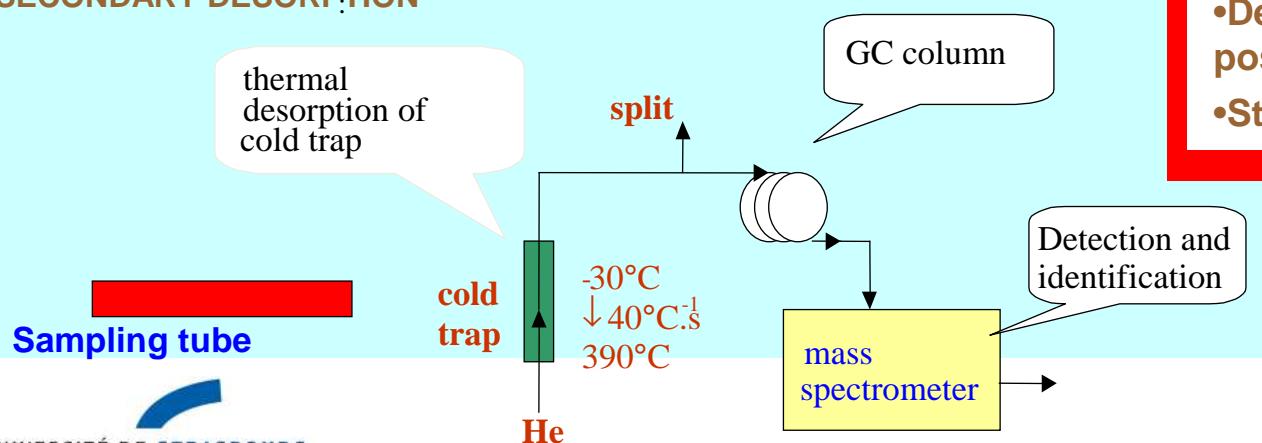


Principle of thermal desorption :

PRIMARY DESORPTION



SECONDARY DESORPTION



Advantages et inconvénients de this technique :

ADVANTAGES

- Automatisation
- Decrease of manipulations of samples
- Increase of sensitivity (no step between sampling and analysis)

INCONVENIENTS

- Only one injection !!
- Decomposition of compound possible with temperature
- Storage stability

Development and validation of passive samplers for the measurement of airborne pesticides.

Application to exposure assessment of general population

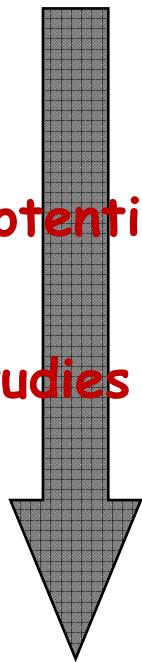
Objective

« better evaluation of the exposition by airborne pesticides »

Identification of available systems and development of new ones

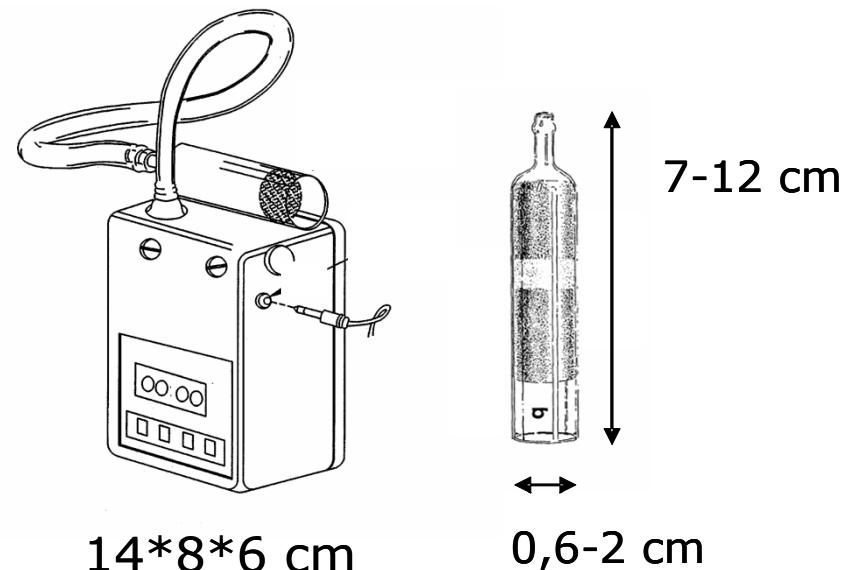
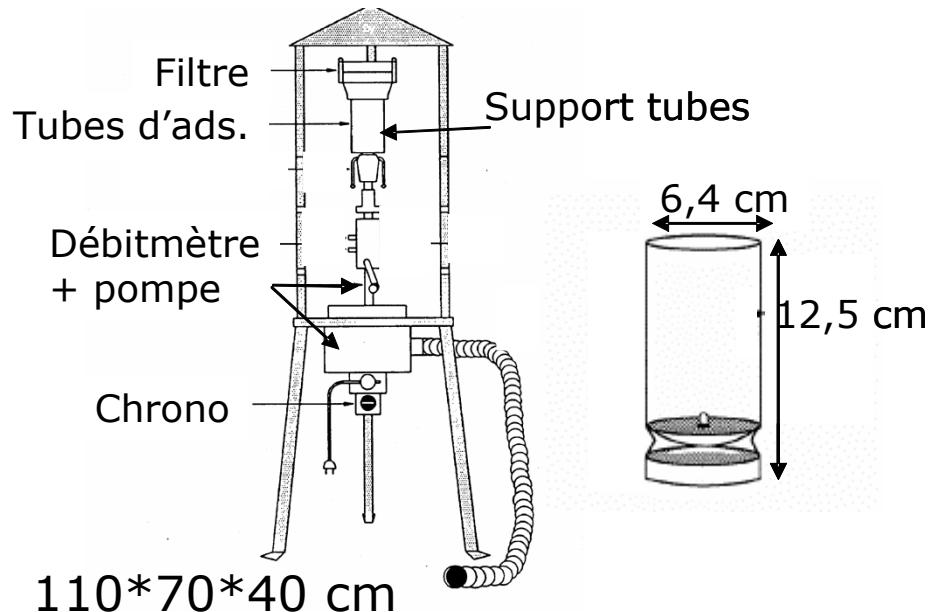
Evaluation of their potential in laboratory protocols

Field studies for applicability



Usual techniques

Mousse polyuréthane, XAD, tenax, chromosorb, charbon actif



Energie

110-230V

Air échantillon

<100-1000 m³

Prélèvement

200-300 L.min⁻¹

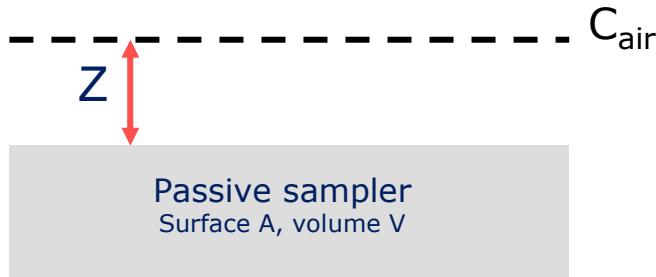
110-230V / batterie

<0,1-5 m³

<0,5-5 L.min⁻¹



Passive sampling



$$C_{air} = \frac{m}{DE * t}$$

C_{air} : concentration in air ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)

m : mass of pesticides in sampler (μg)

t : sampling duration (j)

SR : sampling rate (m^3/j)



- No pump (no energy use)
- No noise
- Easy to use
- Low costs
- Sampling duration very variables

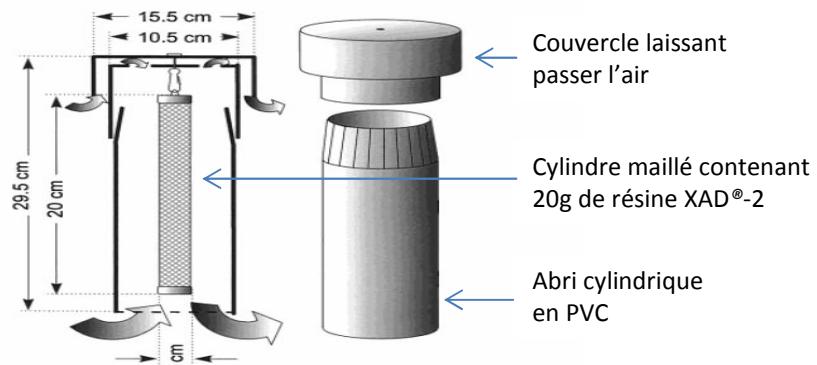


- Calibration not easy



Development of a laboratory system

✓ Air sampling: Passive sampler



Passive sampler- Resin
Amberlite® XAD®-2

Wania and al. 2003. Environ. Sci. Technol. 37, 1352-1359

- ✓ Theoretical aspects (*Shoeib and Harner, Environ. Sci. Technol. 2002, 36, 4142-4151*) :
- ➔ Free movements of molecules to sampler

$$V_{PSM} \frac{dC_{PSM}}{dt} = k_{air} A_{PSM} \left(C_{air} - \frac{C_{PSM}}{K_{PSM/air}} \right)$$

C_{PSM} : concentration dans le capteur passif (ng.cm^{-3})

C_{air} : concentration dans l'air (ng.cm^{-3})

k_{air} : coefficient de transfert de masse dans l'air (cm.s^{-1})

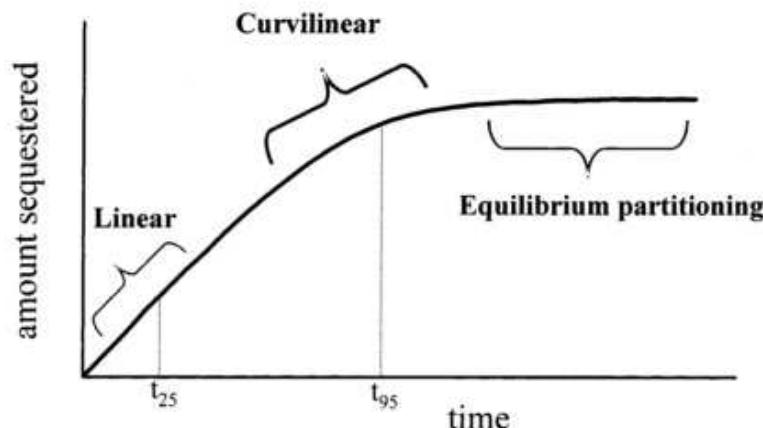
k_{PS} : coefficient de transfert de masse dans le capteur passif (cm.s^{-1})

$K_{PSM/A}$: coefficient de partition capteur passif/air

V_{PSM} : volume du capteur passif (cm^3)

A_{PSM} : section du capteur passif (cm^2)

✓ Theretical aspect: 3 régimes



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A_{PSM} : section du capteur passif (cm^2)

M : quantité piégée dans le capteur (ng)

Linear zone ➔

$$\frac{C_{PSM}}{K_{PSM/air}} \text{ small}$$

$$\frac{dC_{PSM}}{dt} = k_{air} \frac{A_{PSM}}{V_{PSM}} C_{air} \rightarrow M = k_{air} A_{PSM} C_{air} \Delta t$$

Conditions d'utilisation
du capteur



Where sampling rate is

$$R = \frac{k_{air}}{A_{PSM}} = \frac{M}{C_{air} \Delta t}$$

Curvilinear zone

$$\frac{C_{PSM}}{K_{PSM/air}} \rightarrow \text{Non négligeable}$$

Equilibrium

$$\frac{C_{PSM}}{K_{PSM/air}} = C_{air} \text{ constant}$$

Passive sampler calibration

✓ Why active sampling ?



1 equation
2 unknowns parameters

$$R = \frac{k_{air}}{A_{PSM}} = \frac{M}{C_{air} \Delta t}$$

Calculation of C_{air} with active sampler

Quantité into dans
filtre and resin

Air volume sampled



Phase particulière :
Filtre en fibres de verre

Phase gazeuse :
Cylindre contenant
20g de résine XAD®-2

Compteur
volumétrique



**Calibration : Calculation
of the sampling rate R
relative to each
compound**

- Exposure of passive samplers : M
- Utilisation of R for determination of C_{air}

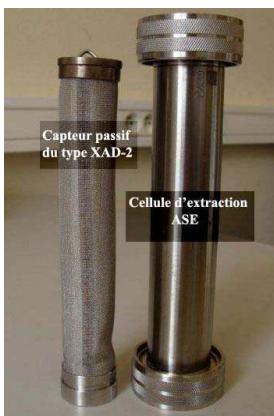
Passive samplers « Ambient air »



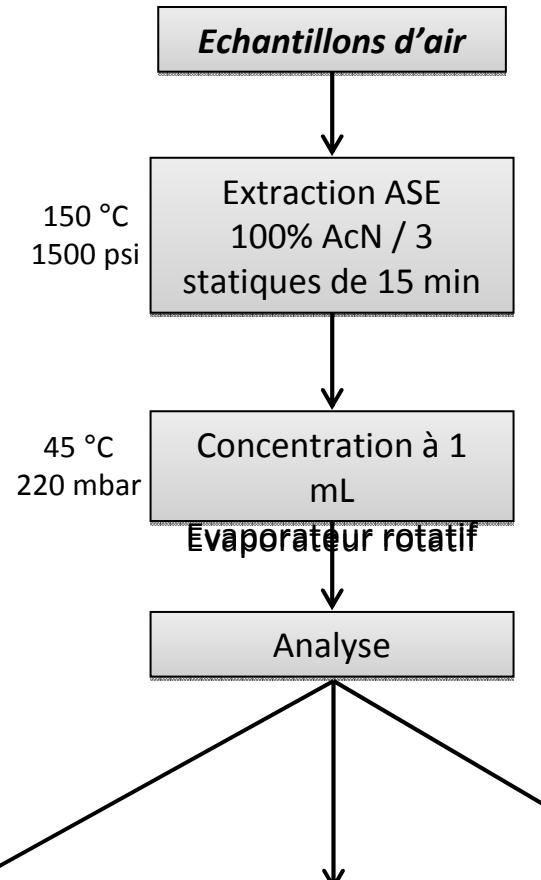
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Experimental protocol



Cellule d'ASE et capteur passif



Accelerated Solvent Extractor
(Dionex – ASE®300)

Etalonnage interne

HPLC-fluorescence

Chromatographie Liquide
Haute Performance
Détection : fluorimétrie

SPME-GC-2 ECD

Micro-extraction sur Phase Solide
Chromatographie Gazeuse
Détection : capture d'électrons

SPME- GC-MS/MS

Micro-extraction sur Phase Solide
Chromatographie Gazeuse
Détection : spectrométrie de masse en tandem

HAP

PCB et Pesticides Organochlorés

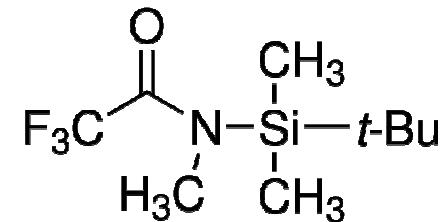
Pesticides

Pesticides analysis

✓ 43 pesticides / 4 methods : SPME-GC-MS/MS

✓ Pré-concentration / purification par SPME

Température d'extraction	Durée d'extraction	Fibre
40 °C	50 min	PDMS-DVD 65 µm
60 °C	30 min	
80 °C	40 min	
60 °C	50 min	PA 85 µm



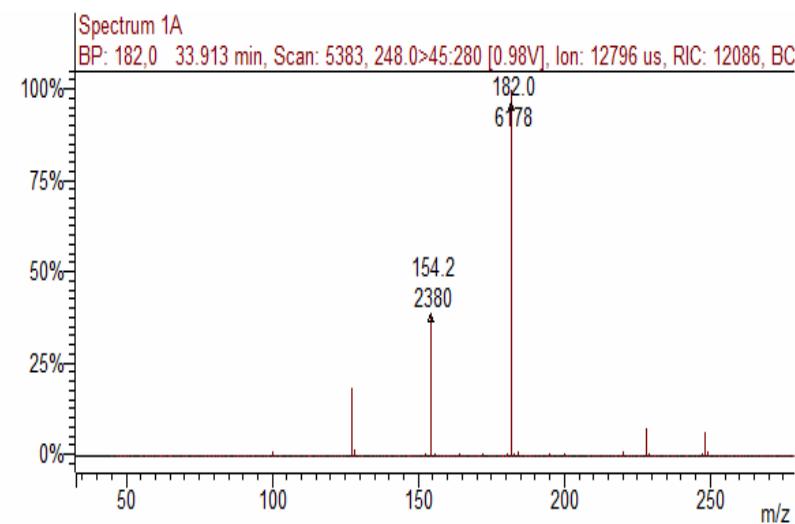
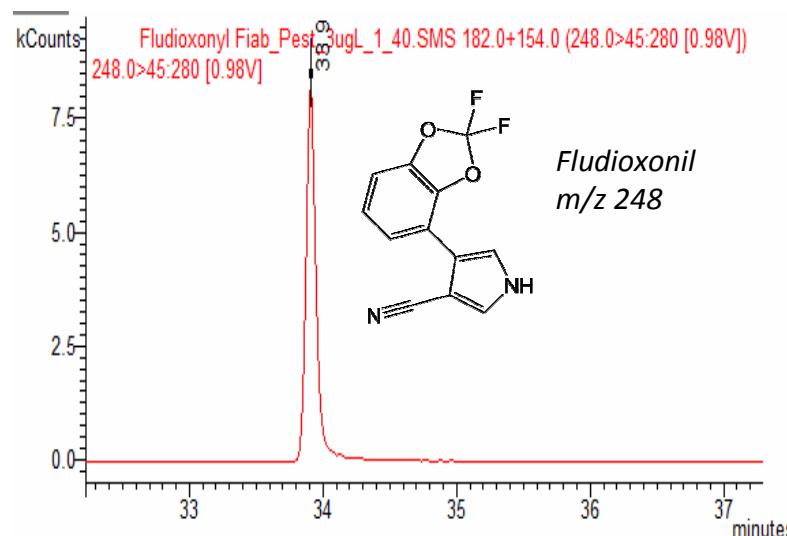
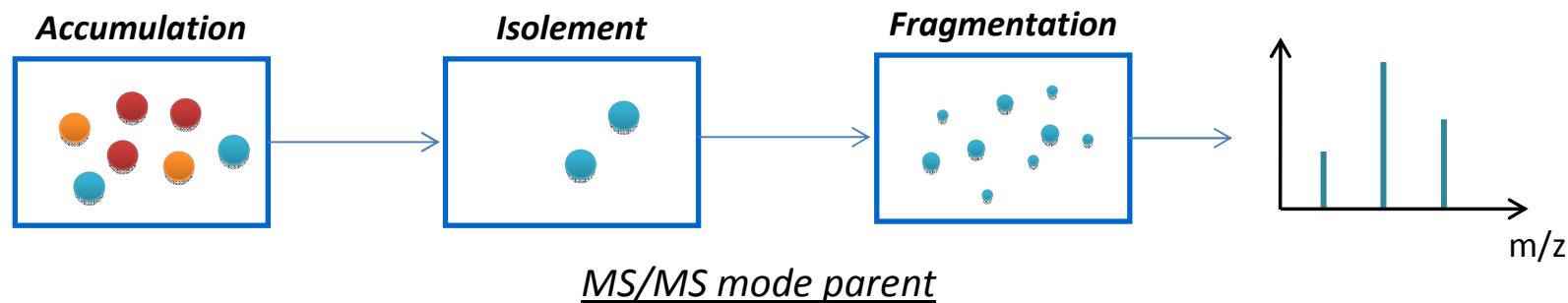
→ Derivatisation step : MtBSTFA

Paramètres optimisés :

- ➔ Choix de la fibre
- ➔ Mode d'extraction : *immersion totale*
- ➔ Température d'extraction
- ➔ Durée d'extraction
- ➔ Salinité du milieu : *eau à 1,5% saturation en NaCl, pH=3*
- ➔ Temps de désorption de la fibre dans injecteur

Analyse des pesticides

✓ Chromatographie Gazeuse couplée à la spectrométrie de masse en tandem (ion trap)



Alsace campaign

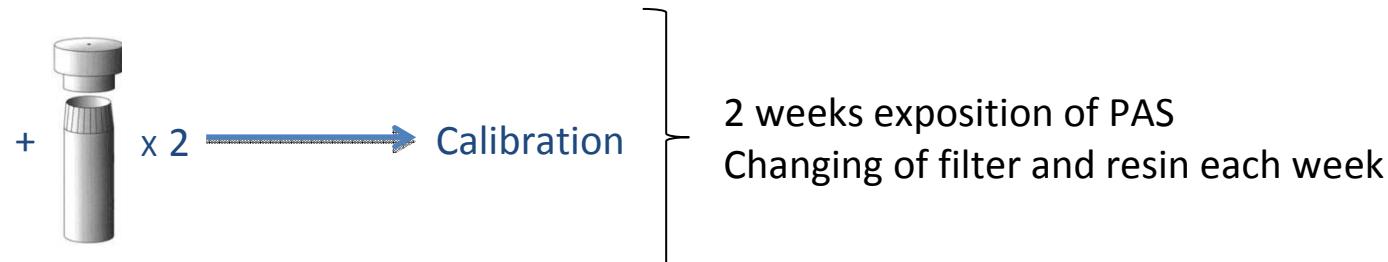
- ✓ 2 sampling location → one rural and one urban

- **JBS** : Jardin Botanique / Observatoire de Strasbourg – **milieu urbain de fond**
- **SND** : Sand, proche Benfeld / Erstein - **milieu rural de proximité**



- ✓ Duration 1 year : 21 november 2011 au 17 december 2012

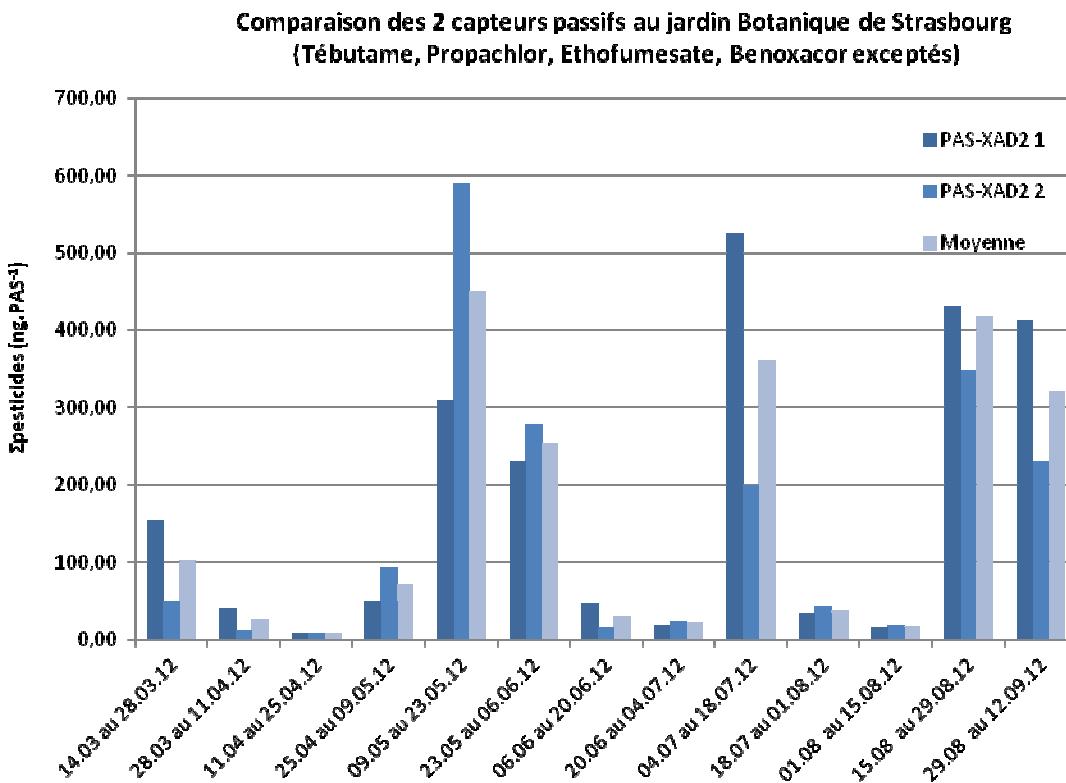
- ✓ Reference site: Jardin Botanique de Strasbourg



- ✓ Field blanks

✓ Campaign from 14 March 2012 to 12 September 2012

Pesticides results



➔ Value globally equivalent between two PAS exposed simultaneously



✓ Active sampling

Pesticides results

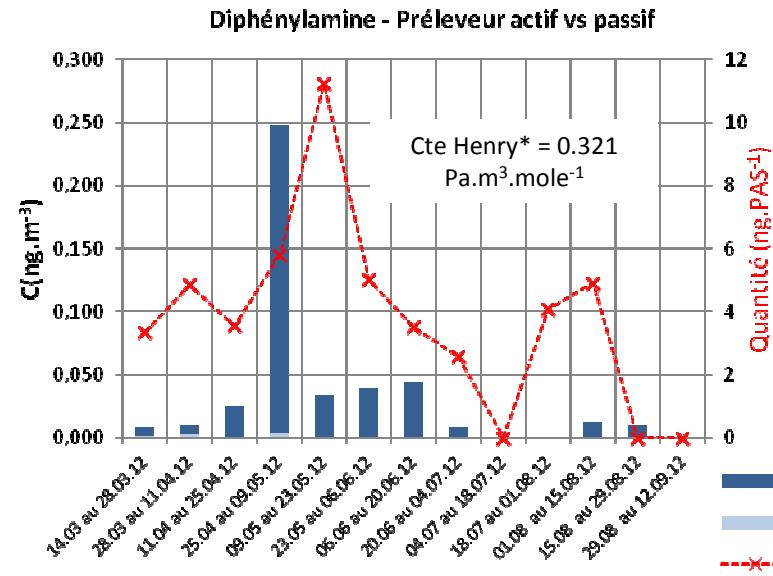
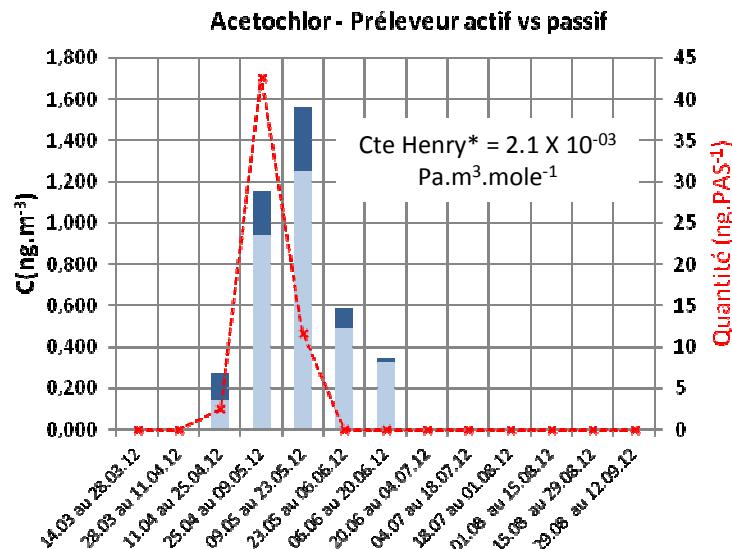
- ➔ Repartition of pesticides between filtre and resin
- ➔ Validity passive sampler
- ➔ Low volatiles : **Particle phase**
- ➔ Volatiles : **Gas phase**

- ➔ Détection ponctuelle en fonction de la période
- ➔ Question débit pompe?

Produits volatiles



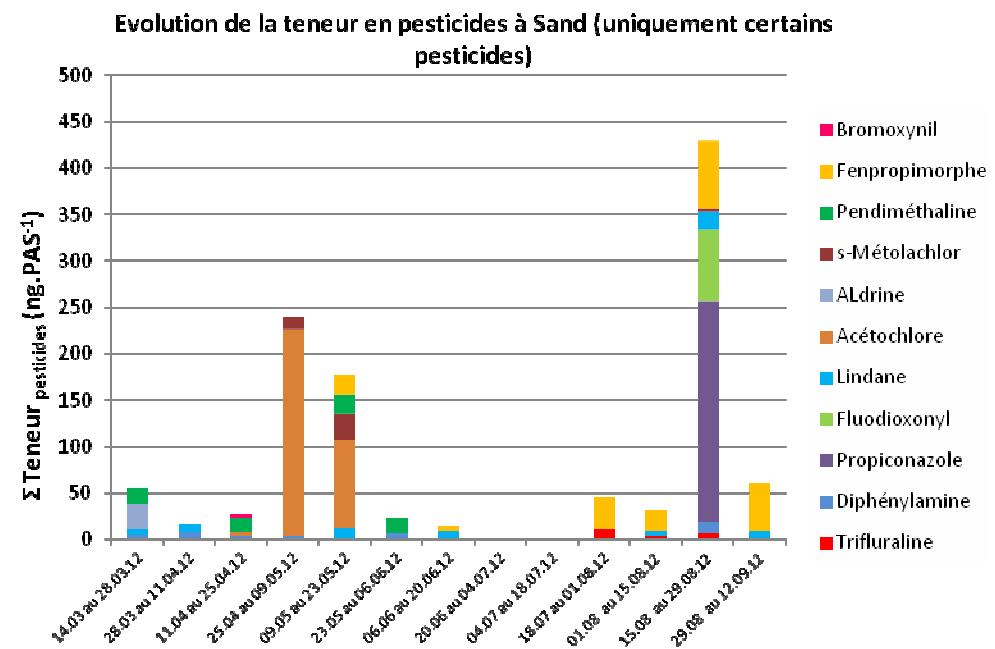
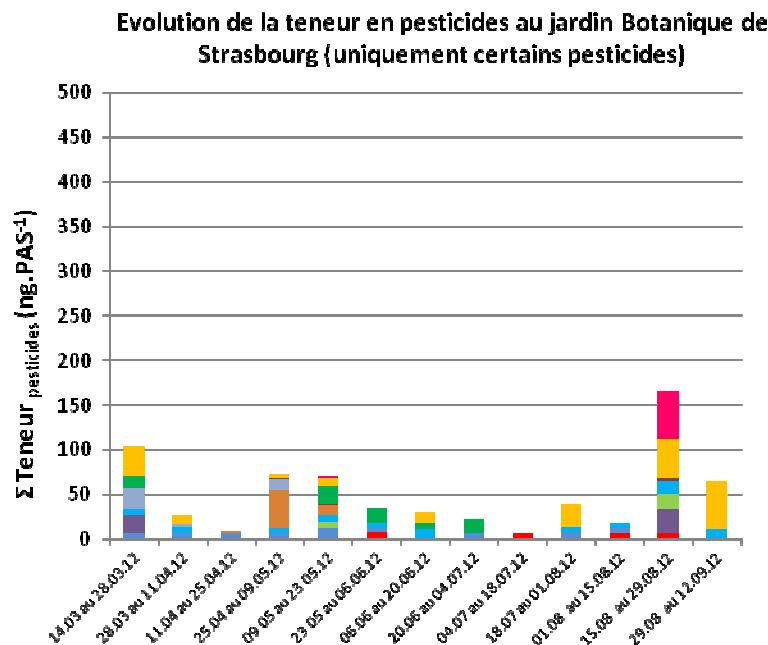
Constante de Henry
=> $1 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{mole}^{-1}$



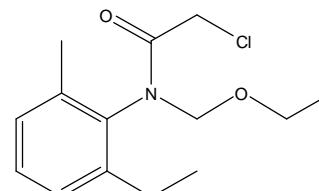
*PPDB: Pesticide Properties DataBase

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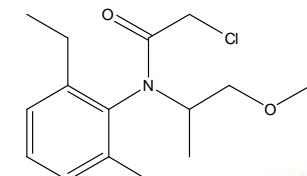
✓ Comparaison urban / rural



- ➔ Strasbourg lower pollution than Sand
- ➔ Same pesticides
- ➔ Acetochlor / s-metolachlor



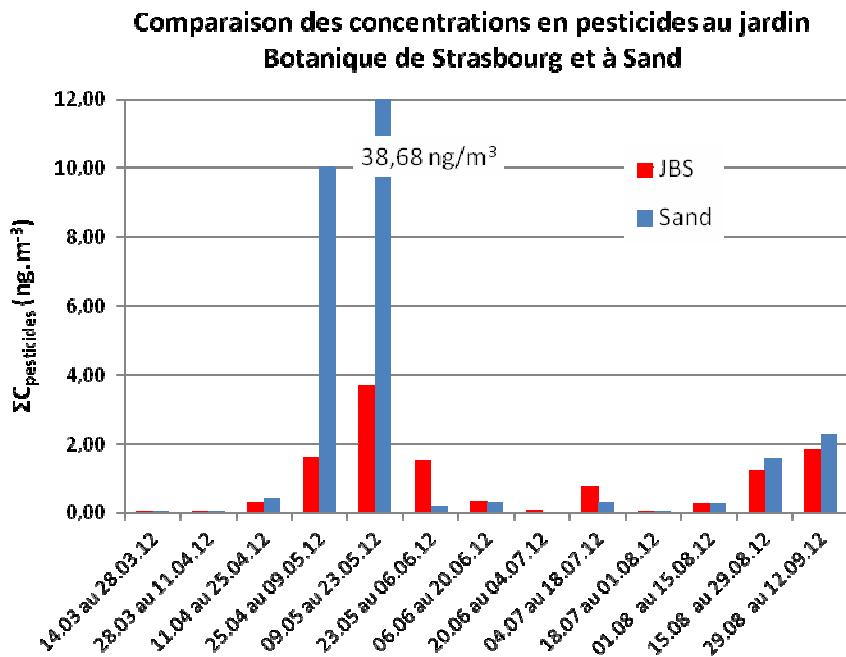
Acetochlor



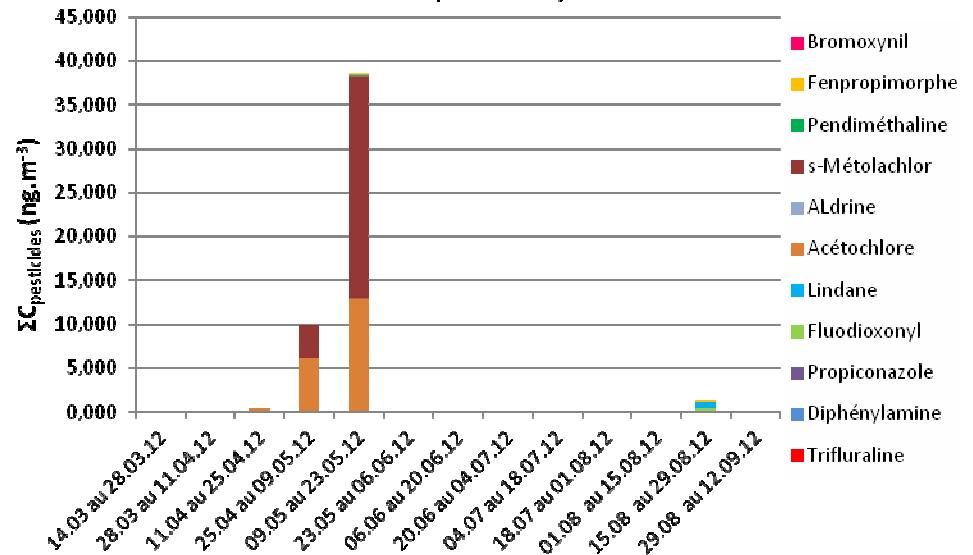
S-Metolachlor

Pesticides results

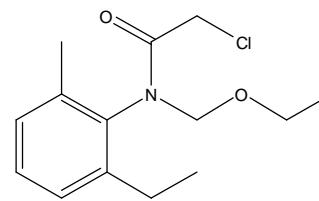
✓ Utilisation de R : comparaison urban / rural



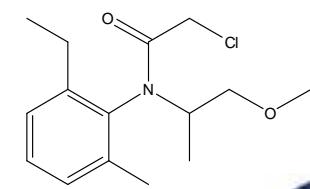
Evolution de la concentration en pesticides à Sand (uniquement certains pesticides)



- Same observations
- Calibration only for some pesticides
- Pesticides used on maize



Acetochlor



S-Metolachlor

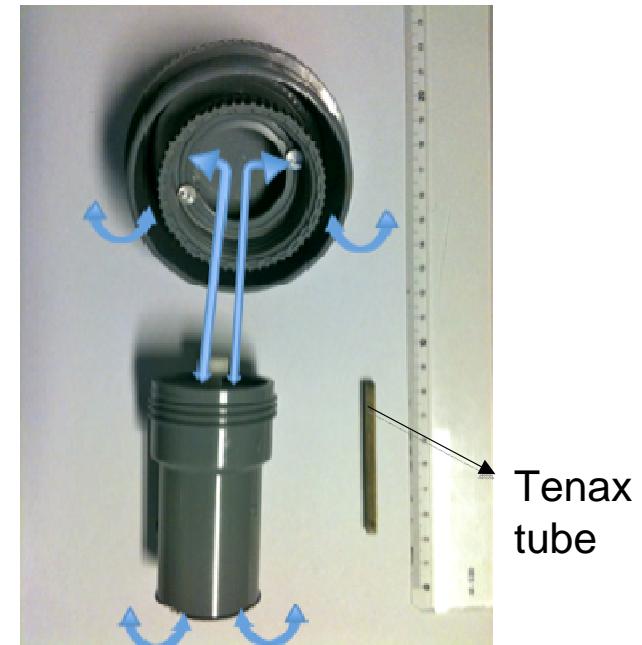
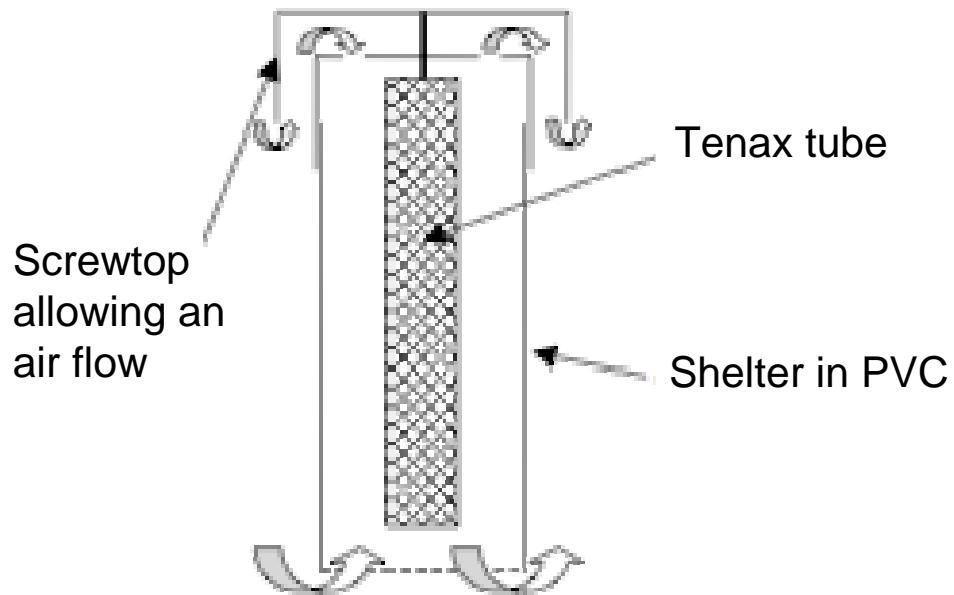
Research on non agricultural pesticides and indoor air

2,4 D	deltamethrin	mecoprop-p
MCPA	dicamba	myclobutanil
alphacypermethrin	dichlobenil	oryzalin
bifenthrin	dichlorprop	oxadiazon
bromoxynil	diflufenicanil	picloram
buprofezin	diuron	tau-fluvalinate
carbaryl	fenoxyaprop	tebuconazole
carbofuran	flazasulfuron	triclopyr
clopyralid	fluroxypyr	trifluralin
cymoxanil	ioxynil	trinexapac-ethyl
cyprodinil	isoxaben	

Passive air samplers (PAS)

- Tenax tube protected by a plastic shelter
- Method easy to carry out, adapted for large scale sampling and cost-efficient

Scheme of a PAS



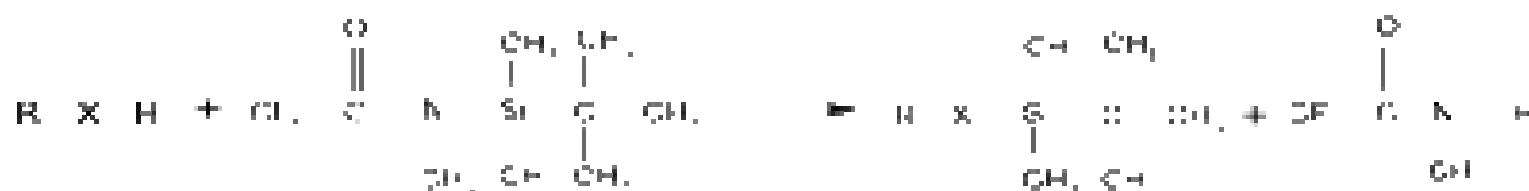
From Wania and al. 2003 Development and calibration of a resin-based passive sampling system for monitoring persistent organic pollutants in the atmosphere. Environ. Sci. Technol. 37, 1352-1359

Analytical method

- Multi-residue analyse
- Extraction by thermal desorption (time and sensibility saving)
- Coupled with a GC-MS in electron impact ionisation mode
- Derivatisation step during the thermal desorption process with MtBSTFA
- Internal calibration: 4-Nitrophenol d4, Trifluralin d14



Derivatisation reaction



X = O, COO, N, NH

✓ Professional Applications: weeding
Oil pumping station Scheibenhard (France)

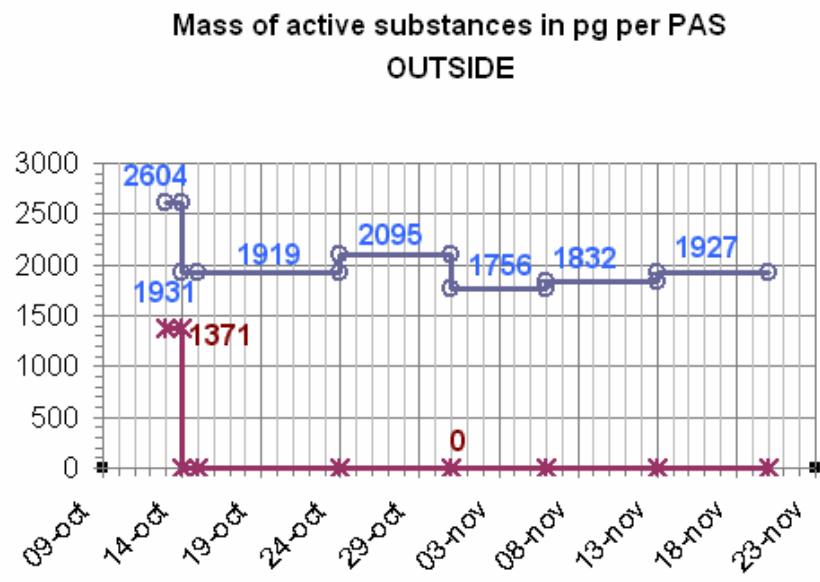
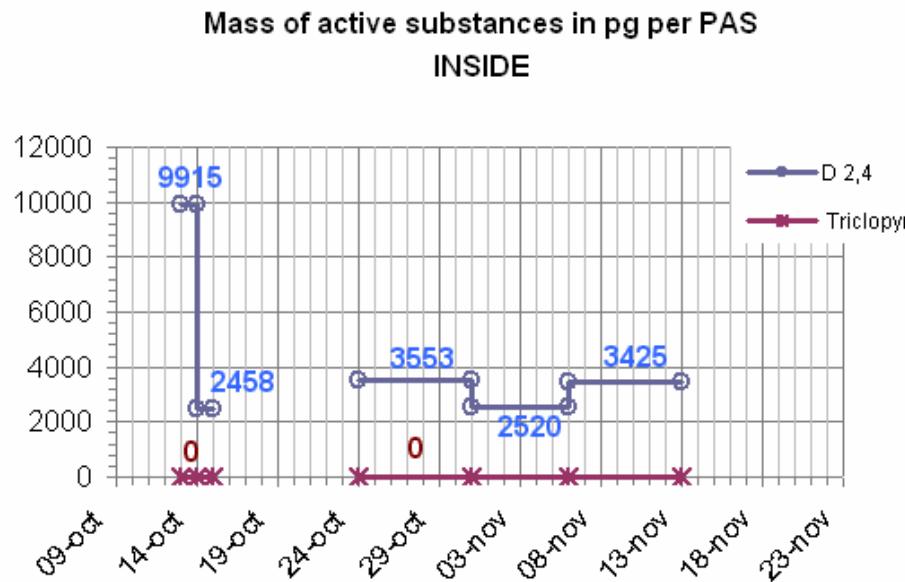
- Active substances: 1. 2,4 D, Triclopyr
 2. 2,4 D, Picloram, Diflufenican
- Sampling period : 1. October- November 2009
 2. June 2010
- Samples: outdoor and indoor (office)



✓ Professional Applications: weeding Oil pumping station Scheibenhard (France)

1st application: 2,4 D, Triclopyr

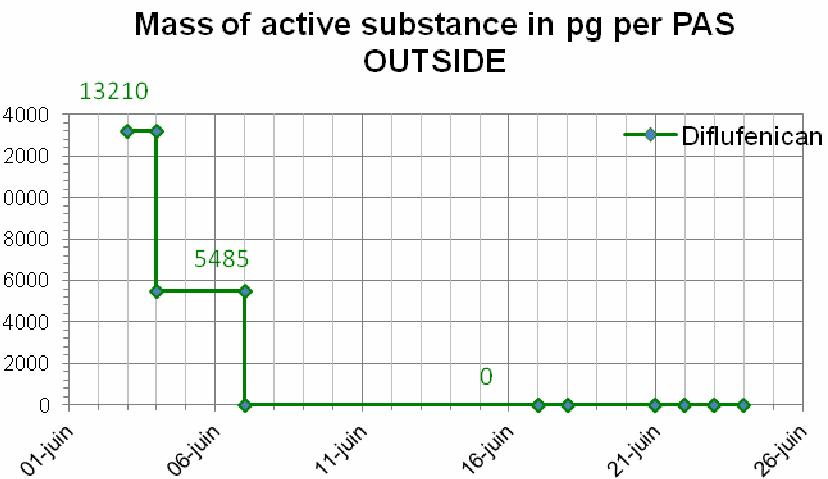
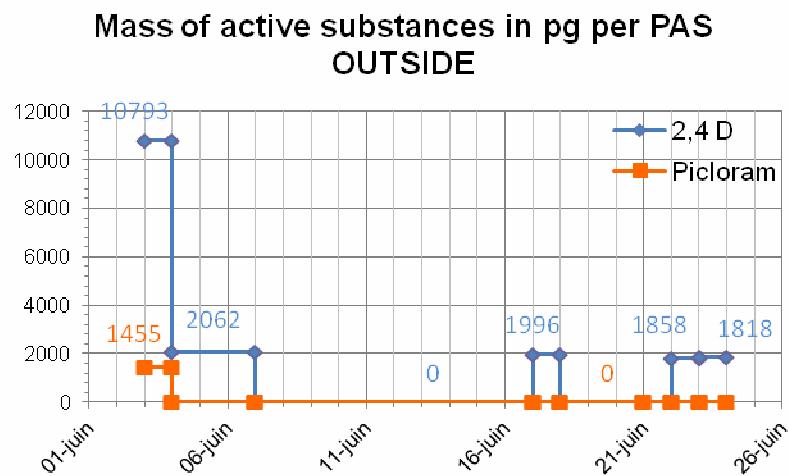
- Most important quantities observed on the application day (excepted for Triclopyr inside the office)
- Triclopyr only observed on the application day outside suggesting no volatilisation process
- 2,4 D observed during all the sampling period: volatilisation, contamination by another source ?

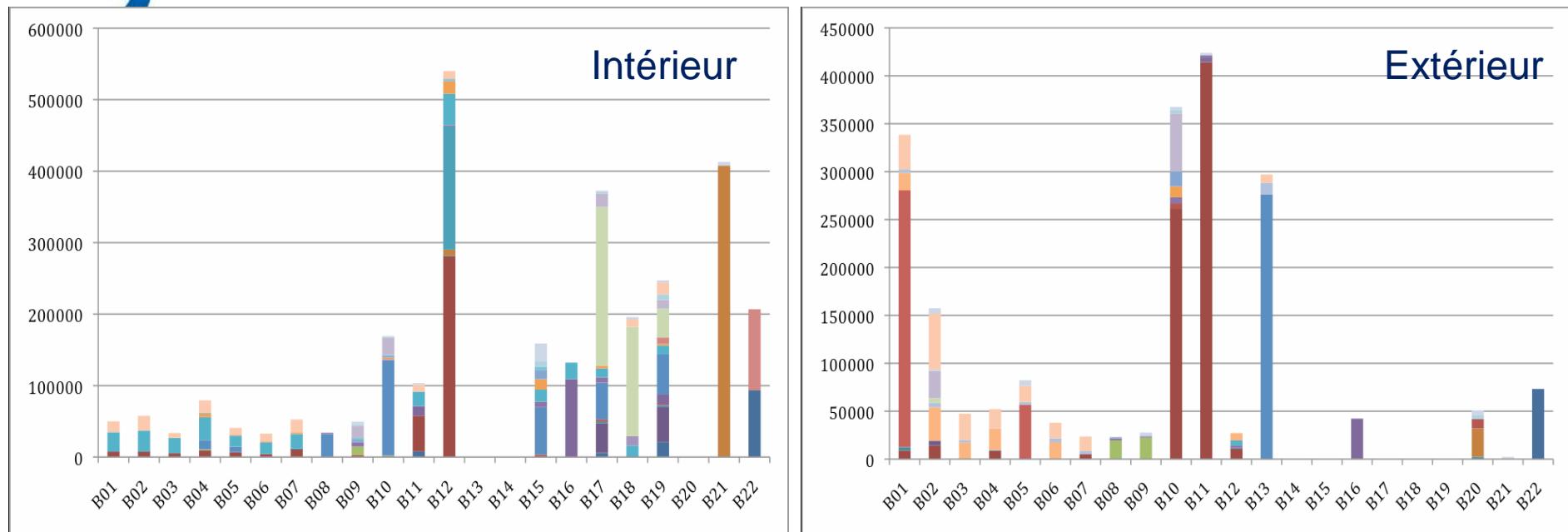


✓ Professional Applications: weeding Oil pumping station Scheibenhard (France)

2nd application: 2,4 D, Picloram, Diflufenican

- Most important quantities observed on the application day
- Picloram only observed on the application day outside suggesting no volatilisation process
- 2,4 D and Diflufenican: volatilisation, contamination by another source ?





■ 2,4-D

■ Bifenthrine

■ p,p'DDE

■ α -Endosulfan

■ γ -HCH

■ Oxadiazon

■ Propachlore

■ Triclopyr

■ Acétochlore

■ Bromoxynil

■ Dichlobénil

■ β -Endosulfan

■ MCPA

■ Pendiméthaline

■ Propiconazole

■ Trifloxystrobine

■ Aldrine

■ Clopyralid

■ Dieldrine

■ Flazasulfuron

■ Mécoprop-P

■ Pentachlorophénol

■ Tau-fluvalinate

■ Trifluraline

■ Alphacyperméthrine

■ Cyprodinil

■ Diflufénicanil

■ Fluroxypyr

■ Métazachlore

■ Piclorame

■ Tébuconazole

Biomonitoring

Potentiel des végétaux en tant que biomoniteurs de l'air ambiant

- ✓ Echantillons : aiguilles de pins (genre *Pinus*)
 - Large zone de répartition
 - Représentation importante du genre

- ✓ Les aiguilles de pin
 - Surface recouverte de cire épicuticulaire
 - Persistance sur plusieurs années



Échantillons étudiés:

Zone urbaine de Strasbourg

Objectifs :

- Extraction des aiguilles de pin
- Fractionnement des 3 classes de composés par une seule méthode de purification



Chromatographie flash envisagée

Large gamme
de polarité

Projet oiseaux - ZAEU

✓ Exemple d'application (en projet):

Objectifs : Evaluer l'effet d'un gradient de polluants sur la physiologie d'une espèce aviaire et exploration d'un bioindicateur microbien associé aux végétaux

