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BENEFITS OF PASSIVE SAMPLING FOR THE MONITORING OF PESTICIDES IN SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE WATERS

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Context and objectives

The use of pesticides in agricultural fields leads to nonpoint source contamination of freshwaters by various pathways (runoff, infiltration, lateral flows...). Research programs developed to study and explain these transfer mechanisms require specific sampling strategies for each compartment of the aquatic environment. Passive sampling has been introduced as an alternative to grab or average automated sampling, in order to obtain at lower cost, more representative estimates of the contamination levels of pesticides in water. This technique allows the *in situ* accumulation of chemicals over exposition periods ranging from days to months. Two examples of application of silicone rod (SR) passive sampler are presented to answer the following question:

→ How can SR be used to estimate pesticide contamination levels in surface and subsurface waters ?

Theory and tools

Passive sampling

- Theory [1]
- Polymeric receiving phase
- In situ exposure
- Pesticide diffusion and absorption in the phase



Pesticide uptake profile



Silicone Rod (SR)

SR preparation

- Silicone rubber conditioned in laboratory (heating, solvent washing)
- Put into a metal spring for protection



Pesticide analysis

- 24 pesticides (1.5 < log Kow < 5.51)
- Limits of quantification from 10 to 4000 ng on phase
- Simplified analytical procedure, from [2]



Liquid desorption

Acetonitrile / Methanol

200 μL (50/50 ; v/v)

in ultrasonic bath



Quantification by UHPLC-MS/MS Nexera Shimadzu, API 4000 AB Sciex

Field applications

Mass uptake

(ng on phase)

Semi-quantitative

Surface waters

Watershed and land use

• The Ardières river located in Beaujolais region, France

35% Forest

34% Vineyard

• 3 stations, June 2014

Upstream

Target

screening

Qualitative



Field deployment

- Exposure of SR during one month (4 x 1 week)
- SR in triplicate at each station



Lateral subsurface flows

Tracing experiment (Peyrard et al., Field Studies session, oral 47)

- Vineyard plot instrumented [3] with both injecting and intercepting trenches and 8 Monitoring Wells (MW)
- Tracing experiment with 5 pesticides (AZS, CTU, FMX, LINU, CPM) during a natural rainfall event
- Exposition of SR inside 8 MW and intercepting trench for one week

Scheme of experimental plot localised in Beaujolais region, France (autumn 2014)

Illustration of 3D bar plots mapped on position of MW and trenches

Qualitative assessment

Pesticides analised and detected at the downstream station of the Ardières river (in color)

Pesticide	Abreviation	Туре	log Kow (*)	Authorized or banned in France?	Pesticide	Abreviation	Туре	log Kow (*)	Authorized or banned in France?
Azoxystrobin	AZS	F	2,5	authorized	3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1 méthylurea	DCPMU	metab	-	-
Carbendazim	CBZ	F	1,48	banned (2009)	Flumioxacin	FMX	н	2,55	authorized
Dimethomorph	DMM	F	2,68	authorized	Isoproturon	IPU	н	2,5	authorized
Procymidon	PCM	F	3,3	banned (2008)	Linuron	LINU	Н	3,0	authorized
Spiroxamine	SPX	F	2,89/5,51	authorized	Metolachlor	MTC	н	3,4	authorized
Tebuconazole	TBZ	F	3,7	authorized	Norflurazon	NFZ	н	2,45	banned (2004)
Acetochlor	ATC	Н	4,14	banned (2013	Simazine	SMZ	н	2,3	banned (2001)
Atrazine	ATR	н	2,7	banned (2003)	Chlorfenvinfos	CFV	Ι	3,8	banned (2007)
Chlortoluron	СТО	н	2,5	authorized	Ethyl Chlorpiryfos	CPE	- I	4,7	authorized
Diflufenican	DFF	Н	4,2	authorized	Methyl Chlorpiryfos	CPM	I.	4,0	authorized
Diuron	DIU	н	2,46	banned (2008)	Flufenoxuron	FFX		5,11	authorized
3,4-dichloroaniline	DCA	metab	2,69	-	Fenitrothion	FNT		3,32	banned (2008)

(*) from: <u>http://sitem.herts.ac.uk/aeru/ppdb/en/atoz.htm</u>

F: fongicide H: herbicide I: insecticide

\rightarrow SR allowed to detect:

- 6 herbicides, 6 fungicides, 3 insecticides according to land use for vineyard
- 4 banned herbicides (ATZ, DIU, NFZ, SMZ) corresponding to persistent pesticide residues in soils
- 3 insecticides that are rarely quantified in surface waters with grab samples

Semi-quantitative measurement



Temporal variation (downstream, weeks 1 to 4) 250 0



Picture of the experimental plot instrumented with MW in Beaujolais region, France

Spatial dispersion of pesticides

- Qualitative: 13 pesticides detected in subsurface waters
- Semi-quantitative: significant axial subsurface transfer of pesticides used for the tracing experiment
- Different behaviours of pesticides on SR related to pesticide-use practices

Pesticides applied for the tracing experiment

Pesticides previously used by the wine grower Banned pesticides (residues in soils)



→Strong gradient of contamination clearly shown according to the increase of vineyard

Week 2: higher contamination linked to the first significant rainfall event after pesticide application





Rainfall

(mm/h)

-8

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