

# Comparison and calibration of diverse adsorbents for passive sampling of pesticides in air during a sampling campaign at a regional scale

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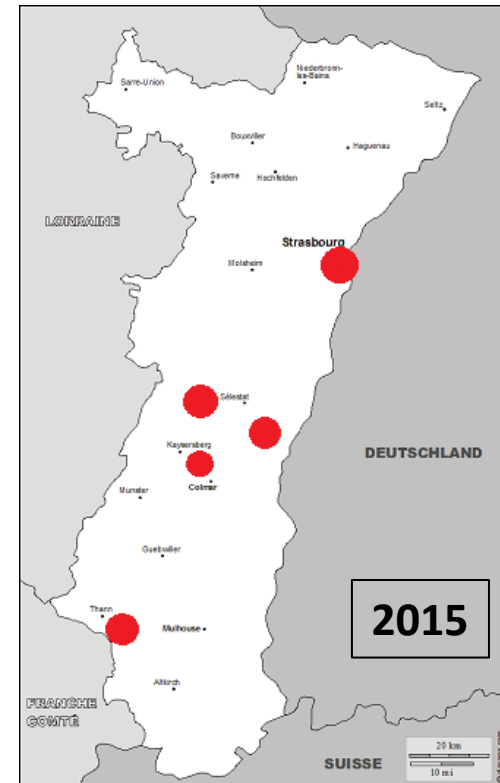
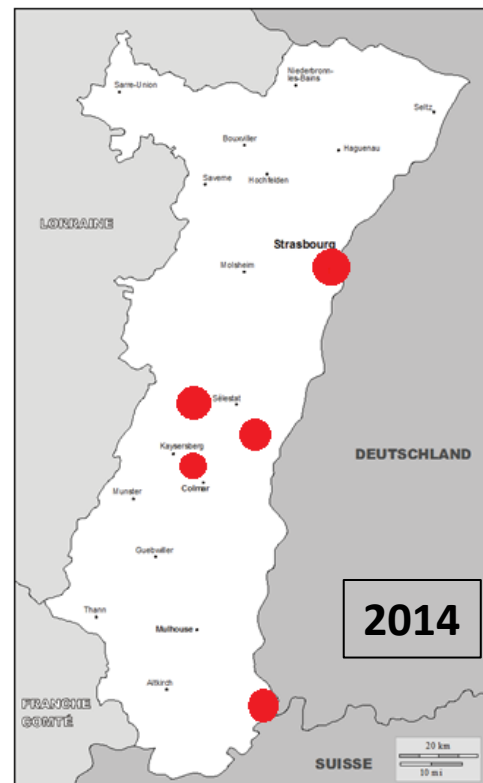
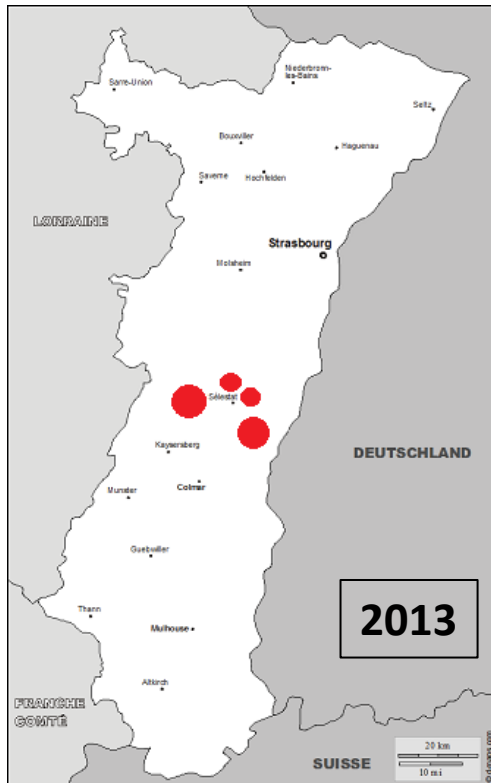
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- ➔ Active/passive comparison
  - ➔ Compare passive adsorbents
  - ➔ Calculate SR

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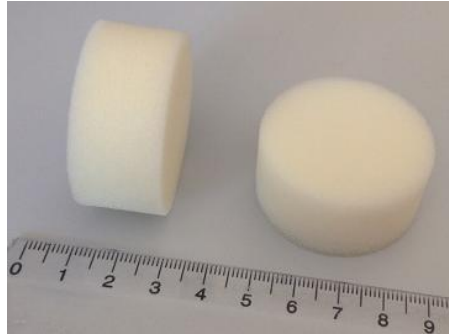


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- 4 to 5 sites
- 5 weeks total
- 1 to 2 weeks at a time

# Air sampling

- Active

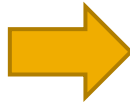


- Passive





# Analytical method

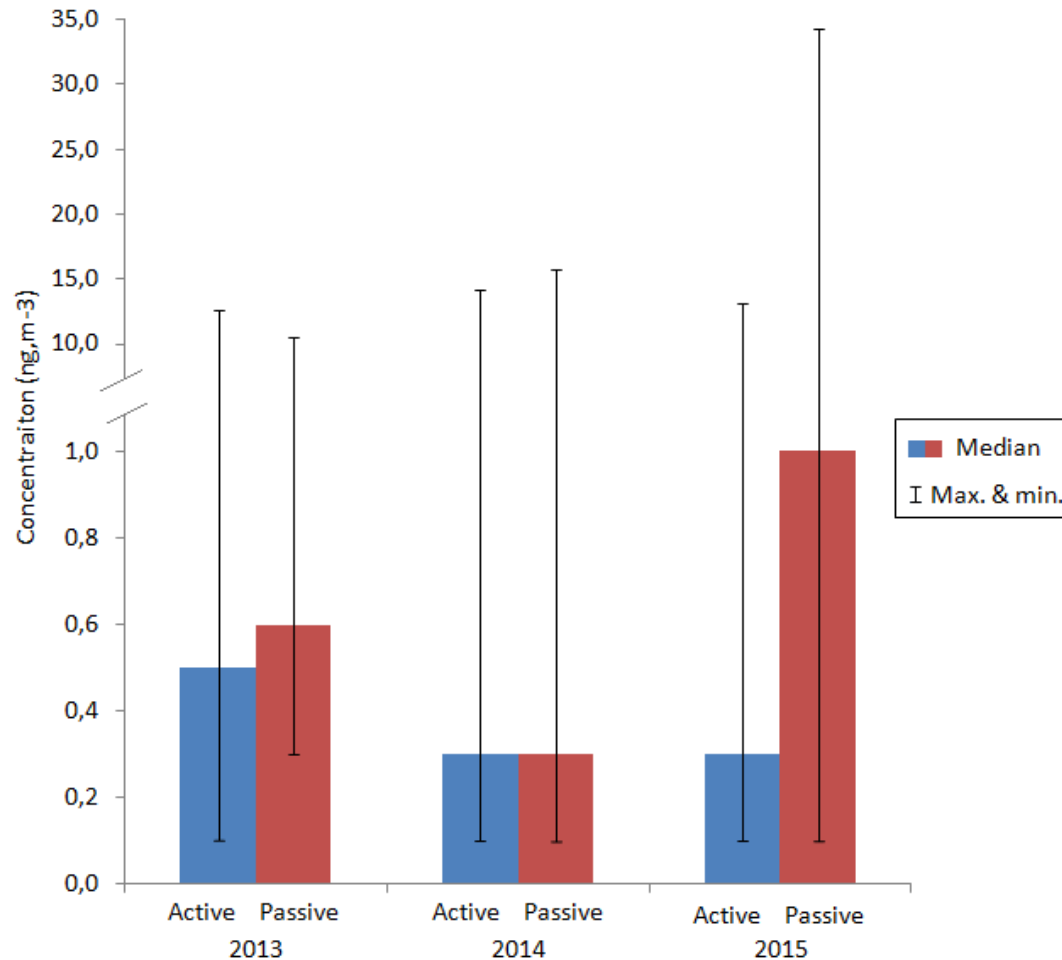


# Anlytical method

	ng sampler <sup>-1</sup>	
	LOD	LOQ
Minimum	0.1	0.3
Maximum	29.0	87.0
Average	11.4	34.2
Median	1.4	4.2

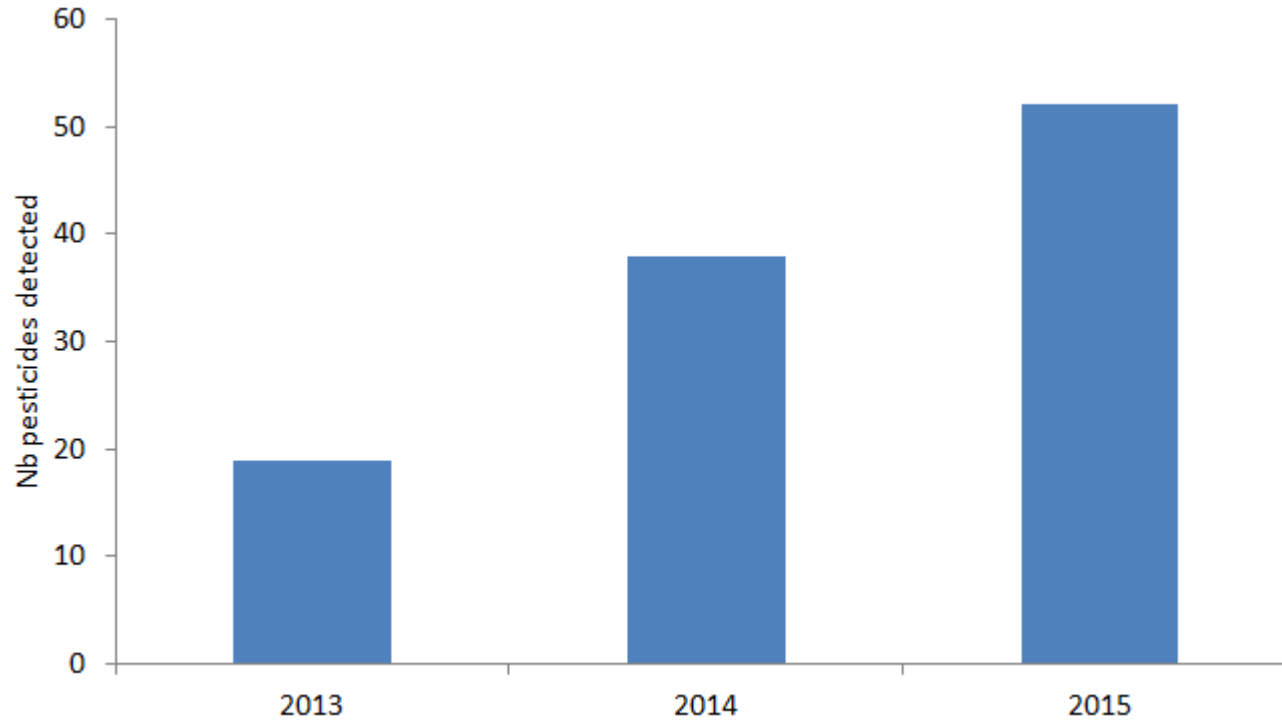
# Results

- Agreement between active and passive samplers



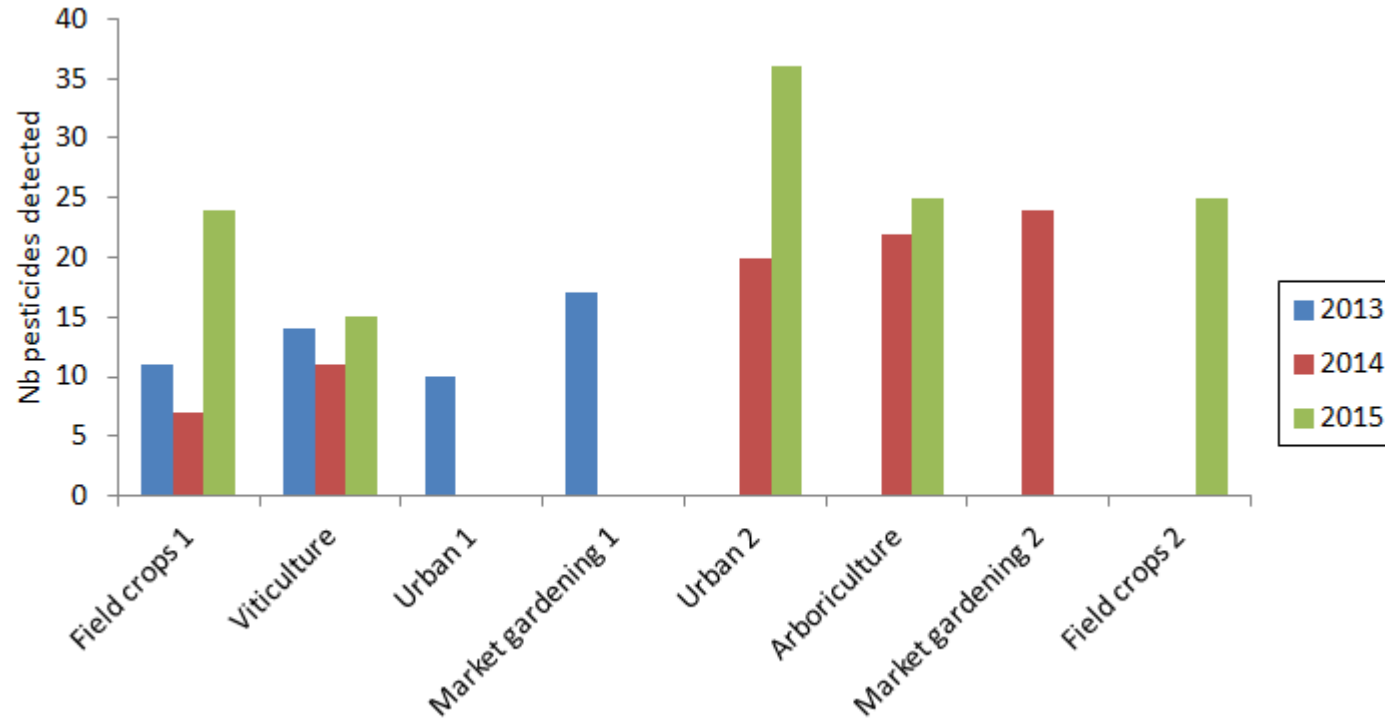
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	XAD <sup>®</sup> -2 resin	C-based foam
Specific surface area	300 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>	30 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>
Pore diameter	9 nm	510-4000 μm
Hydrophobicity	++	+

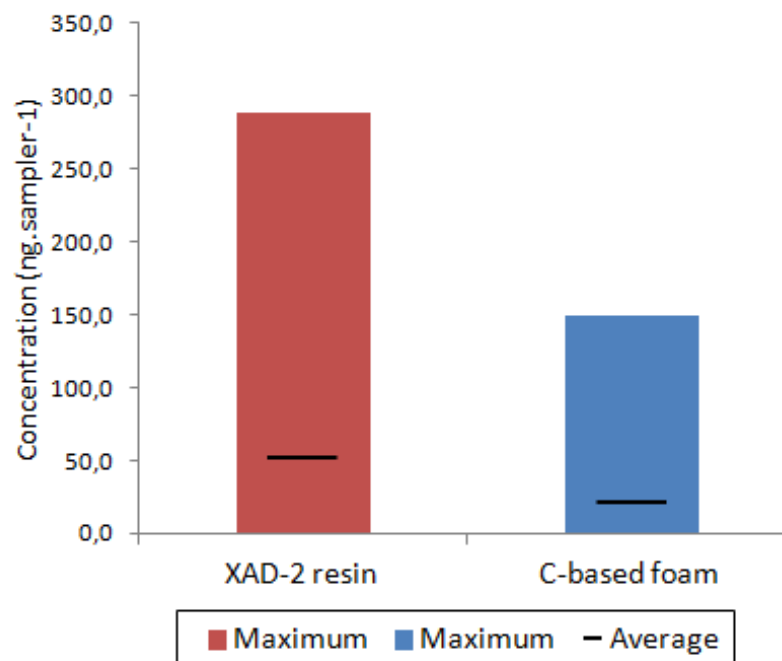
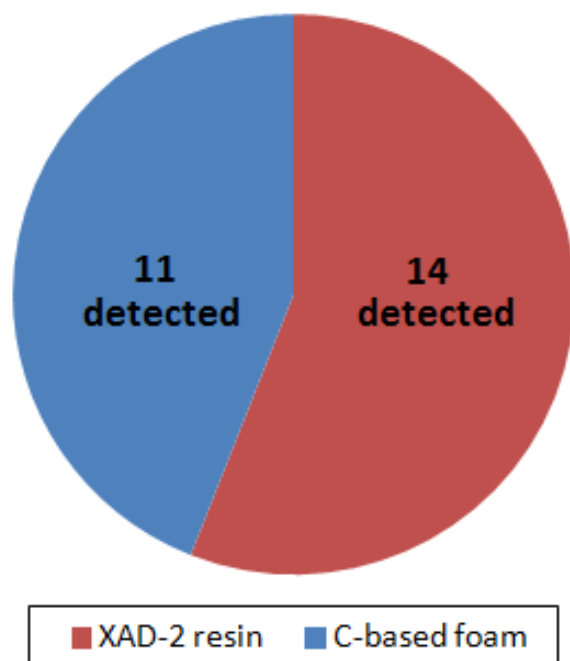
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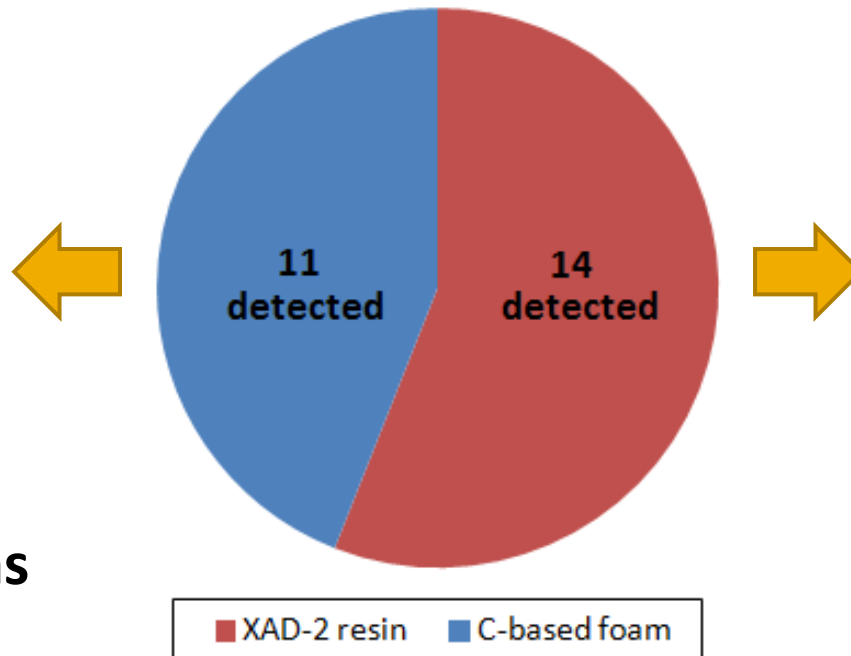
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- **4 polar :**  
2,4-MCPA  
Bromoxynil  
Mecoprop-p  
Triclopyr
- **10 detections**

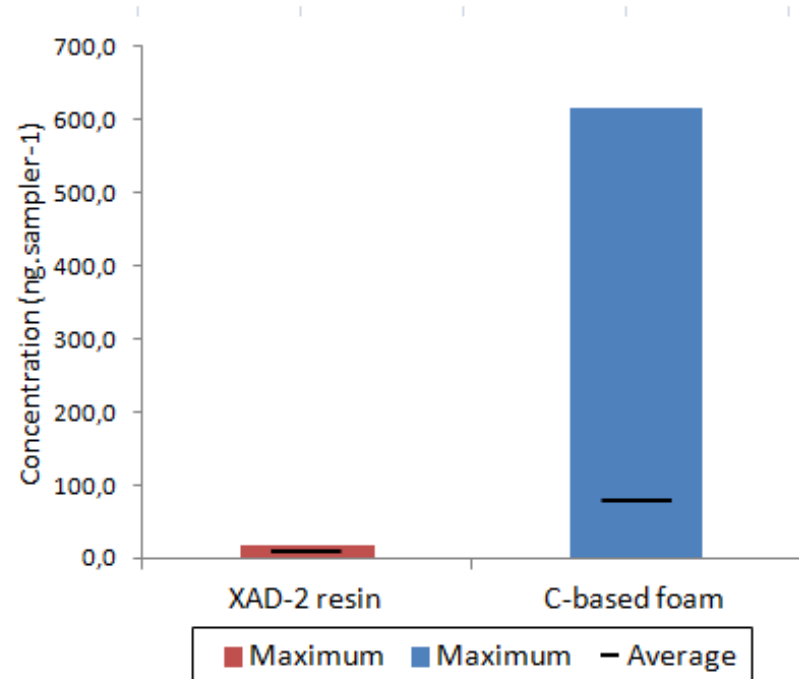
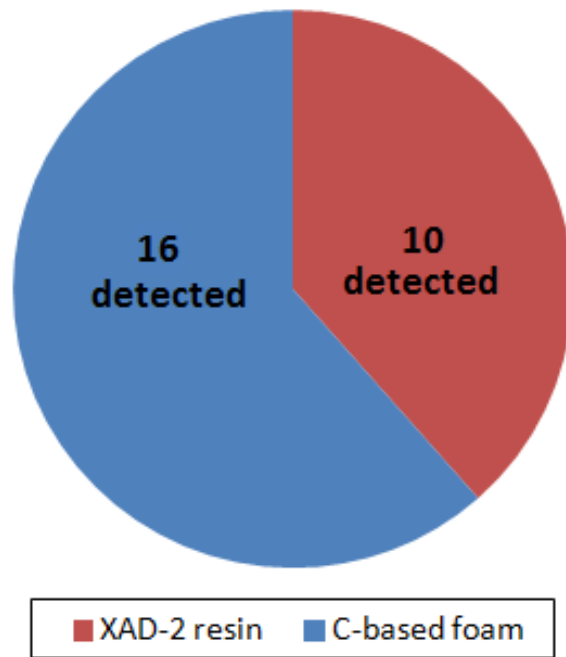


- **1 polar :**  
2,4-MCPA
- **1 detection**



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## Semi-volatile pesticides



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Air phase	Gas	Particles
Target pesticides	Hydrophobic pesticides	Polar pesticides

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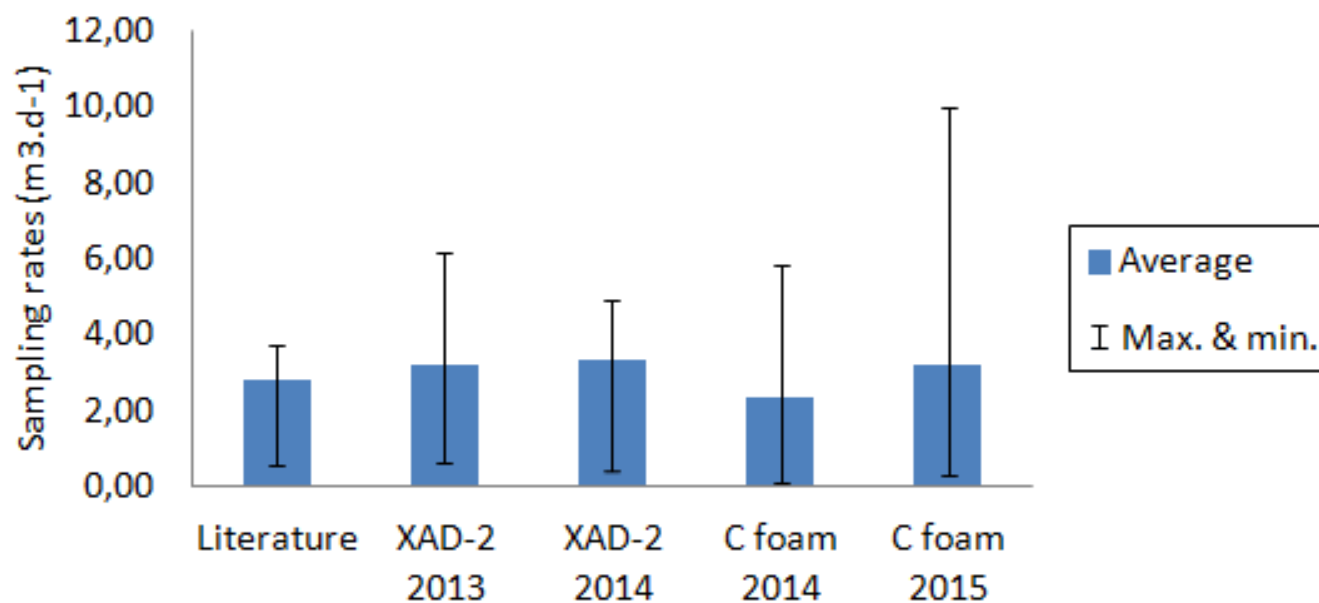
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	Literature	2013	2014		2015
	XAD <sup>®</sup> -2	XAD <sup>®</sup> -2	XAD <sup>®</sup> -2	C-based foam	C-based foam
Minimum	0.60	0.66	0.43	0.08	0.28
Maximum	3.70	6.14	4.91	5.82	9.97
Average	2.78	3.23	2.32	2.33	3.21

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# Results – Sampling rates

- Different materials
- Good approximation
- C-based foam: greater variability



# Conclusion

- Active and passive sampling
  - ➔ similar results
- Passive samplers
  - ➔ C-based foam more versatile
- Sampling rates
  - ➔ similar to the literature
  - ➔ similar to each other