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- "the research on ammonia emissions has shown that there is a huge uncertainty in NH₃ emissions from diffuse sources and its spatial and temporal variations".
- "the spatial resolution of emissions estimates is an important factor to be considered, as most effects occur close to sources or source areas, and current estimates are frequently of limited resolution"
- Models of formation and deposition are not fully tested in Mediterranean climates.



There are only 3 monitoring stations measuring continuously NH_{4^+} in rain water in the continental part of the country.

The effect of NH_3 is observed locally. Sampling grids and the actual territory unit used for mapping NH_3 are not adequate to represent the local sources of NH_3 .







NH₃ Total emissions for Portugal in Península de Setúbal (APA, 2003) – Municipality level



Lichens were collected in Several sampling points And total N was measured

This represents the mapping Of N in the lichen *Xanthoria parietina*







Figure 2. Land use map of the study area, Setúbal peninsula (developed by the Life Environment Program ENV/P/000556 and Life Nature Program 98-NAT/P/5235), with the distribution of the 60 sampling sites where the lichen *Xanthoria parietina* was collected from house rooftiles (represented by dark points).



Figure 3. Principal component analysis (PCA) of the pollutant data obtained through chemical analysis of the 60 samples of the lichen *Xanthoria parietina* collected in March 2000 in the Setúbal peninsula; the first two factors explain 53.0% of the data variance.



Figure 4. Principal component analysis (PCA) of the pollutant data obtained through chemical analysis of the 60 samples of the lichen *Xanthoria parietina* collected in March 2000 in the Setúbal peninsula; the first and third factors explain 43.5% of the data variance.

Augusto et al., 2004 Journal of Atmospheric Chemistry



N in lichens

	NH ₃ (kt)	% NH ₃
Energy Production and Industrial Combustion	0,7	1,1
Transports	1,7	Source AP,6
Industrial processes	3,8	5,9
Agriculture	50,1	77,9
Waste	8	12,4
Total National emissions 2003	64,3	100

To Improve the spatial resolution we used the data at the parish level



















NH₃ Temporal variations on local scale: Mediterranean climate





➡barn ● ammonia sampling sites

Photo of the studied area showing the sampling points.

Seasonal variations with climate





