

Integration of sensing and modelling technologies for early detection and follow-up of hazmat and flood hazards in transitional and coastal waters

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Characterisation of spills in estuaries and inland waters over the 20 last years, from Cedre database data

learnt lessons from two past experiences :

- Oil spill in Loire estuary
- Flood in Parisian Basin





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Distribution : Number of spills (%) by type of products; 1998-2018 ; any volume



Source Cedre database : worldwilde data , from bibliography, media, specialized websites and newsletter, FIPOI etc...

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Distribution : Number of spills by type of oil 1998-2018 ; any volumes





Distribution : Number of spills by other types of subst /activities; 1998-2018 ; any volumes



Spilled quantities (cumulative quantities for the period 1998-2018; MT) by type of products;



Spill sources : Number of spills all pollutants ; <u>quantity > 10mt</u> ; 1998-2018



- Tanker vessels Cargo vessels Other vessels Unspecified vessels Trucks / trailers Trains Other mobiles structures Pipelines Offshore oil facilities Onland oil facilities Onland industrial facilities Diverse (large and small) facilities Mineral facilities Unspecified onland facilities Others
- Unspecified / unidentified sources





Spill causes: Number of spills by type of causes ; all pollutants ; <u>quantity > 10mt</u> ; 1998-2018





- ✓ potential impact on the environment
- ✓ Response strategy which can be deployed

Need to

- ✓ Better understand the behaviour of chemicals (chemical bench)
- ✓ Get relevant information on past accidents (feedback)
- ✓ Test new response equipment (booms, filter systems...)
- ✓ Develop and/or optimise modelling tool





Laboratory tests to better understand behaviour of chemicals at sea and in transitionnal waters conditions

"Chemical Bench Test"



To study the fate of HNS depending of

- ✓ Wind,
- ✓ Sunshine,
- ✓ Water salinity.

A total of 10 NHS have been tested and, for each, the fate has been described taking into account environmental parameters

The data is collected in the Hazrunoff project database with a linked to a second EU project (HNS-MS)



Feed back on past accidents Oil spill in the Loire estuary (France) from a pipeline in an oil refinery

16 of march 2008



3 000 ha of floodplain were inundated (approximatly 200 ha of wet meadows heavily oiled)



500 tons of intermediate fuel oil spilled (IFO 380), 200 t contaminated 32 km of banks the estuary



Available model for oil slick drift forecast in the estuary

- Hydrodynamic model : 3 to 4 days were needed to run the model and get results
- In the Contingency Plan : trajectory simulations were prepared in advance
 - Currents were calculated for :
 - one tide amplitude (neap to spring tide)
 - Different river flows (low-water to flood)
 - 2 wind conditions

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- Model results compared to 3 floaters trajectories dropped in 3 different locations in the estuary, every 2 hours, during a complete tide cycle.
- Four scenario were chosen (48 maps)
- A synthetic map was elaborated which shows the extreme points reached by the oil in the estuary (results were OK)



Evolution of oiling conditions

First days :

 due to neap tide and river flow, oil remains on water and on low part of the banks

On the fourth day after the spill :

- Increase in tide, flood and currents
- Changes and strengthening in wind <u>As a result</u>:
- Water overflow in the floodplain (4000 ha of meadows submerged and potentially contaminated)
- Oil penetrates into small creeks and overflows spreading oil into meadows and
- wetlands















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Response operations: protection by boom deployment

Attempt to protect sensitive areas and strategic ressources in the estuary

- Anchoring difficulties
- Strong currents, over the limit of booms efficiency

>As expected, a limited efficiency



Water intake of the power station





Anchorage in a meadow



Response operations : recovery of floating oil

Very short time opportunity : floating oil only during 4 days :

- Navy OSRV Argonaute (with Thomsea trawInet)
- Mobilisation of small fishing boats
- Moored Thomsea trawl nets in small creeks
- Few skimming barges suited for shallow waters, but none available in the area
 - Most of the floating oil was in very shallow waters close to the banks (pb of draught of the vessels)
 - ➢ High currents, limited efficiency of booms
 - Very low quantity recovered





As a result : 3 months of cleanup operations on banks (25 000 man days)











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Lessons learnt and future developments

- Model improvement and faster transmission of forecast results (Hazrunoff project and French authorities);
- New tools as UAV to help oil spill extension assessment (test in the frame of Hazrunoff project);
- Prototype of hovercraft for operations on mudflats and in shallow waters was developped by Italian partners in the framework of a European project;
- Better adapted equipments for recovery in fast currents : since 2013 Cedre, partners and manufacturers organise tests of the capabilities of these new equipments in the Loire estuary, with Harbour teams and vessels;



Test of equipments adated to high-currents

Conventional booms are efficient for currents up to 0,35m/s (0,7 knots) in perpendicular configuration





Specific equipments are developed for high currents :

• **example of NOFI «** *Current buster* » efficient up to 4 knots used for dynmamic/static recovery

An open worknet to slow down the current



Towed by 2 vessels



Towed by 1 vessel and a paravane (deflectore)



Second example : Flood in the Parisian Basin - june 2016

Exceptionnal flood, out of «historical » floods period as it occurs in june

Elevated pluviometry and saturated soils before the event due to rain

Many important Seine afluents

(In Paris a peak with elevation level of 6,10 m in 1 night) (a 20 years return period flood and more for upstream affluents)

Flood impact until the estuary



Flood in the Parisian Basin - 2016

Visible Contamination :

- Domestic fuel oil
- Oils from filling stations
- Used oils from garages
- Wastes, debris

Invisible contamination :

- Phytosanitary, pesticides...
- Chemicals from professional activities (painting, plumbing ect..
- Organic (sanitation systems, liquid manure tanks....)













Response on oils : containment, pumping, use of sorbents











Makeshift solutions : filtration of contaminated waters in river bed or pumped in houses and basements



Makeshift filtration barrier (wire-mesh and loose sorbent)

Dilling holes at the bottom of a bin filled with loose-sorbent



Water and sediment monitoring

A monitoring group was set up (25 stakeholders (public services, providers of water, water management committies, sanitation companies) to share their data and organise :

- water monitoring
- Sediment analysis of the fine sediment deposits of receding waters

Contamination results :

- some localized increase of contamination with relation with spills for :
 - HAP , mineral contamination
- Organic contaminants level under past floods contamination (decrease due to regulations of past 10 years)
- Due to season a peak of nitrate and pesticides during few days

In conclusion the group proposed:

- to set up a platform to facilitate and speed data exchanges
- to work on data formats



