

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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# content

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 : <u>Number of spills and % by type of products</u>; 1998-2018 ; any volume



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

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





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





#### 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



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

16 of march 2008





500 tons of intermediate fuel oil spilled (IFO 380), 200 t

## Oil extension in the estuary : 32 km



## 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
  - Four scenario were chosen (48 maps with different hypothesis of wind, currents and tide)
  - Model results compared to 3 floaters trajectories dropped in the estuary
- A synthetic map was elaborated which shows the extreme points reached by the oil in the estuary (global results were OK)



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# **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 :

Water overflow in the floodplain (4 000 ha of marshes and 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





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## **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
  - 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 new developments

- Model improvement and faster transmission of forecast results (French authorities and Hazrunoff project);
- 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 equipment 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**







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- Containment
- Pumping
- Use of sorbents





- Cutting of the oiled vegetation
- Excavation of oiled soil
- Low / high pressure
- Stonewall/ building : specialized societies



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



Makeshift filtration barrier (wire-mesh and loose sorbent)

#### Drilling 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
- Contamination 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 the 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



