

# Understanding HNS behaviour in the marine environment

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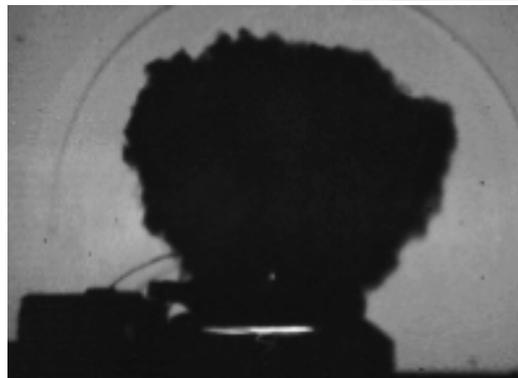
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**Context: Physico-chemical properties are usually evaluated in standard conditions (at laboratory scale and equilibrium state)**

- Non representative of chemical release in marine environment

**Objectives is to understand the behavior of HNS in marine environment**

- Calculation of the source term (flow rate and liquid velocity at breach level)
- Characterization of the temporal evolution of the competition between the different processes that act simultaneously (solubilisation, evaporation,...)
- Characterization of the droplet size and velocity distribution clearly represents the chemical behaviour in the water column

# **Understanding HNS behaviour in the marine environment**

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## **1. HNS release at sea surface**

**1. Liquid jet velocity**

**2. Volumic flow rate at breach level**

## **2. HNS release in the water column**

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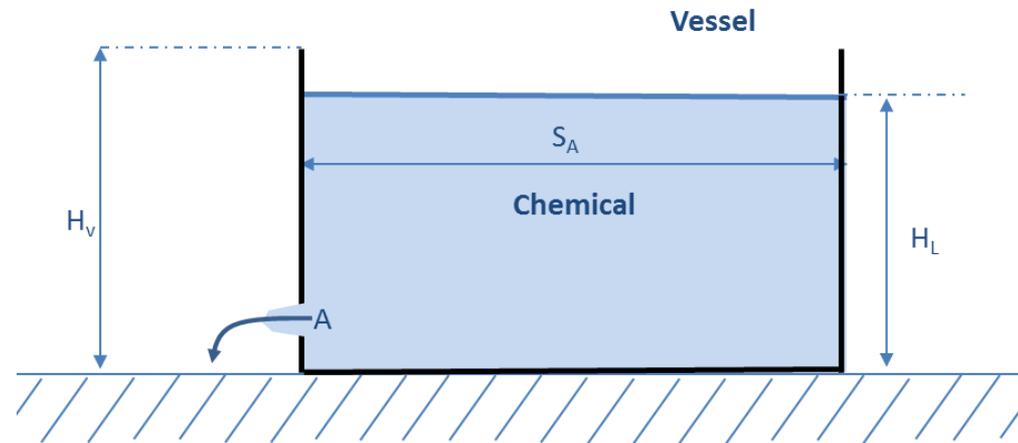


# HNS release at sea surface

## HNS draining for floating vessel

- Draining vessel is calculated with the Torricelli law derived from the Bernoulli equation

$$Q = C\sqrt{2gH_L}$$



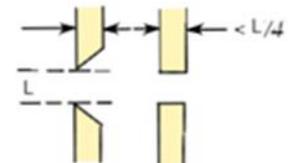
Q: volumic flow rate [ $\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ]

$H_L$ : liquid level in the tank [m]

C: discharge coefficient (C=0.62 for circular orifice)

Sharp edge

C = 0,62



# HNS release at sea surface

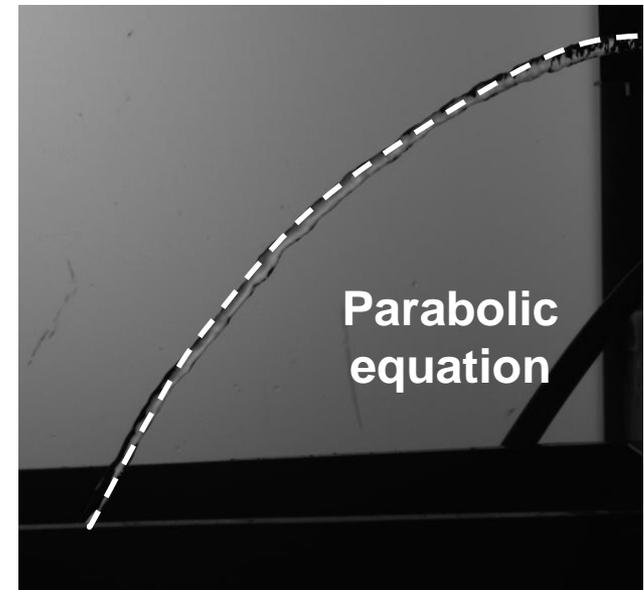
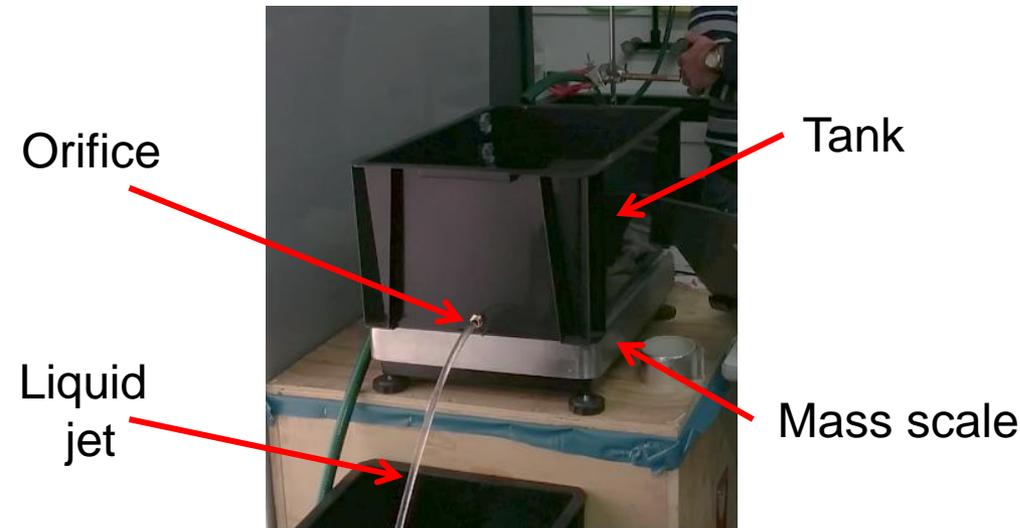
## HNS draining for floating vessel

- **Experimental setup**

- 45L tank with circular orifice of 8mm of diameter
- Mass scale
- High definition video camera (1280x800 px-60 fps)



- **Objectives** : Verify the Torricelli theory at the orifice (liquid velocity and draining time)

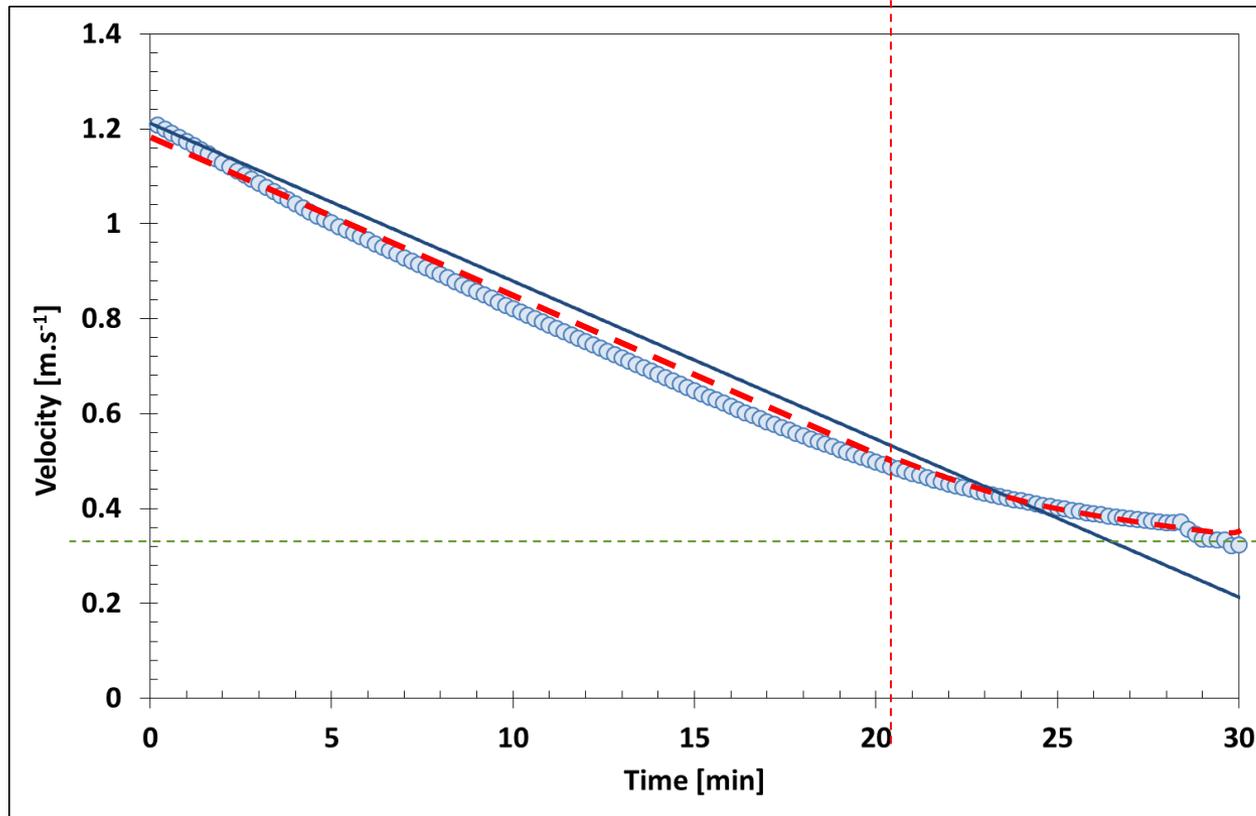


# HNS release at sea surface

## HNS draining for floating vessel

- **Results : Liquid velocity at the exit**

- Linear variation for liquid velocity at the breach level
- Good agreement between model and experiments for linear variation (discrepancy < 10%)
- Non linear variation at the end of test due to non submerged orifice



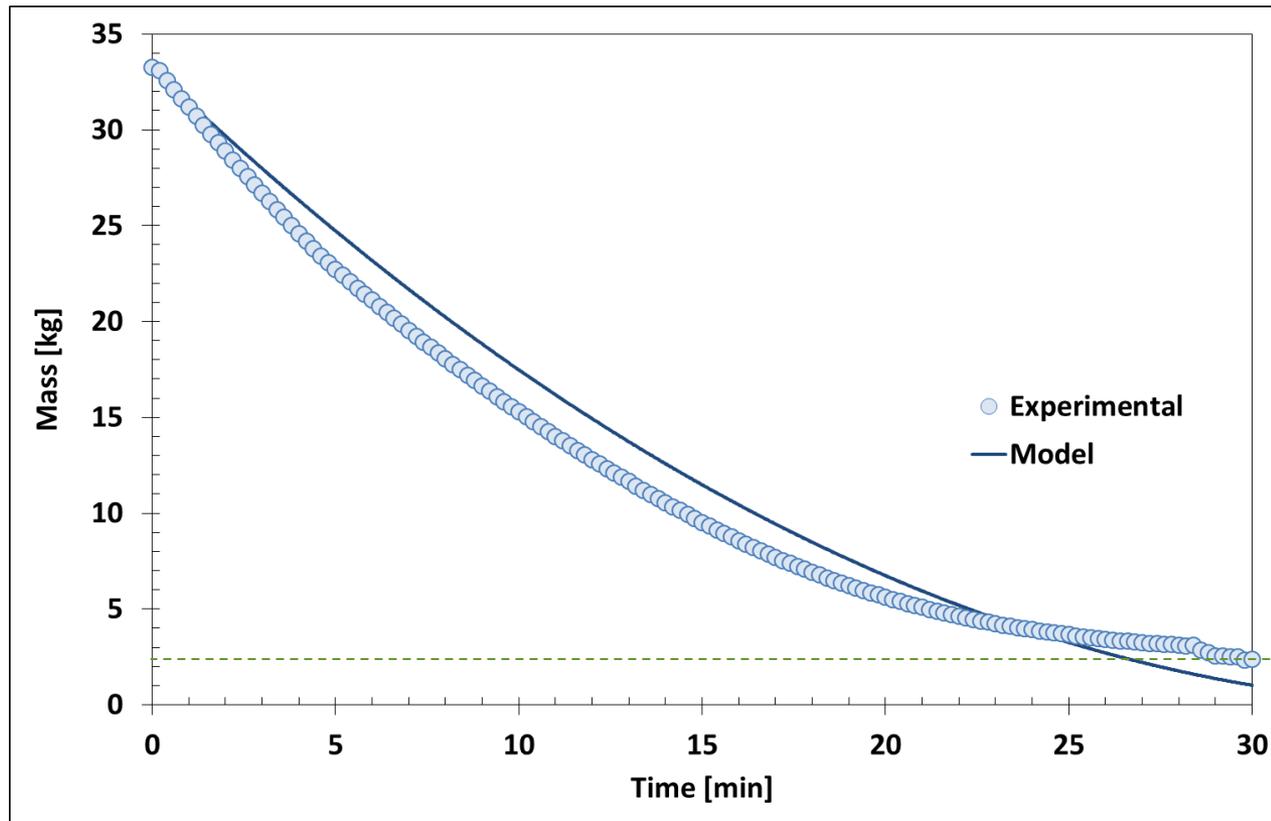
Remaining liquid  
in the tank

# HNS release at sea surface

## HNS draining for floating vessel

- **Results : Tank draining**

- Quadratic equation for mass variation during tank draining
- Good agreement between model and experiments
  - Total draining is modelled in 26min40s instead of 30min



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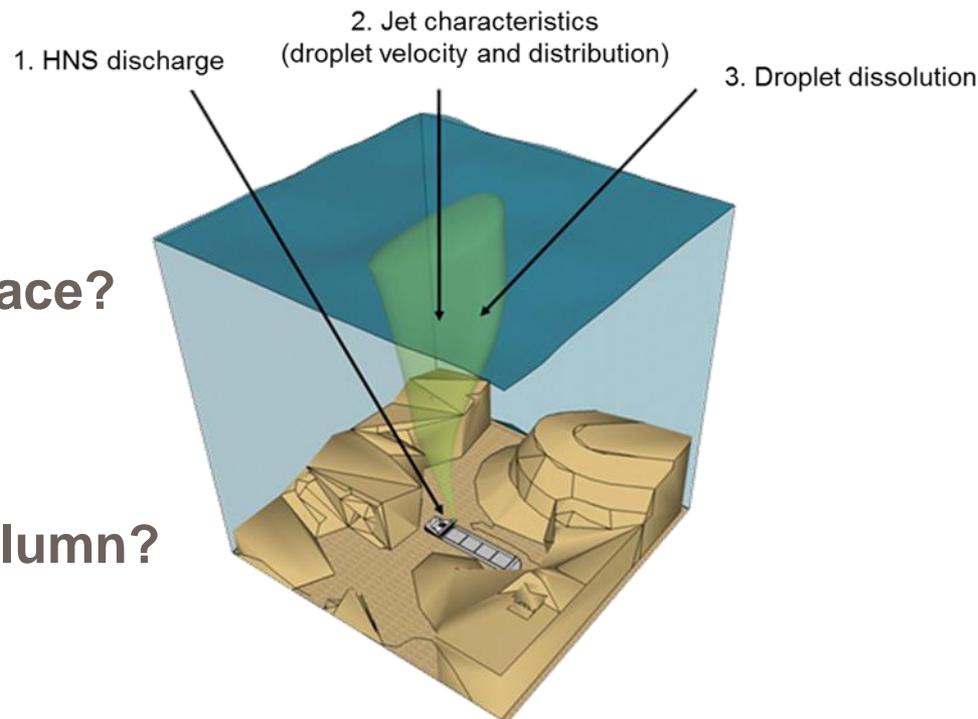
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# HNS release in the water column

- ▶ How long is the draining time
- ▶ Chemical slick at the sea surface?
- ▶ If so, when and how much ?
- ▶ What happens in the water column?



**Calculation of chemical behavior in marine environment**

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## Characterization of the influence of orifice position

### 1. Case of single hole with floating chemical

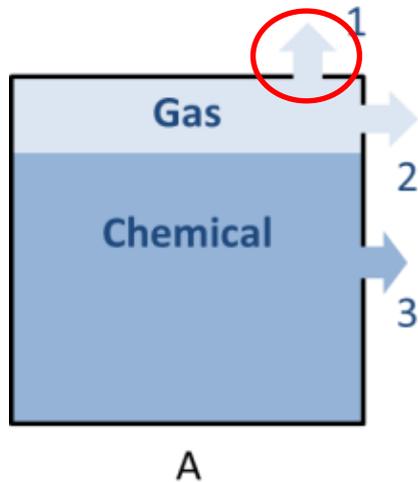


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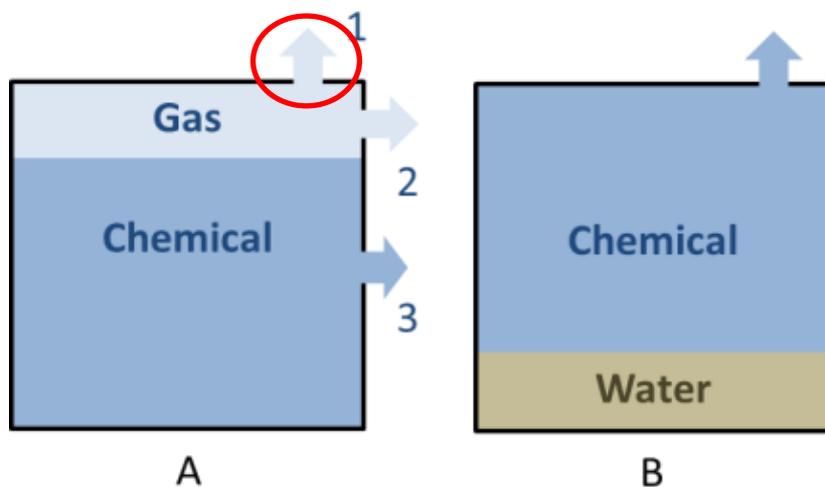
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## Characterization of the influence of orifice position

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- The whole quantity of chemical is released

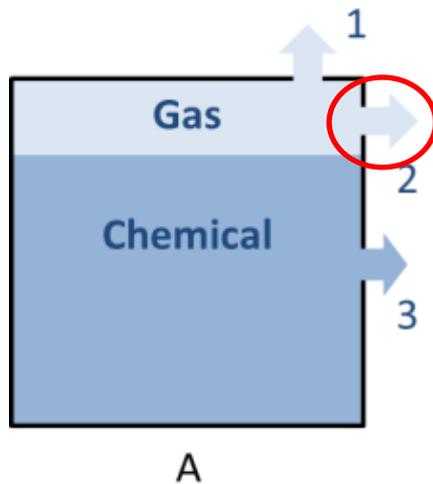


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The breach is located below the top but still at gas level (arrow 2)



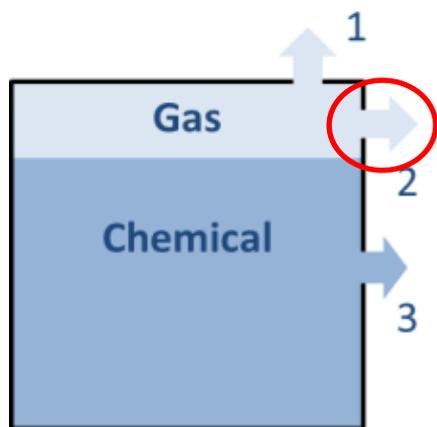
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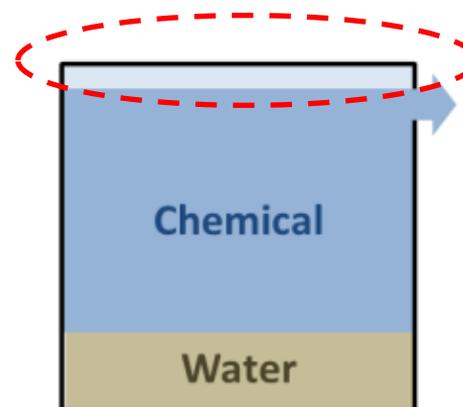
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The breach is located below the top but still at gas level (arrow 2)

- All the chemical is ejected and replaced by an equivalent volume of water.
- Some gas will be trapped in a cavity (dead space) and is excluded from the study of discharge (**case C**)



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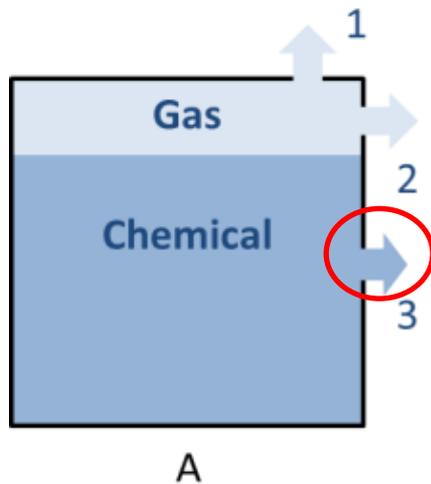
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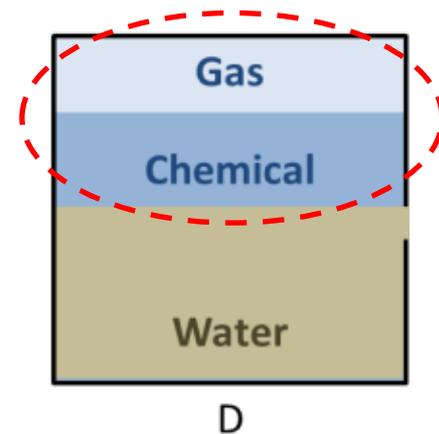
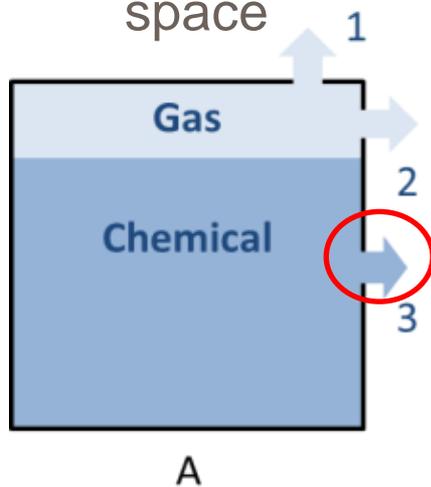
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- The ejected volume is replaced by an equivalent volume of water.
- This situation will continue until the position D is reached.
- Both gas and chemical will remain trapped in the tank in a dead space

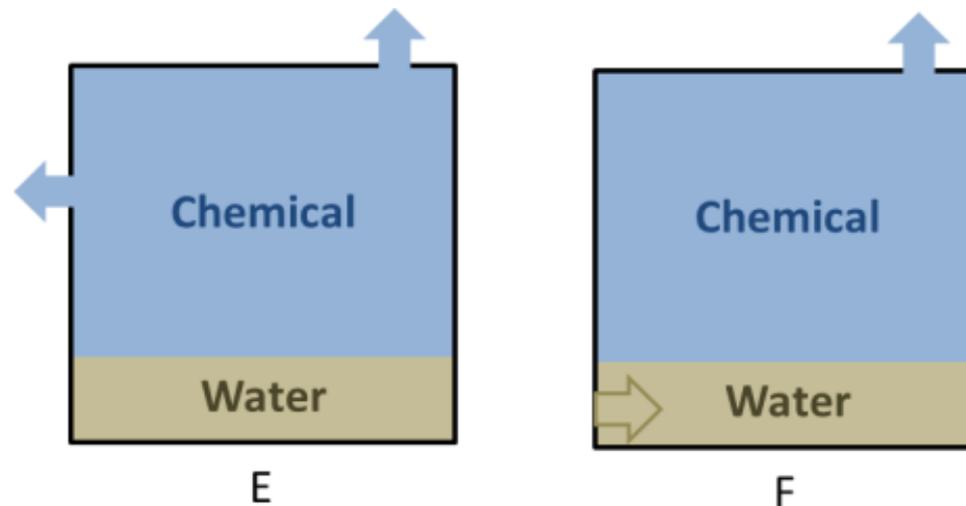


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## Characterization of the influence of orifice position

### 2. Case of double hole with floating chemical

- Same behaviours are observed but draining time is faster than single hole
- In bot case the leak will stop when the water level reaches the upper orifice

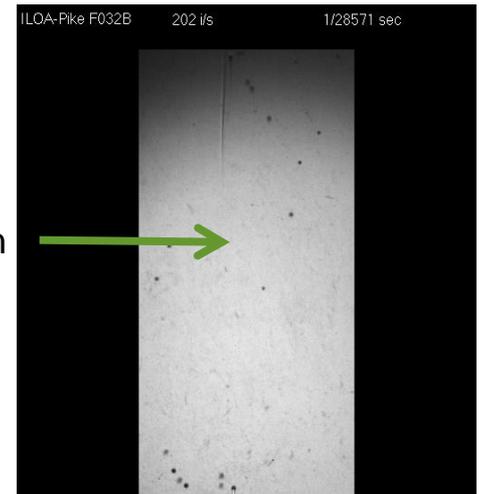


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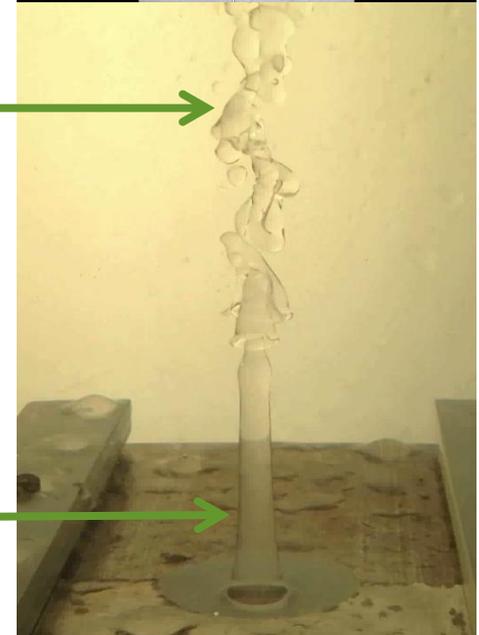


**Source :** Marine Nationale  
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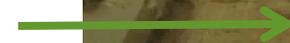
3. Droplet dissolution



2. Jet characteristics  
(droplet velocity and  
distribution)



1. HNS draining



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# Flow rate modelling

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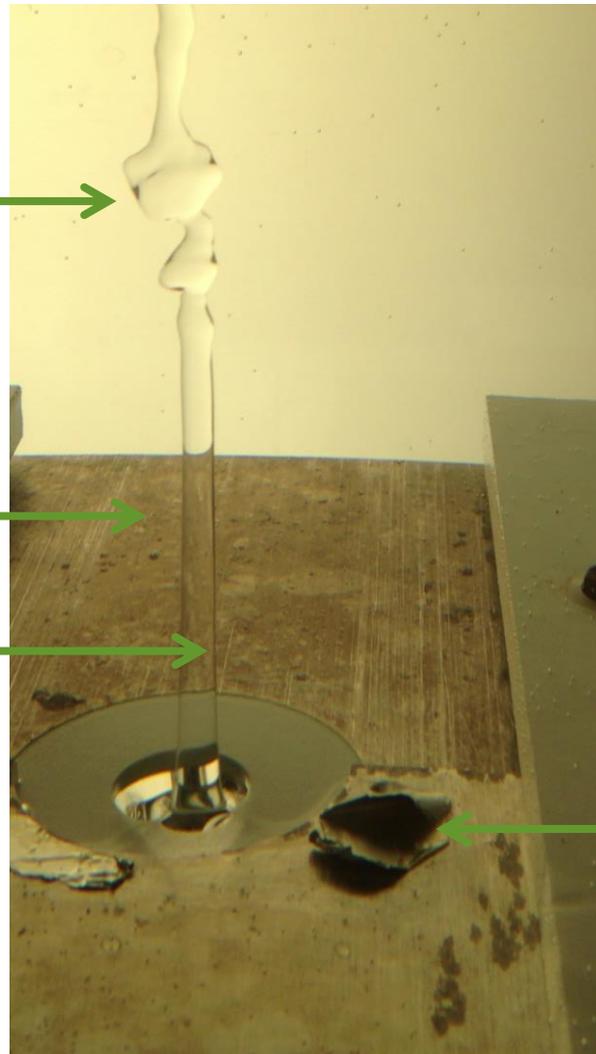
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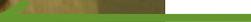
Chemical liquid jet



Water liquid jet

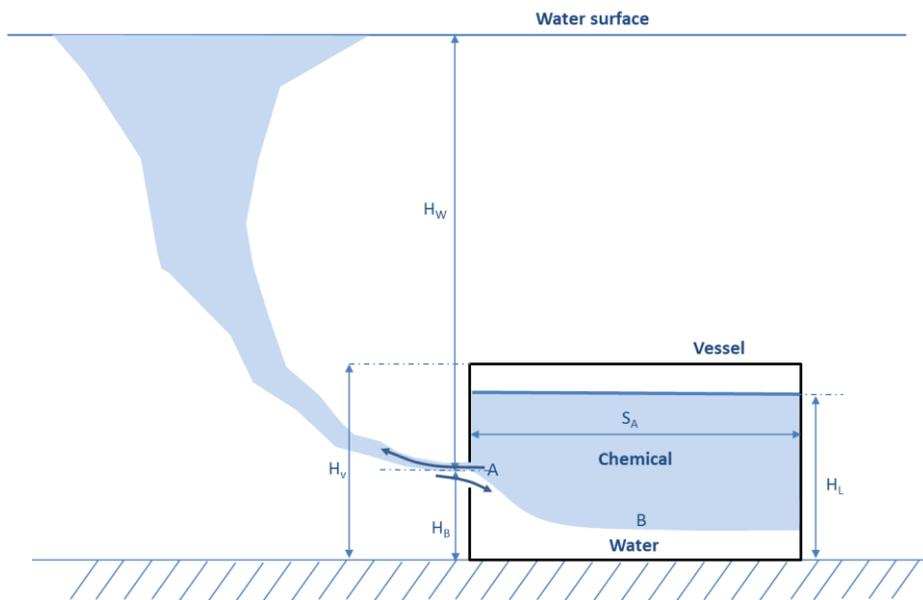


Water/chemical interface



# Flow rate modelling

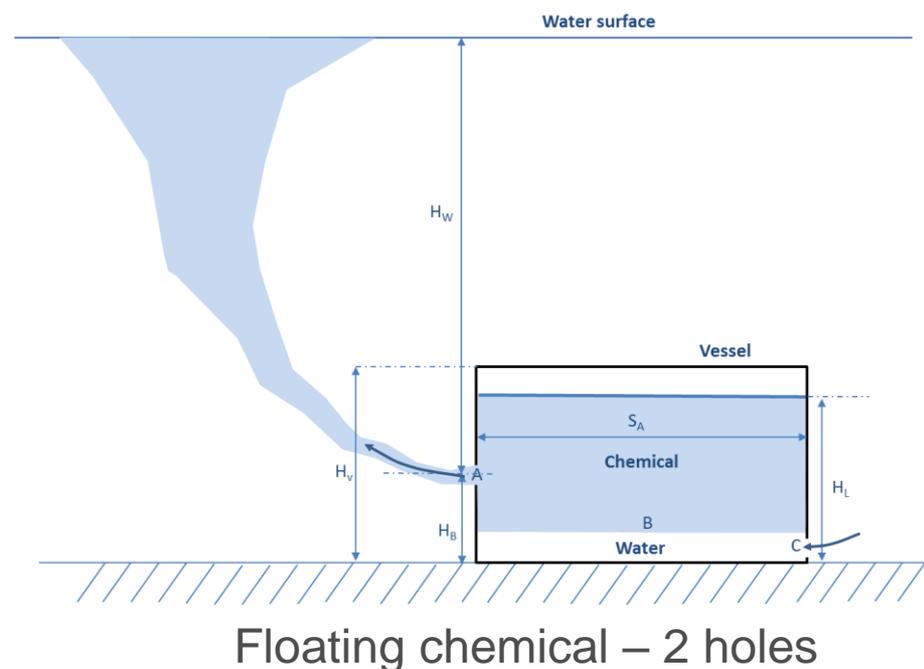
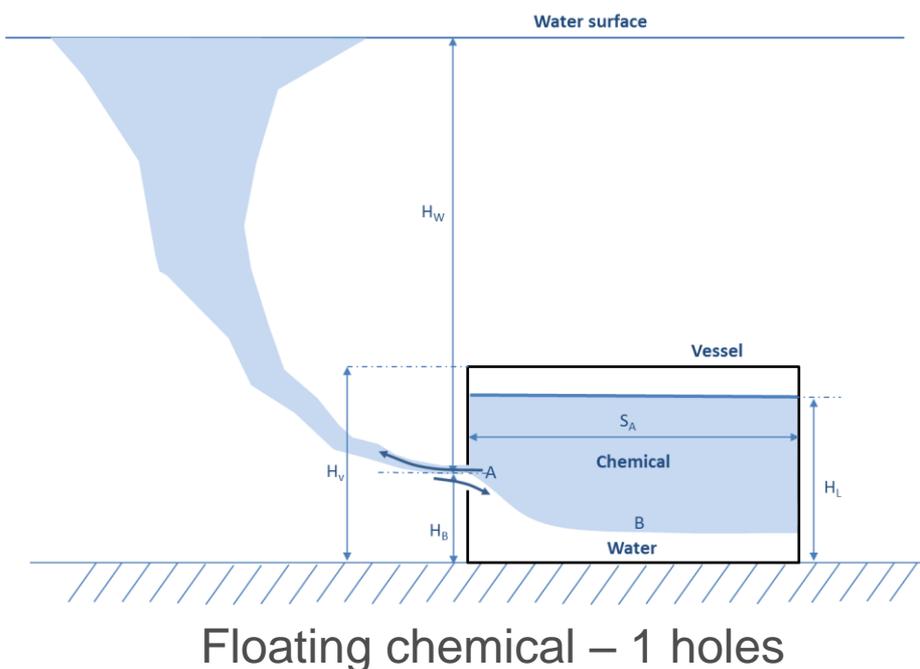
## Draining theory



Floating chemical – 1 holes

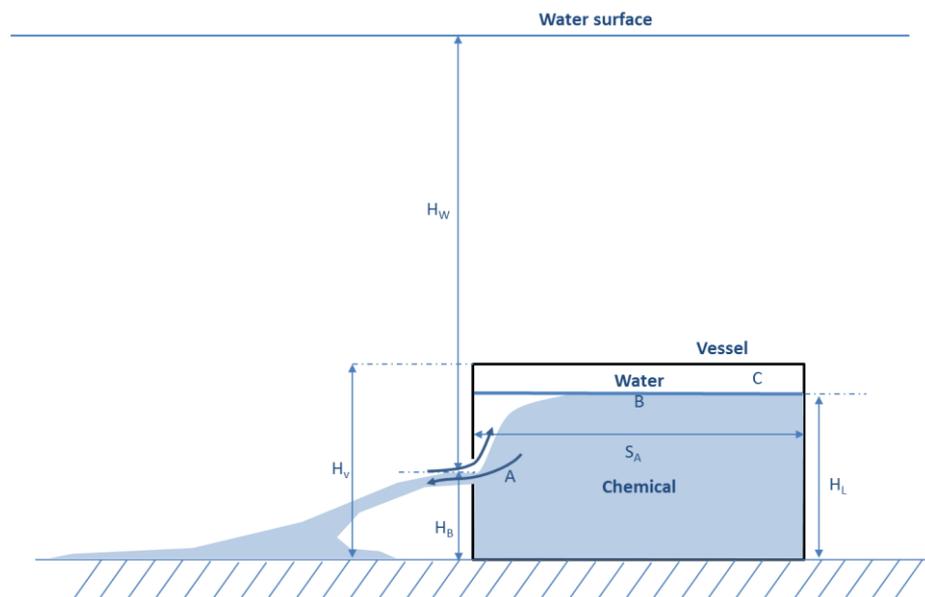
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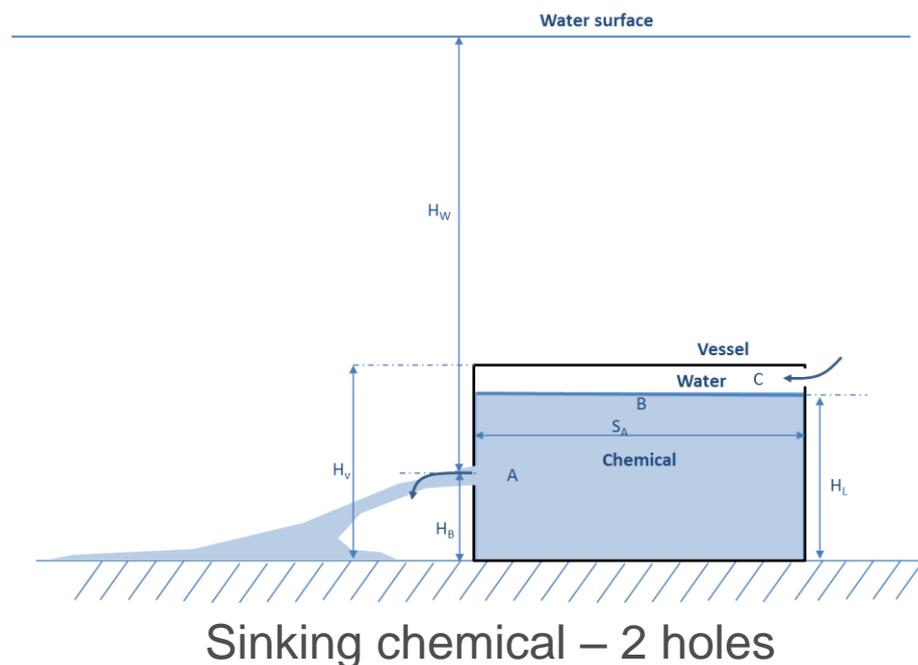
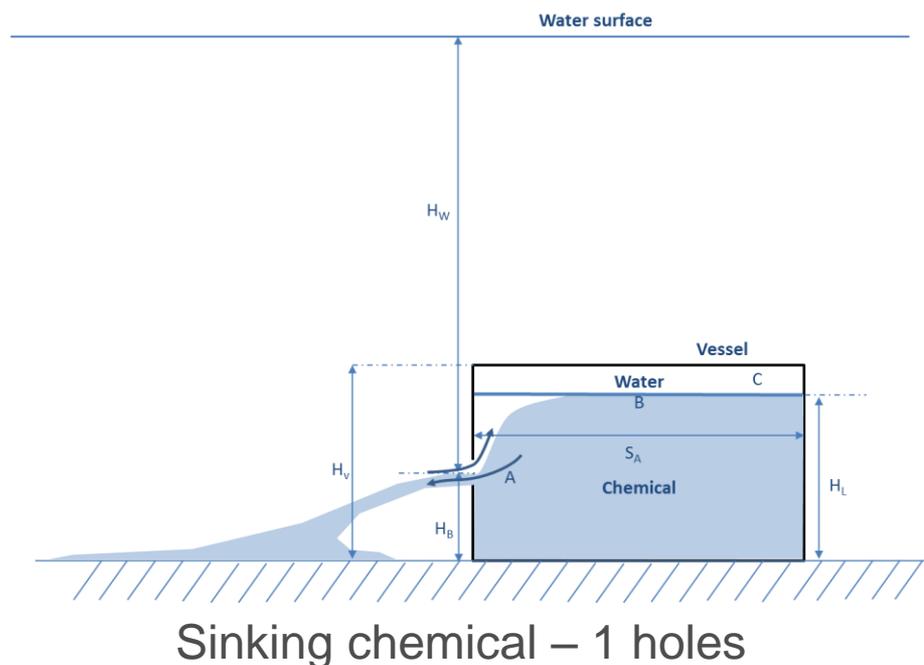
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Sinking chemical – 1 holes

# Flow rate modelling

## Draining theory



# Flow rate modelling

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## Draining theory

**In all cases, the determination of the leakage rate requires an estimation of :**

- **The orifice(s) location(s)**
- **The orifice dimensions (diameter, length, width,...)**
- **The initial volume of chemical inside the vessel**
- **The vessel size**
- **The chemical properties**

# Flow rate modelling

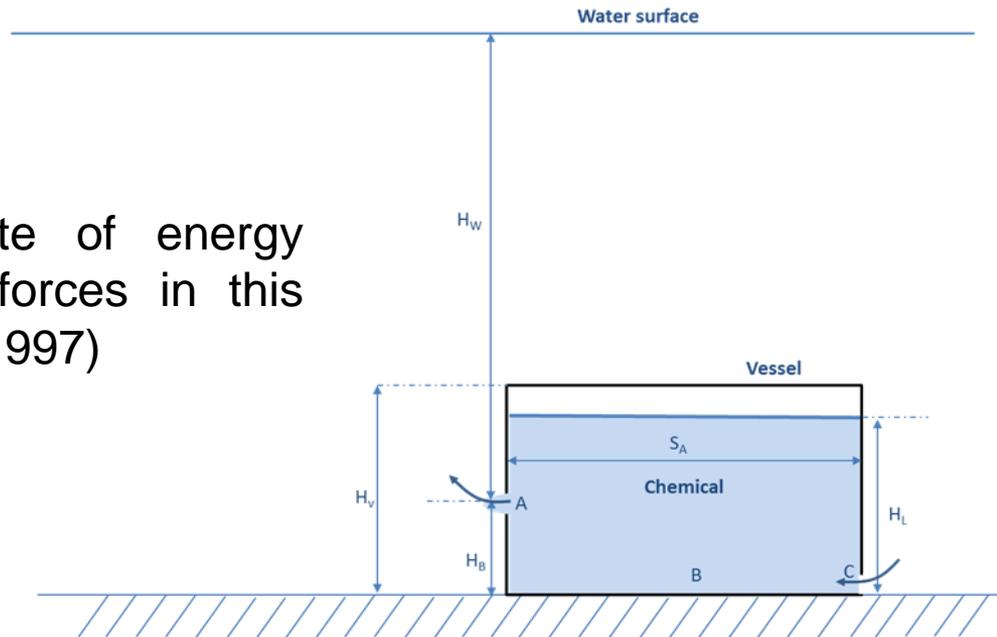
## Draining theory

- Draining vessel is calculated with the Bernoulli principle derived from the principle of conservation of energy

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho_d v_A^2 Q - \frac{1}{2} \rho_c v_C^2 Q + P_A Q - P_C Q = \rho_c g (H_V - h_L) Q - \rho_d g h Q - \dot{W}$$

$\dot{W}$  Represents the total rate of energy dissipated by the viscous forces in this system → Dugdale's model (1997)

$$\dot{W} = p \cdot Q = \frac{C \mu Q^2}{r_0^3}$$



# Flow rate modelling

## Experimental Setup

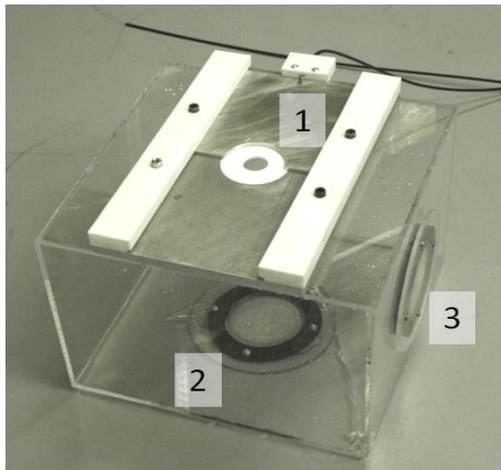
- Tests performed in the Cedre Experimental Column
- Stainless steel and glass hexagonal column of :
  - 5m of height
  - 0.8m of diameter
  - 2.8 m<sup>3</sup> of water (fresh or sea water)



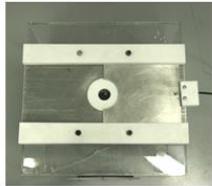
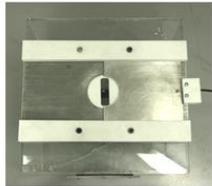
# Flow rate modelling

## Experimental Setup

- Tests performed in the Cedre Experimental Column
- Release system located at the bottom of column to measure flow rate at breach level
  - Various orifices diameters and shapes



Release Vessel

Orifice diameter (mm)	Shape
6	Round 
13	
20	
30	
40	
50	
60	Rectangle 
10x70	
20x70	

## Experimental setup

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### CEC experiments – Droplets size and velocity distribution

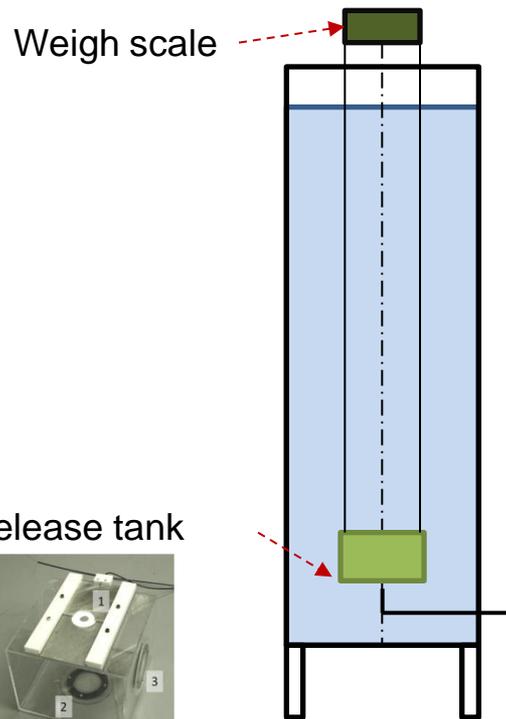
- Tests performed with various chemicals in seawater and fresh water

Chemical (T=20°C)	Density (kg.m <sup>-3</sup> )	Dynamic Viscosity (Pa.s)
Silicon oil (Rhodorsil 47V5)	910	4.50 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Silicon oil (Rhodorsil 47V20)	950	19 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Silicon oil (Rhodorsil 47V50)	959	48 10 <sup>-3</sup>
DEHA (Bis(2-ethylhexyl)adipate)	922	13.2 10 <sup>-3</sup>

# Flow rate modelling

## ■ Results

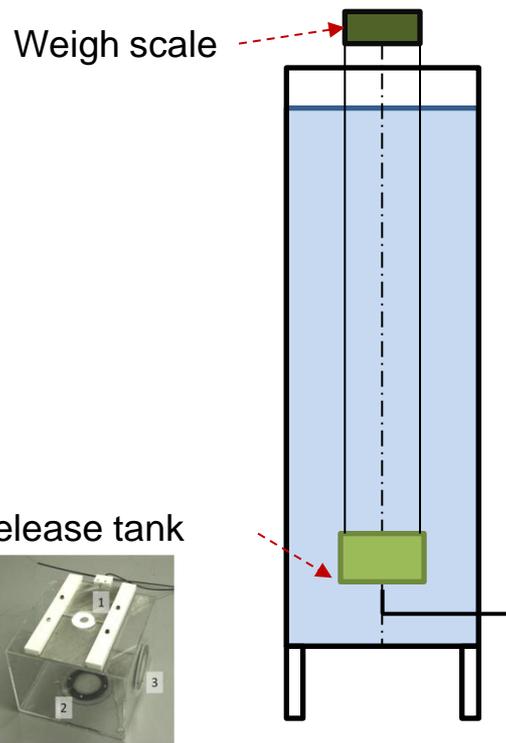
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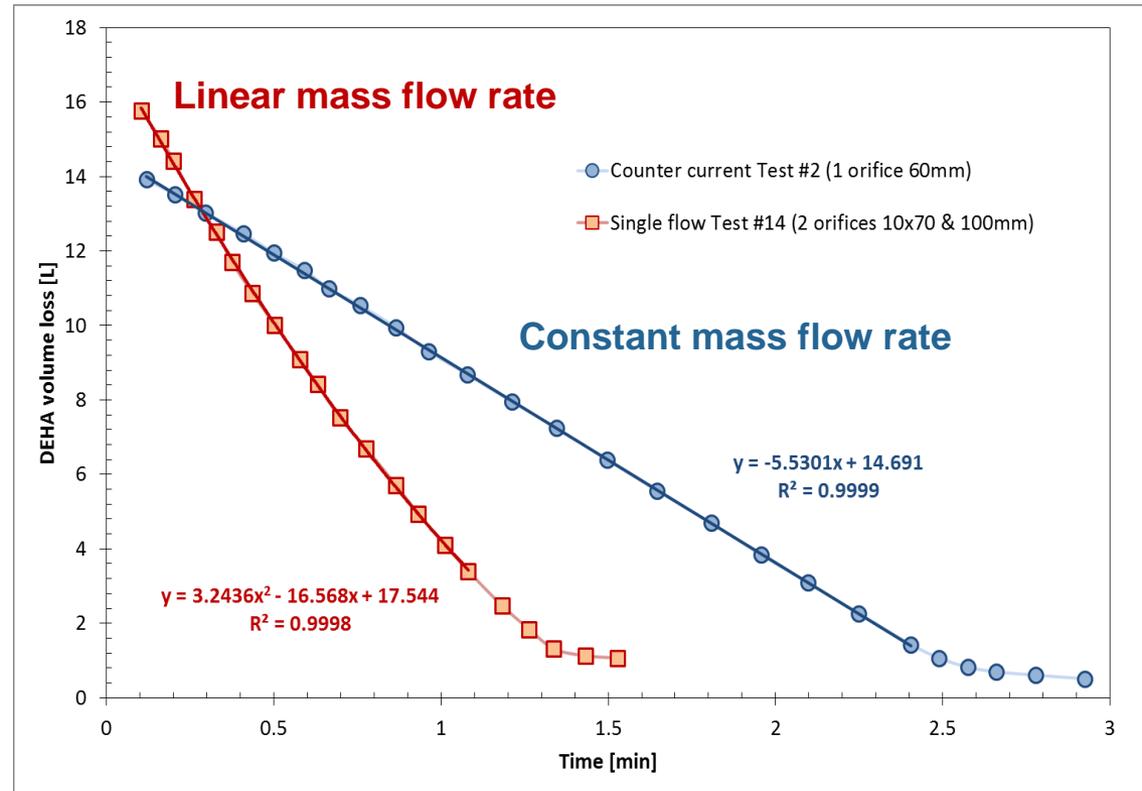
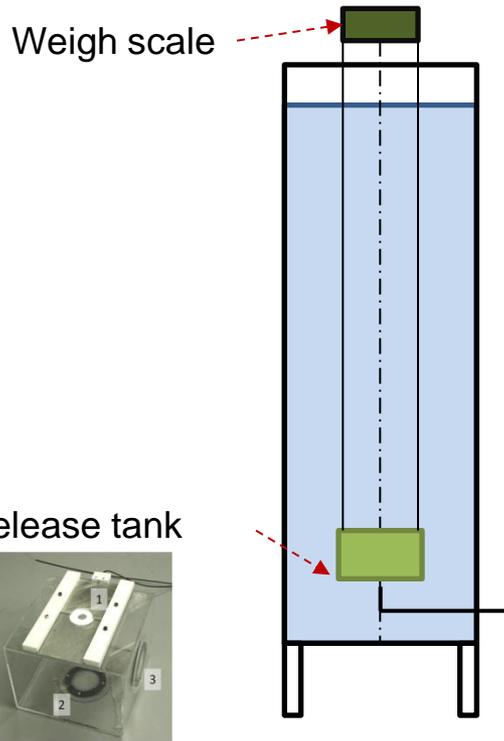


Test #	Top orifice diameter mm	Down orifice diameter mm	Release flow rate $\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
1	40	/	$2,5 \cdot 10^{-5}$
2	60	/	$9,0 \cdot 10^{-5}$
3	10x70	/	$5,9 \cdot 10^{-5}$
4	20x70	/	$3,5 \cdot 10^{-5}$
5	30x70	/	$5,0 \cdot 10^{-5}$
6	20	13	$2,9 \cdot 10^{-5}$
7	30	13	$2,9 \cdot 10^{-5}$
8	60	13	$1,0 \cdot 10^{-4}$
9	13	30	$3,5 \cdot 10^{-5}$
10	40	30	$1,7 \cdot 10^{-4}$
11	60	30	$1,6 \cdot 10^{-4}$
12	6	100	$7,1 \cdot 10^{-6}$
13	20	100	$8,6 \cdot 10^{-5}$
14	10x70	100	$2,1 \cdot 10^{-4}$

# Flow rate modelling

## ■ Results

- Mass flow rate vs. time for each fluids and configurations



# Flow rate modelling

## ■ Results

### Dugdale's constant measurements

- Two different behaviours depending on fluid viscosity

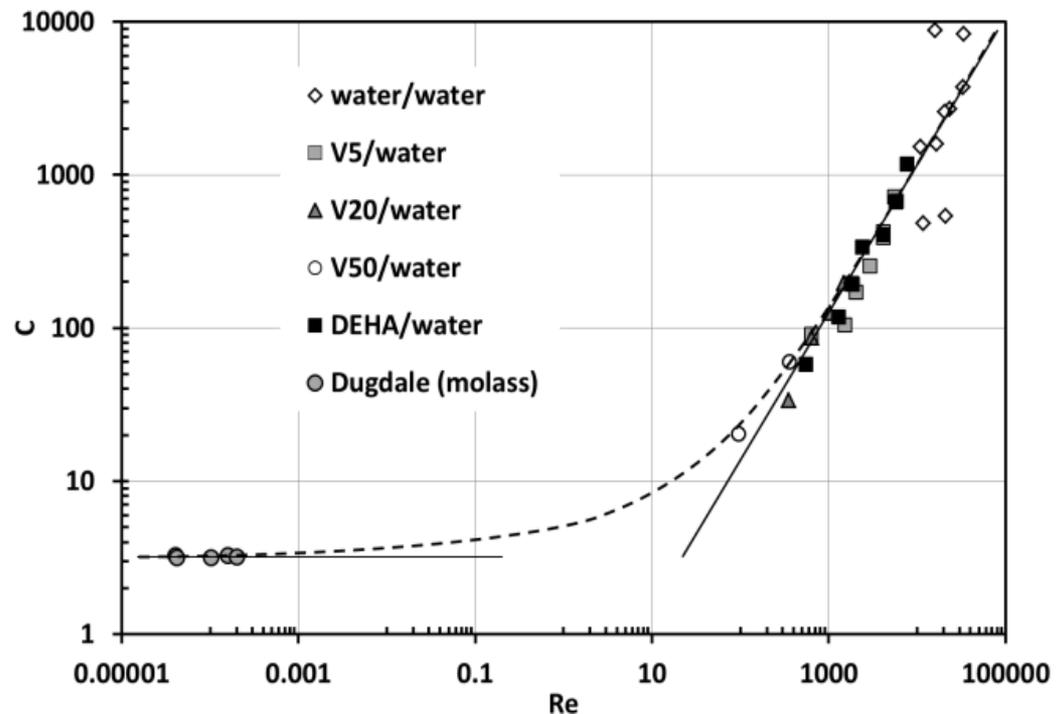
$$\dot{W} = p \cdot Q = \frac{C\mu Q^2}{r_0^3}$$

For  $Re < 1$

$$C = 3.2$$

For  $Re > 1$

$$C = 0.14 Re^{0.95}$$



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1. Liquid jet velocity

2. Volumic flow rate at breach level

## 2. HNS release in the water column

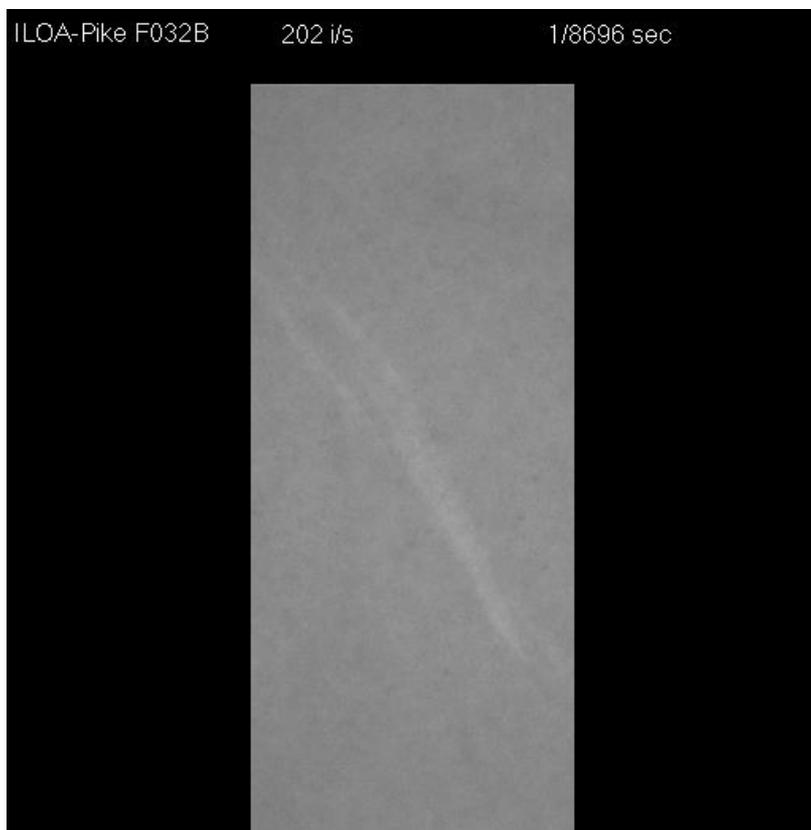
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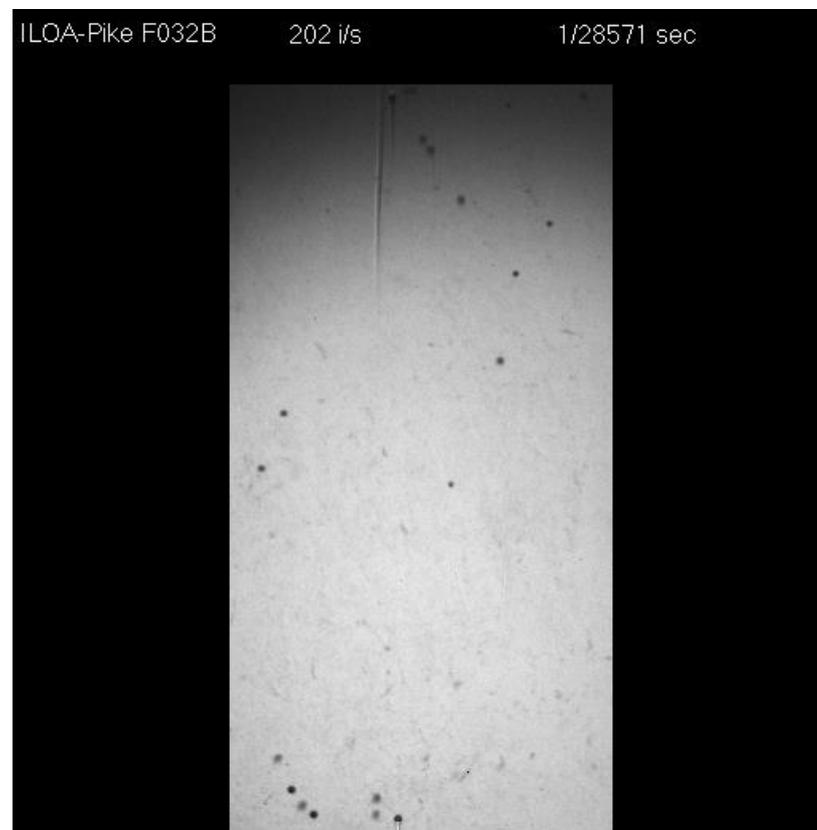
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# Droplet velocity

**Droplet behaviour: butanol droplet (1.8mm of diameter and 9cm/s)**



Diffuse Light

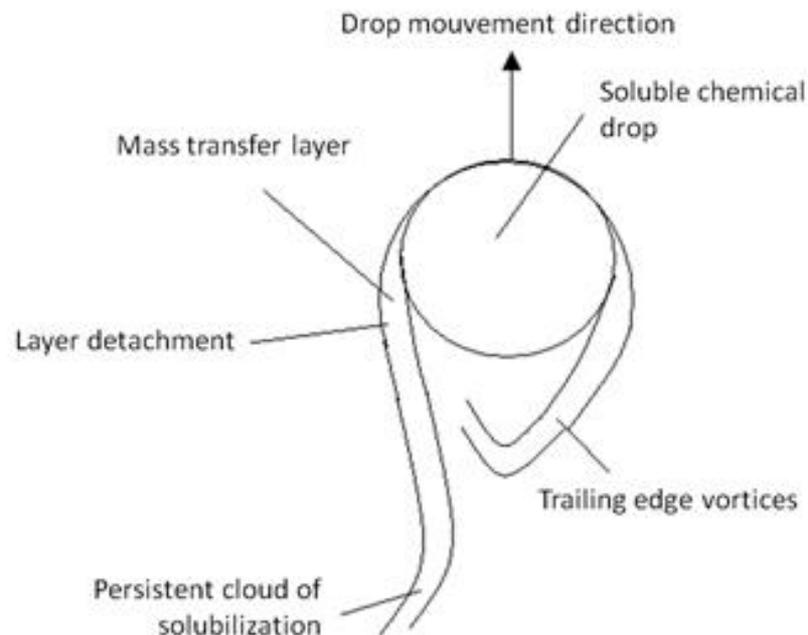
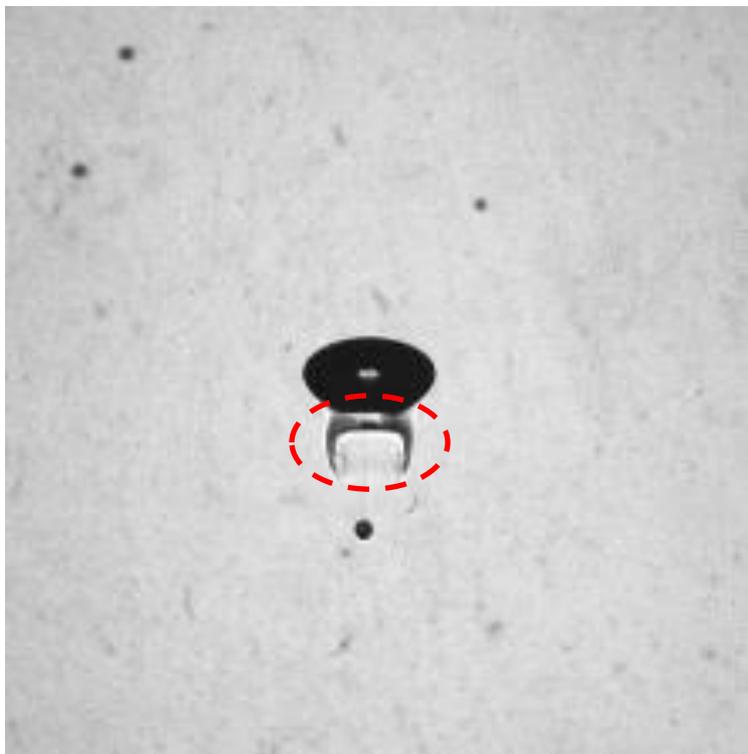


Collimated Light

# Droplet velocity

## Droplet behavior

- Visualisation of the solubilisation process in the wake of the droplet with a pair of vortices
- Visualization of turbulences and recirculation cells



# Droplet velocity

## Theory

- Droplet velocity calculated using ellipsoidal shape regime

$$Mo < 10^{-3}; Eo < 40; Re > 0,1$$

$$v = \frac{\mu_c}{\rho_c d} Mo^{-0.149} (J - 0,857)$$

$$Avec \quad \begin{cases} J = 0,94H^{0,757} & 2 < H \leq 59,3 \\ J = 3,42H^{0,441} & H > 59,3 \end{cases}$$

$$Et \quad H = \frac{4}{3} Eo Mo^{-0.149} \left( \frac{\mu_c}{\mu_w} \right)^{-0,14} \quad avec \mu_w = 0,9 \text{ mPa.s}$$

- $\mu_c$  = dynamic viscosity of continue phase
- $\mu_w$  = dynamic viscosity of water
- $\rho_c$  = density of continue phase
- $Mo$  = Morton number
- $Eo$  = Eötvos number

# Droplet velocity

## Experimental setup

- Tests performed in the Cedre Experimental Column
- Small injection system to measure solubilisation process
  - Round nozzle diameter of 5 mm of diameter
  - Volumetric flow rate between 100 – 300 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>



# Droplet velocity

## Experimental setup

- Tests performed with various chemicals in seawater

Chemical (T=20°C)	Density (kg.m <sup>-3</sup> )	Dynamic Viscosity (Pa.s)
n-butanol	810	3.08 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Methyl isobutyl ketone	800	7.6 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Methyl methacrylate	940	6 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Ethyl acetate	902	4.09 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Methyl ter butyl ether	740	4.710 <sup>-4</sup>

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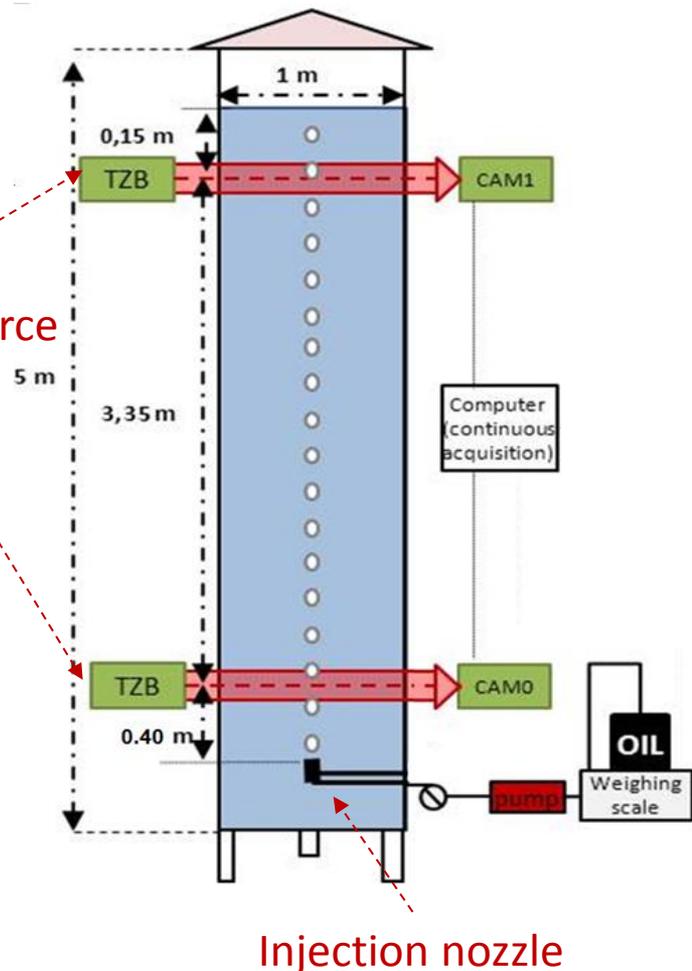
## Experimental setup

- Droplets velocities measured at 2 levels by video camera

- Shadowgraphy technique

Collimated light source

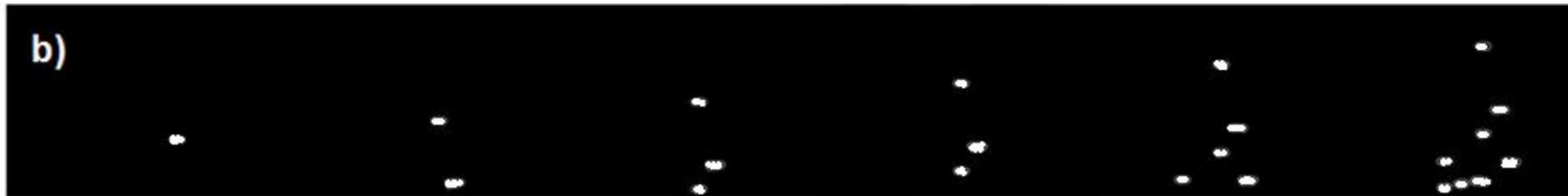
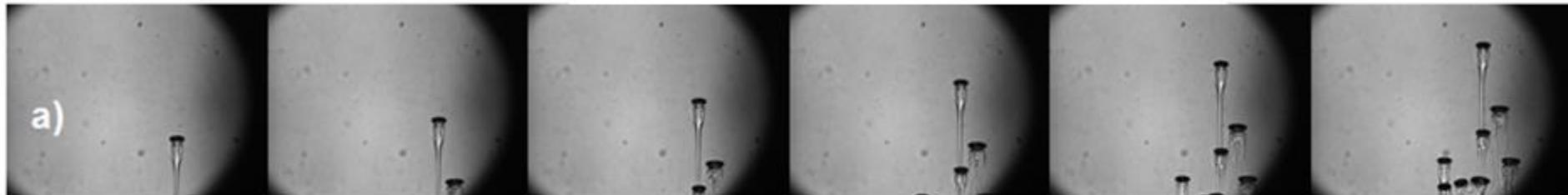
	Cam 0	Cam 1
Video camera		Photon focus
Frame rate		20 fr/s
Sensor area		640 pixels * 480 pixels
Region of interest	40.9 mm * 30.7 mm	36.7 mm * 27.5 mm
Magnification	63.9 μm/pixel	57.4 μm/pixel



# Droplet velocity

## Experimental setup

- Each test was recorded during about 1 min, and the results are in a sequence of images of the droplets in the seawater
- Each sequence of images is processed to locate and track the droplet (detection of differences of gray level)
- Measurements of droplets mean velocities between bottom to top of the water column

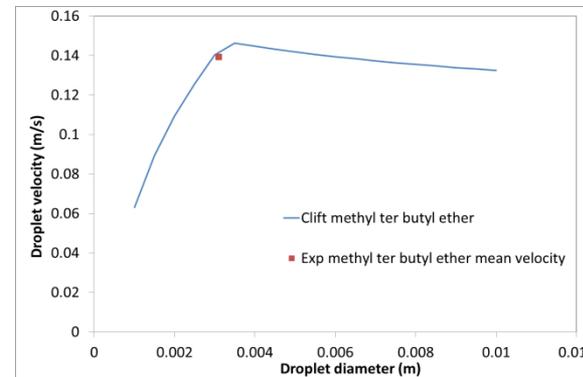
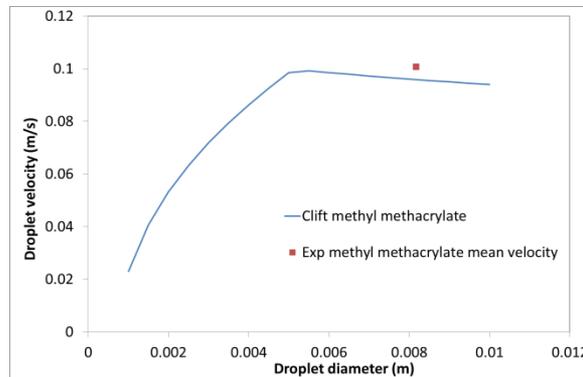
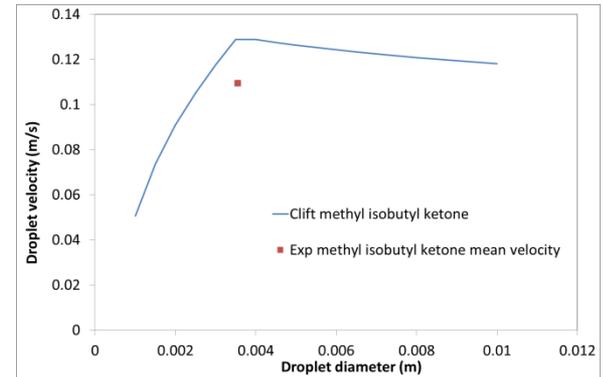
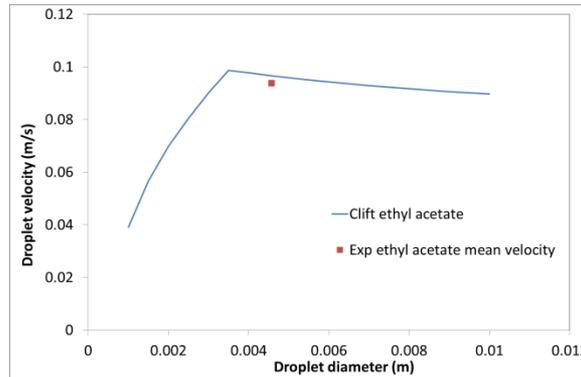
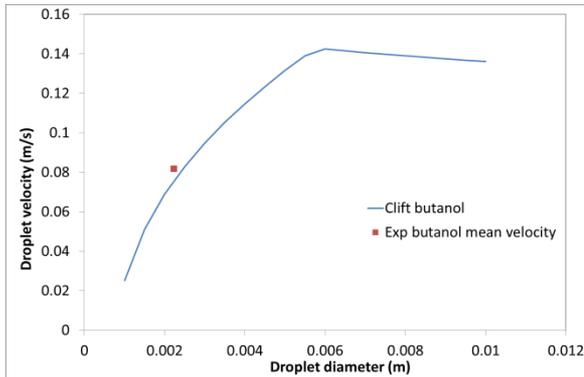


**butanol rising droplet in seawater**

# Droplet velocity

## Results

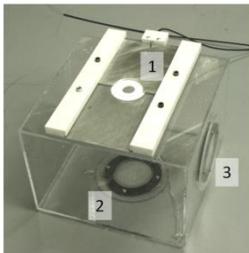
- Good agreement between Clift's model and experiments (<20%)
- Discrepancy due to wobbling droplet during rising and uncertainties on droplet diameter



# Flow rate modelling

## Experimental Setup

- Tests performed in the Cedre Experimental Column
- Stainless steel and glass hexagonal column of :
  - 5m of height
  - 0.8m of diameter
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- Tests performed with DEHA

**Chemical (T=20°C)**

DEHA (Bis(2-ethylhexyl)adipate)

**Density (kg.m<sup>-3</sup>)**

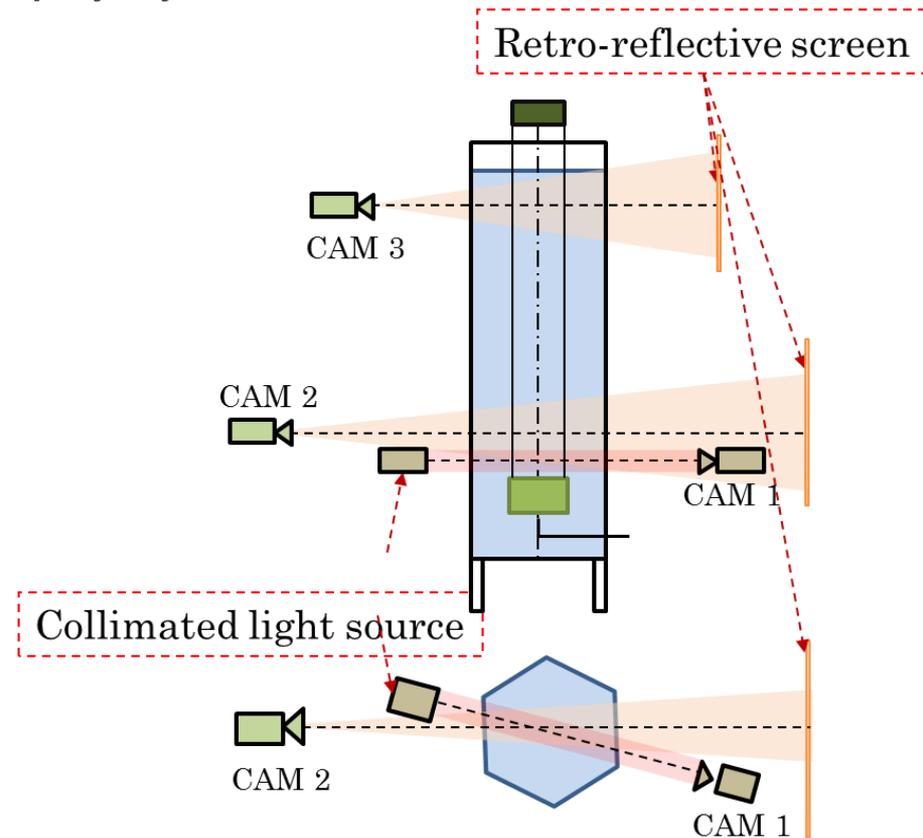
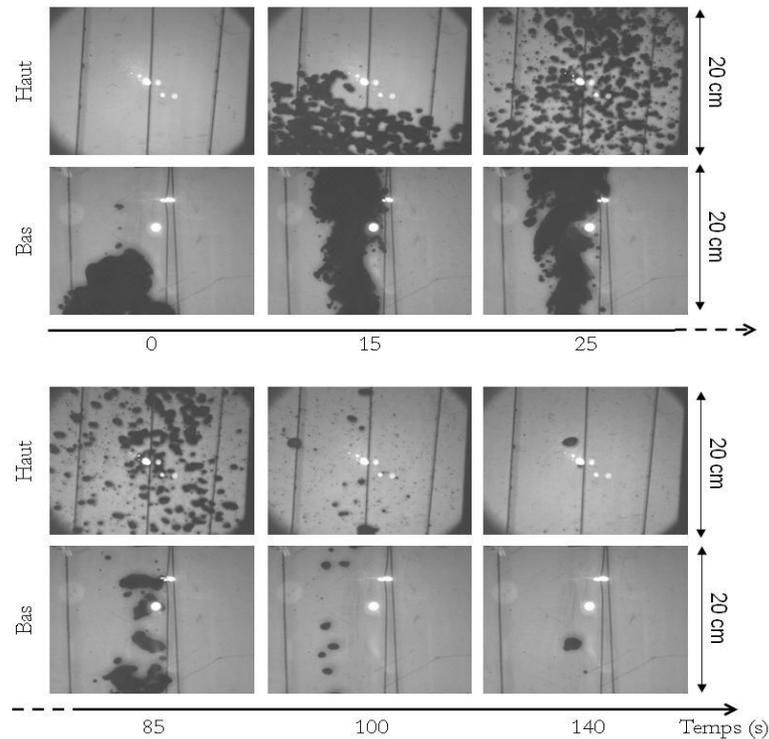
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**Dynamic Viscosity (Pa.s)**13.2 10<sup>-3</sup>

# Droplet velocity

## Experimental setup

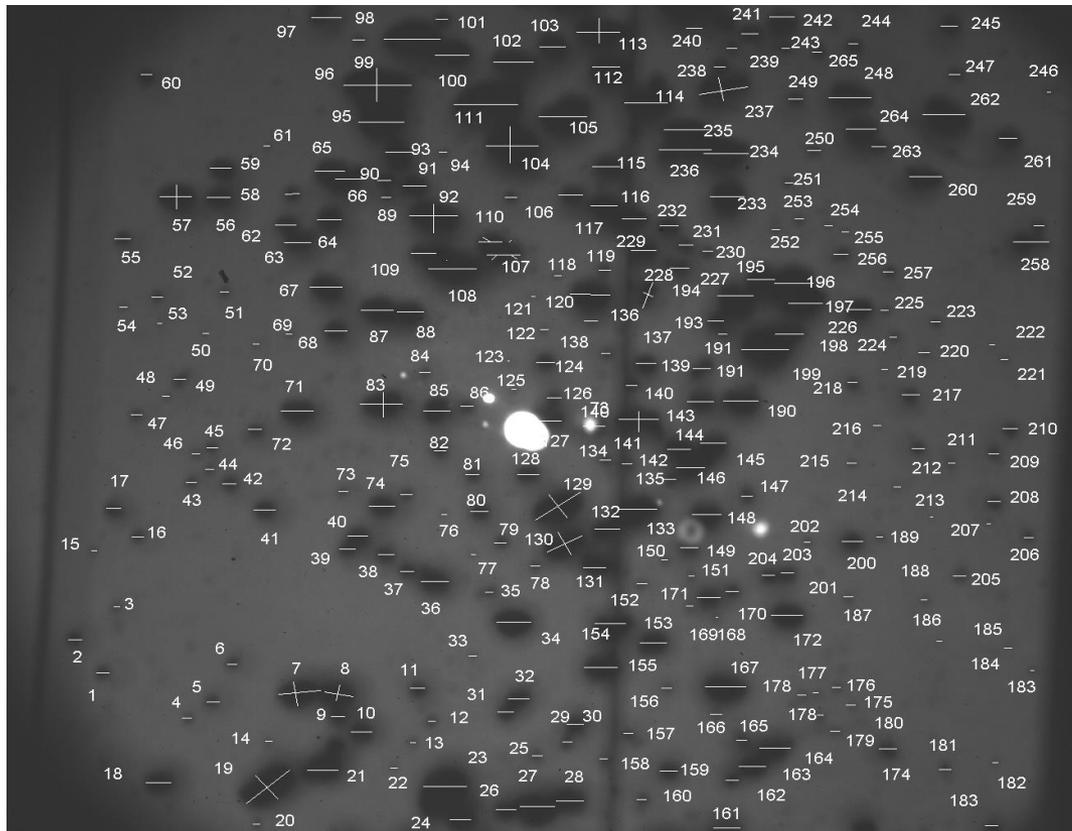
- Droplets size distribution measured at bottom and top of the column
- “Edgerton” retro-reflective shadowgraphy system



# Droplet size distribution

## CEC experiments – Droplets size an velocity distribution

- Handmade analysis on 100 uncorrelated images



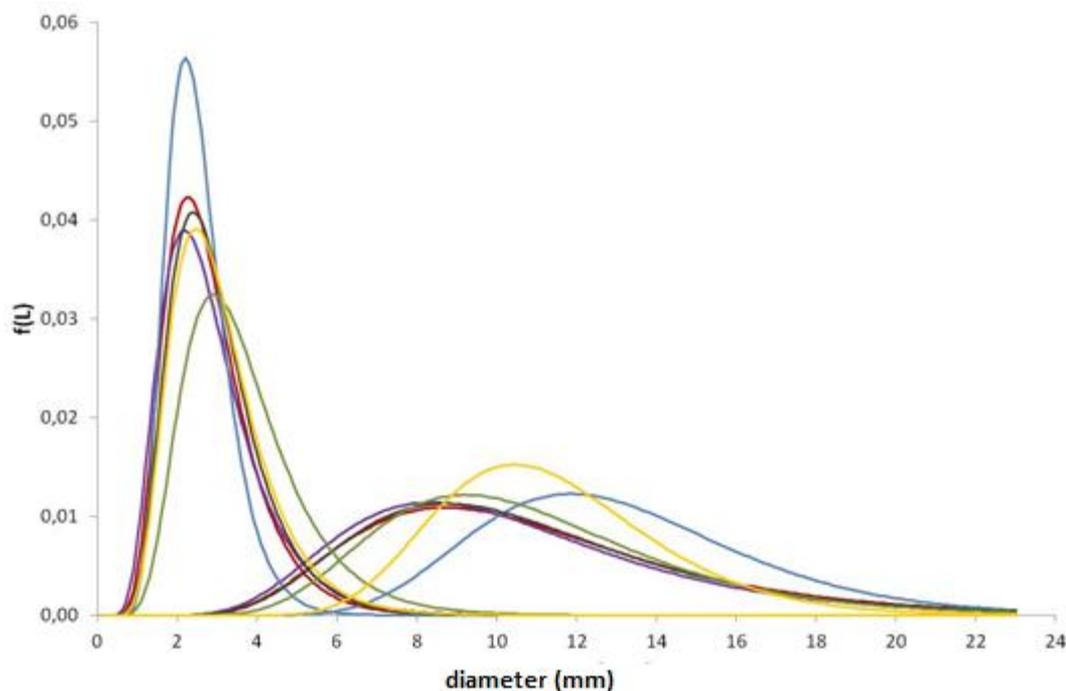
# Droplet size distribution

## ■ Droplets Diameters

- All tests are characterized by mono modal or bi-modal distributions

$$f(D) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\ln D - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}}{D\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

	Q<10 <sup>-4</sup> m <sup>3</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>		Q≥10 <sup>-4</sup> m <sup>3</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>
μ	<b>-5.69</b>	<b>-4.51</b>	<b>-5.3</b>
σ	<b>0.561</b>	<b>0.364</b>	<b>0.635</b>



# Understanding HNS behaviour in the marine environment

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## 1. HNS release at sea surface

1. Liquid jet velocity

2. Volumic flow rate at breach level

## 2. HNS release in the water column

1. Volumic flow rate at breach level

2. Droplet velocity in the water column

**3. HNS solubilisation in the water column**

# Droplet solubilization

## Behaviour



**N-butanol bottom**



**N-butanol top**

# Droplet solubilization

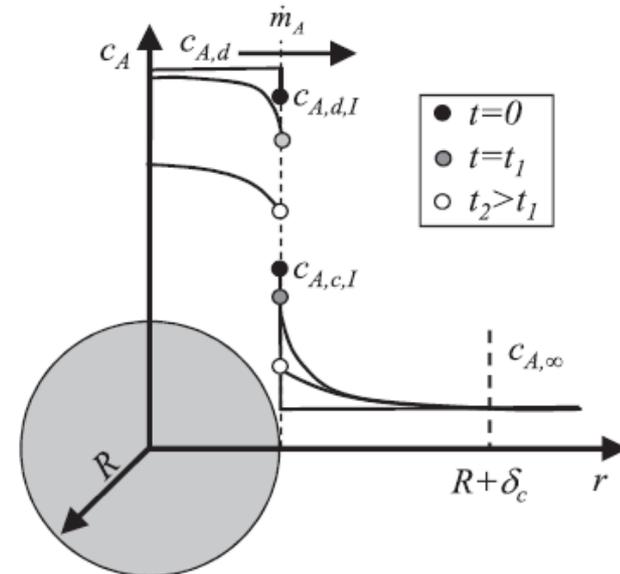
## Solubilization theory

- Two film theory (Wegener et al. 2014)

$$\dot{m}_A = k (C_{A,I} - C_{Ac,\infty})$$

$$Sh = \frac{kd}{D}$$

- $m_A$ : mass flux,  $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$
- $D$ : molecular diffusivity ( $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ )
- $k$ : mass transfer coefficient ( $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ )
- $d$ : droplet diameter (m)
- $C_{(A,I)}$ : concentration of component A at interface ( $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ )
- $C_{(Ac,\infty)}$ : concentration of component A in continuous phase ( $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ )



# Droplet solubilization

## Experimental setup

- Tests performed in the Cedre Experimental Column
- Small injection system to measure solubilisation process
  - Round nozzle diameter of 5 mm of diameter
  - Volumetric flow rate between 100 – 300 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>



# Droplet velocity

## Experimental setup

- Tests performed with various chemicals in seawater

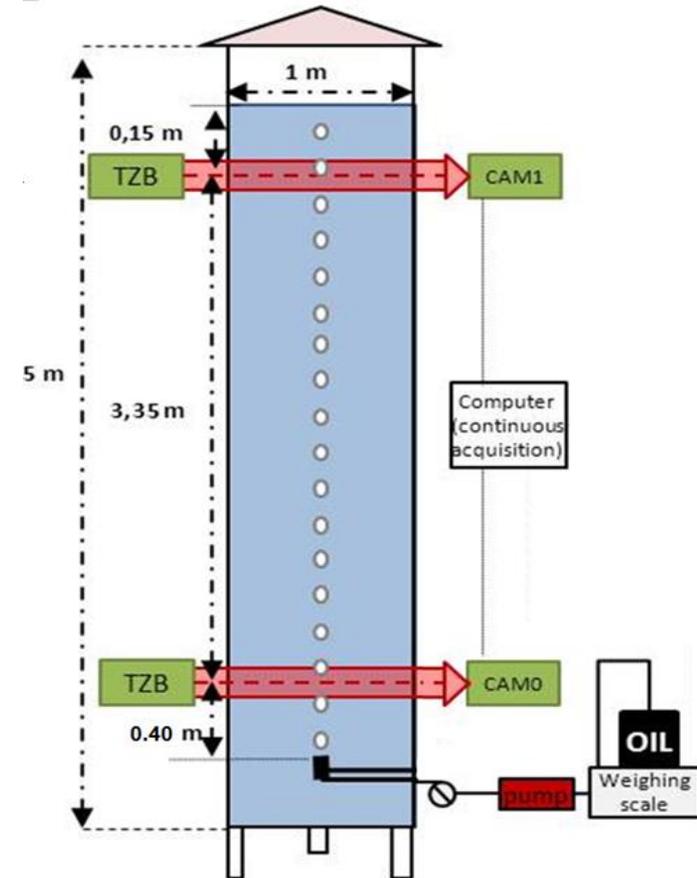
Chemical (T=20°C)	Density (kg.m <sup>-3</sup> )	Dynamic Viscosity (Pa.s)
n-butanol	810	3.08 10 <sup>-3</sup>
Methyl isobutyl ketone	800	7.6 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Methyl methacrylate	940	6 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Ethyl acetate	902	4.09 10 <sup>-4</sup>
Methyl ter butyl ether	740	4.710 <sup>-4</sup>

# Droplet solubilization

## Experimental setup

- Same configuration as for droplet velocity
- Droplet diameter is calculated with the Waddel disk diameter  $d_W$ ,
- Waddel disk diameter is defined as the diameter of the disk with the same area as the particle

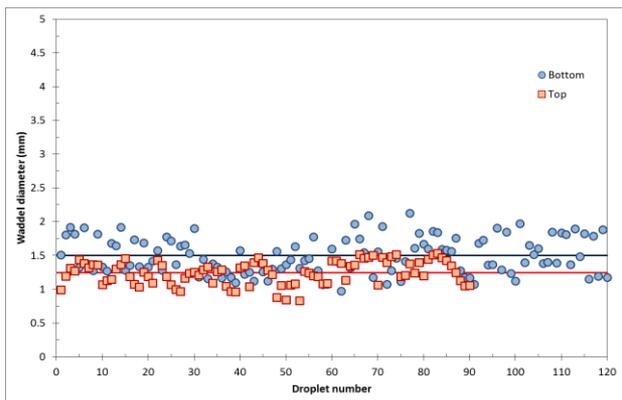
$$d_W = 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\text{droplet area}}{\pi}}$$



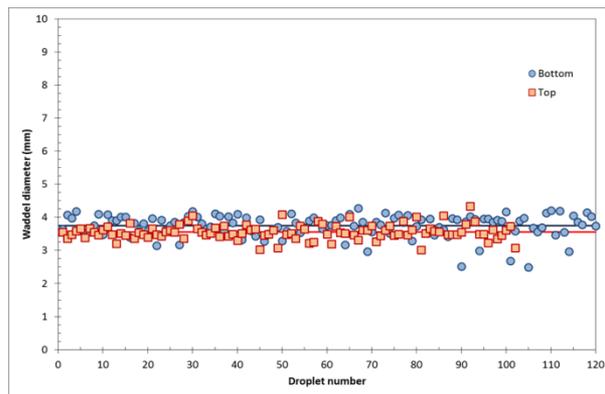
# Droplet solubilization

## ■ Results

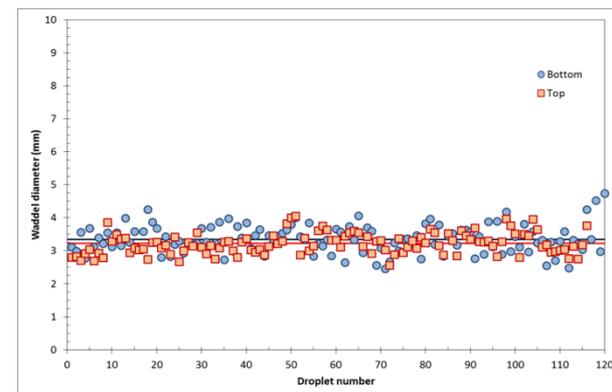
- Decrease of droplets diameters between bottom and top of the column



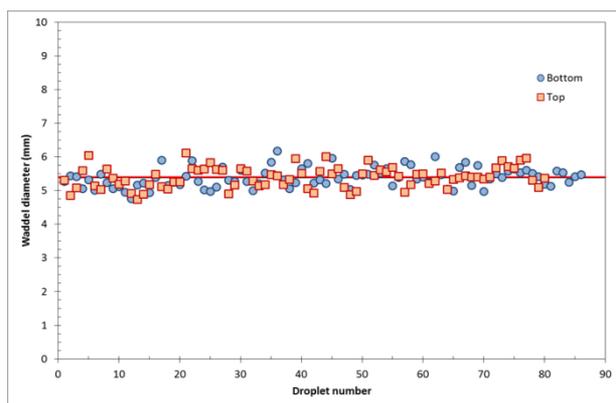
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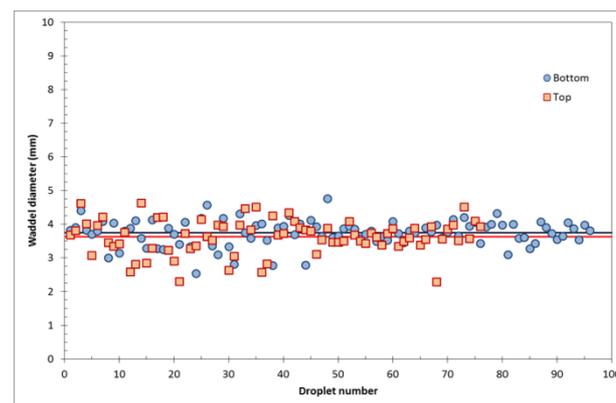
Ethyl acetate



Methyl Ter Butyl Ether



Methyl Metacrylate

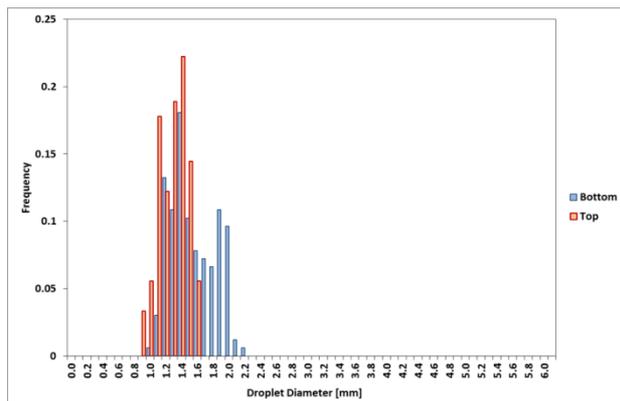


Methyl Isobutyl Ketone

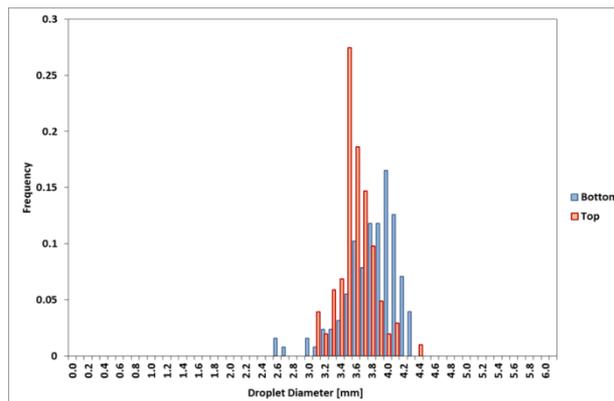
# Droplet solubilization

## ■ Results

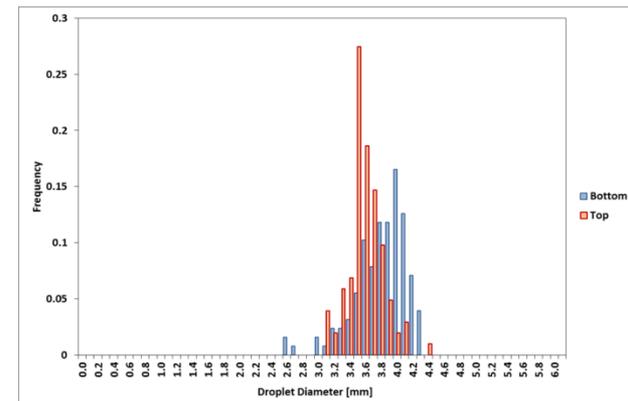
- Decrease of droplets diameters between bottom and top of the column



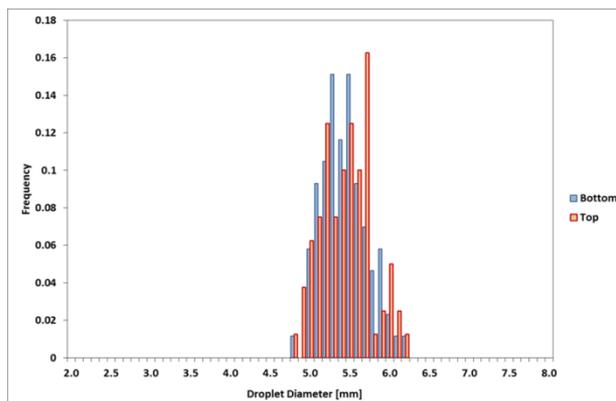
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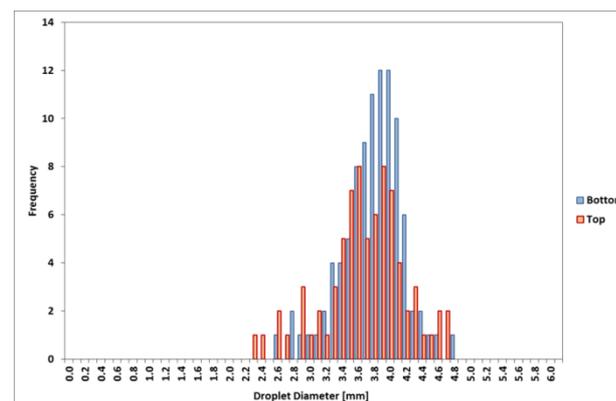
Ethyl acetate



Methyl Ter Butyl Ether



Methyl Metacrylate



Methyl Isobutyl Ketone

# Droplet solubilization

## ■ Results

- The volume variation is calculated assuming the droplet as a spherical particle.
- The direct comparison with the hydrosolubility value clearly shows no logical link with this parameter
- The values of the solubility measurements from freshwater are not representative of the behavior of chemical in seawater.

Chemical	n-butanol	Ethyl acetate	Methyl Metacrylate	Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	Methyl Ter Butyl Ether
Hydrosolubility at 20°C [g.L <sup>-1</sup> ]	77	86	16	18	48
Variation of Waddel diameter along the water column	17.1%	5.1%	0%	2.9%	3.6%
Variation of mean droplet volume along the water column	46%	16%	0%	6%	12%

# Conclusions

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- ▶ **This study is a contribution to the characterization of chemicals behaviors in seawater due to marine accident.**
- ▶ **Experimental tests were performed at large laboratory scale in a seawater column (CEC) to investigate the mass transfer process for various chemical release.**
- ▶ **The first part presents the drain of a chemical tank immersed in the CEC and filled with Di ethyl exyl adipate (DEHA).**
- ▶ **Two different behaviours were observed corresponding to different scenarios (one or two break in the vessel) and average volumic flow rates were estimated**

# Conclusions

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- ▶ **The second part of the project focuses on the characterization of the mass transfer process for n-butanol, ethyl acetate, methyl ter butyl ether, methyl methacrylate and methyl isobutyl ketone release in seawater**
- ▶ **In comparison with the SEBC method this study is more representative of in-situ release and tends to better estimate the chemical mass reaching the surface**
- ▶ **From a global scale, droplets diameters were measured and clearly show a decrease for the majority of the chemical tested**
- ▶ **The comparison of measurements with Clift's correlation for droplet rising velocity shows a good agreement for average data**

## Future works

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- ▶ **New experiments with other chemicals to sharply determine the rising velocity and mass transfer rate for massive release,**
- ▶ **Propose adapted mass transfer depending on fluid physico-chemical properties**
- ▶ **Development of a new law of droplet size distribution valid as a function of the interfacial tension**
- ▶ **Development of ne optical method to precisely measure the interfacial tension in seawater**

**Thank you for your attention**



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