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Understanding oil weathering: pilot scale experiments and sample representativeness

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Need for pilot scale experiments

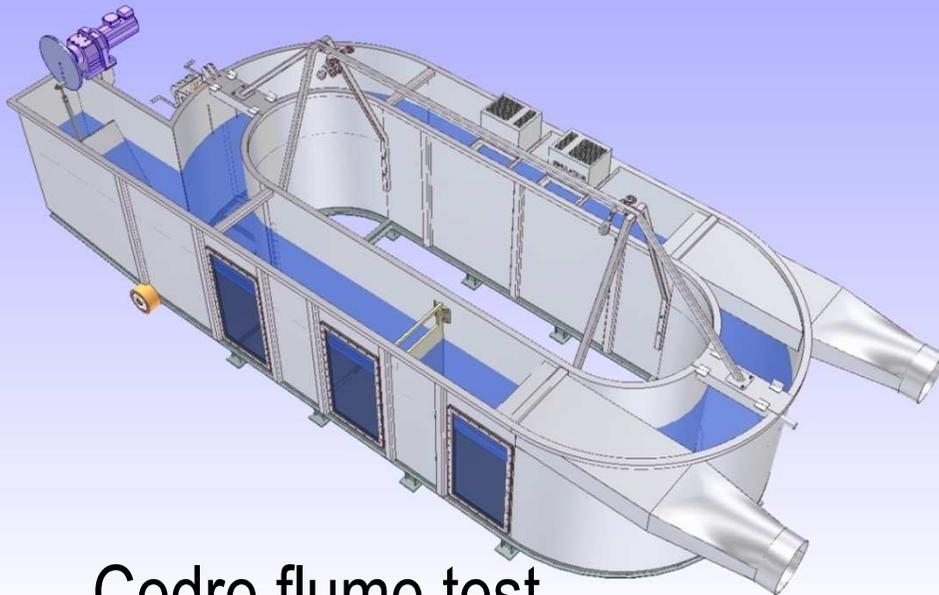
Simulation of the balance between the emulsification/natural dispersion processes:

- Laboratory: distillation then emulsification
- Pilot scale: all the processes simultaneously

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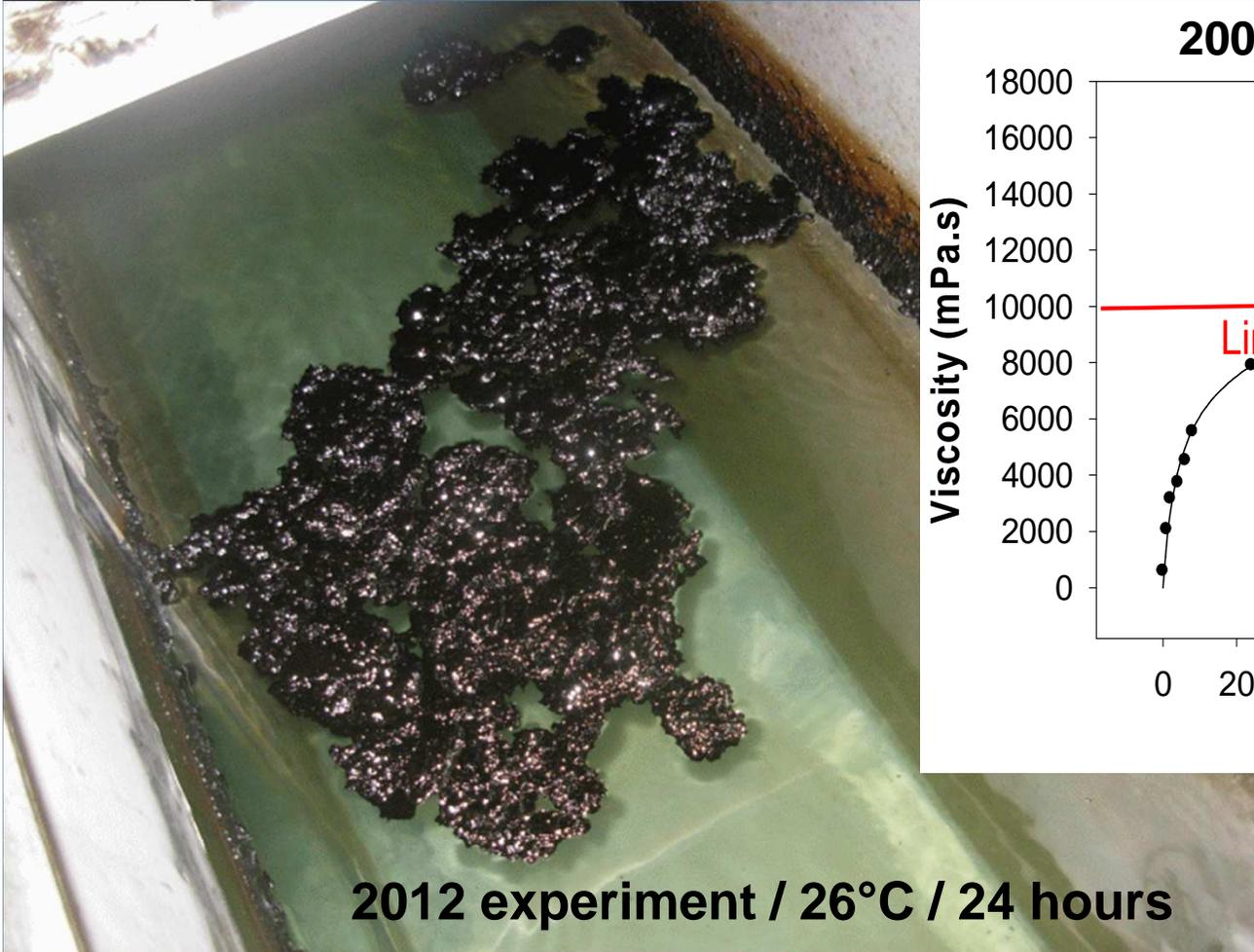
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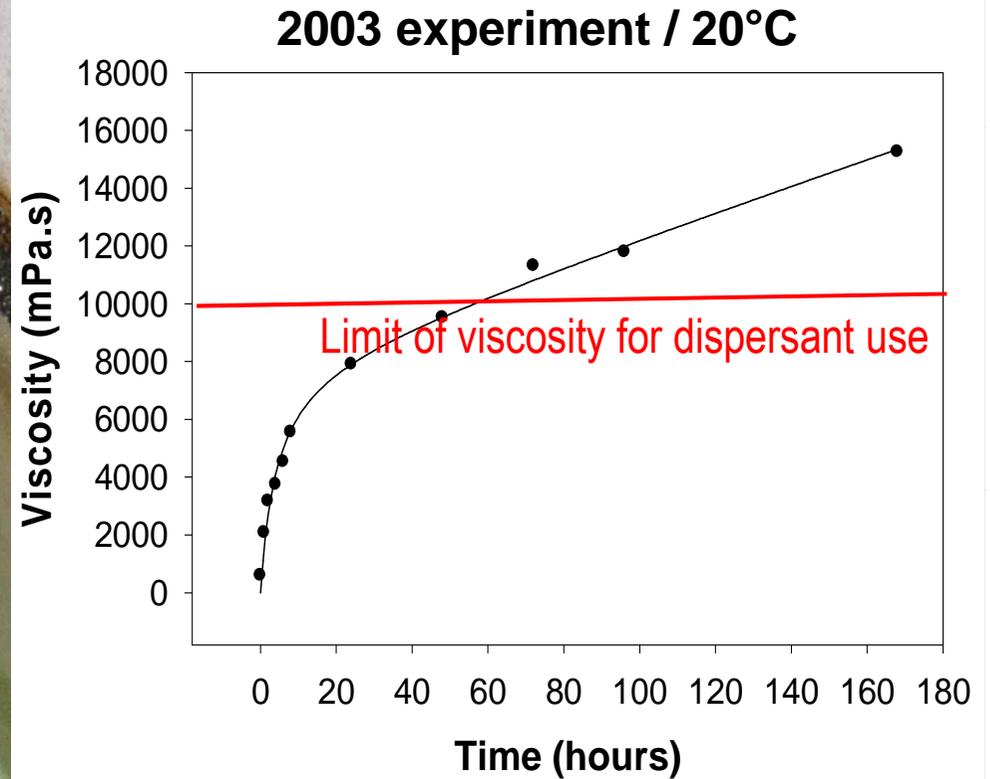
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Sample representativeness

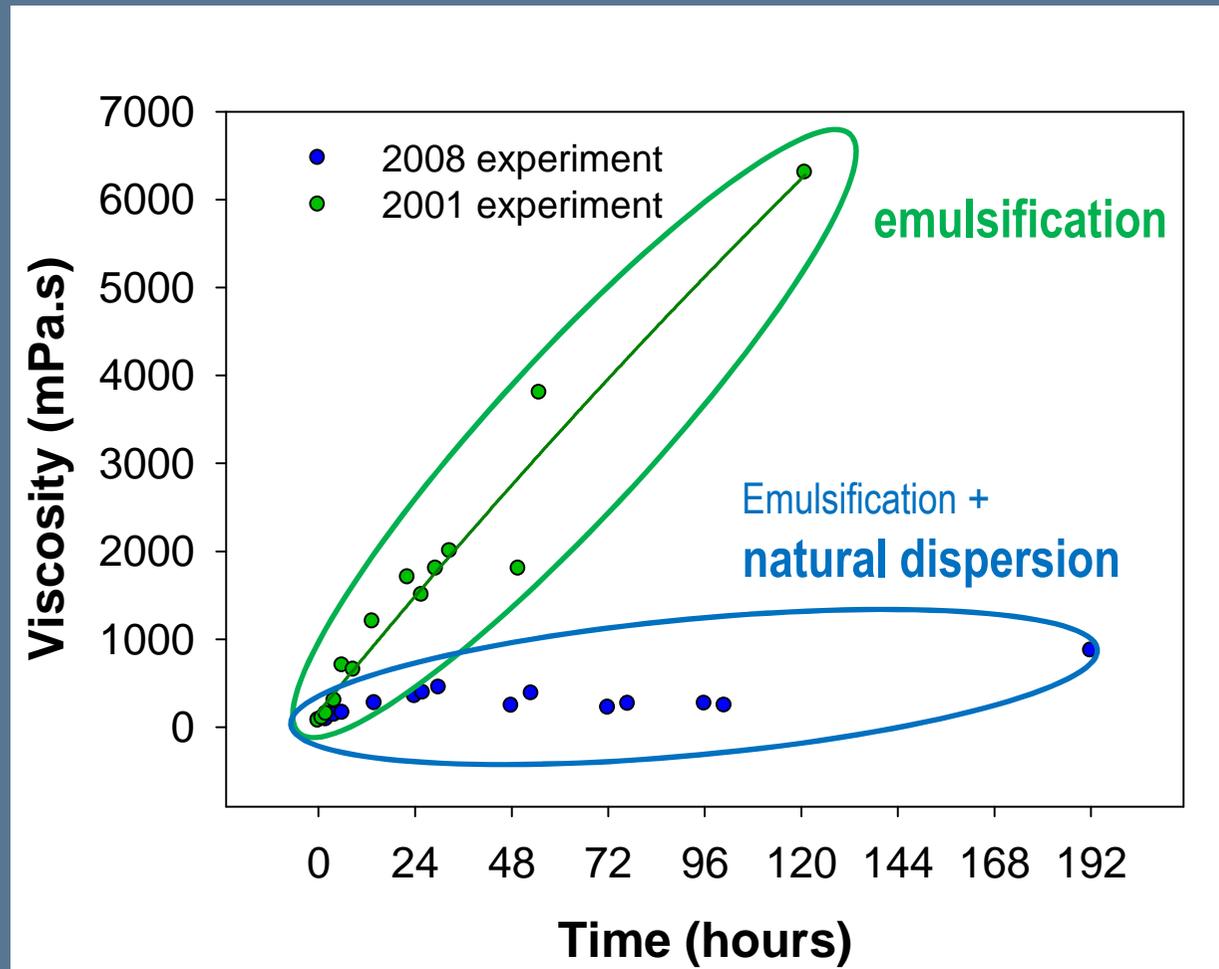


2012 experiment / 26°C / 24 hours



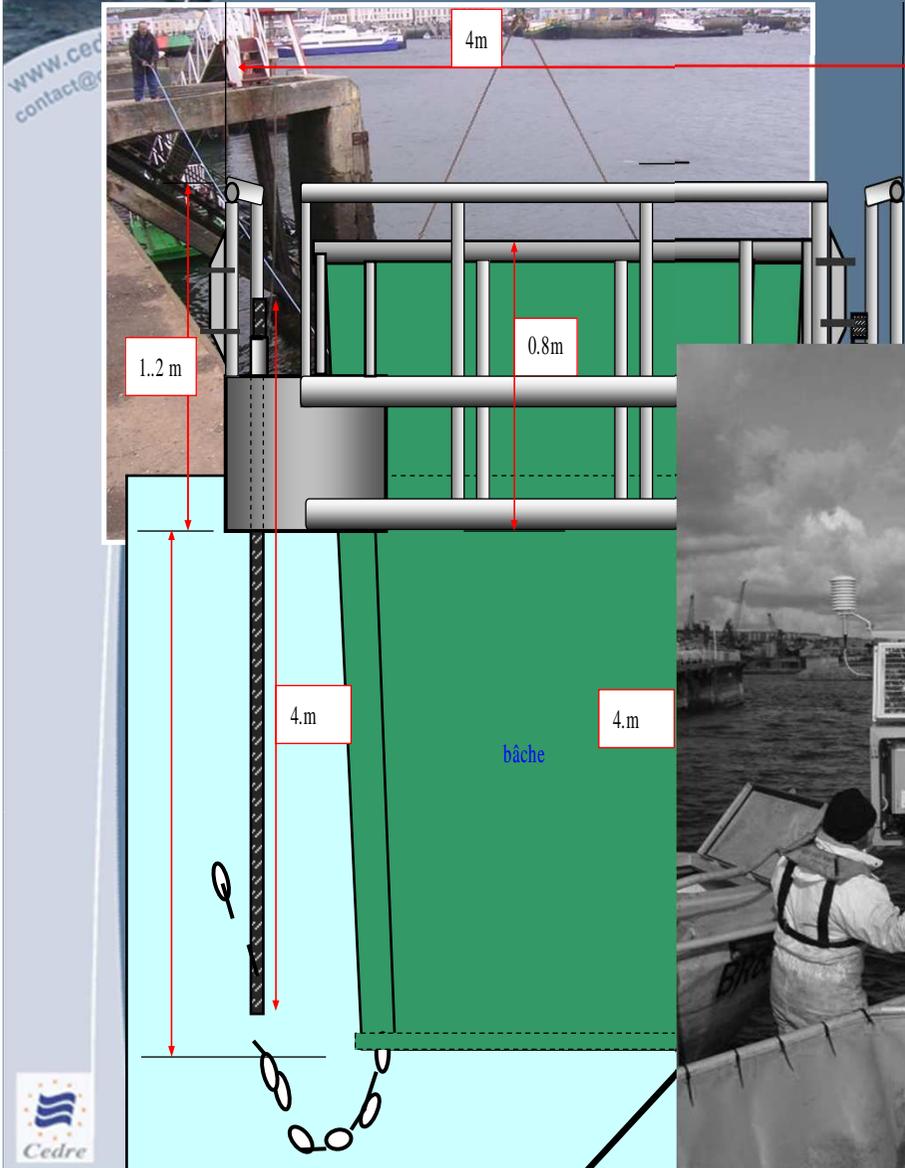
Differences of wax content: evolution of the extracted crude oil?
For how long dispersants can be used?

Sample representativeness



Evolution of additives added to the processed oil?
Is it necessary to apply dispersants?

Need for validations in “real conditions”: An alternative with small field scale experiments



Effect of environmental parameters

Weather station (Wind, sunshine, air temperature...)