

# Etude de la micro-explosion de combustibles liquides

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# INTRODUCTION: APPLICATION (W/O)

➤ The field of application is very extensive:

*Food*

*Pharmaceutical*

*Energy*

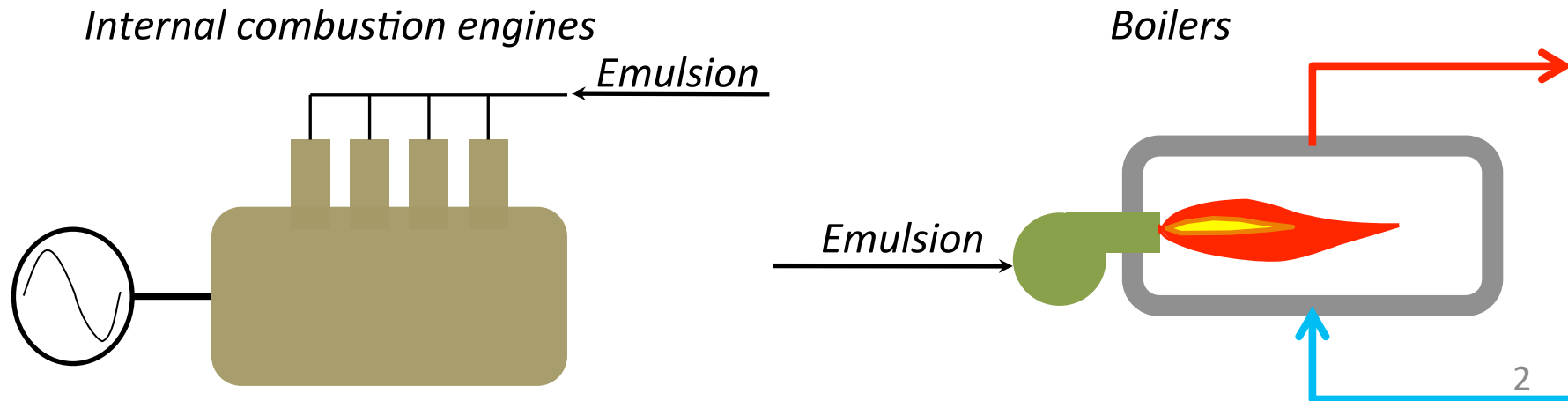
→ Bring out of waste:

Food industry: *Animal fat, Vegetables oils etc.*  
*LHV ≈ 38MJ/kg*

Oil Industry: *Heavy oils*  
*LHV ≈ 40MJ/kg*

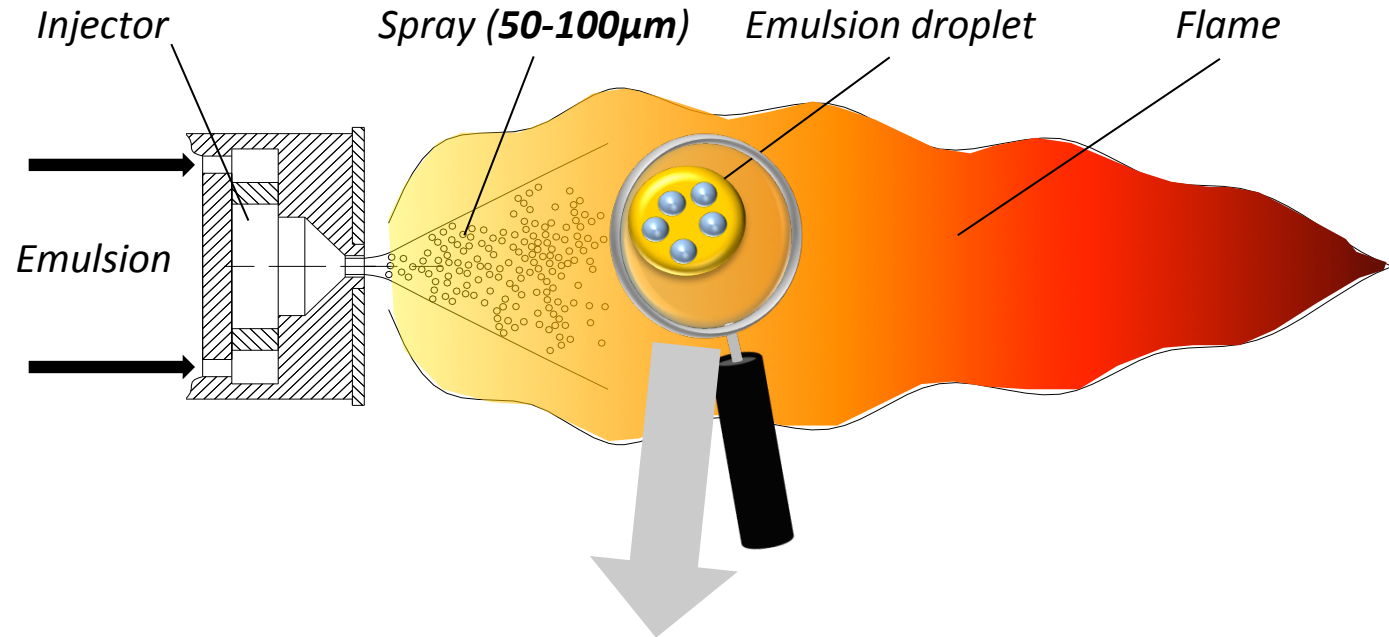


➤ Production of electricity and heat



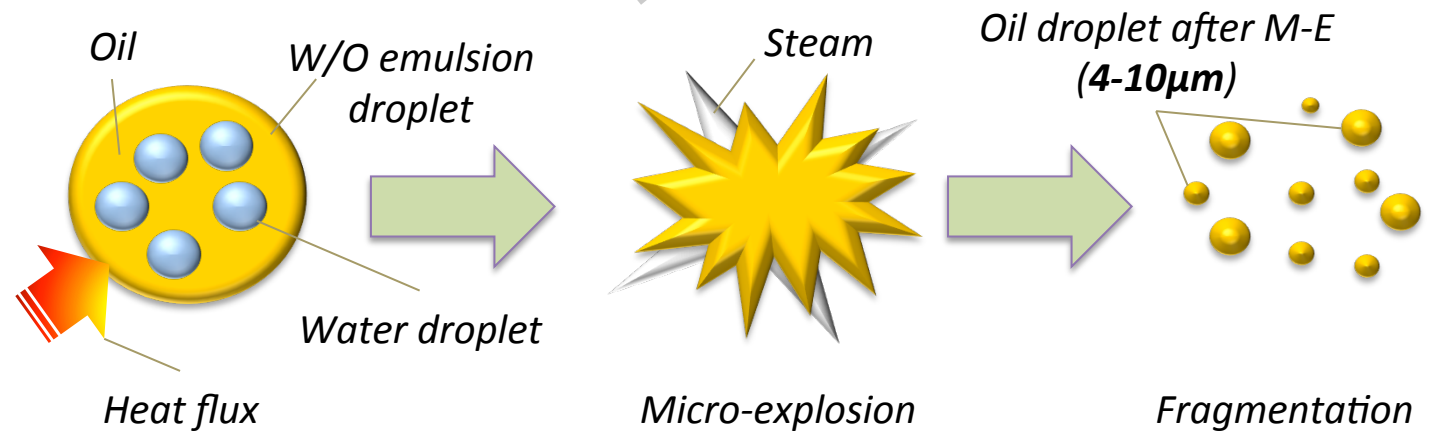
# W/O EMULSION IN A FLAME

➤ Spray



➤ Vigorous expansion of water.

➤ Second atomization  
↑ S/V.



# PLAN

- The detailed M-E investigation (Mura et al.)
- The Mechanical & Thermal Energy Balance (Tarlet et al.)
- Conclusions and Perspectives

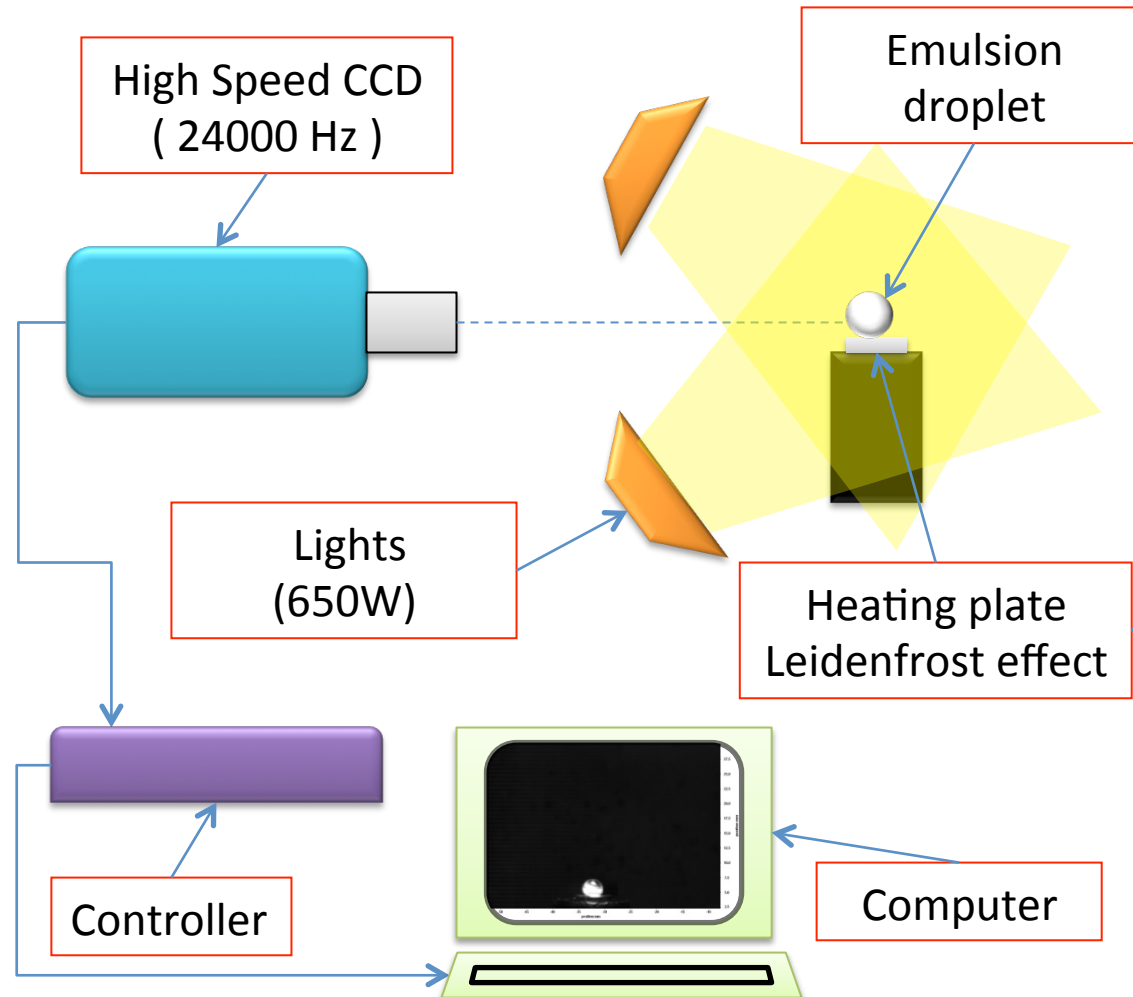
# Part. 1

## ATOMISATION OF A EMULFIED FUEL DROP: EFFECT OF THE DISPERSED WATER GRANULOMETRY

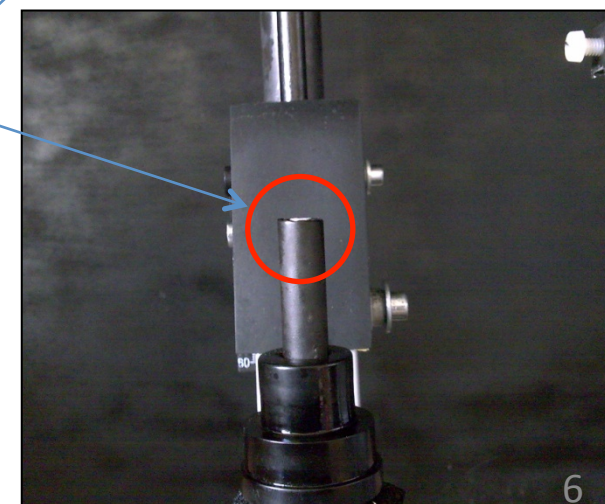
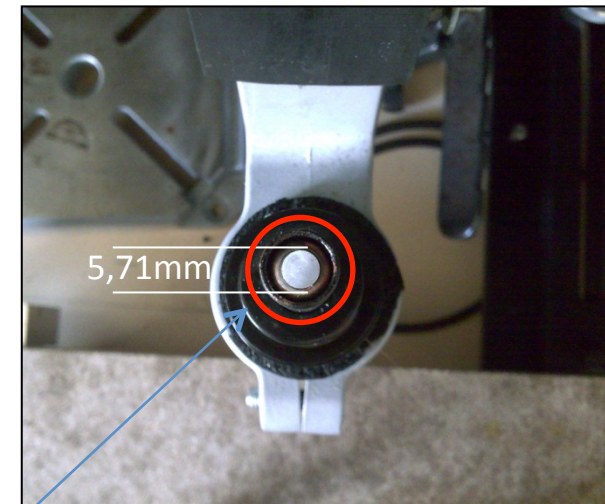
Ernesto Mura, Christophe Josset, Khaled Loubar, Valeria Califano,  
Raphaella Calabria, Jérôme Bellettre, Patrizio Massoli  
(2008 – 2013)

# Experimental set up

## General sketch

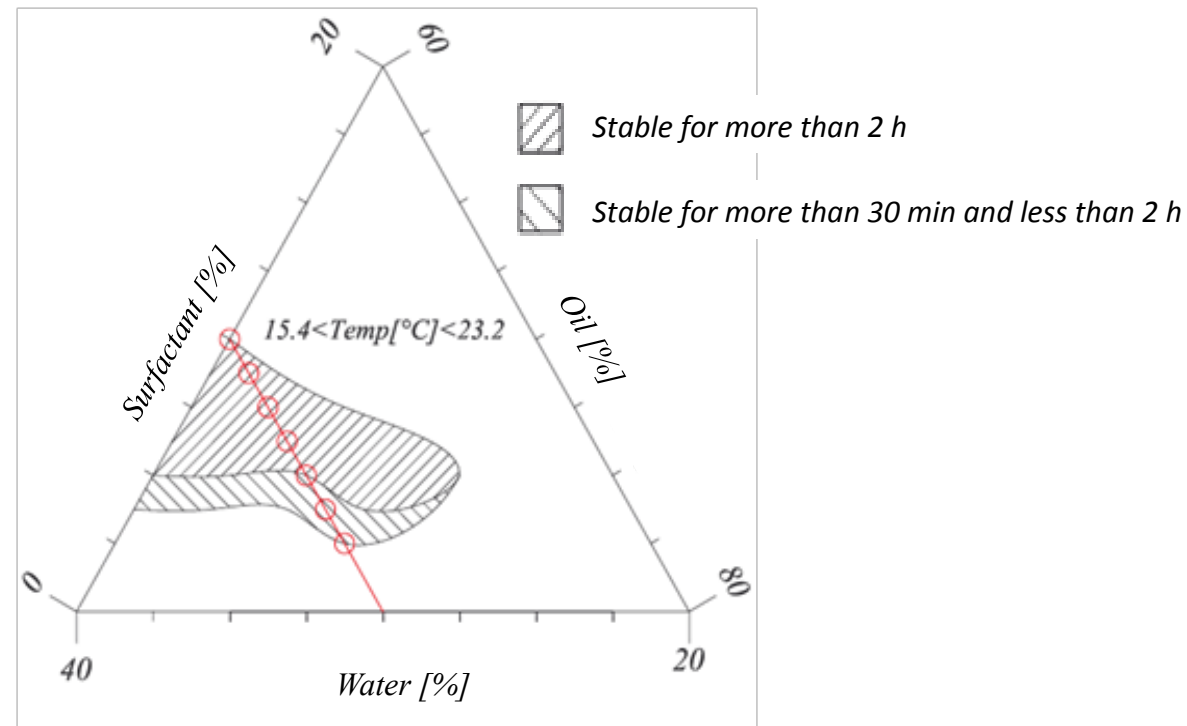


## Microplaque views



# EMULSION CLASSIFICATION

- Emulsions prepared by stirrer working at 400 rpm for 60 min using Sunflower oil, distilled not-degassed water and a surfactant.
- The stability of the emulsions evaluated and then seven different “**Iso-water**” emulsions were selected.

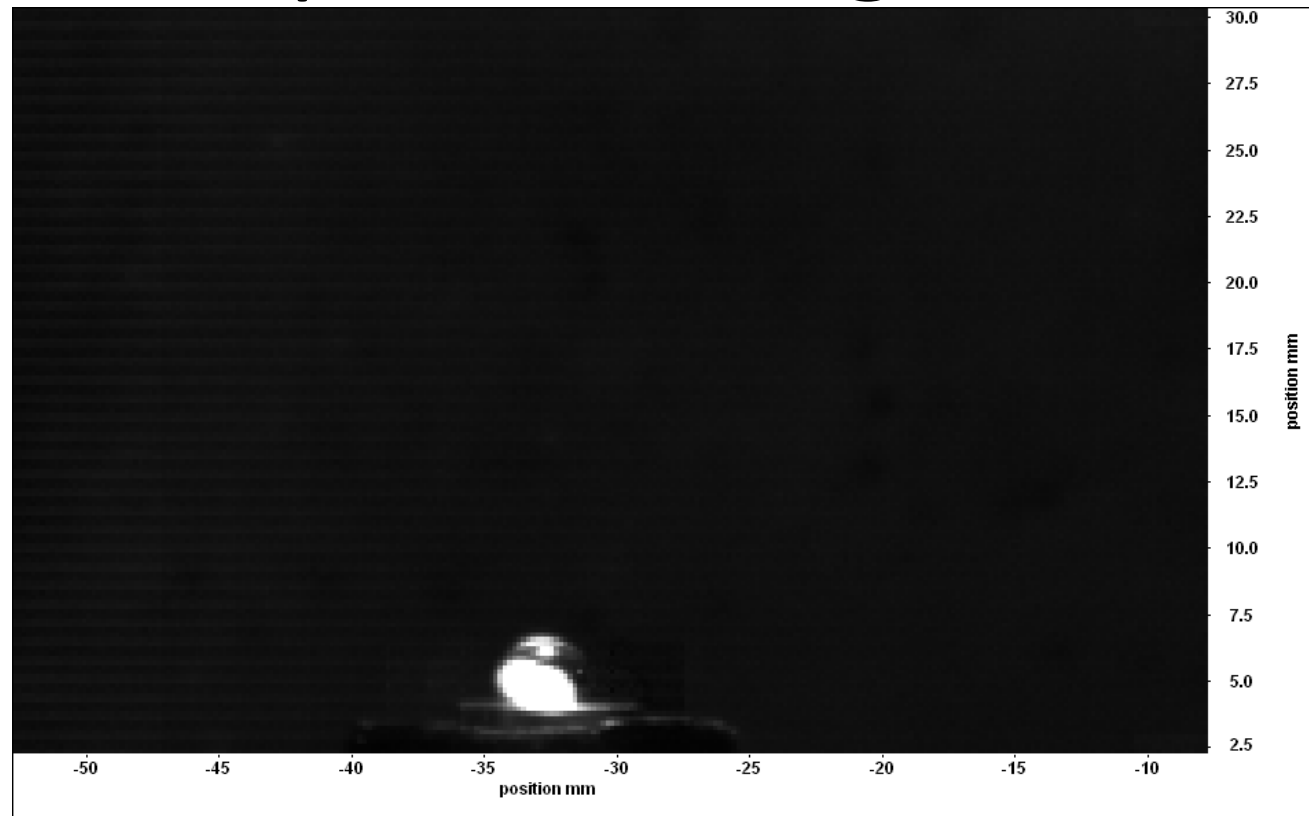


- Size of the drops estimated by a microscope and its image treatment software

# Micro-Explosion Images

Video of one experiment

Acquisition frame : 10kHz

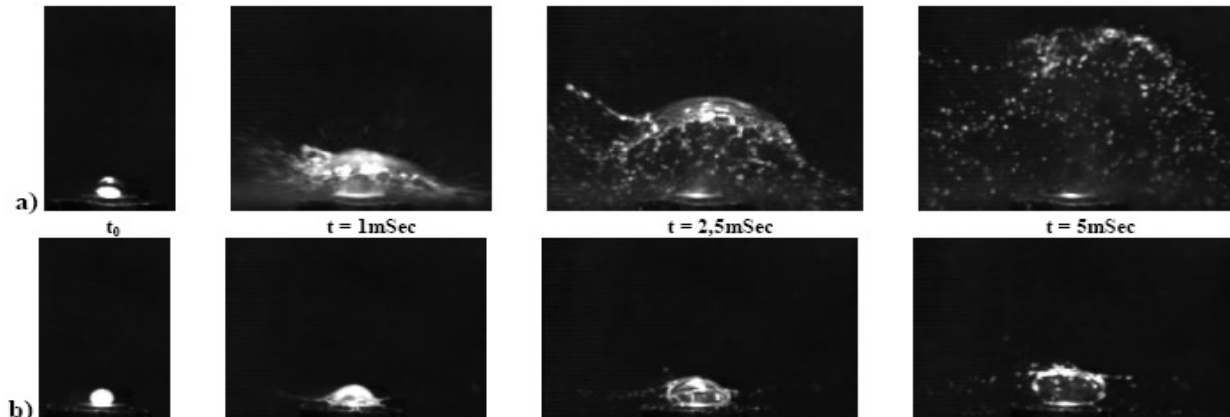


Video frames

Two ISO-Water emulsions (30%)

$D_{32} = 4,7\mu\text{m}$

$D_{32} = 17,4\mu\text{m}$

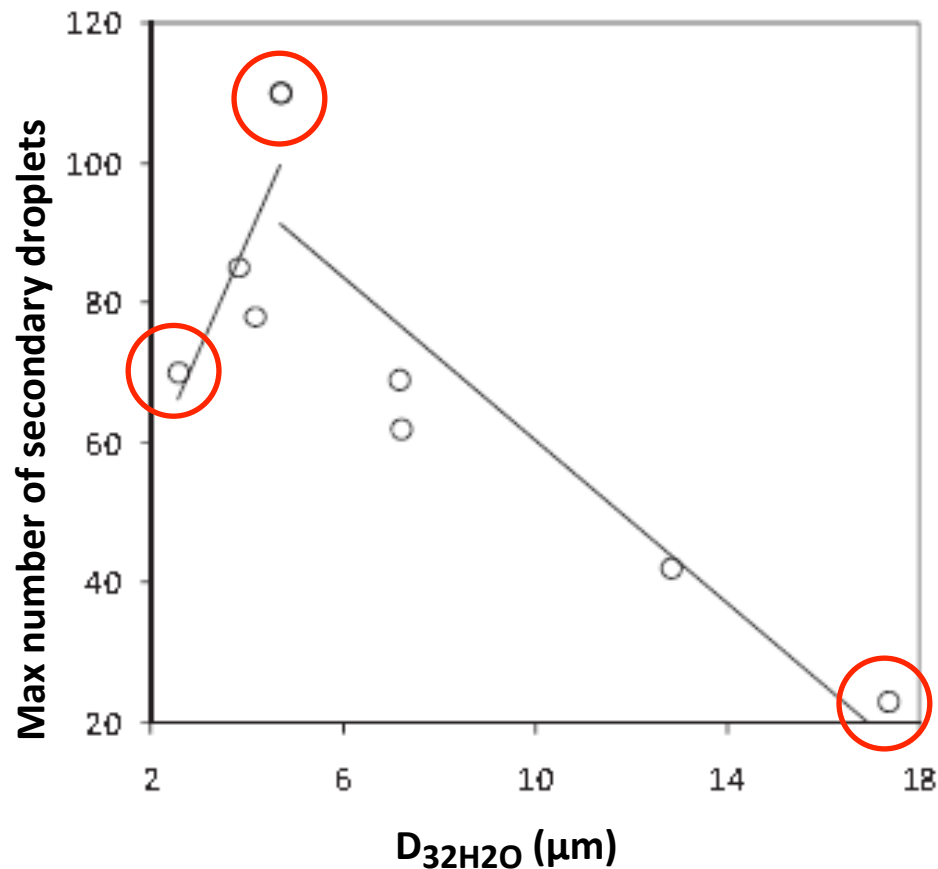




## MICRO-EXPLOSION: PREVIOUS RESULTS

Experimental results show the influence of the size of the dispersed water droplets in the micro-explosion phenomenon, in terms of fragmentation efficiency

The minimum numbers of secondary droplets are found for the highest  $D_{32H_2O}$  and it increases in reducing  $D_{32H_2O}$  until a maximum matching to  $D_{32H_2O} = 4.7 \mu\text{m}$



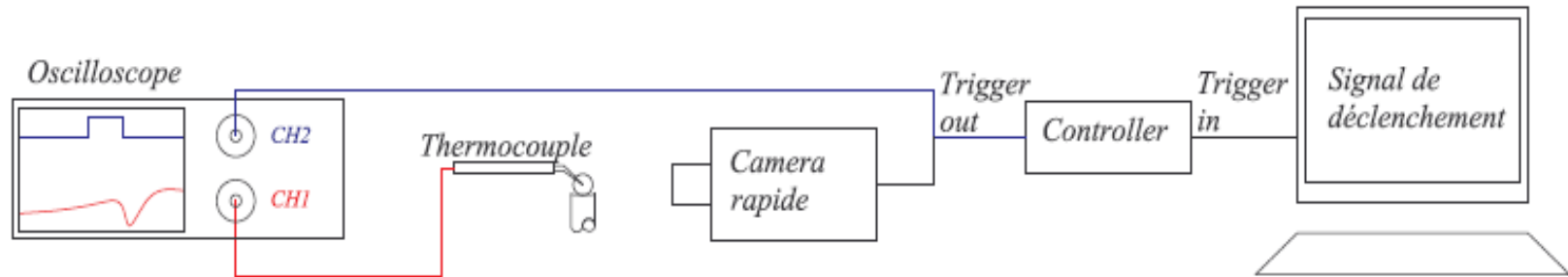
The same trend:

- Numbers of detected droplets
- Size of fragmented droplets
- Velocity of ejected oil front

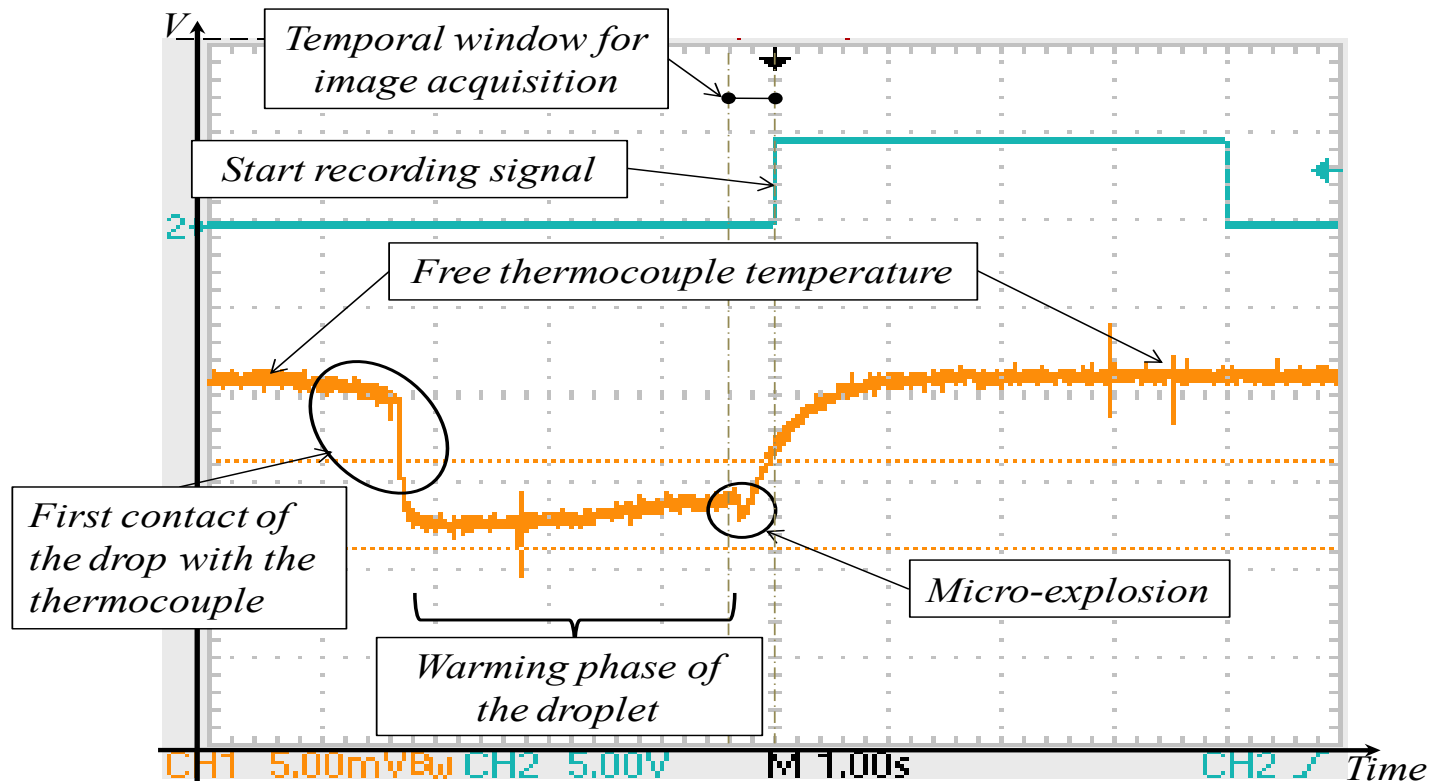
(Mura et al. *Atomization and sprays*, 20(9): 791-799, 2010)

# TRIGGER AND SIGNAL

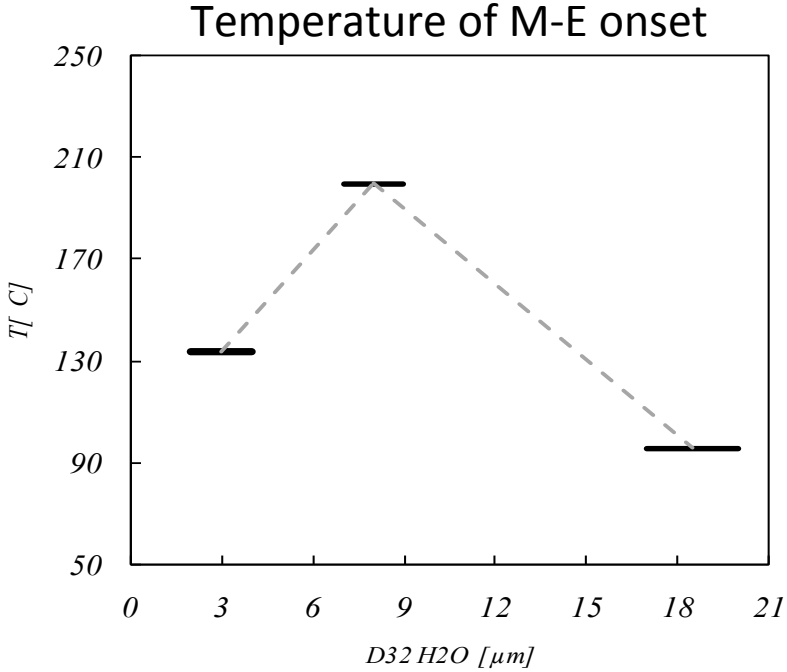
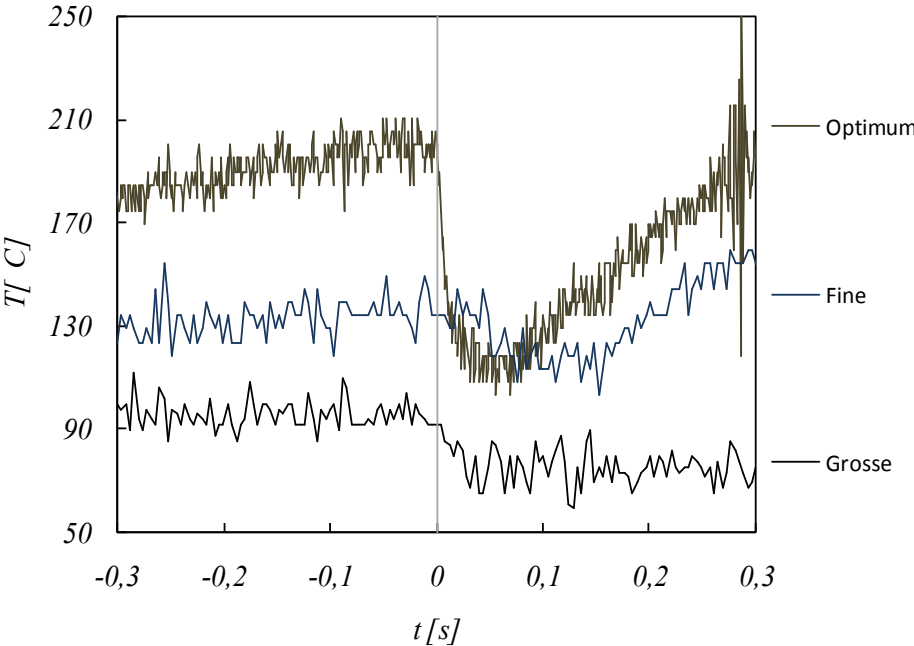
## ➤ Trigger



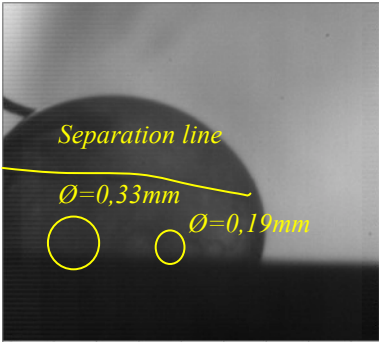
## ➤ Signal of the thermocouple



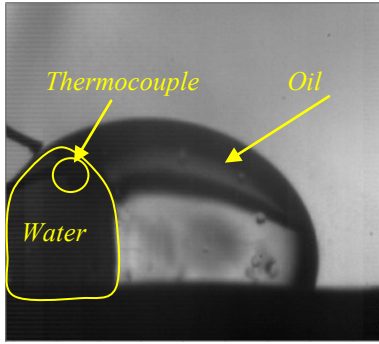
# RESULTS



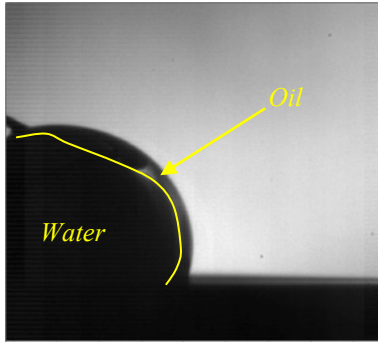
|               | <i>Temperature drop</i> |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Fine</i>   | 20,3°C                  |
| <i>Medium</i> | 81,4°C                  |
| <i>Thick</i>  | 30,6°C                  |



Thick



Medium

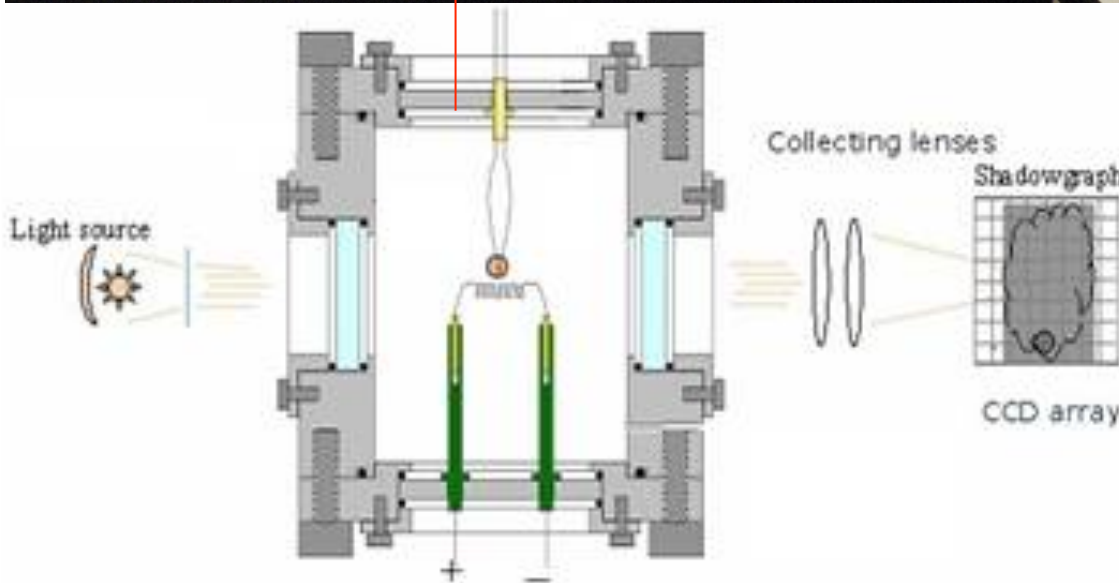
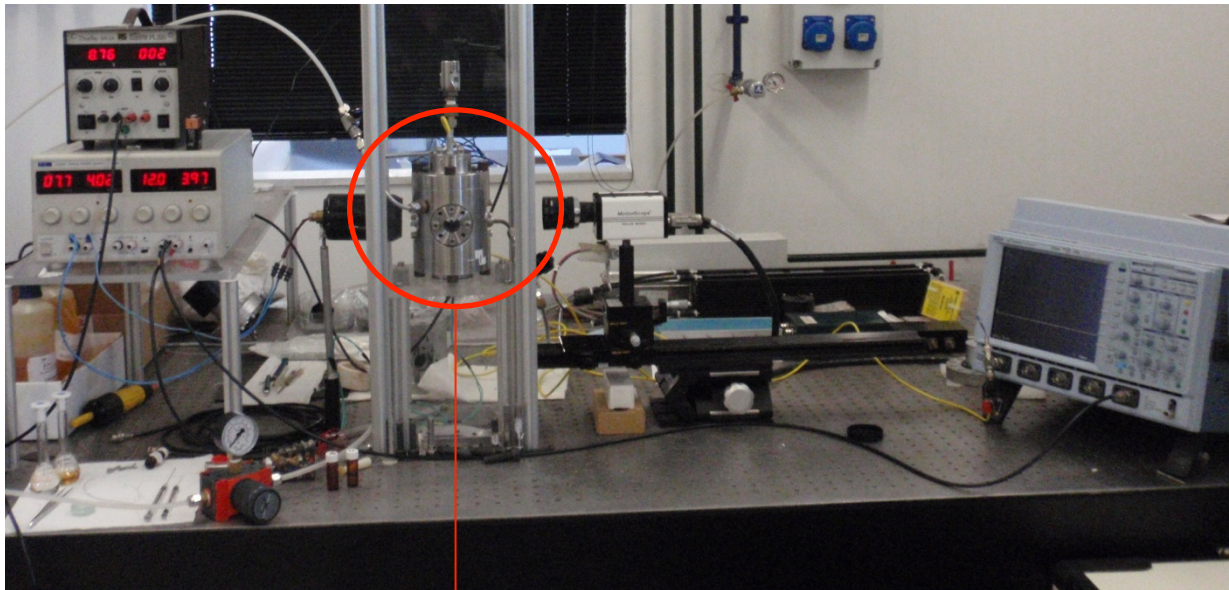


Fine

# CONCLUSION

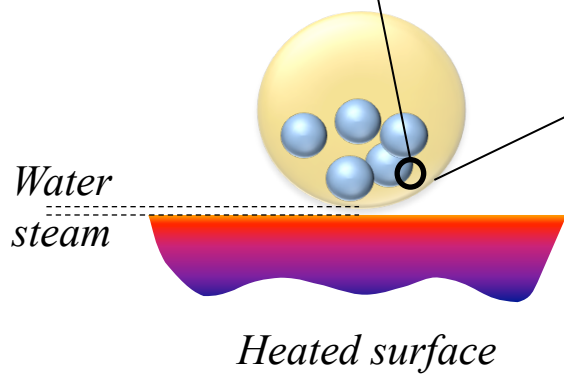
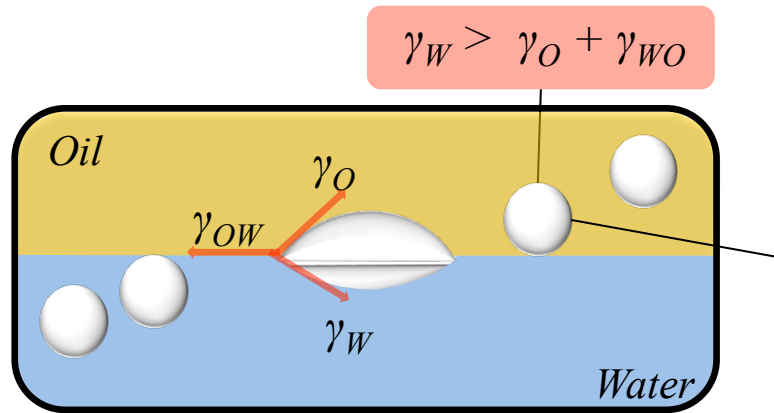
- **Experimental technique:** hot surface (Leidenfrost) + thermocouple.
  
- **The goal** is to simultaneously observe the evolution of temperatures and images of the phenomenon of micro-explosion.
  
- **The results:**
  - the non-monotonic trend highlighted in previous results was confirmed with this new approach. The Optimum coincides with that previously observed.
  
  - The phenomenon of separation is important: competition between coalescence ( $D_{32H2O} \uparrow$ ) and creaming ( $D_{32H2O} \downarrow$ ).
  
  - A high degree of metastability was observed:  $T_{M-E} = 200 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$ .

# Experimental setup: Single Droplet Combustion Chamber



- Cromel/allumel coil for heating
- Thermocouple K as support
- High speed camera CMOS Photron SA5 (10KHz) with 90mm macro lens.
- Trigger heater/camera/Th
- Shadowgraphy configuration
- Simple droplets  $\varnothing_D \approx 1\text{mm}$
- $P = \text{atmospheric pressure}$

# The main differences: heterogeneity

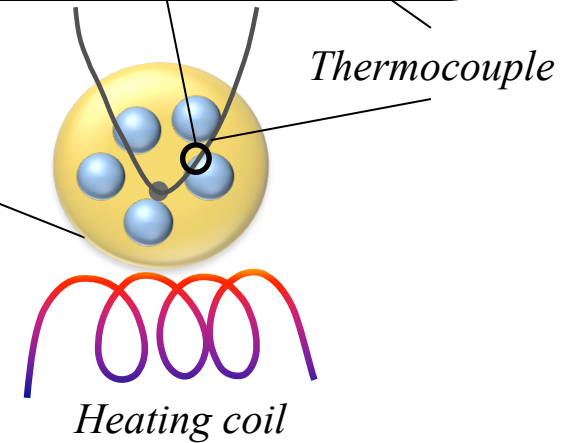
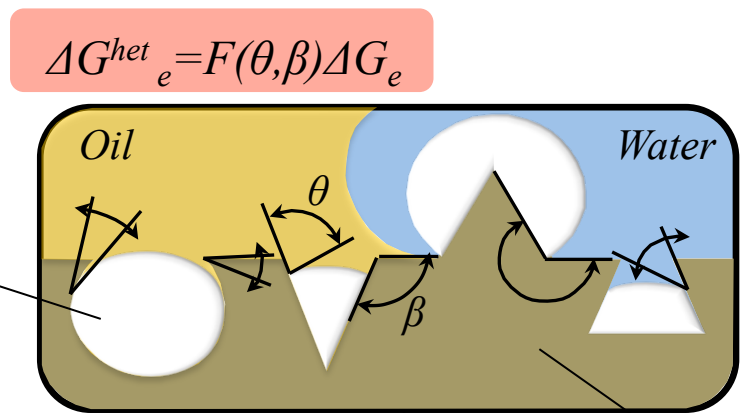


Nucleation in the fluid with lower  $\gamma$ :

- $\gamma_W > 2\gamma_O$
- Surfactant  $\downarrow \gamma_O$

Nucleus of steam

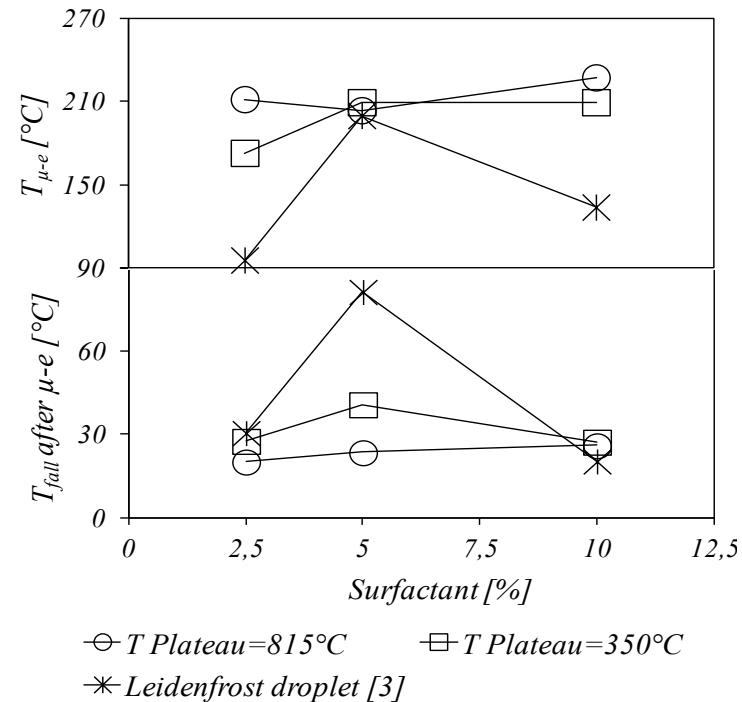
Emulsion droplet



Nucleation favored by surface roughness **Film 3**

Heating rates and temperature levels are also very different

# Results: $\mu$ -explosion temperature and temperature fall



Temperature of  $\mu$ -e ( $T_{\mu-e}$  upon); Fall temperature after  $\mu$ -e ( $T_{fall}$  after  $\mu$ -e down) in function of the mass fraction of surfactant

The effects of separation seem heavily influence the phenomenology: it promotes and reduces the micro-explosion efficiency respectively in both the Leidenfrost and Suspended droplet approaches.

# Part. 2

## ATOMISATION OF A EMULFIED FUEL DROP: MECHANICAL AND THERMAL ENERGY BALANCE

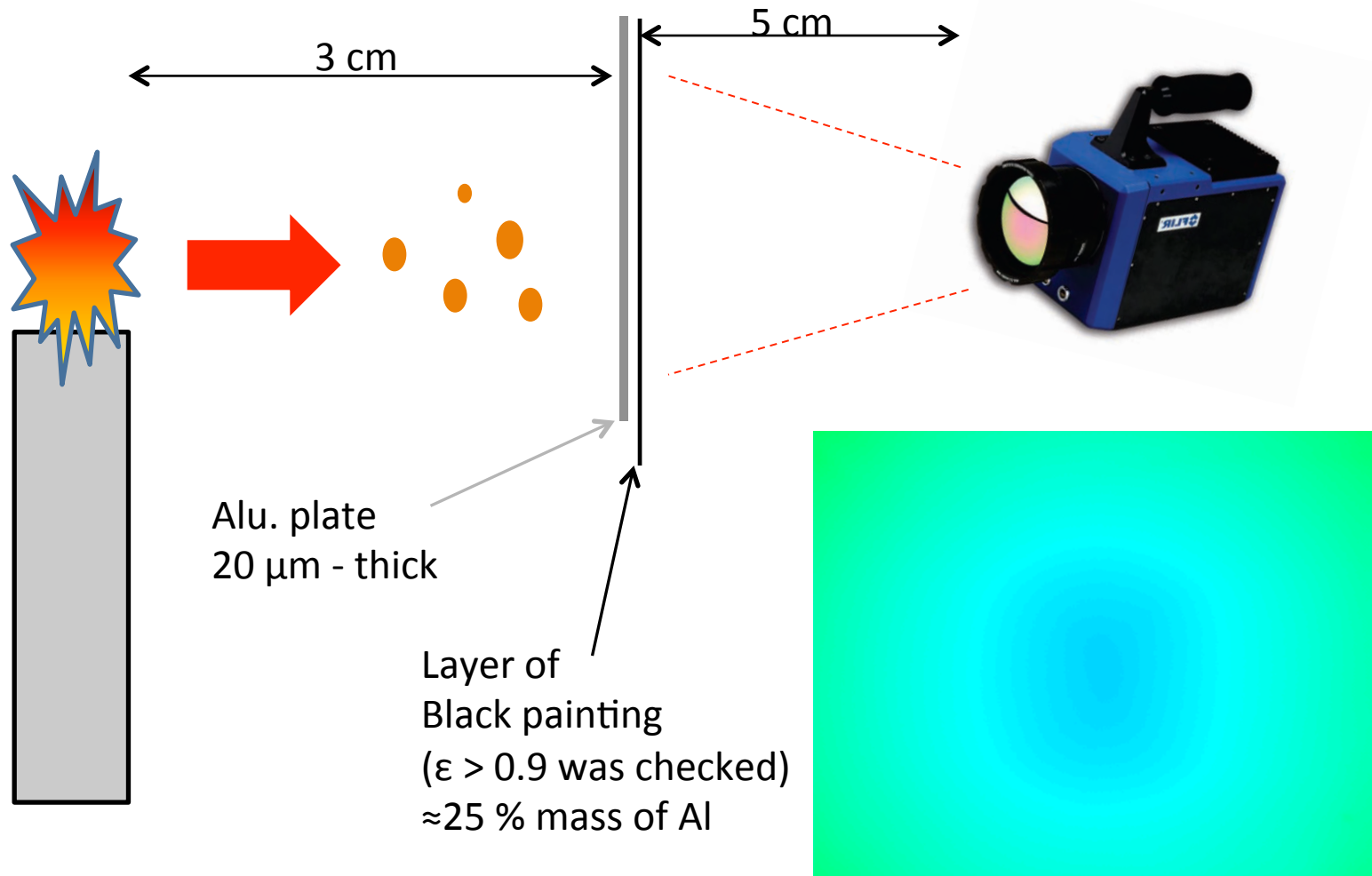
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(from 2012)



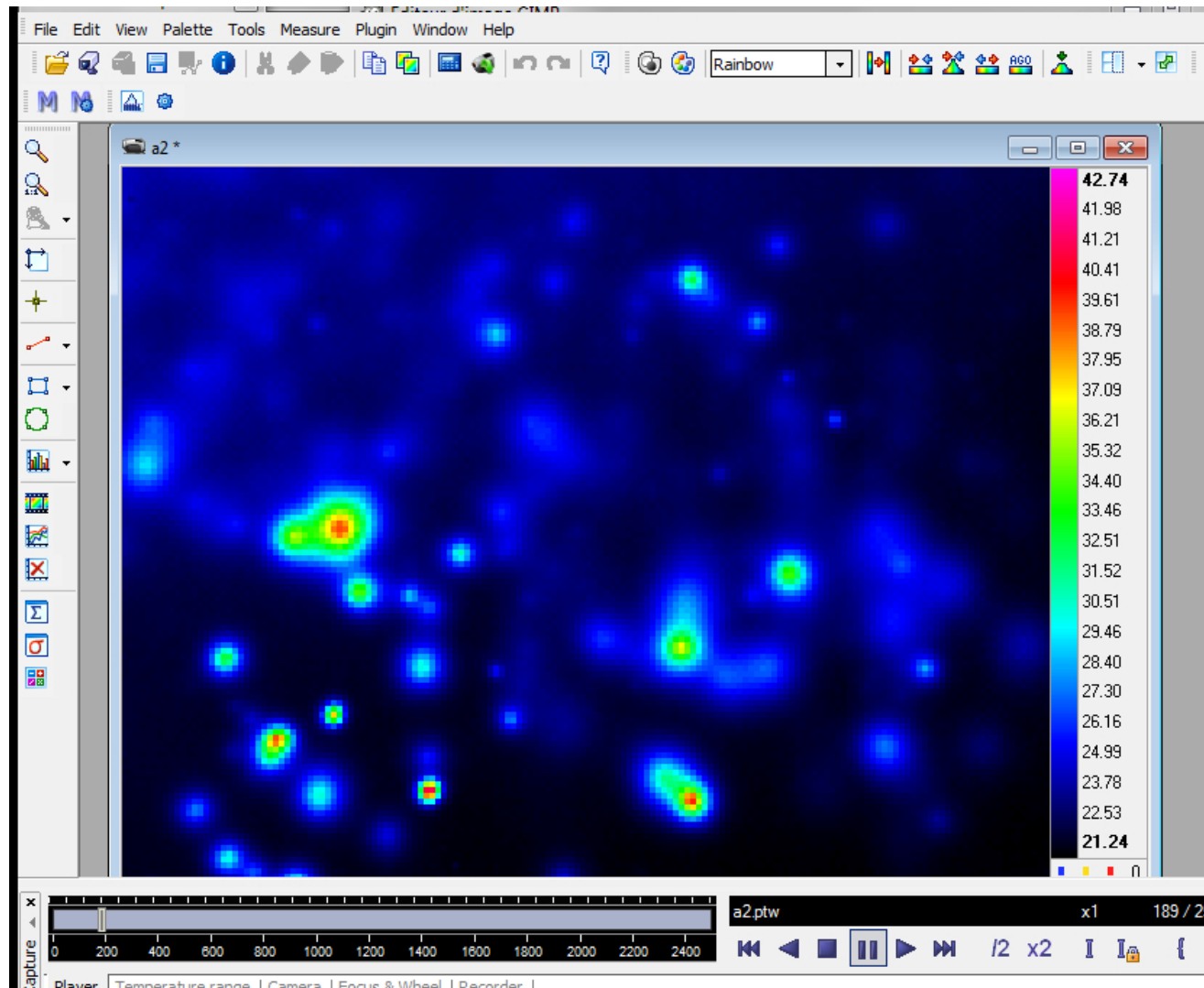
# Thermal energy of child droplets?

- Effect on a plate impact.



# Local transient temperature

## ➤ Example: Bigger case, 18/10/12



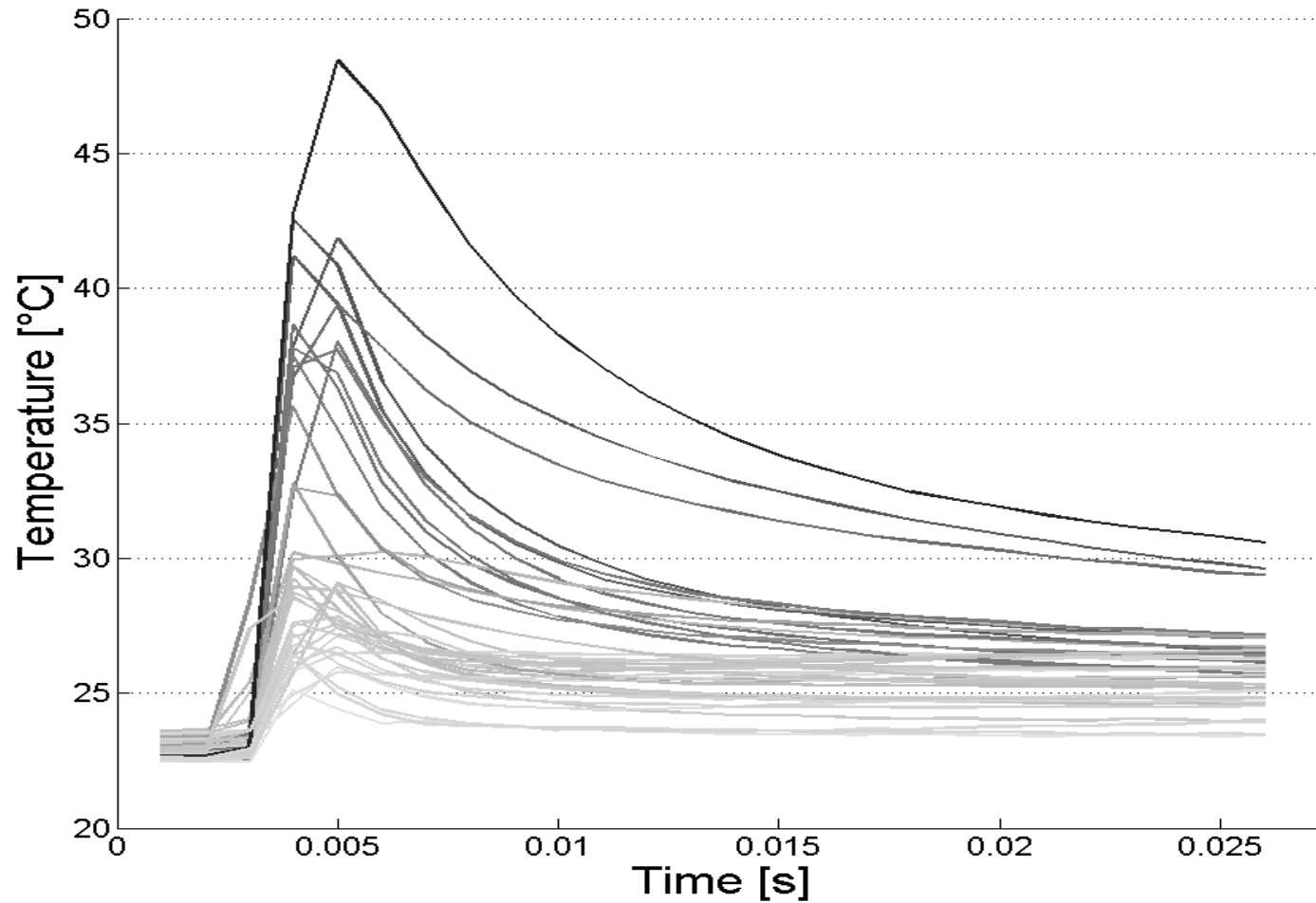
*1 succeeded micro-explosion  
= 1 video*

*1 video generally shows 5 to 30 impacts of DDs*

*10 to 15 videos enable to sample the needed 200 impacts of DDs for post treatment*

# Local transient temperature

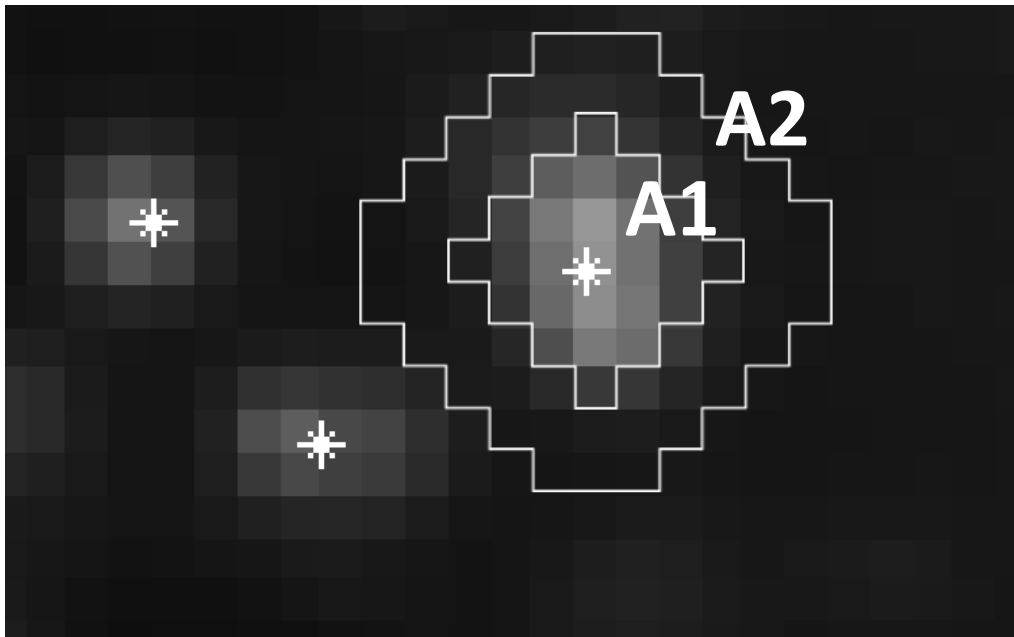
➤ Exemple: Bigger case, 18/10/12



# Thermal energy calculation

$$\Delta_{xy}(T) = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2}$$

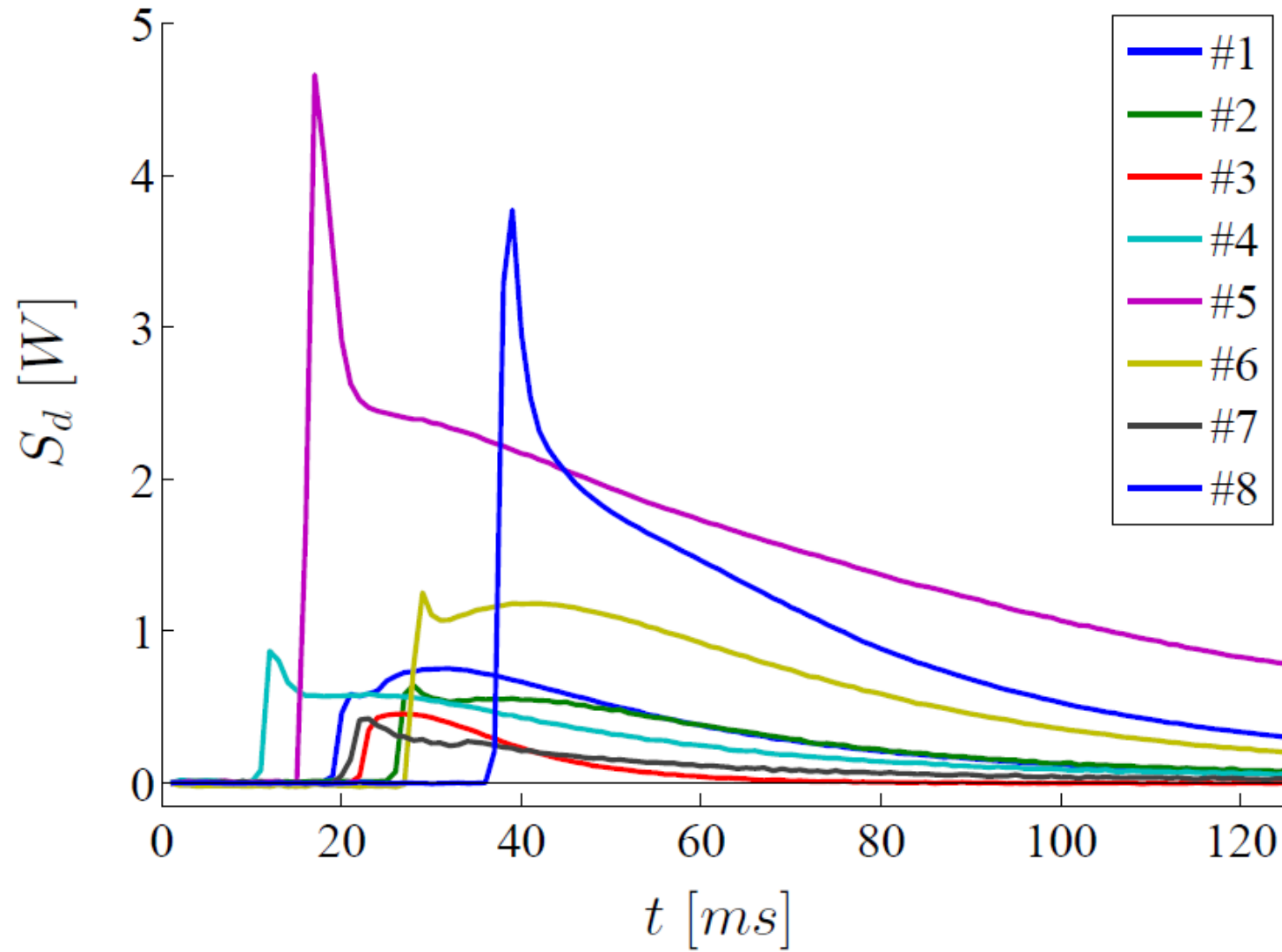
$$\rho C_P \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \lambda \Delta_{xy}(T) + \frac{h}{e} (T_a - T) + \frac{\epsilon \sigma}{e} (T_a^4 - T^4) + S_d \rightarrow [W.m^{-3}]$$



$$E_d(A) = m_d C_P (T_d - T_a)$$

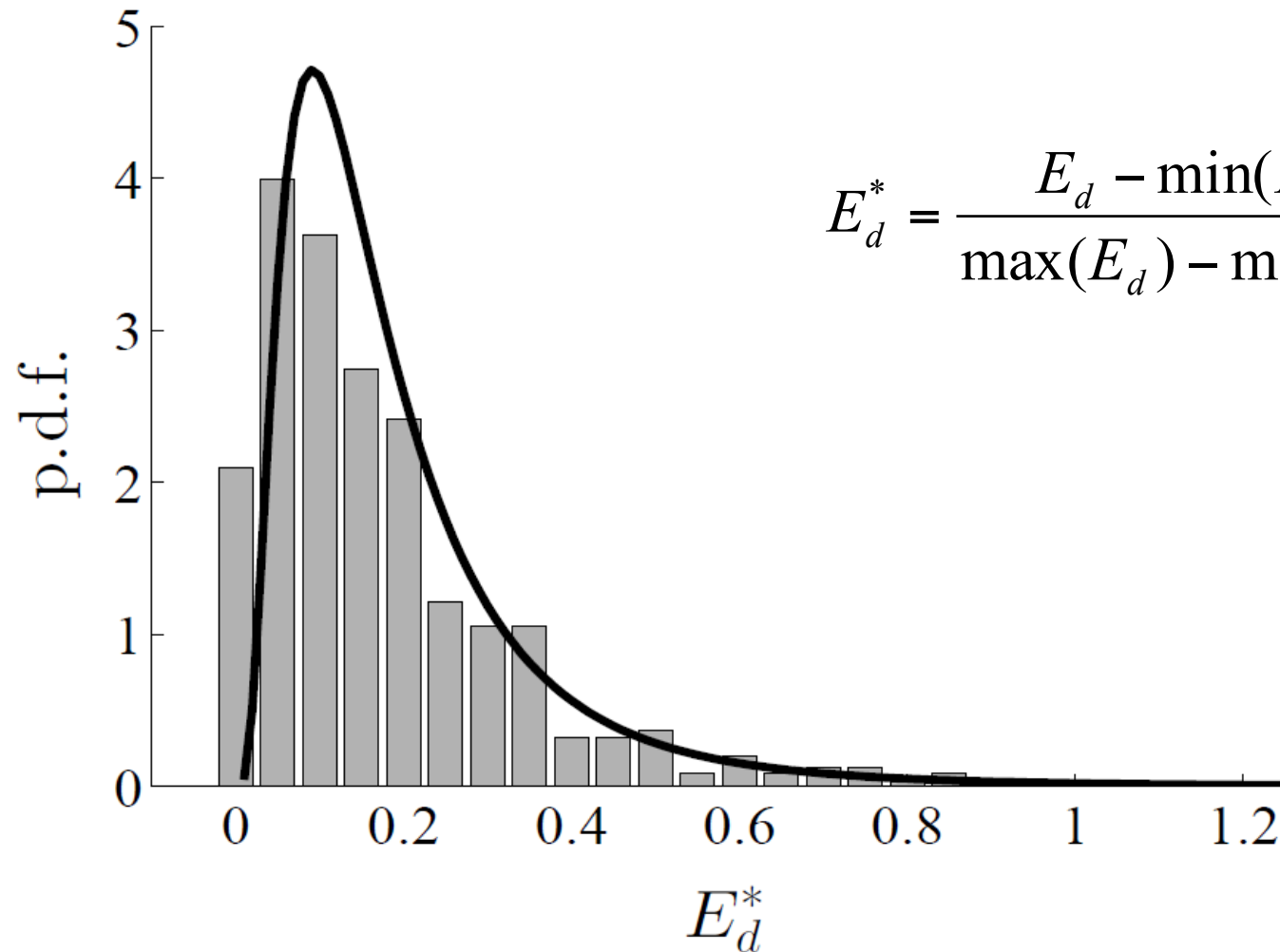
$$E_d(A) = \int \left[ \iint_A S_d e \, dA \right] dt$$

# Result example



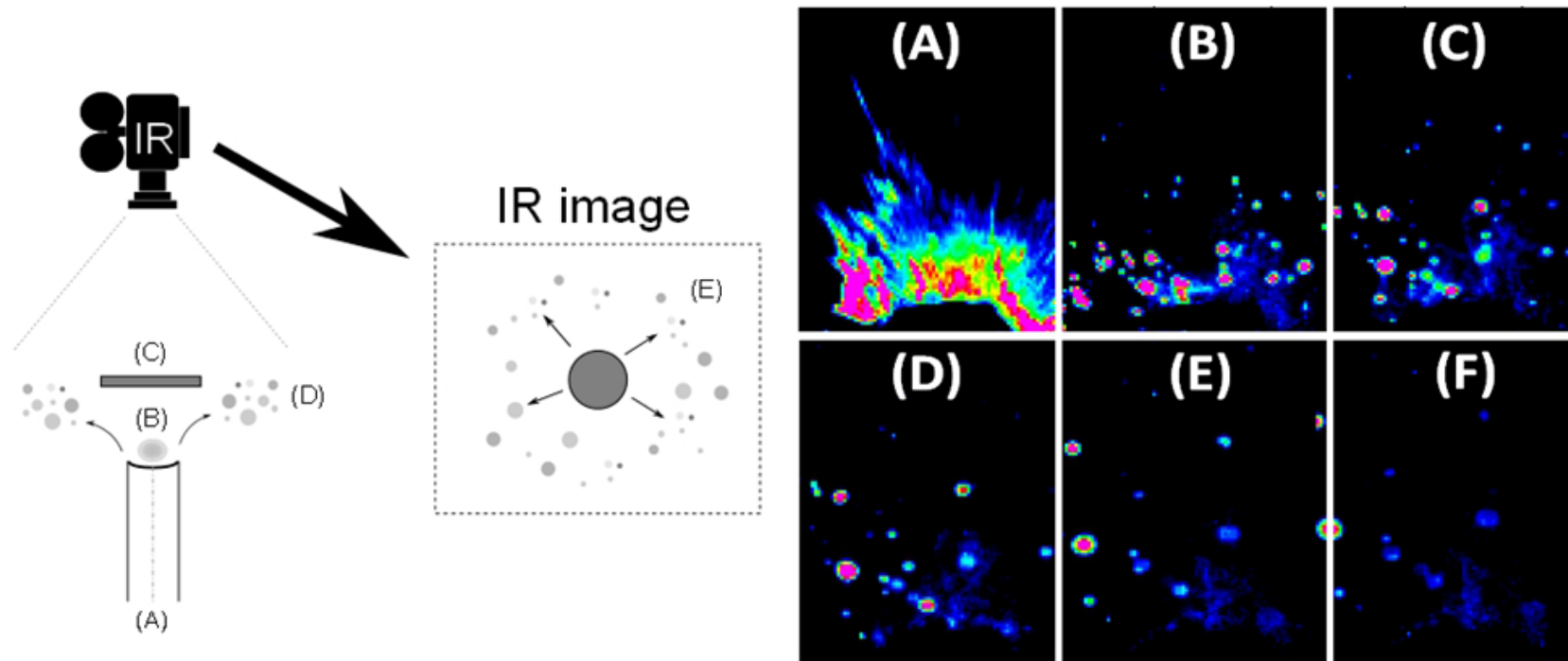
# Les résultats statistiques [2/2]

Optimal



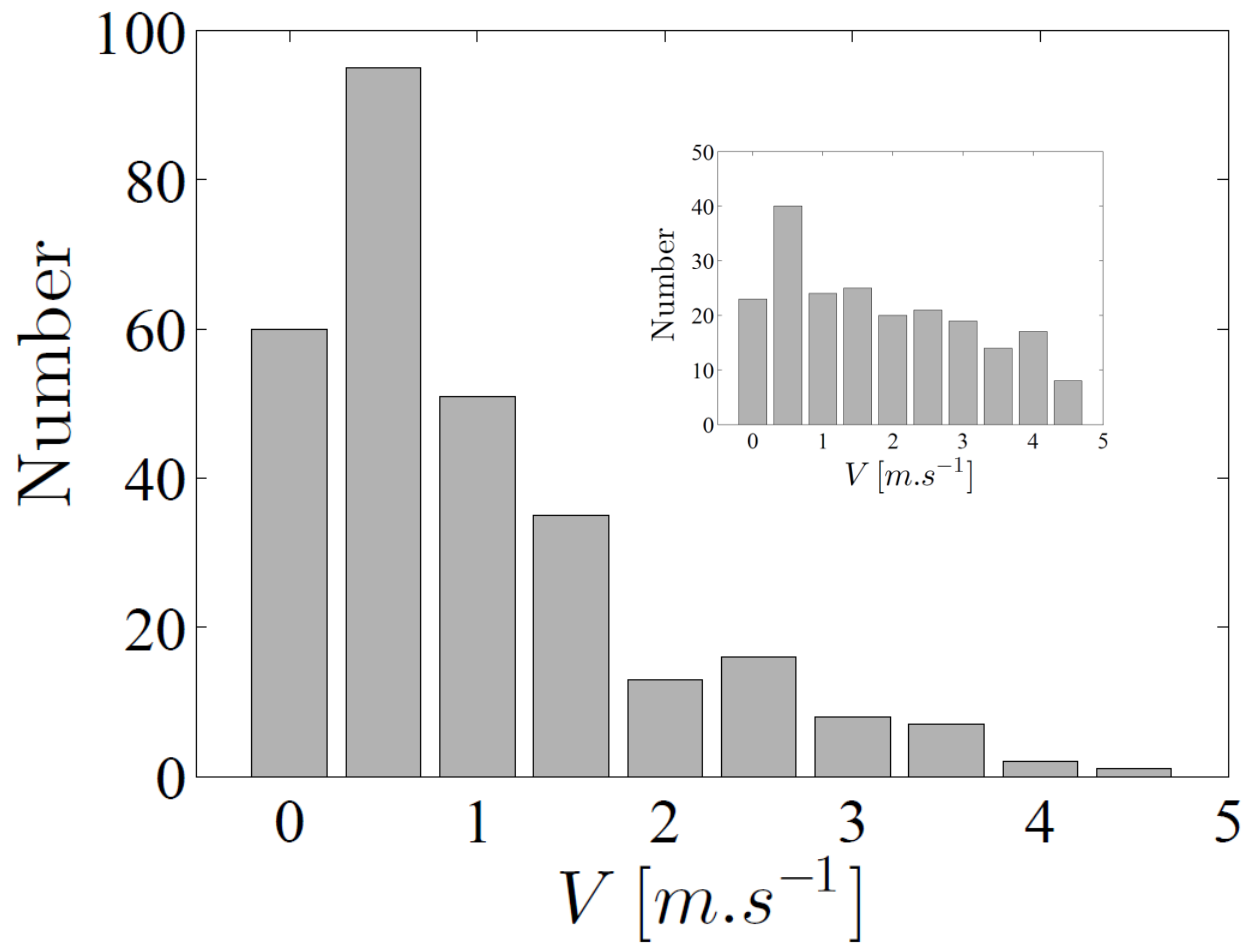
$$E_d^* = \frac{E_d - \min(E_d)}{\max(E_d) - \min(E_d)}$$

# Child-Drop kinetic energy



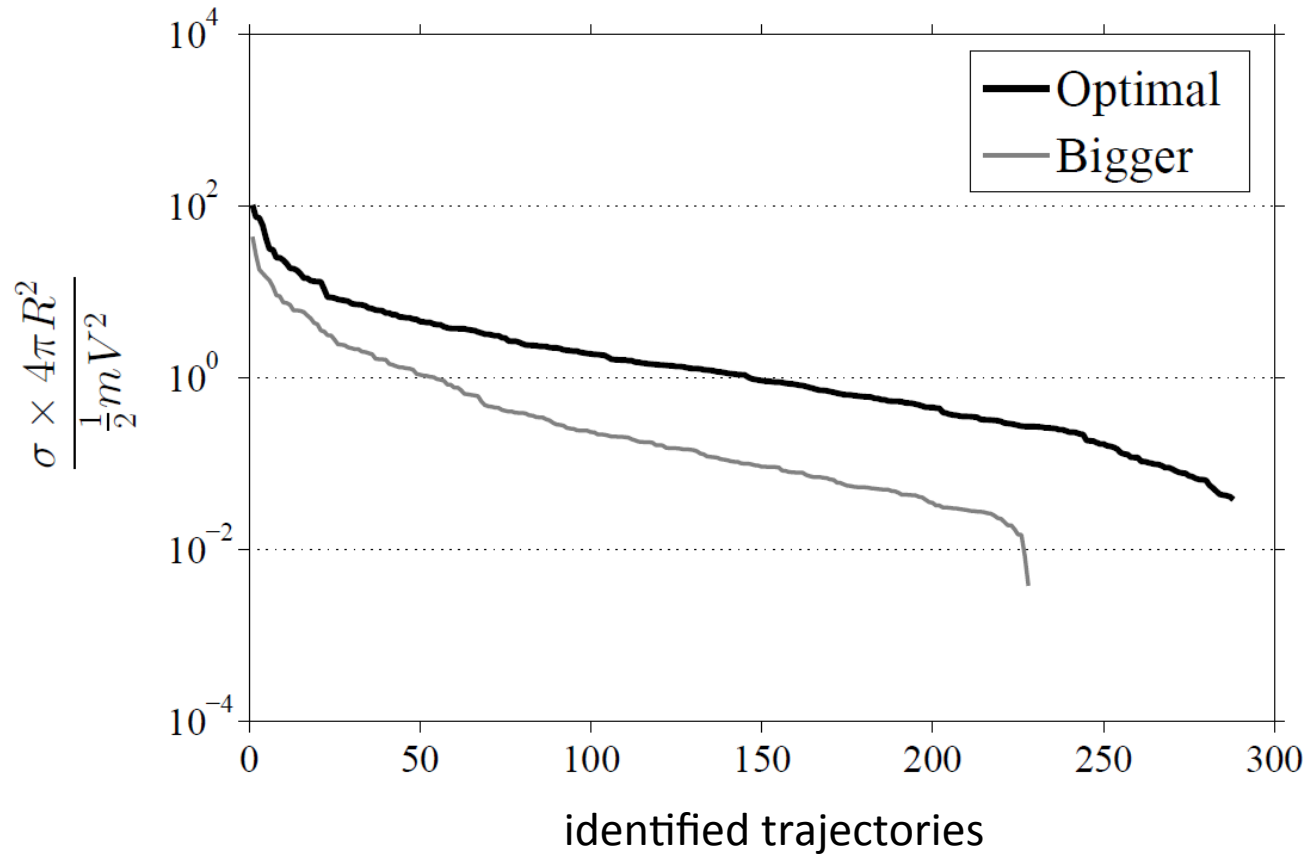
(A) Heated plate, (B) Emulsion drop undergoing micro-explosion, (C) Infra-red opaque covering of the heated plate, (D) Launched child-droplets in the field of view  
(E) watched by the FLIR SC-7500 infra-red camera.

Six images (159×455) of optimal micro-explosion (1-6) with resolution of 210  $\mu\text{m}$  per pixel were recorded at **1500Hz acquisition frequency**, with 140  $\mu\text{s}$  integration time.



Average velocities over the identified trajectories in the optimal case (main figure - and in the bigger, non-optimal case (corner figure).





**Optimal M-E generates more surface energy than kinetic one**

## **ATOMISATION OF A EMULFIED FUEL DROP: CONCLUSIONS**

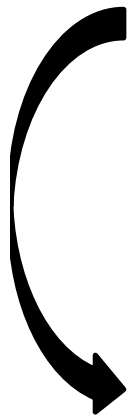
✓ **Micro Explosion of emulsified drops has been intensely studied**

✓ **Homogeneous and Heterogeneous nucleation investigated**

✓ **Water droplet size has a high impact on the M-E quality**

✓ **Non monotone effects both in mechanical and thermal point of views**

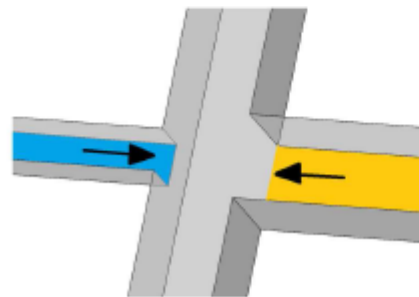
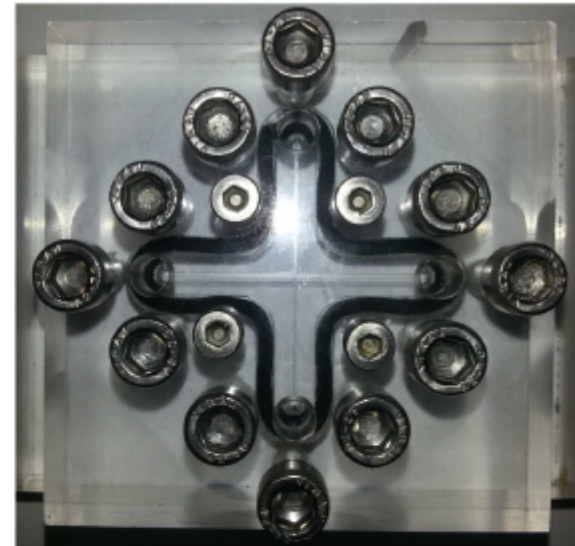
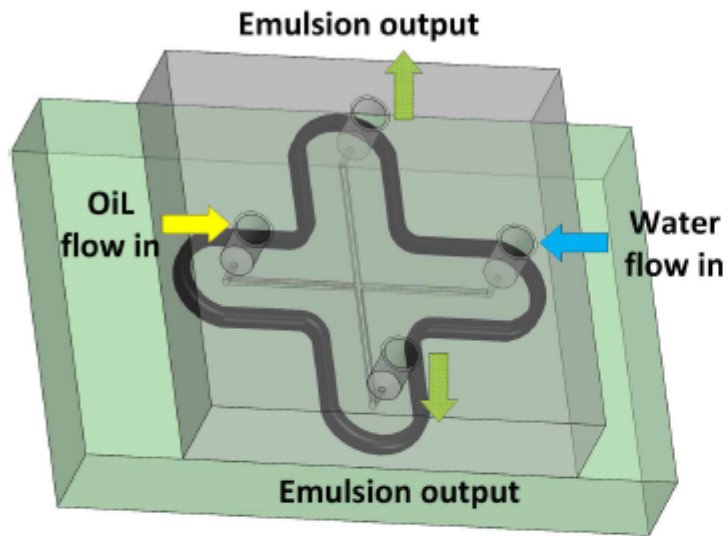
✓ **Water history before M.E. (coalescence) is of first importance**



**Emulsion quality production has to be under controle**

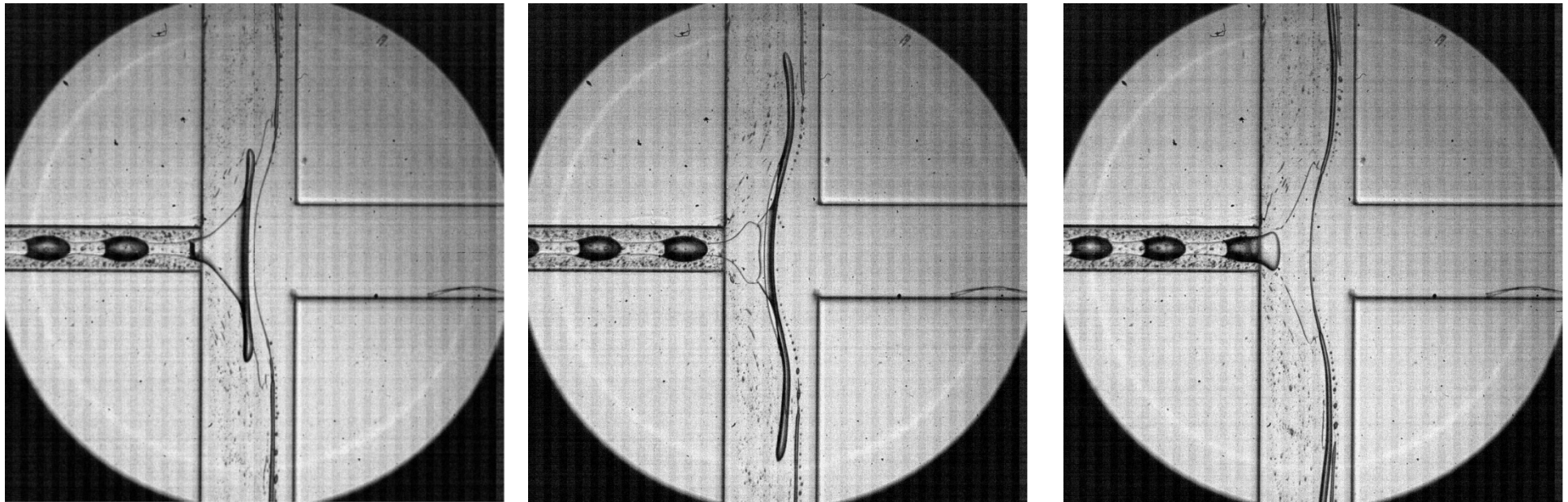
# PERSPECTIVES: EFFICIENT EMULSION PRODUCTION

(Belkadi et al.)



Investigations inside two-phase flows by High speed CCD & Laser extinction

# Two devices in serie: Images inside the second mini channel



$300 \times 600 \mu\text{m}$  mini channel: inter-frame 1 ms, exposition duration  $1 \mu\text{s}$

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