

# RISK-BASED ANALYSIS OF BRIDGE SCOUR PREDICTION WITH LIVE BED CONDITIONS

## Second year workout

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# Introduction



*Schoharie Creek, NY, USA, 1987*



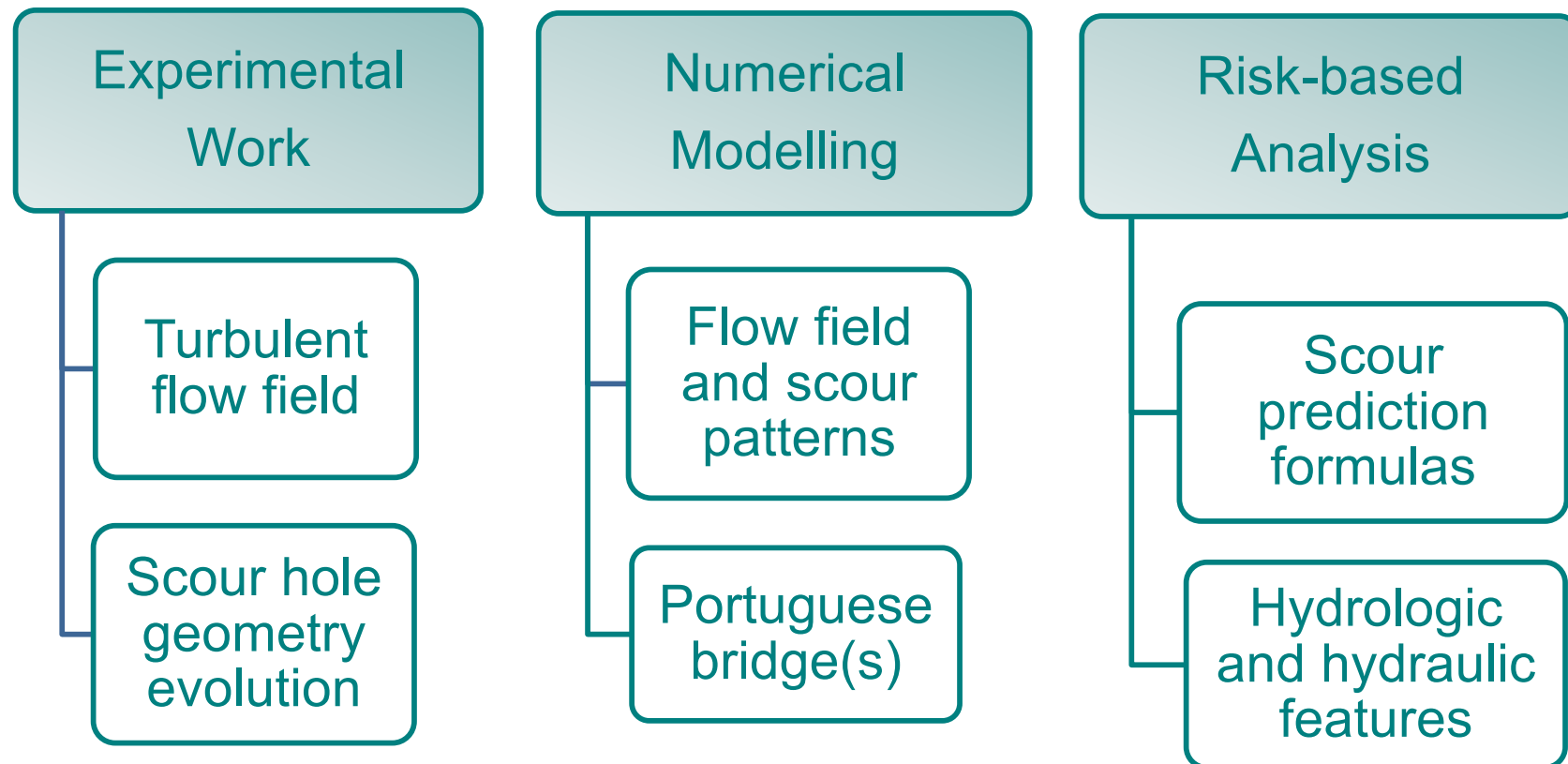
*Hintze Ribeiro bridge, Portugal, 2001*



# Objectives

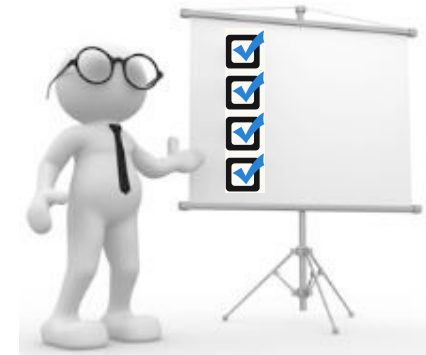


Develop a **risk-based method** for probabilistic **prediction of bridge scour depth** under **clear water** and **live bed** conditions





# Work Done

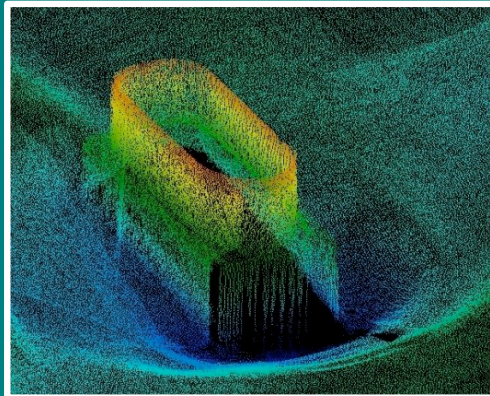


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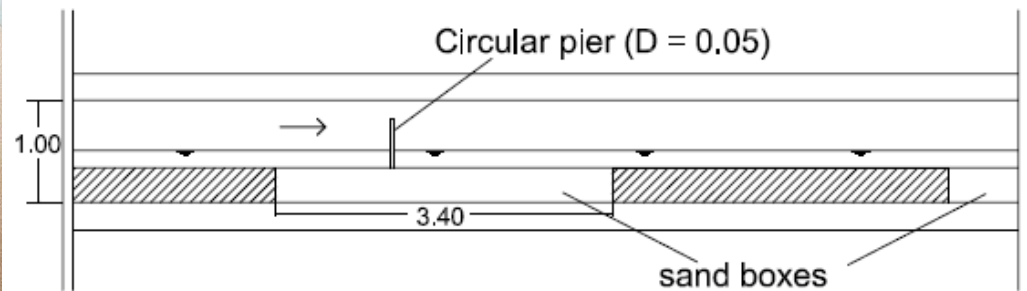
Flume at LNEC  
(40 m long and 2 m wide)



Flume at FEUP  
(32.2 long and 1 m wide)



Scour hole at pier vicinity  
( $W = 14$  cm;  $d_s = 23$  cm - 3 days)



(Dimensions in meters)

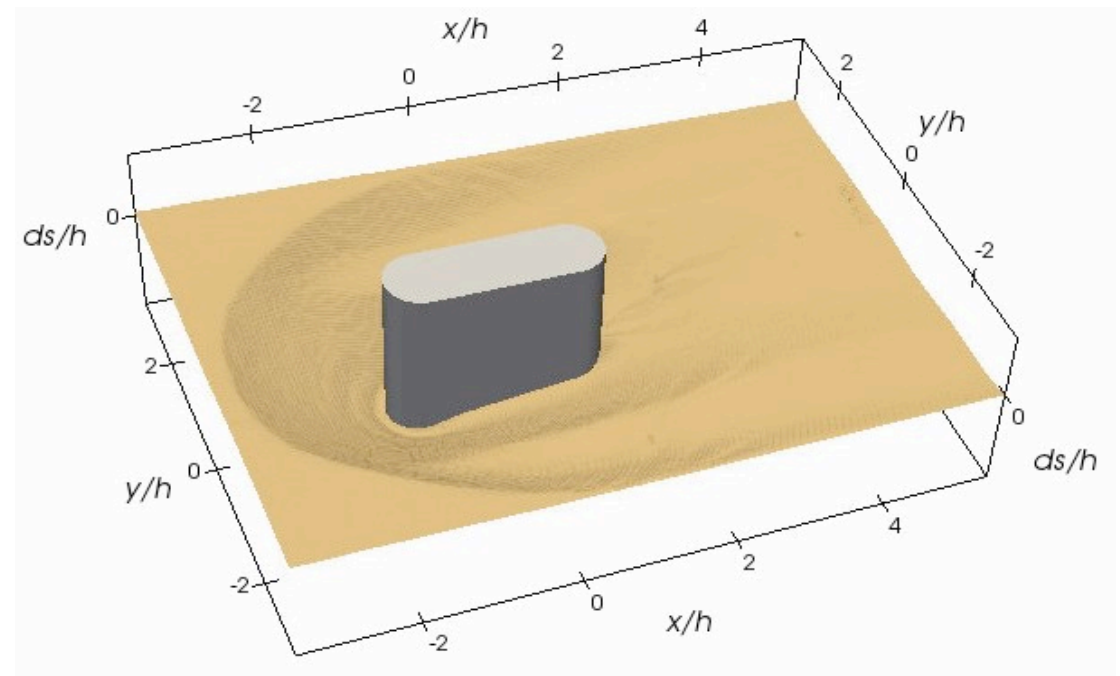
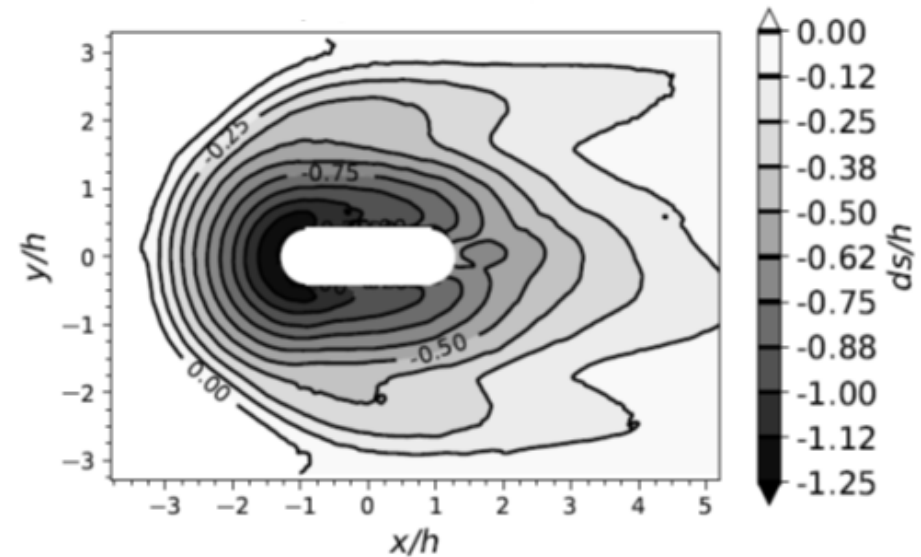


## Main features:

- ❑ Experiment of 3 days
- ❑ Steady flow conditions
- ❑ Oblong bridge pier

## Main conclusions:

- ❑ Both reconstructed the scour hole geometry with reliable detail and accuracy
- ❑ Promising approaches in bridge scour research field



BENTO, A.M., COUTO, L., PÊGO, J.P. & VISEU T. (2018). **Advanced characterization techniques of the scour hole around a bridge pier model**. In: *River Flow: 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Fluvial Hydraulics*, 5-8 September 2018, Lyon, France.



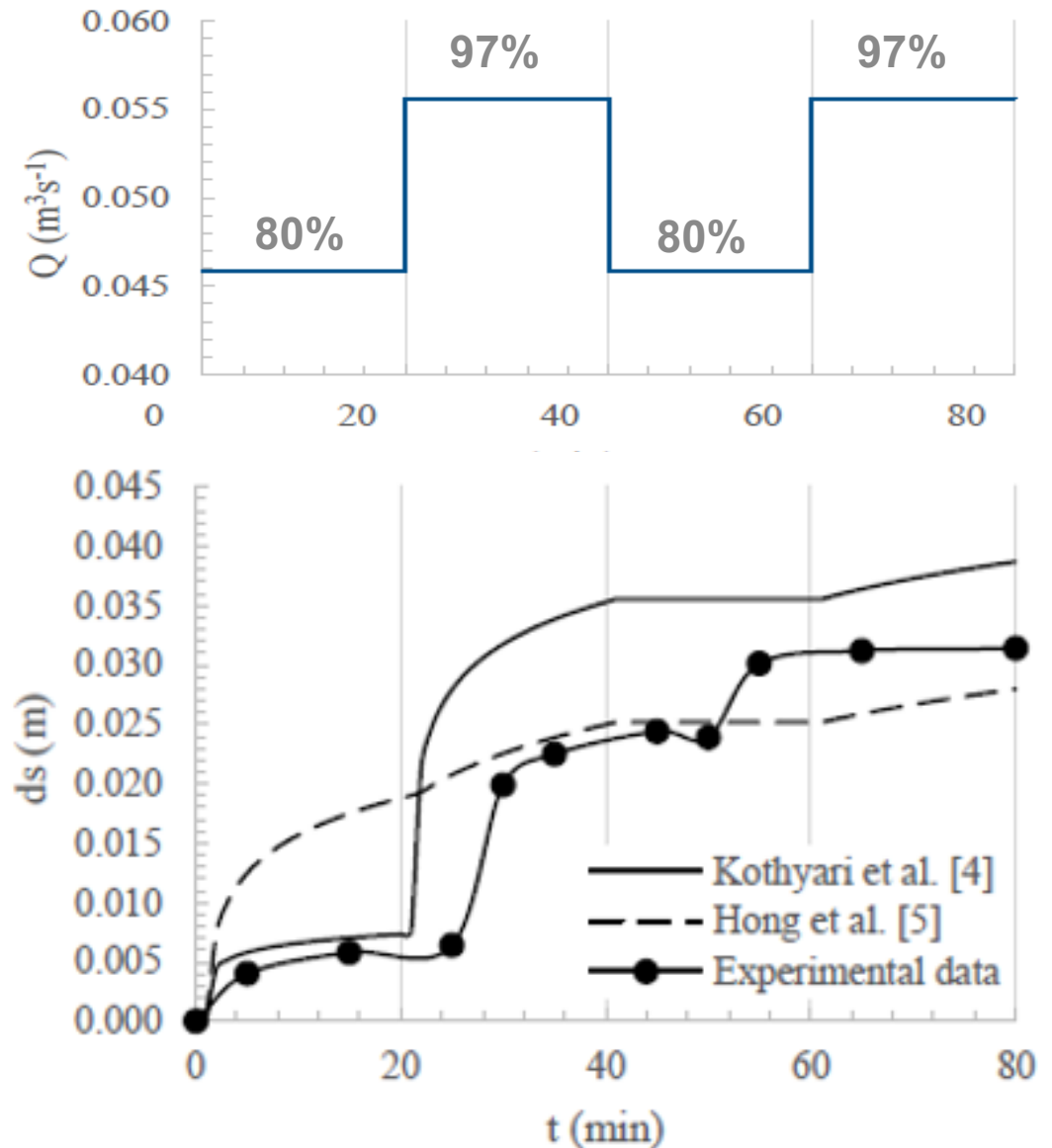
**5<sup>th</sup> IAHR EUROPE CONGRESS**  
**New challenges**  
**in hydraulic research**  
**and engineering**  
Trento 12-14 June, 2018

**Main features:**

- ❑ *Experiment of 80 minutes*
- ❑ *Stepwise discharge hydrograph*
- ❑ *Circular bridge pier*

**Main conclusions:**

- ❑ *Scour depth increases significantly after a stepwise increase in discharge*
- ❑ *The experimental scour depths followed the trends of two empirical formulas*



BENTO, A.M., PÊGO, J.P., VISEU T. & COUTO, L. (2018). *Evolution of local pier scour under flow conditions*. In: 5<sup>th</sup> Europe Congress, 12-14 June 2018, Trento, Italy.



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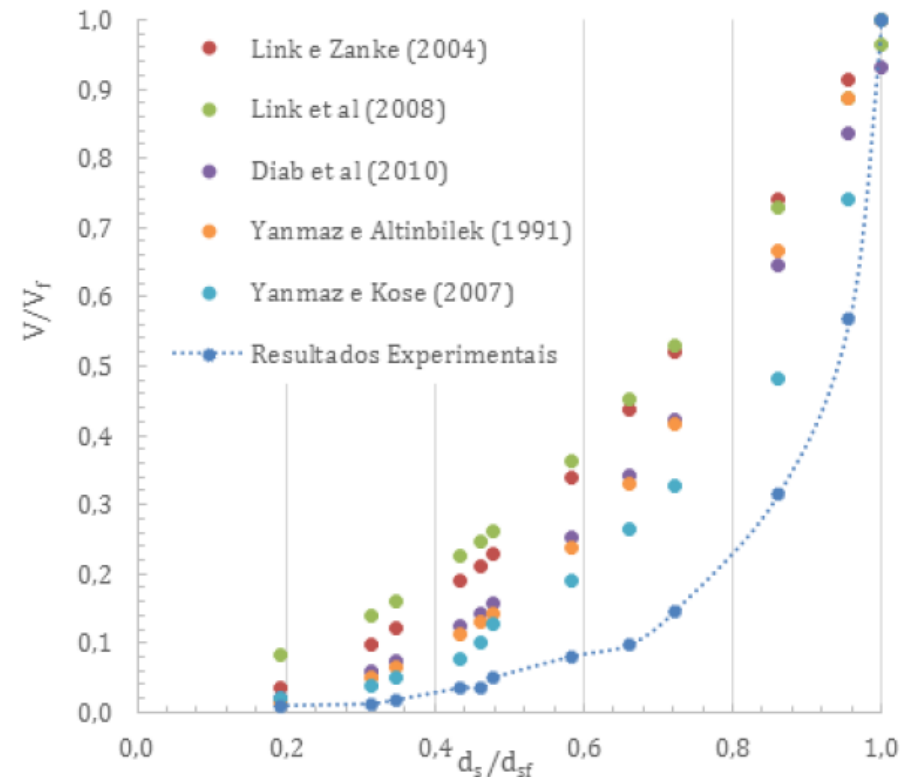
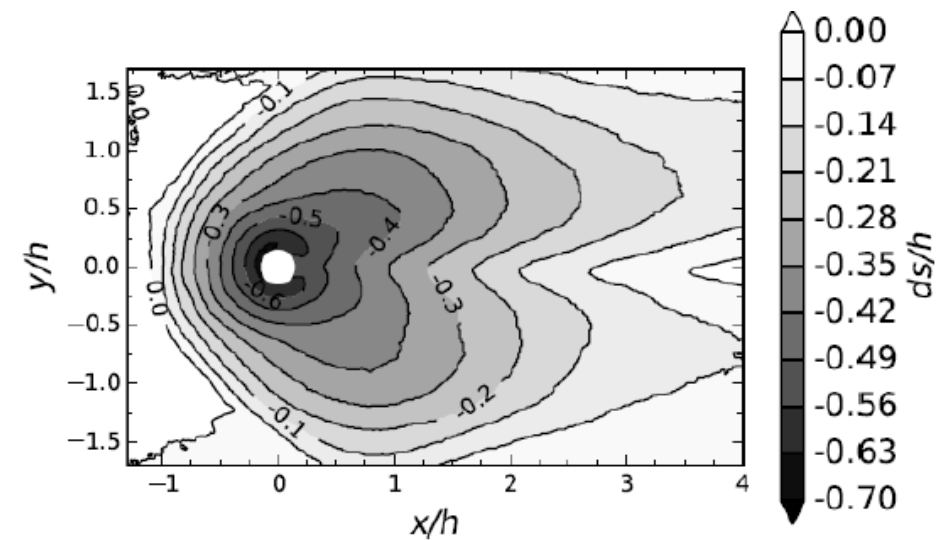
GESTÃO DOS RECURSOS HÍDRICOS:  
**NOVOS DESAFIOS**

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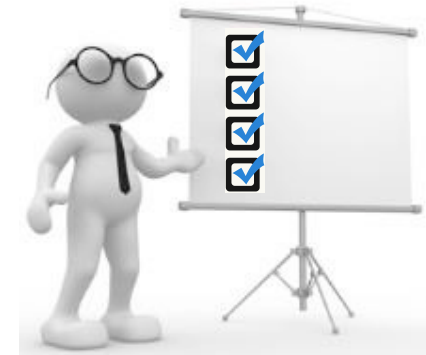
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- ☐ The pair of maximum scour depth and eroded volume values were compared with five empirical formulations for the experimental data
- ☐ The formulation that most approached the experimental results was the one of Yanmaz and Köse (2007).



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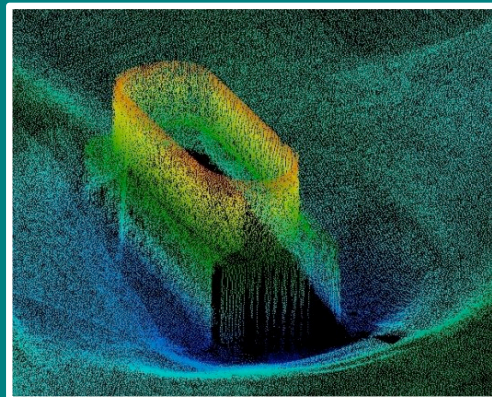


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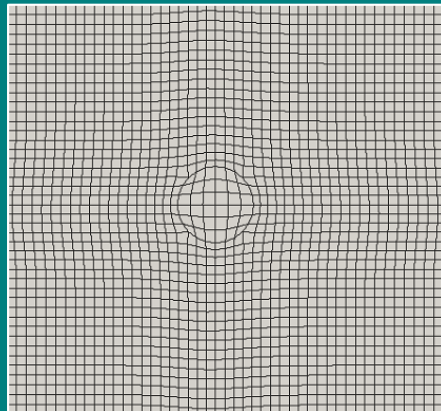
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**Acquisition and adjustments of the experimental instrumentation and techniques**



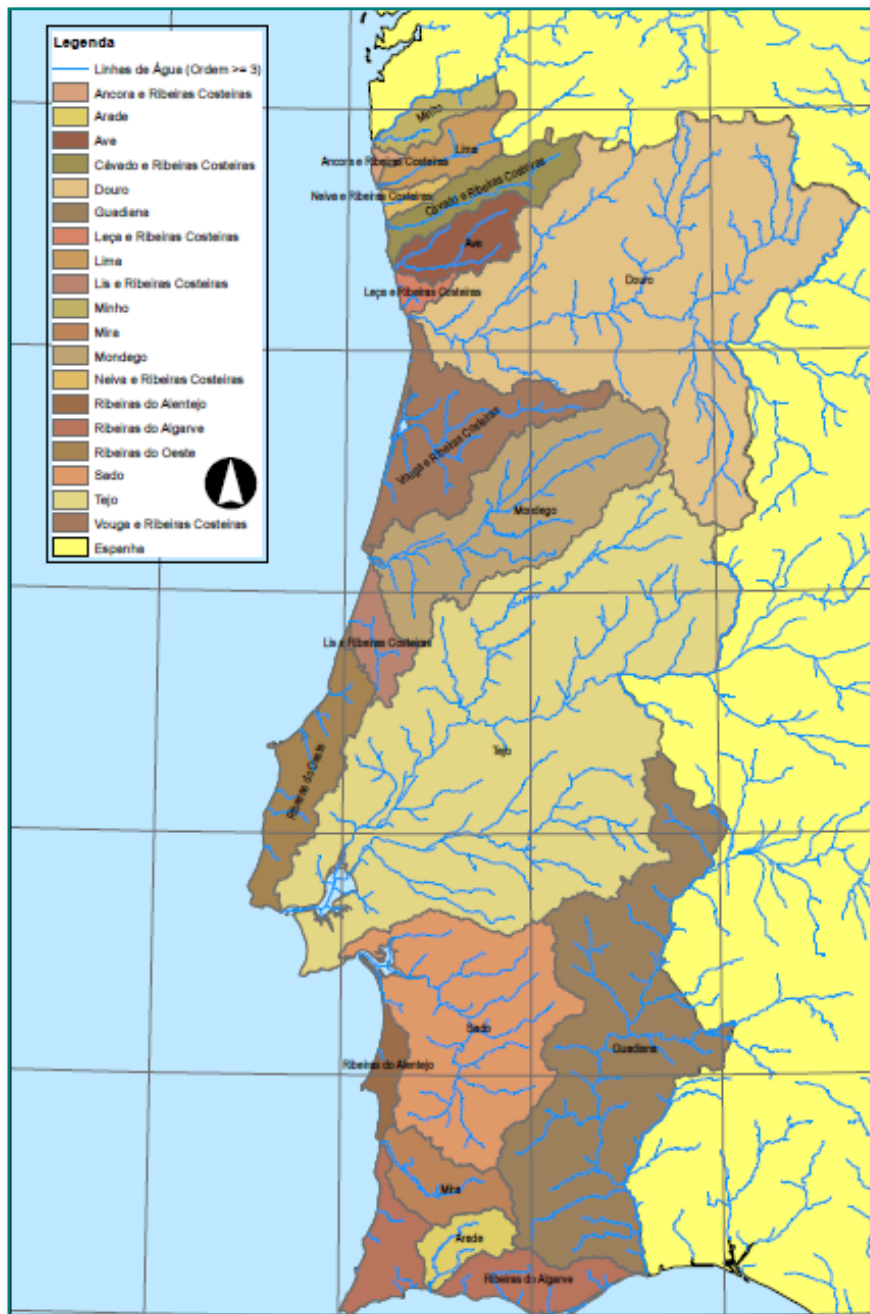
**Creation of the numerical mesh for the tilting flume**



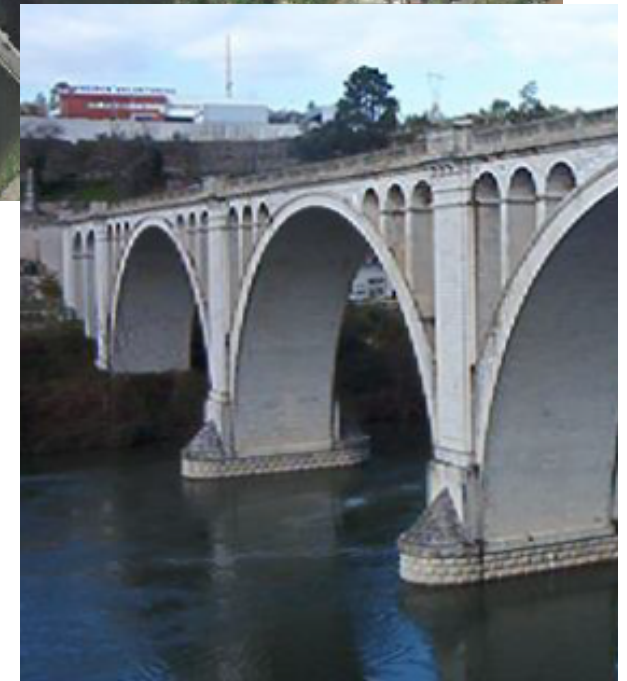
**Compilation of field data**

**Definition of the risk approach and methodology**

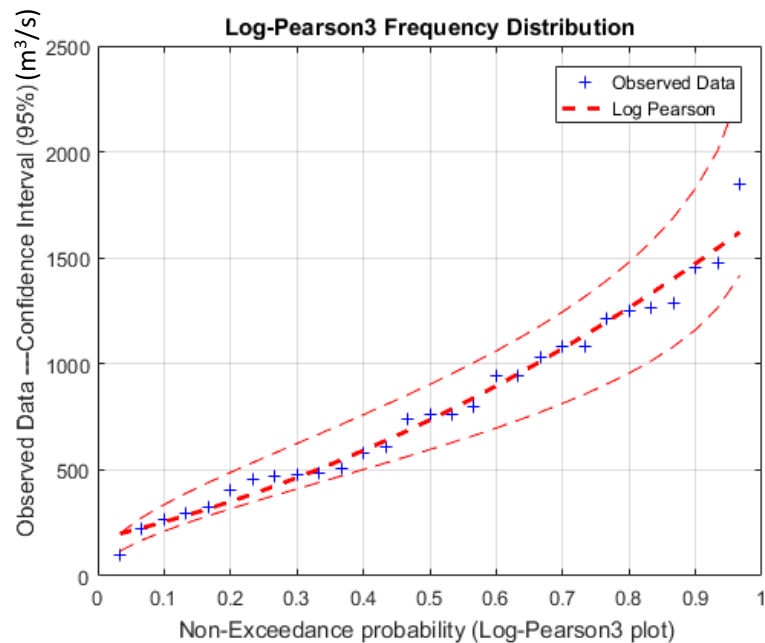
**Statistical modelling of the hydrological and hydraulic variables**



**Duarte  
Pacheco  
bridge,  
Tamega  
River,  
Portugal**

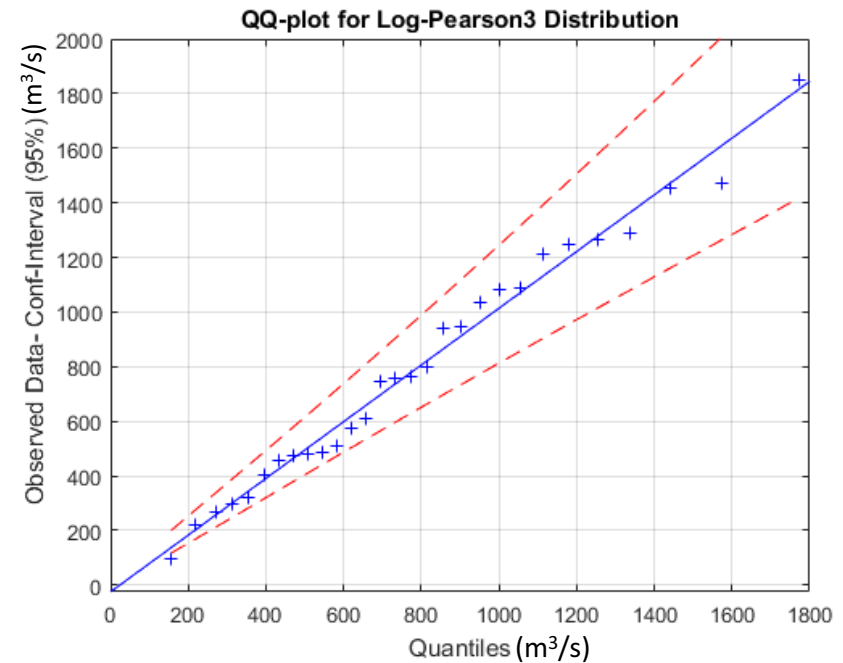


## Portuguese watersheds, SNIRH



Return Period (years)	Non-Exceedance Probability	Quantiles ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )
5	0.8	1180.0
10	0.9	1440.7
20	0.95	1659.9
50	0.98	1902.1
100	0.99	2056.7
500	0.998	2342.1
1000	0.999	2439.5
10000	0.9999	2680.7

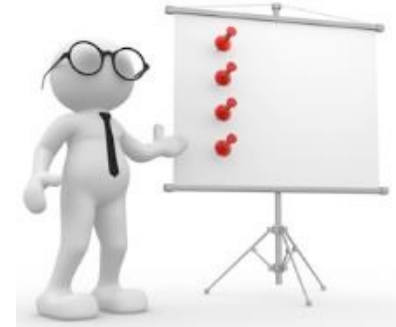
## Statistical modelling of maximum annual discharges



Probability Plot position	C. Correlation (Observed/Quantiles)
Hazen Method	0.992
Weibull Method	0.993
Cunane Method	0.993
Chegodayev Method	0.993
Gringorten Method	0.993



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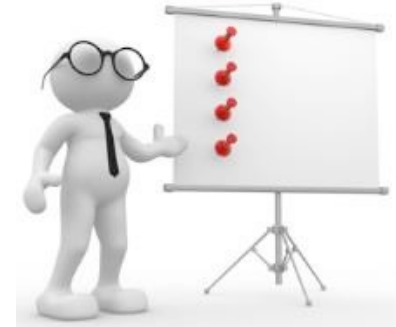
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**Journ: Risk Analysis**

# Work status

	2016	2017				2018				2019				2020		
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Curricular courses																
Literature review																
(i) Adaptation of the tilting flume at LNEC's Pavilion to conduct local scouring experiments with the sophisticated measurement system																
(ii) Comprehensive characterisation of the oblong bridge																
(iii) Experimental procedure																
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(iii) Simulation of the scour process on a flat bed																
(iv) Simulation of the scour process on an oblong bridge																
(v) Adaptation of the numerical tool(s) for predicting the scouring process at Portuguese bridges																
(i) Selection of Portuguese bridges which foundations have an oblong shape, as selected for the experimental work																
(ii) Data collection, bridge geometry, bridge structure, cross-sections, longitudinal profile, hydrological and hydraulic data																
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Publishing																

Experimental Work

Numerical Modelling

Risk-based Analysis



# Thank you!



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