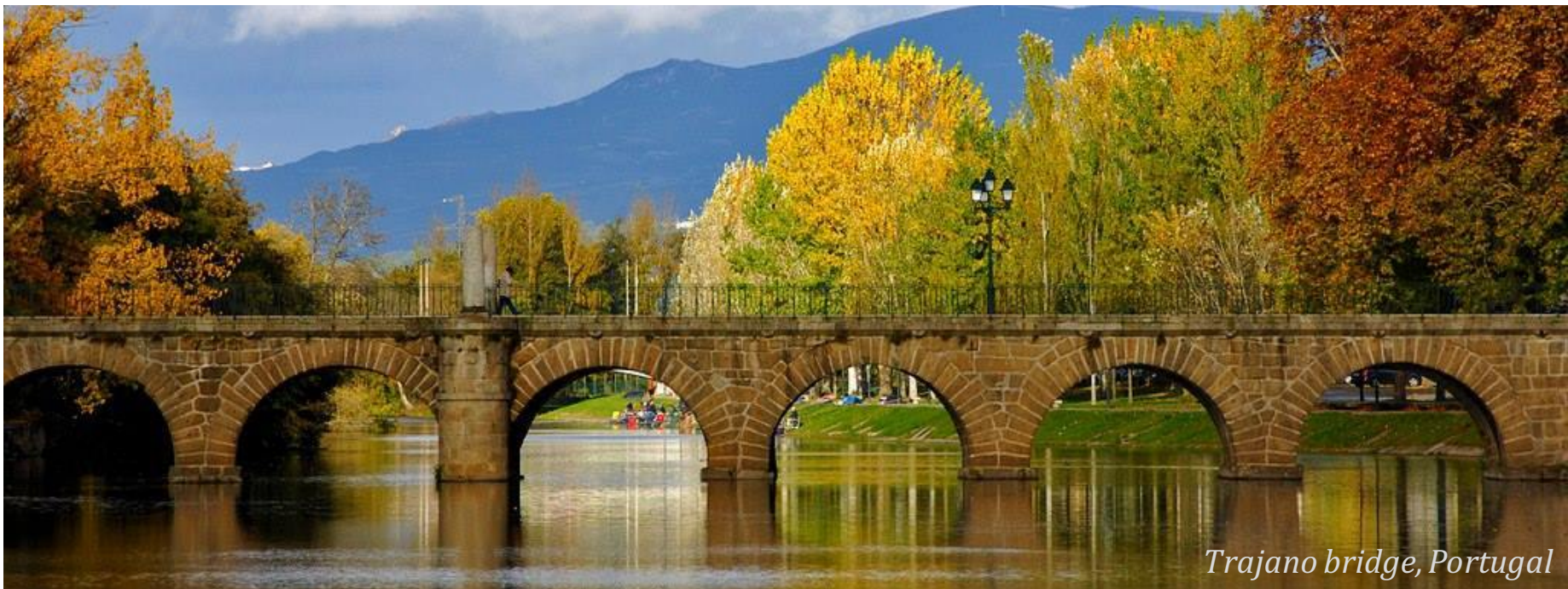


# RISK-BASED ANALYSIS OF BRIDGE SCOUR PREDICTION WITH LIVE BED CONDITIONS

## Third year workout

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*Lezíria bridge, Portugal*



# Introduction

**Bridge scour** is widely recognized as a **major cause of bridge collapses**. Over a period of **30 years more than 1000 bridges** have collapsed in USA, **60%** of which as **result of scour at the bridge foundation level**.



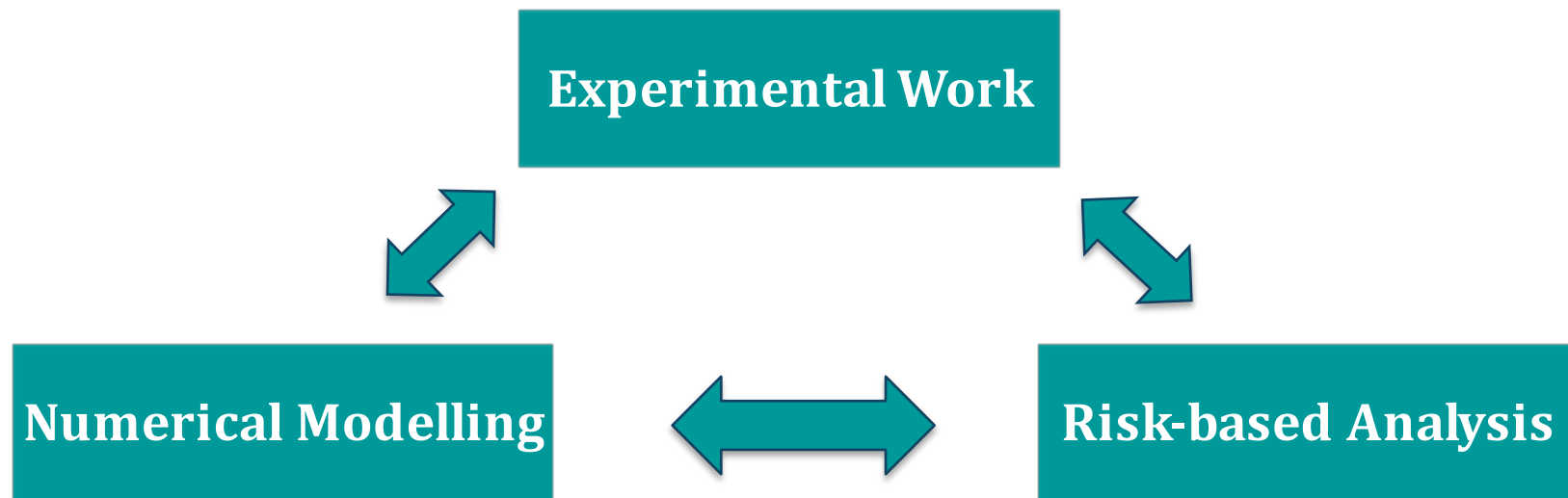
*Schoharie Creek bridge, NY, USA, 1987*



*Hintze Ribeiro bridge, Portugal, 2001*

# Objective and Approaches

Development of a **risk-based methodology** to estimate the **probability of failure** of bridge foundations under **clear water** and **live bed flow conditions**





# Work Done

*from the last workout ...*



## Experimental Work

**Conduction** of the first experimental run – RUN 1

**Collection** and **treatment** of the first experimental results

## Numerical Modelling

**Creation** of the numerical mesh for the tilting flume and establishment of the initial boundary conditions according to experiments

## Risk-based Analysis

**Compilation** of field data

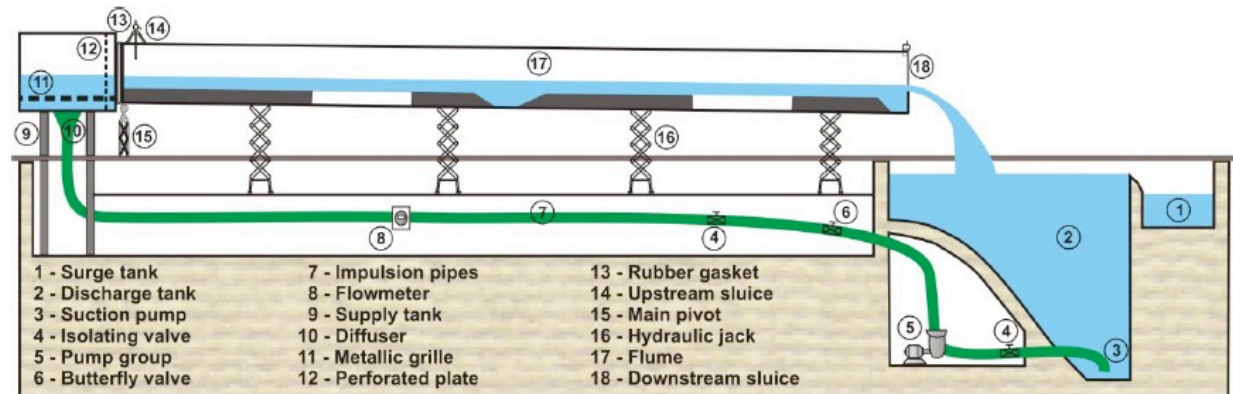
**Definition** of the risk approach and methodology

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

## Twelve *Experimental Runs* were defined



*CIV (LNEC): 40 m long, 2 m wide and 1 m deep*



|                | $V/V_c = 0.95$ |                |                | $V/V_c = 1.30$ |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                | $h_1$          | $h_2$          | $h_3$          | $h_1$          | $h_2$          | $h_3$          |
| <i>Pier 11</i> | <i>Exp. 1U</i> | <i>Exp. 2U</i> | -              | <i>Exp. 4U</i> | <i>Exp. 5U</i> | -              |
| <i>Pier 14</i> | <i>Exp. 1D</i> | -              | <i>Exp. 3U</i> | <i>Exp. 4D</i> | -              | <i>Exp. 6U</i> |
| <i>Pier 17</i> | -              | <i>Exp. 2D</i> | <i>Exp. 3D</i> | -              | <i>Exp. 5D</i> | <i>Exp. 6D</i> |
| <i>Run</i>     | <i>Run 1</i>   | <i>Run 2</i>   | <i>Run 3</i>   | <i>Run 4</i>   | <i>Run 5</i>   | <i>Run 6</i>   |

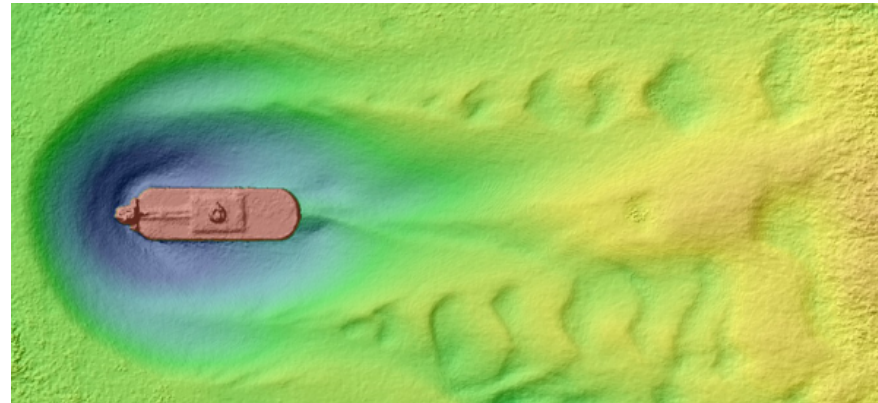
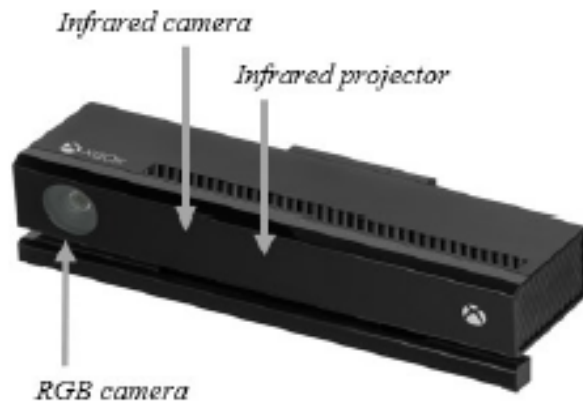
### Upstream

- Exp. 1U
- Exp. 1U\_Fbed
- Exp. 1U\_Ebed

### Downstream

- Exp. 1D
- Exp. 1D\_Fbed
- Exp. 1D\_Ebed

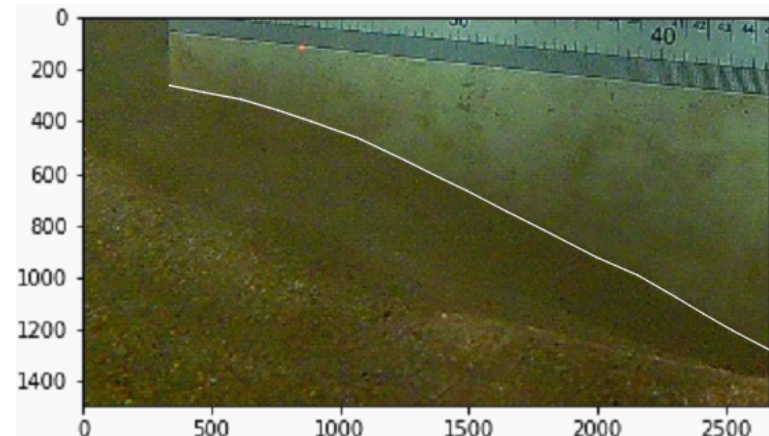
- ❑ Temporal evolution of  $d_s$ : **Hydrometers** at the pier fronts
- ❑ 3D: **Kinect V2 sensor** vs **Close-range photogrammetry**



- ❑ **Underwater image processing:** during the scouring process



*Action Cam  
NK 3056 FHD*

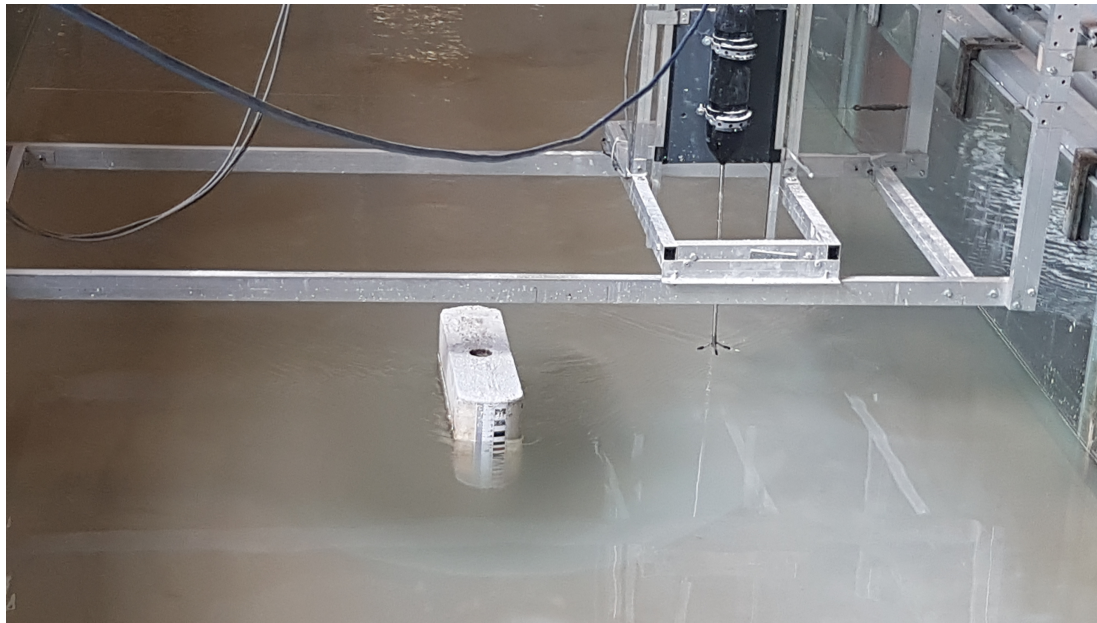




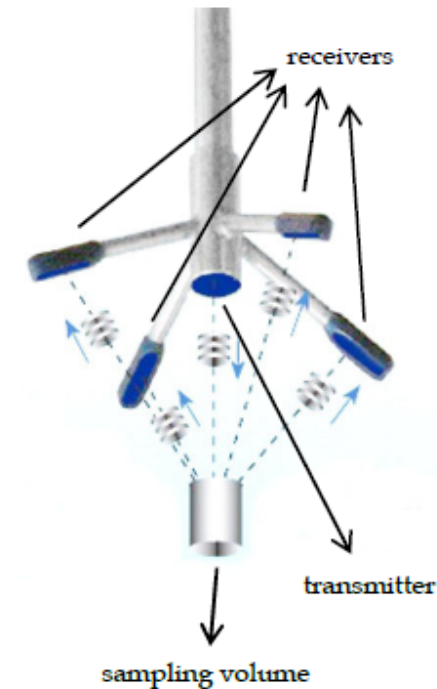
## Flow field characterization

- ❑ **Flow discharge control:** electromagnetic flowmeter
- ❑ **Flow depth control:** acoustic and resistive probes, hydrometers along CIV, and rulers along the lateral glass windows
- ❑ **Instantaneous flow field** in two different moments:
  - ❑ at *fixed flat bed*
  - ❑ at a fixed eroded bed

*Downlooking  
vectrino*

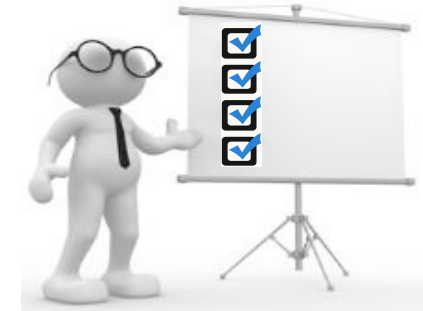


*Moving carriage for Vectrino at CIV*



# Work Done

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## Experimental Work

**Conduction of the first experimental runs – RUN 1 and RUN 4**

**Collection and treatment of the first experimental results – RUN 1**

## Numerical Modelling

**Creation of algebraic and elliptical numerical meshes for the experimental boundary conditions**

*Afonso, Alexandre; Miranda, João; Araújo, José Daniel; Alves, Manuel; Silva Santos, Carlos; Rodrigues, Carlos; Ferrás, Luís; Nóbrega, Miguel; Resende, Pedro; Carvalho, Rita F.; Mould, Sacha; Bento, Ana Margarida. "3rd Iberian Meeting of OpenFOAM® Technology Users". Porto: FEUP Edições, 2019. ISBN 978-972-752-258-3. 53 p*

## Risk-based Analysis

**Compilation of field data**

**Definition of the risk approach and methodology**

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

# Work in Progress



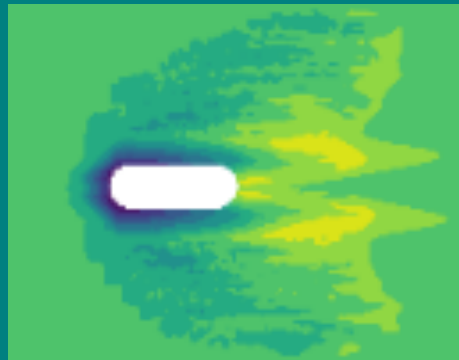
## Experimental Work

**Conduction of RUN 4**



## Numerical Modelling

**Simulation of the turbulent flow field and scour patterns at erodible beds**

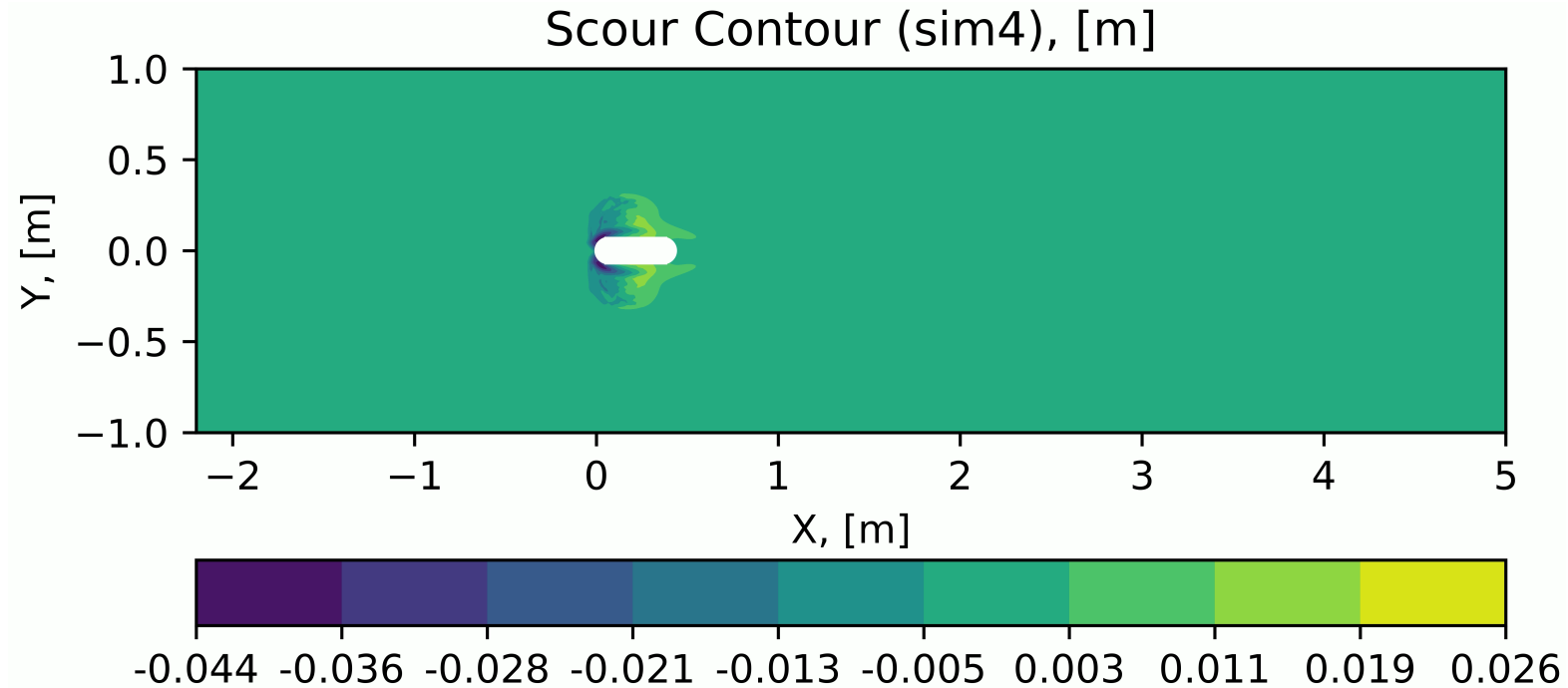


## Risk-based Analysis

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

**Generation of the Digital Terrain models, through topographic and bathymetric measurements**





|   | sim1       | sim2 | sim3       | sim4   |
|---|------------|------|------------|--------|
| <b>computational domain (m)</b>           | 3.35 x 2.0 |      | 5.55 x 2.0 |        |
| <b>bed shear stress</b>                   | 0.03047    |      | 0.0348     | 0.0355 |
| <b>bed roughness</b>                      | 0.0051     |      |            |        |
| <b>turbulence model</b>                   | k-epsilon  |      |            |        |
| <b>time step (s)</b>                      | 5          |      |            |        |
| <b>vertical cross-sections</b>            | 21         | 19   | 19         | 19     |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> bed cell height (%)</b> | 3.0        | 3.6  |            |        |

# Work in Progress



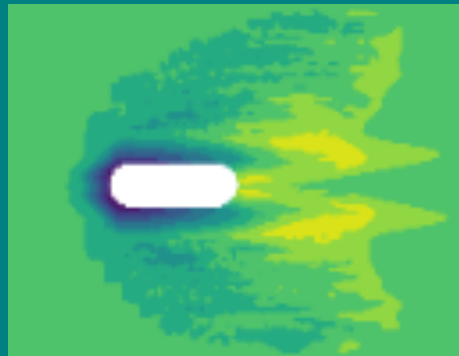
## Experimental Work

### Conduction of RUN 4



## Numerical Modelling

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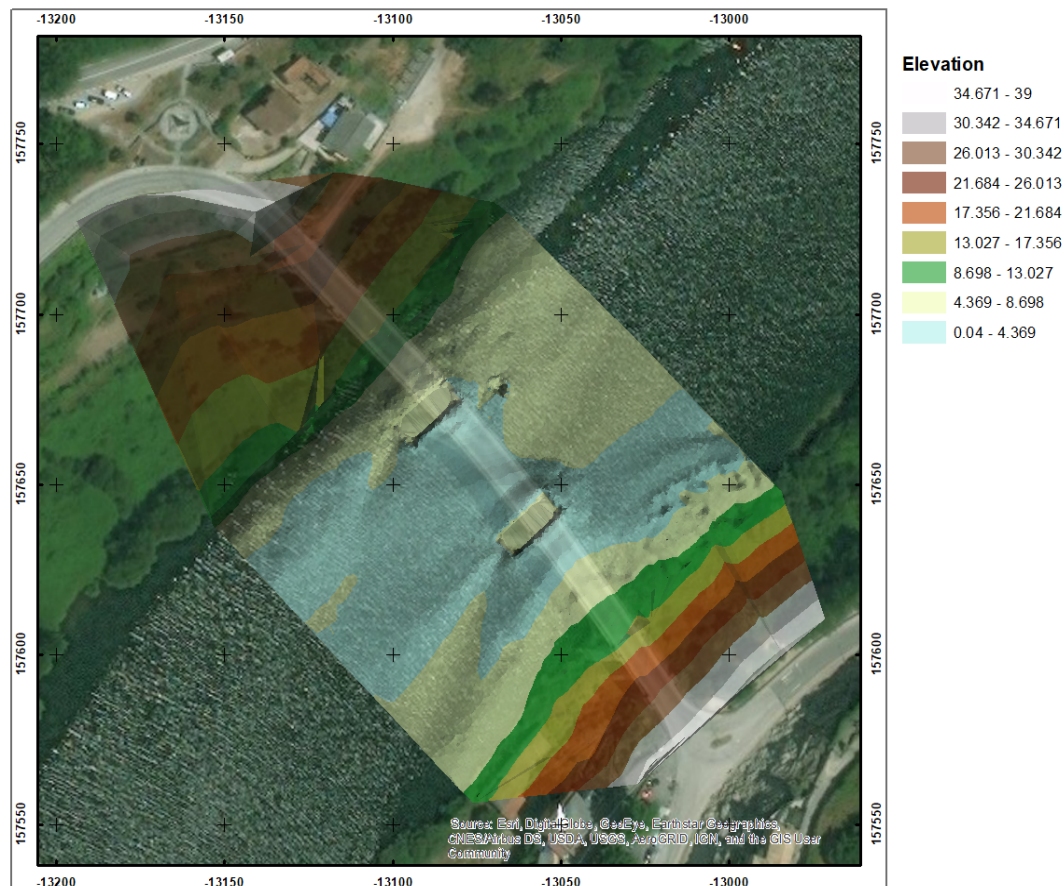
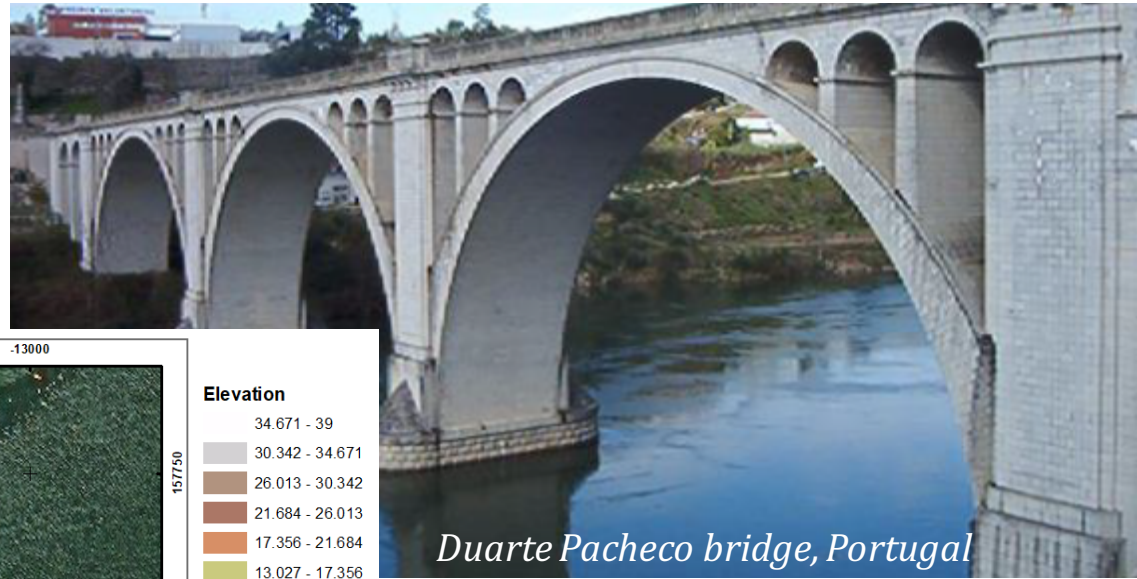


## Risk-based Analysis

Statistical modelling of the hydrological and hydraulic variables

Generation of the Digital Terrain models (DTMs), by using topographic and bathymetric measurements (Infraestruturas de Portugal)

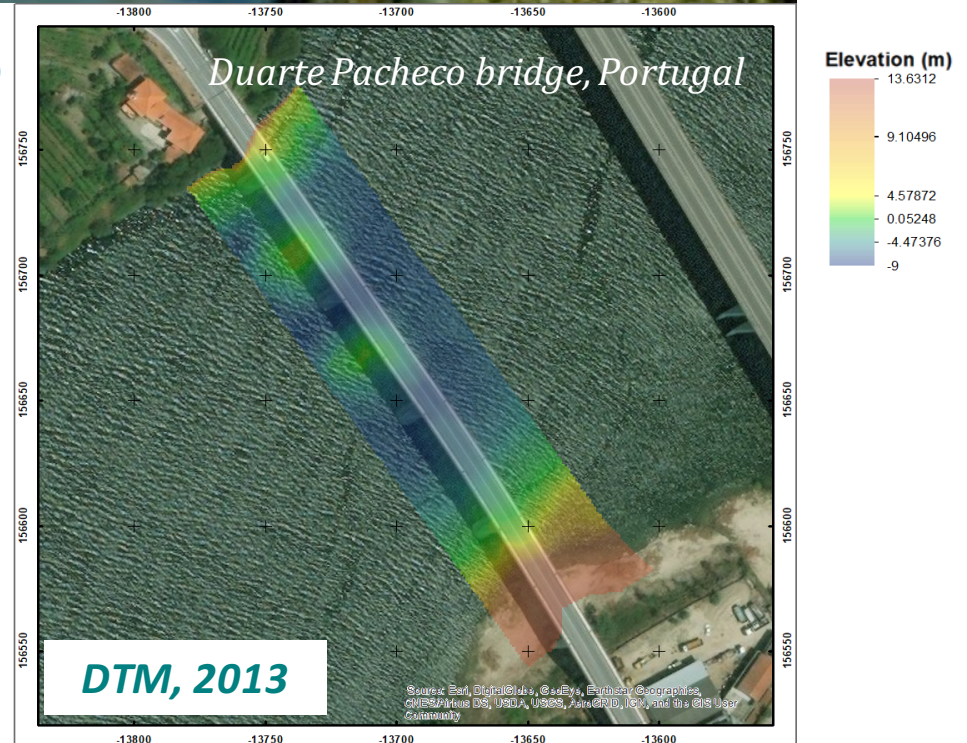
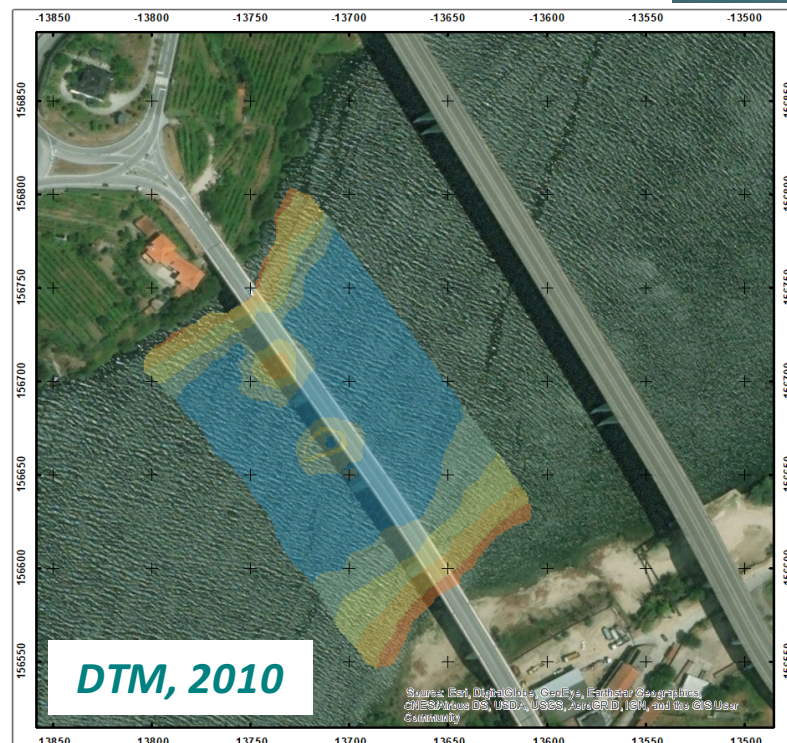
## Duarte Pacheco bridge



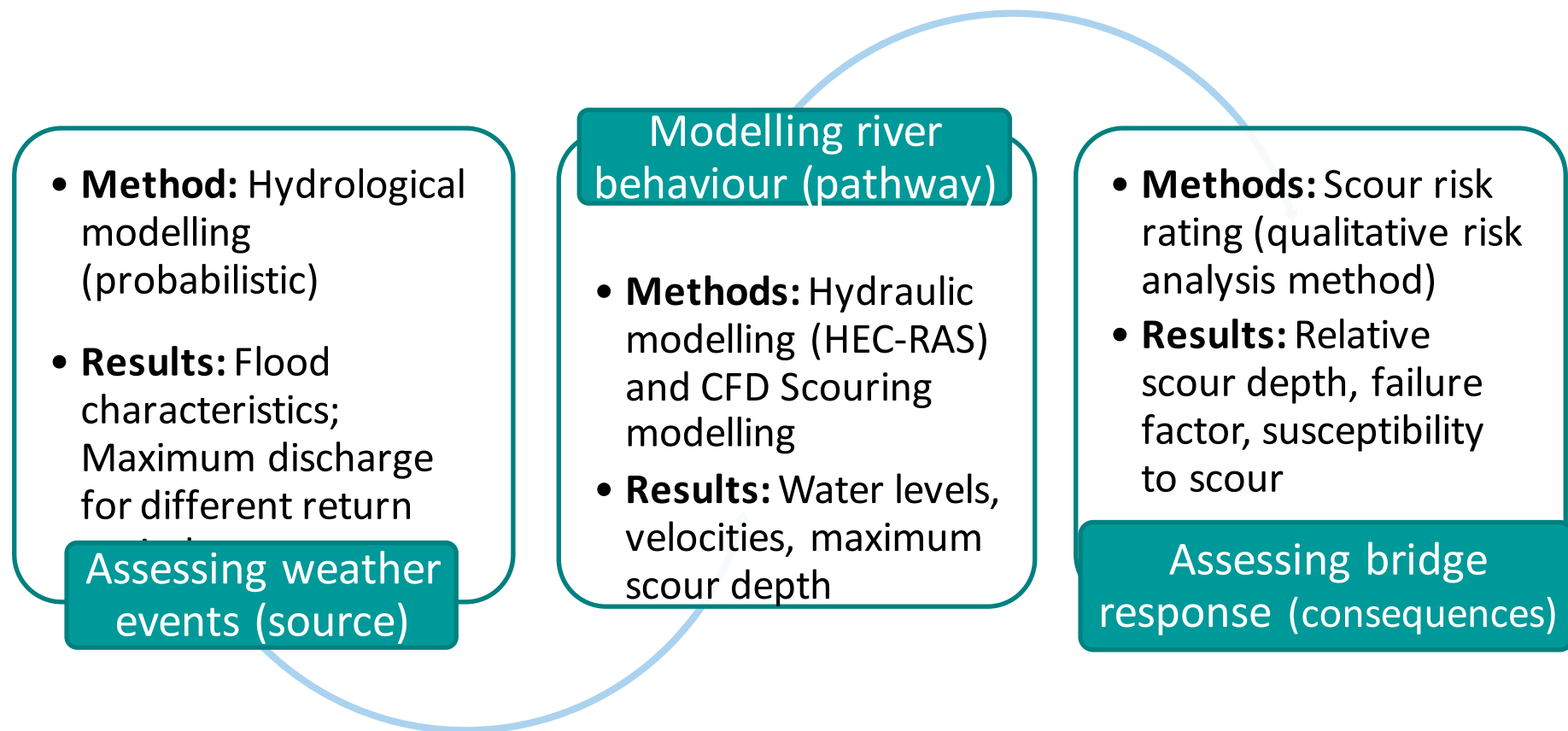
*Digital Terrain Model, 2016*



## Hintze Ribeiro bridge



## Approach for bridge scouring risk analysis



*Bento, A.M., Viseu, T. Couto, L., Pêgo, J.P. Methodology for bridge scouring risk analysis (under development)*

# Planned Work



## Experimental Work

**Conclusion of the experimental campaign and data treatment**

**Publish a research paper with the experimental findings**

## Numerical Modelling

**Conclusion of the numerical simulations prescribed for this PhD work**

**Submit/Publish a research paper with the numerical results**

## Risk-based Analysis

**Application of the failure criteria to the already selected Portuguese bridges**

**Submit/Publish the risk-based analysis paper, applied to the case studies, under elaboration.**



# Work Chronogram

|                     |  | 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   |  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
| Experimental work   | (i) Adaptation of the tilting flume at LNEC's Pavilion to conduct local scouring experiments with the specificities of the present study   |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | (ii) Conduction of trial runs, employing sophisticated measurement techniques for a comprehensive characterization of the scour hole around an oblong bridge pier model  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | (iii) Definition of the experimental campaign, procedure and measuring techniques  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | iv) Execution of the experimental campaign   |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | v) Collection and treatment of the experimental results  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    | October 2019  |    |           |
| Numerical Modelling | (i) Selection of the appropriate CFD tool(s) for simulating the local scouring phenomenon  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | (ii) Creation of the numerical mesh for the tilting flume and establishment of the initial boundary conditions according to experiments  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | iii) Simulation of the turbulent flow field at fixed flat and eroded beds  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | iv) Simulation of the turbulent flow field and scour patterns at erodible beds   |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | v) Adaptation of the numerical tool(s) for predicting the scouring process at Portuguese bridges   |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    | February 2020 |    |           |
| Risk-based Analysis | (i) Selection of Portuguese bridges which foundations have an oblong shape, as selected for the experimental work  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | (ii) Compilation of information of bathymetry, bridge structural characteristics, channel cross-sections, longitudinal bed slopes, bed roughness, hydrological and hydraulic data of the selected Portuguese bridges |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | iii) Statistical modelling of the hydrological and hydraulic variables for the selected Portuguese bridges   |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | iv) Definition of the failure criterion/criteria to scour depth at bridge foundations  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    |           |
|                     | v) Derivation of empirical cumulative distribution functions of exceedance of the failure criterion/criteria and evaluation of risk failure of Portuguese bridges  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    | July 2020 |
| Publishing          |  |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |               |    | Aug 2020  |

# Thank you very much!

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