

Long-term monitoring system of the Lezíria Bridge



past experience
current status
future challenges



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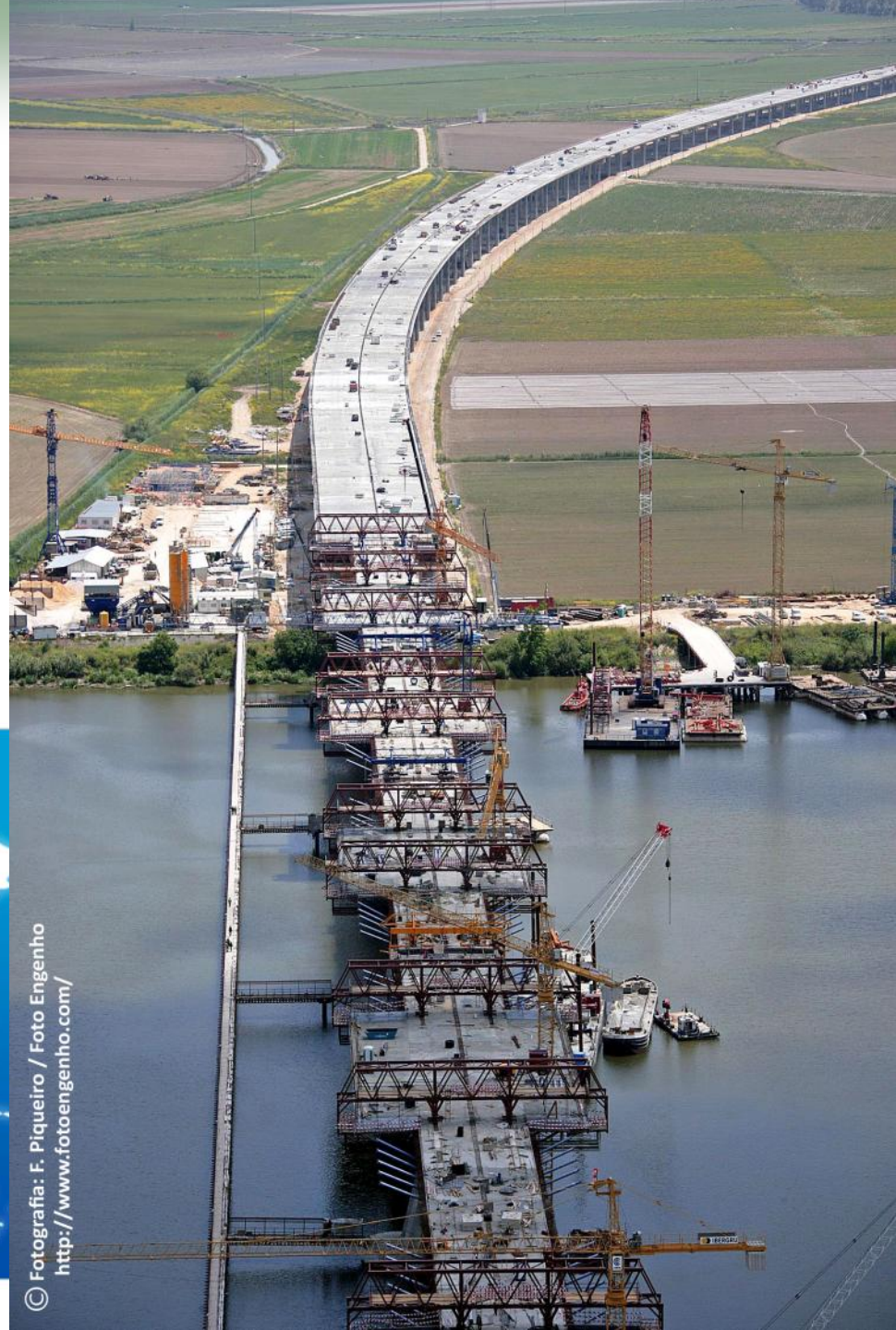
BRISA

The company

- ❑ One of the largest tolled motorway operators in the world
 - Concessions in the US of America
 - Operations in the Netherlands and India
- ❑ The largest transport infrastructure group in Portugal

Management of transport infrastructures (roads and railways)

- ❑ Investments in SHM
 - Sorraia Bridge (A13)
 - Lezíria Bridge (A10)



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The structure



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The architecture of the monitoring system

❑ **Static acquisition system:**

Time dependent properties of concrete and prestressing steel relaxation, soil-structure interaction, environmental effects.

❑ **Dynamic acquisition system:**

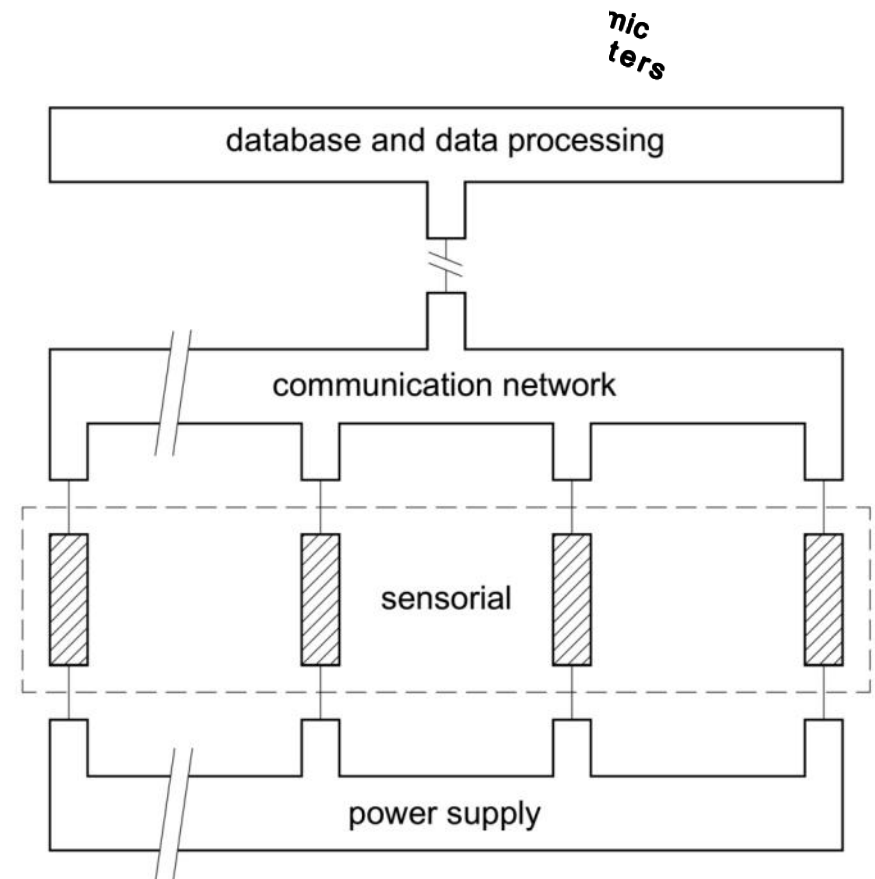
Impact of boats and earthquakes.

❑ **Optical acquisition system:**

Comparative evaluation with the electric system, dynamic acquisition of measurements concerning concrete deformations.

❑ **Communication and database system:**

Operation Central at BRISA with remote database access.



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Assessment of the structural performance



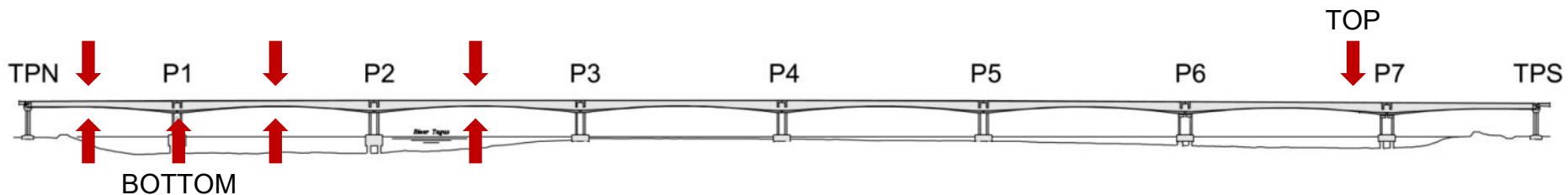
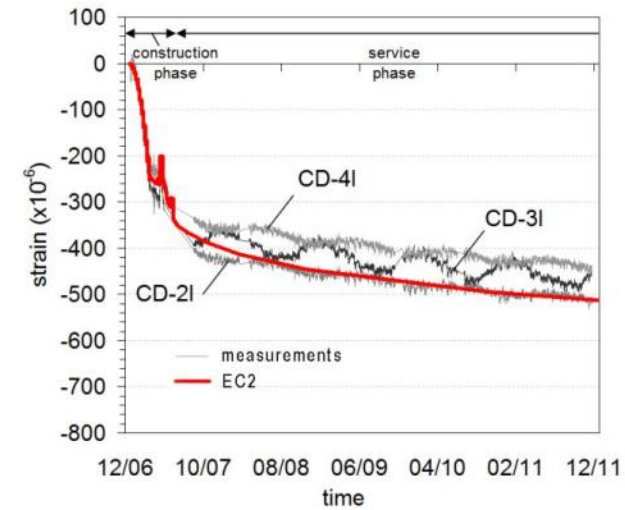
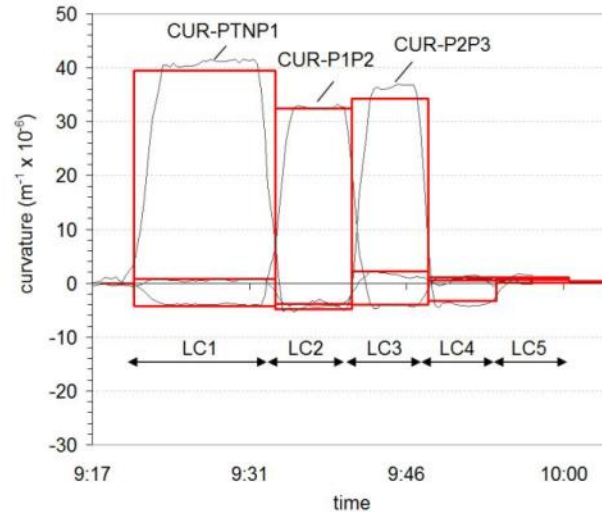
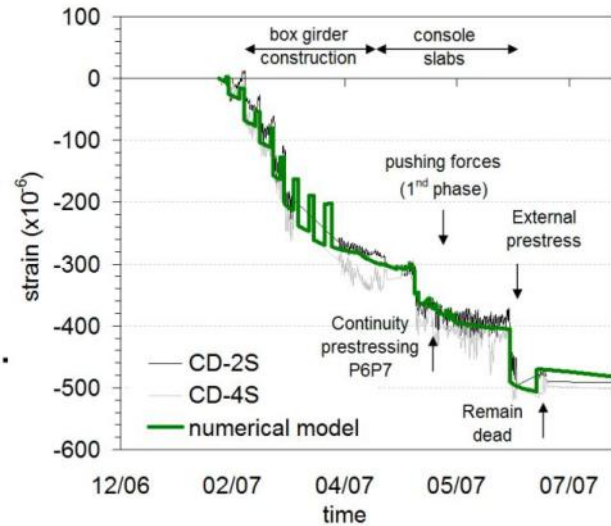
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Assessment of the structural performance

CONSTRUCTION PHASE

LOAD TEST

LONG-TERM



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Sensorial subsystem

- ❑ Good condition after 9 years of operation and without signs of vandalism
- ❑ Overall, 93 % of the embedded sensors are operational
- ❑ Quality of the collected measurements vs. required maintenance

External sensors

Connection boxes

Cables path

Acquisition nodes

2007



2014



Steps towards a more efficient asset management

Maintenance actions

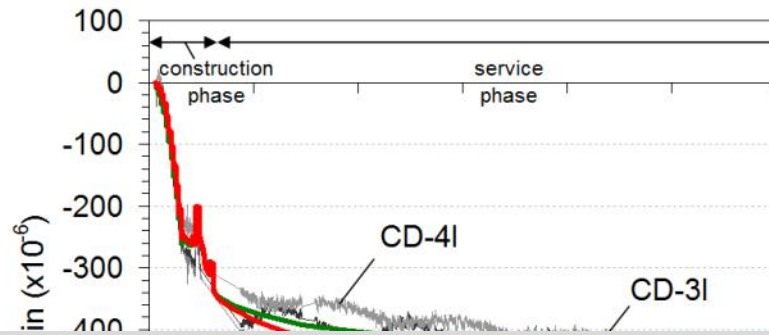
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Consistent treatment of uncertainties

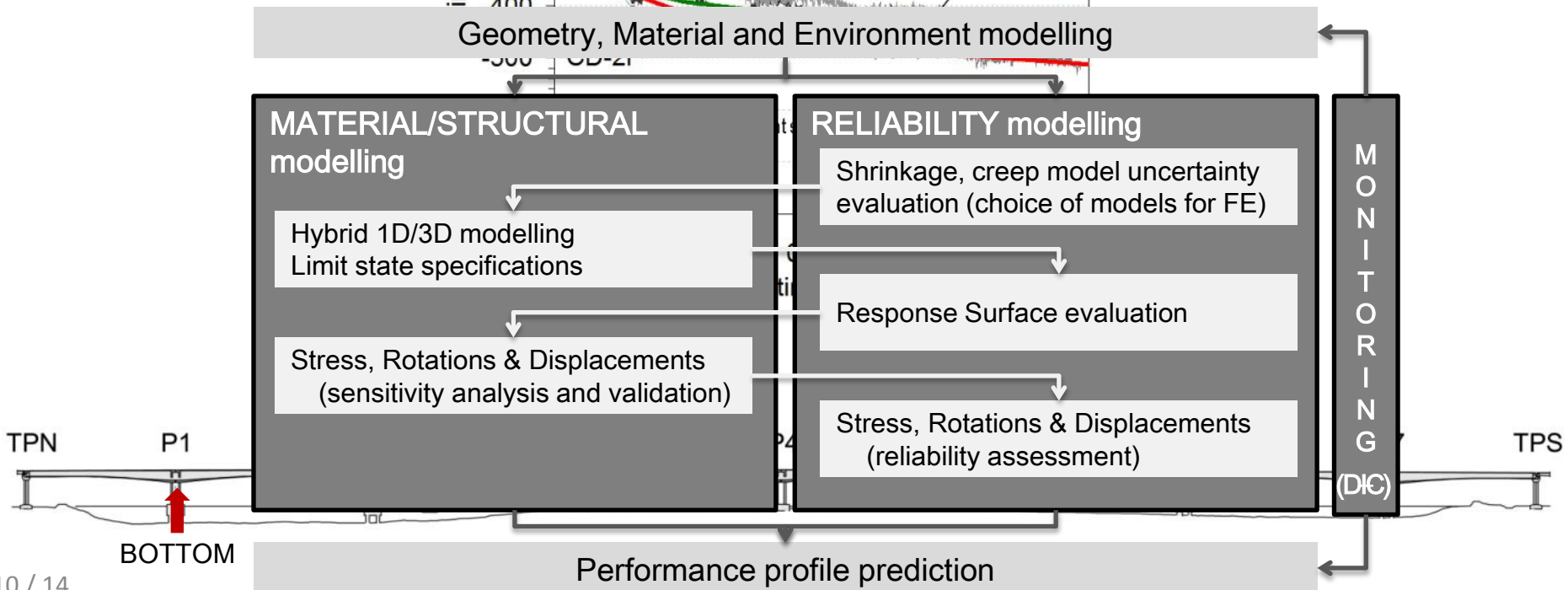
□ Limitations

- poor material models (creep & shrinkage)
- rates of shrinkage and creep deformations in box girder cross-sections
- numerical models
- absence of monitoring
- lack of consistency

□ A risk-based approach



'creep deformations
other uncertainty sources



Conclusions

For the providers of SHM systems

For the bridge owners and maintaining agents

For the research community (WG2 of the COST Action TU1402)

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