



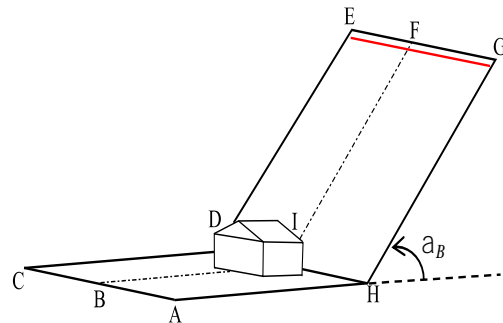
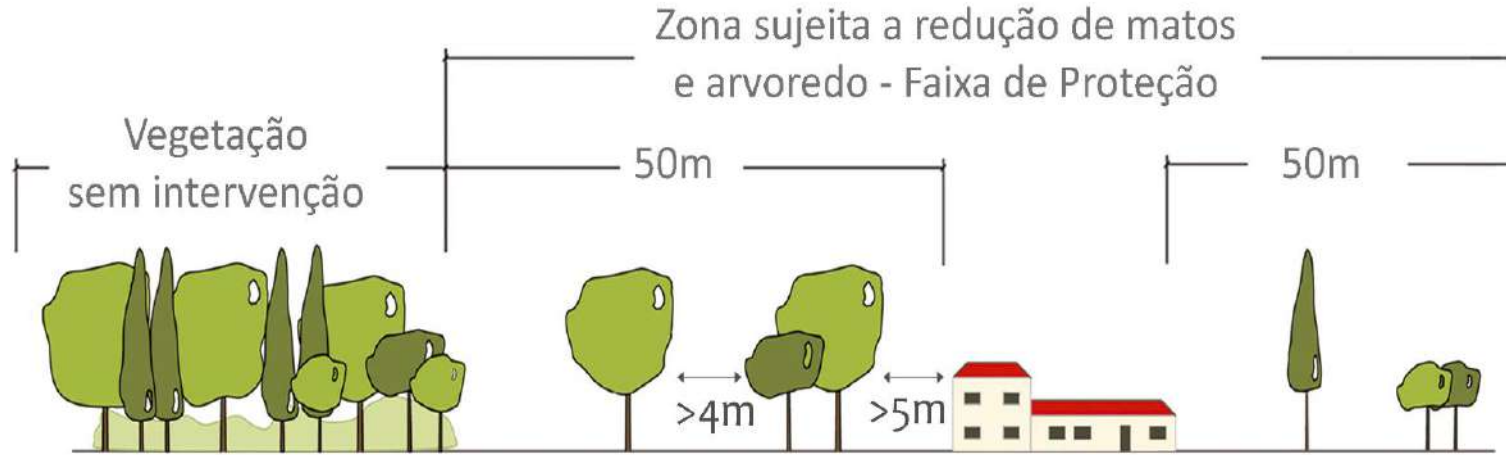
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- Is 50m the best bandwidth for fuel management?
- Should there be a single width regardless of the characteristics of the deployment area?
- How do building materials and good building practices minimise risk?
- How do compensatory self-protection measures minimise the risk?

Structure of the project

Advisory Board
(J. Leonard, S. Manzello)



- Characteristics of the surroundings
- Self-protection measures
- Building materials and construction practices



Effective implementation
Awareness raising and training of population and professionals



Regulatory proposals
Proposals for insurance sector

Associated partners (e.g., APS)



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1º Relatório

LEGISLAÇÃO PORTUGUESA APLICADA À INTERFACE URBANO-FLORESTAL NA DUAL CASA/ENVOLVENTE (Legislação Nacional com relevo no âmbito do Projeto House Refuge)

- Decree-Law 124/2006 (National System of Forest defence against rural fires):
 - **(inter)municipal plans for forest defence against rural fires**
 - **Fire Management Zones**
 - **Fuel management obligations** (50m around buildings)
 - **Construction prohibition** (in high and very high fire prone areas) **and limitations** (50 m to the limit of the property in forested areas; other limits possible depending on the occupation of the surroundings and the use of the construction).

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Cenários Típicos de interface urbano-florestal na dual casa/envolvente

Typical buildings

- **Number of floors:** building with one or two floors;
- **Structure:** building with reinforced concrete structure and brick masonry, or stone masonry and reinforced concrete floors;
- **Roof:** building with sloping roof covered with ceramic tiles;
- **Spans:** aluminium or wooden doors and windows
- **Ventilation:** PVC grids;
- **Insulation:** XPS thermal insulator and steel and PU sandwich panel.

Developments T1- Survey and specifications

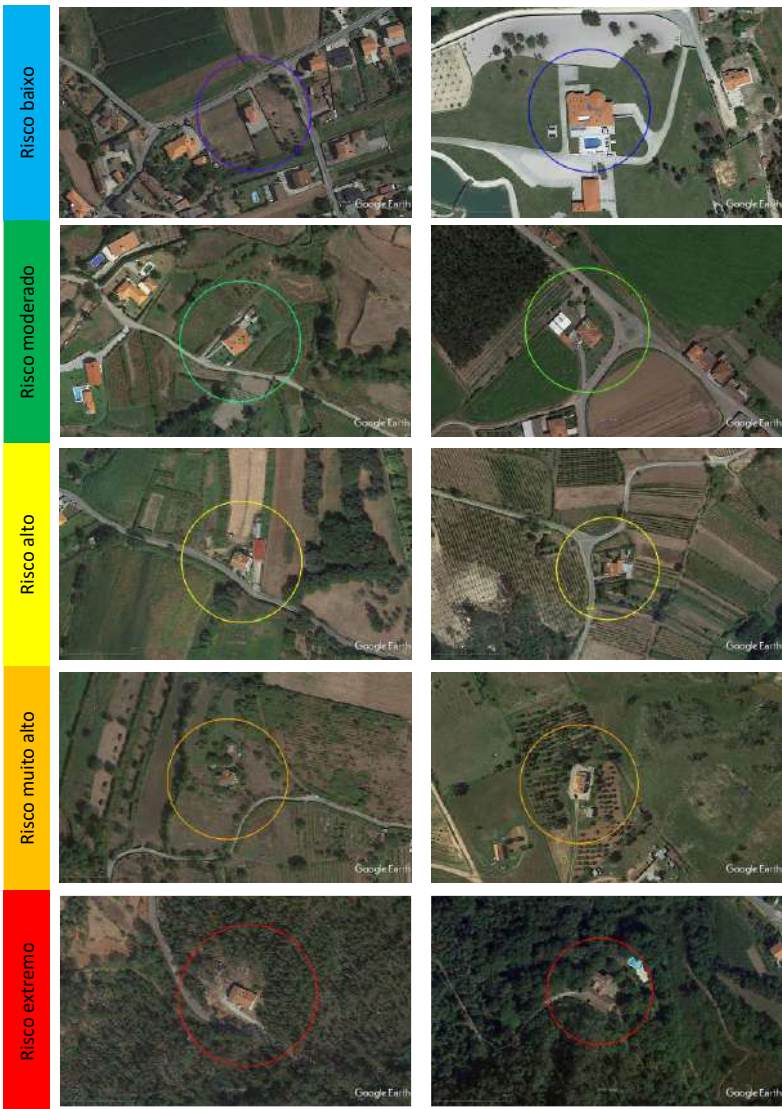
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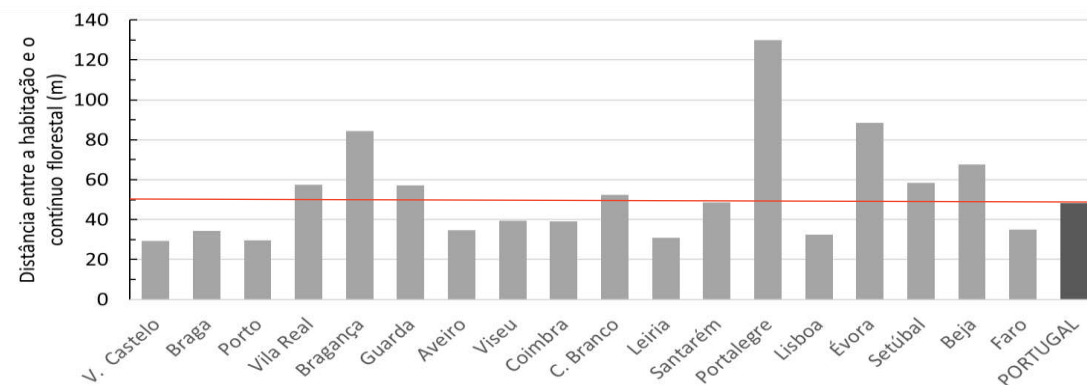
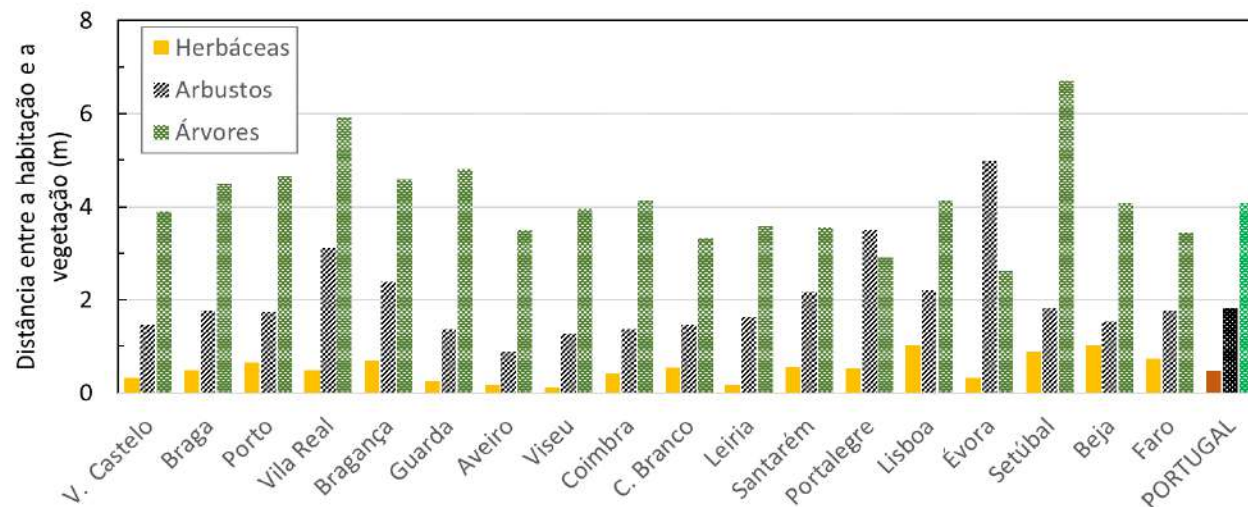
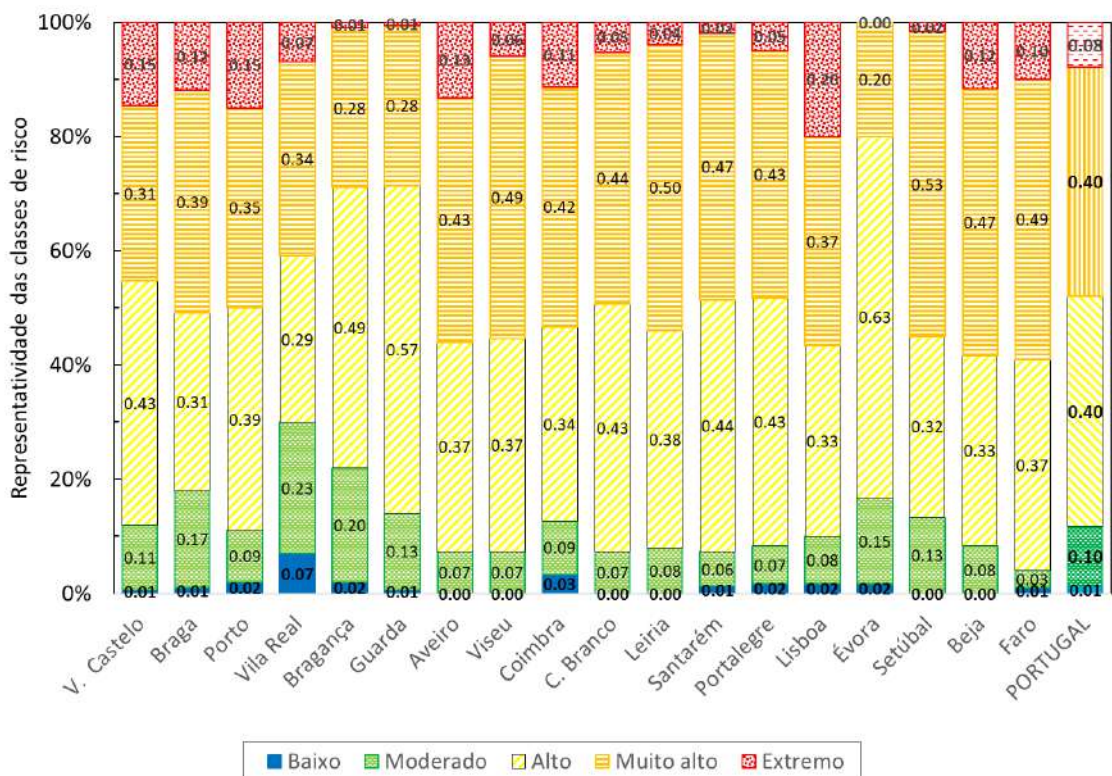
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Typical surrounding scenario

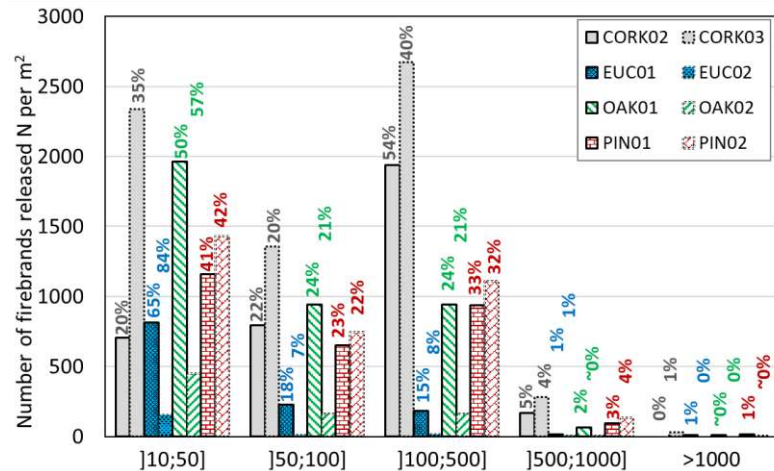
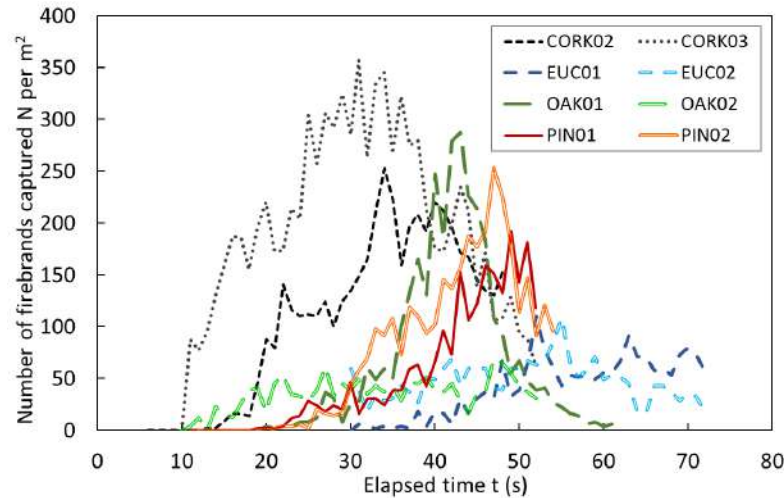
2000 isolated houses



Typical surrounding scenario



Analysis of tree species with higher potential for producing firebrands

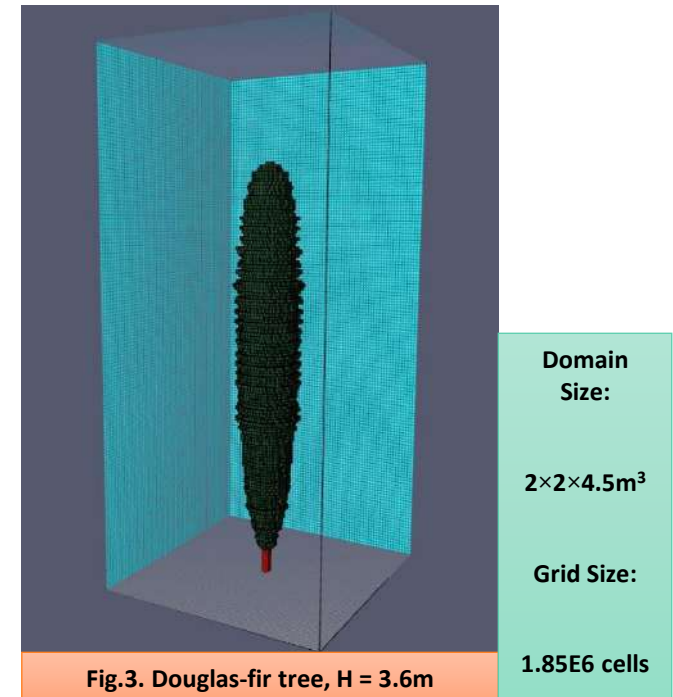
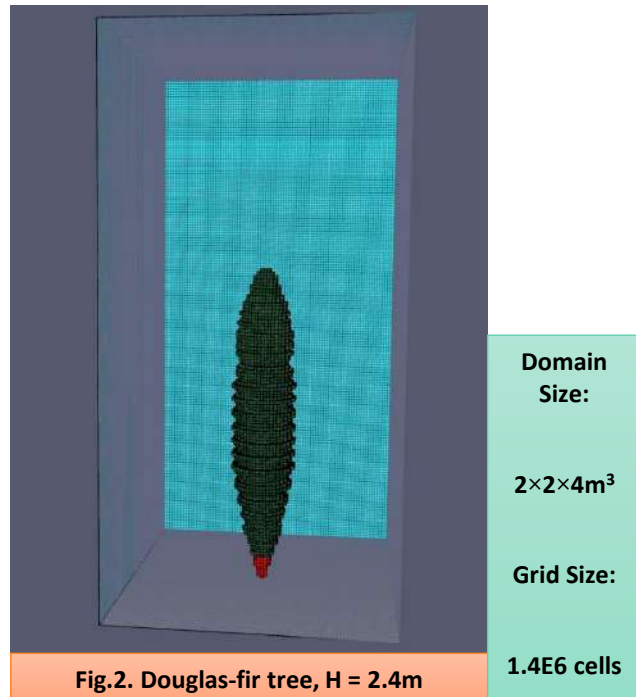
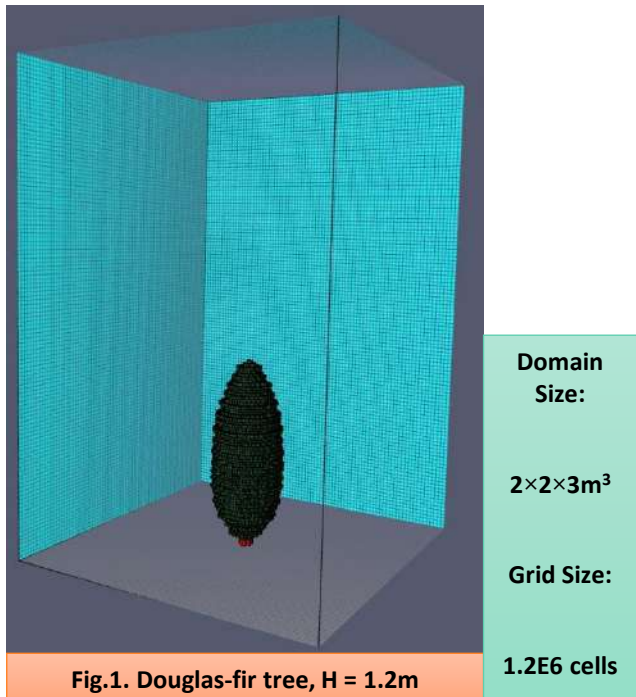


- Tests with airflow ✓
- Tests with hedges ✓
- Tests with garden trees (linden, weeping willow, orange tree / lemon tree, pear / apple tree, ...)



Computational Fluid Dynamics of fire

The Douglas-fir tree (equivalent hydrocarbon fuel: $C_{1.0}H_{1.6416}O_{0.7143}N_{1.4E-3}$) is used as a benchmark for the CFD modelling of the fire in this project:



Computational Fluid Dynamics of fire

The results of the fire dynamics simulation (FDS):

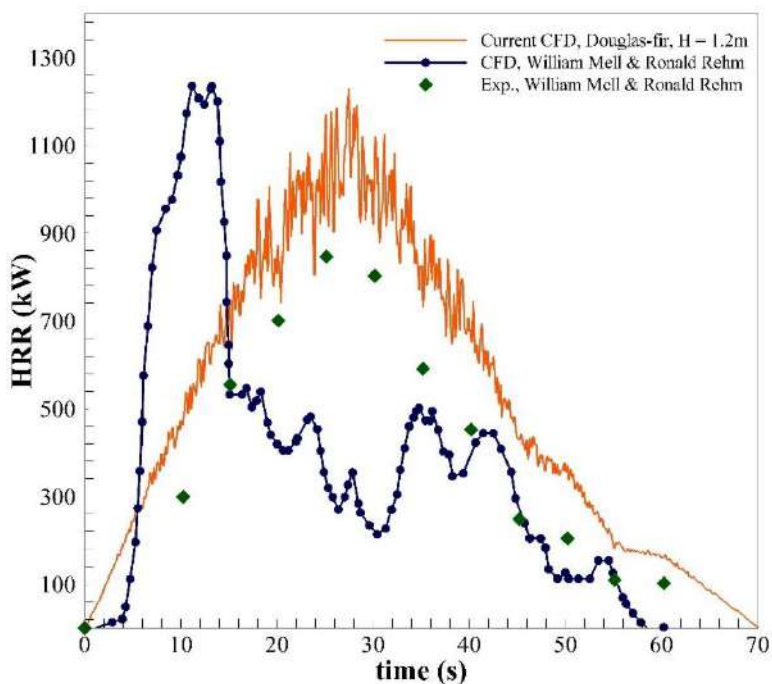
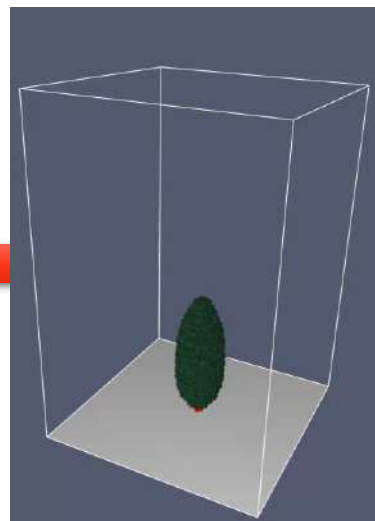


Fig.3. Comparison of Results for Heat Release Rate (HRR) in kW, for Douglas-fir H = 1.2m. **Moisture Content: 25%**

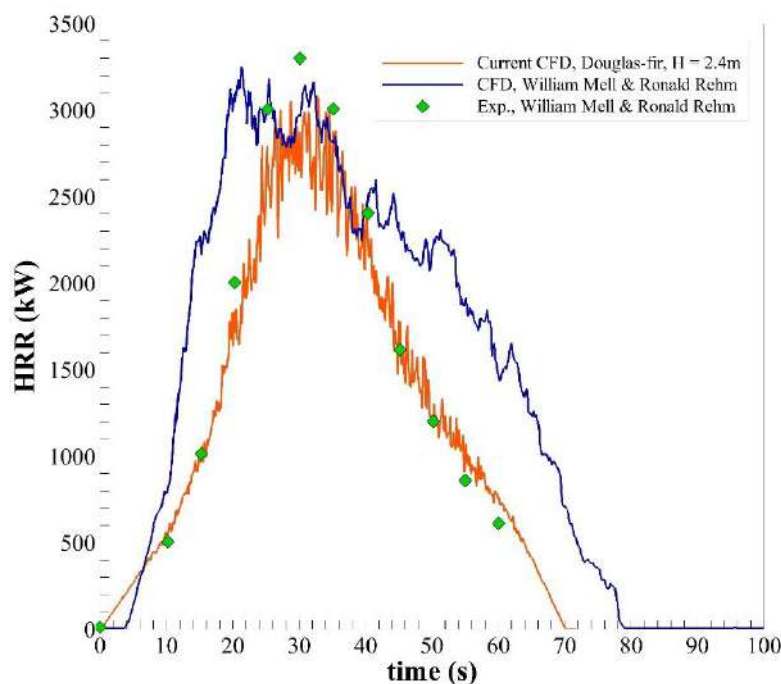


Fig.4. Comparison of Results for Heat Release Rate (HRR) in kW, for Douglas-fir H = 2.4m. **Moisture Content: 53%**

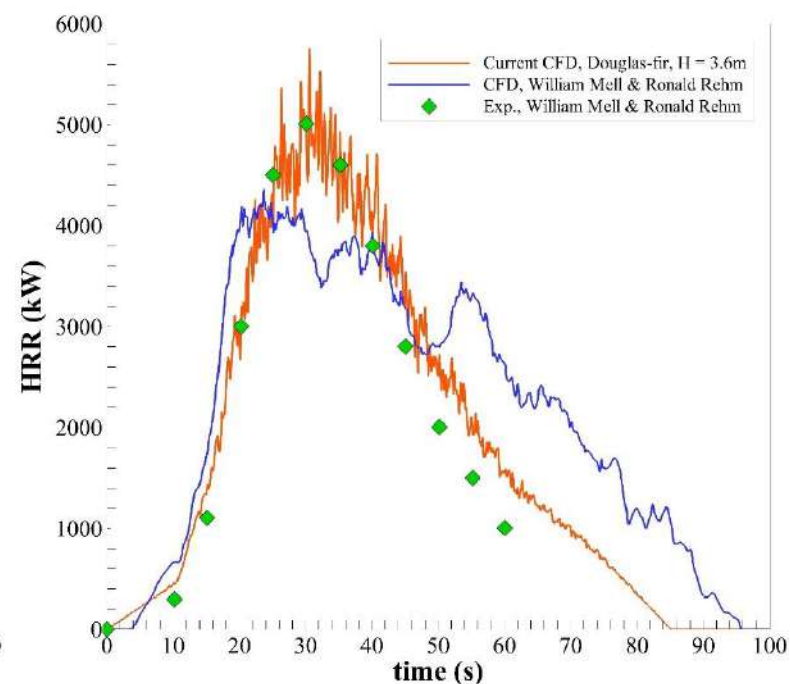


Fig.6. Comparison of Results for Heat Release Rate (HRR) in kW, for Douglas-fir H = 3.6m. **Moisture Content: 54%**



Aluminium window frames



Sandwich panel

- Buildings with reinforced concrete structure and brick masonry and buildings with stone masonry and reinforced concrete floors are the most resilient (most frequent) construction technologies.
- Wooden or metal frame buildings are more vulnerable (infrequent).
- Study of other vulnerable elements in buildings (doors, windows, grids, insulation) – the aim is to develop guidelines for good practice in construction.



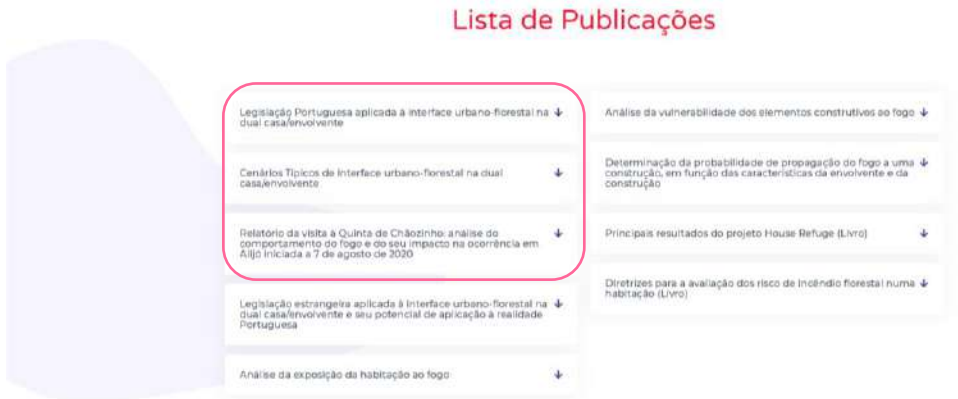
Ficha de simulação de seguro
contra incêndios florestais

Caso Referência



- Establishment of contacts with the Portuguese Insurance Association (APS) in order to ascertain the level of consideration of wildfire risk in the WUI in Portugal
 - Conduction of questionnaires
 - Webinar on insurance law and policies
- International legislation and policies on WUI
 - Comparative report on legislation and insurance policies in several States

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- 3 reports
 - Portuguese legislation applied to the wildland-urban interface in the dual construction/surroundings (IJUC)
 - Typical scenarios of the wildland-urban interface in the dual construction/surroundings (itecons, ADAI)
 - Report of the visit to Quinta de Chãozinho: analysis of fire behaviour and its impact on the fire event in Alijó started on the 7th August 2020 (ADAI)
- 2 Scientific papers in international journals
 - Ribeiro, L.M.; Rodrigues, A.; Lucas, D.; Viegas, D.X. The Impact on Structures of the Pedrógão Grande Fire Complex in June 2017 (Portugal). Fire 2020, 3, 57. <https://doi.org/10.3390/fire3040057>
 - Almeida, M.; Porto, L; Viegas, D. X. (2021). Characterization of Firebrands Released from Different Burning Tree Species. Frontiers in Mechanical Engineering, section Thermal and Mass Transport – accepted for publication
- 4 book chapters



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