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① Loads on bridge foundation
due to scour and
their Mechanisms. Ⓢ

Critical Scour effects on
bridge performance helps
to predict the bridge
load carrying capacity
and as a result
may help prevent
unnecessary losses.

Scour is one of
the greatest reason
that leads to
bridge failure. In
the United States
more than 60%.

of bridge failure
happen due to
Scour. Scour causes

complex effects on
bridge foundation and
on the entire
bridge structure.

pile foundation capacities
are greatly reduced
due removal of
material by scour,
which affects the
capacity and stability
of the overall bridge
system.

Mostly of studies have
investigated the substructure
and superstructure
separately. There are a
few cases where
the effect of
scour is analyzed
entirely with bridge
structure. Analyzing
the behaviour of
bridge due to
scour is very
complex study, which
is why most
of the researchers study
the effect of scour
on substructure and

than predict the
 effect of that on
 Superstructure. There has
 been done so
 much work on effect
 of scour on substructure.
 Mainly there's been
 investigated the load
 carry capacity of
 piles, buckling risk
 and additional moment
 on piles due
 to increasing water
 high heights as effect
 of scour.

Source of settlements around
 bridge foundations by the stream
 is the most significant
 contribution factor for bridge
 failure. The scour failures
 tend to occur without prior
 warning & have led to fatalities
 & economic loss every year.
 A significant amount of work
 has been conducted on bridge

such effects can be broadly classified into two major categories, namely science driven & engineering driven.

The science-driven research focuses on understanding the score mechanism & aims to explain the cause of score due to different factors.

Meanwhile, engineering-driven research focuses on the estimation, monitoring & counter-measures of bridge score. This paper presents a comprehensive & upto date literature review of bridge score research and practices.

Firstly a brief introduction is given which includes recent cases of failures caused by bridge score. Then, both scientific and technical research on bridge score is reviewed, which are categorized into local aspects, macroscopic & microscopic mechanisms.

state depth prediction carried out by experimental & field data, direct & remote monitoring method and active & passive counter measures.

Finally a summary is provided covering both experimental & computational method for scour research. Discussion is also provided on emerging ideas to investigate bridge scour from both science & engineering perspectives.