

# Spatio-temporal analysis of extreme wind velocities for infrastructure design

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# Preface

Models of extreme values are used for designing against the effects of extreme events like earthquakes, winds, rainfall, floods of different types of physical processes, avoiding widespread destruction and loss of lives. This research presents a applied case of univariate extreme value analysis applied to wind velocities for infrastructure design, consequently, the main interest are probable future more extreme wind events that structures need to be able to resist.

This work in its theoretical and methodological component was directed by ASCE7-16 Engineers (2017) considering that output products will be used to update the chapter B.6, wind forces, of the Colombian earthquake resistant standard - NSR-10, maintained by the Colombian Association of Seismic Engineering - AIS by its Spanish acronym. ASCE7-16, defines four risk categories, which implies the use of different wind loads (represented in wind extreme values for different mean recurrence intervals) for structures that belong to each category, 3000 years of MRI for risk IV, 1700 years for risk III, and 700 years for risk II and I.

This research has a particularly new situation regarding to the input data, and it is that not only time series of field measurements from meteorological stations are used (IDEAM data source), but also post-processed information coming from the Integrated Surface Database - ISD (USA database based on IDEAM data source), and forecast reanalysis data from ERA5. This condition demanded a comparison of the different data sources in order to verify the feasibility of using ERA5 and ISD, with a previous process of standardization of wind velocities to reach the needed requirement of 3-s wind gust speed, 10 meters anemometers high and open space condition.

At each station the used method Peaks Over Threshold - Poisson Process, required to identify all the non-thunderstorm events in the non-hurricane dataset through a process of de-clustering, choose a suitable threshold level to leave for the analysis only the most extreme values available, and then fit to the data a Gumbel extreme value distribution using maximum likelihood to find optimal parameters with the best goodness of fit. With the fitted model, it was possible to calculate return levels for required mean return intervals. Next, a process of spatial interpolation was done using Kriging, what allowed to have three continuous maps for the whole study area. Main interest writing this document, is help to readers to enter speedily with the current details around wind extreme analysis.

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# Abstract

For the input non-hurricane, non tornadic data in each available station of the study area (field measurement of forecast models), this research calculate extreme winds or return levels with three different mean recurrence intervals - MRI, 700, 1700, and 3000 years, with a change of being equaled or exceeded only one time in the corresponding MRI period. Then, continuous maps of wind extreme velocities are interpolated to cover the study area, which are mixed with existing wind extreme hurricane studies to be used as input loads for infrastructure design.

Spatio-temporal analysis of historical wind data for infrastructure design, namely, – from wind time series represented in forecast models over rectangular areas or pixels with a virtual station at its center, or field measurements at weather stations in specific coordinates around the study area –, calculate wind extreme magnitudes to be used as design loads of structures of different risk categories (bridges, houses, buildings, hospitals, etc), requires the use of statistical extreme value analysis methodologies to create maps with different mean recurrence intervals (MRI), – short ones for less risky/important structures, and long ones for highly important structures.

Method used to calculate the return levels at each station the Peaks Over Threshold - POT, using a non-homogeneous, bi-dimensional Poisson Process described, recommended by Engineers (2017), and developed and implemented in Pintar, Simiu, Lombardo, & Levitan (2015). To interpolate maps a geostatistical procedure using Kriging was implemented, considering the model with the best goodness of fit from model parameters comparison.

# List of Acronyms

pdf	Probability Distribution Function
cdf	Cumulative Distribution Function
ppf	Percent Point Function (Quantile)
hf	Hazard Function
$P_e$	Annual Exceedance Probability
MRI	Mean Return Interval or Return Period
$P_n$	Compound Exceedance Probability
IDEAM	Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies
ECMWF	European Center for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts
ERA5	ECMWF climate reanalysis dataset
GEVD	Generalized Extreme Value Distribution (EVD, GEV)
EVD	Extreme Value Distribution (GEVD, GEV)
GEV	Generalized Extreme Value Distribution (GEVD, EVD)
GPD	Generalized Pareto Distribution
ISD	Integrated Surface Database
AIS	Seismic Engineering Association
NSR	Seismic Resistant Norm
SEI	Structural Engineering Institute
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
ASCE7-16	ASCE/SEI Design Loads Standard
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NetCDF	Network Common Data Form
NCEI	NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information
EDA	Exploratory Data Analysis
POT	Peaks Over Threshold
PP	Poisson Process
RMSE	Root Mean Squared Error
PACF	Partial Autocorrelation Function
ACF	Autocorrelation Function
SQL	Structured Query Language
IDW	Inverse Distance Weighted
WGS84	World Geodetic System 1984
RL	Return Level

# Introduction

This research aims to create non-hurricane non-tornadic maps of extreme wind speeds for *three specific recurrence intervals* (700, 1700, and 3000 years) covering the Colombian territory. These maps will be combined with existing hurricane wind speed studies, to be used as input loads due to wind for infrastructure design.

For each station with wind speeds time histories in the input data, extreme wind speed corresponding to each recurrence interval are calculated using a *Peaks Over Threshold* onwards *POT* extreme value model, then wind velocities with the same recurrence interval are *spatially interpolated* to generate continuous maps for the whole study area.

A wind speed linked to a *mean recurrence interval - MRI* of *N-years* (N-years return value or return period) is interpreted as the highest probable wind speed along the period of N-years. The annual probability of equal or exceed that wind speed is  $1/N$ . The annual exceedance probability for all velocity values in 700-years output map will be  $1/700$ , for the 1700-years map will be  $1/1700$ , and  $1/3000$  for the 3000-years final map.

There are different methods to model extreme value data, among them are a) sample maxima using a *Generalized Extreme Value Distribution* onwards *GEVD* (traditional method), b) POT using a *Generalized Pareto Distribution* onwards *GPD*, c) POT using a two-dimensional Poisson Process, that can be homogeneous, non-homogeneous, stationary, and non-stationary (originally know as *Point Process* approach), and d) POT Poisson-GPD. Following Pinar et al. (2015) in this research a *POT using a non-homogeneous non-stationary two-dimensional Poisson proces* was selected, despite there is no R package available to apply this approach.

## 0.1 Background

To design one structure, the horizontal forces wind and earthquake play an starring role. For the study area, Colombia, initially the wind force was considered with the decree 1984 as a fixed velocity  $100 \frac{Km}{h}$ , later a continuous map with a return period of 50 years was included in the official design standard of the time (NSR-98), then, with the update to NSR-10, an additional map with return period of 700 yeas was included.

In the context of this study, extreme wind analysis is concerned with statistical methods applied to very high values of wind as random variable in a stochastic process, to allow statistical inference from historical data, namely, assess from the ordered sample of wind

velocities, the probability of wind events that are more extreme than the ones previously observed and included in the mentioned input sample. Classical reference in this matter is Coles (2001), where a detailed study is done about classical extreme value theory and models and threshold models. There are four main approaches to deal with extreme value analysis: - sample maxima associated to a Generalized Extreme Value Distribution - GEV, - exceedances over threshold associated to a Generalized Pareto Distribution - GPD, - the Poisson-GPD, an homogeneous Poisson process for the number of exceedances and a GPD for the excess values, and the exceedances over threshold associated to a non- homogeneous bi-dimensional Poisson process, a Point process approach also known as Peaks Over Threshold - POT - Poisson process. Main details will be discussed here for each method, but as the last one is recommended in Asce2017, a more indeed explanation will be provided in for POT-Poisson Process.

### 0.1.1 Sample maxima

To work with random variables of sample maximum values, the used probability distribution function *pdf* is the GEV

$$H(y) = \exp \left\{ - \left( 1 + \xi \frac{y - \mu}{\psi} \right)_+^{-\frac{1}{\xi}} \right\},$$

( $y_+ = \max(y, 0)$ ) where  $\mu$  is the location parameter,  $\psi > 0$  is a scale parameter, and  $\xi$  is a shape parameter. GEV can be seen as the integration in the same *psf* of the Gumbel distribution (limit  $\xi \rightarrow 0$ ), Fréchet distribution ( $\xi > 0$ ), and Weibull distribution ( $\xi < 0$ ).

### 0.1.2 Exceedances over threshold

If the researcher needs to work only with extreme values above an specific threshold, Pickands (1971) showed that the GEV has a GPD approximation where shape  $\xi$  parameter in previous equation is the same parameter for next equation for GPD,

$$G(y, \sigma, \xi) = 1 - \left( 1 + \xi \frac{y}{\sigma} \right)_+^{-\frac{1}{\xi}},$$

### Poisson-GPD If a rescale of the variable indexes above the threshold is performed, then the exceedances over threshold approach can be seen as a point process, namely, an homogeneous Poisson Process where:

1. The number of exceedances above the threshold has a Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda$
2. The excess values follow a GPD with  $N \leq 1$

Its cumulative distribution function *cdf* is

$$F(y) = \exp \left\{ -\lambda \left( 1 + \xi \frac{y - \mu}{\sigma} \right)_+^{-\frac{1}{\xi}} \right\},$$

## 0.2 Research Aim and Objectives

Main aim of this research is the estimation of wind extreme velocities to be used as input loads for the design of different types of structures, considering its risk categories, and covering any place in the whole study area.

Specific objectives are:

1. Analyze and compare three different sources of historical wind time series, to select and use the best data source (or combination of sources) for research, based on objective criteria, for instance similitude, completeness, coverage, etcetera, to achieve this way a formal support for the decision made in this regard.
2. Select and apply an suitable extreme value analysis method that allows to fulfill wind load requirements defined for the respective authority in the study area
3. Estimate extreme wind values for the stations in the selected input data source, for three MRI (700, 1700, 3000 years), considering non-hurricane studies.
4. Generate continuous maps for MRIs 700, 1700, and 3000 years, using the most suitable spatial interpolation technique, considering the specific characteristics of the input data and advantages and disadvantages of the selected methods
5. Combine output maps from non-hurricane analysis, with existing hurricane studies to allow the inclusion of the research study in the NSR-10 norm.

## 0.3 Research Question

Main question of this research is directed to calculate future extreme velocities (return levels) for infrastructure design, then the research question could be

**What extreme velocities (return levels) need to be used as load design forces for structures of different use category, in the study area?**

If we remember that, for the case study area (Colombia), there are predefined requirements or mean return intervals - MRI to design structures depending of its use category, and that this MRI values are 700, 1700, and 3000 years, the research question could be more specific.

**What extreme velocities (return levels) will be equaled or exceeded with a probability equal to  $\frac{1}{MRI}$  in a given year?**

**What extreme velocities (return levels) will be equaled or exceeded only one time in the period defined for this specific MRIs: 700, 1700, and 3000 years?**

If we consider not only the annual exceedance probability  $\frac{1}{MRI}$ , but also the exposure time (compound probability), understood as the time the structure will be in use, then the question will be

**What extreme velocities (return levels) will have a occurrence compound probability of 67%, when the exposure time of the structure will be equal to the main return intervals 700, 1700, and 3000 years?**

## 0.4 Thesis Document Structure

# Chapter 1

## Data

Input data is made up of three different sources a) IDEAM - Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies of Colombia <http://www.ideam.gov.co>, b) ISD - Integrated Surface Database <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/isd>, and c) ERA5 climate reanalysis <https://www.ecmwf.int/en/forecasts/datasets/reanalysis-datasets/era5>.

Table 1.1: Datasets description

Institution	Dataset	Details
IDEAM	Historical records at weather stations	IDEAM is responsible for the instalation, maintenance and management of all kind of weather stations located everywhere along the country
NOAA	ISD	ISD (Integrated Surface Database. NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information - NCEI) Lite: A subset from the full ISD dataset containing eight common surface parameters in a fixed-width format free of duplicate values, sub-hourly data, and complicated flags.
ECMWF	ERA5	ERA5 is a reanalysis dataset with hourly estimates of atmospheric variables with horizontal resolution of $0.25^\circ$ (33 kilómeters), this is equally spaced cells every 0.25 degrees

Table 1.2: Datasets variables

Dataset	Variables	Description
IDEAM	vvmx_aut_60	Hourly wind maximun velocity
ISD	wind speed rate	Maximun hourly wind velocity. The rate of horizontal travel of air past a fixed point.
ERA5	fg10 fsr	10 metre wind gust since previous post-processing Forecast Surface Roughness

Table 1.3: Variables units and time

Variable	Units	Time	Stations
vvmx_aut_60	meters per second	Variable from 2001 until today. Irregular time series.	203
Wind speed	meters per second	Variable from 1941 until today. Note: There is too much variability in time (start, end, and time range) for each station. Irregular time series.	101
fg10	meters per second	1979-Today	3381
fsr	meters per second	1979-Today	3381

Ideal data source to create extreme wind speeds maps should be field observed data from IDEAM, but there are not enough number of stations around the study area to represent all the local wind variability in a huge country with multiple variety of climates and changing thermal floors, but there are other important motivation to include different sources trying to improve output results:

- As just mentioned, low quantity of IDEAM stations
- There are uncertainties related to the way IDEAM anemometers are registering data, then comparison with other data sources are needed to be able to do appropriate data standardization, needed as a prerequisite to the analysis.
- There is no time continuity in the registration of IDEAM data. Historical time series are different and variable in each station.

Importance of ISD database for this study is based on the fact that post-processed ISD database has wind extreme values, and it was used to create extreme wind maps for United States. ISD allows comparison with IDEAM records to take better decisions in order to do needed data standardization.

Despite that ERA5 data are not observed data, but forecast, its main advantage is data availability to assess the local climatic variance every 33 square kilometers.

## 1.1 IDEAM

Historical observed wind speeds from 203 in Colombia are managed by the official environmental authority IDEAM. Table 1.4 shows a sample of five IDEAM stations. Figure 1.1 shows a map of IDEAM stations.

Table 1.4: IDEAM Stations sample

Name[Code]	Latitud	Longitud
EMAS - AUT [26155230]	5.09	-75.51
SAN BENITO - AUT [25025380]	9.16	-75.04
AEROPUERTO ALFONSO LOPEZ - [28025502]	10.44	-73.25
TIBAITATA - AUT [21206990]	4.69	-74.21
ELDORADO CATAM - AUT [21205791]	4.71	-74.15



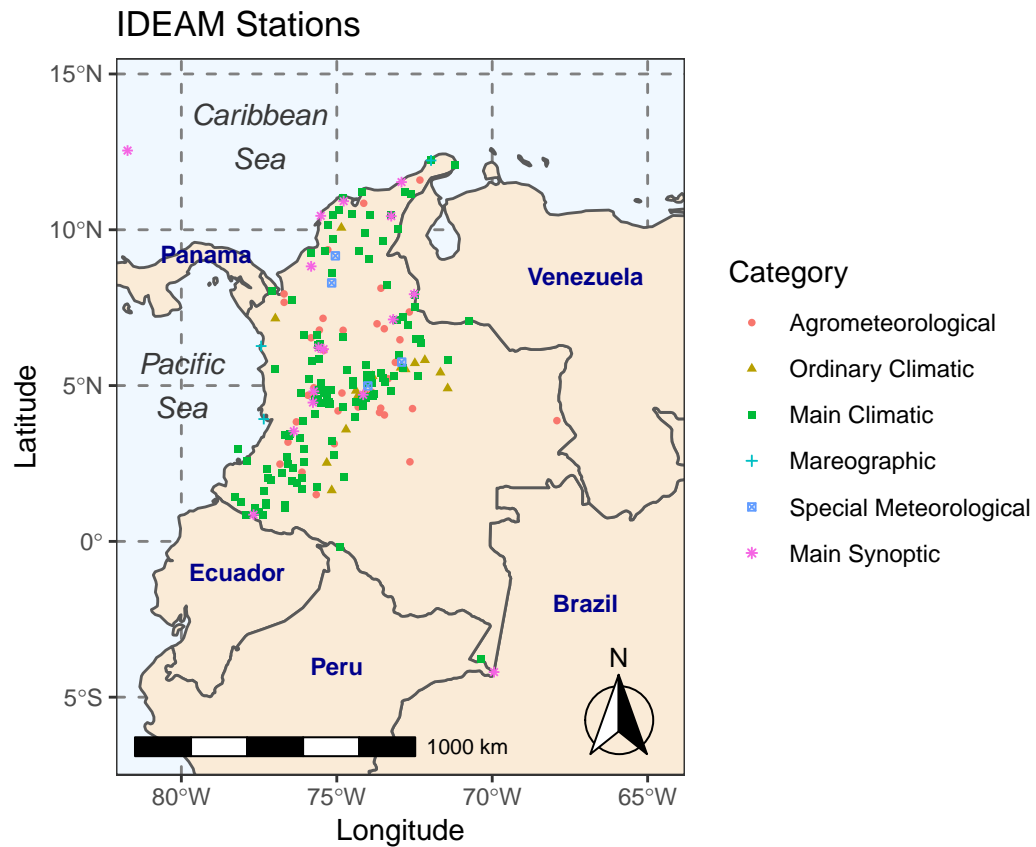


Figure 1.1: IDEAM Stations

Following, the time serie, autocorrelation function, and partial autocorrelation function, for IDEAM station “21205791” will be displayed.

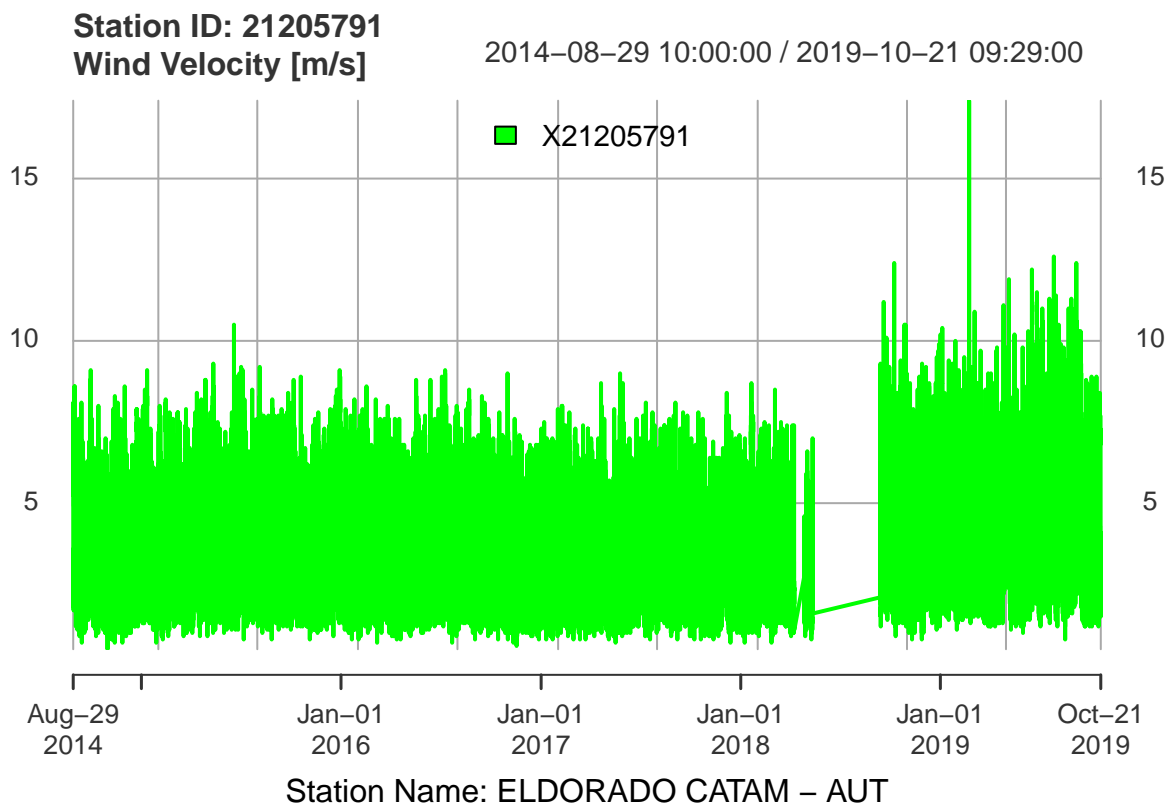


Figure 1.2: IDEAM Station - Time Serie

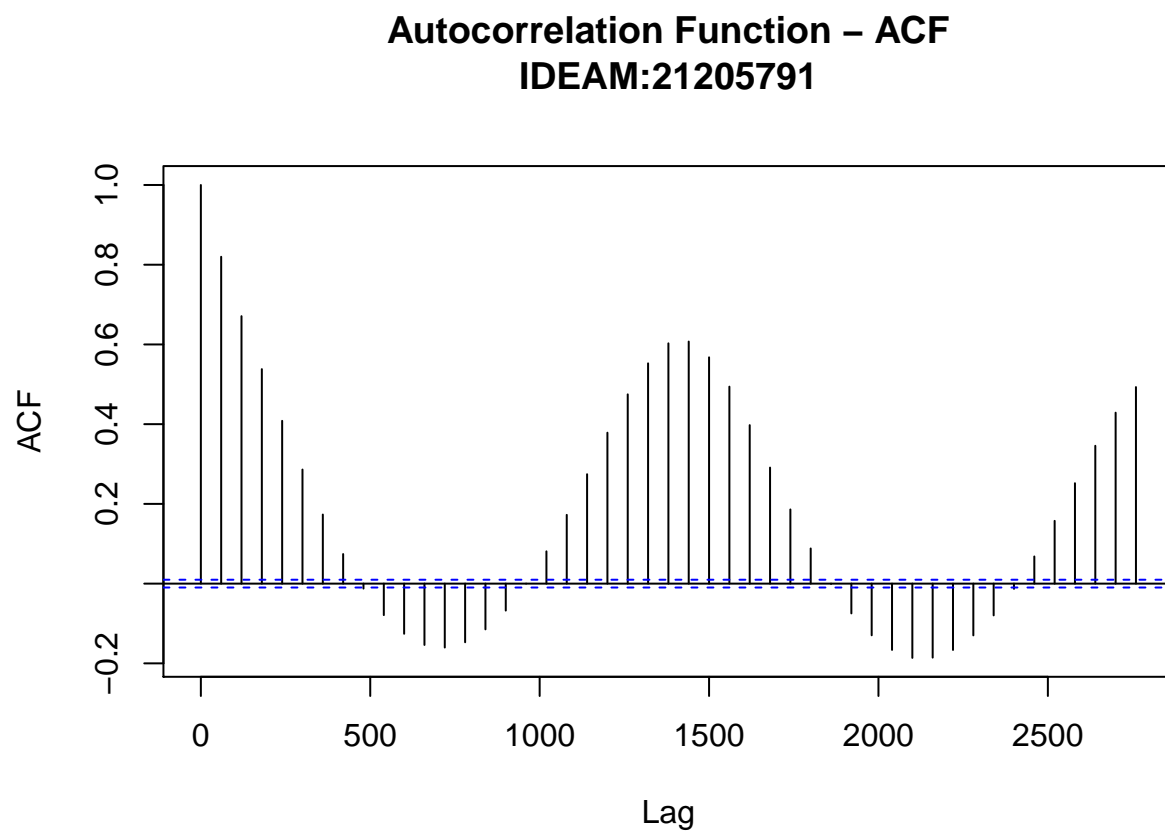


Figure 1.3: IDEAM Station ACF

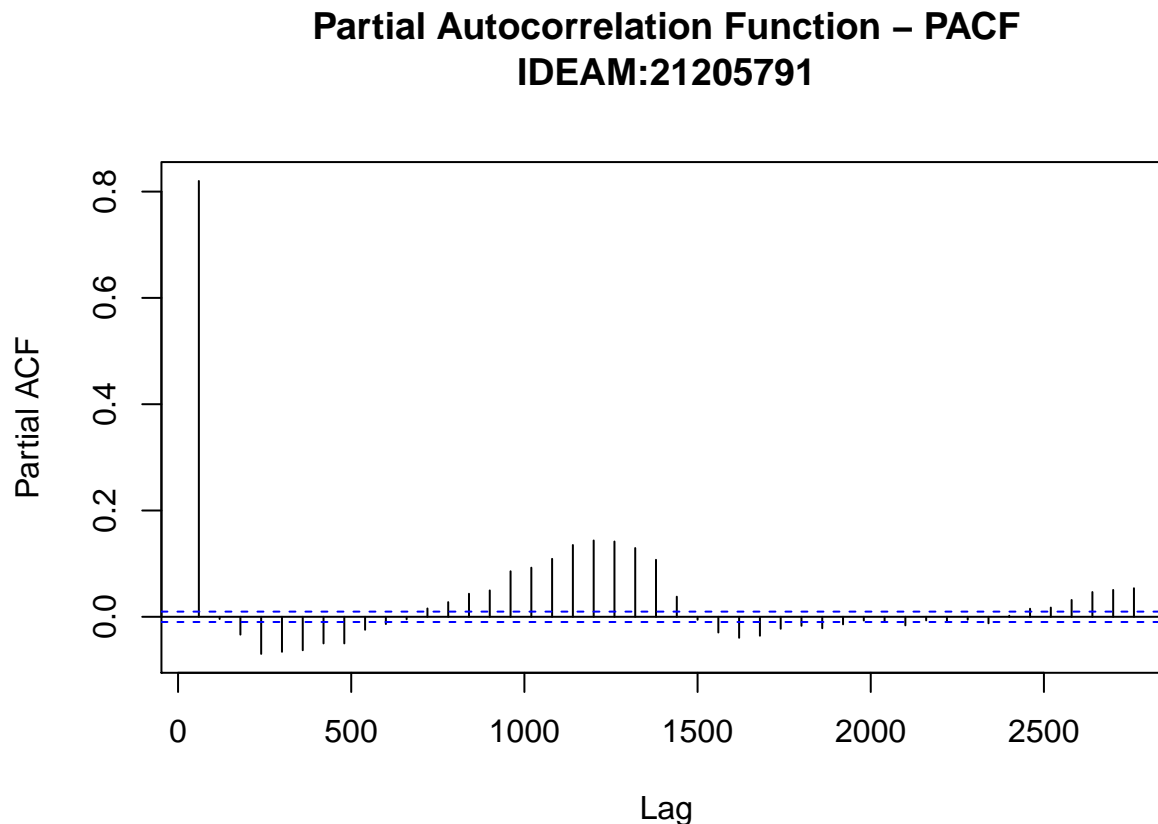


Figure 1.4: IDEAM Station PACF

## 1.2 ISD

ISD is a database with environmental variables among then extreme wind speeds. ISD has data for the whole planet, and is based on observed data at meteorological stations in each country, which means that for Colombia is based on IDEAM data. Main advantage is data availability at neighbor countries and specialized post-processing made by NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information - NCEI in United States, which facilitates its use. Table 1.5 shows a sample of five ISD stations. Figure 1.5 shows a map of ISD stations.

Table 1.5: ISD Stations sample

Code	Name	Latitud	Longitud
804400	BARINAS	8.62	-70.22
800810	ALTO CURICHE	7.05	-76.35
801000	BAHIA SOLANO / JOSE MUTIS	6.18	-77.40
802590	ALFONSO BONILLA ARAGON INTL	3.54	-76.38
803150	BENITO SALAS	2.95	-75.29

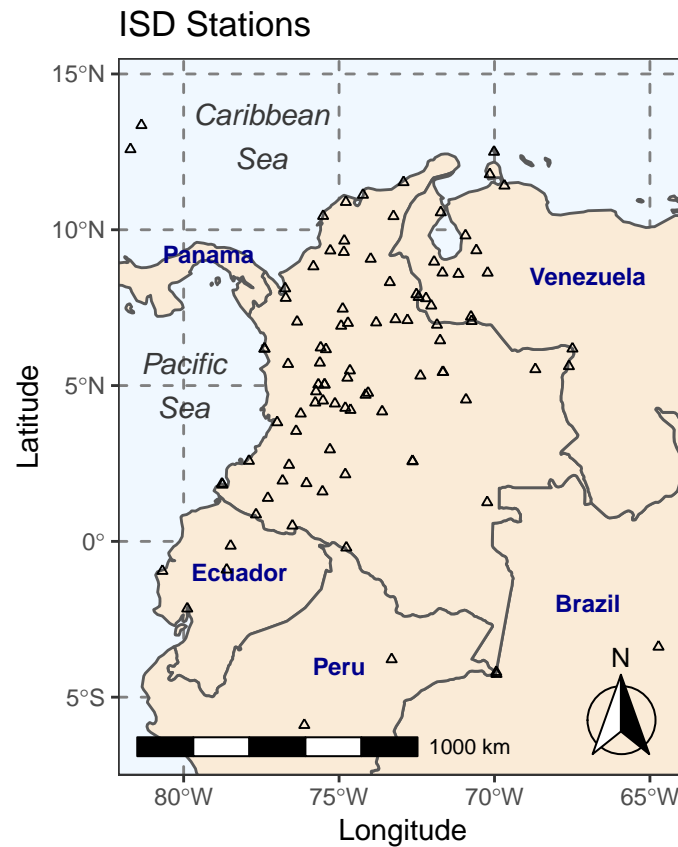


Figure 1.5: ISD Stations

Following, the time series, autocorrelation function, and partial autocorrelation function, for ISD station “802590” will be displayed.

```
select "mydatetime", "802590" as "X802590" from isd_lite_unstack where "802590" IS NOT NULL
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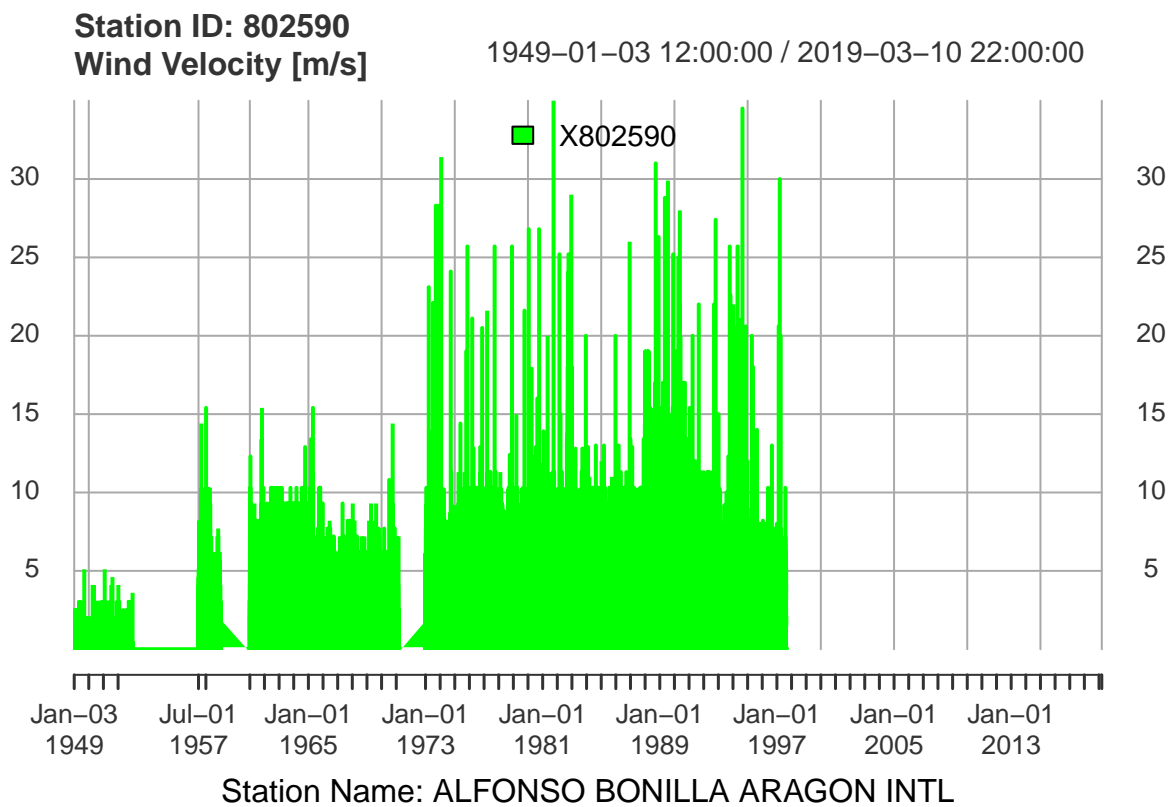


Figure 1.6: ISD Station - Time Series

**Autocorrelation Function – ACF**  
**ISD:802590**

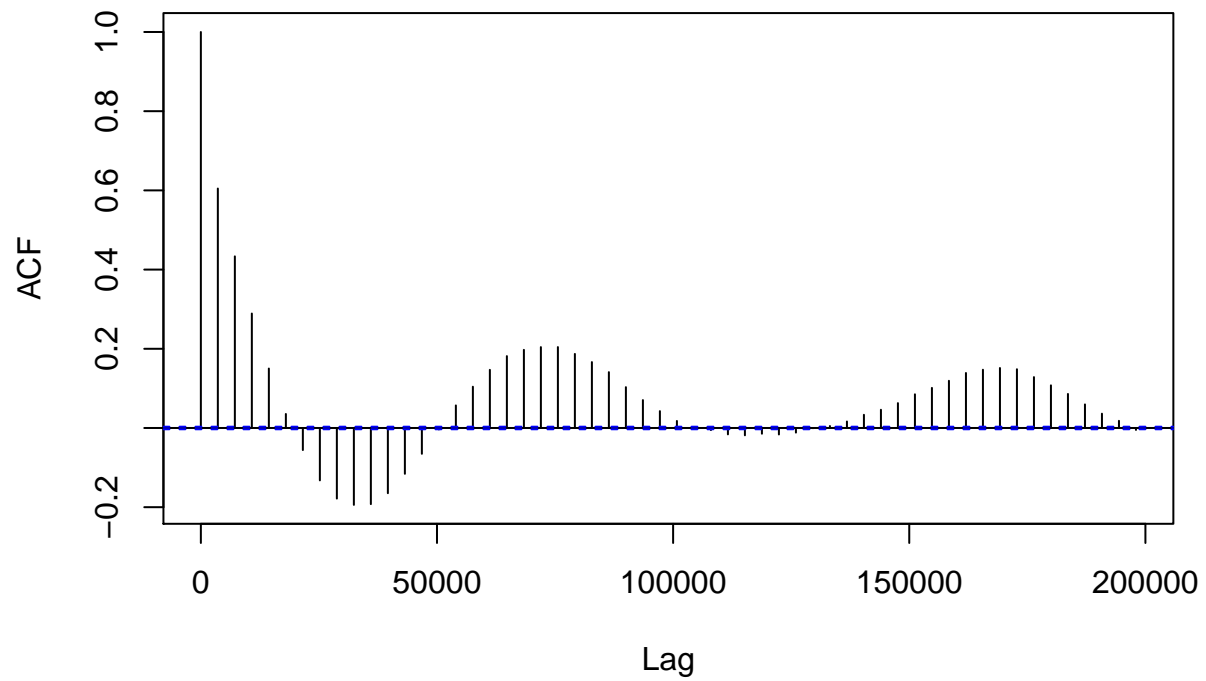


Figure 1.7: ISD Station ACF

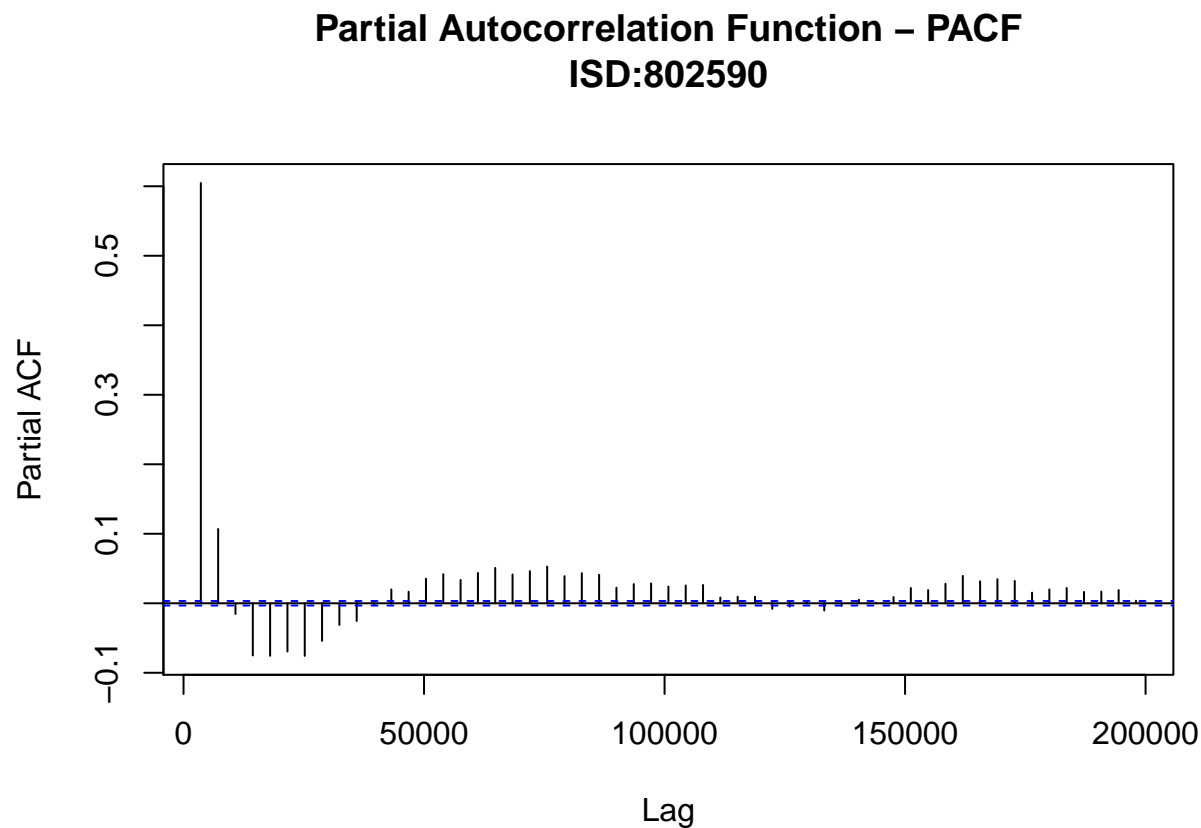


Figure 1.8: IDEAM Station PACF

## 1.3 ERA5

ERA5 is forecast reanalysis data processed by the *European Center for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts* - ECMWF with wind speeds time series in square cells *matrix of pixels* of 0.25 degrees (33 km) covering the whole planet. For the study area was extracted a raster of 69 rows by 49 XXX columns in format NetCDF. Figure 1.9 shows a map of ERA5 stations (cells centers).



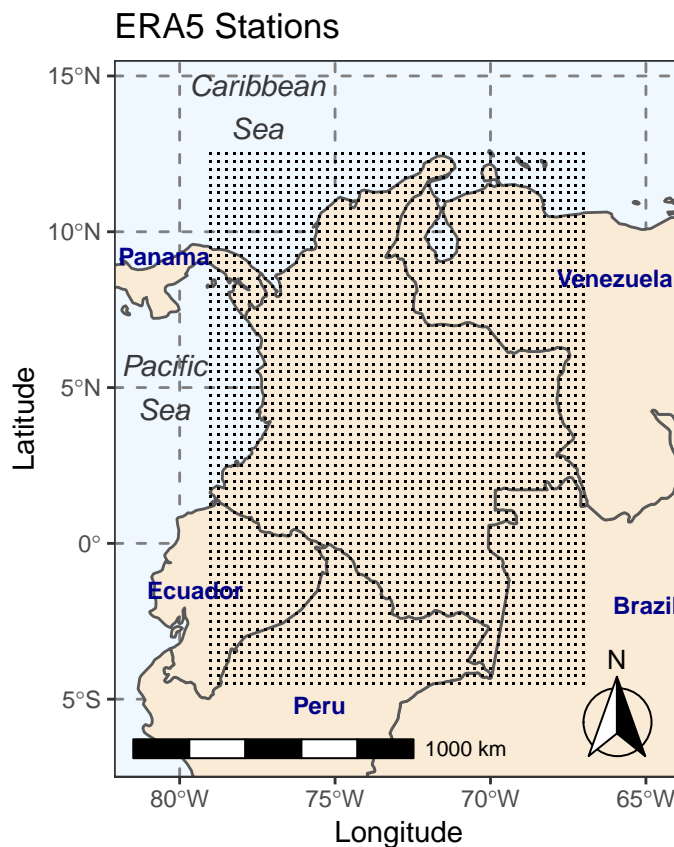


Figure 1.9: ERA5 Stations (cells centers)

## 1.4 Data Download and Organization

## 1.5 Data Standardization

Analysis of extreme wind speeds requires data standardization as initial step. All input data must be standardized to represent three important conditions: a) anemometer height of 10 meters, b) open space roughness, and c) averaging time of 3-seconds wind gust. Data for analysis must represent 3-s peak wind speeds 10 meters height above the surface, in open terrain. \* 10 meters anemometer height \* Open space terrain roughness \* 3-s gust averaging time

# Chapter 2

## Theoretical Framework

### 2.1 Probability Concepts

Poisson process is an stochastic method that relies in the concepts of probability distributions. The main functions related to probability for extreme value analysis will be described below.

#### 2.1.1 Probability Density Function - *pdf*

*Pdf* defines the probability that a continuous variable falls between two points, this is, in *pdf* the probability is related to the area below the curve (integral) between two points, as for continuous probability distributions the probability at a single point is zero. The term density is directly related to the probability of a portion of the curve, if the density function has high values the probability will be greater in comparison with the same portion of curve for low values.

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = Pr[a \leq X \leq b]$$

Equation (2.1) is the Gumbel *pdf*.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} \exp \left\{ -\frac{x - \mu}{\beta} \right\} \exp \left\{ -\exp \left\{ -\left( \frac{x - \mu}{\beta} \right) \right\} \right\}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\exp \{.\} \mapsto e^{\{.\}}$ ,  $\beta$  is the scale parameter, and  $\mu$  is the location parameter. Location ( $\mu$ ) has the effect to shift the *pdf* to left or right along 'x' axis, thus, if location value is changed the effect is a movement of *pdf* to the left (small value for location), or to the right (big value for location). Scale has the effect to stretch ( $\beta > 1$ ) or compress ( $0 < \beta < 1$ ) the *pdf*, if scale parameter is close to zero the *pdf* approaches a spike.

Figure 2.1 shows *pdf* with location ( $\mu$ ) = 100 and scale ( $\beta$ ) = 40, using equation (2.1).

```

location = 100
scale = 40
.x <- seq(0, 300, length.out=1000)
pdfG <- function(x) {
  1/location *exp(-(x-location)/scale)*exp(-exp(-(x-location)/scale))
}
.y = pdfG(.x)
plot(.x, .y, col="green", lty=4,
     xlab="Velocities Km/h", ylab="Density Function - Gumbel Distribution",
     main=paste("Gumbel - Density Function Gumbel Distribution\n", "Location=",
               round(location,2), " Scale=", round(scale,2)), type="l",
     cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab= 0.6, cex.main=0.7, cex.sub=0.6)

```

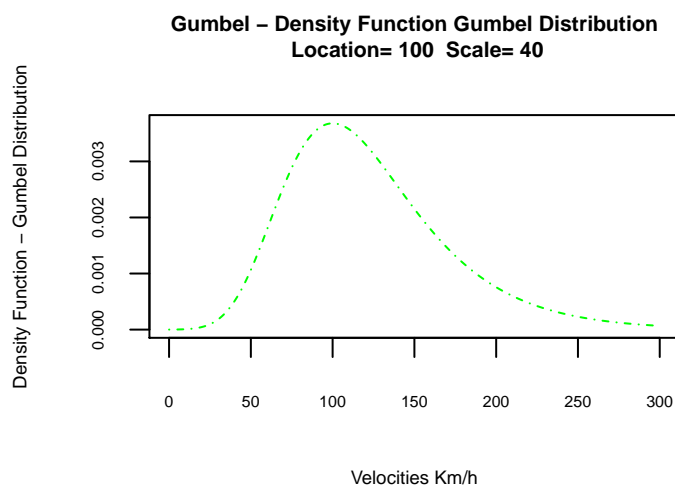


Figure 2.1: Gumbel pdf

Figure 2.2 shows *pdf* with location ( $\mu$ ) = 100 and scale ( $\beta$ ) = 40, using function `dgumbel` of the package `RcmdrMisc`

```

location = 100
scale = 40
.x <- seq(0, 300, length.out=1000)
dfG = dgumbel(.x, location=location, scale=scale)
plot(.x, dfG, col="red", lty=4,
     xlab="Velocities Km/h", ylab="Density Function - Gumbel Distribution",
     main=paste("Gumbel - Density Function Gumbel Distribution\n", "Location=",
               round(location,2), " Scale=", round(scale,2)), type="l",
     cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab= 0.6, cex.main=0.7, cex.sub=0.6)

```

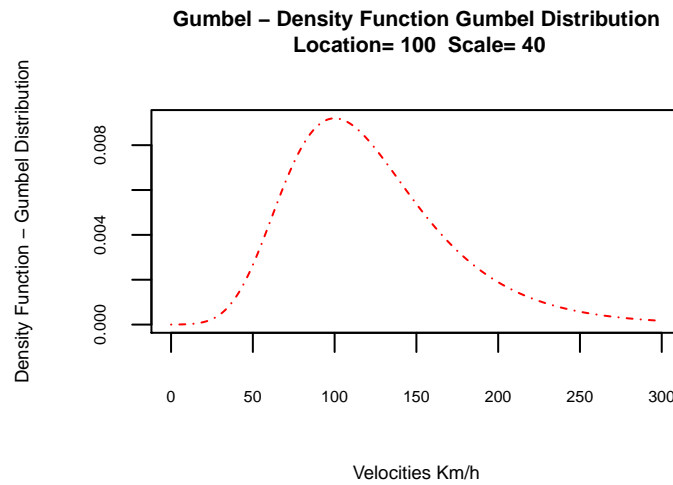


Figure 2.2: Gumbel pdf - dgumbel function

### 2.1.2 Cumulative Distribution Function - *cdf*

*Cdf* is the probability of taking a value less than or equal to  $x$ . That is

$$F(x) = Pr[X < x] = \alpha$$

For a continuous variable, *cdf* can be expressed as the integral of its *pdf*.

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x)dx$$

Equation (2.2) is the Gumbel *cdf*.

$$F(x) = \exp \left\{ -\exp \left[ -\left( \frac{x - \mu}{\beta} \right) \right] \right\}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty \quad (2.2)$$

Figure 2.3 shows Gumbel *cdf* with location ( $\mu$ ) = 100 and scale ( $\beta$ ) = 40, using equation (2.2). As previously done with *pdf*, similar result can be achieved using function `pgumbel` of package `RcmdrMisc`.

```
location = 100
scale = 40
.x <- seq(0, 300, length.out=1000)
cdfG <- function(x) {
  exp(-exp(-(x-location)/scale))
}
.y = cdfG(.x)
plot(.x, .y, col="green", lty=4,
     xlab="Velocities Km/h", ylab="Probability",
     main=paste("Gumbel - Cumulative Distribution Function\n", "Location=",
               round(location,2), " Scale=", round(scale,2)), type="l",
     cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab= 0.6, cex.main=0.7, cex.sub=0.6)
```

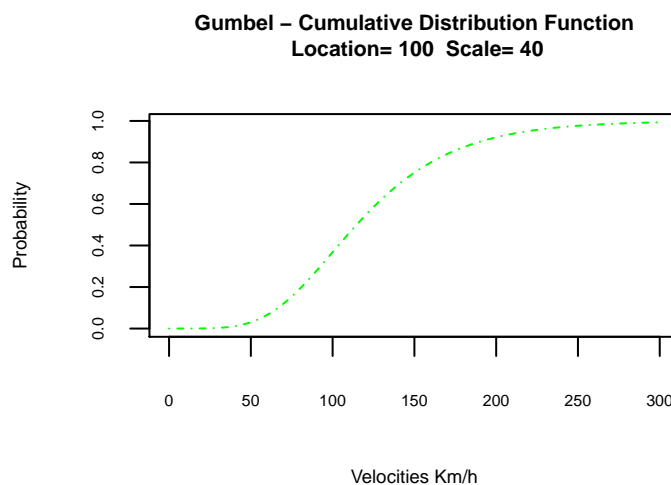


Figure 2.3: Gumbel cdf

### 2.1.3 Percent Point Function - *ppf*

*Ppf* is the inverse of *cdf*, also called the *quantile* function. This is, from a specific probability get the corresponding value  $x$  of the variable.

$$x = G(\alpha) = G(F(x))$$

Equation (2.3) is the Gumbel *ppf*.

$$G(\alpha) = \mu - \beta \ln(-\ln(\alpha)) \quad 0 < \alpha < 1 \quad (2.3)$$

Figure 2.4 shows Gumbel *ppf*, using equation (2.3). Similar result can be achieved using function `qgumbel` of package `RcmdrMisc`.

```
location = 100
scale = 40
.x <- seq(0, 1, length.out=1000)
ppfG <- function(x) {
  location - (scale*log(-log(x)))
}
.y = ppfG(.x)
plot(.x, .y, col="green", lty=4,
     ylab="Velocities Km/h", xlab="Probability",
     main=paste("Gumbel - Percent Point Function\n", "Location=",
               round(location,2), " Scale=", round(scale,2)), type="l",
     cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab= 0.6, cex.main=0.7, cex.sub=0.6)
```

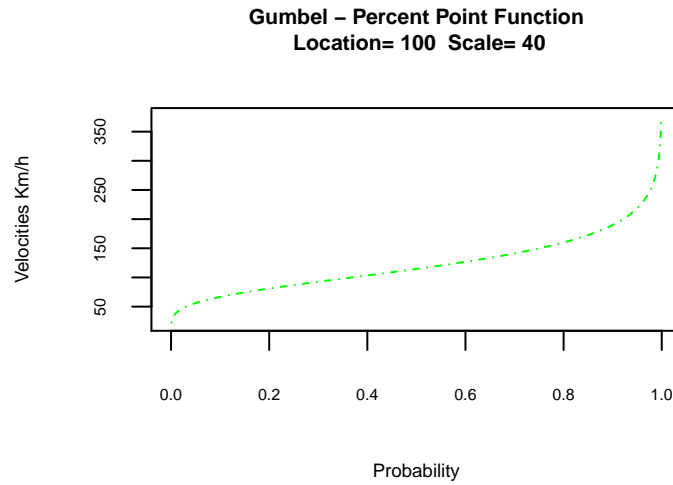


Figure 2.4: Gumbel cdf

### 2.1.4 Hazard Function - $hf$

Using  $S(x) = 1 - F(x)$  as survival function - $sf$ , the probability that a variable takes a value greater than  $x$   $S(x) = Pr[X > x] = 1 - F(x)$ , the  $hf$  is the ratio between  $pdf$  and  $sf$ .

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{S(x)} = \frac{f(x)}{1 - F(x)}$$

Equation (2.4) is the Gumbel  $ppf$ .

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\exp(-(x - \mu)/\beta)}{\exp(\exp(-(x - \mu)/\beta)) - 1} \quad (2.4)$$

Figure 2.5 shows Gumbel  $hf$ , using equation (2.4).

```
location = 100
scale = 40
.x <- seq(0, 1500, length.out=1000)
hfG <- function(x) {
  (1/scale)*(exp(-(x-location)/scale))/(exp(exp(-(x-location)/scale))-1)
}
.y = hfG(.x)
plot(.x, .y, col="green", lty=4,
     xlab="Velocities Km/h", ylab="Hazard",
     main=paste("Gumbel - Hazard Function\n", "Location=",
               round(location,2), " Scale=", round(scale,2)), type="l",
     cex.axis = 0.5, cex.lab= 0.6, cex.main=0.7, cex.sub=0.6,
     xlim=c(0,1500))
```

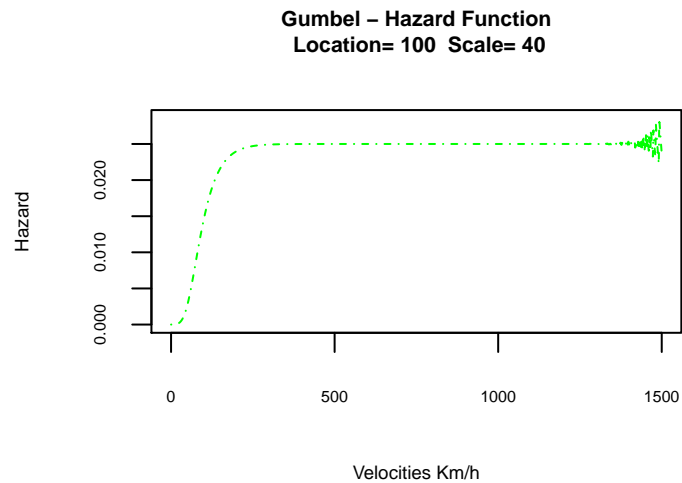


Figure 2.5: Gumbel cdf

```
#library(reliaR)
#plot(.x, hgumbel(.x, mu=location, sigma=scale))
#plot(.x, hra.gumbel(.x, mu=location, sigma=scale))
```

## 2.2 Statistical Concepts For Extreme Analysis

In order to approach the extreme value analysis, some statistical concepts are needed to understand the theoretical framework behind this knowledge area. In this section will be introduced the concepts annual exceedance probability, mean recurrence interval - MRI, exposure time, and compound probability for any given exposure time and MRI.

As an hypothetical example, a simulated database of extreme wind speed will be used. This database is supposed to have 10.000 years of simulated wind speeds.

### 2.2.1 Annual Exceedance Probability - $P_e$

Using the previously described database, a question arises to calculate the probability to exceed the highest probable loss due to the simulated winds. It is possible to conclude that there is only one event grater or equal (in this case equal) to the highest probable causing loss in 10.000 years, and it is the *highest wind*. If we sort the database by wind magnitude in descending order (small winds last), the question is solved calculating the annual exceedance probability  $P_e$  with next formula

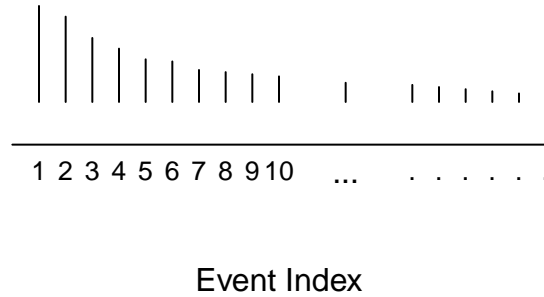


Figure 2.6: Sorted Winds by Magnitude - wind simulation database

$$P_e = \frac{\text{Event index after descending sorting}}{\text{Years of simulations}} = \frac{1}{10.000} = 0.001 = 0.01\%$$

because the highest wind will be the first in the sorted list. Same exercise can be done with all winds to construct the annual exceedance probability curve, that in this case will represent the probability to equal or exceed different probable losses due to wind.

### 2.2.2 Return Period - Mean Recurrence Interval - MRI

Continuing with the previous section, if the inverse of the exceedance probability is taken, the return period (in years) is obtained. The return period or Mean Recurrence Interval - MRI is associated with an specific return level (wind extreme velocity). MRI is the numbers of years ( $N$ ) needed to obtain 63% of change that the corresponding return level will occur at least one time in that period. The return level is expected to be exceeded on average once every  $N$ -years. The annual exceedance probability of the return level corresponding to  $N$ -years of MRI, is  $P_e = \frac{1}{MRI} = \frac{1}{N}$ .

For an specific wind extreme event A, the probability that the event will occur in a period equal to MRI years is 63%. If we analyze for the same period a strongest wind extreme event B, its occurrence probability will be less than 67%. If the purpose of this research is to design infrastructure considering wind loads, the structure will be more resistant to wind if we design with stronger winds, this is high MRIs, and low annual exceedance probability. Common approach for infrastructure design, considering any type of load (earthquake, wind, etc) is to choose high MRI according to the importance/use/risk/type of the structure. For highly important structures, like hospitals or coliseums, where the risk of collapse must be diminished, the MRI used to design is higher in comparison to common structures (for instance a normal house), which implies less risks for its use and importance.



$$P_e = \begin{cases} 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{MRI}\right), & \text{for } MRI < 10 \text{ years} \\ \frac{1}{MRI}, & \text{for } MRI \geq 10 \text{ years} \end{cases}$$

### 2.2.3 Compound Exceedance Probability - $P_n$

If time of exposure is consider, understood as time the structure will be in use, it is possible to have a compound probability  $P_n$ , where  $n$  is the exposure period.  $P_n$  is the probability that the extreme wind speed will be equaled or exceeded at least one time in  $n$  years, and is related with the occurrence probability, but also is possible to calculate the non-occurrence compound probability (probability that the event will not occur).

$$P_n = \begin{cases} 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{MRI}\right)^n, & \text{occurrence probability} \\ \left(1 - \frac{1}{MRI}\right)^n, & \text{non - occurrence probability} \end{cases}$$

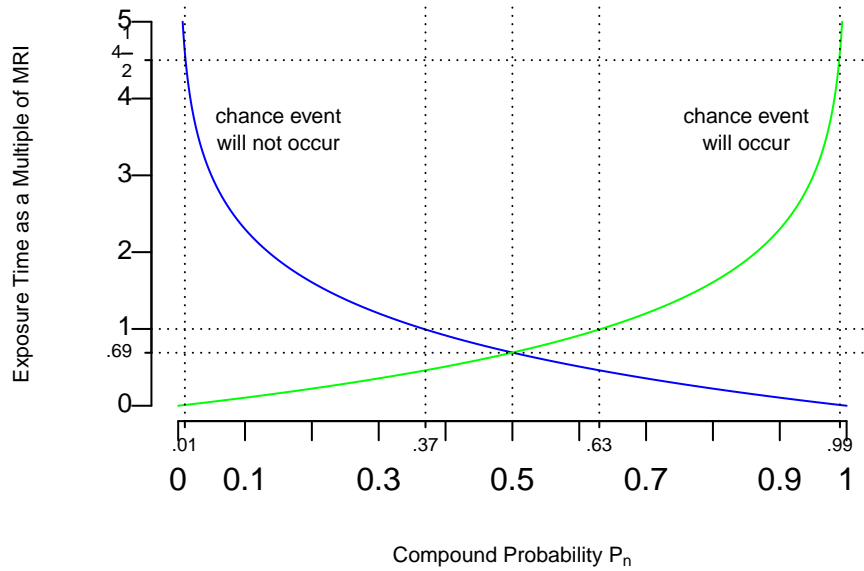


Figure 2.7: Compound Probability

If it is consider exposure time as a multiple of return period, the resulting figure 2.7, shows that:

- When exposure time is .69% of the return period, then probability (occurrence and non-occurrence) will be 50%
- As was stated previously, when exposure time is equal to return period, then the probability that the extreme wind speed (return level) occur is 63%, and 37% for the non occurrence probability.
- If exposure time is 4.5 times the return period, there is a 99% of change that the return level will occur.

The example discussed here was presented as an instrument to introduce important concepts, nonetheless, there are specialized approaches to deal with extreme value analysis which will be discussed in Extreme Value Analysis Overview and more in detail in Peaks Over Threshold - Poisson Process. In summary, is necessary to fit the data over a specific threshold to an extreme value distribution, and  $P_e$  will be  $1 - F(y)$ , with  $F(y)$  as the *cdf*, and MRI as  $\frac{1}{1-F(y)}$ .

## 2.3 Extreme Value Analysis Overview

Analysis of extreme values is related with statistical inference to calculate probabilities of extreme events. Main methods to analyze extreme data are epochal, Peaks Over Threshold - POT, and extreme index. The epochal method, also known as block maxima, uses the most extreme value for a specific frame of time, typically, one year. POT is based in the selection of a single threshold value to do the analysis only with values above the threshold. But there are different POT approaches, the most common one is Generalized Pareto Distribution - POT-GPD, but also it is possible to use the Poisson process approach.

In both methods (Epochal and POT), the first step is to fit the data to an appropriate probability distribution model, among them the most used are, - Extreme Value Type I (Gumbel), Extreme Value Type II (Fréchet), Weibull, Generalized Pareto - GPD, and Generalized Extreme Value - GEV.

Distribution models are fitted based in the estimation of its parameters, commonly called location, scale and shape, nonetheless each model has its own parameters names. There are different methods to estimate parameters, among them, - method of moments (modified moments - see Kubler (1994), and L moments - see Hosking & Wallis (1997)), - method of maximum likelihood MLE, see Harris & Stocker (1998), which is problematic for GPD and GEV, - probability plot correlation coefficient, and - elemental percentiles (for GPD and GEV)

Once candidate parameters are available, it is necessary to assess the goodness of fit of the selected model, using one of the next methods, - Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) goodness of fit test, and - Anderson-Darling goodness of fit test. Here a visual assessment is also useful using a probability plot or a kernel density plot with the fitted *pdf* overlaid.

The main use of the fitted model is the estimation of mean return intervals - MRI, and extreme wind speeds (return levels),

$$MRI = \frac{1}{1 - F(y)}$$

with  $F(y)$  as the *cdf*. If  $1 - F(y)$  is the annual exceedance probability, MRI is its inverse, see Simiu & Scanlan (1996) for more details about MRI. If  $y$  is solved from previous equation using a given MRI of N-years, its value represents the  $Y_N$  wind speed return level,

$$Y_N = G\left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda N}\right)$$

where  $G$  is the *ppf* (quantile function) and  $\lambda$  is the number of wind speeds over the threshold per year.

The CRAN Task View “Extreme Value Analysis” <https://cran.r-project.org/web/views/ExtremeValue.html> shows available **R** for block maxima, POT by GPD, and external indexes estimation approaches. Most important to consider are `evd`, `extremes`, `evir`, `POT`, `extremeStat`, `ismev`, and `Renext`.

## 2.4 Peaks Over Threshold - Poisson Process

According to Pintar et al. (2015) the stochastic Poisson process is mainly defined by its intensity function. As the intensity function is not uniform over the domain, the Poisson process considered here is non-homogeneous, and due to the intensity function dependency of magnitude and time, it is also bi-dimensional. Poisson Process was described for the first time in Pickands (1971), then extended in Smith (1989).

$$\lambda(y, t) \begin{cases} \lambda_t(y), & \text{for } t \text{ in thunderstorm period} \\ \lambda_{nt}(y), & \text{for } t \text{ in non - thunderstorm period} \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

Generic equation (2.5) shows the intensity function, which is defined in the domain  $D = D_t \cup D_{nt}$ , and allow to fit the Poisson process at each station to the observed data  $\{t_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^I$  for all the times ( $t_i$ ) of threshold crossing observations and its corresponding wind speeds magnitudes ( $y_i$ ). Thus, only data above the threshold is used.

Intensity function of the Poisson Process is defined in Smith (2004),

$$\frac{1}{\psi_t} \left(1 + \zeta_t \frac{y - \omega_t}{\psi_t}\right)_+^{-\frac{1}{\zeta_t} - 1}$$

Where  $\zeta_t$  controls the tail length of the intensity function at a given time  $t$ , but to facilitate the estimation of the parameters then  $\zeta_t$  is taken to be zero, then doing the limit, the resulting intensity function is the same as the the GEV type I or Gumbel distribution,

$$\frac{1}{\psi_t} \exp \left\{ \frac{-(y - \omega_t)}{\psi_t} \right\}$$

In this study, the used intensity functions are shown in equation (2.6).

$$\lambda(y, t) \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\psi_s} \exp \left\{ \frac{-(y - \omega_s)}{\psi_s} \right\}, & \text{for } t \text{ in thunderstorm period} \\ \frac{1}{\psi_{nt}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-(y - \omega_{nt})}{\psi_{nt}} \right\}, & \text{for } t \text{ in non - thunderstorm period} \end{cases} \quad (2.6)$$

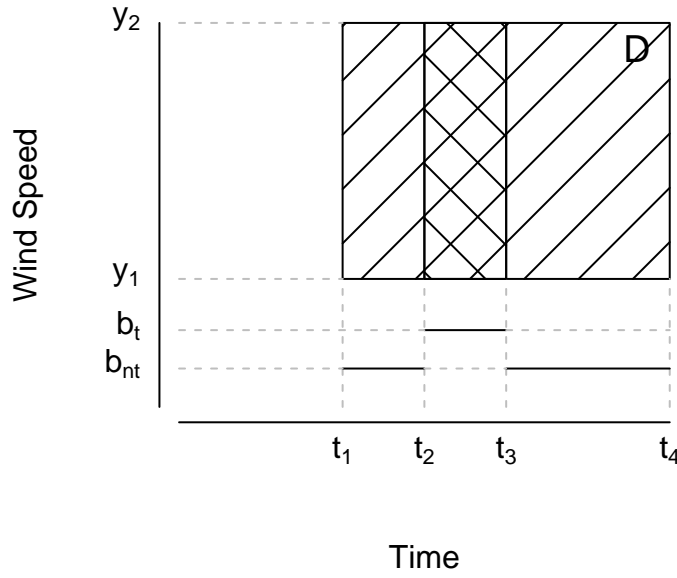


Figure 2.8: Domain of the Poisson Process

Figure 2.8 represents the domain  $D$  of the Poisson process. In time, the domain represents the station service period from first sample  $t_1$  to last sample  $t_4$ .  $D$  is the union of all thunderstorm periods  $D_t$  (from  $t_2$  to  $t_3$ ), and all non-thunderstorm periods  $D_{nt}$  (periods  $t_1$  to  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  to  $t_4$ ). In magnitude, only thunderstorm data above its threshold  $b_t$ , and only non-thunderstorm data above its threshold  $b_{nt}$  are used.

Thunderstorms and non-thunderstorms are modeled independently:

1. Observations in domain  $D$  follow a Poisson distribution with mean  $\int_D \lambda(t, y) dt dy$
2. For each disjoint sub-domain  $D_1$  or  $D_2$  inside  $D$ , the observations in  $D_1$  or  $D_2$  are independent random variables.

Visual representation of the intensity function for the Poisson Process can be seen in figure 2.9. In vertical axis, two surfaces were drawn representing independent intensity functions for thunderstorm  $\lambda_t(y)$  and for non-thunderstorm  $\lambda_{nt}(y)$ . The volume under each surface

A 3D diagram illustrating a multi-layered structure. The vertical axis is labeled  $y_2$ . The horizontal axis is labeled  $t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4$ . The depth axis is labeled  $y_1$ . The structure consists of a base layer with diagonal hatching, and a top layer with a green rectangular region. The top layer is divided into several sub-regions, some of which are shaded in dark blue and light blue. The base layer is labeled  $b_1$  and  $b_{int}$ .

Figure 2.9: Volume under surfaces represents the mean of the Poisson process

The method of maximum likelihood is used to estimate the parameters of the Poisson process, the selected vector of parameters  $\eta$  are the  $\hat{\eta}$  values that maximizes the function

$$L(\eta) = \left( \prod_{i=1}^I \lambda(y_i, t_i) \right) \exp \left\{ - \int_D \lambda(y, t) dy dt \right\} \quad (2.7)$$

$\hat{\eta}$  values need to be calculated using a numerical approach because there is not analytical solution available.

Once the Poisson process is fitted to the data, the model will provide extreme wind velocities (return levels), for different return periods (mean recurrence intervals).

A  $Y_N$  extreme wind velocity, called the return level (RL) belonging to the N-years return period, has a expected frequency to occur or to be exceeded (annual exceedance probability)  $P_e = \frac{1}{N}$ , and also has a probability that the event does not occur (annual non-exceedance probability)  $P_{ne} = 1 - \frac{1}{N}$ .  $Y_N$  will be the resulting value of the  $G$  (ppf or quantile) function using a probability equal to  $P_{ne}$ .  $Y_N = \text{quantile}(y, p = P_{ne}) = G(x, p = P_{ne}) = \text{ppf}(x, p = P_{ne})$ . As for this study  $\zeta = 0$ , the  $G$  function to use is the Gumbel quantile function.  $Y_N$  can be understood as the wind extreme value expected to be exceeded on average once every N years.

For different POT approaches, as POT-GPD described –, the value of the probability passed to the  $G$  function, has to be modified with the  $\lambda$  parameter, as is described in next equation.  $\lambda$  is the number of wind speed over the threshold per year.

$$Y_N = G\left(y, 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda N}\right)$$

For the Poisson process  $Y_N$  is also the solution to the next equation, which is defined in terms of the intensity function,

$$\int_{Y_N}^{\infty} \int_0^1 \lambda(y, t) dy dt = A_t \int_{Y_N}^{\infty} \lambda_t(y) dy + A_{nt} \int_{Y_N}^{\infty} \lambda_{nt}(y) dy = \frac{1}{N} \quad (2.8)$$

where  $A_t$ , is the multiplication of the average number of thunderstorm per year and the average length of a thunderstorm (taken to be 1 hour as defined in Pintar et al. (2015)), and  $A_{nt} = 1 - A_t$ . The average length of a non-thunderstorm event is variable, and it is adjusted in each station to guarantee that  $A_{nt} + A_t = 1$

The same thunderstorm event is considered to occur if the time lag distance between successive thunderstorm samples is small than six hours, and for non-thunderstorm this time is 4 days. For the Poisson process, all the measurements belonging to the same event (thunderstorm or non-thunderstorm), need to be de-clustered to leave only one maximum value. In other words, the number of thunderstorm in the time series is the number of time lag distances grater than 6 hours, and for non-thunderstorm grater than 4 days.

### 2.4.1 Threshold Selection

$$U = F(Y)$$

$$W = -\log(1 - U)$$

## 2.5 Wind Loads Requirements

As the output maps of this research will be used as input loads for infrastructure design, the methodology used for its creation, need to be consistent with Colombian official wind loads

requirements. Today (2020), the Colombian norm that defines wind loads is the Seismic Resistant Standard 2010 - NSR-10 by its acronym of Spanish, see XXX. Chapter related to wind loads is B.6. NSR-10 was created and is maintained by the Colombian Association of Seismic Engineering - AIS.

NSR-10 is mainly based in the USA norm American Society of Civil Engineers 7-16, minimum design loads and associated criteria for buildings and other structures - ASCE7-16, see Engineers (2017). Under these circumstances, ASCE7-16 defines the minimum requirements of the research products. Especially the chapter C26 - “wind loads - general requirements”, C26.5 “wind hazard map”, and C26.7 “Exposure” - pages 733 to 747. Wind speeds requirements of ASCE7-16 are based in the combination of independent non-hurricane analysis, and hurricane wind speeds simulations models. The focus of this research will be the analysis of non-hurricane wind data, however, existing results of hurricane studies will be used to present final maps with both components. In ASCE7-16, for non-hurricane wind speed, the procedure is mainly based on Pintar et al. (2015).

ASCE7-16 (page 734), requires the calculation of wind extreme return levels for specific return periods according to the risk category of the structure to be designed: risk category I - 300 years, risk category II - 700 years, risk category III - 1700 years, risk category IV - 3000 years. NSR-10 only requires 700, 1700 and 3000 years. In addition, extreme wind speeds for those MRI need to correspond to: - 3 second gust speeds, - at 33 ft (10 meters) above the ground, and - exposure category C (open space).

- Risk IV - This are ‘indispensable buildings’ that involve substantial risk. This structures that can handle toxic or explosive substances.
- Risk III - There is substantial risk because this structures that can handle toxic or explosive substances, can cause a serious economical impact, or massive interruption of activities if they fail
- Risk II - Category ‘by default’, and correspond to structures not classified in others categories.
- Risk I - This structures represent low risk for people lives

To standardize wind speeds to gust speeds ASCE7-16 proposes the curve Durst (see C. S. Durst (1960), and figure 2.10). It is valid only for open terrain conditions. Durst curve shows in axis  $y$  the gust factor  $\frac{V_t}{V_{3600}}$ , a ration between any wind gust averaged at  $t$  seconds,  $V_t$ , and the hourly averaged wind speed  $V_{3600}$ , and in the axis  $x$  the duration  $t$  of the gust.

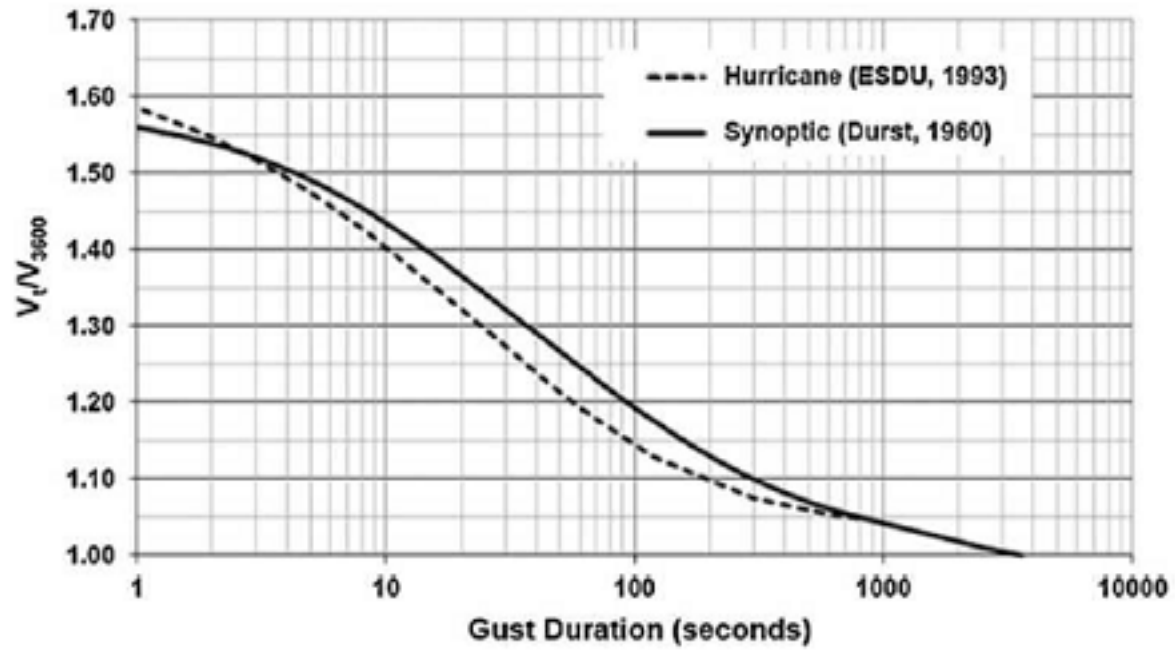


Figure 2.10: Maximum speeds averaged over  $t$  (sec), to hourly mean speed



# Chapter 3

## Methodology

Figure 3.1 shows a graphic representation of the methodology. This thesis research is focus in non-hurricane data, with three main elements: - data, - temporal analysis with a POT-Poisson process, and - spatial analysis with probabilistic and deterministic methods to do spatial interpolation and create return levels (wind velocities) maps, for MRI of 700, 1700, and 3000 years. An additional element, is the integration with existing hurricane maps to produce final maps, that will be used as input loads for infrastructure design, and will be part of the NSR-10.

More representative and important steps of the methodology are identified by numbers, 1) standardization, 2) de-clustering, 3) thresholding, 4) fit intensity function, 5) hazard curve, 6) return levels, and 7) spatial interpolation. Steps 1 to 6, need to be done for each available station to get MRI wind velocities. With MRI wind velocities in each station, a continuous surface will be created, one for 700 years, next for 1700 years and finally 3000 years. Figure 3.2 schematize that iterative process.

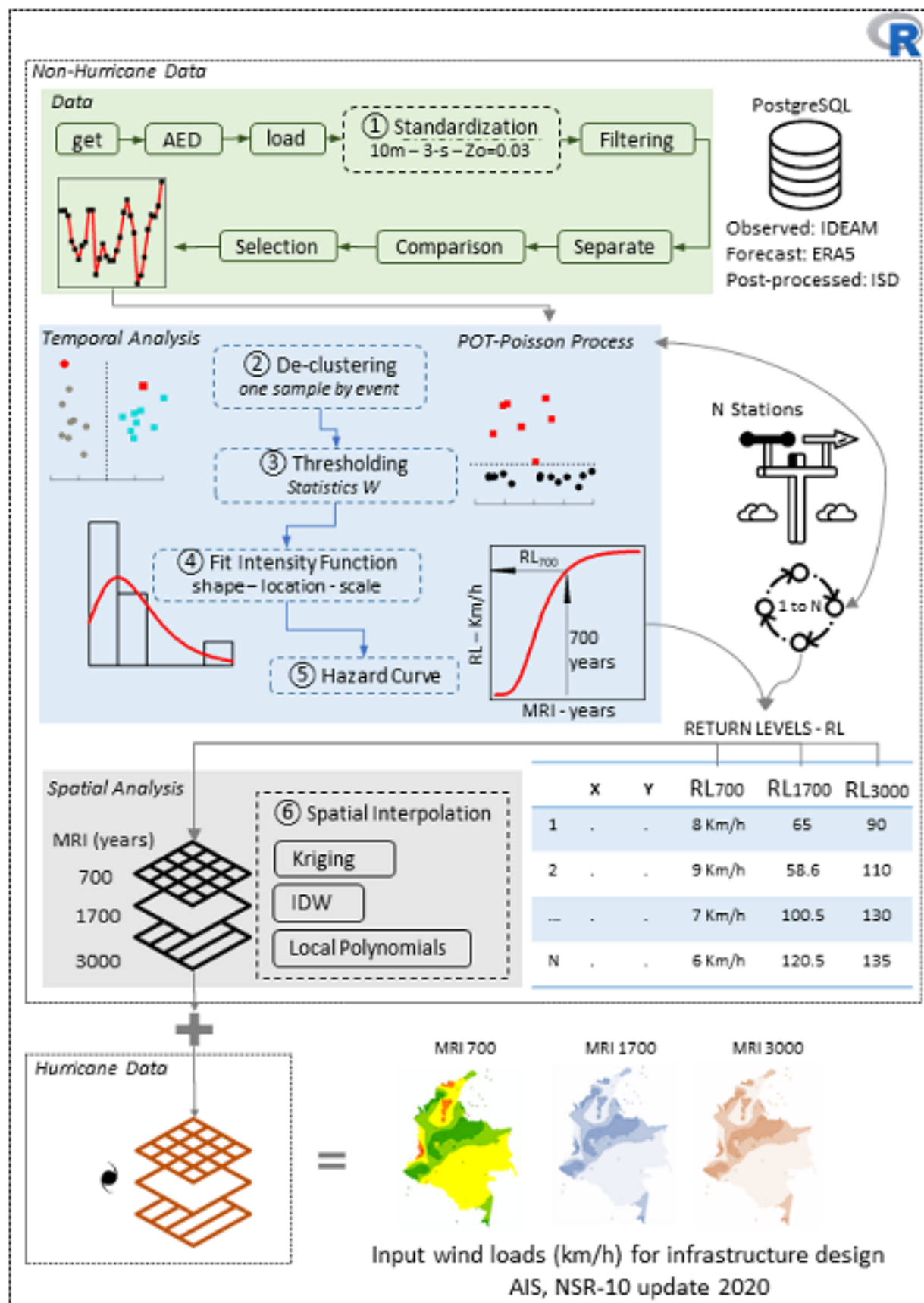


Figure 3.1: Methodology

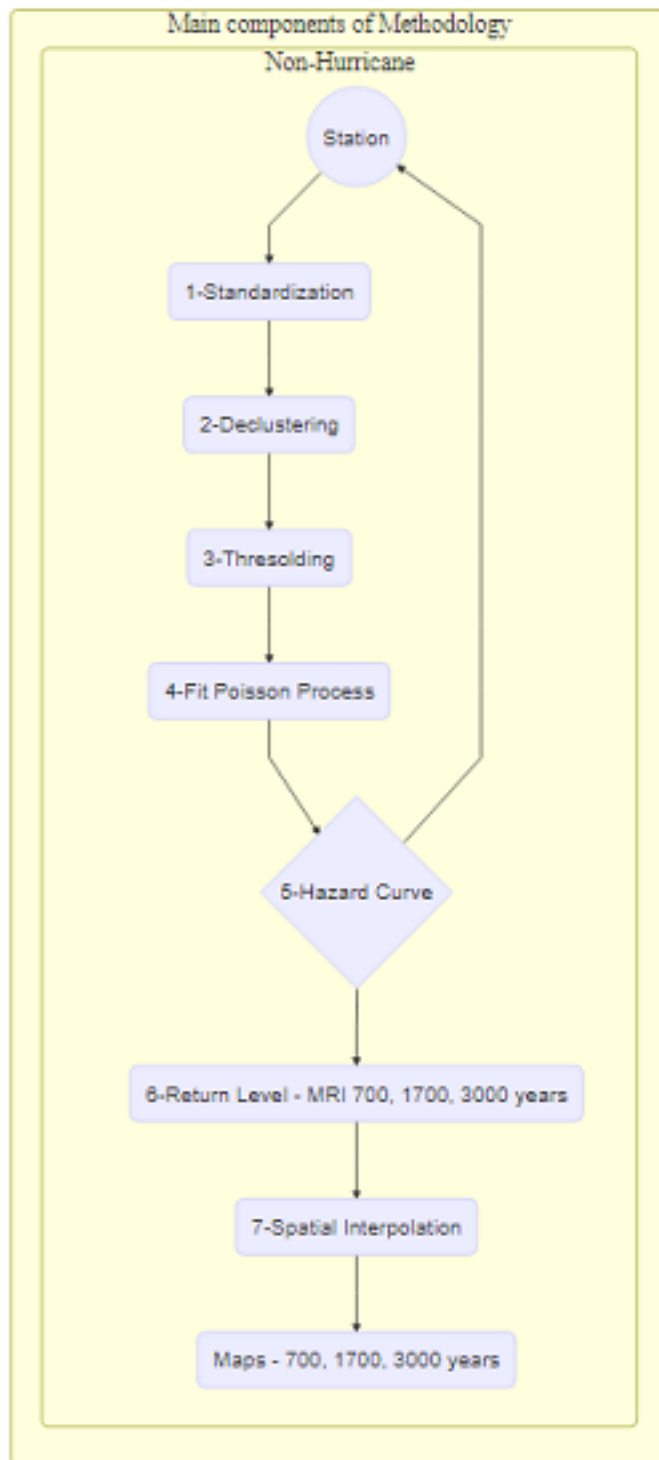


Figure 3.2: Iterative process in methodology

## 3.1 Data

### 3.1.1 Getting the data

### 3.1.2 Exploratory Data Analysis - EDA

### 3.1.3 Standardization

#### Anemometer height - 10 m

According to the protocol for field data collection and location of methodological stations - IDEAM, 2005 (XXX), the anemometer (wind sensor) is installed always to a fixed high of 10 meters from the surface, as is shown in figure XXX

#### Surface Roughness - 0.03 m

#### Averaging Time - 3-s gust

To transform hourly mean wind velocity ( $V_{3600}$ ), ASCE7-16 (XXX) recommended to use Durst 1960 (XXX).

### 3.1.4 Filtering

### 3.1.5 Separating

### 3.1.6 Comparison

### 3.1.7 Selection of input data

## 3.2 POT - Poisson Process

### 3.2.1 De-clustering

### 3.2.2 Exclude no-data periods

### 3.2.3 Thresholding

As the POT model requires to work only with the most extreme values in the time series, it is necessary to select a threshold to filter out small values. Selection of threshold value imply two effects in the model. Bias is high when a low threshold is selected (many exceedances) because the asymptotic support is weak. Opposite situation happens for high thresholds where variance is potentially high, so according to Davidson and Smith 1990 (XXX), it is needed to select a threshold value, consistent with model structure.

### **3.2.4 Fit Intensity Function**

Intensity function

Density function

Distribution function

Maximum likelihood estimation

### **3.2.5 Hazard Curve**

### **3.2.6 Return Levels**

## **3.3 Spatial Interpolation**

### **3.3.1 Kriging**

### **3.3.2 IDW**

### **3.3.3 Local Polynomials**

## **3.4 Integration with Non-Hurricane data**

# Conclusion

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# Appendix A

## R Code

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  devtools::install_github("ismayc/thesisdown")  
library(thesisdown)
```

### In Chapter 3:

```
# This chunk ensures that the thesisdown package is  
# installed and loaded. This thesisdown package includes  
# the template files for the thesis and also two functions  
# used for labeling and referencing  
if(!require(devtools))  
  install.packages("devtools", repos = "http://cran.rstudio.com")  
if(!require(dplyr))  
  install.packages("dplyr", repos = "http://cran.rstudio.com")  
if(!require(ggplot2))  
  install.packages("ggplot2", repos = "http://cran.rstudio.com")  
if(!require(ggplot2))  
  install.packages("bookdown", repos = "http://cran.rstudio.com")  
if(!require(thesisdown)){  
  library(devtools)  
  devtools::install_github("ismayc/thesisdown")  
}
```

```
library(thesisdown)
flights <- read.csv("data/flights.csv")
```



# Appendix B

## The Second Appendix

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