

# Kernel estimation of extreme risk measures for all domains of attraction

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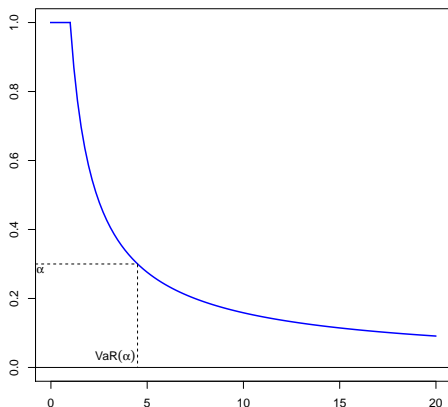
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# The Value-at-Risk

- Let  $Y \in \mathbb{R}$  be a random loss variable. The Value-at-Risk of level  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  denoted by  $\text{VaR}(\alpha)$  is defined by

$$\text{VaR}(\alpha) := \bar{F}^{\leftarrow}(\alpha) = \inf\{y, \bar{F}(y) \leq \alpha\},$$

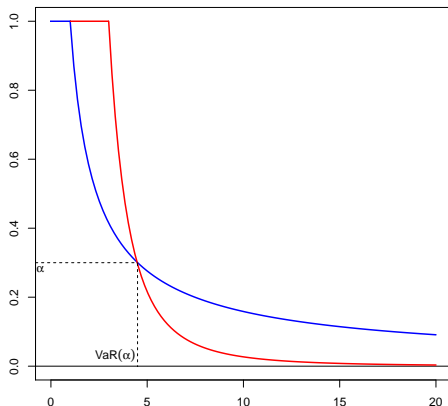
where  $\bar{F}^{\leftarrow}$  is the generalized inverse of the survival function  $\bar{F}(y) = \mathbb{P}(Y \geq y)$  of  $Y$ .



- The  $\text{VaR}(\alpha)$  is the quantile of level  $\alpha$  of the survival function of the r.v.  $Y$ .

## Drawbacks of the Value-at-Risk

- Let us consider  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  two loss r.v. with associated survival function  $\bar{F}_1$  and  $\bar{F}_2$ .

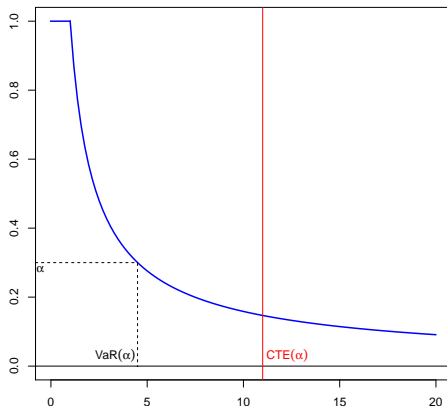


⇒ Random variables with **light tail probabilities** and with **heavy tail probabilities** may have the same  $\text{VaR}(\alpha)$ . This is one of the main criticism against VaR as a risk measure (Embrechts *et al.* [1997]).

# The Conditional Tail Expectation

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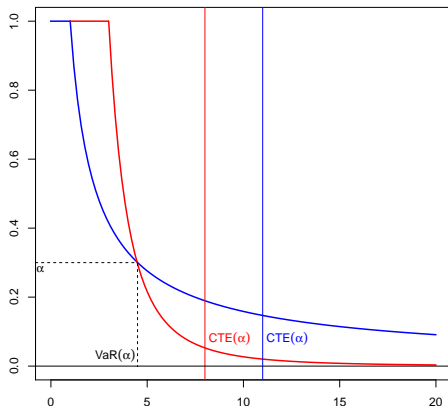


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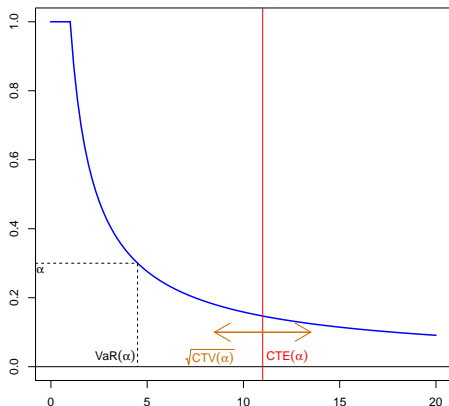


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# The Conditional Tail Variance

- The Conditional Tail Variance of level  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  denoted  $\text{CTV}(\alpha)$  and introduced by Valdez [2005] is defined by

$$\text{CTV}(\alpha) := \mathbb{E}((Y - \text{CTE}(\alpha))^2 | Y > \text{VaR}(\alpha)).$$



⇒ The  $\text{CTV}(\alpha)$  measures the conditional variability of  $Y$  given that  $Y > \text{VaR}(\alpha)$  and indicates how far away the events deviate from  $\text{CTE}(\alpha)$ .

- The Conditional Tail Skewness of level  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  denoted  $\text{CTS}(\alpha)$  and introduced by Hong and Elshahat [2010] is defined by

$$\text{CTS}(\alpha) := \frac{\mathbb{E}(Y^3 | Y > \text{VaR}(\alpha))}{(\text{CTV}(\alpha))^{3/2}}$$

⇒ We can **unify the definitions of the previous risk measures using the Conditional Tail Moment** introduced by El Methni *et al.* [2014].

## Definition

The Conditional Tail Moment of level  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  is defined by

$$\text{CTM}_b(\alpha) := \mathbb{E}(Y^b | Y > \text{VaR}(\alpha)),$$

where  $b \geq 0$  is such that the moment of order  $b$  of  $Y$  exists.



All the previous risk measures of level  $\alpha$  can be rewritten as

Risk Measure	Rewritten risk measure
$\text{CTE}(\alpha) = \mathbb{E}(Y Y > \text{VaR}(\alpha))$	$\text{CTM}_1(\alpha)$
$\text{CTV}(\alpha) = \mathbb{E}((Y - \text{CTE}(\alpha))^2 Y > \text{VaR}(\alpha))$	$\text{CTM}_2(\alpha) - \text{CTM}_1^2(\alpha)$
$\text{CTS}(\alpha) = \mathbb{E}(Y^3 Y > \text{VaR}(\alpha))/(\text{CTV}(\alpha))^{3/2}$	$\text{CTM}_3(\alpha)/(\text{CTV}(\alpha))^{3/2}$

⇒ All the risk measures depend on the  $\text{CTM}_b$ .

⇒ Our contributions consist in adding two difficulties in the framework of the estimation of risk measures.

① First we add the presence of a **random covariate**  $X \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

- $Y$  is a positive random variable and  $X \in \mathbb{R}^p$  a random vector of regressors recorded simultaneously with  $Y$ .
- In what follows, it is assumed that  $(X, Y)$  is a continuous random vector.
- The probability density function (p.d.f.) of  $X$  is denoted by  $g(\cdot)$ .
- The conditional p.d.f. of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is denoted by  $f(\cdot|x)$ .

For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$  such that  $g(x) \neq 0$ , the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is characterized by the conditional survival function

$$\bar{F}(\cdot|x) = \mathbb{P}(Y > \cdot | X = x)$$

or, equivalently, by the Regression Value at Risk defined for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  by

$$\text{RVaR}(\alpha|x) := \bar{F}^{\leftarrow}(\alpha|x) = \inf\{t, \bar{F}(t|x) \leq \alpha\}.$$

The Regression Value at Risk of level  $\alpha$  is a generalization to a regression setting of the Value at Risk.

The Regression Conditional Tail Moment of order  $b$  is defined by

$$\text{RCTM}_b(\alpha|x) := \mathbb{E}(Y^b | Y > \text{RVaR}(\alpha|x), X = x),$$

where  $b \geq 0$  is such that the moment of order  $b$  of  $Y$  exists.

- Second we are interested in the estimation of risk measures in the case of **extreme losses**.

⇒ To this end, we replace the fixed order  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  by a sequence  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  as the sample size  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RVaR}(\alpha_n|x) &:= \bar{F}^{\leftarrow}(\alpha_n|x) \\ \text{RCTM}_b(\alpha_n|x) &:= \mathbb{E}(Y^b | Y > \text{RVaR}(\alpha_n|x), X = x) \end{aligned}$$

⇒ All the risk measures depend on the  $\text{RCTM}_b$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RCTE}(\alpha_n|x) &= \text{RCTM}_1(\alpha_n|x), \\ \text{RCTV}(\alpha_n|x) &= \text{RCTM}_2(\alpha_n|x) - \text{RCTM}_1^2(\alpha_n|x), \\ \text{RCTS}(\alpha_n|x) &= \text{RCTM}_3(\alpha_n|x) / (\text{RCTV}(\alpha_n|x))^{3/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Starting from  $n$  independent copies  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$  of the random vector  $(X, Y)$ , we address here the estimation of the Regression Conditional Tail Moment of level  $\alpha_n$  and order  $b \geq 0$  given by

$$\text{RCTM}_b(\alpha_n|x) := \frac{1}{\alpha_n} \mathbb{E} \left( Y^b \mathbb{I}\{Y > \text{RVaR}(\alpha_n|x)\} | X = x \right),$$

where  $b$  is such that the moment of order  $b$  of  $Y$  exists and  $\mathbb{I}\{\cdot\}$  is the indicator function.

⇒ We want to estimate all the above mentioned risk measures.

To do it, we need the asymptotic joint distribution of

$$\left\{ \left( \widehat{\text{RCTM}}_{b_j, n}(\alpha_n|x), j = 1, \dots, J \right) \right\},$$

with  $0 \leq b_1 < \dots < b_J$  and where  $J$  is an integer.

The estimator of the Regression Value at Risk of level  $\alpha_n$  considered is given by

$$\widehat{\text{RVaR}}_n(\alpha_n|x) = \inf\{t, \hat{F}_n(t|x) \leq \alpha_n\}$$

with

$$\hat{F}_n(y|x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{K}_{k_n}(x - X_i) \mathbb{I}\{Y_i > y\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{K}_{k_n}(x - X_i)}.$$

- The bandwidth ( $k_n$ ) is a non random sequence converging to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- It controls the smoothness of the kernel estimator.
- For  $z > 0$ , we have also introduced the notation  $\mathcal{K}_z(\cdot) = z^{-p} \mathcal{K}(\cdot/z)$  where  $\mathcal{K}(\cdot)$  is a density on  $\mathbb{R}^p$ .
- The estimation of the  $\text{RVaR}(\alpha_n|x)$  has been addressed for instance by Daouia *et al.* [2013].

The estimator of the Regression Conditional Tail Moment of level  $\alpha_n$  and order  $b$  is given by

$$\widehat{\text{RCTM}}_{b,n}(\alpha_n|x) = \frac{1}{\alpha_n} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{K}_{h_n}(x - X_i) Y_i^b \mathbb{I}\{Y_i > \widehat{\text{RVaR}}_n(\alpha_n|x)\}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{K}_{h_n}(x - X_i)}$$

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- The bandwidths  $(h_n)$  and  $(k_n)$  are non random sequences converging to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- They control the smoothness of the kernel estimators. In what follows, the dependence on  $n$  for these two sequences is omitted.
- For the sake of simplicity we have chosen the same kernel  $\mathcal{K}(\cdot)$ .

To obtain the asymptotic property of the Regression Conditional Tail Moment estimator, an assumption on the right tail behavior of the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is required. In the sequel, we assume that,

**(F)** The function  $\text{RVaR}(\cdot|x)$  is differentiable and

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{RVaR}'(t\alpha|x)}{\text{RVaR}'(\alpha|x)} = t^{-(\gamma(x)+1)},$$

locally uniformly in  $t \in (0, \infty)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  In other words :

$-\text{RVaR}'(\cdot|x)$  is said to be regularly varying at 0 with index  $-(\gamma(x) + 1)$

The condition **(F)** entails that the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is in the maximum domain of attraction of the extreme value distribution with extreme value index  $\gamma(x)$ .



The unknown function  $\gamma(x)$  is referred as the **conditional extreme-value index**.

It controls the behaviour of the tail of the survival function and by consequence the behaviour of the extreme values.

⇒ if  $\gamma(x) < 0$ ,  $F(.|x)$  belongs to the domain of attraction of **Weibull**. It contains distributions with finite right tail, *i.e.* **short-tailed**.

⇒ if  $\gamma(x) = 0$ ,  $F(.|x)$  belongs to the domain of attraction of **Gumbel**. It contains distributions with survival function exponentially decreasing, *i.e.* **light-tailed**.

⇒ if  $\gamma(x) > 0$ ,  $F(.|x)$  belongs to the domain of attraction of **Fréchet**. It contains distributions with survival function polynomially decreasing, *i.e.* **heavy-tailed**.

The case  $\gamma(x) > 0$  has already been investigated by El Methni *et al.* [2014].

The asymptotic normality of  $\widehat{\text{RCTM}}_{b,n}(\alpha_n|x)$  is obtained under additional assumptions.

First, a Lipschitz condition on the probability density function  $g$  of  $X$  is required. For all  $(x, x') \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^p$ , denoting by  $d(x, x')$  the distance between  $x$  and  $x'$ , we suppose that

**(L)** There exists a constant  $c_g > 0$  such that  $|g(x) - g(x')| \leq c_g d(x, x')$ .

The next assumption is devoted to the kernel function  $\mathcal{K}(\cdot)$ .

**(K)**  $\mathcal{K}(\cdot)$  is a bounded density on  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , with support  $S$  included in the unit ball of  $\mathbb{R}^p$ .

Before stating our main result, some further notations are required.

For  $\xi > 0$ , the largest oscillation at point  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}_*^+$  associated with the Regression Conditional Tail Moment of order  $b \in [0, 1/\gamma_+(x))$  is given by

$$\omega(x, y, b, \xi, h) = \sup \left\{ \left| \frac{\varphi_b(z|x)}{\varphi_b(z|x')} - 1 \right| \text{ with } \left| \frac{z}{y} - 1 \right| \leq \xi \text{ and } x' \in B(x, h) \right\},$$

where  $\varphi_b(\cdot|x) := \bar{F}(\cdot|x)RCTM_b(\bar{F}(\cdot|x)|x)$  and  $B(x, h)$  denotes the ball centred at  $x$  with radius  $h$ .

## Theorem 1

Suppose **(F)**, **(L)** and **(K)** hold. For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$  such that  $g(x) > 0$ , let  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  such that

$$nk^p \alpha_n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

If there exists  $\xi > 0$  such that

$$nk^p \alpha_n (k \vee \omega(x, \text{RVaR}(\alpha_n|x), 0, \xi, k))^2 \rightarrow 0,$$

then

$$(nk^p \alpha_n^{-1})^{1/2} f(\text{RVaR}(\alpha_n|x)|x) \left( \widehat{\text{RVaR}}_n(\alpha_n|x) - \text{RVaR}(\alpha_n|x) \right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N} \left( 0, \frac{\|\mathcal{K}\|_2^2}{g(x)} \right).$$

$\Rightarrow$  We thus find back the result established in Daouia *et al.* [2013] under weaker assumptions.

## Theorem 2

Suppose **(F)**, **(L)** and **(K)** hold. For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$  such that  $g(x) > 0$  :

- Let  $0 \leq b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_J < 1/(2\gamma_+(x))$ ,
- $\underline{\ell} = h \wedge k$  and  $\bar{\ell} = h \vee k$ .
- Let  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  such that  $n\underline{\ell}^p \alpha_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- If there exists  $\xi > 0$  such that

$$n\bar{\ell}^p \alpha_n \left( \bar{\ell} \vee \max_b \omega(x, \text{RVaR}(\alpha_n|x), b, \xi, \bar{\ell}) \right)^2 \rightarrow 0,$$

then, if

$$h/k \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{or} \quad k/h \rightarrow 0$$

the random vector

$$(n\underline{\ell}^p \alpha_n)^{1/2} \left\{ \left( \frac{\widehat{\text{RCTM}}_{b_j, n}(\alpha_n|x)}{\text{RCTM}_{b_j}(\alpha_n|x)} - 1 \right) \right\}_{j \in \{1, \dots, J\}}$$

is asymptotically Gaussian, centred, with a  $J \times J$  covariance matrix.

## Covariance matrix two cases

In what follows,  $(\cdot)_+$  (resp.  $(\cdot)_-$ ) denotes the positive (resp. negative) part function.

- 1 If  $k/h \rightarrow 0$  then the covariance matrix is given by

$$\frac{\|\mathcal{K}\|_2^2 \Sigma^{(1)}(x)}{g(x)}$$

where for  $(i, j) \in \{1, \dots, J\}^2$ ,

$$\Sigma_{ij}^{(1)}(x) = (1 - b_i \gamma_+(x))(1 - b_j \gamma_+(x)).$$

- 2 If  $h/k \rightarrow 0$  then the covariance matrix is given by

$$\frac{\|\mathcal{K}\|_2^2 \Sigma^{(2)}(x)}{g(x)}$$

where for  $(i, j) \in \{1, \dots, J\}^2$ ,

$$\Sigma_{ij}^{(2)}(x) = \frac{(1 - b_i \gamma_+(x))(1 - b_j \gamma_+(x))}{1 - (b_i + b_j) \gamma_+(x)} = \frac{\Sigma_{ij}^{(1)}(x)}{1 - (b_i + b_j) \gamma_+(x)}$$

Recall that

$$\Sigma_{i,j}^{(1)}(x) = (1 - b_i \gamma_+(x))(1 - b_j \gamma_+(x)) \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma_{i,j}^{(2)}(x) = \frac{\Sigma_{i,j}^{(1)}(x)}{1 - (b_i + b_j) \gamma_+(x)}$$

- Note that if  $\gamma(x) \leq 0$ , asymptotic covariance matrices do not depend on  $\{b_1, \dots, b_J\}$  and thus the estimators share the same rate of convergence.
- Conversely, when  $\gamma(x) > 0$ , asymptotic variances are increasing functions of the RCTM order.
- Moreover, in this case, note that for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, J\}$

$$\Sigma_{i,i}^{(2)}(x) > \Sigma_{i,i}^{(1)}(x)$$

$\implies$  Taking  $k/h \rightarrow 0$  leads to more efficient estimators than  $h/k \rightarrow 0$ .

## Corollary

Suppose that the assumptions of **Theorem 1** hold with  $\gamma(x) < 1/2$ . If there exists  $\xi > 0$  such that

$$n\bar{\ell}^p \alpha_n (\bar{\ell} \vee \max \omega(x, \text{RVaR}(\alpha_n|x), 1, \xi, \bar{\ell}))^2 \rightarrow 0,$$

then, if  $h/k \rightarrow 0$  or  $k/h \rightarrow 0$ , the random variable

$$(n\bar{\ell}^p \alpha_n)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\widehat{\text{RCTE}}_n(\alpha_n|x)}{\text{RCTE}(\alpha_n|x)} - 1 \right),$$

is asymptotically Gaussian, centred with variance

$$\frac{\vartheta_{\text{RCTE}} \|\mathcal{K}\|_2^2}{g(x)}$$

where

- If  $k/h \rightarrow 0$  then

$$\vartheta_{\text{RCTE}} = (1 - \gamma_+(x))^2$$

- If  $h/k \rightarrow 0$  then

$$\vartheta_{\text{RCTE}} = \frac{(1 - \gamma_+(x))^2}{(1 - 2\gamma_+(x))}$$



Under **(F)**, the Regression Conditional Tail Moment or order  $b$  is asymptotically proportional to the Regression Value at Risk to the power  $b$ .

### Proposition

Under **(F)**, for all  $b \in [0, 1/\gamma_+(x))$ ,

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{RCTM}_b(\alpha|x)}{[\text{RVaR}(\alpha|x)]^b} = \frac{1}{1 - b\gamma_+(x)},$$

and  $\text{RCTM}_b(\cdot|x)$  is regularly varying with index  $-b\gamma_+(x)$ .

In particular, the Proposition is an extension to a regression setting of the result established in Hua and Joe [2011] for the Conditional Tail Expectation ( $b = 1$ ) in the framework of heavy-tailed distributions ( $\gamma = \gamma(x) > 0$ ).

Let us note  $y_F(x) = \bar{F}^{\leftarrow}(0|x) \in (0, \infty]$  the endpoint of  $Y$  given  $X = x$

Two cases :

- 1 If the endpoint  $y_F(x)$  is infinite :

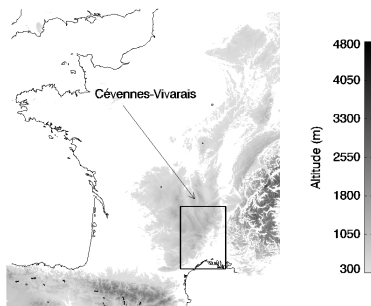
$$y_F(x) = \infty \quad \text{then} \quad \gamma(x) \geq 0$$

⇒ We can make risk measure estimation.

⇒ We propose an application in pluviometry in the case  $\gamma(x) > 0$ .

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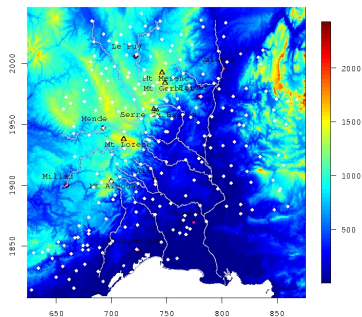
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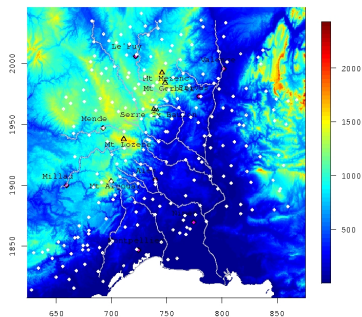


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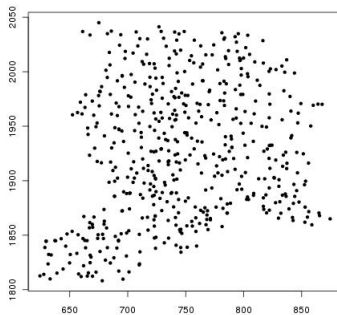
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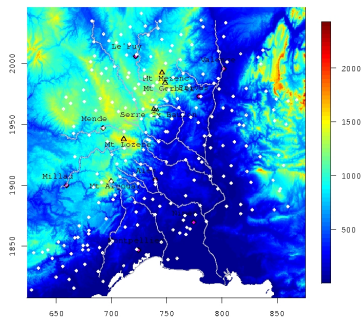


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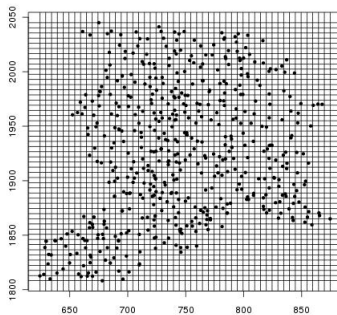
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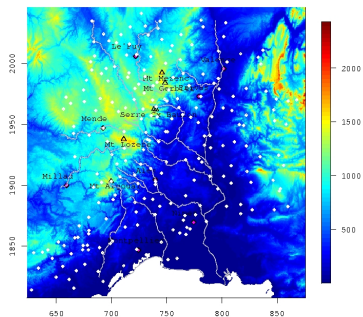


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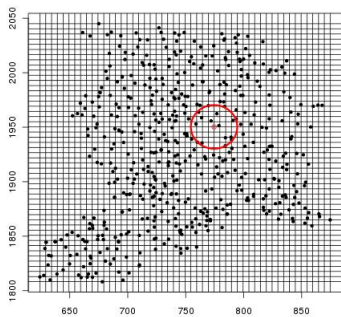
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## Work in $B(x, h_n)$



**Aim  $\Rightarrow$  to obtain maps of estimated extreme risk measures in all points of the region.**

- Daouia *et al.* [2011] have established the asymptotic normality of an extrapolated version of the  $\text{RVaR}(\beta_n|x)$  with  $\beta_n$  arbitrary small.
- El Methni *et al.* [2014] have established the asymptotic normality of an extrapolated version of the  $\text{RCTM}_b(\beta_n|x)$  with  $\beta_n$  arbitrary small.
- As a consequence, replacing  $\widehat{\text{RVaR}}_n$  and  $\widehat{\text{RCTM}}_{b,n}$  by their extrapolated versions provides estimators for all risk measures considered in this presentation adapted to arbitrary small levels.

⇒ In particular we want to obtain maps of risk measures of daily rainfall corresponding to an amount of rain which is exceeded on average once in 100 years.

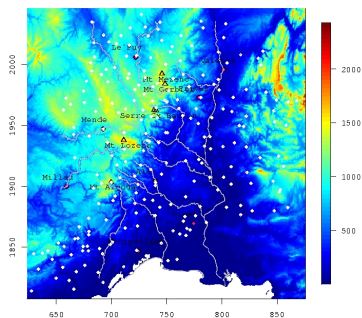
⇒ It corresponds to a level of risk  $\beta = 1/(100 \times 365.25)$



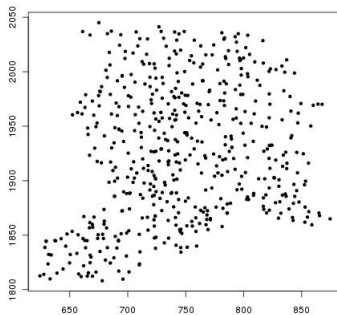
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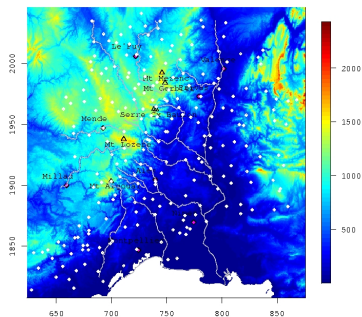


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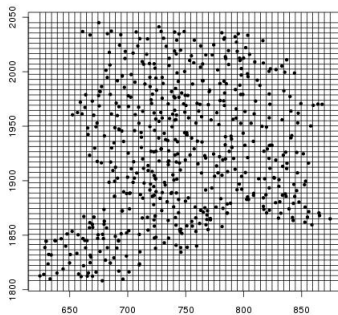
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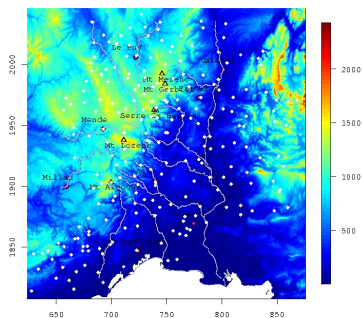


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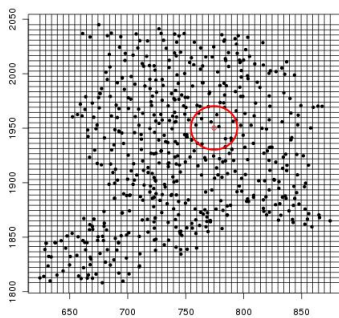
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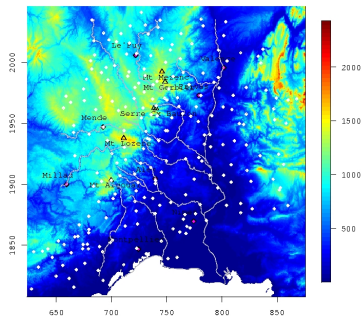


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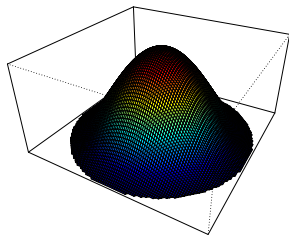
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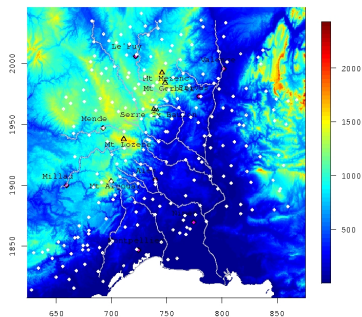


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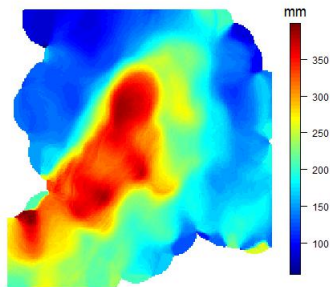
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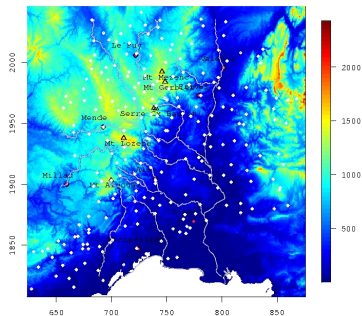


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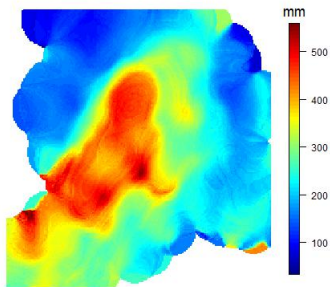
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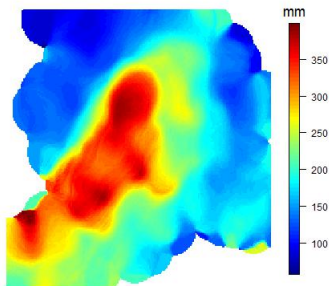


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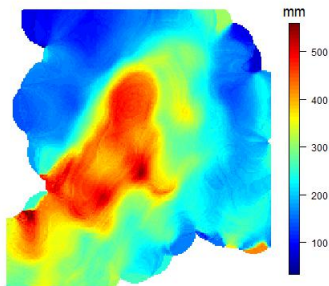
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- 2 If the endpoint  $y_F(x)$  is finite, the risk measures do not have sense :

$$y_F(x) < \infty \quad \text{then} \quad \gamma(x) \leq 0 \implies \gamma_+(x) = 0$$

As a consequence of the Proposition

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \text{RCTM}_b(\alpha|x) = y_F^b(x)$$

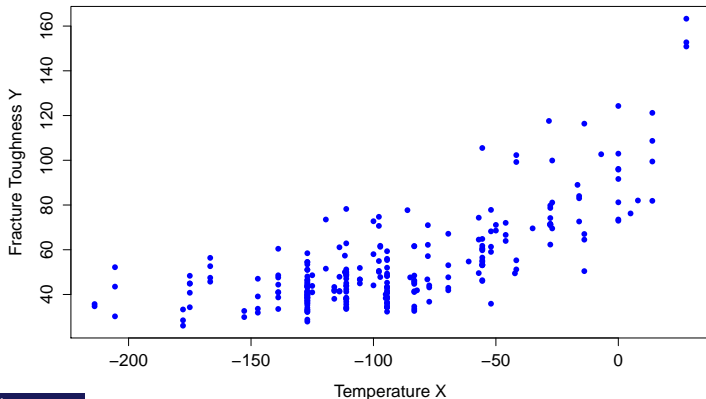
$\implies$  We can use our Proposition to make frontier estimation.

$\implies$  We propose an application in nuclear reactor reliability.



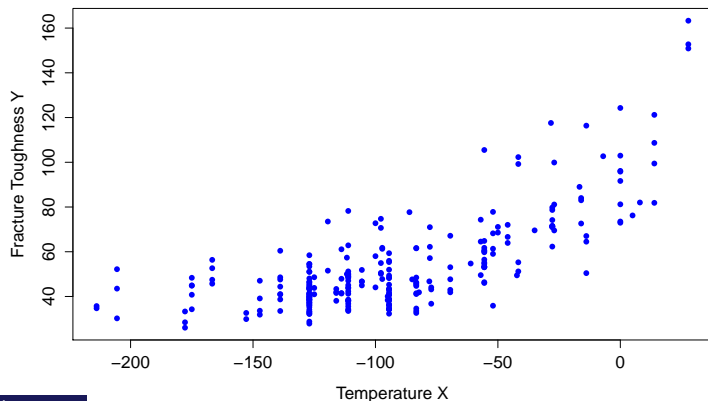
## Application in nuclear reactor reliability

- The dataset comes from the US Electric Power Research Institute and consists of  $n = 254$  toughness results obtained from non-irradiated representative steels.
- An accurate knowledge of the change in fracture toughness of the reactor pressure vessel materials as a function of the temperature is of prime importance in a nuclear power plant's lifetime programme.



## Frontier estimation

- As the temperature decreases, the steel fissures more easily.
- Here, it is important to know the upper limit of fracture toughness of each material as a function of temperature.
- This translates into estimating the optimal support upper boundary.



## Commentaries

- + **New tool** for the prevention of risk and frontier estimation.
- + Theoretical properties similar to the univariate case (extreme or not) and with or without a covariate.
- + Our theoretical results are similar to those obtained by [Daouia et al. \[2013\]](#) and [El Methni et al. \[2014\]](#).
- + Capable to estimate all risk measures based on conditional moments of the *r.v.* of losses given that the losses are greater than  $\text{RVaR}(\alpha)$  for **short, light and heavy-tailed distributions**.

## Short-term perspectives

- Application to the nuclear data set.
- Tuning parameter selection procedure to choose  $(\alpha_n, h)$ .

## Long-term perspectives

- Curse of dimensionality.

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