



Covariate effects in oceanographic applications of marginal, conditional and spatial extremes

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Motivation

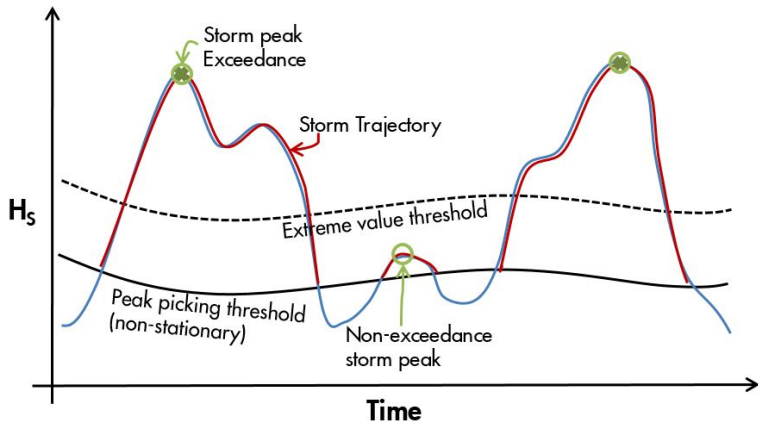
- Rational and consistent design and assessment of marine structures
 - Reduce bias and uncertainty in estimation of structural integrity
 - Quantify uncertainty as well as possible
- Non-stationary marginal, conditional and spatial extremes
 - Multiple locations, multiple variables, time-series
 - Multidimensional covariates
- Improved understanding and communication of risk
 - Incorporation within established engineering design practices
 - Knock-on effects of improved inference
- Other current applications in Shell
 - Earthquake hazards
 - Corrosion and fouling

Motivation

- Environmental extremes vary smoothly with multidimensional covariates
 - Model parameters are functions of covariates
- Uncertainty quantification for whole inference
 - Data acquisition (simulator or measurement)
 - Data pre-processing (storm peak identification)
 - Extreme value threshold
 - Model form (marginal measurement scale effect, spatial extremal dependence)
- Statistical and computational efficiency
 - Slick algorithms
 - Parallel computation
 - Bayesian inference

Motivation: storm model

$H_5 \approx 4 \times$ standard deviation of ocean surface time-series at specific location corresponding to a specified period (typically three hours)



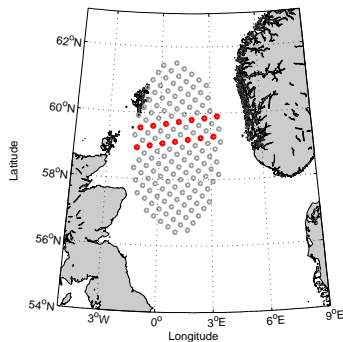
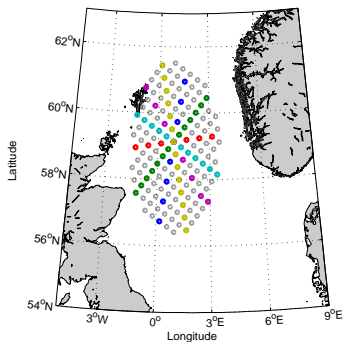
Covariate effects in:

- Marginal models
 - Simple introductory example (directional model)
 - Storm peak H_S with 2D, 3D and 4D covariates
- Conditional extremes models
 - Associated values of other wave field parameters given extreme storm peak H_S
- Spatial extremes models
 - Directional dependence in max-stable process parameters for storm peak H_S

North Sea example used as “connecting theme”; other examples to embellish

Outline: North Sea application

Storm peak H_S from gridded NEXTRA *winter* storm hindcast for North Sea locations; directional variability in storm severity; “strips” of locations with different orientations; central location for directional model



Marginal: simple gamma-GP model

- Sample of peaks over threshold y , with covariates θ
 - θ is 1D in motivating example : directional
 - θ is nD later : e.g. 4D spatio-directional-seasonal
- Below threshold ψ
 - y follows truncated gamma with shape α , scale $1/\beta$
 - Hessian for gamma better behaved than Weibull
- Above ψ
 - y follows generalised Pareto with shape ξ , scale σ
- ξ , σ , α , β , ψ all functions of θ
- ψ for pre-specified threshold probability τ
 - Generalise later to estimation of τ

- Frigessi et al. [2002], Behrens et al. [2004], MacDonald et al. [2011]
- Randell et al. [2016]

Marginal: simple gamma-GP model

- Density is $f(y|\xi, \sigma, \alpha, \beta, \psi, \tau)$

$$= \begin{cases} \tau \times f_{TG}(y|\alpha, \beta, \psi) & \text{for } y \leq \psi \\ (1 - \tau) \times f_{GP}(y|\xi, \sigma, \psi) & \text{for } y > \psi \end{cases}$$

- Likelihood is $\mathcal{L}(\xi, \sigma, \alpha, \beta, \psi, \tau|\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n)$

$$= \prod_{i:y_i \leq \psi} f_{TG}(y_i|\alpha, \beta, \psi) \prod_{i:y_i > \psi} f_{GP}(y_i|\xi, \sigma, \psi) \\ \times \tau^{n_B} (1 - \tau)^{(1 - n_B)} \text{ where } n_B = \sum_{i:y_i \leq \psi} 1.$$

Estimate all parameters as functions of θ

Marginal: count rate c

- Whole-sample rate of occurrence ρ modelled as Poisson process given counts c of numbers of occurrences per covariate bin
- Chavez-Demoulin and Davison [2005]

Marginal: P-splines

- Physical considerations suggest $\alpha, \beta, \rho, \xi, \sigma, \psi$ and τ vary smoothly with covariates θ
- Values of $\eta \in \{\alpha, \beta, \rho, \xi, \sigma, \psi, \tau\}$ on some index set of covariates take the form $\eta = \mathbf{B}\beta_\eta$
 - For nD covariates, \mathbf{B} takes the form of tensor product $\mathbf{B}_{\theta_n} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{B}_{\theta_\kappa} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{B}_{\theta_2} \otimes \mathbf{B}_{\theta_1}$
- Spline roughness with respect to each covariate dimension κ given by quadratic form $\lambda_{\eta\kappa} \beta'_{\eta\kappa} \mathbf{P}_{\eta\kappa} \beta_{\eta\kappa}$
- $\mathbf{P}_{\eta\kappa}$ is a function of stochastic roughness penalties $\delta_{\eta\kappa}$
- Brezger and Lang [2006]

Marginal: priors and conditional structure

Priors

$$\begin{aligned} \text{density of } \beta_{\eta\kappa} &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{\eta\kappa}\beta_{\eta\kappa}'\mathbf{P}_{\eta\kappa}\beta_{\eta\kappa}\right) \\ \lambda_{\eta\kappa} &\sim \text{gamma} \\ (\text{ and } \tau &\sim \text{beta, when } \tau \text{ estimated}) \end{aligned}$$

Conditional structure

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tau|\mathbf{y}, \Omega \setminus \tau) &\propto f(\mathbf{y}|\tau, \Omega \setminus \tau) \times f(\tau) \\ f(\beta_\eta|\mathbf{y}, \Omega \setminus \beta_\eta) &\propto f(\mathbf{y}|\beta_\eta, \Omega \setminus \beta_\eta) \times f(\beta_\eta|\delta_\eta, \lambda_\eta) \\ f(\lambda_\eta|\mathbf{y}, \Omega \setminus \lambda_\eta) &\propto f(\beta_\eta|\delta_\eta, \lambda_\eta) \times f(\lambda_\eta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega = \{\alpha, \beta, \rho, \xi, \sigma, \psi, \tau\}$$

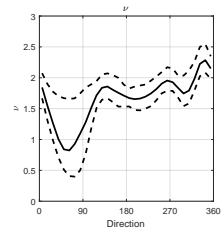
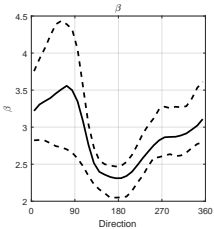
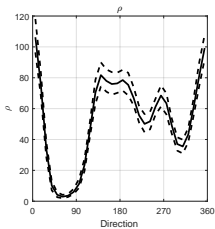
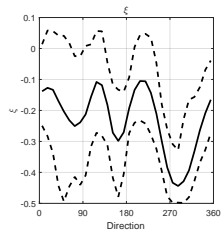
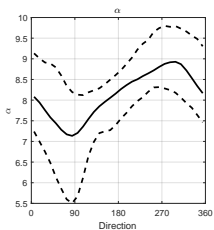
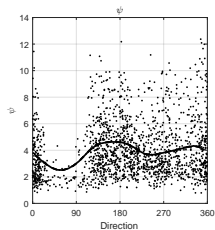
Marginal: inference

- Elements of β_η highly interdependent, correlated proposals essential for good mixing
- “Stochastic analogues” of IRLS and back-fitting algorithms for maximum likelihood optimisation used previously
- Estimation of different penalty coefficients for each covariate dimension

- Gibbs sampling when full conditionals available
- Otherwise Metropolis-Hastings (MH) within Gibbs, using suitable proposal mechanisms
 - mMALA where possible

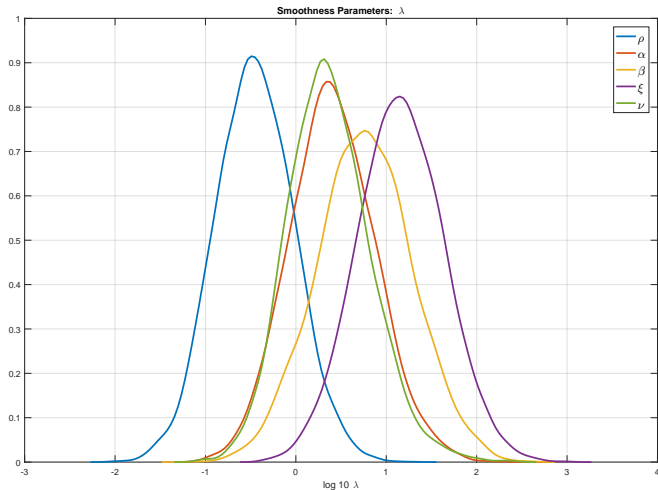
- Roberts and Stramer [2002], Girolami and Calderhead [2011], Xifara et al. [2014]

Marginal: posterior parameter



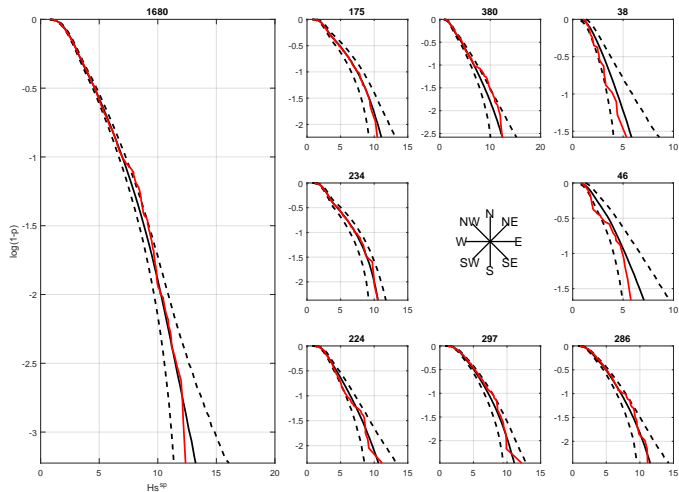
Marginal: posterior roughness penalty

Different scales so must be careful : rate is roughest, GP shape is smoothest



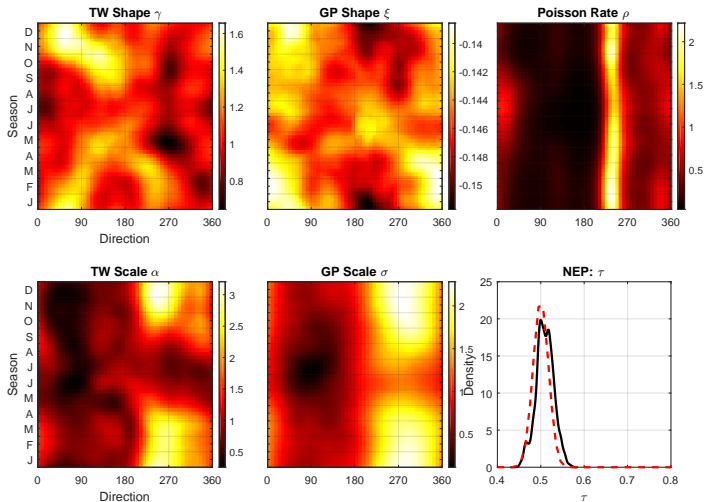
Marginal: validation

Compare sample with simulated values on partitioned covariate domain



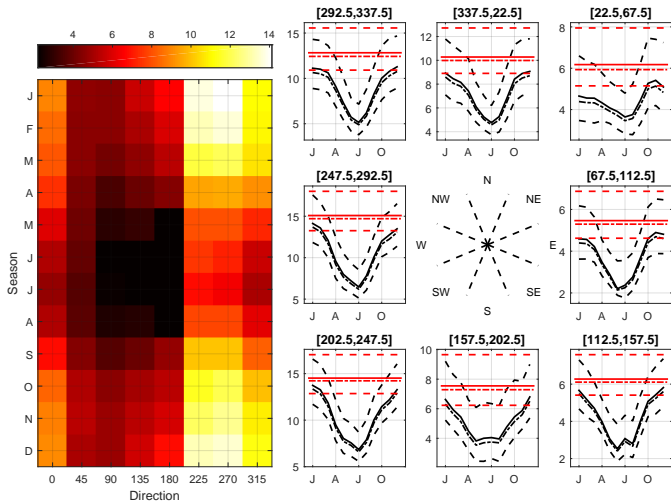
Marginal: extension to 2D

Directional-seasonal model for location in northern North Sea; τ estimated; land-shadow effect of Norway obvious; Randell et al. [2016]



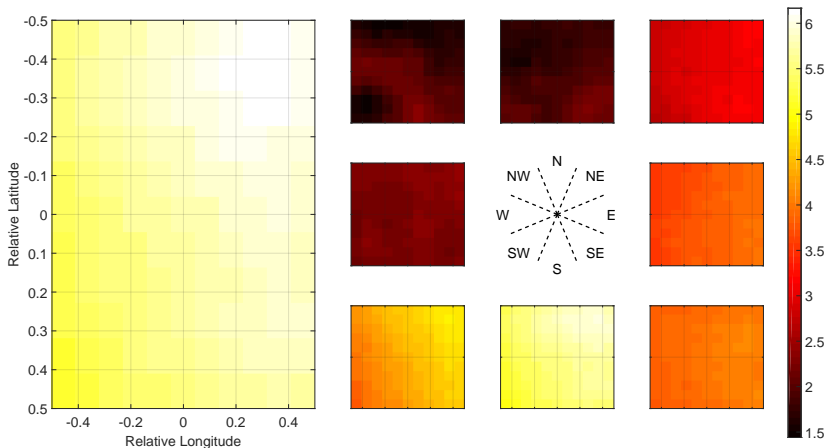
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Summary statistics for return value distributions



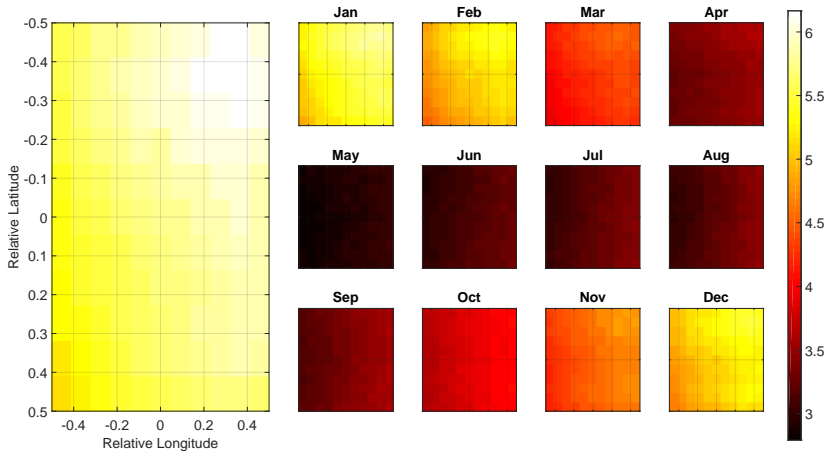
Marginal: extension to 4D

Spatio-directional-seasonal model for location in South China Sea; ML/CV/BS estimation; bootstrap median estimate after integration over season; clear spatial and directional effects; Raghupathi et al. [2016]



Marginal: extension to 4D

Bootstrap median estimate after integration over direction; clear spatial and seasonal effects



Conditional: summary

- Heffernan and Tawn [2004] and derivatives
- Evidence for covariate effects in conditional extremes of sea-state and storm peak variables
 - Marginal non-stationary extreme value model
 - Marginal transformation to standard scale removing marginal covariate dependence
 - Conditional dependence structure showing covariate effects
- Examples
 - Wave peak period | Significant wave height
 - Ocean current at one depth | Current at another depth
 - Significant wave height | Wind speed
 - Weather-vaning

Conditional: $T_P|H_S$ example

On **Gumbel** scale, extend with covariates θ

$$(Y_2|Y_1 = y, \theta) = \alpha_\theta y + y^{\beta_\theta} (\mu_\theta + \sigma_\theta Z) \text{ for } y > \psi_\theta(\tau)$$

where

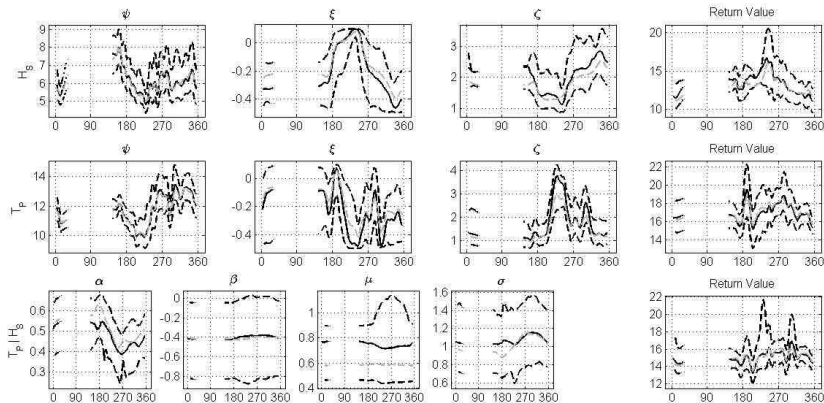
- $\psi_\theta(\tau)$ is a high non-stationary quantile of Y_1 on Gumbel scale, for non-exceedance probability τ , above which the model fits well
- $\alpha_\theta \in [0, 1]$, $\beta_\theta \in (-\infty, 1]$, $\sigma_\theta \in [0, \infty)$
- Z is a random variable with **unknown** distribution G , assumed Normal for estimation

Application

- Estimate spectral peak wave period T_P for storm sea states with extreme severity (energy) H_S
- In T_P, H_S case, $\psi = \theta_j = \theta_k$
- Jonathan et al. [2014]

Conditional: $T_P|H_S$ example

ML/CV/BS inference; uncertainty bands capture uncertainty from marginal and dependence estimation; in conditional model, only α shows directional effect; reduction in conditional return value



Spatial: outline

Why do spatial extremes?

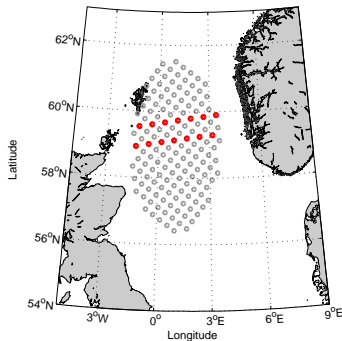
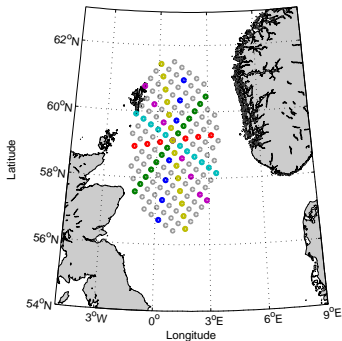
- Improved inference at one location using data from spatial neighbourhood
- Insurance risk of damage to multiple structures from single “event”

Evidence for covariate effects in spatial extremes of storm peak significant wave height

- Neighbourhood of spatial locations
- Storm peak events corresponding to storm events observed at all spatial locations
- Marginal transformation per location to standard scale removing marginal covariate dependence
- Extremal spatial dependence structure showing anisotropy and location effect

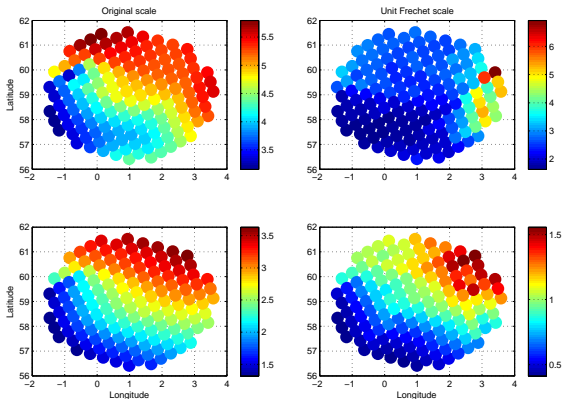
Spatial: North Sea application

Storm peak H_S from gridded NEXTRA winter storm hindcast for North Sea locations; directional variability in storm severity; "strips" of locations with different orientations on bicycle wheel; multiple strips with same orientation



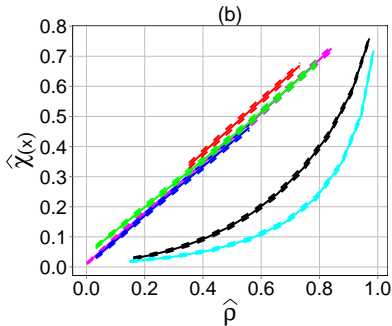
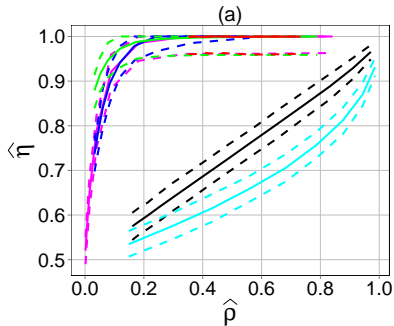
Spatial: storm on physical and Frechet scales

Storm peak H_5 on physical and Frechet scales; marginal effects important



Spatial: Diagnosing dependence - simulated samples

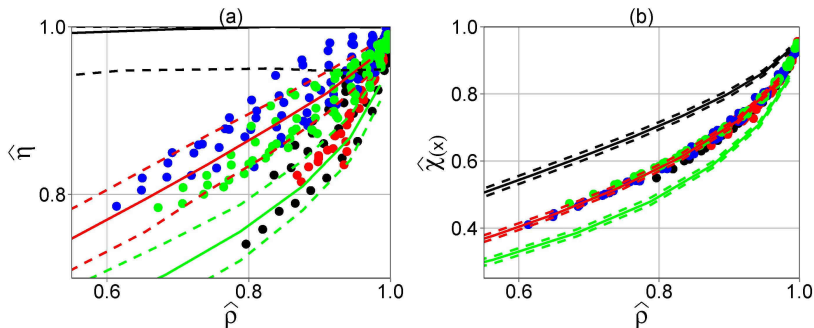
Estimates for (a) η and (b) $\chi(x)$ against estimates for Spearman's ρ for sample size $n = 10^6$, from the Smith (magenta), Schlather (red), Brown-Resnick (blue), extremal-t (green) and Gaussian (black) processes, and the inverted logistic distribution (cyan). Estimation methods use model (19) for η with $q = 0.99$, and the empirical estimate for $\chi(x)$ with $x = 100$. Solid lines are median estimates from 1000 sample replications, dashed lines give 2.5% and 97.5% quantiles.



- $\eta = 1$ AD, $\chi = 0$ AI
- AD: Smith (magenta), Schlather (red), Brown-Resnick (blue)
- AI: extremal-t (green), Gaussian (black)
- Kereszturi et al. [2016]

Spatial: Diagnosing dependence - all sea states

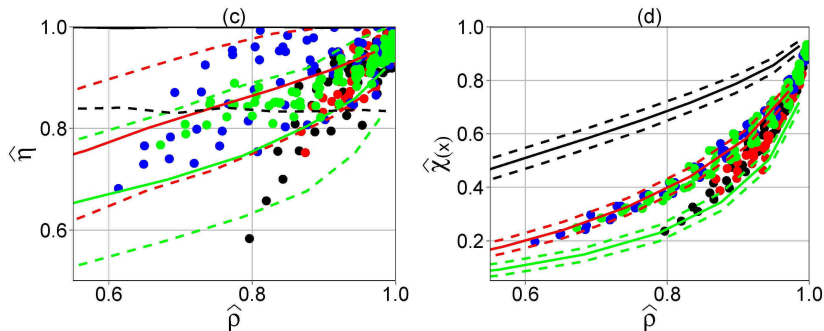
Estimates of η with (a) $q = 0.90$ and (c) $q = 0.99$, and $\chi(x)$ with (b) $x = 10$ and (d) $x = 100$, plotted against Spearman's ρ for sea-state H_S sample of size $n = 58585$. Coloured points identify estimates from corresponding strip. Lines identify estimates using simulated samples of same size from Smith (black) and Gaussian (red) processes, and from the inverted logistic distribution (green); Kereszturi et al. [2016]



- η for $q = 0.9$, $\chi(x)$ for $x = 10$; $n = 58585$ individual sea states
- AD: Smith (black)
- AI: Gaussian (red), inverted logistic (green)

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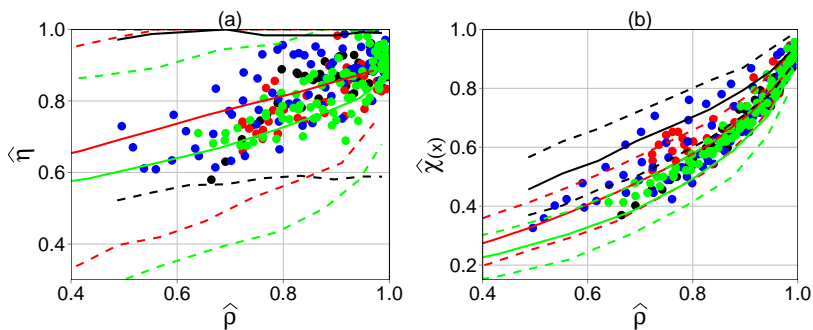
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Spatial: Diagnosing dependence - storm peaks

Estimates of (a) η with $q = 0.90$ and (b) $\chi(x)$ with $x = 10$, plotted against Spearman's ρ for storm-peak H_5 sample of size $n = 916$. Points and lines as described in previous slide; Kereszturi et al. [2016]



- η for $q = 0.9$, $\chi(x)$ for $x = 10$; $n = 916$ storm peak events
- AD: Smith (black)
- AI: Gaussian (red), inverted logistic (green)

Spatial: models and estimation

Marginal model

- Estimate non-stationary model
- Propagate uncertainty; this will be large in general

Max-stable process

- Smith, Schlather, Brown-Resnick, ...
- All AD; conservative estimates
- Wadsworth and Tawn [2012], Davison et al. [2012]

Composite likelihood

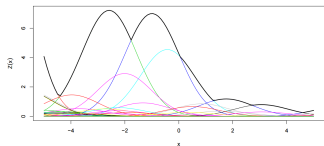
- Full likelihood unavailable; approximated by pairwise
- Padoan et al. [2010]

Censored likelihood

- Dependence structure required for peaks over threshold margins not block maxima
- Threshold selection required; confirmed choice not affecting main inferences; need to propagate uncertainty
- Huser and Davison [2014]

Construction

- Max-stable process $Z(x) \sim \max_{i \geq 1} \xi_i f(x, U_i)$
- $f(x, U_i) \sim N(U_i, \Sigma)$
= storm profile
- ξ_i = storm intensity
from point process
- U_i = storm centre
uniform RV

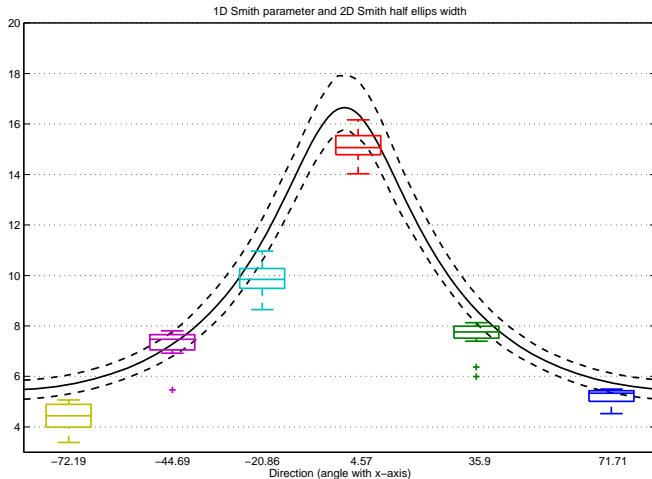


Estimation

- (Censored composite) likelihood available but messy
- 1D (“strip”) : Estimate $\Sigma = \sigma^2$
- 2D (neighbourhood): Estimate $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$

Spatial: Smith dependence anisotropy

Box plots: 1D parameter estimates; black lines: 2D parameter estimates; ML estimates with bootstrap 95% uncertainty bands accounting for uncertainty from marginal and dependence estimation; spatial dependence is higher WE than NS, consistent with large spatial events sweeping down from north



Spatial: Schlather & Brown-Resnick

Construction

- Max-stable process $Z(x) \sim \max_{i \geq 1} \xi_i Y_i(x)$
- Schlather
 - $Y_i(x) =$ standard normal Gaussian field, correlation $\rho(h)$
 - $\rho(h) = \exp(-0.5h'\Sigma^{-1}h)$ here
- Brown-Resnick

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$$Y_i(x) = \frac{\exp(W_i(x) - \gamma(x - U_i))}{n^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^n \exp(W_i(x_l) - \gamma(x_l - U_i))}$$

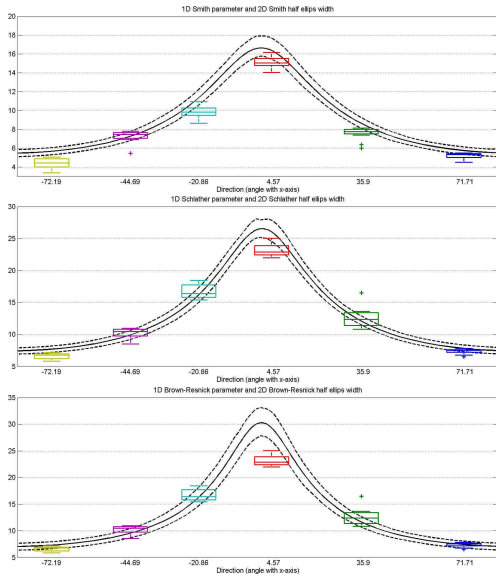
- $W_i(x) =$ fractional Brownian motion, Hurst parameter $H \in [0, 1]$, variogram $2\gamma(h) = (h'\Sigma^{-1}h)^H$
- Dieker and Mikosch [2014]

Estimation

- 1D: Estimate $\Sigma = \sigma^2$ (for range of H with BR)
- 2D: Estimate $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$

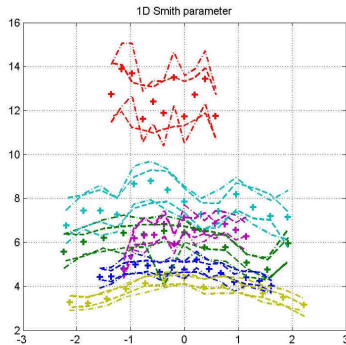
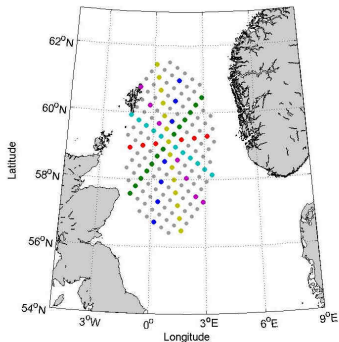
Spatial: Dependence anisotropy

Smith, Schlather and Brown-Resnick consistent; confirmed that censored likelihood threshold not affecting relative size of dependence with direction



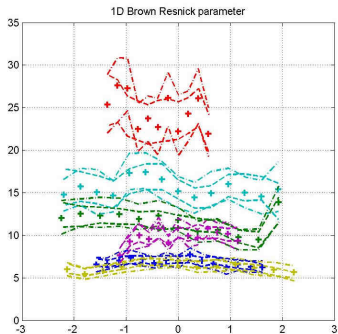
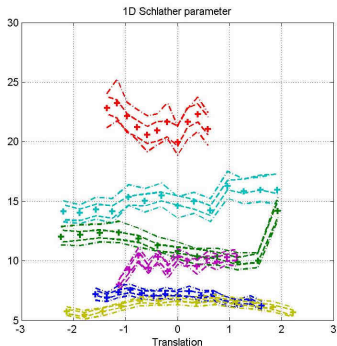
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Summary

- Evidence for covariate effects in marginal, conditional and spatial extremes of ocean storms
 - Modelling non-stationarity essential for understanding extreme ocean storms, and estimating marine risk well
 - Non-parametric P-spline flexible basis for covariate description
 - Essential that non-stationary models are used for marginal, conditional and spatial extremes inference of ocean environment
 - Cradle-to-grave uncertainty quantification
- Further investigation of covariate effects in spatial ocean extremes needed
 - Anisotropy in North Sea hindcast, maybe absolute location (or fetch) effect?
 - Currently examining satellite altimeter measurements
 - Asymptotic independence?
- Goal : Bayesian inference for whole-basin spatial models with 4D covariates

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