

PROJECT 1-4: Development of New Methods for Updating IDF Curves in Canada

**Van-Thanh-Van Nguyen
and Research Team
(PDFs, Graduate Students, and Others)**

OUTLINE

- ❑ Project Objective and Key Challenges
- ❑ Estimation of Extreme Rainfalls - IDF Relations: Issues?
- ❑ Summary of Research Progress:
 - ❖ Decision-Support Tools: **SMexRain**
 - ❖ New Rainfall Modeling Methods:
 - ❖ Multi-Site Rainfall Modeling
 - ❖ MCME
- ❑ Further Works

PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND KEY CHALLENGES

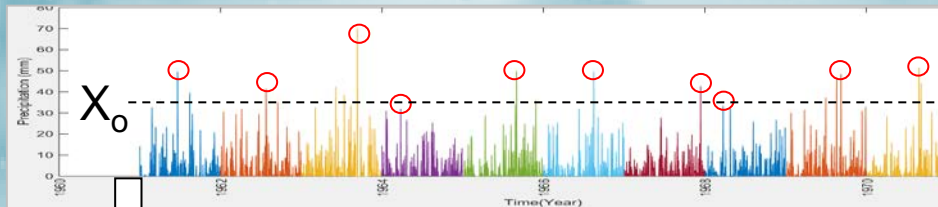
OBJECTIVE:

Evaluate **climate change impacts** on Intensity-Duration-Frequency (IDF) curves and develop new **regional IDF curves** for selected cities in Canada.

KEY CHALLENGES:

- **Climate Change Impacts:**
 - **Downscaling** Approaches
 - **Non-stationarity** Process
- **Single-Site and Regional Rainfall Modeling:**
 - **Multi-site Modeling** Methods
 - **Regionalization** Methods (**Ungaged** Sites)

Observed Rainfall Data – Complete Time Series

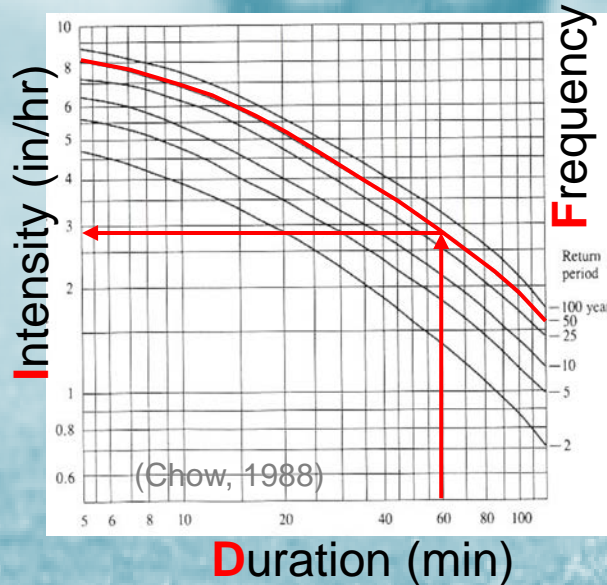


Extreme
Rainfall
Series

Rainfall
frequency
analysis

IDF
Curves

Design
Storm



Duration (min)

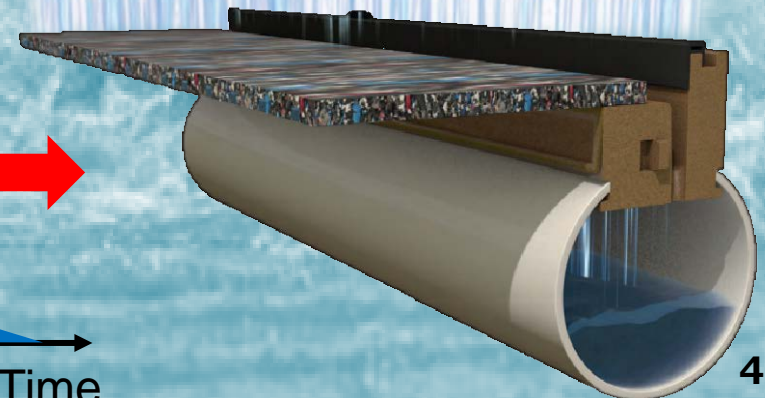
Intensity

I_{max}

T_p

Time

Probability of extreme rainfall
occurrence & amount ???



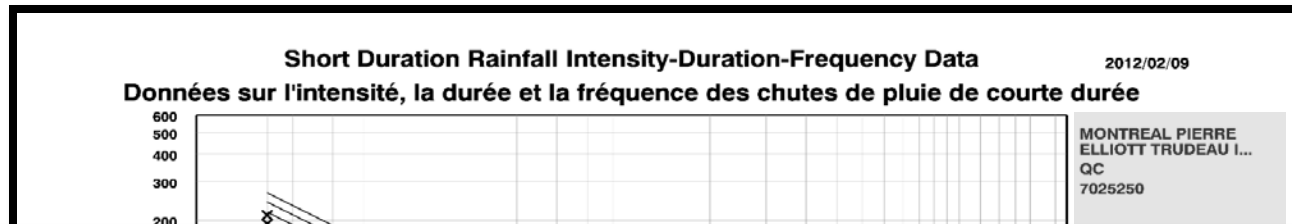
IDF RELATIONS

ISSUES:

- To analyze **a large amount of data** for different time scales and for different stations.
- To select **a suitable probability distribution** for a given site or region.
- To develop IDF relations **for the current climate**.
- To assess **the climate change impacts** on IDF relations.

Extreme rainfall estimation

Design Rainfall = to estimate maximum amount of rainfall at a given site for a *specific duration* and *return period* \Rightarrow **Intensity-Duration-Frequency (IDF) curves**



Traditional IDF estimation methods

Time scale problem: no consideration of rainfall properties at different time scales;

Space scale problem: results limited to data available at a local site;

Climate change problem: no consideration.

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH PROGRESS:

Climate Change Impacts on Extreme Rainfalls - SDExRain

At-site Rainfall Estimation
for a **Gaged** Site



(Spatial) SD model: **SDRain**



(Temporal) SD
model: **Scaling-GEV**



Construction of
IDF relations in
the context of
climate change



Climate change
impacts on
daily
precipitation **at**
a gaged site

Regional Rainfall Estimation
for an **Ungaged** Site



Regionalization method
to identify homogenous daily
rainfall regions: **OFA**



Stochastic estimation method
for estimating **missing data**



(Spatial) SD **SDRain**
for **an ungaged site**



Construction of
missing daily
precipitation **at an**
ungaged site

Climate change
impacts on daily
precipitation **at**
an ungaged site

Regional Rainfall
Estimation
for **Multi-sites**



Multi-site SD method
for daily precipitations



Climate change impacts on
daily precipitations **over**
many sites concurrently

PUBLICATIONS

1. Herath, S.M., Sarukkalige, P.R., and Nguyen, V-T-V. (2016), A spatial temporal downscaling approach to development of IDF relations for Perth airport region in the context of climate change, ***Hydrological Sciences Journal***, 61:11, 2061-2070, DOI:10.1080/02626667.2015.1083103.
2. Yeo, M, and Nguyen, V-T-V. (2016), Downscaling of daily rainfall process at an ungaged site, ***Chapter 20 in Advances in Hydroinformatics***, Gourbesville, P. et al. (eds.), Springer Water, DOI 10.1007/978-981-287-615-7_20.
3. Nguyen, T-H, and Nguyen, V-T-V. (2016), Statistical Modeling of Extreme Rainfall Processes (SMExRain): A Decision Support Tool for Extreme Rainfall Frequency Analyses, ***Procedia Engineering***, 154, pp. 624 – 630.
4. Khalili, M. and Nguyen, V-T-V. (2016), An efficient statistical approach to multi-site downscaling of daily precipitation series in the context of climate change, ***Climate Dynamics***, DOI 10.1007/s00382-016-3443-6.
5. Herath, S.M., Sarukkalige, R., Nguyen, V.T.V. (2017), Evaluation of empirical relationships between extreme rainfall and daily maximum temperature in Australia, ***Journal of Hydrology***, DOI:
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jhydrol.2017.01.06>.

PUBLICATIONS

6. Khalili, M. and Nguyen, V-T-V. (2017), A Statistical Approach to Multi-Site Downscaling of Daily Precipitation Series for Efficient Climate Change Impact Assessment, ***Journal of Hydrology*** (under revision).
7. Khalili, M. and Nguyen, V-T-V. (2017), Statistical Approach to Multi-Site Downscaling of Extreme Temperature in the Climate Change Context, ***ASCE Journal of Hydrologic Engineering*** (under revision).
8. Nguyen, T-H., El Outayek, S.; Lim, S-H., and Nguyen, V-T-V. (2017), A systematic approach to selecting the best probability model for annual maximum rainfalls, ***Journal of Hydrology*** (under revision).

Spatial-Temporal SD of Sub-Daily Rainfall Extremes at a Local Site - SMExRain

A combination of

- **A spatial downscaling** method: the statistical downscaling model such as SDSM (Wilby et al., 2002) or SDRain (Yeo and Nguyen, 2011)
- **A temporal downscaling** method: the scaling GEV model (Nguyen et al. 2002).

GCM Climate Predictors



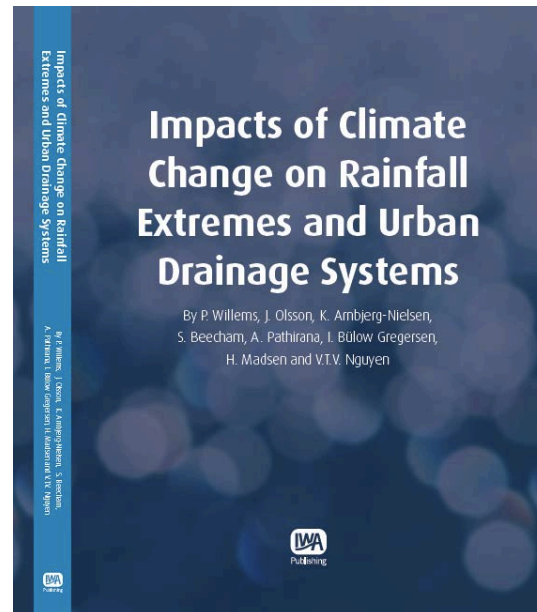
Local Daily Precipitation Series



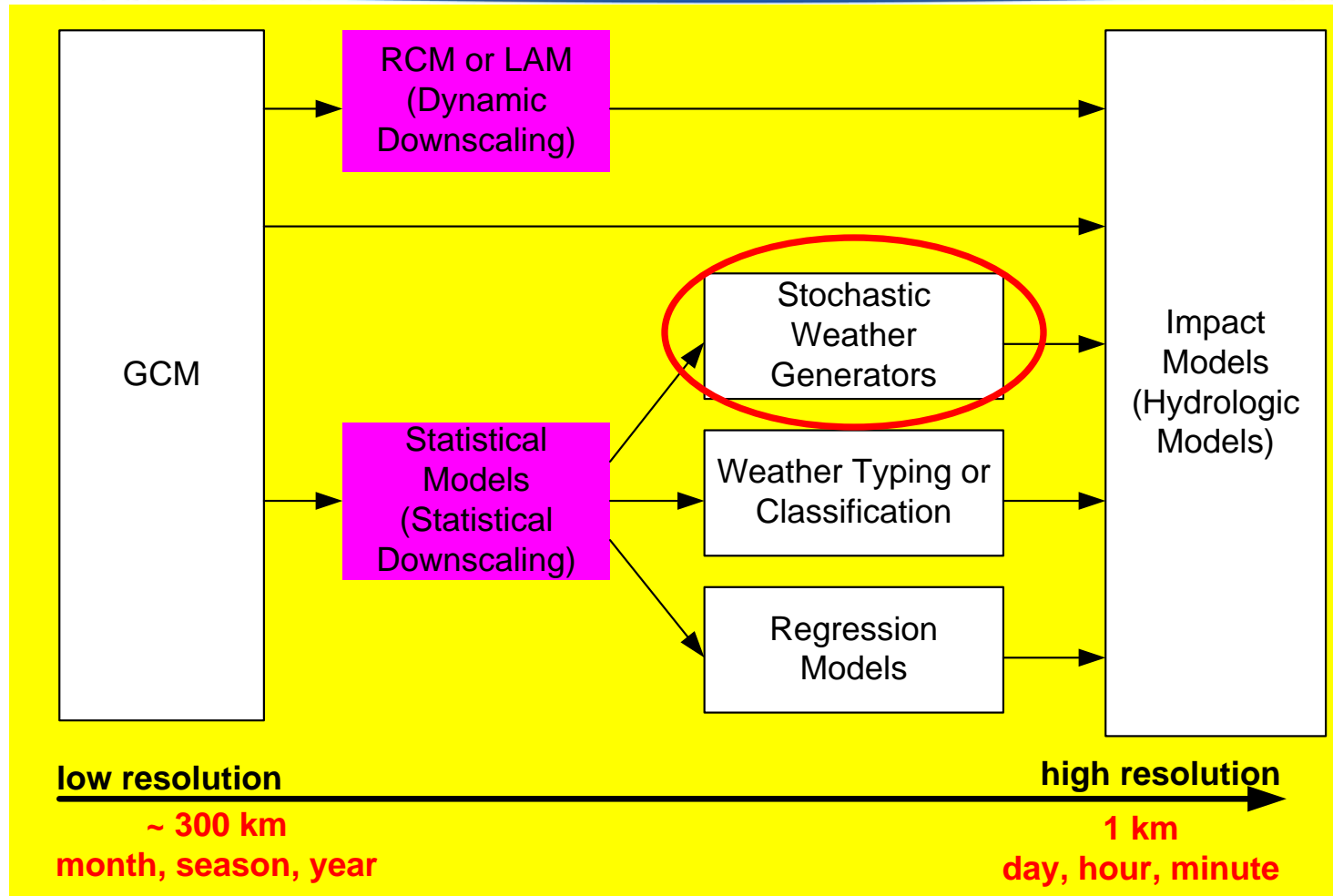
Daily Extreme Precipitations



Sub-Daily Extreme Precipitations



DOWNSCALING METHODS



FURTHER WORKS

- ❑ Modeling of Rainfall Processes in Consideration of **Nonstationarity** (Journal of Hydrology, 2016a and 2016b for GEV)
- ❑ **Stochastic Modeling** of Extreme Rainfall Processes in the Context of Climate Change
- ❑ **Regional Rainfall Maps** for Selected Cities
- ❑ **Guidelines** for Developing IDF Relations