

Multivariate generator at sub-daily resolution in a semi-arid Tunisian catchment

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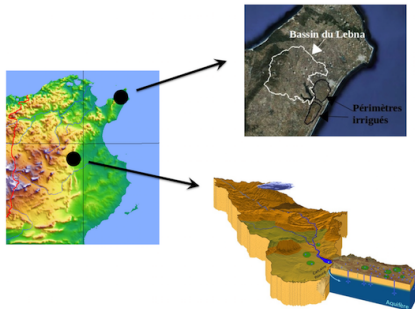
Two watersheds on the Tunisian mountain ridge

Lebna

- 200 km²
- sub-humid climate

Merguellil

- 1200 km² / 400 km²
- semi-arid climate



Evapotranspiration : key variable to monitor

- 1 actual water use
- 2 agricultural drought (hydric stress on plants)

Estimation :

- double source model based on energy balance equations
- relies on remote sensing data and observations



Hydro-meteorological variables measured at sub-daily resolution :

Tair, Hr, Rg, Wave, Pa & Precip

Goal : to provide spatio-temporal scenarios to extend observations in space and in time

Main issues : strong spatio-temporal variability, non-gaussianity, scarcely gauged networks

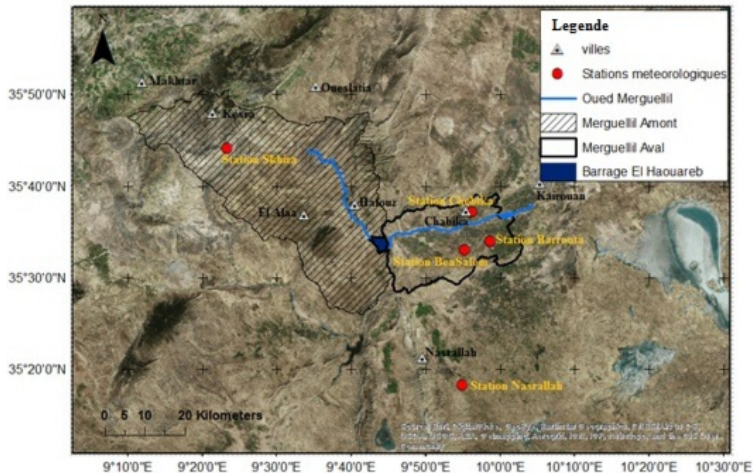
Project : Approches stochastiques et seMi-pAramétriques combinées à la télédétection pour l'étude du stress hydrique



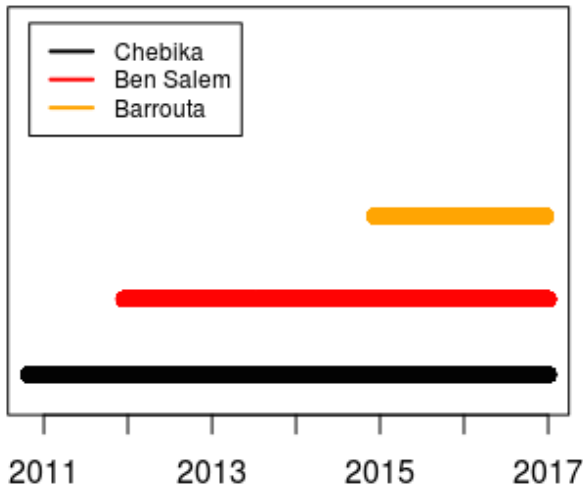
Merguellil watershed

semi-arid climate : 200 - 650 mm / year

30 min temporal resolution



Three stations in the plains : geographical and meteorological proximity



→ 1st step

Imputation : to fill in missing values at each of the 3 stations

Virtual station : to create a single representative station in the plains

Stochastic GLM : adaptation of RGlimClim from R. Chandler



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→ 2nd step

Temporal extension based on bias correction applied to Era-Interim's reanalyses

Spatial extension based on analogs applied to WRF's simulations

Could be compared with stochastic GLM approach



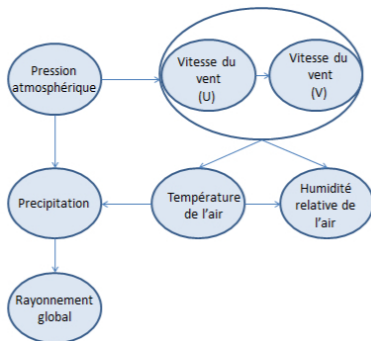
- Inter-variable dependency
- GLM families / distributions
- Temporal and spatial effects - covariates
- Model selection
- Model validation
- *Spatial dependence*



Inter-variable dependency

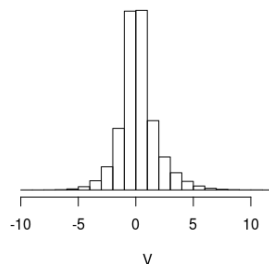
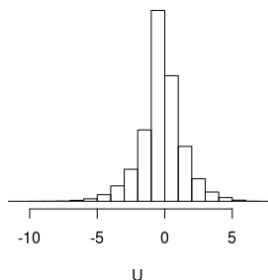
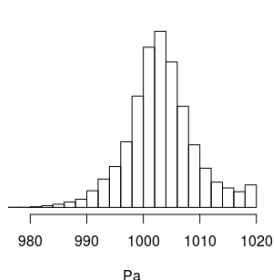
Product rule : Y_i hydro-meteorological variable + *transformation*

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_p) = \mathbb{P}(Y_1) \prod_{i=2}^p \mathbb{P}(Y_i | Y_{i-1}, \dots, Y_1)$$

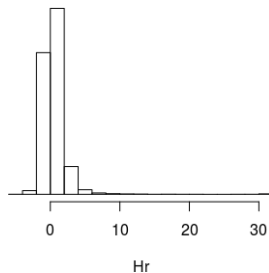
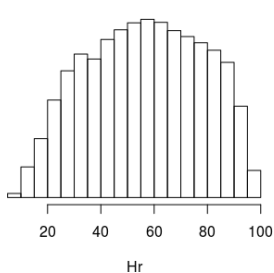


Normal distribution

$$Y|X = x \sim \mathcal{N}(\beta x, \sigma^2) \iff Y = \beta X + \epsilon \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

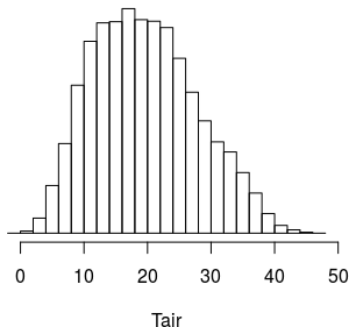


With a transformation $Y = \tan(\pi \tilde{Y} - 0.5)$



Heteroscedastic Normal distribution

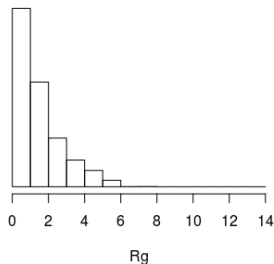
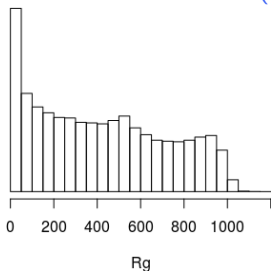
$$Y|X = x \sim \mathcal{N}(\beta x, \sigma(x)^2) \quad \sigma(x) = \exp(\eta x)$$



Gamma distribution

$$Y|X = x \sim \text{Gamma}(\mu(x), \nu) \quad \mu(x) = \exp(\eta x)$$

$$Y = \max(\log(\tilde{Y})) - \log(\tilde{Y})$$



Seasonal effects

Covariates :

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi d}{k}\right), \quad \sin\left(\frac{2\pi d}{k}\right)$$

with d the day of the year and $k \in \{183, 365.25, \dots\}$ the period

Diurnal effects

Covariates :

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi h}{k}\right), \quad \sin\left(\frac{2\pi h}{k}\right)$$

with h the hour of the day and $k \in \{12, 24, \dots\}$ the period



Covariates :

- geographical coordinates
- *landscape variables*



Lags of

- the variable itself Y_{t-k}
- a moving average

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m Y_{t-k-i+1}$$

- a spatial average

$$\frac{1}{s} \sum_{j=1}^s Y_{t-k}^{(j)}$$

- a moving spatial average



Model selection

With AIC, BIC and p-values

Number of selected memory effects

	itself	MA	SA	MSA
Pa	30	15	1	15
U	6	5	1	5
V	6	5	1	5
Tair	5	5	1	5
Hr	6	4	1	4
Rg	12	5	1	5

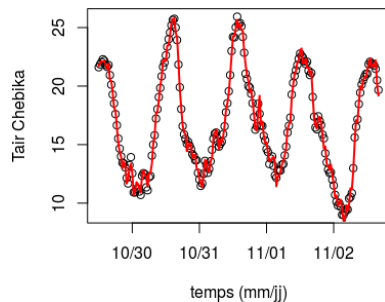
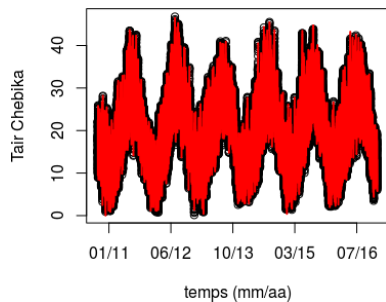


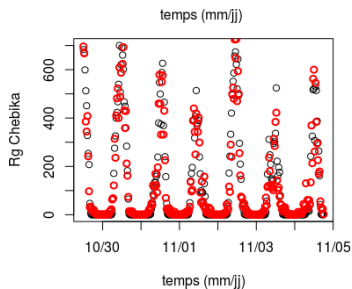
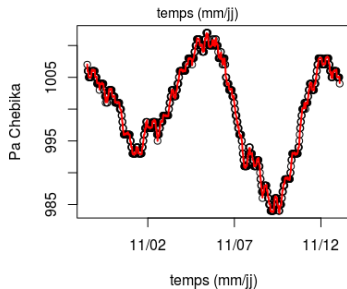
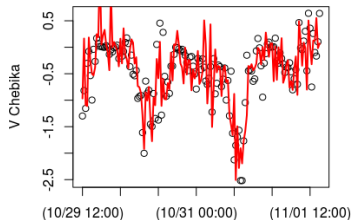
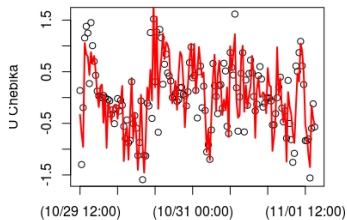
Comparison of unconditional simulations from fitted models and observations

- general : temporal plots
- intensity : qq-plots
- dependence : pairwise scatter plots and Kendall's τ

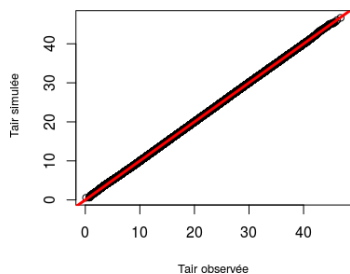
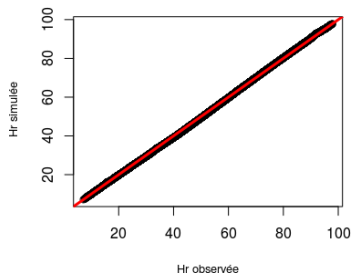


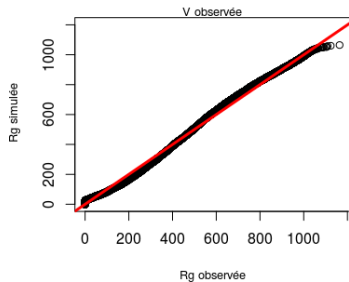
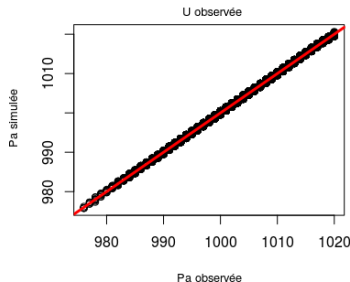
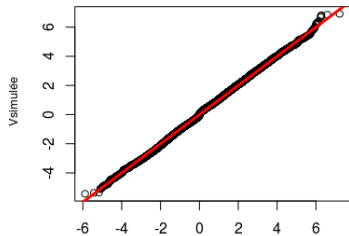
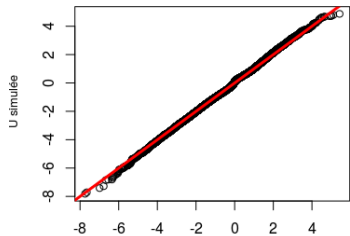
Air temperature at Chebika station



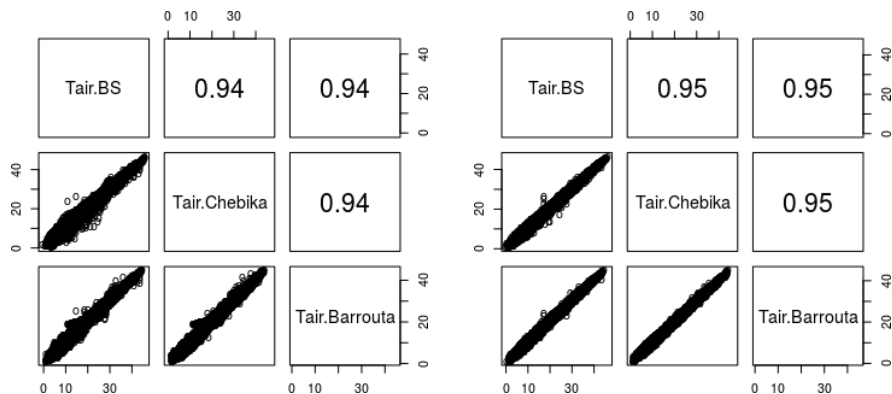


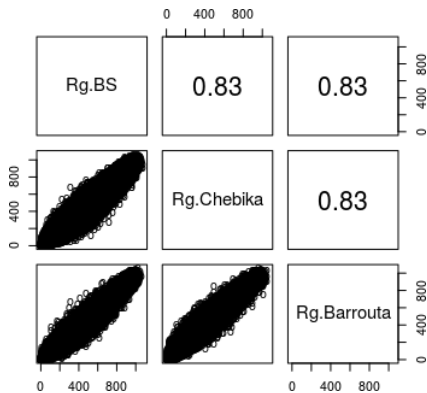
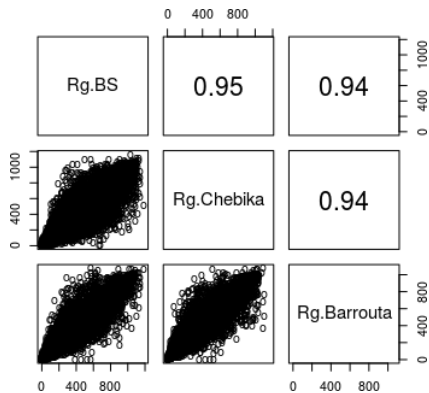
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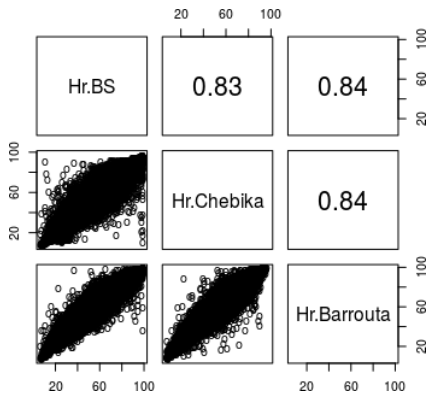
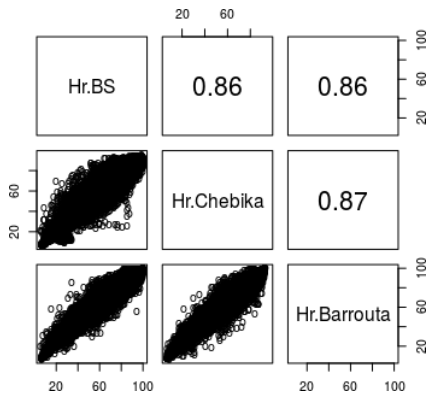




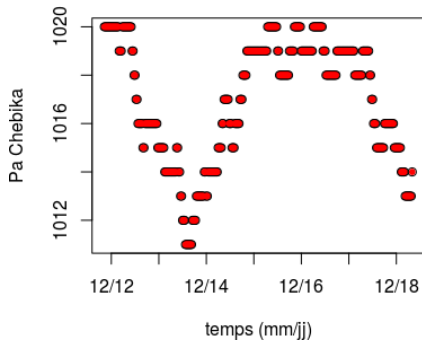
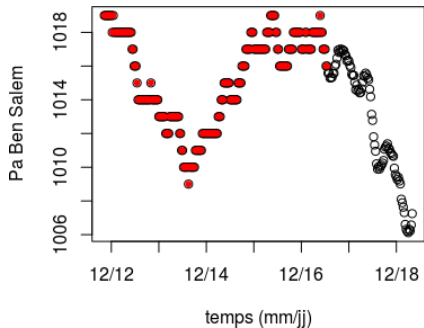
Inter-sites dependence

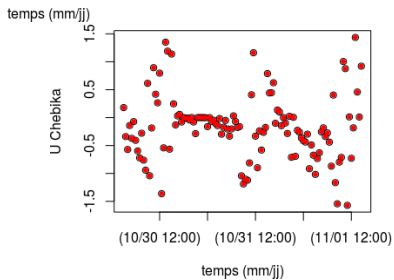
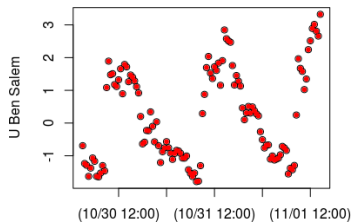
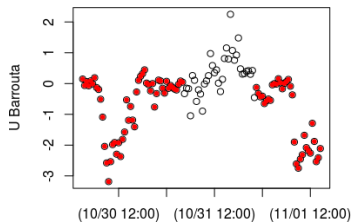






Conditional simulation : imputation





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Summary and outlook

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→ Validation in terms of estimation of evapotranspiration and stress index



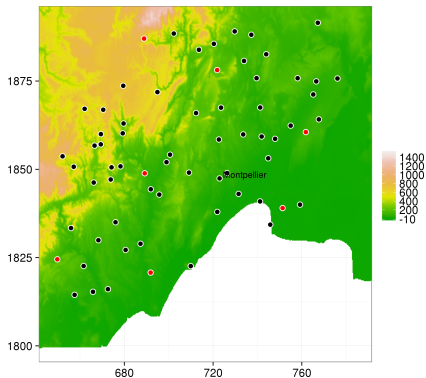
ABC for spatial max-stable model with potential asymmetry and anisotropy

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Daily precipitation data



60 stations for training (black)

7 stations for validation (red)

1958 - 2014 (57 years)

Our goal

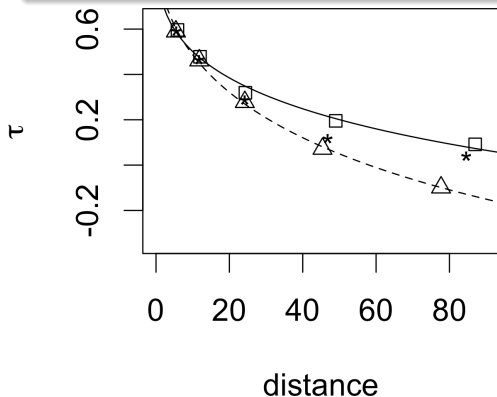
Model the joint distribution of annual maxima at d sites Y_1, \dots, Y_d

Exploratory analysis of annual maxima

Anisotropy in the strength of the dependence

Correlograms of Kendall's τ for classes of distances

→ along two directions 0 and $\pi/2$



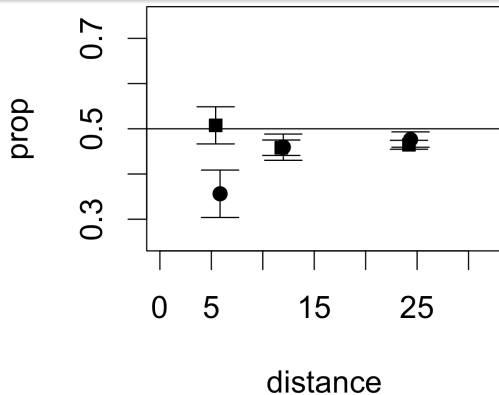
$$R(h; \beta, \alpha) = 2 \exp \left\{ - \left(\frac{h}{\beta} \right)^\alpha \right\} - 1$$

Asymmetry in the dependence

For a pair of stations : proportion of values in $[0, 1]^2$ under the diagonal

Asymmogram : Proportions for classes of distances

→ along two directions 0 and $\pi/2$



Extra-parametrized Gumbel (XGumbel)

The Gumbel copula in d -dimension and parameter $\beta \geq 1$ is given as :

$$\mathbf{C}_\beta(\mathbf{u}) = \exp \left\{ - \left[\sum_{i=1}^d (-\ln u_i)^\beta \right]^{1/\beta} \right\}$$

Let $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_d) \in I^d$ be extra-parameters.

The **extra-parametrized Gumbel copula** is defined as, with $\psi = (\mathbf{a}, \beta_A, \beta_B)$, $\beta_A \leq \beta_B$:

$$\mathbf{C}_\psi(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{C}_{\beta_A}(\mathbf{u}^{\mathbf{a}}) \mathbf{C}_{\beta_B}(\mathbf{u}^{1-\mathbf{a}})$$

Equivalently, let $\mathbf{U} \sim \mathbf{C}_{\beta_A}$ and $\mathbf{V} \sim \mathbf{C}_{\beta_B}$. Then

$$\mathbf{Z} = \max(\mathbf{U}^{1/a}, \mathbf{V}^{1/(1-a)}) \sim \mathbf{C}_\psi$$

Max-stable spatial process defined by its finite-dimensional distributions

$\forall (s_1, \dots, s_d)$ with $s_i \in \mathcal{S}$, let $\mathbf{x}_{s_i} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ be covariates

Define extra-parameters thanks to a mapping with parameters θ :

$$a_{s_i} = a(\mathbf{x}_{s_i}; \theta)$$

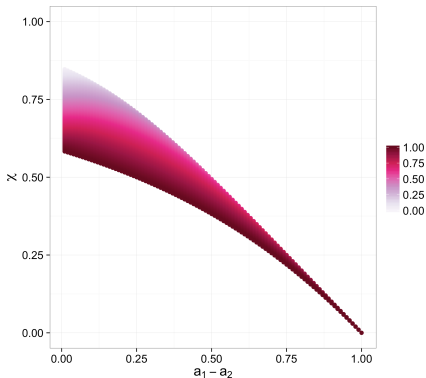
With $\psi = (a(\mathbf{x}_{s_1}; \theta), \dots, a(\mathbf{x}_{s_d}; \theta), \beta_A, \beta_B)$, let

$$(\mathbf{Z}_{s_1}, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_{s_d}) \sim \mathbf{C}_\psi$$

Since $C_\beta(\cdot)$ is max-stable $\rightarrow C_\psi(\cdot)$ is max-stable as well

Strength of dependence

$$\begin{aligned}\chi(s_1, s_2) &= \lim_{u \uparrow 1} \mathbb{P}(Z_{s_2} > u | Z_{s_1} > u) \\ &= 2 - [(a_1^{\beta_A} + a_2^{\beta_A})^{1/\beta_A} + ((1 - a_1)^{\beta_B} + (1 - a_2)^{\beta_B})^{1/\beta_B}]\end{aligned}$$



$$a_1 = a_2 = 1 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_\psi(u_1, u_2) = \mathbf{C}_{\beta_A}(u_1, u_2)$$

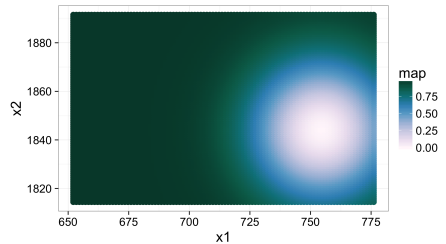
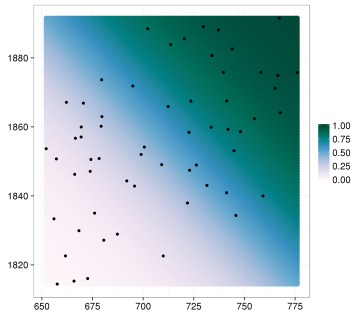
$$a_1 = a_2 = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_\psi(u_1, u_2) = \mathbf{C}_{\beta_B}(u_1, u_2)$$

How to define $a(\cdot; \theta)$ so that

- dependence strength decreases with distance ?
- potential anisotropy ?

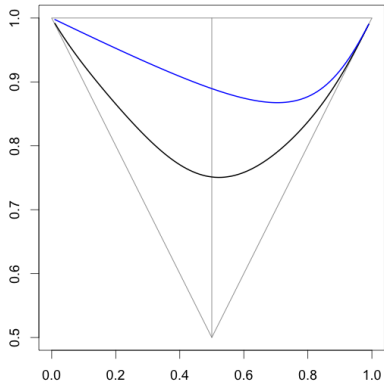
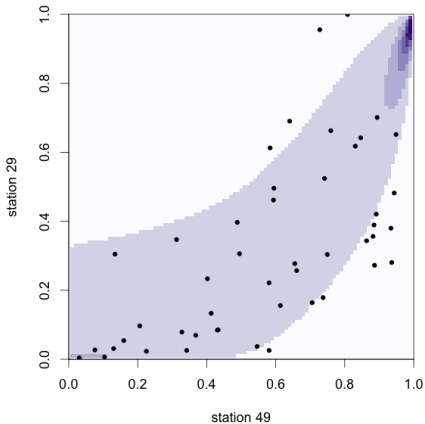
Spherical mapping ?

Linear mapping ?



→ Need of a stochastic mapping changing with time

Asymmetry



Spherical mapping whose center changes each year t

$$a(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{c}_t, \sigma) = 1 - \exp\left\{-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}_t\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} \quad \mathbf{c}_t \in \mathbb{R}^p, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$$

The centers \mathbf{c}_t are sampled from

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_j, \sigma_j \mathbf{I}_p)$$

Then $\theta = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_m, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\mu}_m, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$

Bivariate density

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_{a_1 a_2}(u_1, u_2) = & a_1 a_2 u_1^{a_1-1} u_2^{a_2-1} \mathbf{C}_{\beta_B}(u_1^{1-a_1}, u_2^{1-a_2}) \mathbf{c}_{\beta_A}(u_1^{a_1}, u_2^{a_2}) + \\
 & (1-a_1)(1-a_2) u_1^{-a_1} u_2^{-a_2} \mathbf{C}_{\beta_A}(u_1^{a_1}, u_2^{a_2}) \mathbf{c}_{\beta_B}(u_1^{1-a_1}, u_2^{1-a_2}) - \\
 & a_1(1-a_2) u_1^{a_1-1} u_2^{-a_2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_{\beta_A}(u_1^{a_1}, u_2^{a_2})}{\partial u_1^{a_1}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_{\beta_B}(u_1^{1-a_1}, u_2^{1-a_2})}{\partial u_2^{1-a_2}} + \\
 & (1-a_1) a_2 u_1^{-a_1} u_2^{a_2-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_{\beta_A}(u_1^{a_1}, u_2^{a_2})}{\partial u_2^{a_2}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_{\beta_B}(u_1^{1-a_1}, u_2^{1-a_2})}{\partial u_1^{1-a_1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

→ Pairwise log-likelihood works fine for standard XGumbel
 Not possible for latent version

Let $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_{s_1}, \dots, Z_{s_d})$ the observed sample

Let $S(\mathbf{Z})$ be a set of statistics

Rejection ABC

- 1 Draw (ψ_i, θ_i) from prior
- 2 Simulate $\mathbf{Z}^{(i)} = (Z_{s_1}^{(i)}, \dots, Z_{s_d}^{(i)})$ from latent XGumbel with parameters (ψ_i, θ_i)
- 3 Reject (ψ_i, θ_i) if $d(S(\mathbf{Z}^{(i)}), S(\mathbf{Z})) > \epsilon$

$$S(\mathbf{Z}) = R(h; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\alpha}) \quad S(\mathbf{Z}^{(i)}) = R(h; \hat{\beta}_i, \hat{\alpha}_i)$$

→ the entire ρ -correlogram curves fitted to the observations / simulations

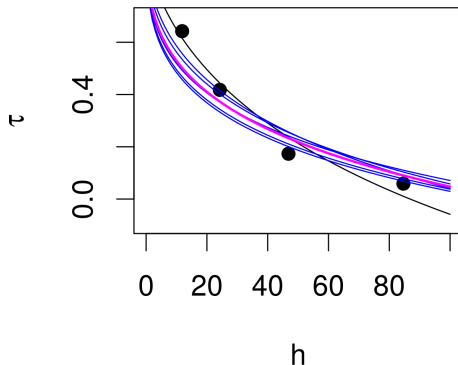
Define

$$d(S(\mathbf{Z}^{(i)}), S(\mathbf{Z})) = \int |R(h; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\alpha}) - R(h; \hat{\beta}_i, \hat{\alpha}_i)| dh$$

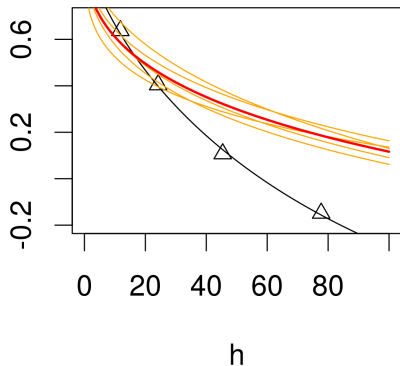
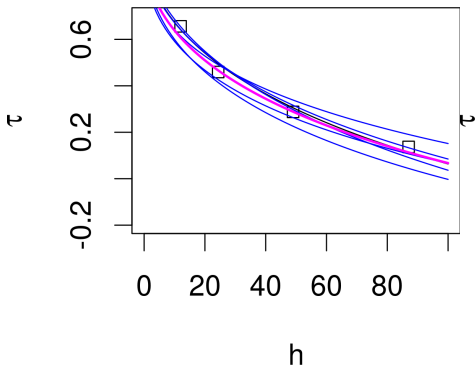
Anisotropy : distances between directional ρ -correlogram curves

Erhardt, R.J. & Smith, R.L. (2012) *Approximate Bayesian computing for spatial extremes*, CSDA, 56(6), 1468-1481

Omni-directional ρ correlogram



Bi-directional ρ correlogram



Spatial latent XGumbel provides a flexible model for spatial maxima with potential asymmetry and anisotropy

Need to better understand how to design the mapping of the extra-parameters

ABC seems promising to fit models for spatial extremes

Need to assess if asymmetry can be reproduced as a summary statistics

→ Perform a general validation of the spatial latent XGumbel model