

**Compounding Effects of Ocean and Fluvial Flooding in a Warming Climate** 

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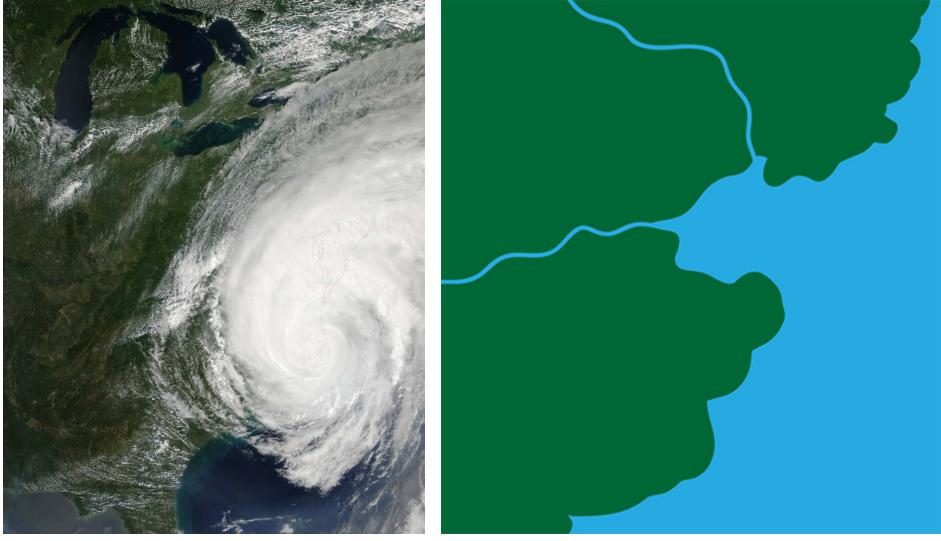
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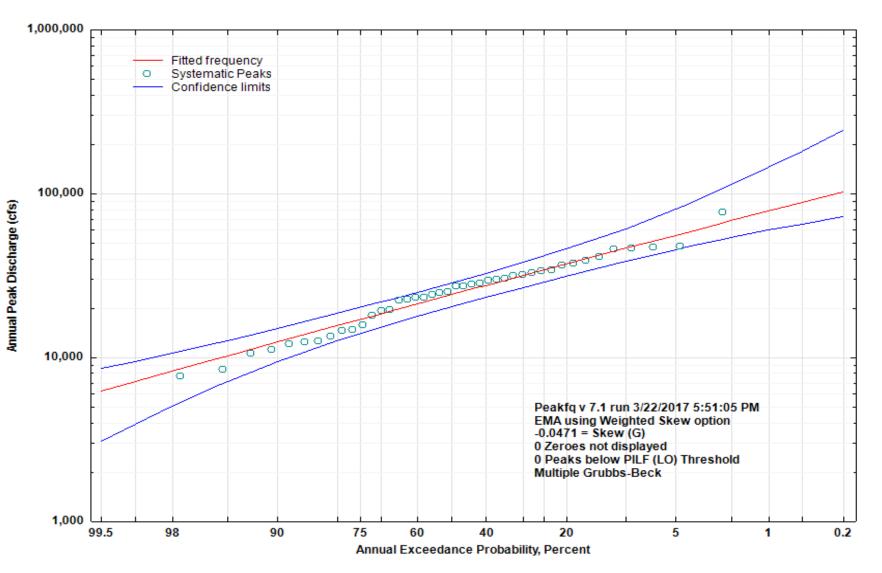






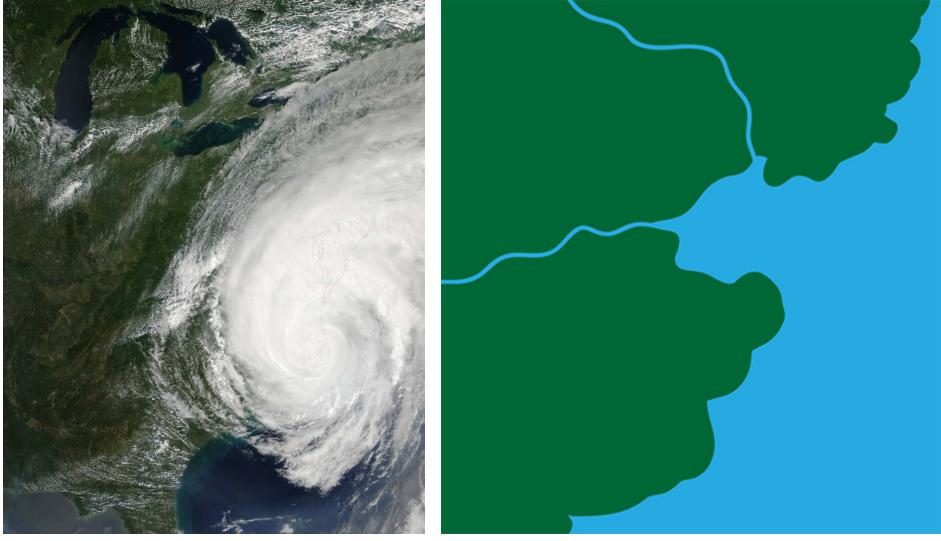
















Two or more extreme events occurring simultaneously or successively

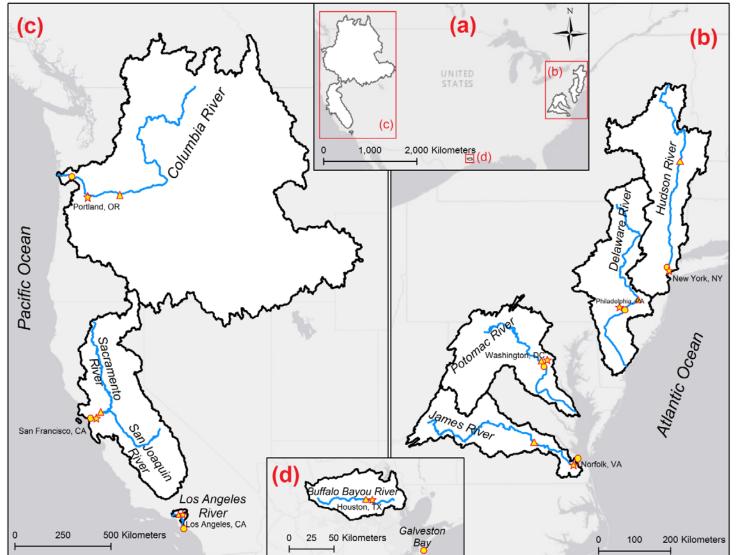
Combinations of extreme events with underlying conditions that amplify the impact of the events

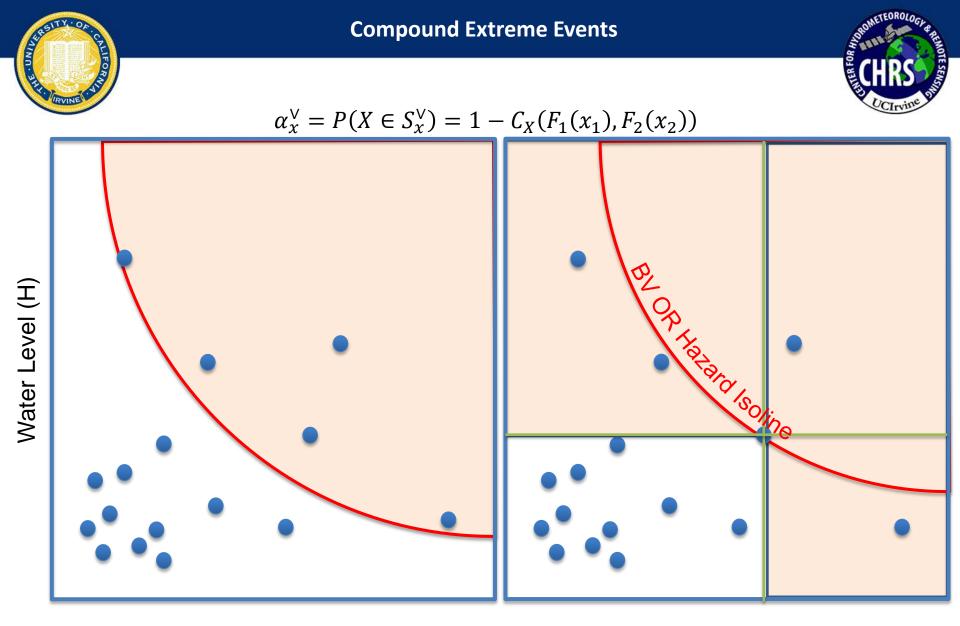
Combinations of events that are not themselves extremes but lead to an extreme event or impact when combined.

Consecutive inter-dependent events that do not occur at the same time, but they have compounding impacts.









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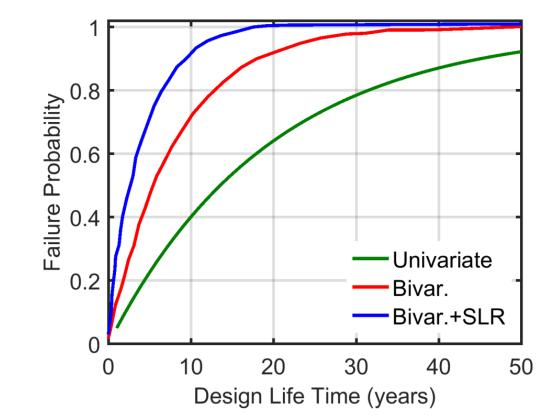
For a given design life time of T the failure probability  $(\check{P}_T)$  is calculated as

Univariate

 $\check{P}_T = 1 - (1 - p)^T$ 

Multivariate

$$\check{P}_T = 1 - P(X_1 \in S_1^C, \dots, X_T \in S_T^C) 
= 1 - (C_X(F_1(\tilde{x}_1), F_2(\tilde{x}_2)))^T$$





# Compounding effects of sea level rise and fluvial flooding

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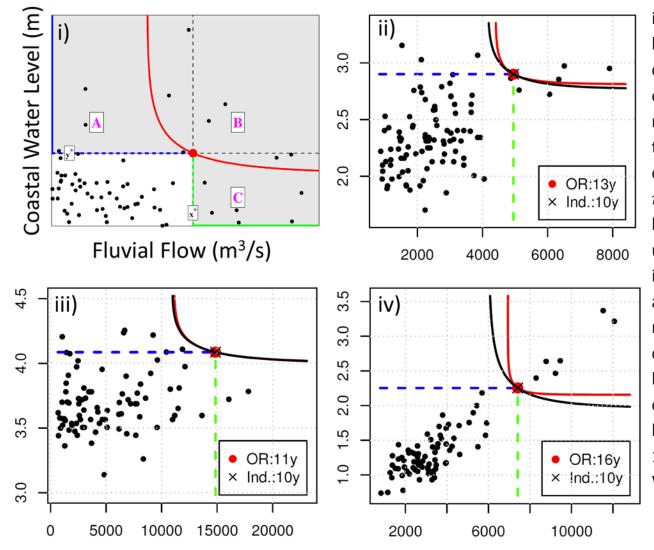


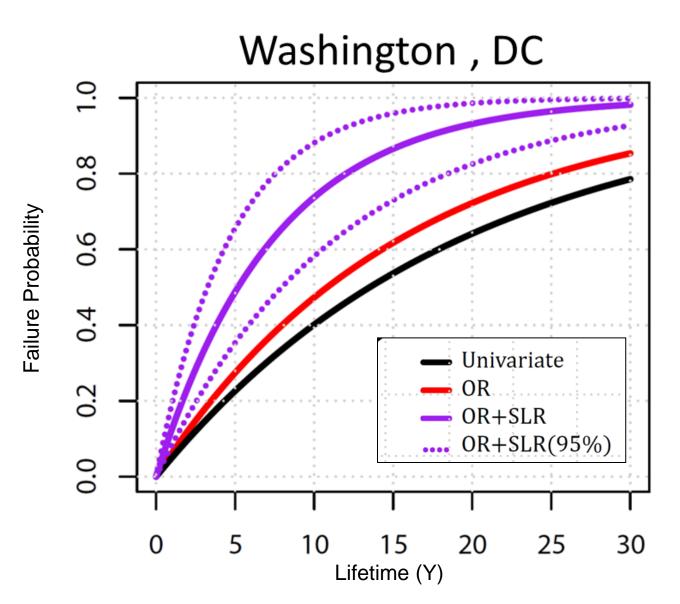
Illustration of the univariate and i) bivariate Hazard Scenarios. The black circles represent observed bivariate occurrences, the red circle is the reference occurrence  $z^* = (x^*, y^*)$ , the red line is the isoline of  $F_{XY}$ crossing  $z^*$ , with level  $F_{XY}(x^*, y^*) \leq$  $min\{F_X(x^*), F_Y(y^*)\}$ , and the black line is the isoline of  $F_{XY}$  crossing  $z^*$ , under the simplifying assumption of independence between Fluvial Flow and Coastal WL. The hazardous regions A, B, and C are indicated as dashed areas. The estimates of the bivariate OR RP's associated with the occurrence  $z^*$  are indicated in the legends for Philadelphia, PA (Figure 1ii), San Francisco, CA (Figure 1iii), and Washington, DC (Figure 1iv).

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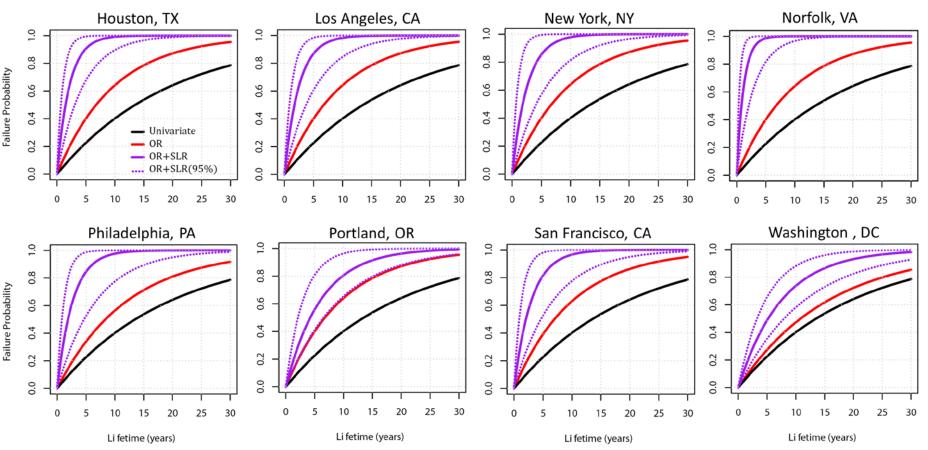










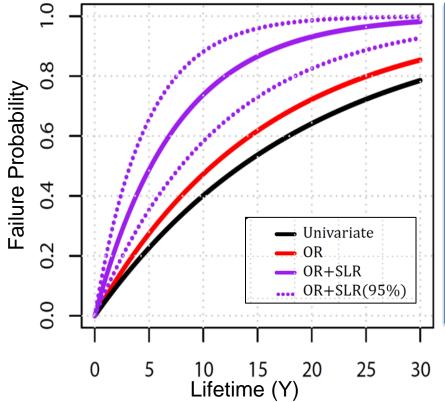


Estimated failure probability for a temporal horizon of 30 years. The solid black and red curves show, respectively, the estimated failure probability computed based on the univariate and bivariate OR hazard scenarios, according to the presently observed climate conditions. The solid and dashed purple curves show the estimated probability of failure using a bivariate OR approach and an associated 95% confidence band considering the projected SLR for 2030 under RCP 4.5.





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Current coastal flood frequency analysis methods do not consider the compounding effects of ocean and fluvial flooding.

A univariate approach in risk assessment may lead to underestimation of flood risk.





## **Research Gaps:**

# Lack of theoretical frameworks for, change detection, frequency analysis and risk assessment of compound extremes.

- Detecting changes in frequency and distribution of compound extremes (drought-heatwaves and heatwaves-human mortality)
- Multivariate frequency analysis and risk assessment

Understanding and modeling the changing nature of human

activities and their interactions with compound events.

• Compounding effects of different urbanization and sea level rise and the corresponding impacts in coastal areas



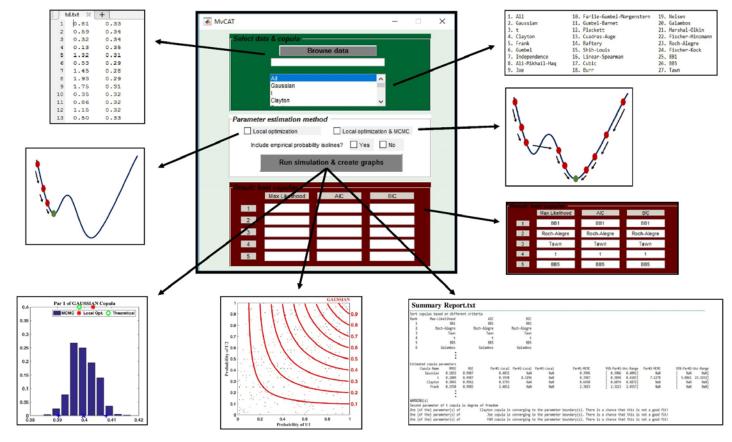


## MvCAT is freely available here:

## Multivariate Copula Analysis Toolbox (MvCAT)

## http://amir.eng.uci. edu/software.php

Sadegh, M., Ragno, E. and AghaKouchak, A. (2017), Multivariate Copula Analysis Toolbox (MvCAT): Describing dependence and underlying uncertainty using a Bayesian framework. Water Resources Research, 53, doi:10.1002/2016WR 020242



## Multivariate Copula Analysis Toolbox (MvCAT)



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#### **Key Points:**

 Copulas are a powerful tool to analyze the dependence structure of

#### Multivariate Copula Analysis Toolbox (MvCAT): Describing dependence and underlying uncertainty using a Bayesian framework

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## **Questions?**

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