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# A Monte Carlo Simulation of Multivariate General Pareto Distribution and its Application

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## Abstract:

The paper presents a MGPD (Multivariate General Pareto Distribution) method and builds the solving method of MGPD by a Monte Carlo simulation for the marine environmental extreme value parameters. The simulation method is proved to be feasible by analyzing the joint probability of wave weight and its concomitant wind from a hydrological station in SCS (South China Sea). The MGPD is the natural distribution of the MPOT (Multivariate Peaks Over Threshold) sampling method, and has the extreme value theory background. The existing dependence function can be used in the MGPD, so it may describe more variables which have different dependence relationships. The MGPD method improves the efficiency of the extremes in raw data. For the wind and the concomitant wave in 23 years (1960-1982), the number of the wind and wave selected is averaged 19 each year. Finally, by using the CP (Conditional Probability), a Monte Carlo Simulation method based on the MGPD is adopted in case of the return period of base shear.

**Key Words:** MPOT, extreme wave, extreme value theory, Monte Carlo

## 1. Introduction

Statistical modeling of extreme values (EV) plays a crucial role in the design and

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1 risk evaluation of ocean engineering. Problems concerning ocean environmental  
2 extremes are often multivariate in character. An example is the ocean environments  
3 (including waves, wind and currents) are all contributing to the forces experienced by  
4 offshore systems during the typhoon. So the severity of such a typhoon event may be  
5 described by a function of wind speed peak and concomitant wave height, currents, etc.  
6 (or switch their order). When the force of a system is dominated by both wind and  
7 concomitant wave it may be sufficient to employ the 50-year return wave and 50-year  
8 return wind as a design criterion. However, the 50-year return wind and 50-year return  
9 wave are frequently not occurred at the same time. Therefore, any simple analysis  
10 assuming a perfect correlation between the wind and waves is likely to overestimate the  
11 design value (Morton and Bowers, 1996). So, analyzing the encounter probability  
12 among the ocean environments by the multivariate distribution can offer useful  
13 reference to evaluate project's safety and cost.

14 In Multivariate EV theory, two sampling methods, the Block Maxima method and  
15 the POT (Peaks Over Thresholds) method have been developed. They correspond  
16 respectively to two natural distributions, MGEVD (Multivariate Generalized Extreme  
17 Value Distribution) and MGPD. MGEVD is the natural distribution of the block  
18 maxima of all components. A typical example is that block is a year and the block  
19 maxima are the Annual Maxima Series (AMS). And MGEVD have developed  
20 extensively during the last decades too. This is witnessed by several literatures (Morton  
21 and Bowers, 1996; Sheng, 2001; YANG and ZHANG, 2013); MGPD should be the  
22 theoretical distribution of MPOT method, in which the sample includes all extreme  
23 values which are larger than a suitable threshold. MPOT improves the efficiency of the  
24 extremes in raw data, and is superior to other methods (such as the annual maximum,  
25 Luo and Zhu, 2014). Rootzén and Tajvidi (2006) suggest, based on the research by  
26 Tajvidi (1996), that MGPD should be characterized by the following couple properties:  
27 (i) exceedances (of suitably coordinated levels) asymptotically have a MGPD if and  
28 only if componentwise maxima asymptotically are EVD, (ii) the MGPD is the only one

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1 which is preserved under (a suitably coordinated) change of exceedance levels. MPOT  
2 method has a high utilization rate of raw data. Besides, Luo et al. (2012) selected 20 or  
3 30-year 6 samples from about 60-year wave raw data arbitrarily. The 6 samples were  
4 analyzed by POT and AMS respectively, and the result shows that the return levels with  
5 the POT method are closer to the return levels from 60-year wave raw data and have  
6 smaller fluctuations than AMS. Because the POT method can get as much extreme  
7 information as possible from raw data, its result may be more stable. MGPD is widely  
8 used recently, Morton and Bowers (1996) are based on the response function with wave  
9 and wind speed of anchoring semi-submersible platforms enabling to analyze extreme  
10 anchorage force and corresponding wave height and wind speed by using logical  
11 extreme value distribution. They didn't use the natural distribution of the MPOT  
12 method - MGPD, to fitting samples but bivariate extreme value distribution to fitting  
13 the MPOT samples. Coles and Tawn (1994) using the same mind. MGPD theory has  
14 improved greatly in recent years, but the definition of MGPD still needs further  
15 research. Bivariate threshold methods were developed by Joe et al. (1992) and Smith  
16 (1994) based on point process theory. MGPD has been the focus of research and the  
17 detail about MGPD can be found in Rootzén and Tajvidi (2005), Tajvidi (1996),  
18 Beirlant et al. (2005) and Falk et al. (2004).

19       However, due to difficulties of MGPD in solving procedure, (in general, with the  
20 dimension increased, the calculated quantity and complexity rapidly do), the  
21 application of MGPD in ocean engineering has been restricted. Monte Carlo simulation  
22 is feasible to solve these problems because it only changes inner product operation and  
23 the complexity of algorithm doesn't increase with dimension decreases. Liu et al. (1990)  
24 use the Monte Carlo simulation for the design of offshore platforms, and practical  
25 examples prove its fast calculation speed and high precision in Compound Extreme  
26 Value Distribution. Philippe (2000) presented a new parameter estimation method of  
27 bivariate extreme value distribution by using Monte Carlo simulation. Shi (1999)  
28 presents a Monte Carlo method from a simple trivariate nested logistic model.

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1 Stephenson (2003) gives methods for simulating from symmetric and asymmetric  
2 versions of the multivariate logistic distribution, and compares many the Monte Carlo  
3 simulation methods of multi-dimensional extreme distribution.

4 We develop a procedure to handle the application of MGPD in marine engineering  
5 design. The paper uses the Monte Carlo simulation to solve the MGPD equation. The  
6 Monte Carlo method is introduced in section 2. Fundamental to the application of  
7 MGPD is the choice of the optimal joint threshold and the estimation of the joint density.  
8 These aspects included in an example are discussed in section 3. Finally, the advantage  
9 of MGPD and its Monte Carlo simulation are outlined.

## 10 2. MONTE CARLO SIMULATION OF MGPD

### 11 2.1 MGPD THEORY

12 It is well known that MGEVD (Multivariate Generalized Extreme Value  
13 Distributions) arise, like in the univariate case, as the limiting distributions of suitably  
14 scaled componentwise maxima of independent and identically distributed random  
15 vectors. If for independent  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  following  $F$ , there exist vectors  $a_n$ ,  
16  $b_n \in \mathbf{R}^d$ ,  $a_n > 0$ , such that

$$17 P\left(\frac{\max_{i=1, \dots, n}(X_i - b_n)}{a_n}\right) = F^n(a_n x + b_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x) \quad (1)$$

18 where  $G(x)$  is a MGEVD, and  $F$  is in the domain of attraction of  $G$ . We note  
19 this by  $F \in D(G)$ .

20 The MGPD is based on the extreme value theory and has been widely used in  
21 many fields. In one dimension, Generalized Extreme Value distribution (GEVD) is the  
22 theoretical distribution of all variation block maxima. GPD describes the properties of  
23 extreme of all variation over threshold after declustering, so called POT distribution.

24 Based on the relationship of GPD and GEVD:  $H(x) = 1 + \log(G(x)), \log(G(x)) > -1$ ,

25 the distribution function of MGPD can be deduced:

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1  $W(X) = 1 + \log(G(x_1, \dots, x_d))$

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$$= 1 + \left( \sum_{i=1}^d x_i \right) D \left( \frac{x_1}{\sum_{i=1}^d x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_{d-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^d x_i} \right), \quad \log(G(x_1, \dots, x_d)) > -1 \quad (2)$$

3 where  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) = x \in U$ ,  $U$  is a neighborhood of zero in the negative quadrant  
4  $(-\infty, 0)^d$ ,  $D$  is the Pickands dependence function in the unit simplex  $\overline{R_{d-1}}$  on the  
5 domain of definition,  $\overline{R_d} = \{x \in [0, \infty)^d \mid \sum_{i=1}^d x_i = 1\}$ ;  $G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a MGEVD  
6 function which marginal distribution is negative exponential distribution (detail in  
7 René Michel, 2007). The MGPD can simply use existing multivariate extreme  
8 dependence function due to it is deduced from MGEV, greatly enriched the expression  
9 of correlation of MGPD. MGPD has a variety of different types of distribution  
10 functions (Coles et al., 1991) varying from Pickands dependence function eq. (3).  
11 Logistic dependence function is ease to use and has the favorable statistical properties,  
12 and widely used to hydrology, financial and other fields.

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$$D_r(t_1, \dots, t_{d-1}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} t_i^r + \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} t_i \right)^r \right)^{1/r} \quad (3)$$

14 
$$W_r(x) = 1 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^d (-x_i)^r \right)^{1/r} = 1 - \|x\|_r, \quad (4)$$

15 where  $r$  is the correlation parameter of dependence function and  $r > 1$ .  $x_i$  in the interval  
16  $(-1, 0)$ , are variables of standardization. The Bivariate Logistic GPD density function is

17 
$$w(x, y) = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x \partial y} = (r-1)(xy)^{r-1} [(-x)^r + (-y)^r]^{1/r-2} \quad x < 0, y < 0 \quad (5)$$

18 The correlation parameter  $r$  can be evaluated by step by step method: evaluate by  
19 using bivariate extreme value distribution firstly then introduce to distribution  
20 function; or be evaluated by global method, estimate the parameter by using the  
21 maximum likelihood for the density function  $w$ . The global method evaluated results  
22 more reliable due to the final function form are to be concerned, but the processes of  
23 evaluate are more complex. The maximum-likelihood function is

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$$L(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(w_r(x_i, y_i)) \quad (6)$$

## 2.2 SIMULATION METHOD

The Monte Carlo Simulation method of multivariate distribution is relatively complex, because of generating multivariate random and relevant vectors involved. By a transformation method, the variables become independence. And then, every variable is generated a random vector. Finally by the inverse transformation, the random vectors of the multivariate distribution are obtained. The simulation method was suggested by Ren é(2007).

Using polar coordinate to demonstrate the simulated method of MGPD better:

$$T_p(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \left( \frac{x_1}{x_1 + \dots + x_d}, \dots, \frac{x_{d-1}}{x_1 + \dots + x_d}, x_1 + \dots + x_d \right) = (z_1, \dots, z_{d-1}, c), \quad (7)$$

where  $T_p$  change vector  $(x_1, \dots, x_d)$  into polar coordinate.  $\mathbf{C} = x_1 + \dots + x_d$  and

$\mathbf{Z} = (x_1 / \mathbf{C}, \dots, x_{d-1} / \mathbf{C})$  are radial component and angular component, respectively.

They called Pickands polar coordinate.

In the Pickands polar coordinate,  $W(X)$  presents different properties. Presume that  $(X_1, \dots, X_d)$  follow multivariate generalized Pareto distribution  $W(X)$  and its Pickands dependence function  $D$  exists d order differential, define the Pickands density of  $H(X)$

$$\phi(z, c) = |c|^{d-1} \left( \frac{\partial^d}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_d} H \right) T_p^{-1}(z, c) \quad (8)$$

Presume  $\mu = \int_{R_{d-1}} \phi(z) dz > 0$  and constant  $c_0 < 0$  existing in a neighborhood of

zero, then the simulation method of MGPD is: 1) generate uniform random numbers on

unit simplex  $\overline{R_{d-1}}$ ; 2) generate random vector  $(z_1, \dots, z_d)$  based on the density function

$f(z) = \frac{\phi(z)}{\mu}$  of  $\mathbf{Z} = (z_1, \dots, z_{d-1})$  in the Pickands polar coordinate combined with

Acceptance-Rejection Method; 3) generate uniform random numbers on  $(c_0, 0)$ ; and 4)

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1 calculate vector  $\left( cz_1, \dots, cz_{d-1}, c - c \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} z_i \right)$  which is random vector of satisfy the  
2 multivariate over threshold distribution.

3 The  $c_0$  above is the joint threshold in MGPD method. This paper determines the  
4 threshold by using the principle on Coles and Tawn (1994).

### 5 **2.3 JOINT PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION**

6 With the development of offshore engineering, joint probability study for extreme  
7 sea environments such as wind, waves, tides and streams is beginning to receive much  
8 more attention. But for the selection of design criteria for marine structures, a clear  
9 standard about the joint probability has not been found. API (American Petroleum  
10 Institute), DNV (Det Norske Veritas) and so on didn't propose an explicit method for  
11 joint variables although they made some relevant rules. API RP2A-LRFD (1995)  
12 suggests three options, one of which is "Any 'reasonable' combination of wind speed,  
13 wave height, and current speed that results in the 100-year return period combined  
14 platform load, e.g. base shear or base overturning moment", but does not provide  
15 details of how to determine the appropriate extreme conditions in a multivariate  
16 environment.

17 The joint the return period of two variables need to consider the probability of  
18 encounter between variables. In other word, 50-years return wave may not counter  
19 50-year return wind speed. CP can represent the probability of encounter between  
20 extreme value of main marine environmental elements and extreme value of its  
21 accompanied marine environmental elements. So, it is critical to use CP to describe the  
22 probability of their joint together and analyze the effect of all kinds of marine  
23 environmental elements to the engineering.

24 The joint distribution of bivariate Pareto distribution function  $W(x, y)$  is

25 
$$W(x, y) = Pr(X < x, Y < y)$$

26 And  $W_x(x)$  and  $W_y(y)$  are marginal distribution of  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. Conditional  
27 extreme value distribution can be

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$$1 \quad \text{CP 1: } Pr(X \geq x | Y \geq y) = \frac{Pr(X \geq x, Y \geq y)}{Pr(Y \geq y)} = \frac{1 - W_x(x) - W_y(y) + W(x, y)}{1 - W_y(y)} \quad (9)$$

$$2 \quad \text{CP 2: } Pr(X \leq x | Y \geq y) = \frac{Pr(X \leq x, Y \geq y)}{Pr(Y \geq y)} = \frac{W_x(x) - W(x, y)}{1 - W_y(y)} \quad (10)$$

$$3 \quad \text{CP 3: } Pr(X \geq x | Y \leq y) = \frac{Pr(X \geq x, Y \leq y)}{Pr(Y \leq y)} = \frac{W_y(y) - W(x, y)}{W_y(y)} \quad (11)$$

$$4 \quad \text{CP 4: } Pr(X \leq x | Y \leq y) = \frac{Pr(X \leq x, Y \leq y)}{Pr(Y \leq y)} = \frac{W(x, y)}{W_y(y)} \quad (12)$$

5 Other four CP distributions can be deduced by swapping two variables.

### 6 **3. CASE**

7 The ocean environment is multivariate with waves, wind and currents all  
 8 contributing to the forces experienced by marine structures. Any simple assumes that  
 9 there is either perfect dependence or independence among them are unreasonable for a  
 10 design criterion. The section combined with CP for analysis of the design criteria  
 11 (taking the 50-year return value as an example) about base shear of a plat. Assume the  
 12 function of base shear and wind velocity and wave height for a certain type of  
 13 structure is

$$14 \quad Z(x, y) = 0.44x^2 + 20.18y^2 \quad (13)$$

15 where  $x$  and  $y$  are wind speed and wave height, with their units m/s and m  
 16 respectively.  $Z$  represents base shear and the unit is  $KN$ .

#### 17 **3.1 THE DATA**

18 The data are a sequence of 23 (1960-1982) years of wave height records and  
 19 synchronous wind speed records, which was recorded four times a day from an ocean  
 20 hydrological station (ZL) near 22.6°N, 115.5°E (fig. 1) in SCS, which is a typical  
 21 typhoon sea area. In the raw data, the maximum winds reached 40m/s and the  
 22 maximum wave height is 8.50m. Due to restrictions with observation technologies at  
 23 the time, the wind speed and the wave height were kept only the integer and one  
 24 decimal place respectively. This will influence the level of precision of extreme value,  
 25 so in fig. 2 (a), the all the wind values in the range 0.4 and 0.6 (standard unit) show the

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1 same probability.

## 2 **3.2 DECLUSTERING**

3 The sample of MPOT method is from the extreme value of blocks, so the first  
4 stage in a multivariate extreme value analysis is to identify a set of declustered events.  
5 For satisfying independent random distribution assumption, the principle of  
6 declustering is keeping samples independence. In SCS, typhoon occurs frequently and  
7 causes almost all extreme wind speed and wave height. Generally the influence of  
8 typhoon for one point may last several days or one week. Exploratory analysis  
9 suggested that a window corresponding to five days is appropriate. But, if the interval  
10 between the adjacent extremes is less than 2 days, then we need to delete smaller values  
11 from the adjacent extremes in order to keep independence.

12 After declustering, the block maxima should be extracted as extreme values.  
13 Generally, in a bivariate analysis of wave heights and wind speeds, there are four  
14 definitions of “maximum” data set in a certain block: (1) maximum wave height and  
15 maximum wind speed in a block; (2) maximum wave height and its “concomitant”  
16 wind speed in a block; (3) maximum wind velocity and its “concomitant” wave height  
17 in a block; Liu et al. (2002) suggests that definition (1) is the simplest one, but it may  
18 lead to over-conservative results for they are not observed at the same time; for  
19 definitions (2) and (3), only one of the extreme observations is selected, so we have to  
20 consider which has a major influence for offshore structures. For example, if wave load  
21 has a major influence on a certain structure, definition (2) would be a good choice. In  
22 case that we do not know which load has a dominating influence on a structure, we  
23 usually make extreme value analysis on definitions (2) and (3) respectively, and finally  
24 choose the more dangerous one.

25 In the present study, the case is used solely for testing the validity of the simulation  
26 method of MGPD and giving an example of its application. So definition (3) is an  
27 arbitrary choice. That is wind speed is the “dominating” variable. After declustering  
28 according to the requirements of independence, 1436 groups of extreme wind speed

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1 and corresponding wave height are selected.

### 2 **3.3 MARGINAL TRANSFORMATION AND JOINT** 3 **THRESHOLD**

4 In section 2.1, the variables of MGPD must be in a neighborhood of zero in the  
5 negative quadrant. By a suitable marginal transformation, we can transfer a margin into  
6 a uniform margin in a neighborhood of zero.

7 After many experiments, it is found that marginal distributions of extreme wind  
8 speeds and wave heights in 1436 data sets can be described by GEVD:

$$9 \quad F(x) = P(X < x) = \exp \left\{ - \left[ 1 - \xi \left( \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \right]^{1/\xi} \right\}, \xi \neq 0 \quad (14),$$

10 where  $\xi, \sigma$  and  $\mu$  are three variables of GEVD. They are estimated by using maximum  
11 likelihood estimate. This is an approach of estimation suggested in Section 5.1 of  
12 Beirlant et al. (2005) and Section 3.3 of Coles (2001). Fig. 2 shows the probability plot  
13 and probability plots (including the 95% confidence intervals) of marginal distribution  
14 before fitting MGPD.

15 To standardize the margins, the marginal distribution of MGPD is negative  
16 exponential distribution. According to Taylor expansion, we get

$$17 \quad \log F(x_i) = \log(1 + F(x_i) - 1) \approx F(x_i) - 1 \quad (15),$$

18 where  $F(x_i)$  is GEVD of variable  $i$  ( $i=1,2$ ), which represent wind and wave  
19 respectively (detail in Ren é Michel, 2007).

20 The dependence models between extreme variables have been suggested: Logistic,  
21 Bilogistic and Dirichlet. However, it appears that the choice of dependence model is not  
22 usually critical to the accuracy of the final model (Morton and Bowers, 1996). So the  
23 simple bivariate Logistic GPD was selected. The MGPD model of the paper is based on  
24 multivariate extreme value distribution, the joint threshold can be calculated by the  
25 method in section 2.2. The joint threshold is  $c_0 = -0.7$ , and there are 450 groups of  
26 combination of wind speed and wave height over  $c_0$ . Fig. 3 (a) shows that the samples

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1 of over threshold value. In the left subfigure,  $c_0 = -0.7$  is a curve, and the right side of  
 2 the curve are over threshold value. In the right subfigure  $c_0 = -0.7$  is a line, the  
 3 top-right side of the line are over threshold value of the data converted.

4 The correlation parameter  $r$  of dependence function is estimated by the  
 5 maximum-likelihood method, and the joint distribution is showed in Fig. 3 (b).

### 6 **3.4 COMPARISON OF STOCHASTIC SIMULATION RESULTS**

7 For the annual maximum of wind speed and wave height, Pearson type III  
 8 distribution is used to obtain return period values of wind speed and wave height in  
 9 one-dimensional (Fig. 4). The Pearson type III distribution is

$$10 \quad F(x) = P(X < x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{-\infty}^x (x - \mu)^{\alpha-1} \exp[-\beta(x - \mu)] dx \quad (16)$$

11 Fig. 5 shows the data of stochastic simulation by  $N=50000$  and  $N=100000$ . Due to  
 12 the accuracy of the raw data, the 40m/s wind event is so much that they can't be fitted  
 13 by MGPD well. So the simulation results and the measurement points are not overlap  
 14 completely for the 40m/s wind event in Fig. 5. But the simulation results are in basic  
 15 conformity with the actual situation, and this represents that the MGPD simulation  
 16 method is worked. The scatter diagrams show the results directly, they need further  
 17 quantitative analysis to show the differences of them objectively. A couple of CP are to  
 18 be used to the paper: 1)  $P(H > h | V > v)$  and 4)  $P(H < h | V < v)$  which means 1) the  
 19 probability of the wave height over a stander  $h$  under the wind speed over the stander  
 20  $v$  and 4) the probability of the wave height less than a stander  $h$  under the wind speed  
 21 less than the stander  $v$ , respectively. Both of them are actually responding the  
 22 probability of extreme value wave height and its corresponding wind speed joint occur.

23 Fig. 6 represent calculating the CP  $P(H > h | V > v)$  by group  $h = 7.99m$  and  
 24  $v = 37m/s$ . Using the Monte Carlo method calculate its CP by the result of simulation  
 25 based on the definition of conditional distribution. As it's showed in Fig. 6, the  
 26 difference value of the simulation and the model are related to the simulation times  $N$ .

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1 Relative difference value has been reduced with the increase of simulation times. When  
2 the simulation times up to  $2 \times 10^6$ , the relative error value of simulation results and  
3 calculation results is 0.1%, shows that the simulation results error is acceptable.

4 Based on the results by simulation times  $2e6$ , Tab. 2 and Tab. 3 show the  
5 calculation results of two different CP. The tables represent 5 groups' calculation and  
6 stochastic simulation results of CP 1 and 4 on different combination of wave height and  
7 wind speed. The two results are closely. For instance, the calculated result of the  
8 probability of wave height of the design frequency more than 10% encounter wind  
9 speed of the design frequency more than 10% is 94.67% where stochastic simulation  
10 result is 94.44%, the relate error only 0.24%. The calculated result of the probability of  
11 wave height of the design frequency more than 2% encounter wind speed of the design  
12 frequency more than 10% is 40.05% where stochastic simulation result is 38.25%, the  
13 relate error only 4.49%. Synthesizing the appearing probability of extreme sea  
14 environment is to the benefit of find a balance between the engineering investment and  
15 risk, and can provide the scientific basis for the risk pre-estimates.

### 16 **3.5 ANALYSIS OF RETURN VALUE**

17 For 'reasonable' combination of wind speed and wave height, the method of  
18 analyzing the multivariate extreme environment is offered by CP. Because wind speed  
19 is the "dominating" variable in the paper, we use CP 1:  $P(H > h | V > v)$  as a standard.  
20 The return value of the base shear follows the couple principles: (1) if  
21  $P(H > h_{50} | V > v_{50}) > 98\%$ , the 50-year base shear is the combination of 50-year wind  
22 speed and 50-year wave height; (2) if  $P(H > h_{50} | V > v_{50}) < 98\%$ , the 50-year base  
23 shear is the combination of 50-year wind speed and the wave height corresponding to  
24  $P(H > h_{50} | V > v_{50}) = 98\%$ . The value 98% was selected only to show how to  
25 determine design criterion by the CP, and the paper do not analyze whether the value  
26 is appropriate for the marine structure. In the method, it can be avoided that the  
27 encounter probability of wind speed and wave height is smaller.

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1 The result of CP 1:  $P(H > h | V > v)$  is in tab. 2. We can know that the estimates  
2 of 50-year wind speed and wave height are 43.41m/s and 9.13m respectively, and  
3 their CP1 is 91.58. According to the above principles, this is meeting the principle (2).  
4 Using the Monte Carlo method, we can get  $P(H > 9.01 | V > v_{50}) = 98\%$ . So the  
5 50-year base shear is  $Z(43.41, 9.01) = 2467.4 \text{KN}$ .

## 6 **4. Discussion and Conclusions**

### 7 **4.1 NEW POSSIBILITIES BASED ON MONTE CARLO SIMULATION**

8 The design sea states for a particular location are often used in design and  
9 assessment of coastal and ocean engineering. These design sea states might be jointly  
10 decided by multivariate ocean environment factors, such as combinations of wave  
11 conditions and water levels with given joint return periods. A potentially better  
12 approach is possible based on Monte Carlo simulation of a wide range of ocean  
13 environment factors, from which the structure variables in different return periods can  
14 be determined directly. Once the long-term (such as thousands of years) sea state data  
15 has been simulated, several structure variables or ocean environment factors can be  
16 assessed quite quickly by the law of large numbers. If the raw data is enough, the  
17 MGPD can be used in extreme analysis based on 3 or more-variables. In this case,  
18 Monte Carlo simulation becomes a must-have tool, because it is difficult to solve the  
19 high-dimension MGPD and get the structure variables in different return periods.

### 20 **4.2 CONCLUSIONS**

21 The MGPD is the nature distribution of MPOT method, which can dig up more  
22 extreme information from the raw data. The model based on the extreme value theory  
23 which is well-founded and the intrinsic properties of all extreme variables are into  
24 consideration. The MGPD is a useful basis for extreme value analysis of the offshore  
25 environment. The Monte Carlo simulation of MGPD provides estimates of the  
26 50-year base shear, taking into account the conditional probability, which represents

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1 the encounter probability between variables such as wind speed and wave height. CP1  
2 includes the encounter probability of extreme events and provides the theory basis for  
3 finding the best balance point between engineering cost and risk. The analysis of the  
4 return mooring forces at SCS illustrates the practicalities of Monte Carlo simulation  
5 of MGPD.

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Tab.1 parameters of marginal distribution

	$\xi$	$\sigma$	$\mu$
Wind speed	0.362	2.868	15.403
Wave height	0.008	0.861	1.857

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Tab. 2 comparison of the results of CP 1

RP (year)		5		10		20		50		100	
RP	V(m/s)	26.38		37		40.01		43.41		45.67	
	H(m)	c	s	c	s	c	s	c	s	c	s
5	4.65	85.71	85.59	99.89	100.0	99.97	100.0	99.99	100.0	100.0	100.0
10	7.08	11.38	11.41	94.67	94.44	98.72	99.03	99.75	98.95	99.92	97.62
20	7.99	4.05	4.14	80.10	80.02	94.93	95.79	99.02	98.95	99.68	97.62
50	9.13	1.13	1.11	40.05	38.25	75.42	73.14	94.75	91.58	98.26	97.62
100	9.98	0.45	0.49	17.83	18.91	45.36	48.22	83.08	80.00	94.15	92.86

9 RP: return periods, a: calculation results by analytic solution, s: simulation results  
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Tab. 3 comparison of the results of CP 4

RP (year)		5		10		20		50		100	
RP	V(m/s)	26.38		37		40.01		43.41		45.67	
	H(m)	c	s	c	s	c	s	c	s	c	s
5	4.65	99.24	97.29	98.79	95.77	98.78	95.74	98.78	95.73	98.78	95.73
10	7.08	100	99.99	99.95	99.82	99.94	99.79	99.94	99.78	99.94	99.78
20	7.99	100	100	99.99	99.96	99.98	99.94	99.98	99.93	99.98	99.92
50	9.13	100	100	100	100	100	99.99	100	99.98	99.99	99.98
100	9.98	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99.99	100	99.99

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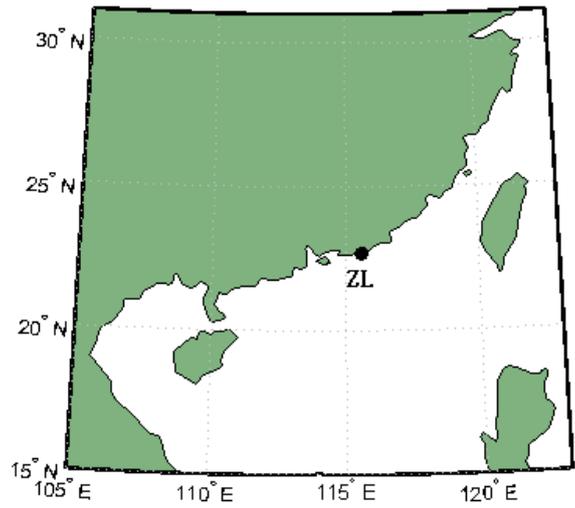
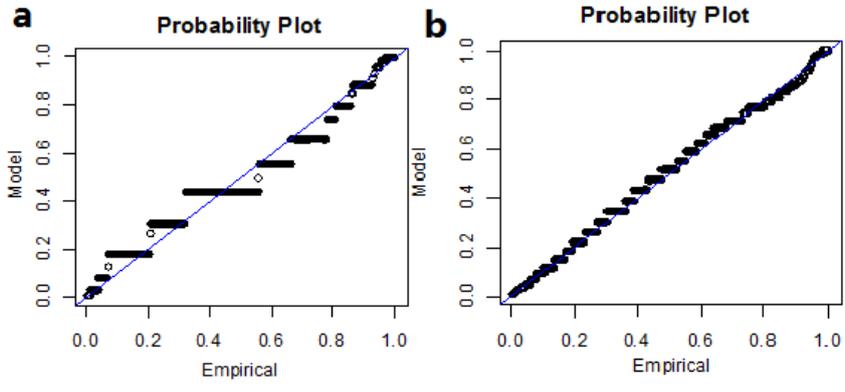
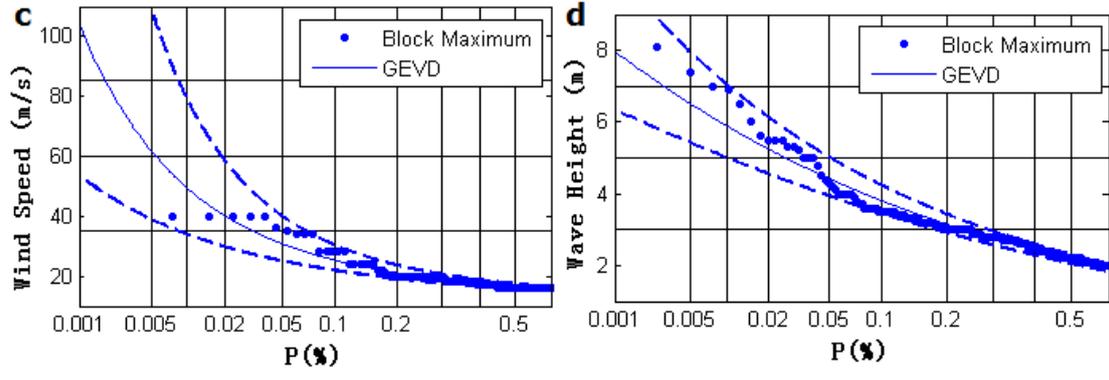


Fig. 1 Location of ZL ocean hydrological station

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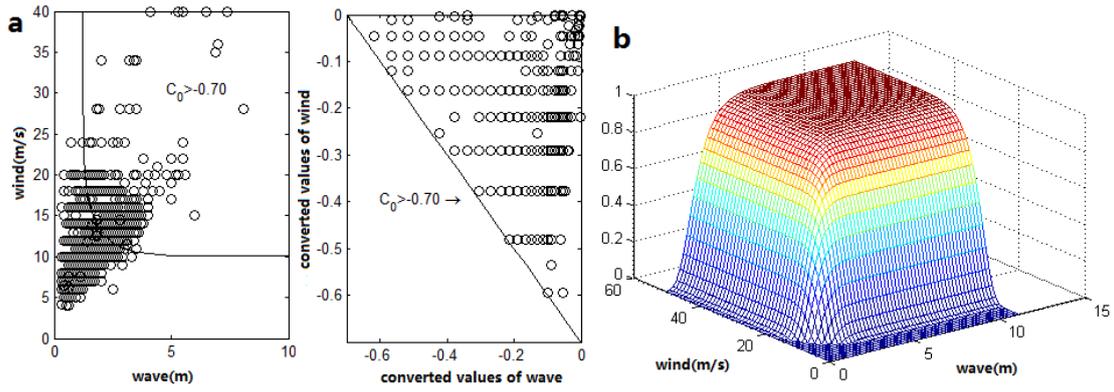


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Fig. 2 fitting testing of marginal distribution, (a) wind speed (b) wave height

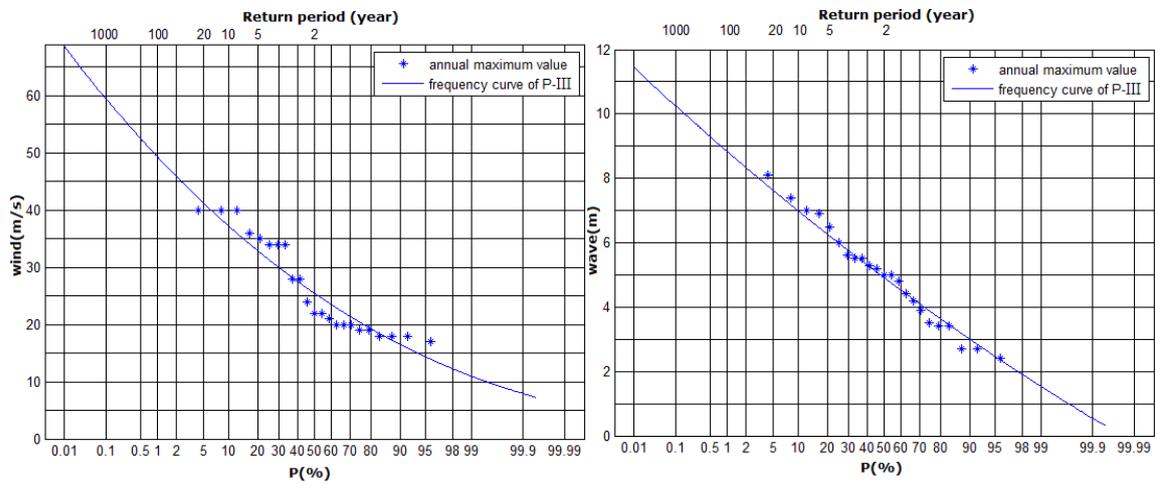
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2 Fig. 3 (a) over threshold value of wave height and wind speed

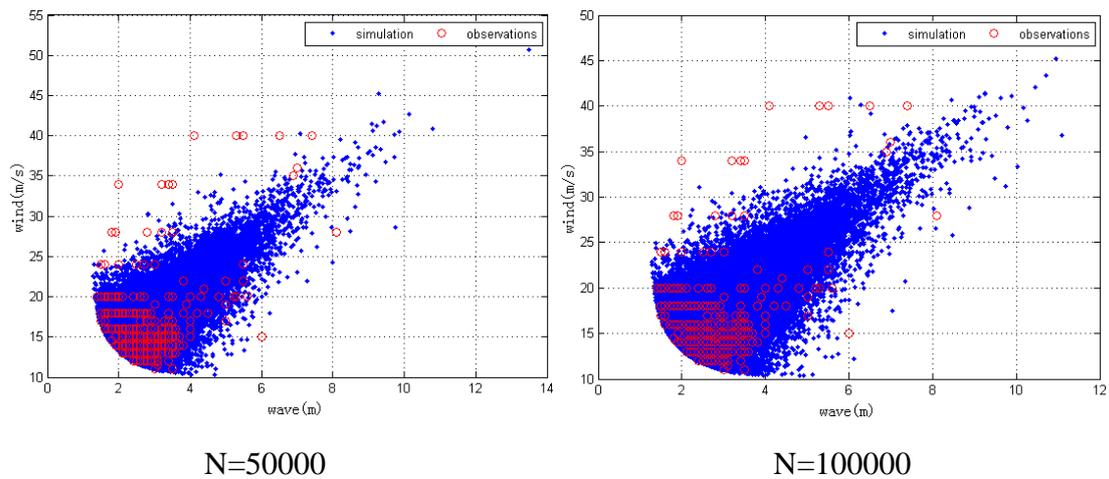
3 (b) joint distribution of extreme value of wave height and wind speed



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5 Fig. 4 calculation of wind speed samples and wave height return value

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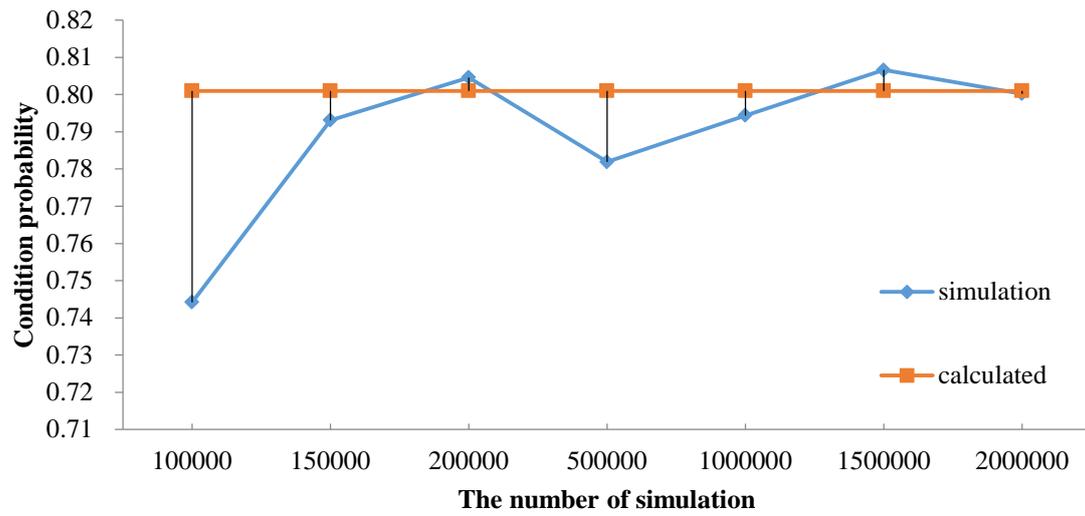
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Fig. 5 value of over threshold and data of stochastic simulation

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Fig. 6 The change of simulation accuracy