## Weather Derivatives and

# Short-Period Rainfall Indices 

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## Presentation Outline:

- Weather and financial risk
- Catastrophic and non-catastrophic events
- Weather derivatives and useful indices
- Rainfall time series for derivative valuation
- Modeling daily rainfall accumulations
- Modeling hourly rainfall accumulations


## Weather and Financial Risk

- Financial risk due to weather uncertainty

Agriculture
Natural disasters (hurricanes)
Energy (both supply and demand)

- Weather insurance

For high risk, low probability events

- Weather derivatives

For low risk, high probability events

## Catastrophic Weather Event: Hurricane Katrina


www.spatiallyadjusted.com/2005/08/30/satellite-image-of-hurricane-katrina-approaching-the-gulf-coast/

http://www.katrinahelp.com/hurricane-katrina-pictures.html

## Non- Catastrophic Weather Events



- Wind - reduction in rounds played
- Rain - reduction in rounds played, course damage or reduced playability
- Heat - reduction in rounds played, increased irrigation costs
- Cold - reduction in rounds played,
http://www.guaranteedweather.com/display_file.php?file=254



## Useful Indices for Weather Derivatives

- Temperature-based

Heating Degree Days (HDD)
Cooling Degree Days (CDD)
Relatively continuous in space and time

- Precipitation based

Intermittent, mixed distribution
Statistics depend on averaging in time and space






Hourly Rainfall (6 May 2006)


## Multiplicative Cascade



FIG. 3. One-dimensional version of a cascade model of eddies, each breaking down into two new ones. The flux of kinetic energy to smaller scales is divided into nonequal fractions $p_{1}$ and $p_{2}$. This cascade terminates when the eddies are of the size of the Kolmogorov scale, $\eta$.
(From Meneveau and Sreenivasan, 1987. Phys.Rev. Letters, 59, 1424-1427)


FIG. 4. Different stages during the construction of the proposed $p$ model of the dissipation field [(a) first stage, (b) fifth stage, (c) twelfth stage], and (d) an experimental signal of $\epsilon$. corresponding to the twelfth stage of construction (see text).
(From Meneveau and Sreenivasan, 1987. Phys.Rev. Letters, 59, 1424-1427)

## Daily Rainfall Accumulation Modeling

- Occurrence and severity of precipitation
- Each day may have rain (R) or no rain (NR)
- For raining days, accumulation varies
- Occurrence: First-order Markov model
- Severity: Gamma distribution(s)
$\sim$ Independent day-to-day

1971-2000 Daily Total Precipitation Records by Day of Year, Dorval Trudeau Airporth, May 1 - June 19

| May |  | T | 0 | 1.3 | 4.8 | 0 | 9.7 | 0 | 2 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 | T | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | T | 0 | 8.8 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0.5 | 10 | 0 | 0 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May | 2 | T | 1 | 5.3 | 0 |  | 2 | 10.3 | T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 | 0 T | T | 15.8 | 0 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 0 | T | 0 | T | T | T | 0 | 0 |
| May | 3 | 4.8 | 10.9 | 10.2 | 7.9 | 0 | 2.3 | 0 | T | 14.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.6 | 0 | 0 | T | 0 | 0 | 4 |  | T | 0.4 I | MW | 0 |  | T | 28.5 | 5.5 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 4 | 14 | 12.7 | T | T | 1.5 | T | 0 | 0 | T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.2 | 15.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 |  | I | 0 | 8.5 | T | 0.5 |
| May | 5 |  | 3.6 | 1 | 0 | 0.8 T | T | 3.4 | 0 | 1 | 0.8 | 0 | 0 | 2.4 T |  | 12.6 | 5.2 T | T | 0 | 1.6 | 12.8 | 0 | 0 | 7.4 | 0 | 1.4 | T | 0 |  | T | 0 |
| May | 6 |  | 4.1 |  | 19.8 | 0 | 3 | T | 0 | 0 | 5.4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 19.2 |  | 17 | 0 | 22.8 | T |  |  | 1.5 | 3.5 | 0 | 1.5 |
| May | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 | 0 | 23.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 | 0 | 3 | 11.6 | 0.2 | 0 | 2 | 0.4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 5.5 |
| May | 8 |  | 0 | 3.3 |  | 0 | 0.8 | 0 | 2.4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 21.2 | 32.8 | 0 | 4.6 | 0 | 0 | 3.6 | T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.5 |  |
| May | 9 | 0 | 0 | 19.8 | 21.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12.8 | 0 | 4.4 | 0 | 3.4 | 9 | 0.6 T | T | 0 | 0.2 | 0 |  |  | 0 | 2.4 | 0 | 1.2 | 0 | 0 |  | T | 1.5 | 21.5 |
| May | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 |  | 1.6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11.2 | 0 |  | T | 0.8 | 0.2 | 15 | 0.5 |  | 0 | 29.5 |
| May | 11 | 0 | 0.5 | 9.4 | 0 | 0 | 10.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 23.4 | 0 | 0.2 | 9 | 1.4 | 0 | 10.8 | 1 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 0 | 0 T | T | 0.8 | 10 | 13.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| May | 12 | 1.8 |  | 4.1 | 14.2 |  | T | 0.7 |  |  | 0 | 16.4 |  | 0 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 0 | 1.6 T |  | 9.6 |  | 0 | 0 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 29.5 | 7.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 13 | 0 | 0 | T |  | T | 0 | 0 | T | 4.6 | T | 1.8 | 0 | 0 | 0.2 T |  | 0 | 0 | 7.2 | 2.6 |  | 0 | 3.8 | 0.6 | O | T | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| May | 14 |  | 3.6 | 0 |  | 0 | 4.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 T |  | 0 | 2.8 | 0 | 0.2 | 0 | T | 0 I | MW | 0 |  | T | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| May | 15 |  |  | T | 1.3 | 10.7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4.2 | 0 | 3.8 | 0 | 10 | 2.8 | 0 | 0 | 11.4 |  | 0 | 0.8 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  | T | 5.5 | 0 |  |  |
| May | 16 | 0.8 | 8.6 |  |  | 13.7 | 0.5 | 0 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 0 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0 T |  | 1.6 | 8.4 T | T | 8 | 0 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.8 | MW | 33.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |
| May | 17 | 1.8 |  | 9.4 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.8 T |  | 6 | 0 | 34.4 | 19.8 | 15.6 I | MW | 3 | 15.8 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 18 |  | 1.3 | 11.2 | 0 | 0 | 6.6 | 0 | 1.4 | 0 | 28.4 |  | T | 0 | 0 |  | 0 T | T | 0.4 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 13.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34.5 |
| May | 19 | 0 | 0 | 8.9 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0.2 | T | T | 10.8 | 0 T | T | 0 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 | 4.4 | 0 | 0 |  | 0.5 | 0 | 11.5 | 0 |
| May | 20 | 8.9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.2 |  | 0 | 0 | 2.6 | 1.8 T | T |  | 5.6 | 0 | 8.6 | 0 | 5.6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10.5 |  | 4.5 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 21 | 0.3 | 0 | 3.8 ' |  | 0 | 0.3 | 0 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 0 | 1.4 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 2.4 T |  | 7.6 | 3.2 | 1.6 | 0 |  | MW |  | T |  | 0. | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 22 | 0 | 0 | T | 6.4 | 0 | 1.3 | 0 | 0 | T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.4 T |  | 0 | 6.6 | 8.2 | 0 | 1.8 |  | 0 | 0 T | T | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| May | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.8 | 0 | 1.5 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 |  | 0 | T | 7 | 26.8 | 0 | 9.6 | 6.2 |  | 0 |  | 0 | 3.8 | 0 | . 4 | 2.8 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| May | 24 |  | - | 0 | 6.1 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0 | 1.6 | 0.6 |  | 3 | 0 | 0 |  | 18.7 | T | 2 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 16 | 22 |
| May | 25 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0.6 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.2 T |  | 0 | 0 T | T | T | 0 | 1.8 | 0 | 0.4 | 4.6 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| May | 26 | 0.8 | 0 | 0 | 2.8 | 11.7 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 10.8 | 0 | 1.8 | 0 | 14.4 | 0.2 |  |  | T T | T | 4 | 0 | 31 | T | 0.6 | 24.8 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |  | 5 | 1.5 |
| May | 27 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 |  | 17.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 9.3 | 0 | 14.2 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 7.4 | 0 | 0.6 | 0 | 1.6 | 0 | 0.4 |  | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 | 0 |
| May | 28 | 0 | 0 | 19.8 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 3.6 | 0 | 10 | 1.4 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 3.4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.2 | 1 |  | T | 0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0 |
| May | 29 | 0 | 0 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 4 | 0 | 0.8 |  |  | 21.4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.4 | 25.5 | . | 0 | 2.5 | 0 | 0 |
| May | 30 | 0 | 15.5 | 0 |  | 16.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9.7 | 1.5 | 4.4 | 0 | 26.4 | 2.4 T |  | 3.8 T |  | 11.2 | 4.6 | 0 | 3.4 | 0 | 0 | 3.6 |  |  | 5.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| may | 31 | 0 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 1 | 18.3 | 0 | 10.2 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 0 | 1.8 | 8.2 | 0 | 8.4 | 0.6 | 2.8 | 0 | T | 0 | 0.8 | 20.2 | 17 | 2.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | T |
| June | 1 | O | 17 |  | 0 | 6.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0.2 | 0 | 8.4 | T | 0 | 0.2 | 12.4 | 2.4 T |  | 0.2 | 0 | T | 2.2 I | MW | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 | 0 |
| June | 2 | 3 | 17.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T | 3.5 | 0 | T | 0 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 T |  | 0.2 | 2.2 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4.5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 14.5 | 0.5 |
| June | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5.6 | T | 2.5 |  | 0 | 0 | 0.8 | 4.2 | 0 | T T | T | 0 | 0 | 2.4 | 0 | 0.2 |  | T | 0 | 0.2 | 0 | 49.2 | 1.5 | 0 | 0.5 | 11.5 | 1 |
| June | 4 |  | 10.2 | 1 | 0 | 1.8 | 0 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 2.4 | 10.6 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 0 | T | 0 | 0 | 15.8 |  | T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 |
| June | 5 | 0 | 0 | T | T | 20.1 | 0 | 2.8 | 4.8 | 2.6 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 0 | 11.4 | 0.2 T |  | 0.4 | 0 | T | T | 0.8 | 3.4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |  | 0 | 0 |
| June | 6 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.6 | 0.5 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 1.4 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 3.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.2 | 0 | 18 | 1.2 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| June | 7 | 7.4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3.8 T |  | 12.5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 | 0 |  | 14.2 | 0 | 1.4 T |  | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 13.6 T |  | 5.2 |  | 11 |  | T | 1.5 | 0 |
| June | 8 | 1.5 |  | T | 0 | 0.5 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 2 | 6.6 | 0.8 | 9.8 | 0 | 2.4 T |  | T | 5 | 61.6 | 0 | 0 | T | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | T | 2 |  |  | T | 3.5 |
| June | 9 | 0 | 18.8 | T | T | 0 | 0 | T | 4.8 | 0 | 5.8 | 3.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19.6 | 0 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 0 | 0 | 0.8 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T |
| June | 10 | 0 | 9.1 | 2.5 | 24.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | T | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0 | 1.6 T |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 | 38.4 | 2.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| June | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11.9 | 1.5 | 0 | 14 |  | 0 | 6.4 | 0 | T | 3.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0.2 T |  | 0.6 | 1 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 6 | 0 | T | 0 | 13 |
| June |  | 0 |  | 24.9 |  | 4.8 | 0 |  | 0 | 2.4 | 0 | 1.4 | 0 | 3.6 | 0 |  | 8.6 | 4.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 32 | 0 | 3.8 | 0 |  |  | 10.5 |  |  |

## Environment Canada Daily Total Precipitation Records Dorval Trudeau Airport ( May 1971-2000)



Random Rainfall Occurrence, Daily Occurrences Indedpendent
0 for 'no rain' (NR) day and 1 for 'rain' (R) day


First-Order Markov Model for Daily Rainfall Occurrence
0 for 'no rain' (NR) day and 1 for 'rain' (R) day


## Distributions of Daily Rainfall Accumulations




## Hourly Rainfall Accumulation Modeling

- Occurrence and severity of precipitation
- Each hour may have rain (R) or no rain (NR)
- For raining hours, accumulation varies
- Occurrence: Higher-order Markov model
- Severity: Lognormal distribution(s)

Hour-to-hour dependence

## Short-Period Rainfall Measurements



- POSS (Precipitation Occurrence Sensor System)
- Low power radar
- Vertically pointing
- Detects raindrops
- Measures drop speeds
- Determines drop sizes
- Calculates rainfall rates
http://www.radar.mcgill.ca/dsd.html

| Independent | Previous Hour Dependence |  | Two Previous Hours |  | Three Previous Hours |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{P r}(\mathbf{R}(\mathrm{t})$ ) | Previous Hour | $\operatorname{Pr}(\mathbf{R}(t) \mid$ Previous | Previous Hours | $\operatorname{Pr}(\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{t})$ Previous) | Previous Hours | $\operatorname{Pr}(\mathbf{R}(\mathrm{t})$ Previous) |
|  |  |  |  |  | NR, NR, NR | 0.078+/-0.006 |
|  |  |  | NR(t-2),NR(t-1) | 0.082+/-0.006 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | R, NR, NR | 0.131+/-0.025 |
|  | NR(t-1) | 0.092+/-0.006 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | NR, R , NR | 0.114+/-0.031 |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{t}-2), \mathrm{NR}(\mathrm{t}-1)$ | 0.194+/-0.026 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | R, R, NR | 0.262+/-0.040 |
| 0.248+/-0.007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | NR, NR, R | 0.527+/-0.037 |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{NR}(\mathrm{t}-2), \mathrm{R}(\mathrm{t}-1)$ | 0.539+/-0.033 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | R , NR, R | 0.581+/-0.075 |
|  | $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{t}-1)$ | 0.725+/-0.016 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | NR, R , R | 0.732+/-0.040 |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{t}-2), \mathrm{R}(\mathrm{t}-1)$ | 0.795+/-0.017 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | R, R, R | 0.811+/-0.018 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



## Hourly Rainfall Modelling (continued)

- Occurrence depends on several previous hours
- Severity depends on at least previous hour

$$
\log R(t+1)=\log R(t)+\varepsilon(t)
$$

- Seasonal variation of time series parameters
- Diurnal variation of time series parameters


## Summary

- Rainfall time series modelling

Historical observations to fit model parameters
Generate time series for derivative valuations
Daily rainfall modelling - manageable
Hourly rainfall modelling - very difficult

- Future work:

Spatial distribution of rainfall and basis risk

