

# Risk and Safety in Engineering

## Loads and Resistance

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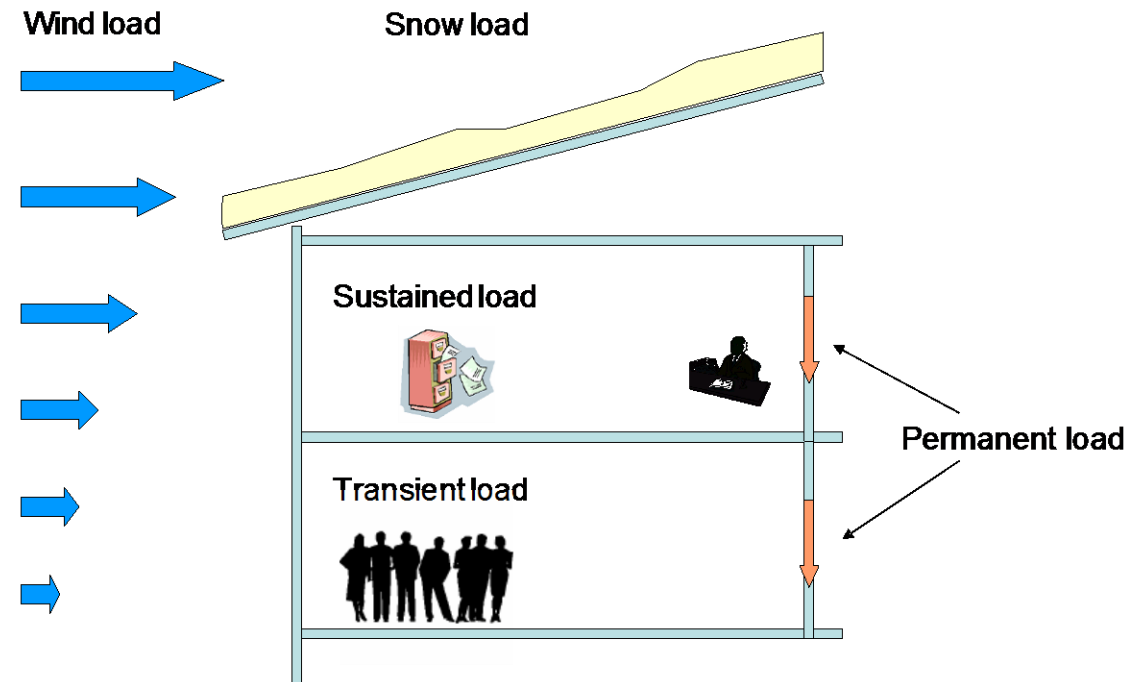
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# Probabilistic Modelling of Loads

- **Loads on Structures**

Loads are uncertain due to:

- Random variations in space and time
- Model uncertainties
- Statistical uncertainties

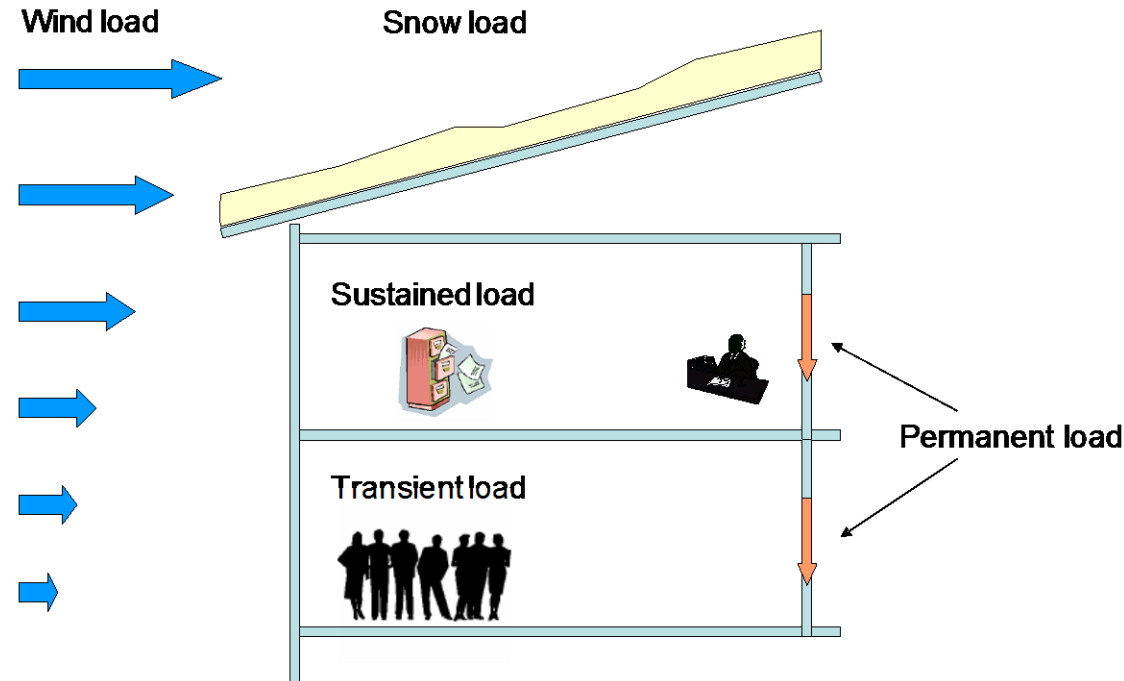


# Probabilistic Modelling of Loads

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It is often useful to characterize loads as:

- Permanent or variable
- Fixed or free
- Static or dynamic



# Probabilistic Modelling of Loads

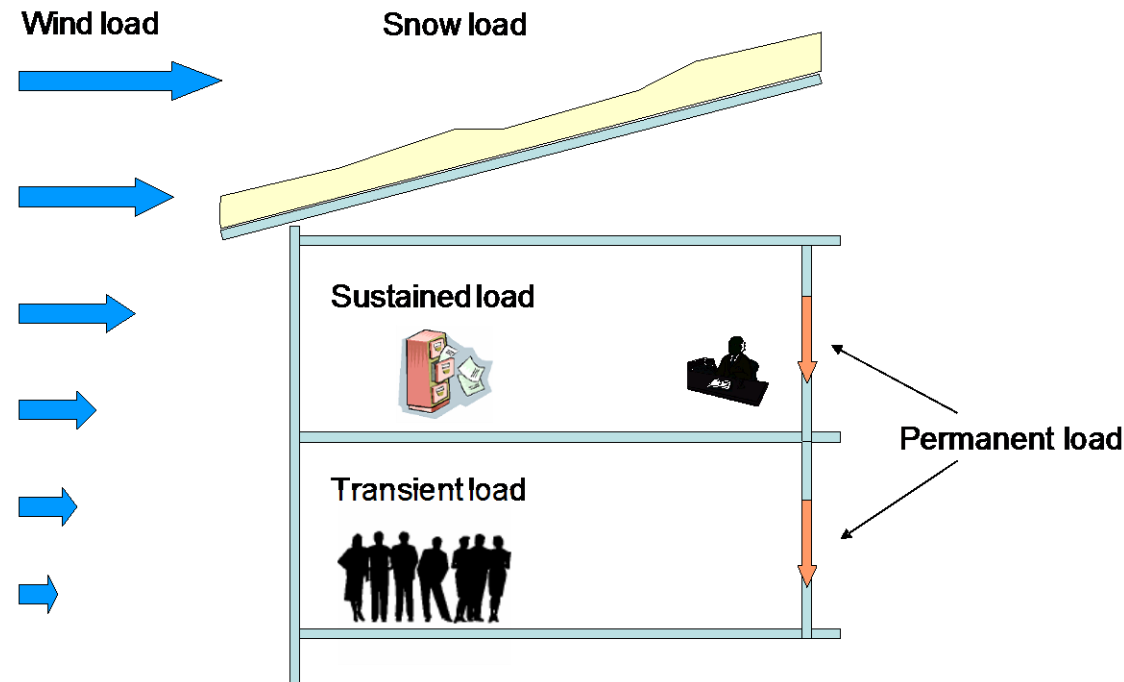
- **Loads on Structures**

The probabilistic modelling includes the following steps:

- specifying the definition of the random variables used to represent the uncertainties in the loading

- selecting a suitable distribution type to represent the random variable

- assigning the distribution parameters of the selected distribution.



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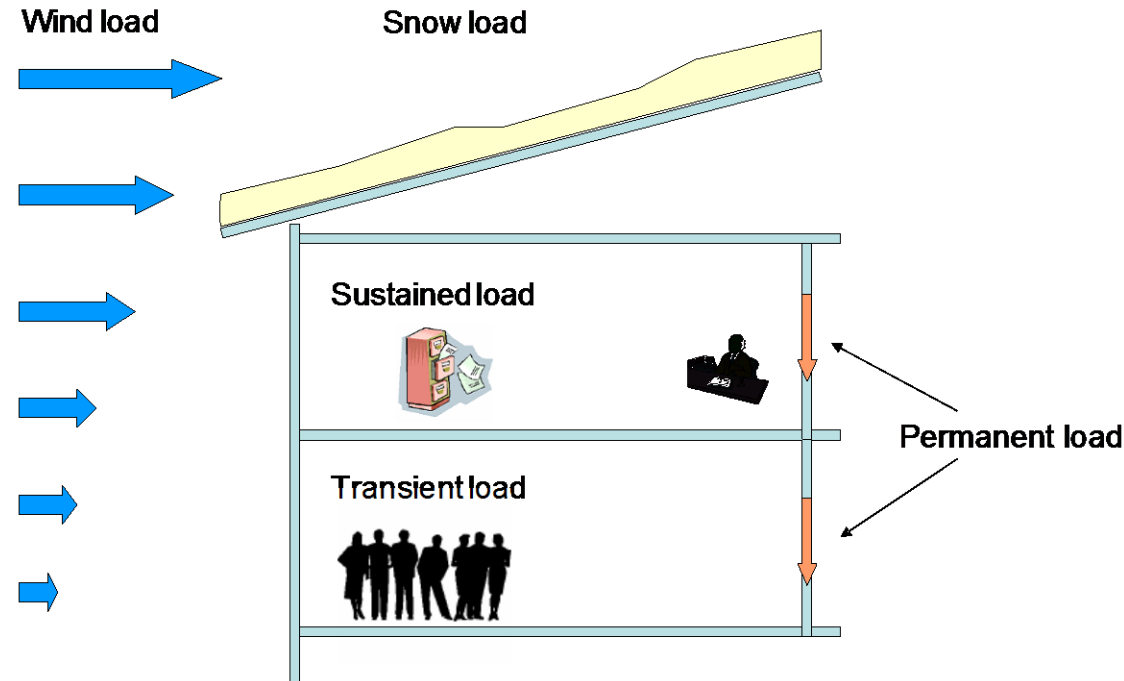
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Permanent loads:

$$G = \int_V \gamma dV$$

Density

Material	COV
Construction Steel	0.01
Concrete	0.04
Timber	
- sawn beam or strut	0.12
- laminated beam, planed	0.10



# Probabilistic Modelling of Loads

- **Loads on Structures**

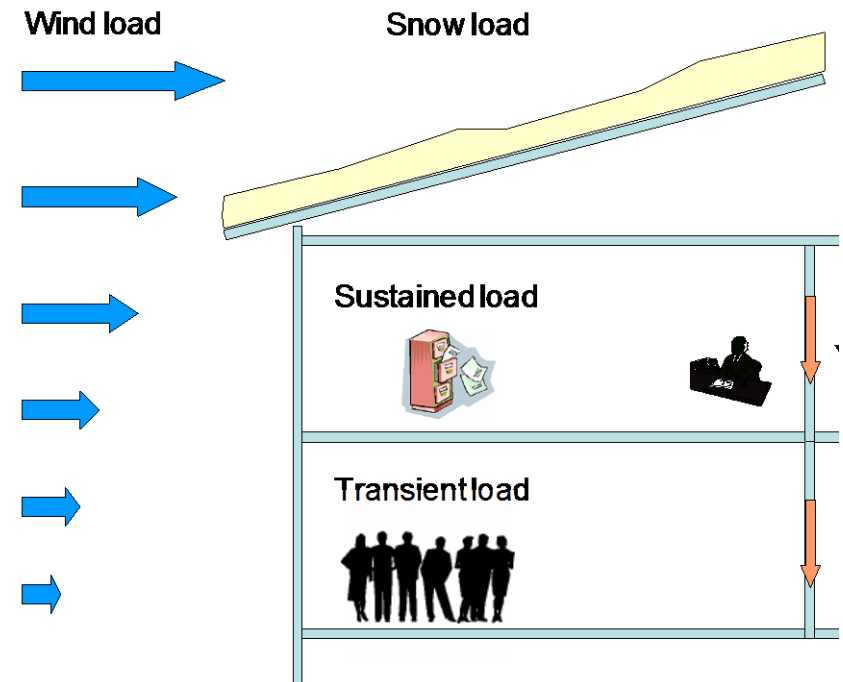
Live floor loads:

$$W(x, y) = m + V + U(x, y)$$

$m$  is the overall mean value for a given use category

$V$  is a zero mean random variable

$U(x,y)$  is a zero mean random field



# Probabilistic Modelling of Loads

- Loads on Structures

## Wind loads

$$w = c_a c_g c_r \bar{Q}_{ref} = c_a c_e \bar{Q}_{ref}$$

**Smaller rigid structures**

$$w = c_d c_a c_e \bar{Q}_{ref}$$

**Taller flexible structures**

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2$$

**$c_r$ : roughness factor**

**$c_g$ : gust factor**

**$c_a$ : aero-dynamic shape factor**

**$c_d$ : dynamic factor**

**$c_e$ : exposure factor**

**$\rho$ : 1.25 kg/m<sup>3</sup>**

**$Q_{ref}$ : 10 min mean  $U$**



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Variable	Type	$V$
$Q_{ref}$	Gumbel	0.20 - 0.30
$c_r$	Lognormal	0.10 - 0.20
$c_a$ - coefficient pressure coefficient force	Lognormal	0.10 - 0.30
	Lognormal	0.10 - 0.15
$c_g$	Lognormal	0.10 - 0.15
$c_d$	Lognormal	0.10 - 0.20

Wind load can be assumed to be Log-Normal distributed

$$V_w^2 \cong V_{c_d}^2 + V_{c_a}^2 + V_{c_r}^2 + V_{Q_{ref}}^2$$

**Dynamic sensitive**

$$V_w^2 \cong V_{c_a}^2 + V_{c_r}^2 + V_{Q_{ref}}^2$$

**Rigid**

# Probabilistic Modelling of Loads

- Loads on Structures

## Snow loads

$$S_r = S_g \cdot r \cdot k^{\frac{h}{h_r}}$$

$$S_g = d \cdot \rho(d)$$

**$S_r$ : Snow load on roof**

**$S_g$ : Snow load on ground**

**$r$ : ground to roof conversion factor**

**$k$ : location factor (1.25 coastal, 1.5 inland)**

**$h$ : altitude in meters**

**$h_r$ : reference altitude (300 meters)**

**$\rho$ : 1.25 kg/m<sup>3</sup>**

Typically the snow load is modelled by a Gamma or a Gumbel distribution

# Stochastic Processes

Random variables represent random events, e.g. properties of objects

If we look at random events over time we speak about random processes to represent these.

**Very often we speak implicitly about random processes in structural engineering**

Examples:

- Earthquake with a return period of 475 years
- 100 yearly flood
- Maximum loads during the lifecycle of a structure

# Stochastische Prozesse

- In many engineering problems we need to be able to describe the random variations in time more specifically:

The occurrences of events at random discrete points in time (rock-fall, earthquakes, accidents, queues, failures, etc.)

- Poisson process, exponential and Gamma distribution

The random values of events occurring continuously in time (wind pressures, wave loads, temperatures, etc.)

- Continuous random processes (Normal process)

**Discrete event of flood**



**Continuous stress variations due to waves**



# Bernoulli Trial and Binomialdistribution

- A sequence of experiments with two possible exclusive outcomes is called Bernoulli Trial.
- The outcomes are typically called success and failure.

Example:

Cars in a street; leave road: failure, probability  $p$

straight: success, probability  $1-p$

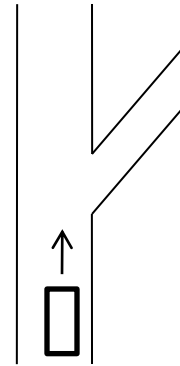
Probability that two of five cars leave the road?

Probability that none(of 5) leaves:  $P[Y = 0] = (1-p)(1-p)\dots(1-p) = (1-p)^5$

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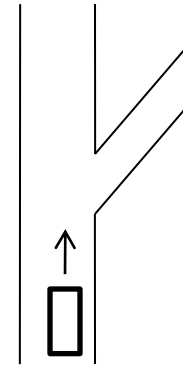
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$$p_Y(2) = \binom{5}{2} 0.3^2 (1-0.3)^{5-2} = 0.3087$$

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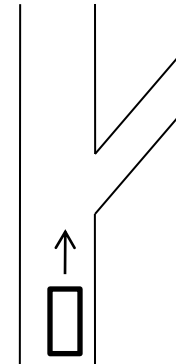
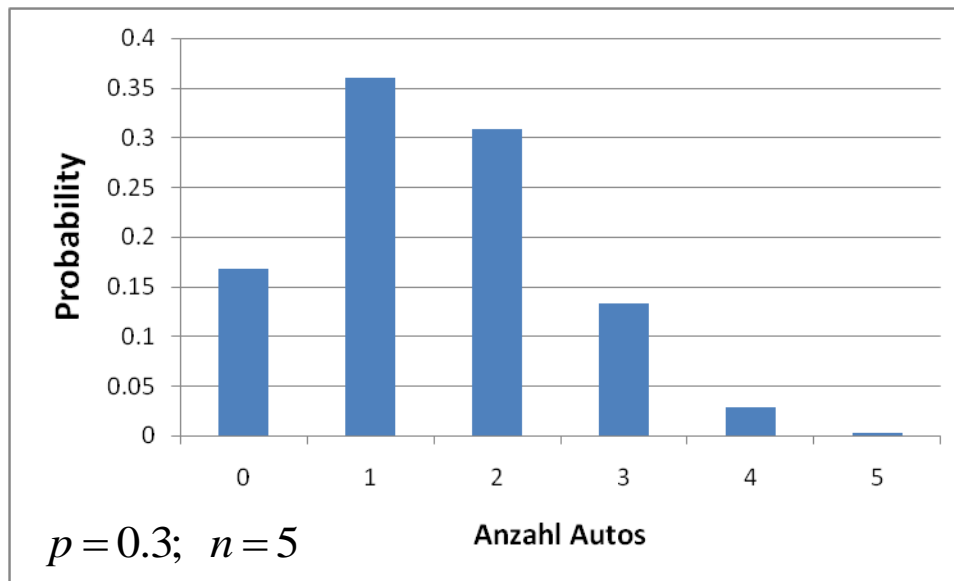
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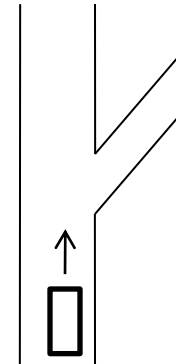
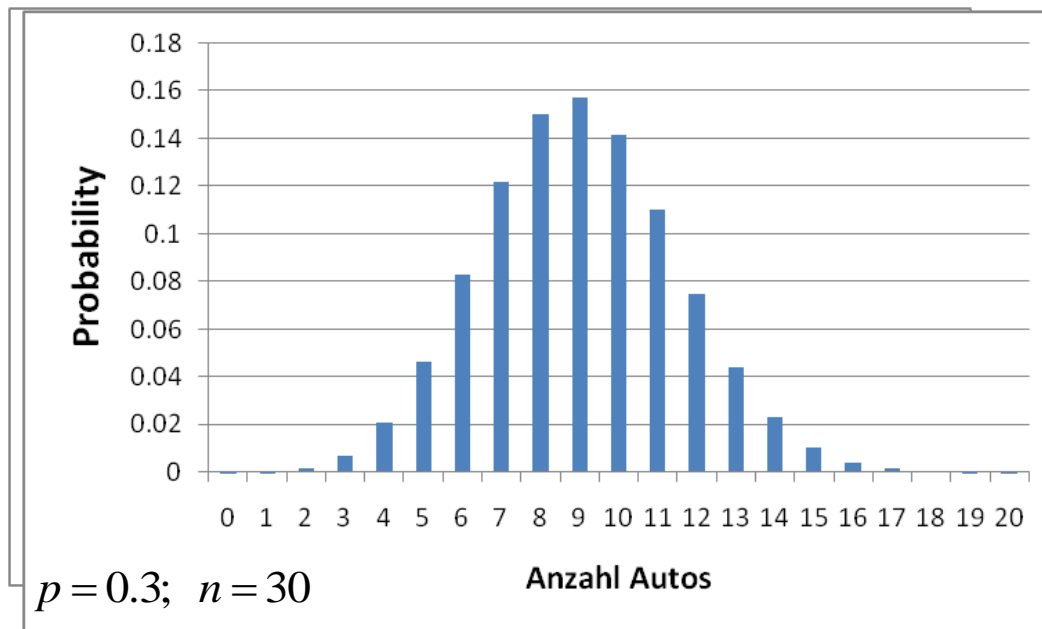
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$$E[Y] = np$$

$$Var[Y] = np(1-p)$$



# Poissondistribution - Poissonprozess

In practice the number of trials is often not possible to estimate (**very large** or unknown)

$$n \rightarrow \infty \quad p \rightarrow 0 \quad np = u \rightarrow \text{const.} \quad p = u / n$$

$$p_Y(y) = \binom{n}{y} (v/n)^y (1 - (v/n))^{n-y} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{im Limit}} \frac{u^y e^{-u}}{y!}$$

$$p_X(x) = \frac{u^x e^{-u}}{x!}$$

Poissondistribution

# Poissondistribution - Poissonprozess

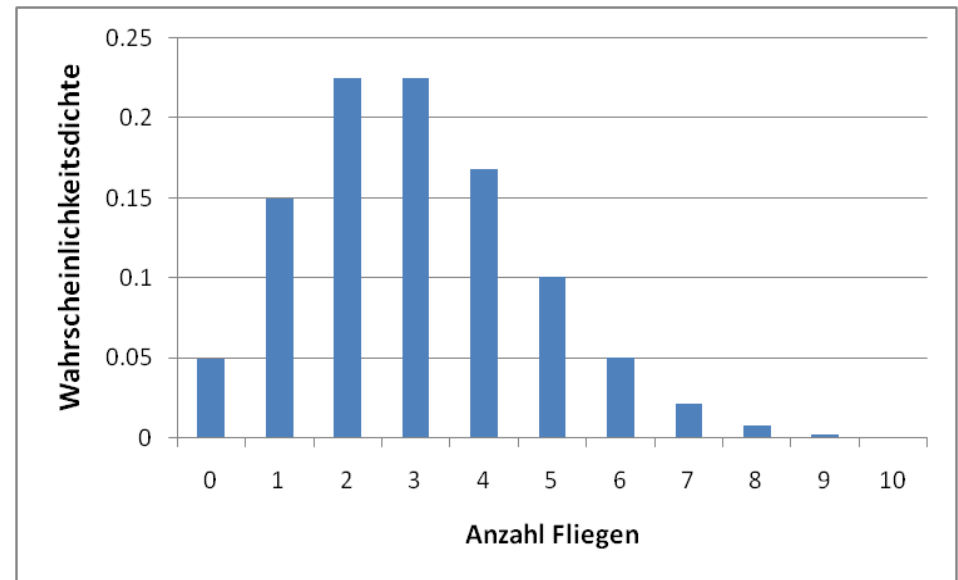
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$$p_X(x) = \frac{u^x e^{-u}}{x!}$$

Moments:

$$E[X] = u \quad \text{Var}[X] = u$$

Frequency  $u = 3$  per Minute.



# Poissondistribution - Poissonprozess

What about the number of events **in** 10 Minutes:

3 per Minute -> 30 per 10 Minutes

$u$  can be skaled over time:  $u = vt$

Poissondistribution: 
$$p_X(x) = \frac{u^x e^{-u}}{x!} = \frac{(vt)^x e^{-vt}}{x!}$$

**The sequence of events that might be described with a Poisson Distribution is called Poisson Process.**

$$E[X] = u = vt$$

$$Var[X] = u = vt$$

# Poisson distribution - Poisson process

- **The Poisson counting process is one of the most commonly applied families of probability distributions applied in reliability theory**

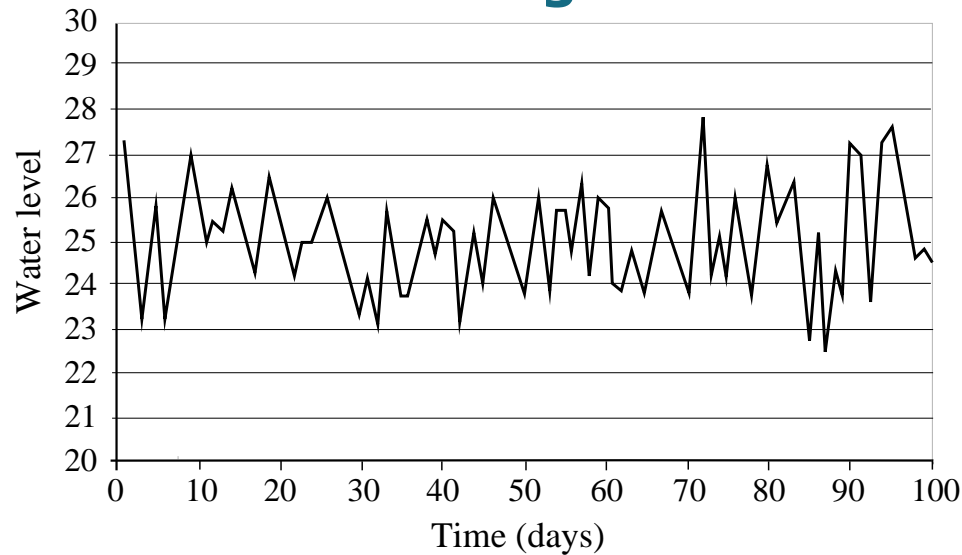
## **Requirements:**

- 1) the probability of one event in the interval  $(t, t + \Delta t[$  is asymptotically proportional to  $\Delta t$ .**
- 2) the probability of more than one event in the interval  $(t, t + \Delta t[$  is 0 for  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ .**
- 3) events in disjoint intervals are mutually independent.**

# Random Processes

- **Continuous random processes**

**A continuous random process is a random process which has realizations continuously over time and for which the realizations belong to a continuous sample space.**



**Variations of;**  
**water levels**  
**wind speed**  
**rain fall**

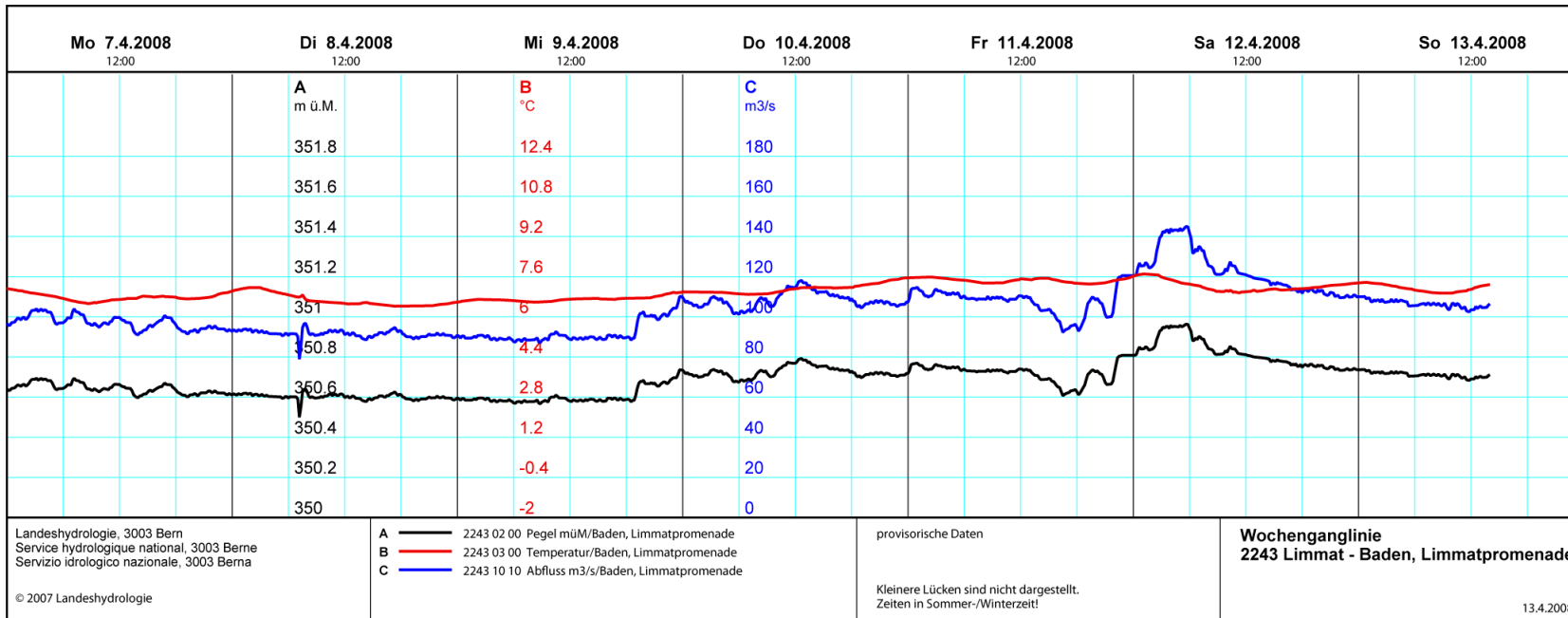
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**Realization of continuous scalar valued random process**

# Random Processes

## Realisation of a continuous process

– Water level.



# Random Processes

- **Continuous random processes**

**The mean value of the possible realizations of a random process is given as:**

$$\mu_X(t) = E[X(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x; t) dx$$

↑

**Function of time !**

**The correlation between realizations at any two points in time is given as:**

$$R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)X(t_2)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1 x_2 f_{XX}(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

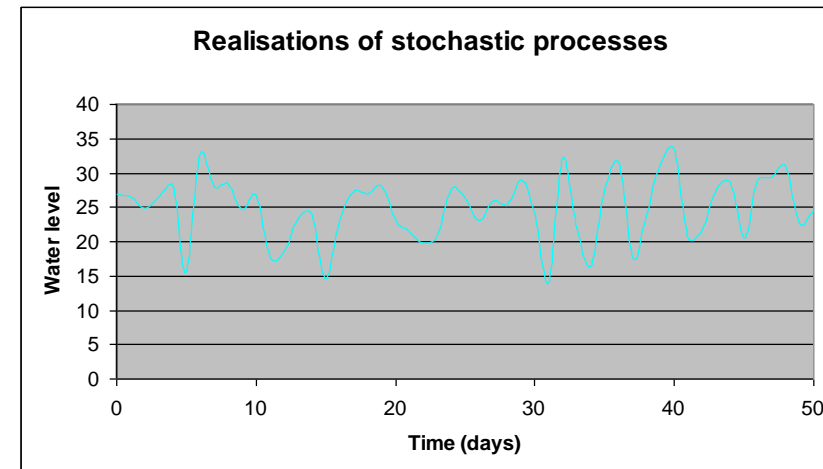
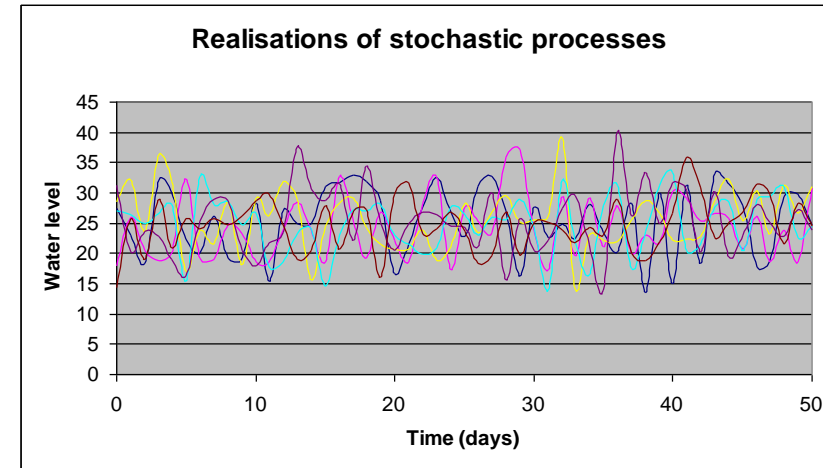
**Auto-correlation function – refers to a scalar valued random process**

# Random Processes

- Properties

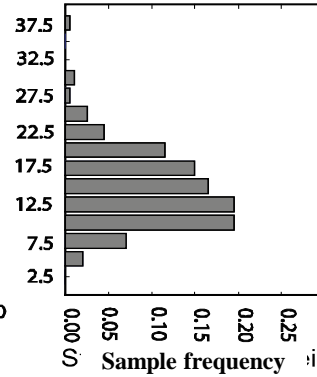
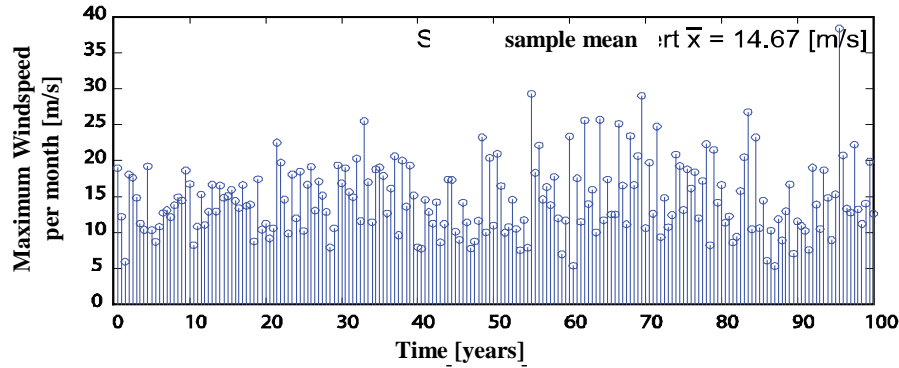
**A random process is said to be *strictly stationary* if all its moments are invariant to a shift in time.**

**A random process is said to be *strictly ergodic* if it is strictly stationary and in addition all its moments may be determined on the basis of one realization of the process.**

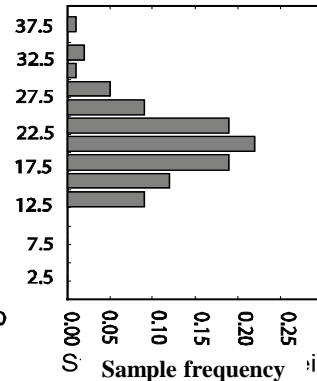
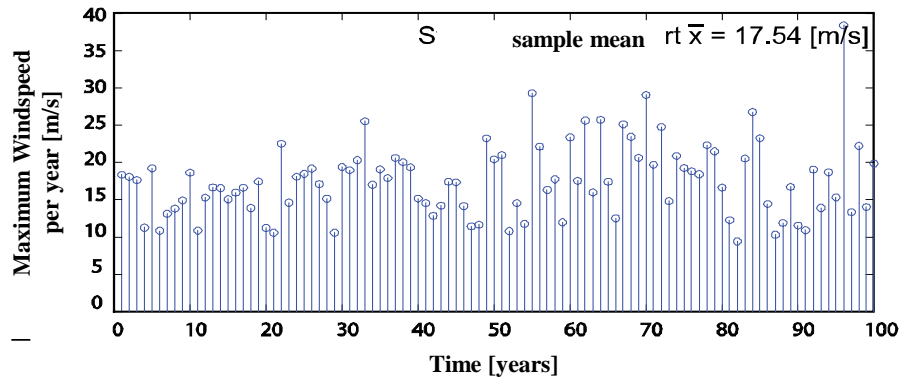




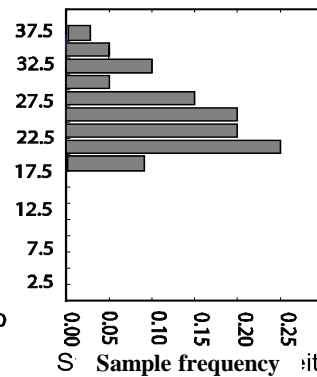
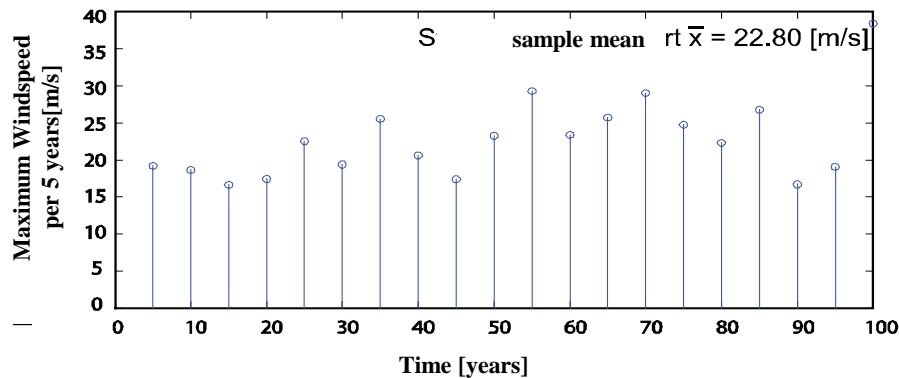
# Time dependency – e.g. Windspeed:



Observed monthly extreme

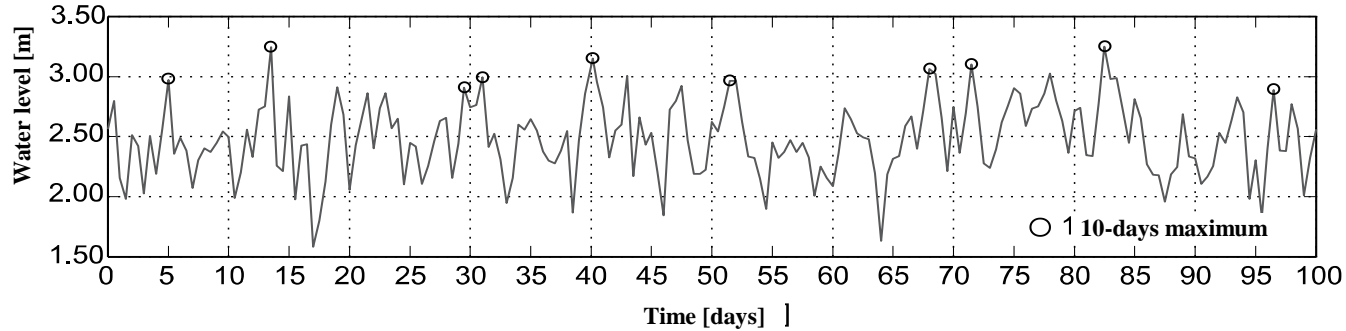


Observed yearly extreme

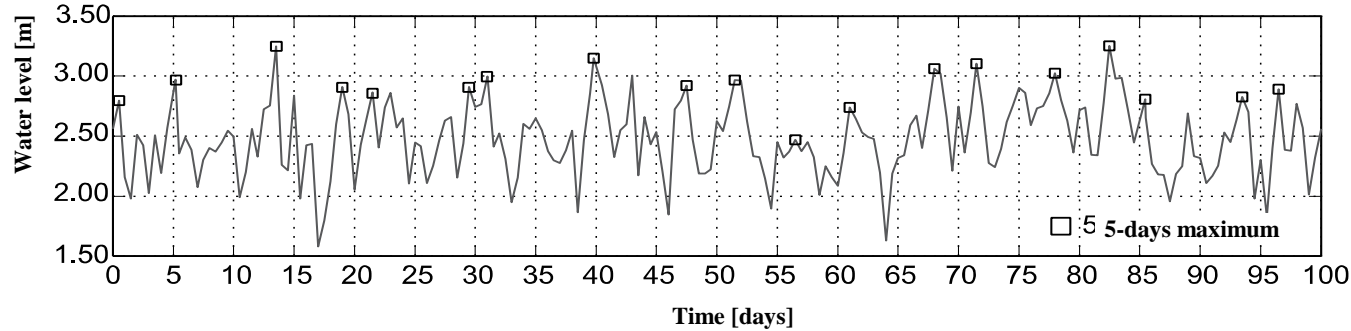


Observed 5 year extreme

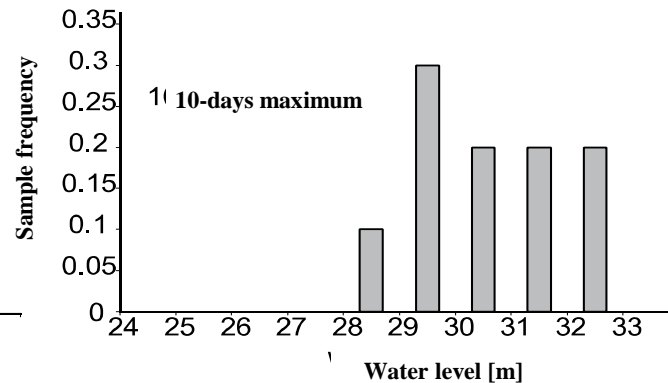
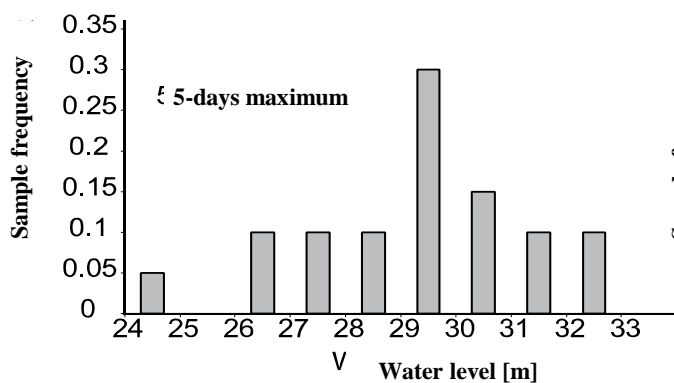
# Time dependency – e.g. Water level:



Observed extremes  
10 days



Observed extremes  
5 days



# Time dependency – Extreme value distributions:

Assuming the extreme values within a period  $T$  of an ergodic random process  $X(t)$  are independent and follow the probability distribution

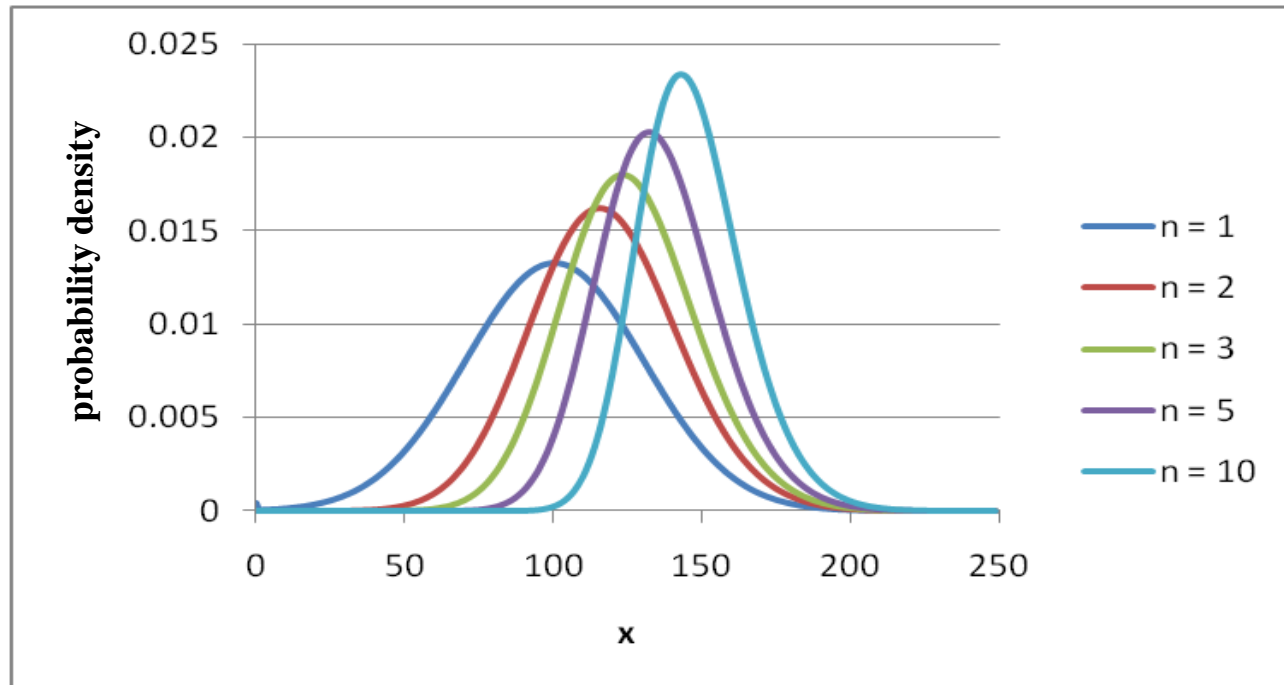
$$F_{X,T}^{\max}(x)$$

Then, the extreme values of the same process within the period

$$n \cdot T$$

Are following:

$$F_{X,nT}^{\max}(x) = \left( F_{X,T}^{\max}(x) \right)^n$$



# Extreme Value Distributions

## Extreme Type I – Gumbel Max

When the upper tail of the probability density function falls off exponentially (exponential, Normal and Gamma distribution) then the maximum in the time interval  $T$  is said to be Type I extreme distributed

$$f_{X,T}^{\max}(x) = \alpha \exp(-\alpha(x-u) - \exp(-\alpha(x-u)))$$

$$F_{X,T}^{\max}(x) = \exp(-\exp(-\alpha(x-u)))$$

$$\mu_{X_T^{\max}} = u + \frac{\gamma}{\alpha} = u + \frac{0.577216}{\alpha}$$

$$\sigma_{X_T^{\max}} = \frac{\pi}{\alpha\sqrt{6}}$$

For increasing time intervals the variance is constant but the mean value increases as:

$$\mu_{X_{nT}^{\max}} = \mu_{X_T^{\max}} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\pi} \sigma_{X_T^{\max}} \ln(n)$$

# Extreme Value Distributions

## Extreme Type II – Frechet Max

When a probability density function is downwards limited at zero and upwards falls off in the form

$$F_X(x) = 1 - \beta \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^k$$

then the maximum in the time interval  $T$  is said to be Type II extreme distributed

$$F_{X,T}^{\max}(x) = \exp\left(-\left(\frac{u}{x}\right)^k\right)$$

$$f_{X,T}^{\max}(x) = \frac{k}{u} \left(\frac{u}{x}\right)^{k+1} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{u}{x}\right)^k\right)$$

Mean value and standard deviation

$$\mu_{X_T^{\max}} = u \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{X_T^{\max}}^2 = u^2 \left[ \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{2}{k}\right) - \Gamma^2\left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \right]$$

# Extreme Value Distributions

## Extreme Type III – Weibull Min

When a probability density function is downwards limited at  $\varepsilon$  and the lower tail falls off towards  $\varepsilon$  in the form

$$F(x) = c(x - \varepsilon)^k$$

then the minimum in the time interval  $T$  is said to be Type III extreme distributed

$$F_{X,T}^{\min}(x) = 1 - \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x - \varepsilon}{u - \varepsilon}\right)^k\right)$$

$$f_{X,T}^{\min}(x) = \frac{k}{u - \varepsilon} \left(\frac{x - \varepsilon}{u - \varepsilon}\right)^{k-1} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x - \varepsilon}{u - \varepsilon}\right)^k\right)$$

Mean value and  
standard deviation

$$\mu_{X_T^{\min}} = \varepsilon + (u - \varepsilon)\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{X_T^{\min}}^2 = (u - \varepsilon)^2 \left[ \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{2}{k}\right) - \Gamma^2\left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \right]$$

# Return Period

**The return period for extreme events  $T_R$  may be defined as:**

$$T_R = n \cdot T = \frac{1}{(1 - F_{X,T}^{\max}(x))}$$

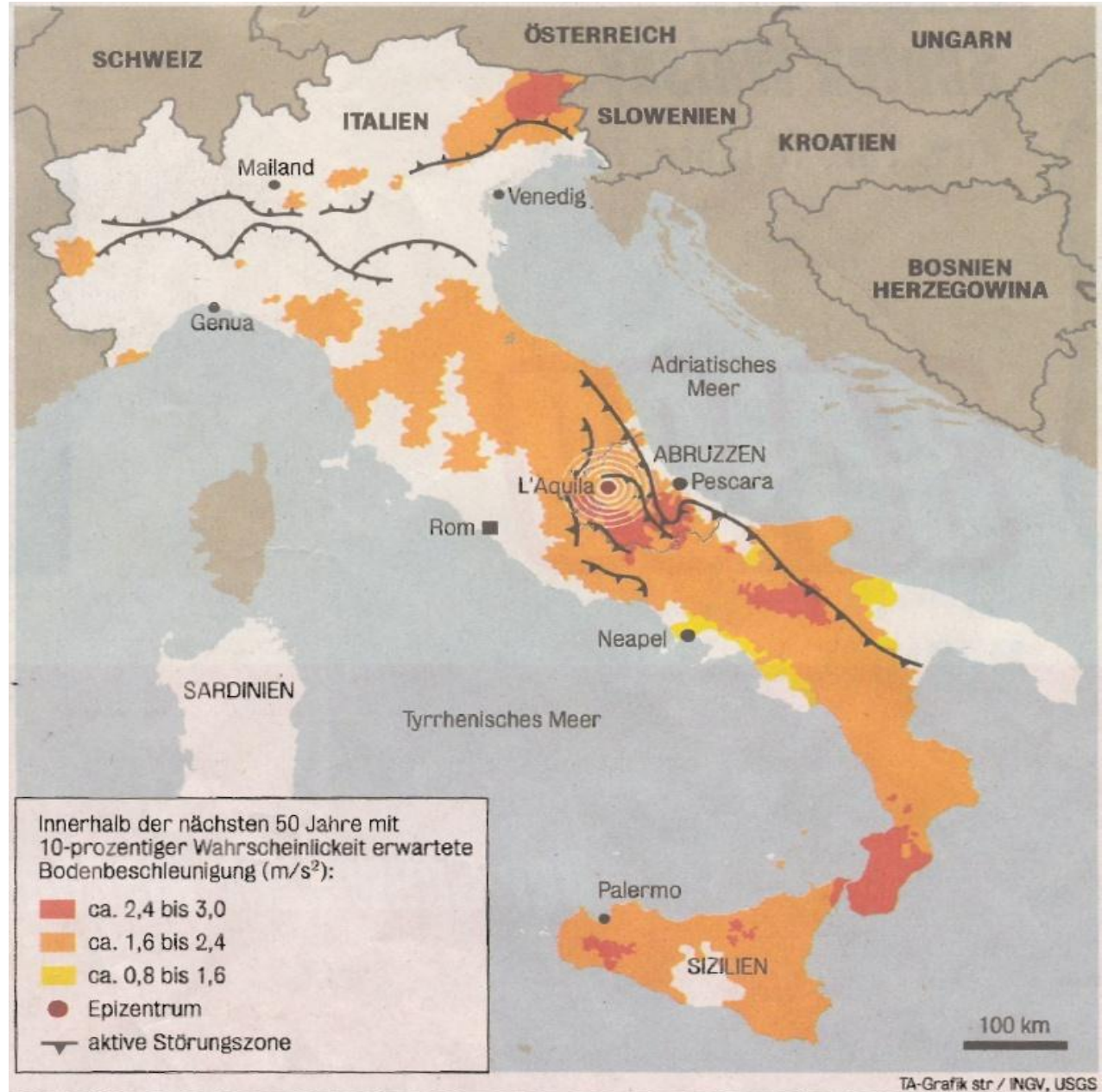
## **Example:**

**Let us assume that - according to the cumulative distribution function of the annual maximum traffic load - the annual probability that a truck load larger than 100 ton is equal to 0.02 - then the return period of such heavy truck events is:**

$$T_R = n \cdot T = \frac{1}{0.02} \Rightarrow n = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 0.02} = 50 \text{ years}$$

# Example

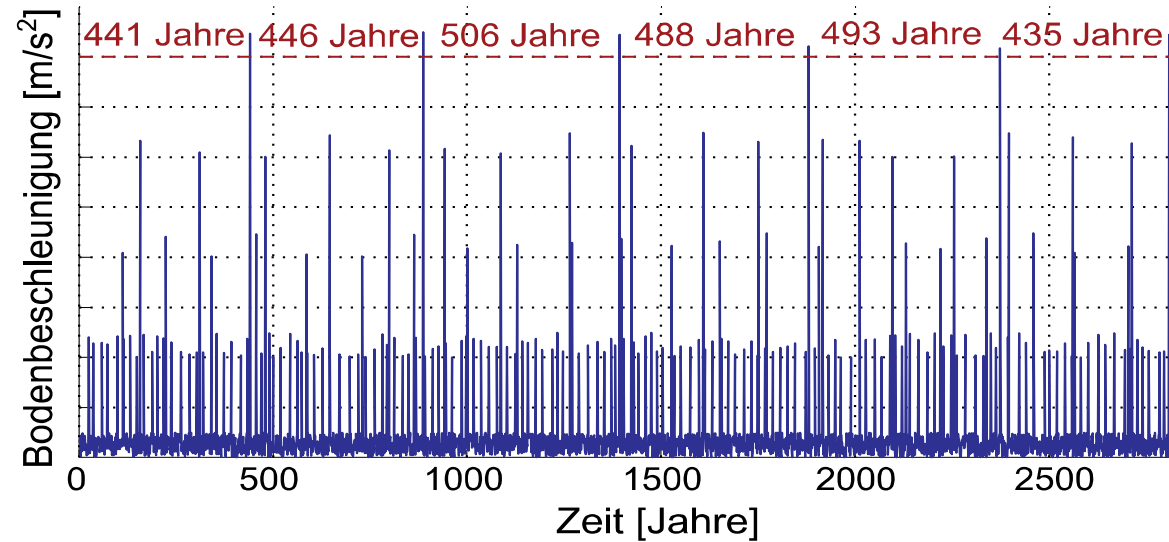
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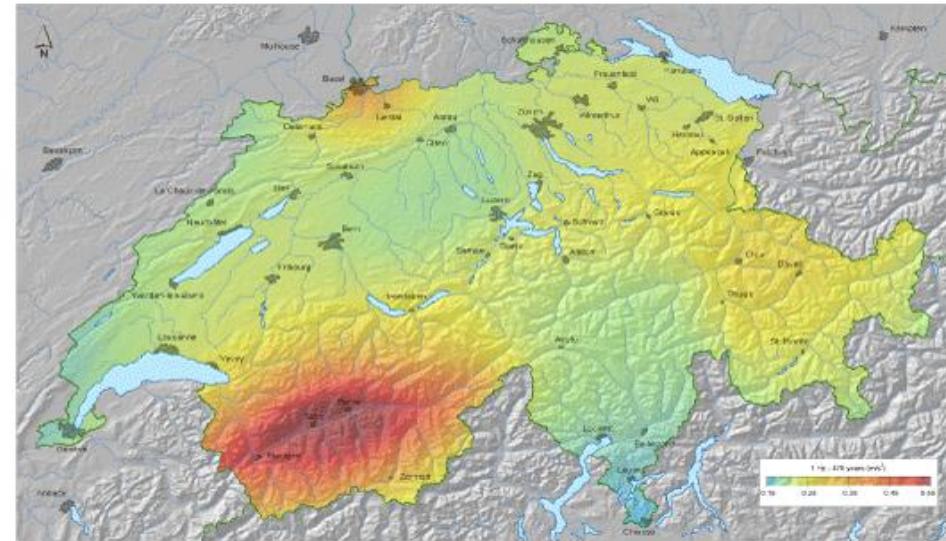


# Exercise

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Mittlere Wiederkehrperiode = 475 Jahre



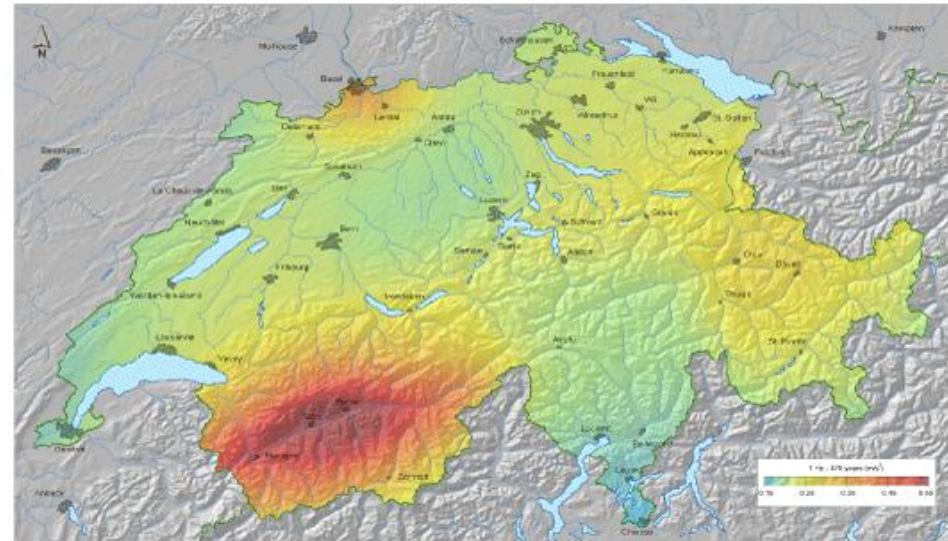
Earthquake Hazard in Switzerland:  
Horizontal **Groundacceleration** ( $m/s^2$ ),  
10% Probability of excess  
in 50 Years

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# Excercise

A Earthquake hazard map represents the ground acceleration in ( $m/s^2$ ) with a return period of 475 years.

- a) Show that Return period 475 Years is equal to 10% Probability of excess in 50 Years
- b) How large is the probability that an earthquake with that return period happens within 475 years?



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Homogenous Poisson Process

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# Solution

- a) Show that Return period 475 Years is equal to 10% Probability of excess in 50 Years

yearly occurrence probability:  $p = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{475}$

mean time between two successive events:  $E[T] = \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{475}} = 475$

The time between two successive events for Poisson processes is exponential distributed.

$$E[T] = \frac{1}{\nu} = 475 \quad \nu = \frac{1}{E[T]} = \frac{1}{475}$$

$$P[T \leq 50 \text{ Jahre}] = 1 - e^{-\nu(t) \cdot t} = 1 - e^{-\frac{1}{475} \cdot 50} = 0.1$$

# Solution

- b) How large is the probability that an earthquake with that return period happens within 475 years?

$$P[T \leq 475] = 1 - e^{-\nu(t) \cdot t} = 1 - e^{-\frac{1}{475} 475} = 1 - \frac{1}{e} = 0.63$$

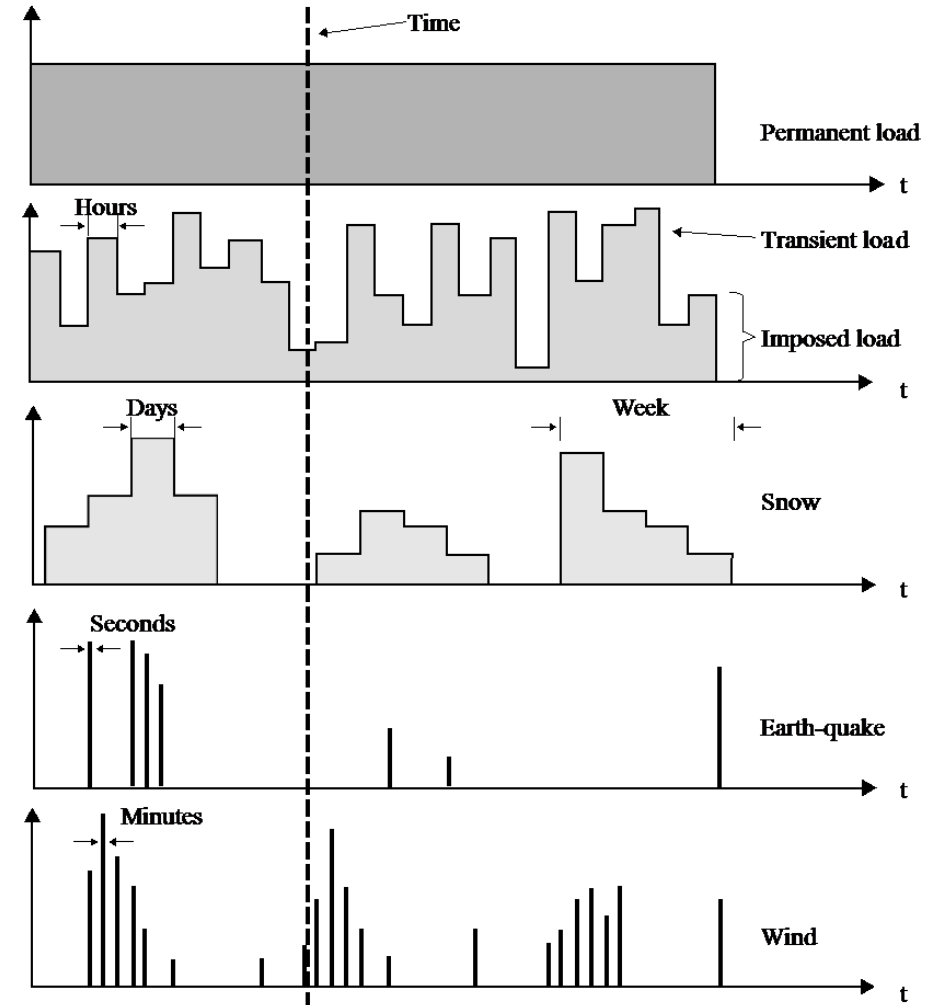
# Probabilistic Modelling of Loads

- **Loads on Structures**

## Combination of loads

We are interested in the maximum of a sum of load effects from different loads

$$X_{max}(T) = \max_T \{X_1(t) + X_2(t) + \dots + X_n(t)\}$$



# Probabilistic Modelling of Loads

- **Loads on Structures**

Combination of loads

Turkstra's load combination rule

We take the max of the following combinations

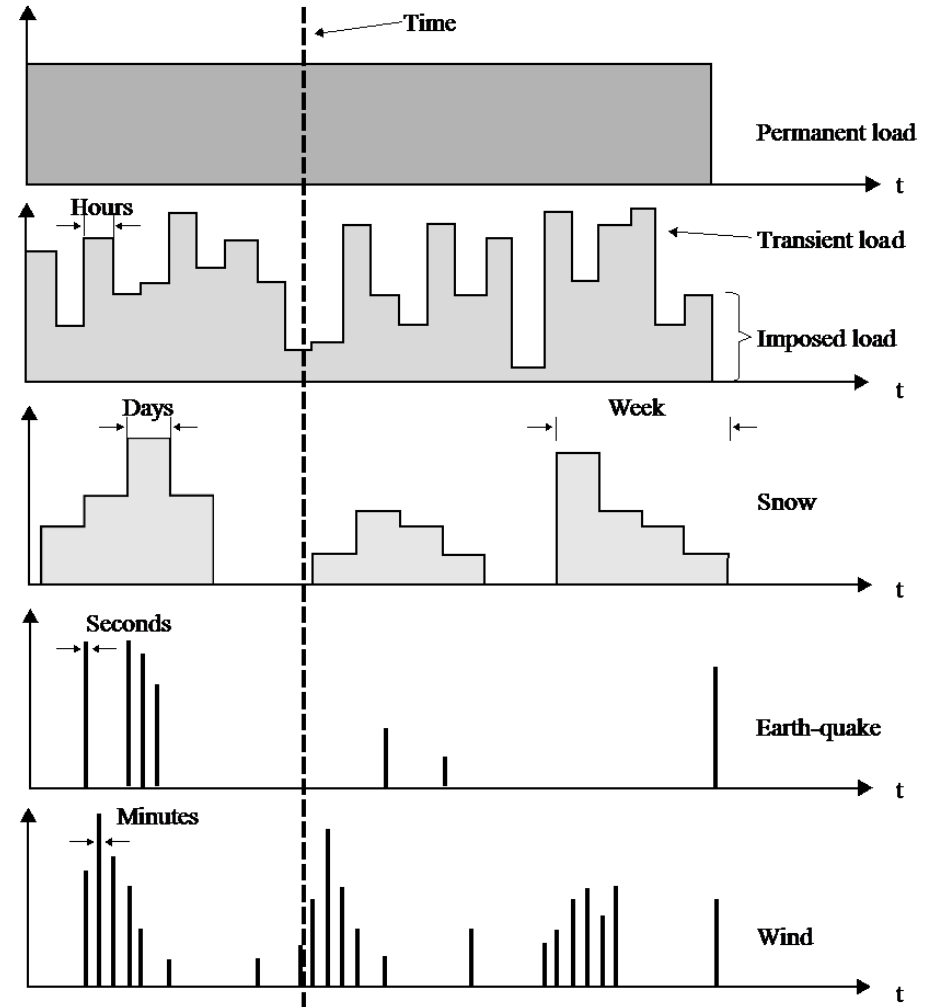
$$Z_1 = \max_T \{X_1(t)\} + X_2(t^*) + X_3(t^*) + \dots + X_n(t^*)$$

$$Z_2 = X_1(t^*) + \max_T \{X_2(t)\} + X_3(t^*) + \dots + X_n(t^*)$$

⋮

$$Z_n = X_1(t^*) + X_2(t^*) + X_3(t^*) + \dots + \max_T \{X_n(t)\}$$

$$X_{max}(T) \approx \max_i \{Z_i\}$$



# Probabilistic Modelling of Resistances

- **Uncertainties of resistances**

In structural engineering resistances include the following uncertainties

- Geometrical uncertainties
  - Material characteristics
  - Model uncertainties
- 
- Random variation in time and space**

The steps in the modelling process are:

- define the random variables used to represent the uncertainties in the resistances
- select a suitable distribution type to represent the random variable
- to assign the distribution parameters of the selected distribution.

# Probabilistic Modelling of Resistances

- **Uncertainties of resistances**

## Concrete compressive strength

$$f_c = \alpha(t, \tau) f_{co}^\lambda$$

$f_{co}$ : 28 day compressive strength  
 $\alpha(t, \tau)$ : spatial stress and loading time function  
 $\lambda$ : conversion factor between in-situ concrete strength and cylinder compressive strength

The concrete compressive strength can be assumed to be Log-Normal distributed with a coefficient of variation equal to 15%



# Probabilistic Modelling of Resistances

- **Uncertainties of resistances**

## Reinforcement steel yield strength

$$f_s = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$$

$X_1$  normal distributed random variable representing the variation in the mean of different mills.

$X_2$  normal distributed zero mean random variable, which takes into account the variation between batches

$X_3$  normal distributed zero mean random variable, which takes into account the variation within a batch.

# Probabilistic Modelling of Resistances

- **Uncertainties of resistances**

## Reinforcement steel yield strength

Variable	Type	$E[X]$	$\sigma_x [MPa]$	$V_x$
$X_1$	Normal	$\mu$	19	-
$X_2$	Normal	0	22	-
$X_3$	Normal	0	8	-
A	-	$A_{nom}$	-	0.02

**$\mu$ : nominal steel grade + two standard deviations of  $X_1$**

**Yield stress depends on diameter of reinforcement bars**

$$\mu(d) = \mu(0.87 + 0.13 \exp(-0.08d))^{-1}$$

# Probabilistic Modelling of Resistances

- Uncertainties of resistances

## Structural steel yield strength

Description	Variable	Type	$E[X]$	$V_X$
Yield stress	$f_y$	Lognormal	$f_{y,sp} \alpha e^{-uV_{f_y}} - C$	0.07
ultimate stress	$f_u$	Lognormal	$B E[f_u]$	0.04
modulus of elasticity	$E$	Lognormal	$E_{sp}$	0.03
Poisson's ratio	$\nu$	Lognormal	$\nu_{sp}$	0.03
ultimate strain	$\varepsilon_u$	Lognormal	$\varepsilon_{u,sp}$	0.06

Distribution characteristics

	$f_y$	$f_u$	$E$	$\nu$	$\varepsilon_u$
$f_y$	1	0.75	0	0	-0.45
$f_u$		1	0	0	-0.60
$E$			1	0	0
$\nu$	Symmetry			1	0
$\varepsilon_u$					1

Dependencies

# Probabilistic Modelling of Resistances

- **Model uncertainties**

**Model uncertainties relate engineering model results with actual structural behaviour**

$$X = \mathcal{E} \cdot X_{\text{mod}}$$

**$X$ : true value**  
 **$\mathcal{E}$ : model uncertainty**  
 **$X_{\text{mod}}$ : model value**

$$\xi = \frac{x_{\text{mod}}}{x_{\text{exp}}}$$

**$x_{\text{exp}}$ : experimentally obtained value**

# Probabilistic Modelling of Resistances

- The JCSS Probabilistic Model Code (PMC)  
[http://www.jcss.ethz.ch/publications/publications\\_pmc.html](http://www.jcss.ethz.ch/publications/publications_pmc.html)

**Part I : Basis of design**

**Part II: Load models**

**Part III: Resistance models**

**Part IV: Examples**

# Probabilistic Modelling of Resistances

- The JCSS PMC – Load Models

2.00	<u>GENERAL PRINCIPLES</u>	05.2001
2.01	<u>SELF WEIGHT</u>	06.2001
2.02	<u>LIVE LOAD</u>	05.2001
2.06	<u>LOAD IN CAR PARKS</u>	05.2001
2.12	<u>SNOW LOAD</u>	05.2001
2.13	<u>WIND LOAD</u>	05.2001
2.15	<u>WAVE LOAD</u>	05.2006
2.17	<u>EARTHQUAKE</u>	09.2002
2.18	<u>IMPACT LOAD</u>	05.2001
2.20	<u>FIRE</u>	05.2001

# Probabilistic Modelling of Resistances

- The JCSS PMC – Resistance models

3.00	<u>GENERAL PRINCIPLES</u>	03.2001
3.01	<u>CONCRETE</u>	05.2002
3.02	<u>STRUCTURAL STEEL</u>	03.2001
3.0*	<u>REINFORCING STEEL</u>	03.2001
3.04	<u>PRESTRESSING STEEL</u>	04.2005
3.05	<u>TIMBER</u>	05.2006
3.07	<u>SOIL PROPERTIES</u>	06.2002
3.09	<u>MODEL UNCERTAINTIES</u>	03.2001
3.10	<u>DIMENSIONS</u>	03.2001
3.11	<u>EXCENTRICITIES</u>	03.2001