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## ABSTRACT

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By 2050, it has been estimated that 70 percent of the world's population will live in cities, concentrating waste as well as local environmental stresses. At the same time, decentralized approaches to sanitation are projected to grow due to the capital cost of sewers and centralized treatment facilities. Yet the common belief that technology will assure the performance of on-site systems over their life cycle may lead to significant underestimation of the actual risks to public and environmental health from owner-operated residential sanitation systems. Safe on-site storage, transformation and disposal of human waste require knowledge of how factors such as individual ownership, operations and management, and scale impact wastewater treatment reliability, risk and resilience under both normal and extreme conditions.

This dissertation research is developed to fill a gap in performance-based knowledge of OWTS function, especially the likelihood of system failure over lifetime operation. As such, a data-based investigation of highly decentralized and privatized wastewater management represented by on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) was conducted using data from OWTS located in Boulder County, Colorado. Data were acquired from County maintained repair permit application records, inspection documentation, and property attributes. Methods are developed to quantitatively diagnose

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components that determine OWTS life cycle performance such as reliability, risk, fragility, and resilience by applying commonly used statistical modeling approaches based on the Generalized Linear Model regression method. Statistical modeling is then applied to analyze two conditions not controlled by current OWTS design and siting regulations: owner behavior and weather-related hazards.

Statistical model results confirm that owner-operations significantly affect life cycle OWTS functionality. Specifically, the results indicate the significant benefit of regulated inspections and maintenance as means to ensure that once installed, these systems continue to perform reliably and cost-effectively over their lifetime. Although a significant public information campaign (SepticSmart) has been maintained by the Boulder County Public Health Department, it is evident from the regression analysis that relying solely on public education about the importance of practices such as regular inspection and maintenance is insufficient to positively influence private owners' decisions and prevent generation of externalities such as contaminant release from failed OWTS.

A resilience framework is developed to demonstrate the degree to which decentralization influences systematic OWTS vulnerability to weather – both wetter-thanaverage conditions and extreme storm events, independent of individual OWTS operations. Widespread natural hazards such as flooding are found to affect the frequency and degree to which OWTS function is lost, and more importantly delay their recovery, attributable in part, to a demand surge for both materials and repair services when multiple systems fail simultaneously. Longer recoveries are likely to have environmental and public health consequences due to the prolonged release of contaminants as well as secondary costs related to homeowner losses resulting from a failed OWTS.

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Ultimately, the findings of this dissertation contribute to the decisions of planners, regulators and community stakeholders concerned with varying levels of wastewater treatment reliability, risk and resilience along the sanitation continuum from highly centralized and regulated collection and treatment infrastructure to relatively unregulated onsite systems operated by their owners. This research has demonstrated the importance of factors representing two heretofore unrecognized dimensions of OWTS life cycle performance – behavior of individual owners and enhanced vulnerability to natural hazards, and thus enables planners to decide if large-scale deployment of user-owned and operated sanitation is the best means to achieve health and environmental benefits with an acceptable degree of certainty.

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# LIST OF ACRONYMS AND TERMS USED

AIC	Akaike Information Criteria
ANOVA	Analysis of Variance
ВСРН	Boulder County Public Health
BSS	Brier Skill Score
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EVA	Extreme Value Analysis
EVA-POT	Extreme Value Analysis- Points Over Threshold
GAIC	Generalized Akaike Information Criteria
GIS	Geographical Information System
GLM	Generalized Linear Models
GAMLSS	Generalized Additive Models for Location, Scale & Shape
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
OWTS	On-site wastewater treatment systems
POTW	Publically owned treatment works
RMSE	Root Mean Squared Error
STU	Soil treatment unit

### **CHAPTER 1:** INTRODUCTION

#### **MOTIVATION**

Since the 17th century, several sanitation management strategies and technologies to insure the public good by preventing infectious disease and environmental degradation have been employed. These are part of a continuum of solutions with highly centralized, publically owned treatment works (POTWs; e.g. Deer Island Treatment Works receiving 8.7 million  $m^3/day$ ) at one extreme and small cluster systems and residential scale on-site sanitation installations, which in the U.S. are typically limited to less than 8 m<sup>3</sup>/day, at the other (Zimmerman 2002). Unregulated on-site systems for collection, passive treatment and storage such as privies, vaults, and cesspools were replaced in the later half of the 19th century by centralized sewers better able to handle increasing wastewater flows as residential piped water supply and use of flush toilets became widespread and as the association of fecal waste with outbreaks of cholera and other water borne diseases became known (Cosgrove, 1909; Burian et al., 2000). Decentralized solutions-cluster and on-site systems—remained alternatives in communities where public sewer services were physically impractical or costly. While tradeoffs exist for every solution on the continuum, scientific knowledge, tradition, and prevailing public opinion has led many engineers, public officials and users to continue to favor centralized alternatives (Etnier et al., 2007; Pinkham et al., 2004; Nelson et al., 2000). One result is that research and development has been directed toward support of centralized wastewater systems.

Today, there is renewed interest in wider use of on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) to provide sanitation coverage. Over the next 20 years, U.S. EPA estimates funding shortfalls of \$122 and \$148 billion for capital improvement and operations and maintenance of existing facilities, respectively (EPA 2002a). This gap has motivated greater attention to decentralized wastewater treatment, including OWTS, as a permanent part of sanitation infrastructure planning. In the U.S., in addition to the 25% of the population already served by OWTS, 30% of new developments use on-site wastewater treatment. Whereas traditionally OWTS served predominantly rural communities, over 47% of the OWTS population now exists in suburban, higher density areas and 3% in cities (EPA, 2008). Outside of the U.S., OWTS are leveraged to provide sanitation services in both rural and urban communities that either currently use unimproved facilities or have no access altogether (WHO/UNICEF JMP 2015).

While these systems are becoming more widely used, their performance is not necessarily as widely understood. In spite of well-developed on-site wastewater technologies, between 10% nationally and upwards of 50% of OWTS in some individual states fail (EPA, 2002b; Nelson *et al.*, 1999). While environmental and public health risks associated with service disruptions and failure are assumed to be managed through dispersion and dilution under the historic paradigm, the aggregate potential impact of denser OWTS networks may, in fact, be comparable to centralized facilities (Weirich *et al.*, 2011). Of course, OWTS performance estimates are largely speculative or based on anecdotal since no monitoring or reporting of treated water quality is required as it is for centralized systems.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The growing application of OWTS technologies, in addition to a lack of information about their performance variability drives my focus in sanitation research and my interest to add to the body of knowledge about OWTS performance. Consequently, the objective of this research is to develop statistical modeling approaches to quantitatively understand the life-cycle performance of highly decentralized, owner-operated sanitation systems. In addition to providing a quantitative basis to assess OWTS reliability, I have the goal of diagnosing conditions associated with OWTS failure and incorporating such information in decisions to guide the development of effective management strategies to improve reliability and promote sound economic choices. This required consideration of the human factors, heretofore largely ignored, that may predispose a system to failure, as well as individual weather and climate-related events that affect OWTS operations.

#### **CONTRIBUTION**

The contribution of this dissertation is two-fold: First, I develop methodologies applying statistical modeling approaches commonly used to evaluate the performance of other infrastructure systems to quantitatively diagnose components that determine OWTS life cycle performance. Second, these data-driven approaches improve the quality, availability, and accessibility of information for decision makers. After installation, which is regulated by permits issued to assure compliance with site and equipment criteria, OWTS are largely unregulated. Yet, their operable life may be 50 years or longer. Given the general acknowledgement that an appreciable number of OWTS in fact fail after installation, a life cycle assessment of performance could play a large role in considering

approval of their use and regulation of their operation after installation (Etnier *et al.*, 2005; Fane *et al.*, 2004)

#### **DISSERTATION SUMMARY**

Three concepts support this dissertation and the development of the statistical modeling approaches to better understand various system properties characteristic of OWTS life cycle performance. **Chapter 2** provides an overview of the relevant literature to these foundational concepts and clarifies the point of departure for this research.

The first concept is life cycle performance, which provides systems framework to evaluate OWTS deterioration, repairs and replacements as related to inspection, and management strategies, which affect individual owner/operators and communities. The premise of this research is that life cycle performance attributes, namely reliability, risk, fragility, and resilience— which have been developed to assess defined infrastructure networks (transportation, water supply, electric power supply) can be applied to highly decentralized wastewater infrastructure, including OWTS. Each chapter of this dissertation will focus on one of these performance attributes to allow multidimensional comparison of sanitation alternatives along the centralization continuum. The second concept is the structure of performance models, including the model scale, sample selection, data collection, variable identification and statistical methods, which are described in more detail in Chapters 3 (Methods) through 7. The third component addresses the role of (private) ownership of OWTS, one of the hypothesized determinants of OWTS life-cycle performance. **Chapter 4** is a description of the first phase of my research, including results of fitting a continuous distribution to OWTS data of documented repairs and replacements significant enough to require a permit and inspection, using a Generalized Additive Model for Location, Scale and Shape (GAMLSS). As stated above, in the absence of post-installation requirements for monitoring and reporting, OWTS operation and maintenance is largely done at the discretion of the owner, except in the event of a catastrophic failure. **Chapter 4** explores the relationship between owner-related factors and indicators of physical OWTS status; factors include the degree of community or institutional control; owner economic status; owner knowledge and owner self-interests. Since most household systems are not consistently maintained, the functionality of the system decreases over the system's life affecting its reliability (EPA, 2002a). The study highlights the benefit of enforced inspections to reduce the annualized expected costs over a 40-year period due to repairs and replacements.

While the first model illustrates the benefit of, for example, enforced inspections to OWTS function, public resistance to increasing regulation of OWTS in the U.S., including obligatory inspections and upgrades demonstrates the challenges associated with communicating residential and community level risks. Determining appropriate and enforceable performance measures in an industry with little history of performance-based regulation is challenging. Therefore, **Chapter 5** reports the use of Extreme Value Analysis-Points Over Threshold to communicate the risk of a poorly performing OWTS in terms of expected dollars lost, again relating the probability of poor performance (high risk OWTS) to a selection of user-operation practices. **Chapter 5** highlights the trade-off between an enforced inspection management strategy versus 'business as usual' to illustrate the

benefit of observing OWTS instabilities through inspection before a catastrophic failure occurs.

Transitioning from performance deterioration factors such as neglected management, **Chapter 6** focuses on vulnerability, here called *fragility*, in response to external stressors such as annual weather and climate variation. **Chapter 6** uses a GLM statistical approach to quantify the relationship between the total number and type of repairs in an OWTS sample and weather variation in each year.

Poor management, in addition to aging and deterioration mechanisms can adversely affect the on-going function of OWTS, rendering them more vulnerable or fragile and less resilient to external stressors such as natural hazards. This relationship between reliability, fragility, time to recovery and overall system resilience motivates the research in the final chapter, **Chapter 7**, which connects measurement of fragility and repair recovery (rapidity) to determine OWTS resilience before and after the 2013 Boulder flood. It has become clear through the first phases of my research that consistent treatment (reliability) depends on human and societal variables that govern operation and maintenance in addition to science and technology factors. In Chapter 7, the variables that affect resilience under normal environmental conditions are in fact different from those after an environmental hazard event. Chapter 7 highlights the aggregate impact of OWTS failure on the recovery durations due to an effect called demand surge. In the case of OWTS, the demand for repair services affecting also material availability surpasses the supply, causing recovery delays. These recovery delays have additive cost due to the inconvenience of a failed, unusable system that fall on directly on system owners, in addition to environmental costs associated with

the release of untreated wastewater. **Chapter 7** also explores methods to estimate these costs to more accurately represent the risk of OWTS failure for future hazard events.

**Figure 1.1** visually summarizes the work completed for this dissertation. More detailed contributions are illustrated in **Chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7** and are summarized in the conclusion section.

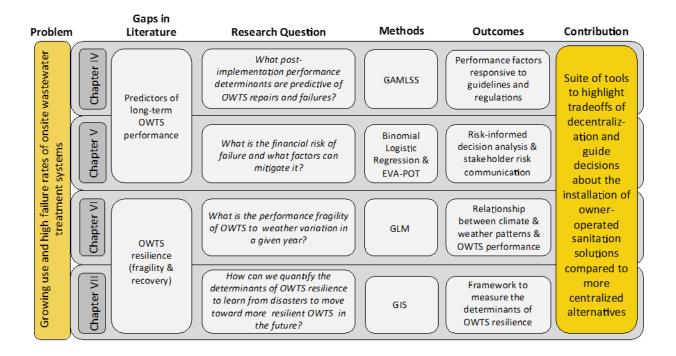


Figure 1.1 Research Design

#### **RESEARCH CONTEXT**

The data for this dissertation is from OWTS in Boulder County Colorado. This focus on Boulder County is practical for several reasons. One, data are available from the repair permit documentation process that has been in place since the late 1940s; whereas no comprehensive treated water or ground water quality monitoring data exist for OWTS that are sufficient to form a sample. Furthermore, measures of performance vary because there is no universal definition of 'failure'. Repair permits were selected to serve as a reasonable proxy measure of failure in this dissertation.

Second, the data available captures variability in geography with systems existing in the mountains and plains communities, affluence based on structural property value that varies greatly across the sample, and the density of OWTS from rural to more suburban areas in Boulder County.

Lastly, wider application of OWTS technology has been accompanied by greater expectations of performance and consideration of new regulations that recognize the risks of denser networks of OWTS as mentioned earlier. A transfer of title inspection regulation was instated in 2008 and in 2014 Boulder County-specific regulations adapting permit terms, OWTS inspections stages, licensing of system contractors and cleaners, detailed soil evaluation procedures, design flow requirements and variance procedures, among other requirements were adopted in April and effective in May. Given the state guidelines for regulations, Boulder County has considered performance-based regulations such as renewable permits. This research directly addresses some of the uncertainties highlighted by the County about such regulations and their benefits.

While the models herein are based on data from U.S. treatment systems, I propose that identified relationships between decentralization, owner operation, economic factors, and the degree of OWTS monitoring and regulation over the system life are broadly applicable to performance-based planning and management over a wide range of communities and cultures.

#### **DISSERTATION FORMAT**

This dissertation follows a journal article format. **Chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7** are independent articles, which are related through topics described in this section but are formatted individually per journal publication requirements. **Chapter 4** was published in February 2016 issue of *Environmental Engineering Science*, while other chapters have been submitted for review. I respectfully ask that citations to the work in **Chapter 4-7** reference the published versions and not this dissertation. References are listed both separately with each chapter/publication as well as in the bibliography at the end of this document. Finally, the appendices include the data and R codes for the models presented in each chapter.

#### **CHAPTER 2:** FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS

#### LIFE CYCLE PERFORMANCE

The system operations-often involving inspections, repairs and replacementsnecessary to insure the safety of and benefits to users can be identified through conducting a holistic assessment of the system and its performance over time. This notion of performance over time is often referred to as life cycle performance, commonly considered to better manage structures and infrastructure systems such as buildings, roads, and bridges, among others (Rackwitz, 2000; Frangopol et al., 2001; Frangopol et al., 2004; Frangopol, 2010; Kumar & Gardoni, 2013, Bonstrom et al., 2014). Assessing a system's performance over its life cycle can help determine its life span; reliability and the costs and benefits of different operation strategies; and the time and resources necessary to recover function after a disaster. Such analyses ultimately inform and aid complex planning and management decisions (Rackwitz, 2000). As such, these decision support assessments should integrate the uncertainties of all life cycle performance behaviors such as natural deterioration due to age and use, management-related reliability, and the occurrence and influence of hazardous events. The literature indicates that probabilistic approaches are both popular and appropriate for this type of assessment, especially as they relate to structure and infrastructure systems (Kumar & Gardoni, 2013).

Life cycle performance applications for structure and large-scale infrastructure systems continue to grow. In 1976, Yang included the effects of deterioration on the development and spread of cracks on aircraft. The analysis incorporated the cost of aircraft inspections and necessary repairs to avoid serviceability failures—meaning the failure of the system to meet certain performance criteria rather than an ultimate failure—due to crack propagation influenced by age (Yang, 1976). The focus on serviceability failures is crucial for age- and management- dependent deteriorating systems because the long term reliability of such systems can decrease with time and result in multiple serviceability failures over the system's life or even inhibit system resilience given a more catastrophic event (Kumar & Gardoni, 2013).

In addition to serviceability failures, ultimate failures described as the complete collapse or breakdown of systems—are also of concern and occur often as the result of external stressors such as climate related events—for instance, hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, and flooding—or neglected system management (Kumar & Gardoni, 2013). While ultimate failures may have low probability, they are high consequence events, therefore understanding the factors/events influencing ultimate failures to estimate occurrence probabilities and losses is important. Research by Oswald & Schuller (1984) and Mori & Ellingwood (1993) proposed methods that could be used to predict the time to a serviceability or ultimate failure, but not both at the same time. Later, Noortwijk & Frangopol (2004), Neves & Frangopol (2005), Kim *et al.* (2011) and Kumar & Gardoni (2013) developed approaches to include them simultaneously, approximating more closely the performance complexity of the systems.

In terms of performance recovery after a failure event, Bruneau *et al.* (2003) established one of the first conceptual frameworks to measure resilience. Bruneau *et al.* (2003) suggested that resilience could be characterized based on four system properties: robustness, rapidity, redundancy, and resourcefulness. Robustness has been defined as the ability to withstand or absorb stressors. Rapidity is the time to restored performance after

an event. Resourcefulness is the capacity to mobilize resources in response to a loss in performance and system redundancy refers to the system components that can satisfy some level of function in the event of a hazard-induced disruption (Bruneau *et al.* 2003). Employing these system properties, Bonstrom & Corotis (2014; 2015) applied a timedependent reliability approach to quantify seismic resilience based on the robustness and restoration time of a building portfolio after an earthquake event. The integration of prior performance reliability and how it affects disaster resilience provides life cycle performance information helpful to prioritize cost-effective mitigation strategies to improve resilience.

Life cycle reliability studies related to specifically decentralized sanitation services are less common. Weirich *et al.* (2011) employed a modeling approach to determine the impact of decentralization on a wastewater facility's ability to meet NPDES discharge standards. The study used statistical modeling to compare the performance of centralized and decentralized treatment facilities, analyzing the relationships between treatment plant capacity and effluent quality. The model confirmed that treatment plant capacity and loading influence the reliability, stability and resilience of facilities treating between 40 and 400,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day (Weirich *et al.*, 2011). Life cycle analyses of competing technology configurations for decentralized wastewater treatment, e.g. constructed wetlands versus anaerobic digestion, compare the environmental impact over the systems service life resources consumed and emissions produced such as CO<sub>2</sub> and Nitrogen (Emmerson *et al.*, 1995; Dixon *et al.*, 2003; Machado *et al.*, 2007; Foley *et al.*, 2009; Fuchs *et al.*, 2011). These studies primarily focus on manufacturing, the initial installation, and input energy costs due to assumed on-going performance and prescribed maintenance tasks under hypothetical and typically ideal performance conditions (Dixon *et al.*, 2003; Machado *et al.*, 2007; Fuchs *et al.*, 2011). Since OWTS do not exist in controlled laboratories, these 'simple' systems gain complexity in practice at the user interface, where seemingly simple operation and maintenance tasks necessary for system functionality are neglected due to the high uncertainties inherent in human behavior. Furthermore, external stressors such as those related to weather and climate that may be less disruptive in larger systems have unknown effects on performance at the very decentralized (single residence) scale. Even fewer studies exist related to OWTS disaster resilience (Johannessen *et al.* 2014) and probabilistic studies relating time- and management-related reliability (potentially dictated by ownership) and resilience as seen in Bonstrom & Corotis (2014; 2015) are non-existent.

#### **CURRENT APPROACHES TO EVALUATE OWTS LIFE-CYCLE PERFORMANCE**

Given this added complexity, part of the challenge in applying a holistic approach to attain useful information about OWTS stems from uncertainties, due in part to the lack of data, about the extent to which ownership, user-practices and external stressors influence OWTS life cycle performance.

A number of OWTS studies model performance but do so by estimating failure risks based on initial design and siting factors, rather than actual system operation. This section discusses existing methodologies used for modeling OWTS properties related to life cycle performance.

OWTS treatment performance has been widely studied in the lab and at the field scale. Some of the studies have produced tools to quantify the risks of on-site wastewater

systems failure. To date there exist several well-developed OWTS treatment models. **Table** 

**2.1** summarizes existing models, their input variables, and the intended contribution with

regards to planning and managing OWTS.

**Table 2.1** Existing OWTS performance models

Risk Based Model & Description		Variables
<ul> <li>Onsite Sewage Risk Assessment System (OSRAS)</li> <li>Assesses, using GIS management methodology, individual system contributions to the additive risk of sewage contamination in sensitive environments</li> <li>Spatial landscape and infrastructure data is used to rank the risk of each land parcel and analyse the spatial data layers to identify areas with a higher probability of system failure</li> </ul>	Independent  Technology classification  Catchment configuration  Soil characteristics  Slope Dependent  'Failure' defined as unacceptable sur land application area  References: (Brown & Root Service, 20	<ul> <li>Climate</li> <li>Hydraulic Loading</li> <li>Lot size</li> <li>Maintenance frequency</li> <li>Management practices</li> </ul> rcharge or seepage of effluent from a designated 201; Kenway & Irvine, 2001)
<ul> <li>Development Assessment Module (DAM)</li> <li>Extracts the relevant GIS data for a location of the proposed onsite effluent management system to predict the extent and direction of an OWTS effluent plume to evaluate its potential impact on water quality</li> <li>Determines the level of risk associated with installing an OWTS in a particular area</li> </ul>	Independent <ul> <li>Soil characteristics</li> <li>Slope</li> <li>Climate</li> </ul> Dependent <ul> <li>Magnitude and direction of OWTS e</li> </ul> References: (McGuinness & Martens,	
<ul> <li>Trench TM 3.0</li> <li>Asses sites for absorption trench/bed suitability</li> <li>Uses water balance or nutrient balance methods to size disposal systems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independent</li> <li>Catchment configuration (location, land use, etc.)</li> <li>Soil characteristics</li> <li>Slope</li> <li>Dependent</li> <li>Site capability (i.e. expected design a potential, wastewater volume, etc.)</li> <li>Environmental sensitivity</li> <li>Size and design</li> <li>References: (Cromer 1999a, Cromer 1999a)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Climate</li> <li>Hydraulic loading</li> <li>Aspect</li> <li>Setback distances</li> <li>Floodplain</li> <li>Wastewater characteristics</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Methods for Assessment, Nutrient Loading and Geographic Evaluation of Watersheds (MANAGE)</li> <li>Identifies potential at risk areas using relatively simple GIS-based vulnerability mapping</li> <li>Examines surface runoff and infiltration; and acknowledges the influence of soil type and riparian areas on pollutant transport</li> </ul>	Independent <ul> <li>Technology classification</li> <li>Catchment configuration</li> <li>Soil characteristics</li> </ul> References: (Joubert, et al. 2004)	
<ul> <li>Integrated Risk Framework for Onsite</li> <li>Wastewater Treatment Systems</li> <li>A risk framework based on the Australian</li> <li>Standard AS4360: 1999 Risk Management</li> </ul>	Independent <ul> <li>Soils renovation ability</li> <li>Lot size</li> <li>Slope</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Suitable setback distances from water resources</li> <li>Development with the identified floodplain</li> </ul>

(AS/NZS 4630. 1999) to identify low, medium, and high risk areas to better manage OWTS in a regional or catchment scale	<ul> <li>Dependent</li> <li>Hydraulic Failure</li> <li>Groundwater and surface water contamination with chemical pollutants</li> <li>Microbial contamination of ground/surface water</li> <li>References: (Carroll, et al. 2006)</li> </ul>
Better Assessment Science Integrating Point and	Independent
<ul> <li>Non-point Sources (BASINS)</li> <li>Performs TMDL studies for larger river basins that can be subdivided into multiple smaller watersheds</li> <li>Consists of Hydrological Simulation Program Fortran (HSPF) and Soil Water Assessment Tool</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Catchment configuration (land cover, land permeability, reach length, etc.) (Using HSPF)</li> <li>Climate</li> <li>Snow, surface &amp; groundwater hydrology</li> <li>References: (USEPA) (Chen &amp; Herr, 2002)</li> </ul>
(SWAT)	
<ul> <li>Watershed Analysis Risk Management</li> <li>Framework (WARMF)</li> <li>Simulates the hydrology and calculated the nutrient TMDL to estimate water quality impact at a <i>watershed</i> scale</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independent</li> <li>Catchment configuration (land cover, reach length, slope, width, aspect, etc.) (Using USGS DEM)</li> <li>Climate</li> <li>Snow, surface and soil hydrology</li> <li>References: (EPRI) (Chen &amp; Herr, 2002)</li> </ul>

First the models tend to be deterministic, with outputs based on the forward evaluation of failure given both physical and operational factors, rather than long-term performance data. Furthermore, virtually no studies that quantify OWTS resilience, including recovery, exist. The general conclusion is that poor performance (frequent failures) is attributed to inadequate site and soil assessment and characterization. Onsite Sewage Risk Assessment System (OSRAS), Development Assessment Module (DAM), Methods for Assessment, Nutrient Loading and Geographic Evaluation of Watersheds (MANAGE), TrenchTM 3.0 and the Integrated Risk Framework models identify potential risk areas, wherein placing an OWTS may result in failure given a site's soil, topographical, and hydrological characteristics (Brown & Root Services, 2001; Kenway & Irvine, 2001; McGuinness & Martens, 2003; Cromer, 1999a, 1999b; Joubert, *et al.*, 2004; Carroll *et al.*, 2006). Better Assessment Science Integrating Point and Non-point Sources (BASINS) and Watershed Analysis Risk Management Framework (WARMF) differ in that they are used primarily to estimate the nutrient TMDL and overall water quality impact on a watershed,

based on treatment assumptions stemming from controlled experiments or limited field data (Chen & Herr, 2002).

While the risk models provide useful insight for OWTS design and permitting practices and are often integrated into regulations, OWTS continue to fail indicating that a purely physical-technological basis for predicting performance ignores significant factors related to ownership such as system maintenance, owner knowledge, and usage.

#### **OWTS OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES**

The ownership, operation and management challenges of OWTS are distinct from those of centralized wastewater systems. For OWTS, the cost and upkeep are typically the responsibility of homeowners, concentrating the financial risk of failure and adding a level of operation and maintenance complexity to outwardly simple technologies. This userownership characteristic must be recognized for accurate prediction of OWTS performance.

Technological advances have been introduced to enhance OWTS reliability and treatment (e.g., pressure systems, subsurface drip systems, Glendon Biofilter® systems, sand filter systems, mound STUs, sand-lined drain fields, ATU (Aerobic Treatment Unit) systems, and recirculating filter systems). While they are more effective in removing pathogens and nutrients, many of these advances demand even more of system owners due to the added maintenance of mechanical components such as aerators, pumps, valves, recirculation equipment and effluent filters. These practices at the user/technology interface directly influence the life cycle performance of technologies (D'Amato *et al.*, 2008) to suggest that more technology is not sufficient to address performance instability.

Policies to address poor OWTS management and system failures typically have centered on user-educational initiatives. The results from a keyword search for "education" and "septic system OR tank" illustrate the customary role of education as a means to address failing OWTS (Mohamed, 2009). The search returned over 1.1 million hits relating to government initiatives to provide information to homeowners based on the belief that homeowners neglect maintenance because their systems are "out of sight and out of mind" (Mohamed, 2009; Schueler, 2000; McKenzie, 2002). Nevertheless, even where educational interventions are in place, OWTS continue to fail. A study in Ohio evaluated homeowner responses to OWTS education programs by comparing homeowner behavior before and after the program. The results show an increase in knowledge but only a slight change in operation behavior (Silverman, 2005).

A 2009 study provides insight on why homeowners do not maintain their septic systems theorizing that users do not properly operate and maintain their systems because it is not in their economic self-interest to do so and that educating households on the consequences is a deficient response (Mohamed, 2009).

Part of the challenge of ensuring OWTS functionality stems from their characteristic as *impure* public goods which have attributes of both *common property resources* (CPRs) associated with public goods such as environmental quality and *open access resources* (OARs), which have undefined ownership, such as the right to discharge contaminants into the environment, and are often privatized. As an OAR, an OWTS creates externalities that generate public costs associated with environmental degradation or threats to public health (Turvev, 1963; Hardin, 1968). Regulatory mechanisms are difficult to impose on *impure* goods. Consequently, without regulations, the private responsibility of OWTS

operation and maintenance necessary for the protection of the public resource, i.e., the environment, creates an incentive to opt out of potentially costly maintenance activities, since opting in may offer no immediate benefit to the individual owner/user and opting out is seen as having a small and even undetected impact (Hardin, 1968). This theory concludes that "the divergence between private and public costs points to policies in which households should be required to internalize the externalities of utilizing septic systems" to prevent the general degradation of environmental quality (Mohamed, 2009, 48).

#### **RESEARCH GOALS**

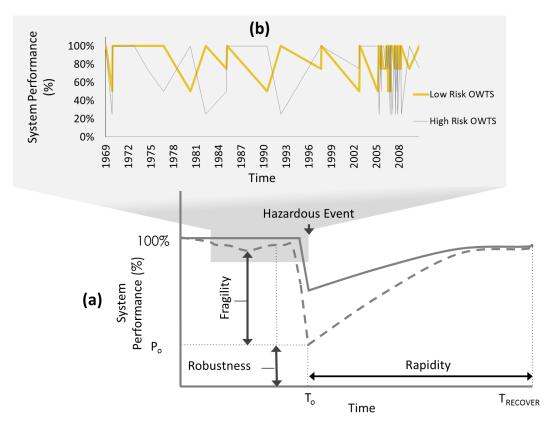
No matter how well designed and managed a system is, all systems including those for wastewater treatment are vulnerable to instability and failure, although small decentralized wastewater systems may be overall less reliable and less resilient (Weirich *et al.*, 2011). Despite the fact that many inoperative OWTS remain in use beyond a design life on the order of 30 to 40 years (EPA, 2002b), design lives are, in fact, finite and result from an aging process whereby slow degradation, poor management and sudden environmental hazards contribute to their failure and performance recovery (Kumar & Gardoni, 2013). The process of performance, degradation, failure and repair or replacement over time describes OWTS life cycle performance and is the basis of this dissertation.

As described in the previous section, existing approaches to quantify the life cycle properties of performance focus primarily on the technological components as a means to identify prescriptive siting and installation controls. The existing models however, do not incorporate post implementation performance, except as a projection of initial design. While the importance of ownership as it relates to operation and maintenance over the

system's lifetime is mentioned, factors related to system operations and maintenance are not represented in the models. Furthermore, the existing models do not incorporate uncertainty, which is necessary to describe highly variable OWTS function over a life cycle.

To address the gap, this dissertation uses probabilistic methodologies and performance-related data to better understand the life cycle properties commonly required for planning and management decisions of larger structure and infrastructure systems such as long-term reliability (discussed in Chapters 4 and 5) and resilience to external stressors such as extreme weather events (discussed in Chapters 6 and 7). To visualize the relationship of these components, I have adapted a conceptual framework for resilience measurement proposed by Bonstrom & Corotis (2014), which abstracts building portfolio resilience to earthquake hazards. Figure 2.1-a is a resilience curve where resilience is characterized by the four properties from Bruneau et al. (2003)-robustness (which hereafter will be referred to as 'fragility' or the inability to withstand or absorb stress), rapidity, redundancy and resourcefulness. Figure 2.1-b plots actual data from well- (low risk) and poorly-performing (high risk) OWTS from Boulder County to illustrate the prior performance variability before an extreme event, for example, the 2013 Boulder Flood. Figure 2.1-b shows the relative loss in performance with each type of repair recorded by the County—minor repairs (with an estimated loss of 25%), moderate (reducing functionality by 50%) and major repairs (causing an arbitrary reduction in OWTS function of about 75%). The purpose of the detail in Figure 2.1-b is to show that even under "normal" conditions, OWTS performance is variable. Chapters 4 and 5 of this dissertation focus on the private ownership attribute of OWTS and specific practices at the user/technology interface to better understand that variability over time. Fragility and rapidity as they

relate to disaster resilience are investigated in **Chapters 6 and 7**. The overarching objective is to provide information to support informed decisions about OWTS as an appropriate sanitation solution as well as management strategies as the number of OWTS continues to grow.



**Figure 2.1** Conceptualization of OWTS life-cycle performance (based on graphic from Bonstrom & Corotis, 2014) where minor repairs constitute a 25% loss in function, moderate repairs a 50% loss, and major repairs a 75% loss. The purpose of this figure is to show the deviation from 100% performance over a sample of 39 high and low risk systems' lives. The percentages are mere estimations of performance loss to illustrate the point.

# **CHAPTER 3:** RESEARCH METHODS OVERVIEW

This section presents an overview of the data collection and quantitative analysis methods used to address my research questions. These methods include data collection and organization, variable identification, and a summary of methods of data analysis that are elaborated in **Chapters 4-7**.

## DATA COLLECTION AND ORGANIZATION

Because OWTS operation and maintenance are not regulated, practices vary widely and performance and failure data are scarce. Most performance-based data are limited to failure events that directly impact public health or are obtained from homeowners' applications for permits to replace or repair failing systems (EPA, 2002b). While the reported inspections and permits provide insight to actual system performance, they are still limited in that they only identify failures according to codes and do not measure groundwater contamination resulting from onsite system failures (EPA, 2002b). Furthermore, their assimilation requires a significant effort. As a result, many of the models listed in Table 2.1 above are limited to interpolation and extrapolation of sparse data (Brown & Root Services, 2001). Moreover, their output is expected contaminant discharges to the subsurface environment rather than the status of the on-site installation itself.

I selected Boulder County, Colorado as the study site. The County is located in the Boulder Creek-St. Vrain Creek watersheds in the northeastern part of the State. The County has a population of approximately 295,000 residents (121,500 households) in an area of

195,000 hectares (1.5 persons/hectare). The geographic terrain, which stretches from the Continental Divide to the Plains (Figure 3.1); economic activities, which include professional services, manufacturing and farming; and the income status of residents are diverse. Just over 62% of the population lives in owner-occupied units, with a median value of \$358,000 (2014 dollars). The educational level of the residents is high with 94% holding a high school degree or higher and 58% of residents over 25 years old holding a Bachelor's degree or higher. In 2010, the median household income was \$69,407 (2014 dollars) but over 13% of the population had income below the poverty level (U.S. Census Bureau, 2014).

There are 14,300 OWTS serving approximately 50,000 residents in the County as well as 21 treatment facilities with NPDES permits serving the rest of the population, with design flow rates ranging from 6 to 49,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d (Weirich *et al.*, 2015). Permitted wastewater discharge from POTWs total 110,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d. Estimated flow from the 14,300 OWTS is approximately 27,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d, based on an estimated capacity of 2 m<sup>3</sup>/d. I have collected data to produce a performance measure from public records such as legal documents, OWTS repair permit applications, and Boulder County Tax Assessor's data to determine the life-cycle costs and risks of residential sanitation systems.

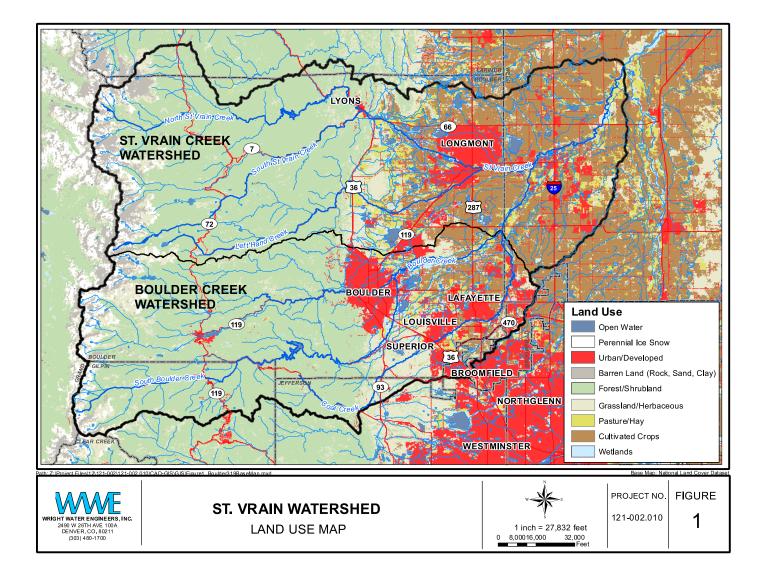


Figure 3.1 Boulder County map. Wright Water Engineers, cited in https://blogs.svvsd.org/water/colorado-watersheds/

## Data

The Boulder County Public Health Department has a robust process for issuing permits for installation of OWTS, and has undertaken efforts to inspect systems installed without permits, many of them 50 or more years old (Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, 2013). The County also has maintained records dating back to the late 1940s documenting minor and major OWTS repair permits, legal documents, and inspections. The database of the County's repair permits was queried to create three input data sets—one consisting of repair and replacement documentation for permitted OWTS and each system's residential attributes which are described and used in **Chapters 4 and 5**, another which enumerates annual sample repair frequency and is described in detail in **Chapter 6**, and the third which focuses on flood-impacted OWTS and is described in **Chapter 7**.

## Dependent Variable

For **Chapters 4 and 5**, the product of frequency and magnitude (costs) of repairs over the period of record forms the performance measure. While not all repairs are associated with a failure and/or contaminant release, exceeding some lifetime cost of repair implies performance instability sufficient to trigger significant intervention by County Health Department staff and/or certified OWTS servicers.

Each County record of a repair is classified by severity into minor, moderate, and major categories, following the determination of BCPH staff, and assigned an associated cost based on the County's posted estimates for the various categories of repairs, as described in **Chapter 4.** The dependent variable, *repair severity*, is the sum of all repair costs

over the expected OWTS service life of 40 years, which is the sample average number of years from the final inspection date recorded on the installation permit to the date of the most recent recorded failure. The 40-year reference life is the minimum timeframe to capture approximately 80-90% of all major infrastructure expenditures (Pitterle *et al.*, 2008). For **Chapter 6**, the total number of each type of repair was enumerated for each year from 1979-2015 to correlate repairs to variations in climate/weather variables in each year. Lastly, for **Chapter 7**, the dependent variable is a measure of performance recovery calculated from the time an owner submits a repair permit application to the date of the final inspection.

# **Independent Variables**

Using the Boulder County Assessor's Tax database, property inspection documents, and repair/replacement applications, ten independent variables were defined – which are described in **Chapter 4** and used in both **Chapters 4 and 5**. The independent variable data for each OWTS were coded and stored along with the corresponding *repair severity* values, and a unique location based on the latitude and longitude of the land parcel. The climate and weather independent variables from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and stream flow independent variable from U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are used and further described in **Chapter 6**.

#### **DATA ANALYSIS**

This dissertation uses a suite of statistical methods to observe relationships between the defined dependent and independent variables of the sample OWTS population

to identify trends that can then be applied to answer questions about the life-cycle performance of the larger OWTS population (Dowdy *et al.*, 2004).

Various degrees of regression analysis and hierarchical or multilevel modeling have been used in this dissertation, including Generalized Linear Models (GLM), Generalized Additive Models for Location, Shape, and Scale (GAMLSS), and Extreme Value Analysis-Points Over Threshold (EVA-POT). Hierarchical models consist of several models organized in a tree or tiered structure where each model is connected to the other models through a link and where the additive model typically improves the overall model's ability to capture the sample characteristics. The hierarchical structure can capture both the impact of traditional covariates and the influence of geographical space and time. Individual methods will be discussed in the chapters where they are applied.

# **CHAPTER 4:** MODELING ON-SITE SYSTEM RELIABILITY DEPENDENCE ON OWNER BEHAVIOR

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## ABSTRACT

Poor performance of on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) poses local and regional risks to public health and environmental quality. In the US, local regulations control system design via permits issued at the time of installation. However, regulatory focus on one-time controls does not account for factors that influence performance after installation, notably asset management choices made by residential property owners. We develop a statistical method to predict performance over the OWTS life cycle in order to identify vulnerabilities and potential controls that reduce the risk of failure and contaminant release. A regression model based on Generalized Additive Models for Location, Scale and Shape (GAMLSS) uses data from public records of reported OWTS failures, repairs and replacements, inspections, and assessed property values from Boulder County, Colorado, which has 14,300 OWTS. Severity of required system repairs and replacements over a 40-year period was associated with five factors: structural value, house square footage, the number of required inspections, the homeowner expenditures and the frequency of OWTS upgrades. Model results suggest that mandatory inspections

through a mechanism such as renewable permits would significantly reduce life cycle repair/failure frequency and severity, lowering OWTS costs to owners and reducing public exposure to wastewater contaminants.

## **INTRODUCTION**

In the U.S. the array of strategies and technologies for wastewater collection, treatment, and discharge form an organizational continuum from centralized publically owned wastewater collection and treatment works (POTWs) to owner-operated on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS). POTWs treat wastewater flows from 10 to over 10<sup>6</sup> m<sup>3</sup>/day and operate with discharge permits issued through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) that require regular monitoring and reporting of compliance. The capacity range of OWTS serving a family or small commercial enterprise is much narrower, with flows typically less than 8 m<sup>3</sup>/day (Crites and Tchobanoglous, 1998). Permits are typically issued by local agencies at the time of installation with no requirements for monitoring or reporting of performance unless the OWTS fails and triggers regulatory action.

POTWs and OWTS have a historical relationship. As the association of faecal waste with outbreaks of cholera and other water borne diseases became known in the latter half of the nineteenth century, unregulated on-site systems for collection, passive treatment and storage using privies, vaults, and cesspools were replaced by centralized sewer systems better able to handle increasing wastewater flows as residential piped water supply and use of flush toilets became widespread (Cosgrove, 1909; Burian *et al.*, 2000). As a result, centralization and modernization of wastewater treatment have been linked, and

while the technologies for on-site systems have improved, scientific knowledge, tradition, and prevailing public opinion lead many engineers, public health officials, policy makers and the general public to favor centralized infrastructure over owner/user operated systems (Burian *et al.*, 2000; EPA 1997, 2002b; Etnier *et al.*, 2005, 2007). Because of this history, OWTS may be inaccurately associated with isolated rural residences or considered a temporary solution to be replaced by centralized collection and treatment.

In fact, reliance on OWTS to provide a significant portion of global sanitation is growing especially in regions where no sanitation infrastructure exists. Currently, decentralized, typically user-owned and maintained on-site wastewater treatment systems serve approximately 25% of the population in the U.S. (EPA, 2003, 2008a) with over 25 million OWTS installed in suburban, high population density areas (EPA, 2008a). Due to continued land development outside existing collection system boundaries, limited treatment plant capacity, and the cost of new centralized wastewater infrastructure, approximately 30% of new residential developments in the U.S. are constructed with septic systems (EPA, 1997, 2002a, 2002b, 2003). In 2005 it was estimated that OWTS served approximately 26 million homes, many in urbanized communities, discharging four billion gallons of effluent per day (U.S. Census Bureau, 2006). The City of Los Angeles, for instance, has over 11,500 residential OWTS and many are located near impaired water bodies with elevated levels of nitrate and coliform indicator bacteria ("LA Sewers", 2013).

However, unlike centralized facilities operating with NPDES permits, the performance of OWTS is not routinely documented, since monitoring of operations or discharged water quality is not required. The U.S. EPA estimates that 10 to 20% of OWTS in fact do not treat wastewater to acceptable levels (EPA, 2003) and some states estimate

failure rates to be as high as 50% (EPA, 2002b). While one individual system failure may not pose a public health threat because the impacts are localized, the aggregate contaminant release from a cluster of poorly performing OWTS can have negative local and watershed-scale consequences. A survey of state water quality agencies ranked OWTS as the third greatest threat to groundwater quality, behind underground storage tanks and landfills (EPA, 1998).

Part of the challenge of ensuring OWTS functionality stems from their characteristic as *impure* public goods which have attributes of both *common property resources* (CPRs) associated with public goods such as environmental quality and *open access resources* (OARs), which have undefined ownership and are often privatized. As an OAR, an OWTS creates externalities that generate public costs associated with environmental degradation or threats to public health (Turvev 1963; Hardin 1968). Without controls, the private responsibility of OWTS operation and maintenance required for the protection of the public resource, i.e., the environment, creates an incentive to opt out of potentially costly maintenance activities, since opting in may offer no immediate benefit to the individual owner/user and opting out is seen as having a small and even undetected impact. Public Goods Theory implies that some regulation of the private right to use the environment as a waste sink is necessary to prevent the general degradation of environmental quality (Mohamed, 2009).

A comprehensive review of state-based OWTS regulations conducted by D'Amato *et al.* (2004), found that while most states regulate OWTS, regulations are by no means uniform. Furthermore, those states that have more extensive controls focus on installation, siting and design factors contributing to OWTS failure, which have been widely studied.

Existing OWTS performance models incorporate spatial, topographical, hydrologic, and other physical characteristics to identify locations where installing an OWTS may result in a high risk of failure (Oosting and Joy, 2011; Carroll *et al.*, 2006; Hudson, 1986; Brown and Root Services, 2001; Kenway *et al.*, 2001; McGuinness and Martens, 2003; Cromer, 1999a, 1999b; Joubert *et al.*, 1996; Chen and Herr, 2002). However, a significant fraction of properly designed OWTS fail, indicating that technology-based design standards are not the only factors influencing system performance over what is presumed to be a very long life cycle on the order of 30 years or more (EPA, 2002b). OWTS may be designed and operated in a way that optimizes treatment performance and decreases both the frequency and resulting reparative costs of OWTS malfunctions, ultimately improving the overall system performance life (McKinley and Siegrist, 2011).

The premise of this research is that reliance on design-based standards is insufficient to insure OWTS performance over the system life, and that the role of factors associated with system maintenance, owner knowledge, and usage must be considered. Moreover, as demand for use of increasingly sophisticated OWTS technologies for removal of nutrients or emerging trace contaminants grows; the number and complexity of owner-dependent operations will likely increase. Increasing dependence on OWTS as a global sanitation strategy underscores the need to understand how human/social variables such as organization, user motivation and knowledge influence operation of OWTS (Kaminsky and Javernick-Will, 2013).

Statistical modelling has been applied only recently to performance-based diagnostics of wastewater systems. Multivariate regression analysis using Generalized Linear Models (GLM) has been used to model treatment system response to water quality

and wastewater variables (e.g., Weirich et al., 2011, 2015; Towler et al., 2013) adapting an approach used more widely in stochastic weather generation (e.g., Verdin et al., 2015; Kleiber et al., 2012, 2013; Furer and Katz, 2007). Weirich *et al.* (2011) used GLM to predict the likelihood of POTW compliance with NPDES permit discharge limits using Discharge Monthly Report data in the U.S. EPA Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS) (EPA, 2008b). Applying a similar inductive statistical approach to characterize OWTS performance would allow us to observe what practices, if any, differentiate well- and poorperforming OWTS based on the historical performance of real systems over a defined life.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this study is to i) identify user-associated factors that affect lifetime OWTS performance and ii) develop a predictive model to guide effective management of these systems by owners, environmental and public health agencies, and servicers.

Since no public data analogous to ICIS are available for on-site systems, the first component of this study is acquisition of data from OWTS permit and tax assessment records. In the absence of effluent quality data, information on costs associated with inspection, maintenance, repair and replacement of OWTS components, which are public records, serve as a surrogate measure of poor performance. It should be noted that modelled outcomes based on this type of data also may provide highly communicable cost/benefit information to stakeholders, especially OWTS owners.

Because OWTS records are typically collected and maintained by county health departments, Boulder County Colorado was chosen as the site for data collection. The Boulder County Public Health Department oversees permitting for 14,300 OWTS and also

conducts comprehensive permit and public education programs ("SepticSmart Program", 2015). Variables generated from collected data are then subjected to a regression modelling approach, Generalized Additive Models for Location, Scale and Shape (GAMLSS) (Rigby and Stasinopoulos, 2005) in order to select the post-installation factors associated with the level of OWTS performance over the system's expected life. The predictive model will enable regulators to define actionable management guidelines for post-installation practices that can be incorporated into county or state regulations to improve OWTS reliability and save owners the costs of catastrophic failure. Additionally, the model will provide a means to communicate wastewater management alternatives and associated financial trade-offs to communities in a quantifiable and comparable way.

#### **METHODS**

The methods of this study are discussed in the three following sections: (1) data collection; (2) selection of the performance indicator and ten user-associated independent variables; and (3) development of the GAMLSS method for simulation of OWTS performance.

# Data collection

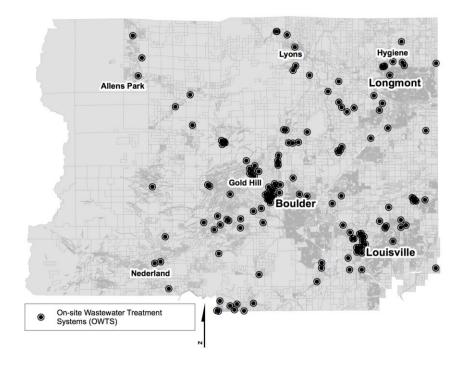
The Boulder County OWTS study site is located in the Boulder Creek-St. Vrain Creek watershed in northeastern Colorado, encompassing an area of approximately 190,000 hectares and 300,000 residents (U.S. Census Bureau, 2015). There are over 14,300 OWTS in the County serving approximately 50,000 residents as well as 21 POTWs with a total capacity of 110,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d serving the rest of the population (BCPH, 2013; EPA, 2008b).

Estimated flow from the 14,300 OWTS is approximately 27,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d, based on a residential flow of 2 m<sup>3</sup>/d (EPA, 1980). OWTS are located in highly variable terrain including mountain communities at elevations exceeding 2600 m and residents on the eastern plans at 1600 m. Approximately two-thirds of the OWTS for which the County has any records received permits at the time of installation.

The OWTS sample consisted of failed or poorly functioning systems selected by searching the database of repair permits maintained by the Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) Department. Repair permits were screened to select for OWTS having conditions associated with visible failures such as wastewater surfacing, odor or mechanical malfunctions resulting in system repairs, replacement or reported functional breakdown. The search returned 215 properties with reported OWTS failures from 2003 to 2013. While the permit database contains applications dating back over 50 years, records of specific reasons for permits did not begin until 2003, limiting the documented failures to post-2003 repair permits. That said, many of the early repair permits available documented visible failures, but the evidence exists in the form of hand written notes on the permit applications and therefore was not searchable in the database. From 215 OWTS in the original sample, only systems that had a County-approved inspection at the time of installation were selected for analysis. This reduced the number of properties in the sample from 215 to 120. Using only permitted sites provides a control for siting and design criteria set by the County. The fact that over half the failed systems in the County met initial design and siting standards supports the premise of this study that design standards are not sufficient to ensure performance.

The selected OWTS sample is distributed throughout the County area (See **Figure 4.1**) and captures variability in neighborhood/community affluence, housing density, and distance to professional OWTS servicers. The breadth of geographic and demographic attributes of the sample is selected to enable the application of results in other communities/regions.

Information in the repair permit applications for each of the 120 OWTS, primarily scanned hand-written originals, was coded to define a failure measure and quantified attributes of the properties and the owners' operation and maintenance history.



**Figure 4.1** Geographic distribution of sampled OWTS repair permits in Boulder County, Colorado. Source: Boulder County Public Health (2013)

# Variable definition

#### Dependent variable

Failure has been generally defined as not meeting some designated performance standard (Etnier *et al.*, 2005). However, there is no recognized definition of OWTS failure.

Failure has been commonly used in the OWTS industry and in the literature to specify major operational faults described above and loss of equipment integrity such as cracking of septic tanks and/or piping. For this study the failure measure for each OWTS is the sum of the estimated cost of all repairs requiring a permit, annualized to a 40-year period of record from 1973 to 2013. Thus failure incorporates both the frequency of major repairs and their magnitude, producing the dependent variable (Y) of *annual repair severity* expressed in U.S. dollars.

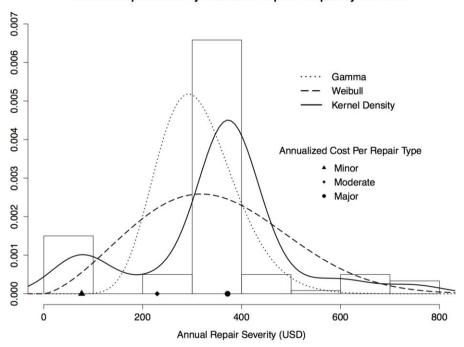
Repairs were classified into minor, moderate, and major, using cost estimates provided by BCPH staff, as described in the next section. The 40-year life cycle was selected based on the average length of time between the installation inspection and the date of the most recent repair permit.

For this study, a minor repair, defined by BCPH, is any repair to the septic tank or pipes. Moderate repairs refer to extraordinary maintenance or replacement of the soil treatment unit (STU). Failure of both the septic tank and STU constitutes a major repair often requiring replacement of all OWTS components.

The cost estimates for minor, moderate and major repairs are based on the results of an informal survey of OWTS installers and servicers conducted by the BCPH over 10 years ago. Due to property slope, size, water table levels, soil substrate, and location, the cost of any type of repair can vary widely. For example, the BCPH estimated cost of a moderate repair of the STU ranged from \$4,860 to \$21,800. However, the estimates provide relative benchmarks for minor, moderate and major repair costs adequate for modelling the severity distribution, which can be updated as new cost information is available. The average of the range of estimated repair costs for each category were: minor, \$3,066; moderate, \$9,173; and

major, \$14,866. The repair cost does not include the cost of the repair permit, which is uniform for all repairs, or the cost to hire an engineer for more significant restorations. Engineering costs were excluded from this study because they vary greatly based on attributes associated with the system's location and design complexity. While this information affects the total cost of repair, the infrastructure and labour costs of each repair type included in our analyses differentiate between the types of failures and their relative severity.

**Figure 4.2** shows the sample distribution of the annualized repair severity variable as a histogram along with admissible probability density functions, which will be further discussed in the *OWTS Repair Severity Model* section. The data appear to be categorical in nature even though cost of repair is a continuous variable. Approximately 60% of the sample has a repair severity value estimated to be \$372 per year.



Annual Repair Severity Based on Repair Frequency and Cost

**Figure 4.2** Distribution of OWTS *annual repair severity* data measured as cost (USD) compared to the Weibull and Gamma regressions for the 120 OWTS in the sample.

# Independent variables

Using information from the Boulder County Assessor's property tax database, property inspection documents, and repair/replacement applications, ten independent variables were defined, which map to six categories that previous researchers have related to long-term OWTS performance (Kaminsky and Javernick-Will, 2013). The categories are technical, referred to herein as physical status (PHYS); organizational (ORG) related to the degree of community or institutional control; economic status of owner (ECON); owner knowledge of system operation (KNOW); user motivation (UM), related to interests affecting owner choices, and other (OTHER). The ten variables related to these categories are described in **Table 4.1**. The independent variable values for each OWTS for the 40-year period from 1973 – 2013 are coded and stored with the associated *annual repair severity* values, and unique land parcel ID for each OWTS site.

Variable	Symbol	Variable definition	Relation to Variable			
Property PT transfer inspections		The number of property transfers after-2008 with documented inspections.	The Property Transfer regulation effective since 2008 states that prior to property sale or title transfer, the owners of the dwelling have to obtain a certified inspection and disclose any system issues to the buyer. The value represents the frequency of regulated system inspection.			
Property sales (after 2008)	PS	Total number of times a property changed ownership after 2008		UM/ KNOW		
Property sales (before 2008)	EPS	Frequency of title transfers and sales between 1973 and 2008		UM/ KNOW		
Loan inspections	u	Total number of documented OWTS inspections that occurred as a result of a loan application.	Prior to 2008, Boulder County recorded non-mandatory OWTS inspections recommended by some mortgage lenders, such as. USDA, VA and FHA, with further tests and repairs if problems were found.	ORG		
Water supply	ws	0=private water supply (i.e. wells and cisterns) 1=public water supply (i.e. supplied by municipality or water district)	Availability of private water supplies may be associated with greater demand and OWTS loading (Nauges and Van den Berg, 2006). OWTS owners with private wells may be more likely to protect their water source.			
Structural value	SV	Assessed value of structure, excluding land value, in USD	The structural value of the house is used as a proxy for income and ability to pay for repairs and maintenance (Nieswiadomy and Molina, 1989).	ECON		
Living area	LA	Living area in square feet	Statistically, larger homes consume more water, increasing the wastewater load to the system (Mayer and DeOreo, 1999).			
Change in bedroom count	RC	The difference between the number of bedrooms when the permit was issued and at the time of the last repair	The number of bedrooms is considered to be associated with OWTS loading and typically is used to specify OWTS sizing.	PHYS		
Change in bathroom count	BC	The difference between the number of bathrooms when the permit was issued and at the time of the last repair	Number of bathrooms is a greater factor in OWTS loading than the number of bedrooms, although then two are often related.			
Upgrades	UP	Cost of OWTS upgrades resulting from added bedrooms	Upgrades can be systems retrofitted to accommodate increased hydraulic loading.	PHYS		

# **Table 4.1** Independent variables hypothesized to influence OWTS performance with definitions, sources and category type.

### **OWTS Repair Severity model**

We used a variation of the Generalized Linear Model (GLM) regression method to evaluate the relationship between the *annual repair severity* of the sample OWTS population and the independent variables in **Table 4.1**. The application of the identified relationships is then used to predict the estimated *annual repair severity* of the larger OWTS population (Dowdy *et al.*, 2004).

The GLM provides a more flexible approach to regression than a standard linear regression model. In the GLM, the response variable, *Y*, is assumed to be a realization from any distribution in the exponential family.

$$Y \sim G(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \tag{1}$$

where G(.) is any exponential type distribution and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is the set of parameters that define G. A link function,  $\eta$ , relates the expected value of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  and consequently that of  $Y(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ , as a linear function of independent variables or covariates  $\boldsymbol{X}$ , as follows:

$$\eta(E(\boldsymbol{\theta})) = \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}^{T}$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

where  $\eta$  (.) is the link function,  $\beta^{T}$  is the vector of model parameters, and X is the set of covariates. The residuals are defined as:

$$\mathcal{E} = Y - E(Y) \tag{3}$$

They are assumed to be normally distributed and uncorrelated as with a standard linear regression (McCullagh and Nelder, 1989). E(Y) is the expected value of the *Y* determined from the model.

Standard linear models require *Y* to be from a Normal distribution. Consequently, to model variables which are non-negative, positively skewed, discrete, or binary violates the normality assumption and thus cannot be readily modeled using a standard linear model.

Assuming a binomial distribution for the response variable reduces the GLM to a logistic regression; a Poisson distribution makes it a Poisson regression model, etc. (McCullagh and Nelder, 1989). Of course, a Normal distribution assumption reduces this to a standard linear regression. The ability to model a variety of distributions in the exponential family is the major advantage of GLM (McCullagh and Nelder, 1989). Replacing *G*(*.*) with an extreme value distribution allows this approach to model extremes as shown in the modeling of extremes in water turbidity by Towler *et al.* (2013).

Since every OWTS in the sample was repaired at least once, the response variable Y for all 120 systems is greater than zero and a positively skewed distribution – as displayed in Figure 2. The gamma distribution has been used in a GLM of POTW compliance data that also are positively skewed (Weirich et al., 2011). However, the OWTS data have long tails due to members of the sample with extremely high or low values of repair severity, and the Weibull distribution is better suited to capture tail behavior compared to the Gamma distribution (e.g., Katz et al., 2002). While GLM provides computational flexibility, the assumption that the dependent variable Y must be represented by a distribution in the exponential family restricts its ability to model data using, for example, a Weibull distribution, which is not part of this family. Further, the GLM framework is largely for modeling a single parameter of the distribution with a link function. To overcome this limitation, Rigby and Stasinopoulos (2005; 2001) and Akantziliotou et al. (2002) introduced generalized additive models for location, scale, and shape (GAMLSS). GAMLSS relaxes the exponential family distribution constraint for the response variable and allows a larger distribution family, including those with long tails such as Weibull. Furthermore, it can admit additive functions of the independent variable that can be linear or nonlinear, providing more flexibility in modeling.

Like GLM, for GAMLSS, a smooth link function,  $g_k(.)$ , transforms the expectation of each parameter in the representative *Y* distribution,  $f(y_i|\theta^i)$ , to a set of predictors. The probability distribution function is conditional on  $\theta^i$  where  $\theta^i = (\theta_{i1}, \theta_{i2}, ..., \theta_{ik})$  is a vector of *k* parameters, where k depends on the distribution type.

$$g_k(\theta_{ik}) = \eta_k = X_k \beta_k + \sum_{j=1}^{J_k} h_{jk} x_{jk}$$

$$\tag{4}$$

Each parameter,  $\theta_{ik}$ , is related to the set of explanatory variables,  $X_k$ , and a parametric vector,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_k$ . The term  $\sum_{j=1}^{J_k} h_{jk} x_{jk}$  represents the random component and can be either a semi-parametric or non-parametric additive model (Rigby and Stasinopoulos, 2005).

To determine the impact of user operations on the expected *annual repair severity* of OWTS over a 40-year period, all independent variables and variable interactions were incorporated in the GAMLSS model using the GAMLSS package in the open-source statistical program R (http://www.r.project.org)), and all combinations of variables were tested to determine the distribution parameters,  $\theta^i$ , using the Akaike Information Criteria (AIC, Akaike, 1974). AIC selects a best model by considering all the possible subsets of the independent variables from the fit model. For each model, the generalized Akaike Information Criteria (GAIC), specific to GAMLSS, is calculated as:

$$GAIC = -2\hat{\ell}(\theta) + (N * k)$$
(5)

where  $\hat{\ell}(\theta)$  is the logarithm of the model likelihood function reflecting the subset of explanatory variables that are obtained from iterated weighted least squares method (IWLS), *N* is the penalty for additional parameters, which has a default value of 2, typical for AIC, and *k* is the number of model parameters. The model with the lowest GAIC is selected as the 'best model' (Stasinopoulos *et al.*, 2008).

# **Cross validation**

To evaluate the model performance on an independent data set, a random number of observations, ~15% of the total data set or about 18 points, are dropped. The model is fitted to the remaining ~85% of the data and used to predict the dropped values and performance measure such as  $R^2$  (square of the correlation coefficient between the observed and model predicted values) and RMSE (root mean squared error) are computed. This is repeated a thousand times and the measures are displayeyd as boxplots to provide insights into the variability of the model skill.

## Sensitivity Analysis

The range of cost estimates for minor, moderate, and major repairs motivated us to consider the sensitivity of the Weibull model to changing costs. Because the BCPH cost estimates are over 10 years old, the possibility of underestimating the *annual repair severity* is the greater concern. Therefore the sensitivity analysis consists of generating two new models using the following repair cost conditions. Model II: sensitivity to the cost of major repairs only by retaining the average cost for the minor and moderate repairs used in the original model (Model I), but increasing the cost for the major repairs to the high value of the range; and Model III: increasing the cost of repairs for all repair categories to the high value in the range.

### RESULTS

A GAMLSS model belonging to the Weibull distribution family was fit to the dependent variables and *annual repair severity* data, using the log link function. The GAMLSS model of repair severity is represented as

$$Y \sim WEI(\mu, \sigma) \tag{6}$$

where *Y* is the response variable, *annual repair severity*, and  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are the scale and shape parameters, respectively, of the Weibull distribution (WEI). The best model of the scale and shape parameters based on GAIC resulted in the following expressions.

$$log E(\mu) = 5.96 + 7.54e - 8 * SV + 2.96e - 5 * LA - 0.05 * UP - 1.4 * PT - 0.10 * PS - 1.21 * (UP * PT) - 0.001 * (SV * PT) - 1.40e - 6 * (SV * PT) - 1.64 * (PT * PS)$$
(7)  
$$log E(\sigma) = 1.023$$
(8)

**Equations 6 and 7** indicate that OWTS performance is related to five of the ten individual independent variables and four combinations of the variables. The individual factors selected are the assessed structural value of the home (SV), square footage of the home (LA) — both are considered proxies for household affluence or ability to pay, the number of complete required system inspections (PT) as a result of the 2008 Boulder County Property Transfer regulation for OWTS, the total number sales after 2008 where a property transfer inspection was not documented (PS), and the frequency and cost of OWTS upgrades resulting from adding a bedroom (UP).

The expected value of the shape parameter  $E(\sigma)$  is a constant estimated by fitting a Weibull distribution to the observed data. It is common in these models with smaller number of data such as the case here, that the GAIC criteria keeps the shape parameter constant, as varying the shape parameter can make the model fit highly variable and the

results difficult to interpret. The nonlinear combination of the five variables describing both the scale and shape parameters creates the Weibull distribution for each observation; therefore, each OWTS observation has a unique scale with a constant shape.

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) table (*model I* in **Table 4.2**) shows the significance of each variable in the model based on its p-value.

	<b>Model I</b> 1533.79				<b>Model II</b> 1769.30		Model III 1766.75	
GAIC								
Covariate	Influence	Estimate	Std. Error	P-value	Estimate	P-value	Estimate	P-value
(Intercept)	+	5.96	0.09	<0.001	6.62	<0.001	6.85	<0.00.
RC					0.13	0.082		
SV	+	7.54e-7	3.23e-7	0.82	4.99e-7	0.197		
LA	+	2.96e-5	5.02e-5	0.56				
UP	-	0.05	0.08	0.53	0.38	0.122	-0.05346	0.59
РТ	-	1.4	0.42	0.001	-0.32	0.054	-0.36371	0.02
PS	-	0.10	0.08	0.20	-0.12	0.336	-0.06832	0.47
UP*PT	-	1.21	0.40	0.003	-1.99	<0.001	-1.84926	0.00
PT*PS	-	1.64	0.44	<0.001	-2.00	<0.001	-1.83440	<0.00
LA*PT	-	0.001	2.08e-4	<0.001				
SV*UP					-2.60e-6	0.001		
UP*PS					0.37	0.091		
SV*PT	+	1.40e-6	3.16e-6	<0.001				
coefficient	s						<u> </u>	
(Intercept)		1.023	0.07	<0.001	0.776	<0.001	0.853	<0.001

**Table 4.2** Reliability model (Model 1) ANOVA table and model sensitivity to repair cost estimates.

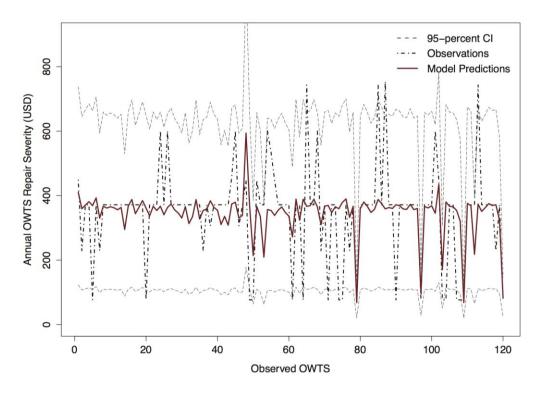
\* Shaded entries are the variables that are consistently associated with repair severity in all three scenarios

The significance threshold was set at 0.1 (i.e. 90% confidence) for this study. The four combined variables: UP\*PT, LA\*PT, SV\*PT, and PT\*PS are significant at greater than 90% confidence. Of the individual variables, only the number of property transfers after 2008 when a full inspection was required met the significance criterion. While not all of the individual variables are significant at 90% confidence or higher (i.e. p-value < 0.01) in the best model, the best model from GAIC or other such criteria selects the group of variables that jointly improve the estimation of *annual repair severity*. However, the variables that are not significant tend to have coefficient values close to zero. With one exception, an increase in the value of individual and combined factors including the variable number of required inspections after 2008, PT, was associated with a **decrease** in annual repair severity, as reported under *model I* in **Table 4.2**, column 2.

## **Model Diagnostics**

The GAMLSS model (Equations 6 and 7) provides the best estimate of the two parameters of the Weibull distribution describing the repair severity for each observation as a function of the selected independent variables. Consequently, the median and the 95% confidence intervals can be obtained from the estimated sample distribution. While a predictive model encompassing both extreme and the median results would be ideal, the primary concern is whether the model is a good predictor of *annual repair severity* for the average OWTS. Average system performance as reflected by the expected *annual repair severity* over the system's life is a potential decision factor for homeowners and can aid community and regional planning and management decisions when comparison of the costs of on-site and centralized systems is desirable. The observed values and the predicted *annual repair severity* costs have an  $R^2$  of 0.406 indicating that the model captures ~40% of the overall variability.  $R^2$  values less than 50% are acceptable in behavioral and social science fields where typically the precentage of variance accounted for is smaller given the inherent variability of human nature (Hunter and Schmidt, 2004). Futhermore, even with a low  $R^2$  value, the presence of statistically significant predictors still allow important conclusions to be drawn about how variations in the predictor values are associated with changes in the *annual repair severity*.

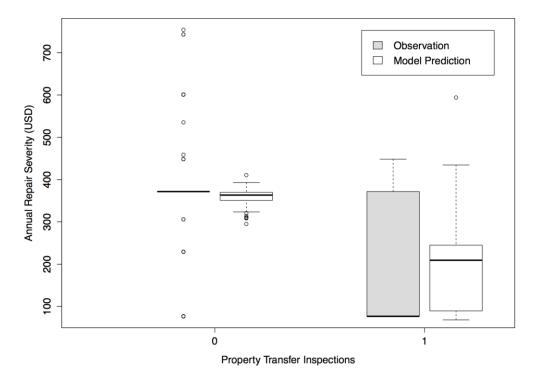
**Figure 4.3** shows the *annual repair severity* in dollars for each system in the sample compared to the model expected value and 95% confidence interval.



**Figure 4.3** Predicted *annual repair severity* (USD) and 95% confidence limits using the fitted Weibull distribution parameters compared to the observed values for all 120 OWTS in the sample.

The figure shows that the model under-predicts the extremes and predicts well near the central values for *annual repair severity*. This suggests that there are additional variables

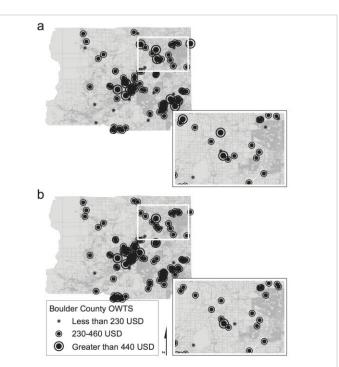
that potentially contribute to the likelihood of either highly performing systems-those requiring few repairs—, and systems requiring frequent and costly major repairs that are ultimately more vulnerable to failure. The confidence intervals (**Figure 4.3**) are asymmetric and shifted in the same direction as the repair severity, suggesting that they are able to capture the variability well – unlike traditional regression approaches, which provide symmetric intervals. **Figure 4.4** shows the observed and modeled values for *annual repair severity* as boxplots as a function of the significant and highly influential variable, of number of property transfers after 2008 with required inspections (PT). No property had more than one required inspection after 2008; however even one inspection had a clear beneficial impact on *annual repair severity*, as captured in the Weibull regression.



**Figure 4.4** Relationship between predicted (Weibull) and actual annual repair severity costs and the number of property transfer inspections for 120 OWTS.

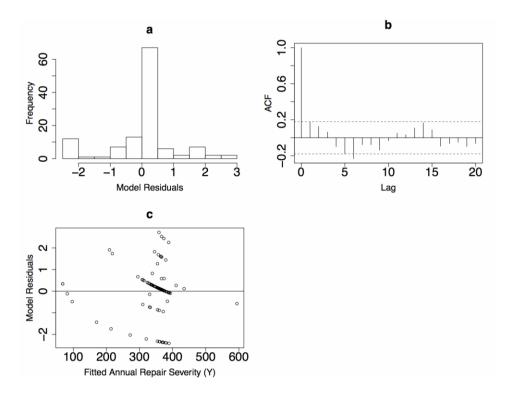
**Figure 4.5** has spatial plots of the observed and predicted values of *annual repair severity*. While OWTS requiring moderate to major repairs are distributed throughout the County, the model does capture some spatial clustering of systems that had a history of higher-cost repairs.

As mentioned in the model description, the model residuals have to satisfy the assumption of normality, independence and constant variance (i.e. homoscedasticity). These provide



**Figure 4.5** GIS map of observed *annual repair severity* (a) compared to the model estimates of *annual repair severity* (b). The windows zoom in on a selection of OWTS in and around the city of Boulder (refer to Figure 1) to highlight the model's ability to capture *annual repair severity* based on the selected covariates.

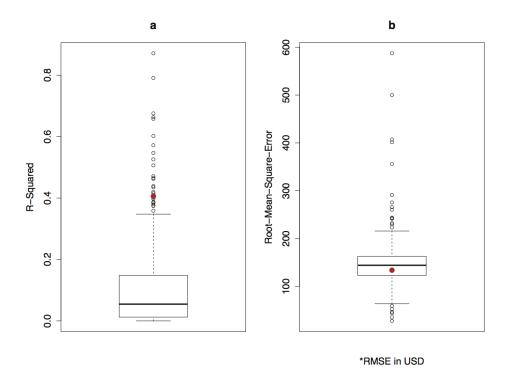
a set of measures for testing the model adequacy shown in **Figure 4.6**. The histogram supports the assumption of normally distributed residuals, and the ACF is minimal suggesting independence of the residuals. The heteroscedasticity plot shows no clear trend in residuals as a function of the estimated value of *Y*. Some of the structure in this latter plot is perhaps due to the categorical nature of the data. From the autocorrelation plot it is apparent that while the correlation appears to be minimal, there is significant autocorrelation at the first lag – i.e., one residual is correlated with the other, indicative of spatial correlation. This could be due to local factors such as topography, age of the neighborhood, etc. Hierarchical models where in the residuals are modeled as a spatial Gaussian process are attractive alternatives to capturing the residual structure.



**Figure 4.6** GAMLSS model diagnostic plots. (a) residuals histogram showing Normality, (b) Autocorrelation Function (ACF) distribution, and (c) constant variance plot of residuals testing for error heteroscedasticity.

# Model Cross Validation

The variability of the predicted RMSE and R<sup>2</sup> skill measures during cross-validation are shown as boxplots in **Figure 4.7**. The relatively large variability in R<sup>2</sup> and RMSE is to be expected since the extremes cannot be modelled well without including them in the model fitting. The spread of both the skill indicators illustrates that the model is best applied to prediction within the original sample range and is least efficient in predicting extreme values of annual repair/replacement severity. The R<sup>2</sup> values of the cross-validation models ranges from approximately 0.1 to 0.8. and reflects the possibility that in each simulation some number of extreme values could be dropped resulting in under- or over-prediction of *annual repair severity*. However, the low median RMSE value of approximately \$134 indicates that a significant portion of the predictions differ only slightly from the *annual repair severity* observations even after dropping 15% of the data.



**Figure 4.7** Skill of Wiebull model of *annual repair severity* model skill as distributions of R<sup>2</sup> (a) and RMSE (b) of iterated regressions with 15% of observations dropped RMSE in hundreds of dollars.

## Model Sensitivity to Cost Estimates

**Table 4.2** has the results of the sensitivity analysis comparing the original simulation (model I), based on the average cost in each repair category to results from simulations using cost estimates in models II and III. The covariates consistently associated with *annual repair severity* are UP, PT, PS and the interaction between the number of upgrades and property transfer inspections (UP:PT). Additionally, their influence on the likelihood of a high cost *annual repair severity* is consistently negative with one exception in model II where the likelihood of a high *annual repair severity* increases with an increased number of system upgrades. As the severity weighting is shifted using higher repair cost estimates,

some of the covariates relevant in the initial GAMLSS model, e.g., LA, become insignificant to determining *annual repair severity*. However, the coefficient estimates of those variables in the initial model (model I) are approximately zero indicating that even in the initial model they have a lesser influence on *annual repair severity* than the highlighted more robust variables. **Figure 4.8** shows the adjusted *annual repair severity* distributions based on the different cost estimates as well as the representative Weibull fit to each distribution.

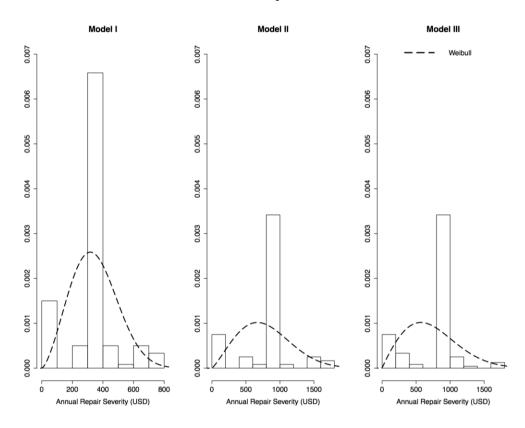
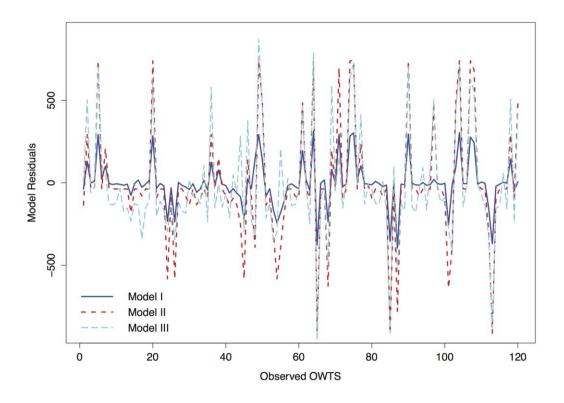


Figure 4.8 Estimated cost distributions for Models I, II and III and their Weibull representation.

**Figure 4.9** illustrates the sensitivity of the residuals of the GAMLSS model to changes in cost estimates. Positive residuals in **Figure 4.9** indicate an overestimation of *annual repair severity*; whereas, negative residuals reveal an underestimation of repair/replacement costs. Residuals based around zero demonstrate where the predicted value is close to the real *annual repair severity* value.



**Figure 4.9** Sensitivity of model skill to repair cost estimates used to calculate *annual repair severity*. Model I is the original Weibull regression using the average of BCPH cost ranges for all repair categories; Model II is the Weibull regression substituting a higher cost estimate for major repairs; Model III is the Weibull regression with the higher cost estimate for all three categories of repairs.

In general, both positive and negative residuals increased along with cost estimates for both major and all repairs implying greater uncertainty in predictions of repair severity. This is not unexpected as the predicted *annual repair severity* values also increases as a function of higher costs.

# DISCUSSION

Public Good theory provides a policy framework for recommending increased regulation of OWTS (Mohamed, 2009). Health and environmental impacts of appreciable levels of OWTS failure and repair, aggravated by the growing density of these systems, is additional motivation for new regulations requiring regular inspection and maintenance. However, new regulations have associated costs for both individual owners and for local health departments charged with maintaining records and processing permits. Results of this study provide data-based support for mandatory inspections that reduce repair frequency and cost over the OWTS life, and a credible estimate of the benefits of increased oversight. In fact, the predicted benefit of inspections is conservative, since the Boulder County inspection/repair requirement only takes effect when a property is transferred. It may well be the case that a universal requirement for regular OWTS inspections through means such as a renewable permit would have an even larger benefit in improving OWTS reliability.

Two factors, SV and LA, have been considered as indicators of household affluence (Harlan *et al.*, 2009). The GAMLSS model showed a slight positive association of both with *annual repair severity*. Interestingly, this result goes against the common assumption that an increased ability to pay increases the likelihood of homeowner attention to maintenance and system performance. This counterintuitive result could be attributed to the location of these homes. In Boulder County many larger high-value homes outside POTW service areas are located in mountainous areas far from maintenance services. Some may have soil treatment units located in terrain where a failure may not be noticed by either residents or neighbors. Additionally, more expensive homes may be sold less often, so that structural value is negatively related to mandatory inspections.

Finally, UP was associated with a decrease in predicted *annual repair severity* for OWTS. One explanation is that when a home's size is increased through remodeling and construction, the County requirement for expanded or appropriately upgraded systems would have an effect similar to property transfer inspections resulting in less frequent and

less severe repairs. The relationship suggests that increasing system capacity also may benefit performance.

While individual variables such as inspections and repairs associated with property transfers, sales after 2008 and system upgrades decrease the likelihood of a high annual repair severity, inclusion of combined variables, especially those containing post-2008 property transfers, improved the Weibull model skill. An interaction between individual variables with the same influence on the likelihood of a high annual repair severity amplifies those individual performance effects and increases the overall skill of the model. However, the small coefficient values for some of the combined variables such as structural value and regulated property transfers indicates that their effect on the expected value of annual repair severity was small. In general, LA and SV in combination with PT allow the model to discriminate between what might be considered a moderate range and a high range *of annual repair severity* values. While removing the two variables is an option given their p-values, they not only improve the skill of the model but also minimize GAIC compared to model versions without them. This indicates that while household affluence may not directly relate to annual repair severity, both indicator variables provide a nonarbitrary amplification of the highly significant covariate, PT, and capture the non-linear effect of the interaction on OWTS performance.

Some spatial clustering of OWTS repair severity (**Figure 4.5**) and autocorrelation of residuals (**Figure 4.6**) suggest that not all factors determining OWTS failure are captured in the Weibull regression. Both geographic clustering and autocorrelation may be explained by factors such as weather, soil and groundwater conditions, distance from OWTS servicers and from other residences. As an attractive extension of this research, the relationship

between OWTS repair severity and location can be explored using spatial modeling of the GAMLSS model residuals in a hierarchical modeling approach or a Bayesian method (e.g., Verdin et al., 2015). Another potential extension of this study exists in the discretized characteristic of the data (**Figure 4.2**), which lends itself to a categorical modeling approach using a binomial or multinomial logistic regression analyses (e.g., Towler et al., 2013) to estimate risk, particularly quantifying the likelihood of high repair severity occurrences.

## **SUMMARY**

As the use of owner-operated on-site sanitation technologies increases, life cycle costs and long-term sustainability, including environmental and health impacts become more relevant to reducing the risk of human and environmental exposure to wastewater contaminants. This research identified factors unique to minimally regulated OWTS that may guide future planning to enable better OWTS management over the system life. In the absence of comprehensive monitoring data, the product of the cost and frequency of system repairs and replacement, annualized over a 40-year lifetime, denoted as "annual repair severity", is proposed as a measure of system failure. Data from 120 OWTS in Boulder County, Colorado are fit by regression (GAMLSS) modelling, with the best fit provided by the Weibull distribution. In general, variables associated with conscientious owner management of OWTS were predictive of long-term system integrity. The most important was the frequency of inspections by professional servicers, typically accompanied by maintenance and minor repairs. This result suggests that mandatory inspections through a mechanism such as renewable permits would significantly reduce life cycle repair/failure frequency and severity, lowering OWTS costs to owners and

reducing public exposure to wastewater contaminants. The statistical model is skilled at predicting repair severity in the mid-range of the data distribution with an expected annual repair/replacement cost between \$350 and \$400 per year, over the 40-year life cycle. The observed and modelled annual repair severity values were correlated with an R<sup>2</sup> value of 0.406, with larger discrepancies at the high values of annual repair severity, which fell in the range of \$600 to \$800 per year. The model dependence on inspection frequency as a principal determinant of repair severity was not sensitive to the cost estimates assigned to each category, indicating general applicability of the model results.

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## **CHAPTER 5:** MODELING RISK OF FAILURE USING EXTREME VALUE ANALYSIS

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#### ABSTRACT

Owner resistance to increasing regulation of on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), including obligatory inspections and upgrades, moratoriums and cease-and-desist orders in communities around the U.S. demonstrate the challenges associated with managing risks of inadequate performance of owner-operated wastewater treatment systems. As a result, determining appropriate and enforceable performance measures in an industry with little history of these requirements is challenging. To better support such measures, we develop a statistical method to predict lifetime failure risks, expressed as costs, in order to identify operational factors associated with costly repairs and replacement. A binomial logistic regression is used to fit data from public records of reported OWTS failures, in Boulder County, Colorado, which has 14,300 OWTS. Highperforming OWTS with repairs and replacements below the threshold of \$9,000 over a 40year life are associated with more frequent inspections and upgrades following home additions. OWTS with a high risk of exceeding the repair cost threshold of \$18,000 are analyzed in a variation of extreme value analysis (EVA), Points Over Threshold (POT) where the distribution of risk-cost exceedance values are represented by a generalized

Pareto distribution. The resulting estimated costs for OWTS in the high-risk category over a 40-year expected life ranged from \$18,000 to \$44,000.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Over the next 20 years, the U.S. EPA estimates \$122 billion and \$148 billion in funding shortages for capitalization of new wastewater infrastructure and continued operation and maintenance of existing facilities, respectively (EPA 2002a). The gap in available funds in part may account for greater interest in more decentralized wastewater treatment, including user operated on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), as a permanent part of sanitation infrastructure planning both in the U.S. and globally. In the U.S., approximately 25% of the population is currently served by OWTS, and 30% of new housing developments have OWTS.

In regions of the U.S., wider application of OWTS technology has been accompanied by greater expectations of performance and consideration of new regulations that recognize the risks of denser networks of OWTS (e.g., State of Colorado recommended transfer of title inspection and renewable permit policy for County level adoption and control (Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, 2013), State of California Proposed New Statewide Policy (California Water Boards, 2011) officially adopted in 2012 (California Water Boards, 2012)). Yet in spite of well-developed on-site wastewater technologies, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated OWTS failure rates between 10% and 20% (EPA 2002b), while in some individual states failure rates are upwards of 50% (Nelson, Dix and Shepard 1999).

## Existing risk management

OWTS primarily rely on oversized septic tanks and soil treatment units to produce extended waste residence times that enable slow processes like fine-particle sedimentation and ambient temperature anaerobic digestion for the separation and transformation of contaminants, especially pathogens, with no energy or mechanical inputs (Crites and Tchobanoglous 1998). However, OWTS conditions are highly dynamic on multiple time scales of days, months, seasons, and years, and even conservative designs are unlikely to obviate the resulting variability of OWTS performance, especially over the longer time scale associated with factors such as solids overflow, loss of tank integrity, and clogging of the soil treatment unit (STU) (McKinley and Siegrist, 2011). Furthermore, under the historic paradigm that OWTS serve isolated rural residences the environmental and public health risks associated with either intermittent service disruptions or even catastrophic failure are assumed to be managed through dispersion and dilution. Yet, with increasing use, the aggregate impact of denser networks of OWTS may in fact be comparable to or exceed that of centralized facilities, especially when considering poorly removed constituents such as nutrients.

Technological advances may reduce some OWTS performance variability, but those advances alone have not addressed failure rates observed in systems that meet design standards. Safe on-site storage, transformation and disposal of fecal waste require knowledge of how factors such as monitoring, inspection, maintenance, costs and owner knowledge influence performance. These owner-dependent operational factors are different from design and permit-based standards but greatly influence the functionality of OWTS (D'Amato *et al.*, 2008).

Although OWTS are often characterized as passive processes requiring infrequent, if any, operation and maintenance, regular maintenance activities such as pumping solids, repairs and replacements require owner management. In addition to logistical demands, financial responsibility falls on individual residents. Unlike centralized collection and treatment systems, there is no mechanism for distributing the costs of significant repairs or replacement. For example, if a catastrophic failure occurs in a centralized service, the connection fee and monthly rates often include anticipated system repairs and replacements. In the event these are exceeded, public utilities are able to issue taxguaranteed bonds and while wastewater rates may increase, the cost is still spread over a larger number of ratepayers and over time. Pearson (2007) reported that residential customers of very small community water systems serving 25 to 100 people paid 89% of the revenue for operations, while residents served by larger systems with more than 100,000 people paid only 50% of the operating revenue. If an OWTS fails, 100% of the cost of replacement falls on a single homeowner—typically as a lump sum cost.

Some home insurance policies may cover damage as a result of surfacing effluent, but rarely pay the costs for repair and replacement of OWTS components. Special policies covering septic system repair cost hundreds of dollars per year and do not cover many failures or repairs due to extreme weather, neglected maintenance, construction accidents or misuse (Pro-Sept<sup>™</sup>, 2014). In any case, the financial risk of failure is transferred to the homeowner with or without insurance. Moreover, the likelihood of choosing to purchase insurance is further reduced without a clear understanding of the financial risks and effective avoidance measures.

The risk of one or more high-cost repair has been defined for other systems as the product of the probability of loss of service and the consequence. In the case of an essential service such as an OWTS, a monetized consequence is the dollar amount for system repairs and/or replacements (Pinkham *et al.*, 2004; Fane *et al.*, 2004). In previous research we found an association between more frequent OWTS maintenance and the annualized cost of lifetime repairs (Kohler *et al.*, 2015). However, there is a strong incentive for homeowners to postpone even basic maintenance services because they are costly, failures in subsurface components are not apparent, and OWTS are not subject to monitoring and reporting regulations. Public education may encourage owners to be proactive in managing their OWTS, but the combination of the economic disincentive and the belief that an individual system failure had little impact on others outweighs persuasion in many instances (Mohamed, 2009).

## Study objective

From an asset management standpoint, a goal for decentralized wastewater services is to install and manage systems that deliver treatment to protect receiving water quality for the lowest overall cost (AMSA, 2002). Many of these, including design, manufacturing, installation, routine maintenance, and salvage, may be reliably estimated based on known equipment costs and professional service fees. However, the likelihood of OWTS failures over the system life and the associated costs – a so-called risk-cost model, does not exist. In a study of OWTS near the Chesapeake Bay, asserted the benefit of moving away from lumped safety factors to account for performance uncertainty and measure reliability

towards a more objective way of assessing and communicating risk to stakeholders and assigning financial responsibility (Gujer, 2006).

The goal of this study is to quantify risks of OWTS service disruption and enable incorporation of risk associated OWTS failure as a factor in land use planning, regulatory activities and owner engagement. In previous research, we showed that a statistical approach using Generalized Additive Models for Location, Scale and Shape (GAMLSS) fit to data from OWTS repair permit applications, system inspection documentation, and tax assessor's information in Boulder County, Colorado was able to predict life cycle repair/replacement costs for a county-wide OWTS sample (Kohler et al., 2015). However, the GAMLSS model skill was relatively low in modeling cost-based failure risks at the extreme ranges of the sample for either the poorest (highest risk) or best (lowest risk) performing systems. Yet characterizing the risk factors for these two populations may have the greatest value for risk communication and decision-making, especially decisions by owners who assume the burden of a cost-based risk. We therefore apply extreme value analysis-peak over threshold (EVA-POT) analysis of the Boulder County OWTS data to improve the estimates of risk at the extremes of OWTS failure profiles. The risk model also provides an economic basis of comparison with other sanitation/wastewater management technologies incorporating uncertainty. Finally, many OWTS failures such as STU clogging, ponding, overflow and septic tank leakage represent uncontrolled release of contaminants to the environment and/or human exposure. While quantifying discharges from failing OWTS is beyond the scope of this study, the cost-based risk model may provide a secondary measure of water quality and health impacts.

#### **METHODS**

#### Data

The input data consisted of coded OWTS permit information, including repair and replacement documentation, residence descriptions and assessed value for 120 sites described in an earlier paper (Kohler *et al.*, 2015). The geographical distribution of the 120 systems encompasses the full range of topographic and demographic characteristics of the Boulder County, and represents an overall OWTS population of 14,300 OWTS.

#### Variable definition

#### Dependent variable

For this study, the product of frequency and magnitude (costs) of repairs over the period of record forms the performance measure. While not all repairs are associated with a failure and/or contaminant release, exceeding some lifetime cost of repair implies performance instability sufficient to trigger significant intervention by County Health Department staff and/or certified OWTS servicers.

Each County record of a repair is classified by severity into minor, moderate, and major categories, following the determination of BCPH staff, and assigned an associated cost based on the County's posted estimates for the various categories of repairs, as described by Kohler *et al.* (2015). The dependent variable, *repair severity*, is the sum of all repair costs over a service life of 40 years, which is the sample average number of years from the final inspection date on the installation permit to the date of the most recent recorded failure. Other researchers have suggested that a 40-year life cycle captures approximately 80-90% of the range of wastewater infrastructure expenditures for initial capital and major replacement costs (Pitterle, 2009).

**Figure 5.1** shows the histogram of the total *repair severity* variable along with a kernel density estimation of the probability density function. Although, the continuous distribution is shown, the data has clear grouping with approximately 60% of the sample with repair severity value estimated at approximately \$15,000 over the 40-year service life. Visually, threshold values of < \$9,000 and > \$18,000 were used to define the high- and low-risk subpopulations that have extreme values of *repair severity*. The high- and low risk extremes were represented by a subset of 17 and 24 systems, respectively. The basis for the choice of these thresholds is described in the *Extreme Value Analysis* section.

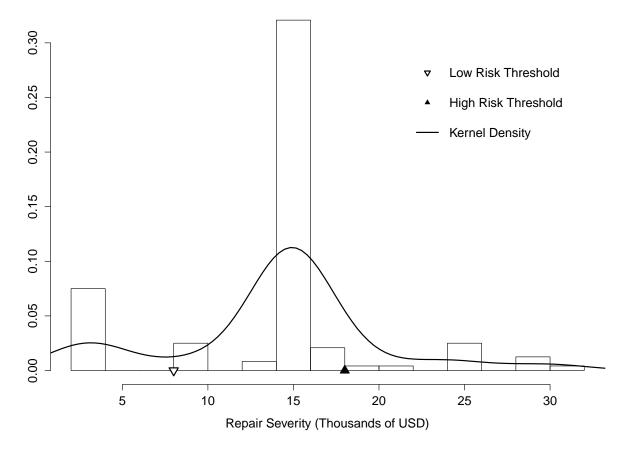


Figure 5.1 Distribution of OWTS repair severity data measured as cost (USD) of the 120 sample observations.

## Independent variables

From the Boulder County Assessor's Tax database. inspection property repair/replacement documents. and applications, ten independent variables were used - which are described in Kohler et al. (2015); and also listed in **Table 5.1** along with their abbreviations. The independent variable data for each OWTS were coded and stored with the corresponding *repair severity* 

**Table 5.1** Independent variables hypothesizedto influence OWTS performance risk.

Variable	Symbol
Property transfer inspections	РТ
Property sales (after 2008)	PS
Property sales (before 2008)	EPS
Loan inspections	LI
Water supply	WS
Structural value	SV
Living area	LA
Change in bedroom count	RC
Change in bathroom count	BC
Upgrades	UP

values, and a unique location based on the latitude and longitude of the land parcel.

## Extreme Value Analysis

Extreme Value Analysis (EVA) is used to model extreme events (Coles, 2001), i.e. the events in the tails of the distribution, which are often underestimated by regression techniques that rely on the exponential family of distributions. One EVA model, Peaks-Over-Threshold, is used to model events that are outside a selected threshold. Once a threshold is selected two components are modeled - (i) the probability of exceedance (over or under) the threshold and (ii) the magnitude of exceedance. The probability of exceedance is modeled using a logistic regression – which is a Generalized Linear Model (GLM), and a Generalized Pareto Distribution (GPD) for the magnitude of exceedance, together forming the method EVA-POT (Coles, 2001). These two components are described below.

The cumulative distribution function of the GPD for values exceeding the threshold,  $\mu$ , is specified by three parameters: location,  $\mu$  – the threshold, scale,  $\sigma$ , and shape,  $\xi$ . Generally, the cumulative distribution function of the GPD is:

$$F_{(\xi,\mu,\sigma)}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \left(1 + \frac{\xi(x)}{\sigma}\right)^{-1/\xi} & \text{for } \xi \neq 0\\ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) & \text{for } \xi = 0 \end{cases}$$
(1)

The threshold can be user-specified - e.g. one with significance in a decision-making context or it can be selected in a quasi-objective manner. In the latter, different thresholds are selected and for each, the scale and shape parameters are estimated. The parameters are plotted against the threshold value and the region where the parameters remains stable is used to select the threshold. Selecting a threshold that is both relevant to the user and falls with the stable region of the plot is preferred (Coles, 2001).

The threshold converts the observed data, in this case the *repair severity* cost, to a binary series of 0 and 1, with one representing an exceedance event. This binary response variable series is modeled as a Poisson process or logistic regression (Coles, 2001) as a function of covariates (independent variables). We use the logistic regression, which is one of the GLMs (McCullagh and Nelder, 1989) with a Binomial parent distribution:

$$G(E(Y_i/n_i)) = G(p_i) = X\beta + \varepsilon$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

where G(.) is the logit link function, X is the set of predictors or independent variables,  $E(Y_i/n_i)$  is the expected value of the proportion of  $Y_i$  taking on the value one (also referred to as  $p_i$  or the probability of event i), and  $\varepsilon$  is the error, assumed to be normally distributed. G(.) takes the form:

$$G(.) = logit(p_i) = log\left(\frac{p_i}{1-p_i}\right)$$
(3)

The best combination of logistic regression predictors is selected based on minimizing Akaike Information Criteria (AIC), which is a standard approach (Akaike, 1974).

The performance of the logistic regression model, which estimates the probability of the two categories is typically quantified using the Brier skill score (BSS). BSS is a special case of Ranked Probability Skill Score (RPSS), which is widely used to evaluate weather and climate forecasts (Weigel *et al.*, 2007). BSS takes the form:

$$BSS = -\frac{BS - BS_{ref}}{BS_{ref}} \tag{4}$$

which specifies the mean-squared error of probability forecasts (BS) for a dichotomous event compared to a reference forecast (BS<sub>ref</sub>), also referred to as constant climatology forecast, which is often an unskilled estimate of the outcome. The constant climatology or unskilled forecast is the proportion of the sample count in each risk category. For example, the proportion of OWTS in the high risk category, above threshold, is (17/120) and that of the lower risk, below threshold, is 103/120. The BSS can take on values from –  $\infty$  to 1; a BSS of 1 indicates perfect forecast, a value of 0 indicates the model is no better than the constant climatological or unskilled forecast and negative values indicate worse performance (Brier, 1950).

To capture non-stationarity of the magnitude of exceedance, the parameters of the GPD can also be allowed to vary as a function of independent variables or covariates. It is common to vary the scale parameter using a GLM of the form:

$$\log(\sigma(x)) = \beta_{0,\sigma} + \beta_{1,\sigma} x_1 + \dots + \beta_{n,\sigma} x_n$$
(5)

where the variables  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , ...,  $x_n$  are the covariates which can include time in order to consider a temporal trend, and  $\beta$  are the coefficients. The shape parameter is generally not

varied as it tends to be sensitive especially for short data sets with variability, but it too can be varied if desired (Katz *et al.*, 2002).

The best combination of covariates for the GPD parameter is selected based on likelihood ratio test (Katz *et al.*, 2002; Gilleland, 2015). In this, the likelihood value is calculated for two candidate models and compared using a theoretical F-distribution for significance to select the better model. This is repeated until for possible pairs of models and the last model left standing is the best.

The EVA-POT method has been applied to model hot spells and heat waves (e.g., Furrer *et al.*, 2010; Khaliq *et al.*, 2005) and in stochastic weather generators (e.g., Furrer and Katz, 2007) to generate precipitation extremes.

Risk models such as those described by Young and Belz (2003) and CSIRO Urban Water (2003) have been developed for centralized water and wastewater asset management. These models estimate the risk of pipe failure under various management scenarios (Pinkham *et al.*, 2004). We employ an analogous method to evaluate risk and performance uncertainties over a defined time period for OWTS infrastructure. For each facility the estimates of the categorical probability combined with the expected value of the GPD, from the EVA-POT analysis, can be combined to estimate the expected risk.

#### RESULTS

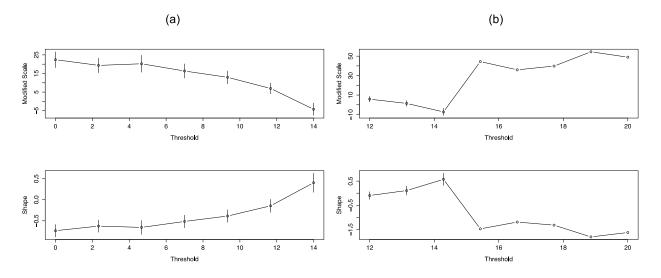
The EVA-POT was implemented in the statistical programming language R (R Core Team, 2013), using specifically the *extRemes* package and library (Gilleland and Katz, 2011). The selection of thresholds is first presented, followed by the probability of threshold exceedance considering both the lower and upper thresholds to identify user

operational factors characteristic of well- and poorly- performing OWTS. Lastly, the magnitude of threshold exceedance associated with high risk OWTS is presented along with the financial risk in terms of dollars lost due to frequent and severe system repairs and failures.

## **Repair Severity Cost Thresholds**

# Lower Threshold

**Figure 5.2a** shows that the shape and scale parameters for the low risk OWTS are stable for expected 40-year repair costs of approximately \$9,000 and the data exhibits a break around this value, thus, we selected this as the lower threshold. The monthly wastewater utility charge for the City of Boulder provides a basis of comparison for the OWTS annual *repair severity* threshold values. The current wastewater utility billing rate for City residents is \$5.76 per 1,000 gallons of water use, based on an "average winter consumption" (AWC) scale, which omits most outdoor use (City of Boulder, 2015). For Boulder, the AWC for a household is approximately 5,000 gallons/month (Mayer *et al.*, 1999) producing a bill of \$28.80/month or just over \$345 per year. The City wastewater rate reflects a recent increase for capital cost of collection system replacement, and also includes costs of capital bond servicing and is therefore not precisely comparable to OWTS repair costs, which do not include the cost of initial installation. However, in comparison, the low severity threshold of \$225 per year, 35% below the local average wastewater utility rate, appears to be a reasonable indicator of a low risk-cost OWTS.



**Figure 5.2** Analysis of model parameters given different thresholds for the POT method. (a) Lower-end *repair severity* threshold evaluation. (b) Upper-end *repair severity* threshold evaluation. The threshold axis is in thousands of U.S. dollars.

## Upper Threshold

For the upper (high risk) threshold the stable region appears to start at ~\$18,000 (**Figure 5.2b**), and includes approximately 15% of the Boulder County OWTS sample. The high risk-cost threshold (\$450/year over a 40-year life) is 30% higher than the local average wastewater utility service rate.

## **Threshold Exceedance Probabilities**

In determining risk, we considered both the probability of being below the lower *repair severity* threshold and above the upper threshold to identify those owner maintenance practices and residence attributes (referred to in Kohler *et al.,* 2015) and their influence on well- and poorly- performing OWTS.

The best binomial logistic regression models for the lower and upper thresholds were obtained separately and are shown in **Tables 5.2 and 5.3**, respectively. Referring to **Tables 5.2 and 5.3**, the *estimate* column indicates the change in the log-likelihood of a lowor high-risk category of *repair severity*, given unit changes in the relevant explanatory variables. For ease of interpretation we use the risk ratio or odds ratio which is the ratio of the probability of the risk category versus the non-risk category, these are show in the *risk* ratio columns of Tables 5.2 and 5.3. Odds ratio values less than 1 decrease the odds of the OWTS being in the risk category, while values greater than 1 increase the likelihood. For example, a unit increase in the number of bedrooms added (RC) to the home decreases the likelihood of being below the low threshold or being in the lowest risk category while it increases the likelihood of repair costs exceeding the high *repair severity* threshold. The significance of increasing house size it supported by the result that relationship for RC is consistent for the high- and low-risk models. An increase in sales after 2008 accompanied by a certified inspection (PS) and property transfer inspections (PT) over the 40-year period respectively decreases the risk of high OWTS repair and replacement costs (Table **5.3**) and increase the likelihood of OWTS falling in the low risk population (**Table 5.2**), also a consistent result for the high- and low-risk regression models.

<b>Table 5.2</b> Binomial logistic regression model coefficients, odds ratios, and model significance to determine
likelihood of an OWTS being experiencing low repair severity costs. The p-values indicate that each of
variables is significant at > 90%.

Coefficients				
	Variable Notations	Estimate	Odds Ratio	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)		-1.42		<0.001
Change in No. Bedrooms	RC	-1.25	0.30	0.082
No. Property Transfer Inspections	PT	2.10	8.20	0.002

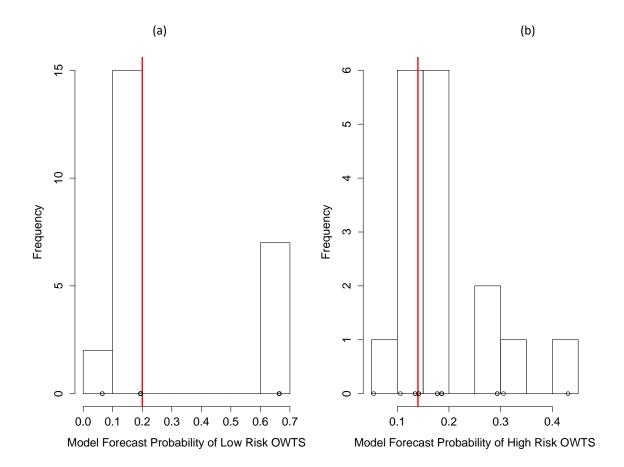
Coefficients				
	Variable Notations	Estimate	Odds Ratio	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)		-2.46		<0.001
Change in No. Bedrooms	RC	0.60	1.82	0.121
Property Transfer Before 2008	EPS	0.33	1.39	0.082
Property Transfers After 2008	PS	-1.65	0.19	0.121

**Table 5.3** Binomial logistic regression model coefficients, odds ratios and model significance that are characteristic of exceeding a high *repair severity* cost threshold. The p-values indicate that each of variables is significant at levels of 88% or above

## Model Skill and Cross-validation

**Figure 5.3** demonstrates the skill of the logistic regression models. **Figure 5.3a** shows the histogram (i.e. distribution) of the model estimated probability of being below the low *repair severity* threshold for the subset of OWTS observed in the low risk category, while **Figure 5.3b** illustrates the probability distribution for exceeding the high-risk threshold for the subset of systems observed in the high risk category. The vertical red line in each histogram of specifies the constant climatological or unskilled estimate based on the portion of the total OWTS population in the low- and high- risk categories. The climatological probability for the low-risk category is 0.2, suggesting that an OWTS has a 20% chance of being in the low risk category based purely on the sample fraction. For the high-risk model the climatology is 0.14 or a 14% chance of being in the high-risk category. The fact that the bulk of the distribution of model predictions of cost risk are below 0.2 for low-risk systems and above 0.14 for the high-risk population, confirms that the chance of incurring either significantly lower or higher lifetime repair costs is not random and moreover is accounted for by the two covariates noted above. The calculated BSS for the

low- and high- risk models are 0.61 and 0.70, respectively, supporting the graphs in **Figure 5.3**.



**Figure 5.3** Each histogram illustrates the forecasted probability of being below the low (a) and above the high (b) repair and replacement cost threshold for the subset of OWTS actually observed as low- and high- risk, respectively. The red line specifies the constant climatology for each model as a reference for communicating each model's performance.

To evaluate the regression model's performance in a predictive mode or on independent data set - 15% of the observations are dropped at random. The models are fitted on the rest of the data and the dropped points are predicted. The BSS is then computed for the predictions. This method is also known as drop-15% cross validation. A thousand cross validation simulations were performed and the BSS values are displayed as boxplots in **Figure 5.4**. The median BSS value close to 1 for both models illustrates each

model's ability to forecast OWTS risk better than an unskilled or average estimate of risk of 20% and 14% for the low risk OWTS and high risk OWTS, respectively. However, the variability of each model's predictive skill is apparent. The spread in the BSS values suggests the need to include additional variables in the model. For instance, OWTS location-related factors that may contribute to some of the model uncertainty are not incorporated. However, both logistic models show good predictive skill and thus are useful for identifying high-risk systems or clusters of systems to target management strategies using a risk-based approach.

#### Exceedance Magnitude for High-Risk OWTS

Whereas the operational characteristics of OWTS below the lower threshold offer information about how homeowners might mitigate their risk, OWTS above the upper threshold and their estimated magnitude of threshold exceedance provide a means to communicate OWTS performance risk to homeowners paying for OWTS repairs and replacements and to planners making risk-informed decisions. Therefore, for the exceedance magnitude we show results only for the sample set exceeding the upper threshold.

The degree to which an individual OWTS exceeds the repair and replacement cost threshold offers a means to estimate the consequence of performance uncertainty or risk through financial range of costs associated with poorly-performing OWTS. Based on the \$18,000 repair and replacement cost threshold, the OWTS repair severity cost exceedances where modeled using the GPD, described in the previous sections. The best model for the scale parameter of the GPD, based on the likelihood ratio test is shown in **Table 5.4** – the

AIC and BIC values for all the eight combinations are also shown confirming the best model

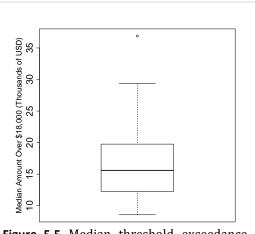
with the minimum values of these criteria.

**Table 5.4** The scale parameter of the GPD was related to various independent variable combinations while the shape parameter was held constant. The GPD that minimized both the AIC and BIC was selected as the 'best fit' model.

Variables combinations making up the scale parameter of the GPD		AIC	BIC
Null	(a)	82.24	83.21
RC	(b)	84.24	85.69
RC + PT	(c)	86.24	88.18
RC + PT + PS	(d)	88.24	90.67
PT + PS	(e)	86.24	90.67
PT*PS	(f)	88.24	90.67
PT*PS + SV + LI	(g)	58.58	61.98
PT*PS +SV+ LI + EPS	(h)	74.60	78.48

The scale parameter of the GDP for the best-fit model is a function of the product of the number of property transfer-related inspections (PT) and property sales after 2008

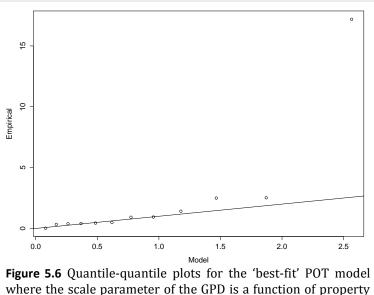
when inspections were mandated (PS), along with home structure value (SV) and loan inspections (LI) (see configuration (g)). No property had more than one required inspection after 2008; however even one inspection had a clear beneficial impact on approximating the *repair severity* cost distribution with more certainty. The four variable combinations enable the model to predict the magnitude by which each system exceeds the



**Figure 5.5** Median threshold exceedance cost (in USD) from the GPD distribution for each OWTS.

\$18,000 repair and replacement cost threshold with more accuracy, i.e. produces a narrower range of costs. For each OWTS the scale parameter is estimated from the above model and thus, the corresponding GPD, from which the median threshold exceedance repair cost is estimated. The boxplot in **Figure 5.5** shows the quartile distribution of

magnitude from each **OWTS** exceedance distribution. with a median value of over \$15,000, or a median total cost risk of over \$33,000 in lifetime repairs. The quantile-quantile (Q-Q) plot of the historic repair costs versus the model estimates are shown in Figure 5.6, along with the unit slope line



transfer inspections, property sales after 2008, structural value, and the number of loan inspections (see (g) in **Table 5.4**).

and confirm the predictive skill of the GPD model.

## Cost-based Risk for High Risk OWTS

Regulation of OWTS management over the system life is a substantial change to the approach of existing regulation in the U.S. Public resistance to new regulations, such as obligatory OWTS upgrades, moratoriums on installation of new systems, and in extreme cases cease-and-desist orders demonstrate the challenges associated with communicating residential and community level OWTS performance risks (e.g. State of California: Bolina (Bolinas Community Public Utility District (BCPUD), 2001; 2011) Monte Rio (Kahn, 2007); State of Colorado: Eldorado Springs (Oulton, 2001; Bain, 2002). As a result, determining appropriate and enforceable performance measures in an industry that has been long established to focus on equipment design, siting and installation is challenging. Households that have always been connected to OWTS may be motivated to push back on new regulations that interfere with how they maintain their systems, especially if they add cost.

Therefore the ability to evaluate the benefits and costs of regulatory changes and provide support for community planning decisions is useful to public health agencies, owners and the public.

Combining both the binomial logistic regression and the GPD model provides a basis for communicating the risk of financial losses due to OWTS repairs and replacement. The probability of exceeding the high repair severity threshold from the binomial logistic regression multiplied by, for example the median value from the GPD exceedance magnitude distribution, specifies the risk of the system in terms of dollars lost. The combined model not only predicts the number of *repair severity* threshold excesses in a community but also enables a planner to approximate with some degree of certainty the range of repair and replacement costs associated with the exceedance. Together the frequency and cost specify the distribution of risk for each system. Risk-costs in addition to common life cycle cost serve as tool to enable a quantitative comparison of WWTPs of different sizes and scales. **Figure 5.7** illustrates financial loss distribution for the 120 OWTS in Boulder County based on the model compared to the actual financial losses due to system repairs and replacements. The expected financial loss is calculated as:

Expected Loss = 
$$p_1 * (\$18,000 + exc) + p_0 * nonexc$$
 (6)

where  $p_1$  is the probability of exceeding the high-cost threshold, *exc* is the median cost by which the repair/replacement cost is estimated to exceed the \$18,000 cost threshold, and  $p_0$  is the probability of not exceeding the threshold multiplied by the consequence of non-exceedance, *nonexc*. The actual repair severity costs range between \$3,066 and \$18,000; therefore, three levels of non-exceedance where used for comparison and seen in **Figure 5.7**.

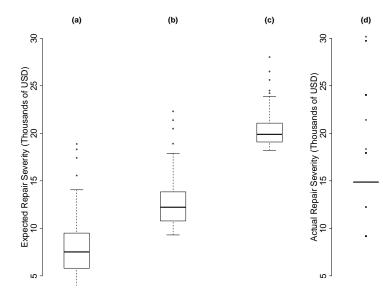
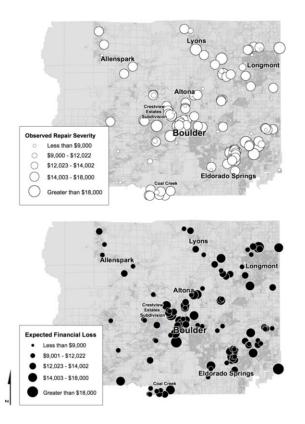


Figure 5.7 Based on the median cost prediction from the GPD, the left boxplots illustrate the spread of the expected financial losses for the 120 OWTS in Boulder County. The financial loss is calculated as the probability of exceeding the high-cost threshold multiplied by the magnitude of the exceedance plus the probability of not exceeding that threshold multiplied by the magnitude associated with non-exceedance. Boxplot (a) uses the lower-end magnitude of non-exceedance = \$3,066, (b) uses the median magnitude = \$9,000, and (c) applies the high-end magnitude associated with not exceeding = \$18,000. The right boxplot shows the actual repair severity distribution for the **OWTS** sample.

**Figure 5.8** shows the spatial distribution of the expected losses predicted for each OWTS in the sample. Interestingly, clusters of high-risk OWTS are located in two neighborhoods, Eldorado Springs and near Crestview Estates subdivision (BCPH, 2004,



**Figure 5.8** Spatial plot of OWTS in Boulder County and each system's expected financial loss based on the probability and financial consequence of exceeding the high-end threshold in addition to the probability and consequence of not exceeding the threshold. 2016). Boulder County identified both areas as high-risk based on risk factors such as age, density, slope and undocumented performance of OWTS in those areas. The figure also demonstrates the model's potential for targeting OWTS performance-based management strategies as well as longer term sanitation planning decisions.

Since inspections and resulting minor repairs are associated with reduced risk, we can estimate the financial trades-off between management strategies, i.e., between inspections enforced through a renewable permit and the no action alternative. **Table 5.5** compares the cost of regular inspections, the life cycle expected financial loss range for low and medium risk OWTS, and the expected financial loss of high risk OWTS. With a regulated inspection every 5 years, the cost associated with OWTS repairs and replacements would be expected to be less than the expected costs in **Table 5.5**. While OWTS inspections cannot prevent all system repairs, recurrent inspections do provide an opportunity to reduce the likelihood of a catastrophic failure and associated high repair/replacement costs.

**Table 5.5** 40-year life cycle cost comparison of OWTS inspections, the *repair cost severity* range for low and moderate-risk systems and the expected costs associated with high-risk systems.

Cost of Inspection*	Property Transfer Certificate	Expected Repair Costs of Low and Moderate Risk OWTS	Expected Costs for High Risk OWTS		
\$3,000	\$50	\$3,066 - \$17,932	>\$18,000 - \$28,000		
*At \$375 per inspection, once every five years for 40 years (ABC Septic Inspection, 2012)					

#### DISCUSSION

We have developed a new approach to relate the risk of failure of OWTS in terms of expected life cycle costs to homeowners as a function of owner/user-related factors such as maintenance practices.

Data from 120 OWTS in Boulder County, Colorado was fit to a GLM where the response variable, *repair severity* measured as cost, was modeled as a binomial distribution based on two repair cost thresholds, which defined categories of OWTS as being at very low or high risk of failure. We found an inverse relationship between high *repair severity* (costs) and inspections, which is consistent with a 2015 study characterizing the performance variability of OWTS where required inspections associated with property transfers and sales decreased the likelihood of extremely high life cycle costs annualized over a 40-year life cycle (Kohler et al., 2015). The opposite relation was found when property was transferred without an inspection, which suggests that one benefit of inspections is education of new owners. (e.g., Boulder County, Colorado, "SepticSmart" Program). While property transfer inspections are not a comprehensive form of regulation in Boulder County, their efficacy suggests a potential benefit of mandating inspections through some instrument like a renewable permit to protect individual homeowners and the general public from the cost of catastrophic failure of OWTS. In general, variables associated with effective maintenance practices were predictive of low-risk OWTS. The skill of the regression models produced Brier Skill Scores of 0.69 and 0.7 for the low-risk and high-risk OWTS categories, respectively.

Characterizing high-risk OWTS in terms of their probability of occurrence combined with an estimated cost magnitude offers a means to communicate the risk of performance instability to relevant stakeholders, both homeowners and local public health agencies that make community level sanitation decisions.

When dealing with extremes, the occurrence of the event—such as with weather events or natural disasters—may have a low probability of occurrence but the consequence

of occurrence is large. In applying this principle to OWTS, we modeled the overall risk of significant system failure as measured by expected costs using a Points Over Threshold (POT) method of extreme value analysis where the distribution of cost exceedances was represented by the generalized Pareto distribution. We find that while the probability of exceeding the repair and replacement cost threshold of \$18,000 is low, the financial consequences associated with failure are as large as \$35,000 for OWTS life cycle repair and replacement costs, ten times the cost of a low-risk system.

## CONCLUSION

We expect that communicating the magnitude of the risk expressed as expected costs may have a greater impact on homeowners' maintenance decisions and acceptance of greater regulatory oversight than educational messages based on environmental protection. Another premise of this research is that failure risk based on readily available data from existing public records of repairs and replacements should be a good surrogate for environmental and public health effects for which data are much more difficult to obtain on a scale large enough to enable predictive models. Identification of high risk onsite wastewater systems based on costs also can help public health agencies deploy limited enforcement resources more effectively and assist planners in making decisions about siting and permitting OWTS in new developments.

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# **CHAPTER 6:** FRAGILITY OF ON-SITE SYSTEMS RELATED TO CLIMATE/WEATHER VARIABLES

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## ABSTRACT

Climate projections throughout the U.S., for this century, indicate increasing variability and extremes of rainfall, temperature and stream flow, which poses risks to subsurface infrastructure such as on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS). We propose a new approach to assessing the climate-induced OWTS *fragility* - the degree to which an OWTS loses functionality, as a step to characterizing the resilience of decentralized, owner operated wastewater treatment systems. We used the frequency and severity of OWTS failures (i.e. repairs) as a measure of fragility and modeled them as a function of hydroclimate variables, which include precipitation, temperature and stream flow attributes. In this, the frequency of each type of repair (minor, moderate and severe) was modeled using a generalized linear model (GLM) with a Poisson distribution link function... We demonstrate this model using OWTS failure data from Boulder County in Colorado. The results show that precipitation events influence OWTS fragility (minor repairs) and loss of OWTS functionality (severe repairs) is impacted by high temperatures, incidences of wetter-than-normal months, and the magnitude of peak stream flow in the watershed. These results offer the unique prospects of using climate information for modeling OWTS

fragility and consequently resilience, to enable their efficient management by owners and town planners.

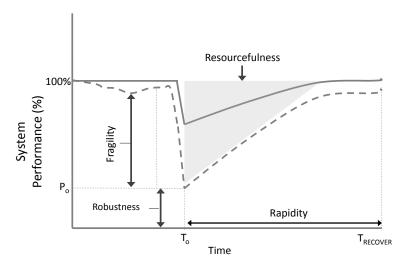
### **INTRODUCTION**

Natural hazards associated with changing climate and related weather events threaten both the physical and functional integrity of infrastructure including wastewater collection and treatment systems. Subsurface components of these systems are particularly vulnerable to flooding and stresses from saturated soils. Moreover, delays in recovery from disruptive events pose risks to the public and environment through exposure to wastewater constituents through direct contact with released wastewater, groundwater and drinking water contamination. During Hurricane Sandy, for instance, 11 billion gallons of untreated and partially treated sewage flowed into rivers, bays, canals, and in some cases, city streets, a consequence of record storm-surge flooding (Kenward *et al.*, 2013). U.S. EPA and local authorities issued advisories warning citizens of the known health implications of contaminated waters and how to prevent exposure (New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Connecticut Department of Public Health & EPA, 2012). However, no information has been available on storm damage to on-site wastewater treatment systems including those that serve 10-40% of the populations in Sandy-affected states (EPA, 2002). While the association is widely acknowledged, the connection between weather and OWTS failure has yet to be demonstrated (Amador et al., 2014; Morales et al., 2015; UNICEF & GWP, 2014).

OWTS make up approximately 25% of the sanitation infrastructure in the U.S., with over 30% of new developments served by on-site technologies (EPA, 2002). Outside of the

U.S., on-site technology is leveraged to provide sanitation services in communities that either currently use unimproved facilities or have no access to safe disposal of fecal waste (WHO & UNICEF, 2015). Even under normal environmental conditions, the failure rate of OWTS is significant – as high as 50% in some regions of the US. Climate change projections of trends toward more frequent precipitation and flooding events could heighten the risk of failure of sanitation systems dependent on buried storage tanks and subsurface discharge through unsaturated soil (Kirtman *et al.*, 2013). Understanding the response of OWTS to weather-related risks and their recovery behavior should therefore be considered in future planning and design of these systems. Because of widespread and growing reliance on decentralized on-site wastewater treatment, we propose a resilience framework for decision making with regard to acceptance and regulation of this technology.

Bruneau *et al.* (2003), suggests that resilience is characterized by four system properties: robustness, rapidity, redundancy, and resourcefulness. Rapidity is the time required to restore performance (T<sub>RECOVER</sub> - T<sub>0</sub> in



**Figure 6.3** Conceptual framework for resilience measurement (adapted from Bonstrom & Corotis (2014)

Figure 1, where  $T_0$  is the time of the initiating event and  $T_{RECOVER}$  is that time when system performance is restored). Resourcefulness is the capacity to mobilize resources during recovery and is a determinant of rapidity. These attributes are relevant to assessing OWTS resilience (Bruneau *et al.*, 2003). Redundancy also is a component of system resilience,

related to robustness as well as rapidity (McDaniels et al., 2008); however this attribute is not typically a strong component of highly decentralized systems such as OWTS (Rocky Mountain Institute, 2004). While all four properties affect resilience, system vulnerability to stressors—both extreme and non-extreme—and the degree a system loses functionality can directly affect the time and resources required to recover performance. Therefore, we define *fragility* as the difference between 100% of the expected level of OWTS performance and robustness, which is the level of performance after a significant perturbation (refer to **Figure 6.1**). McDougall (2009) further breaks down fragility into *Design* and *Natural fragility. Natural fragility* describes the distribution of infrastructure system performance outcomes, i.e. failure frequency and the degree of failure, when operations are outside of conditions assumed by the engineer. *Natural fragility* reflects performance reliability under real world conditions, compared to reliability under purely designed conditions (i.e. *Design fragility*) (McDougall, 2009).

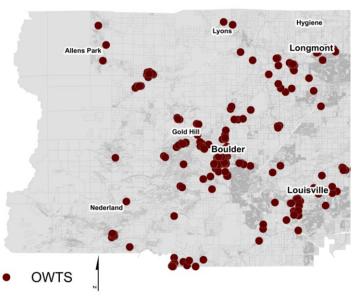
We propose to assess OWTS *Natural fragility* in order to evaluate resilience of decentralized, owner operated wastewater treatment systems to climate-related stressors. In this investigation, we hypothesize that OWTS *Natural fragility*—expressed as the frequency distribution of failure—is associated with annual hydroclimate patterns. We use a surrogate measure of OWTS failure, using severity-based categories of documented OWTS repairs. Using repair permit records, climate and weather data collected from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS), a Generalized Linear Model (GLM) regression method is used to characterize *Natural fragility* and its association with temperature, rainfall and stream flow

conditions. Since we examine only *Natural Fragility* in this investigation, to simplify we will refer to it here within as merely *fragility*.

#### **METHODS**

#### Data

Repair permit data were collected for 225 OWTS in the Boulder-St. Vrain Creek watershed in northeastern Colorado, regulated by the Boulder County Public health The Department. geographic distribution shown in Figure 6.2 encompasses full the range of topographic and demographic



**Figure 6.4** Geographic distribution of OWTS in Boulder County Colorado

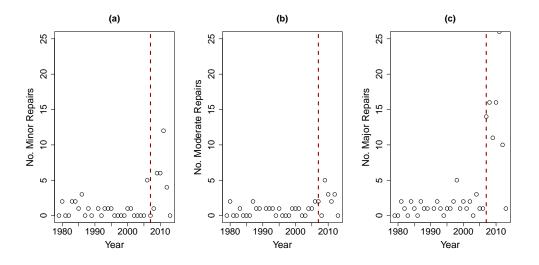
characteristics of Boulder County, and represents an overall OWTS population of 14,300.

## Variable definition

#### Dependent variable

The frequency of repairs over the period of record from 1979 to 2015 is the fragility measure. While not all repairs are associated with a complete failure and associated visible contaminant release, the frequency and the severity of repairs provides a measure of decrease in system performance. Each documented repair is classified into minor, moderate, and major categories, based on a rating system used by the Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) Department (Kohler *et al.*, 2016) and recorded for the 225 OWTS in the sample. A minor repair is any repair to the septic tank or lateral pipes. Moderate repairs refer to extraordinary maintenance to or replacement of the soil treatment unit (STU). Failure of both the septic tank and STU constitutes a major repair often requiring replacement of the entire system. The dependent variable, *annual repairs*, is the annual sample frequency of each type of repair. The distribution of each type of repair serves as an indicator of fragility for the sample population. Failures associated with minor and moderate repairs result from a near complete loss of performance, representing the highest degree of fragility. Similar to Kohler *et al.* (2016), the sample consists of only permitted OWTS to control for compliance with siting, design, and installation criteria set by the County.

**Figure 6.3** shows the distribution of each category of repair over the period of record from 1979 to 2013, indicating an increased repair frequency starting in 2007. Between 2007 and 2008, Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) reformed their practices regulating OWTS installation, permitting and maintenance. The county initiated the EPA Septic Smart program with a goal to inspect and approve permits for all OWTS in the County by December 31, 2023. More important, in 2008, the County adopted a new regulation, enforcing professional system assessments and required repairs at the time of any property sale ("Septic Smart Program", 2015). We concluded that the rise in repairs after 2007, apparent in **Figure 6.3**, reflects increased frequency of reporting after the County's initiative to permit systems and add a regulation. The association of this factor with repair severity was determined earlier (Kohler *et al.*, 2016). Thus for fragility modeling we use data until 2006, removing the period of the trend that is a mainly a result of policy actions and not climate related.



**Figure 6.3** Frequency distribution of minor (a), moderate (b), and major (c) repairs from 1979-2015. The dashed vertical line indicates the introduction of Septic Smart and a new inspection regulation.

#### Independent Variables

Both temperature and precipitation have recognized effects on OWTS performance. Temperature extremes can affect biological activity, flow and mixing within the primary treatment unit (septic tank or vault) and treatment processes in the biomat of the STU. For example, when temperatures are less than 5 °C the bacterial removal rate of *E.coli* in the STU has been estimated at less than 20%; whereas temperatures closer to 20 °C have three times the removal rate (Morales *et al.*, 2015). Precipitation can have a physical and therefore visible impact from excess hydraulic loading during high rainfall and snowmelt events above the level set out in design criteria for the STU. Groundwater infiltration and inflow through inadequately sealed covers can cause septic tank overflows resulting in STU clogging as well as physical damage to the STU (Morales *et al.*, 2015). Less visible impacts include the reduction of vertical separation distances between the OWTS and water table as well as increased transport of nutrients and pathogens through soil.

Annual temperature and precipitation profiles for the study location were obtained from the National Climatic Data Center of NOAA. The number of months with precipitation totals over 10.16 cm (4.0 inches) was included to represent uncharacteristically wet conditions and the potential soil saturation effects on OWTS performance. As a reference, in Boulder County April and May are typically the wettest months with precipitation totals of 6.22 cm (2.45 inches) and 7.75 cm (3.05 inches), respectively, from 1948 to 2005 (Desert Research Institute, 2005). Monthly rainfall totals over 10.16 cm have occurred only 43 times in a 38-year period (a less than 10% probability of occurrence). The frequency of days over 1.2 cm were included to capture the effects due to severe single rainstorm events that occur over a shorter period of time and impact the system through surface runoff. Return periods based on storm duration calculated using precipitation measurements from the Boulder Station indicate that while 1.2 cm seems small, the average recurrence intervals for 1.2 cm rainfall event in Boulder County ranges between 10-20 years for a storm enduring 5-min to 1-2 years for a 30-min storm (NOAA, 2013).

Annual stream flow is selected as another independent variable based on its contribution to shallow groundwater levels through interflow (data from USGS gage 06730500). While the interaction mechanisms between ground and surface water are complex, hydrographs are commonly used to estimate ground water recharge either directly or using water balance models (Mau & Winter, 1997; Sophocleous, 2002; Yeh *et al.,* 2007). Stream flows being an integrator of precipitation, soil moisture and watershed response, is an excellent surrogate for subsurface conditions.

Table 6.1 lists each variable. The variables coded with "\_S" are recorded from April

to October to capture rainfall precipitation versus the annual total, which includes snow

equivalents.

	Code	Explanation
Frequency of	DT90	No. of days per year with maximum temperature greater than or equal to 32 °C (90°F)
Temperature Extremes	DT00	No. of days per year with minimum temperature less than or equal to $-18 \circ C (0 \circ F)$
Frequency and	DP05_S	No. of days per year with precipitation greater than or equal to 1.2 cm (0.5 in) (Apr-Oct)
Magnitude of	TPCP	Total annual precipitation in centimeters (inches)
Precipitation	MR40_S	No. of months per year with monthly precipitation totals above 10.16 cm (4.0 inches) (Apr-Oct)
Surface/groundwater Flows	PEAK_FL	Annual peak flow in m <sup>3</sup> /s (cubic feet per second)

Table 6.1 Annual frequency and severity precipitation and temperature independent variables

#### Model Development

We propose to use a generalized linear model (GLM) to model the fragility, i.e., response repair frequency, *Y*, as a function of hydroclimate variables identified above. GLMs are finding wide application due to their flexibility in modeling non-Gaussian features and ease of implementation – such as for space-time weather generation (Verdin *et al.*, 2014); wastewater quality modeling and resiliency (Weirich *et al.*, 2011; 2015) and recently to OWTs repair magnitude (Kohler *et al.*, 2016).

Since the time of introduction of Septic Smart and the inspection regulation are known, we instead break the time series data into two regions—pre- and post- Septic Smart, as mentioned above. Assuming the repair reporting requirements were constant before 2007, we consider the occurrence of OWTS repairs in each year from 1979 to 2006 for all 225 systems, the response variable *Y* for all 225 systems is, consequently, an annual count of repairs

In the GLM, the response variable, *Y*, is allowed to be a realization from any distribution in the exponential family.

$$Y \sim G(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \tag{1}$$

where *G*(.) is any exponential type distribution and  $\theta$  is the set of parameters that define *G*. Assuming a Poisson distribution reduces the GLM to a Poisson regression model with parameter  $\mu$  (McCullagh & Nelder, 1989). The canonical link function for the Poisson distribution, the log link, is as follows:

$$Log(\mu) = \alpha + \beta X \tag{2}$$

where  $\mu$  is the expected value of *Y*, *E*(*Y*). The log of  $\mu$  is then a linear function of the explanatory variable(s), *X*, and a random component  $\alpha$ . Consequently,  $\mu$  is a multiplicative function of *X*.

$$\mu = e^{\alpha} e^{\beta X} \tag{3}$$

The residuals of the model are assumed to be normally distributed and uncorrelated as with a standard linear regression (McCullagh & Nelder, 1989).

The best combination of GLM predictors is selected based on minimizing Akaike Information Criteria (AIC), which is a standard approach (Akaike, 1974).

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

It can be seen from Table 3 the expected number of repairs in a given year in each category is modulated by a combination of precipitation, temperature and precipitation-related attributes, namely the frequency of extreme temperatures (days over 32 °C), incidences of wet months (months with rainfall totals over 10.16 cm) and the magnitude of

peak flows in Boulder Creek. **Table 6.2** highlights the significant variables at 90% for each category of repair.

		Minor		N	loderate	•		Major	
<b>R</b> <sup>2</sup>		0.38			0.53			0.70	
	Est	$e^{\beta}$	р	Est	$e^{\beta}$	р	Est	$e^{\beta}$	р
Intercept (α)	-1.862	0.155	0.008	-0.932	0.394	0.074			
DT90	0.047	1.048	0.007						
DT00									
ТРСР									
DP05_S									
MR40_S							0.527	1.694	0.025
PEAK_FL				0.001	1.001	0.056	-0.001	0.999	0.022

Table 6.2 Significant model coefficients

Given the log link function, a unit change in *x* has a multiplicative effect on  $\mu$ . For ease of interpretation we included  $e^{\beta}$  in **Table 6.2**. Where  $e^{\beta} > 1$ , the variable increases the expectation of *Y* and where  $e^{\beta} < 1$ , it decreases the expectation. If  $e^{\beta}$  is close or equal to 1, this means that the expected outcome is not related to the covariate, *x*. For instance, for minor repairs, a unit increase in the number days with temperatures exceeding 32 °C increases the expectation or mean number of repairs in a given year by a factor of 1.048. Therefore, the expectation of minor OWTS function losses can be described as:

$$\mu_{minor} = e^{-1.862} * e^{0.047x_{DT90}} \tag{4}$$

Temperature extremes have been recognized for their effects on OWTS performance. Researchers describe increased digestion during warmer months due to "spring turnover" increasing both the amount of solids accumulation in the tank as well as the amount that leave the tank due to interrupted settling (D'Amato, 2008). While solids increase in warmer temperatures, settling and solids removal decrease often due to gas eruption during increased digestion. Water demanding activities, which often increase seasonally, can overwhelm septic tanks and increase the amount of solids entering the STU

(Crites & Tchobanoglous, 1998). Temperature extremes may not directly affect the integrity of the primary treatment unit; however, the physical consequences of temperature on septic tank processes leading to clogging and/or solids overflow—often require maintenance services. Furthermore, service providers typically assess the integrity of the system upon their visit, which may explain the correlation between minor repairs and temperature in that more damage is identified during these periods— tank and/or sewer damages, which would have potentially gone unnoticed.

Moderate performance losses seem to be associated with one variable, peak stream flow (PEAK\_FL), which is an indicator of surface and subsurface moisture conditions through interflow. The GLM expectation of moderate function losses is:

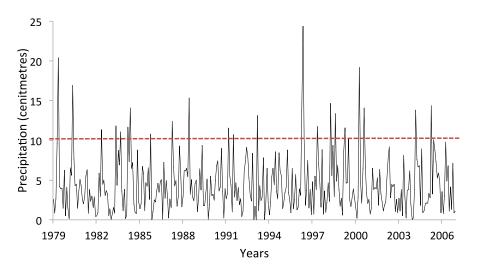
$$\mu_{moderate} = e^{-0.932} * e^{0.001 * PEAK_FL}$$
(5)

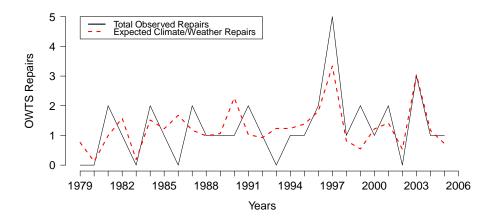
The influence of flow on moderate fragility is relatively small. Since  $e^{\beta}$  is nearly 1, this indicates that, in fact, the covariate has little influence on the expected number of moderate repairs in a year. Only when the peak flow is substantially high would we see an effect on expected repair. This is a reasonable relationship, given that the highest flows would influence the groundwater table level and in turn compromised performance of the STU. Surface runoff related to a high annual peak flow event may also influence the performance of the secondary treatment unit.

The highest degree of fragility—represented by major repairs—is associated with two variables, the occurrence of wet months, MR40\_S, and PEAK\_FL. The variables describe the expected number of major repairs in each year as:

$$\mu_{major} = e^{0.527 * MR40 S} * e^{-0.001 * PEAK_FL}$$
(6)

A unit increase in the number months with rainfall exceeding 10.16 cm increases the mean number of repairs in a given year by 1.694, where a unit increase in the peak flow of Boulder Creek dampens the expectation by a factor of 0.999, which is nearly 1 indicating that peak flow has little effect on the expected number of repairs. In extremely wet months, saturated soil conditions impact infiltration of septic tank effluent. Figure 6.4a shows the total precipitation each month from 1979 to 2006 and the 10.16-cm threshold. The most significant association of OWTS fragility and weather was with systems requiring major repairs - typically equivalent to replacement, and suggests that OWTS are especially vulnerable to an extended period (month) of higher than normal precipitation. Figure 6.4b is a time series of the observed major repairs representing the near complete loss of OWTS performance in each year and the expected major repairs predicted by the GLM. In years with at least one month where rain exceeded 10.16 cm, OWTS failures occur also at a higher frequency. Over the 27 year period, considering only April to October for rainfall events, 23 months (of 189 months) surpassed 10.16 cm. Figure 6.4b shows that OWTS fragility is associated with frequency of high rainfall months (e.g. 1995 was a wet year and high monthly rainfall conditions account for 3 of the 5 reported OWTS failures that year.





**Figure 6.4** Monthly rainfall totals from 1979 to 2006 (a). Observed major repairs over that same period and expected repairs as determined by the GLM, indicating major fragility.

**Figure 6.5** has quantile-quantile scatter plots for each repair category. The GLM model of expected repair frequency,  $\mu$ , in each category as a function of weather related covariate accounts for approximately 38%, 53% and 70% of the variability in the number of minor, moderate and major repairs, respectively, from 1979 to 2006.

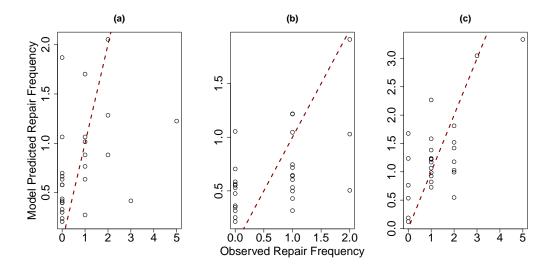


Figure 6.5 Quantile-Quantile plots for the minor (a), moderate (b) and major (c) repairs (fragility) models.

While hydroclimate-related variables capture a significant portion of the variability of repairs year to year, other variables such as OWTS user-operational variables identified previously by Kohler *et al.* (2016) also influence the observed variability. The GLM results

indicate that hydroclimate attributes exert a significant influence on OWTS fragility, measured as the degree to which a system loses function, which is represented here by categories of repair.

#### CONCLUSION

A statistical method based on GLM was developed for modeling the effect of hydroclimate on the degree of OWTS fragility over a period of uniform regulation of OWTS systems in Boulder County, Colorado, from 1979 to 2006. The relationship between the frequency of minor, moderate, and major repairs and high temperature and precipitation was evaluated using a generalized linear model (GLM) where a Poisson distribution represented the number of repairs in a given year. The results show that variability in the frequency of OWTS repairs and replacements each year can be attributed, in part, to weather, particularly uncharacteristically wet months with rainfall over 10.16 cm and annual peak stream flow. The principal outcome of this study is a validated foundation for the relationship between OWTS performance/failure and weather variability, with implications for siting, design and vulnerability assessment. Furthermore, using future projections of hydroclimate, this method provides the foundation to estimate the changes in fragility due to climate and explore potential insurance options to mitigate the risk of future extremes.

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# **CHAPTER 7:** RESILIENCE OF ON-SITE SYSTEMS: CHARACTERISTICS OF RECOVERY FROM A MAJOR STORM EVENT

## Kohler, L., JoAnn Silverstein and Rajagopalan, B. (In preparation) **Resilience of On**site Wastewater Treatment Systems After an Extreme Storm Event

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#### ABSTRACT

In 2013, record rainfall in the Front Range area of Colorado led to what was estimated as a 1000-year storm, which resulted in a 100-year flood event. As a result, Boulder County Public Health reported 34 OWTS failures directly attributed to the flood and over 400 failures and subsequent repairs occurring after 2013, which also may have been floodrelated. The 2013 Front Range Colorado flood provides a unique opportunity to assess OWTS resilience at the watershed scale after an extreme storm-flooding event. A resilience framework is developed to demonstrate the degree to which decentralization influences systematic OWTS vulnerability to weather, independent of individual OWTS operations. Here resilience is characterized by three system prosperities: the degree to which systems lose function (fragility), time necessary to restore performance (rapidity), and costs incurred while performance is compromised (resourcefulness). The findings illustrate that widespread natural hazards such as flooding are found to affect the frequency and degree to which OWTS function is lost, and more importantly delay their recovery, attributable in part, to a demand surge for both materials and repair services when multiple systems fail simultaneously. Longer recoveries are likely to have environmental and public health consequences due to the prolonged release of contaminants as well as secondary costs related to homeowner losses resulting from a failed OWTS.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In 2013, record rainfall in the Front Range area of Colorado led to what was estimated as a 1000-year storm, which resulted in a 100-year flood event. Three episodes of torrential rain on September 11-12 and September 15 measured more than 17 inches in the climatology favored upslope areas of the Front Range, which is approximately 85% of the annual average. A large area in eastern Colorado also received between 8 to 17 inches of precipitation during the peak of the event (NOAA, 2014). As a result, 14 Colorado counties including Boulder—the hardest hit county—experienced significant flooding causing damages to infrastructure including those for wastewater collection and treatment (MacClune *et al.* 2014; CBDG\_DR, 2015).

The wastewater treatment facilities in Lyons, Longmont and Boulder experienced various degrees of failure ranging from complete shutdown to restricted operations in the Boulder facility (MacClune *et al.* 2014). Due to the resourcefulness of its operators, the Boulder facility remained functional, partially treating 190,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d (50 MGD) wastewater augmented by infiltration and inflow from surcharging of sewers, a significant increase from typical flows of 53,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d (14 MGD), and double the rated capacity of the plant (95,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d) (MacClune *et al.* 2014). During the event, on-site wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), which serve over 14,000 properties in Boulder County, were also disrupted to varying degrees. OWTS reliance on buried storage tanks and subsurface discharge through unsaturated soil makes them particularly vulnerable to high rates of

precipitation and flooding. In addition to soil saturation impeding effluent percolation, over 1,100 debris flows and 200 landslides after September 2013 were triggered on slopes where soils were over 100% saturated, resulting in three deaths and significant property and road damage. It was estimated that as much as 1,000 years of accumulated sediment deposited in the Boulder County foothills was washed away in the flood equivalent to scouring depth of 0.2 to 0.5 m, often down to bedrock (Gentes, 2015; Anderson *et al.*, 2015; Ebel *et al.*, 2014). Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) reported 34 OWTS failures directly attributed to the flood and over 400 failures and subsequent repairs occurring after 2013, which also may have been flood-related. (Erin Dodge, personal communication, February 15, 2016).

The extensive damage: 19,000 homes destroyed, over the State, and subsequent dislocation, 11,000 people evacuated, not only add to the total amount necessary for reconstruction in terms of materials, equipment, and labor costs, but they also transfer social and environmental costs (MacClune *et al.* 2014). Delays in OWTS restoration pose threats to public and environmental health through exposure to wastewater constituents, and a complete OWTS failure can prevent the occupant from using the system – effectively rendering the property uninhabitable, until it has been repaired (Boulder County, Colorado, 2014a, 32). These added risks make understanding OWTS failure and recovery critical to anticipating secondary impacts related to health risks, prolonged evacuation, and strain on limited material and labor resources. Especially severe social impacts occurred in Boulder County among displaced low-income households due to the lack of affordable or even available rental properties (CDBG\_DR, 2015).

As use of OWTS continues to grow along with the likelihood of extreme precipitation

events, widespread failures of systems that discharge to the subsurface and associated costs would be expected to increase as well. The 2013 Front Range Colorado flood provides a unique opportunity to test this relationship and assess OWTS resilience at the watershed scale after an extreme storm-flooding event.

#### Quantifying the concept of network resilience

Bruneau et al. (2003) developed one of the first conceptual frameworks for quantifying community resilience after a seismic event based on four system properties: robustness, redundancy, rapidity and resourcefulness. Later studies (Norris et al., 2008; Argonne, 2010; Bonstrom & Corotis, 2014) used similar determinants to quantify resilience of networked resources, critical infrastructure, and building portfolios, respectively. Kohler et al. (2016) proposed an approach based on the Bruneau et al. (2003) framework to assess OWTS *fragility*, an attribute which is a complement to robustness, defined as the degree to which an OWTS loses function after an initiating extreme event. This was a first step to characterizing the resilience of decentralized, owner operated wastewater treatment systems exposed to severe climate-related stressors. However, the study did not incorporate the other components of resilience: rapidity, resourcefulness or redundancy (Kohler *et al.*, 2016). The challenge for a complete evaluation of OWTS resilience is the lack of an accepted methodology and readily available performance data to assess OWTS performance resilience in the aftermath of hazards such as floods to guide OWTS design and planning decisions.

This study has two objectives. The first is to adapt the conceptual framework proposed by Bruneau *et al.* (2003) to analyze Boulder County OWTS resilience after the

2013 flood in terms fragility, rapidity and resourcefulness. The second is to test one of the proposed benefits of decentralized wastewater systems, namely that risk is dispersed by decentralization, which rests on the implicit assumption that failures of decentralized systems are independent (Booz Allen & Rocky Mountain Institute, 2004). However, in a regional disaster when loss of function is widespread and simultaneous, restoration of decentralized facilities such as buildings or OWTS may be far more difficult, impeding recovery and increasing associated costs (Olsen & Porter, 2011). We have used spatial analysis (Geographical Information System (GIS)) to assess resilience of a regional OWTS network after an extreme event.

#### **METHODS**

The methods employed in this study include: (1) OWTS sample data collection from Boulder County, Colorado; (2) definitions and coding of the OWTS resilience dimensions: fragility, rapidity, and resourcefulness; and (3) Geographical Information System (GIS) programming used to integrate the dimensions to determine resilience for the OWTS in Boulder County.

#### Data

Data used in this study of the 14,300 OWTS located in the Boulder-St. Vrain Creek watersheds were obtained from a permit database maintained by the Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) Department. The sample represents the portion of OWTS, which received permits either at the time of installation or later for repairs. (Approximately onethird of the OWTS in the County do not have any permits on record.) Two sample cohorts

were selected from the permit database as a basis for comparison of performance before and after the 2013 flood. Information about each OWTS and their corresponding property can be assessed either directly through a "check septic system records" search on the BCPH webpage by entering the property ID as well as through the Boulder County Tax Assessor's property search tab on their webpage.

The first cohort consisted of 150 OWTS based on a selection provided by BCPH of 588 OWTS requiring permits between 2003 and 2013. Based on 588 properties, a preliminary selection was made for those permitted systems requesting repairs because they explicitly 'Found out my system [was] failing'. Similar to the total population, approximately 30% of the sample of reported failed systems was also NOT permitted and was omitted resulting in a sample of 150 permitted systems, which is about 25% of 2003-2013 cohort sample. We have reported the results of statistical modeling of the risk of individual OWTS failures associated individual owners' monitoring (inspection) and maintenance practices using this data set (Kohler *et al.*, 2016). The second cohort included 490 properties whose owners filed applications for repair or replacement after the flood of September 2013, between January 2014 and February 2016. Thirty-four of these were specifically designated as flood damaged, which exempted them from the typical repair permit application fee of \$1,023 (Boulder County, 2016a). To achieve equal representation of this second cohort, a random selection of 25% of the OWTS in the original 2014 to 2016 subset were selected, resulting in 123 OWTS.

**Figure 7.1** shows specifically the post-flood OWTS population (490 total OWTS), where the red points specifically identify the flood damaged OWTS (34 OWTS). The added layer shows the spatial distribution of peak rainfall values over the storm period from

September 9 to September 13, 2013. The repair permits specifically documented for flood damage tended to be located in areas that received rainfall of 8 – 10 inches or greater (Erin Dodge, personal communication, February 15, 2016) though a statistical comparison of the spatial distributions on the entire post-2014 OWTS data sets and their association with rainfall levels would be important to support this inference. An exception was OWTS located near the town of Lyons, which is located on St. Vrain Creek and while the rainfall totals were low that region experienced severe surface flooding.

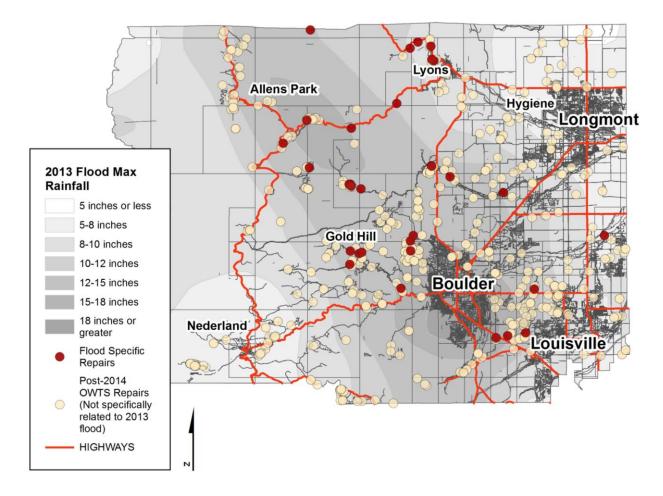
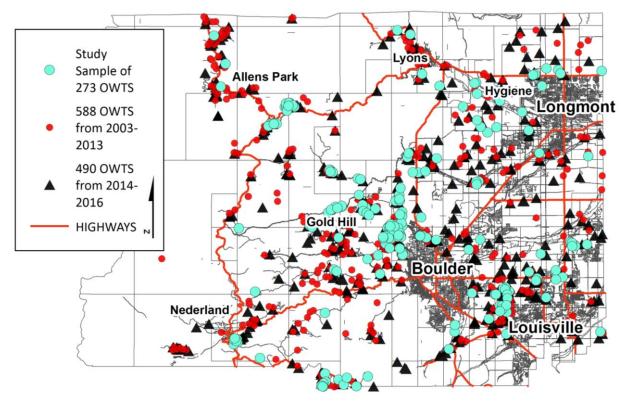


Figure 7.1 Hardest hit areas during the 2013 flood event layered with failed OWTS in Boulder County.

The resilience study is therefore based on the combination of the two cohorts, 150 and 123, making the total sample size for this investigation 273. For each of the 273, the

permit application date, final inspection date, and repair type for *each repair* for *each* of the 273 OWTS in the sample were recorded from scanned hand-written repair permit applications found the Boulder County Assessor's tax database. The similar geographic distribution of the permit sample and the two study sub-sample in **Figure 7.2** indicates that the resilience sub-sample is a reasonable geographic representation of the repair permit sample encompassing the pre- and post-flood period between 2003 and 2016.



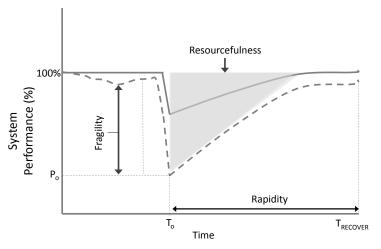
**Figure 7.2** Spatial distribution of sample OWTS from the County Public Health Department repair permit database from 2003 to 2016 and sub-sample OWTS randomly selected for the resilience analysis.

Although the County OWTS permit database dates back to the 1940's, the occurrence of permitted repairs is affected by regulations. Starting in 2007, BCPH made a significant change to OWTS regulations to require inspection and necessary repairs during property transfer, resulting in more frequent issuance OWTS repair permits Kohler *et al.* (2016a). We therefore selected the resilience comparison sample to cover a pre-flood

period of 2007 to 2013, assuming the frequency of repair permit applications remained constant after that year. While each of the 273 sample OWTS initially belonged to a subset of OWTS queried based on the date of one repair application, *every* repair from 2007 to 2016 for *each* system was recorded, resulting in a history of repair over the two time periods, 2007-2013 and 2014-2016. For example, some systems that were selected in the post-2014 cohort also had repairs earlier between 2007 and 2013.

#### Variable Definition

Methods for quantifying fragility, rapidity and resourcefulness are described in the following. As noted earlier, we define OWTS vulnerability to stressors and the degree a system loses functionality after a singular

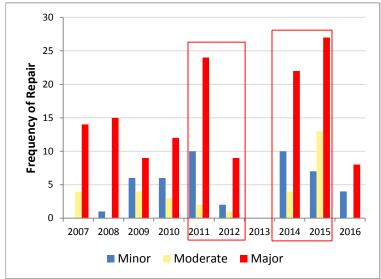


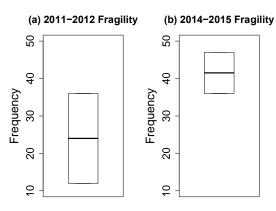
**Figure 7.3** Conceptual framework for OWTS resilience showing temporal aspects of fragility, resourcefulness and rapidity.

event as *fragility*; the time required for restoration of the pre-event level of performance is rapidity; and costs incurred while performance is compromised, including material, labor and costs associated with inconvenience to residents who cannot occupy their homes without a functional wastewater system is *resourcefulness*. **Figure 7.3** depicts the conceptualization adapted from Bruneau *et al.* (2003) highlighting the three dimensions relevant to OWTS resilience.

#### Fragility

One measure of fragility we considered is frequency of OWTS repair permits over the pre-and post-flood periods. However, with three exceptions, OWTS in both sub-samples had no more than one repair. Instead, the severity of the repair was chosen as a measure of fragility to test the hypothesis that the OWTS network fragility was greater during the 2013 flood. Repair types were classified into minor, moderate, and major depending on the components requiring repairs. Failures associated with minor and moderate repairs resulted partial losses of function and were assigned lower degrees of fragility, 1 and 2, respectively; whereas, major repairs result from a near complete loss of function, representing the highest degree of fragility, assigned the value 3. Systems with more than one repair were assigned a 4 as the highest degree of function loss. The ranked values were normalized based on the maximum value of the fragility ranking. **Table 7.1** lists each repair type associated with a level of lost function, its ranking and the scaled fragility score that was calculated for each of the 273 systems during the pre- and post- flood period. The histogram in Figure 7.4 shows the frequency of each type of repair over the full 2007 to 2016 period based on the 273 OWTS in the sample (this figure does not include the 3 systems with more than one repair). After the flood, there were consecutive years with a high frequency of OWTS requiring major repairs due to near complete loss of function. To assess the fragility of OWTS over an equivalent time period, the repair total from 2011 and 2012 was compared to the total from 2014 and 2015. The boxplots in **Figure 7.5** illustrate the shift in fragility after the countywide flood event compared to the loss of individual OWTS function that occurred through mechanisms such as age deterioration, poor management, and isolated weather events during the 2 years prior.





**Figure 7.4** Illustrates the degree of OWTS functional loss from 2007 to 2016 based on the 273 OWTS in the study sample

**Figure 7.5** Fragility for the 2-year period before and after the flood

#### Rapidity

Rapidity—a dimension not currently addressed in OWTS literature but covered in structure and infrastructure resilience literature—is the time required to restore performance represented by T<sub>RECOVER</sub> - To in **Figure 7.3**, where To is the time of the initiating event and T<sub>RECOVER</sub> is that time when system performance is fully restored) (Bruneau *et al.*, 2003; McDaniels *et al.*, 2008; Bonstrom & Corotis, 2014). A study of 209 wastewater treatment facilities in the U.S., operating with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, modeled the recovery time after a permit violation using effluent water quality data. The study found that *rapidity* ranged from two to five months, with small facilities more likely to experience the longest recovery time, typically making them less resilient after a process upset resulting in a permit violation (Weirich *et al.*, 2011). Comparable information about the post-failure recovery of OWTS under either normal or

extreme environmental conditions based on treated water quality does not currently exist.

In this study, rapidity is measured by the duration between the date of issue for the OWTS repair permit, T<sub>o</sub>, and the date of final inspection of the system, T<sub>RECOVER</sub>, certifying that the OWTS was repaired in accordance with County design guidelines in the regulations. Over 50 OWTS had incomplete repairs as of March 1, 2016. Since we did not want to discard them from the study because their existence in itself is an interesting finding, they were assigned the date

Repair Type	Ranking	Scaled Fragility
Minor	1	0.25
Moderate	2	0.50
Major	3	0.75
> 1 Repair	4	1

Table 7.2 Rapidity Score

 Table 7.1 Fragility Score

<b>Recovery Duration</b>	Ranking	Scaled Rapidity
< 60 days	1	0.2
61-180 days	2	0.4
181-270 days	3	0.6
271-365 days	4	0.8
> 365 days	5	1

March 5, 2016 (the date the information was entered) to represent the duration of the recovery period to date, recognizing that many of the OWTS will not be fully repaired until later in 2016. The permit application dates for these 54 incomplete repairs range between June 2014 and February 2016. Approximately 63%, 20%, and 17% of the 54 had applied for major, moderate, and minor repairs, respectively.

**Table 7.1** presents the categories of rapidity using an ordinal scale. Rapidity ranges and their rankings were based on typical pre-flood recovery durations where recovery periods extending over 6 months specify longer than typical durations under normal environmental conditions. The ranked values were then normalized based on the highest value for the ranking to calculate each OWTS's scaled value for rapidity.

#### Resourcefulness

Bruneau *et al.* (2003) and more recently Norris *et al.* (2008) define *resourcefulness* as the capacity to identify problems and mobilize resources (i.e. monetary, physical, technological and informational). While *resourcefulness* is complex and goes beyond monetary resources to recover, here resourcefulness is determined by both OWTS fragility and rapidity. We define it as the ability to anticipate the monetary resources necessary to mitigate all consequences of OWTS failure, including costs associated with displacement during OWTS repair, in addition to physical repair costs in the event of a future natural hazard. The shaded area under the recovery curve in **Figure 7.3** represents *resourcefulness*, with the consequences of fragility monetized as the dollar amount assigned to loss of OWTS performance over the recovery period as well as estimated repair/replacement costs of material and labor. Environmental costs resulting from the release of wastewater into the environment also accrue, but the estimation of those costs is outside of the scope of this study.

To calculate *resourcefulness*, we focus on the major repairs where a near complete loss of OWTS function occurred. Here we make the assumption that for the period the system is not functioning, the owners are displaced or a temporary alternate – a portable chemical toilet, is required (University of Minnesota Extension, 2011).

The insurance industry provides what is referred to as loss-of-use coverage when the residence is not livable due to an insured loss from a flood or other catastrophic event

(American Insurance Association, 2009). However, flood insurance does not provide money for renting temporary housing unless the main structure is damaged or destroyed, and septic systems are not covered in flood insurance policies (FEMA, 2012). FEMA may provide some assistance through the Direct Housing Assistance Program covering rentals up to 18 months after the date of disaster declaration after which tenants are expected to have a permanent housing plan (CDBG-DR, 2015). The 18-month FEMA end date was March 15, 2015 for Boulder County, so relocation costs for repairs after that are responsibility of the tenants. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has provided assistance through the final of three Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) allocated to Boulder County since 2013. CDBG\_DR can grant up to \$50,000 for the repair or replacement of flood-impacted OWTS, including the connection to municipal utilities or 2 years of temporary rental assistance or up to \$20,000. However, allocations are based Area Median Income (AMI) and currently only 20% of the funds have been granted for OWTS repair and 16% for housing assistance (Boulder County, 2014b; 2015). As such, predominantly the finance of reconstruction of a failed septic system after the flood and any related inconvenience falls directly on the homeowner (Boulder County, 2015), making an estimation of this cost critical to communicate the true cost of OWTS failure after a natural disaster.

To estimate this cost, = *resourcefulness*, we apply loss-of-use method used by insurers, which determines the amount granted to a particular property owner to relocate based on the property's monthly mortgage rate plan (American Insurance Association, 2009). The monthly mortgage rate for residences with flood-related OWTS repairs is calculated using the BankRate Mortgage Calculator, an interest rate of 4.5 %, and a 30-year

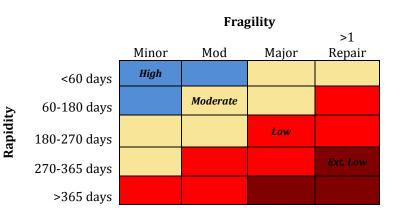
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For those OWTS requiring major repairs *before* the flood, we estimate the *resourcefulness* per month required to recover performance as the average cost for the repair, \$14,866 as determined by BCPH (2013), and the cost of the property's mortgage rate based on the total assessed value of the property from the Assessor's tax database. For those major repairs *after* the flood, *resourcefulness* per month of recovery is comprised of the monthly mortgage, the average cost of the repair plus a 10% repair cost increase. The increase is based on a survey of 5 Boulder County OWTS installers who suggested costs increased between 10-20% after the flood (OWTS Service Provider Survey, 2014). Olsen & Porter (2011) similarly found that demand surge increases reconstruction costs after disasters by 20% or more.

As a secondary measure of the occupancy-related costs in *resourcefulness* estimates, we calculate the minimum cost to the resident for a portable toilet rental as an alternative to temporary relocation. Then the rental cost of a portable chemical toilet per month of recovery is added to the physical repair cost described above. Monthly rental of chemical toilets are estimated to range between \$100-300, though prices vary based on service requirements and overall rental duration (United Site Services, Inc., 2015). For this study, we chose to apply the minimum rental value, \$100 per month, as a conservative estimate for recovery resources.

#### **Resilience Assessment**

Combining the fragility dimensions and rapidity produces multi-faceted а definition resilience of and provides opportunity to an resourcefulness estimate the necessary to improve OWTS resilience.



Resilience

**Figure 7.6** Resilience levels based on the fragility and rapidity scores of each OWTS.

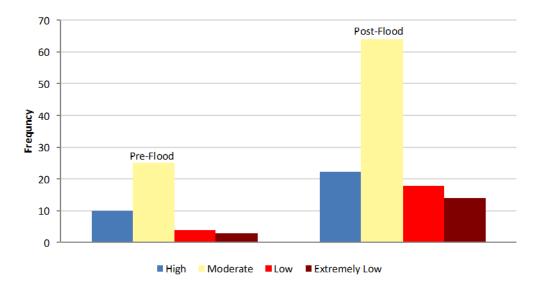
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	Moderate		0.95-1.15	
	Low		1.15-1.5	
	Extremely Low		> 1.5	

Additive Range

The fragility and rapidity scaled scores were combined to specify four levels of post-

disaster resilience. Using Geographical Information System (GIS) queries in ArcGIS, the spatial distribution of each OWTS attribute—fragility, rapidity and the resulting measure of resilience—were plotted based on the parcel ID and geographical coordinates of each of the sample OWTS in Boulder County. The lowest ranking corresponds with the highest level of resilience with minor to moderate OWTS failure and rapid recovery, while the highest ranking (lowest resilience) relates generally to severe failure and slow recovery (**Figure 7.6**). **Figure 7.7** illustrates the occurrence of high, moderate, low and extremely low resilient OWTS based on the 273 OWTS in the study sample after the 2013 flood event compared to a pre-flood baseline recovery measurement. While both the pre- and post-flood values are calculated similarly, the pre-flood failure events are considered

independent of each other, whereas the failures after 2013 are attributed to the countywide disaster.



**Figure 7.7** Occurrence of OWTS in each category of resilience after the 2013 Flood compared to a baseline measure of recovery for independent failures, repairs and replacements before 2013.

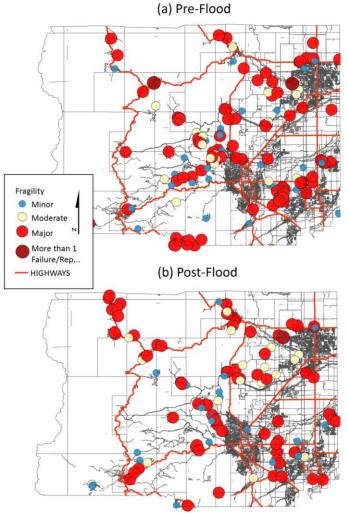
### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

For each of the 273 OWTS in the study sample, fragility and rapidity were calculated both for repairs before and after the 2013 flood. The two dimensions were then combined to determine the resilience level of each system after the flood event as well as estimate the resourcefulness required to mitigate the burden of major or complete OWTS failure in the future. Each section below describes each determinant—fragility and rapidity—and their combination.

## Fragility

**Figure 7.8a and 7.8b** below show the distribution of failure type throughout the county before and after the 2013 flood. Visually, the total number of required OWTS

repairs and their fragility distributions before and after the flood appear to be consistent, though the post-flood period of record is less than 3 years while the pre-flood period is 7 years. An important distinction between preand post-flood fragility is that independence between each failure occurrence can be assumed before the flood, but this assumption of independence does not apply to the post flood population. Generally, it appears that OWTS that have lost complete function (major near



**Figure 7.8** Distribution of fragility before and after the flood. repairs) tend to dominate each population. This may be due to the fact that these repairs are associated with visible failure, while minor and moderate repairs may be more difficult to identify without an inspection, resulting in fewer identifications overall.

## Rapidity

Unlike the fragility distribution, across the sample rapidity shifts significantly after the 2013 flood longer to recovery times as compared to the more rapid recovery of OWTS from 2007 to 2013. Figure 7.9a 7.9b show and the distribution of OWTS throughout Boulder County pre- and postflood, respectively. A series of boxplots also compare the median recovery duration across the entire sample and their variation after 2013. The recovery distribution for repairs

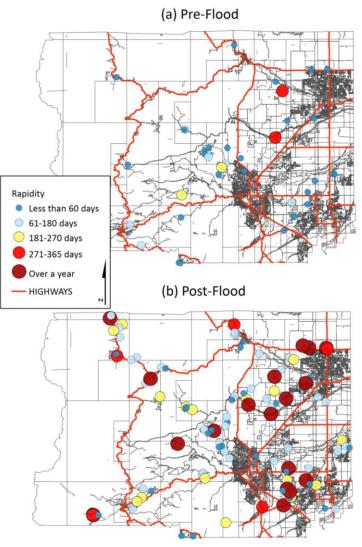


Figure 7.9 Distribution of rapidity before and after flood.

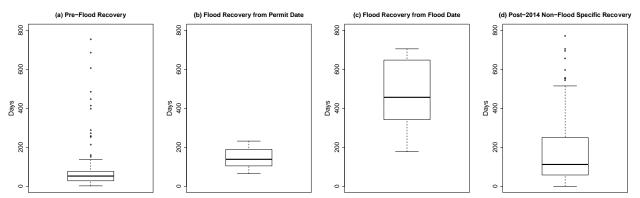
from 2003-2013 are in **Figure 7.10a**, where **Figure 7.10b and 7.910c** show rapidity for the sample of the 34 flood-related repairs based on the permit application date (i.e. the date the owner applied for a repair permit to address the failure) and from the actual date of the flood (i.e. the date the damage occurred) to the final inspection date, respectively. To be consistent for the sake of comparison, we define rapidity as the duration between the permit issue date and the final inspection, though it is interesting to see that for the

population of systems directly affected by the flood, the true recovery period was significantly longer. This relationship indicates that there not only exists a recovery delay but as well a reporting or permitting delay. Furthermore, **Figure 7.9d** indicates that not only directly flood-impacted OWTS suffered from recovery delays but also all repairs after 2013 up to the present day still undergo significant delays.

To verify the statistical significance of the difference at 95%, we used a simple t-test, which confirmed that, on average, recovery after the flood has been slower or rather rapidity has been lower compared to the recovery durations before the flood.

The increased number of repair calls, reconstruction delays related to backlog and inaccessible properties, and increased demand of material and equipment affecting their costs and availability all influence recovery time. After the flood, delays were attributed to initial debris removal, identified as critical in order for reconstruction to begin. For example, Mosqueda & Porter (2007) reported that the storm surge in Hurricane Katrina moved considerable quantities of debris onto properties near the shore along the Mississippi coast, limiting access to the properties for repair. Though the amount of debris as a result of the 2013 flood may not have been equivalent to the quantity associated with Katrina, many of the OWTS with long recovery durations were located in the canyons, where roads, bridges and culverts were damaged limiting access to properties (MacClune et al. 2014). In addition to debris, persistent floodwaters, elevated groundwater levels and shifts in the 100-year and 500-year flood plains have delayed the issue of both building and OWTS repair permits in certain areas (Boulder County, 2015). Areas where these hydrological and topographical transformations occurred, once suitable for OWTS, may no longer be appropriate for decentralized buried sanitation solutions, therefore repair

permits have been withheld so alternatives can be discussed. Lastly, these physical challenges in addition to the shear number of applications after the flood overwhelm permitting and inspections offices, restricting the number of permits issued and the rate of final repair inspections.



**Figure 7.10** Recovery durations for (a) OWTS repairs from 2007-2013, (b) flood-specific repairs based on the permit issue date, (c) flood-specific repairs based on the approximate date of the system failure (entered as September 12, 2013, the peak of the storm event), and (d) all other repairs from 2014-2016.

### Resilience

**Figure 7.11a and 7.11b** display the resilience rankings for each of the 273 OWTS after the flood compared to a baseline measurement of recovery for repair before 2013. As mentioned, the distribution of fragile OWTS before and after the flood appears to be random throughout the county with a total repair increase during the post-flood period. Rapidity, on the other hand, decreases significantly. The dominance of the rapidity dimension as a determinant of resilience is apparent in **Figure 7.11**. Minor to moderate failures with slow recovery rates lead to less resilient OWTS, whereas, major failures that are addressed rapidly specify highly resilient systems.

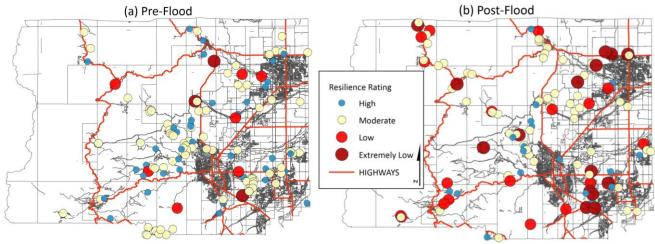
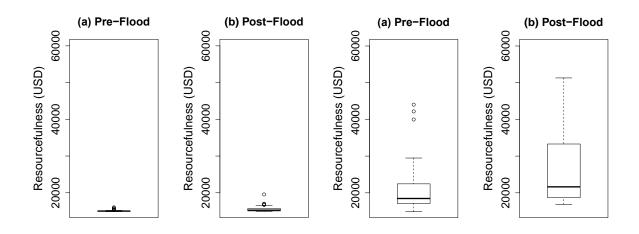


Figure 7.11 Distribution of OWTS resilience before and after

### Resourcefulness

Demand surge among the other factors mentioned affect OWTS resilience after a widespread disaster. Olsen and Porter (2011) describe demand surge to include demand increases in materials, labor, equipment, financing, or some combination that outpace their supply after a natural disaster. Major catastrophes, such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and wildfires often create a demand surge for materials and labor, resulting in increased costs to replace damaged property (Federal Alliance for Safe Homes and The Actuarial Foundation 2006). Here the overburdened supply may also be the number of certified service providers in the county to address OWTS failures. Increased repairs over a short period of time can cause backlog stressing the services available, in part delaying recovery and causing OWTS after the flood to be less resilient.

This lack of OWTS resilience, however, has a distinct financial consequence for homeowners. While some resources exist to mitigate the financial burden of OWTS failure through CDBG-DR, both the costs of OWTS repair as well as costs associated with a delayed recovery primarily fall directly on the individual system owners. Information about the degree of failure—here we focus on major fragility—and the duration of recovery create a foundation for estimating resourcefulness to anticipate costs of future disasters in terms of their cost to system owners. The costs to occupy another residence during the restoration of the failed OWTS compared to the cost of renting a portable chemical toilet are plotted in **Figure 7.11 and 7.12**, respectively.



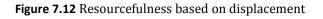


Figure 7.13 Resourcefulness based on a rented toilet

Recognizing the resourcefulness increase after the 2013 flood illustrates recovery response of OWTS given a widespread disaster and their financial burden in comparison to failures that result from smaller isolated events, poor management, or slow system degradation. While these values are merely estimates, they illustrate the severity of a widespread disaster such as the Boulder flood and its affect on immediate recovery, as well as its impact on recovery and costs up to four years after the event.

#### CONCLUSION

This study examines the effects of decentralization on the resilience of wastewater treatment systems in the face of extreme events and develops a framework to quantify OWTS resilience based on an overlay of resilience determinants, namely the time and costs required for an OWTS to restore operation after varying degrees of failure. Widespread natural hazards such as flooding were found to affect the frequency and degree to which OWTS function is lost, and more importantly delay their recovery. Flood impacts to not only OWTS but also other infrastructure systems stress the resources available both directly after the event and for several years into the future. Olsen and Porter (2011) describe these stresses and consequent cost increases as demand surge where the supply—for materials and services—is overburdened by a sudden and widespread demand when multiple systems fail simultaneously. The longer recoveries of OWTS have costs related to homeowner losses resulting from a failed OWTS as well as likely have environmental and public health consequences due to the prolonged release of contaminants. This investigation evaluated the costs associated with displacement when a property was rendered unlivable due to a failed sanitation system. The amount necessary to cover the costs of a completely inoperative OWTS including displacement costs or the rental costs of a temporary facility, range between \$15,000 and \$60,000 after the flood-costs which are directly related to OWTS repair delay. Where there does exist some financial support for OWTS repairs and relocation cost through CDBG-DR grants, the totals allotted are limited to up to \$50,000 and \$20,000 for OWTS repairs and relocation assistance, respectively. Approximately, 20% and 16% of the CDBG-DR grants have been distributed for OWTS repairs and relocations costs in Boulder since the 2013 event, leaving a large portion of the cost and inconvenience to be managed by homeowners.

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### **CHAPTER 8:** SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

#### **SUMMARY**

**Chapters 4-7** of this research each address the dimensions that describe life cycle OWTS performance, motivated by the growing reliance on decentralized sanitation and the dearth of knowledge about its reliability. The ultimate purpose of this study is to provide guidance for better-informed OWTS regulatory policies and a more complete representation of the risks associated with these systems. In general, OWTS are regulated through a permit issued at the time of installation insuring compliance with equipment design and physical siting criteria for subsurface discharge through a soil treatment unit (STU). Unlike centralized treatment facilities, which must monitor and report water quality data under NPDES permit requirements, there is no monitoring of treated water quality or even system physical integrity. In order to carry out performance-based diagnostic monitoring of OWTS performance, a secondary measure, the frequency of system disruptions severe enough to require repair/replacement actions and associated costs over a 40-year assumed life cycle, *repair severity*, was designated as the performance response variable.

**Chapter 4** focuses on quantifying OWTS *repair severity* as a function of owner behavior and policy-related factors operative after installation. A multiple regression method, Generalized Additive Models for Location, Scale and Shape (GAMLSS), was used to simulate OWTS repair/failure data in Boulder County Colorado between 1973 and 2013. A Weibull distribution provided the best fit to estimate annual repair costs between \$200 for systems with a record of inspection and maintenance to over \$370 for OWTS with no prior inspections. The most significant predictor variables were either property transfer inspections alone or combinations of inspections with permitted upgrades and property sales made under a new regulation promulgated by the County in 2008. The result highlights the importance of requiring owners to obtain professional inspections in determining long-term OWTS functionality. In general, monitoring is an important component of infrastructure reliability. Public health and environmental agencies have sponsored numerous efforts to provide public information on best inspection and maintenance practices for OWTS, including one campaign in initiated by the U.S. EPA and adopted by Boulder County called "Septic Smart." However, the relative invisibility of OWTS fixtures and the cost of inspections and maintenance are incentives for homeowners to opt out of voluntary inspections until significant system failures such as sewage ponding or backups occur. The results of **Chapter 4** support the economic model proposed by Mohammed (2009), that the mixed private-public nature of OWTS constitutes an impure public good where private economic choices often outweigh public interests in environmental quality. In Boulder County, even the less-than-universal requirement for inspection during a property transfer had a beneficial effect on homeowner costs. It can be expected that wider coverage through a system of renewable permits or mandatory maintenance contracts would obtain even greater benefits in terms of environmental quality and homeowner costs.

**Chapter 5** presents new methods to communicate failure risk to OWTS owners, in order to incentivize good management practices at the household level by communicating tradeoffs between the preemptive costs of monitoring and maintenance required by performance-based regulations and the costs of system failure, major repair and

replacement. Homeowners in many communities have resisted the imposed costs of active OWTS regulation due to their added financial burden unaccompanied by evidence of their benefit. In the end, Chapter 5, using Extreme Value Analysis -Points Over Threshold, determines failure risk in terms of the probability of an OWTS performing poorly resulting in repair costs above a selected threshold (\$18,000) signifying that the system is high-risk and the consequence in terms of the dollar amount of threshold exceedance. It was found that increasing the number of bedrooms in a home with an OWTS increases the risk of the system incurring a major repair replacement with costs over the threshold, while required inspection at the time of property transfer significantly decreases the risk of over-thethreshold repair costs. Chapter 5 results highlight the benefit of inspection and maintenance in a risk framework. The model also enables comparison of the cost of regular monitoring through a mechanism such as a renewable permit to the risk-cost of the no action alternative. Overall, the added cost of inspection appears to be advantageous in two respects: the lifetime risk of repair/failure costs is less than the cost of inspections over the same period and also smaller regular maintenance costs are less than the financial burden of a single large expenditure after failure.

In addition to owner behaviors, OWTS are vulnerable to other factors exerted after installation, which are not typically considered in design and siting guidelines. Most notable of these is weather. Buried septic tanks may receive infiltration and inflow through cracks or inadequately sealed risers and subsurface treatment and discharge through the soil treatment unit can be impaired by saturated soil conditions after significant rainfall. **Chapter 6** covers a study of the fragility of an OWTS population measured as predicted repairs/replacements attributable to annual variations in precipitation, stream flow and temperature.

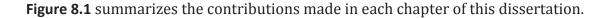
A Generalized Linear Model (GLM) method was used to test the association between weather-related variables and the frequency of OWTS failures in Boulder County, measured as frequency and magnitude of repairs over the period of 1979 to 2006, by fitting permit data to a Poisson distribution. The significant predictor variables (significant at 90% with p values  $\leq 0.1$ ) for major OWTS repairs were the number of months in any year that rainfall exceeded 10.16 cm (4 in) and the peak recorded stream flow in the major County watershed, Boulder Creek. For comparison, the average monthly rainfall in the Boulder Creek drainage is 4.39 cm (1.73 in), so the 10.16-cm threshold of the independent variable signifies a much wetter than average month. The R<sup>2</sup> value for the GLM fitted to major repair permit data was 0.70.

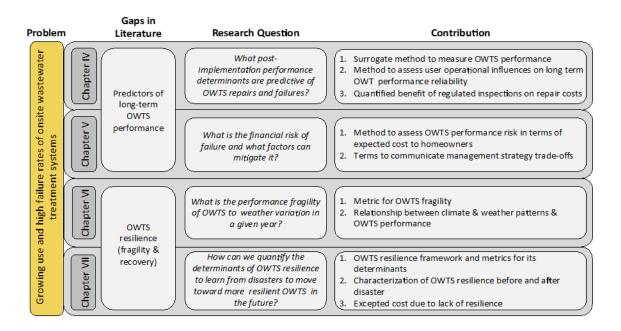
A method for evaluating the resilience of OWTS in response and recovery from an historic (1,000-year) storm event that occurred in Boulder County in September 2013 is proposed and demonstrated in **Chapter 7.** Severe flooding and erosion resulted in multiple simultaneous OWTS failures, and the analysis therefore considered OWTS resilience as an attribute of the aggregated County systems damaged by the flood. Resilience is comprised of *fragility*, here, the sudden loss of system function after a hazard event, and measured as repair and replacement frequency between January 2014 and February 2016 and the time to recover OWTS function, measured as the time between the flood event and the final inspection of the restored OWTS (*rapidity*). It was found that there was a significant increase in the annual frequency of major OWTS repairs in the two years following the flood, compared with the period 2003 – 2013. Moreover, the time to recover is significantly

increased after the flood disaster when multiple systems are damaged. Extended recovery time after the flood can be attributed to demand surge, a phenomenon in which the demand—in this case materials, labor, and overall OWTS repair services—surpasses the supply (Olsen & Porter, 2011). In addition to recovery time, a survey of OWTS installers revealed that their post-flood charges to owners increased by approximately 10%. Chapter 7 also estimated the financial consequences of a demand surge for individual homeowners monetized as the cost of relocating residents over the extended recovery period, and as a less-acceptable alternate, the rental cost of a portable toilet. The total amount of each alternative over the recovery duration plus the cost of repair makes up a third component of resilience, resourcefulness, which represents the estimated costs associated with recovery that falls directly on system owners. These estimates illustrate the expected cost associated with OWTS failure and delayed recovery as the result of a widespread disaster that are currently not included in the communication of OWTS risk to homeowners. Given increasing probability of extreme storm-related hazards, consideration should be given to these system owner costs associated with the difficulty of maintaining resilient wastewater systems. There exists a great opportunity to develop insurance policies, either as flood insurance or home insurance add-ons, that would alleviate some of financial risk for individual system owners. Policies could be mandated but subsidized based on proof of maintenance records or signed management contracts from certified service providers.

#### **CONTRIBUTION**

Overall, this research contributed to the quality, availability, and accessibility of information about key components of OWTS life cycle performance for decision makers.





**Figure 8.1** Dissertation summary of knowledge needs, related research questions and contributions of results to understanding OWTS life-cycle performance.

An important contribution of this dissertation is the data-driven performance-based methodologies described in **Chapters 4-7** that identify connections between post installation factors such as owner operational practices and weather events and wastewater treatment outcomes expressed as risk of failures and related repair costs. Dependence of OWTS function on both design and operational characteristics has been recognized previously, but not formally analyzed due to a lack of the most common treatment performance measure, water quality.

Use of a secondary measure, repair/replacement frequency and cost data documented in public records produced two benefits. First is a quantitative means of measuring lifetime failure risk as a function of common owner behaviors, and second is producing an effective means of communicating best practices in the form of economic risks that are especially persuasive to two key stakeholders – private OWTS owners and regulators. Results of the study indicate that merely publicizing environmental and public health risks of OWTS failure have not been effective at incentivizing owner best practices. The use of cost provides an alternative that illustrates the tradeoffs between properly operating OWTS and long-term costs related to repairs and replacements.

Modeling OWTS reliability as *repair severity* in **Chapters 4 and 5** illustrates the economic benefits of embedding best practices for lifetime OWTS operation in regulations and other policy measures. A variety or proscriptive mechanisms such as renewable permits and required maintenance contracts between owners and installers and incentives such as access to State Revolving Fund money or rebates for upgrades and subsidized insurance similar to government-subsidized flood insurance.

The impact of weather, especially extreme weather, on OWTS function has never been reported or analyzed in a resilience framework, such as is presented in **Chapters 6 and 7**. Yet in many locations where these systems are now or will be relied on for universal sanitation, resilience to extreme weather events that can severely disrupt decentralized wastewater systems on a large geographic scale should be considered in wastewater system needs assessment and planning. Consideration of fragility and resilience characteristics of OWTS exposed to extreme weather events can motivate improved emergency planning, technological advances and even changes to land use and development practices.

The singular outcome of this dissertation is that reliable treatment of wastewater in OWTS systems cannot be achieved by existing design regulations enforced only at installation. Rather dynamic conditions such as owner behavior and weather conditions

exerted over the system lifetime must be considered. By incorporating the influence of ownership as well as the consequence of scale when it comes to natural hazards, we can enable risk-informed decisions related to OWTS management and planning that ultimately result in more sustainable sanitation solutions.

#### LIMITATIONS & SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

The limitations of this dissertation relate to availability, quality and quantity of OWTS data. Because OWTS operation and maintenance are not regulated, practices vary widely and performance and failure data are scarce. In this investigation, performancebased data were obtained from homeowners' applications for permits to replace or repair failing systems (EPA, 2002b). While the reported inspections and permits offer insight to actual system performance, they are still limited in that they only identify compromised function exceeding a relatively high threshold. They do not consider less disruptive degraded performance that still results in groundwater contamination and possible health risks. Permit applications are hand written documents, many of which date back to the late 1940s. Chapters 4 and 5 analyses incorporate permit applications and inspection reports dating back to 1973 and required coding to allow quantitation of independent variables. Some counties have considered electronic submission of inspection and permit applications, as has been done in many states for NPDES Discharge Monthly Report data from municipal treatment facilities. Such a system would greatly improve reliability and accessibility of OWTS data to researchers as well as public agencies.

Repair/replacement costs were a component of the severity measure reported in **Chapters 4 and 5**. Variability in site slope, vegetation, soil characteristics, setbacks from

surface water bodies, water table levels, and accessibility repair costs can vary widely, for example, from \$4,860 to \$21,800 for a moderate repair that includes replacing the soil treatment unit. Repair costs were estimated using an informal survey conducted by the Boulder County Health Department in the 1990's and have not been updated. Although a sensitivity analysis revealed that raising costs did not change the statistical model skill, more accurate cost data would be a great benefit to homeowners, insurers and public agencies charged with risk communication.

#### CONCLUSIONS

The goal here has not been to discredit OWTS as a desirable sanitation solution, but rather to characterize the challenges and costs associated with their long-term sustainability. No doubt OWTS will continue to play a role in the future of sanitation in the U.S. as well as more globally. As an engineer, I believe it to be my responsibility to characterize the risks associated with treatment of domestic wastewater in OWTS and identify those factors that cause OWTS failure and reduce their resilience in order to guide technology innovations and management decisions producing cost-effective performance and minimizing public health and environmental risks. Statistical modeling in this research has enabled identification of the challenges associated with ensuring a public good within the constraints of private ownership.

In the absence of treated water quality data, performance of OWTS over a life cycle of 40 years has been quantified as the *repair severity*, using failure-associated repair permit data from a sample representing 14,300 OWTS in Boulder County, Colorado.

Statistical methods using the GAMLSS multivariate regression method and extreme value analysis indicated that regulation requiring inspection and maintenance significantly reduced both the probability and magnitude of OWTS failures. Both regulation and financial incentives should be considered to insure a desirable level of OWTS performance over their lifetime.

Improved monitoring and reporting requirements will enable more accurate lifecycle assessment of OWTS performance in a sustainability context that considers economic, social and environmental outcomes of privatized and decentralized wastewater management.

OWTS in general are highly vulnerable to weather conditions, particularly precipitation leading to saturated soil and, in the extreme, flooding. The annual frequency of months where rainfall was approximately two times the Boulder Creek drainage monthly average and peak stream flow in the watershed were significantly associated with major repairs in that year, accounting for 70% of repair data variability.

An extreme flood in 2013 resulted in greater than normal OWTS damage requiring major repair and significantly longer time required for restoring damaged OWTS possibly the result of a demand surge, which has been reported to delay recovery of other infrastructure from earthquakes and floods.

It is in the public interest to reduce heightened economic risks to OWTS owners resulting from natural hazards such as floods, possibly by publicly-subsidized insurance and emergency planning that reduces the system recovery time.

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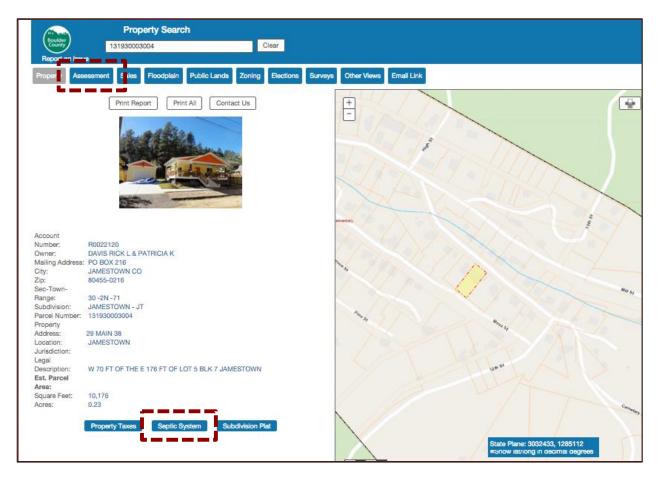
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# **APPENDIX A: DATA COLLECTION**

Data was collected from: <a href="http://maps.bouldercounty.org/boco/PropertyViewer">http://maps.bouldercounty.org/boco/PropertyViewer</a>

1. Each property ID, provided by the Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) department permit database search, was entered into the *property search* bar as pictured below.

			Propert	y Search	5		Reset	Help	Advanced	
Report a	ッ	Enter	r search term			Clear	Prefe	rences	$\bigcirc$	
Property	Assessment	Sales	Floodplain	Public Lands	Zoning	Elections	Surveys	Other Views	Email Link	
	ome to th sor's Offi				-	Streets	Blended	Aerial	Lvons	Zoom to \$



2. Under the *assessment* tab for the property, there is information about each property deed, the actual and assessed structural value of the home, the living area, and the assessed number of bedrooms and bathrooms for the property. Clicking the *septic system* tab leads to the permit record for the system. This record has information about

the permit type as well as the permit date and final inspection date. Since BCPH categorizes permit types into only minor and major repairs, I had to differentiate major repairs further by going into the *wastewater system documents for this system* tab.

Parcel ID	131930003004		]						
	Sas 20 MAIN ST, CAMESTOWN	•••	]						
Wastewater sy	stem documents for this pro	perty.							
Permit Record	I							1	
		Permit #	Structure/Building Type	Permit Type	System Sized for (Bedrooms)	Tank Size (Gallons)	Final Approval Date	Permit Issue Date	Type of System
		ON0048587	Primary Dwelling/Structure	OWTS FLOOD MAJOR REPAIR	2	1000	06/15/2015	01/16/2015	System Type 1: Ripped Absorption Field System Type 2: Lift Station
		ON0021400	Primary Dwelling/Structure	OWTS MAJOR REPAIR (FULL FEE)	2	1000	09/15/1997	06/09/1997	System Type 1: Septic Tank/Chamber Distribution
		ON0021399	Primary Dwelling/Structure	OWTS UPGRADE (FULL FEE)	2	1000	10/07/1992	12/19/1990	System Type 1: Septic Tank/Chamber Distribution
		ON0038461	Primary Dwelling/Structure	OWTS NEW SYSTEM (FULL FEE)	2			06/13/1972	System Type 1: Vault

3. The wastewater system document for this system tab leads to the any file documents associated with that property ID, including: scanned, hand-written permit documents, design inspection drawings, loan documents, legal documents, property transfer certificates, and miscellaneous.

4. Here I have accessed one of the permits to illustrate the source of certain independent variables.

Onsite Wastewater Sys	stem documents associa	ated with 29 MA	IN ST, JAMESTOWN
	Document Type	Permit Number	
_	Permits		
[	Permits		
•	Permits		
	Designs and Drawings		
	Designs and Drawings		
	Designs and Drawings		
	Legal		
	Legal		
	Legal		
	Miscellaneous		
	Miscellaneous		
	Blueprints		
	Legal	ON0021400	1
	Permits	ON0048587	1

Shapes Permit	Receipt Number
Type BOULDER COUNT 3450 Broadw 3450 Broadw	Y HEALTH DEPARTMENT ray, Boulder, CO 80304 441-1190
CERTIFICATION TO BOULDER COUNTY LAND	USE DEPARTMENT (COUNTY BUILDING INSP. DEPT.)
Owner RICK DAVIS	Mailing Address P. O. Dox 216
City JAMESTOWN State CO Zip SC	2455 Home Phone 444 - 2430 Work Phone
Agent Street	
Chandress DR MALAL ST JANEST	WN Installer MIKE TKELER / Mike SAPP
Legal Description (short) LOT 5 BLOCK	7 TOWNSITE OF JAMESTOWN
TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT	
1. Existing Buildings	DEPARTMENT USE ONLY
umber of bedrooms and bathrooms at the time of pe	emit:
therefore, can track change across permits	I. Slope
	2. Soil Type
4. No. of bedrooms	
5 Basement plumbing: yes no V type	3. Soil perc rote minutes/inch (over.)
5. Basement plumbing: yes no know type	
5. Basement plumbing: yes no	4. Water table depth 2.17 ft Bedrock 2.34 ft
6. Area of lot (acres)	4. Water table depth 2.17 ft Bedrock 2.34 ft
6. Area of lot (acres)	4. Water table depth 2.17 ft Bedrock 2.34 ft 5. Location of central sewer
6. Area of lot (acres)	4. Water table depth 2.17 ft Bedrock 2.34 ft 5. Location of central sever > mile 6. Sized for 2 bedrooms (2) persons/bedroom)
6. Area of lot (acres)     7. Subsoil draintile (yes)     8. Type of sewage disp. system requested:     Septic tank	4. Water table depth 2.17 ft Bedrock 2.34 ft 5. Location of central sever > mile 6. Sized for 2 bedrooms (2) persons/bedroom)

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re meets e	xisting 2	oning a	na/or suba		- MINIMUM RE	ounty as they apply in this specific case.
	(	Septic	Tank	1000	aals.	Absorption Field Raised bed 273 sq. ft., OR
Install	1	Voult			90.3.	0 feet of trench three feet wide.
	1	Other				No one trench/line may exceed 100 feet.
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BOULDER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 3450 Broadway Boulder, CO 80304 441-1190
INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FINAL INSPECTION
PROPERTY OWNER Davis
LOCATION 607 5, Block 7; Jamestown; 29 Main St. (Legal and Property Address)
INSTALLER <u>Mike_Tkuler</u> Installed in area of tests <u>125</u> Septic Tank/Aeration Unit Size <u>LExt</u> poor Moderate (only STU). If the tank is not added to, restored, or replaced, then the repair is moderate.
Company <u>Eric Recast</u> Watertight <u>485</u> Risers <u>NO</u>
Lift Station Installed <u>755</u> Watertight <u>755</u> Size <u>150 g.</u>
Warning Device Operating Yes Location In home Type Audiol
Minimum Area Required 21 inf units 3x7 Area Installed 21 inf. unit 3x7
Indicates the Engineer Requirements and what was actually installed and assessed during the final inspection. Here the repair applies purely to the STU therefore it is a moderate repair per the definition in this dissertation Distribution Lines Capped Looped Level

BOULDER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 3450 Broadway Boulder, CO 80304 441-1190
INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM SITE INSPECTION WORK SHEET
PROPERTY OWNER DAVIS LOCATION 207 5 TAMESTOWN
(Legal and Property Address)
Proposed Structure 2 Badroom house Water Supply Jamestown

## **APPENDIX B:** DATA

## **RELIABILITY DATA (For CHAPTER 4)**

#### BOULDER COUNTY OWTS ATTRIBUTE DATA

H         DELT         DELT         M         M         M         NO_AD         RS_         TRA         T200           PRE2008         2         STRUCT_         A_BE         A_BA         LIVE_AR         PROP_         LOAN         I         O         A         D/UPG         TOT_         CATE         NS_IN         8_D           PARCEL_NO2         DEED         O         VAL         D         TH         EA         YR         INSP         N         D         J         RADE         REPAIR         RS         RS_ANN         G         SP         EED           14633600022         0         0         465100         1         0         4813         1900         0         1         0         2         17.932         448.3         3         0         0	POST2 008_SA LES 0 0 0
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## RISK DATA (For CHAPTER 5)

OWTS RISK CATETGORY DATA													
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## FRAGILITY DATA (For CHAPTER 6)

REPA	IR FREC	QUNCY IN	EACH	YEAR
YEAR	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	TOTAL
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1981	0	0	2	2
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1984	2	0	2	4
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1999	0	1	1	2
2000	1	1	2	4
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2004	0	1	3	4
2005	0	1	1	2
2006	5	2	1	8
2007	0	2	14	16
2008	1	0	16	17
2009	6	5	11	22
2010	6	3	16	25
2011	12	2	26	40
2012	4	3	10	17
2013	0	0	1	1
2014	3	0	2	5
2015	4	1	3	8

#### ANNUAL CLIMATE DATA FROM NOAA

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YEAR	DT90	DT00	DP05	DP10	TPCP	TPCP_SI	DP05_S	DP10_S	TPCP_S	TPCP_W	MR25_S	MR30_S	MR40_S	MR50_S
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1983	45	8	12	3	22.22	56.44	4	2	12.98	9.24	4	1	1	1
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1986	21	2	9	3	16.83	42.75	6	3	12.08	4.75	3	2	1	0
1987	31	5	11	4	15.98	40.59	6	3	6.19	9.79	2	1	1	1
1988	37	3	12	1	16.59	42.14	6	1	9.61	6.98	1	1	0	0
1989	21	10	9	0	15.84	40.23	7	0	12.41	3.43	2	0	0	0
1990	22	7	7	1	14.98	38.05	6	1	12.63	2.35	1	1	1	0
1991	15	3	11	2	13.45	34.16	10	2	8.51	4.94	3	2	0	0
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1996	20	13	15	3	14.33	36.4	11	3	7.89	6.44	3	2	1	0
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#### BOULDER CREEK AT LONGMONT FLOW DATA

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146114015005	5/17/15	9/28/15	134
158104008006	5/18/15	6/23/15	36
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146114004015	7/8/15	9/23/15	77
146322400006	7/8/15	8/11/15	34
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146103002001	7/15/15	2/18/16	218
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146114007005	7/20/15	2/18/16	213
131508304013	7/21/15	8/12/15	213
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146111007001	8/4/15	12/7/15	125
146519001004	8/13/15	2/18/16	123
	8/13/15 8/24/15		
146123002005		2/18/16	178
132127005003	8/27/15	2/18/16	175
131526001013	8/31/15	9/14/15	14
146529005004	9/4/15	2/18/16	167
146135105003	9/8/15	2/18/16	163

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131924007047	9/14/15	10/29/15	45
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131703000012	10/21/15	2/18/16	120
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131514000034	11/18/15	2/18/16	92
158136100055	11/19/15	2/18/16	91
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146104022001	12/17/15	2/10/16	55
131719000004	12/23/15	2/18/16	57
120112000002	12/23/15	1/20/16	28
146532104020	12/29/15	2/18/16	51
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157513407007	2/4/16	2/18/16	14
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158118013005	6/17/14	7/8/14	21
146118000077	6/24/14	7/24/14	30
131924007058	7/10/14	9/17/14	69
132300000011	7/30/14	5/15/15	289
158321219007	9/8/14	2/18/16	528
157513405003	10/14/14	2/18/16	492
131935003002	10/26/15	2/18/16	115

#### FLOOD SPECIFIC REPAIR RECOVERY DURATIONS

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131726304003	5/12/14	9/3/14	114	350
120112000025	6/24/14	4/13/15	293	572
119903004005	8/1/14	11/10/14	101	418
131919002010	8/6/14	12/9/14	125	447
146117000101	8/8/14	10/8/14	61	385
119934305005	8/11/14	6/29/15	322	649
12010000046	9/10/14	12/22/14	103	460
131913005004	10/7/14		NA	NA
146530001028	11/10/14	6/30/15	232	650
146111000016	11/25/14	3/23/15	118	551
146114008016	1/12/15		NA	NA
131930003004	1/12/15	6/15/15	154	635
146111017002	1/16/15	7/27/15	192	677
120111000020	1/21/15	4/13/15	82	572
157712302005	3/11/15		NA	NA
120111000008	3/30/15	8/19/15	142	700

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146511000009	10/20/15		NA		NA	
132109006004	11/3/15		NA		NA	
131919004007	12/3/15		NA		NA	
131930002008	12/3/15		NA		NA	
146118000018	12/9/15		NA		NA	
157711002002	12/18/15		NA		NA	
157710000005	1/13/16		NA		NA	
120336000022	6/23/14	11/5/14		135		
131930000015	7/24/15		NA		NA	
146119000032	10/27/15		NA		NA	

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PARCEL_NO2	APP_DATE	FINAL_INSP	DAYS_RECOV_PERM
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131727405008	10/30/06	8/14/07	288
145936000034	11/2/06	11/14/06	12
120112000025	2/7/07	3/23/07	44
119711100032	2/16/07	3/5/07	17
131727404005	4/20/07	6/12/07	53
146132000023	5/8/07	5/15/07	7
146102002010	5/11/07	8/29/07	110
131711000020	5/17/07	6/6/07	20
131919004003	5/17/07	10/16/07	152
120520414003	6/11/07	10/8/07	119
131924007011	8/1/07	12/1/09	853
146123011004	8/10/07	11/27/07	109
157701107006	8/29/07	10/2/07	34
157716200003	8/30/07	11/30/07	92
120111000008	10/12/07	12/11/07	60
120111000007	10/12/07	12/11/07	60
146514009009	10/19/07	11/2/07	14
132109000004	10/23/07	7/2/08	253
158129000008	12/12/07	5/20/08	160
120318203002	12/18/07	2/15/08	59
146104006005	1/29/08	3/18/08	49
146111006007	4/10/08	5/23/08	43
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146114033001	6/13/08	8/5/08	53
146533100037	6/24/08	8/21/08	58
158136002002	6/26/08	8/4/08	39
157504001003	7/1/08	9/15/08	76
157701109002	8/13/08	8/26/08	13
145912009002	8/19/08	10/31/08	73
157701306014	9/2/08	9/24/08	22
158136001009	9/3/08	10/9/08	36
146111001001	9/10/08	10/8/08	28
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145925000001	9/18/08	10/28/08	40
146104004006	9/30/08	11/12/08	43
157701306010	10/8/08	10/28/08	20
157712203003	11/18/08	2/10/09	84
131505008001	1/21/09	3/9/09	47
120520414013	3/3/09	4/13/09	41
158112000009	3/24/09	6/5/09	73
145926000026	4/15/09	6/1/09	47
146514016021	4/17/09	7/9/09	83
146111000024	4/20/09	8/20/09	122

131506000005	4/22/09	6/23/09	62
131726309001	4/28/09	6/25/09	58
146307000002	5/26/09	7/27/09	62
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		7/28/09	57
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146115001007	6/24/09	7/22/09	28
146527000013	6/30/09	8/26/09	57
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146114005011	7/22/09	9/17/09	57
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		9/28/09	63
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146335400003	1/6/10	1/19/10	13
146326006011	1/21/10	9/19/11	606
	2/16/10		
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146114012010	6/18/10	9/28/10	102
146114019011	6/30/10	9/16/10	78
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131720000042	12/29/10	2/28/11	61
146528400016	1/3/11	1/18/11	15
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120329401001	5/1/11	6/18/12	414
120528330001	5/2/12	5/8/12	6
158107000034	6/1/12	8/9/12	69
157701405003	6/8/12	4/25/14	686

### RESOURCEFULNESS ESTIMATES BASED ON DISPLACEMENT COSTS AND TEMPORARY CHEMICAL TOILET RENTALS

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131919004003			19755.83	15352.67
120520414003			17564.52	15049.33
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146111006007			17632.5	14996
158136002002			16271.09	14976
158136001009			16273.78	14946
146104004006			17589.33	14986
158112000009				15036
146111000024			27614.2	15266
146307000002			27080.16	15066
145907000030			17419.7	15032.67
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157712102005			17181.11	14912.67
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	22001 50	15757 67		
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131930000009	18456.63	15092.67		
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157515000007	17599.05	14926		
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158118017009				
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## **APPENDIX C:** RELIABILTY R CODE

#### GAMLSS/ WE BULL USING ANNUAL REPAIR SEVERITY ####

instal.packages("MASS") install.packages("fitdstrplus") insall.packages("sm") inst all. packages("st at s4") inst all. packages("ganhss") install.packages("car") inst all.packages("scatterpl ot 3d") library(ADGof Test) librarv(MASS) library(fitd strplus) library(sm) library(stats4) library(qanhss) library(car) library(scatterplot3d) #### DATA #### owts<read.csv("/ Users/I aurakohl er/ Documents/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Data/ CSV/ OWTS\_CSV\_GAMLSS\_MULT\_3\_10\_2015.csv", na string s=" NA", header =TRUE) OWTS <- owts[1:120,] #### VI SUAL GOODNESS OF FIT FOR Y #### ydat a=OWTS\$ RS\_ANNUAL[ 1: 120] NH engt h(ydat a) N1 = N-1xeval =seq( min(ydat a)-sd(ydat a), max(ydat a) +sd(ydat a), l engt h=120) neval = ength(xeval) # Gamma zgamma=fitdst(ydata, "gamma", optim.method="L-BFGS-B',lower=0.05) xdensitygamma=dgamma(xeval, shape=zgamma\$estimate[1], scale=1/zgamma\$estimate[2]) # Weibull zwei bull =fit d st (ydat a, "wei bull", opti m met hod="L-BFGS-B", lower =0.05) xdensitywei bull=dwei bull(xeval, shape=z wei bull\$esti mat e[1], scal e=zwei bull\$esti mat e[2]) # Nonparametric Kernel Density Estimation kernel pdf = sm density(ydata, eval.points=xeval, add=FALSE, Ity=1, Iwd=4) # plot the histogram and overlay the PDFs par(mfrow=c(1, 1))hist(ydata, xlab="Annual Repair Severity(USD)", ylab="", probability=T, main="", ylim=range(c(0, 0.007)), breaks=nds) title(main="Annual Repair Severity Based on Repair Frequency and Cost") lines(xeval, xdensitygamma, 1 wd=2, 1ty=3, cd =" bl ack") lines(xeval, xdensitywei bull, lwd=2, lty=5, cd = "black") lines(xeval, kernel pdf \$esti mate, I wd=2, Ity=1, cd ="black") pci nt s(76.65, 0, pch=17, cex=1.6, cd =" bl ack") #abline(v=76.65, cd =" darkgreen", lwd=2) pd nt s(229.33, 0, pch=18, cex=1.6, cd =" b ack") #abline(v=229.33, cd ="or ange", I wd=2) pci nt s( 371. 65, 0, pch=19, cex=1. 6, cd =" b ack") #abline(v=371.65, cd =" dar kr ed", I wd=2) legend(500, 0.006, o("Gamma", "Weibull", "Kernel Density"), Ity=c(3,5,1), Iwd=c(2,5,2,5), tty="n")

l egend( 445, 0. 004, c(" Minor", " Moder at e", " Maj or"), pch=c( 17, 18, 19), cd =c(" bl ack", " bl ack", " bl ack"), titl e=" Annuali zed Cost Per Repair Type", bt y=" n") #### GOODNESS OF FLT #### # Empirical or SAMPLE quantiles and Empirical Percentiles. empercent = 1: N(N+1) # Wei bull platting position # Get the quantiles corresponding to the empirical percentiles from # the fitted PDF model. Also get the model percentiles corresponding #to the empirical quantilies. ydat asort = sort(ydat a) # Sort ed ori ginal dat a #IF GAMMA modquant 2=ggamma(emppercent, shape=zgamma\$esti mat e[1], scale=1/zgamma\$esti mat e[2]) modper cent 2=pga mma(ydat asort,shape=zga mma\$esti mat e[1], scd e=1/zga mma\$esti mat e[2]) op < par(mirow=c(1,3))# Prot the Empirical CDF with the Model CDF (Gamma) pl ct (ydat asort, empper cent, xl ab="Repair Severity", yl ab="CDF (F(x))", mai n="") lines(ydat asort, modper cent 2, cd ="red") # Quantil e pl ct (Gamma) plot(modquant 2, ydat asort, xlab="Model (or Theoretical) Quantiles", ylab="Emp. Quantiles", main="") lines(modquant 2, modquant 2) # Probability Prot (Gamma) plot(modpercent2, emppercent, xlab="Model (or Theoretical) Percentiles", ylab="Emp. Percentiles", main="") lines(modpercent 2, modpercent 2) par(op) #IF WEIBULL modquant 3=q wei bull (empper cent, shape=z wei bull \$esti mat e[1], scal e=z wei bull \$esti mat e[2]) modper cent 3=p wei bull (ydat asort, shape=z wei bull \$esti mat e[1], scal e=z wei bull \$esti mat e[2])  $op \ll par(mfrow=c(1,3))$ # Prot the Empirical CDF with the Model CDF (Weibull) pl ct (ydat asort, emppercent, xl ab="Repair Severity", yl ab="CDF (F(x))", main="") lines(ydat asort, modper cent 3, cd ="red") # Quantile plot (Weibull) plot(modquant3, ydatasort, xlab="Model (or Theoretical) Quantiles", ylab="Emp. Quantiles", main="") lines(modquant 3, modquant 3) # Probability Prot (Weibull) plot(modpercent3, emppercent, xlab="Model (or Theoretical) Percentiles", ylab="Emp. Percentiles", main="") lines(modpercent 3, modpercent 3) par(op) #### GAMLSS #### # By semi-parametric, we mean they need a parametric distribution #for the response variable, # at hough they can cope with a wide range of distributions such as # Poisson, negative binomia, #lognormal, Weibull, etc. These GAMLSS models are thus "semi" in # the sense that the modeling of the actual # parameters, such as the mean or location (as functions of the # expl anatory variables), may involve # usi ng non-parametric smoot hing functions, such as for example, # cubi c s moot hi ng spli nes. # The dataisfit to a Gamma (GA) and a Weibull (WE) distribution op < par(mirow=c(2, 1))mGA < hist Dist(ydata, "GA", density=TRUE, main="(a)", yli m=c(0,0.008), xl ab="Annual Repair Severity", yl ab="")

mWEI < hist Dist(ydata, "WEI", density=TRUE, main="(b)", yli m=c(0, 0.008), xl ab="Annual Repair Severity", yl ab="")

par(op)

GAIQ(mGA, mWEI)

# According to the GALC, the Weibulis the best fit for the data

#### WE BULL MODEL VI SUAL DI AGNOSTI CS #### pl ct ( mWE)

#### K S Test fitd str(ydat a, " wei bul ") ks.t est(uni que(ydat a), "pwei bul ", scal e=390. 3910213, shape=2. 4976403) ad.t est(ydat a, pwei bul , scal e=390. 3910213, shape=2. 4976403) fitd str(ydat a, "ga mma") ks.t est(uni que(ydat a), "pga mma", rat e=0. 010730424, shape=3. 738835369) ad.t est(ydat a, pga mma, r at e=0. 010730424, shape=3. 738835369)

# The test is a one-sided test and the hypothesis that the # d stribution is of a specific for mis rejected if the test # statistic, A is greater than the critical value.

#### GAMLSS MODEL W/TH WEIBULL #### # The Weibul fitting function WEI() uses the log link for mu and # sigma; # therefore, the standard errors are for log(mu) and log(sigma).

#### MODEL 1 #### (Constant \$gma)
# Fitting a model with 11 preliminary explanatory variables
m01 < gamtss(RS\_ANNUAL~ PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA +
LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED, dat a=na o mit(OWTS), f a mil y=WE)</pre>

# m01 < ganhss(RS\_ANNUAL~ PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + log(STRUCT\_VAL) + log(UVE\_AREA) + # LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED, data=na.onit(OVTS), f amil y=WEI)

# The commented out command tests variable significance the of # LIVE\_AREA and STRUCT\_VAL considering their magnitude by taking the # log.

# step GAIC VR() is based on step AIC() with the additional property that allows selection of terms for any selected distributional parameter.

model 1 < step GAI C VR(m01, scope=~PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + STRUCT\_VAL + LIVE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED + (STRUCT\_VAL + LIVE\_AREA + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES) ^2) # S gma (shape) is held const ant

# model 1 < stepGA C VR m01, scope=~PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + #log(STRUCT\_VAL) +log(U VE\_AREA) + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD\_UPGRADES + # PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED + (STRUCT\_VAL + UVE\_AREA + # PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED +NO\_ADD\_UPGRADES)^2) # S gma (shape) is held constant

residual s1=residual s(model 1) mu\_mod1=exp(pred ct(model 1, what ="mu")) sigma\_mod1=exp(pred ct(model 1, what ="sigma"))

expY1<-vector(length=N) for (i i n 1: N{ expY1[i]=mu\_mod1[i]\*gamma((1/sigma\_mod1[i])+1)

}

cor(ydata, expY1)

# MANUAL D AGNOSTI CS (MODEL 1) par(bg =' white) op < par(mfrow=c(2, 2), cex. axis=1.5, cex.l ab=1.15, cex. main=1.5, mar=c(5, 5, 4, 2))

# QQnor m # gqnorm(ydata-expY1, main="Normal Q Q Plot of Model Residuals") # qdi ne(ydat a-expY1) # gqnor m(residual s1, main="QQP ot") # gdine(residuals1) # Histogram of residuals # hist(ydata-expY1, xlab="Model Residuals", main="Normality of the # Resi dual s") hist(residual s1, xl ab="Model Residual s", main="a") # Aut ocorrel ation # acf (ydat a- exp Y1, mai n=" Aut ocorrel ati on of Model Resi dual s") acf (residual s1, main="b") # pl ct (expY1, (ydata-expY1), xl ab="Fitted Annual Repair Severity (Y)", yl ab="Model Residuals") # abline(0,0) plot(expY1, (residuals1), xlab="Fitted Annual Repair Severity(Y)", ylab="Model Residuals", main="c") abli ne( 0, 0) par(op) # R2 pl ct (Obs vs Expected Value) plot(vdata.expY1.xlab="Cbserved Annual Repair Severity(USD", vlab="Predicted Annual Repair Severity(USD", main="") abline(a=0, b=1)r2=0.406 myl abel = bquot e(it dig(R)^2 == .(for mat(r2, d gts = 3))) t ext(x = 600, y = 240, l abel s = myl abel)#### MODEL VS OBSERVATI ON PLOTS (to show model skill) #### # C line plot (USI NG expY2) op < par(mirow=c(1, 1))Yu <- vect or (l engt h=N) YI <- vect or (I engt h=N) for (iin 1: N){  $expY1[i] = mu_mod1[i]*gamma((1/sigma_mod1[i])+1)$ Y[i]=qwei bul(0.025, si gma\_mod1[i], mu\_mod1[i]) Yu[i] =qwei bull(0.975, si gma\_mod1[i], mu\_mod1[i]) } plot(OWTS\$RS\_ANNUAL, type="I", xlab="Observed OWTS", ylab="Annual OWTS Repair Severity(USD)", ylim=c(0,900), cd ="9",1 wd=2, 1ty=4) lines(expY1, cd ="2", lty=1, l wd="25") lines(Yu, cd ="8", lty="longdash", l wd="1") lines(Y, cd ="8", lty="longdash", lwd="1") legend("topright", d("95-percent 0"," Observations"," Model Pred ations"), Ity=c(2,4,1), Iwd=c(2,2,2,5), cd=c("8","9","2"), tty="n") # gives the legend lines the correct cd or and width par(op) #### Scatter Ptd #### boxh dt (OWTS\$RS\_ANNUAL~OWTS\$PROP\_TRANS\_INSP, cd = "gainsboro", boxwex = 0.25, at = 0.1-0.15, xl ab = "Property Transfer Inspections", yl ab = "Annual Repair Severity (USD)", x axi s=c(0, 1), xaxt = h, ann=FALSE) boxpl dt(expY1~OWTS\$PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP, add = TRUE, box wex = 0.25, at = 0.1+0.15, cd = "white", xaxt = n, ann=FALSE) legend(0.70,753, c("Observation", "Model Prediction"), fill = c("gai nsbor o", "white")) axi s(si de=1, at =c(0, 1))

#### CROSS VALI DATI ON #### # Get the cross validated estimates ... Y<-vdata X-cas. matrix(cbind(OWTS\$STRUCT\_VAL, OWTS\$LIVE\_AREA, OWTS\$NO\_ADD.UPGRADES, OWTS\$PROP\_TRANS\_INSP, OWTS\$POST2008\_DEED, OWTS\$NO\_ADD.UPGRADES\* OWTS\$PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP, OWTS\$LI VE AREA\* OWTS\$PROP TRANS I NSP. OWTS\$STRUCT VAL\* OWTS\$PROP TRANS I NSP. OWTS\$PROP TRANS I NSP\* OWTS\$POST2008\_DEED)) # Drop some % of points, fit the model and predict the dropped # points... library(arules) nsi m = 1000 rmseskill = 1: nsim corskill=1: nsi m N = l engt h(Y) $N15 = round(0.15^* N)$ # Drop 15% of points index=1: N for(iin 1:nsim){ drop=sample(c(1: N), N15)keep=set dff(index, drop) x=X[keep,] y=Y[keep] zz < gan hss(y ~ x, fan h l y = WE)x = as. matrix(X[drop,])y=Y[drop] Nk = lengt h(y)mu zz <- vect or (l engt h=Nx) sigma\_zz<-vector(length=Nx) yhat <- vect or (l engt h=Nx) for (jin 1: Nx){ mu\_zz[j] =exp(coef(zz)[1]+coef(zz)[2]\*x[j, 1]+coef(zz)[3]\*x[j, 2]+coef(zz)[4]\*x[j, 3]+coef(zz)[5]\*x[j, 4]+coef(zz)[6]\*x[j, 5]+coef(zz)[7]\*(x[j, 3]\*  $x_{i}(4) + coef(zz)[8] (x_{i}(2) + x_{i}(4)) + coef(zz)[9] (x_{i}(1) + x_{i}(4)) + coef(zz)[10] (x_{i}(4) + x_{i}(5)))$ sigma\_zz=exp(get Element(zz, "sigma.coefficients"))  $yhat[j] = mu_zz[j]*gamma((1/sigma_zz)+1)$ } yhat =as. vect or (yhat) #yhat =pr ed ct (zz, newdat a=dat a frame(x), type="r esponse") #r mseskill[i]=mean((Yf drop]-yhat)^2) # mseskill[i]=mean(((Y[drop]-yhat)/sd(Y[drop]))^2) rmseskill[i] =rmse(Y[drop], yhat) corskill[i]=cor(Y[drop], yhat) } # P ot fitted R2 and fitted RMSE on boxpl ot s ...  $op \ll par(mfrow=c(1,2))$ boxpl ct (corskill^2, yl ab="R Squared", mai n="a") paints(0.406, cd ="red3", pch=19, cex=1.5) boxpl ct (rmseskill, yl ab="Roct-Mean-Square-Error", main="b", xl ab="\*RMSE in USD") paints(133.9259, cd ="red3", pch=19, cex=1.5) par(op) #### MODEL 2 #### (Mu and Sigma both vary) m02 < gamtss(RS ANNUAL~ PRE2008 DEED + H2O + DELTA BED + DELTA BATH + STRUCT VAL + UVE AREA + LOAN I NSP + NO ADD UPGRADES + PROP TRANS I NSP + POST2008 DEED, dat a=na.omit(OVTS), famil v=WE) # Selection of terms for selected distributional parameter, in this # case both scale (mu) and shape (sigma) m\_mu2 < stepGAI C VR( m02, what="mu", scope=~PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + DELTA\_BATH + STRUCT\_VAL +

LI VE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED + (STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED + NO\_ADD UPGRADES)^2)

m\_si gma2 < st ep GA C VR( m\_mu2, what ="si gma", scope=~PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + DELTA\_BATH + STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD\_UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP+POST2008\_DEED) model 2=m\_sigma2 resi dual s2=resi dual s( model 2) # Compared to Model 2 (modeling mu (Scale) and sigma (Shape)) op < par(mirow=c(2,2))plot(model 2) par(op)  $op \ll par(mfrow = c(2, 2))$ plot(model 2, ts=TRUE) par(op) # Model 2 (model both mu and sigma) mu\_mod2=exp(predict(model 2, what ="mu")) sigma\_mod2=exp(pred ct(model 2, what ="sigma")) zz2=qweibul(05, shape=sigma\_mod2, scd e=mu\_mod2) cor(zz2, ydat a)  $op \ll par(mirow = c(1, 1))$ plot(ydata, zz2, xlab="Repair Severity Observations", ylab="Repair Severity Model Predictions (Median)") abline(a=0, b=0) par(op) # Y pred compared to E(N) using the expected value equation and each # mu and sigma determined from each observation n=l engt h( mu\_mod2) expY2<-vector(length=n) for (i i n 1: n){ expY2[i]=mu\_mod2[i]\*gamma((1/sigma\_mod2[i])+1) } cor(ydata, expY2) # MANUAL D AGNOSTI CS ( MODEL 2) par(bg =' white) op < par(mfrow=c(2,3))# QQnor m qqnorm(ydata-expY2, main="Normal QQPIct of Model Residuals") qqline(ydata-expY2) qqnorm(residual s2, main="Normal QQProt of Model Residual s") qdine(residuals2) # Aut ocorrel ation acf (ydat a-expY2, main="Autocorrelation of Model Residuals") acf (residual s2, main=" Autocorrelation of Model Residual s") # Histogram of residuals hist(ydata-expY2, xlab="Model Residuals", main="Normality of the Residuals") hist(residual s2, xl ab="Model Residual s", main="Nor mality of the Residual s") # R2 pl ct ( Obs vs Expected Value) plot(ydata, expY2, xlab="Annual Repair Severity Obs (USD)", ylab="Annual Repair Severity Predict (USD)") abine(a=0, b=1)r2=0.408 mylabel = bquot e(it dig( $R_1 \wedge 2 == .(for mat(r 2, d gts = 3)))$ 

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t ext(x = 600, y = 240, l abel s = myl abel)
pl ct (exp Y2, (ydat a-exp Y2), xl ab="Fitted Annual Repair Severity (Y)", yl ab="Model Residual s")
abli ne( 0, 0)
pl ct (exp Y2, (residual s2), xl ab="Fitted Annual Repair Severity (Y)", vl ab="Model Residual s")
abline(0,0)
par(op)
#### MODEL VS OBSERVATI ON PLOTS (to show model skill) ####
# C line plot (USING expY2)
op < par(mfrow=c(1, 1))
Yu -vect or (lengt h=N)
YI <- vect or (I engt h=N)
for (iin 1: N){
 expY2[i]=mu_mod2[i]*gamma((1/sigma_mod2[i])+1)
 Y[i] =qwei bull (0.025, si gma_mod2[i], mu_mod2[i])
 Yu[i]=qweibull(0.975,sigma_mod2[i], mu_mod2[i])
}
plot(OWTS$RS ANNUAL type="I", xlab="Observed OWTS", ylab="Annual OWTS Repair Severity (USD)", ylim=c(0,900),
cd ="blue4",1 wd="2")
lines(expY2, cd ="darkred", wd="2")
lines(Yu, cd =" dar kr ed", lty="longdash", l wd=" 1")
lines(Y, cd =" dar kr ed", lty="longdash", l wd=" 1")
legend("topright", \alpha("95-percent C"," Observations"," Model Predictions"), lty=c(2,1,1), lwd=c(1,2,2), cd =\alpha("darkred", "blue4", "darkred"), bty="n") # gives the legend lines the correct cd or and width
par(op)
#### MODEL 3 #### (Mu and Sigma Vary, No DELTA BATH)
m03 < gamss(RS_ANNUAL~ PRE2008_DEED + H2O + DELTA_BED + STRUCT_VAL + LI VE_AREA + LOAN_I NSP +
NO_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP_TRANS_I NSP + POST2008_DEED, dat a=na.onit(OWTS), fanil y=WE)
# Selection of terms for selected distributional parameter, in this case both scale (mu) and shape (sigma)
m_mu3 < step GAI C VR( m03, what=" mu", scope=~PRE2008_DEED + H2O + DELTA_BED + STRUCT_VAL + LI VE_AREA +
LOAN_I NSP + NO_ADD_UPGRADES + PROP_TRANS_I NSP + POST2008_DEED + (PROP_TRANS_I NSP +
POST2008 DEED+LOAN I NSP+STRUCT VAL + LI VE AREA +
                                                                                                                  LOAN I NSP +
NO_ADD. UPGRADES) ^2)
m_sigma3 < stepGAIC VR(m_mu3, what="sigma", scope=~PRE2008_DEED + H2O + DELTA_BED + STRUCT_VAL + LI VE_AREA
+ LOAN_I NSP + NO_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP_TRANS_I NSP+POST2008_DEED)
model 3=m_sigma3
resi dual s3=resi dual s( model 3)
#### MODEL 3 D AGNOSTI C PLOTS ####
# Compared to Model 3 (modeling mu (Scale) and sigma (Shape))
op < par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(model 3)
par(op)
op < par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(model 3, ts=TRUE)
par(op)
# Model 3 (model both mu and sigma)
mu_mod3=exp(predict(model 3, what ="mu"))
sigma_mod3=exp(predict(model3, what="sigma"))
zz3=qweibull(0.5, shape=sigma_mod3, scale=mu_mod3)
cor(zz3, ydata)
op \ll par(mirow = c(1, 1))
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plot(ydata, zz3, xlab="Repair Severity Observations", ylab="Repair Severity Model Predictions (Median)") abline(a=0, b=0) par(op) # Y pred compared to E(Y) using the expected value equation and each # mu and sigma determined from each observation n=l engt h( mu\_mod3) expY3<-vector(length=n) for (i i n 1: n){ expY3[i] =mu\_mod3[i]\*gamma((1/sigma\_mod3[i])+1) } cor(ydata, expY3) # MANUAL D AGNOSTI CS ( MODEL 3) par(bg ='white)  $op \ll par(mfrow=c(2,3))$ # QQnor m qqnorm(ydata-expY3, main="Normal QQPIct of Model Residuals") qdine(ydata-expY3) qqnorm(residuals3, main="Normal QQP of of Model Residuals") qdine(residuals3) # Aut ocorrel ation acf (ydat a-expY3, main="Autocorrelation of Model Residuals") acf (residual s3, main=" Autocorrelation of Model Residual s") # Histogram of residuals hist(ydata-expY3, xlab="Model Residuals", main="Nor mality of the Residuals") hist(residual s3, xlab="Model Residual s", main="Nor mality of the Residual s") # R2 pl ct (Obs vs Expected Value) plot(vdata expY3, xlab="Annual Repair Severity Obs (USD)", vlab="Annual Repair Severity Predict (USD)") abline(a=0, b=1) r2=0.380 myl abel = bquot e(it di  $(R)^2 = .(for mat(r2, dgts = 3)))$ t ext(x = 600, y = 240, l abel s = myl abel)pl ct (exp Y3, (ydat a-exp Y3), xl ab="Fitted Annual Repair Severity (Y)", yl ab="Model Residual s") abline(0,0) pl ct (exp Y3, (residual s3), xl ab="Fitted Annual Repair Severity (Y)", yl ab="Model Residual s") abline(0,0) par(op) #### MODEL VS OBSERVATI ON PLOTS (to show model skill) #### # C line plot (USING exp Y3)  $op \ll par(mfrow=c(1, 1))$ Yu -vect or (lengt h=N) YI <- vect or (I engt h=N) for (iin 1: N){  $expY3[i] = mu_mod3[i]^*gamma((1/sigma_mod3[i])+1)$ Y[i] =qwei bull(0.025, si gma\_mod3[i], mu\_mod3[i]) Yu[i] =qwei bull(0.975, si gma\_mod3[i], mu\_mod3[i]) }

pl dt (OWTS\$RS\_ANNUAL, type="1", xl ab=" Observed OWTS", yl ab="Annual OWTS Repair Severity (USD)", yli m=c(0, 900), cd =" bl ue4", l wd=" 2") li nes( exp Y3, cd =" dar kr ed", l wd=" 2") li nes( Yu, cd =" dar kr ed", lty="l ongdash", l wd=" 1") li nes( Y., cd =" dar kr ed", lty="l ongdash", l wd=" 1") legend("topright", d(" 95-percent 0", "Observations", " Model Predictions"), lty=c(2, 1, 1), l wd=c(1, 2, 2), cd =c(" dar kr ed", "b ue4", " dar kr ed"), bt y=" n") par(op)

#### SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS (USING MODEL 1 (ABOVE))

library(gannlss) library(fitdistrplus)

#### DATA (ORI GINAL) #### owts1~ read csv("/ Users/I aurakohi er/ Documents/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Data/ CSV/ OWTS\_CSV\_GAMLSS\_MULT\_3\_10\_2015.csv", na string s=" NA", header = TRUE) OWTS1 < owts1[1: 120,]

# Fitting a model with 11 preliminary explanatory variables m01a < ganhss(RS\_ANNUAL~ PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + STRUCT\_VAL + LIVE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED, data=na.onit(OWTS1), family=WEI)

# step GAIC VR() is based on step AIQ() with the additional property # that allows selection of terms for any selected distributional # parameter.

model 1a < step GAI C VR( m01a, scope=~PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED + (STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES)^2 # S gma (shape) is held const ant

resi dual s1a=resi dual s(model 1a) mu\_mod1a=exp(pred ct(model 1a, what ="mu")) si gma\_mod1a=exp(pred ct(model 1a, what ="si gma"))

expY1a<-vector(lengt h=N) for (i i n 1: N{ expY1a[i]=mu\_mod1a[i]\*gamma((1/sigma\_mod1a[i])+1)

resi dual s1a. 1=expY1a- OWTS1\$RS\_ANNUAL

#### DATA (MAX VALUES USED FOR RS) #### owt s2<read csv("/ Users/I aurakohl er/ Document s/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Dat a/ CSV/ OWTS\_CSV\_GAMLSS\_MULT\_MAX\_ALL csv", na strings =" NA", header =TRUE) OWTS2 < owt s2[ 1: 120,]

m01b < ganhss(RS\_ANNUAL~ PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED, dat a=na. onit(OWTS2), f a mil y= WE)

# step GAIC VR() is based on step AIQ() with the additional property # that allows selection of terms for any selected distributional # parameter.

model 1b < step GAI C VR( m01b, scope=~PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED + (STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED +NO\_ADD. UPGRADES)^2) # S gma (shape) is held constant

resi dual s1b=resi dual s(model 1b) mu\_mod1b=exp(pred ct(model 1b, what ="mu")) sigma\_mod1b=exp(pred ct(model 1b, what ="sigma"))

expY1b<-vector(lengt h=N) for (i i n 1: N{ expY1b[i]=mu\_mod1b[i]\*gamma((1/sigma\_mod1b[i])+1) }

resi dual s1b. 1=expY1b- OWTS2\$RS\_ANNUAL

#### DATA ( MAX VALUE OF REPAIR USED FOR MAJOR REPAIRS IN RS) #### owts3< read.csv("/ Users/I aurakohl er/ Documents/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Data/ CSV/ OWTS\_CSV\_GAM\_SS\_MULT\_MAX\_MAJ OR csv", na str ings="NA", header =TRUE) OWTS3 <- owts3[1:120,] m01c < ganhss(RS\_ANNUAL~ PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED, data=na.omit(OWTS3), family=WE) # step GALC VR() is based on step ALQ() with the additional property # that all ows selection of terms for any selected distributional # par a met er. model 1c < stepGALC VR(m01c, scope=~PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED + (STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED +NO\_ADD. UPGRADES) ^2) # S gma (shape) is held constant resi dual s1c=resi dual s( model 1c) mu\_mod1c=exp(predict(model 1c, what ="mu")) sigma\_mod1c=exp(predict(model1c, what="sigma"))  $expY1c \leftarrow vect or (l enot h=N)$ for (i i n 1: N){ expY1d[i]=mu\_mod1d[i]\*gamma((1/sigma\_mod1d[i])+1) } resi dual s1c. 1=expY1c- OWTS3\$RS\_ANNUAL op < par(mirow=c(1, 1))plot(residual s1a 1,type="|",xlab="Observed OWTS", ylab="Model Residuals", ylim=c(-900, 900), cd ="4", lwd=2 5, lty=1) lines(residual s1b. 1, cd ="2", lty=2, lwd="25") lines(residual s1c. 1, cd = 5", lty=5, lwd= 20") legend("bottonheft", α("Model I","Model II","Model III", Ity=c(1,2,5), Iwd=c(2,5,2,5,2), cd =α("4", "2", "5"), tty="n") # gives the legend lines the correct cd or and width par(op) op < par(mirow=c(1, 1))plot(residual s1a,type="I", xl ab=" Sample OWTS", yl ab=" Nor malized Quantile Model Residuals", cd =" 4", lwd=2, lty=1) lines(residual s1b, cd ="2", lty=2,1 wd="2") li nes(r esi dual s1c, cd =" 3", lty=5, l wd=" 1. 5") legend("top eft", q" Model II"," Model III"), Ity=c(1,2,5), I wd=c(2,2,1.5), cd =c("4", "2", "3"), ty="n") # g ves the legend lines the correct color and width par(op) ### Data Hist with Weibull Fitfor each model ydata1=OWTS1\$RS\_ANNUAL[1:120] Na=l engt h(ydat a1) N1 = Na-1 xeval 1=seq(nin(ydata1)-sd(ydata1), max(ydata1)+sd(ydata1), length=120) neval 1= engt h(xeval 1) # Weibull zwei bull 1=fitd st(ydata1, "wei bull", optim.met hod="L-BFGS-B', lower=0.05) xdensitywei bul 1=dwei bul (xeval 1, shape=zwei bul 1\$esti mat e[1], scale=zwei bul 1\$esti mat e[2]) ydat a2=OWTS2\$RS\_ANNUAL[ 1:120]

Nb=l engt h(ydat a2) N2=Nb-1

xeval 2=seq(min(ydat a2)-sd(ydat a2), max(ydat a2)+sd(ydat a2), l engt h=120) neval 2=1 engt h(xeval 2) #Weibull zwei bull 2=fitd st(ydat a2, "wei bull", optim.met hod="L-BFGS-B", lower=0.05) xdensitywei bull 2=dwei bull (xeval 2, shape=z wei bull 2\$esti mat e[1], scal e=z wei bull 2\$esti mat e[2]) ydat a3=OWT S3\$RS\_ANNUAL[ 1:120] Nc=l engt h(ydat a3) N3=Nc-1 xeval 3=seq(min(ydat a3)-sd(ydat a3), max(ydat a3)+sd(ydat a3), lengt h=120) neval 3=1 engt h(xeval 3) #Weibull zwei bull 3=fitd st(ydat a3, "wei bull", opti m met hod="L-BFGS-B", lower=0.05) xdensitywei bull 3=dwei bull (xeval 3, shape=zwei bull 3\$esti mat e[1], scale=zwei bull 3\$esti mat e[2]) # pl ct the hist opr a m and overlay the PDFs par(nfirow=c(1,3))hist(ydata1,xlab="Annual Repair Severity(USD)", ylab="", probability=T, main="", ylim=range(c(0, 0.007)), breaks=nds) title(main="Model I") lines(xeval 1, xdensitywei bull 1,1 wd=2,1ty=5, cd ="black") hist(ydata2,xlab="Annual Repair Severity(USD)", ylab="", probability=T, main="",ylim=range(c(0, 0.007)), breaks=nds) title(main="Model II") lines(xeval 2, xdensity wei bull 2,1 wd=2,1ty=5, cd ="black") hist(ydata3,xlab="Annual Repair Severity(USD)", ylab="", probability=T, main="",ylim=range(c(0, 0.007)), breaks=nds) title(main="Model III") lines(xeval 3, xdensitywei bull 31 wd=2,1ty=5, cd ="black") par(op. xpd=TRUE) legend("topright", "Weibul", lty=5, lwd=2 5, bty="n") op < par(mirow=c(1, 3))hist(expY1a, main="Model I", xlab="Annual Repair Severity(USD)")

hist(expY1a, main="Modell", xlab="Annual Repair Severity(USD)") hist(expY1b, main="ModelII", xlab="Annual Repair Severity(USD)") hist(expY1c, main="ModelIII", xlab="Annual Repair Severity(USD)") par(op)

## **APPENDIX D:** RISK R CODE

#### B NOM AL LOG T US NG GLM #### inst all.packages(" MASS") inst all.packages("verification")

library(MASS) library(verification) library(arules)

#### DATA #### owts< read csv("/Users/I aurakohl er/Documents/CU\_Research/OWTS\_Data/CSV/OWTS\_CSV\_MULT.csv", na.strings="NA", header=TRUE) owts[1:5] OWTS < owts[1:120,]

ydat a=OWTS\$RS\_ANNUAL[1:120] N⊨l engt h(ydat a) N1 = N·1

#### MODEL 1: LOWER THRESHOLD (LOW R SK OWTS) #### # RS<303 -->1; Severity < 9, 173 # OWTS\$RS\_BI\_LOW-cut(OWTS\$RS\_ANNUAL, breaks=c(0, 303, 755), I abel s=c(0, 1))

hist(OWTS\$RS\_ANNUAL, xlab="Annual Repair Severity(USD)", main="", probability=FALSE, breaks=16) points(303,0, pch=17)

N = l engt h( OWTS\$RS\_B\_LOW) p1 < l engt h( OWTS\$RS\_B\_LOW[OWTS\$RS\_B\_LOW == 1])/ N p0 < l engt h( OWTS\$RS\_B\_LOW[OWTS\$RS\_B\_LOW == 0])/ N di mo < c(p1, p0)

g mout = g m(RS\_BL\_LOW~ PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED, data = OWTS, famil y=bi no mial(logit)) summary(g mout) anova(g mout, test ="Ori sq")

model 1=st epAl Q d mout, scope=~PRE2008\_DEED + H2O + DELTA\_BED + STRUCT\_VAL + LI VE\_AREA + LOAN\_I NSP + NO\_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP + POST2008\_DEED +PROP\_TRANS\_I NSP\* POST\_DEED, d rection="back ward") summary(model 1) anova(model 1, test ="Chi sq")

yfit 1=pred ct (model 1,type="response")

##### BRIER SKILL SCORE (MODEL 1: LOWER THRESHOLD) ##### brier(as.numerid(OWTS\$RS\_BI\_LOW), yfit1, baseline=dimo) \$bs # Perfect Score is 0 brier(as.numerid(OWTS\$RS\_BI\_LOW), yfit1, baseline=dimo) \$ss # Perfect Skill is 1

## H ST OF PROBABILTY OF BEING BELOW THRESHOLD ## hist(model 1\$fitted, xlab="Probability of Exceedance", main="Probability Distribution of Low Threshold Exceedance")

## H ST OF LOW R SK OWTS ##
combo1 < cbi nd( OWTS\$RS\_B\_LOW model 1\$fitted)
fitted\_sub< subset(combo1, OWTS\$RS\_B\_LOW=1)
hist(fitted\_sub[,2], xl ab=" Model Forecast Probability of Low R sk OWTS", main="")
abli ne(v=0.2, cd ="red",I wd=2.5)
points(fitted\_sub[,2], rep(0,24))</pre>

## H ST OF LOW RISK OWTS COMPARED TO COVARIATES ## covrelate<-cbind(OWTS\$RS\_BI\_LOW model 1\$fitted, OWTS\$PROP\_TRANS\_INSP, OWTS\$POST2008\_SALES) covrelate\_sub<-subset(covrelate,OWTS\$RS\_BI\_LOW==1)

hist(covrelate\_sub[,3],xlab="No. of Property TransferInspections", ylab="Count of Low Rsk OWTS with Attribute", xaxt='n', main="") axis(side=1, at=seq(0,1), labels=seq(0,1)) hist(covrelate\_sub[,4],xlab="No. of Sales after 2008", ylab="Count of Low Rsk OWTS with Attribute", xaxt='n', main="")

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axi s(si de=1, at =seq(0), l abel s=seq(0))
axis(side=1, at =seq(1,2), label s=seq(1,2))
## Drop some % of points, fit the model and predict the dropped points ...
Y<- OWTS$RS_B_LOW
X<- as. matrix(cbind(OWTS$PROP_TRANS_INSP, OWTS$DELTA_BED))
nsi m = 1000
hs1 = 1 nsi m
bss1=1:nsim
N = l engt h(Y)
N15 = round(0.15*N) #drop 15% of points
index=1: N
for(iin 1: nsim){
 drop=sample(d(1:N), N15)
 keep=set dff(index, drop)
 x=X[keep,]
y=Y[keep]
 zz<-d m(y~x, family=binomia(logit))
 x = as. matrix(X[drop,])
 yhat =pr ed ct(zz, newdat a=dat a fra me(x), type="r esponse")
 bs1[i]=(yhat-Y[drop])^2/length(yhat)
 bss1[i]=(1-(bs1[i])/di mo[1])
}
#### MODEL 2 UPPER THRESHOLD ( H GH R SK OWTS) ####
# RS > 448 -- >1; Severity > 17.932 (~18)
# OWTS$RS_B _H GHa < as f act or (cut (OWTS$RS_ANNUAL, br eaks=c( 0, 448, 755), l abel s=c("0', "1")))
hist(OWTS$RS_ANNUAL, xlab="Annual Repair Severity(USD)", main="", probability=FALSE, breaks=16)
pd nt s( 448, 0, pch=17)
N = I engt h( OWTS$ RS_BI_H GHa)
p1 < I engt h( OWTS$RS_B_H GHa[ OWTS$RS_B_H GHa == 1])/ N
p0 < I engt h( OWTS$RS_B _H GHa[ OWTS$RS_B _H GHa == 0])/ N
dimo.a < c(p1, p0)
g mout.a = g m(RS_B_H GHa~ PRE2008_DEED + H2O + DELTA_BED + STRUCT_VAL + U VE_AREA + LOAN_I NSP +
NO_ADD.UPGRADES + PROP_TRANS_INSP + POST2008_DEED, data = OWTS, family=binomia(logit))
summary(g mout.a)
anova(d mout.a, test =" Chisq")
model 2a=st epAl Q gl mout. a scope=~PRE2008_DEED + H2O + DELTA_BED + STRUCT_VAL + LI VE_AREA + LOAN_I NSP +
NO_ADD_UPGRADES + PROP_TRANS I NSP + POST2008_DEED +PROP_TRANS I NSP* POST2008_DEED
d rection="backward")
summary(model 2a)
anova(model 2a, test =" Chi sq")
yfit 2a=pr ed ct(model 2a,type="response")
#### BRIER SKILL SCORE (MODEL 2 UPPER THRESHOLD) ####
brier (as. numeric (OWTS$RS_B_HIGHa), yfit 2a, baseline=dimo. a) $bs
# Perfect Score is 0
brier (as. numerio(OWTS$RS_BL_HIGHa), yfit 2a, baseline=dimo.a) $ss
# Perfect Skill is 1
## H ST OF PROBABILTY OF BEING BELOW THRESHOLD ##
hist (model 2a$titted, xl ab="Probability of Exceedance", main="Probability Distribution of High Threshold Exceedance")
## H ST OF H GH R SK OWTS ##
combo2 <- cbind(OWTS$RS_BL_HGHa, model 2a$fitted)
fitted_sub2<-subset(combo2, OWTS$RS_B_H_GHa==1)
hist(fitted_sub2[, 2], xlab="Model Forecast Probability of High Risk OWTS", main="")
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abline(v=0.14, cd ="red", I wd=2.5)
points(fitted_sub2[,2],rep(0,17))
## Drop some % of points, fit the model and predict the dropped points ...
library(arules)
Y - OWTS$RS BI H GHa
X<- as. matrix(cbind(OWTS$POST2008_DEED, OWTS$PRE2008_DEED, OWTS$DELTA_BED))
nsi m = 1000
bs2 = 1: nsi m
bss2=1: nsi m
N = l engt h(Y)
N15 = round(0.15*N) #drop 15% of points
index=1: N
for(iin 1: nsim){
 drop=sample(c(1: N), N15)
 keep=set dff(index, drop)
 x=X keep]
 y=Y[keep]
 zz <- g m(y~x, fanil y=bi no ni al (logit))
 x = as. matrix(X[drop,])
 yhat =pr ed ct(zz, newdat a=dat a fra me(x), type="r esponse")
 bs2[i]=(yhat-Y[drop])^2/length(yhat)
 bss2[i]=(1-(bs2[i])/di mo. a[1])
}
#### BRIER SKILL SCORE BOXPLOTS FOR LOWER- AND UPPER- THRESHOLD ####
op < par(mirow=c(1, 2))
boxplot(bss1, ylab="Brier Skill Score", main="(a)")
boxpl dt(bss2, ylab="", main="(b)")
par(op)
title(main="Model Predictions Skill")
#### TESTI NG OTHER THRESHOLDS ####
#### UPPER THRESHOLD (With Only 10 % In High Risk Category)
# RS > 458 -- >1
OWTS$RS_BI_H GHb <- as.f act or (cut (OWTS$RS_ANNUAL, br eaks=c( 0, 448, 755), I abd s=c("0", "1")))
N = I engt h( OWTS$ RS_BI_H GHb)
p1 < I engt h( OWTS$RS_B_H GHb[ OWTS$RS_B_H GHb == 1])/ N
p0 < length(OWTS$RS_B_H GHb[OWTS$RS_B_H GHb == 0])/N
dimo.b < \sigma(p0, p1)
g mout.b = g m(RS_B_H GHb~ PRE2008_DEED + H2O + DELTA_BED + STRUCT_VAL + U VE_AREA + LOAN_I NSP +
NO_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP_TRANS_INSP + POST2008_DEED, data = OWTS, family=binomia(logit))
summary(g mout.b)
anova(d mout.b, test =" Chi sq")
model 2b=stepAl Q d mout. b, scope=~PRE2008_DEED + H2O + DELTA_BED + STRUCT_VAL + LI VE_AREA + LOAN_I NSP +
NO_ADD. UPGRADES + PROP_TRANS_I NSP + POST2008_DEED, drection="backward")
summary(model 2b)
anova(model 2b, test =" Chi sq")
yfit 2b=pred ct (model 2b, type="response")
brier(as.numeric(OWTS$RS_B_HIGHb), yfit2b, baseline=dimo.b)$bs
# Perfect Score is 0
brier (as. nu meri of OWTS$RS_B_HIGHb), yfit 2b, baseli ne=di mo. b) $ss
# Perfect Skill is 1
# Too few OWTS fall above the 458 threshold to draw any condusions
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#### LOW R SK OWTS Model Forecasts ####
New\_RS\_B\_LOWk-cbind(OWTS\$RS\_B\_LOW yfit1, OWTS\$PARCEL\_NO2)
New\_RS\_B\_LOWI<-subset(New\_RS\_B\_LOW OWTS\$RS\_B\_LOW==1)
hist(New\_RS\_B\_LOWI[,2], xlab="Probability of Low Rsk OWTS", ylab="", main="Rsk Forecast for OWTS Observed in Low Rsk
Category")
write csv(New\_RS\_B\_LOW" New\_RS\_B\_LOW csv")</pre>

#### H GH R SK OWTS Model Forecasts #### New\_RS\_B\_H GH<?-cbind(OWTS\$RS\_B\_H GHa, yfit2a, OWTS\$PARCEL\_NO2) New\_RS\_B\_H GH1<-subset(New\_RS\_B\_H GH, OWTS\$RS\_B\_H GHa==1) hist(New\_RS\_B\_H GH1[,2], xlab="Probability of High Rsk OWTS", ylab="", main="Rsk Forecast for OWTS Coserved in High Rsk Category") wite csv(New\_RS\_B\_H GH, "New\_RS\_B\_H GH csv") #### THRESHOLD PLOT ####

library(sm) ydata=OWTS\$Severity[1:120] N=l ength(ydata) N1=N-1 xeval=seq(nin(ydata)-sd(ydata), max(ydata)+sd(ydata), length=120) neval=length(xeval)

# Nonpara metric Kernel Density Estimation kernel pdf = sm density(ydata, eval.points=xeval, add=FALSE, Ity=1, Iwd=4)

par(mfrow=c(1,1)) hist(OWTS\$Severity,xlab="Repair Severity(Thousands of USD)", ylab="", probability=T, main="", breaks=16) points(8,0, pch=25, cex=1.60,lwd=2, bg="white") points(18,0, pch=24, cex=1.60,lwd=1.5, bg="black") lines(xeval, kernel pof \$esti mate,lwd=2,lty=1, cd ="black")

legend(22, 0.3, q("Low Risk Threshold", "High Risk Threshold", "Kernel Density"), pch=c(25, 17, NA), Ity=c(NA, NA, 1), Iwd=2, bty="n") # gives the legend lines the correct color and width

#### **EXTREME VALUE ANALYSIS – POINTS OVER THRESHOLD**

install.packages("extRemes") install.packages("ismev")

library(ext Remes) library(is mev) library(MASS)

#### LOAD DATA #### owt s<read csv("/ Users/I aurakohl er/ Documents/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Data/ CSV/ OWTS\_CSV\_MULT.csv", na strings="NA", header=TRUE) owts[1:5] OWTS < ovts[1:120,]

#### THRESHOLD SELECTI ON ####
# Choose athreshd dlow enough (lower variance), but high enough that the
# assumptions for the GPD are valid (lower bias)
op < par(mfrow=c(2, 2))
gpd fitrange( OVITS\$Severity, unin=0, umax=14, rint=7)
gpd fitrange( OVITS\$Severity, unin=12, umax=20, rint=8)
par(op)
#### PLOT TOTAL SEVERITY OVER 40 YR ####
op < par(mfrow=c(1, 1))
pd ct( OWITS\$Severity, xl ab = "Sample Systems", yl ab = "Annual Repair Severity (Thousand USD)", pch = 1, cex=0.75)
abli ne(h=18, cd ="darkred")
par(op)</pre>

##### FIT MODEL USING ext Remes #### op < par(mfrow=c(2,4)) fit0 < fevd(Severity, OWTS, threshd d=18, type="GP") pl ct(fit0,type="qq", main="(a)")

fit1 < fevd(Severity, OWTS, threshold=18, type="GP", scalefun=~DELTA\_BED) plot(fit1,type="qq", main="(b)")

Ir.test(fit 0, fit 1)

#If the p-value is smaller than alpha, then the decision is to reject the # null hypothesis in favor of the model with more parameters.

fit2 < fevd(Severity, OWTS, threshold=18, type="GP", scalefun=~DELTA\_BED+PROP\_TRANS\_INSP) plot(fit2type="qq", main="(c)")

Ir.test(fit0,fit2)

fit3 < fevd(Severity, OWTS, threshold=18, type="GP", scalefun=~DELTA\_BED + PROP\_TRANS\_INSP + POST2008\_DEED) pl ct(fit3type="qq", main="(d)")

Ir.test(fit0,fit3)

fit4 < fevd(Severity, OWTS, threshd d=18, type="GP", scalefun=~PROP\_TRANS\_INSP + POST2008\_DEED) pl ct(fit4,type="qq", main="(e)")

#### Ir.test(fitQ,fit4)

fit5 < fevd(Severity, OWTS, threshold=18, type="GP", scalefun=~PROP\_TRANS\_INSP\*POST2008\_DEED) pl ct(fit5type="qq", main="(f)")

#### Ir.test(fit0,fit5)

fit6 < fevd(Severity, OWTS, threshd d=18, type="GP", scalefun=~PROP\_TRANS\_INSP\* POST2008\_DEED + STRUCT\_VAL + LOAN\_INSP) pl ot(fit6type="qq", main="")

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Ir.test(fit5,fit6) Ir.test(fit0,fit6)

fit7 < fevd(Severity, OWTS, threshold=18, type="GP", scalefun=~PROP\_TRANS\_INSP\* POST2008\_DEED + STRUCT\_VAL+ LOAN\_INSP + PRE2008\_DEED) plot(fit7,type="qq", main="(h)")

lr.test(fit5,fit7)

look0 <- summary(fit0, silent=TRUE)  $look0 < \alpha (look0$  A C look0 B Qlook1 < summar y(fit 1, sil ent =TRUE) look1 < c(look1\$A C look1\$B Q)look2 < summary(fit2, silent=TRUE)  $look2 < \alpha (look2 A C look2 B O)$ look3 < summary(fit3 slent=TRUE) look3 < c(look3\$A C look3\$B Q)look4 < summary(fit4, silent=TRUE) look4 < c(look4\$A C look4\$B Q)look5 < summary(fit5, silent=TRUE)  $look5 < \alpha (look5 A C look5 B O)$ look6 < summary(fit6, silent=TRUE) look6 < c(look6\$A C look6\$B Q)look7 < summary(fit7, slent=TRUE) look7 < c(look7\$A C look7\$B Q)

# Lower Al C B C is better. na mes(l ook0) < na mes(l ook1) < na mes(l ook2) < na mes(l ook3) < names(l ook4) < na mes(l ook5) < o("AC", "B C") look0 look1 look2 look3 look4 look5 look6 look7

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#### PLOT BEST FIT(6) ####
op < par(mfrow=c(1, 1))
fit6 < fevd(Severity, OWTS, threshd d=18, type=" GP', scale fun=~PROP_TRANS_INSP* POST2008_DEED + STRUCT_VAL +
LOAN INSP
plot(fit6type="qq", main="")
par(op)
#### MODEL VS OBSERVATI ON PLOTS (to show model skill) ####
shape_fit 6=findpars(fit 6) $shape
scal e_fit 6=findpars(fit 6) $scale
# Ciline plot (USING expY2)
op < par(mirow=c(1, 1))
med <- vect or (l engt h=N)
Yu - vect or (lengt h=N)
M \leftarrow vect or (lengt h=N)
for (iin 1:N){
  med[i]=qevd(0.50, scale=scale_fit6[i], shape=1, type="GP")
  Y[i]=qevd(0 25, scale=scale_fit f(i], shape=1, type="GP")
  Yu[i]=qevd(0.75, scd e=scd e_fit f[i], shape=1, type="GP")
}
#### RS > 448 -- >1 #### Severity > 17.932 (~18) ####
# OWTS$RS_B_H_H GHa <- as f act or (cut (OWTS$RS_ANNUAL, br eaks=c( 0, 448, 755), I abd s=c("0', "1")))
N = I engt h( OWTS$ RS_BI_H GHa)
p1 < I engt h( OWTS$RS_B _H GHa[ OWTS$RS_B _H GHa == 1])/ N
p0 < I engt h( OWTS$RS_B _H GHa[ OWTS$RS_B _H GHa == 0])/ N
dimo. a < \alpha (p1, p0)
gl m.out.a = gl m(RS_B_HGHa~PRE2008_DEED + H2O + DELTA_BED + STRUCT_VAL + LIVE_AREA + LOAN_INSP + NO_ADD.UPGRADES + PROP_TRANS_INSP + POST2008_DEED, data = OWTS; fa nil y=bi no mid (logit))
summary(d mout.a)
anova(g mout.a, test =" Chi sq")
model 2a=st epAl Q gl mout. a scope=~PRE2008_DEED + H2O + DELTA_BED + STRUCT_VAL + LI VE_AREA + LOAN_I NSP +
NO_ADD_UPGRADES + PROP_TRANS I NSP + POST2008_DEED +PROP_TRANS I NSP* POST2008_DEED
direction="backward")
summary(model 2a)
anova(model 2a, test =" Chi sq")
yfit 2a=pr ed ct (model 2a,t ype="r esponse")
#### PLOT PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDANCE ####
e med <- yfit 2a* med
eYu <- yfit 2a* Yu
eYi<-yfit2a*Yi
plot(emed, type="I", xlab=" Observed OWTS", ylab=" Expected Repair Severity of Exceedance ( Thousands of USD)",
yli m=c(0, 25), cd =" navy", l wd=2, lty=" sdi d')
lines(eYu, Ity=1, I wd=2, cd ="divedrab")
lines(eYi,lty=1,lwd=2,cd ="divedrab3")
legend("topright", \alpha(" Upper Quartile", "Med an", "Lower Quartile"), ty=\alpha(1, 1, 1),

1 wd=\alpha(2, 2, 2), cd=\alpha("divedrab", "navy", "divedrab3"), tty="n") # gives the legend lines the correct cd or and width
par(op)
#### DATA FOR G S ####
write csv(emed, "MED_SEV. csv")
#### BOX PLOT OF EXCEEDENCE SEVER TY ####
e med <- yfit 2a*( med+18)
eYu<-yfit2a*(Yu+18)
e_{M} < y_{fit} 2a^{*}(Y + 18)
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ExpR sk< emed+(18\*(1-yfit2a)) ExpR sk\_l ow<- emed+(3 6\*(1-yfit2a)) ExpR sk\_H gh<- emed+(9\*(1-yfit2a)) write csv(ExpR sk, "ExpR sk csv") write csv(ExpR sk\_H gh, "ExpR sk\_H gh csv")

op < par(nfir ow=c(1, 4), mar =c(5, 6, 4, 0)) boxpt dt (ExpR sk\_l ow yl ab="Expected Repair Severity (Thousands of USD)", mai n="(a)", yli m=c(5, 30)) par(bty='n, cex.l ab=1. 75, cex. mai n=1. 5, cex. axi s=1. 75) boxpt dt (ExpR sk\_H gh, yl ab="", mai n="(b)", yli m=c(5, 30), axes=F) par(bty='n, cex. mai n=1. 5, cex. axi s=1. 75) boxpt dt (ExpR sk, yl ab="", mai n="(c)", yli m=c(5, 30), axes=F) par(bty='n, cex. mai n=1. 5, cex. axi s=1. 75) boxpt dt (OVITS\$ Severity, yl ab=" Actual Repair Severity (Thousands of USD)", mai n="(d)", yli m=c(5, 30)) par(bty='n, cex. l ab=1. 75, cex. mai n=1. 5, cex. axi s=1. 75) par(bty='n, cex.l ab=1. 75, cex. mai n=1. 5, cex. axi s=1. 75) par(bty='n, cex.l ab=1. 75, cex. mai n=1. 5, cex. axi s=1. 75) par(op)

op < par(nfirow=c(1,1)) RS<-cbind(ExpRsk, OWTS\$Severity) boxplct(RS\_ylab="Repair Severity(Thousands of USD)", names=c("Expected", "Actual")) par(op)

op < par(nfirow=c(1, 1)) par(cex.l ab=1. 25, cex. axi s=1. 5, bt y=' d, mar =c(4, 10, 4, 10)) boxpl ct(med, yl ab="Median Amount Over \$18, 000 (Thousands of USD)") par(op)

## **APPENDIX E:** FRAGILITY R CODE

#### UPLOAD ANNUAL FREQUENCY OF MINOR MODERATE AND MAJOR REPAIRS #### REPAIR\_TS<-read.csv("/ Users/I aurakohier/ Documents/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Data/ RESILI ENCE / OWTS\_REPAIR\_TS\_CSV.csv", na.strings="NA", header=TRUE)

#### UPLOAD BC PEAK STREAM FLOW(LONGMONT) #### PEAK\_FLOW-read csv("/ Users/laurakohler/ Documents/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Data/ RESILI ENCE / BC\_PeaK\_Long.csv", na strings="NA", header=TRUE)

#### UPLOAD NOAA CLI MATE DATA #### NOAA\_CLI Mk-read csv("/Users/I aurakohi er/Documents/CU\_Research/OWTS\_Data/RESILIENCE /NOAA\_CIimateDATA2.csv", na strings="NA", header=TRUE)

inst al. packages('MASS') inst al. packages('verification') inst al. packages('nst m') inst al. packages('loofit')

library(MASS) library(verification) library(msm) library(loofit)

LAG\_TPCP<- c( 23. 1, NOAA\_CLI M\$TPCP) LAG2\_TPCP<- c( 13. 5, 23. 1, NOAA\_CLI M\$TPCP)

M N DATA --

as. dat a frame(cbi.nd( REPAI R\_TS\$YEAR[ 7: 34], REPAI R\_TS\$ MINOR[ 7: 34], NOAA\_CLI N[ 1: 28, 2 13], PEAK\_FLOW\$peak\_va[ 29: 56], L AG\_TPCF[ 1: 28], LAG2\_TPCF[ 1: 28])) MIN\_DATA<- na onit( MIN\_DATA) cd names( MIN\_DATA) < q("YEAR', "R\_MIN', "DT90", "DT00", "DP05", "DP10", "TPCP", "DP05\_S", "DP10\_S", "TPCP\_S", "TPCP\_W, "MR25\_S", "MR30\_S", "MR40 \_S", "PEAK\_FL", "PREV\_TPCP", "LAG2\_TPCP") MOD\_DATA<as. dat aframe(cbi.nd( REPAI R\_TS\$YEAR[ 7: 34], REPAI R\_TS\$ MODERATE[ 7: 34], NOAA\_CLI N[ 1: 28, 2 13], PEAK\_FLOW\$peak\_va[ 29: 56], LAG\_TPCF[ 1: 28], LAG2\_TPCF[ 1: 28], REPAI R\_TS\$ MINOR[ 6: 33])) MOD\_DATA<na onit( MOD\_DATA) cd names( MOD\_ATA) cd names(

AG\_TPCFJ 1: 28J, LAG2\_TPCFJ 1: 28J)) MAJ\_DATA<- na onit( MAJ\_DATA) cd names( MAJ\_DATA) < c(" YEAR', " R\_MAJ", " DT90', " DT00", " DP05", " DP10", " TPCP", " DP05\_S", " DP10\_S', " TPCP\_S", " TPCP\_W, " MR25\_S', " MR30\_S', " MR4 0\_S', " PEAK\_FL", " PREV\_TPCP", "LAG2\_TPCP")

TOT\_DATAas. dat a frame(cbi nd( REPAI R\_TS\$YEAR[ 7: 34], REPAI R\_TS\$TOTAL[ 7: 34], NOAA\_CLI N[ 1: 28, 2 13], PEAK\_FLOW\$peak\_va[ 29: 56], L AG\_TPCF[ 1: 28], LAG2\_TPCF[ 1: 28])) TOT\_DATA- na onit(TOT\_DATA) cd names(TOT\_DATA) < q("YEAR', "R\_TOT", "DT90", "DT00", "DP05", "DP10", "TPCP", "DP05\_S", "DP10\_S', "TPCP\_S", "TPCP\_W, "MR25\_S', "MR30\_S', "MR4 0\_S', "PEAK\_FL", "PREV\_TPCP", "LAG2\_TPCP")

#### MINOR REPAIRS #### plot(MIN\_DATA\$R\_MIN~MIN\_DATA\$YEAR, ylab="No. Minor Repairs Each Year", xlab="year")

## Fit GLM gl m\_min0<gl m(R\_M N~DT90+DT00+TPCP+DP05+DP05\_S+DP10+DP10\_S+TPCP\_S+MR25\_S+MR30\_S+MR40\_S+PEAK\_FL+PREV\_TPC P+LAG2\_TPCP, data=MIN\_DATA,famil y="pdisson", na action = na exd ude) gl m\_min1<stepAl Q gl m\_min0, scope=~DT90+DT00+TPCP+DP05+DP05\_S+DP10+DP10\_S+TPCP\_S+MR25\_S+MR30\_S+MR40\_S+PEAK\_FL+PREV\_TPCP+L AG2\_TPCP, direction="backward") summary(gl m\_min1)

## RI SK Rati os exp(0.04694) # DT90

ypt\_ninor = pr ed ct(g m\_nin1, type="response")

plot(ypt\_minor, MIN\_DATA\$R\_MIN, xlab="Model Predicted Repair Frequency", ylab="Observed Repair Frequency") cor(ypt\_minor, MIN\_DATA\$R\_MIN)

#### MODERATE REPA RS ####
pl dt(MOD\_DATA\$R\_MOD~MOD\_DATA\$YEAR, yl ab="No. Moderate Repairs Each Year", xl ab="year")
## Fit GLM
d m\_mod0<gl m(R\_MOD~DT90+DT00+TPCP+DP05+DP05\_S+DP10+DP10\_S+TPCP\_S+MR25\_S+MR30\_S+MR40\_S+PEAK\_FL+PREV\_TPC
P+LAG2\_TPCP, dat a=MOD\_DATA; f a mil y=" poi sson", na acti on = na exd ude)
gl m\_mod1<-stepAl Q gl m\_mod0,
scope=~DT90+DT00+TPCP+DP05+DP05\_S+DP10+DP10\_S+TPCP\_S+MR25\_S+MR30\_S+MR40\_S+PEAK\_FL+PREV\_TPCP+LAG2\_TPCP, dr ecti on=" back war d")
summar y(gl m\_mod1)</pre>

## R SK Ratios exp(0.0007118) # PEAK\_FL

ypt\_mod=pred ct(g m\_mod1, type="response")

pl dt(ypt\_mod, MOD\_DATA\$R\_MOD, xl ab="Model Predicted Repair Frequency", yl ab="Observed Repair Frequency") cor(ypt\_mod, MOD\_DATA\$R\_MOD)

#### MAJOR REPAIRS #### plot(MAJ\_DATA\$R\_MAJ~MAJ\_DATA\$YEAR, ylab="No. Major Repairs Each Year", xlab="year")

## Fit G\_M
gl m\_maj 0<
gl m\_maj 0<
gl m(R\_MAJ\_OT90+DT00+TPCP+DP05+DP05\_S+DP10+DP10\_S+TPCP\_S+MR25\_S+MR30\_S+MR40\_S+PEAK\_FL+PREV\_TPC
P+LAG2\_TPCP, dat a=MAJ\_DATA, f amil y=" poi sson", na acti on = na exd ude)
d m\_maj 1<stepAl Q d m\_maj 0,
scope=~DT90+DT00+TPCP+DP05+DP05\_S+DP10+DP10\_S+TPCP\_S+MR25\_S+MR30\_S+MR40\_S+PEAK\_FL+PREV\_TPCP+L
AG2\_TPCP, dr ecti on=" back war d")
summary(gl m\_maj 1)</pre>

## R SK Rati os exp(0.5765813) # MR40\_S exp(-0.0010120) # PEAK\_FL

ypt\_maj =predict(d m\_maj 1,type="response")

pl dt(ypt\_maj, MAJ\_DATA\$R\_MAJ, xl ab="Model Predicted Repair Frequency", yl ab="Observed Repair Frequency") cor(ypt\_maj, MAJ\_DATA\$R\_MAJ)

#### TOTAL REPAIRS #### plot(TOT\_DATA\$R\_TOT~TOT\_DATA\$YEAR, ylab="Total No. OWTS Repairs", xlab="Year")

## Fit QLM
d m\_t dt 0<gl m(t dt 0<gl m(t dt 0<pl m(t dt 0)pl m(t dt 0)p

 $ypg_t at = pr ed at(d m_t at 1)$ 

ypt\_t at =ypg\_t at
write csv(ypt\_t at," Model PredRFr equency. csv")

plot(ypt\_tot, TOT\_DATA\$R\_TOT, xlab="Model Predicted Repair Frequency", ylab="Observed Repair Frequency") cor(ypt\_tot, TOT\_DATA\$R\_TOT)

op < par(nfirow=c(1,3)) plot(MIN\_DATA\$R\_MIN\_ypt\_ninor,ylab="Model Predicted Repair Frequency", xlab="Observed Repair Frequency", cex.lab=1.25, cex.axis=1.2, main="(d)") abline(0, 1, cd="dark red", lty=2) cor(ypt\_ninor, MIN\_DATA\$R\_MIN)

pl dt (MOD\_DATA\$R\_MOD, ypt\_mod, yl ab="Model Predicted Repair Frequency", xl ab="Observed Repair Frequency", cex.l ab=1. 25, cex. axis=1.2, mai n="(e)") abline(0, 1, cd ="dark red", lty=2) cor(ypt\_mod, MOD\_DATA\$R\_MOD)

plot(MAJ\_DATA\$R\_MAJ, ypt\_maj, ylab="Model Predicted Repair Frequency", xlab="Observed Repair Frequency", cex.lab=1.25, cex.axis=1.2, main="(f)") abline(0, 1, cd ="dark red", ltv=2) cor(ypt\_maj, MAJ\_DATA\$R\_MAJ)

par(op)

## **APPENDIX F:** RESILIENCE R CODE

#### RAPIDITY

#### DATA #### PRE\_FLOOD<-read csv("/ Users/laurakohl er/ Documents/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Data/ RES LI ENCE / Boulder County Data/ RecovTI ME\_PreFLOOD csv", na strings=" NA", header =TRUE) POST\_FLOOD<-read csv("/ Users/laurakohl er/ Documents/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Data/ RES LI ENCE / Boulder County Data/ RecovTI ME\_Post FLOOD csv", na strings=" NA", header =TRUE) POST\_FLOOD\_NONFLOOD<-read csv("/ Users/laurakohl er/ Documents/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Data/ RES LI ENCE / Boulder County Data/ RecovTI ME\_Post FLOOD csv", na strings=" NA", header =TRUE) POST\_FLOOD\_NONFLOOD<-read csv("/ Users/laurakohl er/ Documents/ CU\_Research/ OWTS\_Data/ RES LI ENCE / Boulder County Data/ RecovTI ME\_NonFLOOD<-read csv(", na strings=" NA", header =TRUE)

PRE- PRE\_FLOOD\$DAYS\_RECOV\_PERM POST- POST\_FLOOD\$DAYS\_RECOV\_PERM POST\_FL- POST\_FLOOD\$DAYS\_RECOV\_FLOOD POST\_NF- POST\_FLOOD\_NONFLOOD\$DAYS\_RECOV\_PERM

op < par(nfrow=c(1, 4), mar=c(5, 1, 5, 1, 4, 1, 2, 1)) boxpl dt(PRE, ylim=c(0, 800), yl ab=" Days", main="(a) Pre-Flood Recovery", cex.l ab=1.25, cex. axis=1.2) boxpl dt(POST, ylim=c(0, 800), yl ab=" Days", main="(b) Flood Recovery from Pernit Date", cex.l ab=1.25, cex. axis=1.2)  $boxpl dt(POST_FL, ylim=c(0, 800), yl ab=" Days", main="(c) Flood Recovery from Flood Date", cex.l ab=1.25, cex. axis=1.2)$   $boxpl dt(POST_FL, ylim=c(0, 800), yl ab=" Days", main="(c) Flood Recovery from Flood Date", cex.l ab=1.25, cex. axis=1.2)$   $boxpl dt(POST_NF, ylim=c(0, 800), yl ab=" Days", main="(c) Flood Recovery from Flood Date", cex.l ab=1.25, cex. axis=1.2)$   $boxpl dt(POST_NF, ylim=c(0, 800), yl ab=" Days", main="(c) Post-2014 Non-Flood Specific Recovery", cex.l ab=1.25, cex. axis=1.2)$ par(op)

## NOTE 235 OWTS in the Post-2014 Repairs Subpopulation have not actually been repaired; ## used date of data entry 2/18/2016 to show some of the delay but many of them may take much longer

var.test(PRE, POST) ## p-value greater than 0.05 was obtained, so can assume that the two variances are homogeneous

## Find tabulated value of F of (0.95, 149, 19) ## computed =0.9496 and tabulated =1.9203 ## The value of F computed is less than the tabulated value of F, which leads us to accept the null hypothesis of homogeneity of variances.

## T-test ## t.test(PRE, POST, var.equal = TRUE, paired= FALSE) ## p-value less than 0.05 was obtained, so condude that the averages of two groups are significantly different (reject that null that they are similar)

## Find tabulated value of t (0.975 instead of 0.95 because a 2 tailed test) opt(0.975, 168)

##t-computedisless (more?) than the tabulated t-value for 18 degrees of freedom, which ## confirms that we reject the null

## COMPARISON Time to recover from repair per mit application vs. flood event op < par(nfirow=c(1,2))

boxpl ct (POST, yli m=c(0,800), yl ab="Days", main="Pernint Application") boxpl ct (POST\_FL, yli m=c(0,800), yl ab="Days", main="Fl ood (September 13, 2013)") par(op) **RESOURCEFULNESS** 

#### #### DATA #### RESOURCE<-read.csv("/Users/Iaurakohler/Documents/CU\_Research/OWTS\_Data/RESILIENCE/Boulder County Data/RESOURCE\_PRE\_POST.csv", na.strings="NA", header=TRUE)

PRE\_MAX <- RESOURCE\$ RESOURCEFUL NESS\_PRE POST\_MAX <- RESOURCE\$ RESOURCEFUL NESS\_POST PRE\_M N <- RESOURCE\$ RESOURCEFUL NESS\_PORT\_M N\_PRE POST\_M N <- RESOURCE\$ RESOURCEFUL NESS\_PORT\_M N\_POST

op < par(mir ow=c(1,2), mar =c(5,1,5,1,4,1,2,1))

 $boxpl dt(PRE_MAX, yl ab="Resourceful ness (USD)", yli m=c(15000, 85000), mai n="(a) Pre-Flood", cex. l ab=1.25, cex. axi s=1.2)$  $boxpl dt(POST_MAX, yl ab="Resourceful ness (USD)", yli m=c(15000, 85000), mai n="(b) Post-Flood", cex. l ab=1.25, cex. axi s=1.2)$ par(op)

op < par(nfirow=c(1, 2), mar =c(5, 1, 5, 1, 4, 1, 2, 1)) boxpl ct (PRE\_M N\_yl ab="Resourceful ness (USD)", yli m=c(14866, 17100), mai n="(a) Pre-Flood", cex.l ab=1.25, cex. axi s=1.2) boxpl ct (POST\_M N\_yl ab="Resourceful ness (USD)", yli m=c(14866, 17100), mai n="(b) Post-Flood", cex.l ab=1.25, cex. axi s=1.2) par(op)