

CONCLUSIONS

1. **The case of extreme values is completely different from the case of mean values and requires especial statistical tools.** Fail to recognize this feature leads to fatal errors.
2. **In the case of independence, the limit distributions belong to the Von Mises family (Weibull, Gumbel and Fréchet).** Some of them can be excluded from physical or engineering considerations.
3. **In the dependence case any limit distribution is possible,** but for weak dependence, the same distributions arise.
4. **The case of exceedances over a certain threshold can be dealt with the generalized Pareto distribution, which permits using more information than the maxima and minima.**
5. **Engineering practice is full of examples in which extreme value distributions must be used.**