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## Executive Summary

Municipal water management in Canada is heavily dependent on using IDF curves in planning, designing, and operating municipal water infrastructure. Many watershed management activities related to water supply, water quality management, flood control, and similar rely on the use of IDF curves. This manual introduces version 9.0 of the web-based tool for updating Intensity-Duration-Frequency (IDF) curves under a changing climate.

While almost every Canadian municipality needs to adapt to changing climatic conditions, there is a lack of necessary expertise within municipalities for implementing current research related to the impact of climate change on IDF curves. Thus, one of the primary objectives of the tool is to standardize the IDF updating process and make the results of current research on climate change impacts accessible to practitioners. The authors and supporting agencies believe that a freely available, computerized IDF updating tool aids in the selection of effective climate change adaptation options at the local level, advancing the decision-making capabilities of municipalities and watershed management authorities. The tool also directly links Canadian municipalities and the research community, creating opportunities for further research and innovation.

This manual describes the major functionalities of version 9.0 of the web-based IDF\_CC tool. The tool is designed to assist users in developing and updating IDF curves using precipitation data from Environment and Climate Change Canada or user-provided hydro-meteorological stations. Available precipitation data is integrated with projections obtained from Global Circulation Models to assess the impacts of climate change on IDF curves. The accompanying document, “*Computerized Tool for the Development of Intensity-Duration-Frequency-Curves under a Changing Climate, Technical Manual Version 9.0*” referred to as *TechMan.*, presents the methodological background of the web-based IDF\_CC tool version 9.0.

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# 1 Introduction

Changes in climate observed over recent decades are considered to be the cause of dramatic modifications of the magnitude and frequency of extreme events. The Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, 2013) has indicated a global surface temperature increase of 0.3 to 4.8 °C by the year 2100 compared to the reference period 1986-2005, with larger changes in the tropics and subtropics than in the mid-latitudes. Rising temperatures are expected to have a major impact on the magnitude and frequency of extreme precipitation events in some regions (Barnett et al., 2006; Wilcox et al., 2007; Allan et al., 2008; Solaiman et al. 2011).

Assessment of climate change impacts and implementing the contemporary climate change research remains a challenge for many stakeholders and policymakers. The most likely reasons are: 1) complexity of the methods based on heavy analytical procedures and difficulties in their implementation; 2) a focus on publishing research findings under the rigorous peer review process with limited attention given to practical implementation; 3) political dimensions of climate change issues; and 4) a high level of uncertainty involved with future climate projections in presence of multiple climate models and emission scenarios. The implementation of a generic and simple web-based tool that allows users to easily consider the impacts of climate change in the form of updated IDF curves for stormwater design and management is considered an effective strategy to increase climate change adaptation capacity in Canada (Sandink et al., 2016). To accomplish this task, the IDF\_CC tool has been developed and has been in public use since March 2015 (Simonovic et al., 2016 and Schardong et al., 2020). This tool combines a friendly web-based user interface with a powerful database system and applies an efficient, sophisticated methodology for updating IDF curves.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on the methodology applied by the IDF\_CC, see the accompanying document entitled “*Computerized Tool for the Development of Intensity-Duration-Frequency-Curves under a Changing Climate, Technical Manual Version 9.0,*” referred to as *TechMan*.

Intensity duration frequency (IDFs) curves are typically developed by fitting a theoretical probability distribution to the annual maximum precipitation (AMP) time series. The AMP data is fitted using extreme value distributions including Gumbel, Generalized Extreme Value (GEV), Log Pearson, Log Normal, among other methods. IDF curves provide precipitation accumulation depths for various return periods (T) and different durations, typically, 5, 10, 15, 20 30 minutes, 1, 2, 6, 12, 18 and 24 hours. Longer durations may also be obtained, depending on the use of IDF curves. Hydrologic design of storm sewers, culverts, detention basins and other elements of storm water management systems are typically performed based on specified design storms derived from IDF curves (Solaiman and Simonovic, 2010).

The web-based IDF\_CC tool version 9.0 developed for IDF update under changing climatic conditions is implemented in the form of a Decision Support System (DSS) with three main components (Figure 1). The user interface is built as a GIS based component using Leaflet™, allowing clear geographical representation of hydro-meteorological stations. User information, station data, and Global Circulation Model (GCM) outputs are stored in the IDF\_CC tool's database system. Mathematical models and algorithms populate the tool's model base.<sup>2</sup>

The major objectives of the IDF\_CC tool version 9.0 are: (i) to automate; and (ii) facilitate the IDF update procedure using historical observed precipitation data and precipitation predictions from available GCM models. The equidistant quantile matching algorithm (EQM) is used to calculate projected IDF curves in the tool using precipitation data from the GCMs. The temperature scaling using the Clausius-Clapeyron relationship is also available as an additional method for comparing results with the EQM algorithm (see Section 4 and *TechMan* for more details). A repository of stations from Environment and Climate Change Canada is available through the user interface with complete records of historical yearly maximums. The tool also allows users to provide their own historical hydro-meteorological data, which can be used to generate locally relevant updated IDF curves. The tool also contains a dataset of gridded IDF curves for Canada. With this

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<sup>2</sup> For more information, see *TechMan*

module, users can obtain IDF curves for any location in the country, especially in regions with no observations.

The tool interface presents the IDF results in the form of tables and interactive graphs. Version 9.0 of the tool utilizes data from GCMs produced for Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6 – CMPI6 (Eyring et al., 2016) for Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5 - CMPI5 (IPCC, 2013) and statistically downscaled daily Canada-wide climate scenarios, at a gridded resolution of 300 arc-seconds (0.0833 degrees, or roughly 10 km) for the simulated period of 1950-2100 (PCIC, 2025) for three Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs) (representative concentration pathways). For more Information on GCMs and SSPs and RCPs used with the tool, see Section 3.2 and *TechMan* Sections 2.3 and 2.4.

## 1.1 System Components

This section provides a brief description of the three major DSS components of the IDF\_CC tool. These components include: 1) the user interface (UI); 2) mathematical models and 3) the database and GCM files repository (Figure 1).

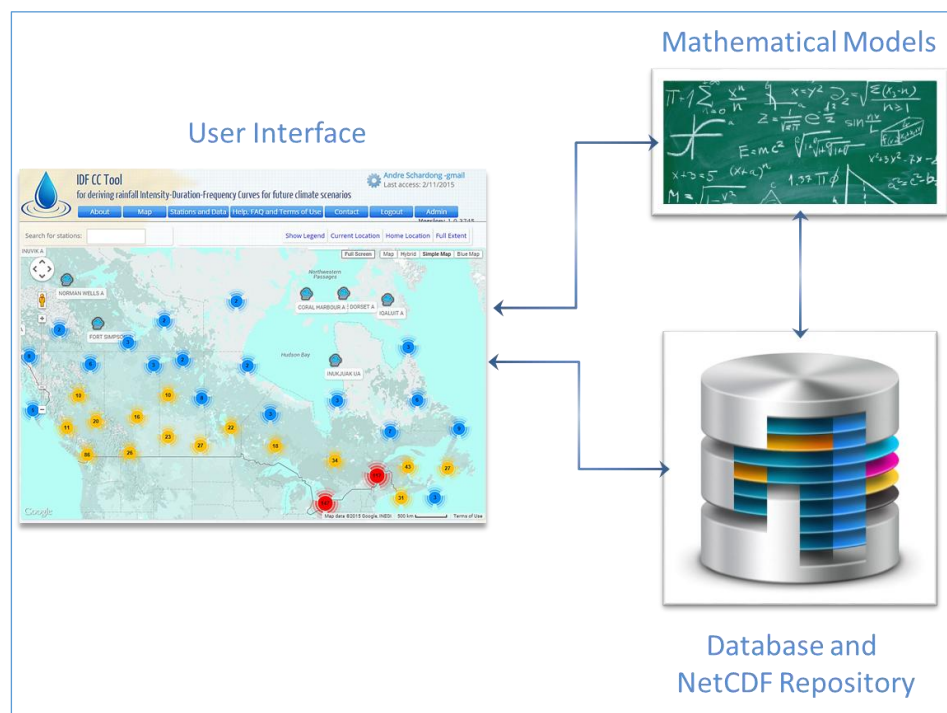


Figure 1. Major system components: user interface, mathematical models and database

## 1.2 Database

The database stores user data, Information related to stations and station data, and Information from Global Circulation Models (GCMs). The following Information is stored in the database:

- User information: to access the IDF\_CC tool's functionalities, users must create an account and provide data that are stored in the database, including their name, email, institution/municipality, intent of use and password.
- IDF repository of Environment and Climate Change Canada data: the IDF\_CC tool's database stores the latest hydro-meteorological station information available from the Environment and Climate Change Canada stations across the country. There are approximately 900 stations throughout the country and roughly 600 of these have at least 10 years of data, which is the minimum length of time series used by Environment and Climate Change Canada to develop IDF curves for a specific station.
- User provided stations and data: any registered user can create stations and provide data for them. The type of data and input options are discussed in section 2.5.5 of this manual. User-created stations can be shared among other users registered with the IDF\_CC tool.
- CMIP5 downscaled GCM output files: downscaled GCM outputs (refer to *TechMan* section 2.4) are available in the netCDF format that is widely used for storing climate data. The direct use of netCDF with the web-based IDF\_CC tool is not computationally efficient and would require a large amount of storage space. Therefore, the netCDF files are converted into a more efficient format. These converted climate data files are stored in the IDF\_CC tool's database.
- CMIP6 downscaled GCM output files: CMIP6 GCMs are driven by a new set of Shared Socioeconomic Pathway (SSP) scenarios representing different socioeconomic assumptions. Specifically, a set of scenarios was chosen to provide a range of distinct end-of-century climate change outcomes. Earlier, the CMIP5 featured four Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs) that examined different possible future greenhouse gas emissions. These scenario- RCP2.6, RCP4.5, RCP6.0, and RCP8.5 – have new versions in CMIP6. The

updated scenarios are called SSP1-2.6, SSP2-4.5, SSP3-7.0, and SSP5-8.5, each of which results in similar 2100 radiative forcing levels as their predecessor in CMIP5 (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 2021).

- Miscellaneous files: users can upload files that are related to a specific station. The files are also stored within the database and can be of various types: text documents, spreadsheets, and pdf files.

### 1.3 User Interface

The user interface (Figure 2) manages user actions and inputs and links with the other two DSS components: Mathematical Models and Database. The major parts of the user interface are:

- Leaflet™: the GIS component responsible for map operations;
- Data manipulation: functionalities that allow users to manipulate stations and data;
- Results visualization: functionalities that present the results to the user (tables, equations, interactive graphs).

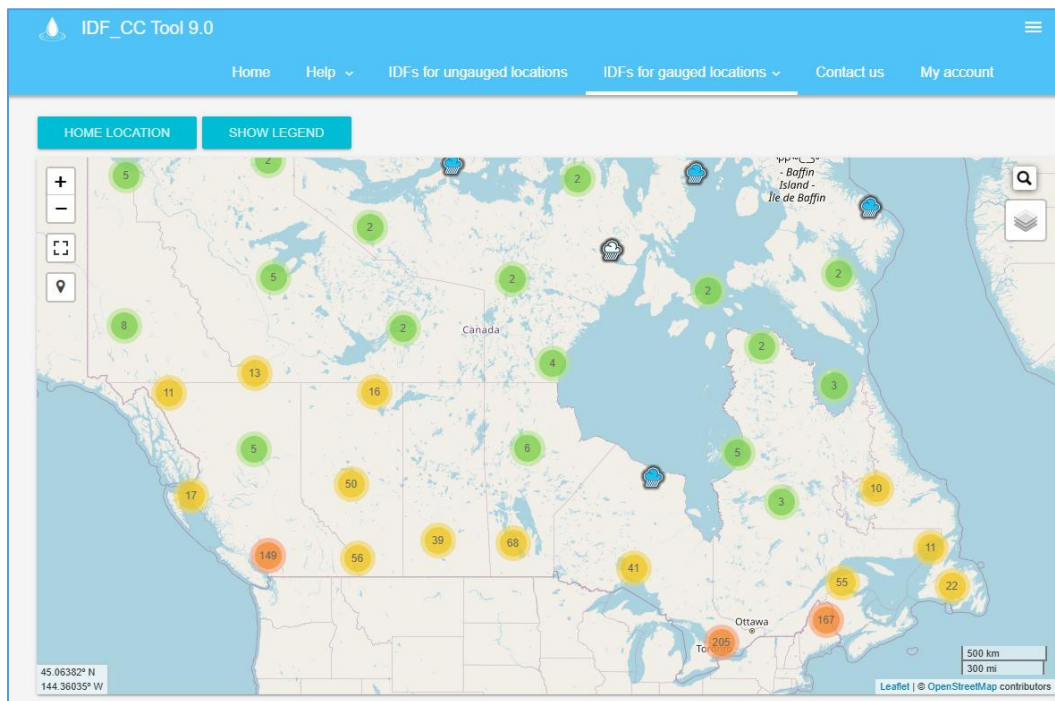


Figure 2. Screenshot of the IDF\_CC tool version 9.0 user interface

## 1.4 Mathematical Models

The IDF\_CC tool's mathematical models are responsible for the calculations required to develop IDF curves based on historical data and incorporating GCM output data into IDF curves. Models listed below are used with the IDF\_CC tool:

- Statistical analysis algorithms: statistical analysis is applied to fit the selected theoretical distribution to both historical and future precipitation data. The distributions applied by the tool for fitting historical data and future IDFs are Gumbel, which is fitted using method of moments, and Generalized Extreme Value (GEV) fitted using L-moments method. Please refer to *TechMan* section 3.1 for detailed description of the Gumbel and GEV distributions.
- Optimization algorithm: an algorithm used to fit the analytical relationships (equations) to the IDF curves. For each return period (T) an equation is fitted using “Differential Evolution” optimization algorithm that is described in Storn and Price (1997) and Vasan (2008) (Appendix B). This algorithm is used to find the coefficients of the equation by minimizing the sum of the root square error of the IDF curve and calculated by the equation.
- IDF update algorithms:
  - The Equidistant Quantile Matching (EQM) algorithm is applied to the IDF updating procedure. This algorithm combines observed precipitation data with data from the GCM models to develop the IDF for future periods. A detailed description of this algorithm is presented in the *TechMan* section 3.2.
  - The Clausius-Clapeyron – Temperature Scaling method uses the average temperature delta (from future to current runs) to calculate the projected change in IDF curves for future periods. This method is specifically useful for comparing results with the projections based on the EQM algorithm.

## 2 The IDF\_CC tool Use

This section describes in detail the use of the IDF\_CC tool. Two case studies are presented to illustrate all functionalities of the tool. The first example uses one Environment and Climate Change Canada station. The second case study exemplifies the use of the tool for locations where Environment and Climate Change Canada data are not available. In this case, the user creates a station and inputs their own hydro-meteorological data into the tool.

### 2.1 Creating an Account

The user must create an account before accessing all *IDF\_CC* tool functionalities. The account is necessary in order to allow user to customize map locations, create stations and provide data, visualize and export IDF curves fitted by the IDF\_CC tool using historical data and updated IDF curves developed using future climate data. The following information is required from the user to create an account (Figure 3): Full Name, Email address, Affiliation, Occupation, Intent of Use and Password.

Once information is provided, an email will be sent to the user with the activation code and/or activation link as shown in Figure 4 (please be sure to check the spam folder for the email sent by the tool). By clicking on the link provided, the user will activate their account. If for some reason the link does not work, the user will be required to provide an activation code when they first access the tool (Figure 5 and Figure 6).

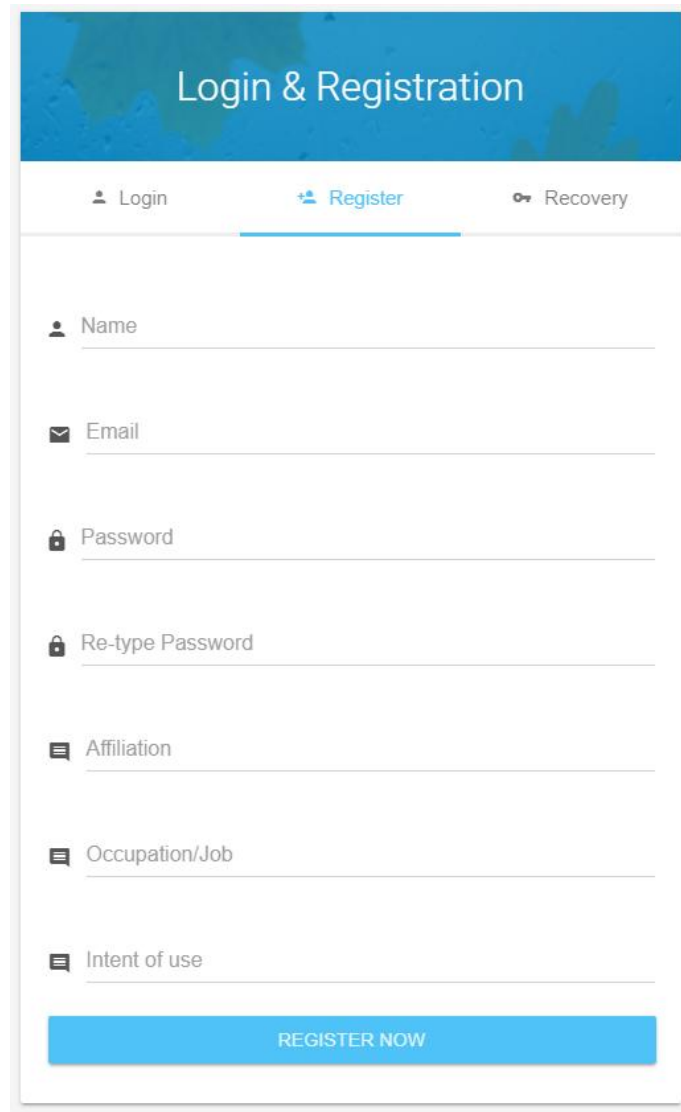
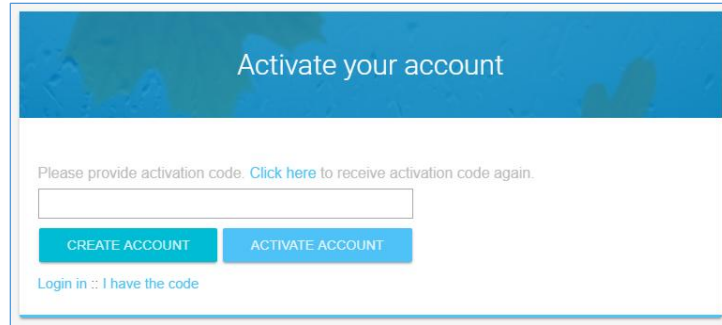


Figure 3. Screenshot of the user account creation page

 **IDF CC Tool** <webmaster@idf-cc-uwo.com>  
to   
Dear Test User.  
  
You have created an account on IDF Update Tool. Your info provided is:  
Name: Test User  
Email: [jdftool@gmail.com](mailto:jdftool@gmail.com)  
Password: 1234  
  
To activate account click on: <http://localhost:53606/Activate.aspx?c=8c50526a7fde4521c384925617f687b>  
If the above link doesn't work, please access <http://localhost:53606/Activate.aspx> and provide the following code: 8c50526a7fde4521c384925617f687b  
  
Regards,  
IDF Update Tool

Figure 4. An example of the activation email message



The image shows a web page titled "Activate your account" with a blue header. Below the header, there is a text prompt: "Please provide activation code. [Click here](#) to receive activation code again." This is followed by a text input field. Below the input field are two buttons: "CREATE ACCOUNT" and "ACTIVATE ACCOUNT". At the bottom left, there is a link that says "Login in :: I have the code".

Figure 5. Activation page of the IDF\_CC tool

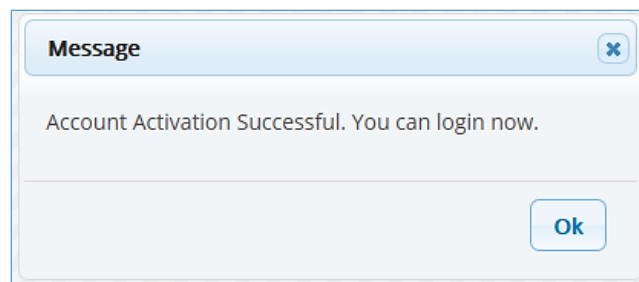


Figure 6. Message of account successfully activated and ready to use

## 2.2 Login and Password

After the account is created and activated, the user can log in using the email and password previously provided (Figure 7). The user can recover their password by using the “Recovery” option. A new password will be provided to the user by email as illustrated in Figure 8.

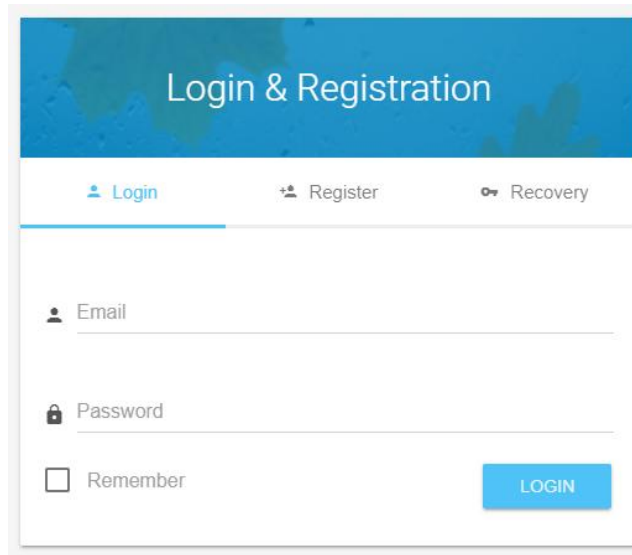
The image shows a web interface for 'Login & Registration'. At the top is a blue header with the title 'Login & Registration'. Below the header is a navigation bar with three links: 'Login' (with a person icon), 'Register' (with a person icon), and 'Recovery' (with a key icon). The 'Login' link is selected, indicated by a blue underline. The main content area contains three input fields: 'Email' (with a person icon), 'Password' (with a lock icon), and a 'Remember' checkbox. A blue 'LOGIN' button is positioned to the right of the 'Remember' checkbox.

Figure 7. Login page

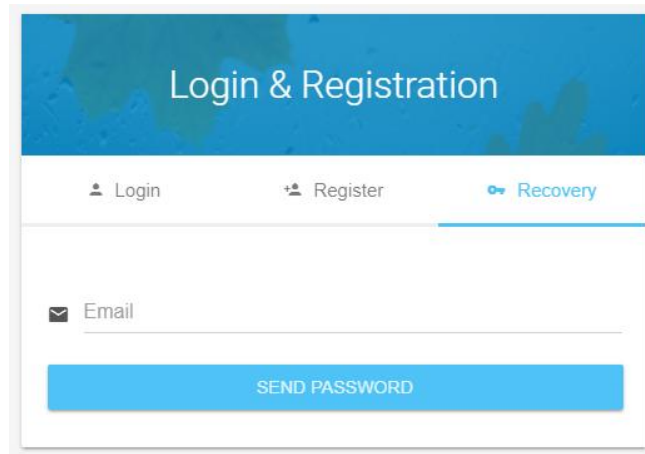
The image shows the 'Recover Password' screen. It has the same blue header and navigation bar as Figure 7. In the navigation bar, the 'Recovery' link (with a key icon) is selected, indicated by a blue underline. The main content area contains a single input field labeled 'Email' (with an envelope icon). Below the input field is a large blue button labeled 'SEND PASSWORD'.

Figure 8. “Recover Password” screen

## 2.3 Main Page Description

After login, the main page is presented to the user (Figure 9). At the top portion, or header, a logo, the name of the tool, menu items, and username are presented. The middle section is where information and maps are displayed. These functions will be described throughout this manual. The lower part, or footer, presents and logo from the institutions involved in developing the IDF\_CC tool.

On the top left of the header, the name of the user is presented, as shown in Figure 10. By clicking on the user's name, the user is able to update account information as shown in Figure 11 and change password as shown in Figure 12.

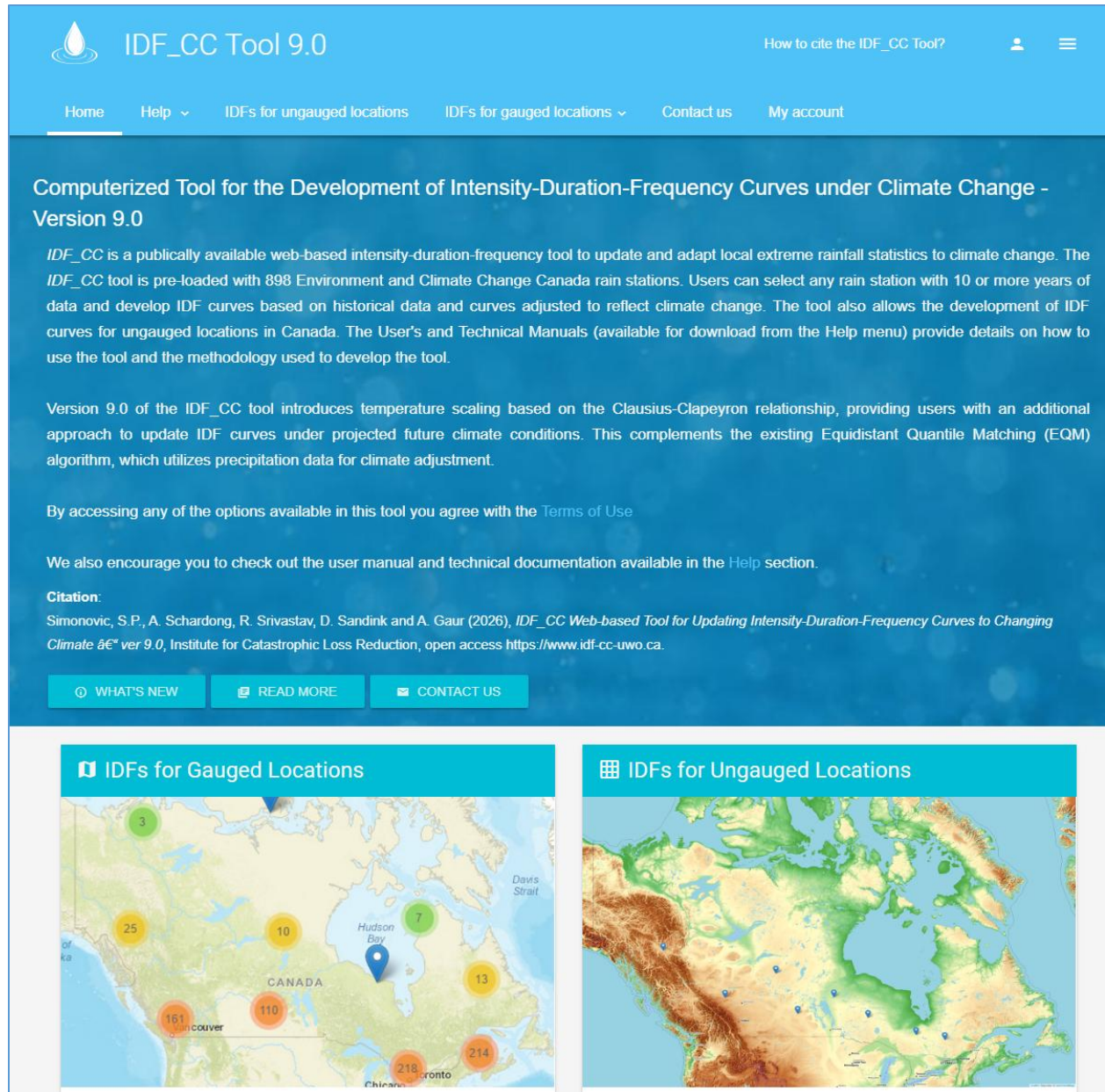


Figure 9. Main page screenshot



Figure 10. Logged user information

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Update Password and Account". At the top, there are two tabs: "Update password" (inactive) and "Update account" (active). The "Update account" tab contains the following fields:

- Name:** A text input field containing "Andre Schardong -gmail".
- Affiliation:** A dropdown menu with "UWO" selected.
- Occupation/Job:** A dropdown menu with "Student" selected.
- Intent of use:** A dropdown menu with "Research" selected.

At the bottom of the form is a large blue button labeled "UPDATE ACCOUNT".

Figure 11. Updating user information

The screenshot shows the same web form titled "Update Password and Account", but with the "Update password" tab active. The "Update account" tab is inactive. The "Update password" tab contains the following fields:

- Current Password:** A password input field with a lock icon.
- New Password:** A password input field with a lock icon.
- Re-type New Password:** A password input field with a lock icon.

At the bottom of the form is a large blue button labeled "UPDATE PASSWORD".

Figure 12. Updating password

## 2.4 Menu Options

The menu options, as presented in Figure 13, are briefly described bellow:

- Home: description of the tool and home screen.
- Help: user manuals and additional resources.
- IDFs – ungauged locations: this option presents a map allowing the user to select any location (coordinates) in Canada to obtain the corresponding IDF.
- IDFs - gauged locations: this option presents the map and stations from Environment and Climate Change Canada and those created by the user.
- Stations and Data: this item opens a list of stations created by the user and allows them to select data, upload companion files, share with other users, delete and create stations. This page also allows users to see all stations from Environment and Climate Change Canada and open the IDF screen.
- Help, FAQ and Terms of Use: provides access to help documents including the User Manual, *TechMan*, and other references, frequently ask question section – FAQ and terms of use of the IDF\_CC tool.
- Contact us: contact form of the tool to send comments, report bugs and other issues.
- Admin Menu: this item is only available to IDF\_CC tool's administrator(s).



Figure 13. Main menu items

## 2.5 IDF curves for Gauged locations

### 2.5.1 Exploring Map Functionalities

The IDF\_CC tool uses a GIS based map tool (Leaflet) to assist the user in locating stations and performing other map related operations (Figure 14). This map shows all stations available from Environment and Climate Change Canada and additional user-created stations. Regions with higher station coverage are grouped (depending on the zoom level) and shown as dots. The number inside the dot is the number of stations in that region. The colours indicate station density (green for lower density, to orange for high density). As users zoom in on a specific region of the map, stations are shown individually, as presented in Figure 15. Stations created by the user are presented with an icon in green while those from Environment and Climate Change Canada are shown in blue, and stations with less than 10 years of data in grey (Figure 15).

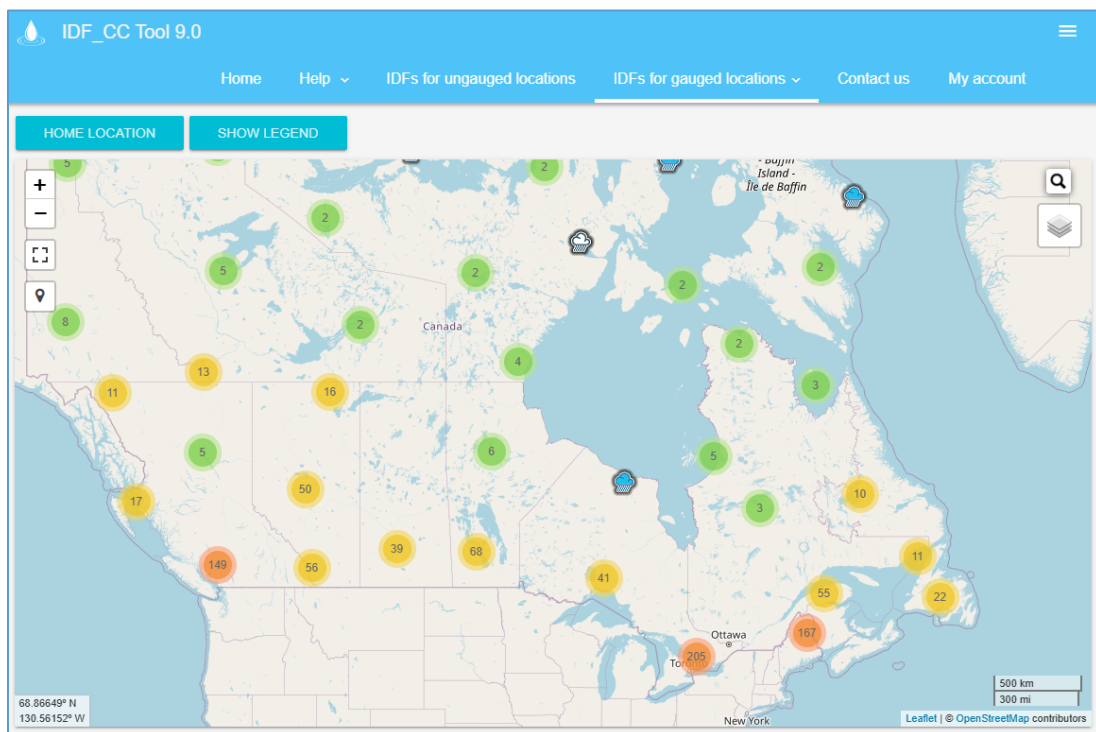


Figure 14. Screenshot with map of Canada showing stations from Environment and Climate Change Canada and/or user-provided stations

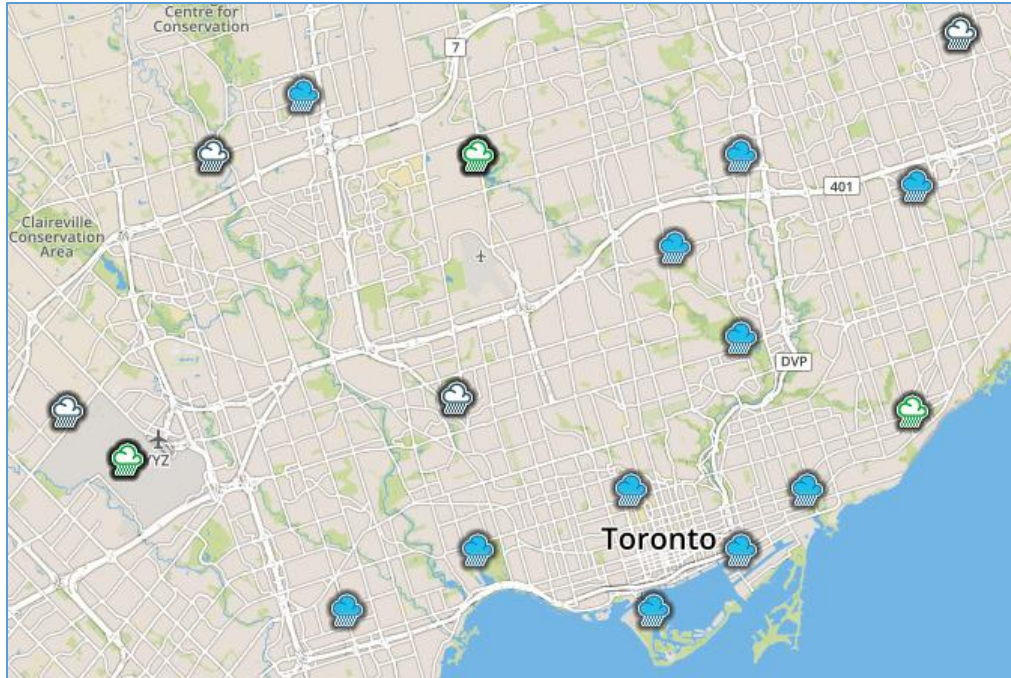


Figure 15. Stations map: Environment and Climate Change Canada (blue), user provided (green), and stations with less than 10 years of data (grey).

#### 2.5.1.1 *Locating an Existing Station on the Map*

The stations can be visually located on the map, or the user can search for stations using the search icon in the top right corner of the map screen. As the user types in the box, the list of station names is searched and filtered based on the text provided, as in Figure 16. If the user selects one of the filtered stations, the map is zoomed-in and centered on the selected station (Figure 16).

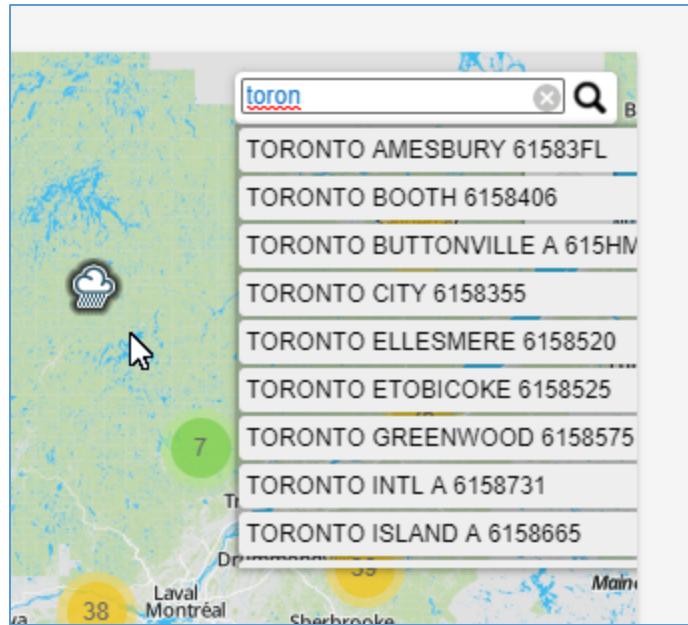


Figure 16. Additional options of the IDF\_CC tool map

Some additional functions are available in the top right corner over the map screen, as shown in Figure 17 and Figure 18. These functions include:

- Show/Hide Legend
- Home Location: the IDF\_CC tool allows user to set a home location by right clicking on a specific location on the map and selecting option “Set as Home Location” as shown in Figure 19. Home location is also where the map will open after login, once it is set.
- Current Location : the IDF\_CC tool will try to obtain the user’s current location using “Geo Location.” A blue dot is placed on the location if found as in Figure 18. The user will also be asked to allow this operation (the web browser will present this request and the message may vary depending on the browser).
- Full Extent : shows the entire map of Canada as in Figure 18.

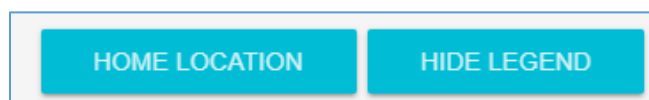


Figure 17. Additional options on the IDF\_CC tool map

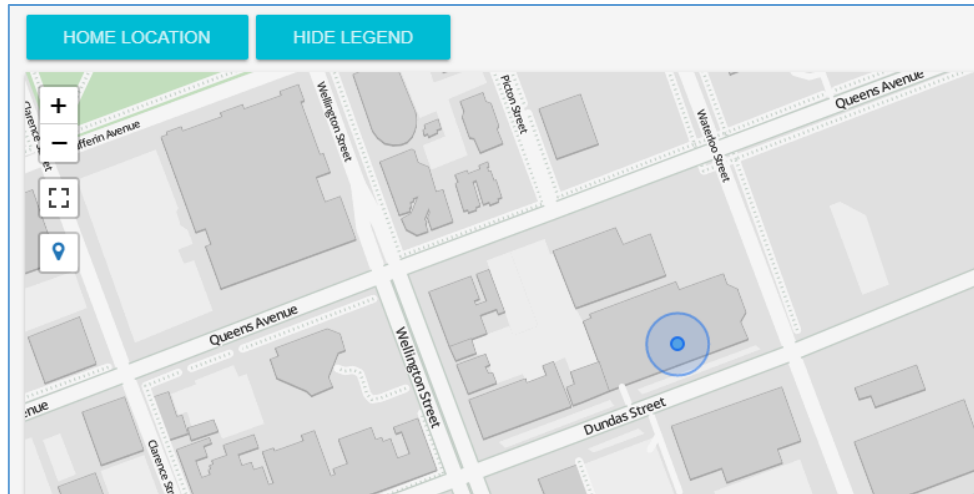


Figure 18. Current location

By right-clicking on the map a context menu will be presented as in Figure 19. One of the options is “set as home location” that will store this location as the “home location” for the logged user. “Center map here” centres the map on the selected location. “Show coordinates” will present the coordinates of the point on the map selected, “Create station here” will open the pop-up window for creating a new station. This option will be explained later in the manual. The advantage of creating a station from the map is that it will automatically provide the coordinates and location (city and province) of the station on the map.

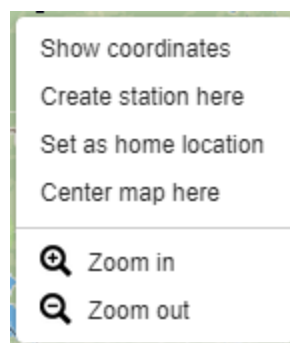


Figure 19. Context menu option on the map

### 2.5.1.2 Background Options for Maps

The tool provides eight different options for the map backgrounds that differ in the level of detail. The options are:

- No map: no background map is shown when this option is activated.
- OpenStreetMap: the tool's default base map. Presents details like street names and points of interest. The example map is presented in Figure 20.
- Clean: simplified map with only major points of interest and no labels are shown. The example map is presented in Figure 21.
- Simplified: simplified map with only major roads and major points of interest. The example map is presented in Figure 22.
- Image: satellite images (arterial view) from ESRI © (Figure 23).
- Water colour: simplified map with minimal details, such as roads and points of interest. Water bodies are presented in blue and land as light brown (Figure 24).
- Grey: Light grey map with minimum details (Figure 25).
- OpenTopoMap: combines topology and OpenStreetMap (Figure 26).

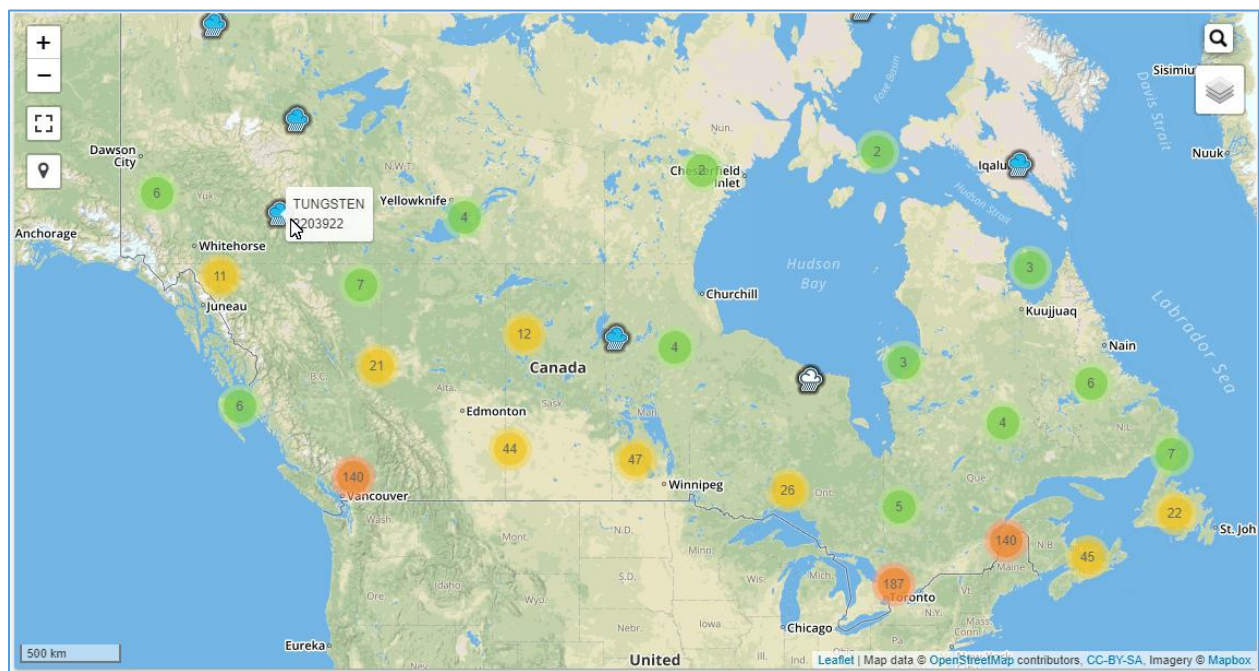


Figure 20. OpenStreetMap (IDF\_CC tool's default)

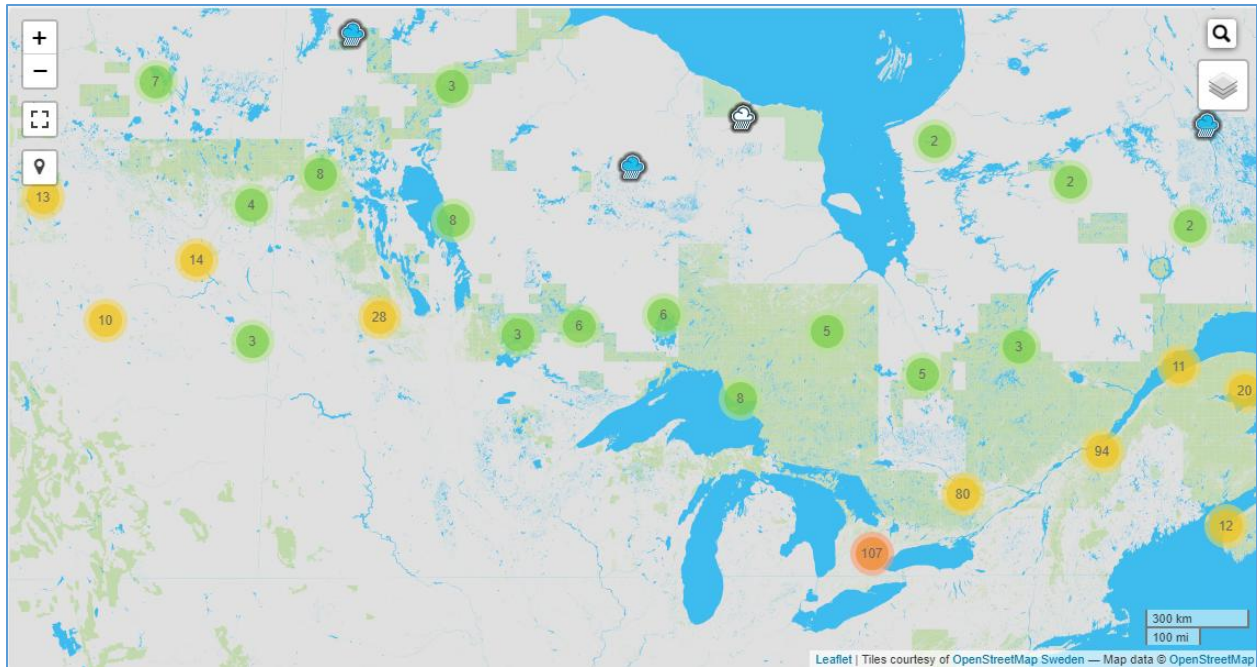


Figure 21. Clean background map

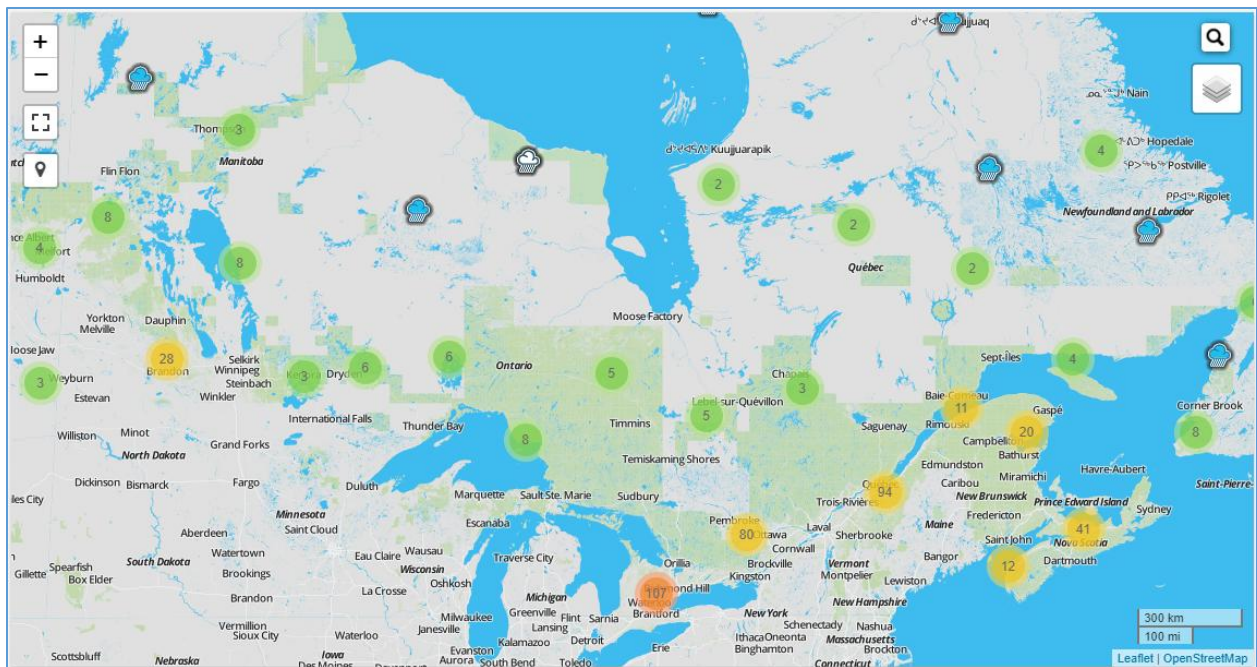


Figure 22. Simplified background map

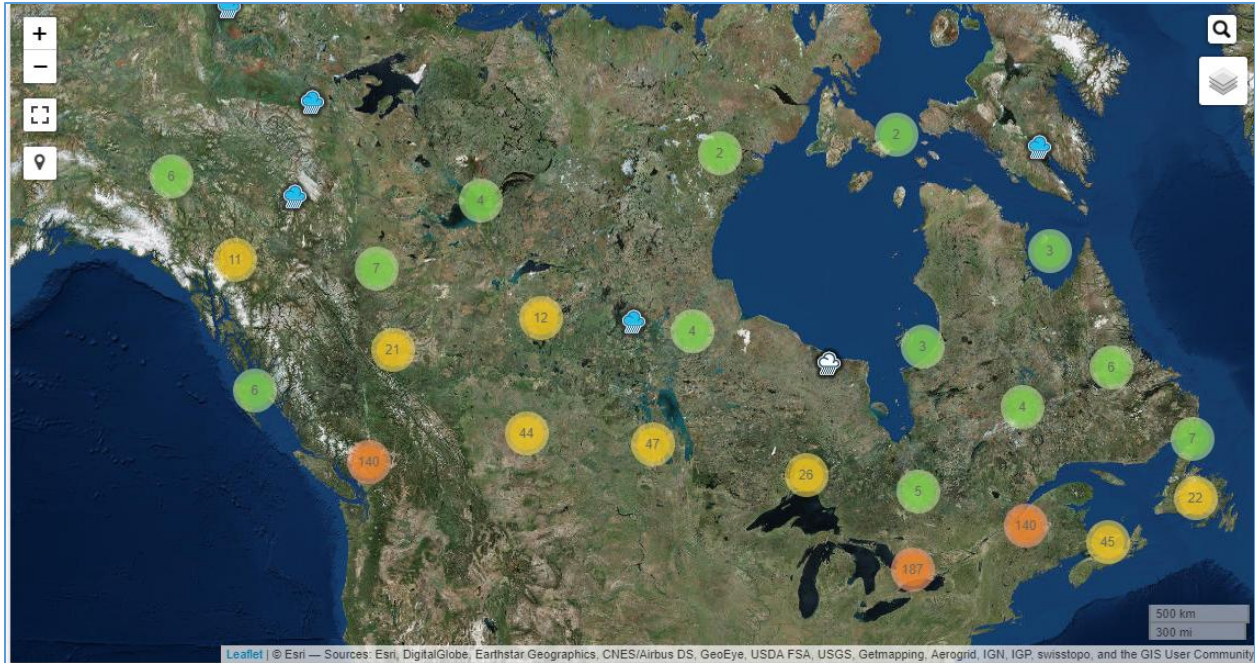


Figure 23. Arterial view background map – ESRI imagery

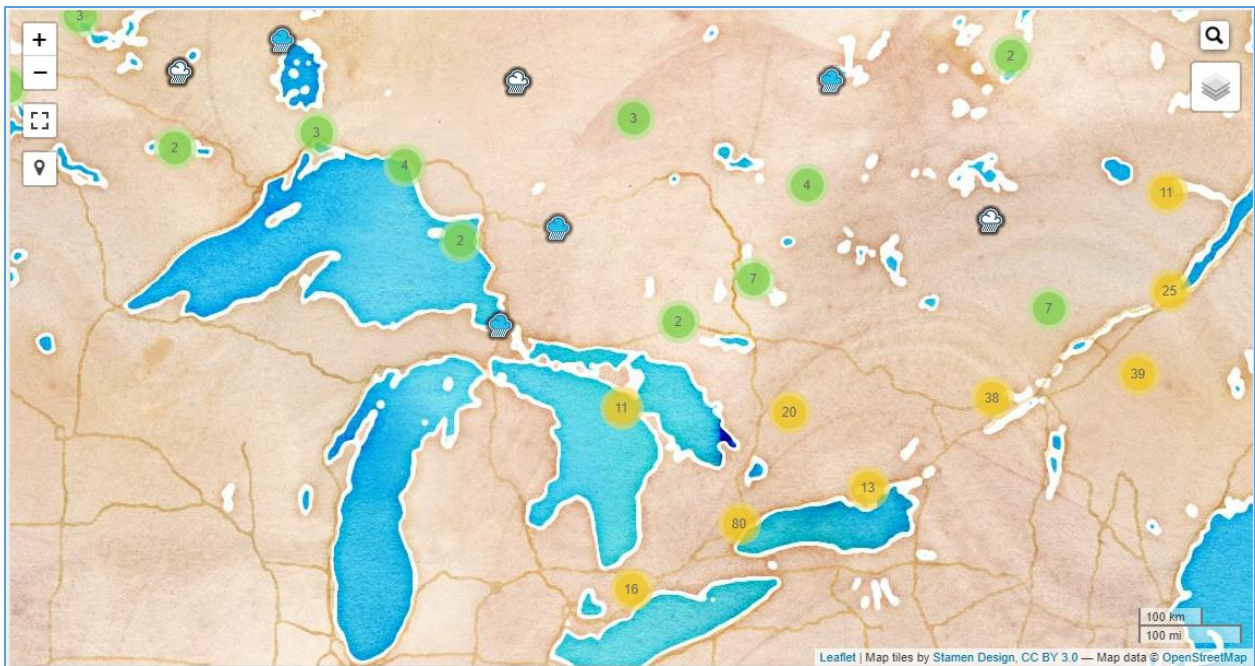


Figure 24. Water colour background map – ESRI imagery

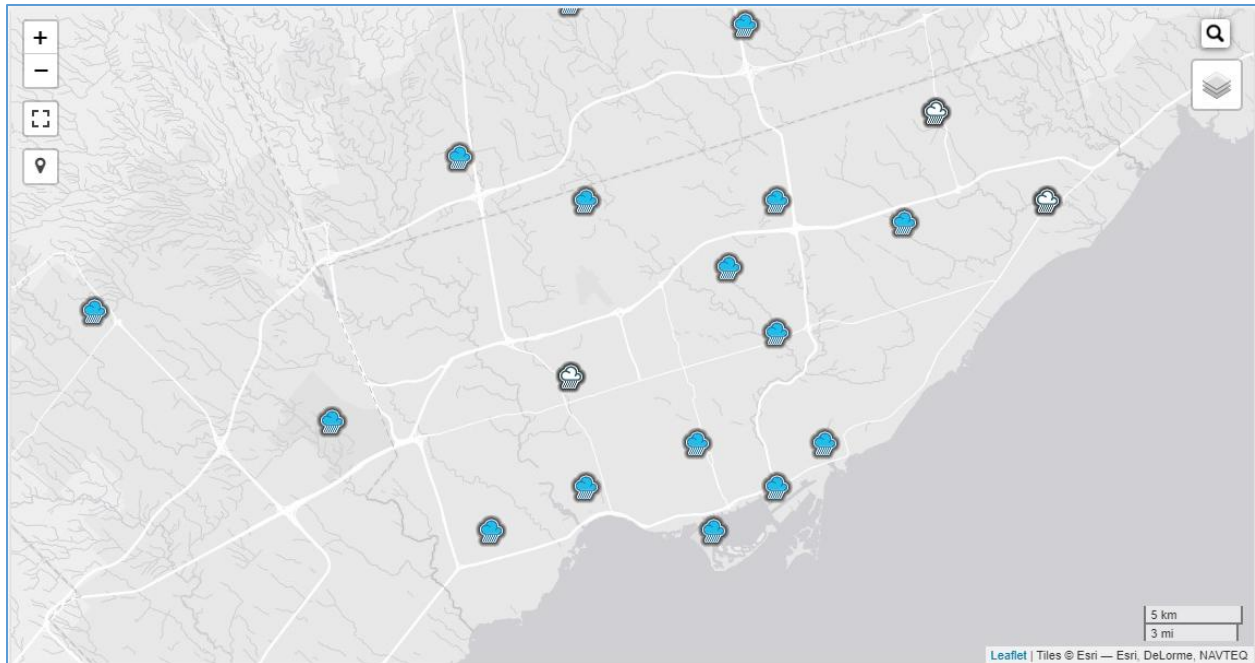


Figure 25. Grey background map – ESRI imagery

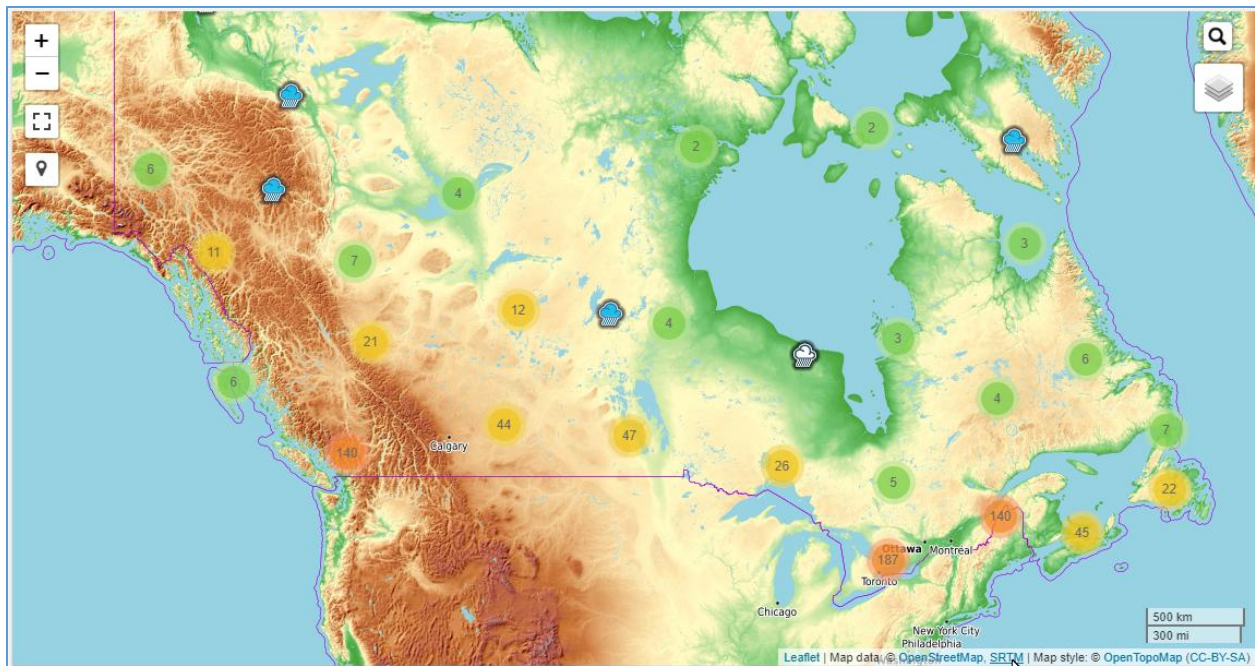


Figure 26. OpenTopoMap background map

The map also presents the source of the background map in use and the scale of the map, as shown in Figure 27.



Figure 27. Map source and map scale

#### 2.5.1.3 *Creating Stations on the Map*

Another function on the context menu (activated by right-clicking on the map) is “create station here,” which can be used to create a station at the selected location. This option will open a new popup window with the new station page as presented in Figure 28. Using this function, some information will be automatically filled in for the user: latitude and longitude (in degrees), city and province (Figure 28).

Other information to be provided by the user to create a station includes:

- Name (required): station name.
- Station ID (required): unique ID has to be provided. The IDF\_CC tool will check if the provided ID is already in use.
- Description (optional): a description of the station.
- Sub-daily Maximums (required): the sub-daily precipitation maximums used or considered in the analysis. The defaults selected are: 5, 10, 15, 30 minutes, 1, 2, 6, 12, 24 hours.
- Additional information (optional): any other relevant additional information about the station.
- City and Province (optional): city and province of the station location.

### Create a new station

| General information                              | Location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Station name*<br><input type="text"/>            | Latitude (Ex: 40.70 for 40°42' N)*<br><input type="text" value="42.99761672705504"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| ID*<br><input type="text"/>                      | Longitude (Ex: -80.30 for 80°18' W)*<br><input type="text" value="-81.22982025146484"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Province<br><input type="text" value="Ontario"/> | Elevation (in m, ex: 100.25)<br><input type="text"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| City<br><input type="text" value="London"/>      | Additional location information<br><input type="text"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Description<br><input type="text"/>              | Select sub-daily maximums for this station<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 min <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 min <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15 min <input type="checkbox"/> 20 min <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 min <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 hr<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 hr <input type="checkbox"/> 3 hr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 hr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 hr <input type="checkbox"/> 18 hr <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24 hr |
| <input type="button" value="Create station"/>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

Figure 28. Creating a station on the map

### Create a new station

| General information                                                 | Location                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Station name*<br><input type="text"/> <div>Name is required ✕</div> | Latitude (Ex: 40.70 for 40°42' N)*<br><input type="text"/> <div>Latitude is required ✕</div>    |
| ID*<br><input type="text"/> <div>ID is required ✕</div>             | Longitude (Ex: -80.30 for 80°18' W)*<br><input type="text"/> <div>Longitude is required ✕</div> |

Figure 29. Required input for creating a station

The user-created station will be plotted on the map based on the provided coordinates. The coordinate system used is the World Geodetic System (WGS) also known as WGS 84 or ESPG

4326. Stations created by users are visible only to the creators. The creator can share and make the station accessible to other users within the tool. Please see Section 2.6 for more details.

The next section explains how to provide data for a station, generate the IDFs for historical and future periods, share stations and upload files.

#### 2.5.1.4 *Legend*

The legend helps the user identify elements on the map. The elements are quickly described below. The legend becomes visible on the screen by selection “Show legend” option, as presented in Figure 30. The list of items are:

-  Regions with low density of stations (between 1 and 9)
-  Regions with medium density of stations (between 9 and 99)
-  Regions with high density of stations (above 100)
-  Stations created by the user
-  Stations from Environment and Climate Change Canada
-  Stations with less than 10 years of data
-  Stations shared with the user

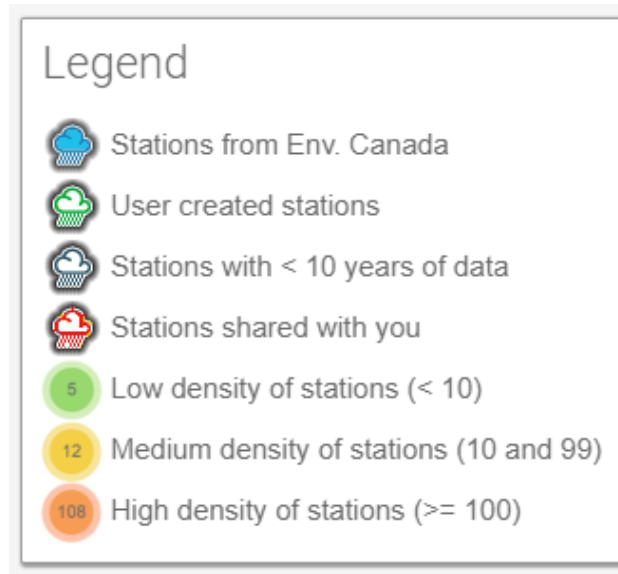


Figure 30. Legend

### 2.5.2 Managing Stations and Data

The user can access stations from the tool's map view. Additionally, the "Stations and Data" option from the main menu will open a station page as shown in Figure 31. This page will show all stations created by the user and allow (i) precipitation data editing, (ii) uploading files, and (iii) sharing the station with other users. These options are presented as tabs in Figure 31.

## Station Data

☒ Show Env. Canada Stations

DEMO
ABBOTSFORD A
ABERFELDIE
AGASSIZ CS
ALBERNI CITY RESERVOIR
ALBION
ALGONQUIN PARK EAST GA
ALOUETTE LAKE
AMOS
AMPHITRITE POINT
ANGERS
APPLETON
APRIL BROOK IHD
ARGENTIA (AUT)
ARMAGH
ARMSTRONG (AUT)

Generate/Show IDF
Edit Station
Create Station
Create a Copy
Delete Station

Station Info
User Data
Companion Files
Share Station with Others

Station name: DEMO
Climate ID: Demo1
Latitude: 40.70
Longitude: -85.25
Elevation: ---
Start date/year: 2015
End date/year: 2015
Number of years (with data): 0

Figure 31. Station page: precipitation data editing, uploading files and sharing

The station list will only include stations created by the logged-in user and those shared with the user by other users, as in Figure 32. The user can search the list of stations by typing text within the search textbox above the list. A checkbox “Show Env. Canada Stations” allows user to see all stations in the database from Environment and Climate Change Canada, as shown in Figure 33. Stations that are shared as full access with the logged-in user will be identified with “(full access)” after the station’s name, as in Figure 32. If the other user shares the station as read-only, the “(read-only)” will be added instead of “(full access)”. For more information on sharing user-generated stations and station data, see Section 2.6.3.

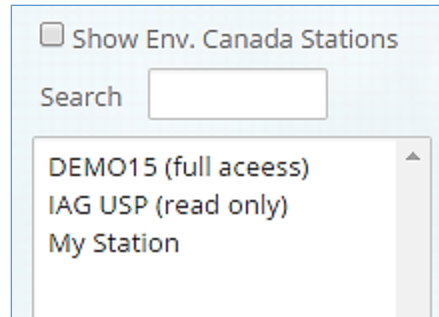


Figure 32. User created stations

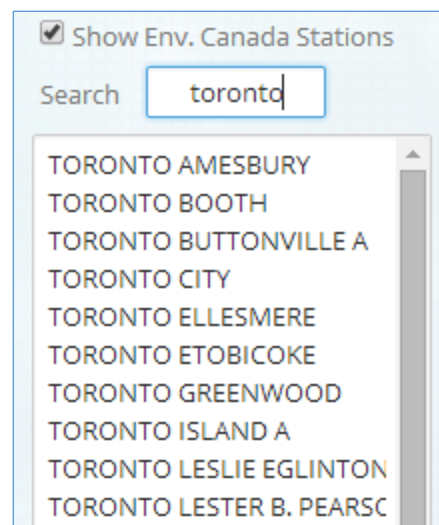


Figure 33. Stations from Environment and Climate Change Canada

Below the list of stations, a few additional functions are available when a specific station has been selected from the list, as illustrated in Figure 34:

- “Generate/Show IDF”: generates and shows the IDF curve and presents the page for updating IDF curves for future climate conditions. The user can also perform these functions by selecting a station on the map.
- “Edit Station”: allows the user to edit a station’s basic information (location, name, ID, etc.).
- “Create Station”: allows the user to create a new station, and serves as an alternative to creating a station by right-clicking on the map. When using this approach to create a new

- station, no information about coordinates and location (city/province) will be provided, and the user will have to provide this information manually.
- “Delete Station”: allows user to delete station and all associated data, and serves as an alternative to deleting the station directly from the map.
  - “Create a Copy”: allows user to copy a station to their account. Users can copy stations from Environment and Climate Change Canada and add or modify data. Similar to user created stations, copied stations can be deleted and edited by users.



Figure 34. Options available for a selected station on list

When the selected station is from an official source (e.g., Environment and Climate Change Canada), the “Edit Station” and “Delete Station” options will not be available, as shown in Figure 35.

☒ Show Env. Canada Stations  
 Search   
 TORONTO INTL A  
 Generate/Show IDF  
 Create Station  
 Create a Copy

Figure 35. Users are not able to delete or edit station data for stations from official sources, including Environment and Climate Change Canada

Selecting (clicking) one station from the list will enable the *Tabs* on the right side of the page, as shown in Figure 36. Each *Tab* is described as follows:

- Station Info: basic station information, name, coordinates, ID
- User Data: data provided by the user. This is presented in detail in section 2.6.1.
- Official Data: data from Environment and Climate Change Canada. No editing is possible, and the yearly sub-daily precipitation maximums are presented as “read-only” data to the user.
- Companion Files: allows the user to upload or download supporting files (see Section 2.6.2).

- Share Station: share station with other users registered with the IDF\_CC tool (see Section 2.6.3).

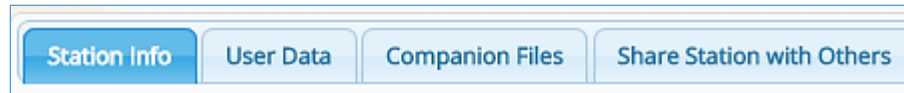


Figure 36. List tabs available on the station data page.

### 2.5.3 Preparing and Providing Data for User-Created Stations

The IDF\_CC tool allows users to provide precipitation data in two formats: daily sub-daily maximums or yearly sub-daily maximums (Figure 37). When selecting the option “Daily Maximums” the starting and ending date for the precipitation series is requested. Once the date range is defined the “Change Dates” button, when selected, will prepare the spreadsheet and allow the user to provide precipitation data within the specified range. As shown in Figure 37 the dates are shown continuously from start to end date. Days without precipitation events can be left blank (null) or with negative values. In the processing steps, the IDF\_CC tool’s algorithms will ignore null or negative values. It is recommended that the user prepare data using a spreadsheet processor, like Microsoft Excel™, and then copy data into the IDF\_CC tool by using Ctrl + C (to copy) from Excel and Ctrl + V (to paste) into the IDF\_CC tool’s spreadsheet. After the data is pasted into the spreadsheet, it can be saved to the database by selecting “Save Daily Data”. Other data formats can also be used, such as formatted text files. Excel spreadsheets and text files (Figure 38) should be organized in columns, where each column represents a sub-daily maximum following the order in the IDF\_CC tool’s spreadsheet (Figure 37). The user will need to provide data for sub-daily durations specified in station information (i.e., 5min, 10min ... 1hr, 2hr ... 24h), otherwise the IDF\_CC tool will neither be able to fit the IDF curves nor to update them.

Select the type of data you would like to use for IDF generation:

☒ Daily maximums ☐ Yearly maximums

**Daily maximums** **Yearly maximums**

Starting date  Ending date  **Apply** (use dd/mm/yyyy format)

**Save Daily Data**

| Date (yyyy-mm-dd) | 5 min | 10 min | 15 min | 30 min | 1 hr | 2 hr | 6 hr | 12 hr | 24 hr |
|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 2015-02-01        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-02        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-03        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-04        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-05        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-06        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-07        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-08        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-09        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-10        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-11        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-12        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-13        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |
| 2015-02-14        |       |        |        |        |      |      |      |       |       |

Figure 37. Editing/saving sub-daily daily maximums

**Data.txt - Notepad**

| File | Edit | Format | View | Help |
|------|------|--------|------|------|
| 7.6  | 11.7 | 15.2   | 18.5 | 21.3 |
| 10.4 | 16   | 21.8   | 24.6 | 25.9 |
| 9.4  | 11.7 | 14.5   | 22.9 | 31.2 |
| 7.1  | 11.7 | 15.7   | 20.3 | 20.6 |
| 11.9 | 17.8 | 21.1   | 24.4 | 24.6 |
| 7.4  | 10.2 | 13     | 17.8 | 21.3 |
| 5.8  | 6.1  | 6.1    | 8.1  | 8.9  |
| 7.1  | 8.4  | 8.6    | 9.9  | 10.4 |
| 6.1  | 11.2 | 13.5   | 17.8 | 27.2 |
| 9.4  | 10.7 | 11.2   | 17   | 19.6 |
| 17   | 20.8 | 23.4   | 31.5 | 32.5 |
| 10.7 | 14.2 | 19.8   | 21.8 | 22.4 |

Figure 38. Formatting data in text files to paste on the IDF\_CC tool's website

When yearly sub-daily maximums are available, they can be entered into the system instead of daily data (see Figure 39). Starting and ending year are required for yearly sub-daily maximums. After defining the range and applying changes with the “Change Years” menu button, the spreadsheet will be ready to receive data. Data can also be copied using Microsoft Excel™ or formatted text files. Each column represents one sub-daily duration. Users are requested to provide data for sub-daily durations (i.e., 5 min, 10 min, 15 min, 30 min, 1hr ... 24hr) specified in the station information; otherwise, the IDF\_CC tool will neither be able to fit the IDF curves nor update them.

Select the type of data you would like to be used for IDF generation:  
☐ Daily Maximums ☒ Yearly Maximums

Starting Year (yyyy)  Ending Year (yyyy)

| Year | 10 min | 20 min | 30 min | 1 hr | 2 hr | 3 hr | 6 hr  | 12 hr | 24 hr |
|------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1931 | 10.1   | 17.7   | 25.0   | 37.5 | 68.4 | 90.4 | 116.6 | 116.6 | 116.6 |
| 1932 | 11.7   | 21.7   | 26.5   | 32.1 | 32.1 | 32.1 | 35.6  | 35.6  | 35.6  |
| 1933 | 11.7   | 16.5   | 16.6   | 27.0 | 32.9 | 36.6 | 45.1  | 45.7  | 65.4  |
| 1934 | 16.9   | 19.3   | 21.6   | 29.0 | 35.9 | 38.7 | 38.7  | 38.7  | 58.6  |
| 1935 | 15.0   | 23.0   | 26.3   | 31.0 | 36.2 | 36.5 | 44.5  | 54.7  | 56.4  |
| 1936 | 11.3   | 17.9   | 20.2   | 23.4 | 29.6 | 35.5 | 43.9  | 60.5  | 60.5  |
| 1937 | 22.0   | 39.0   | 50.7   | 55.9 | 56.4 | 56.4 | 56.6  | 56.6  | 83.0  |
| 1938 | 8.3    | 16.6   | 19.8   | 24.7 | 42.2 | 47.9 | 54.2  | 72.2  | 86.6  |
| 1939 | 16.9   | 17.1   | 18.5   | 28.7 | 28.9 | 29.0 | 39.5  | 50.2  | 51.5  |
| 1940 | 12.1   | 21.7   | 27.8   | 44.8 | 55.3 | 57.4 | 61.2  | 61.2  | 79.4  |
| 1941 | 14.1   | 23.5   | 29.4   | 39.3 | 54.0 | 55.2 | 55.5  | 55.5  | 59.0  |
| 1942 | 12.0   | 19.6   | 25.1   | 39.7 | 46.4 | 49.0 | 50.7  | 66.3  | 67.3  |

Figure 39. Saving/editing sub-daily yearly maximums

## 2.5.4 Companion Files

Additional files can be uploaded and downloaded for each station using the “Companion Files” tab. The types of files that can be uploaded include documents, spreadsheets, text and PDF files. These files will be available for download by the user who created the station and users with

which the user has shared the station. Shared users will have either full access or read only access as specified by the user who created and shared the station (Figure 40). The file name, file size, and file type (icon) are also presented in the *Tab*. Users may delete uploaded documents by selecting the red “x” in the last column, if authorized to do so.

This section is reserved to upload and download files (documents, spreadsheets, text, data) that may support the data and IDF for this station

Select Files to Upload

| File Name                                                           | Size     | Type                                                                                  | Action |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <a href="#">idf_v2-2_2012_02_09_614_ON_6144478_LONDON_CS.pdf</a>    | 46.0 KB  |    | ✖      |
| <a href="#">idf_v2-2_2012_02_09_614_ON_6144478_LONDON_CS.png</a>    | 159.0 KB |    | ✖      |
| <a href="#">idf_v2-2_2012_02_09_614_ON_6144478_LONDON_CS.txt</a>    | 11.0 KB  |    | ✖      |
| <a href="#">idf_v2-2_2012_02_09_614_ON_6144478_LONDON_CS_qq.pdf</a> | 70.0 KB  |    | ✖      |
| <a href="#">idf_v2-2_2012_02_09_614_ON_6144478_LONDON_CS_qq.png</a> | 187.0 KB |    | ✖      |
| <a href="#">idf_v2-2_2012_02_09_614_ON_6144478_LONDON_CS_r.pdf</a>  | 72.0 KB  |   | ✖      |
| <a href="#">idf_v2-2_2012_02_09_614_ON_6144478_LONDON_CS_r.png</a>  | 242.0 KB |  | ✖      |

Figure 40. Uploading files

### 2.5.5 Sharing User Created Stations

The “Share Station” *Tab* allows users to share their user-created stations with other users, as illustrated in Figure 41. There are two different levels of access: 1) “Full Access” allows the user to change data and information and view historical and updated IDFs; and 2) “Read Only” allows read-only access to the specific station. This type of access will allow users who have been granted access to the station to view and generate updated IDFs, but will not allow these users to edit or delete station data. The station is shared by providing the email of the person with whom the user would like to share the station. If the email is associated with an account already registered within the Tool’s database, the user will only receive an email with an invitation to view the station. If the email is not registered, a temporary account will be created and on the first access the user will need to complete their registration for an account (requiring Name, Email, Affiliation, etc.). The creator of

the station can also change editing/viewing permissions for users with which they have shared stations using the “Remove shared” option.

Please type the email of the person with which you would like to share this station. You may make the station available as “read only” preventing the shared user from editing the data, or you may grant the user “full access” so they may view and edit the station data.

Email:




Station shared with:

| Name                      | Email                    | Access Level |                               |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| [Please Update your name] | abcde@gmail.com          | Read Only    | <a href="#">Remove Shared</a> |
| Test User                 | schardongandre@gmail.com | Read Only    | <a href="#">Remove Shared</a> |
| [Please Update your name] | acdfsadfa@gmail.com      | Read Only    | <a href="#">Remove Shared</a> |
| [Please Update your name] | acdfsadfadfa@gmail.com   | Read Only    | <a href="#">Remove Shared</a> |
| Andre Schardong -uwo      | aschardo@uwo.ca          | Read Only    | <a href="#">Remove Shared</a> |
| [Please Update your name] | fadskfjsadkf@gmail.com   | Full Access  | <a href="#">Remove Shared</a> |

Figure 41. Sharing stations with other users

## 2.6 IDF curves for Ungauged locations

The IDF\_CC tool includes an ungauged site-gridded IDFs module. This module allows the user to obtain IDF curves for any location in Canada.

The IDF\_CC tool uses a GIS-based map tool to assist the user in selecting locations (coordinates) to obtain the gridded IDFs (Figure 42). By clicking on the map, the IDF\_CC tool will select the nears grids to the selected location, and its corresponding IDF estimates, interpolate and present the result to the user. An example of an IDF for a location selected from the Map is presented in Figure 43 (coordinate) and Figure 44 (IDF estimates).

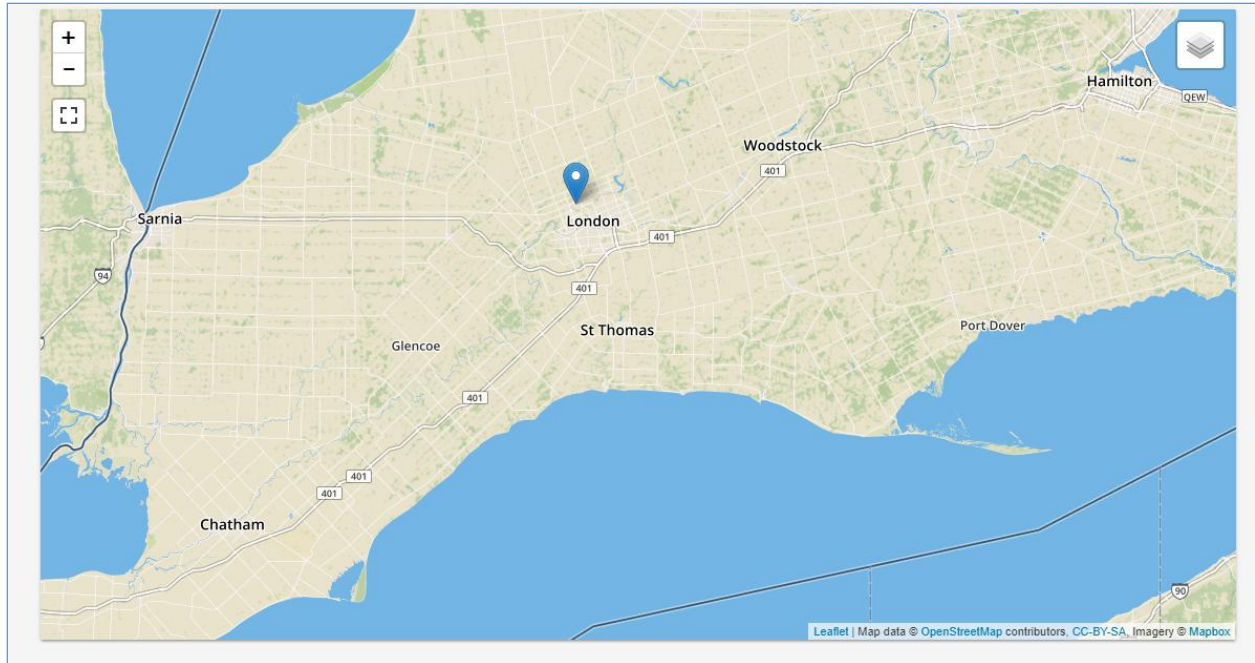


Figure 42. Screenshot with map of Canada showing stations from Environment and Climate Change Canada and/or user-provided stations

Gridded IDF for: Lat: 43.26521 °, Lon: -80.75912 °

Station Info

IDF, historical data ?

IDF under climate change ?

Station name: Gridded IDF  
Gridded IDF for the following coordinates:  
Latitude: 43.26521 °  
Longitude: -80.75912 °

Figure 43. Example of the coordinates for the selected location from the Map

## Ungauged IDF for: Lat: 43.01670°, Lon: -81.26930°

Station Info

IDF historical data ?

IDF under climate change ?

GEV

Gumbel

Tables

Plots

Interpolation Equations

Total precipitation amounts are presented in mm and precipitation intensity rates are presented in mm/h for different return periods (T) presented in years

☒ Total PPT (mm) ☐ Intensity rates (mm/h)

| T (years) | 2     | 5     | 10    | 20    | 25    | 50     | 100    | 200    |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| 5 min     | 8.60  | 11.34 | 13.28 | 15.22 | 15.86 | 17.89  | 20.00  | 22.20  |
| 10 min    | 12.92 | 17.49 | 20.75 | 24.07 | 25.17 | 28.70  | 32.45  | 36.45  |
| 15 min    | 15.74 | 21.10 | 24.90 | 28.74 | 30.01 | 34.03  | 38.24  | 42.67  |
| 30 min    | 20.67 | 27.93 | 32.75 | 37.40 | 38.88 | 43.47  | 48.08  | 52.73  |
| 1 h       | 25.60 | 35.55 | 42.41 | 49.30 | 51.56 | 58.77  | 66.34  | 74.34  |
| 2 h       | 29.97 | 41.00 | 48.50 | 55.93 | 58.35 | 65.99  | 73.90  | 82.17  |
| 6 h       | 38.16 | 50.11 | 58.13 | 65.96 | 68.47 | 76.35  | 84.41  | 92.73  |
| 12 h      | 44.78 | 57.16 | 64.86 | 72.00 | 74.23 | 81.04  | 87.76  | 94.48  |
| 24 h      | 51.87 | 67.82 | 78.13 | 87.85 | 90.90 | 100.23 | 109.39 | 118.47 |

Figure 44. IDF table estimates for the selected coordinates from the Map

### 3 Development and Updating of IDF Curves

The IDF\_CC tool allows users to simply generate and view IDF curves for any hydro-meteorological station. By selecting a station from the map or using the option “Generate/Show IDF” option described in the previous section, a new pop-up window appears (Figure 45). The first tab (“Station Info”) presents the name, ID, location and information and record lengths for the station. The other two tabs, “IDF, historical data” and “IDF under climate change” are described in sections 3.1 and 3.2, respectively.



Figure 45. IDF\_CC tool page with station information, historical and future IDF

#### 3.1 IDF curves for Gauged locations

When the user requests to view an IDF for a station, the IDF\_CC tool triggers a calculation process using mathematical models in the background. When the “IDF, historical data” tab is selected, an IDF curve based on the available observed historical precipitation data is presented to the user. The background data analysis steps are as follows:

- 1) Read and organize data from the database for the selected station.
- 2) Data analysis (ignore negative and zero values) and extraction of yearly maximums.

- 3) Calculate statistical distribution parameters for GEV and Gumbel using L-moments and the method of moments, respectively. For more details on the Gumbel distribution, please refer to *TechMan* section 3.1.1 and 3.1.2.
- 4) Calculate IDF (please refer to *TechMan* section 2.1 and 3.1 for more detail).
- 5) Fit interpolated equations to the IDF curve using an optimization algorithm (Differential Evolution): refer to Storn and Price (1997) and Vasan (2008) for more details on Differential Evolution optimization (available in Appendix B).
- 6) Organize data for display (tables, plots, and equations).

After the calculation steps are completed the IDF is presented in the form of tables, total precipitation, intensity graphs and the fitted equation. These results are presented by selecting “IDF, historical data” *Tab* as in Figure 46. The IDF is fitted to the historical data using GEV and Gumbel distribution and results are presented in the following forms:

- 1) Tables: the IDFs are presented in traditional tabular format with duration (in minutes and hours) and return period (T) as in Figure 46. Both total precipitation (Figure 46 in mm and intensity (Figure 47) in mm/h are presented and the user can toggle between these two options.

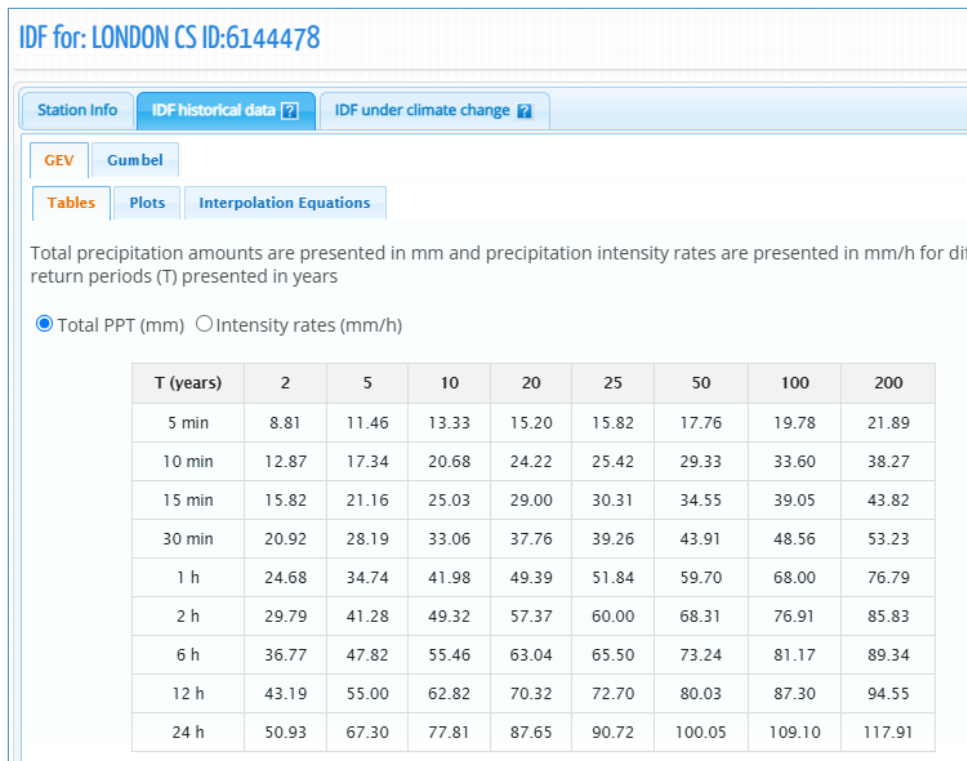


Figure 46. Total precipitation (in mm) IDF table

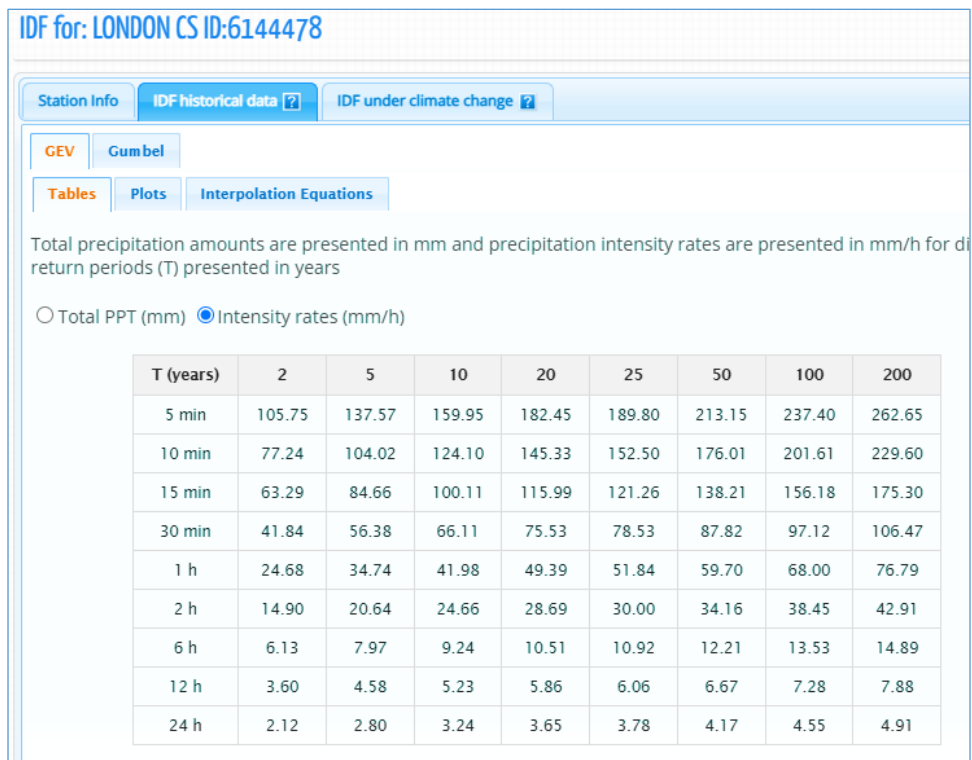


Figure 47. Rainfall intensity (in mm/h) IDF table

2) Plots: the plots or graphs are also presented as *Total Precipitation* (in mm) and *Intensity* (mm/h) as shown in Figure 48 and Figure 49, respectively. The user can hide or show the IDF curve for each return period by clicking on individual return periods in the legend below the graph. Zoom is also available and is performed by dragging out a rectangle in the chart with the mouse pointer. The map will enlarge the selected area (Figure 50) and a “Reset zoom” button is provided. The “Reset zoom” option will revert the initial zoom level (Figure 48). By hovering the mouse pointer over dots, the user can view precipitation, intensity and duration values for each point on the plot. The dots are calculated IDF values, and the lines are plotted using the fitted equation presented under the “Interpolation Equation” tab. A button on the top left of the plot () allows the user to print and export/download the graph to an images file (Figure 51).

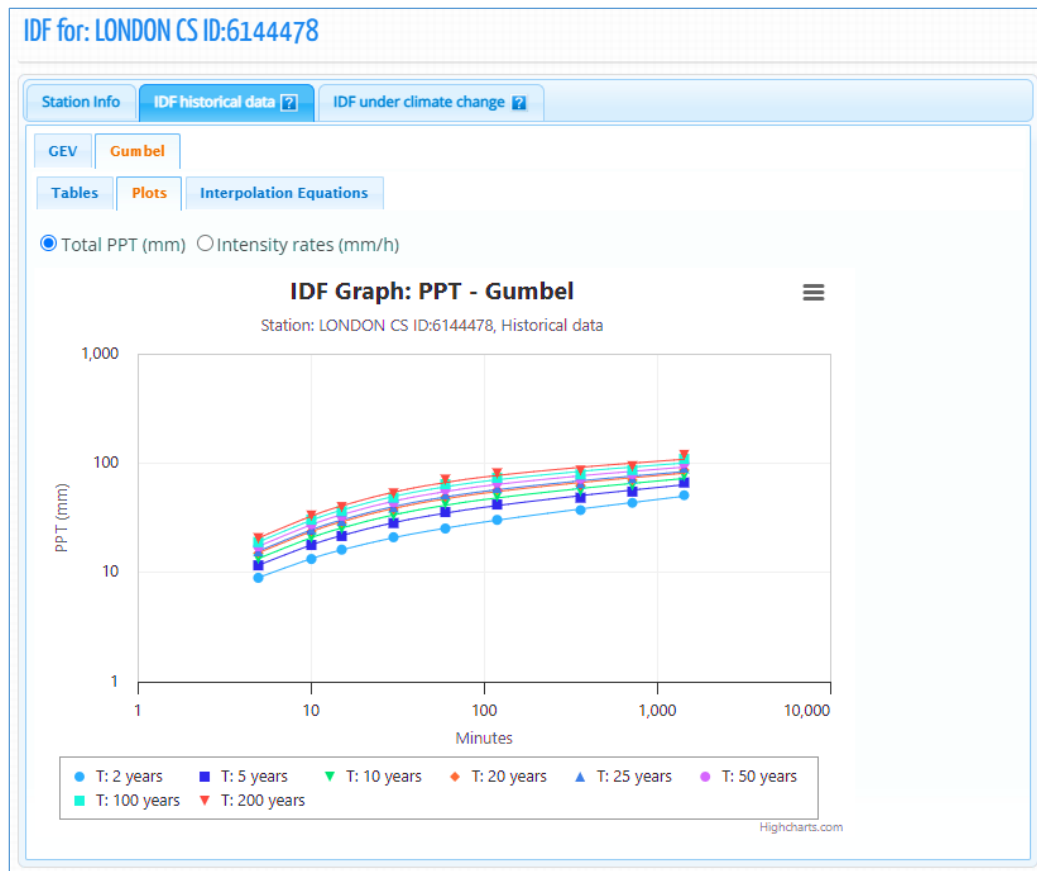


Figure 48. Total precipitation (in mm) IDF graph for different return periods

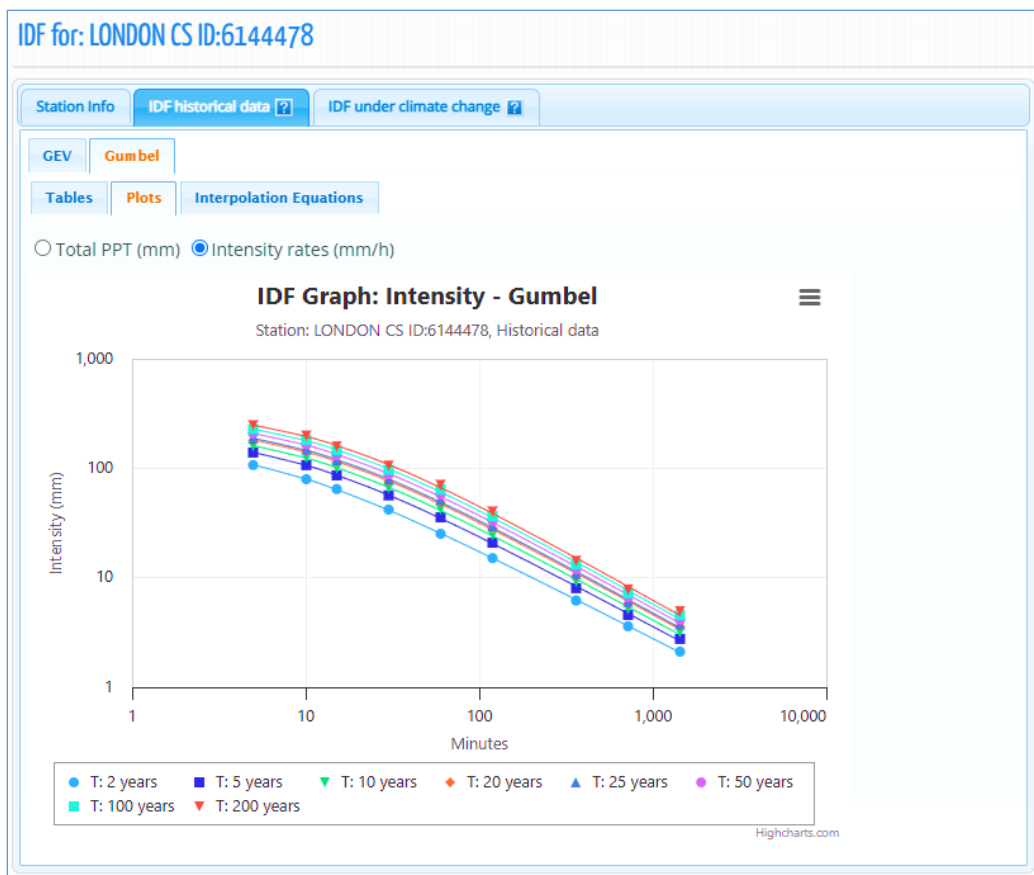


Figure 49. Rainfall intensity (in mm/h) IDF graph for different return periods

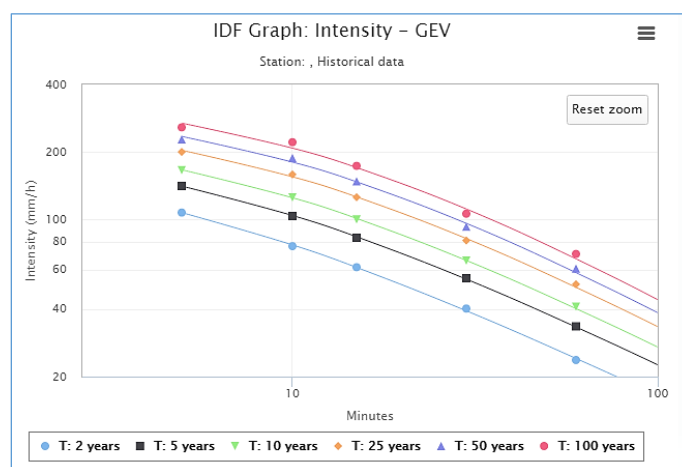


Figure 50. Zooming in a plot and resetting the zoom level

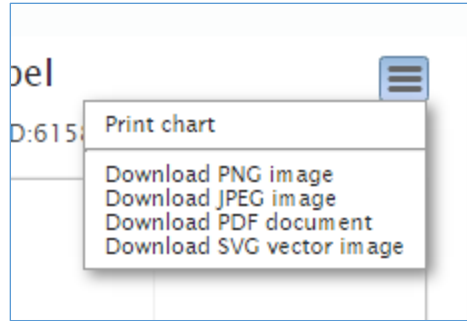


Figure 51. Printing and exporting a plot as image

3) Interpolation Equations: an optimization algorithm is used to fit equations to the calculated IDF values. The equations are presented under the “Interpolation Equations” *Tab* as shown in Figure 52. Three coefficients  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $t_0$  are calculated by the optimization algorithm for each return period ( $T$ ) and presented as a table in Figure 52. This equation can be applied as a fast method for interpolation and calculation of design storms.

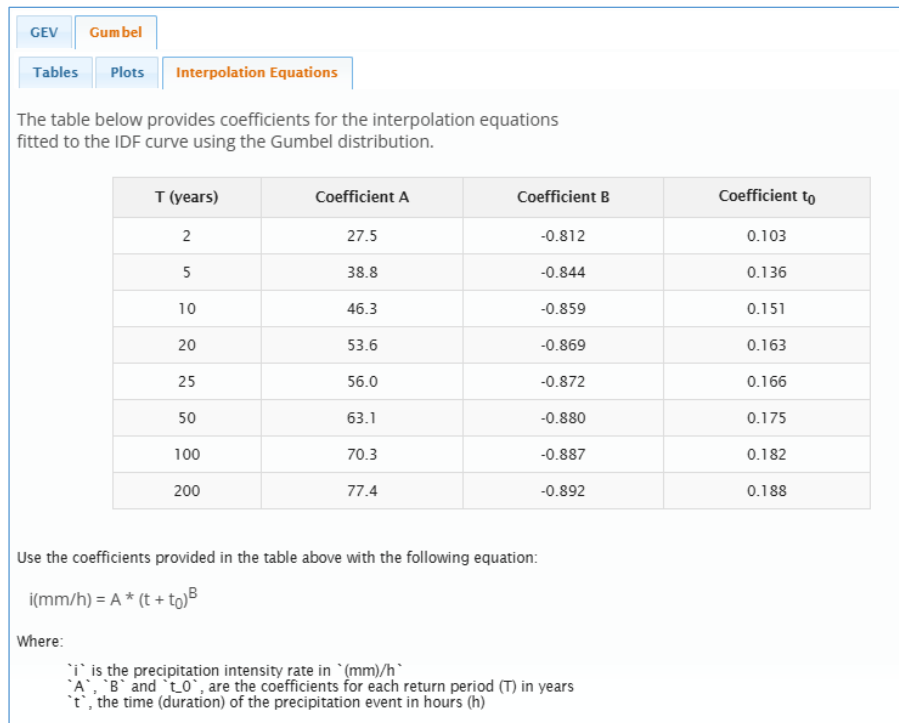


Figure 52. Fitted IDF equation to historical precipitation data

### 3.2 IDF curves for Ungauged locations

With the gridded dataset module, users can obtain IDF curves for any location in the country, especially in regions where no observations are available. The IDF estimates are calculated according to the methodology described in *TechMan* section 3.2. For a selected location from the map the IDF\_CC tool will present the Gridded IDFs in similar format as the ones based on gauges observations (described in 3.1).

The user will select the location (coordinates) from the Map, and based on the input, the IDF\_CC tool will identify the nearest grids, and present the IDF curves. Figure 53 presents a screenshot with the coordinates of the selected location. The elements are presented in similar format to the gauged based IDFs: tables (Figure 54), interactive graphs (Figure 55) and the fitted equation (Figure 56).



The screenshot displays the 'Gridded IDF' tool interface. At the top, it shows the title 'Gridded IDF for: Lat: 43.26521 °, Lon: -80.75912 °'. Below this, there are three tabs: 'Station Info' (selected), 'IDF, historical data', and 'IDF under climate change'. The 'Station Info' tab contains the following text: 'Station name: Gridded IDF', 'Gridded IDF for the following coordinates:', 'Latitude: 43.26521 °', and 'Longitude: -80.75912 °'.

Figure 53. IDF\_CC tool page with the coordinates of the selected location for the Gridded IDF

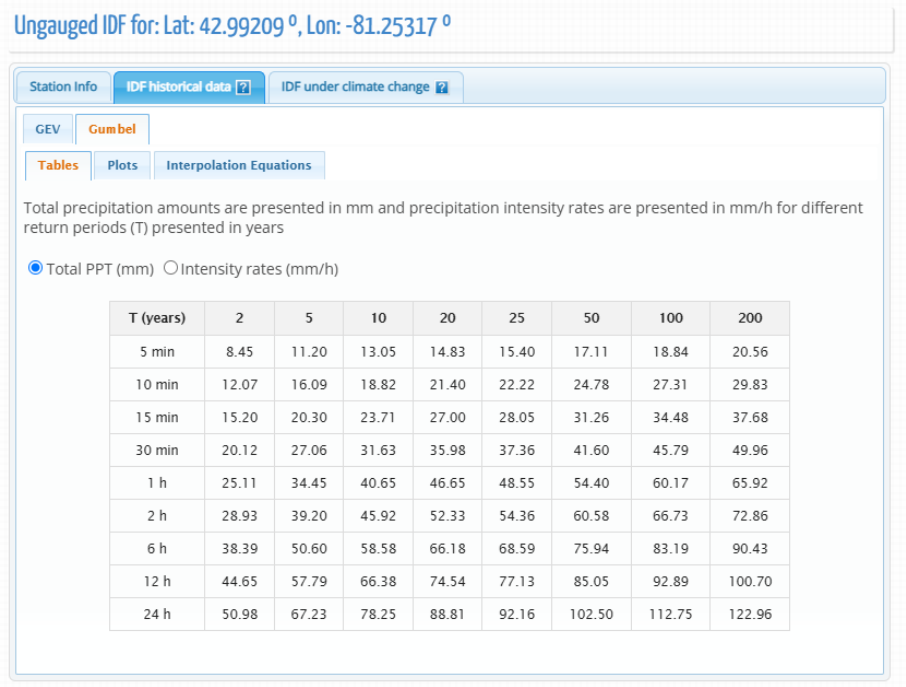


Figure 54. Total precipitation (in mm) IDF table for the selected coordinates

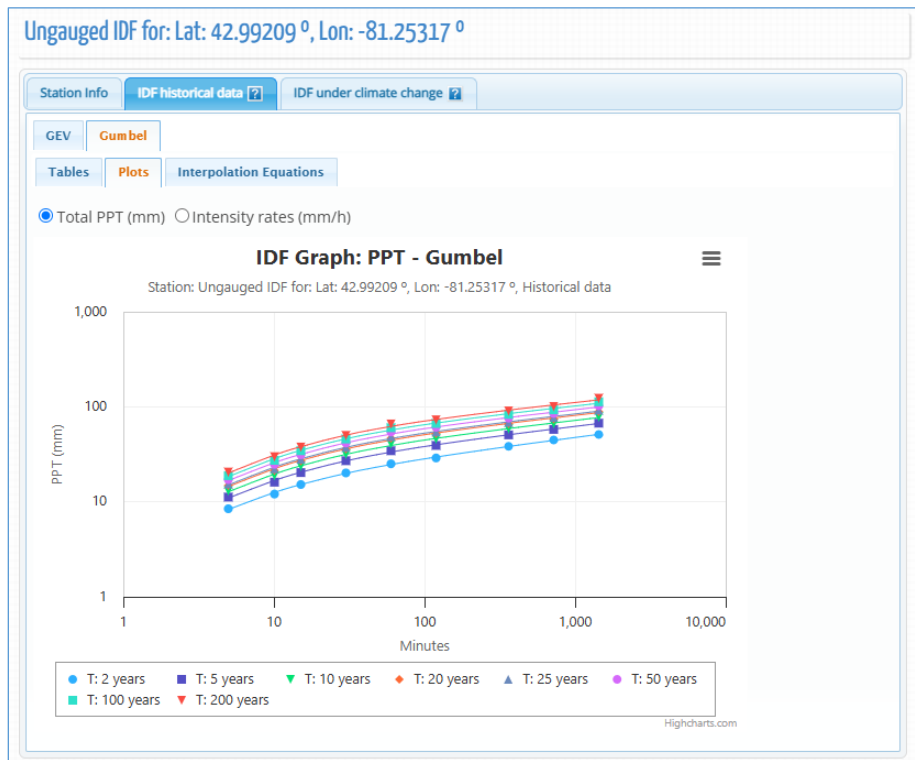


Figure 55. Total precipitation (in mm) IDF graph for different return periods

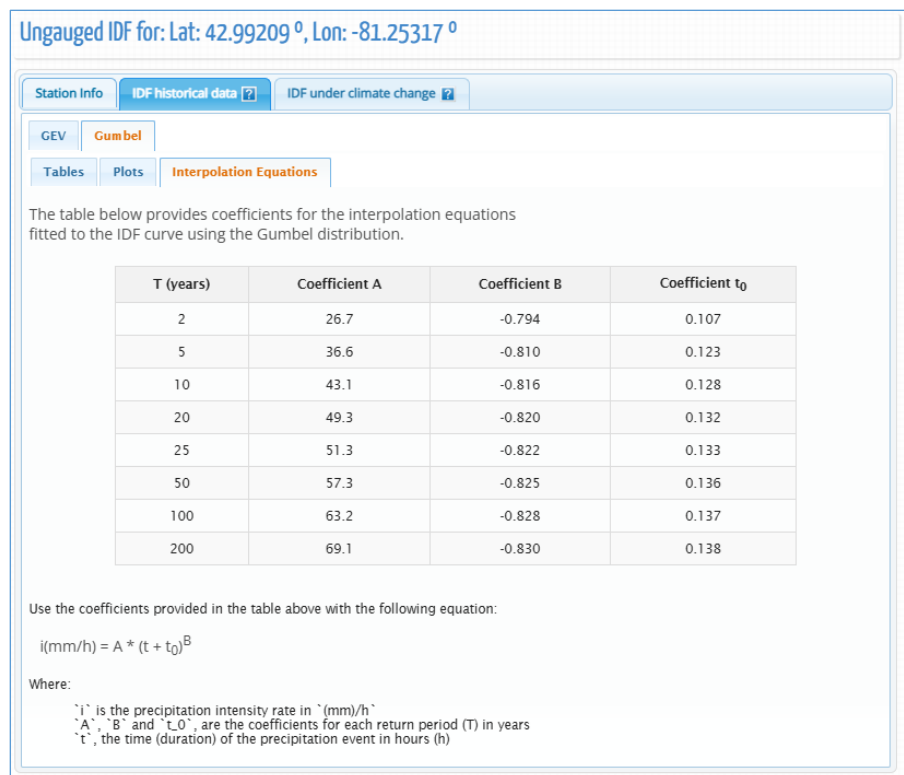


Figure 56. Fitted IDF equation to precipitation data for the selected location

## 4 Updated IDF curves under Climate Change

By selecting the “IDF under climate change” tab, the user can generate IDF curves that account for future climate conditions. To generate the updated IDF curves for future climate, the user has a few options to choose from (as shown in Figure 57):

1. Choice to select all models or build a custom ensemble by selecting one or more GCMs;
2. The updating methodology: precipitation (EQM algorithm) or temperature (Clausius-Clapeyron relationship) based updating methods;
3. The statistical distribution: Gumbel or GEV; and
4. The projection period (window) from 2015-2100.

IDF for: LONDON CS ID:6144478

Station Info | IDF historical data | **IDF under climate change**

Climate Model Selection | SSP1.26 | SSP2.45 | SSP5.85 | Summary Graphs

1. Select the time period for updating the IDF curve under climate change. The tool will use climate model data for the chosen range. The available period is from 2015 to 2100. Please select a projection period of at least 30 years.

From 2015 to 2100

Methodology: ☒ Equidistance Quantile Matching (precipitation) ☐ Clausius-Clapeyron scaling (temperature)

Distribution: ☒ GEV ☐ Gumbel

2. Select a Climate Model to see results. Climate models are listed by name:

CMIP6: ☒ CanDCS-M6 ☐ CanDCS-U6

CMIP5: ☐ CanDCS-U5

Multi-model ensemble selection: ☒ All models ☐ Custom (select one or more models)

ACCESS-CM2  
CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Aspendale, Victoria 3195, Australia),  
ARCCSS (Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science),

ACCESS-ESM1-5  
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Aspendale, Victoria 3195, Australia,

BCC-CSM2-MR  
Beijing Climate Center(BCC),China Meteorological Administration,China,

CanESM5\_r1  
Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Victoria, BC

Figure 57. Selection of the CGM CMIP6 model and projection period

There are two sets of 26 bias-corrected models (35 runs) based on CMIP6 raw GCMs, and 24 bias-corrected models based on CMIP5 raw GCMs, resulting in a total of 94 GCM datasets

available with the IDF\_CC tool. These bias corrected models are produced by ECCC (Environment and Climate Change Canada) and PCIC (Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium), Canada, 2025:

- **CanDCS-M6:** Canadian Downscaled Climate Scenarios–Multivariate method from CMIP6 (Annex A – Table 1);
- **CanDCS-U6:** Canadian Downscaled Climate Scenarios–Univariate method from CMIP6 (Annex A – Table 2); and
- **CanDCS-U5:** Canadian Downscaled Climate Scenarios–Univariate method from CMIP5 (Annex A – Table 3);

The available range for the future time period is 2015 to 2100 (Step 1 in Figure 57). The updating procedure applies for both gauged and gridded IDFs. If a set of **CMIP6-based GCMs** is selected, the user will be presented with three SSPs (Figure 57). If CMIP5 bias-corrected models are selected, three RCPs will be presented as in Figure 58.

With respect to GCM selection, to generate IDF curves that account for climate change, the user has two options: select a multi-model ensemble including all available models or a custom ensemble including one or more individually selected models from the list of GCMs (Step 2 in Figure 57 and Figure 58). The users are encouraged to test different models due to the uncertainty associated with climate modeling. The climate modelling community does not “compare” global climate models to identify superior/inferior models for specific locations. Thus, users should note that there is no “right” GCM for any given location. Users are provided access to all available models in the IDF\_CC tool to allow them to understand the uncertainty associated with potential climate change impacts.

The following steps are performed by the IDF\_CC tool to update IDF curves for future climate. Please see *TechMan* section 3.2 for more information on each of the steps:

- 1) Extract precipitation data series from GCM grid points for the selected station (e.g., using BCCAQv2 with the Canadian CanESM2 model).
- 2) Organize data and extract yearly maximums.
- 3) Apply the Equidistant Quantile Matching (EQM) algorithm or the Clausius Clapeyron relationship (refer to *TechMan* section 4).

- 4) Estimate distribution parameters and calculate IDFs for each future climate scenario (SSPs or RCPs).
- 5) Generate median IDF from the results of step 4 for each SSP or RCP.
- 6) Organize data for display (tables, plots, and equations, uncertainty range plot).

IDF for: LONDON CS ID:6144478

Station Info | IDF historical data | **IDF under climate change**

Climate Model Selection | RCP 2.6 | RCP 4.5 | RCP 8.5 | Summary Graphs

1. Select the time period for updating the IDF curve under climate change. The tool will use climate model data for the chosen range. The available period is from 2015 to 2100. Please select a projection period of at least 30 years.

From 2015 to 2100

Methodology: ☒ Equidistance Quantile Matching (precipitation) ☐ Clausius-Clapeyron scaling (temperature)

Distribution: ☒ GEV ☐ Gumbel

2. Select a Climate Model to see results. Climate models are listed by name:

CMIP6: ☐ CanDCS-M6 ☐ CanDCS-U6

CMIP5: ☒ CanDCS-U5

Multi-model ensemble selection: ☐ All models ☒ Custom (select one or more models)

bcc-csm1-1  
Beijing Climate Center(BCC),China Meteorological Administration,China,

bcc-csm1-1-m  
Beijing Climate Center(BCC),China Meteorological Administration,China,

BNU-ESM  
GCESS,BNU,Beijing,China,

CanESM2  
Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Victoria, BC  
V8P 5C2, Canada,

Figure 58. Selection of CMIP5 or CMIP6 bias-corrected models and projection period

In the IPCC Assessment Report 6 (AR6, IPCC, 2023), the energy modelling community has developed a new set of emissions scenarios driven by different socioeconomic assumptions. These are the named Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs). A number of these SSP scenarios have been selected to drive climate models for CMIP6. The most common SSPs selected by climate modelling centers and for which outputs are produced are the following (O’Neil et al., 2016):

- **SSP1-2.6:** This scenario with 2.6 W/m<sup>2</sup> by the year 2100 is a remake of the optimistic scenario RCP2.6 and was designed with the aim of simulating development that is

compatible with the 2°C target. This scenario assumes climate protection measures are applied;

- **SSP2-4.5:** As an update to scenario RCP4.5, SSP2-4.5, with an additional radiative forcing of 4.5 W/m<sup>2</sup> by the year 2100, represents a medium pathway of future greenhouse gas emissions. This scenario assumes that climate protection measures are applied;
- **SSP5-8.5:** With an additional radiative forcing of 8.5 W/m<sup>2</sup> by the year 2100, this scenario represents the upper boundary of the range of scenarios described in the literature. It can be understood as an update to the CMIP5 RCP8.5 scenario, now combined with socioeconomic factors.

#### 4.1 Equidistant Quantile Matching Algorithm – Precipitation based

When the EQM algorithm is selected (Figure 57) to update the IDF curves, the results are displayed in tables, total precipitation values, rainfall intensity graphs, and uncertainty range graphs after completing the IDF update calculations. These results are provided for each future scenario: SSP1-2.6, SSP2-4.5, and SSP5-8.5 if a CMIP6 model is chosen, and RCP 2.6, 4.5, and 8.5 if a CMIP5 model is selected. Each scenario is displayed as a set of *Tabs* as shown in Figure 59 and Figure 60 respectively.

Updated IDF curves for future climate conditions for all future projected scenarios three SSPs for bias-corrected models from CMIP6 and three RCPs for CMIP5 bias-corrected models) are presented as tables, plots and uncertainty ranges, as described here:

1) Tables: the IDF is presented in the traditional table format for all durations (in minutes and hours) and return periods (T) as illustrated in Figure 60. Both total precipitation in mm (Figure 60) and rainfall intensity in mm/h (Figure 61) are available and the user can toggle between these two options using the available radio buttons. The IDF curves presented in Figure 60 and Figure 61 are a median from the multi-model ensemble selected for each emission scenario (see *TechMan* section 2.3).

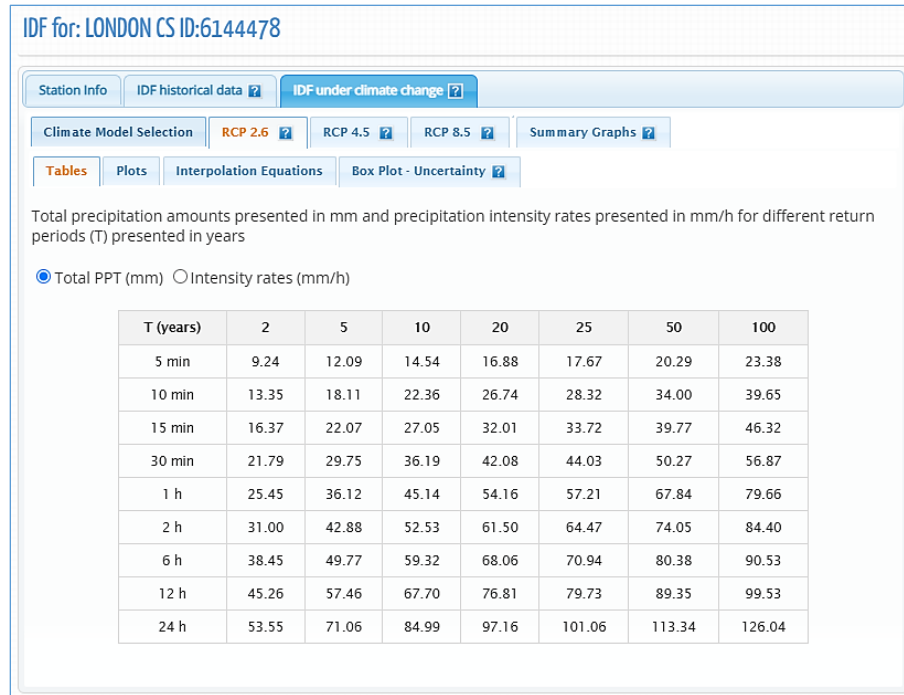


Figure 59. Updated IDF tables for future climate conditions – total precipitation in mm using CMIP6 GCMs

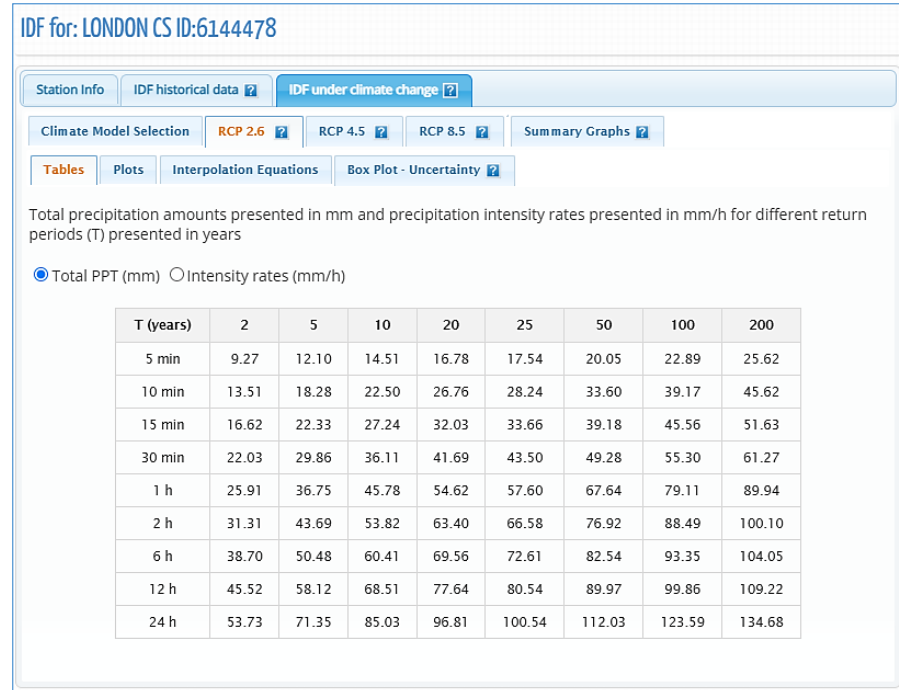


Figure 60. Updated IDF tables for future climate conditions – total precipitation in mm using CMIP5 GCMs

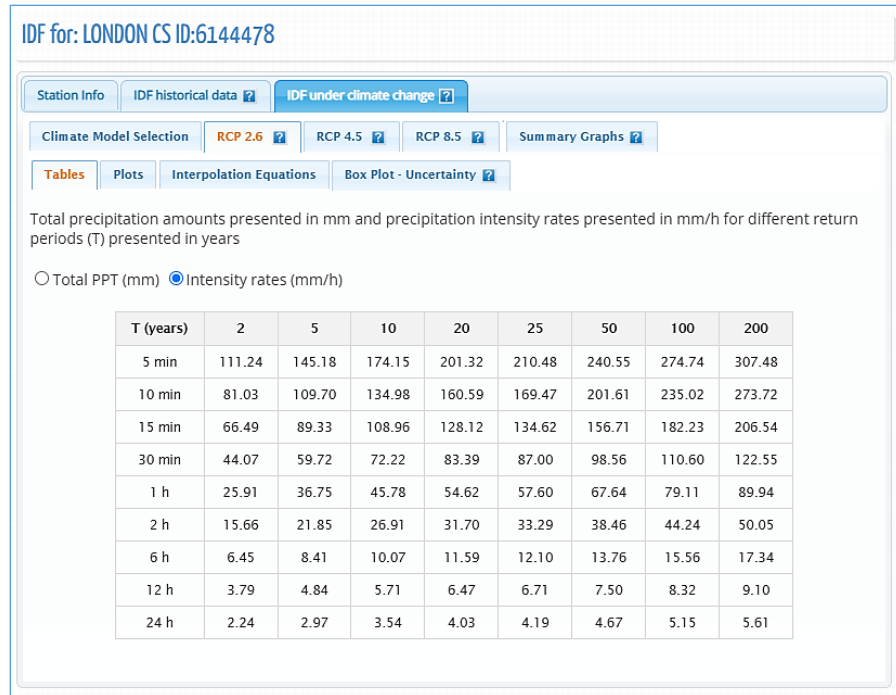


Figure 61. Updated IDF tables for future climate conditions – rainfall intensity in mm/h

2) Plots: the plots or graphs are also available for total precipitation (in mm) and rainfall intensity (mm/h) as presented in Figure 62 and Figure 63, respectively. The user can hide or show the IDF curve for each return period by clicking on individual return periods in the legend below the graph. Zoom is also available and is performed by dragging out a rectangle in the chart with the mouse pointer. The area selected is zoomed-in (Figure 50) and a “Reset zoom” button will be visible. The “Reset zoom” option will revert the zoom level to the original state. By hovering the mouse pointer over dots, the user can view precipitation, intensity and duration values for each point on the plot. The dots are calculated IDF values and the lines are plotted using the fitted equation that is presented under “Interpolation Equations” tab. The same procedure can be applied with the CMIP6 or the bias-corrected models.

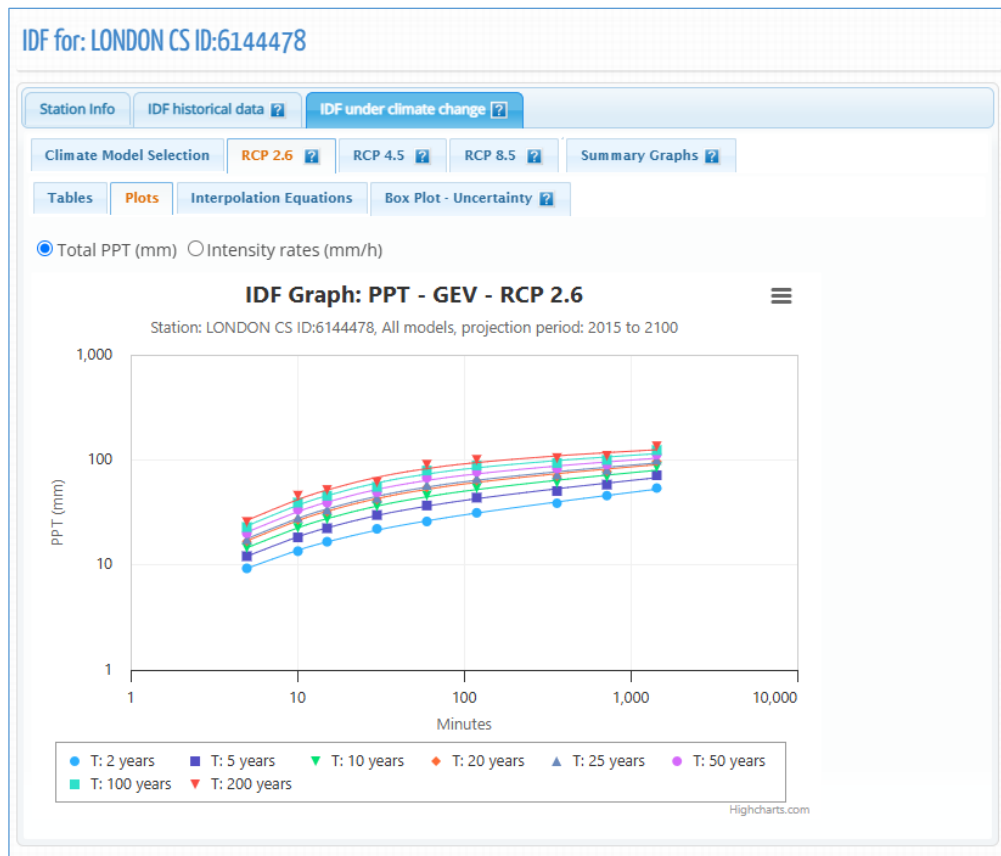


Figure 62. Total precipitation (in mm) updated IDF graph for different return periods

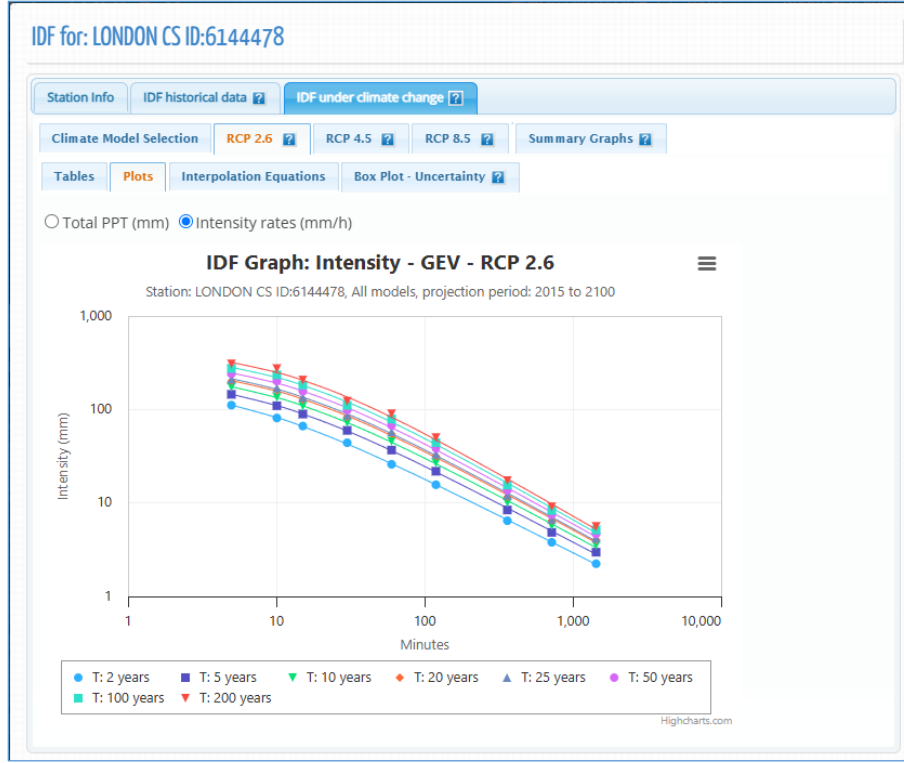


Figure 63. Rainfall intensity (in mm/h) updated IDF graph for different return periods

3) “Interpolation Equations”: an optimization algorithm is used to fit equations to the calculated IDF values. The equations are presented under the “Interpolation Equations” *Tab* as shown in Figure 64. Three coefficients  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $t_0$  are calculated by the optimization algorithm for each return period ( $T$ ) and presented as a table in Figure 64. This equation can be applied as an expedite method for interpolation and calculation for design storms. The same procedure can be applied with the CMIP6 or the bias-corrected models.

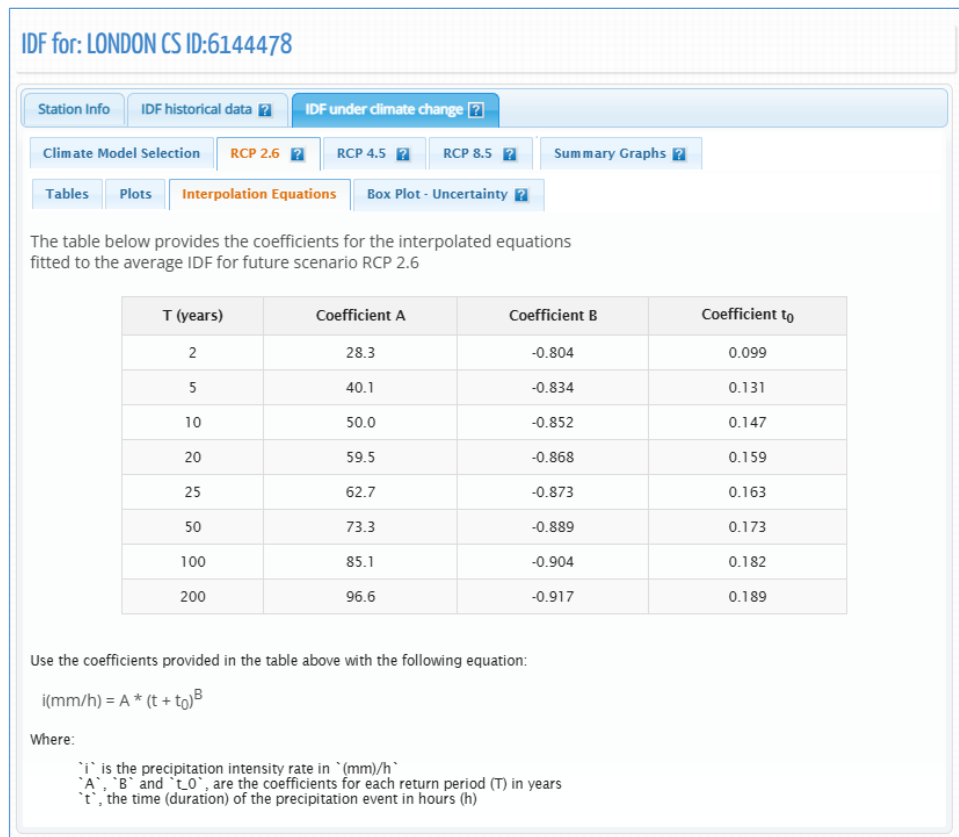


Figure 64. Fitted IDF equation for future scenario

4) Box Plot Uncertainty: Users can quickly view the distribution of results produced by each of the GCMs available within the tool by selecting the “Box Plot – Uncertainty” tab when generating future IDF curves using at least two custom selected GCMs or the 'All models' option. Figure 65 provides an example of an uncertainty plot output. The plot was generated for the London CS rain station, using the “All Models” multi-model ensemble option for the period 2006-2100, RCP 2.6. The plot indicates the range of values generated for each of the GCM datasets for this future scenario. See the Figure 66 for illustration of how to read the Box Plots. The same procedure can be applied with the CMIP6 or the bias-corrected models.

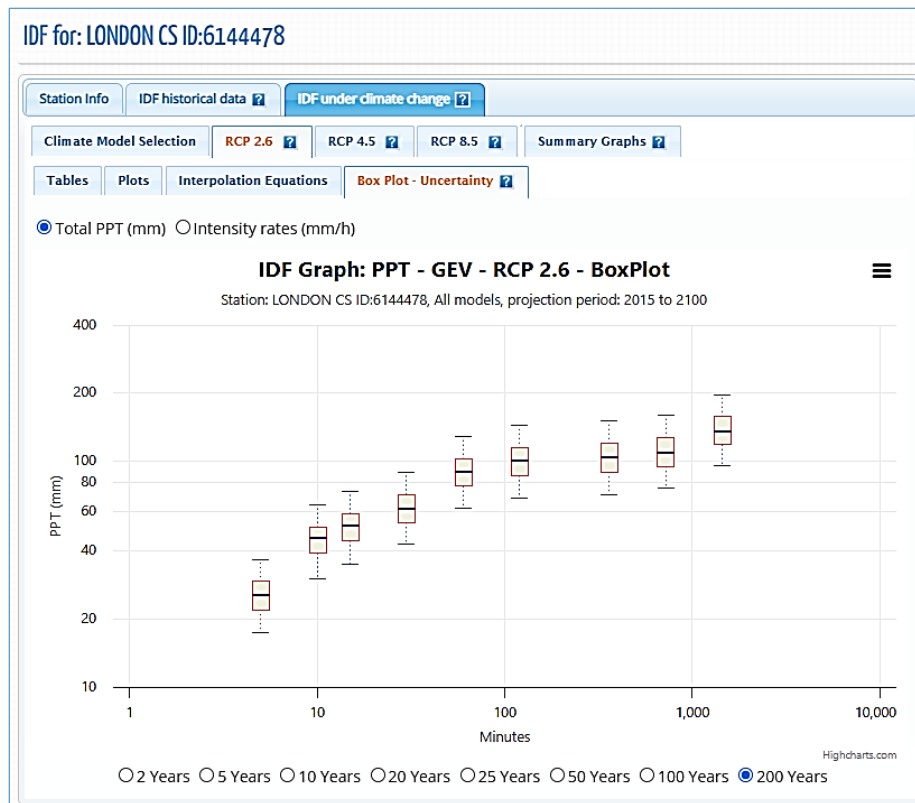


Figure 65. Box Plot – Uncertainty

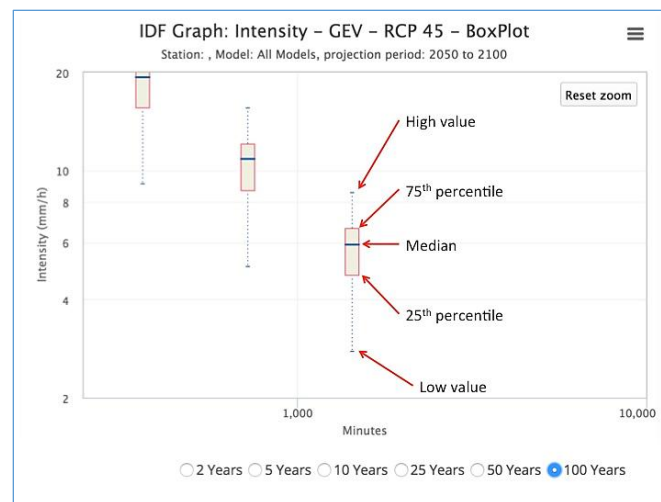


Figure 66. Reading Box Plots

5) Comparison Graphs: this option presents the summary and comparison between the IDF based on historical data and the median IDF for future periods (three RCPs of CMIP5 models or bias-corrected models, three SSPs if bias-corrected CMIP6 models are selected or

fours SSP scenarios if raw CMIP6 models are selected) as shown in Figure 67. The graphs are presented for each return period, i.e., 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100 and 200 years. The dots in Figure 67 represent the IDF table, and the lines are plotted from the Interpolation Equations.

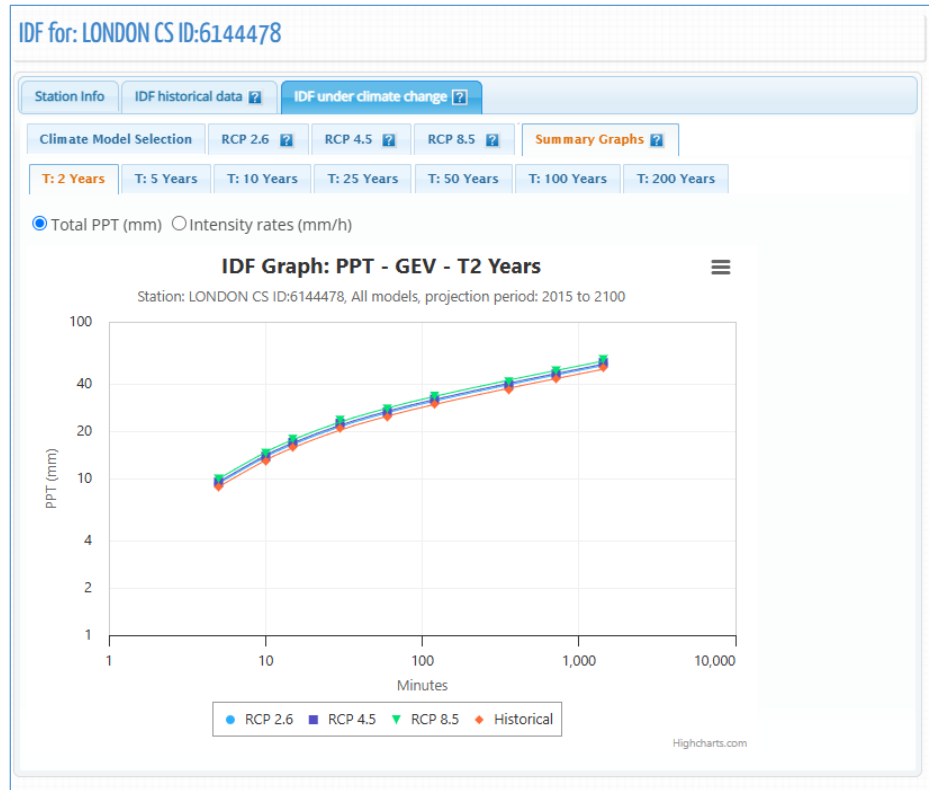


Figure 67. IDF comparison graphs

## 4.2 Clausius-Clapeyron Relationship – Temperature Scaling

The Clausius-Clapeyron scaling methodology uses a simplified relationship and temperature as the main drivers to project changes in IDF curves under the future conditions (see *TechMan: Section 4.2* for more details).

The user can select this option on the main projection update tab, as shown in Figure 68. When the temperature scaling is selected, the user can change the Clausius-Clapeyron scale rate, which is the rainfall scaling factor (%). Although this rate is recommended at 7% for Canada by CSA

(2019), a careful choice of the scaling rate should be made, given its high spatial variability, as discussed in *TechMan: Section 4.3*.

**IDF for: LONDON CS ID:6144478**

Station Info | **IDF historical data** | **IDF under climate change** | Summary Graphs

**Climate Model Selection** | SSP1.26 | SSP2.45 | SSP5.85

1. Select the time period for updating the IDF curve under climate change. The tool will use climate model data for the chosen range. The available period is from 2015 to 2100. Please select a projection period of at least 30 years.

☐ From 2015 to 2100

**Methodology:** ☐ Equidistance Quantile Matching (precipitation) ☒ Clausius-Clapeyron scaling (temperature)

**Distribution:** ☒ GEV ☐ Gumbel

2. Select the CC Scale rate.

CC Rate: 7.0 %

3. Select a Climate Model to see results. Climate models are listed by name:

**CMIP6:** ☒ CanDCS-M6 ☐ CanDCS-U6

**CMIP5:** ☐ CanDCS-U5

**Multi-model ensemble selection:** ☒ All models ☐ Custom (select one or more models)

- ACCESS-CM2  
CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Aspendale, Victoria 3195, Australia),  
ARCCSS (Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science),
- ACCESS-ESM1-5  
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Aspendale, Victoria 3195, Australia,
- BCC-CSM2-MR  
Beijing Climate Center(BCC),China Meteorological Administration,China,
- CanESM5\_r1  
Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Victoria, BC

Figure 68. Section of the updating methodology for updating IDF curves

The results for the temperature scaling are the same as for the precipitation-based method. There is one additional tab that allows projections between the two methods to be compared, as shown in Figure 69. In Figure 69 a boxplot is presented with a summary of the changes for both methods with the associated uncertainty ranges. These ranges include all return periods and climate models selected.

A detailed analysis of the differences between the two projection methods can be explored using the “Detailed table” option in Figure 70. With this option, the user can select the scenario, and the return period. The difference is presented in a table for each of the durations. It is important to note that temperature scaling produces a constant rate of projection for all sub-daily durations.

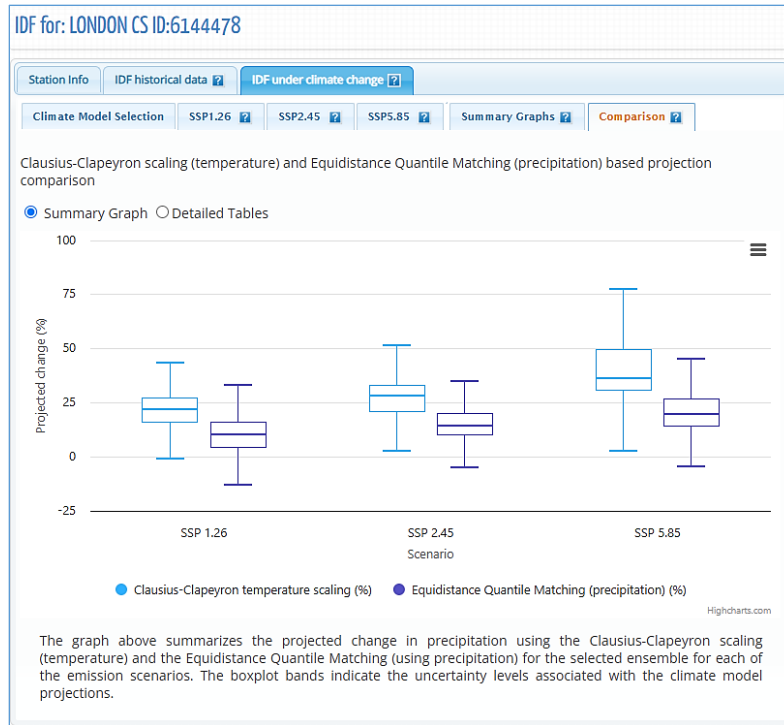


Figure 69. Box-plot graph comparing temperature- and precipitation-based projection

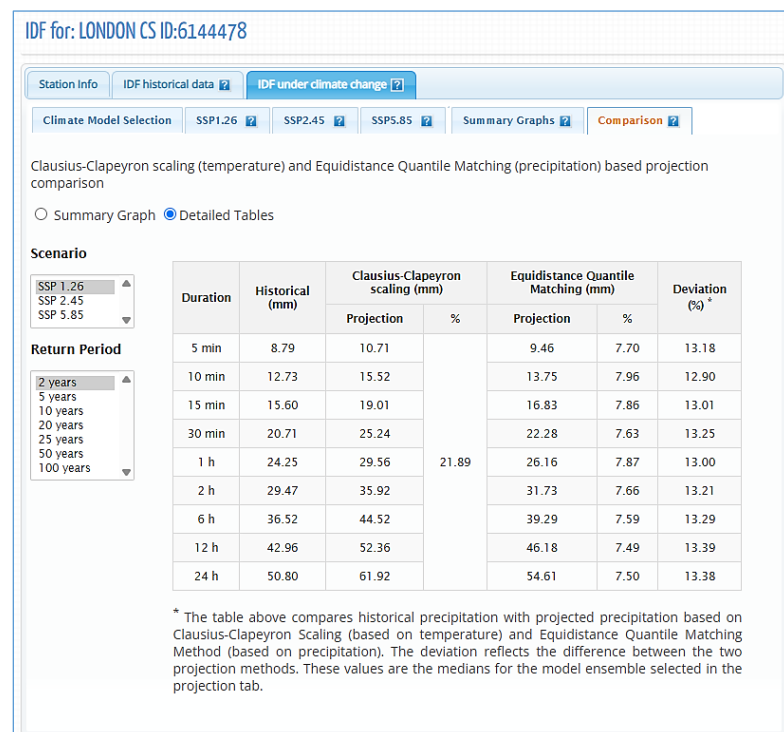


Figure 70. IDF Comparison between the Clausius-Clapeyron scaling (temperature-based) and the Equidistant Quantile Matching algorithm (precipitation-based) projections

## 5 Review of IDF Updating Procedures

The IDF\_CC tool offers three ways to obtain the updated IDFs for future climatic conditions based on the selected GCM models. The first and more direct way is to use an existing station from the Environment and Climate Change Canada stations. The user should follow the three easy steps to update the IDF for future climatic conditions as illustrated in Figure 71: 1) select one station, either from the map or from the list of stations; 2) calculate the IDF curves using the historical data (intermediate step) that can be used for comparison with the updated IDF for the future climatic conditions; and 3) select the GCM model and projection period and generate updated IDF curves for future climatic conditions.

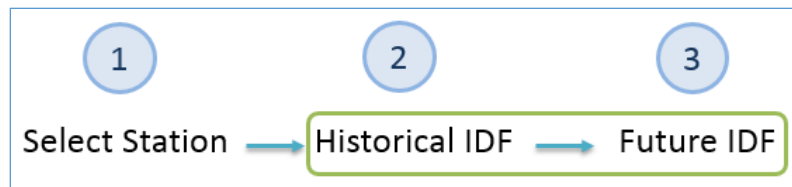


Figure 71. Updating IDFs for future climatic conditions for an Environment and Climate Change Canada station

The second option includes one additional step where the user creates their own station by providing information and data as shown in Figure 72. The remaining steps are the same as in the previous option.

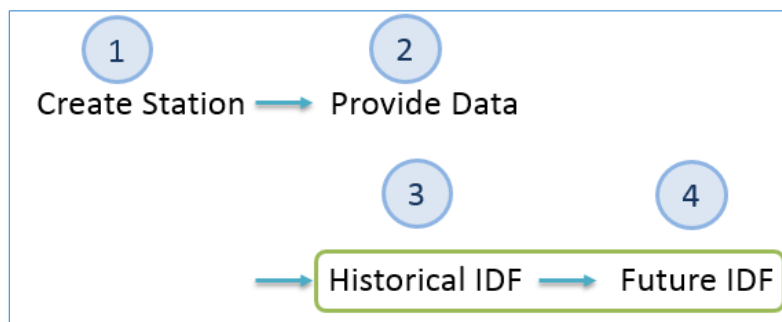


Figure 72. Updating IDF for future climatic conditions for a user-provided station

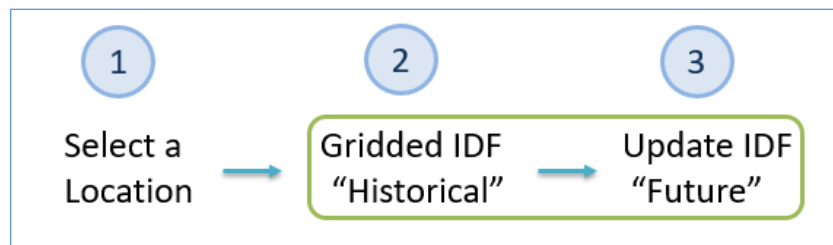


Figure 73. Updating IDFs for future climatic conditions for a selected ungauged location within Canada (Gridded IDFs)

For the temperature scaling the IDF\_CC tool, users can compare results with the EQM algorithm using precipitation. The procedure involves: 1) selecting a station from the map or list; 2) calculating historical IDF curves for comparison with future conditions; 3) choosing a GCM model and projection period to generate updated IDF curves; and 4) comparing these with the EQM precipitation-based algorithm, as illustrated in Figure 74 below. This process is described in detail in section 4.2 of this manual.

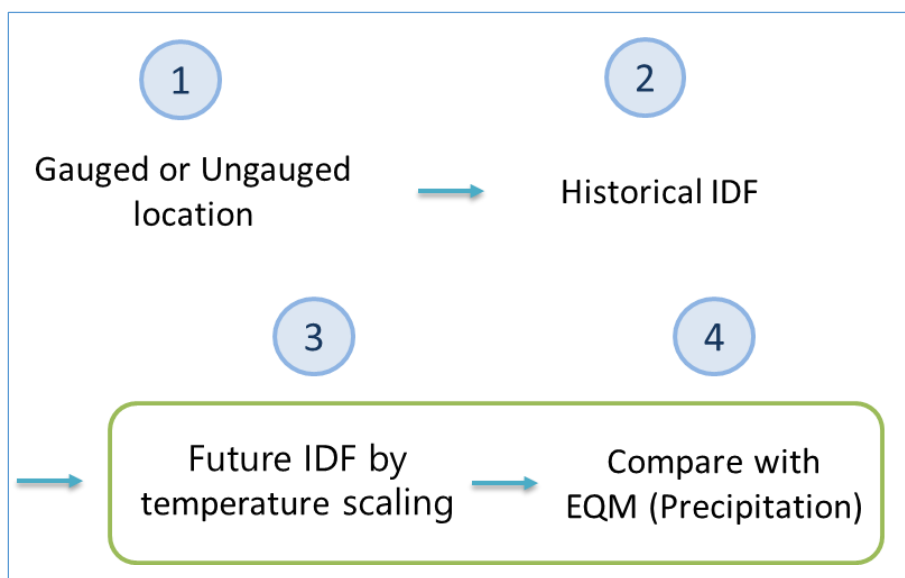


Figure 74. Updating IDFs for future climatic conditions using the temperature scaling and comparing results with the Equidistant Quantile Method using precipitation

## 6 Final Comments

This report presents the User's Manual for the *Computerized IDF\_CC tool for the Development of Intensity-Duration-Frequency-Curves Under a Changing Climate Version 9.0*. It aims to assist in updating IDF curves for future climatic conditions. The IDF\_CC tool uses a sophisticated though efficient methodology that incorporates changes in the distributional characteristics of GCMs between the baseline period and the projection period. The IDF\_CC tool is easy to use and radically simplifies the IDF update process by automating very demanding procedures like downloading, extracting and manipulating data from various GCM models. The IDF\_CC tool's website <https://idf-cc-uwo.ca> should be regularly visited for the latest updates of the IDF\_CC tool, new functionalities and updated documentation.

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## Appendix – A: GCMs used for the IDF\_CC tool

Table A.1 - CanDCS-M6: Selected bias corrected and downscaled CMIP6 models and their attributes which has all the three emission scenarios (SSP1.26, SSP2.45 and SSP5.85) using the MBCn method

| Country     | Centre Acronym          | Model                                          | Centre Name                                                                                                                                                                        | Original<br>(Lon. Vs Lat.) | Bias corrected<br>(Lon. Vs Lat.) |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Australia   | ACCESS                  | ACCESS-CM2                                     | Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator                                                                                                                            | 1.875 x 1.25               | 0.0833<br>x 0.0833               |
| Australia   | ACCESS                  | ACCESS-ESM1.5                                  | Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator                                                                                                                            | 1.875 x 1.25               |                                  |
| China       | BCC                     | BCC-CSM2-MR                                    | Beijing Climate Center                                                                                                                                                             | 1.0 x 1.0                  |                                  |
| Canada      | CCCma                   | CanESM2<br>Realizations r1 to r10<br>(10 runs) | Canadian Centre for Climate Modeling and Analysis                                                                                                                                  | 2.8 x 2.8                  |                                  |
| Italy       | CMCC                    | CMCC-ESM2                                      | Fondazione Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici,<br>Lecce 73100, Italy                                                                                               | 1.25 x 0.9375              |                                  |
| France      | CNRM-<br>CERFACS        | CNRM-CM6-1                                     | Centre National de Recherches Meteorologiques and Centre Europeen<br>de Recherches et de Formation Avancee en Calcul Scientifique                                                  | 1.4 x 1.4                  |                                  |
| France      | CNRM-<br>CERFACS        | CNRM-ESM2-1                                    | Centre National de Recherches Meteorologiques and Centre Europeen<br>de Recherches et de Formation Avancee en Calcul Scientifique                                                  | 1.875 x 1. 875             |                                  |
| Various     | EC-Earth-<br>Consortium | EC-Earth3                                      | EC-Earth consortium, Rossby Center, Swedish Meteorological and<br>Hydrological Institute/SMHI, SE-601 76 Norrkoping, Sweden                                                        | 1.125 x 1.125              |                                  |
| Various     | EC-Earth-<br>Consortium | EC-Earth3-Veg                                  | EC-Earth consortium, Rossby Center, Swedish Meteorological and<br>Hydrological Institute/SMHI, SE-601 76 Norrkoping, Sweden                                                        | 1.125 x 1.125              |                                  |
| China       | CAS                     | FGOALS-g3                                      | Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100029, China                                                                                                                                 | 2.0 x 2.25                 |                                  |
| USA         | NOAA-GFDL               | GFDL-ESM4                                      | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Geophysical Fluid<br>Dynamics Laboratory, Princeton, NJ 08540, USA                                                                | 1.0 x 1.0                  | 0.0833<br>x 0.0833               |
| UK          | MOHC                    | HadGEM3-GC31-LL                                | Met Office Hadley Centre                                                                                                                                                           | 1.25 x 1.875               |                                  |
| Russia      | INM                     | INM-CM4-8                                      | Institute for Numerical Mathematics, Russian Academy of Science,<br>Moscow 119991, Russia                                                                                          | 2.0 x 1.5                  |                                  |
| Russia      | INM                     | INM-CM5-0                                      | Institute for Numerical Mathematics, Russian Academy of Science,<br>Moscow 119991, Russia                                                                                          | 2.0 x 1.5                  |                                  |
| France      | IPSL                    | IPSL-CM6A-LR                                   | Institut Pierre Simon Laplace                                                                                                                                                      | 2.8 x 2.8                  |                                  |
| South Korea | NIMS-KMA                | KACE-1-0-G                                     | National Institute of Meteorological Sciences/Korea Meteorological<br>Administration, Climate Research Division, Seoho-bukro 33, Seogwipo-<br>si, Jeju-do 63568, Republic of Korea | 1.875 x 1.25               |                                  |

| Country     | Centre Acronym | Model         | Centre Name                                                                                  | Original<br>(Lon. Vs Lat.) | Bias corrected<br>(Lon. Vs Lat.) |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| South Korea | KIOST          | KIOST-ESM     | Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology (KIOST)                                        | 1.875 x 1.875              |                                  |
| Japan       | MIROC          | MIROC6        | Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology                                         | 1.0 x 0.703125             |                                  |
| Japan       | MIROC          | MIROC-ES2L    | Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology                                         | 2.8125 x 2.8125            |                                  |
| Germany     | DKRZ           | MPI-ESM1-2-HR | Deutsches Klimarechenzentrum, Hamburg 20146, Germany                                         | 0.9375 x 0.9375            |                                  |
| Germany     | MPI-M          | MPI-ESM1-2-LR | Max Planck Institute for Meteorology                                                         | 1.875 x 1.875              |                                  |
| Japan       | MRI            | MRI-ESM2-0    | Meteorological Research Institute                                                            | 1.875 x 1.875              |                                  |
| Norway      | NCC            | NorESM2-LM    | Norwegian Climate Centre                                                                     | 2.5 x 1.875                |                                  |
| Norway      | NCC            | NorESM2-MM    | Norwegian Climate Centre                                                                     | 1.25 x 0.9375              |                                  |
| Taiwan      | AS-RCEC        | TaiESM1       | Research Center for Environmental Changes, Academia Sinica,<br>Nankang, Taipei 11529, Taiwan | 1.25 x 0.9375              |                                  |
| UK          | MOHC           | UKESM1-0-LL   | Met Office Hadley Centre                                                                     | 1.875 x 1.875              |                                  |

Table A.2 - CanDCS-U6: Selected bias corrected and downscaled CMIP6 models and their attributes which has all the three emission scenarios (SSP1.26, SSP2.45 and SSP5.85) using the BCCAQ v2 method

| Country     | Centre Acronym          | Model                                          | Centre Name                                                                                                                                                                        | Original<br>(Lon. Vs Lat.) | Bias corrected<br>(Lon. Vs Lat.) |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Australia   | ACCESS                  | ACCESS-CM2                                     | Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator                                                                                                                            | 1.875 x 1.25               | 0.0833<br>x 0.0833               |
| Australia   | ACCESS                  | ACCESS-ESM1.5                                  | Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator                                                                                                                            | 1.875 x 1.25               |                                  |
| China       | BCC                     | BCC-CSM2-MR                                    | Beijing Climate Center                                                                                                                                                             | 1.0 x 1.0                  |                                  |
| Canada      | CCCma                   | CanESM2<br>Realizations r1 to r10<br>(10 runs) | Canadian Centre for Climate Modeling and Analysis                                                                                                                                  | 2.8 x 2.8                  |                                  |
| Italy       | CMCC                    | CMCC-ESM2                                      | Fondazione Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici,<br>Lecce 73100, Italy                                                                                               | 1.25 x 0.9375              |                                  |
| France      | CNRM-<br>CERFACS        | CNRM-CM6-1                                     | Centre National de Recherches Meteorologiques and Centre Europeen<br>de Recherches et de Formation Avancee en Calcul Scientifique                                                  | 1.4 x 1.4                  |                                  |
| France      | CNRM-<br>CERFACS        | CNRM-ESM2-1                                    | Centre National de Recherches Meteorologiques and Centre Europeen<br>de Recherches et de Formation Avancee en Calcul Scientifique                                                  | 1.875 x 1.875              |                                  |
| Various     | EC-Earth-<br>Consortium | EC-Earth3                                      | EC-Earth consortium, Rossby Center, Swedish Meteorological and<br>Hydrological Institute/SMHI, SE-601 76 Norrkoping, Sweden                                                        | 1.125 x 1.125              |                                  |
| Various     | EC-Earth-<br>Consortium | EC-Earth3-Veg                                  | EC-Earth consortium, Rossby Center, Swedish Meteorological and<br>Hydrological Institute/SMHI, SE-601 76 Norrkoping, Sweden                                                        | 1.125 x 1.125              |                                  |
| China       | CAS                     | FGOALS-g3                                      | Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100029, China                                                                                                                                 | 2.0 x 2.25                 |                                  |
| USA         | NOAA-GFDL               | GFDL-ESM4                                      | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Geophysical Fluid<br>Dynamics Laboratory, Princeton, NJ 08540, USA                                                                | 1.0 x 1.0                  |                                  |
| UK          | MOHC                    | HadGEM3-GC31-LL                                | Met Office Hadley Centre                                                                                                                                                           | 1.25 x 1.875               |                                  |
| Russia      | INM                     | INM-CM4-8                                      | Institute for Numerical Mathematics, Russian Academy of Science,<br>Moscow 119991, Russia                                                                                          | 2.0 x 1.5                  |                                  |
| Russia      | INM                     | INM-CM5-0                                      | Institute for Numerical Mathematics, Russian Academy of Science,<br>Moscow 119991, Russia                                                                                          | 2.0 x 1.5                  |                                  |
| France      | IPSL                    | IPSL-CM6A-LR                                   | Institut Pierre Simon Laplace                                                                                                                                                      | 2.8 x 2.8                  |                                  |
| South Korea | NIMS-KMA                | KACE-1-0-G                                     | National Institute of Meteorological Sciences/Korea Meteorological<br>Administration, Climate Research Division, Seoho-bukro 33, Seogwipo-<br>si, Jeju-do 63568, Republic of Korea | 1.875 x 1.25               |                                  |
| South Korea | KIOST                   | KIOST-ESM                                      | Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology (KIOST)                                                                                                                              | 1.875 x 1.875              |                                  |
| Japan       | MIROC                   | MIROC6                                         | Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology                                                                                                                               | 1.0 x 0.703125             |                                  |

| Country | Centre Acronym | Model         | Centre Name                                                                                  | Original<br>(Lon. Vs Lat.) | Bias corrected<br>(Lon. Vs Lat.) |
|---------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Japan   | MIROC          | MIROC-ES2L    | Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology                                         | 2.8125 x 2.8125            |                                  |
| Germany | DKRZ           | MPI-ESM1-2-HR | Deutsches Klimarechenzentrum, Hamburg 20146, Germany                                         | 0.9375 x 0.9375            |                                  |
| Germany | MPI-M          | MPI-ESM1-2-LR | Max Planck Institute for Meteorology                                                         | 1.875 x 1.875              |                                  |
| Japan   | MRI            | MRI-ESM2-0    | Meteorological Research Institute                                                            | 1.875 x 1.875              |                                  |
| Norway  | NCC            | NorESM2-LM    | Norwegian Climate Centre                                                                     | 2.5 x 1.875                |                                  |
| Norway  | NCC            | NorESM2-MM    | Norwegian Climate Centre                                                                     | 1.25 x 0.9375              |                                  |
| Taiwan  | AS-RCEC        | TaiESM1       | Research Center for Environmental Changes, Academia Sinica,<br>Nankang, Taipei 11529, Taiwan | 1.25 x 0.9375              |                                  |
| UK      | MOHC           | UKESM1-0-LL   | Met Office Hadley Centre                                                                     | 1.875 x 1.875              |                                  |

Table A.3 - CanDCS-U5: Selected bias corrected and downscaled CMIP5 models and their attributes which has all the three emission scenarios (RCP2.6, RCP4.5 and RCP8.5) using the BCCAQ v2 method

| Country        | Centre Acronym | Model          | Centre Name                                                                                                                                      | Original (Lon. vs Lat.) | Bias corrected (Lon. vs Lat.) |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| China          | BCC            | bcc_csm1_1     | Beijing Climate Center, China Meteorological Administration                                                                                      | 2.8 x 2.8               | <b>0.0833<br/>x 0.0833</b>    |
| China          | BCC            | bcc_csm1_1 m   | Beijing Climate Center, China Meteorological Administration                                                                                      |                         |                               |
| China          | BNU            | BNU-ESM        | College of Global Change and Earth System Science                                                                                                | 2.8 x 2.8               |                               |
| Canada         | CCCma          | CanESM2        | Canadian Centre for Climate Modeling and Analysis                                                                                                | 2.8 x 2.8               |                               |
| USA            | CCSM           | CCSM4          | National Center of Atmospheric Research                                                                                                          | 1.25 x 0.94             |                               |
| France         | CNRM           | CNRM-CM5       | Centre National de Recherches Meteorologiques and Centre Europeen de Recherches et de Formation Avancee en Calcul Scientifique                   | 1.4 x 1.4               |                               |
| Australia      | CSIRO3.6       | CSIRO-Mk3-6-0  | Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization in collaboration with the Queensland Climate Change Centre of Excellence | 1.8 x 1.8               |                               |
| USA            | CESM           | CESM1-CAM5     | National Center of Atmospheric Research                                                                                                          | 1.25 x 0.94             |                               |
| China          | LASG-CESM      | FGOALS_g2      | IAP (Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China) and THU (Tsinghua University)                                | 2.55 x 2.48             |                               |
| USA            | NOAA GFDL      | GFDL-CM3       | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Geophysical Fluid Dynamic Laboratory                                                           | 2.5 x 2.0               |                               |
| USA            | NOAA GFDL      | GFDL-ESM2G     | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Geophysical Fluid Dynamic Laboratory                                                           | 2.5 x 2.0               |                               |
| USA            | NOAA GFDL      | GFDL-ESM2M     | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Geophysical Fluid Dynamic Laboratory                                                           | 2.5 x 2.0               |                               |
| United Kingdom | MOHC           | HadGEM2-AO     | Met Office Hadley Centre                                                                                                                         | 1.25 x 1.875            |                               |
| United Kingdom | MOHC           | HadGEM2-ES     | Met Office Hadley Centre                                                                                                                         | 1.25 x 1.875            |                               |
| France         | IPSL           | IPSL-CM5A-LR   | Institut Pierre Simon Laplace                                                                                                                    | 3.75 x 1.8              |                               |
| France         | IPSL           | IPSL-CM5A-MR   | Institut Pierre Simon Laplace                                                                                                                    | 3.75 x 1.8              |                               |
| Japan          | MIROC          | MIROC5         | Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology                                                                                             | 1.4 x 1.41              |                               |
| Japan          | MIROC          | MIROC-ESM      | Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology                                                                                             | 2.8 x 2.8               |                               |
| Japan          | MIROC          | MIROC-ESM-CHEM | Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology                                                                                             | 2.8 x 2.8               |                               |

| Country | Centre<br>Acronym | Model      | Centre Name                          | Original<br>(Lon. vs Lat.) | Bias corrected<br>(Lon. vs Lat.) |
|---------|-------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Germany | MPI-M             | MPI-ESM-LR | Max Planck Institute for Meteorology | 1.88 x 1.87                |                                  |
| Germany | MPI-M             | MPI-ESM-MR | Max Planck Institute for Meteorology | 1.88 x 1.87                |                                  |
| Japan   | MRI               | MRI-CGCM3  | Meteorological Research Institute    | 1.1 x 1.1                  |                                  |
| Norway  | NOR               | NorESM1-M  | Norwegian Climate Center             | 2.5 x 1.9                  |                                  |
| Norway  | NOR               | NorESM1-ME | Norwegian Climate Center             | 2.5 x 1.9                  |                                  |

## **Appendix - B: Papers/Reports on Differential Evolution - DE**

Vasan A. (2008) - Optimization Using Differential Evolution. *Water Resources Research Report no. 060*, Facility for Intelligent Decision Support, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, London, Ontario, Canada, 38 pp:

[Optimization Using Differential Evolution](#)

Storn, R. and Price, K. (1997), 'Differential Evolution - A Simple and Efficient Heuristic for Global Optimization over Continuous Spaces', *Journal of Global Optimization*, 11, pp. 341–359.

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1023%2FA%3A1008202821328>

## Appendix – C: Journal papers on the IDF\_CC tool:

1. Sandink, D., S.P. Simonovic, A. Schardong, and R. Srivastav, (2016) A Decision Support System for Updating and Incorporating Climate Change Impacts into Rainfall Intensity-Duration-Frequency Curves: Review of the Stakeholder Involvement Process, *Environmental Modelling & Software Journal*, 84:193-209.

**Article link:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2016.06.012>

2. Simonovic, S.P., A. Schardong, D. Sandink, and R. Srivastav, (2016) A Web-based Tool for the Development of Intensity Duration Frequency Curves under Changing Climate, *Environmental Modelling & Software Journal*, 81:136-153.

**Article link:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2016.03.016>

3. Schardong, A., A., Gaur, and S.P. Simonovic, (2018) “Comparison of the theoretical Clausius-Clapeyron scaling and IDF\_CC tool for updating Intensity-Duration-Frequency Curves under climate change for Canada”, *ASCE Journal of Hydrologic Engineering*, 23(9): 04018036-1.

**Article:** available upon request

4. Gaur, A., A. Schardong, and S.P. Simonovic, (2018) “Effects of Global Warming on Precipitation Extremes: Dependence on Storm Characteristics”, *Water Resources Management*.

**Article link:** <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11269-018-1949-x>

5. Schardong, A. and S.P. Simonovic, (2019) “Application of Regional Climate Models for updating Intensity-Duration-Frequency Curves under climate change”, *International Journal of Environment and Climate Change*, 9(5):311-330.

**Article:** available upon request

6. Schardong, A. and S.P. Simonovic, (2019) “Application of Regional Climate Models for updating Intensity-Duration-Frequency Curves under climate change”, *International Journal of Environment and Climate Change*, 9(5):311-330.

**Article:** available upon request

7. Gaur, A., A. Schardong, and S.P. Simonovic, (2020) “Gridded Intensity – Duration - Frequency estimates across Canada”, *ASCE Journal of Hydrologic Engineering*, 25(6): 05020006.

**Article:** available upon request

8. Schardong, A., S. P. Simonovic, A. Gaur, and D. Sandink (2020) “Web-based Tool for the Development of Intensity Duration Frequency Curves under Changing Climate at Gauged and Ungauged Locations”, *Water, Special Issue Extreme Value Analysis of Short-Duration Rainfall and Intensity–Duration–Frequency Models*, 12, 1243; doi:10.3390/w12051243, open access.

**Article link:** <https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4441/12/5/1243/pdf>