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**Local Linear Quantile Estimation for Non-stationary Time Series**

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**ABSTRACT**

We consider estimation of quantile curves for a general class of non-stationary processes. Consistency and central limit results are obtained for local linear quantile estimates under a mild short-range dependence condition. Our results are applied to environmental data sets. In particular, our results can be used to address the problem of whether climate variability has changed, an important problem raised by IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) in 2001. This presentation is mainly based on a recent paper available at <http://www.stat.uchicago.edu/~zhou/quantile.pdf>.