



# Inflows, wind and price coherent scenario simulation

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# Agenda

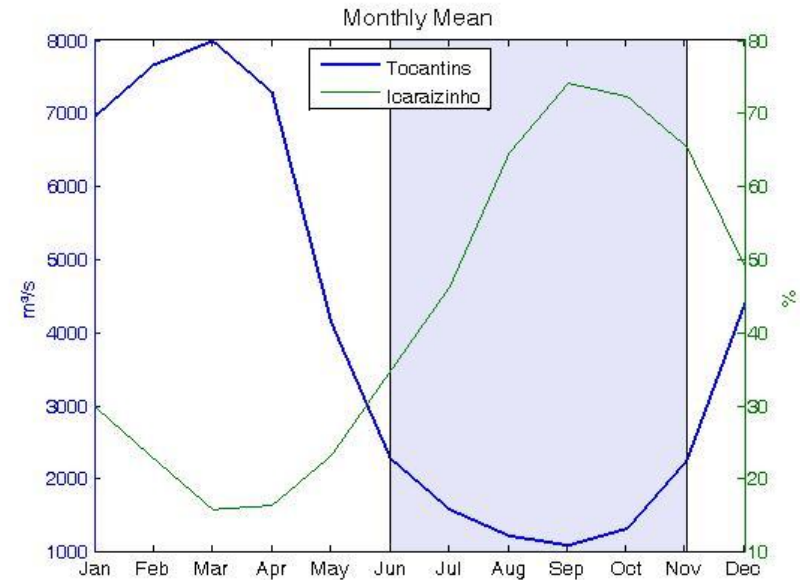
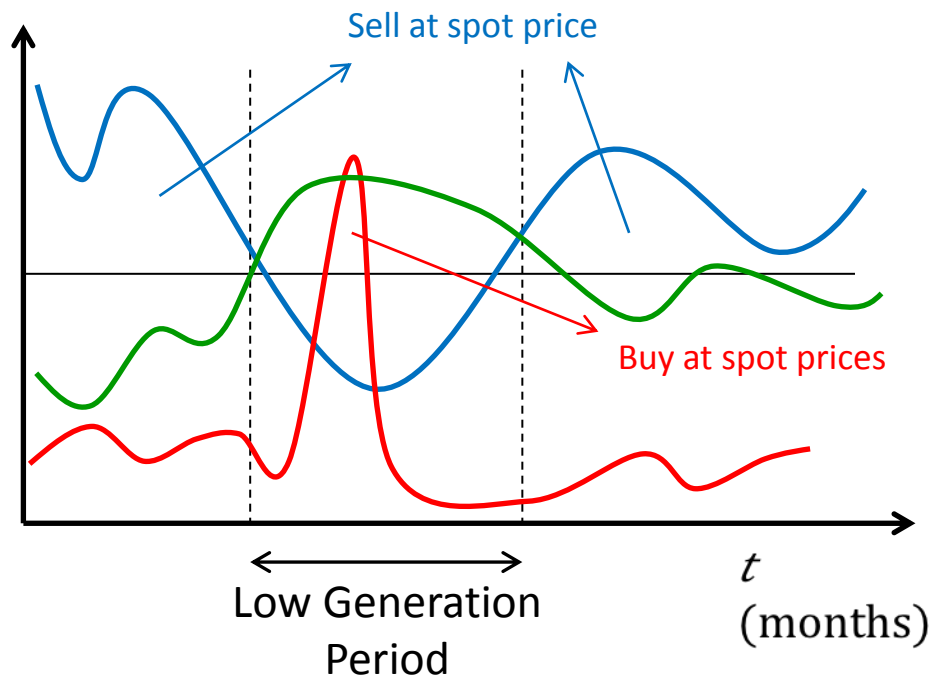
- Motivation
  - Coherent simulation of inflows, wind and prices
  - Connection variables are the ENA's
    - ENA'S → price DETERMINISTIC
    - ENAS → WIND/inflows STOCHASTIC
- Basic concepts
  - Main features of the series
    - Seasonality in the mean variance and covariances
    - Valid values → transformation
  - Variable selection in large dimension context: Lasso
- The model: VARX with incomplete rank seasonal VC matrix
- LASSO Maximum likelihood Estimation method
- Simulating wind, inflows and price
  - Bootstrap
  - Copulas

# Motivation

- Renewable in Brazil (2014)
  - Solar: insignificant
  - Wind: 167 Farms , more ~400 licenses for future.
  - Run-of-the-river (Small Hydros): 463
- Clean energy but....intermittent = Problems
  - Expansion planning
  - Dispatch
  - Commercialization
- Barrier to expansion: Financial RISK
- Goal: to form portfolios of small hydros and wind farms with lower risk
  - Scenario generation methods for hydros, wind and price
  - Stochastic optimization with risk constrain → win-win contracts

## Introduction: Motivation

Stochastic behavior of renewable power plants, with seasonal and complimentary behavior:

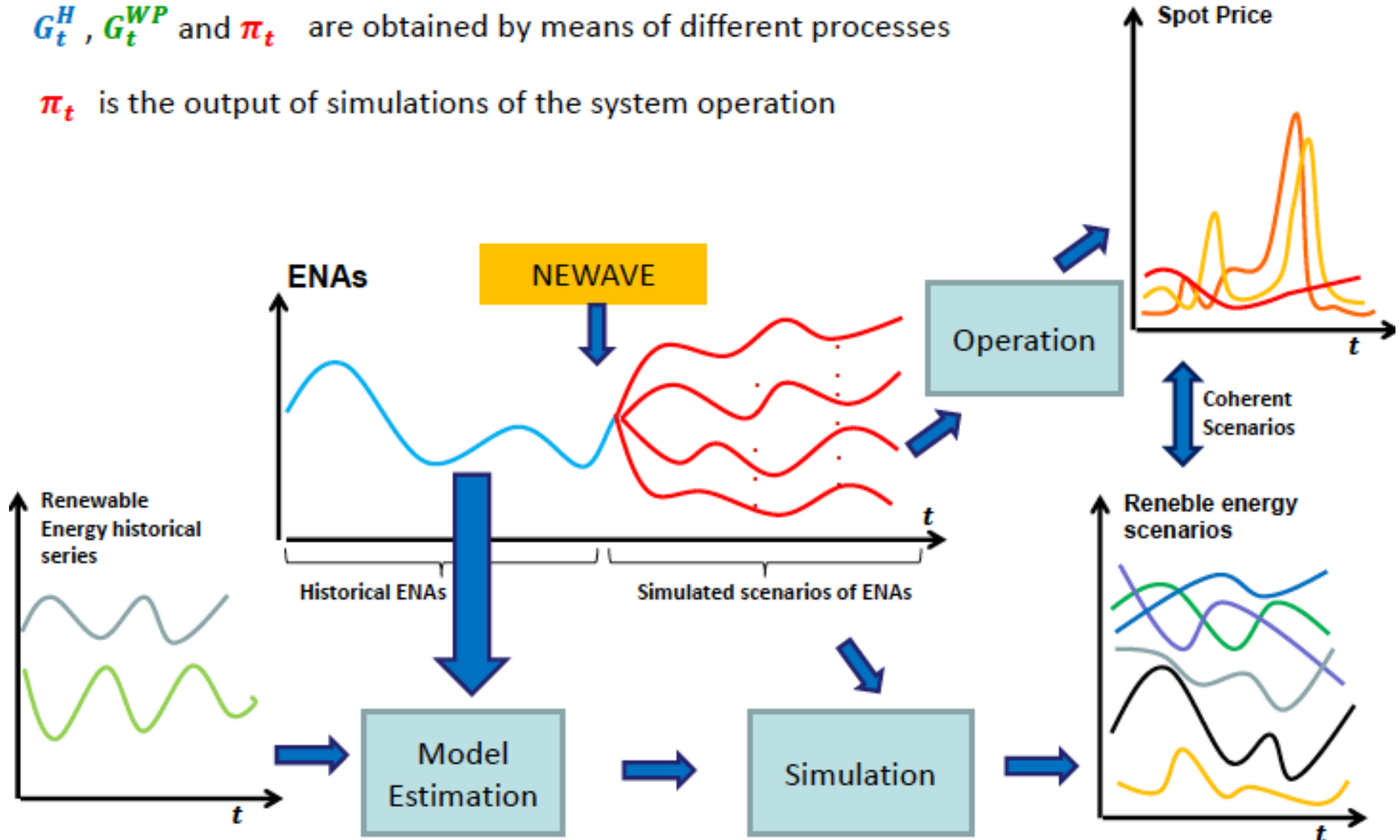


Thus, we need coherent scenarios of  $G_t^H$ ,  $G_t^{WP}$  and  $\pi_t$

# Structure of the model

$G_t^H$ ,  $G_t^{WP}$  and  $\pi_t$  are obtained by means of different processes

$\pi_t$  is the output of simulations of the system operation



# Data for inflows and wind

- **Inflows: public access data bases:** 70 years of monthly data
  - Relationship to production is approximately linear
  - Positive values , no zeros values.
- **Wind Public data bases:** AMA system (EPE, [www.epe.gov.br](http://www.epe.gov.br))
  - Potential evaluation: [http://www.epe.gov.br/mercado/Documents/Série%20Estudos%20de%20Energia/20130925\\_1.pdf](http://www.epe.gov.br/mercado/Documents/Série%20Estudos%20de%20Energia/20130925_1.pdf)
  - 63 stations ( >= 9 months in 03/2013, 28 months in 08/2014), 10 min.
    - North East: 30 (78m to 100m), Bahia (81m to 120m), South (78m to 121m)
    - Pression, direction, speed, temperature, humidity
- **Wind Private data bases**
  - Usually 2 to 4 years 10 min interval
  - Aggregated effective production is published monthly by ONS
    - Operational data unavailable → not all turbines are operational all the time
  - Transformation **wind** → **production** is non-linear: temperature, topology, configuration, wind direction....
  - Solution:
    - Wind data construction from satellite data/physical models --> rough approx.
    - Wind data extension from near by measured wind + satellite.
  - Values between 0 and nominal capacity: Capacity factor between 0 and 1
  - Zeros can appear in high frequency (from daily to 10min)
  - **We use the monthly wind production as the variable to model**
- **Satellite data + Climate modelling** : ERA-INTERIM , NNRP

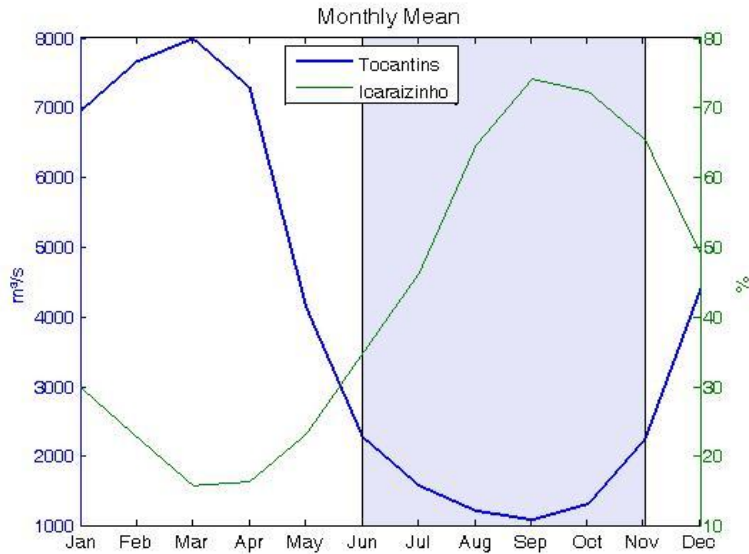
# Data transformation

- Wind energy production (WEP) and small hydro production (SHP) are non negative variables.
  - Wind
    - $0 < WEP < Max \rightarrow$  Capacity factor (CFW) =  $WEP/Max \rightarrow 0 < CF < 1$
  - Run-of-the-river
    - $0 < SHP < Max \rightarrow$  Capacity factor (C) =  $SHP/Max \rightarrow 0 < CF < 1$
- Scenarios should respect this constraints
  - Transformation:

$$X_t = \ln \left( \frac{FC_t - Min_{m(t)}}{Max_{m(t)} - FC_t} \right).$$

- $m(t)$ : month of instant  $t$
- $Min_{m(t)}$  and  $Max_{m(t)}$  are defined heuristically for each month in order to get a approximately symmetric distribution for  $X_t$ .

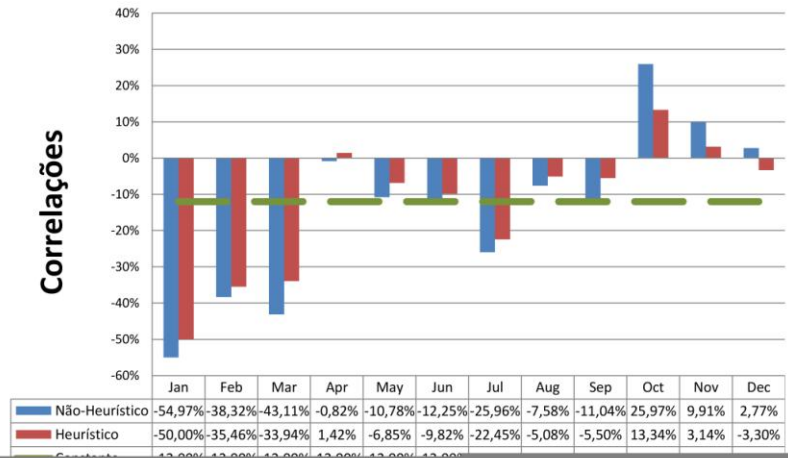
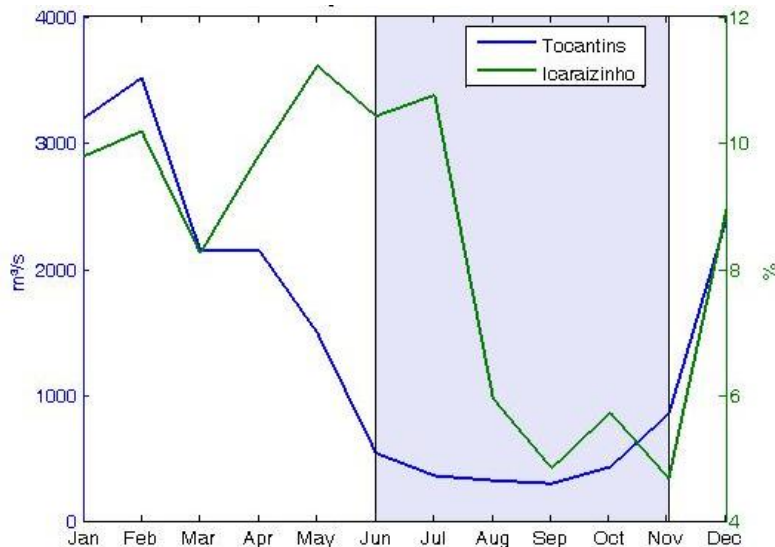
# Seasonal mean, variance and covariance



← MEAN

← VARIANCE

← CORRELATION





## Stochastic model: VARX model with periodic variance

$$Y_t = c + \sum_{i=1}^p \Phi_i Y_{t-i} + \sum_{j=0}^q \Theta_j X_{t-j} + A_{m(t)} \varepsilon_t \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I) \quad \Sigma_{m(t)} = A_{m(t)} A_{m(t)}^\top \quad m(t) \in \{1, 2, \dots, 12\}$$

$Y_t \in \mathbb{R}^k$  , k is the number of renewable power plants.

$X_t \in \mathbb{R}^r$  , r is the number of exogenous variables (ENAs).

$c \in \mathbb{R}^k$  , vector of intercepts

$\Phi_i$  , Matrix (k x k) coefficients of autoregressive components

$\Theta_j$  , Matrix (k x r) coefficients of exogenous variables

$\Sigma$  , Matrix (k x k) covariance matrix

## Stochastic model: VARX model with periodic variance

Defining:

$$\beta = \text{vec}([c \ \Phi_1 \ \Phi_2 \ \dots \ \Phi_{12} \ \Theta_1 \ \dots \ \Theta_q])$$

$$W_{t-1} = [1^\top \ Y_{t-1}^\top \ Y_{t-2}^\top \ \dots \ Y_{t-12}^\top \ X_t^\top \ X_{t+1-q}^\top] \otimes I_{k \times k}$$

We obtain:

$$Y_t = W_{t-1}\beta + A_{m(t)}\varepsilon_t$$

$$\varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

$$m(t) \in \{1, 2, \dots, 12\}$$

# Large Dimension Issues

- **More parameters than data**

- Data for 31 years = 372 months
- With dimension 50:
  - $372 \times 50 = 1860$
  - 30450 coefficients
  - $2500 \times 12 = 30000$  variânces-covariances

→ We need a sparse model → Classical variable selection is unfeasible → LASSO

- **Highly correlated variables** →  $\sum_{m(t)} \mathbf{t}=1,\dots,12$  not full rank

- Inflows in the same basin
- Wind in close to each other

→ Spectral regularization is needed

## Estimation algorithm

Estimation via Maximum likelihood method:

$$\ell(\psi) = \frac{Tk}{2} \ln(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=13}^T \ln(|\Sigma_{m(t)}^{-1}|) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=13}^T (Y_t - W_{t-1}\beta)^\top \Sigma_{m(t)}^{-1} (Y_t - W_{t-1}\beta)$$

$$\psi = \{\beta, \{\Sigma_m\}_{m=1}^{12}\}$$

From first order conditions we obtain the following system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\Sigma}_m = \sum_{t=13|m(t)=m}^T \frac{(Y_t - W_{t-1}\beta)(Y_t - W_{t-1}\beta)^\top}{n} \quad \forall m = 1, 2, \dots, 12 \\ \hat{\beta} = \left[ \sum_{t=13}^T W_{t-1}^\top \Sigma_{m(t)}^{-1} W_{t-1} \right]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{t=13}^T W_{t-1}^\top \Sigma_{m(t)}^{-1} Y_t \right] \end{array} \right.$$

## Estimation algorithm: Fixed-point method

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### Algorithm Fixed-Point Method

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iter  $\leftarrow$  0

$\hat{\Sigma}_m^0 \leftarrow I_{k \times k} \quad \forall m = 1, 2, \dots, 12$

Obtain  $\hat{\beta}^0$

**while**  $\|\hat{\beta}^{iter} - \hat{\beta}^{iter-1}\|_2 > tolerance$  **do**

    iter  $\leftarrow$  iter + 1

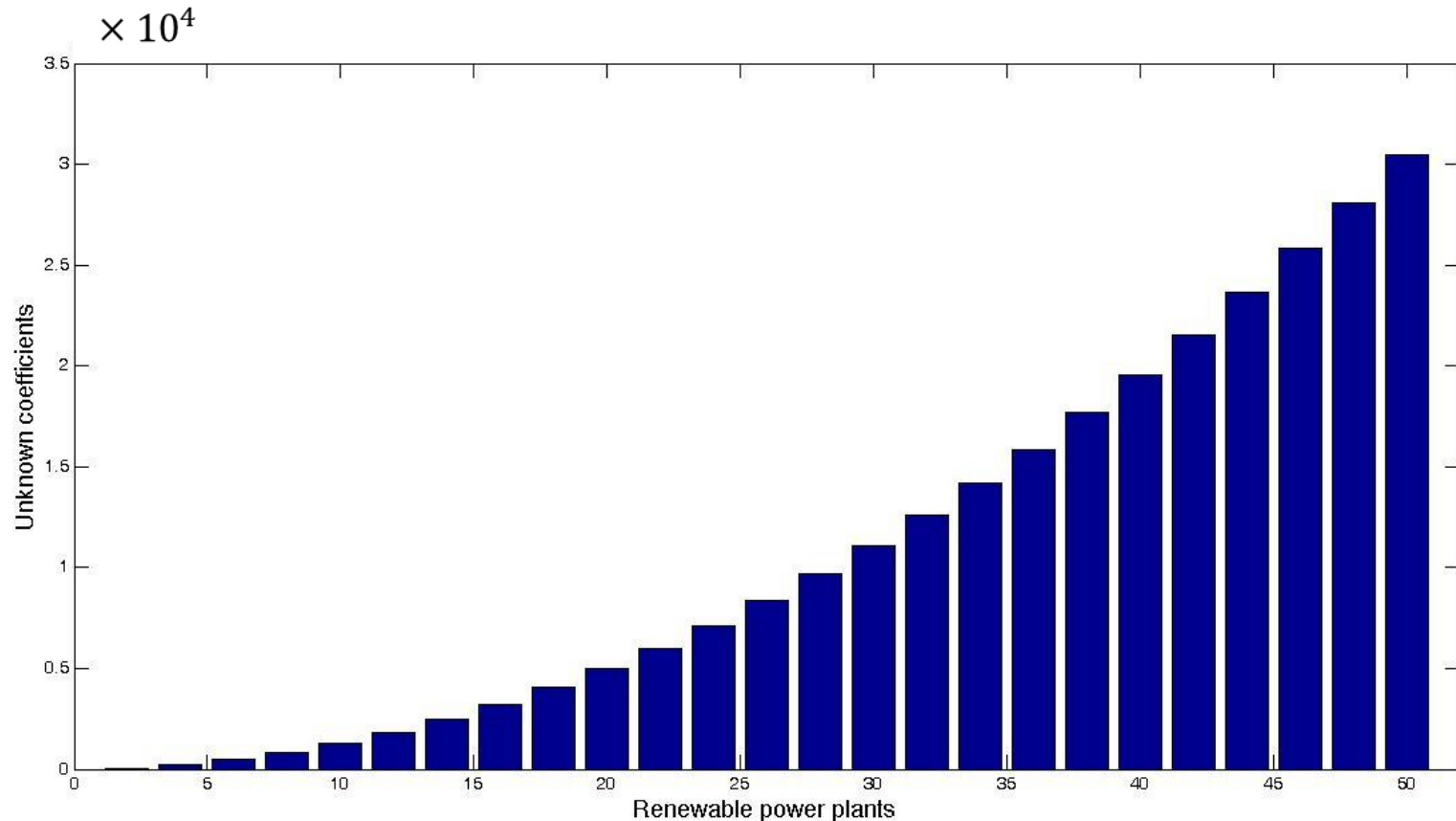
    Obtain  $\hat{\Sigma}_m^{iter}$

    Obtain  $\hat{\beta}^{iter}$

**end while**

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# High-Dimensional degenerated model



For a multivariate model with only 6 plants the model is already over fitted:

$\beta$ : 486 x 1

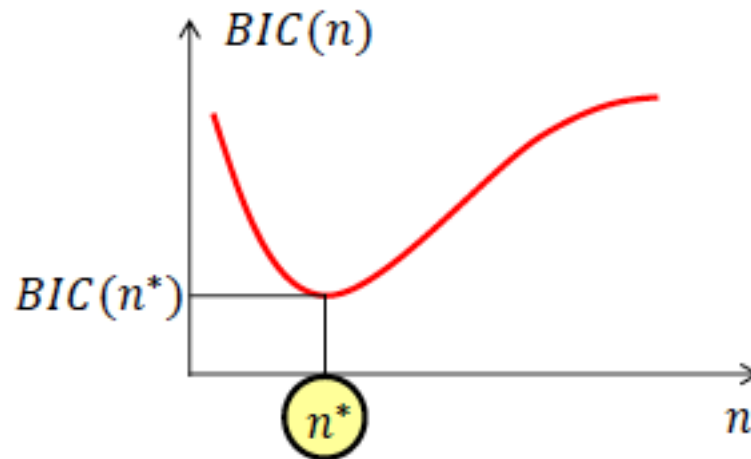
$\Sigma$ : 6 x 6 (one for each month)

\*Typical number of observations is 360 (monthly observations for 30 years)

# Regularization

Objective: to find a sparse or regularized estimator that accounts for the tradeoff between “fitness” (likelihood) and the “degrees of freedom to adjust” (number of parameters in the model)

- Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC)
- $BIC_n = n \cdot [\ln(T) - \ln(2\pi)] - 2\ell_n$



SCHWARZ, G. The annals of statistics. Estimating the dimension of a model, journal, v.6, n.2, p. 461–464, 1978.

# Regularization by LASSO

Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator optimization

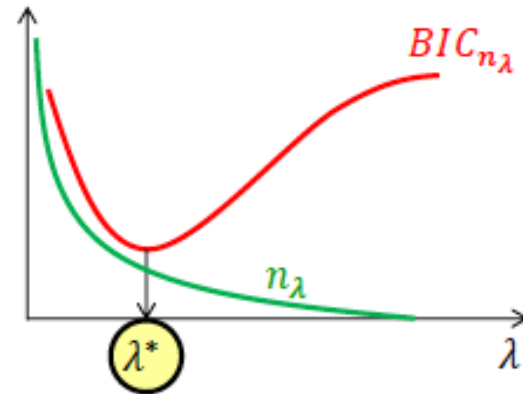
□  $BIC_n = n \cdot [\ln(T) - \ln(2\pi)] - 2\ell_n^0$

□  $\ell_n^0 = \max_{\psi} \{\ell(\psi) | s. t. : \|\beta\|_0 \leq n\}$ , where  $\|\beta\|_0 = \#\{i \in N | \beta_i \neq 0\}$

□ Which is a NP-Hard problem

□ But we can use a norm-1 relaxation: LASSO

□  $\psi_{\lambda}^* \in \arg \left( \max_{\psi} \{\ell(\psi) - \lambda \cdot \|\beta\|_1\} \right)$



□ Thus, for each  $\lambda$ , there is a  $n_{\lambda} = \#\{i \in N | (\beta_{\lambda}^*)_i \neq 0\}$  and  $BIC_{n_{\lambda}}$

DONOHO, D. L.; ELAD, M. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Optimally sparse representation in general (nonorthogonal) dictionaries via l1 minimization, journal, v.100, n.5, p. 2197–2202, 2003.





# A short digression on LASSO

Indetermined systems solution  $\rightarrow$  assume the solution is sparse.

$$y = X\beta$$

One can solve the problem

$$(P_0) : \min \|\beta\|_0$$

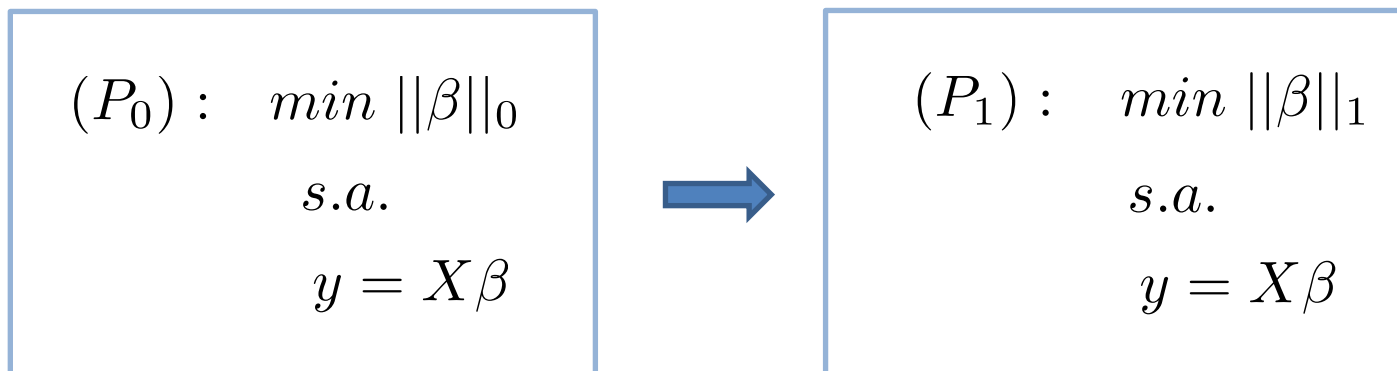
*s.a.*

$$y = X\beta$$

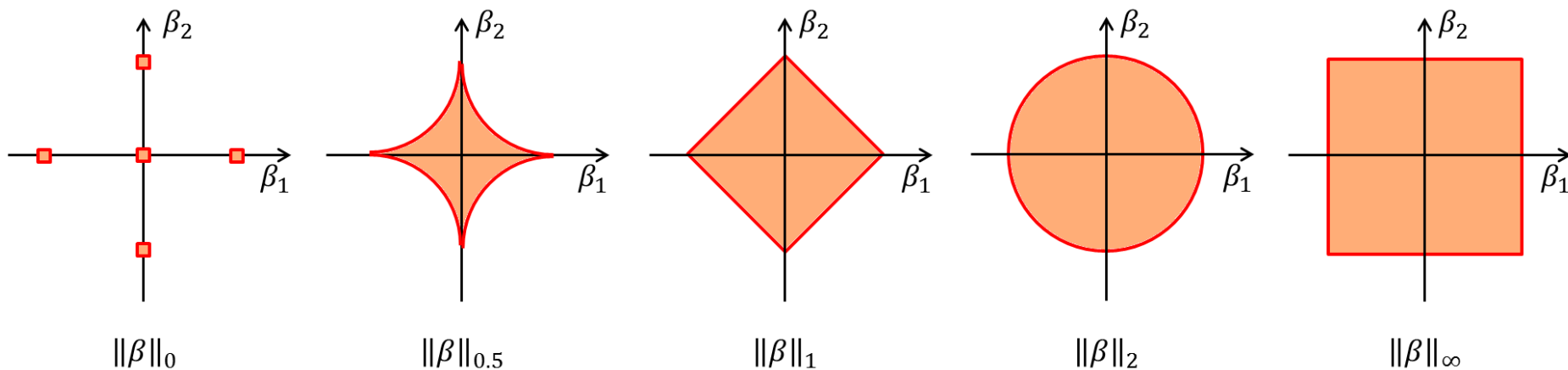
$$\|\beta\|_0 = \#\{j : \beta_j \neq 0\}$$

$(P_0)$  Is a NP-hard problem!

One idea is to relax the problem to the closest reasonable approximation



The norm  $\ell_1$  is the closest convex norm.



If the system has non exact solution, or some noise,

$$\begin{aligned} (P_{\delta,0}) : \quad & \min \|\beta\|_0 \\ & \text{s.t.} \\ & \|y - X\beta\|_2 \leq \delta \end{aligned}$$

A possible convex relaxation is

$$\begin{aligned} (P_{\delta,1}) : \quad & \min \|\beta\|_1 \\ & \text{s.t.} \\ & \|y - X\beta\|_2 \leq \delta \end{aligned}$$

$(P_{\delta,1})$  Is known as the *Basis Pursuit* in signal processing.

One can rewrite the problem under the Lagrangian form  $(P_{\delta,1})$

$$LASSO : \min_{(\beta)} \{ \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \}$$

LASSO: least absolute shrinkage and selection operator

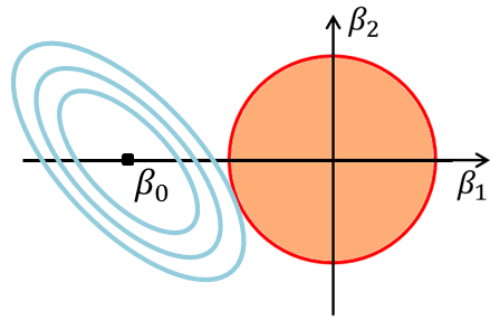
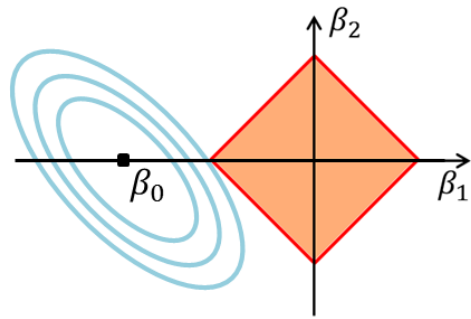
The dual form is easier to interpret

$$\hat{\beta}^{lasso} \in \operatorname{argmin} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2$$

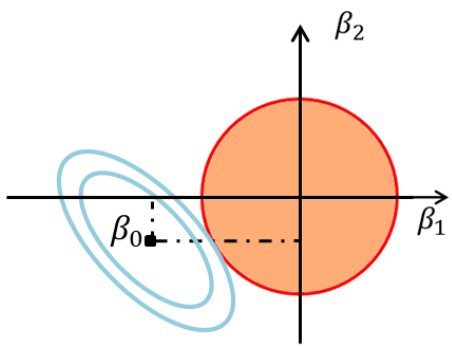
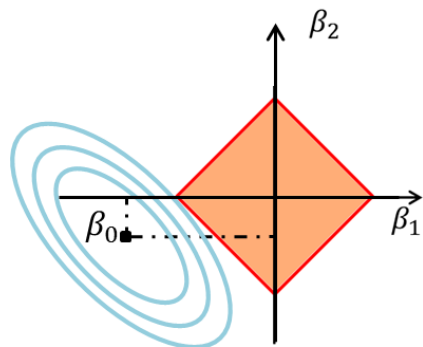
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$$\sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \leq s$$

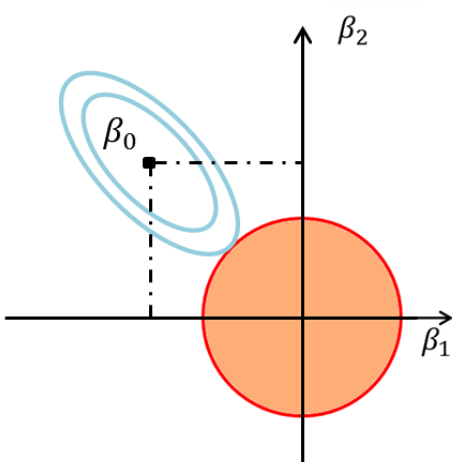
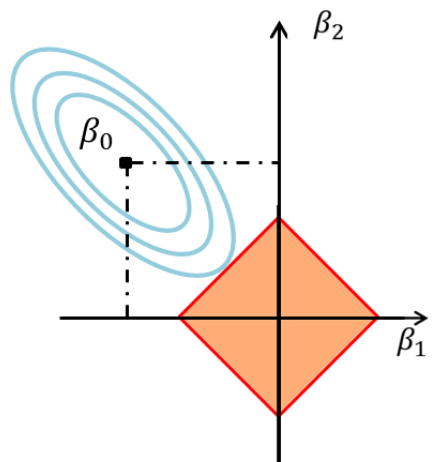
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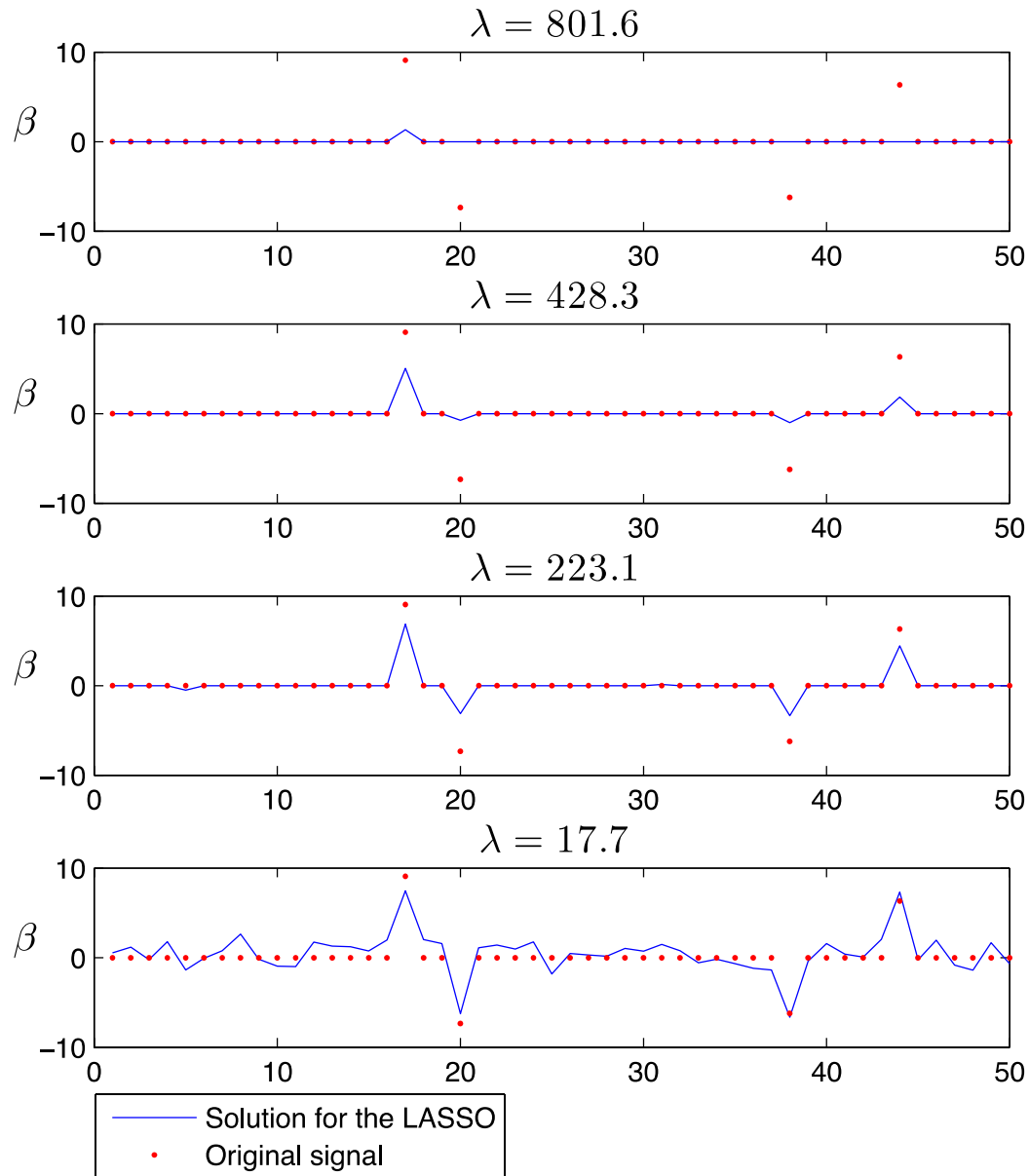
Caso 2:



Caso 3:



The parameter  $\lambda$  controls the sparsity of the model (50 variables).

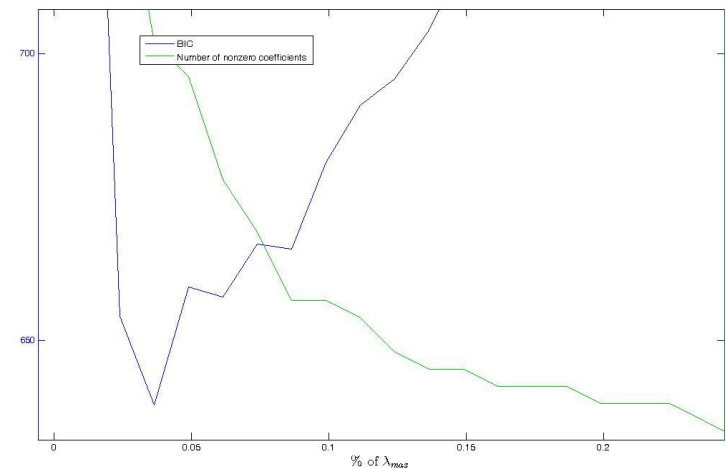
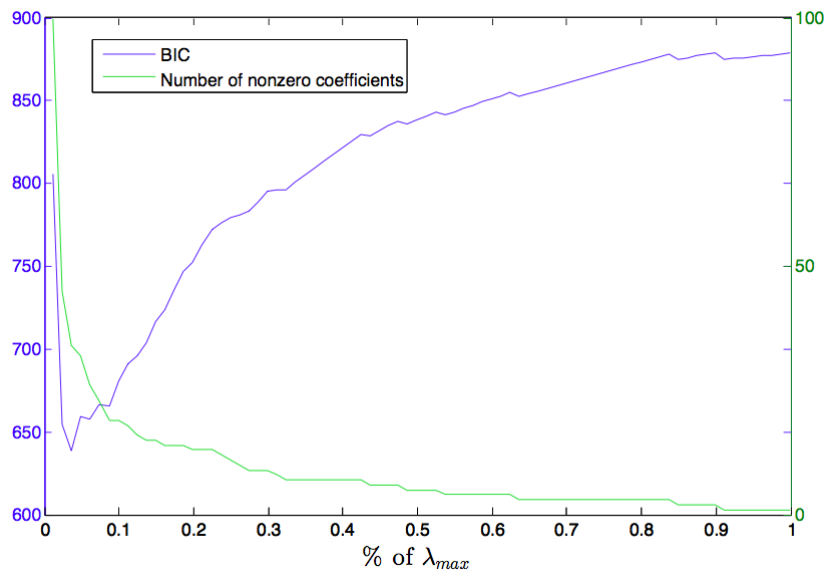


Shrinkage parameter  $\lambda$  must be estimated by grid search between 0 and  $\lambda_{max}$

$$\lambda_{max} = \|X^T y\|_\infty$$

Better value for  $\lambda$  depends on the goal of the model

- Forecasting: Cross-Validation
- True model: BIC (consistent asymptotically)



Optimum at  $0.04 * \lambda_{max} \rightarrow 34$  variables

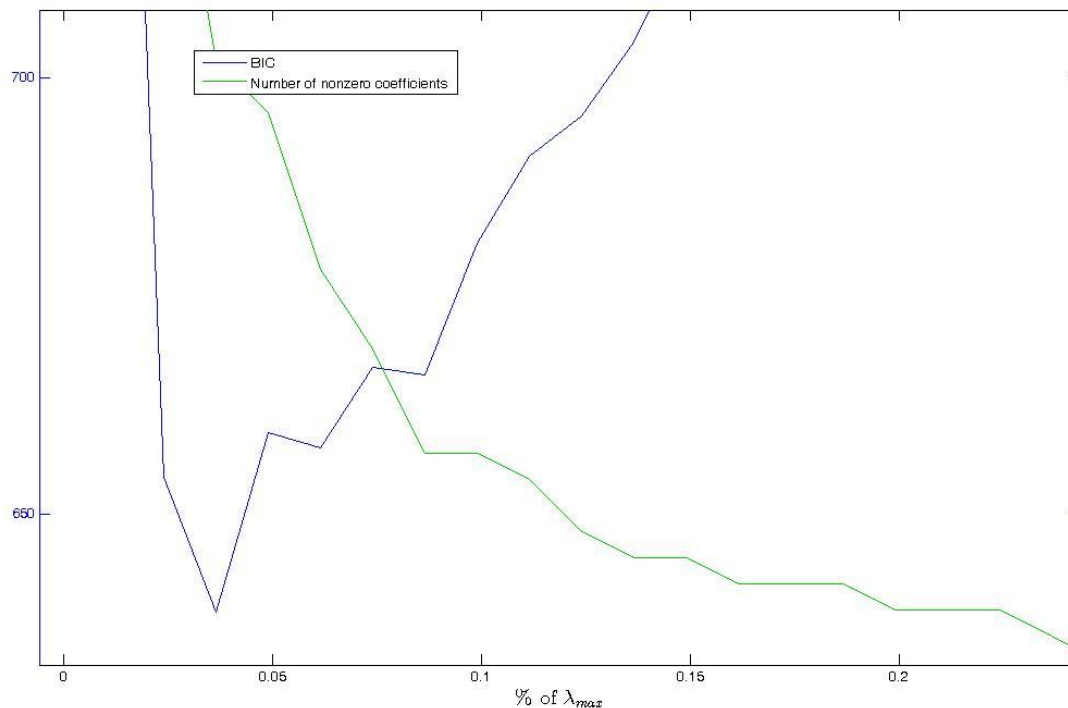


O “melhor” valor de  $\lambda$  não é conhecido *a priori*. Sendo assim, é necessário avaliar um grid de  $\lambda$ 's no intervalo  $[0, \lambda_{max}]$ .

$$\lambda_{max} = \|X^T y\|_\infty$$

O Critério para escolher o  $\lambda$  depende do objetivo do modelo:

- Previsão: Cross-Validation
- Recuperar sinal/modelo original: BIC (assintoticamente consistente)



4% do  $\lambda_{max}$   
Selecionando 34  
variáveis



# End of digression on LASSO

# Maximum likelihood estimation via LASSO

$$\text{LASSO: } \max_{\{\beta, \Sigma_{m(k), k=1,12}\}} \{l^*(\beta, \Sigma_{m(k), k=1,12}) - \lambda \|\beta\|_1\}$$

Tibshirani, Robert. "Regression shrinkage and selection via the lasso." *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series B (Methodological)* (1996): 267-288.

Thus

$$\hat{\beta}_\lambda \in \operatorname{argmax} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=13}^T (Y_t - W_{t-1}\beta)^\top \Sigma_{m(t)}^{-1} (Y_t - W_{t-1}\beta) - \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \right\}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_m = \sum_{t=13 | m(t)=m} \frac{(Y_t - W_{t-1}\beta)(Y_t - W_{t-1}\beta)^\top}{n} \quad \forall m = 1, 2, \dots, 12$$

# Estimation algorithm via LASSO

- The covariance matrix is not in general full rank  $\rightarrow$  Computing  $\Sigma_m^{-1}$ 
  - Compute the eigenvalues of  $\Sigma_m$
  - Eliminate those negatives (it happens...) and too small
  - Construct a new diagonal matrix  $\Lambda^{-1}$  with the inverse of the remaining eigenvalues and zeros elsewhere.
  - Compute

$$\Sigma_{m(t)}^{-1} = P \Lambda^{-1} P^\top$$

- The maximum value for  $\lambda$  worth looking at can be shown (Souto, 2013) to be

$$\lambda^* = \left\| \left\| 2 \left\| \sum_{t=13}^T W_{t-1}^\top \Sigma_{m(t)}^{-1} Y_t \right\| \right\|_\infty$$

# Estimation algorithm

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**Algorithm** Fixed-Point &  $\ell^1$ -regularization

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$$\hat{\Sigma}_m^0 \leftarrow I_{k \times k} \quad \forall m = 1, 2, \dots, 12$$

**for**  $\lambda = 0$  to  $\lambda^*$  **do**

  iter  $\leftarrow$  0

$$\hat{\beta}^0 = \operatorname{argmax}\{\ell^*(\beta, \{\hat{\Sigma}_m^0\}_{m=1}^{12})\}$$

**while**  $\|\hat{\beta}^{iter} - \hat{\beta}^{iter-1}\|_2 > \textit{tolerance}$  **do**

    iter  $\leftarrow$  iter + 1

    Obtain  $\hat{\Sigma}_m^{iter}$

    Calculate the pseudo-inverse  $\Sigma_m^{-1}$

$$\forall m = 1, \dots, 12$$

$$\hat{\beta}^{iter} = \operatorname{argmax}\{\ell^*(\beta, \{\hat{\Sigma}_m^{iter}\}_{m=1}^{12})\}$$

**end while**

  Obtain  $BIC(\lambda)$  using  $\hat{\beta}^{iter}$  and  $\{\hat{\Sigma}_m^{iter}\}_{m=1}^{12}$

**end for**

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# Outline of the scenario generation scheme

- Consider the output of the dispatch tool for  $t=1,T$ 
  - $S$  paths for ENA's and PLDs
  - Configuration of the system can change:  $C_1, \dots, C_K$
  - Reconstruct historical ENAs and estimate the model for each configuration  $C_1, \dots, C_K$ .
- For each path  $s=1, \dots, S$ 
  - Generate a path by bootstrapping monthly wise standardized residuals of the model and reinserting them in the model recursively, changing parameters when configuration changes

$$\mathbf{Y}_t^{(r,s)} = \hat{\mathbf{c}}^{(d(t))} + \sum_{i=1}^{12} \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_i^{(d(t))} \mathbf{Y}_{t-1}^{(r,s)} + \sum_{j=1}^2 \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_j^{(d(t))} \mathbf{x}_{t-j-1}^s + \hat{\mathbf{A}}_{m(t)}^{(d(t))} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t^{(r,s)}.$$

- The scenarios for the price PLD come ready from the dispatch tool.

# Case study: Data

Case study data:

16 Wind Farms (% of)

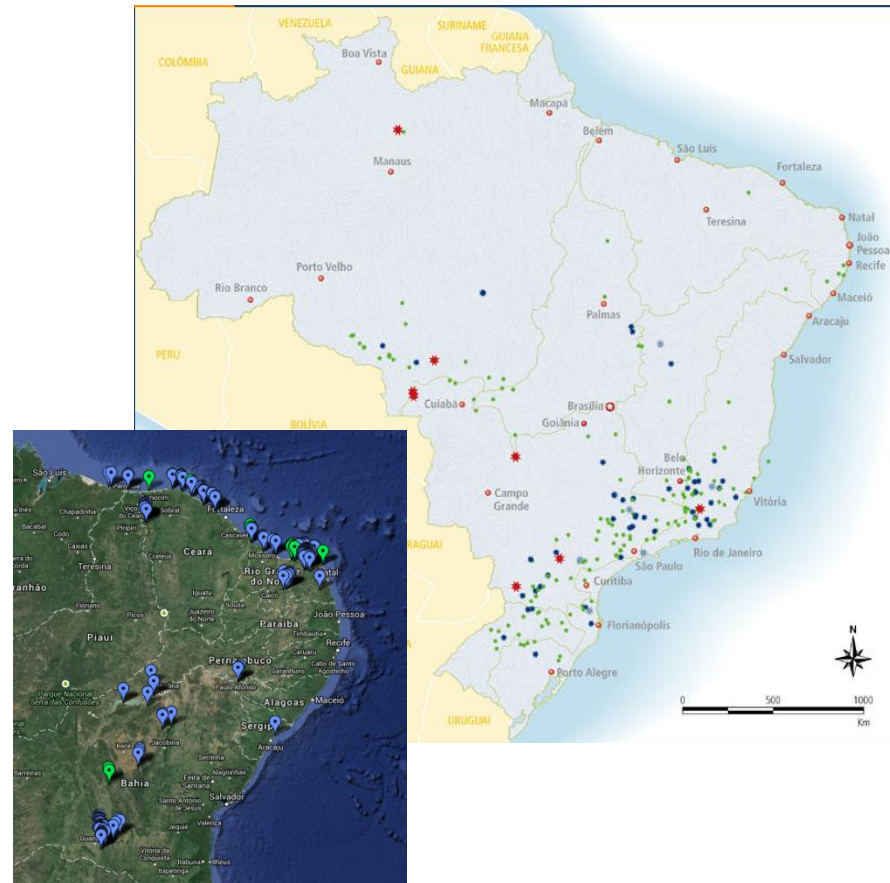
34 Hydro's (m<sup>3</sup>/s)

Monthly Data from January 1981  
to December 2011: totalizing  
372 observations.

Thus we have:

$\beta$ : 30450 x 1

$\Sigma$ : 50 x 50 (one for each month)



All series are log-transformed to avoid the simulation of negative results

## Case study: Results

Result:

By BIC, 97,15% of  $\beta$  coefficients were set to zero.

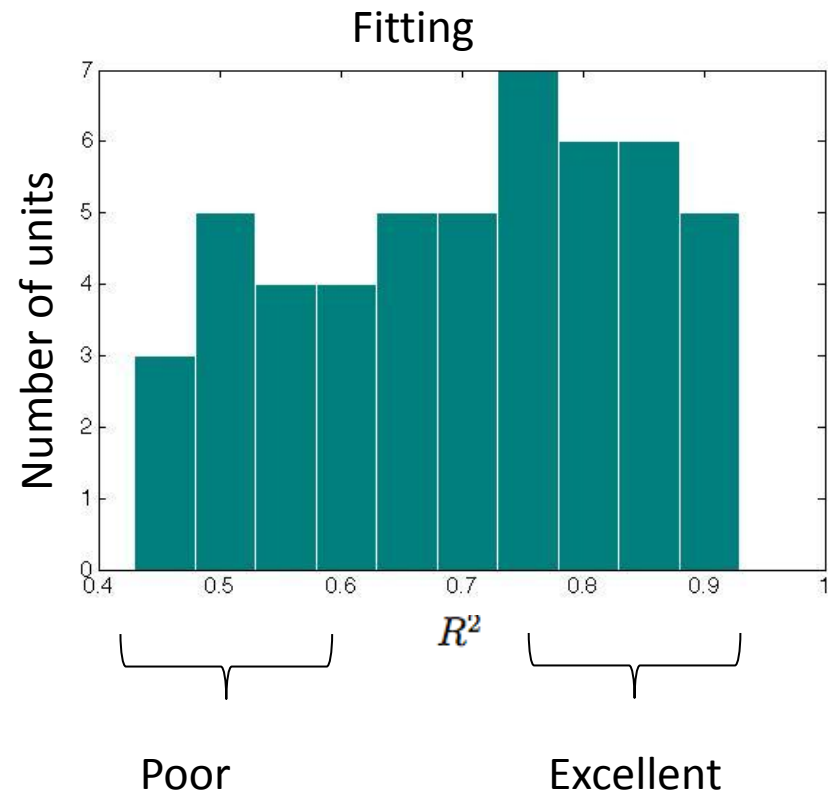
Natural Water Inflow	MAPE	$R^2$
Salto Verdinho	14.99	0.69
Vigario	7.18	0.64
Itaguaçu	16.52	0.75
Pereira Passos	18.37	0.61
Teles Pires	9.07	0.88
Santana	10.83	0.62
Ferreira Gomes	13.18	0.85
Ilha dos Pombos	36.11	0.59
Santa Cecília	15.33	0.57
Belo Monte	14.95	0.85
Dardanelos	28.61	0.91
Salto	15.26	0.66
Santo Antonio do Jari	15.96	0.83
Tocos	50.86	0.53
Olho D'Água	16.21	0.58
Jupia	22.76	0.72
Coaracy Nunes	20.72	0.85

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Manso	17.59	0.72
Ponte de Pedra	9.26	0.77
Samuel	65.65	0.82
Santa Isabel	17.15	0.92
Balbina	19.5	0.68
Estreito Tocantins	21.2	0.67
Lajeado	26.2	0.48
Tucuruí	12.06	0.9
Jirau	25.03	0.91
Foz do Rio Claro	18.42	0.79
Guilman Amorim	30.88	0.54
Itaipu	18.54	0.45
Itiquira	11.74	0.75
Peixe Angical	35.42	0.43
Porto Estrela	52.27	0.49
Barra dos Coqueiros	24.74	0.65
Cacu	18.58	0.79



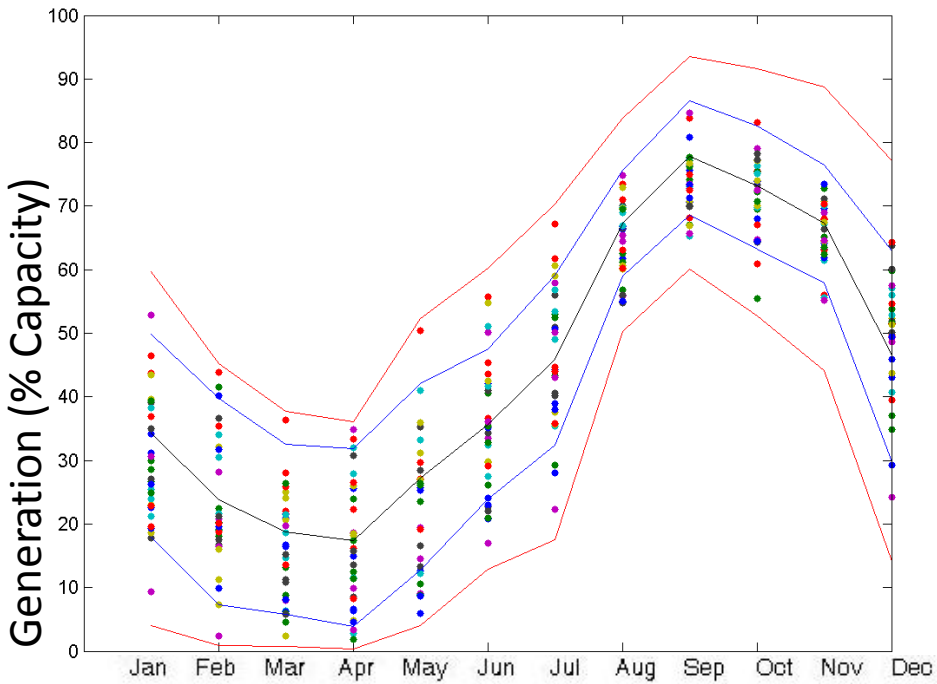
## Case study: Results

Wind Farms	MAPE	$R^2$
Alegria 1	21.59	0.75
Alegria 2	18.33	0.63
Bons Ventos	21.49	0.76
Canoa Quebrada	40.64	0.81
Cerro Chato	11.08	0.51
Cerro Chato 2	11.16	0.51
Icaraizinho	26.67	0.88
Mangue Seco 1	14.36	0.74
Mangue Seco 2	9.01	0.51
Mangue Seco 3	8.39	0.55
Mangue Seco 4	14.28	0.79
Praia do Morgado	21.46	0.93
Praia Formosa	20.47	0.86
Rio do Fogo	18.38	0.68
Sangradouro	16.59	0.64
Volta do Rio	22.61	0.76

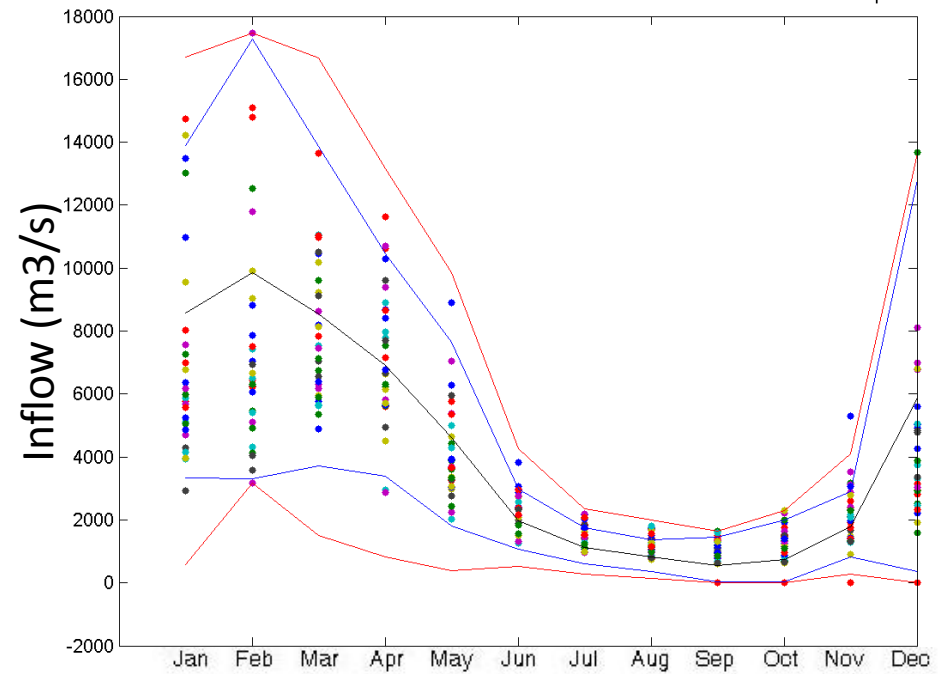


# Case study: Simulation results 1

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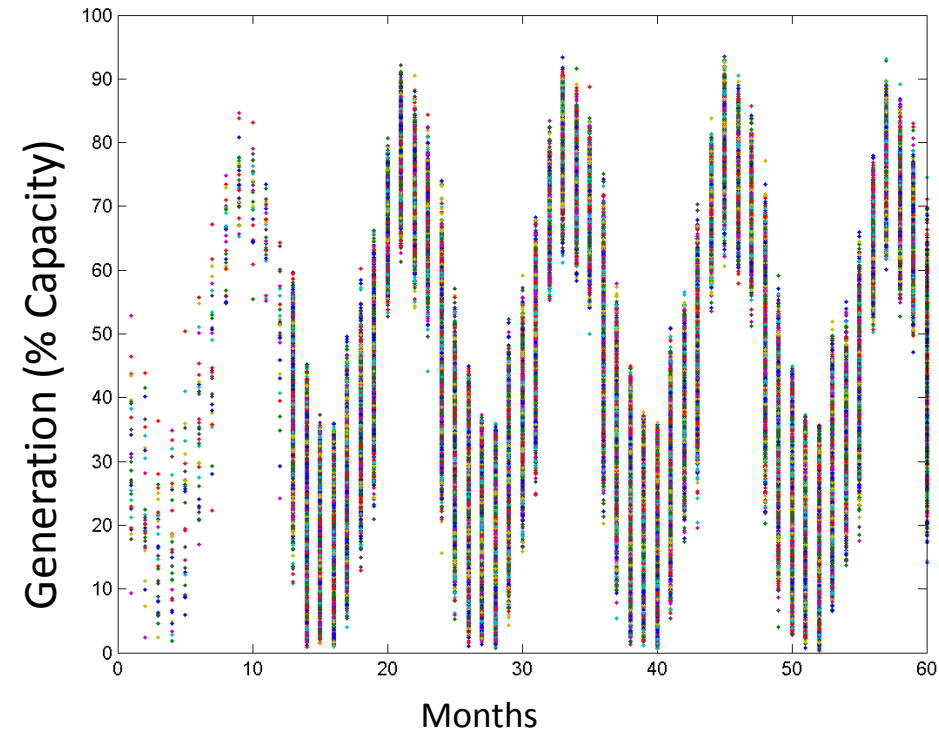


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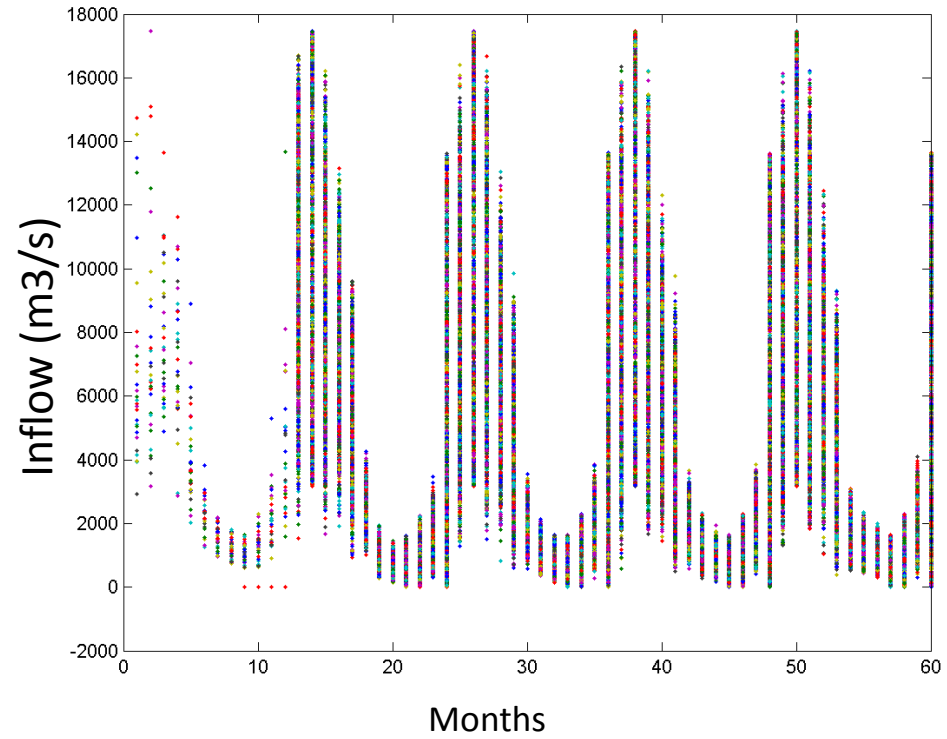


# Case study: Simulation results 2

## Icaraizinho



## Tocantins



# Generating scenarios by copulas – on going work

- The conjoint distribution is as important as the marginals for portfolio evaluation
- Multivariate copulas in large dimension is a difficult subject
- Vine pair-copulas
  - Bivariate copulas are building blocks for higher-dimensional Distributions
  - The dependency structure is determined by the bivariate copulas and a nested set of trees.
- Estimation
  - Graph theory to determine the dependency structure of the data
  - statistical inference (maximum-likelihood, Bayesian approach ...) to fit bivariate copulas
- A number of algorithms are available
  - R-Vine : Maximum Spanning Tree
  - D-Vine: "Traveling Salesman Problem"
- The R-Vine was applied to the standardized residuals
- New simulated residuals were then re-injected in the model

# Comparison Historical x Simulated

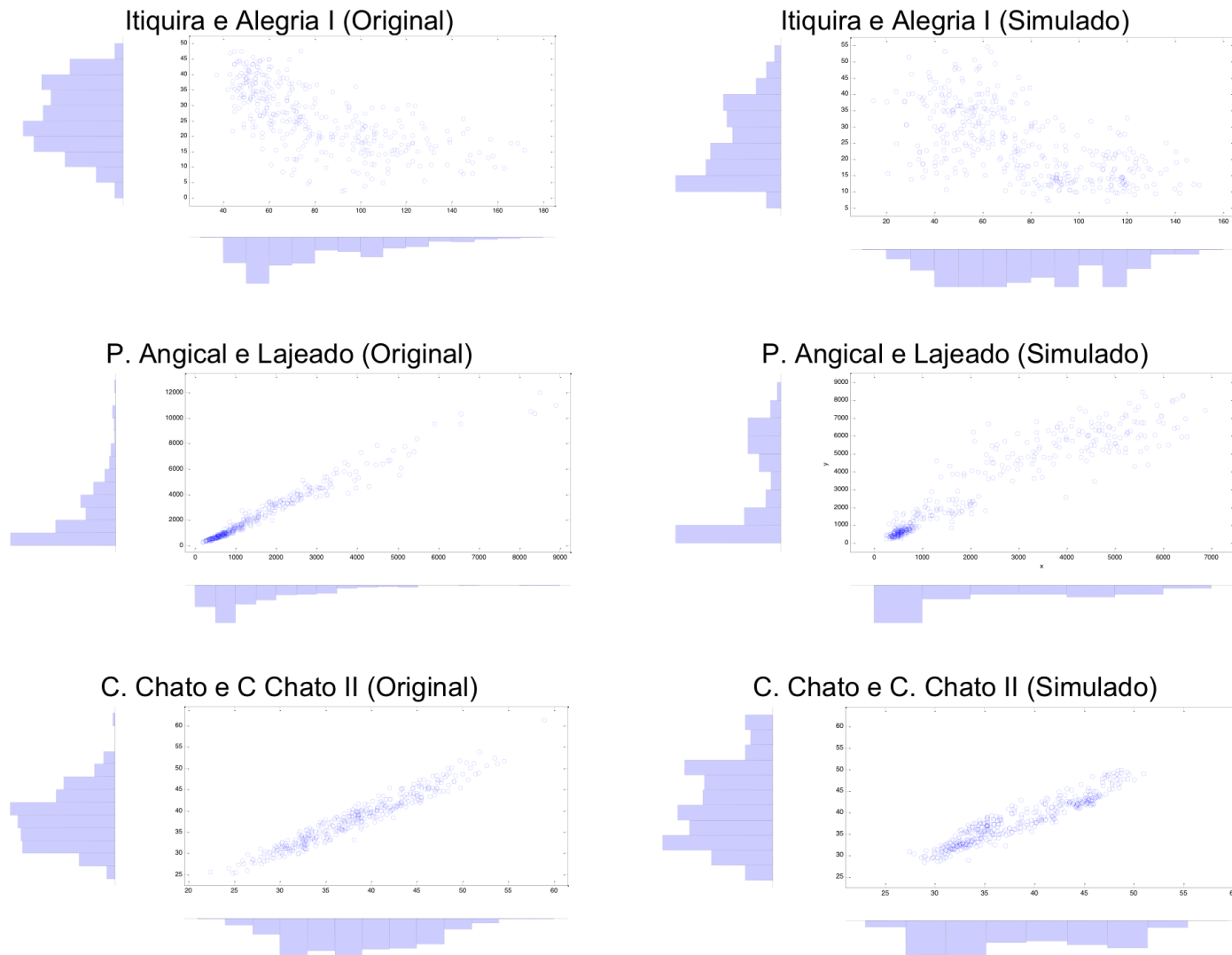
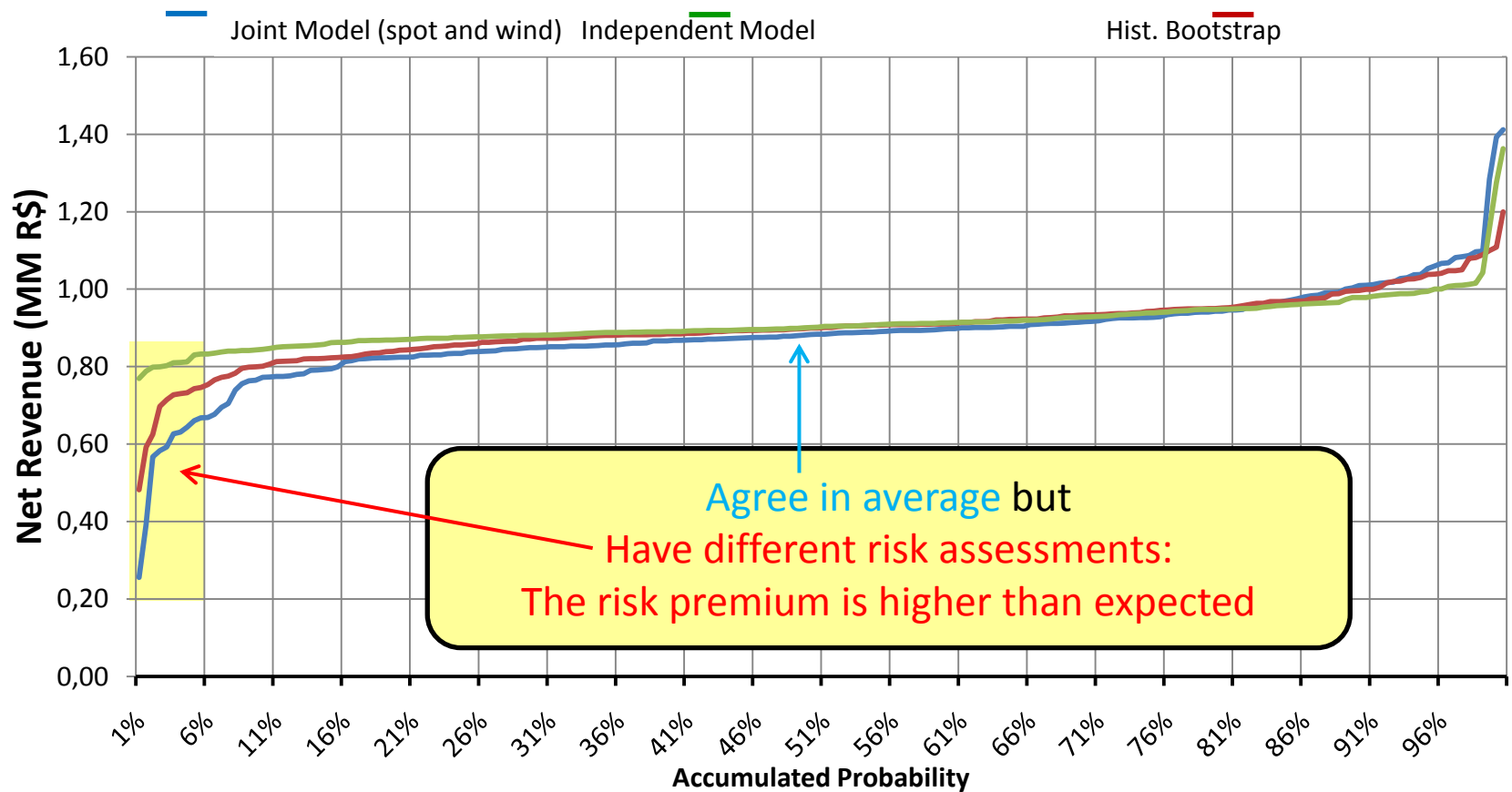


Figura 4 – Histograma e gráfico de dispersão das séries originais e das séries simuladas

# Risk Assessment: Free Environment (ACL)

## Annual net revenue impact:

- Wind power producer FEC = 1 avgMW
- Selling a 1-year forward contract P = 100 R\$/MWh, Q = 1 avgMW.



# Conclusions

- We were able to make the joint estimation and simulation for 50 plants
- BIC was shown to be a good criterion for setting the regularization parameter
- Simulations of renewables were obtained and they are coherent with operation of the system and spot prices
- Taking into account the dependence between price and renewables can be seen in risk assessment
- Copulas show to be a promising way to correctly describe dependency patterns
- The method is integrated to a computational tool for optimization of electric energy contracts portfolio with risk constraints