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Project: Forecasting France's Day-ahead Electricity Price Using LASSO-Based Regression Models

1- Introduction

- Challenges from the dynamic energy landscape and recent geopolitical events.
- 3 Shrinkage methods (Ridge Regression,LASSO, and Elastic Net) are employed
- Four benchmark model is utilized: Naive model, Expert model, the Extended Expert model **expert.last** and **expert.redav**



2. Data – Regressors selection

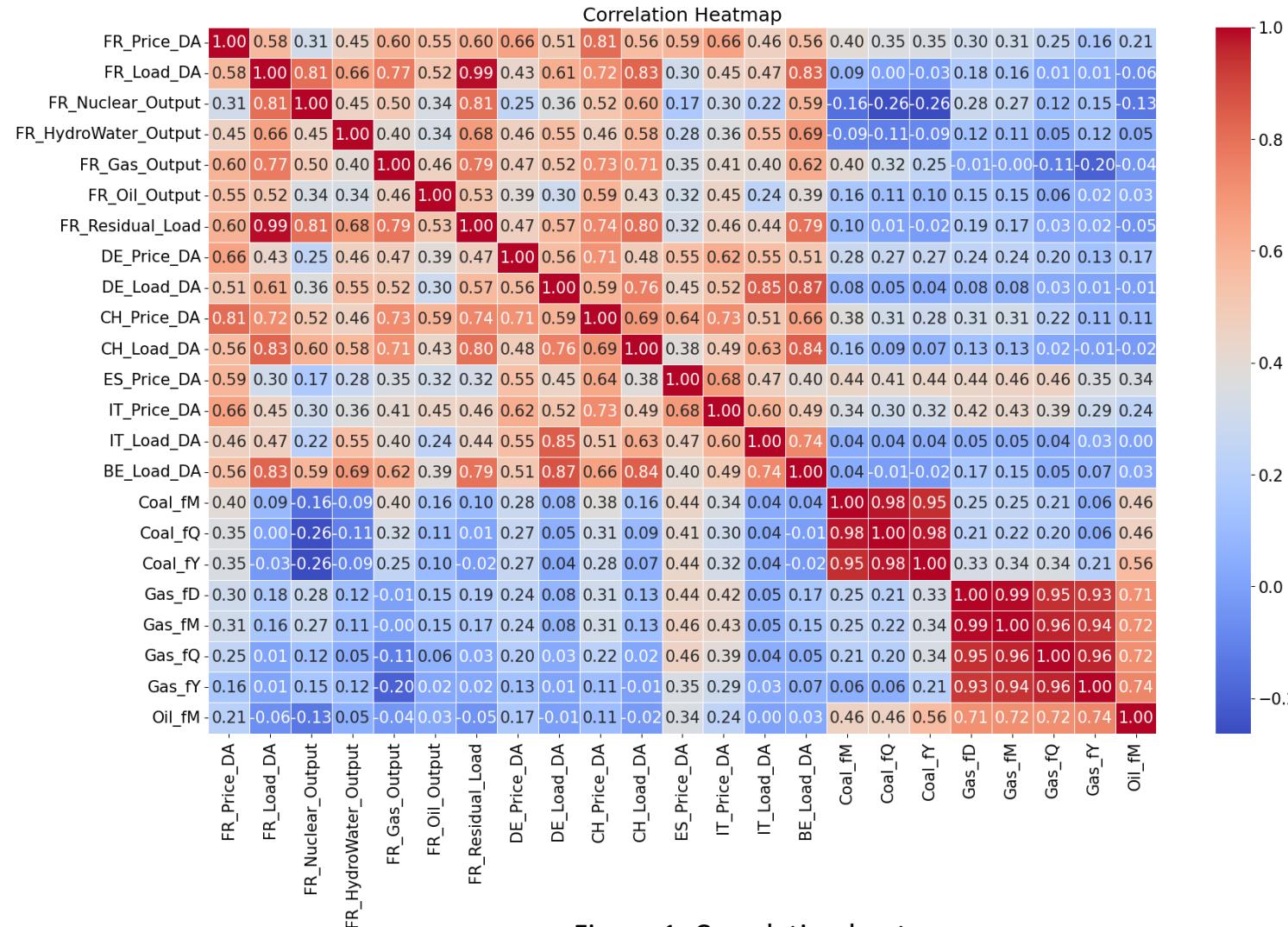


Figure 1: Correlation heatmap

Two main features:

- Feature of France: Price, Load, Output of France
- Interconnection features: Price, Load of other countries + Oil, Gas and Coal prices

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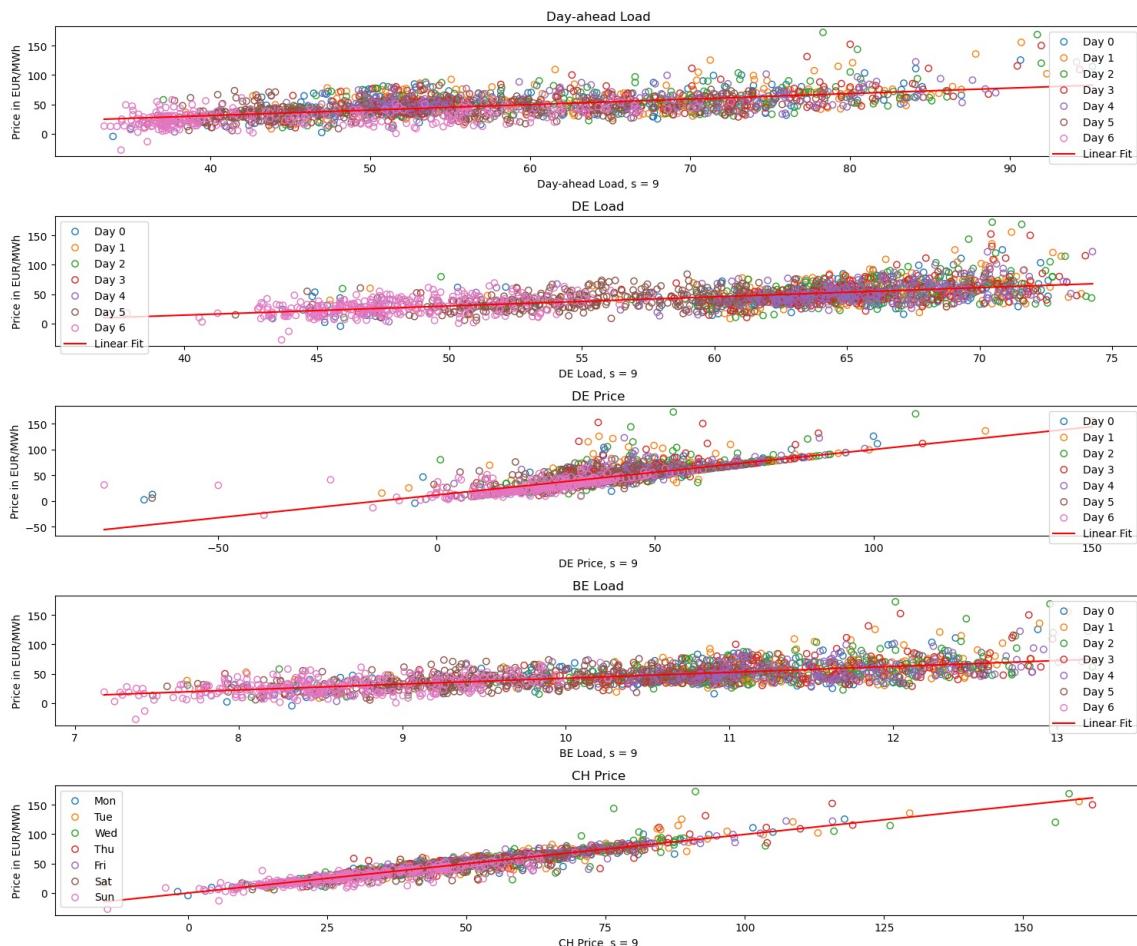


Figure 2: Relationship between some variables and DA price of France

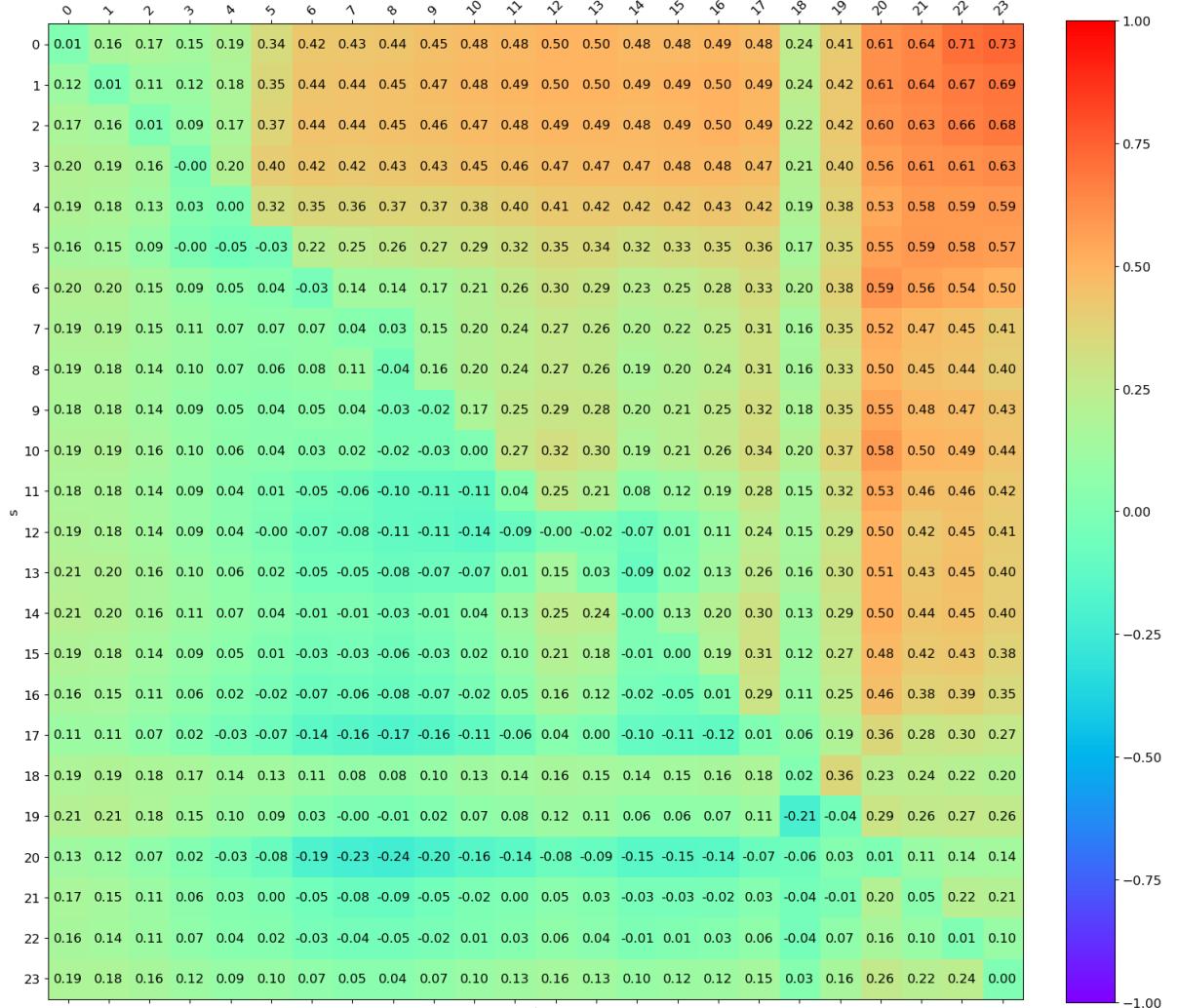


Figure 3: Correlation heatmap for all hours

2. Data - Target variable

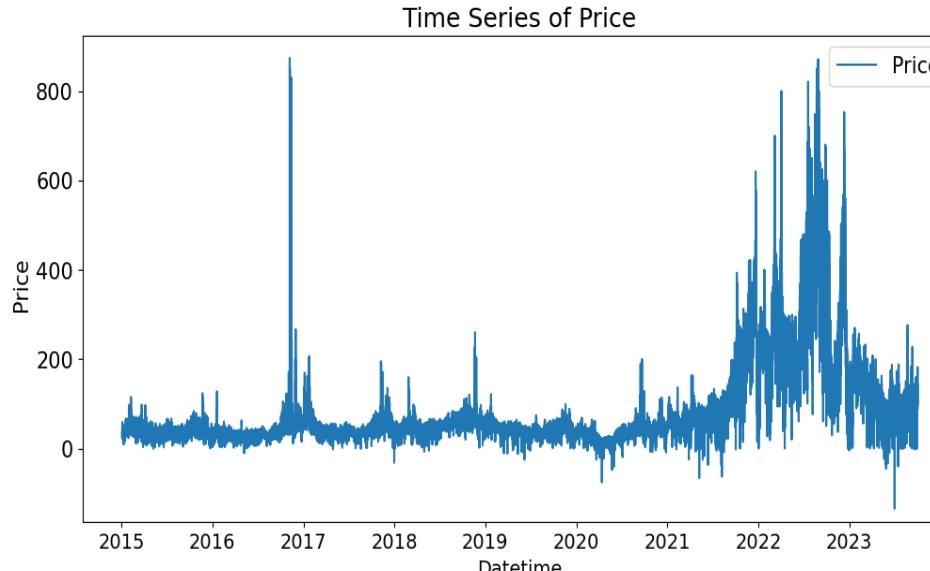


Figure 4a: Day-ahead price over time on training set
(after outlier cleaning on 2022-04-04)

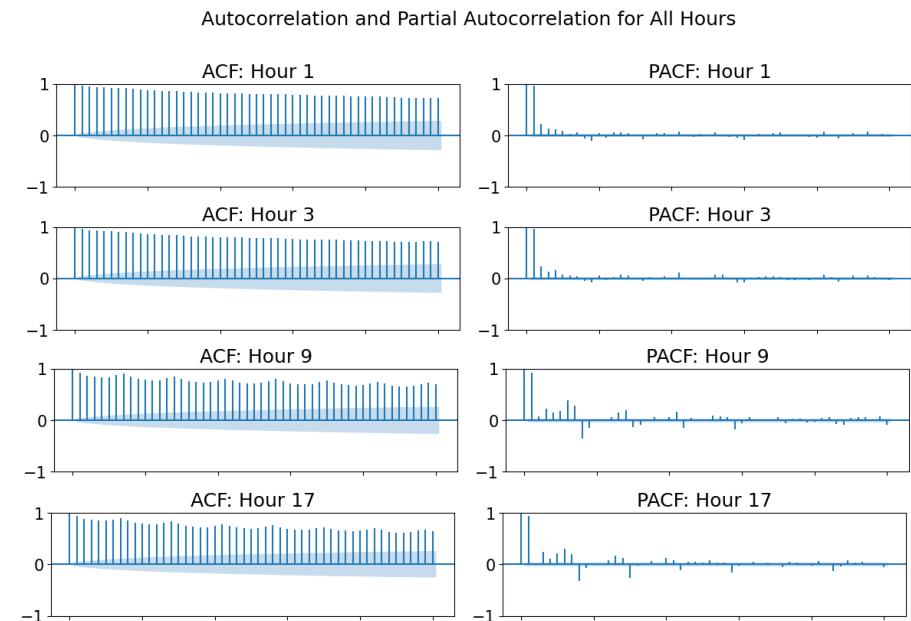


Figure 4b: Auto-correlation structure

Table 1: Summary statistics of the prices in France

Prices	Mean	Median	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Max
Statistics	80.41	46.52	95.26	-134.94	874.01

3. Methods – Benchmark models

$$Y_{d,s} = \begin{cases} Y_{d-7,s} + \varepsilon_{d,s} & , \text{ d is Monday, Saturday, or Sunday} \\ Y_{d-1,s} + \varepsilon_{d,s} & , \text{ other day d of the week} \end{cases}$$

Naive Model

Expert Model

$$Y_{d,s} = \beta_{s,0} + \beta_{s,1}Y_{d-1,s} + \beta_{s,2}Y_{d-2,s} + \beta_{s,3}Y_{d-7,s} + \beta_{s,4}DoW_d^1 + \beta_{s,5}DoW_d^6 + \beta_{s,6}DoW_d^7 + \varepsilon_{d,s}$$

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Extended Expert Model
(expert.last)

Extended Expert Model
(expert.redav)

$$Y_{d,s} = \beta_{s,0} + \beta_{s,1}Y_{d-1,s} + \beta_{s,2}Y_{d-2,s} + \beta_{s,3}Y_{d-7,s} + \beta_{s,4}Y_{d-1,S-1} + \beta_{s,5}Y_{d-1,min} + \beta_{s,6}Y_{d-1,max} + \beta_{s,7}DoW_d^1 + \beta_{s,8}DoW_d^6 + \beta_{s,9}DoW_d^7 + \beta_{s,10}X_{d,s}^{Load} + \beta_{s,11}X_{d,s}^{DARES} + \beta_{s,12}X_{d,s}^{Coal} + \beta_{s,13}X_{d,s}^{Gas} + \beta_{s,14}X_{d,s}^{Oil} + \varepsilon_{d,s}$$

3. Methods – LASSO-based models

$$\hat{\tilde{\beta}}_{\lambda,s}^{\text{lasso}} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^D} \|\tilde{Y}_s - \tilde{X}_s \beta\|_2^2 + \lambda_s \|\beta\|_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\tilde{\beta}}_{\Omega_{\lambda_s},s}^{\text{elasticnet}} &= \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^D} \|\tilde{Y}_s - \tilde{X}_s \beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \mathcal{P}_\alpha(\beta) \\ \mathcal{P}_\alpha(\beta) &= \alpha(\lambda_{s,1} \|\beta\|_1 + (1 - \lambda_{s,2}) \|\beta\|_2^2)\end{aligned}$$

LASSO

Ridge Regression

Elastic Net

$$\hat{\tilde{\beta}}_{\lambda,s}^{\text{ridge}} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^D} \|\tilde{Y}_s - \tilde{X}_s \beta\|_2^2 + \lambda_s \|\beta\|_2^2$$

3. Evaluation Methods

Root Mean Squared Error

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (y_{s,t} - \hat{y}_{s,t})^2}$$

Diebold-Mariano test

For comparing the forecast accuracy of two forecast model A and B
 Consider the difference loss function

$$\Delta_{A;B;t} = L_{A,t} - L_{B,t}$$

The null hypothesis

$$H_0 : E(\Delta_{A;B;t}) = 0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 : E(\Delta_{A;B;t}) \neq 0$$

The null hypothesis will be rejected if the computed DM statistic falls outside the range of $-z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ to $z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$

4. Results - Hyperparameter

Hyperparameter range: $\Lambda = 2^{-5}, \dots, 2^{0.5}$ over 100 steps, tuning and selected using 5-fold cross-validation,
 α ratio in Elastic is set at 0.5

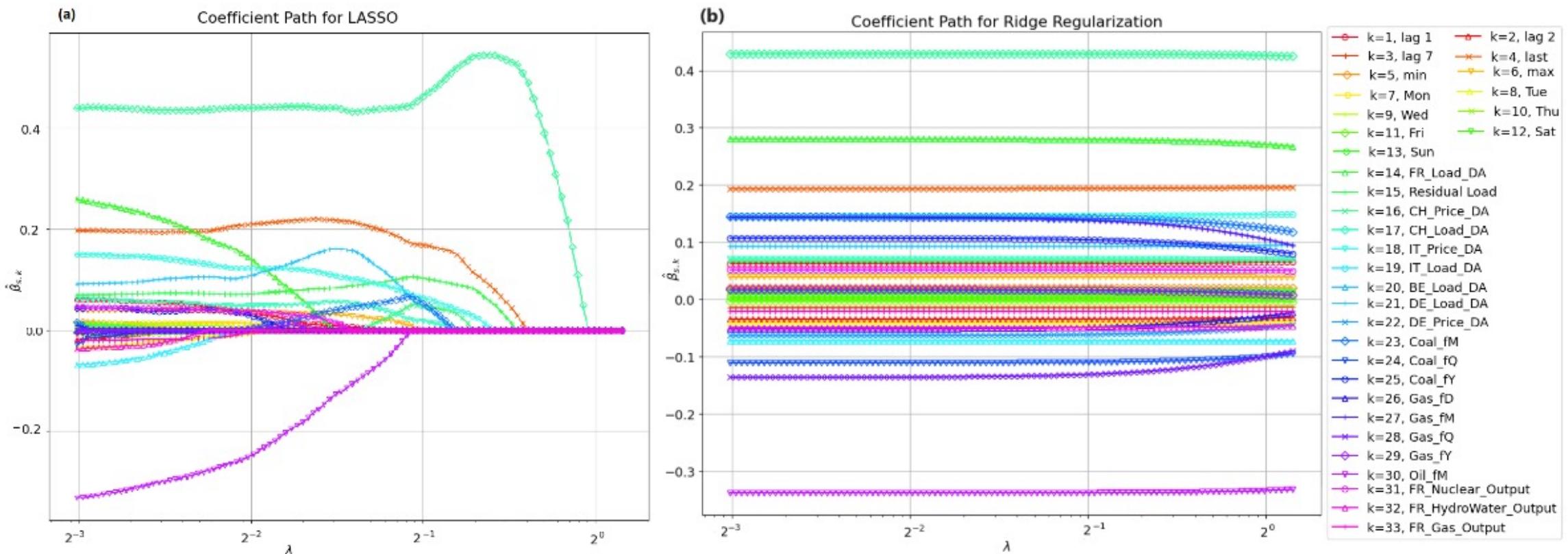


Figure 5: Shrinkage behavior of LASSO and Ridge regression.

4. Results - Model Performance

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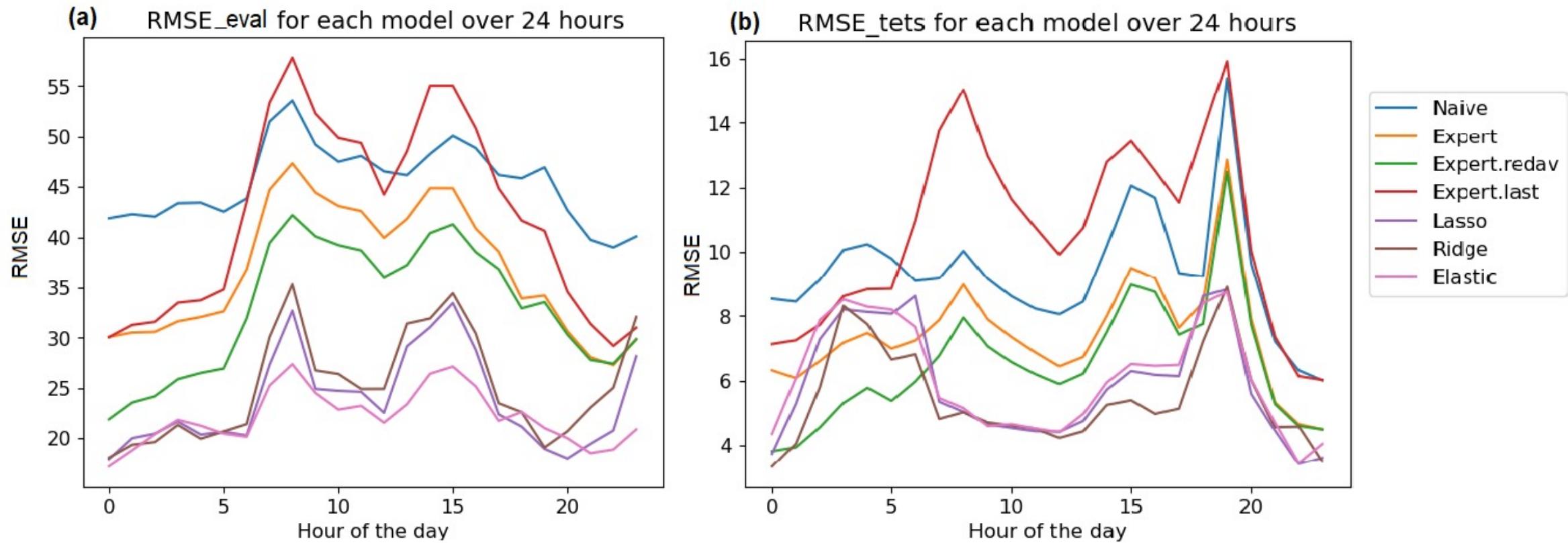


Figure 6: RMSEs by different models for different hours.

4. Results - Diebold-Mariano test

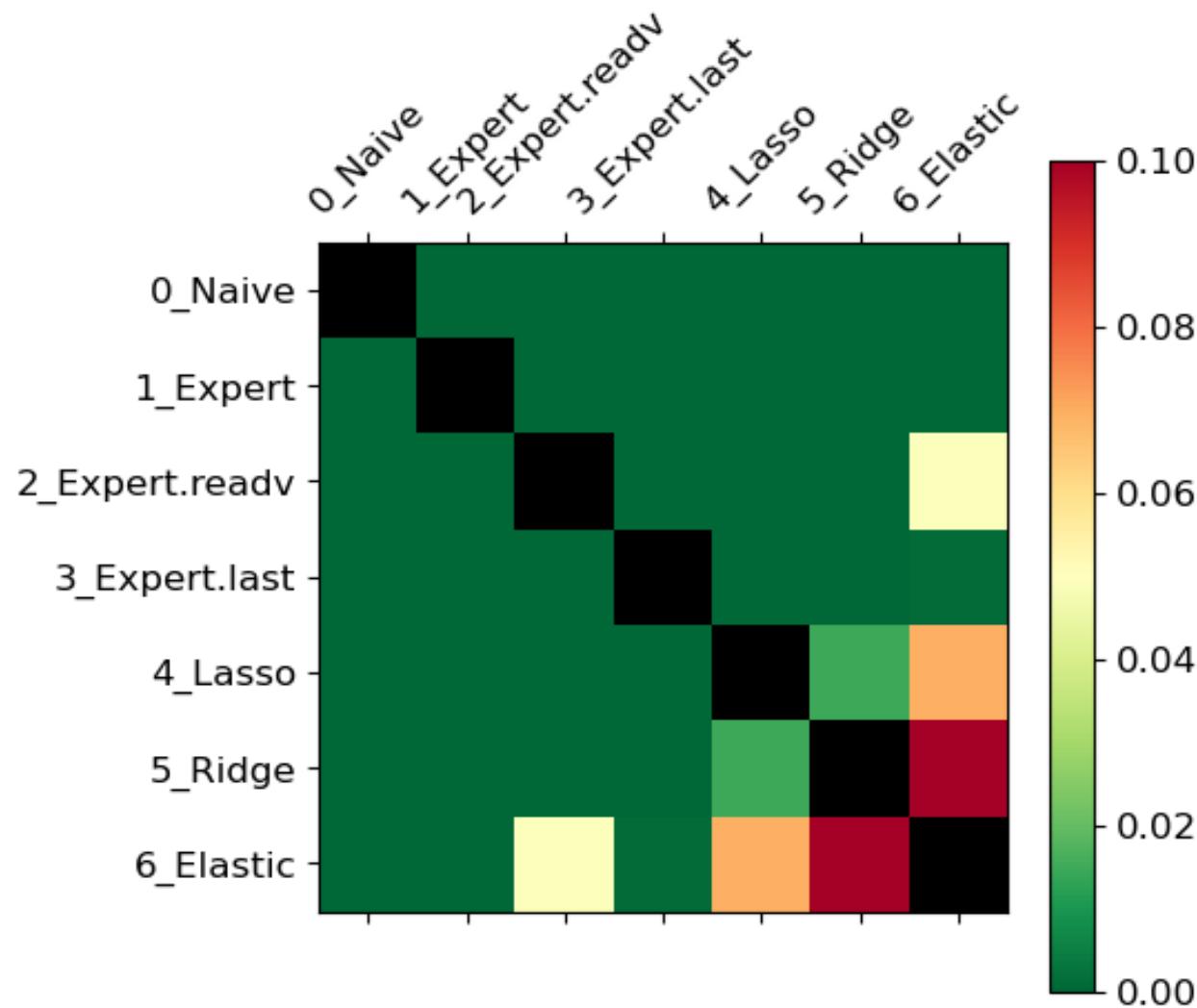


Figure 7: DM test results

4. Results — Forecast visualization

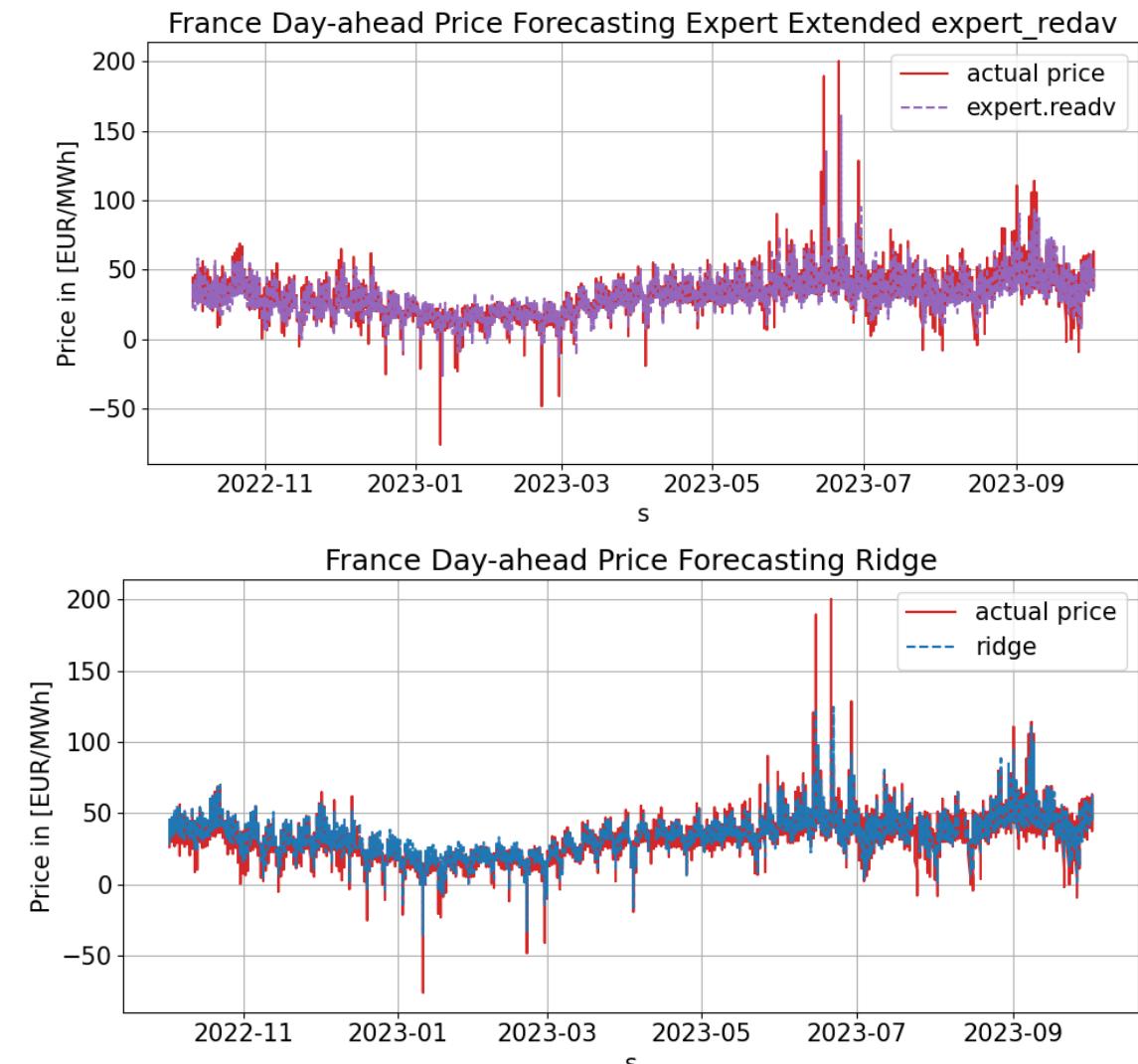
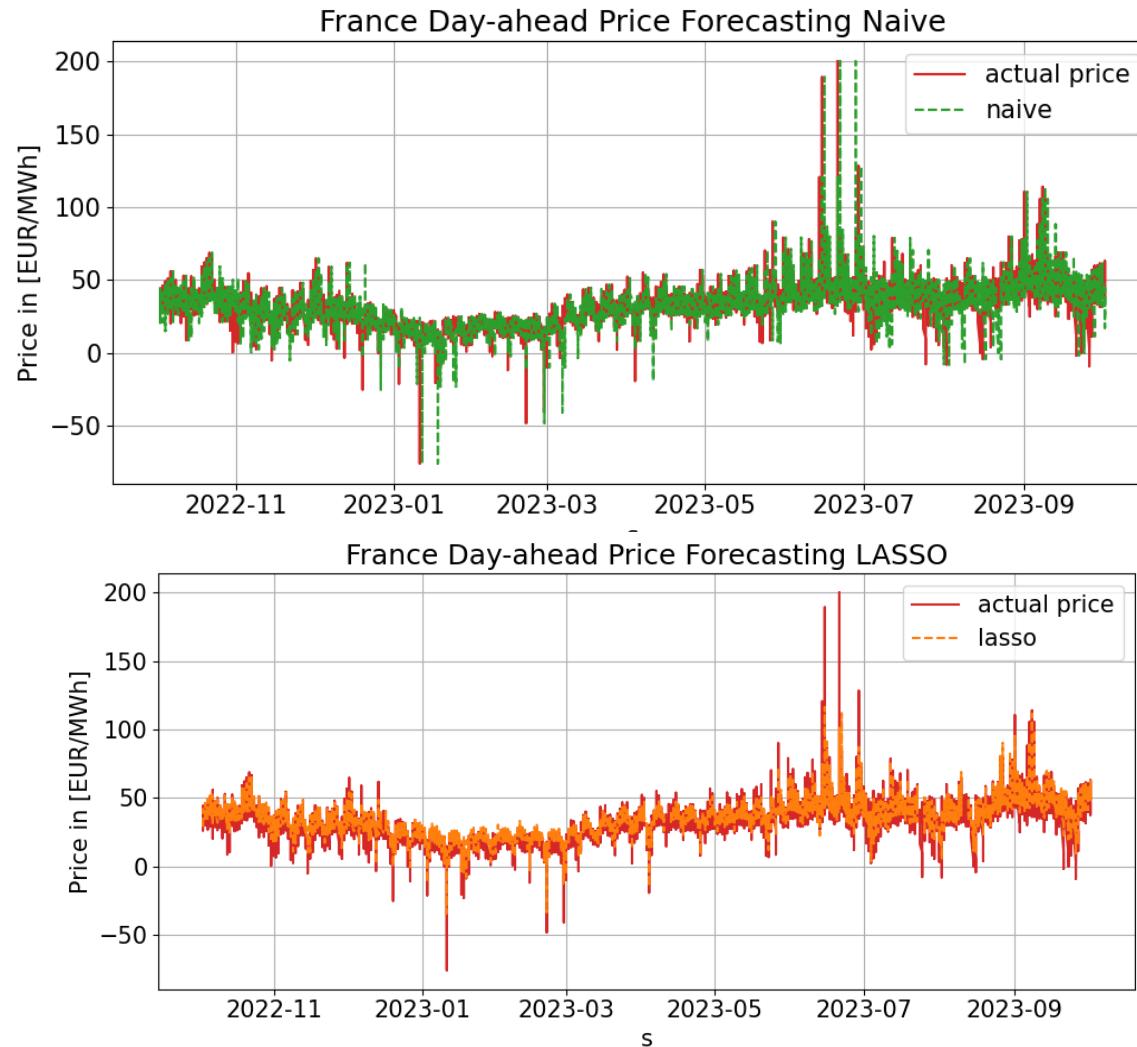


Figure 8: Forecast visualization

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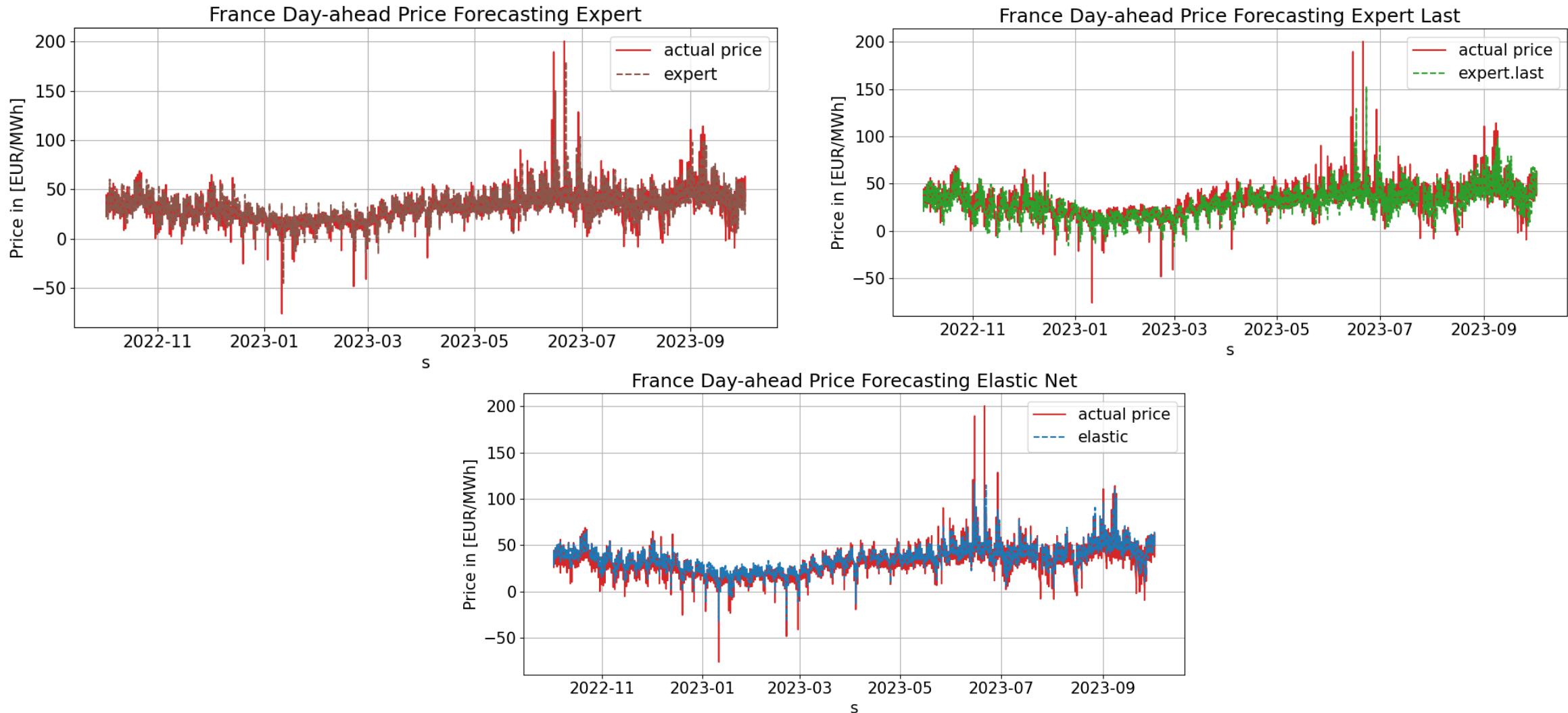
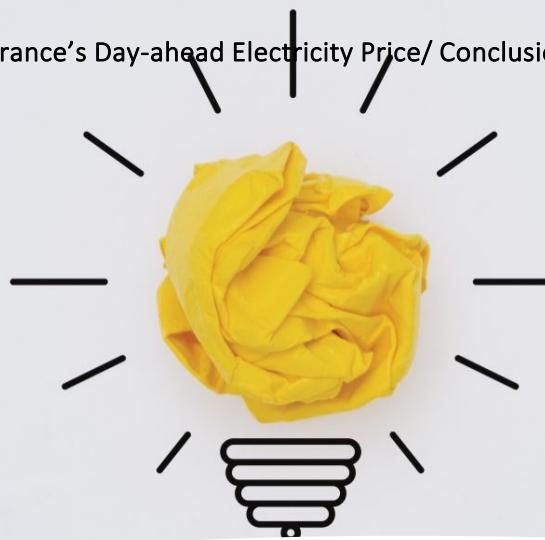


Figure 9: Forecast visualization



5 - Conclusions

- LASSO-based models have close RMSE results
- Elastic Net, with the combination of LASSO and Ridge regression, outperforms other models in the validation set.
- Ridge regression stands out as the best performer in out-of-sample testing set
- The naive, expert.last and expert has the worst performance, expert.redav has better results
- The Diebold-Mariano test emphasizes the forecast power of Ridge regression in practical scenarios
- The study underscores the importance of incorporating covariates in forecasting



Thank You

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