

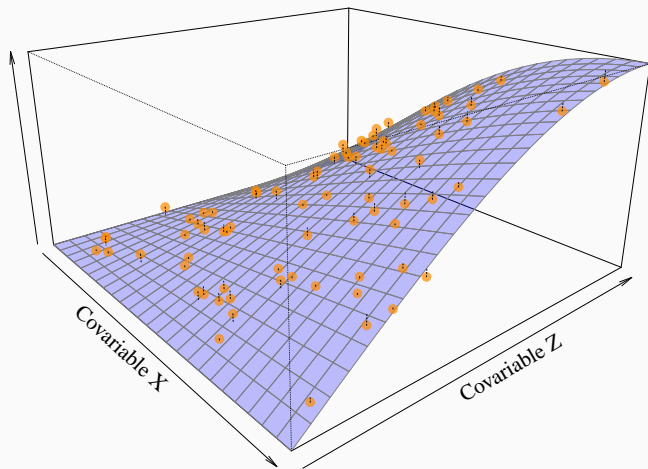
# Nonparametric Inference for Functional Data

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# Theoretical Subject

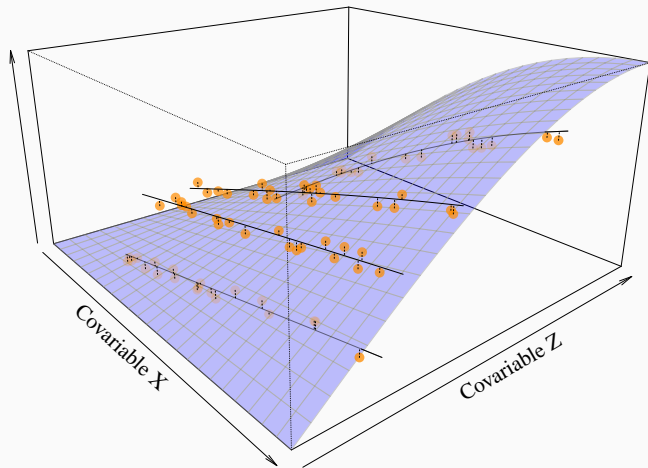
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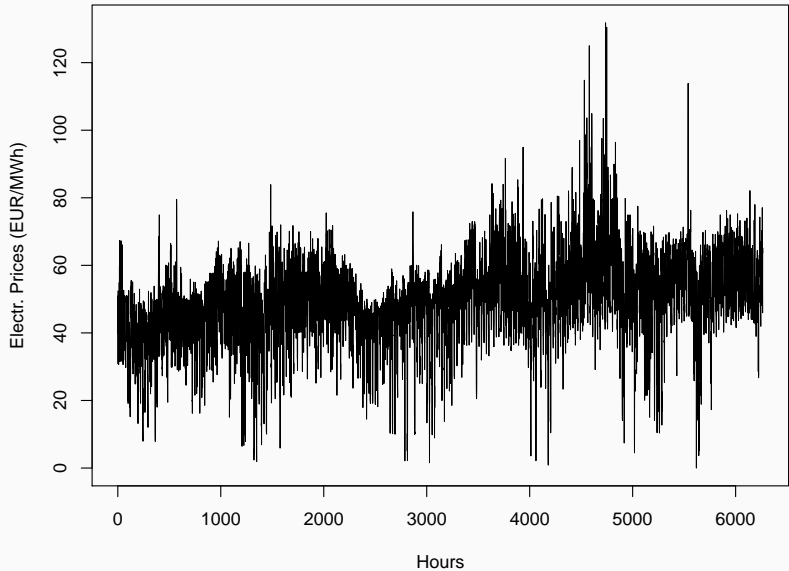
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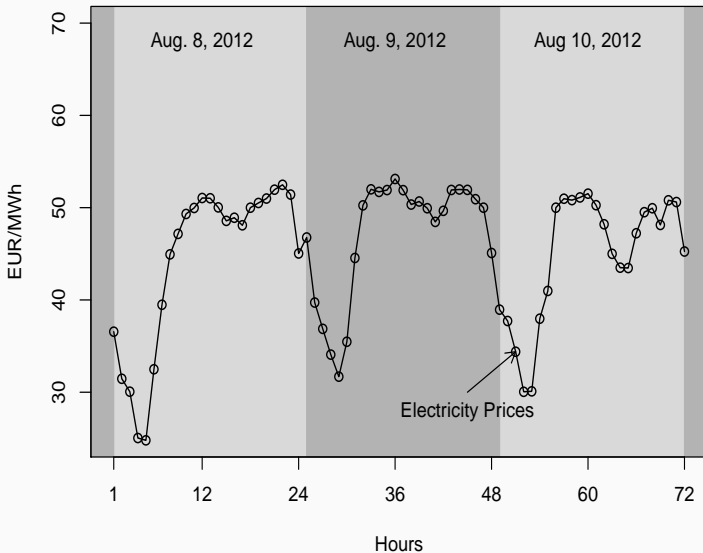


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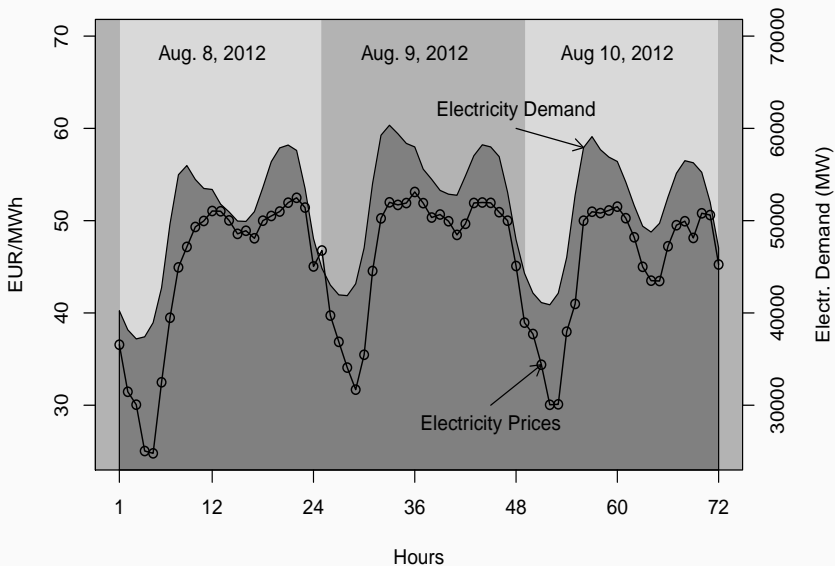
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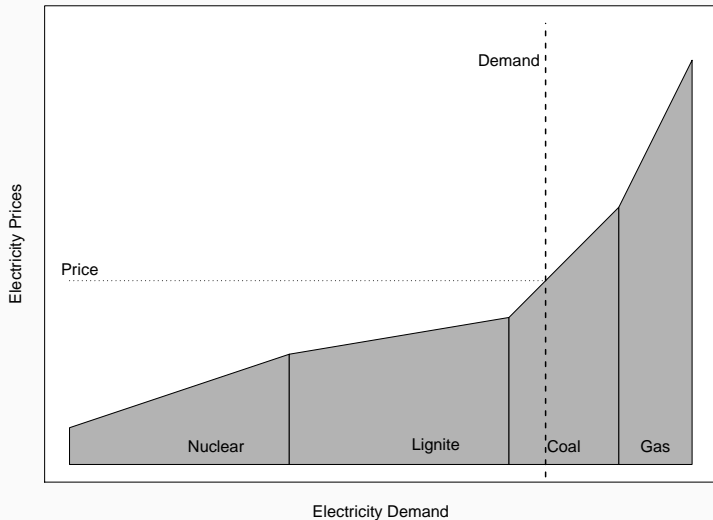


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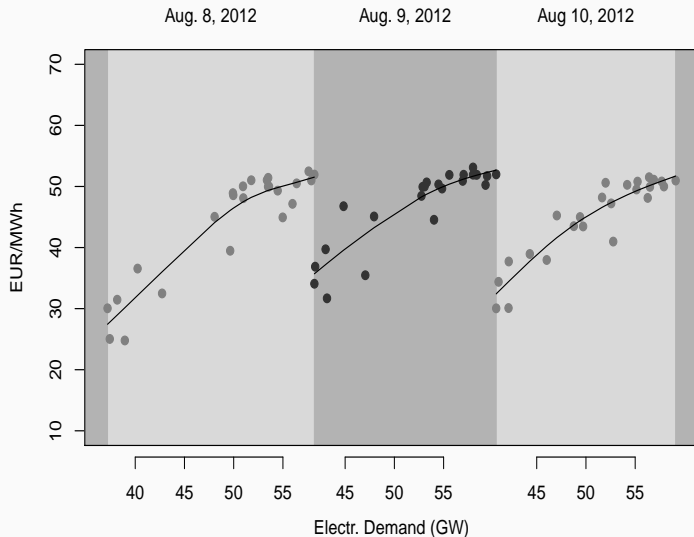




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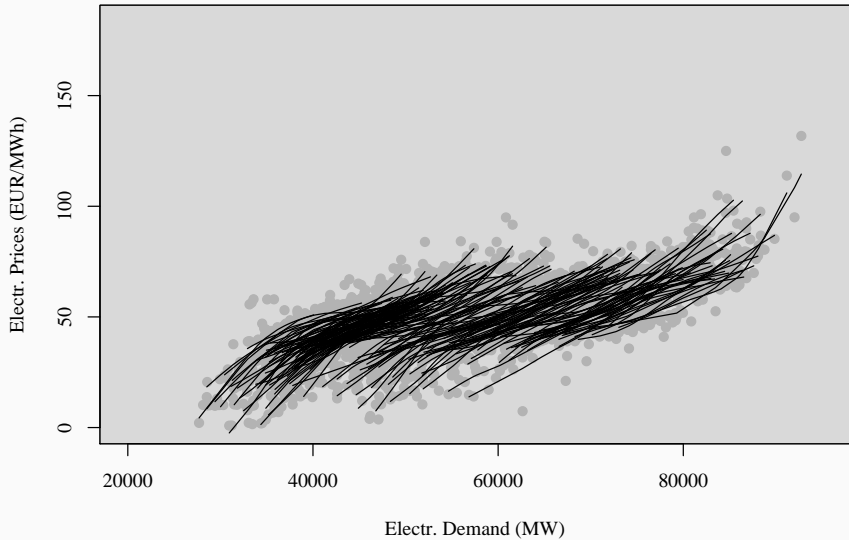


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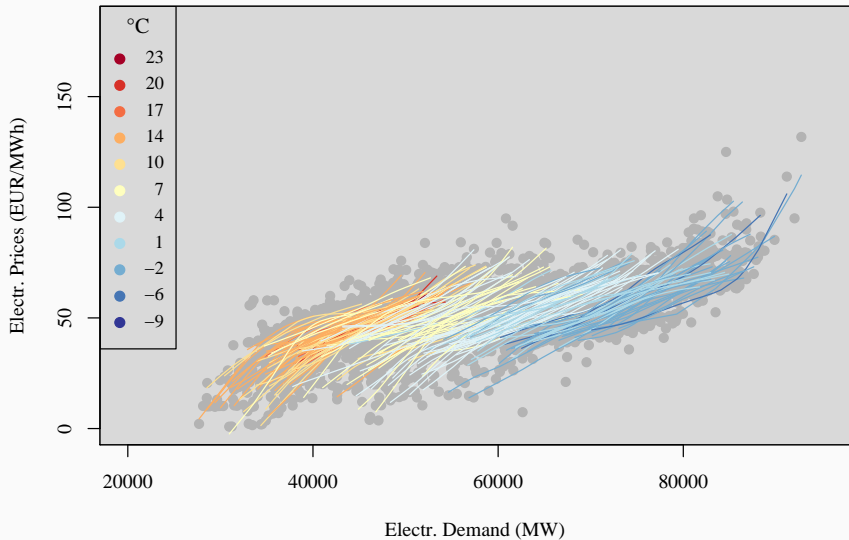


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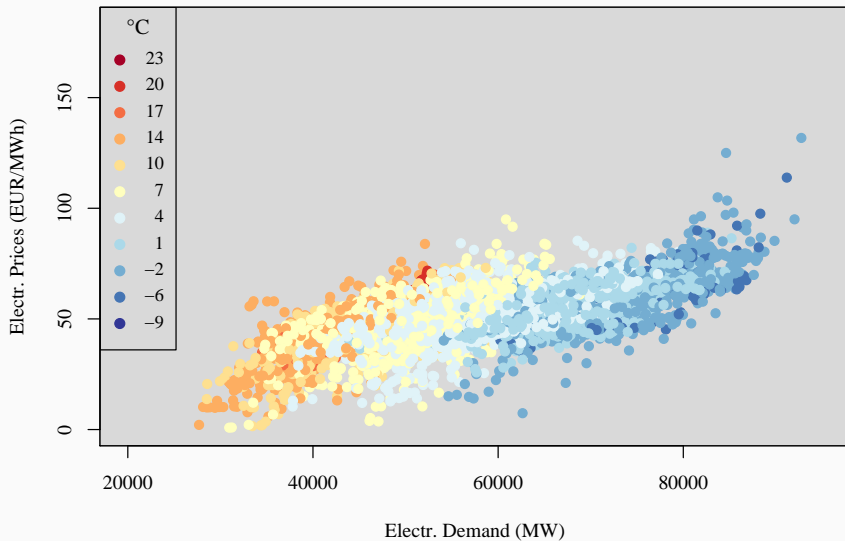
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$$\Leftrightarrow Y_{it} = \underbrace{\mu(X_{it}, Z_t) + \mathcal{P}_t^{\text{red}}(X_{it}, Z_t)}_{=\mathcal{P}_t(X_{it}, Z_t) - \mu(X_{it}, Z_t)} + \epsilon_{it}$$

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Within-function correlations:

$$\text{Corr}(Y_{it}, Y_{jt} | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) = \underbrace{\text{Corr}(\mathcal{P}_t^c(X_{it}, Z_t), \mathcal{P}_t^c(X_{jt}, Z_t) | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})}_{\approx 1}$$

if  $|X_{it} - X_{jt}| \approx 0, \quad i \neq j.$

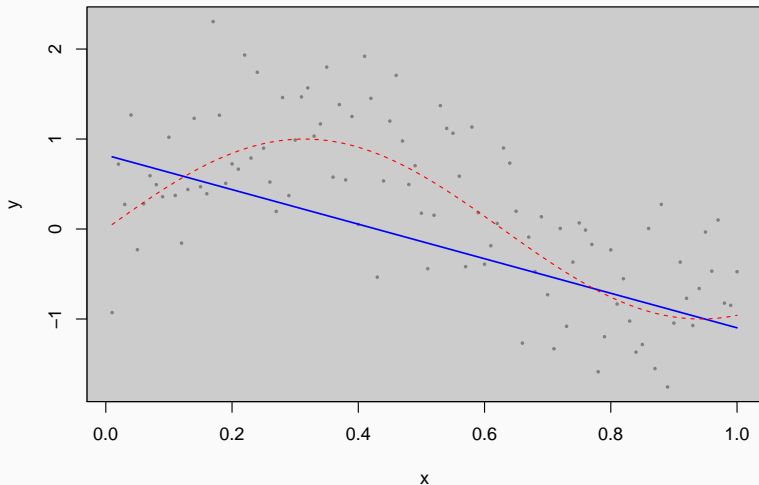
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$$\mu(x, z) =$$

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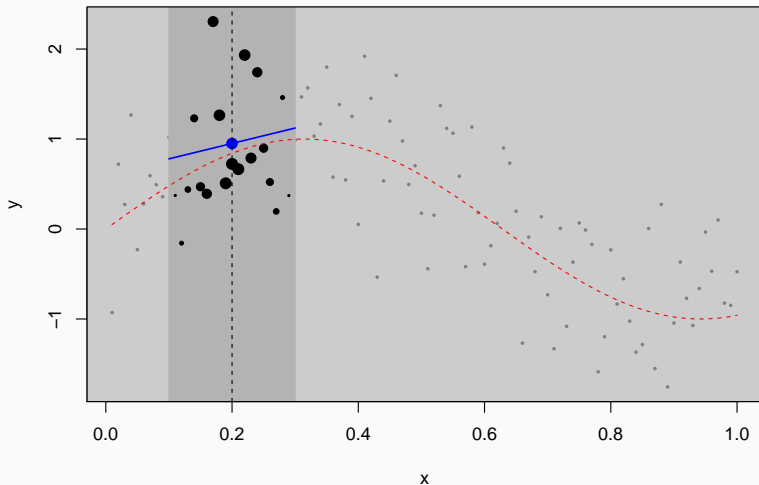
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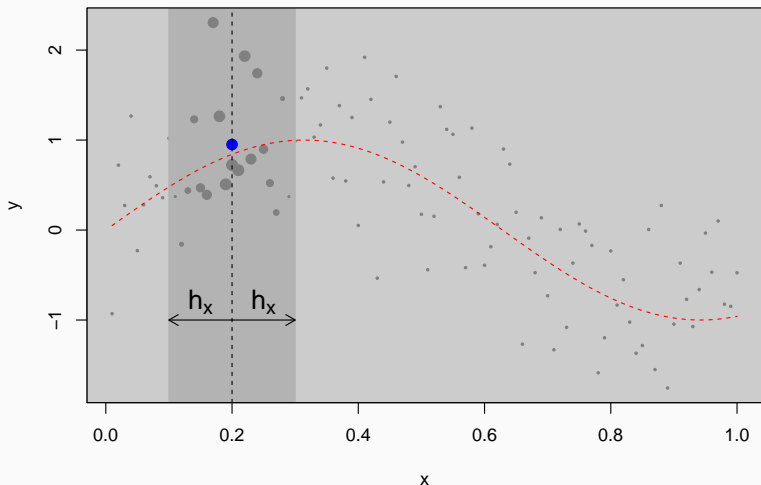
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# Local Linear Estimator

$$\hat{\alpha}(x; h_X) = u_1^T ([\mathbf{1}, X - x]^T W_x [\mathbf{1}, X - x])^{-1} [\mathbf{1}, X - x]^T W_x Y$$



# Local Linear Estimator

Estimator of the mean function:

$$\hat{\mu}(x, z; h_{\mu, X}, h_{\mu, Z}) =$$
$$u_1^\top \left( [\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{X}_x, \mathbf{Z}_z]^\top \mathbf{W}_{\mu, xz} [\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{X}_x, \mathbf{Z}_z] \right)^{-1} [\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{X}_x, \mathbf{Z}_z]^\top \mathbf{W}_{\mu, xz} \mathbf{Y}$$

# Problems

- How to choose the bandwidths  $h_{\mu,X}$  and  $h_{\mu,Z}$ ?

- How to do inference?

$$H_0: \mu_A(x, z) = \mu_B(x, z)$$

$$H_1: \mu_A(x, z) \neq \mu_B(x, z)$$

# Theoretical Results

# Asymptotic Setup

Double asymptotic:

- $nT \rightarrow \infty$  such that:
  - $T \rightarrow \infty$
  - $n \sim T^\theta$ , with  $0 \leq \theta < \infty$ .

$\theta$ -Cases:

$n \sim T^\theta$  with  $\theta = 0$ :  $T$  large and  $n$  small

$n \sim T^\theta$  with  $\theta > 0$ :  $T$  large and  $n$  small-to-large

# Further Assumptions

## Bandwidths:

- $h_X, h_Z \rightarrow 0$  as  $Tn \rightarrow \infty$
- $(Tn)h_X h_Z \rightarrow \infty$  as  $Tn \rightarrow \infty$

## Kernel function:

- $K(u, v) = \kappa(u)\kappa(v)$ , where  $\kappa$  is a symmetric pdf.

## Smoothness:

- Usual smoothness assumptions on  $\mu(x, z)$ ,  $f_{XZ}(x, z)$ , and  $f_Z(z)$ .

# Asymptotic Bias

Theorem (Bias of  $\hat{\mu}$ ):

$$\overbrace{\text{Bias}(\hat{\mu}(x, z; h_{\mu, X}, h_{\mu, Z}))}^{\mathbb{E}(\hat{\mu}(x, z)) - \mu(x, z)} = B_{\hat{\mu}}(x, z) (1 + o_p(1))$$

with

$$B_{\hat{\mu}}(x, z) = \frac{\nu_2(K_{\mu})}{2} \left[ h_{\mu, X}^2 \mu^{(2,0)}(x, z) + h_{\mu, Z}^2 \mu^{(0,2)}(x, z) \right]$$



# Asymptotic Variance

## Theorem (Variance of $\hat{\mu}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{V}(\hat{\mu}(x, z; h_{\mu, X}, h_{\mu, Z})) &= \\ &= \left( V_1^{\hat{\mu}}(x, z) + V_2^{\hat{\mu}}(x, z) \right) (1 + o_p(1))\end{aligned}$$

with

$$V_1^{\hat{\mu}}(x, z) = (Tn)^{-1} \left[ h_{\mu, X}^{-1} h_{\mu, Z}^{-1} R(K_\mu) \frac{\gamma(x, x, z) + \sigma_\epsilon^2}{f_{XZ}(x, z)} \right]$$

$$V_2^{\hat{\mu}}(x, z) = T^{-1} \left[ h_{\mu, Z}^{-1} \quad R(\kappa) \quad \frac{\gamma(x, x, z)}{f_Z(z)} \right]$$

# AMISE-Scenario I: $0 \leq \theta \leq 1/5$

$$\text{AMISE}_{\hat{\mu}}(h_{\mu,X}, h_{\mu,Z}) =$$

$$\underbrace{(Tn)^{-1} \overbrace{h_{\mu,X}^{-1} h_{\mu,Z}^{-1}}^{\int V_1^{\hat{\mu}}} R(K_{\mu}) Q_{\mu,1}}_{\text{1st Order}} + \underbrace{T^{-1} \overbrace{h_{\mu,Z}^{-1}}^{\int V_2^{\hat{\mu}}} R(\kappa) Q_{\mu,2}}_{\text{2nd Order}} +$$

$$\frac{(\nu_2(K_{\mu}))^2}{4} \left[ \underbrace{2 h_{\mu,X}^2 h_{\mu,Z}^2 \mathcal{I}_{\mu,XZ}}_{\text{1st Order}} + \underbrace{h_{\mu,Z}^4 \mathcal{I}_{\mu,ZZ}}_{\text{2nd Order}} \right]$$

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## Classical Results in Bivariate NP-Regression:

Bandwidth Rates:

$$h_{\mu, X, \text{AMISE-I}} \sim h_{\mu, Z, \text{AMISE-I}} \sim (Tn)^{-1/6}$$

Convergence Rate for  $\hat{\mu}$ :

$$\text{AMISE}(\hat{\mu}) = \mathcal{O}_p((Tn)^{-2/3})$$

# AMISE-Scenario II: $1/5 < \theta < \infty$

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## Non-Classical Results in Bivariate NP-Regression:

$$h_{\mu,Z,\text{AMISE}} = \left( \frac{R(\kappa) Q_{\mu,2}}{(\nu_2(K_\mu))^2 \mathcal{I}_{\mu,ZZ}} \right)^{1/5} T^{-1/5}$$

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### Functional Data:

**Uni**-variate rate:  $h_{\mu,Z,\text{AMISE}} \sim T^{-1/5}$

**Anti**-proportional:  $h_{\mu,X,\text{AMISE}} \sim h_{\mu,Z,\text{AMISE}}^{-1}$

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## Uni-variate Convergence Rate

$$\text{AMISE}(\hat{\mu}) = \mathcal{O}_p(T^{-4/5})$$

# Robust Two-Sample Test Statistic

$$Z_{x,z} = \left( \frac{\left( \hat{\mu}_A(x, z) - B_{\hat{\mu}_A}(x, z) \right) - \left( \hat{\mu}_B(x, z) - B_{\hat{\mu}_B}(x, z) \right)}{\sqrt{\left( V_1^{\hat{\mu}_A}(x, z) + V_2^{\hat{\mu}_A}(x, z) \right) + \left( V_1^{\hat{\mu}_B}(x, z) + V_2^{\hat{\mu}_B}(x, z) \right)}} \right)$$

Under  $H_0$ :  $\mu_A(x, z) = \mu_B(x, z)$

$$Z_{x,z} \rightarrow_d N(0, 1) \quad \text{as} \quad nT \rightarrow \infty$$

**Robust Inference** under both scenarios:

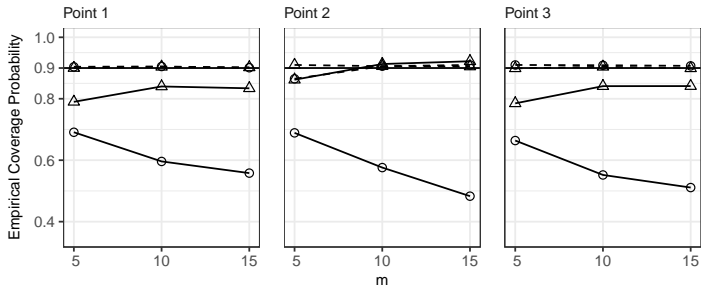
**"Sparse"**:  $n \sim T^\theta$  with  $0 \leq \theta \leq 1/5$ ,  $T$  large,  $n$  small

**"Dense"**:  $n \sim T^\theta$  with  $1/5 < \theta < \infty$ ,  $T$  large,  $n$  small-to-large

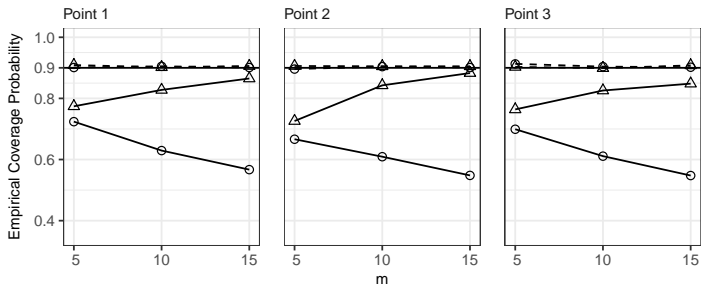
# Simulation Results



## DGP 1: Theoretical Bandwidths



## DGP 2: Theoretical Bandwidths



Asymptotic Scenario:  $\triangle$  Dense  $\circ$  Sparse

Finite Sample Correction: — No - - Yes

# Application

**March 11, 2011**

An aerial photograph of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant on the day of the 2011 earthquake. The image shows the industrial complex with its containment domes and surrounding infrastructure. A large, billowing plume of white steam or smoke rises from one of the reactors, drifting towards the sea. The surrounding landscape includes agricultural fields, forests, and some residential areas. The sea is visible on the left side of the frame.

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**March 15, 2011**

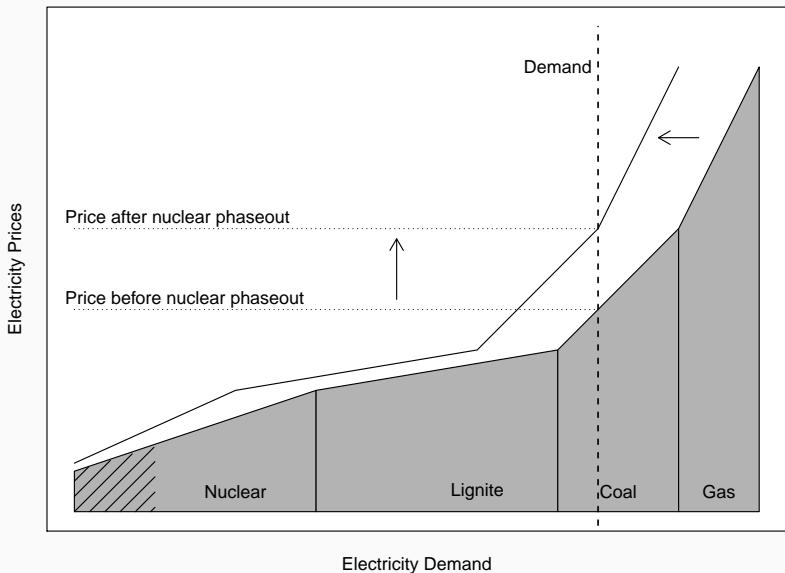
A close-up photograph of two hands, likely belonging to an older person, with visible skin texture. The hands are positioned to form a heart shape, with the thumbs and index fingers touching. In the center of the heart, a white, four-hole button is visible, which is part of a red jacket. The background is the red fabric of the jacket, showing some creases and shadows.

**March 15, 2011**

A group of international leaders, including Angela Merkel, are standing behind blue podiums with the German eagle emblem. They are at a press conference with a blue background featuring a large white logo. Angela Merkel is in the center, wearing a pink jacket and gesturing with her hands. Other leaders in suits are standing behind her.

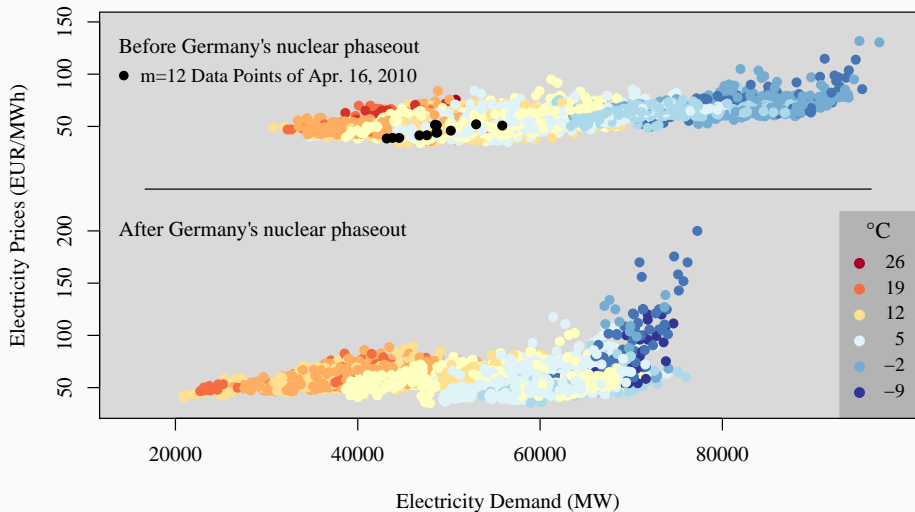
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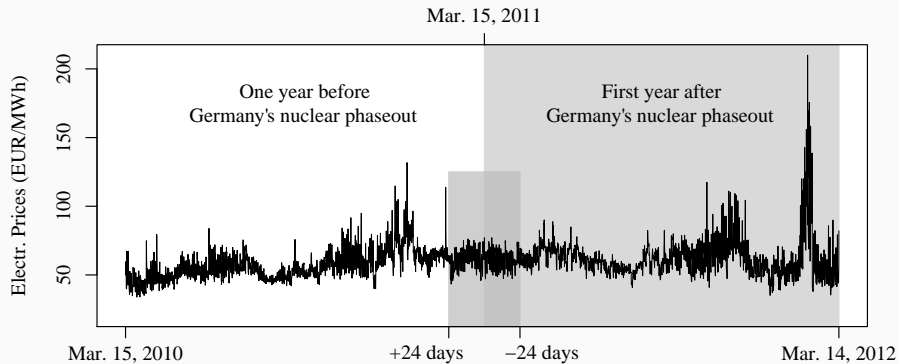




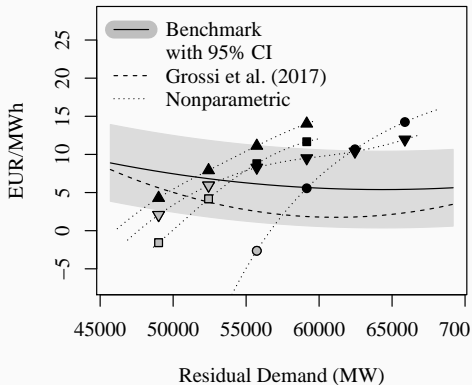
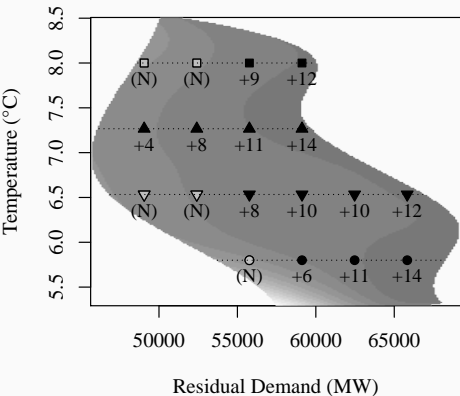
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