

# **Sparse Multiple Index (SMI) Models for High-dimensional Nonparametric Forecasting**

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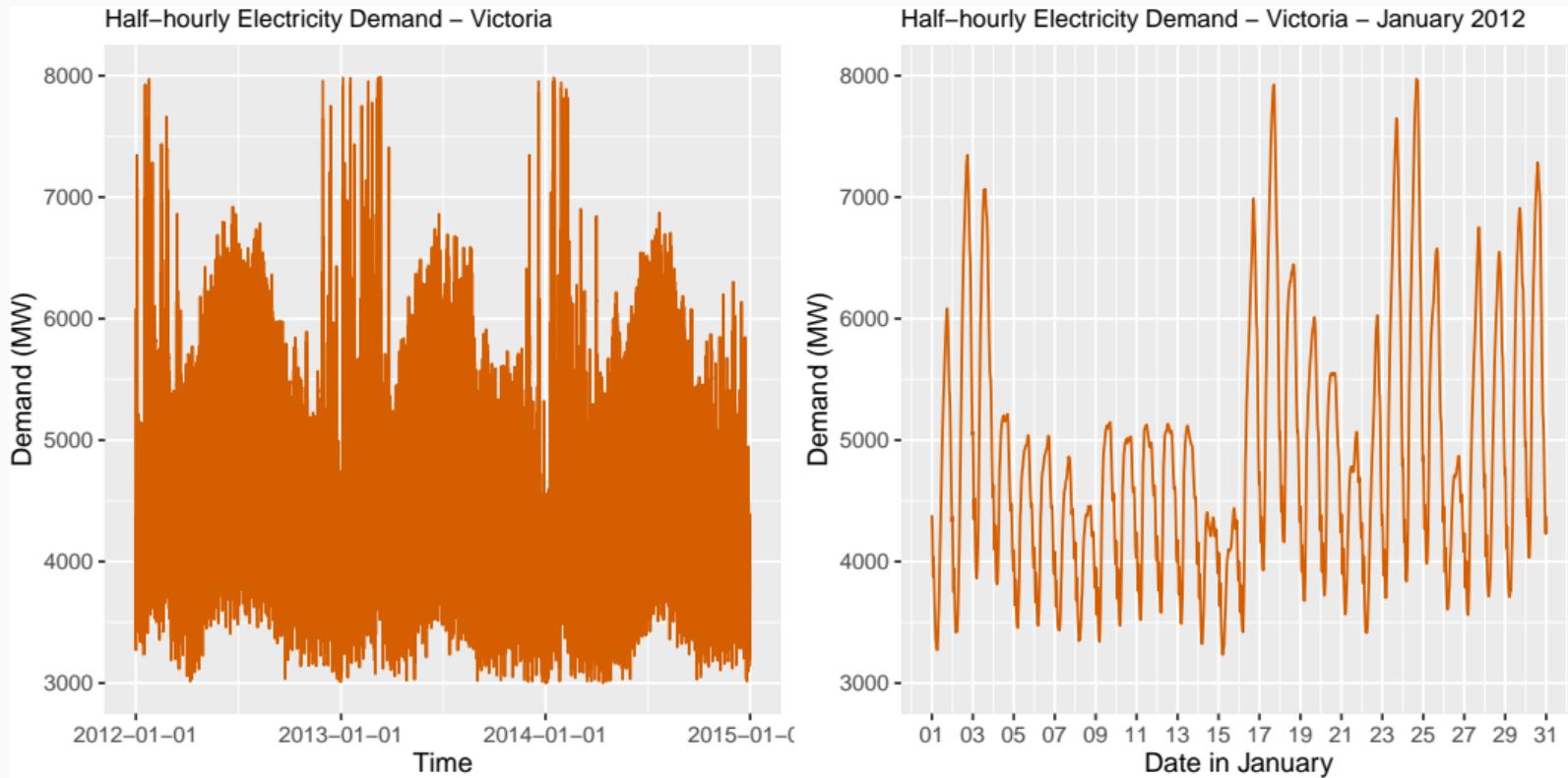
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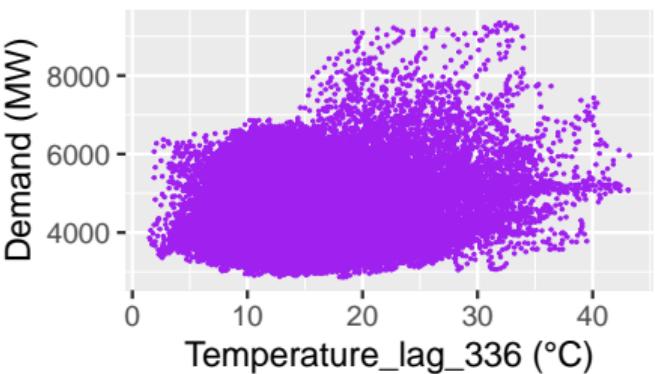
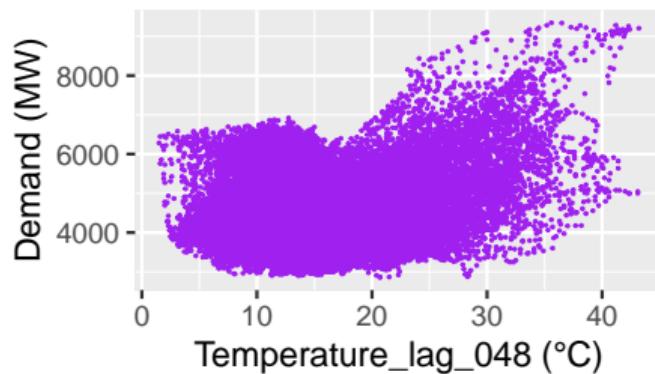
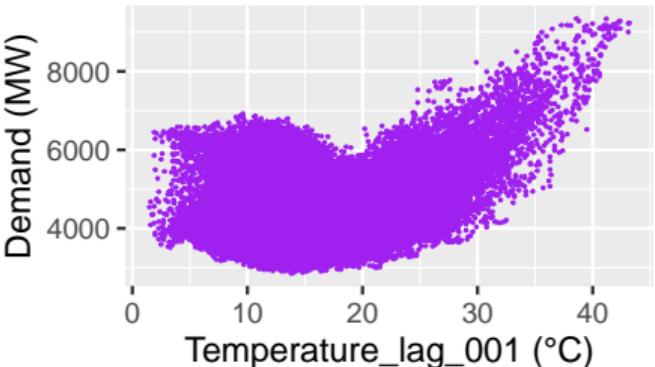
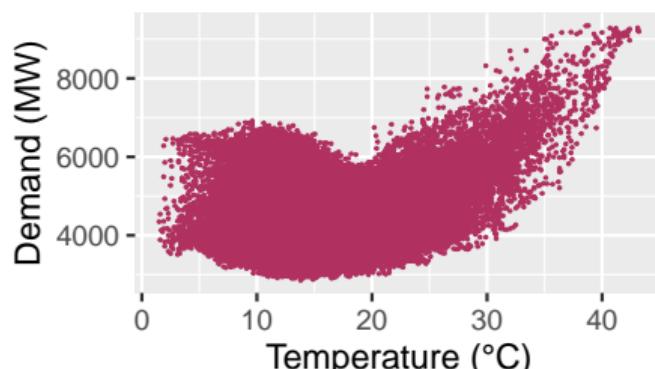
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- Additional predictors :
  - ▶  $w_{ik}$  – nonlinear
  - ▶  $\mathbf{u}_i$  – linear
- $g_j, f_k$ : smooth nonlinear functions

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- $M < \infty$ : If  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}^*$  is an optimal solution, then  $\max(\{|\alpha_{jm}^*|\}_{j \in [p], m \in [q]}) \leq M$

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## Step 2: Estimating Nonlinear Functions

### ■ Estimate a GAM :

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where

- ▶  $y_i$  – response
- ▶  $\hat{h}_{ij} = \hat{\alpha}_j^T \mathbf{x}_i, j = 1, \dots, p$  – estimated indices

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## Step 3: Updating Index Coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\alpha^{\text{new}}, z^{\text{new}}} & (\alpha^{\text{new}} - \alpha^{\text{old}})^T V^T V (\alpha^{\text{new}} - \alpha^{\text{old}}) - 2(\alpha^{\text{new}} - \alpha^{\text{old}})^T V^T r \\ & + \lambda_0 \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{m=1}^q z_{jm}^{\text{new}} + \lambda_2 \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{m=1}^q (\alpha_{jm}^{\text{new}})^2 \end{aligned}$$

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- $V$  – matrix of partial derivatives of RHS of SMI model equation, with respect to  $\alpha_j$
- $r$  – current residual vector

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