

Centile estimation using GAMLSS

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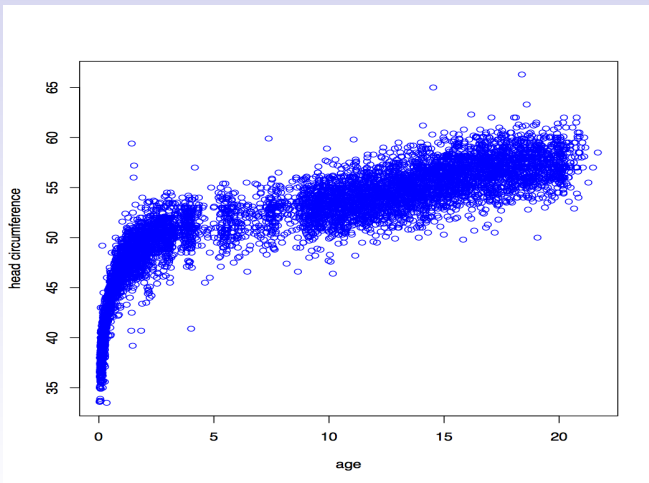
The Dutch boys data

`head` : the head head circumference of 7040 boys

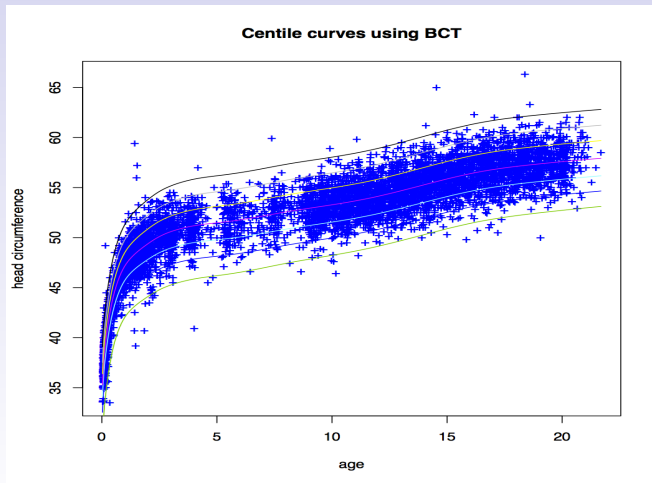
`age` : the age in years

Source: Buuren and Fredriks (2001)

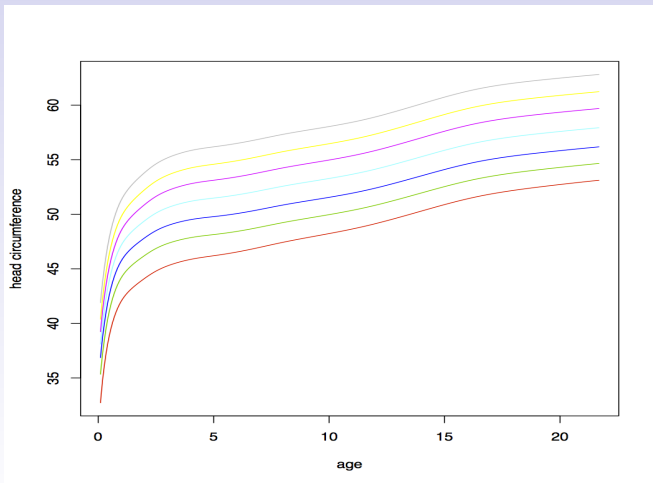
The Dutch boys data



The Dutch boys data with centiles



The Dutch boys data: centiles



The methods

- i) the non parametric approach of quantile regression (Koenker, 2005; Koenker and Bassett, 1978)
- ii) the parametric LMS approach of Cole (1988), Cole and Green (1992) and its extensions Rigby and Stasinopoulos (2004, 2006, 2007).

Centiles: the model

$Y \sim f_Y(y|\mu, \sigma, \nu, \tau)$ where $f_Y()$ is any distribution

Y = head circumference and $X = AGE^\xi$

$$\mu = s(x, df_\mu)$$

$$\log(\sigma) = s(x, df_\sigma)$$

$$\nu = s(x, df_\nu)$$

$$\log(\tau) = s(x, df_\tau)$$

The LMS method and extensions

Let Y be a random variable with range $Y > 0$ defined through the transformed variable Z given by:

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \frac{1}{\sigma\nu} \left[\left(\frac{Y}{\mu} \right)^\nu - 1 \right], \quad \text{if } \nu \neq 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma} \log \left(\frac{Y}{\mu} \right), \quad \text{if } \nu = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- ❶ if $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ then $Y \sim BCCG(\mu, \sigma, \nu) = \text{LMS method}$
- ❷ if $Z \sim t_\tau$ then $Y \sim BCT(\mu, \sigma, \nu, \tau) = \text{LMST method}$
- ❸ if $Z \sim PE(0, 1, \tau)$ then $Y \sim BCPE(\mu, \sigma, \nu, \tau) = \text{LMSP method adopted by WHO}$

Centiles: estimation of the smoothing parameters

We need to select the five values $df_{\mu}, df_{\sigma}, df_{\nu}, df_{\tau}, \xi$

- by trial and error
- minimize the generalized Akaike information criterion, GAIC($\#$)
- minimize the the validation global deviance VGD
- using local selection criteria, i.e. CV, ML

Diagnostics **should** be used in all above cases

Centiles: $\text{GAIC}(\#)$

For different values of $\#$ minimize $\text{GAIC}(\#)$ to find estimates for $df_\mu, df_\sigma, df_\nu, df_\tau, \xi$

- $\# = 2$, AIC
- $\# = 3$, our preference
- $\# = 3.84$, χ^2
- $\# = \log(n)$, BIC, SBC

The `gamlss` functions `find.hyper()` can be used

Centiles: Validation Global Deviance

Divide the data into two components 60% and 40%

Use the first component for training (fitting)

Use the second component for estimating the parameters

$df_{\mu}, df_{\sigma}, df_{\nu}, df_{\tau}, \xi$

The gamlss functions `VDG()` in combination of the R function `optim()` can be used

Centiles: Local selection criteria

- GCV
- GAIC
- ML
- EM

The gamlss smoothing functions `pb()` uses ML as default

The gamlss smoothing functions `ga()` is an interface for the `gam()` function of Simon Wood and therefore uses GCV.

GAMLSS functions for centile estimation

`centiles()` to plot centile curves against an x-variable.

`centiles.com()` to compare centiles curves for more than one object.

`centiles.split()` as for `centiles()`, but splits the plot at specified values of x.

`centiles.fan()` fan plot as in `centiles()`.

`centiles.pred()` to predict and plot centile curves for new x-values.

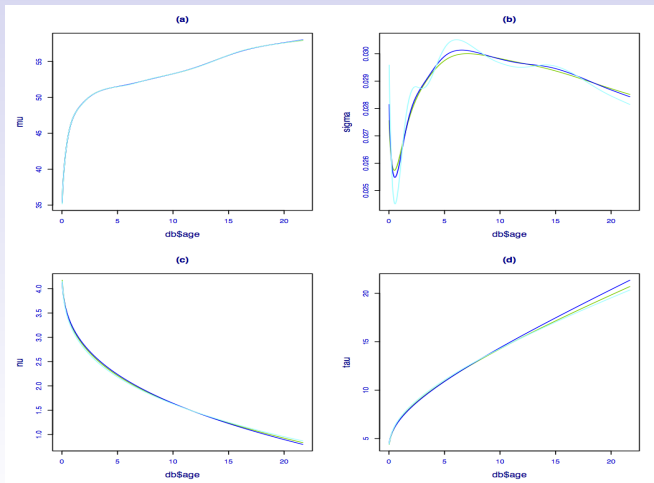
`fitted.plot()` to plot fitted values for all the parameters against an x-variable

The head circumference data: results

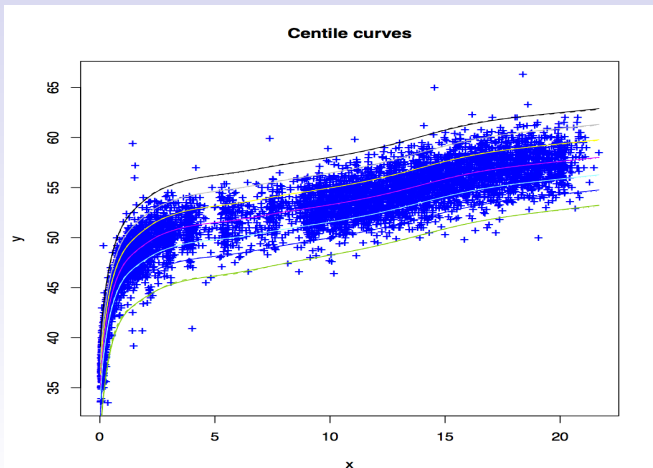
Method	df_{μ}	df_{σ}	df_{ν}	df_{τ}	ξ	$GAIC(3)$
GAIC(3)	12.3	5.7	2	2	0.33	26811.7
VGD	15.8	8.1	2	2	0.28	26815.6
local ML	13.0	4.9	2	2	0.30	26811.1

Table : The estimated degrees of freedom

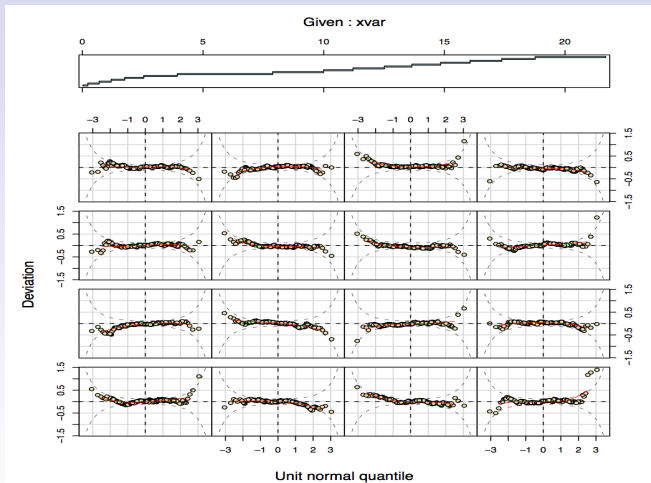
The head circumference data: fitted.plot()



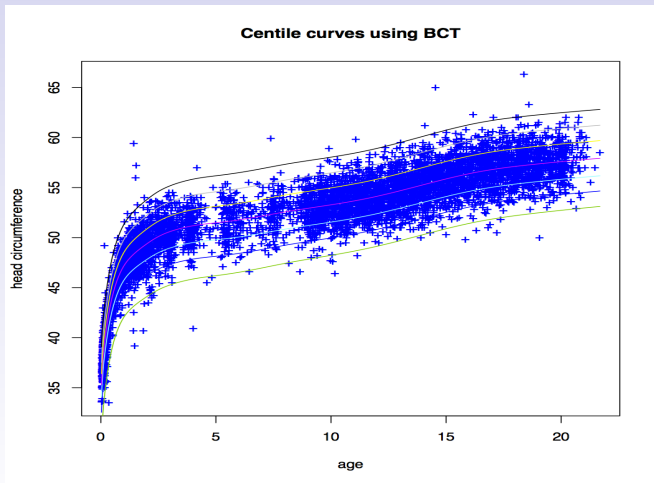
The head circumference data: comparison of the centiles, centiles.com()



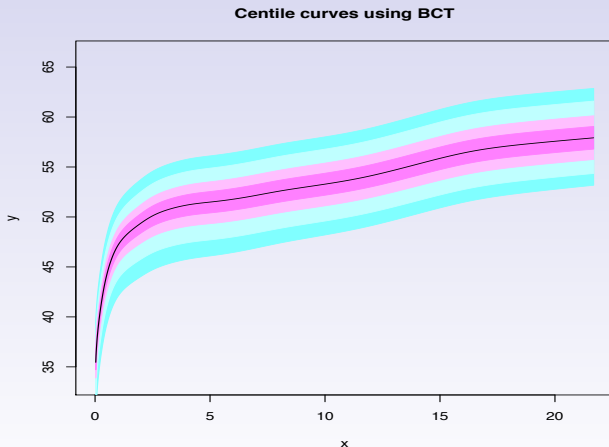
The head circumference data: The worm plots, `wp()`



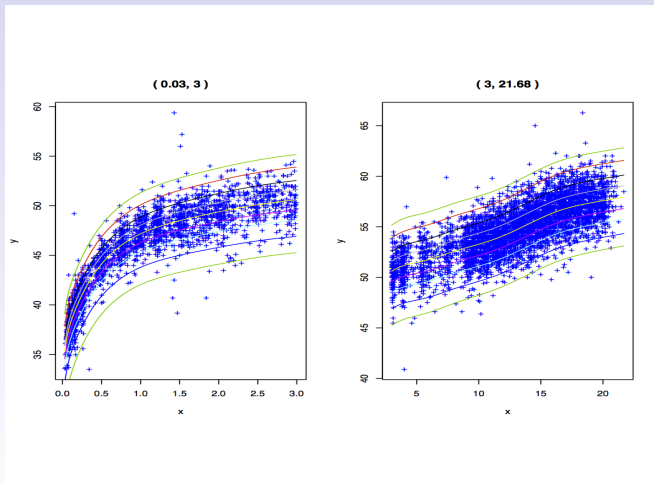
The head circumference data: centiles()



The head circumference data: `centiles.fan()`



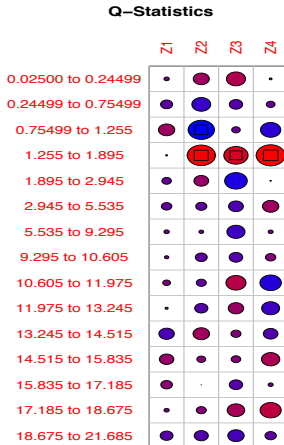
The head circumference data: `centiles.split()`



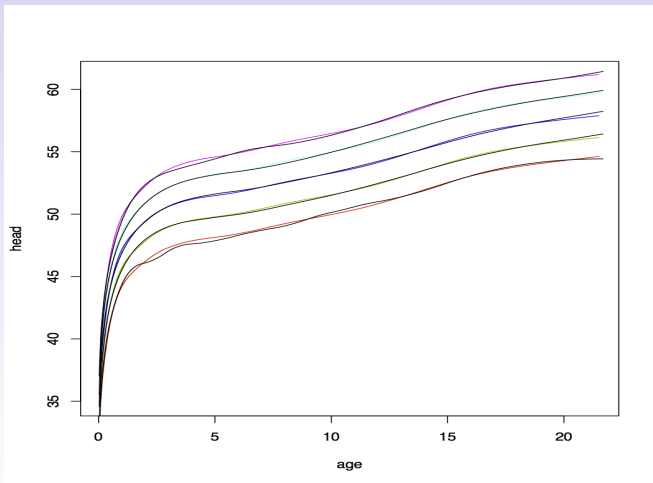
The head circumference data: The Q statistics

	Z1	Z2	Z3	Z4	Agostino	N
0.02500 to 0.24499	0.09	0.85	1.21	0.02	1.47	477
0.24499 to 0.75499	-0.48	-1.18	-0.58	-0.25	0.40	473
0.75499 to 1.255	0.88	-2.27	-0.24	-1.37	1.94	467
1.255 to 1.895	0.01	2.62	1.96	2.76	11.47	460
1.895 to 2.945	-0.29	0.72	-1.70	-0.01	2.90	473
2.945 to 5.535	-0.35	-0.40	-0.72	0.88	1.30	466
....						
15.835 to 17.185	0.45	0.00	-0.59	-0.08	0.35	466
17.185 to 18.675	0.09	0.32	1.01	1.48	3.23	472
18.675 to 21.685	-0.54	-0.65	-0.88	-0.42	0.96	467
TOTAL Q stats	2.85	16.90	15.43	18.04	33.46	7040
df for Q stats	1.95	12.01	12.35	13.00	25.35	0
p-val for Q stats	0.23	0.15	0.24	0.16	0.13	0

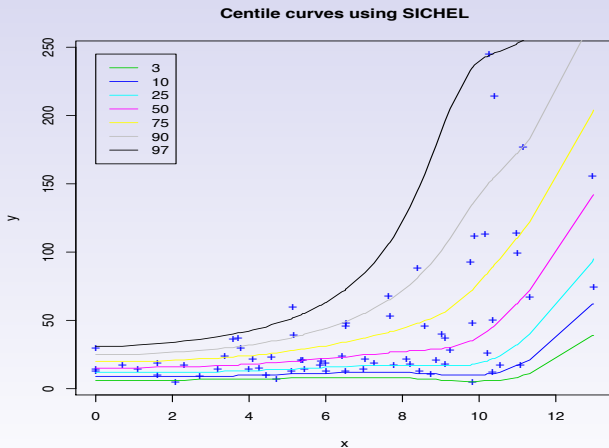
The head circumference data: Q.stats()



Comparing GAMLSS and QR: fitted centiles



Discrete distributions: fitted centiles



Further work

- model selection model selection
- time series models time series models
- peak oil peak oil
- fitting the tail of the distribution tails

Conclusions: GAMLSS

- Unified framework for univariate regression type of models
- Allows any distribution for the response variable Y
- Models all the parameters of the distribution of Y
- Allows a variety of additive terms in the models for the distribution parameters
- The fitted algorithm is modular, where different components can be added easily
- Models can be fitted easily and fast
- Explanatory tool to find appropriate set of models
- It deals with overdispersion, skewness and kurtosis

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for more information see

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Time series and GAMLSS

What is available:

- Modelling μ
 - ARIMA (for normal errors)
 - Structural time series models (for normal errors)
 - GARMA and others (for exponential family)
 - Hidden Markov Chain models
- Modelling σ
 - GARCH and its by product (for normal and long tails)
 - Stochastic volatility models
 - Markov-Switching Multifractal models

What is suitable for GAMLSS?

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GARMA

What is our experience?

GARMA

- We have expand the GARMA model to accept any `gamlss.family` distributions
- Modelling μ only
- Not clear how lags should define in the case of ν and τ
- No explicit stochastic model

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Hidden Markov Chain

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A Latent-State Generalized Additive Model for Location, Scale and Shape for Multivariate Pollutant Concentrations

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Summary. XXX YYY ZZZ

Keywords: GAMLSS, latent-state models, multivariate time series, pollutant concentrations.

1. Introduction

The model developed in this paper was motivated by the analysis of a daily multivariate time series of pollutant concentrations taken at a monitoring station in Rome, Italy. The objective is to quantify the relationship between pollutant levels and the meteorological factors that affect them.

The study and monitoring of environmental phenomena often involves the analysis of large multivariate time series. The growing interest in air quality has led to a substantial literature. One branch of this is concerned with synthetic environmental indices designed to summarize a series of measurements (Barnett and Brown, 2009; Saizana et al., 2005; Bellini

Markov-Switching Multifractal Models

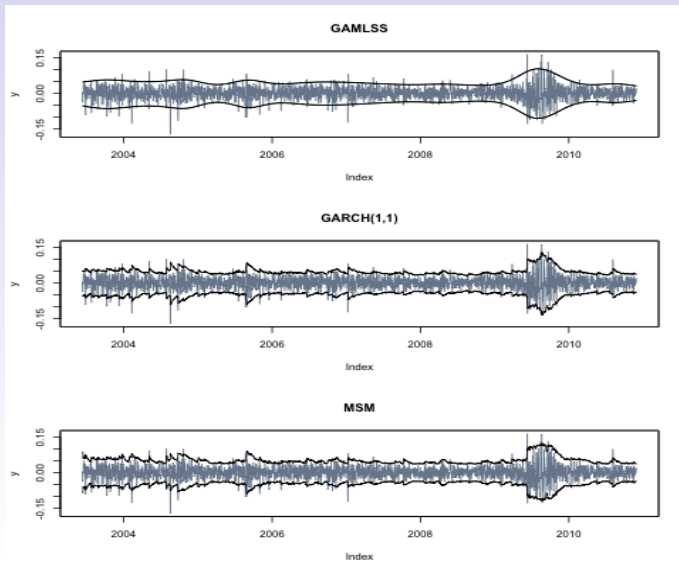
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Markov-Switching Multifractal Models

- We have used them to model σ
- Very slow especially larger than 7 number of stages
- We have not find them to be an improvement compare to other models
- There is explicit stochastic model

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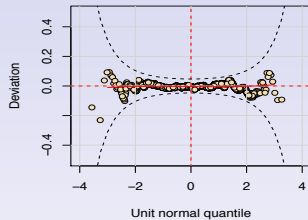
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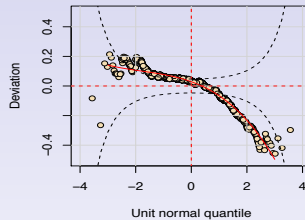
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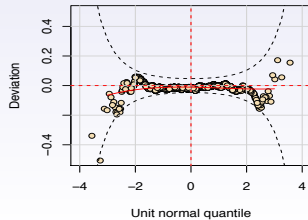
a) GAMLSS



b) MSM



b) GARCH(1,1)



Structural/Stochastic Volatility models

Structural/Stochastic Volatility models

- A proper stochastic model exist
- This is the most promising approach at the moment
- It uses sparse matrices (rather than Kalman filter)
- There are difficulties to estimate the smoothing parameters but we have done good progress

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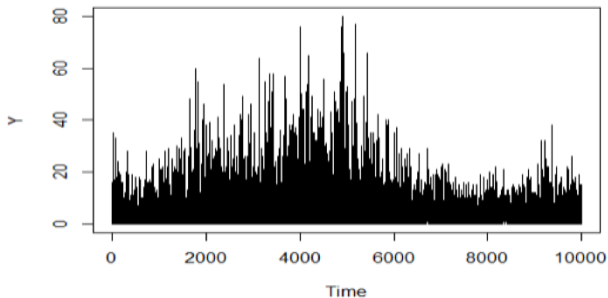
Simulated negative binomial type I

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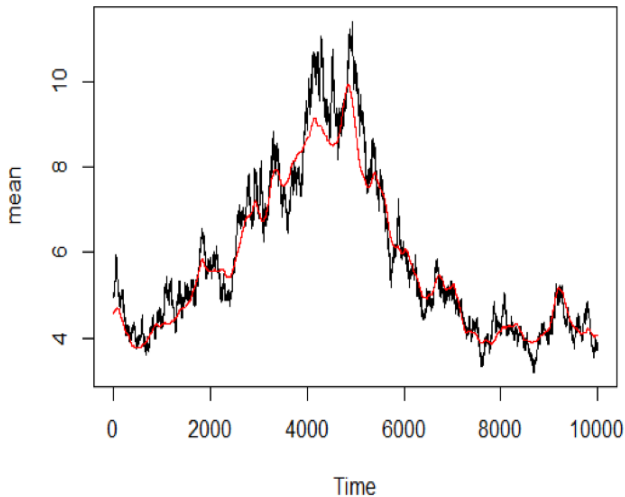
$$g_1(\mu_t) = \eta_{\mu,t} = \eta_{\mu,t-1} + b_{\mu,t}$$

$$g_2(\sigma_t) = \eta_{\sigma,t} = \eta_{\sigma,t-1} + b_{\sigma,t}$$

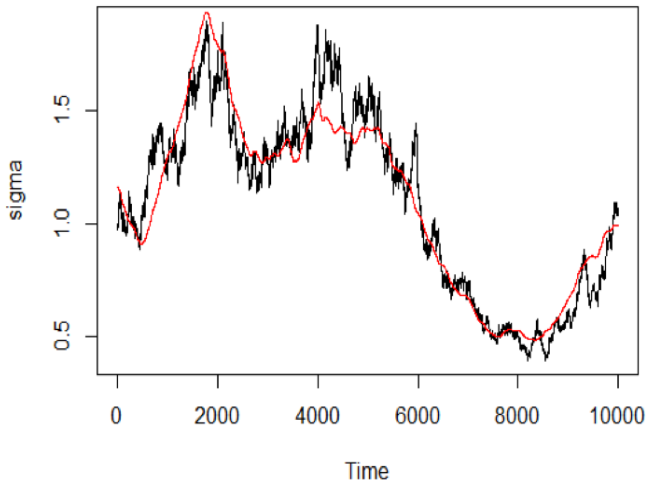
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Negative binomial fit for the mean

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Negative binomial fit for sigma

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- $\text{GEST} = \text{GAMLSS} + \text{structural models}$
- The GEST approach looks very promising

Peak Oil

"*Peak Oil* is the point in time when the maximum rate of petroleum extraction is reached, after which the rate of production is expected to enter terminal decline", (Wikipedia).

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Peak Oil: scenarios FURTHER

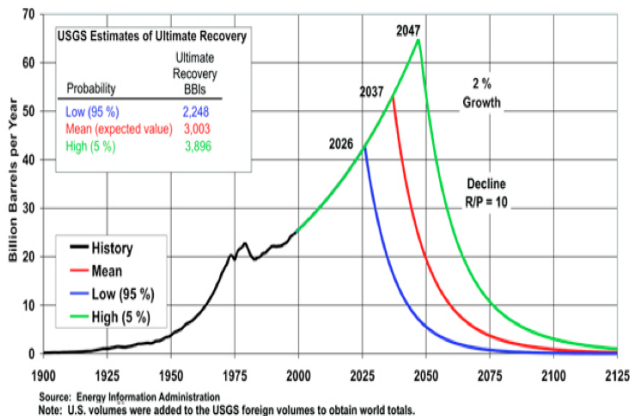
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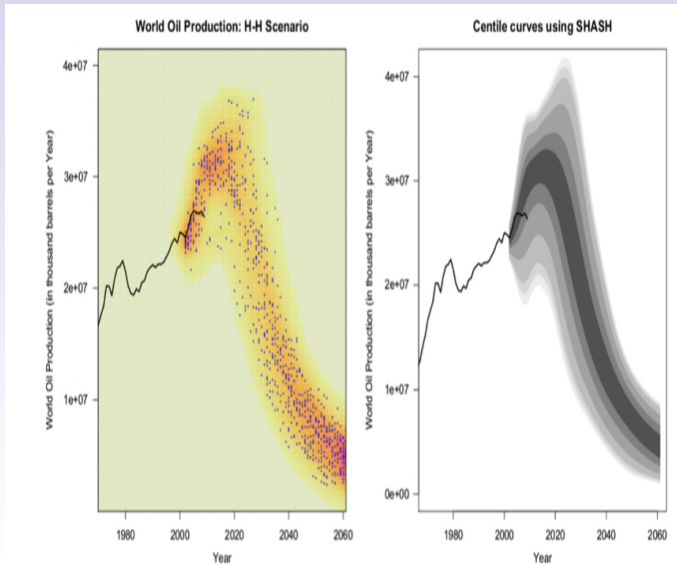
Figure 2: Discrete scenarios based on finite number of uncertainties²³

ACEGES models

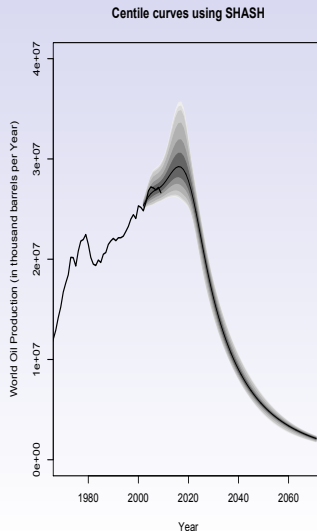
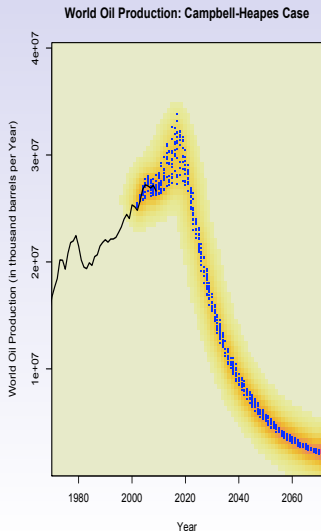
- ACEGES Stands for **A**gent-based **C**omputational **E**conomics of the **G**lobal **E**nergy **S**ystem.
- It is an agent-based modelling simulation
- It tries to understand the outlook for oil production by accounting for uncertainties in **resource estimates**, **demand** growth, **production** growth and **peak/decline** point.
- **People**: Vlas Voudouris, Ken'ichi Matsumoto, Bob Rigby, Paul Eilers, Michael Jefferson, John Sedgwick, Carlo Di Maio
- **Interests**: Oil, Gas, Electricity, Renewable energy

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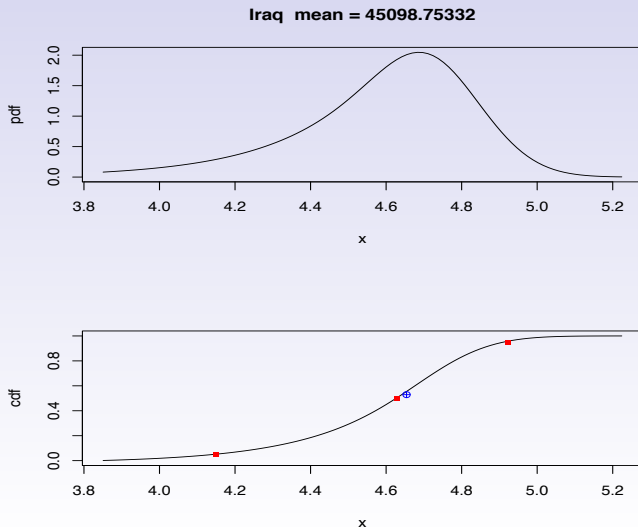
Peak Oil: scenario one

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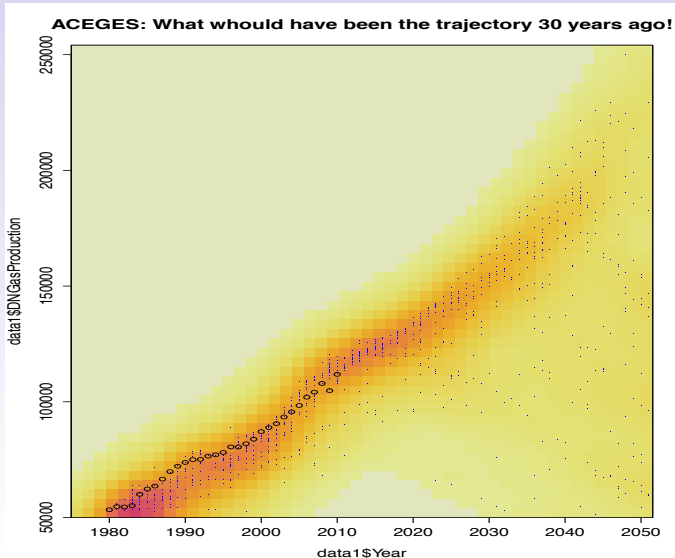
Peak Oil: scenario two

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Peak Oil: estimated ultimate recovery EUR

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Natural gas

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Peak Oil

- GAMLSS is used as a by product here
- ACEGES: statistical improvements with the simulations
- Can we use statistical inference to make the system self-learning?

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Selection of explanatory variables

How to select explanatory variables?

	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6
μ						
σ						
ν						
τ						

- Strategy A
- Strategy B
- Other strategies?
- Boosting

strategy A

Strategy A:

- It starts with a **forward stepwise** selection using GAIC.
- Each x variables is set for selection first for μ then for σ , ν and τ
- then it does a **backward** elimination for ν , σ and μ .

	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6
μ	×		×	×		×
σ			×	×		
ν	×		×			
τ				×		

strategy B

Strategy B: forward stepwise selection using GAIC in which an x variable is selected for all the parameters

Table : selecting explanatory variables

	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6
μ	×		×			×
σ	×		×			×
ν	×		×			×
τ	×		×			×

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Question one: boosting

GAMLSS for high-dimensional data – a flexible approach based on boosting

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Fitting the tail of the distribution

- Is the distribution fits well in both the centre and the tail of the distribution?
- Tails are important for VaR (value at risk) and ES (expected shortfall)
- Quantile and expectile regressions are less reliable in the tail of the distribution

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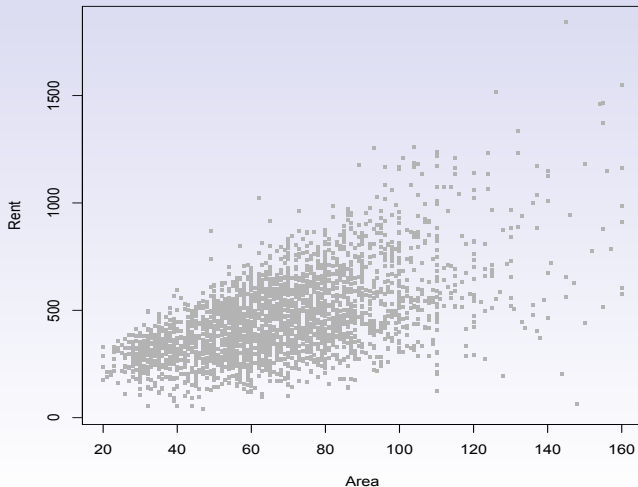
Fitting the tail of the distribution: procedure

The procedure is:

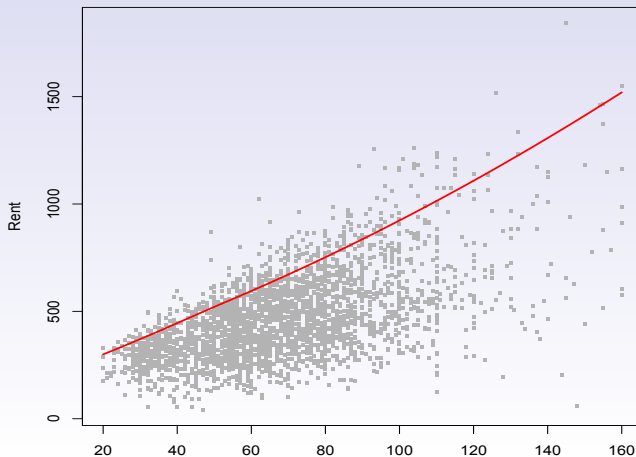
- 1 Find the α quantile by fitting an appropriate quantile or GAMLSS model from which we obtain the observations in the upper tail of the distribution.
- 2 Fit a suitable truncated distribution to the tail data where the truncation parameter is the fitted α quantile above.
- 3 Obtain the β quantile of the truncated distribution which corresponds to the $\tau = \alpha + \beta(1 - \alpha)$ quantile of the original data

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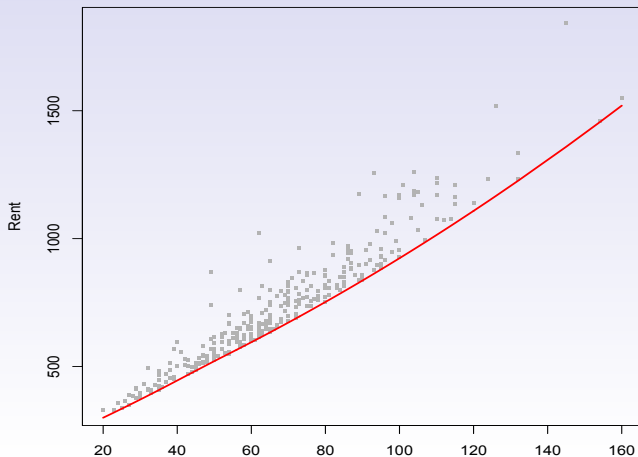
Fitting the tail of the distribution: the data, [go back](#) [next page](#)



Fitting the tail of the distribution: Fitted 90%

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Fitting the tail of the distribution: 90% data [go back](#)

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gen.trun(par=tail$fv,family="WEI3", name="tail",  
         type="left", varying=TRUE)
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gen.trun(par=tail$fv,family="GU", name="tail",  
         type="left", varying=TRUE)
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```
t1 <- gamlss(rent~pb(area), data=tail, family=GUtail,  
            n.cyc=500)  
t2 <- gamlss(rent~pb(area) , data=tail, family=WEI3tail,  
            n.cyc=500)  
t3 <- gamlss(rent~pb(area), sigma.fo=~pb(area), data=tail,  
            family=GUtail,      n.cyc=200)  
t4 <- gamlss(rent~pb(area) , sigma.fo=~pb(area), data=tail,  
            family=WEI3tail, n.cyc=500)
```

AIC(t1,t2,t3,t4)

	df	AIC
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t1	3.000191	3212.143
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t2	3.989311	3212.563
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t3	4.000178	3213.096
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t4	5.066734	3214.528
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Fitting the tail of the distribution: 90% data

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