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Quantitative Risk Management

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Application areas

Financial Risk

**Optimisation Air
Traffic
Management**

**Infrastructure,
security, health**

Strategic research

Extremes, sparse data

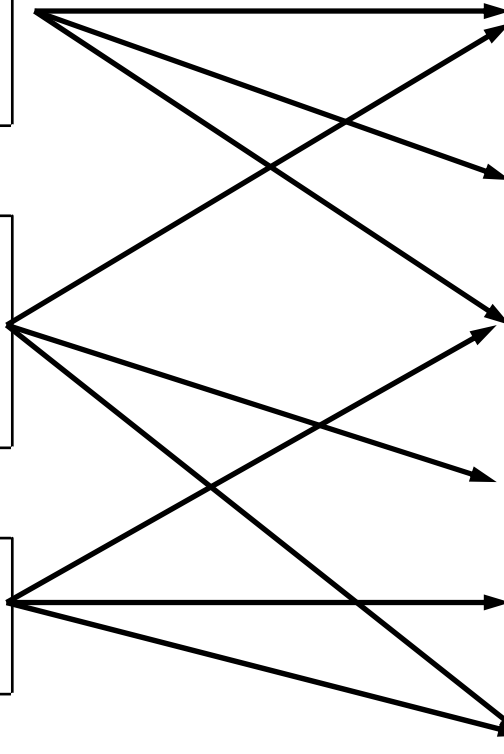
Expert elicitation

**Energy/commodity
modelling**

OATM

Real-time monitoring

Risk assessment



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Solutions

- Development of mathematical models and customised software according to the client methodology and specific needs.
- Assisting with development of new models and their implementation into software.
- Independent review and advice on risk models, methodology and software solutions.
- Independent validation of derivatives and risk measurement models.
- Time-series analysis of data.

Modes of engagement

There are many ways CSIRO can work with you to understand and quantify financial risks:

- Consultancy engagement.
- Contract research engagement.
- Collaborative projects.
- Software development.

Track Records in Financial Risk

- **Derivative pricing:** work on CSIRO option pricing software Reditus since 1999, consulting projects in 2005, 2006, 2007.
- **FX option pricing:** plug-ins for Fenics launched in 2005 – 100 users in overseas banks.
- **Operational Risk:** validation projects in 2000, model development projects in 2001, 2003, R&D/software projects 2004-2007.
- **Market Risk:** validation projects in 2004, 2005, model development consulting project in 2007.
- **Credit Risk:** validation projects in 1999, 2002; validation and model development projects 2004-ongoing.
- **Underwriting risk:** consulting projects in 1999, current proposals.
- **Forecasting electricity/commodities:** consulting projects in 2002, 2005, 2005-06, current proposals.
- **Portfolio Management:** model development projects in 2007, current proposals.
- **Water/Carbon Trading:** current proposals.
- **Collaborators:** Monash Uni, Cambridge Uni, ETH Zurich, UNSW, UTS, Macquarie Uni, Statistical Research Associates NZ
- **Industry clients:** CBA, ANZ, NAB, St George, Integral Energy, IAG, Fenics FX, Edgecap, Moore Capital, Ester Bank, Credit Swiss,... .

Financial Risk Management

- Market Risk
- Credit Risk
- Operational Risk
- Underwriting risk
- Derivative pricing
- Interest Rates
- Trading strategies
- Portfolio Management
- Commodity/Energy
- Carbon/water trading
- Model risk
- Liquidity risk

Links

- Extreme Value modelling
- Dynamic control
- Expert Elicitation
- Bayesian methods
- Dependence Modelling
- Model validation
- Computational methods (PDE, MCMC, Monte Carlo methods)
- Time series analysis
- High performance computing

Other Risk Areas

- Air transport
- Ecology/Environmental
- Infrastructure
- Security
- Weather/Climate
- Health

Extreme Value Analysis/Dependence

- **Air-transport (deviations from taxi centerline)**
- **Weather (rainfall, wind speed)**
- **Market Risk (tail of portfolio return distribution, derivatives)**
- **Credit/Operational Risk (tail of annual loss distribution)**
- **Electricity pricing (price spikes)**

Extreme Value Models

- **Block maxima – models for largest observations, $M_n = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$**
 X_1, X_2, \dots are iid e.g. daily data grouped into quarterly blocks

Limiting distribution: Generalized Extreme Value Distribution (GEV)

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} \exp[-(1 + \xi \times x / \beta)^{-1/\xi}], & \xi \neq 0 \\ \exp[-\exp(-x / \beta)], & \xi = 0 \end{cases}$$

- **Threshold exceedances – models for large observations exceeding some high level, L , $Y_i = X_i - L$**
e.g. *operational losses exceeding 1mln*

Limiting distribution: Generalized Pareto Distribution (GPD)

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - (1 + \xi x / \beta)^{-1/\xi}; & \xi \neq 0 \\ 1 - \exp[-x / \beta]; & \xi = 0 \end{cases}$$

Market Risk

$$X_t = -(\ln S_t - \ln S_{t-1}) \approx (S_{t-1} - S_t) / S_{t-1}$$

$$X_t = \mu_t + \sigma_t Z_t$$

assume Z_t, Z_{t-1}, \dots are iid and X_t is stationary

$$\text{For example: } \mu_t = \lambda X_{t-1}, \sigma_t^2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 (X_{t-1} - \mu_{t-1})^2 + \beta \sigma_{t-1}^2$$

$$\text{VaR}_q^t = \mu_{t+1} + \sigma_{t+1} \text{VaR}(Z)_q; \text{CVaR}_q^t = \mu_{t+1} + \sigma_{t+1} \text{CVaR}(Z)_q$$

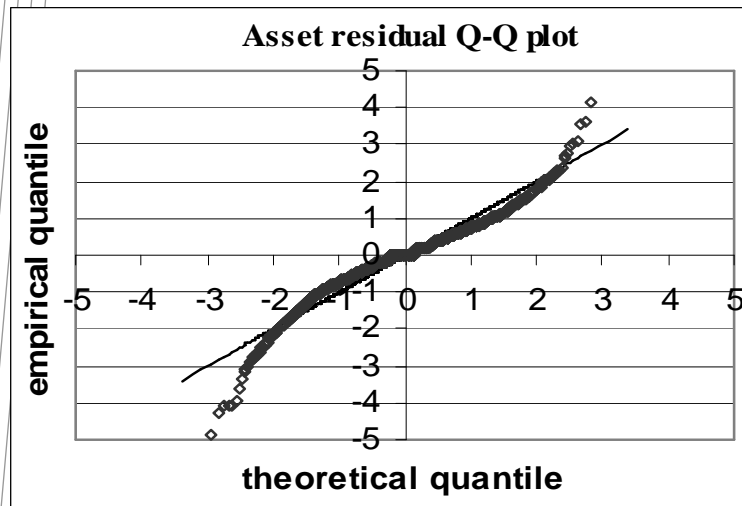
Z is modelled by *GPD*

Market Risk Regulatory Capital

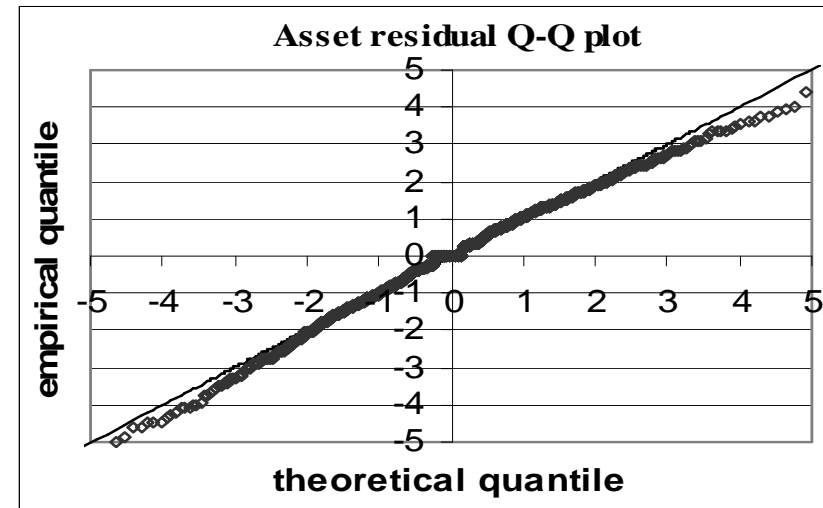
$$C(t) = \max \left\{ \text{VaR}_{0.99}^{t,10}, \frac{k}{60} \sum_{i=1}^{60} \text{VaR}_{0.99}^{t-i+1,10} \right\}$$

Example: API returns

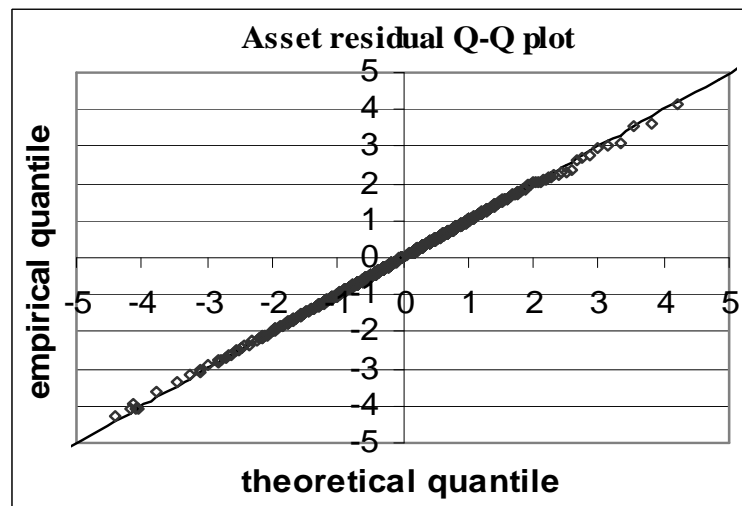
GARCH-Normal



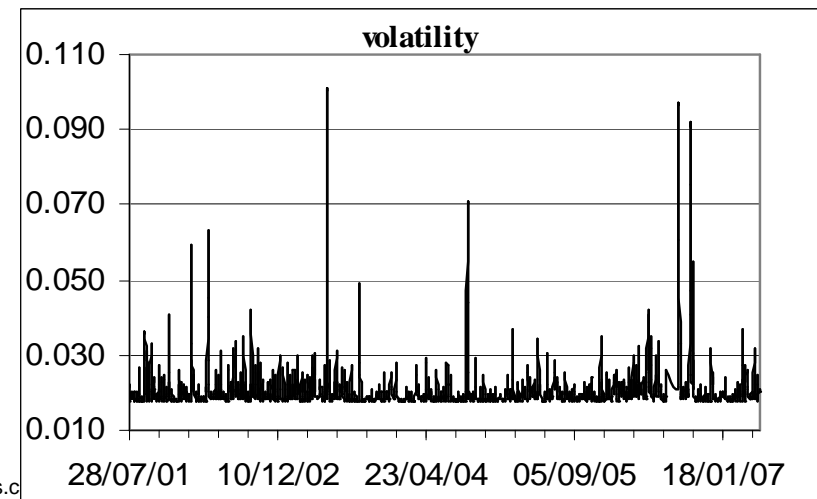
GARCH-Student t



GARCH-Generalized Pareto



GARCH-volatility



Derivative Pricing

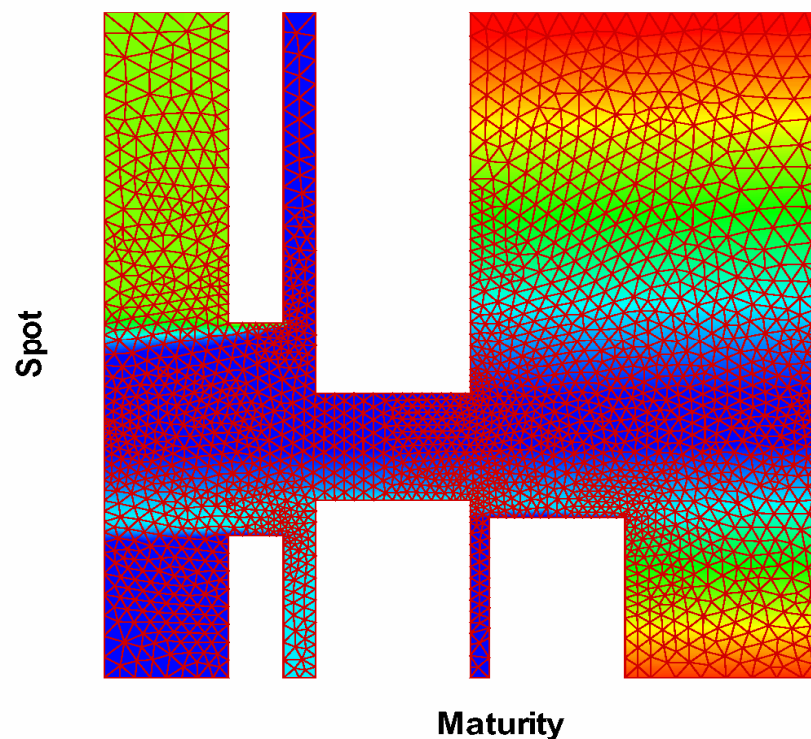
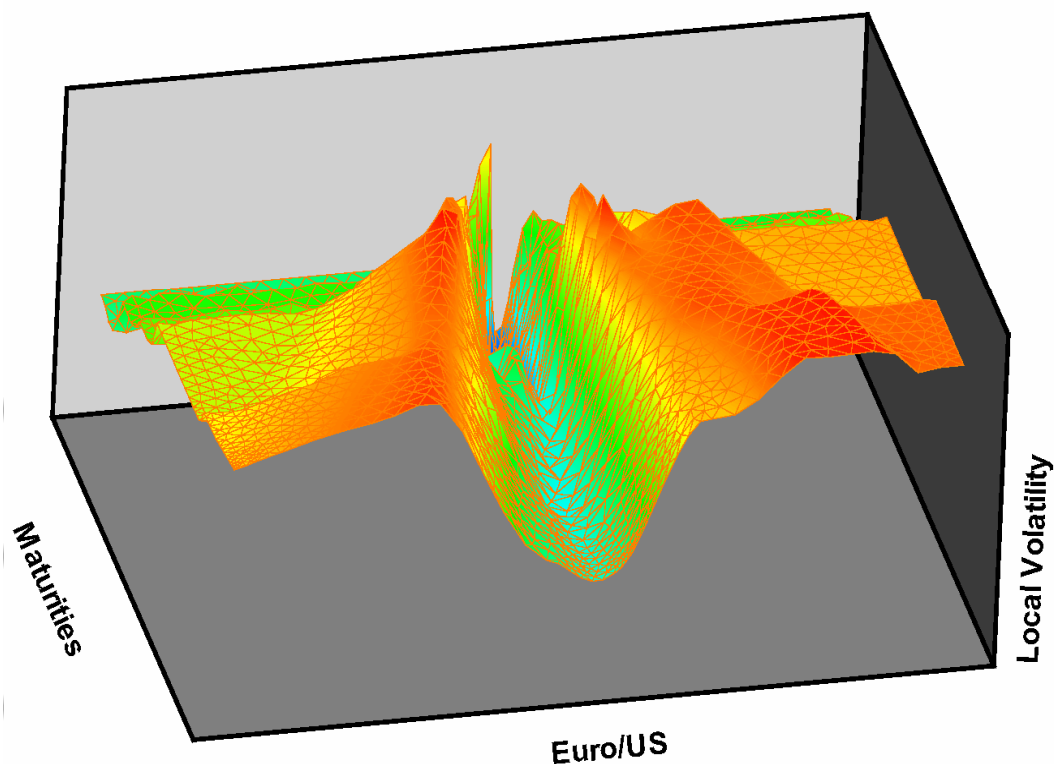
Option pricing : $Q_t = E[\text{Payoff}(S_T) | S_t]$

Modelling volatility skew:

e.g. local volatility models - $dS_t / S_t = (r_t - q_t)dt + \sigma(S_t, t)dW_t$,

stochastic volatility models, jump diffusion

Numerical Methods: Finite Element, Finite Difference, Monte Carlo methods.



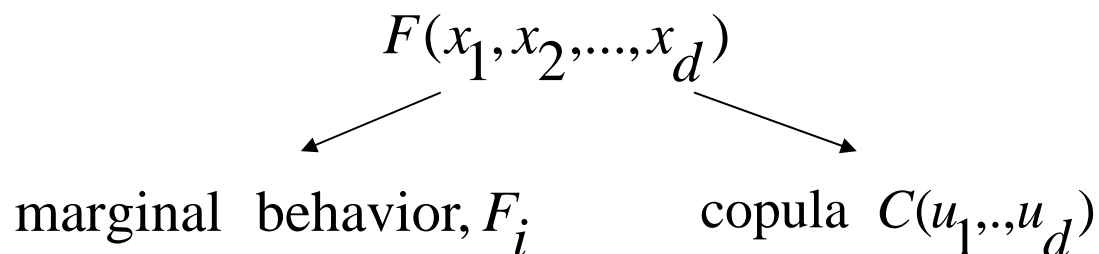
Dependence modelling

Dependence modelling via Copula method

Consider rvs X_1, \dots, X_d with $F_i(x_i) = \text{Prob}(X_i \leq x_i)$

$$F_i^{-1}(U_i) \sim F_i \Rightarrow X_i = F_i^{-1}(U_i), \quad U_i \sim U(0,1), \quad F_i(X_i) = U_i \sim U(0,1)$$

$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) = \text{Prob}[X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_d \leq x_d]$ is joint cdf



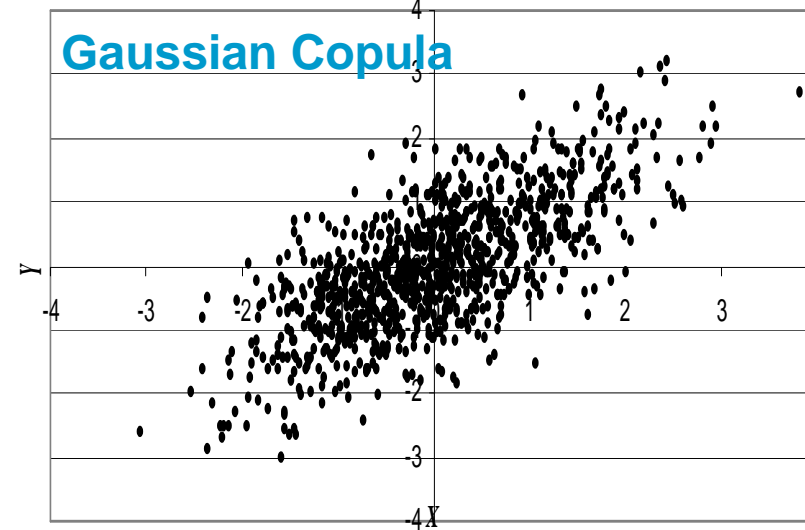
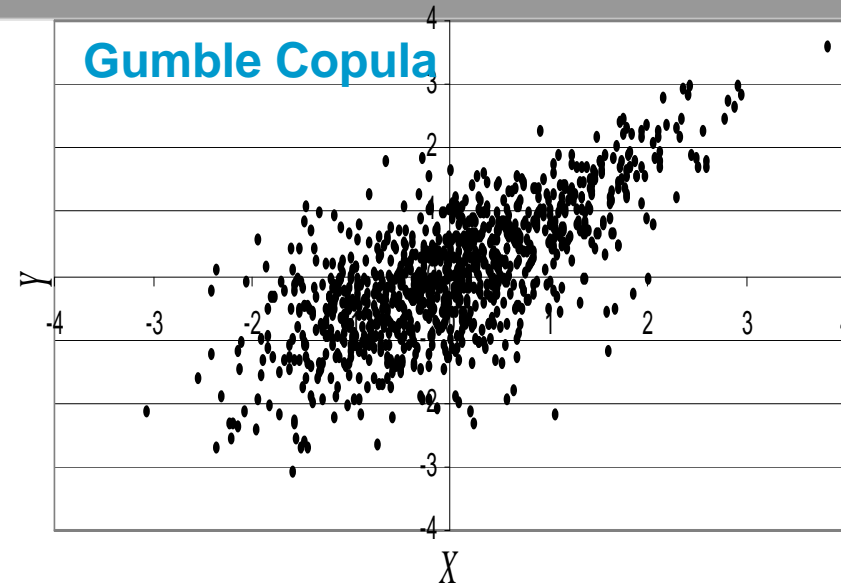
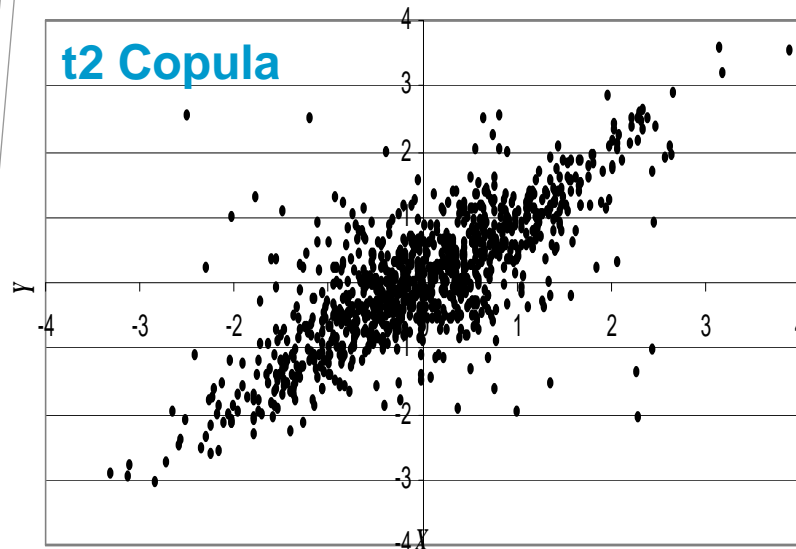
Copula is multivariate joint distribution of uniform random variables

$$C(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_d) = F(F_1^{-1}(u_1), F_2^{-1}(u_2), \dots, F_d^{-1}(u_d))$$

$$C(F_1(x_1), F_2(x_2), \dots, F_d(x_d)) = F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$$

Dependence modelling via copula

$X \sim \text{Normal}(0,1); Y \sim \text{Normal}(0,1)$
 $\text{corr}(X, Y) = 0.7$



Expert Elicitation/Bayesian methods

(combining internal & external data with expert opinion)

- **Ecology (estimation of fish density from gillnet catches)**
- **Operational Risk (estimation of loss frequency and severity)**
- **Air-transport (individual&collective risk of air-collisions)**
- **Insurance (pricing of policy premium)**
- **Markov Chain Monte Carlo methods (signal processing)**

- **Recent Publications:**

- **D. D. Lambrigger (ETH), P.V. Shevchenko (CSIRO) and M. V. Wüthrich (ETH), 2007.** *The Quantification of Operational Risk using Internal Data, Relevant External Data and Expert Opinions.* The Journal of Operational Risk.
- **Hans Bühlmann (ETH), P.V. Shevchenko (CSIRO) and M. Wüthrich (ETH), 2006.** A “Toy” Model for Operational Risk Quantification using Credibility Theory. The Journal of Operational Risk 2(1).
- **P.V. Shevchenko (CSIRO) and M. Wüthrich (ETH), 2006.** *Structural Modelling of Operational Risk using Bayesian Inference: combining loss data with expert opinions.* The Journal of Operational Risk 1(3), pp.3-26.

Combining internal data, industry data and expert opinions

Bayesian inference

observations

$$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$$

parameters

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_K)$$

$$h(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = h(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \hat{\pi}(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{X})h(\mathbf{X})$$

$$\hat{\pi}(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{X}) \propto h(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ prior distribution is estimated by expert/industry data

$h(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$ likelihood of internal observations

$$\varphi(X_{n+1} | \mathbf{X}) = \int g(X_{n+1} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \times \hat{\pi}(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{X}) d\boldsymbol{\theta} \quad \text{predictive distribution}$$

Combining internal data, external data and expert opinions

$$\hat{\pi}(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{v}) \propto h_1(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta})h_2(\mathbf{v} | \boldsymbol{\theta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ prior distribution is estimated by industry data

$h_1(\mathbf{X} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$ likelihood of internal observations

$h_2(\mathbf{v} | \boldsymbol{\theta})$ likelihood of expert opinions

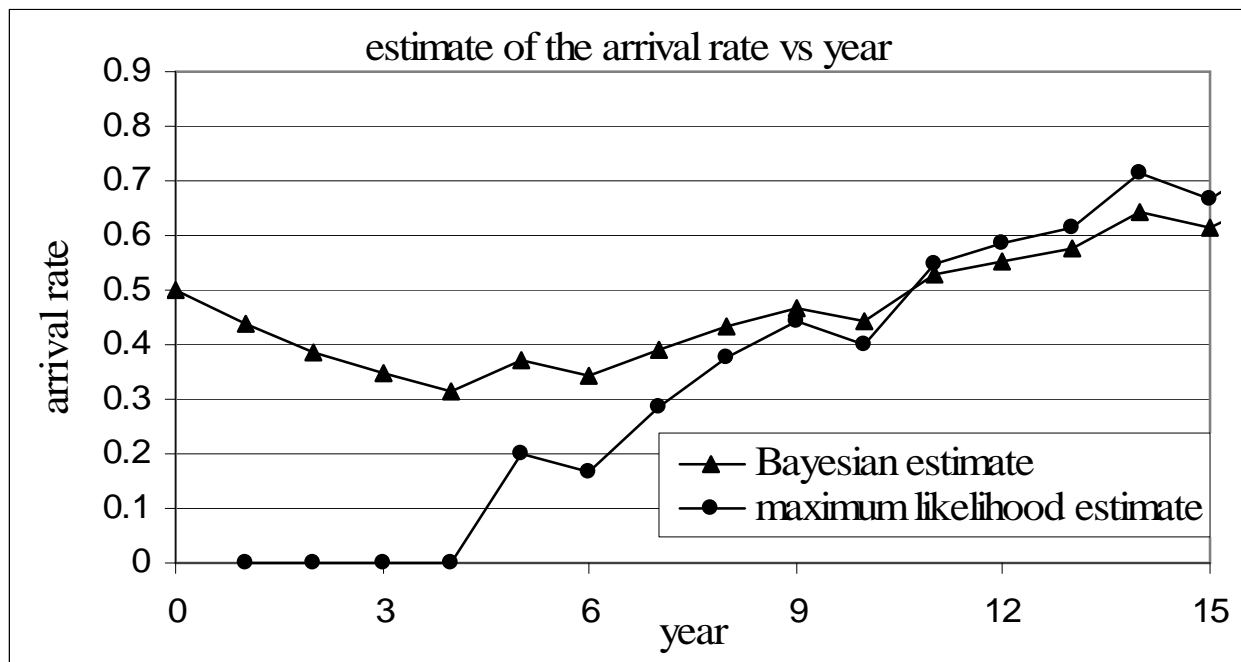
Example: combining expert opinion and internal data

Annual counts $\mathbf{N}=(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 2, 1, 1, 2, 0)$ from Poisson $\lambda = 0.6$

expert opinions $E[\lambda] = 0.5$, $\Pr[0.25 \leq \lambda \leq 0.75] = 2/3 \Rightarrow \alpha \approx 3.41$, $\beta \approx 0.15$

$\hat{\lambda}_k = \hat{\alpha}_k \times \hat{\beta}_k$ the Bayesian estimator with Gamma prior $\alpha \approx 3.41$, $\beta \approx 0.15$

$\tilde{\lambda}_k = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k N_i$ the Maximum Likelihood estimator



Parameter Risk (uncertainty of parameters)

$Z = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ – annual loss; $\mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{N})$ – past observations

$\varphi(Z_{t+1} | \mathbf{Y}) = \int g(Z_{t+1} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \times \hat{\pi}(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{Y}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}$ – predictive distribution

$\hat{Q}_{0.999}^B$ – 0.999 quantile of $\varphi(Z_{t+1} | \mathbf{Y})$

$\hat{Q}_{0.999}$ – 0.999 quantile of $g(Z_{t+1} | \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$

$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ is point estimator, e.g. maximum likelihood estimator

$\hat{\pi}(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{Y}) \propto h(\mathbf{Y} | \boldsymbol{\theta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta})$, Markov Chain Monte Carlo methods

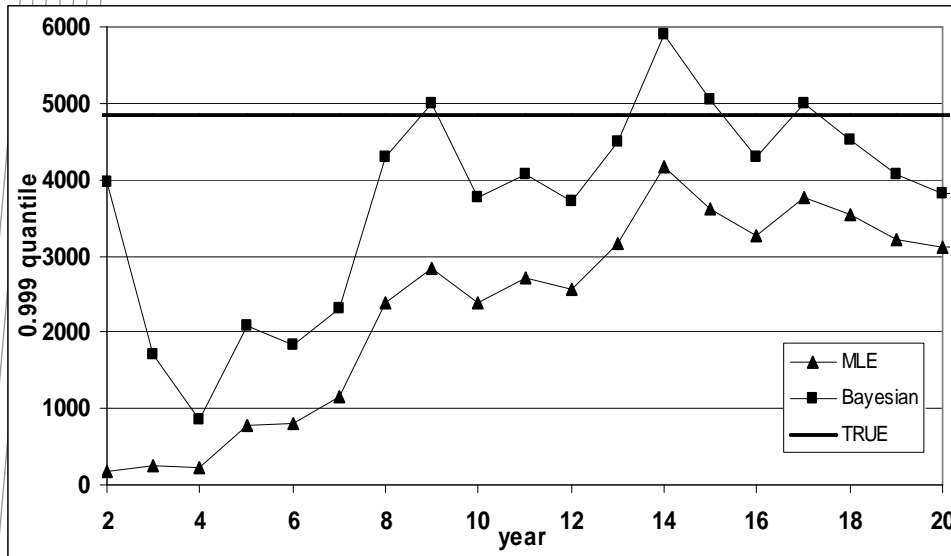
$bias = E[\hat{Q}_{0.999}^B - \hat{Q}_{0.999}]$

Normal approximation : $\hat{\pi}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} | \mathbf{Y})$ is *Normal*(mean = $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$, cov = $-\mathbf{I}^{-1}$)

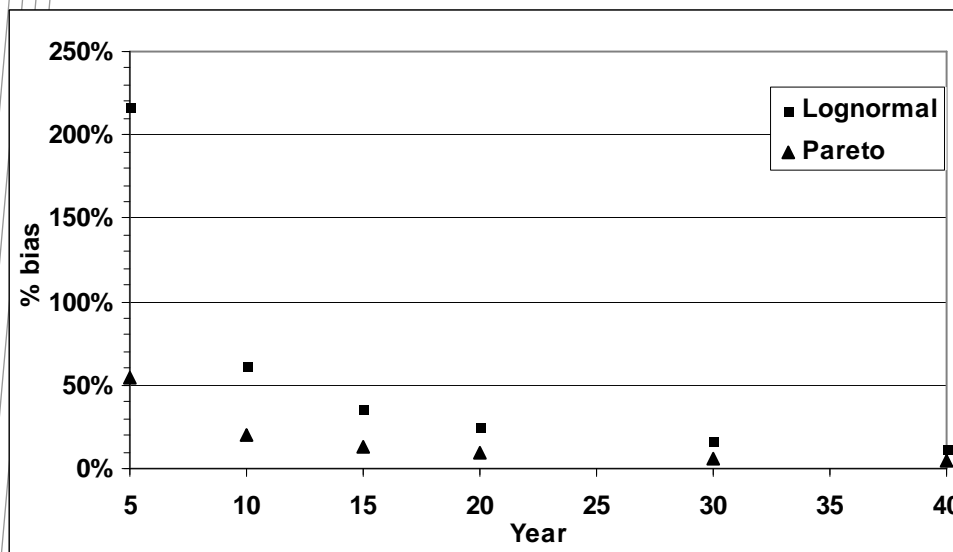
$\ln \hat{\pi}(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{Y}) \approx \ln \hat{\pi}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} | \mathbf{Y}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{I}_{ij} (\theta_i - \hat{\theta}_i)(\theta_j - \hat{\theta}_j); \quad \mathbf{I}_{ij} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 \ln \hat{\pi}(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{Y})}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} \right|_{\boldsymbol{\theta} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}$

P.V. Shevchenko (2007). *Estimation of operational Risk Capital Charge under Parameter Uncertainty*, submitted to the Risk Magazine.

Parameter Risk (uncertainty of parameters)



Comparison of the 0.999 quantile estimators. Parameter uncertainty is ignored by (MLE) but is taken into account by (Bayesian). MLE - maximum likelihood estimator Bayesian - quantile of predictive distribution Losses were simulated from *Poisson*(10) and *LN*(1,2). Non-informative constant prior were used.



Relative bias in the 0.999 quantile estimator induced by the parameter uncertainty vs number of observation years. (Lognormal) - losses were simulated from *Poisson*(10) and *LN*(1,2). (Pareto) – losses were simulated from *Poisson*(10) and *Pareto*(2) with $L=1$.

Kalman/Particle filter techniques (state-space models)

- **On-line monitoring of water quality**
- **Health surveillance**
- **Modelling commodities/interest rates**

State-space models: Kalman Filter

- **Measurement Equation** $\vec{F}_t = \vec{A} + \hat{B} \times \vec{X}_t + \vec{e}$
- **Transition Equation** $\vec{X}_{t+1} = \vec{M} + \hat{T} \times \vec{X}_t + \vec{\varepsilon}$

Commodity spot models:e.g. 2-factor convenience yield

S_t – spot price; δ_t – convenience yield, $F_{t,T}$ – futures prices

$$d \ln S_t = [\mu - \delta_t - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1^2] dt + \sigma_1 dW_t^{(1)}$$

$$d\delta_t = [\alpha - \kappa_1 \delta_t - \kappa_2 X_t] dt + \sigma_2 dW_t^{(2)}; \quad E[dW_t^{(1)} dW_t^{(2)}] = \rho dt$$

$$F_{t,T} = E[S_T | S_t, \delta_t] \Rightarrow \ln F_{t,T} = A(T-t) + B(T-t) \ln S_t + C(T-t) \delta_t$$

Interest rate spot models:e.g. Vasicek model

r_t – short - term rate; $P_{t,T}$ – bond price

$$dr_t = \alpha[\gamma - r_t] dt + \sigma dW_t$$

$$P_{t,T} = A(t,T) \exp[-B(t,T)r_t] \Rightarrow \ln P_{t,T} = \ln A(T-t) - B(T-t)r_t$$

Emerging over-arching research topics

- **Mixing internal & external data with expert opinions (credibility theory, Bayesian techniques)**
- **Dependence between risks: copula methods, structural models**
- **Compound point processes**
- **Modelling distribution tail: EVT, mixed distributions, splices**
- **Efficient Markov Chain Monte Carlo, Monte Carlo, finite element/finite difference methods**
- **State-space models (sequential Monte Carlo, Kalman filter)**
- **Time series analysis via chaos theory methods**
- **Modelling truncated/censored data**
- **Nonlinear optimization with constraints**

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