# Analysis of the Competition and Market Power in the Colombian Wholesale Electricity Market using an Agent-Based Model

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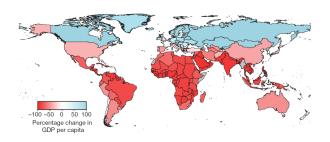


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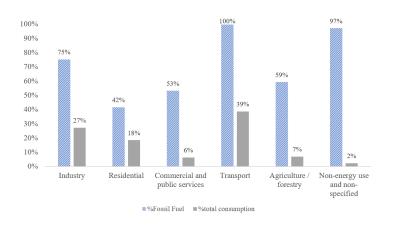


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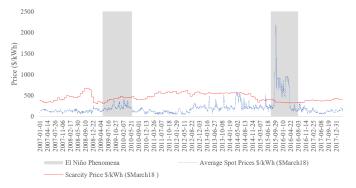


Figure: Average the hourly spot prices and monthly scarcity prices in Colombia (\$March18 prices)

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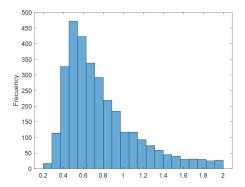


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Hypotheses: Impact of market power and mitigation strategies.

Note: Endogeneity may be a problem, which was addressed using IV. Durbin score  $\chi^2$  and Wu-Hausman did not have significance.



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Table 2. Econometric results

	ННІ	HHI at Nino	RSI	RSI at Nino	IL	IL at Nino
VARIABLES	Spot Price	Spot Price	Spot Price	Spot Price	Spot Price	Spot Price
Fossil Fuel generation	8.80e-06***	6.55e-06***	8.27e-06***	6.26e-06***	3.08e-06***	4.82e-07***
	(2.48e-07)	(2.53e-07)	(2.22e-07)	(2.52e-07)	(1.45e-07)	(9.93e-08)
Hydro generation	1.45e-06***	1.94e-06***	1.30e-06***	1.73e-06***	-2.74e-07**	-2.85e-07***
	(1.87e-07)	(2.22e-07)	(1.87e-07)	(2.18e-07)	(1.07e-07)	(7.48e-08)
Forward Contracts	-1.20e-06***	-2.28e-06***	-1.04e-06***	-2.12e-06***	1.58e-07	-2.03e-08
	(1.88e-07)	(2.21e-07)	(1.91e-07)	(2.18e-07)	(1.04e-07)	(8.05e-08)
Scarcity Price		-0.188***		-0.191***		-0.0140
		(0.0269)		(0.0267)		(0.00907)
Constant	-208.5***	23.79	-118.4***	33.34	45.60***	32.75***
	(31.13)	(24.79)	(26.88)	(24.55)	(10.36)	(7.559)
Observations	4,108	4,108	4,108	4,108	1,636	1,636
R-squared	0.530	0.583	0.528	0.587	0.554	0.823
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Standard errors in parentheses

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1

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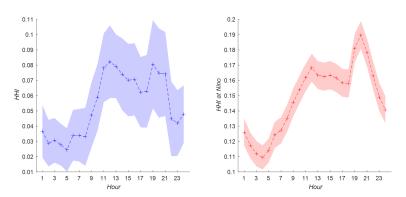


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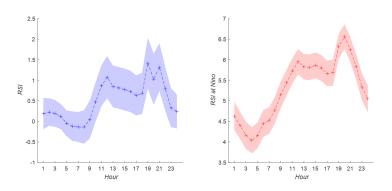


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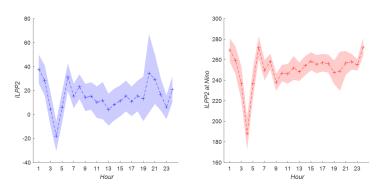
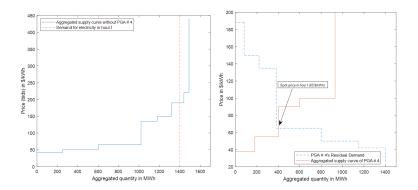


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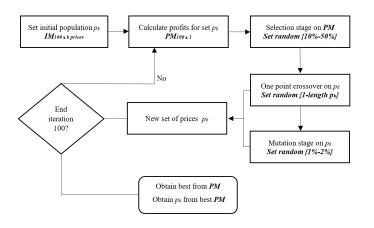
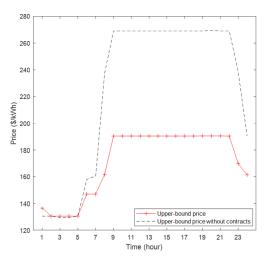


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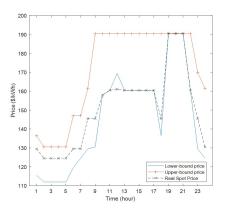


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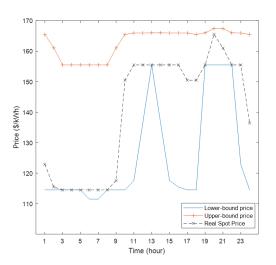


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