

Quantifying the trade-off between secure and economic operation of power systems under uncertainty

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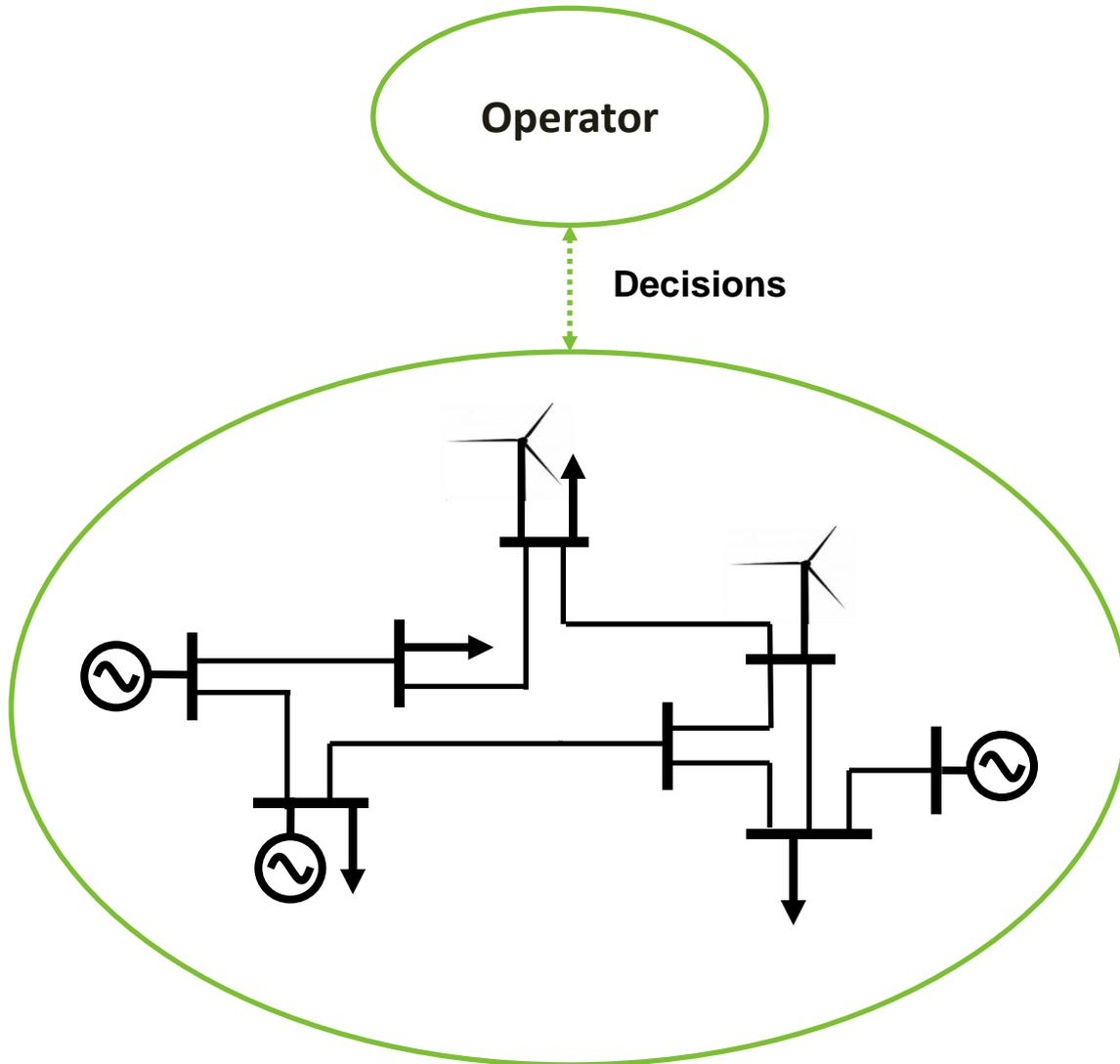
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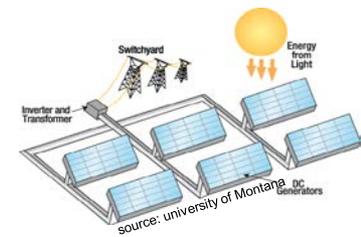
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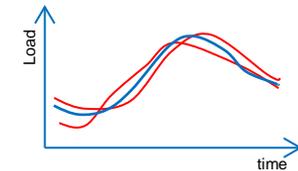
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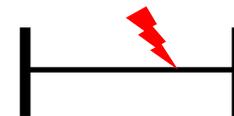
PV power



Demand



Contingencies



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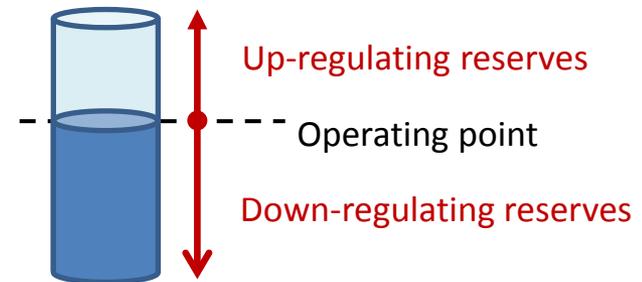
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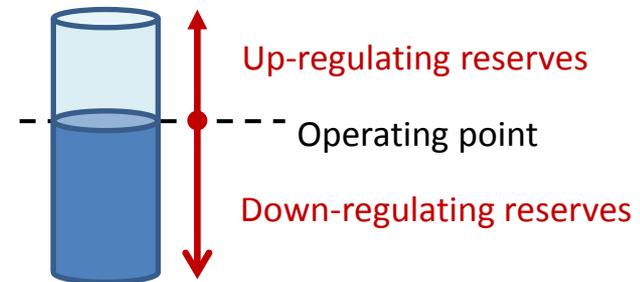
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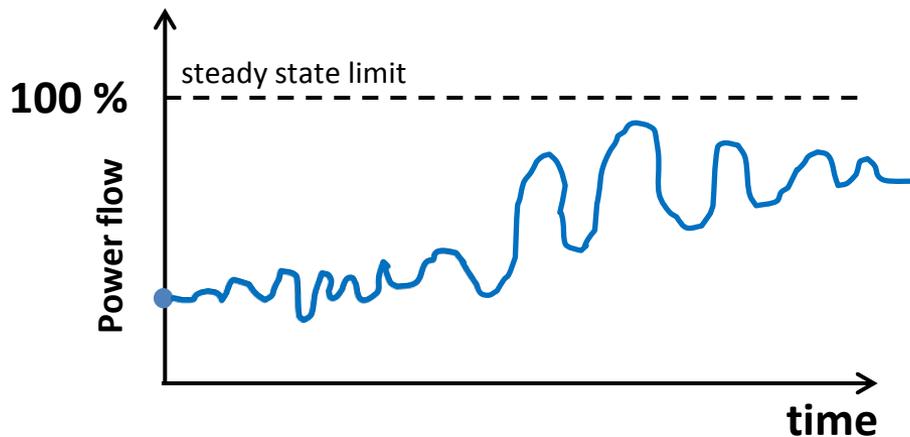
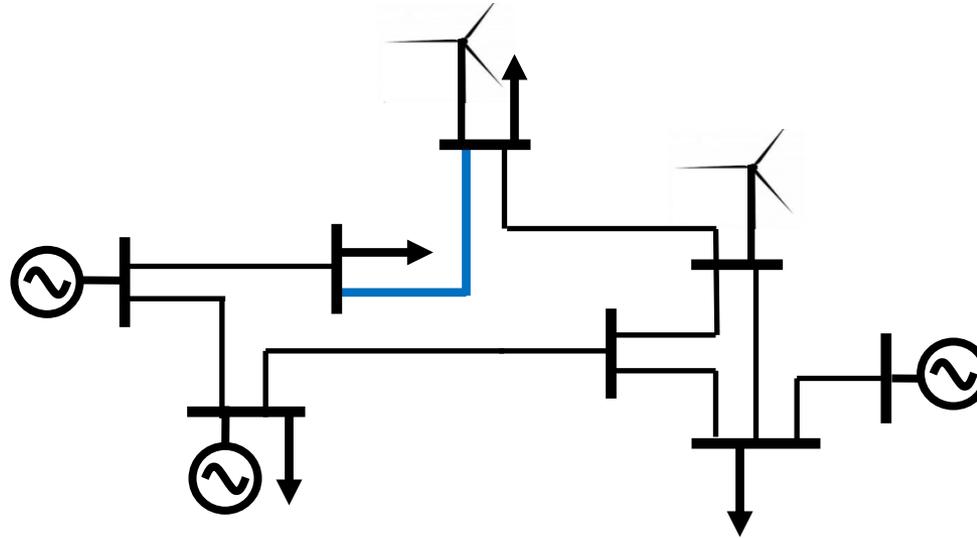
Generation active power capacity



**Optimal reserve capacity and
allocation**

..but an optimal and secure operation under **uncertainty** is a challenging problem!

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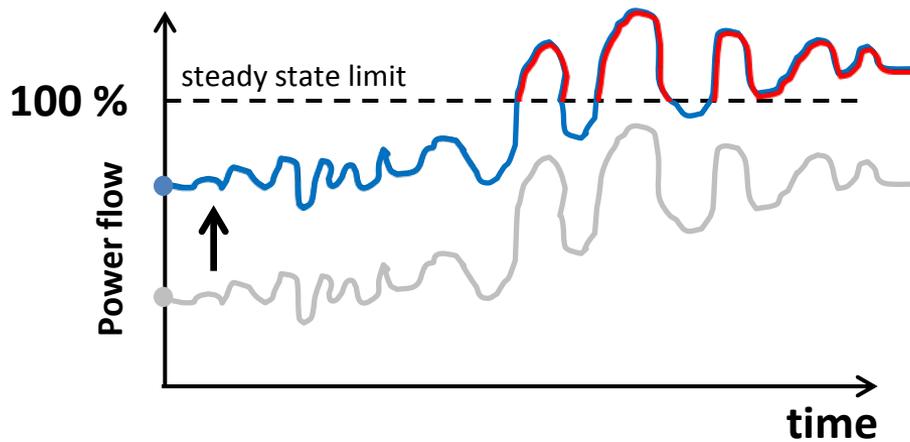
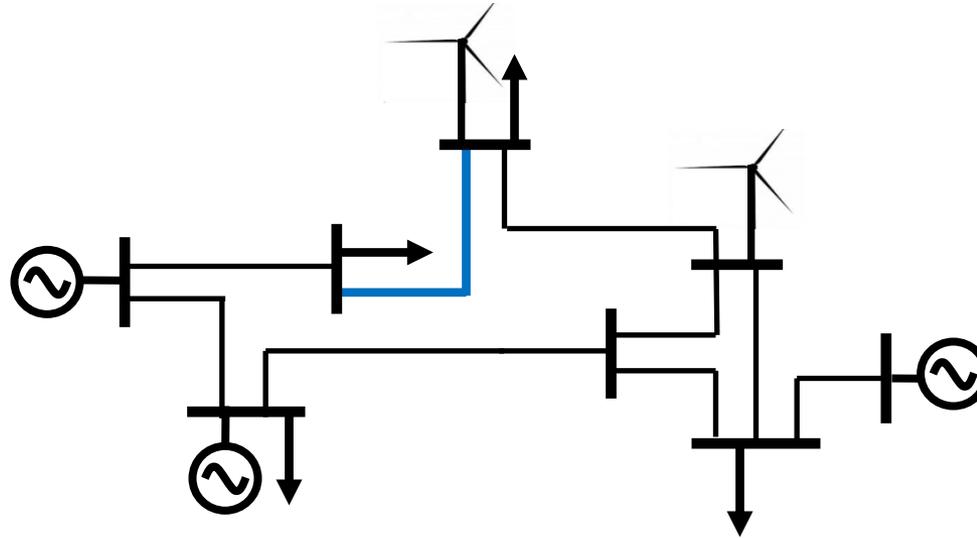


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- Not heavily loaded system
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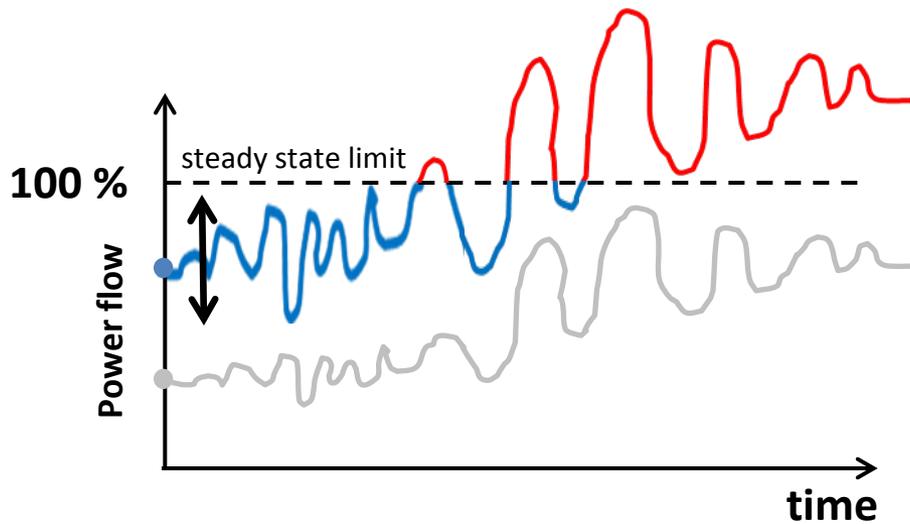
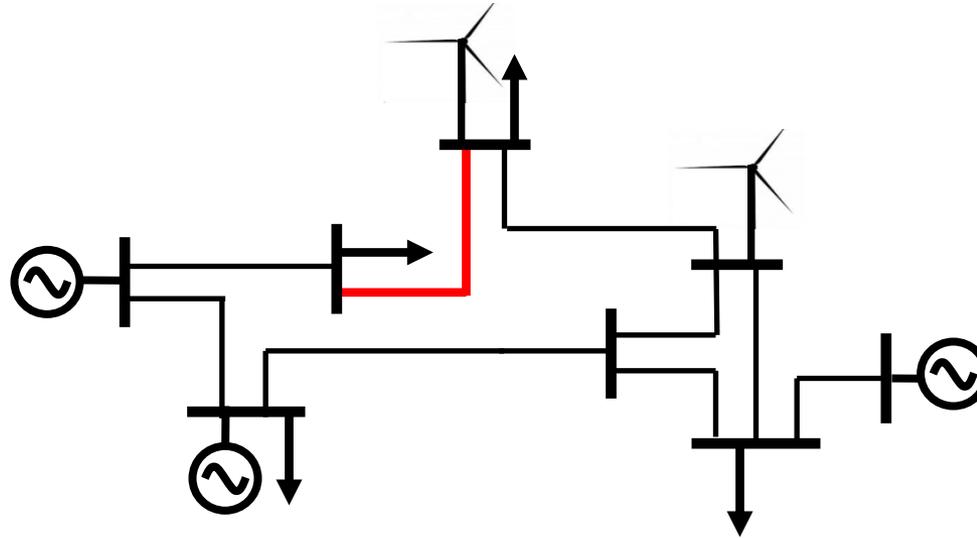
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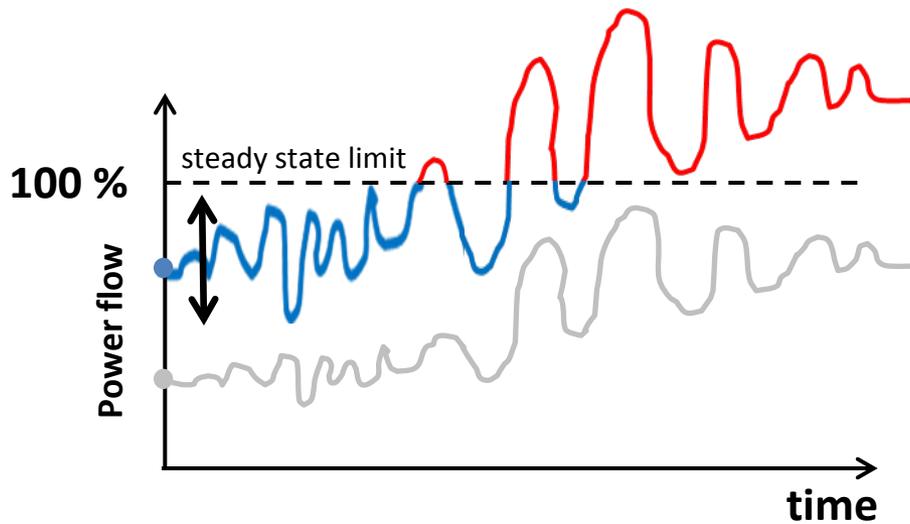
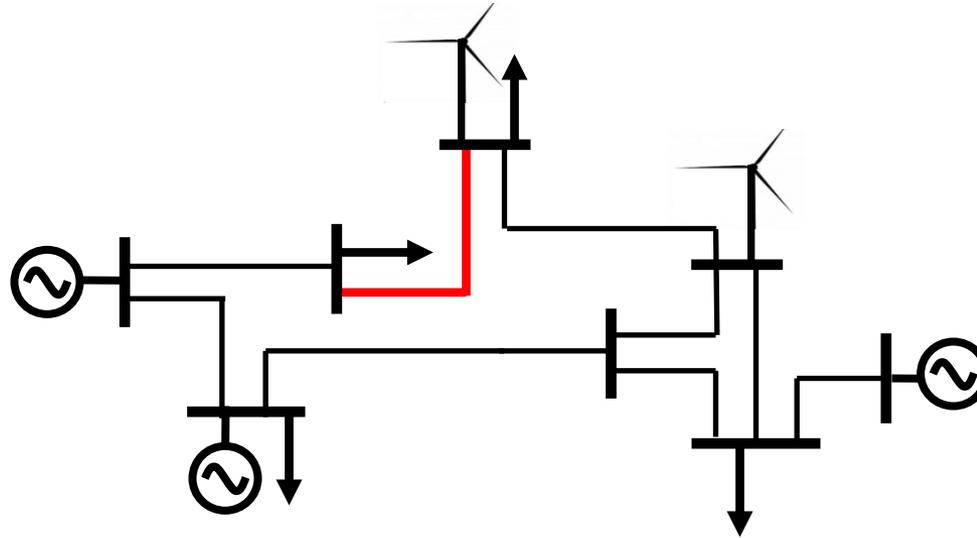
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(higher uncertainty)

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➔ Operating closer to the margins

➔ Maybe not possible to withstand uncertainty

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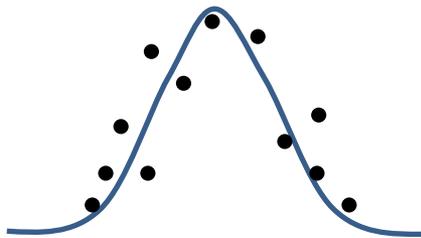
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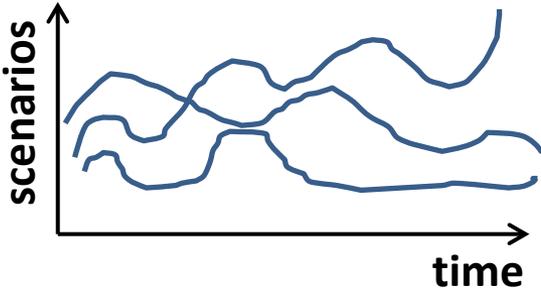
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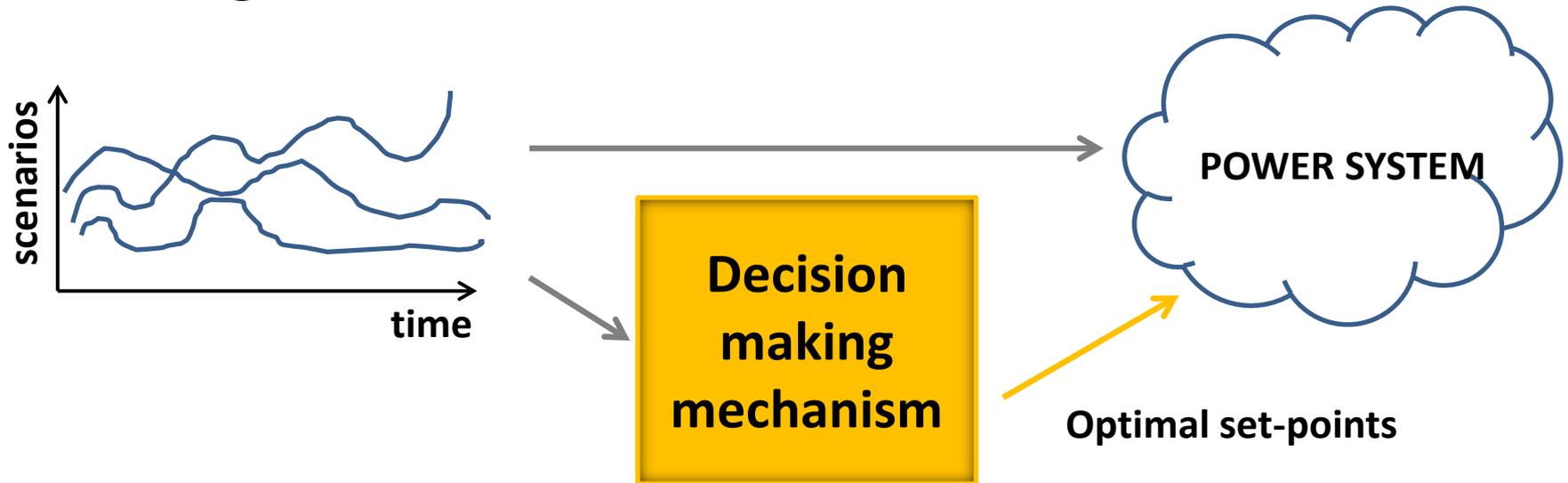
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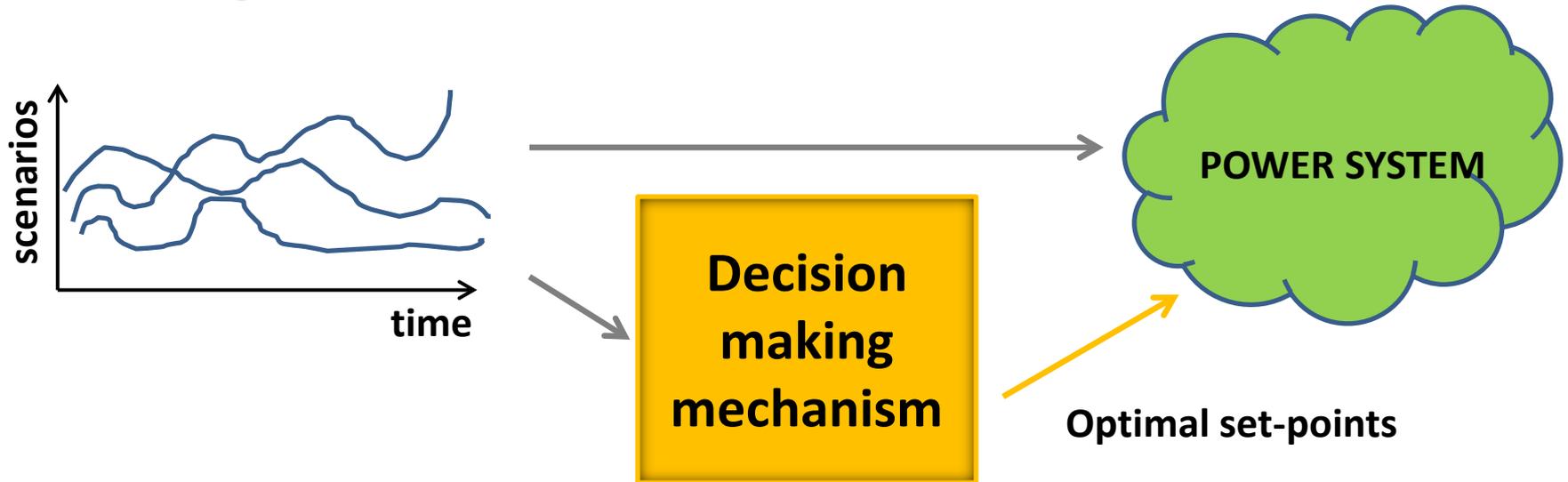
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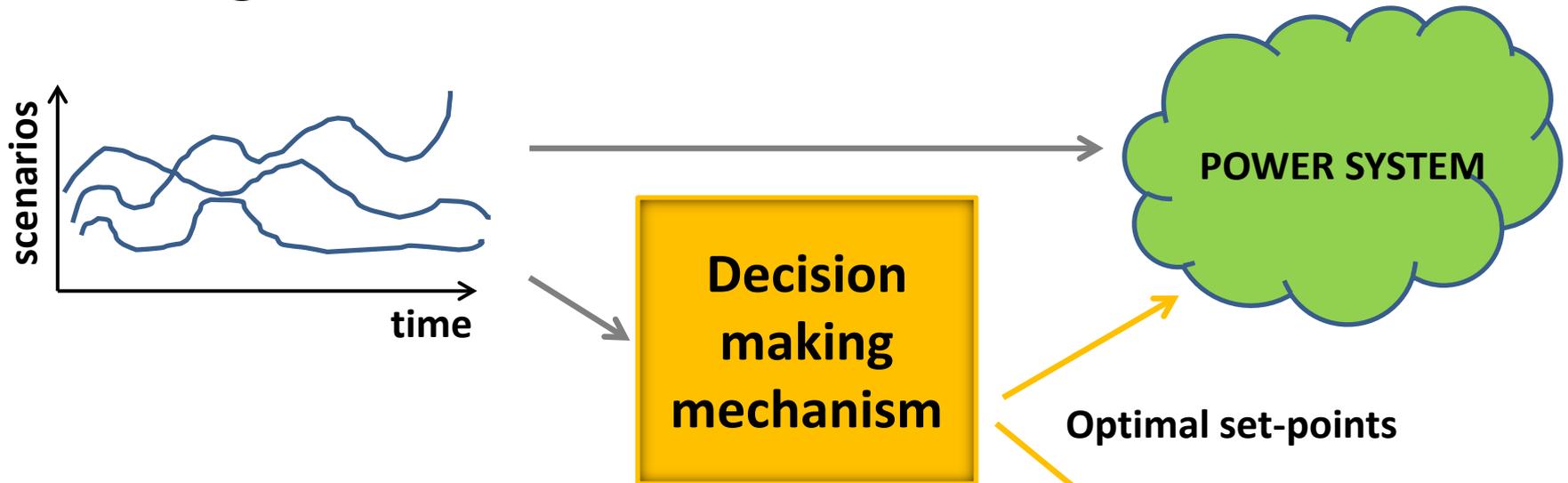
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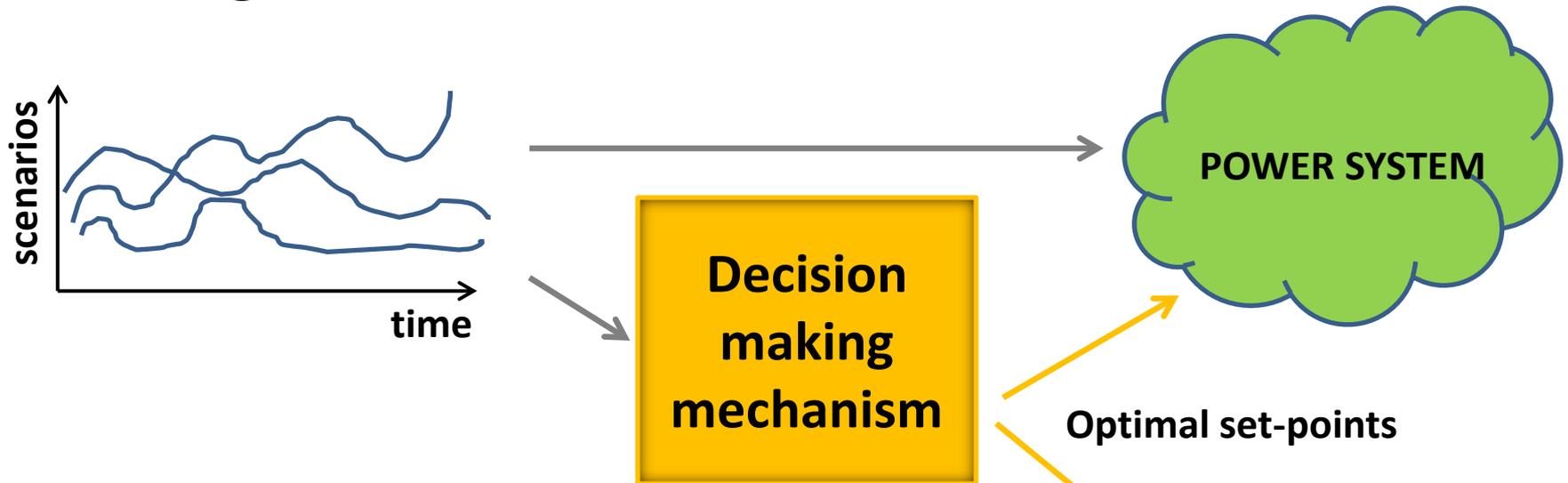


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- ▶ Probabilistic Optimal Power Flow formulations
 - N-1 Security
 - Reserve provision

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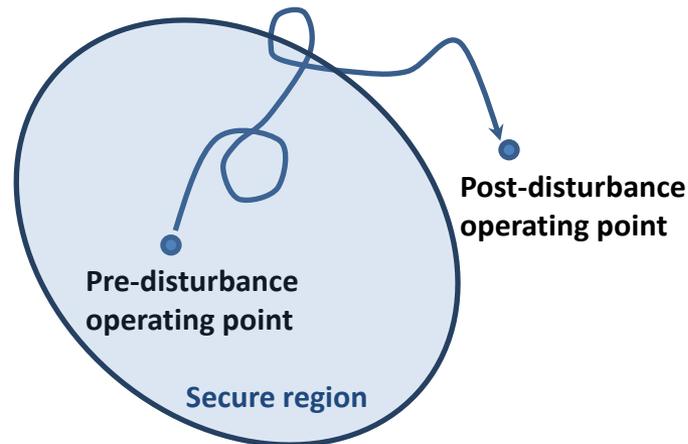
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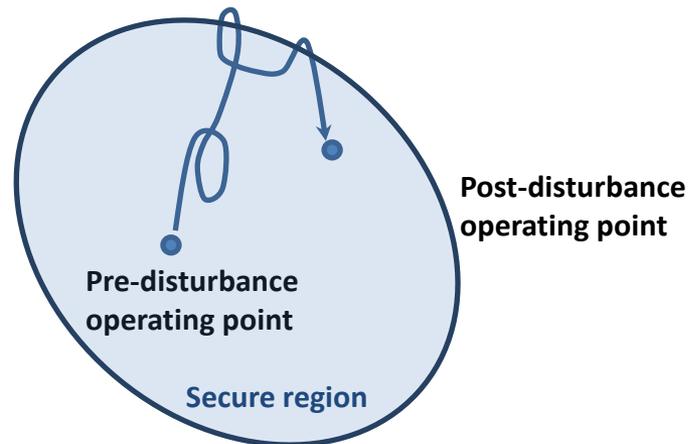
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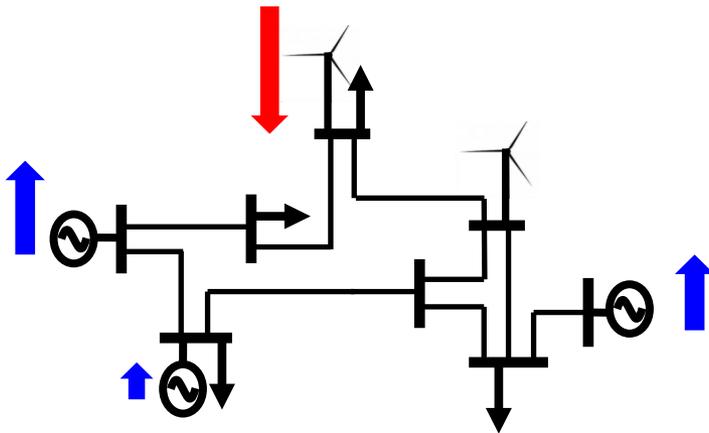


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Generation-load mismatch $P_{mismatch}$ is compensated by the generators



$$P_{G,post} = P_G - d \cdot P_{mismatch}$$

$P_{mismatch}$: linear function of P_G and P_w
 d : "distribution vector"

1. Probabilistic DC based SC-OPF

b) Optimization problem

Deterministic problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} J(\mathbf{x})$$

subject to

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**Trade-off between
security and cost:** $\varepsilon \in (0,1)$

1. Probabilistic DC based SC-OPF

c) Dealing with the chance constraint

Probabilistically robust design [1]

- Mixture of randomized and robust optimization
- No assumptions on the underlying distribution of the uncertainty
- Guarantees that the chance constraint will be satisfied with a certain confidence

Other methods used in the thesis

- The scenario approach [2]
- Trading feasibility to optimality - Sampling and discarding [3]

[1] Margellos, Goulart, Lygeros, Trans. Aut. Con 2013.

[2] Calafiore, Campi, Trans. Aut. Con., 2006

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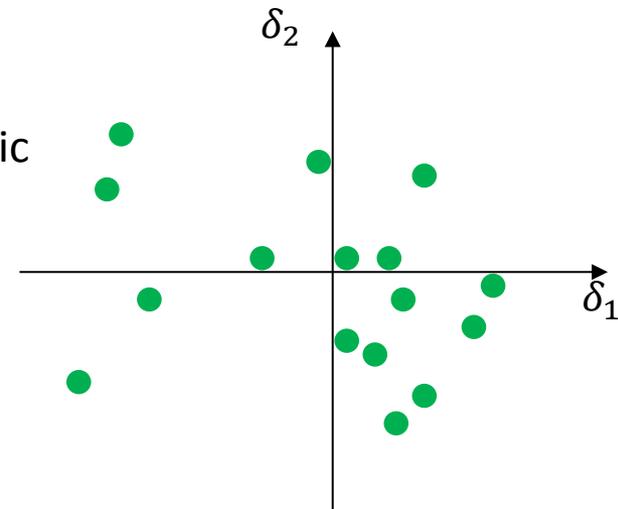
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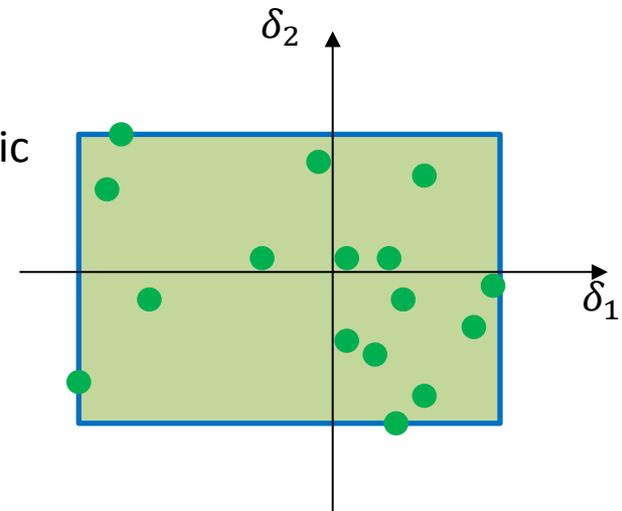
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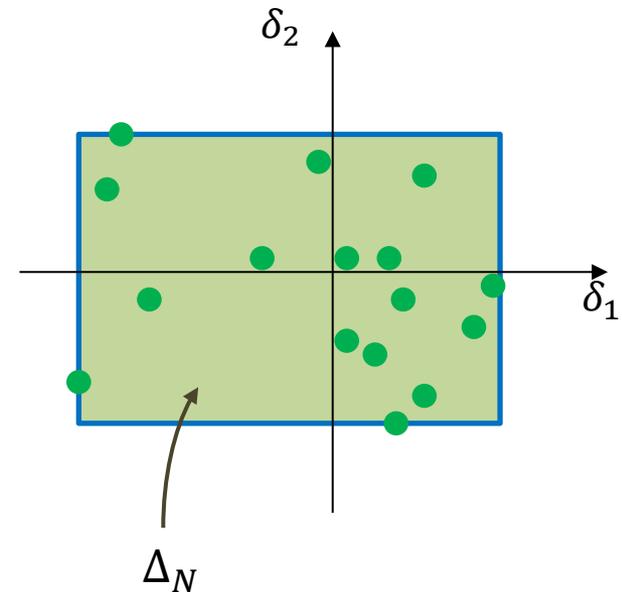
■ Step 2

- Solve a **robust formulation** of the initial chance constrained problem
- Any solution of the robust problem is feasible for the chance constrained with confidence at least $1 - \beta$

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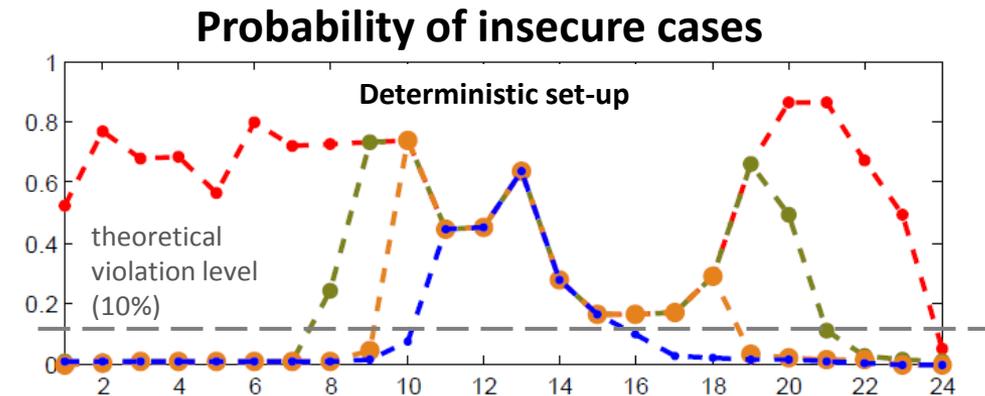
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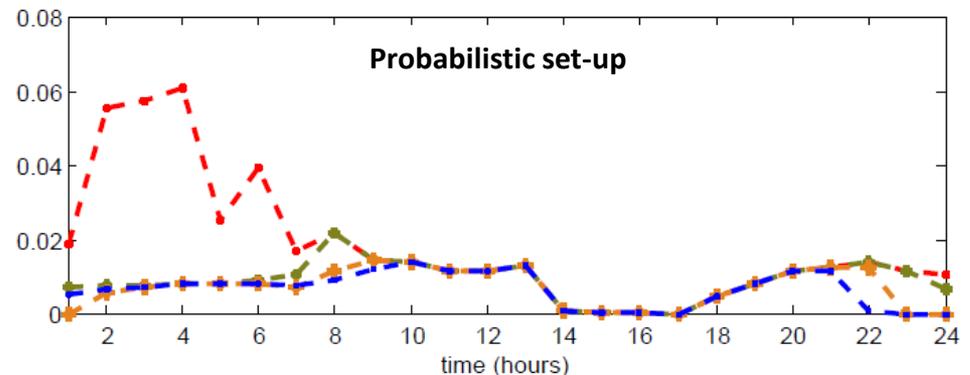
- IEEE 30-bus network
- 4 load profiles
- Monte Carlo evaluation for 10000 wind power realizations
- Desired violation level 10%

— L_1 — L_2 — L_3 — L_4

Fails to satisfy the desired violation level



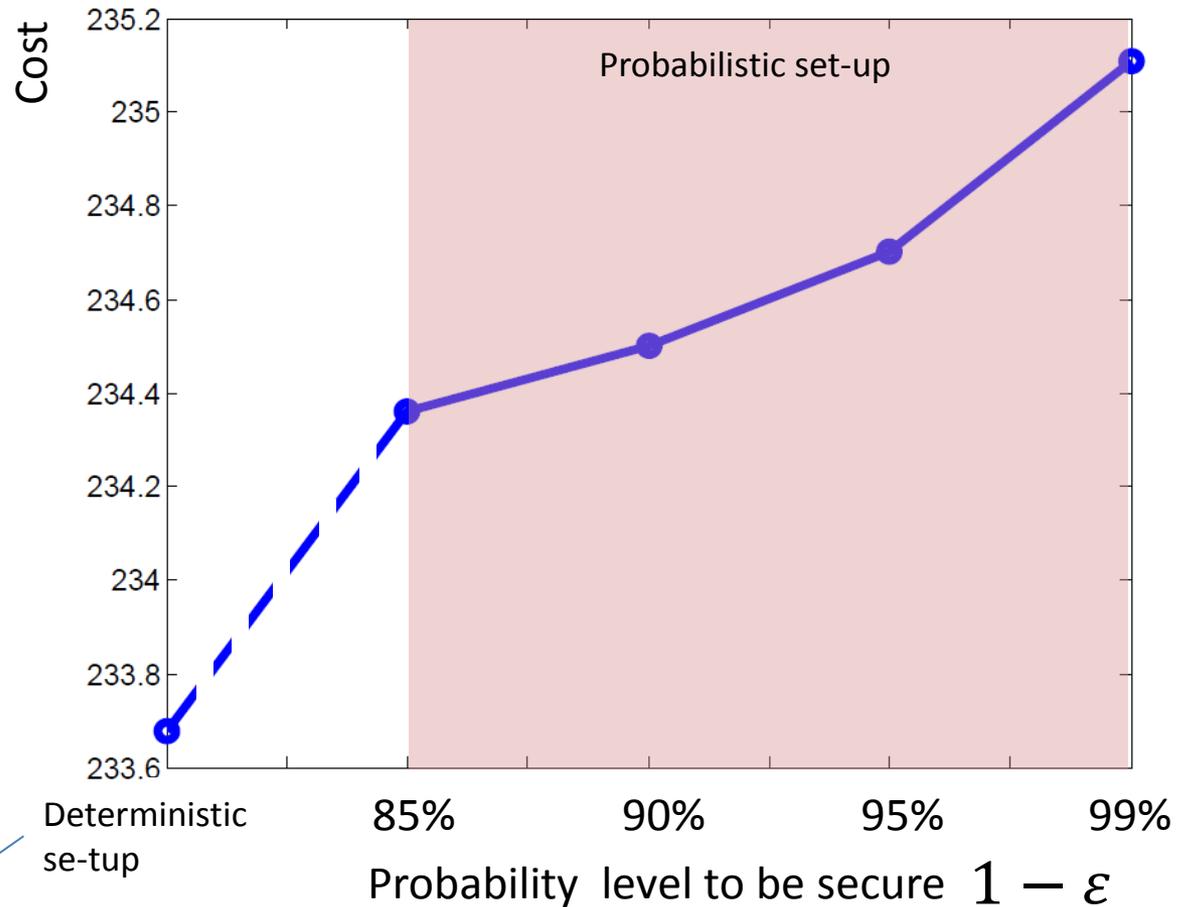
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➔ Trade-off between security and cost



(30.7% empirical violation probability)

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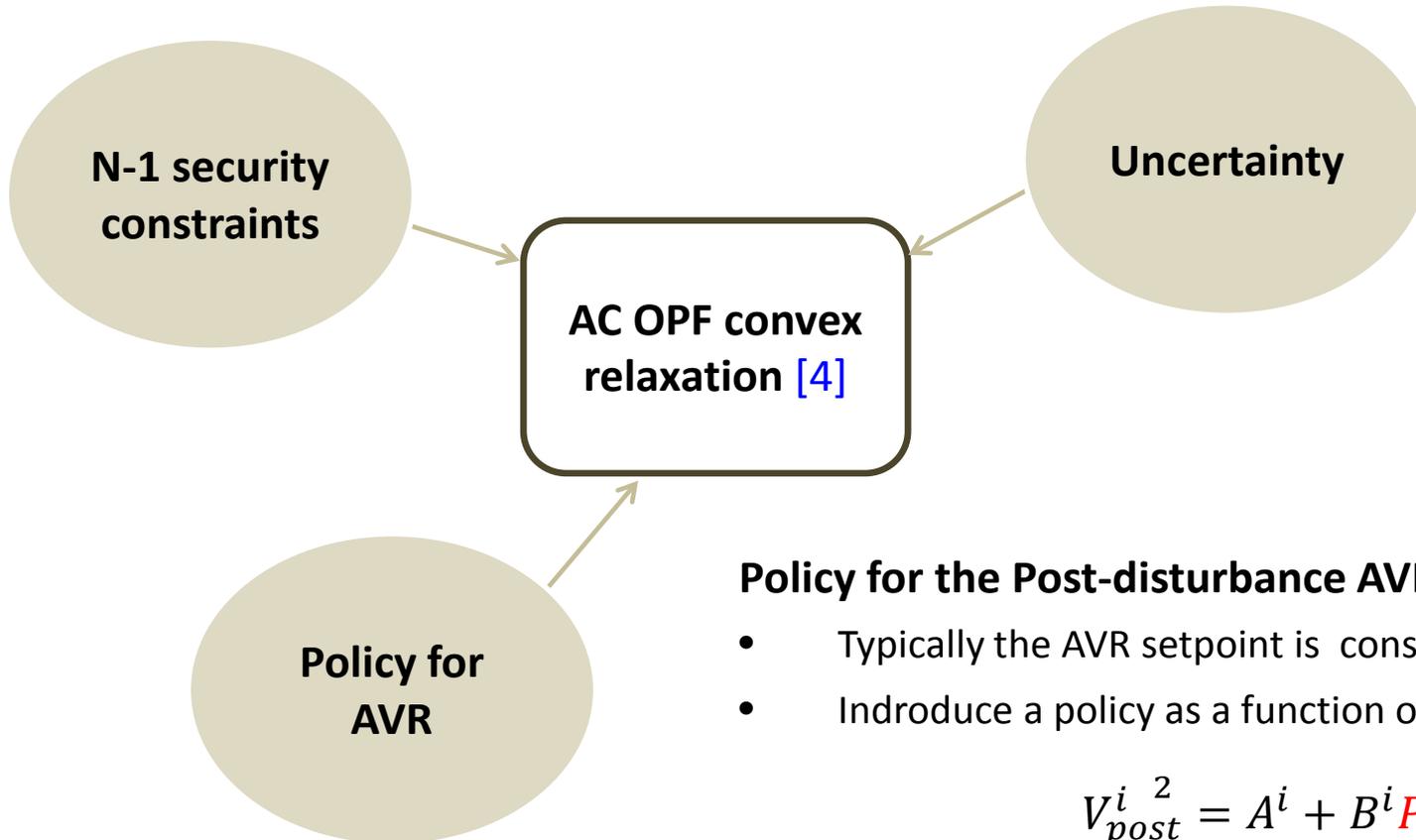
2. Probabilistic AC based SC-OPF

a) Problem set-up

- AC power flow \longrightarrow non-convex network equations
- Uncertainty: wind power P_w
- Security for the post-disturbance steady state operating point after the Secondary Frequency Control (or AGC)
- Preventive control: generation dispatch
- Corrective control: Automatic Voltage Regulation (AVR) set-point

2. Probabilistic AC based SC-OPF

b) Add-ons to AC OPF



Policy for the Post-disturbance AVR setpoint

- Typically the AVR setpoint is constant.
- Introduce a policy as a function of uncertainty

$$V_{post}^i{}^2 = A^i + B^i P_w$$

- Optimize over the coefficients of this policy: A^i, B^i

2. Probabilistic AC based SC-OPF

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- Augment the convex OPF reformulation to include security constraints

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$$g_i(W_i) = g_0(W_0) - d \cdot p(W_0)$$

for all $i = 0, \dots, N_{out}$

no outage case

number of possible single outages



AVR corrective action

different W^i for each contingency



AGC action

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Practically: AVR function of the uncertainty

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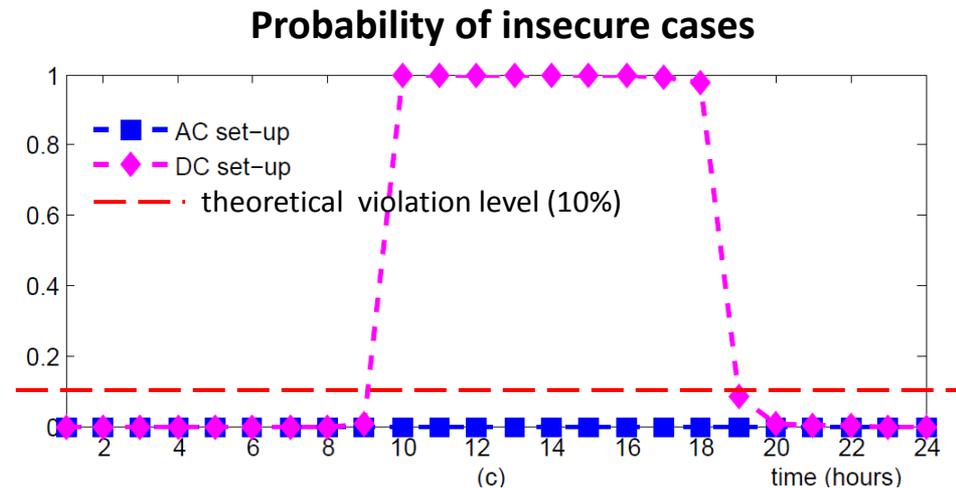
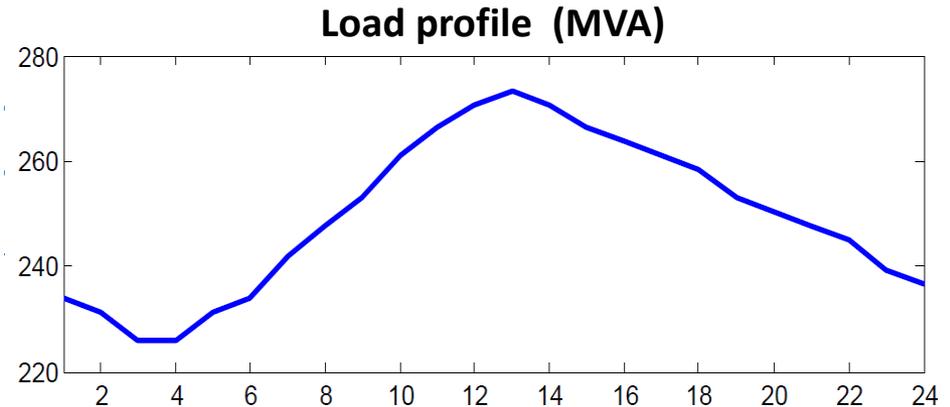
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➔ Empirical probability of constraint violation

DC set-up: fails to satisfy the violation level

AC set-up: satisfy the violation level



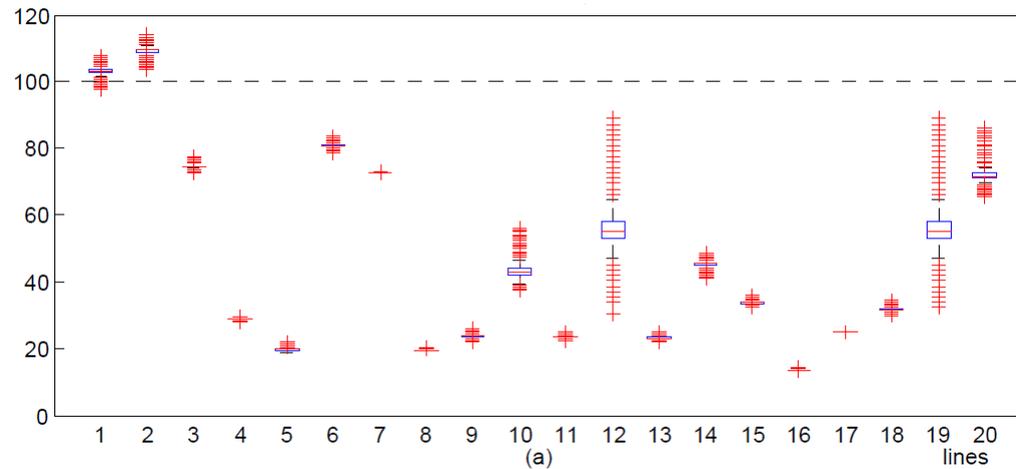
DC set-up: Poor representation of the real AC model

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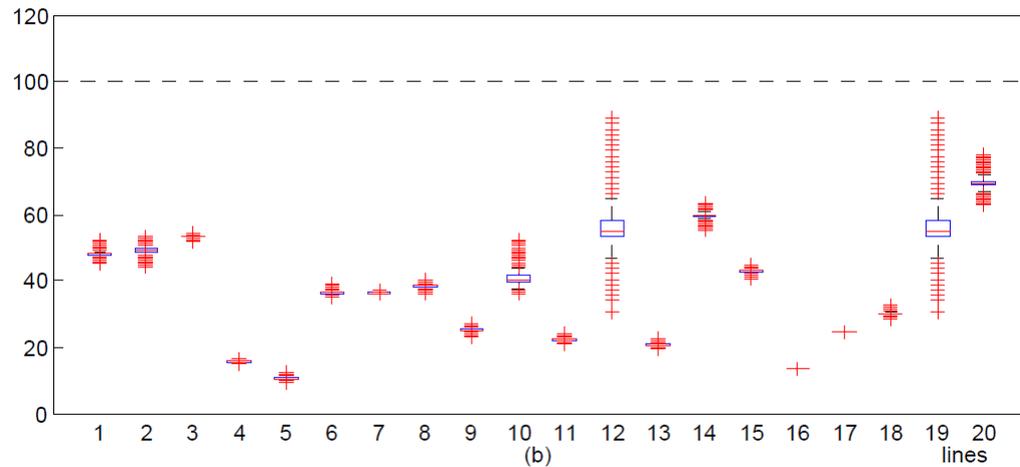
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Line loadings for N-1 cases and 10000 wind power scenarios

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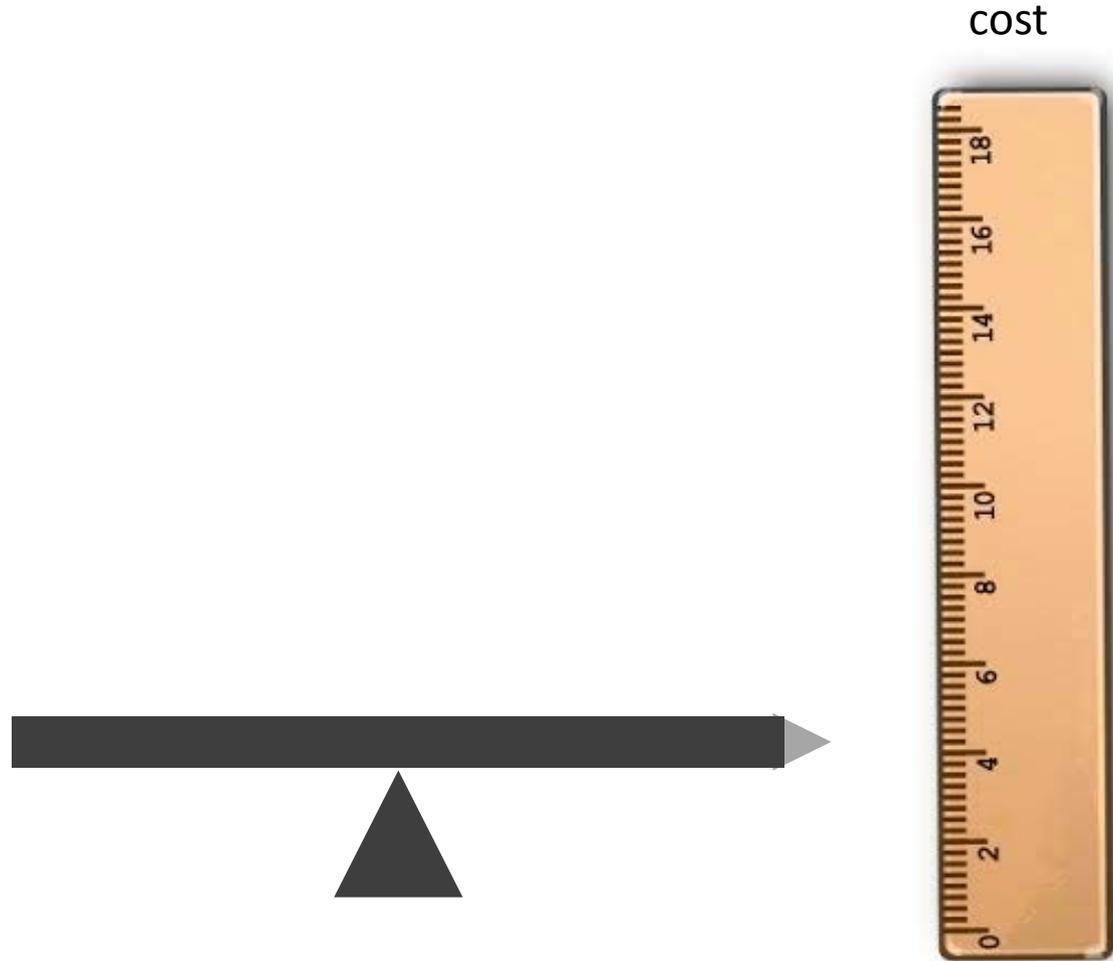


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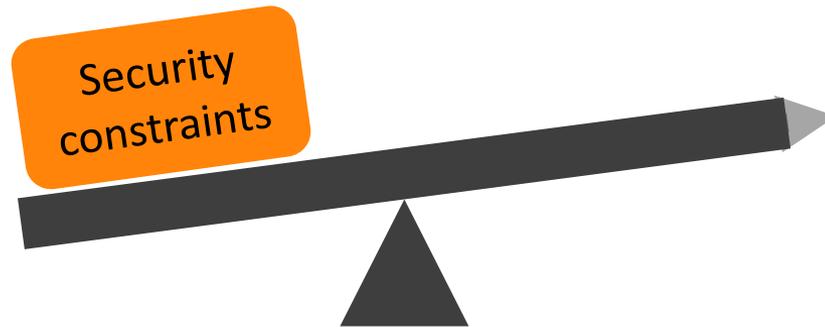
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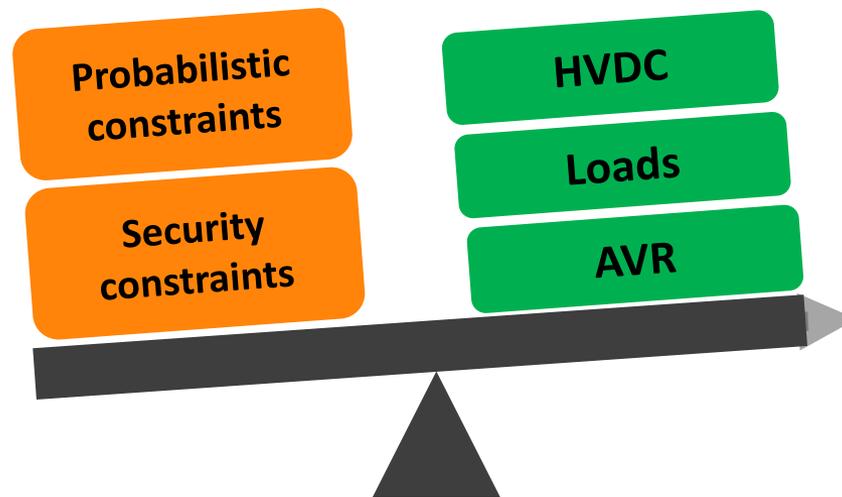
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- Probabilistic robustness increases the cost as well



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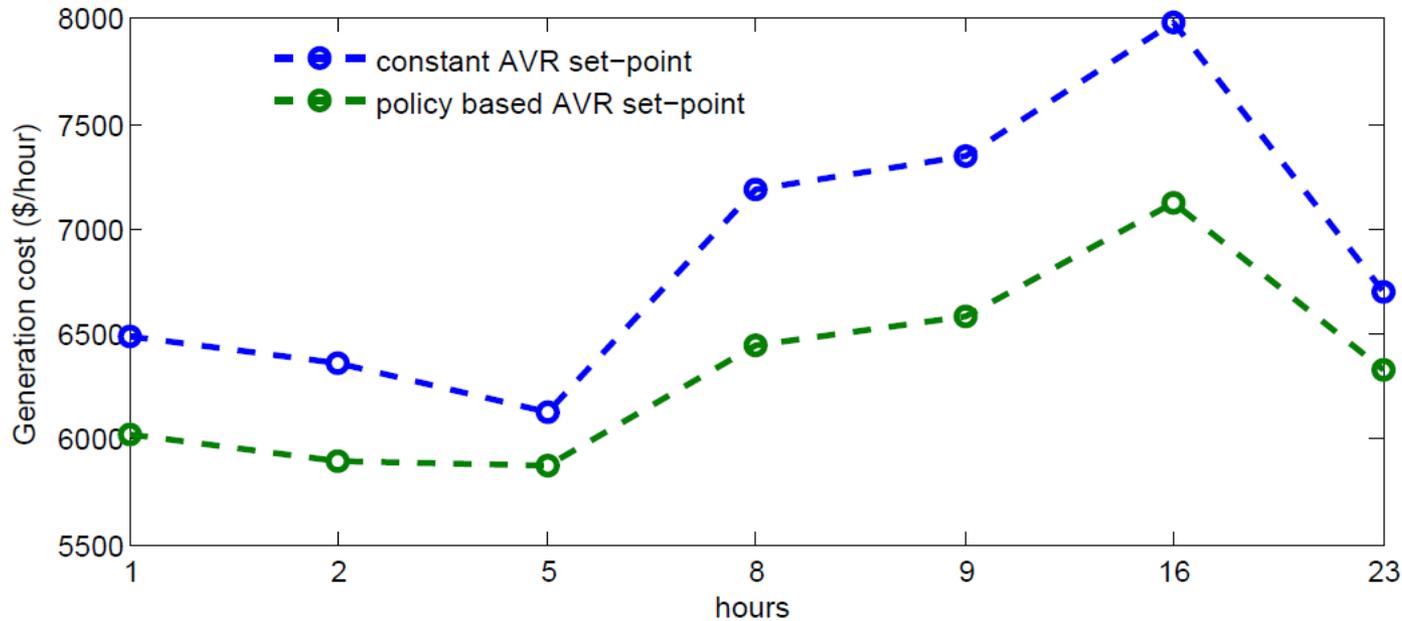
a) Operational costs - OPF

- Decrease cost by exploiting controllability of certain components (e.g. AVR, HVDC, Loads)
- Model their post-disturbance set-point as a function of the uncertainty (e.g. affine policies)



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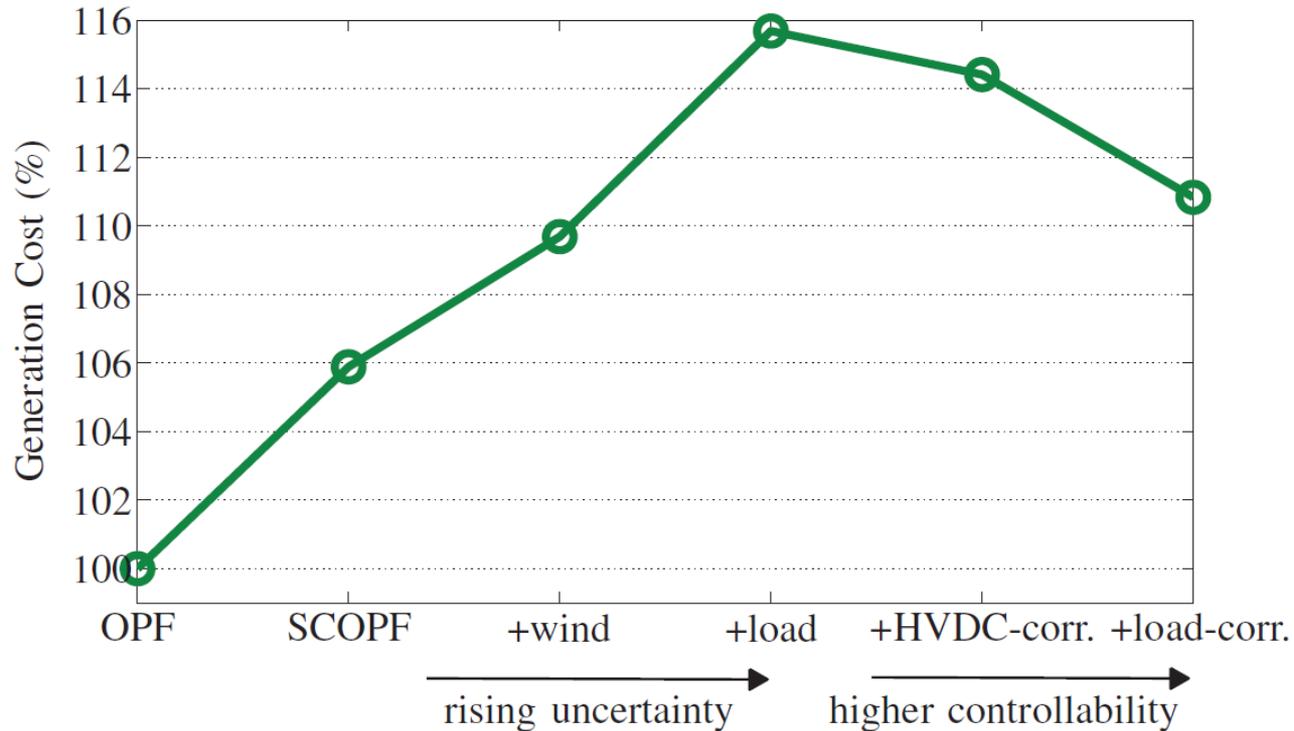


Corrective control action of the AVR setpoint

- Reduce the operational cost
- Enables higher wind penetration

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➔ **Using HVDC + load controllability reduced the costs due to uncertainty to 50%**

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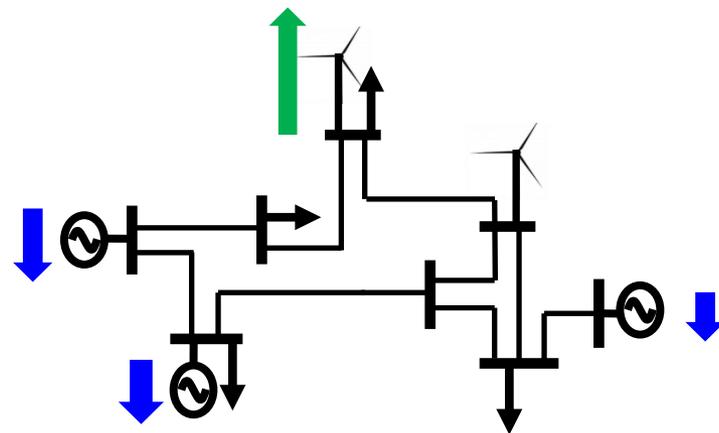
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- Move to optimal mismatch distribution

$$R = \begin{cases} d_{dn} P_{mismatch} \\ -d_{up} P_{mismatch} \end{cases}$$

d_{dn}, d_{up} : Treat them as decision variables



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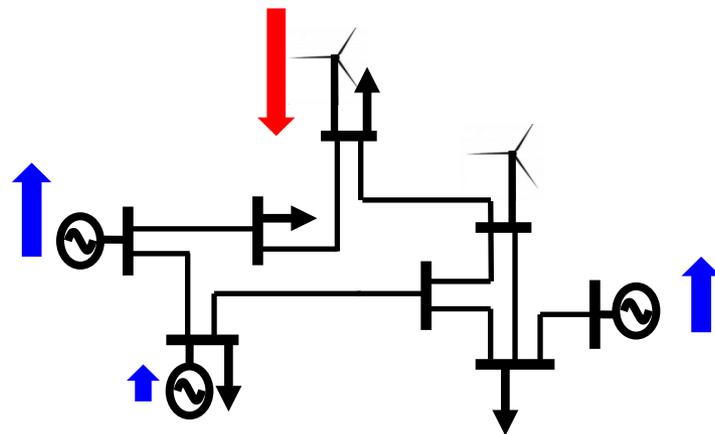
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d : considered to be constant

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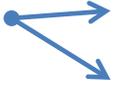
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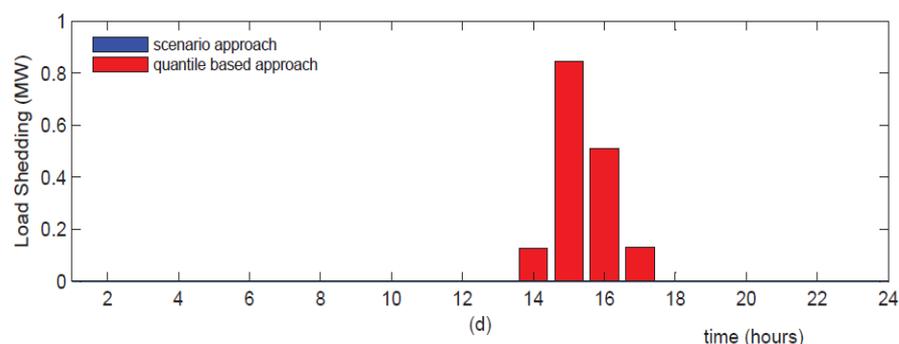
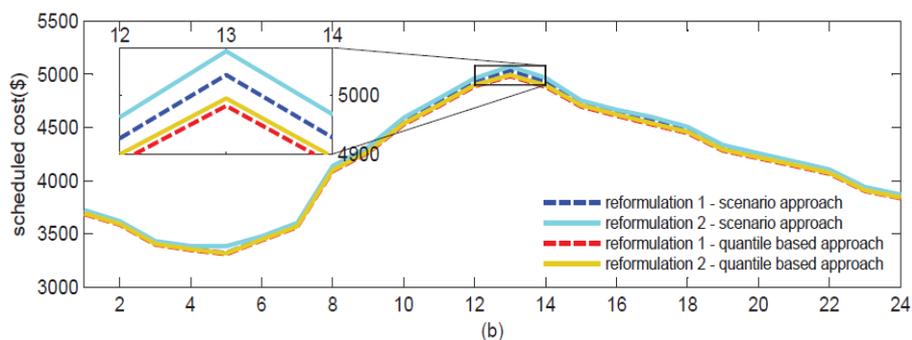
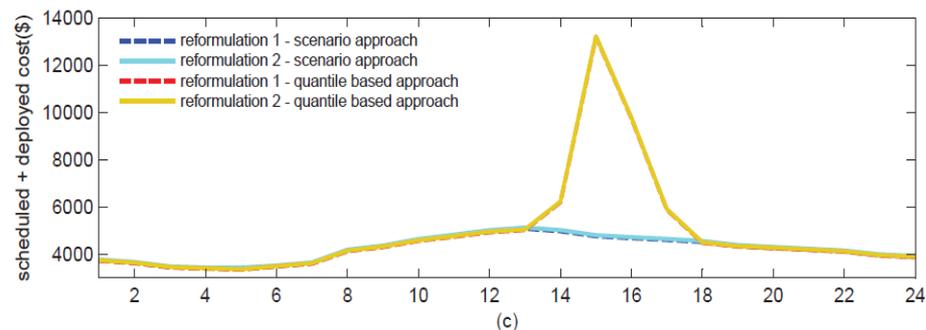
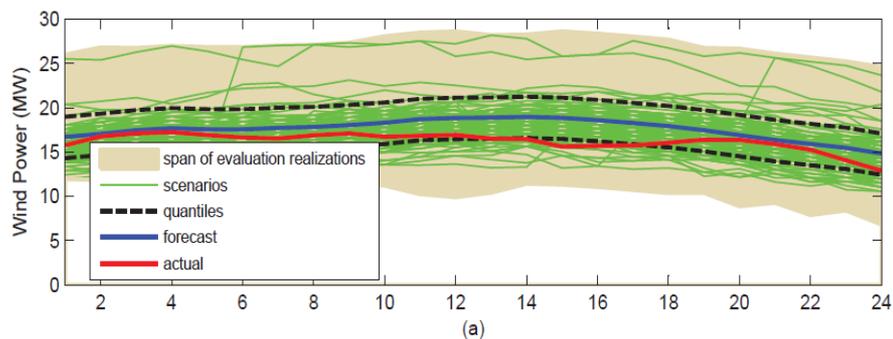
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- Introduce different distribution vector per outage
- The mismatch depends on P_G so bilinear terms appear!
- We proposed two solutions  Heuristic iterative algorithm
Convex reformulation

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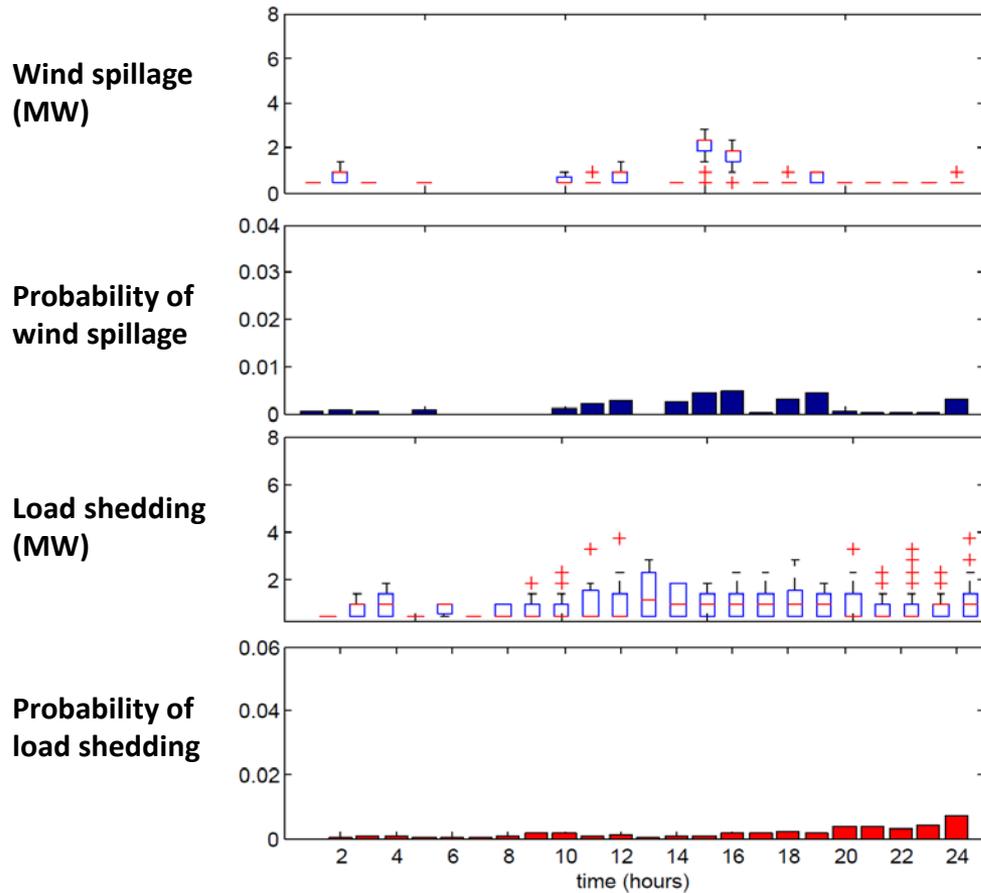
b) Case study

- Results for 1 day
- Evaluation over the “actual” wind power realization

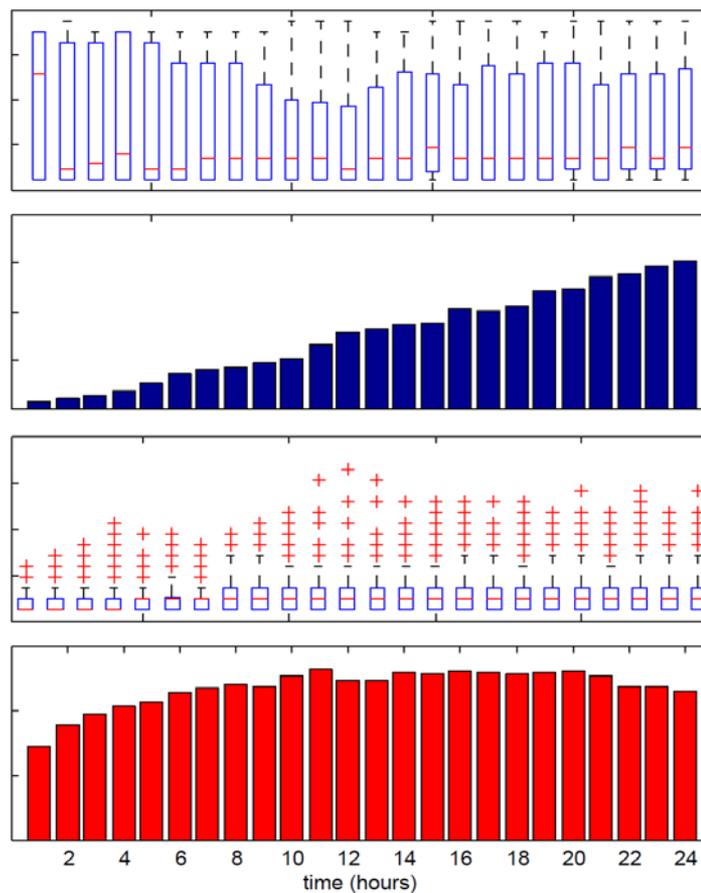


- No N-1 insecure instance was encountered

Randomized algorithm



Quantile based approach



Mean reduction per hour for Randomized algorithm

in probability of load shedding: **94%**

in probability of wind spillage: **92%**

in wind spillage: **88%**

in load shedding: **36%**

With maximum 1% increase in scheduling costs

Randomized algorithm (grey lines)

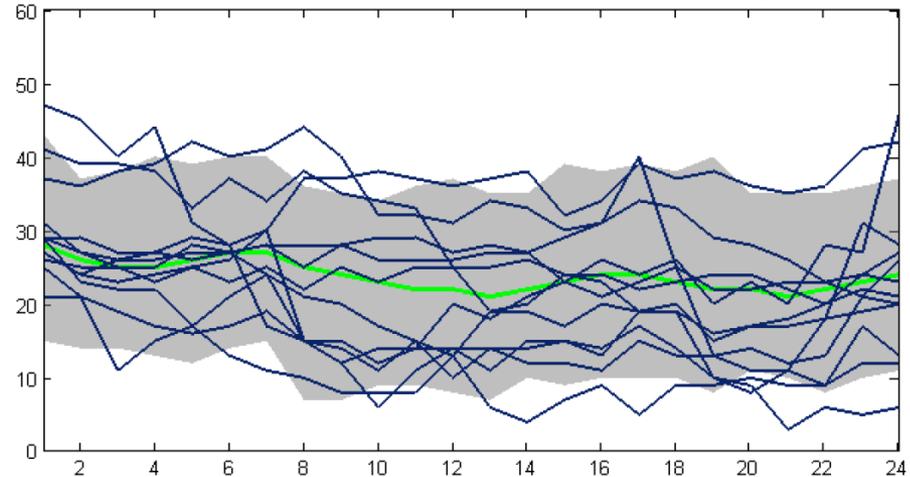
Criterion-based method for reduced number of scenarios (dark blue lines)

The randomized algorithm results in **9%** lower total scheduling costs than the criterion-based method

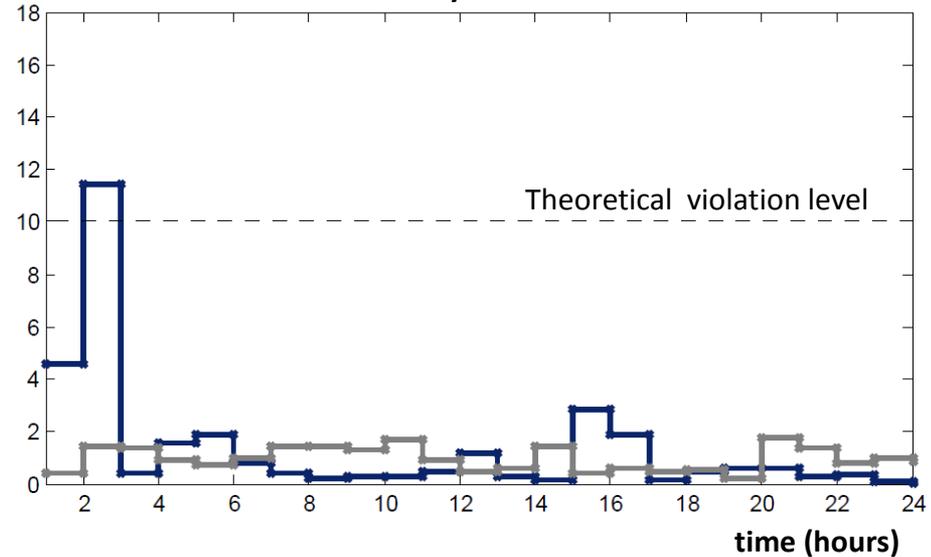
The criterion based method, though more expensive, fails to satisfy the violation level at the second hour

Wind power (MW) scenarios

(grey shadow: span of the scenarios for the randomized algorithm)



Probability of violation



Summary

Developed a probabilistic framework for optimal decision making in the presence of uncertainty

- A-priori guaranteed performance
- Exploiting the trade-off between robust and economical operation

Probabilistic DC and AC power flow set-up

Exploit component controllability

- Determined a strategy for their post-disturbance operating point as functions of the uncertainty
- Achieve more economic performance, allow more wind integration

Constructed a mechanism for reserve provision

- Determined the minimum cost amount of reserves
- Determined a reserve strategy for real time deployment

Extensions

This presentation mostly based on:

- N-1 security
- Reserve strategy

[Vrakopoulou, Margellos, Lygeros, Andersson, PMAPS 2012, EnergyCon 2012 Transacions of Power Systems 2013]

- N-1 security
- AC OPF

[Vrakopoulou, Katsampani, Margellos, Lygeros, Andersson, PowerTech 2013]

Some extensions up to now:

- Unit commitment
- Reserve strategy

[Margellos, Rostampour, Vrakopoulou, Prandini, Andersson, Lygeros, ECC 2013]

- Reserve strategy
- Reserves from Demand Response

[Vrakopoulou, Mathieu, Andersson, HICSS 2014]

- N-1 security
- Risk based constraints

[Roald, Vrakopoulou, Oldewurtel, Andersson, PSCC 2014]

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Thank you for your attention!

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Implementation

