

Probabilistic Wind Power Forecasting in Electricity Market Operations: a Case Study of Illinois

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Project Overview:

Wind Power Forecasting and Electricity Markets

Goal: To contribute to efficient large-scale integration of wind power by developing improved wind forecasting methods and better integration of advanced wind power forecasts into system and plant operations.

Collaborators: Institute for Systems and Computer Engineering of Porto (INESC Porto), Portugal

Industry Partners: Horizon Wind Energy and Midwest ISO (MISO)

Sponsor: U.S. Dept. of Energy (Wind and Water Power Program)

The project consists of two main parts:

- Wind power forecasting
 - Review and assess existing methodologies
 - Develop and test new and improved algorithms

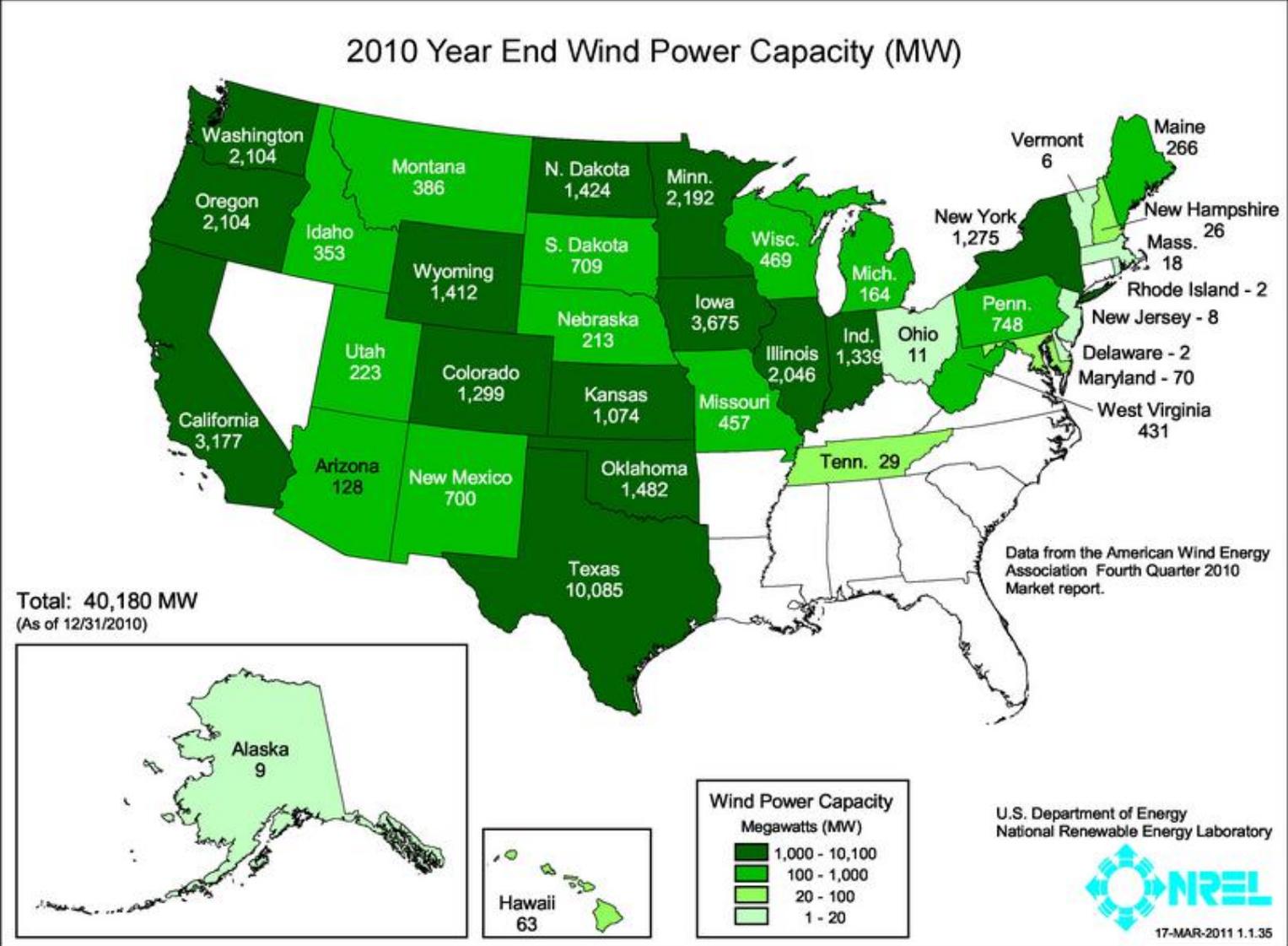
- Integration of forecasts into operations (power system and wind power plants)
 - Review and assess current practices
 - Propose and test new and improved approaches, methods and criteria

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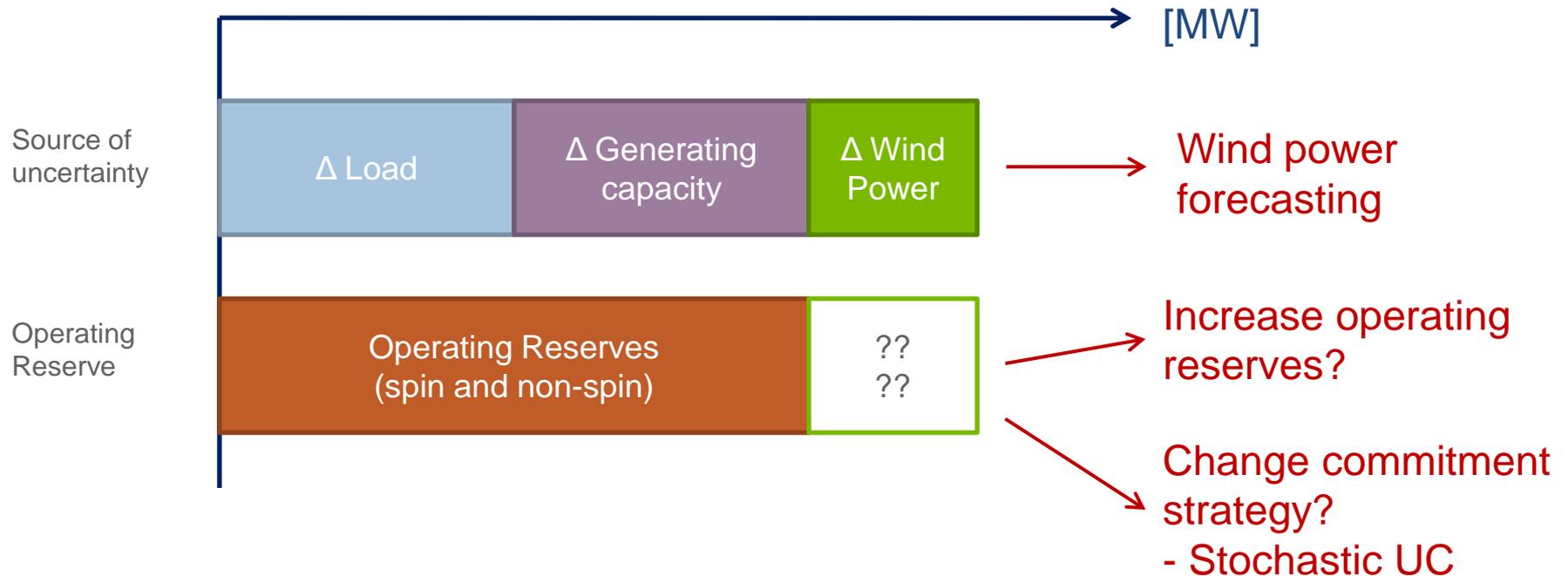


Background and Motivation – U.S. Wind Power Capacity

- Wind power has been rapidly integrated into the current power systems



Background and Motivation - Handling Uncertainties in System/Market Operation



- *What are the impacts on the system?*
 - *Reliability (curtailment,..)*
 - *Efficiency (system cost, price..)*



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Probabilistic forecasting with kernel density estimation

- Conditional wind power probabilistic forecasting

$$f_P(p_{t+k} | X = x_{t+k|t}) = \frac{f_{P,X}(p_{t+k}, x_{t+k|t})}{f_X(x_{t+k|t})}$$

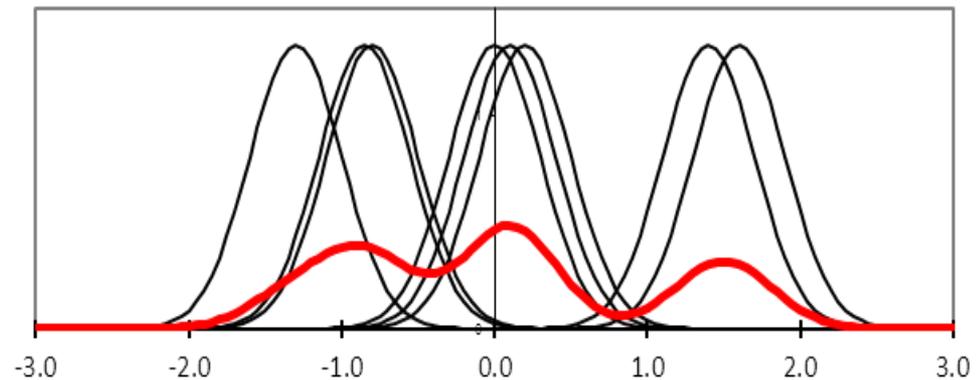
Joint or multivariate density function of p and x

Marginal density of x

- Kernel density estimation (KDE)

$$\hat{f}_X(x) = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{h_i} \cdot K\left(\frac{x - X_i}{h}\right)$$

$$K(x) = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(x-X_i)^2}{2 \cdot h^2}}$$



Quantile-Copula Estimator for Conditional KDE

Copula Definition

$$F_{XY}(x, y) = C(F_X(x), F_Y(y))$$

multivariate distribution function separated in:

- marginal functions
- dependency structure between the marginal, modeled by the copula

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u \cdot \partial v} \cdot C(u, v) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) \cdot c(u, v)$$

copula density function

$$f(y|X = x) = \frac{f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) \cdot c(u, v)}{f_X(x)} = f_Y(y) \cdot c(u, v)$$

KDE ESTIMATOR

$$\hat{f}_Y(y) = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{h_i} \cdot K\left(\frac{y - Y_i}{h_y}\right)$$

KDE ESTIMATOR

$$\hat{c}(u, v) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N K\left(\frac{u - U_i}{h_u}\right) \cdot K\left(\frac{v - V_i}{h_v}\right)$$

empirical cum. dist.

$$F^E(t) = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N I(x_i \leq t)$$

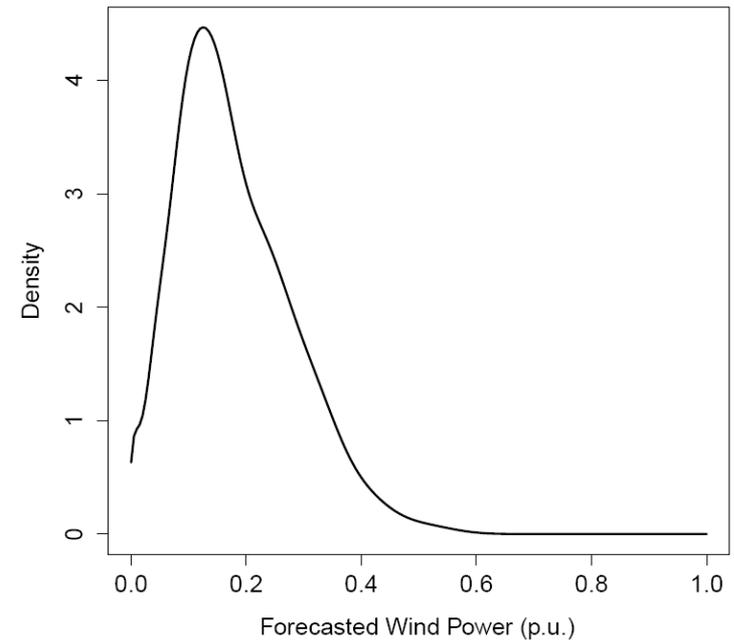
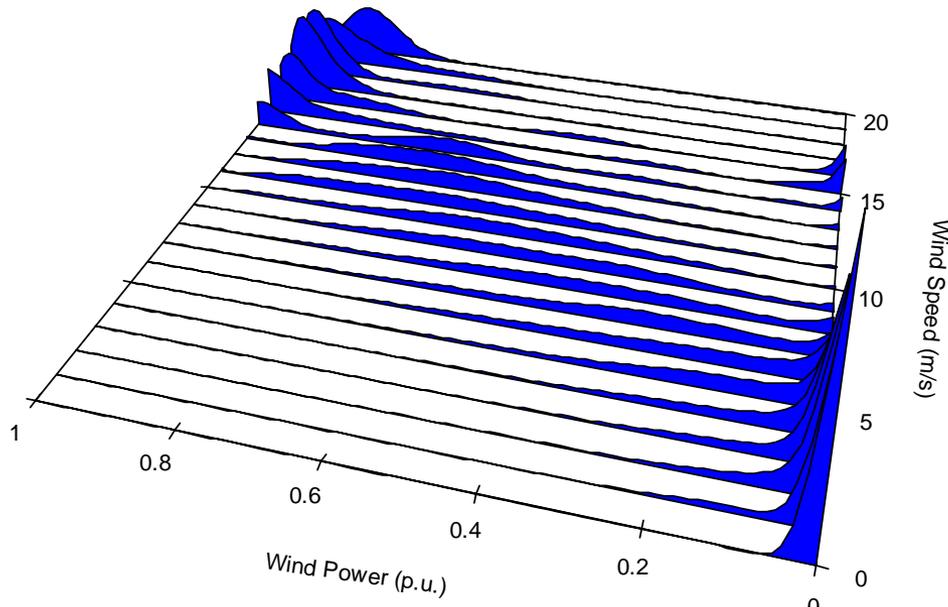
$U_i = F_X^e(X_i)$ and $V_i = F_Y^e(Y_i)$

$$\hat{f}(y|X = x) = \frac{1}{N \cdot h_y} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N K_y\left(\frac{y - Y_i}{h_y}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N K_u\left(\frac{F_X^e(u) - F_X^e(U_i)}{h_u}\right) \cdot K_v\left(\frac{F_X^e(v) - F_X^e(V_i)}{h_v}\right)$$

Illustration of Kernel Density Forecast

Forecast the wind power pdf at time step t for each look-ahead time step $t+k$ of a given time-horizon knowing a set of explanatory variables (NWP forecasts, wind power measured values, hour of the day)

$$\hat{f}_P(p_{t+k}|X = x_{t+k|t}) = \frac{f_{P,X}(p_{t+k}, x_{t+k|t})}{f_X(x_{t+k|t})}$$

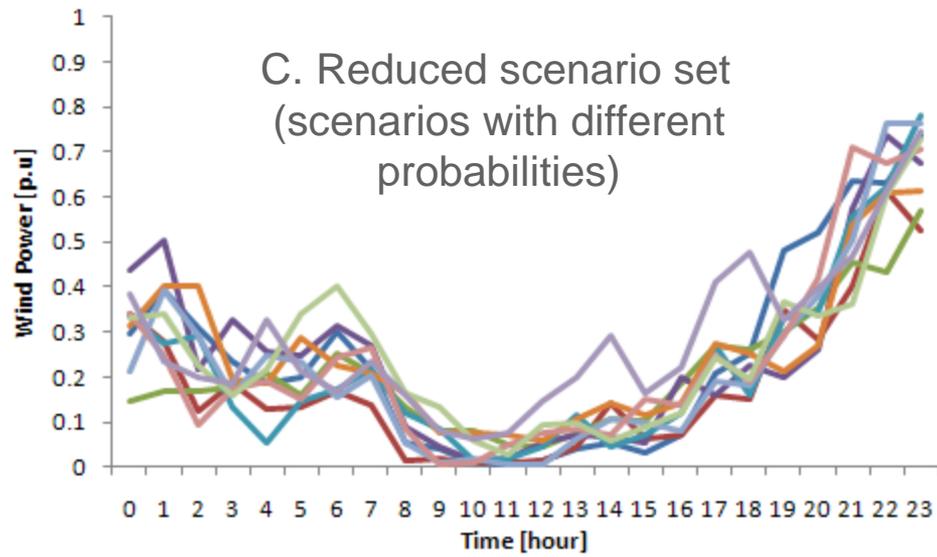
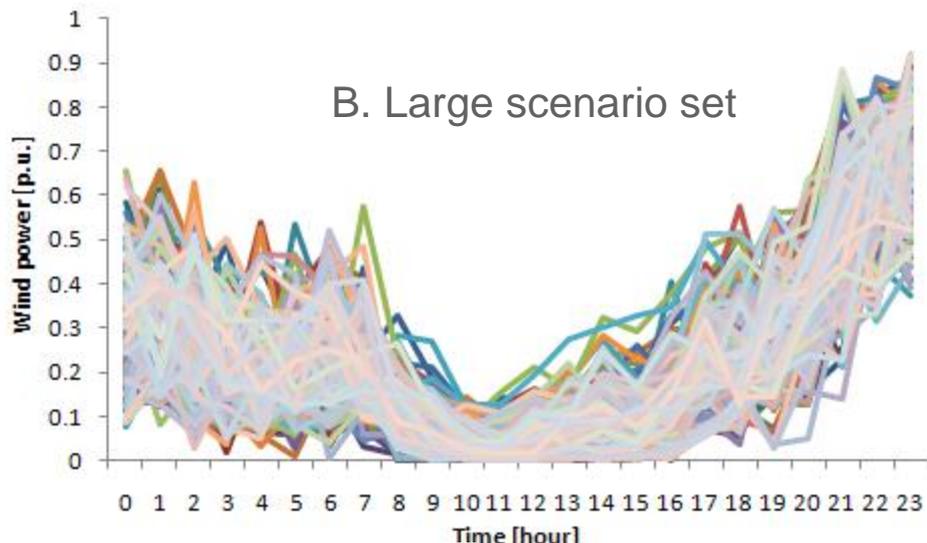
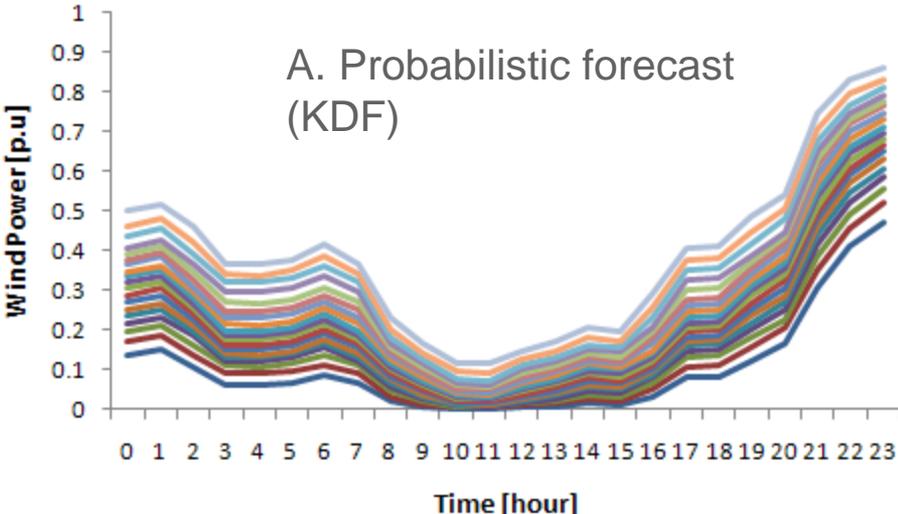


Scenario Generation and Reduction

- Kernel Density Forecast (KDF) methods (e.g. Quantile-copula in the IL case study) produce *pdf* forecasts of the wind power generation
- Stochastic unit commitment model requires scenario representation of wind power forecast → **account for the temporal correlation of forecast errors**
- A large number of scenarios generated with Monte-Carlo simulation based on quantile distribution (multivariate Gaussian error variable, covariance matrix) [Pinson et al. 09]
- Three scenario reduction methods
 - Random selection
 - Scenario reduction method in GAMS [Gröwe-Kuska, Heitsch, et. al, 2003] (used in the IL case study)
 - Scenario clustering approach [Sumaili et al. 2011]

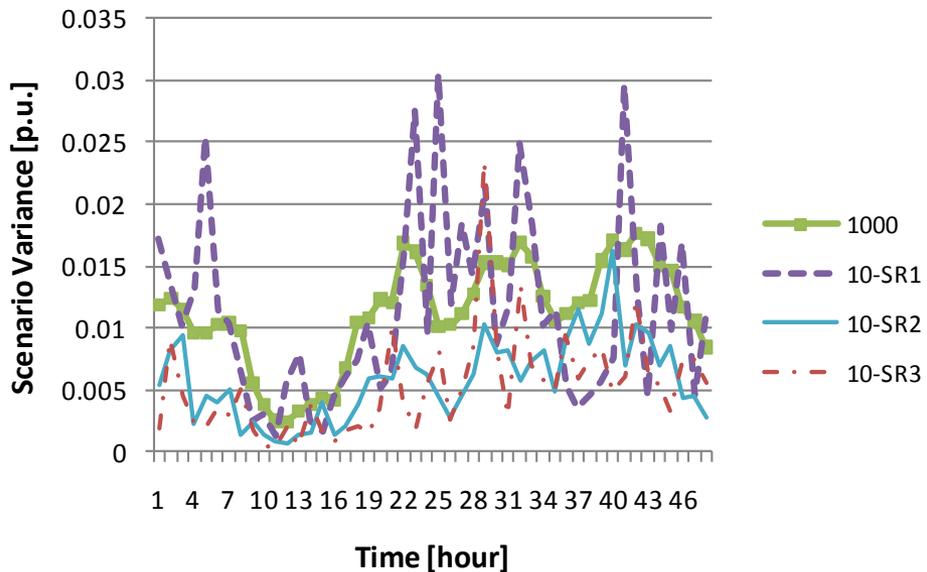


Scenario Generation and Reduction - Illustration

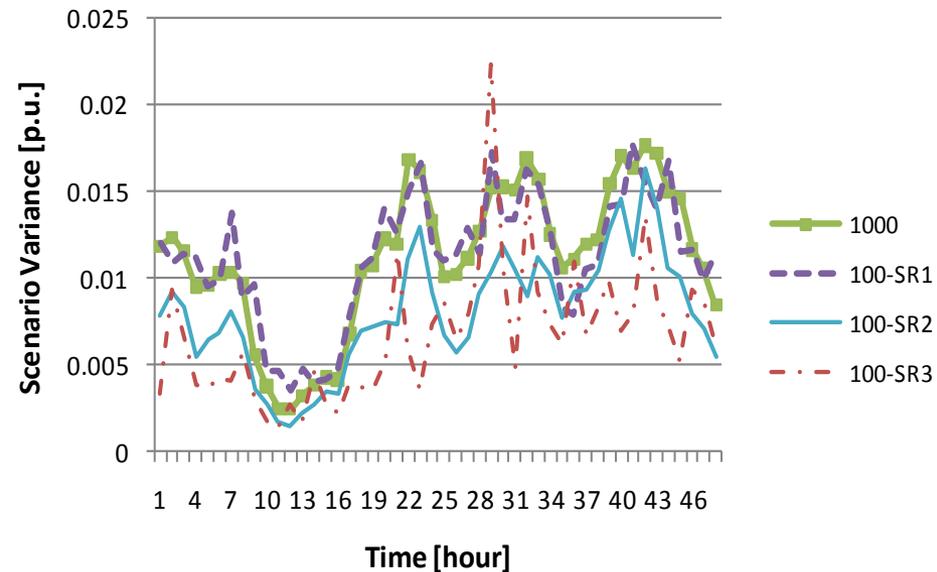


Scenario Reduction Reduces Variance of Scenario Set

10 reduced scenarios:



100 reduced scenarios



- SR1 - Random selection
- SR2 - ScenRed GAMS
- SR3 - Scenario clustering



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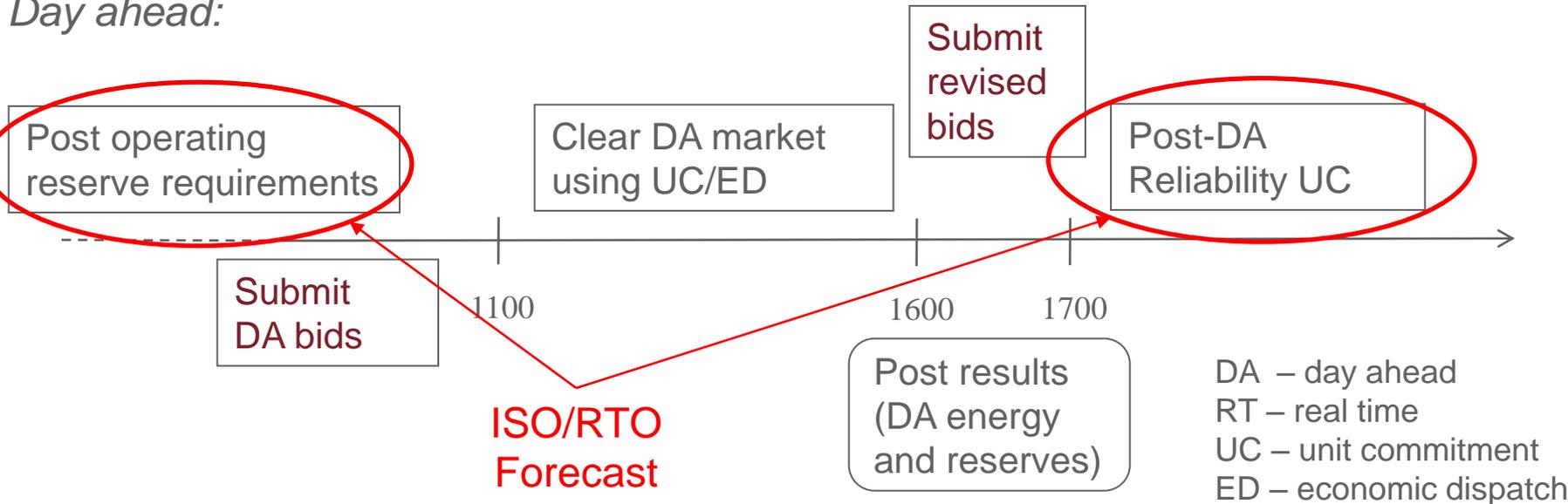
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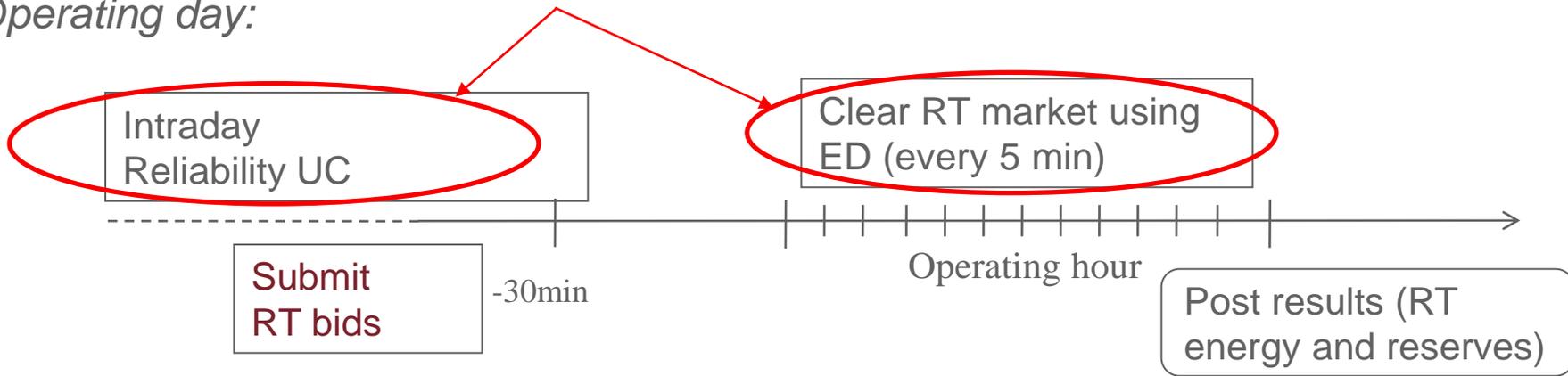
Steps in U.S. Electricity Market Operations

(based on Midwest ISO)

Day ahead:



Operating day:



A Stochastic Unit Commitment (UC) Model w/Wind Power Uncertainty

- Formulation using wind power forecast scenarios (s) w/probabilities ($prob_s$):

$$\text{Min} \sum_s prob_s \cdot \left\{ \sum_{t,i} [FC_{t,i}^s + C(RNS_t^s) + C(ENS_t^s)] \right\} + \sum_{t,i} SC_{t,i}$$

Objective function (min daily expected cost)

$$\sum_i gen_{thermal,i,t}^s + gen_{wind,t}^s = load_t - ENS_t^s, \quad \forall t, s$$

Energy balance (hourly)

$$\sum_i sr_{thermal,i,t}^s \geq \alpha_{sr} (OR_{reg,t} + OR_{wind,t}^s) - SRNS_t^s, \quad \forall t, s$$

Spinning Reserve balance (hourly)

$$\sum_i nsr_{thermal,i,t}^s \geq (1 - \alpha_{sr}) (OR_{reg,t} + OR_{wind,t}^s) - NSRNS_t^s, \quad \forall t, s$$

Non-spinning Reserve balance (hourly)

Commitment Constraints (i, t)

Unit commitment constraints (ramp, min. up/down)

- A two-stage stochastic mixed integer linear programming (MILP) problem
 - First-stage: commitment
 - Second-stage: dispatch

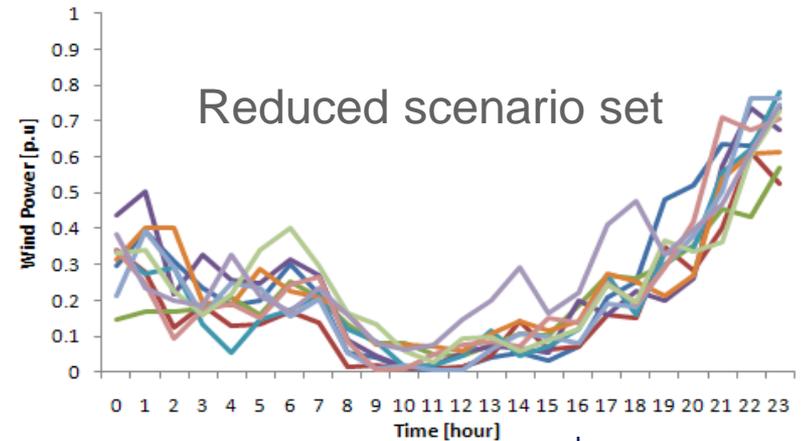
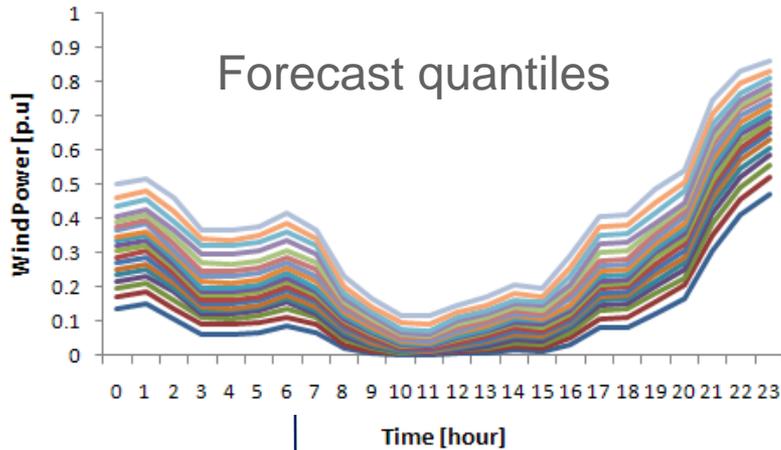
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Operating Reserves

vs.

Stochastic UC



Hourly operating reserve requirement (spinning + non-spinning) + Deterministic UC

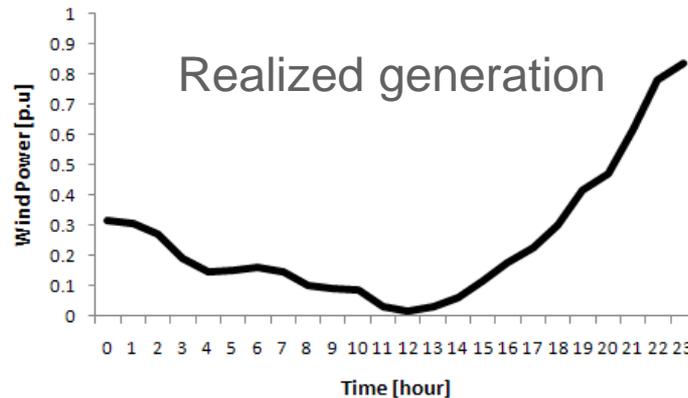
Stochastic UC + scenario set

Commitment schedule

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Real-time dispatch

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Case Study Assumptions

- 210 thermal units: 41,380 MW
 - Base, intermediate, peak units

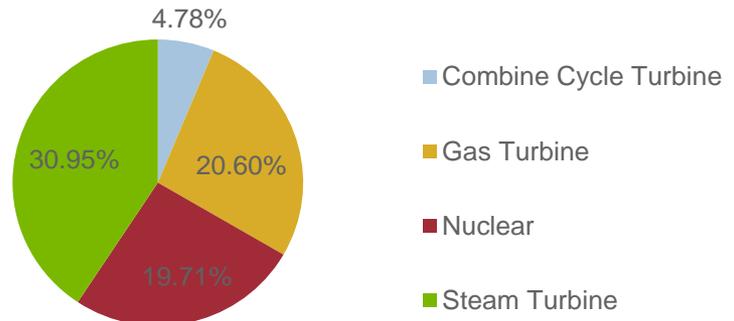
- Wind power: 14,000 MW
 - 2006 wind series from 15 sites in Illinois (NREL EWITS dataset)
 - 20% of load

- Peak load: 37,419 MW
 - 2006 load series from Illinois

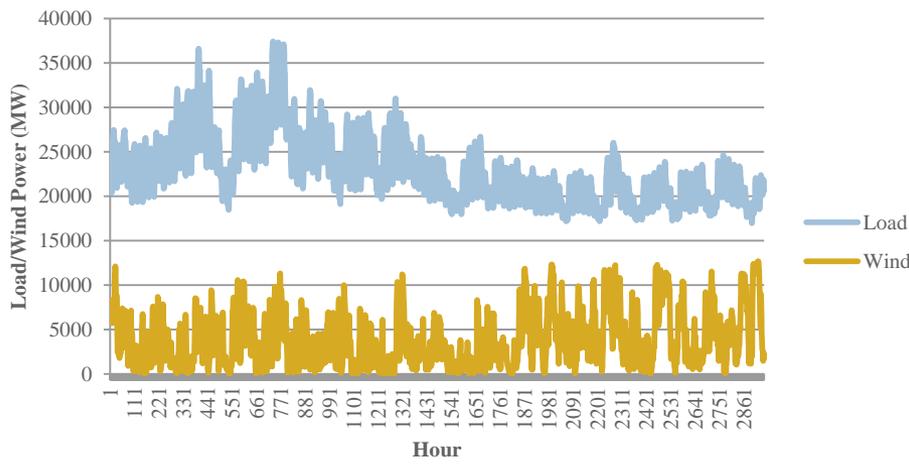
- No transmission network

- 120 days simulation period (July 1st to October 31st, 2006)
 - Day-ahead unit commitment w/wind power point forecast
 - Real-time reliability assessment commitment (RAC) w/ wind power scenarios

Generation Capacity



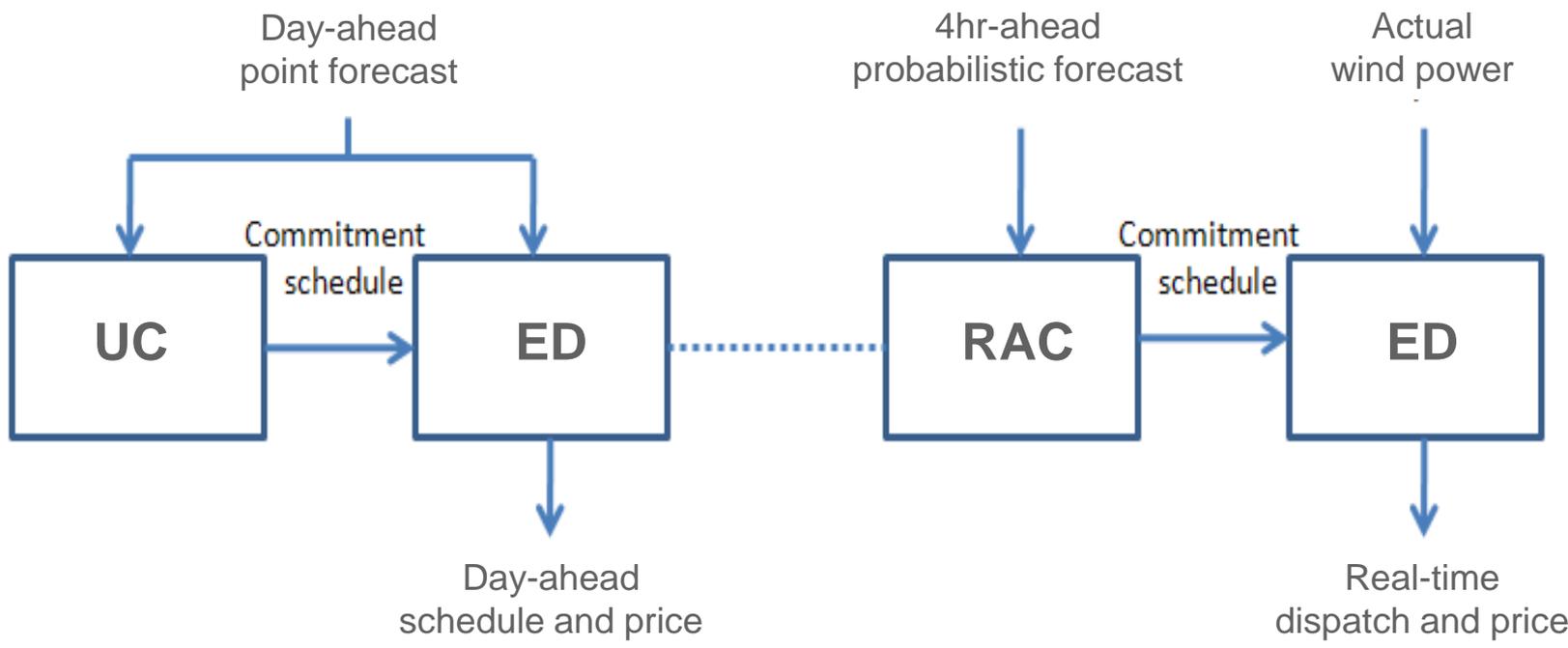
Wind and Load in July-October 2006



Case study focus is to compare:
 -Operating reserves vs. stochastic UC
 -Probabilistic forecasting methods



Market Simulation Set-Up

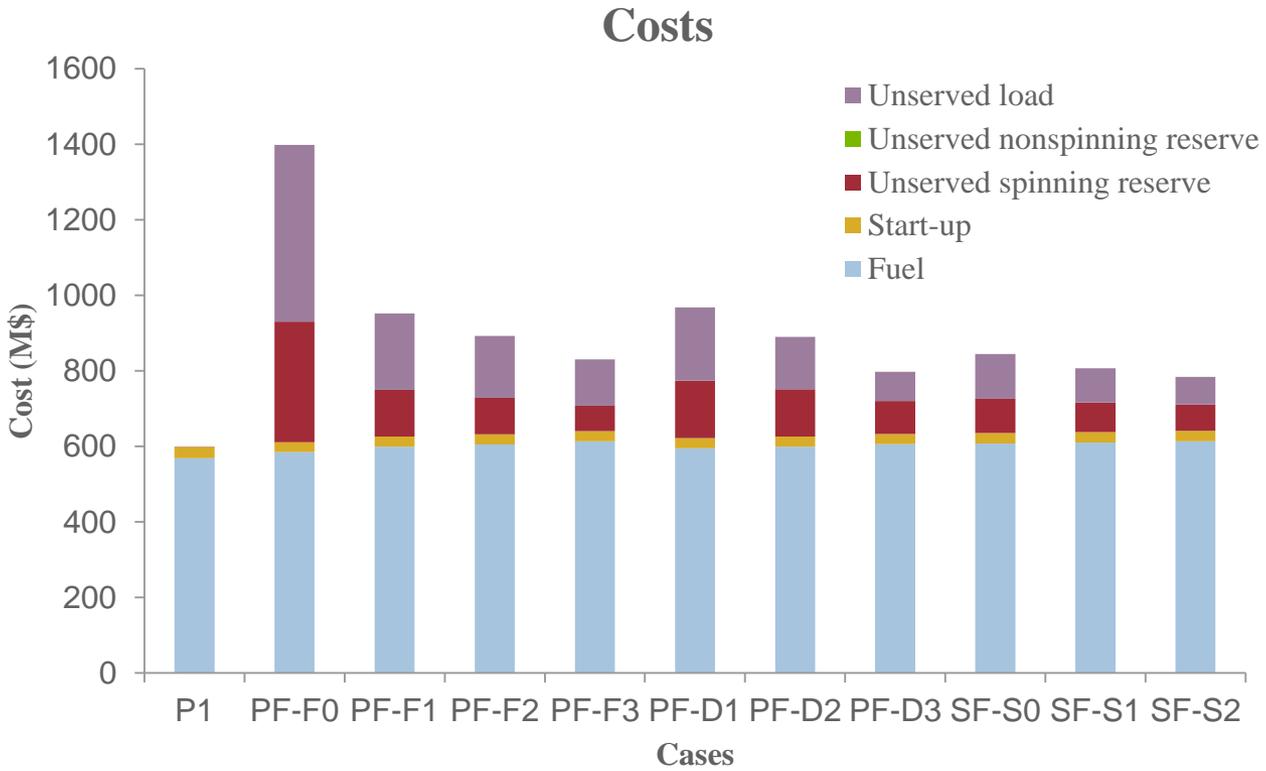


UC Case Study: Deterministic and Stochastic Cases

Case	Add'l Reserve: $OR_{wind,t}^*$	Forecast	UC strategy at RAC stage
P1	None	Perfect in both DA and RT	Deterministic
PF-F0	None	50% quantile	Deterministic
PF-F1	Fixed: avg. 50-10% quantile	50% quantile	Deterministic
PF-F2	Fixed: avg. 50-5% quantile	50% quantile	Deterministic
PF-F3	Fixed: avg. 50-1% quantile	50% quantile	Deterministic
PF-D1	Dynamic: 50-10% quantile	50% quantile	Deterministic
PF-D2	Dynamic: 50-5% quantile	50% quantile	Deterministic
PF-D3	Dynamic: 50-1% quantile	50% quantile	Deterministic
SF-S0	None	10 Scenarios	Stochastic
SF-S1	10% of wind scenario	10 Scenarios	Stochastic
SF-S2	20% of wind scenario	10 Scenarios	Stochastic

* This additional reserve is applied at the RAC stage only to handle wind power uncertainty. All cases use a regular reserve, $OR_{reg,t}$, equal to the largest contingency (1146 MW).

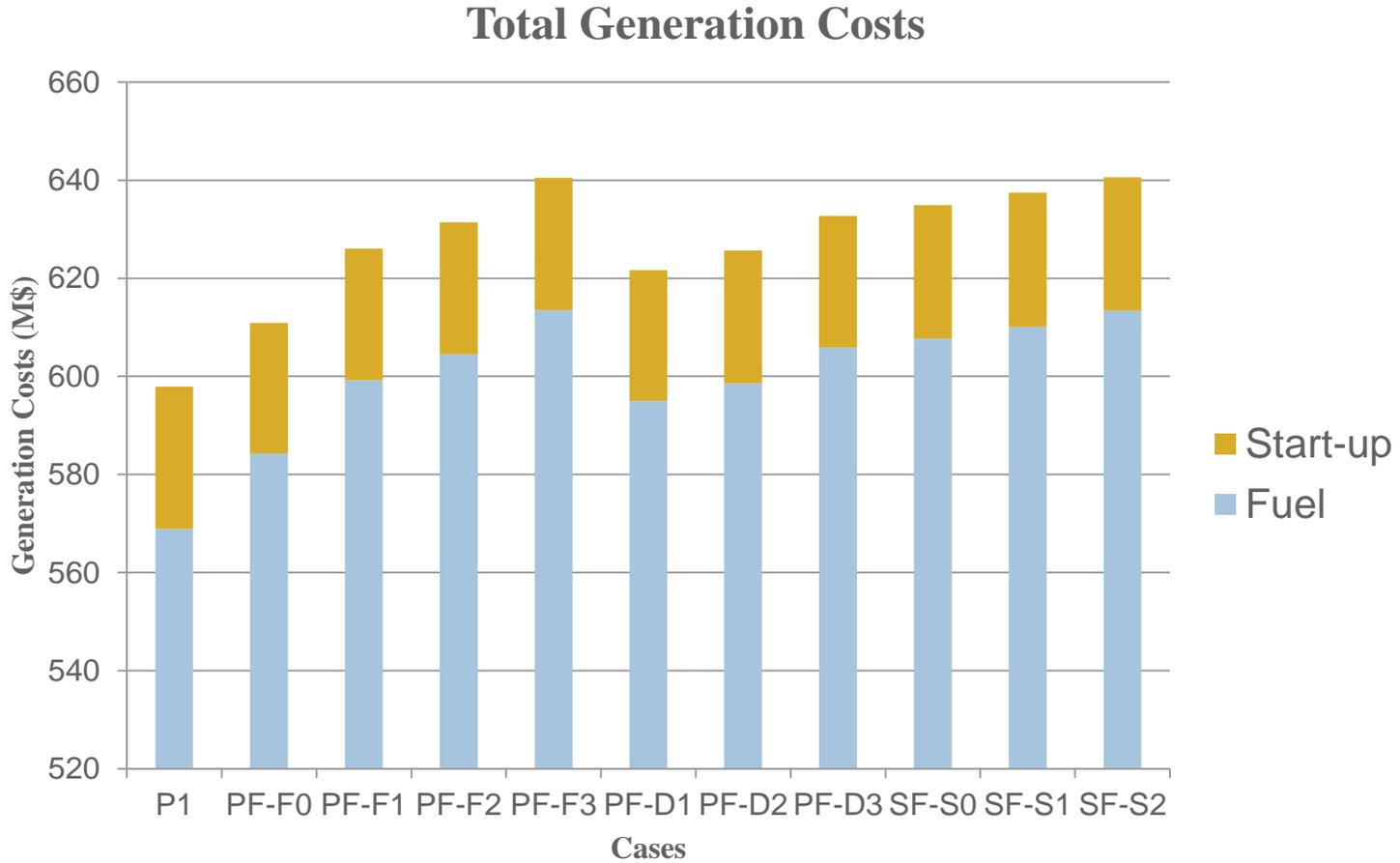
Overview of total cost (4-months period)



- Point forecast with no additional reserve too risky
- Stochastic unit commitment has the lowest total costs
- Dynamic reserves perform slightly better than fixed reserves
- Overall, more operating reserves lead to lower costs within the same categories



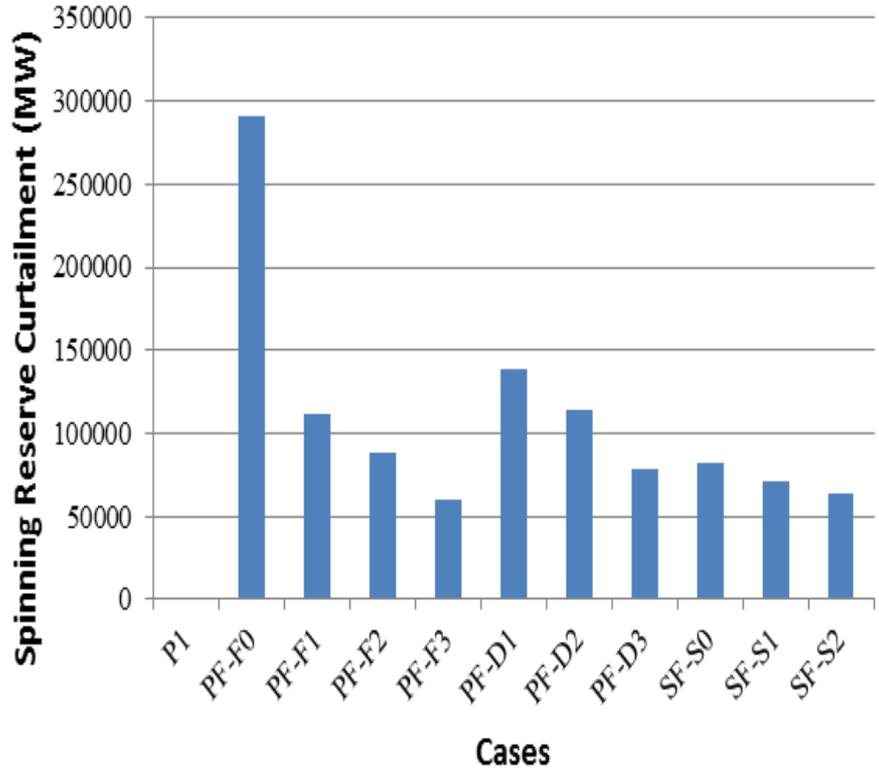
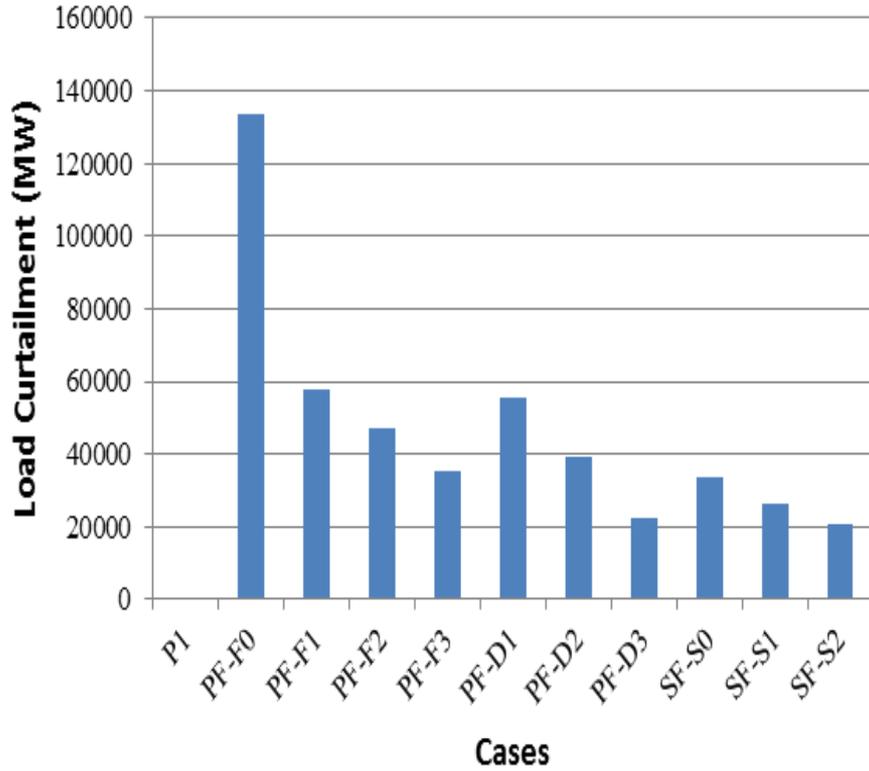
Overview of generation cost (4-months period)



- Stochastic UC model has slightly higher generation costs
- Additional generation costs are more than offset by the reduced curtailment costs

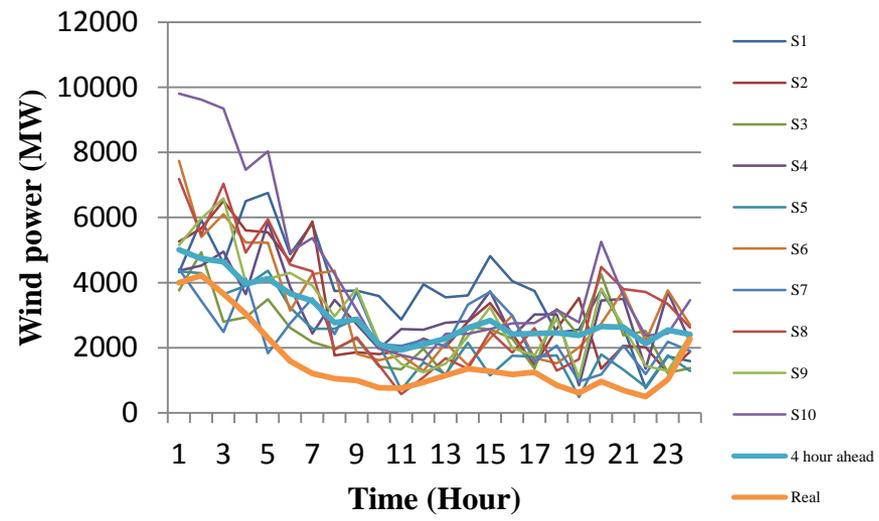


Total curtailment on load and reserve (4-months period)

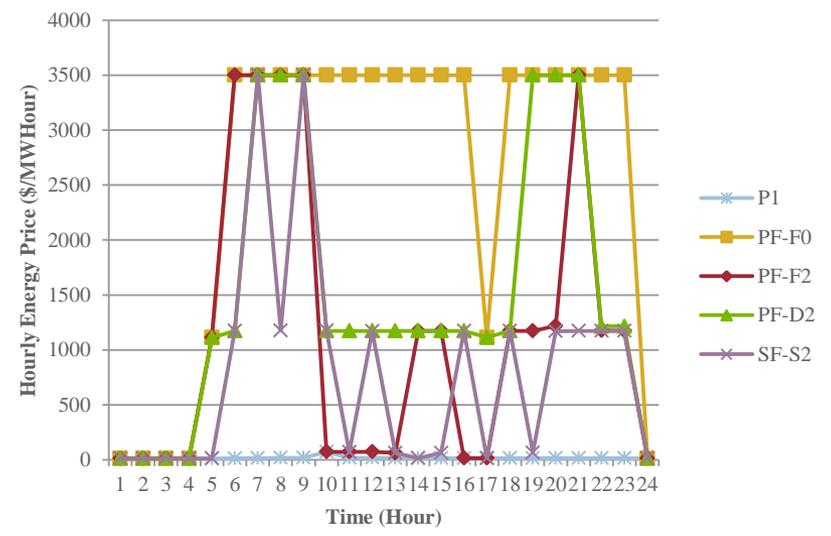
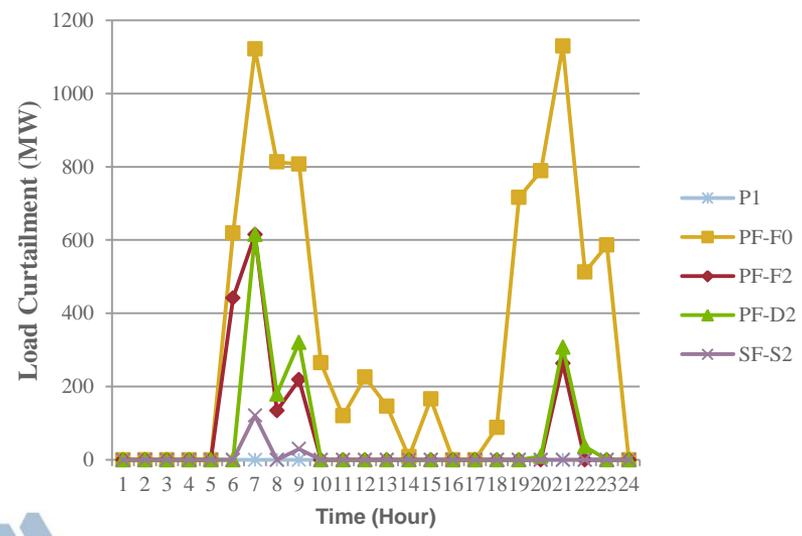


- Same trend on curtailment of load and spinning reserve.
- More load curtailments in cases with fixed reserve strategies
- More spinning reserve curtailment in cases with dynamic reserve strategies
- Least curtailment on both load and spinning reserve in cases with stochastic UC

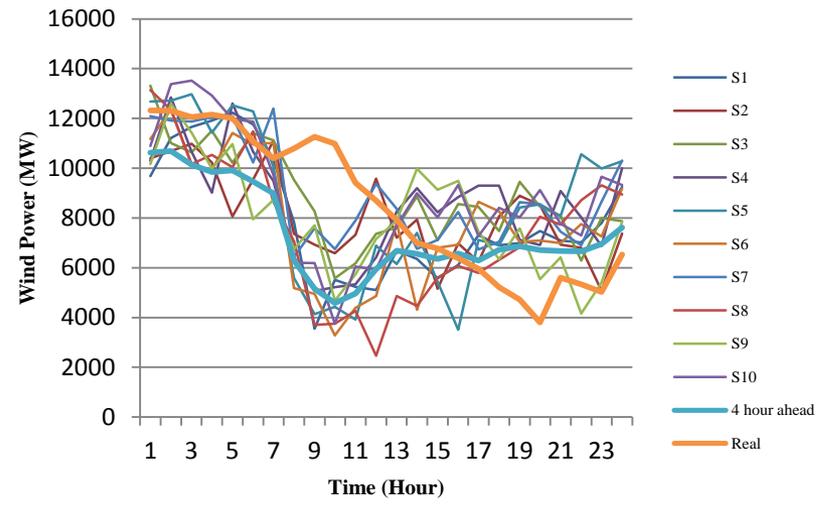
Selected Over-forecasted Day (October 19th, 2006)



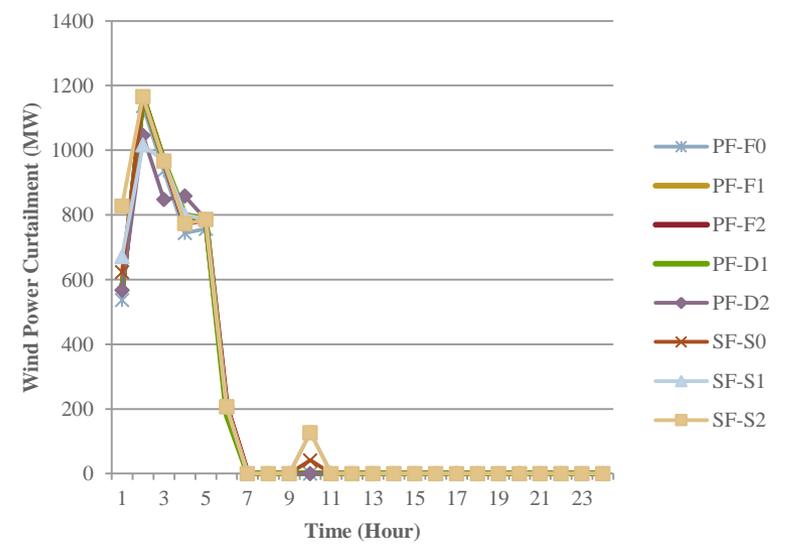
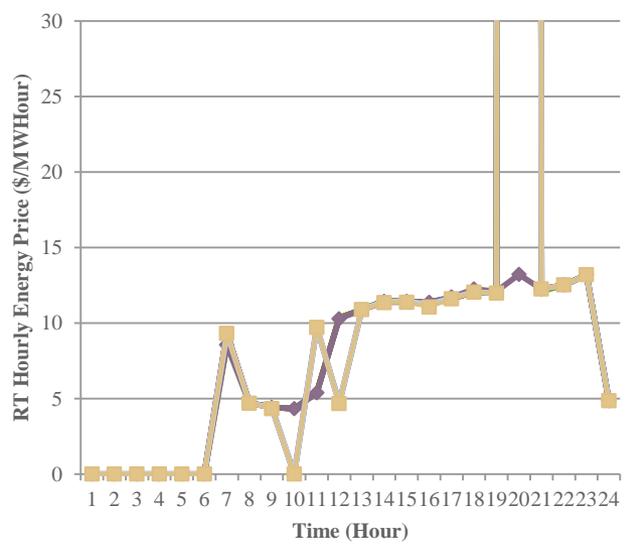
Efficiency (clearing prices) and reliability (load curtailment)



Selected Under-forecasted Day (September 22nd, 2006)



Efficiency (clearing prices and wind curtailment)



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Conclusions

- **Probabilistic wind power forecasts** can contribute to efficiently schedule energy and operating reserves under uncertainty in wind power generation
- **Dynamic operating reserves** (derived from forecast quantiles)
 - + Well aligned with current operating procedures
 - + Lower computational burden
 - + Lower cost and increased reliability
 - Does not capture inter-temporal events
 - Uncertainty not represented in objective function
- **Stochastic unit commitment** (with forecast scenarios)
 - + Captures inter-temporal events through scenarios
 - + Explicit representation of uncertainty in objective function
 - + Lower cost and increased reliability
 - More radical departure from current operating procedures
 - High computational burden



Conclusions

- **Others**

- Dynamic operating reserves and stochastic UC give similar results in the IL Test Case
- Inaccurate forecasts can lead to large implications for system efficiency and reliability.



Comments and Questions.

Thank You

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