

# Robust Risk-Constrained Unit Commitment With Large-Scale Wind Generation : An Adjustable Uncertainty Set Approach

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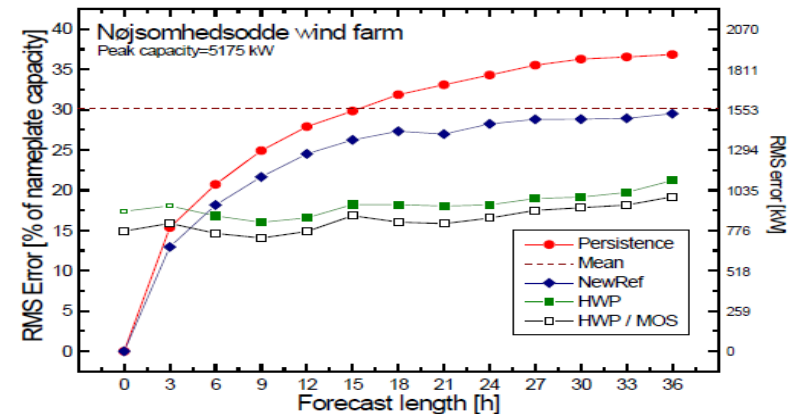
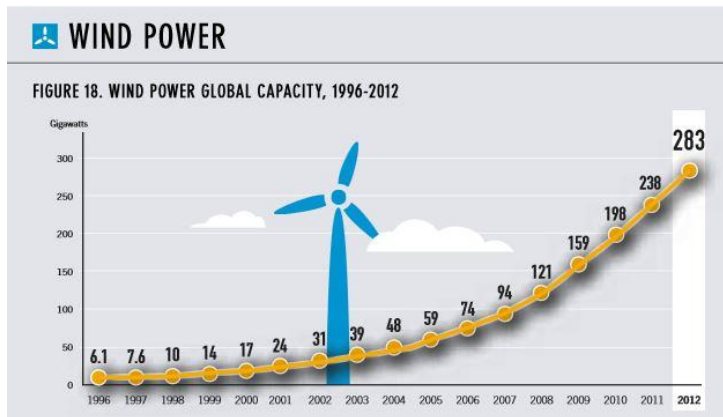
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# Background: Integration of Wind Power

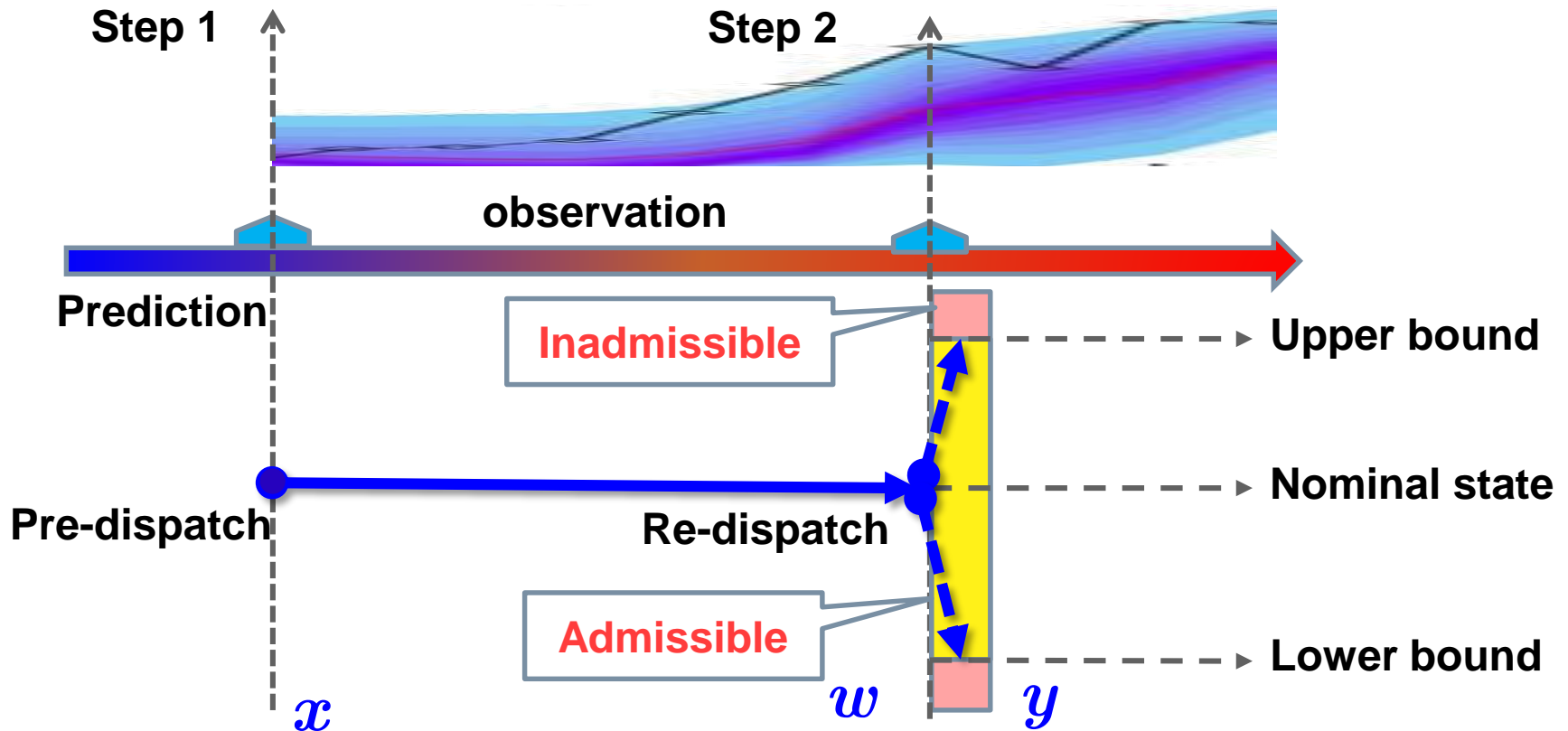
- The share of volatile and uncertain wind generation increase
  - Global capacity: 337 GW, 5.8% (Jun. 2014)
  - Potential: 95 TW, supply for 1.5 Earth (2000 h/year)



## ■ Wind Generation

- **Uncertainty and variability**: day-ahead forecast is poor: 15~20% error
- **Non-dispatchability** : not being treated as dispatchable resources in most markets

# Background: Two-Step Dispatch Framework



$x$  : pre-dispatch decision (UC, ED)     $w$  : uncertainties (wind generation)

$y$  : re-dispatch decision (reserve)

# Related Works: Robust Approach

- Robust approach to handle uncertainty
  - A solution is feasible for all possible values in an uncertainty set
- Two-stage fully adaptive
  - Classic model: Jiang, Wang, and Guan (2012), Zhao and Zeng (2012)  
Bertsimas, Litvinov, and Sun, et al (2013)
  - Unified stochastic and robust: Zhao and Guan (2013)
  - Hybrid stochastic/interval: Dvorkin, Pandzic, and Ortega-Vazquez, et al (2015)
  - Dynamic uncertainty set: Lorca and Sun (2015)
  - Multi-band uncertainty set: Hu and Wu (2016), Dai, Wu, and Wu (2016)
- Multi-stage linear decision rule: Lorca, Sun, and Litvinov et al (2016)
- **The uncertainty sets in all those works are prescribed**
  - confidence intervals, budgets, polyhedral sets, ellipsoidal sets, and so on

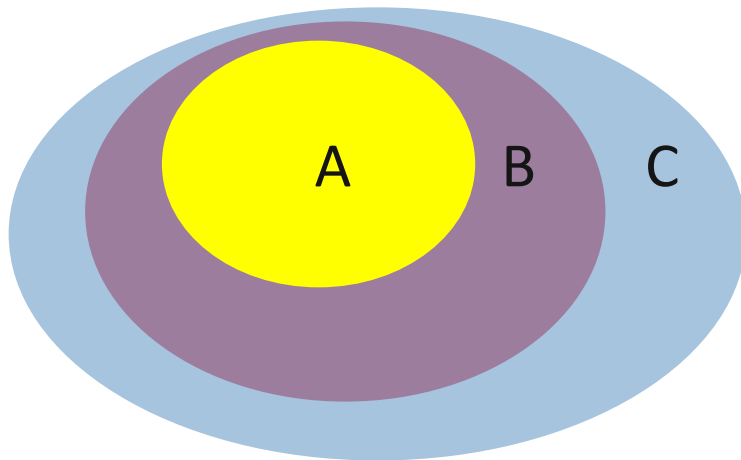


# Related Works: Uncertainty Sets

- Abstract formulation for two-stage robust models

$$\min_{x \in X} c^T x + \max_{w \in W} \min_{y \in Y(x, w)} d^T w + f^T y$$

$W$  is the prescribed uncertainty set.

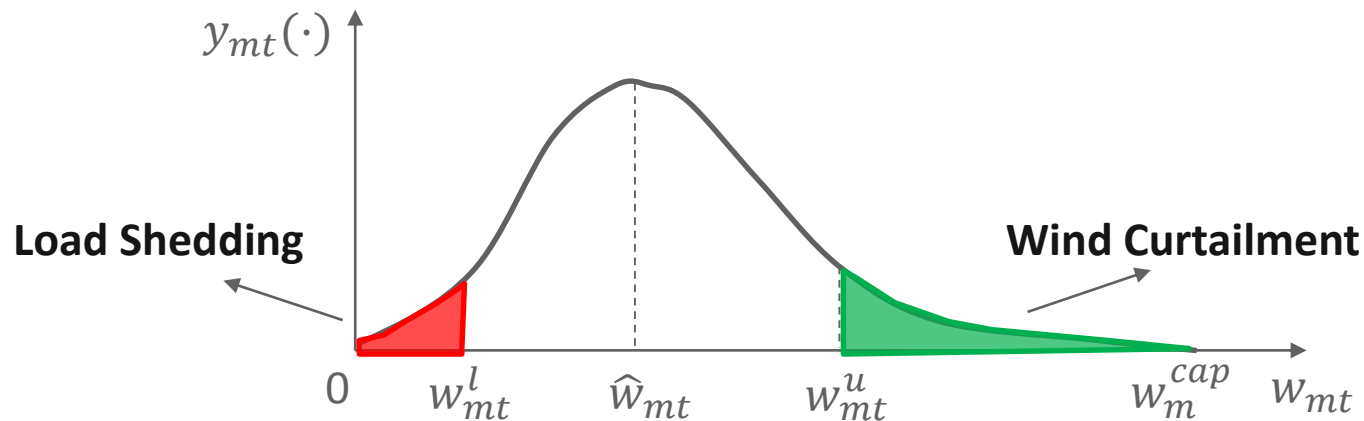


- **A** : prescribed uncertainty  $W$ , *uncertainty set*
- **B** : uncertainty  $x$  can cover, *admissibility region*
- **C** : possible region of uncertainty

- The uncertainty set determines the amount of committed flexibility resources
  - Operational cost
  - Operational risk

# Dynamic Risk-Based Uncertainty Set

- Drawback of prescribed uncertainty sets
  - Disconnection between benefits and costs
    - Unnecessarily large uncertainty sets incur excessive flexibility resources
  - Ignorance of consequence
    - Out-of-range events might be highly costly



- Risk-based uncertainty set design
  - Risk = Consequence \* Probability
  - Uncertainty sets are dynamically determined based on risk requirements
  - Consider both operational costs and operational risk

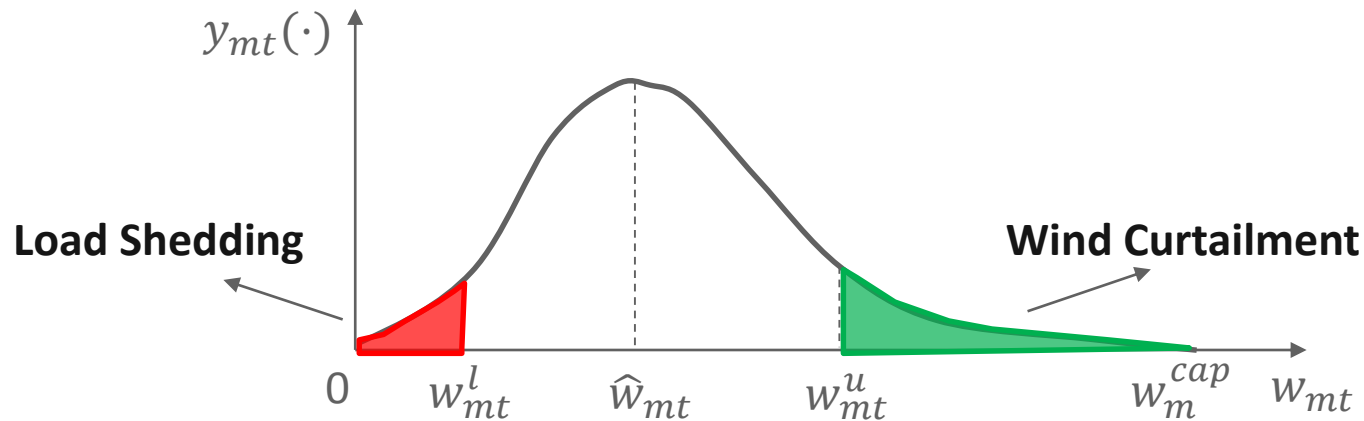
# An Adjustable Uncertainty Set Approach

- Application settings
  - Day-ahead UCED
- Uncertainty sets
  - Bounds of random parameters: renewable generation
  - Uncertain parameters are independent
- Define risks
  - Consequences: production costs, load shedding, interruption of service, social welfare
  - Probability: probabilistic models, historical data
- Optimization model
  - Risk-constrained UCED





# Definition of Operational Risks



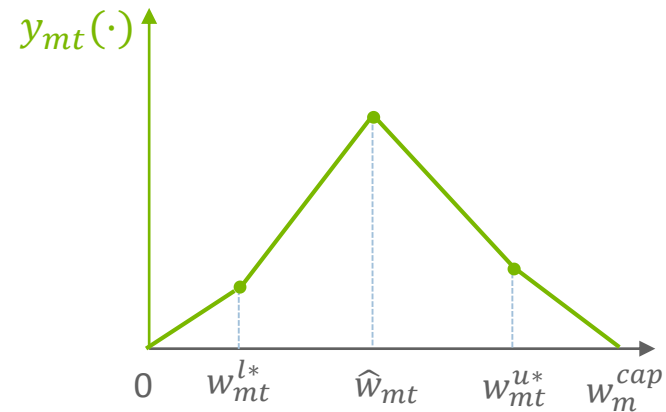
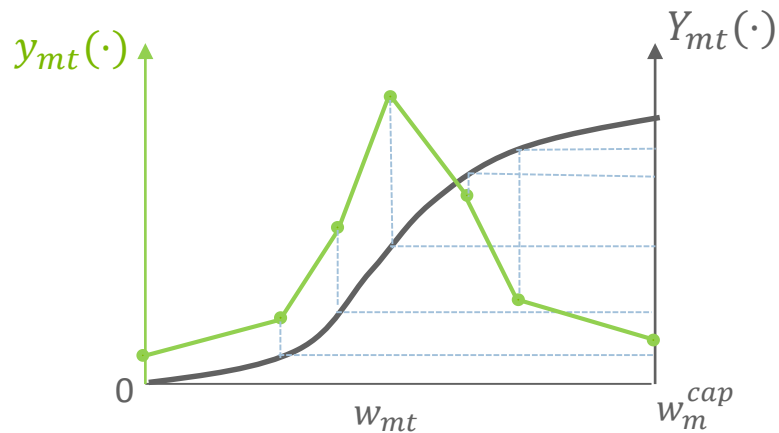
## Operational Risk Index

$$Risk = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{m=1}^M \left( \underbrace{g_t^n \int_{w_{mt}^u}^{w_m^{cap}} (w_{mt} - w_{mt}^u)}_{\text{Wind Curtailment}} + \underbrace{g_t^p \int_0^{w_{mt}^l} (w_{mt}^l - w_{mt})}_{\text{Load Shedding}} \right) y_{mt}(w_{mt}) dw_{mt}$$

- $y_{mt}$  is probability density function (PDF) of  $w_{mt}$
- $g_t^n, g_t^p$  are cost coefficient of WC and LS, obtained from contract or estimation

# Linearization of PDF

- Probability models are known
  - Cumulative density function is known
  - Piecewise linearization
- Probability models are unknown
  - First & second order moments are known
  - Construct approximations
  - Then linearize



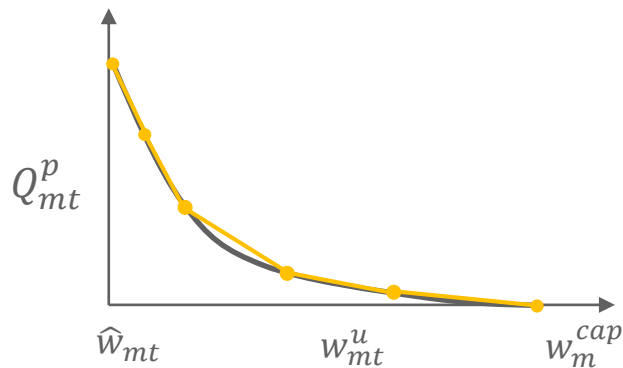
## Piecewise Linear PDF of $w_{mt}$

$$Risk = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{m=1}^M \left( g_t^n \left( \int_{\sum_{s^p=0}^{S^p} Y_{mt}^{-1}(\alpha_{s^p+1}^p)}^{Y_{mt}^{-1}(\alpha_{s^p}^p)} (c_{mts^p}^p w_{mt} + d_{mts^p}^p) + \int_{W_{mt}^u - \hat{w}_{mt}}^{Y_{mt}^{-1}(\alpha_{S^p+1}^p)} (c_{mt(S^p+1)}^p w_{mt} + d_{mt(S^p+1)}^p) \right) (w_{mt} - w_{mt}^u) + g_t^p \left( \int_{Y_{mt}^{-1}(\alpha_{S^{n+1}}^n)}^{W_{mt}^l - \hat{w}_{mt}} (c_{mts^n}^n w_{mt} + d_{mts^n}^n) + \int_{Y_{mt}^{-1}(\alpha_{S^{n+1}}^n)}^{W_{mt}^l - \hat{w}_{mt}} (c_{mt(S^{n+1})}^n w_{mt} + d_{mt(S^{n+1})}^n) \right) (w_{mt}^l - w_{mt}) \right) d\delta_{mt}$$

# Calculation of Operational Risk

$$Risk = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{m=1}^M \left[ g_t^n \left( \int_{\hat{w}_{mt}^u}^{w_{mt}^u} \left( \sum_{s^p=0}^{S^p} \int_{Y_{mt}^{-1}(\alpha_{s^p+1}^p)}^{Y_{mt}^{-1}(\alpha_{s^p}^p)} (c_{mts^p}^p w_{mt} + d_{mts^p}^p) + \int_{w_{mt}^l - \hat{w}_{mt}}^{w_{mt}^l} (c_{mt(S^p+1)}^p w_{mt} + d_{mt(S^p+1)}^p) \right) (w_{mt} - w_{mt}^u) + g_t^p \left( \int_{Y_{mt}^{-1}(\alpha_{s^{n+1}}^n)}^{Y_{mt}^{-1}(\alpha_{s^n+1}^n)} (c_{mts^n}^n w_{mt} + d_{mts^n}^n) + \int_{w_{mt}^l - \hat{w}_{mt}}^{w_{mt}^l} (c_{mt(S^n+1)}^n w_{mt} + d_{mt(S^n+1)}^n) \right) (w_{mt}^l - w_{mt}) \right] d\delta_{mt}$$

- Observation of the convexity of risk terms
  - Pdf of the uncertainty parameter is unimodal
  - Each term in the integral is strictly monotonic, derivable, and convex on the domain
  - Then the integral is a convex function on the domain



$$Risk = \min_{Q_{mt}^p, Q_{mt}^n} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{m=1}^M (Q_{mt}^p + Q_{mt}^n)$$

s.t.

$$Q_{mt}^p \geq a_{mts^p}^p w_{mt}^u + b_{mts^p}^p \quad \forall m, t, s, z.$$

$$Q_{mt}^n \geq a_{mts^p}^n w_{mt}^l + b_{mts^p}^n \quad \forall m, t, s, z.$$

**Linear Convex Model**

# Mathematical Formulation

- **First stage (cost minimization)**

$$\min_{z, u, \hat{p}, w^u, w^l, Q^p, Q^n} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{g=1}^G (S_g z_{gt} + c_g u_{gt} + C_g(\hat{p}_{gt}))$$

$$s.t. \quad -u_{g(t-1)} + u_{gt} - u_{gk} \leq 0, \quad \forall g, t, k = t, \dots, t + T_g^{on} - 1.$$

$$u_{g(t-1)} - u_{gt} + u_{gk} \leq 1, \quad \forall g, t, k = t, \dots, t + T_g^{off} - 1.$$

$$-u_{g(t-1)} + u_{gt} - z_{gt} \leq 0, \quad \forall g, \forall t$$

$$u_{gt} P_{\min}^g \leq \hat{p}_{gt} \leq u_{gt} P_{\max}^g \quad \forall g, \forall t$$

$$\hat{p}_{gt} - \hat{p}_{g(t+1)} \leq u_{g(t+1)} R_-^g + (1 - u_{g(t+1)}) P_{\max}^g \quad \forall g, \forall t$$

$$\hat{p}_{g(t+1)} - \hat{p}_{gt} \leq u_{gt} R_+^g + (1 - u_{gt}) P_{\max}^g \quad \forall g, \forall t$$

$$\sum_{g=1}^G \hat{p}_{gt} + \sum_{m=1}^M \hat{w}_{mt} = \sum_{j=1}^J D_{jt} \quad \forall t$$

$$-F_l \leq \sum_{g=1}^G \pi_{gt} \hat{p}_{gt} + \sum_{m=1}^M \pi_{mt} \hat{w}_{mt} - \sum_{j=1}^J \pi_{jt} D_{jt} \leq F_l \quad \forall t$$

$$\min_{Q_m^p, Q_m^n} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{m=1}^M (Q_{mt}^p + Q_{mt}^n) \leq Risk_{dh}$$

$$Q_{mt}^p \geq a_{mstz}^p w_{mt}^u + b_{mstz}^p \quad \forall m, \forall t, s = 0, 1, \dots, S, z = 0, 1, \dots, Z - 1.$$

$$Q_{mt}^n \geq a_{mstz}^n w_{mt}^l + b_{mstz}^n \quad \forall m, \forall t, s = 0, 1, \dots, S, z = 0, 1, \dots, Z - 1.$$

$$0 \leq w_{mt}^l \leq \hat{w}_{mt} \quad \forall m, \forall t$$

$$\hat{w}_{mt} \leq w_{mt}^u \leq w_m^{\max} \quad \forall m, \forall t$$

$$u_{gt}, w_{mt}^u, w_{mt}^l \in \Omega$$

- **Operational risk constraints**
- **Variable uncertainty set**

- **Second stage (feasibility check)**

$$\Omega := \left\{ \max_{v^u, v^l} \min_{p, \Delta w, \Delta D} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \sum_{m=1}^M \Delta w_{mt} + \sum_{j=1}^J \Delta D_{jt} \right) = 0 \right.$$

$$s.t. \quad u_{gt} P_{\min}^g \leq p_{gt} \leq u_{gt} P_{\max}^g \quad \forall g, \forall t$$

$$p_{gt} - p_{g(t+1)} \leq u_{g(t+1)} R_-^g + (1 - u_{g(t+1)}) P_{\max}^g \quad \forall g, \forall t$$

$$p_{g(t+1)} - p_{gt} \leq u_{gt} R_+^g + (1 - u_{gt}) P_{\max}^g \quad \forall g, \forall t$$

$$\sum_{g=1}^G p_{gt} + \sum_{m=1}^M (w_{mt} - \Delta w_{mt}) = \sum_{j=1}^J (D_{jt} - \Delta D_{jt})$$

$$0 \leq \Delta D_{jt} \leq D_{jt} \quad \forall j, \forall t$$

$$0 \leq \Delta w_{mt} \leq w_{mt} \quad \forall m, \forall t$$

$$-F_l \leq \sum_{g=1}^G \pi_{gt} p_{gt} + \sum_{m=1}^M \pi_{mt} (w_{mt} - \Delta w_{mt}) - \dots$$

$$- \sum_{j=1}^J \pi_{jt} (D_{jt} - \Delta D_{jt}) \leq F_l \quad \forall t$$

$$w_{mt} = (w_{mt}^u - \hat{w}_{mt}) v_{mt}^u + (w_{mt}^l - \hat{w}_{mt}) v_{mt}^l + \hat{w}_{mt}$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^T (v_{mt}^u + v_{mt}^l) \leq \Gamma^T \quad \forall m$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^M (v_{mt}^u + v_{mt}^l) \leq \Gamma^S \quad \forall t$$

$$v_{mt}^u + v_{mt}^l \leq 1 \quad \forall m, \forall t$$

$$v_{mt}^u, v_{mt}^l \in \{0, 1\} \quad \left. \right\}$$

# Mathematical Formulation-Cont'd

- An equivalent formulation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{z,u,\hat{p},w^u,w^l,Q^p,Q^n} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{g=1}^G (S_g z_{gt} + c_g u_{gt} + C_g (\hat{p}_{gt})) \\
 & \text{s.t.} \quad \min_{Q_{mt}^p, Q_{mt}^n} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{m=1}^M (Q_{mt}^p + Q_{mt}^n) \leq Risk_{dh} \\
 & \quad \text{Other constraints}
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \Rightarrow \quad
 \begin{aligned}
 & \min_{z,u,\hat{p},w^u,w^l,Q^p,Q^n} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{g=1}^G (S_g z_{gt} + c_g u_{gt} + C_g (\hat{p}_{gt})) \\
 & \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{m=1}^M (Q_{mt}^p + Q_{mt}^n) \leq Risk_{dh} \\
 & \quad \text{Other constraints}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Minimize risk terms

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{z,u,\hat{p},w^u,w^l,Q^p,Q^n} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{g=1}^G (S_g z_{gt} + c_g u_{gt} + C_g (\hat{p}_{gt})) + K \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{m=1}^M (Q_{mt}^p + Q_{mt}^n) \\
 & \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{m=1}^M (Q_{mt}^p + Q_{mt}^n) \leq Risk_{dh} \\
 & \quad \text{Other constraints}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Mathematical Formulation-Cont'd

- Comparison with existing models
  - The uncertainty set is a design variable
  - Operational risks are considered and controlled
- Compact Model

$$\min_{x \in X, z \in Z} (c^T x + b^T z) + \max_{w \in W(z)} \min_{y \in Y(x, w)} (d^T w + f^T y)$$

$x$ : pre-dispatch variables (UC, ED)

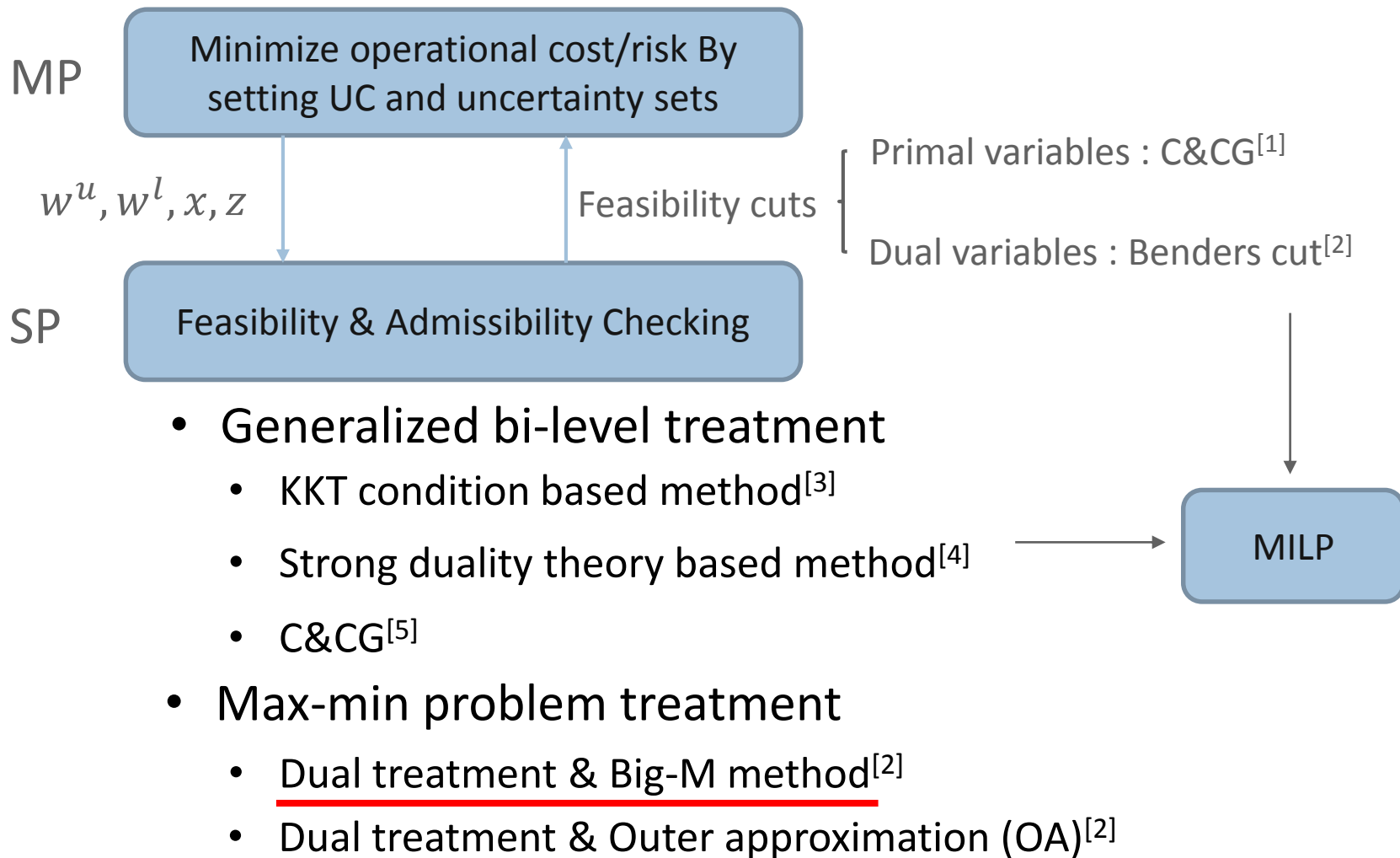
$z$ : boundary of uncertainty set

$w$ : realization of uncertainty

$y$ : re-dispatch variable (reserve)

**A standard two-stage robust model**

# Solution Methodologies



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# Solution Methodology-Cont'd

- Solving the max-min problem
  - Bilinear terms: production of binaries and unbounded continuous variables
  - Linearization: auxiliary variables and Big-M constraints are introduced
  - Solved as an MILP
  
- Acceleration
  - Auxiliary binary variables and Big-M constraints reduction
  - Using nodal balance equation to replace the whole grid equation

Table Computational scale comparison

	Model 1-whole	Model 2-nodal
Binary Variables	$v: 2MT$	$v: 2MT$
Continuous Variables	$\lambda: (3G+2L+2J+2M)T$	$\eta: (3G+2L+2J+2M+3N+1)T$
Auxiliary Variable	$\gamma: 4(L+1)MT$	$\mu: 4MT$
Regular Constraints	$\lambda, v: (G+M+L)T$	$\eta, v: (G+M+L+N)T$
Regular Constraints	$\lambda, \gamma: 8(L+1)MT$	$\lambda, \mu: 8MT$
Big-M Constraints	$\lambda, v, \gamma: 8(L+1)MT$	$\eta, v, \mu: 8MT$

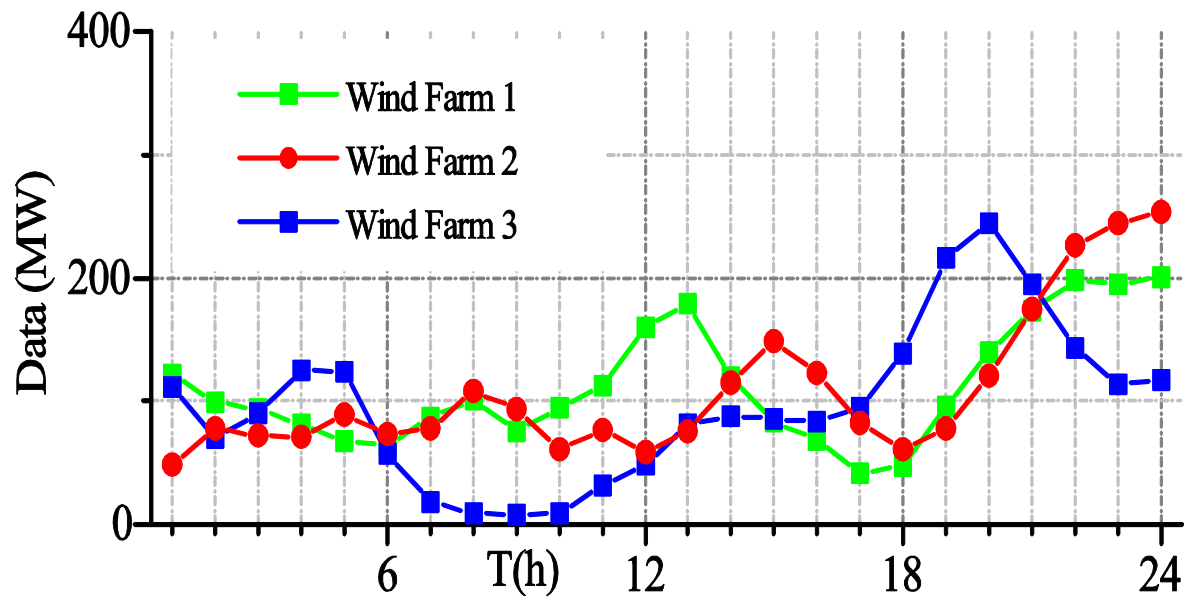
$T$  : periods  
 $M$  : wind farm  
 $G$  : generator  
 $J$  : load  
 $N$  : node  
 $L$  : line

Computational benefit increases with the number of wind farms



# An Illustrative Example

- The modified IEEE- 118 test system<sup>[1]</sup>
  - ✓ 54 generators, 186 transmission lines
  - ✓ 3 wind farms
  - ✓ 0.1% MILP gap



[1] [Online] available: [http://motor.ece.iit.edu/data/JEAS\\_IEEE118.doc](http://motor.ece.iit.edu/data/JEAS_IEEE118.doc)

# An Illustrative Example-Cont'd

- Comparison with Other UC models
  - ✓ DUC, deterministic UC, fixed spinning reserve rate 10%
  - ✓ SUC, stochastic UC, scenarios: 200->20
  - ✓ RUC, robust UC, boundary of uncertainty set: 95% confidence level
  - ✓ RRUC, robust risk-constrained UC,  $Risk_{dh}$  is the same with RUC

Table Cost and risk under different UC models

	Total Cost (\$)	UC Cost (\$)	ED Cost (\$)	Risk(\$)
DUC	$1.287 \times 10^6$	$1.90 \times 10^4$	$1.262 \times 10^6$	$2.67 \times 10^4$
SUC	$1.304 \times 10^6$	$2.79 \times 10^4$	$1.276 \times 10^6$	$9.86 \times 10^3$
RUC	$1.312 \times 10^6$	$3.29 \times 10^4$	$1.283 \times 10^6$	$7.23 \times 10^3$
RRUC	$1.307 \times 10^6$	$2.87 \times 10^4$	$1.278 \times 10^6$	$6.64 \times 10^3$

- RRUC outperforms RUC in both operational cost and risk
- The sum of operational cost and risk of RRUC is the lowest among four UC models

# An Illustrative Example-Cont'd

- Comparison with Other UC models-Cont'd
  - ✓ Rare events: wind generation scenario being partly or fully out of the prescribed uncertainty set in RUC
  - ✓ 10,000 rare events

WGC : wind generation curtailment  
LS : load shedding

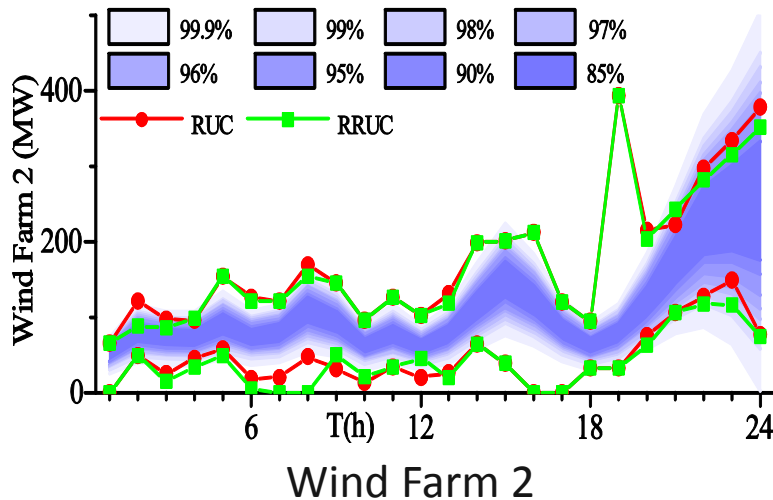
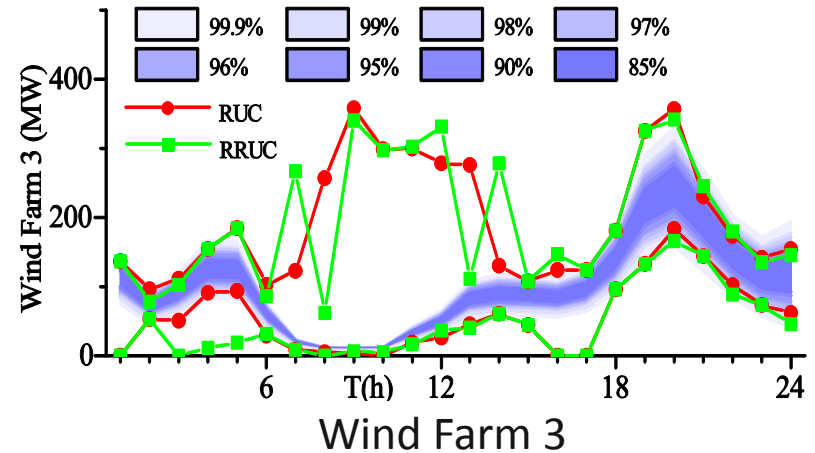
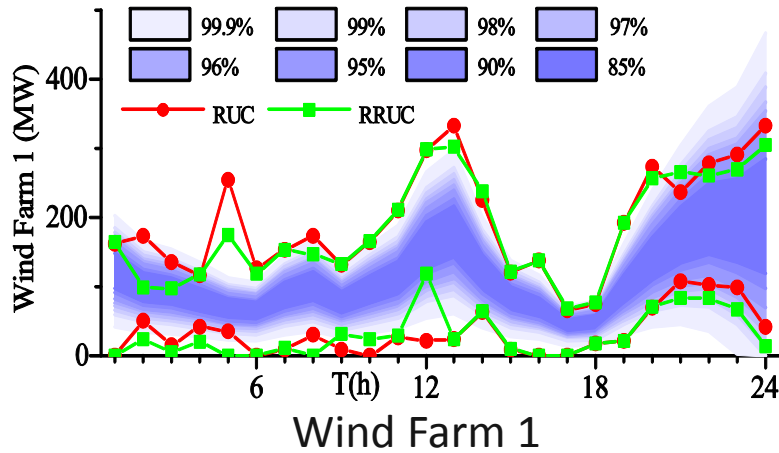
Table Operational loss of different UCs under rare event

	Average Operational Loss (\$)		
	Total	WGC	LS
DUC	$1.017 \times 10^6$	$2.172 \times 10^5$	$8.010 \times 10^5$
SUC	$5.094 \times 10^5$	$1.365 \times 10^5$	$3.720 \times 10^5$
RUC	$4.050 \times 10^5$	$1.209 \times 10^5$	$2.841 \times 10^5$
RRUC	$3.357 \times 10^5$	$1.317 \times 10^5$	$2.043 \times 10^5$

- The average of operational loss of RRUC is the lowest
- More realistic than operational risk

# An Illustrative Example-Cont'd

## ■ Uncertainty Set and Admissibility Region



- ✓  $W$ : uncertainty set,  $R$ : admissibility region
- ✓  $R^{RRUC} \neq R^{RUC}$
- ✓  $W^{RUC} \subseteq R^{RUC}$
- ✓  $W^{RRUC} = R^{RRUC}$



# An Illustrative Example-Cont'd

- Computational Efficiency
  - ✓ A1: whole network balance equation
  - ✓ A2: nodal balance equation

Table Computational efficiency under different cases and algorithms

		Total (s)	MP (s)	SP (s)	Iteration
A1	$\Gamma^T=8$	9775	4614	5161	12
	$\Gamma^T=16$	3447	1813	1634	7
	$\Gamma^T=24$	1365	602	763	4
A2	$\Gamma^T=8$	5399	4587	812	12
	$\Gamma^T=16$	2183	1811	372	7
	$\Gamma^T=24$	691	590	101	4

- The solution time for SP has a 500% reduction on average
- The solution time increases as the uncertainty budget decreases

# An Illustrative Example-Cont'd

## ■ Impacts of Uncertainty Budgets

Table Simulation results under different uncertainty budget.

		Total Cost (\$)	Risk (\$)
$\Gamma^S=1$	$\Gamma^T=8$	$1.291 \times 10^6$	$7.01 \times 10^3$
	$\Gamma^T=16$	$1.302 \times 10^6$	$6.39 \times 10^3$
	$\Gamma^T=24$	$1.316 \times 10^6$	$6.92 \times 10^3$
$\Gamma^S=2$	$\Gamma^T=8$	$1.307 \times 10^6$	$6.64 \times 10^3$
	$\Gamma^T=16$	$1.320 \times 10^6$	$7.12 \times 10^3$
	$\Gamma^T=24$	$1.335 \times 10^6$	$6.58 \times 10^3$
$\Gamma^S=3$	$\Gamma^T=8$	$1.337 \times 10^6$	$6.77 \times 10^3$
	$\Gamma^T=16$	$1.354 \times 10^6$	$6.61 \times 10^3$
	$\Gamma^T=24$	$1.362 \times 10^6$	$7.19 \times 10^3$

- As  $\Gamma^T$  and  $\Gamma^S$  increase, total operational cost increases
- As  $\Gamma^T$  and  $\Gamma^S$  increase, operational risk doesn't have a fixed pattern

# An Illustrative Example-Cont'd

- Impacts of risk threshold
- ✓ The admissibility regions (AR) under different risk thresholds are different
- ✓ The AR with larger risk threshold is not the subset of the AR with a lower risk level

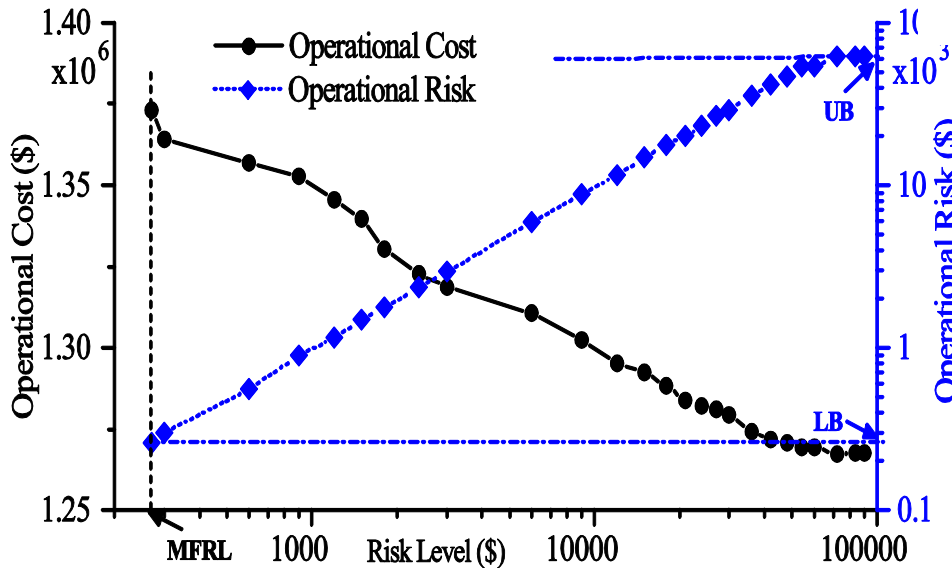


Fig. Operational cost of RRUC under different operational risk levels.

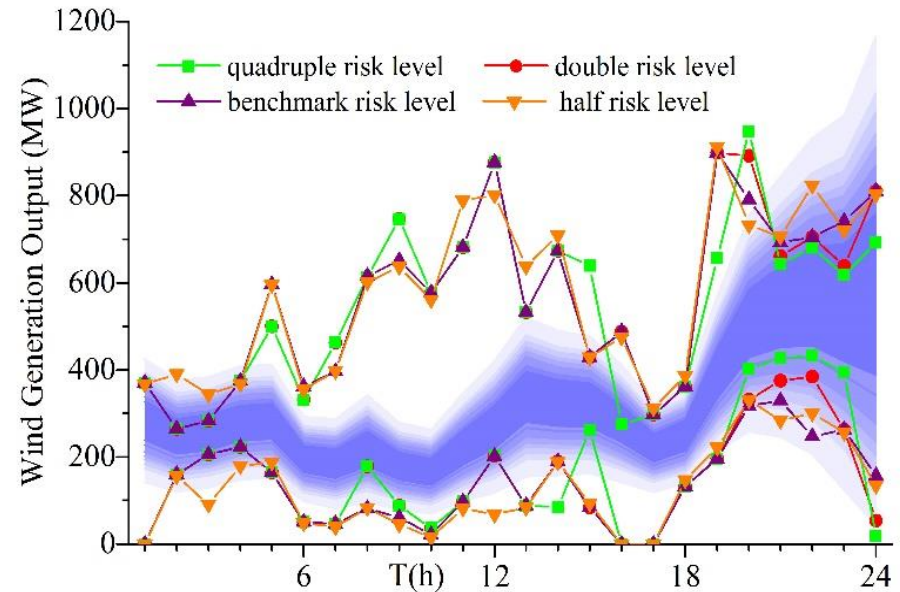


Fig. Optimal wind generation uncertainty set boundary under different risk level.

- ✓ Operational risks are not strictly linear with risk level
- ✓ The operational risks have upper and lower bounds
- ✓ The risk threshold has a lower bound

# An Illustrative Example-Cont'd

- Impact of the Number of Wind Farms
  - ✓ Temporal uncertainty budget is fixed,  $\Gamma^T = 24$

Table Computational performance under different numbers of wind farm

Wind Farm	Budget	Total (s)	MP (s)	SP(s)	Iteration
6	$\Gamma^S=4$	748	601	147	4
9	$\Gamma^S=6$	876	627	249	4
12	$\Gamma^S=8$	1736	891	845	5

- The solution time increases rapidly, especially the solution time of SP
- The numbers of big-M constraints and auxiliary variables are proportional to the number of wind farms





# Summary

- Robust Risk-Constrained Unit Commitment
  - Variable uncertainty set
  - Operational risk levels can be controlled
  - Outperforms RUC in both operational costs and risks
  - The computational time reduction by formulation selection can also be applied to RUC and other robust models.
  
- Possible future research
  - Other forms of uncertainty sets besides upper and lower bounds
  - More efficient computational methods



Thanks!

Comments?