

# *Analyzing System Costs of Wind Power Uncertainty*

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# Overview

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- Project Motivation: Uncertainty in wind power forecasts raises concerns of integrating wind into power systems at acceptable costs.
- Our analysis
  - Estimates the *additional* cost of power system operations from uncertainty in wind and load forecasts.
  - Determines the optimal amount of a paired resource (storage, demand response) to use to mitigate wind power uncertainty



# Outline

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- Wind power generation modeling
- Network modeling with MATPower, to simulate system performance
- Optimizing paired resource use
- Next steps



# *Project Stages*

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# *Step 1: Obtain Wind Speed Data*

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- 10 minute historical wind speed data available from UMass for sites around New England
- Many sites have multiples years of data
- A number of sites appropriate for wind turbines
- Anemometers from 30m to 80m height



## *Step 2: Convert to Wind Farm Power Output*

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1. Select wind turbine
  - On-shore vs. off-shore turbines
2. Adjust wind speed data for hub height
  - Includes adjustment for surface roughness and wind shear
3. Account for geographic diversity → decreased variability
  - Within a single wind farm
  - Across multiple wind farms

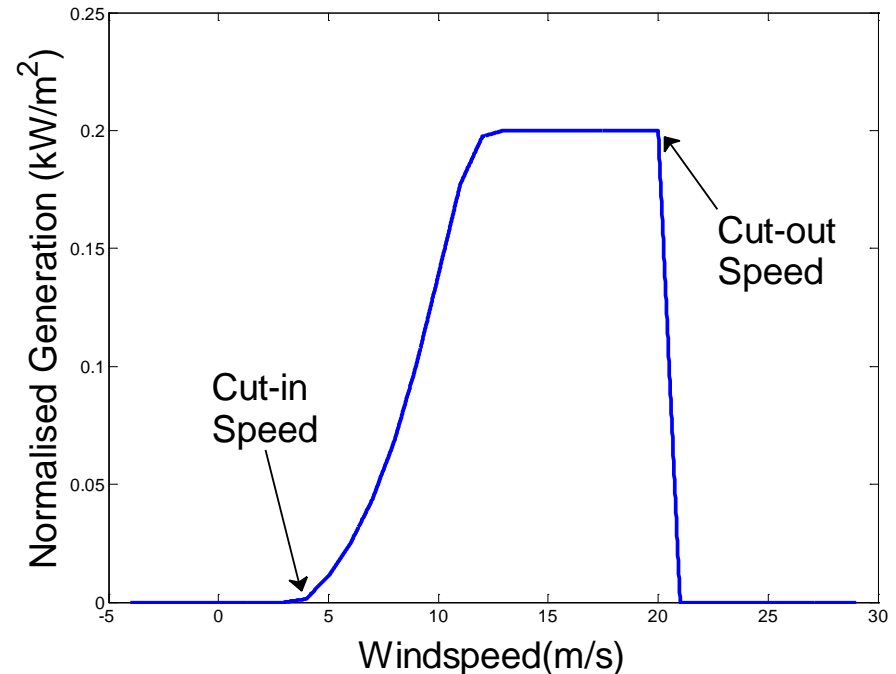


# 1. Wind Turbine Selection

## ➤ Turbines

- GE 2.5 MW becoming most common in US
- GE 3.0 to 3.5 MW for off-shore

## ➤ Characteristics: cut-in and cut-out speed





## 2 - 3. *Geographic Diversity*

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- 2 - 3a. **Adjust wind speed data** to represent aggregated wind speed for entire wind farm area
- 3b. **Adjust the power curve** to represent multiple, aggregated turbines
- *Our study – single windfarm per bus*
- Wind turbines spread across 5 to 10 km
  - Probability of simultaneous *changes* in wind speed across entire wind farm area is essentially zero
    - Probability of dropping to below cut-in
    - Probability of spiking to above cut-out



# 3. *Geographic Diversity – Wind Speed*

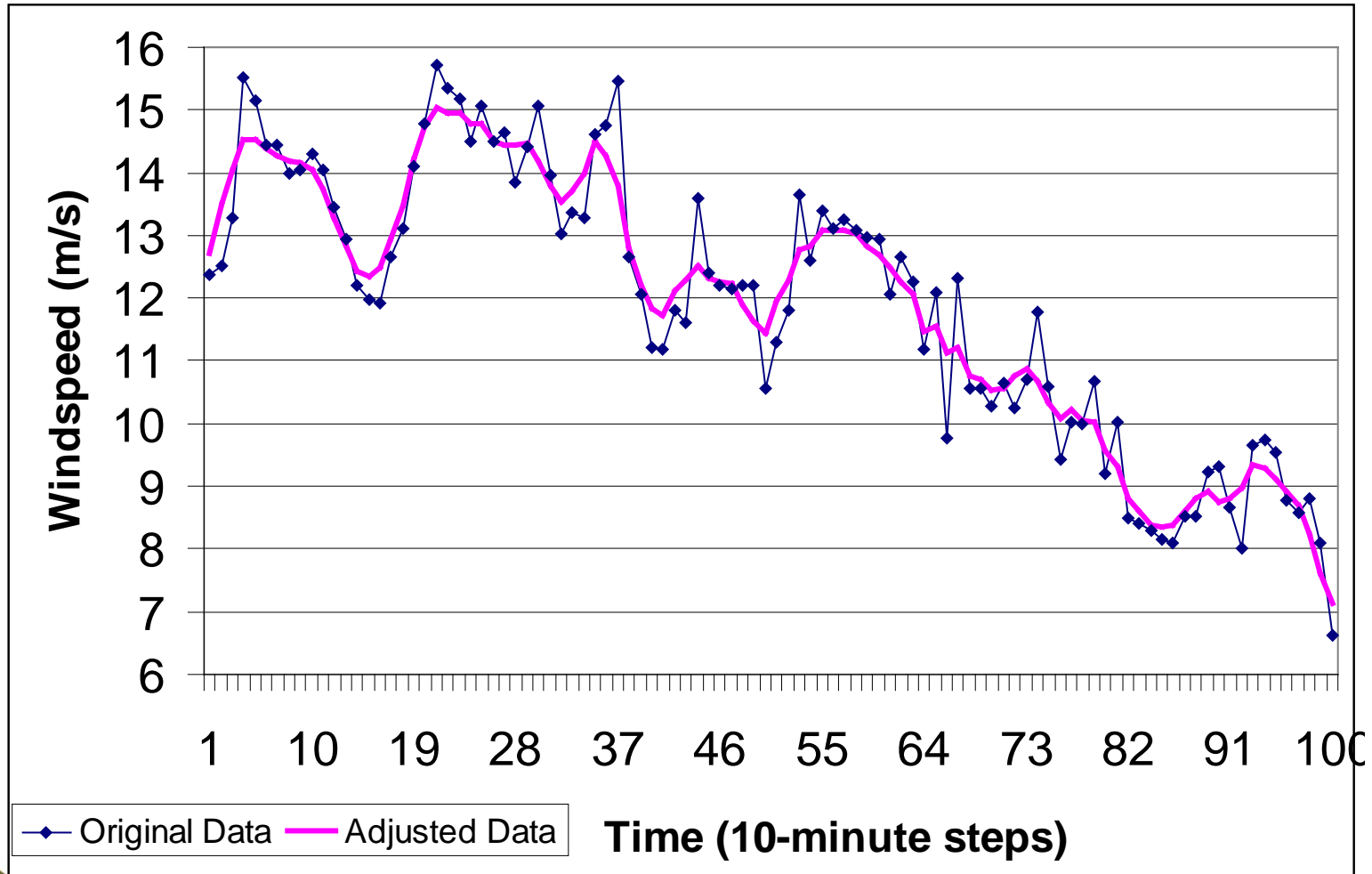
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## 3a. Algorithm for wind speed data includes:

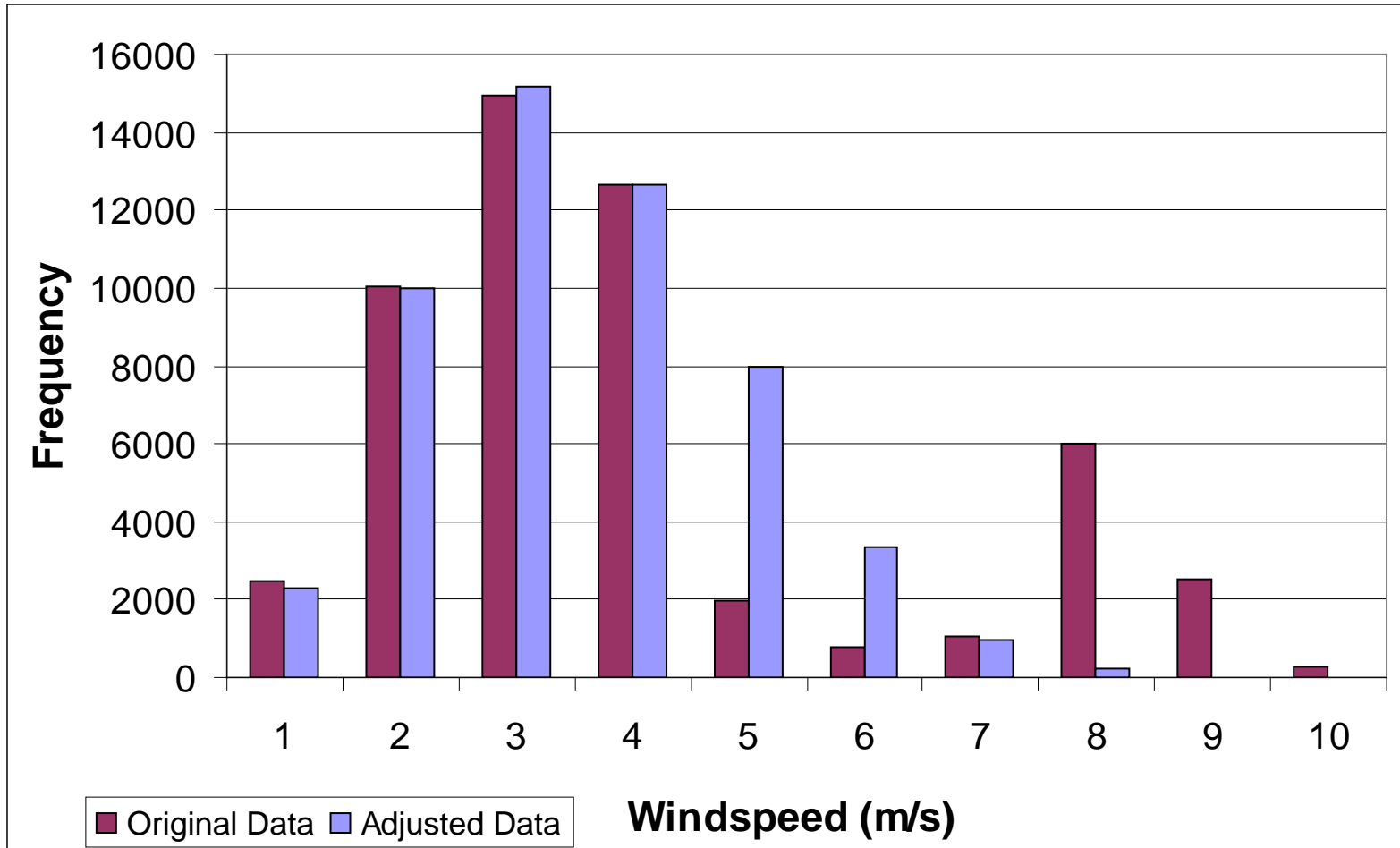
- Propagation time of wind through the wind farm – based on average windspeed and size of windfarm
- Normalized standard deviation of the wind resource, as a function of turbulence intensity of wind and dimensions of the windfarm
- Calculate a moving block average of original wind speed data and relate to Weibull parameters of original wind speed dataset
- “A Multi-Turbine Power Curve Approach,” Norgaard, Holttinen
- Multiple articles for parameter values



# *Geographic Diversity – Nantucket Windspeed*



# *Geographic Diversity – Distribution of Windspeed*



## 3. *Geographic Diversity – Power Curve*

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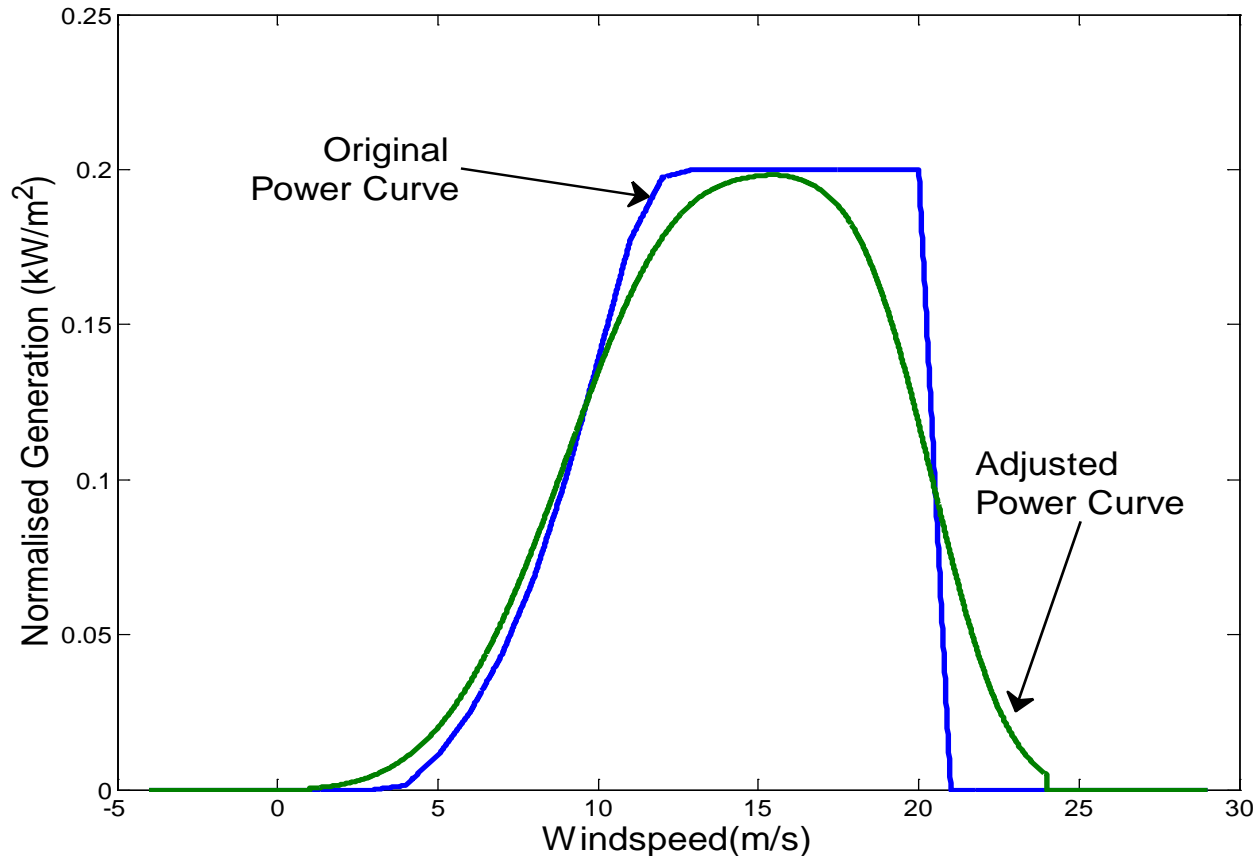
### 3b. Algorithm for power curve includes:

- Adjust power curve to represent multiple wind turbines (~convolution with Normal distribution)
  - Adjust resulting power curve for total energy capture to equal original power curve
- *Final Calculation:* Determine wind farm power generation by using adjusted wind speed data with adjusted turbine power curve



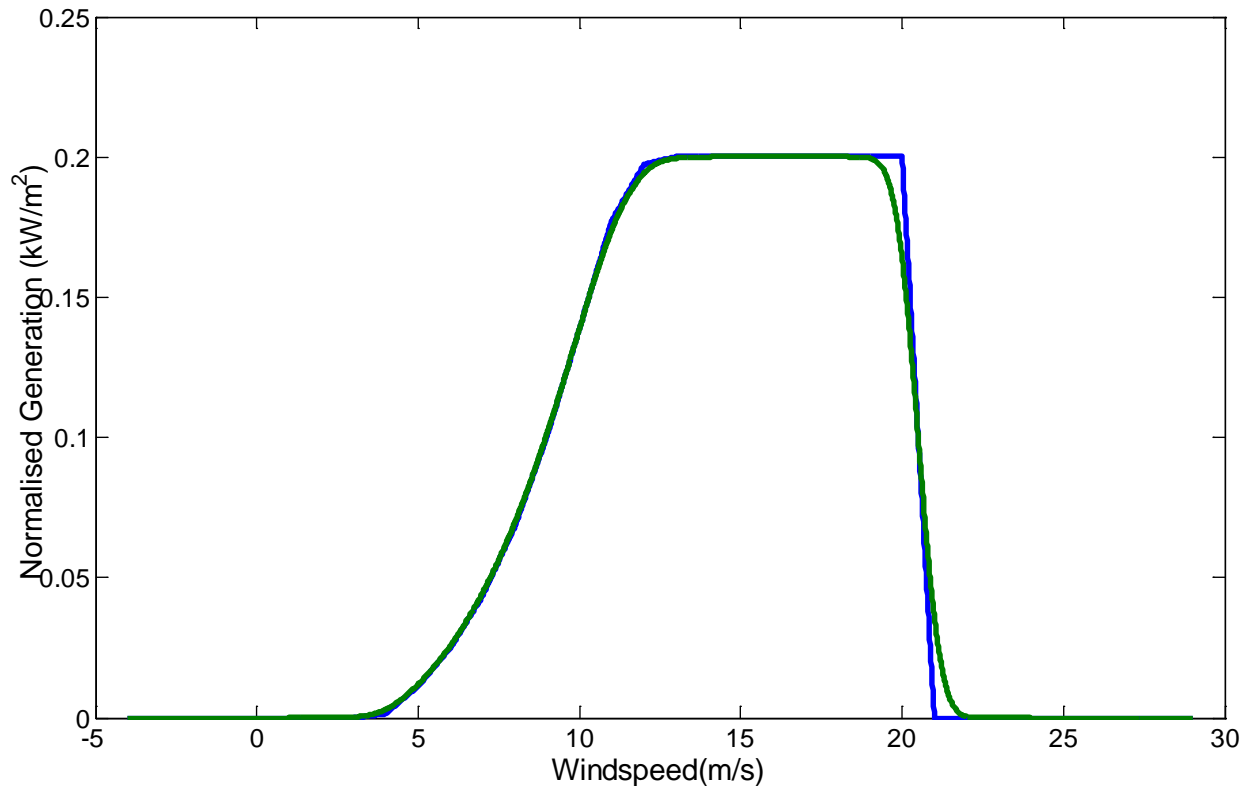
# 3. Geographic Diversity – Power Curve

- Power curve adjusted for a large windfarm
  - ~200 MW, 200 km long windfarm(s)

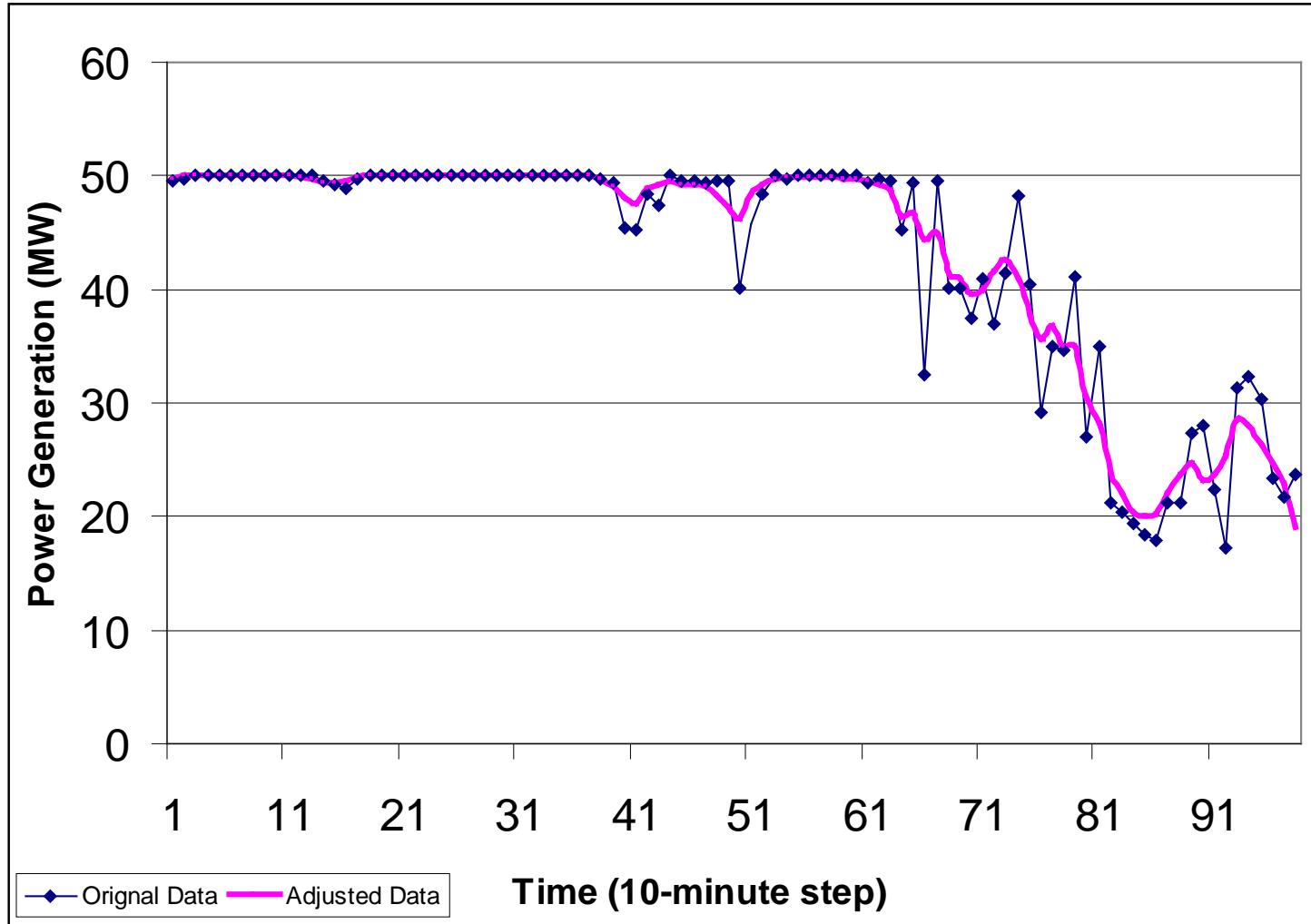


# 3. Geographic Diversity – Power Curve

- Power curve adjusted for a small windfarm
  - ~50MW, 5 to 10 km long single windfarm



# Geographic Diversity – Nantucket Generation





# *Geographic Diversity – Multiple Windfarms*

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- Most research on geographic diversity discusses effects of multiple wind farms
  - Hundreds of kilometer distribution of turbines
- PSERC / CERTS project
  - Geographic diversity modeled explicitly for individual, small windfarms
  - Geographic diversity of multiple windfarms modeled implicitly through locating each windfarm at a specific bus, allowing for transmission constraints



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# *Wind Speed Forecasting*

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- Linear regression model used for day-ahead and hour-ahead forecasts
- Persistence model used for 10-minute forecasts.
- (For load modeling, a neural network forecasting model was used.)



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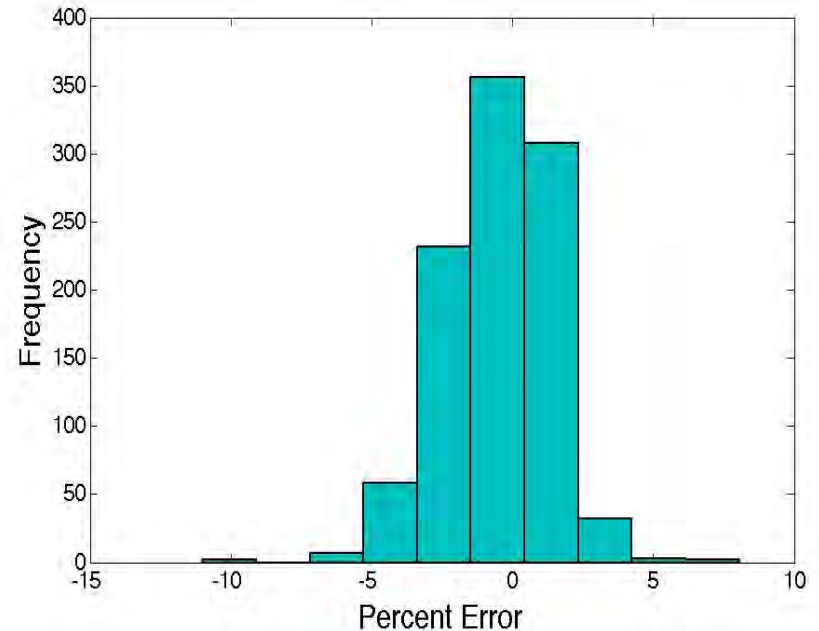
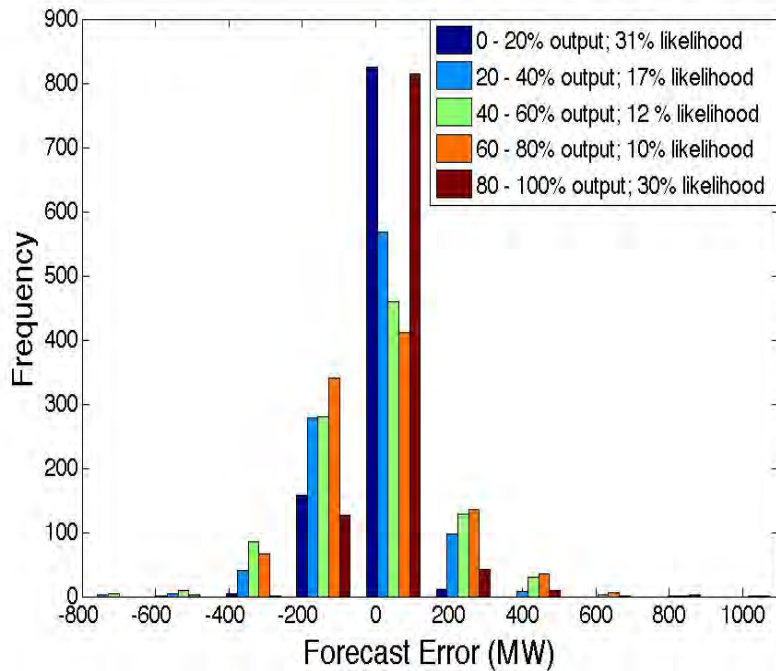
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- For 10-minute forecasts
  - Wind speed partitioned into 5 equal sized cohorts
    - Wind speeds range from 0m/s to ~ 20m/s
    - 20% of range of wind speeds in each cohort
  - A forecast was created for the wind speed dataset, and a probability distribution of the *forecast error* in each cohort was created.



# Forecast Uncertainties

- Wind generation: 5 bins to create 5 forecast-error probability distributions
- Demand: Single bin (ANN forecast, NAPS paper by Chin Yen Tee)



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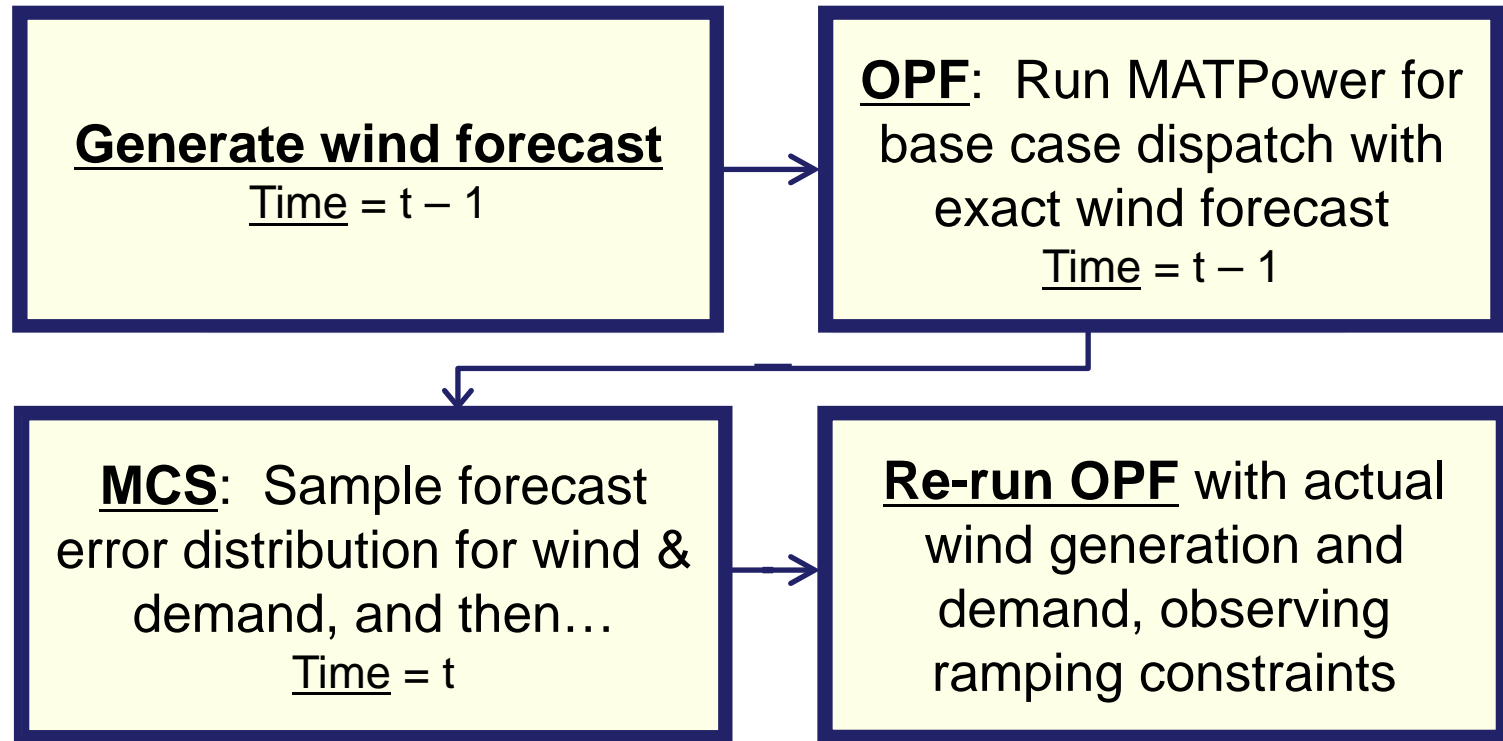
# *Determining Redispatch Costs*

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- Use MATPower OPF with a Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS) framework to estimate the *additional* cost of power system operation with uncertainty in wind and load forecasts.
- Base case scenarios are defined and then MCS is used to identify redispatch costs from wind and load uncertainty.
- Quantifying the cost of the uncertainty in wind power forecasts is defined in terms of changes in production cost and system lambda.



# *MCS Framework*



(>20,000 OPF runs)





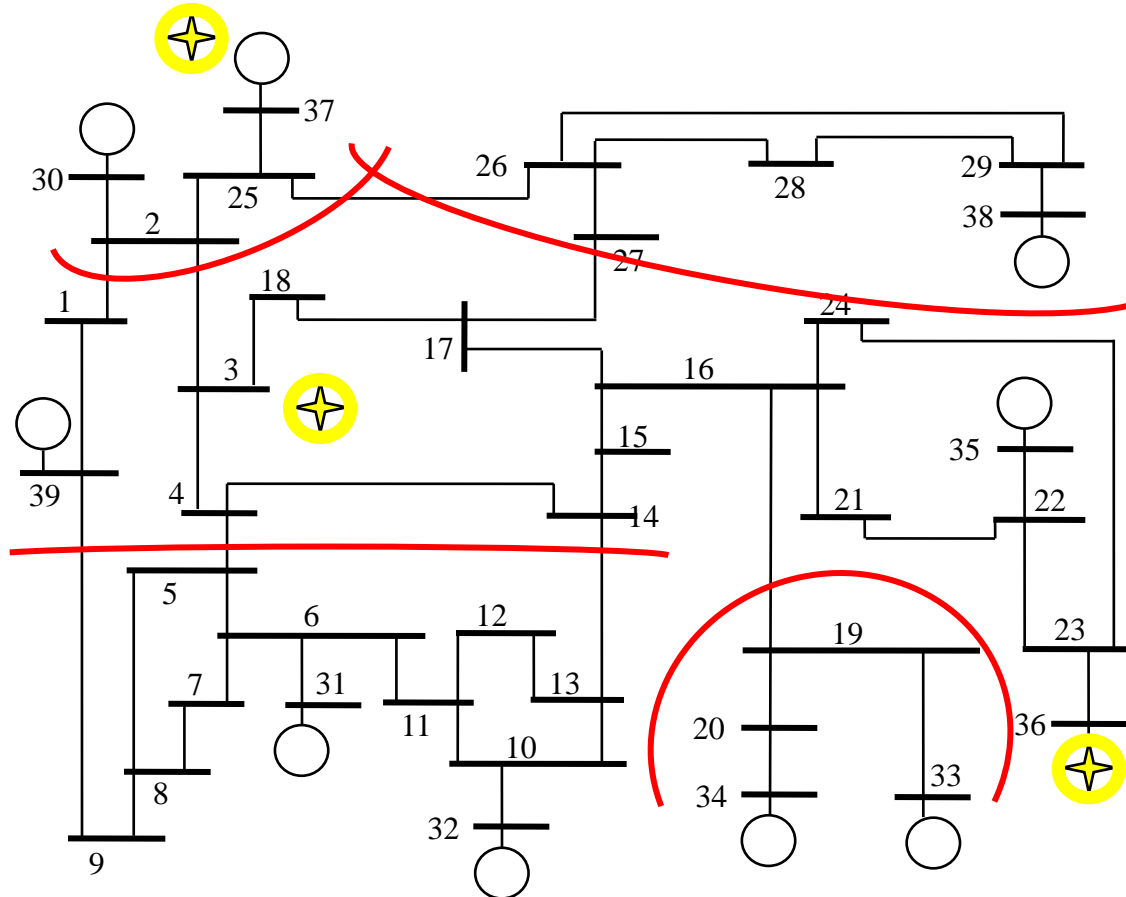
# *Base Cases Simulations*

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- 46 base cases defined based on wind power forecast, load level and non-wind ramp-rate:
  - Wind Output Forecast : 5%, 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%
  - Reserves Margin: 7.5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%
  - Non-Wind Ramp Rate: 17.5%, 35%
  
  - Allowed to spill wind? Yes / No



# Simulating Wind Power in 39-Bus System



# *Initial Assumptions*

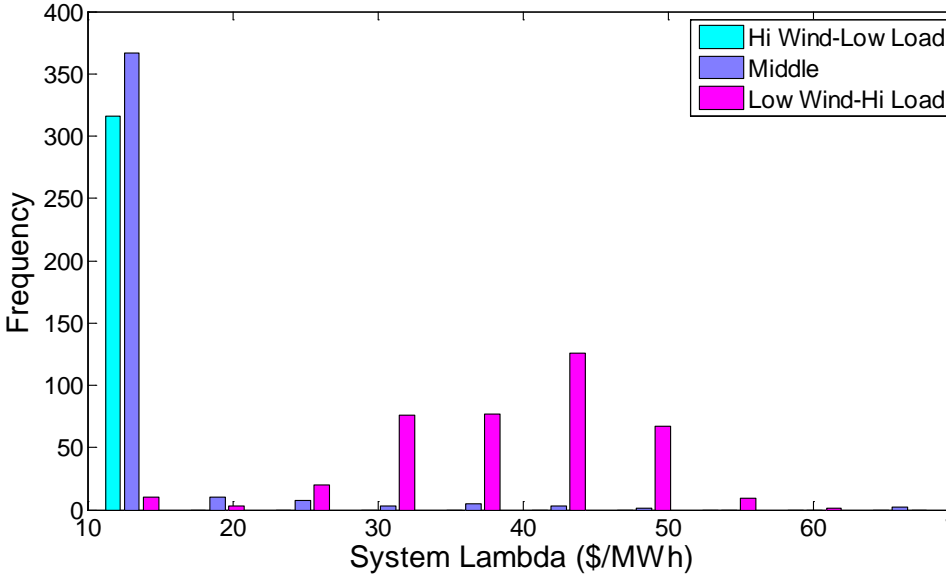
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- Wind speed smoothed geographically for 25 mi<sup>2</sup> wind farm
- Identical generator cost curve at each bus
- Ramping costs are 10% higher than energy alone
- Demand forecast uncertainty distributed proportionally across system
- No transmission constraints

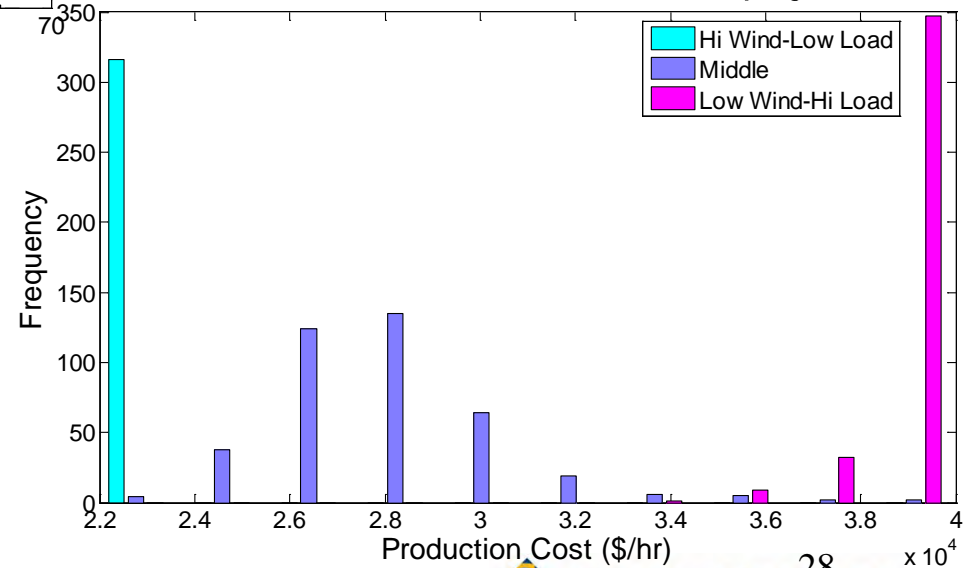


# Wind-Load Extremes, \$

System Lambda Extremes, 35% Ramping

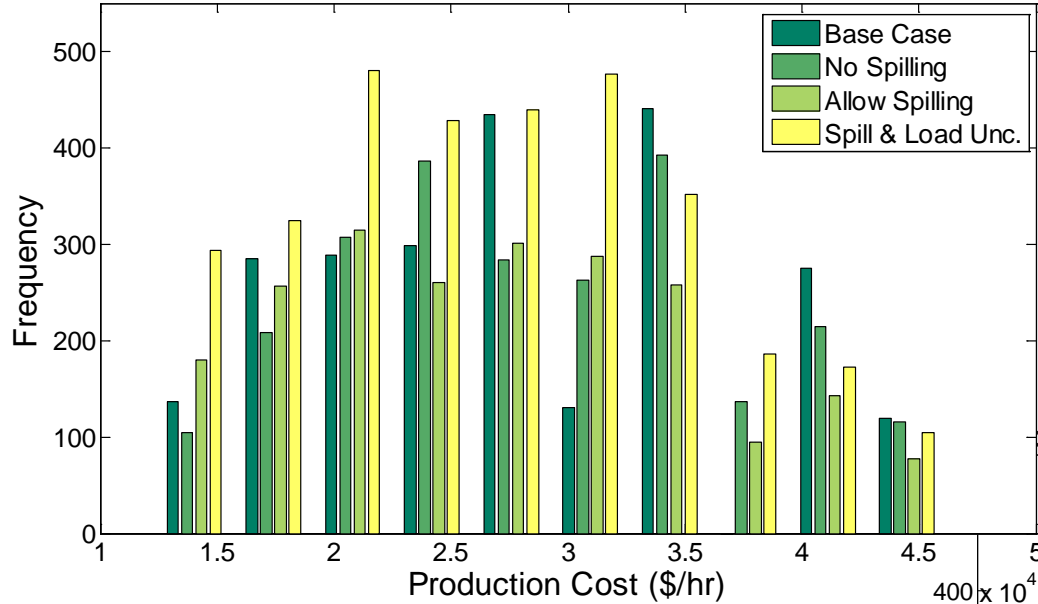


Production Cost Extremes, 35% Ramping

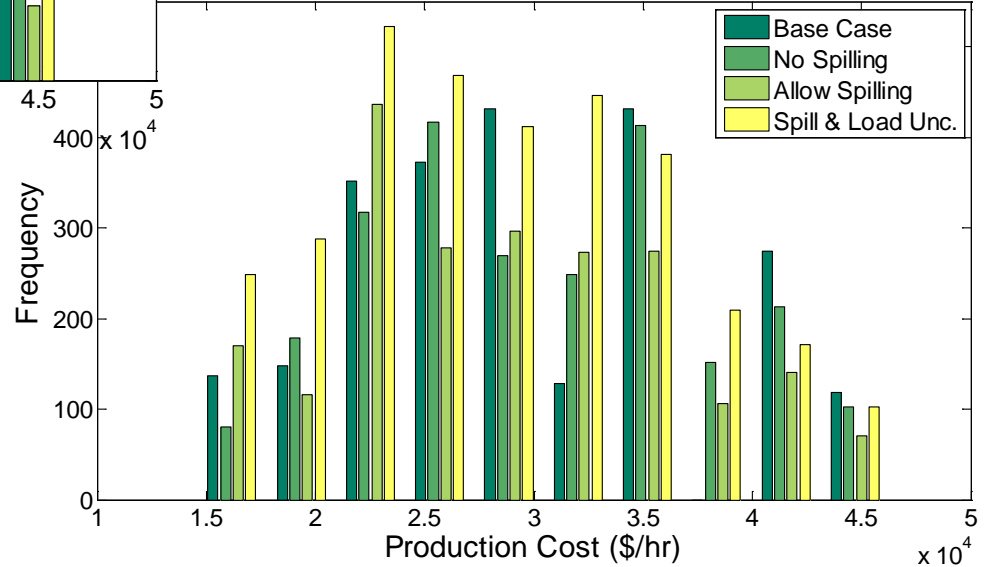


# Production Costs

Production Cost with Wind & Load Uncertainty, 35% Ramping

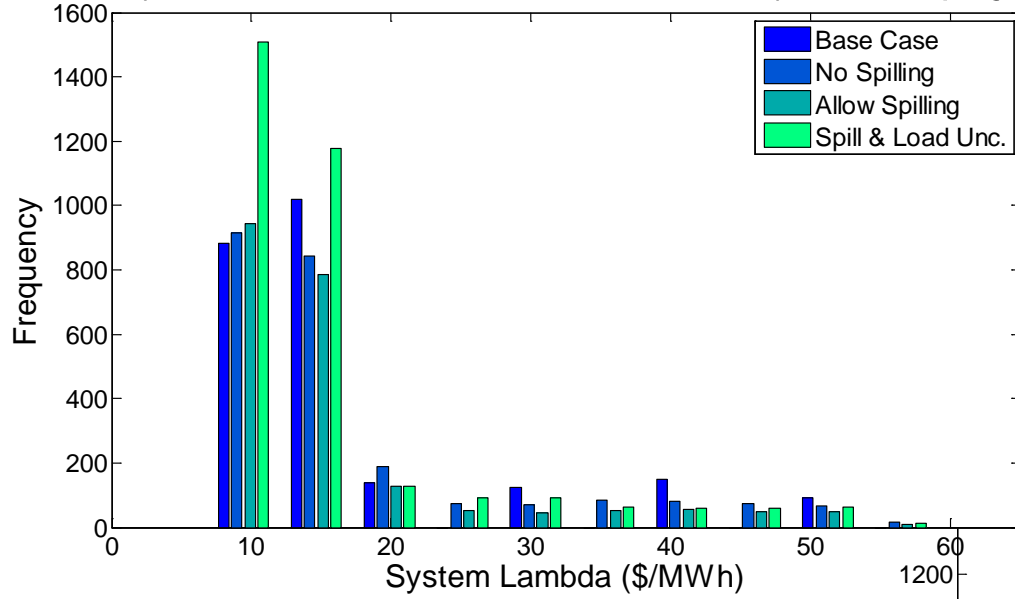


Production Cost with Wind & Load Uncertainty, 17.5% Ramping

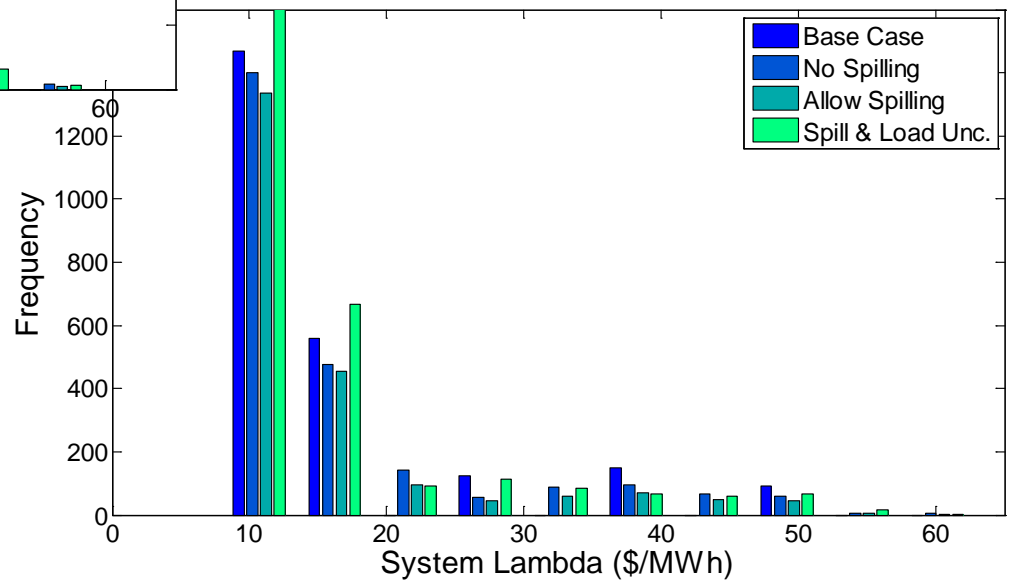


# System Lambda

System Lambda with Wind & Load Uncertainty, 35% Ramping

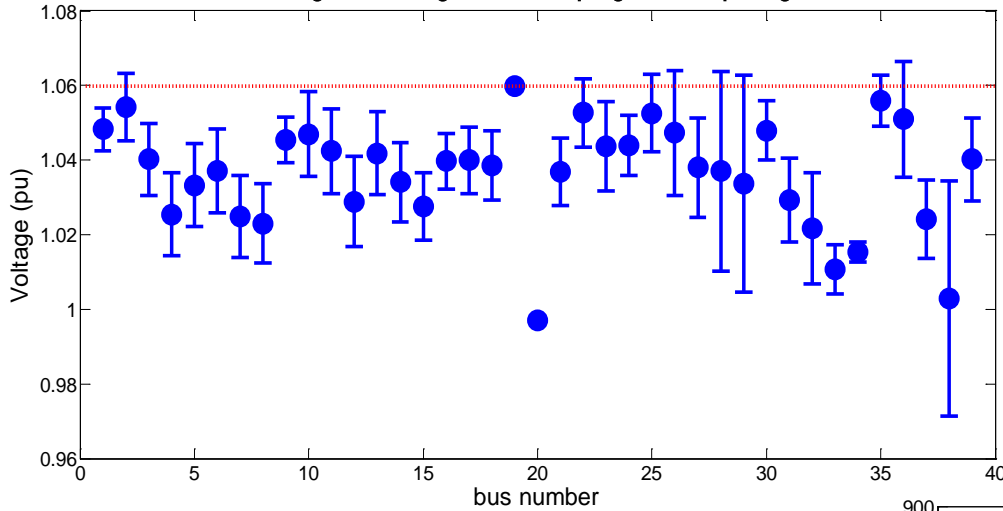


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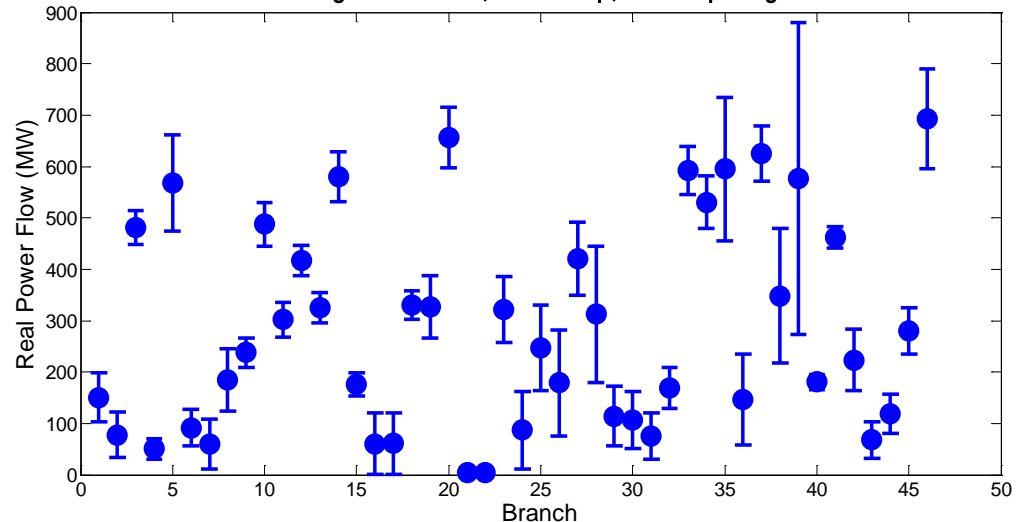
# Voltage Profile & Line Flows

Avg Bus Voltage, 35% Ramping, Allow Spilling

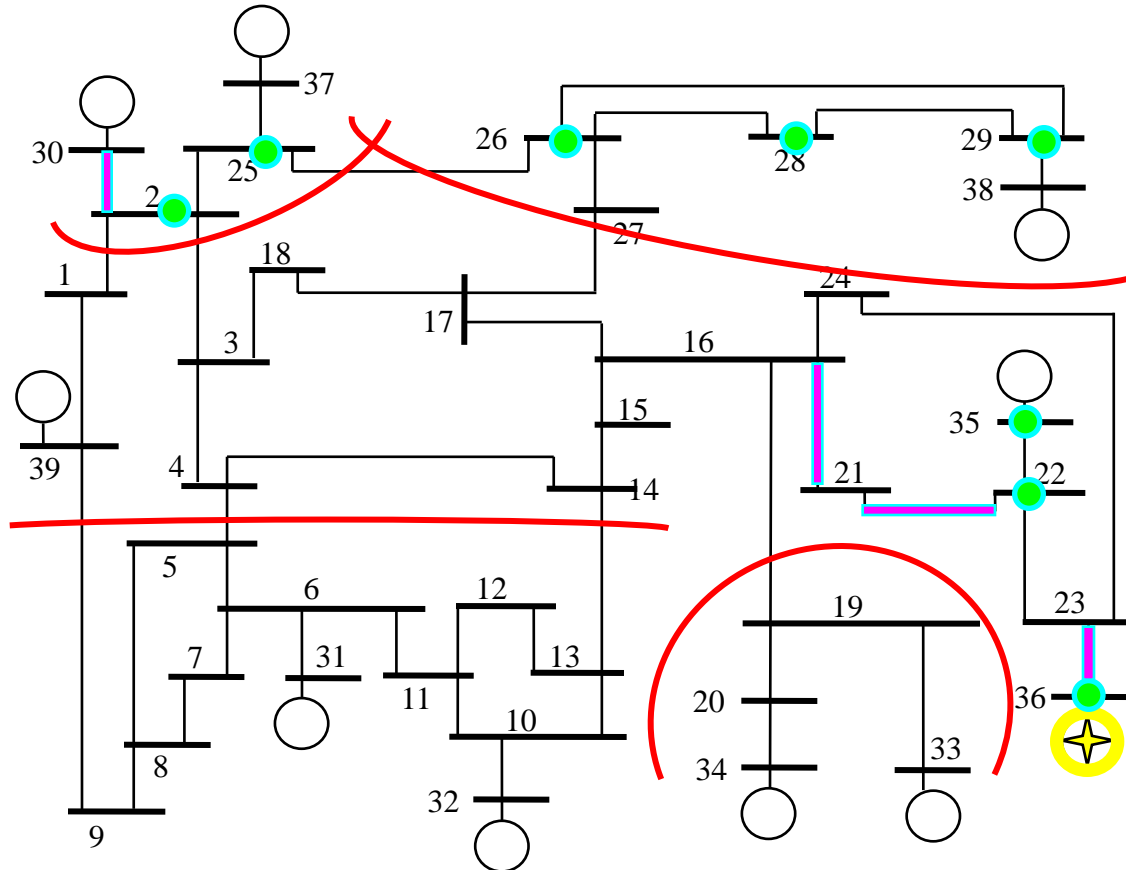


Note, the bars show one standard deviation, implying symmetry. This will be investigated further to determine if + or - deviations predominate.

Avg Power Flow, 35% Ramp, Allow Spilling



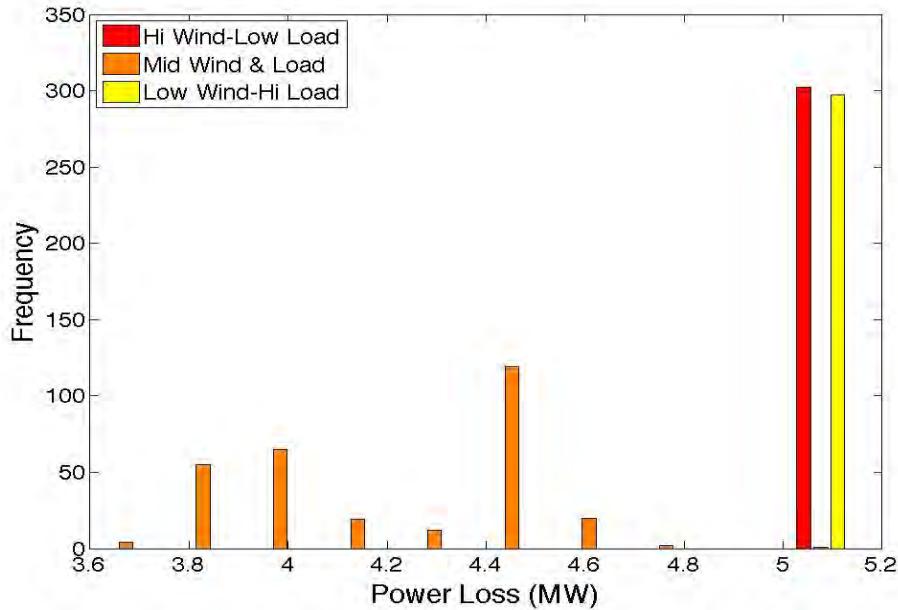
# *Voltage Profile & Line Flow Results*



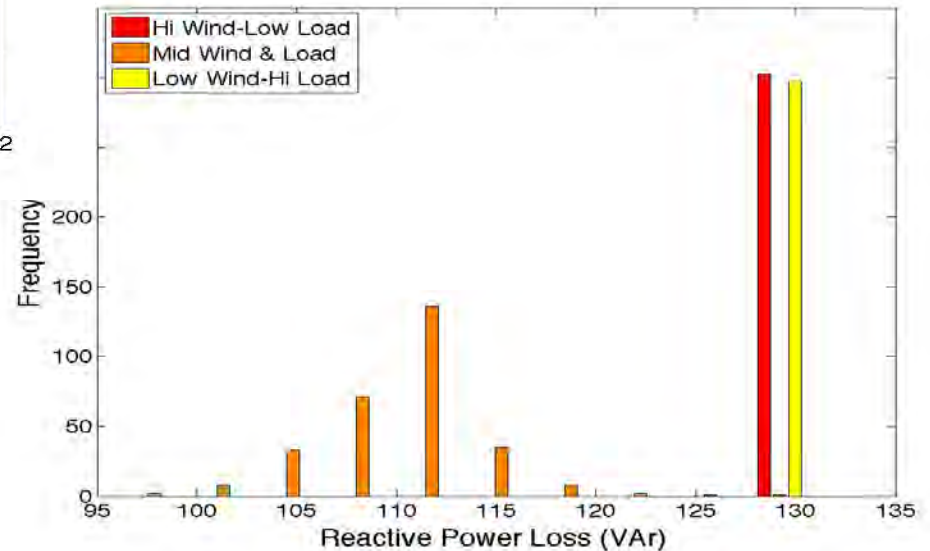


# Wind-Load Extremes, Loss

## Real Power Loss



## Reactive Power Loss



# *Interim Results*

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- Wind power forecast uncertainty does not significantly increase the range of production cost ... across all scenarios
  - Flexibility in using available wind power while spilling excess wind decreases costs.
  - Low-wind – High-load increases costs and system lambda volatility.
- System lambda volatility is greater at low ramp rates and when excess wind cannot be spilled.
- The voltage profile shows that 20% of the buses may vary beyond +/- 0.06pu.
  - The voltage at buses 28, 29 & 38 is seen to vary the most (upper right branch).
- Power flows from buses 2-30, 16-21 & 21-22 are most effected by the wind and load uncertainty.



## *Next: Improve Assumptions & Input Data*

- Add cost of interruptible load
  - To achieve 100% OPF convergence (assume \$10,000/MWh urban; \$5,000/MWh rural)
- Develop better generator cost curves
  - Use actual generation technology mix (RDI PowerDat)
  - Using heat rates, differentiate cost curves for each technology
- Improve ramping cost assumptions
  - Flat 10% cost premium currently used



# *Next: Expand Reporting & System Elements*

- System elements
  - Include transmission expansion and transmission constraints
    - Important to capture distinctions in location for DR and wind
  - Model three wind farms



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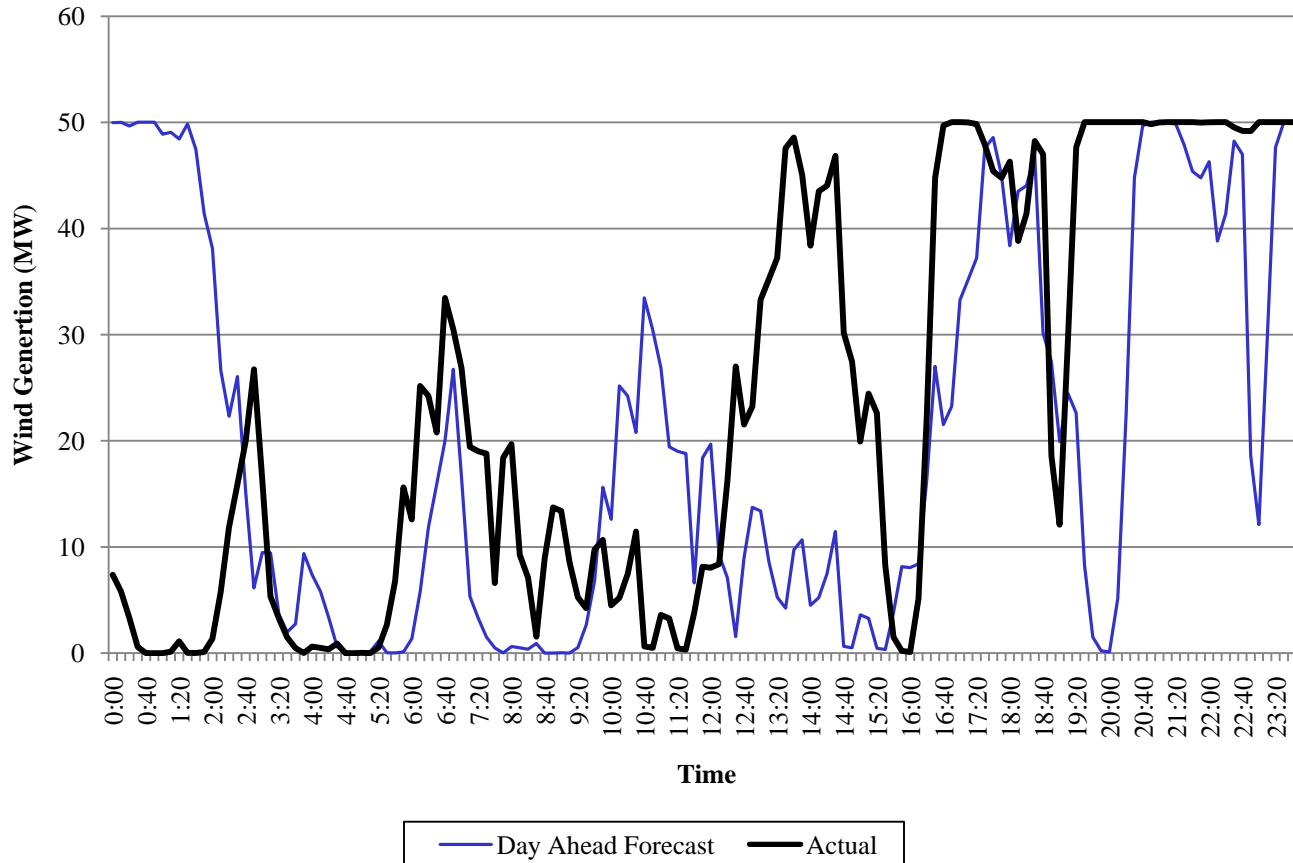
# *Determining Forecast Error Mitigation*

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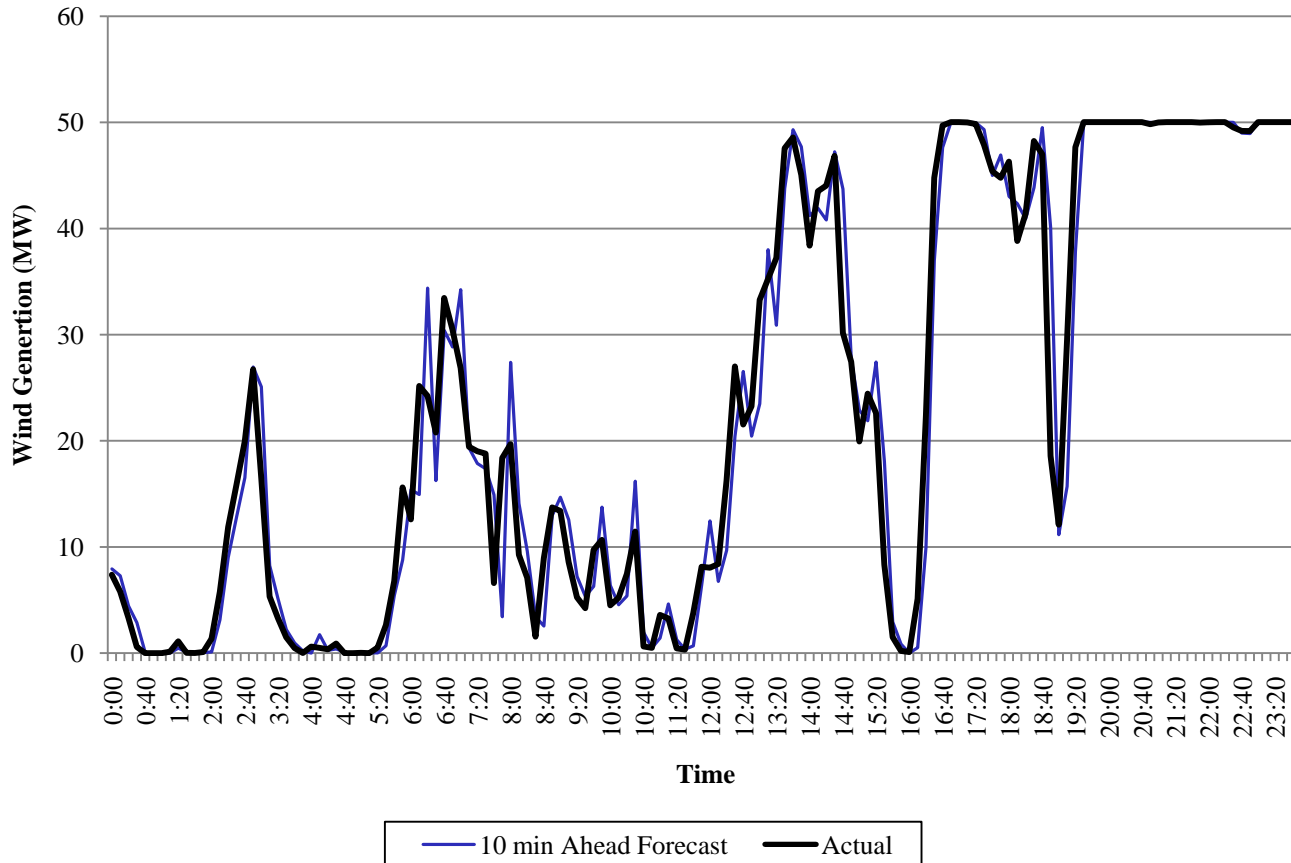
- Develop a framework to reduce net wind power variability
  - Through the use of paired, dedicated resources
  - Through diversification of sites
- Forecast errors are mitigated by
  - Demand response resources (DRR)
  - Gas turbine, storage, ...
- Decision framework uses updated forecasts, to assess the need for alternative resources



# Day Ahead Forecast Uncertainty



# 10-Minute Ahead Forecast Uncertainty



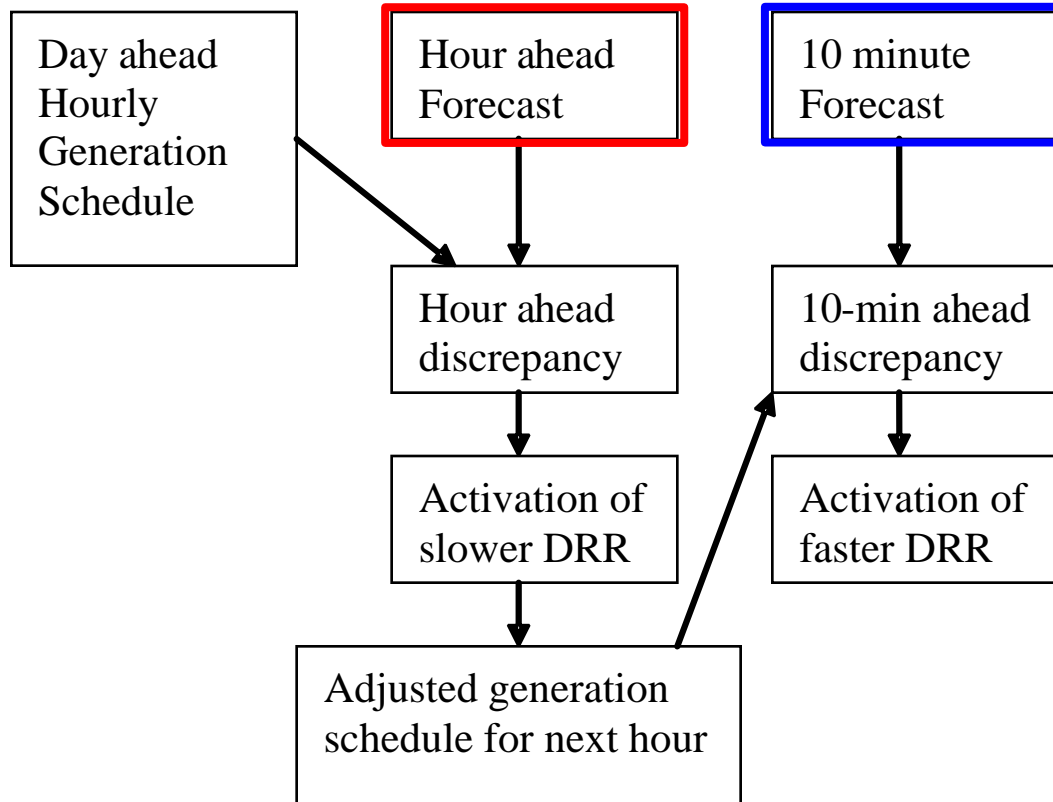


# The Framework

1) Day ahead

2) Hour ahead

3) 10 min ahead



# The Framework

1) Generation Schedule (Day Ahead)  $\equiv G_1$

2) Hour Ahead Correction:

$$\Delta_{1h} = G_1 - (\alpha_{1h} + \beta_{1h} P_{1h}), \text{ and}$$

$$DR_{1h} = \begin{cases} \Delta_{1h} \gamma_{1h} & \text{if } \Delta_{1h} > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \text{ where}$$

$DR_t$  is quantity of DR t ahead  
 $\gamma_t$  is the fraction of shortfall to cover, t ahead

3) 10 Minute Ahead Correction:

$$\Delta_{10M} = G_1 - DR_{1h} - (\alpha_{10M} + \beta_{10M} P_{10M}), \text{ and}$$

$$DR_{10M} = \begin{cases} \Delta_{10M} \gamma_{10M} & \text{if } \Delta_{10M} > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# *What are the best $\gamma$ s to use?*

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- Selection of the fraction of the forecast error to mitigate at each step,  $\gamma$ , depends on the relative costs:

$$C_T = \Delta_{1h} \gamma_{1h} C_{1h} + \Delta_{10M} \gamma_{10M} C_{10M} + \Delta_{RT} C_{RT}$$

- We can assume

$$C_{1h} \leq C_{10M} \leq C_{RT}$$



# *Cost to Mitigate Wind Uncertainty*

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Given that the cost associated with mitigating wind variability with this strategy is given by

$$C_T = \Delta_{1h} \gamma_{1h} C_{1h} + \Delta_{10M} \gamma_{10M} C_{10M} + \Delta_{RT} C_{RT}$$

Develop a framework to identify the best fraction of the forecast error to mitigate at each market stage (determine the  $\gamma$ s)



# *The Bottom Line*

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- The fraction of shortfall that is mitigated at each time scale,  $\gamma$ , is not constant across time scales
- Using the appropriate  $\gamma$  values has a significant impact on costs
  - *For relative costs of 1, 1.5 & 3 (RT, 10min, HA), the total cost of DR usage is reduced by 25% under the optimal gamma values.*
- Specific  $\gamma$  values are location and market specific.



# *Project Stages: Integrate framework*

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## *Next Step: Integrate all elements of project*

1. Geographic smoothing of wind power output, *plus*
  2. MCS framework using the 39-bus model to simulate costs of redispatch, *plus*
    - (With transmission constraints)
  3. ‘ $\gamma$ ’ decision framework to decide the capacity of the paired resource to use (specifically demand response)
- **In order to find the most cost-effective locations and quantities of various demand response programs, to mitigate wind variability on the network.**



# Summary

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- Geographic diversity of wind power generation modeling shows decreased variability as expected
- Framework to analyze costs of redispatch to mitigate wind variability
  - To be updated with consistent set of input assumptions
  - To be expanded to include transmission constraints
- Framework to determine percentage of forecast error to mitigate, ‘ $\gamma$ ,’ to be combined with network modeling
  
- QUESTIONS?

