

Uncertainty Quantification in Wind Power Prediction

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Impact of environmental uncertainties on offshore wind farms

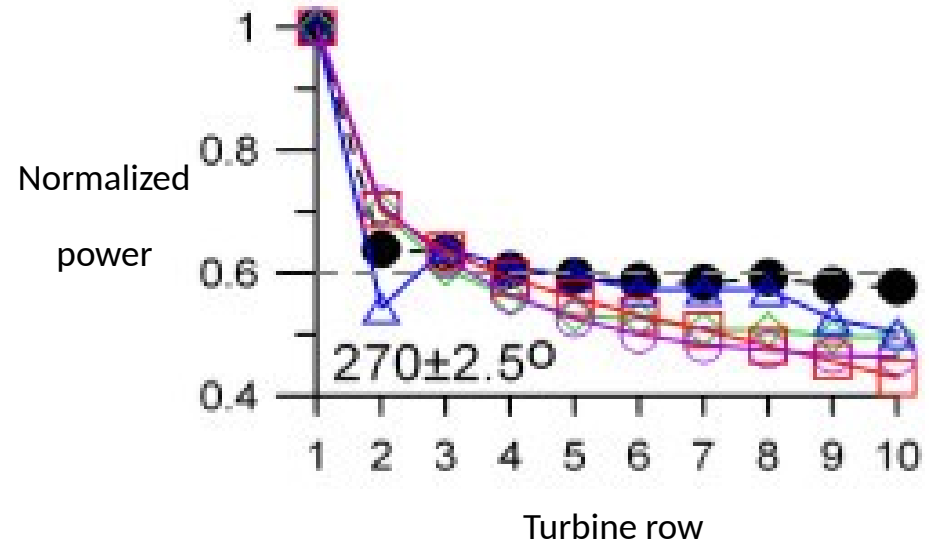
Uncertainties:

- Wind direction: up to 40% reduction in power output
- Wind speed
- Turbulence intensity

Horns Rev offshore wind farm with turbines in each other's wake



Wind direction aligned with turbine rows



Uncertainties in individual wind turbines

Uncertainties:

- Wear and tear
- Production tolerances



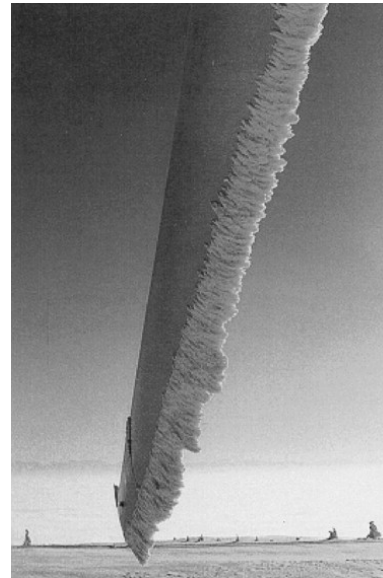
Surface roughness

Geometry

Insect contamination



Ice formation



Increasing integration of renewable energy sources in the electrical grid

Increasing variability in electricity production:

- Growing capacity of renewable energy
- More extreme weather fluctuations

Supply and demand in equilibrium at all times:

- Frequency instabilities
- Power black outs

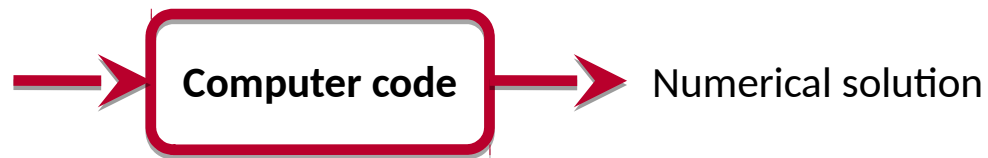
Short-term operation and long-term grid extension planning:

- Deterministic scenarios
- Purely historical data

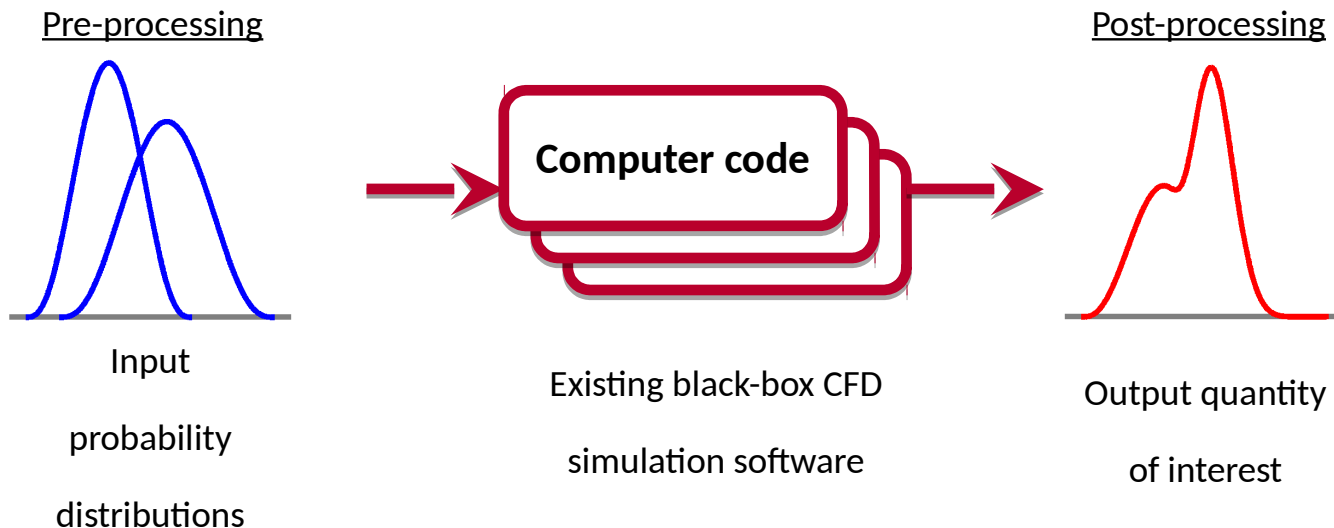
Uncertainty Quantification: Performing multiple simulations

Conventional CFD simulations:

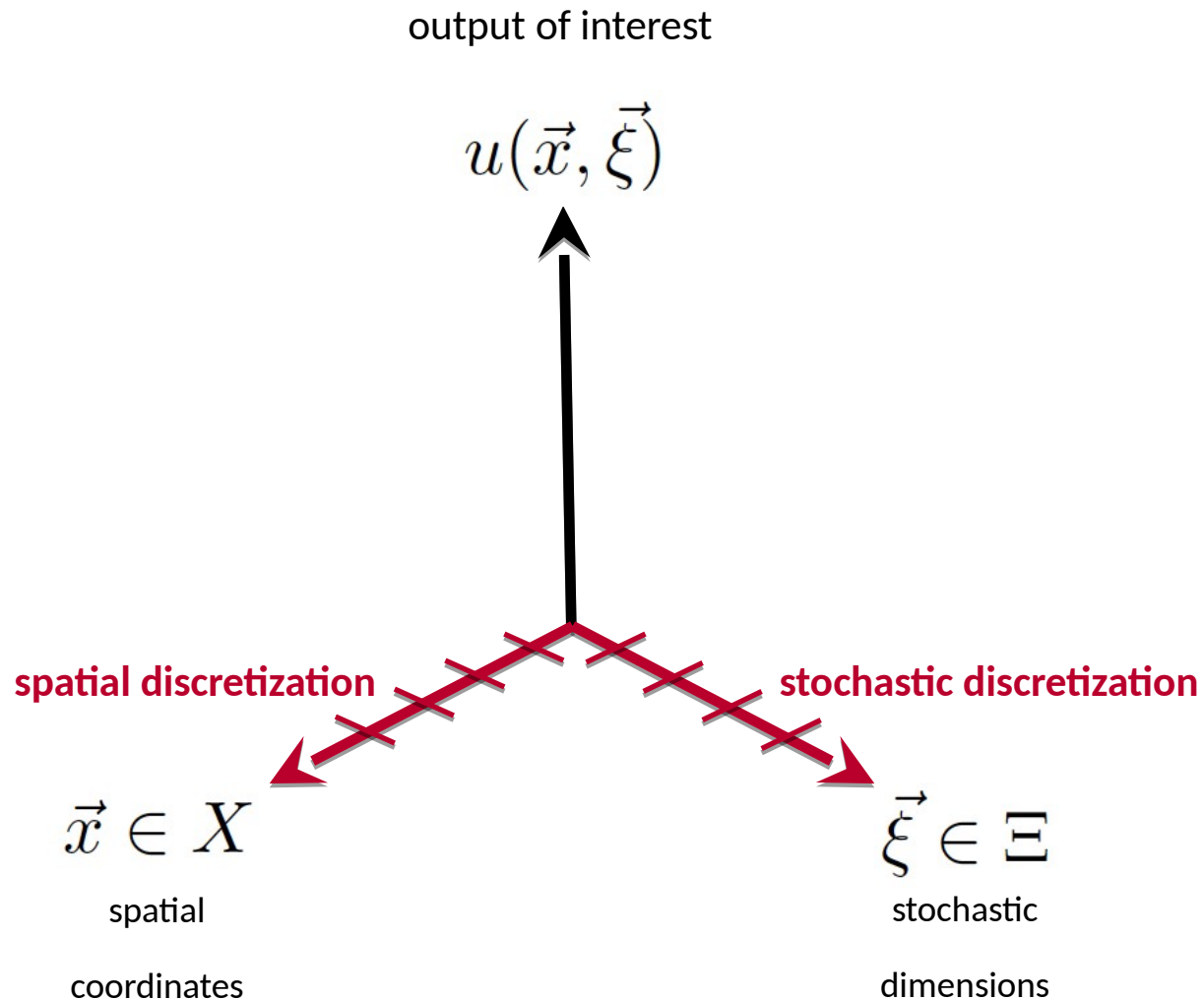
- Model parameters
- Initial conditions
- Boundary conditions



Uncertainty quantification in CFD:



Discretization of spatial and stochastic dimensions



Wind turbine robust optimization under uncertainty

- Wind conditions: magnitude, turbulence intensity, direction
- Insect contamination: root, mid-span, tip transition e^N factor
- Manufacturing tolerances: root, mid-span, tip twist angles

50kW AOC 15/50 wind turbine



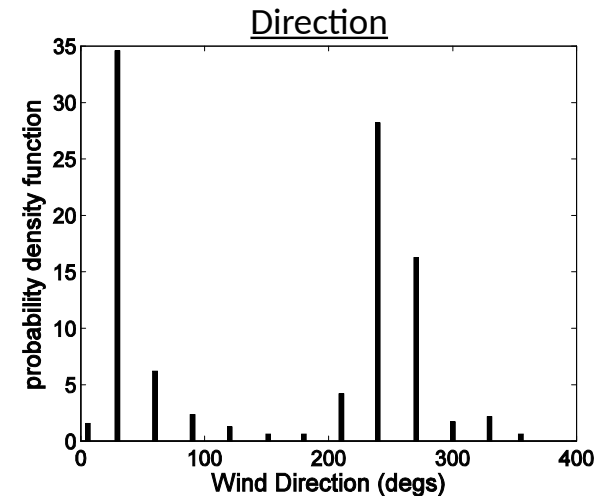
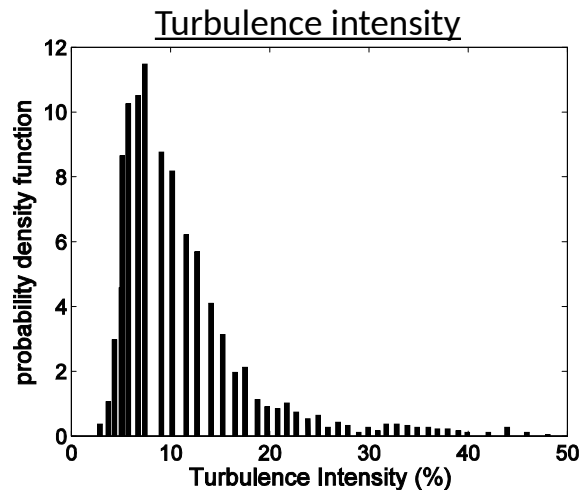
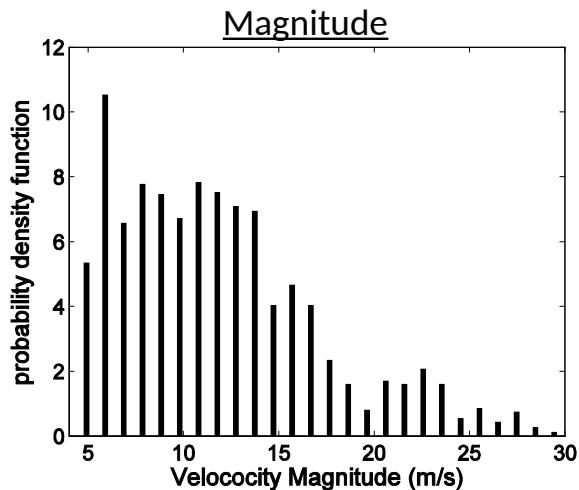
Acqua Spruzza site in Italy



Uncertainty in wind conditions given by measured histograms

- Wind conditions: non-standard probability distributions
- Insect contamination: uniform distributions, $N = U(1, 9)$
- Manufacturing tolerances: uniform distributions, $\theta = U(-2^\circ, 2^\circ)$

Input probability density functions for the uncertain wind conditions



Largest impact of wind conditions on power coefficient

Mean and standard deviation of power output and noise level:

- Wind uncertainty halves mean power coefficient
- Order-of-magnitude larger standard deviation
- Relatively smaller effects on sound pressure level

Power coefficient

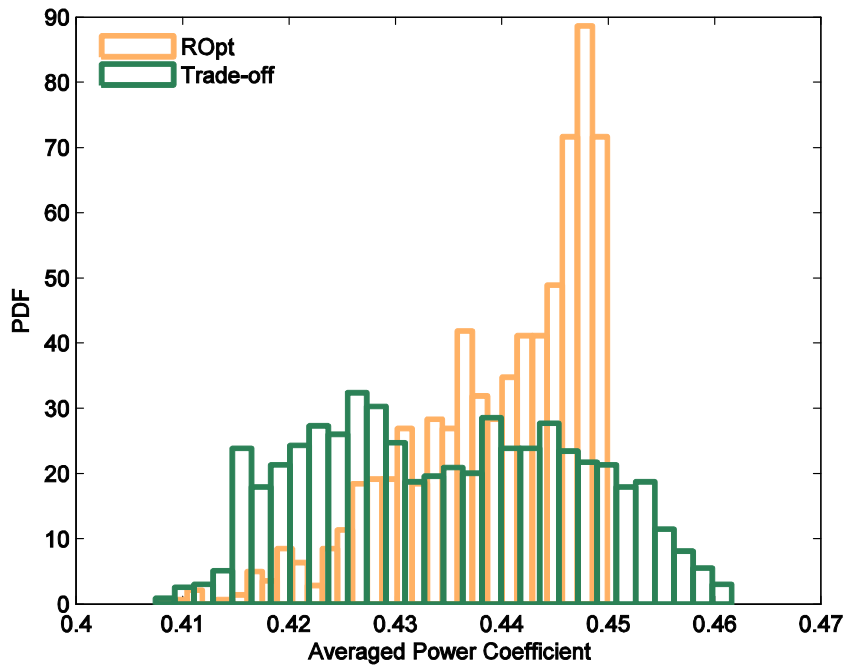
	Mean	Standard deviation
Deterministic	0.4596	-
Wind	0.2776	0.1189
Insect	0.4340	0.0162
Manufacturing	0.4560	0.0071

Sound pressure level (dB)

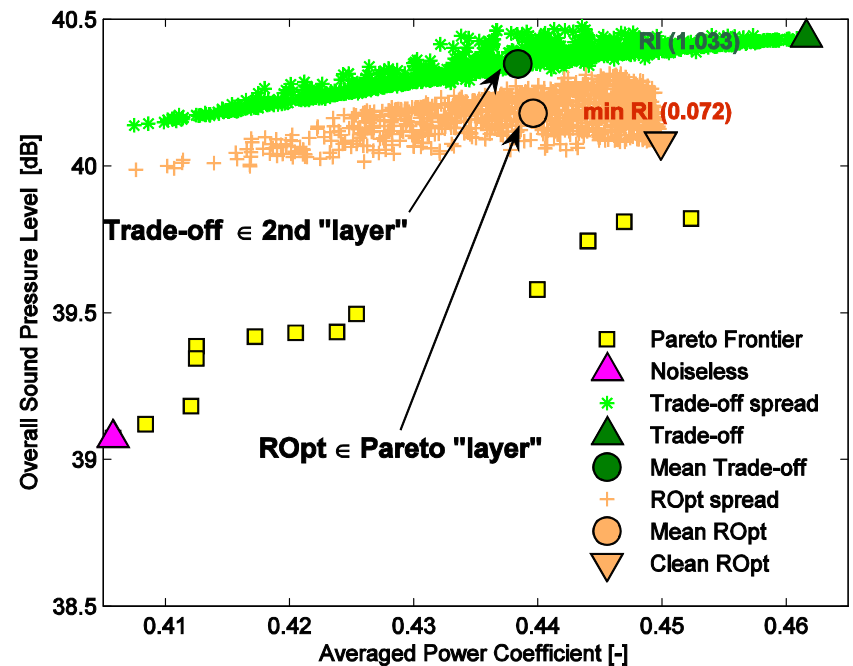
	Mean	Standard deviation
Deterministic	44.711	-
Wind	40.453	3.2853
Insect	44.651	0.0738
Manufacturing	44.719	0.2216

Optimal robust design has peak probability at maximal power output

Density of power coefficient for optimum and trade-off



Robust optimization based on probability distribution of rank and Monte Carlo sampling of SSC response surface

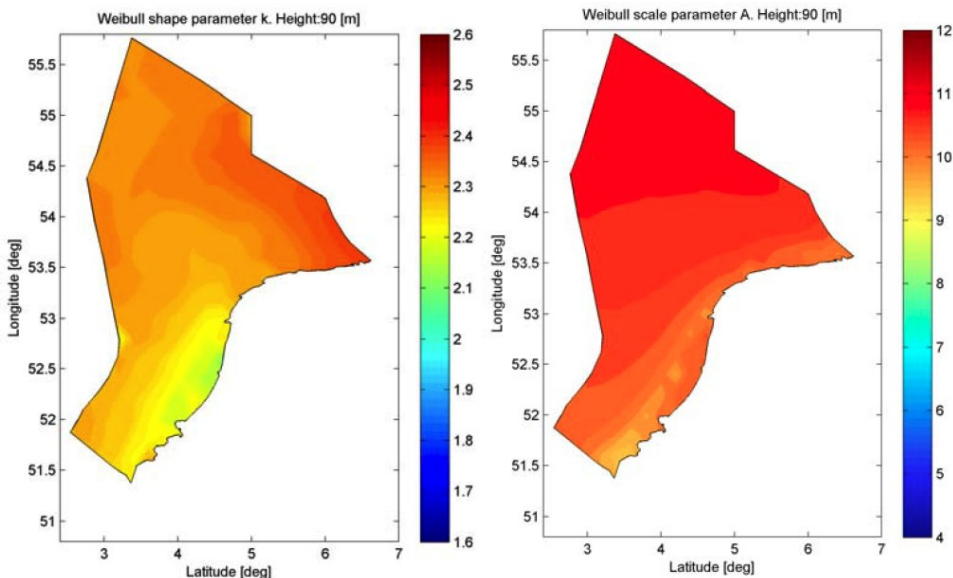


Wind probability distribution

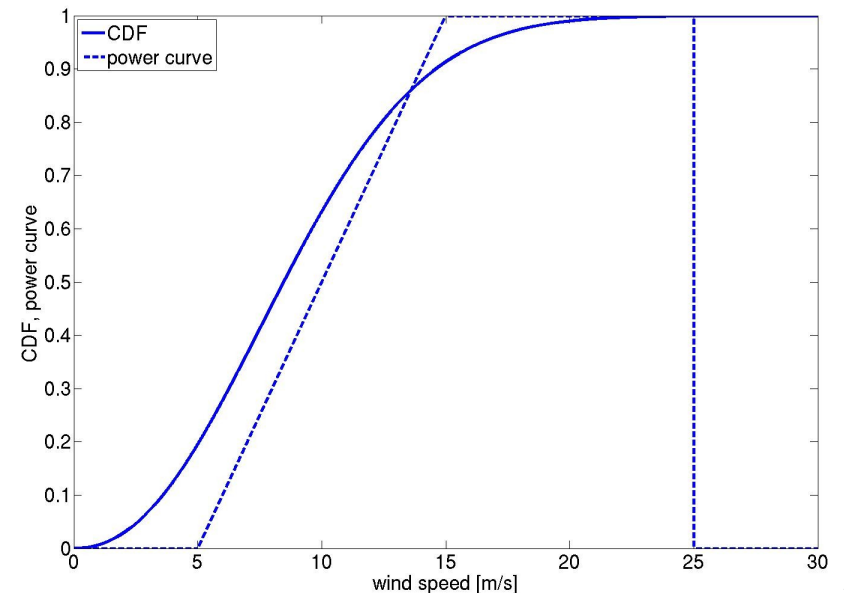
- Weibull probability distribution for wind speed
- Weibull parameter values for offshore wind in The Netherlands: $\lambda = 10$; $k = 2.2$
- Standard wind turbine power curve

$$f(x; \lambda, k) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{\lambda} \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{k-1} e^{-(x/\lambda)^k} & x \geq 0, \\ 0 & x < 0, \end{cases}$$

k and λ values for Dutch North Sea



Cumulative distribution function

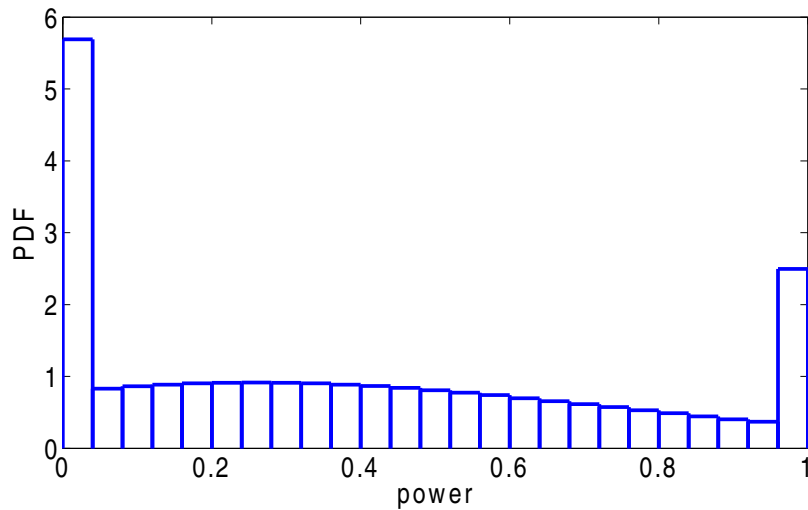


Wind power probability distribution

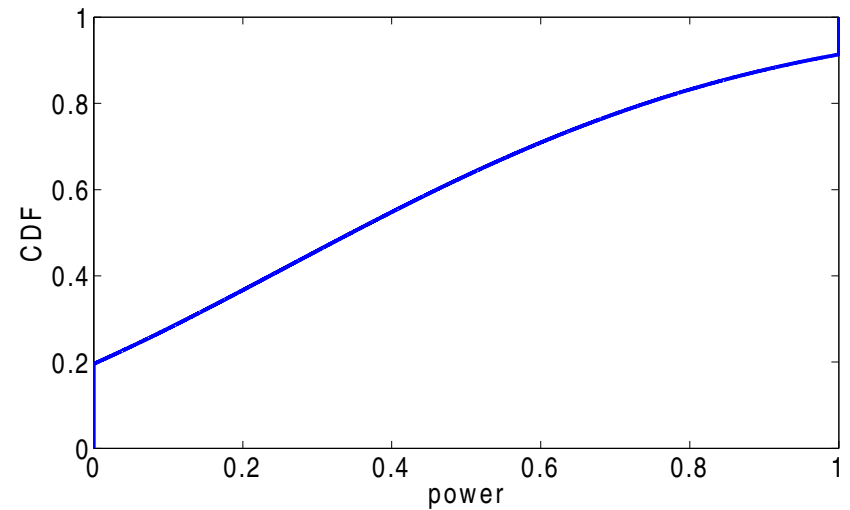
Highest probabilities:

- No power outside cut-in and cut-out wind speed
- Maximum power owing to power curve plateau

Probability density histogram



Cumulative distribution function

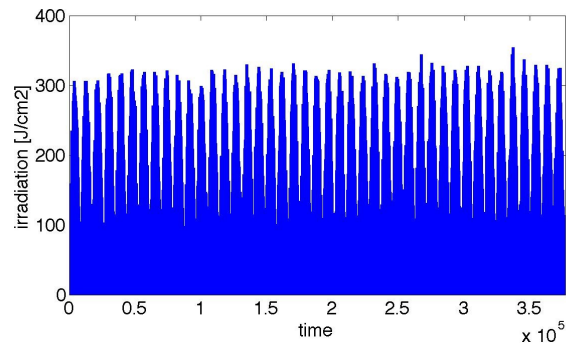


Solar irradiation input data

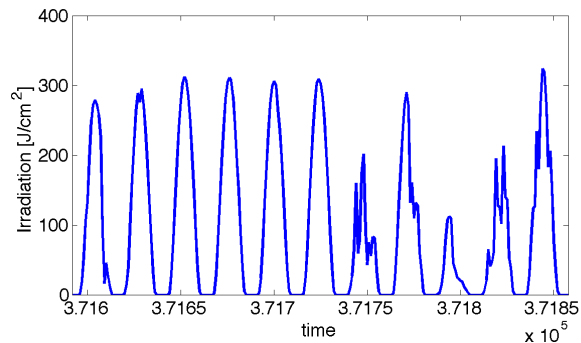
- Hourly irradiation data 1970-2012 in J/cm^2 per hour
- Royal Dutch Meteorological Institute (KNMI), DeBilt
- Latitude 52.101° north, Longitude 5.177° east, altitude 2.00m
- 376968 data points

Historical time series

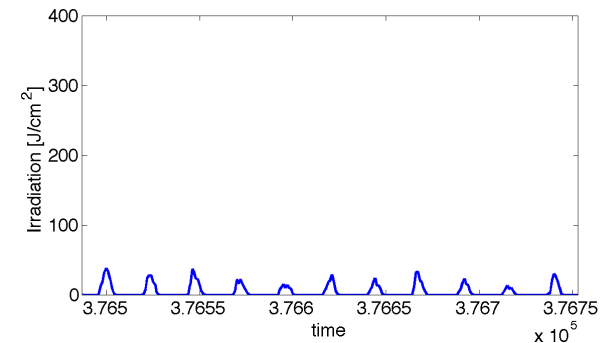
data 1970-2012



11 days in summer 2012



11 days in December 2012



Solar power probability distribution

Photo-voltaic (PV) systems:

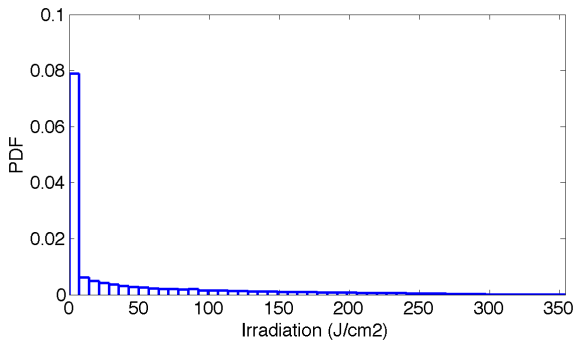
- Capacity rated in standard Watt peak (Wp):

$$1\text{Wp} = 1000 \text{ W/m}^2 = 360 \text{ J/cm}^2 \text{ per hour}$$

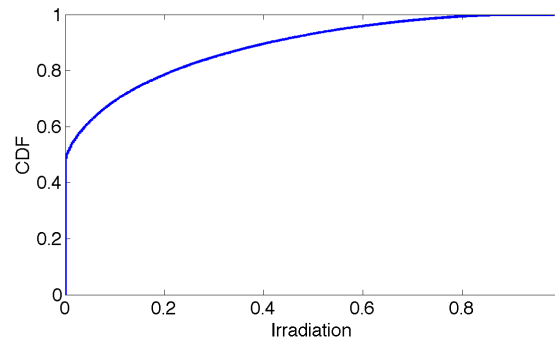
- Irradiation scaled by Wp
- Linear power conversion (temperature effects neglected):

Solar power = scaled irradiation x rated capacity (1003MW)

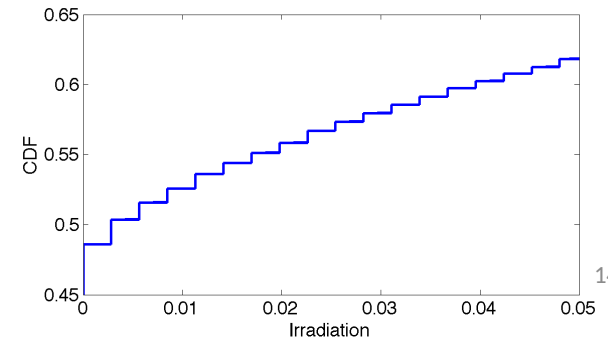
Probability density histogram



Cumulative distribution function



Discrete distribution due to finite measurement accuracy

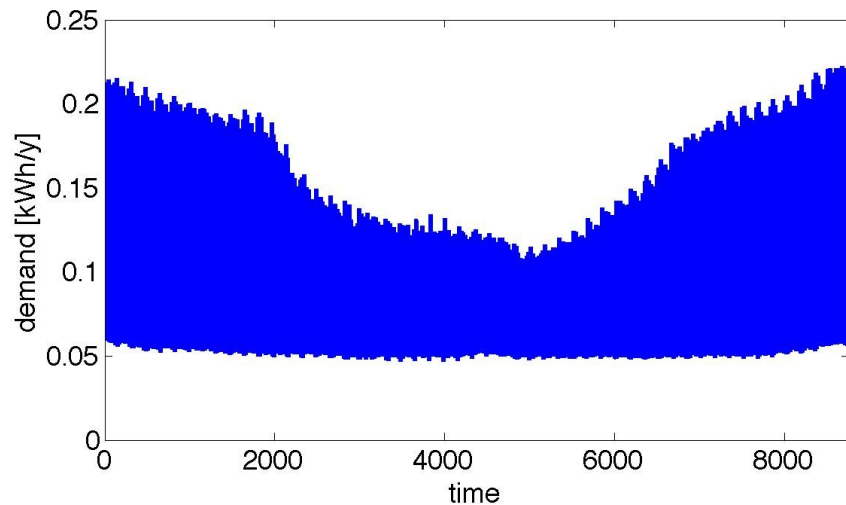


Demand input data

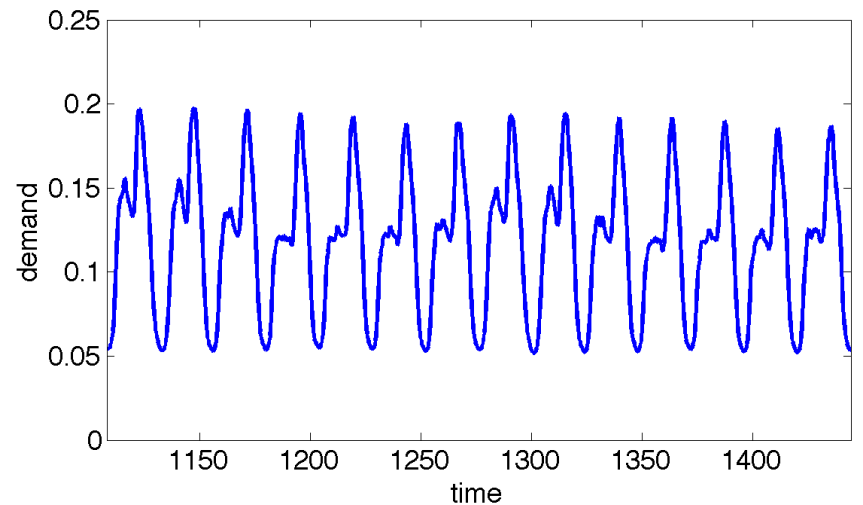
Consumed active power per household:

- Yearly 15 minute Dutch averages
- In kWh per 15 minute
- 35040 data points

Yearly average



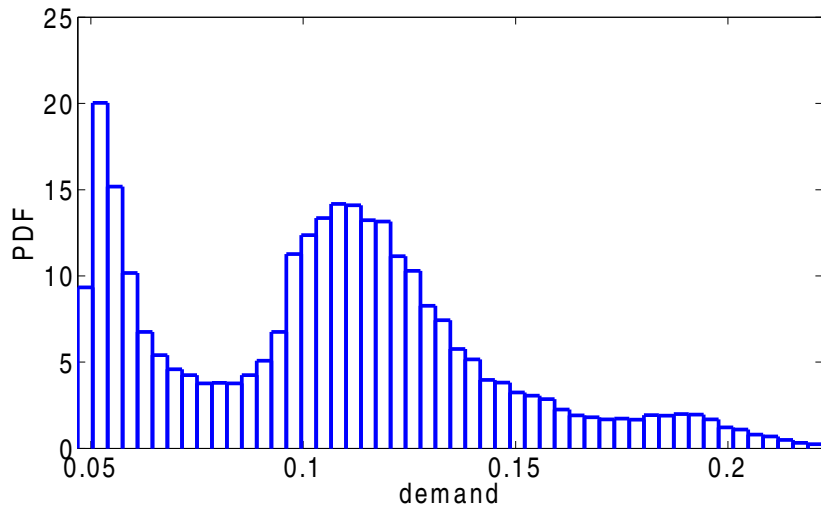
Two weeks in spring



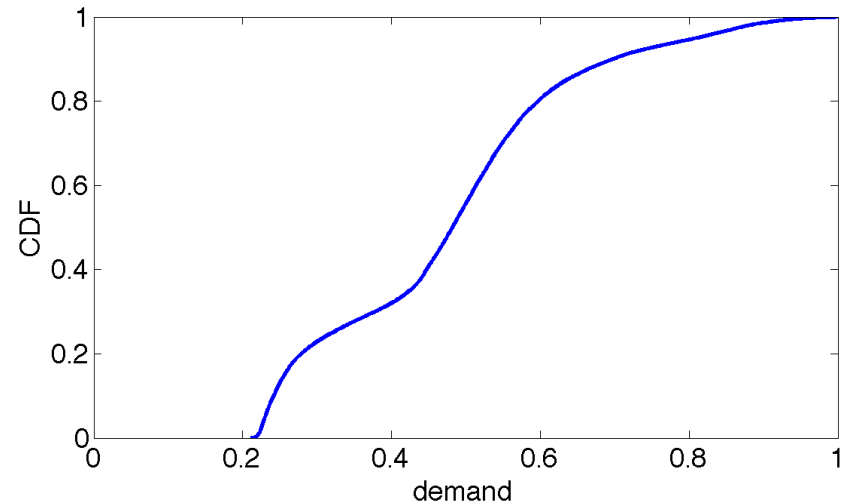
Demand probability distribution

- Maximum demand scaled to 1
- $Demand = scaled\ demand \times IEEE\ 300\ demand$

Probability density histogram



Cumulative distribution function



Stochastic power flow simulations of the electrical grid

Uncertain solar, wind, and demand: balanced by gas (18303MW)

Line diagram of standard IEEE 300 bus test system

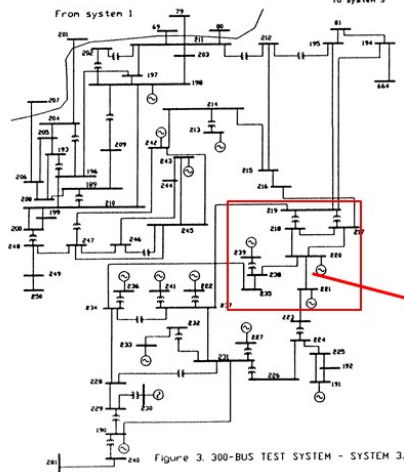
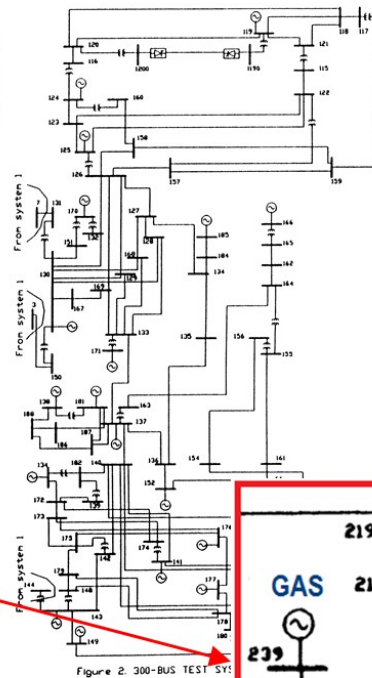
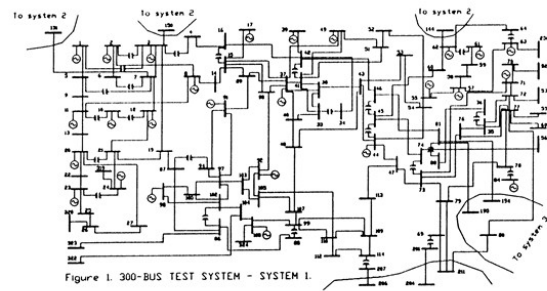
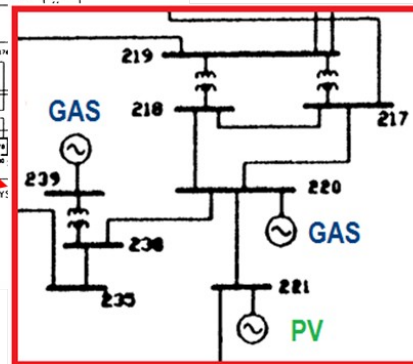


Figure 2: 300-BUS TEST SY:



300 busses:

- Bus voltages

2 x 411 branches:

- Branch currents
- Branch power

Replace generation:

- Solar: 4% (1003MW)
- Wind: 17% (3894MW)

Nonlinear steady-state power flow equations

Voltage V_i at bus i :

$$V_i = |V_i| \angle \delta_i = |V_i| (\cos \delta_i + j \sin \delta_i) = G_{ij} + jB_{ij}$$

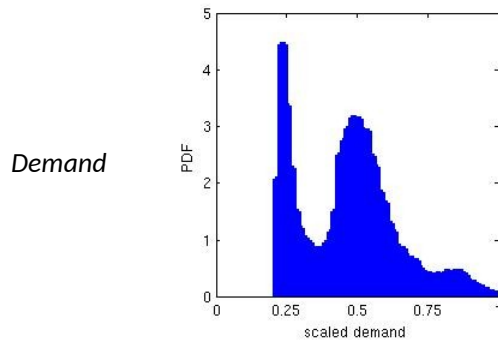
Active and reactive power, P_i and Q_i , at bus i :

$$P_i = \sum_{N=1}^N |V_i| |V_j| (G_{ij} \cos \delta_{ij} + B_{ij} \sin \delta_{ij})$$
$$Q_i = \sum_{N=1}^N |V_i| |V_j| (G_{ij} \sin \delta_{ij} - B_{ij} \cos \delta_{ij})$$

$N \times N$ bus admittance matrix Y :

$$Y_{ij} = |Y_{ij}| \angle \theta_{ij} = |Y_{ij}| \cos \theta_{ij} + j|Y_{ij}| \sin \theta_{ij} = G_{ij} + jB_{ij}$$

Uncorrelated three-dimensional distribution

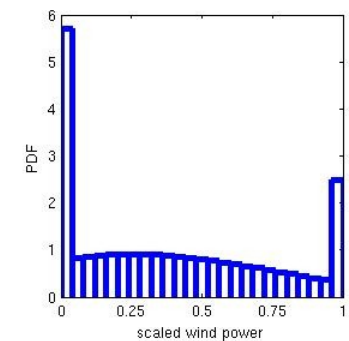
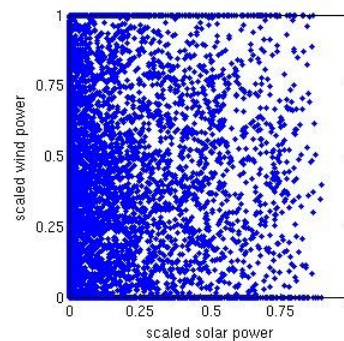
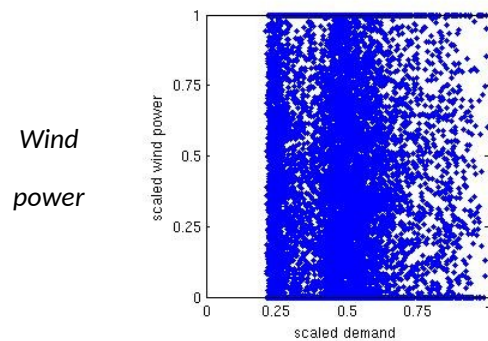
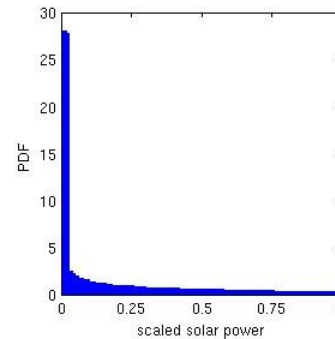
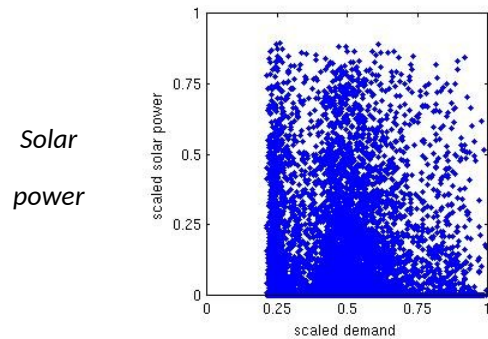


Probabilistic approach:

- Incorporate new future loading conditions

Historical time series approach:

- Fully correlated assumption

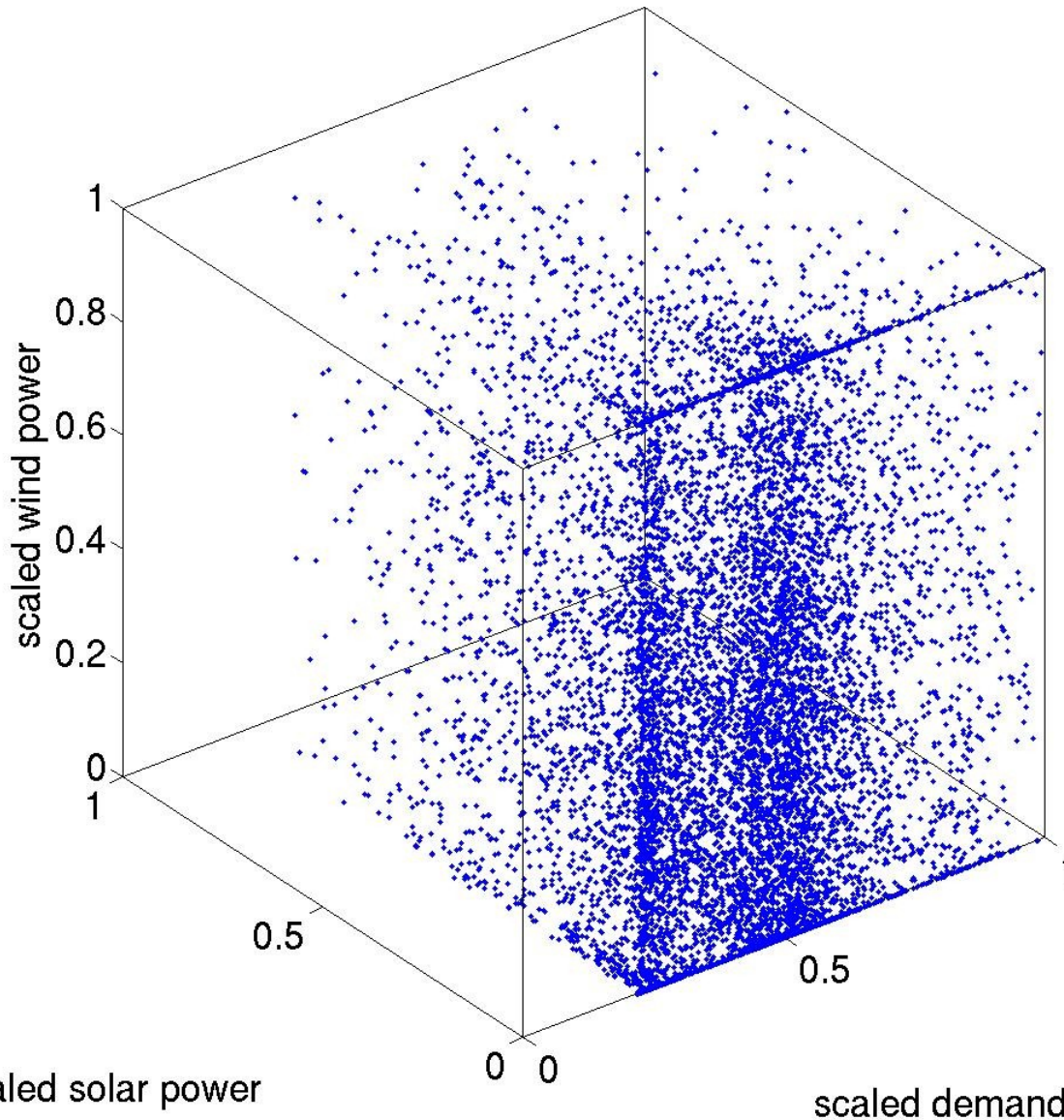


Demand

Solar power

Wind power

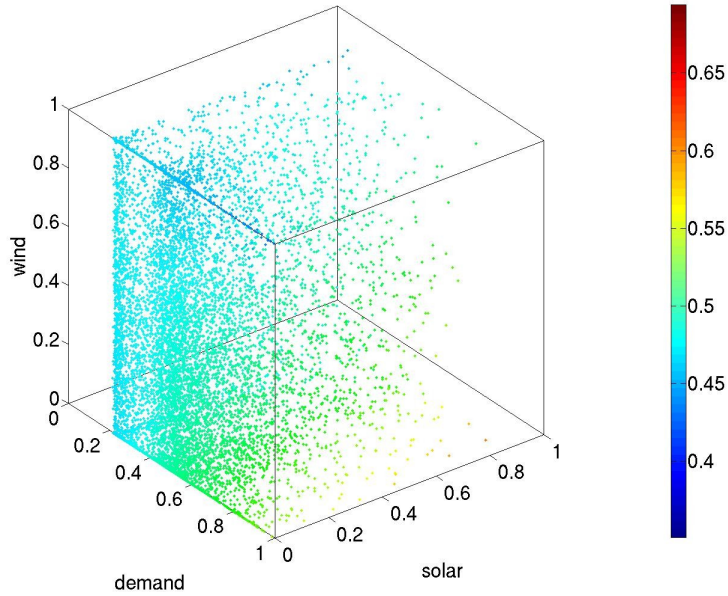
Monte Carlo simulation is expensive



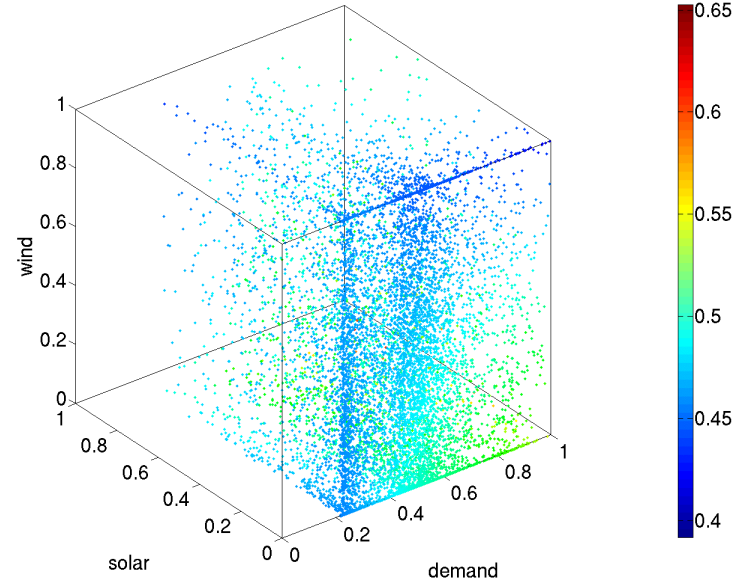
- 10,000 random sampling points
- Real-time in operation
- Repeat many failure scenarios

Computational points: Branch current 1

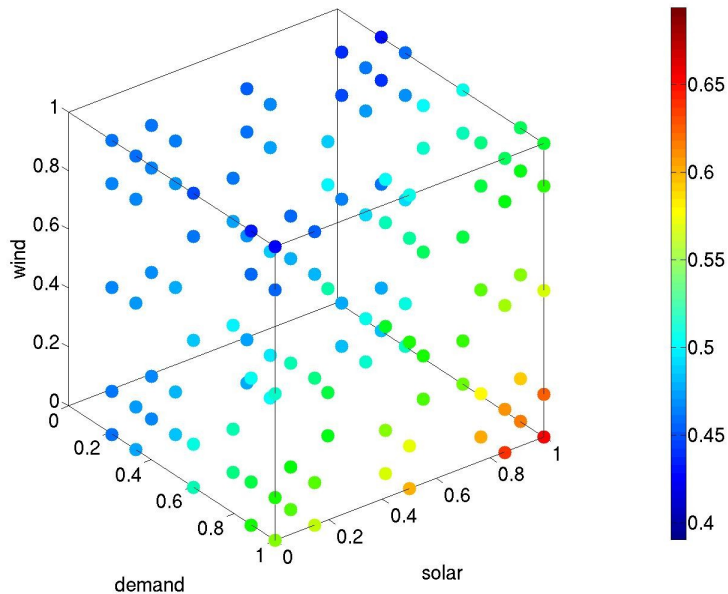
10,000 Monte Carlo points



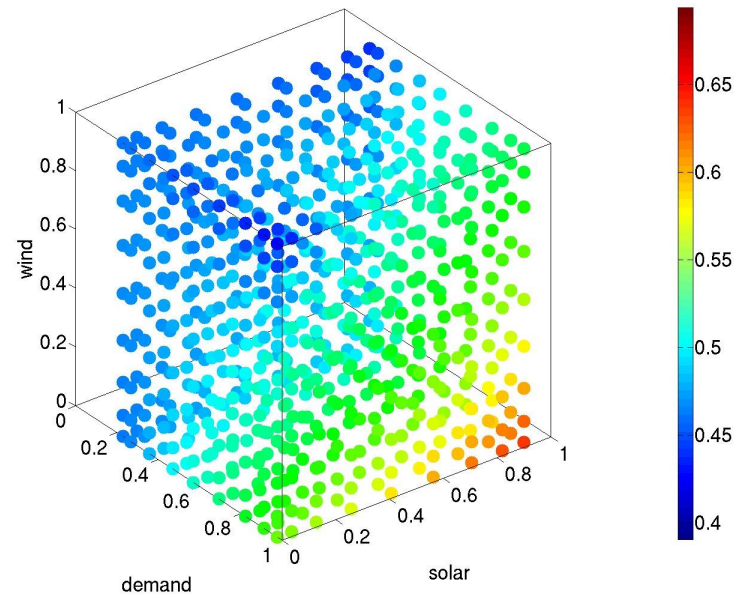
branch 1



125Clenshaw-Curtis points

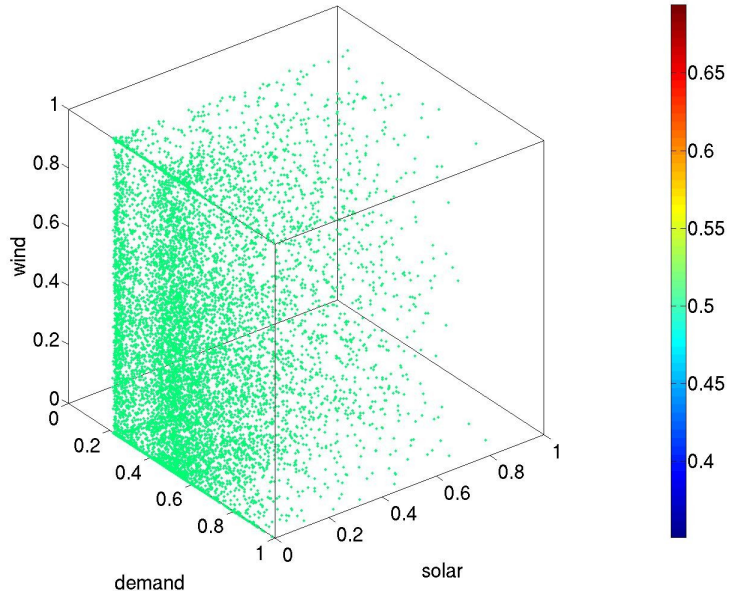


729 Gauss quadrature points

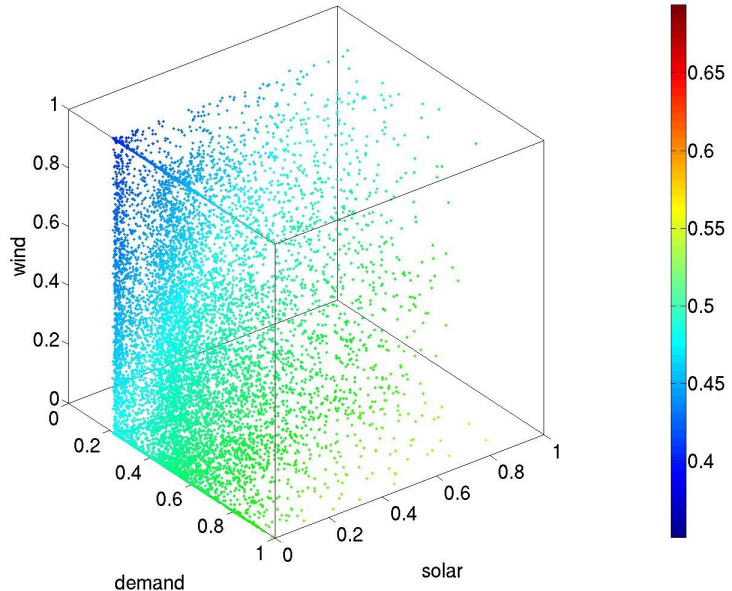


729 Gauss quadrature points, sparse grid: Branch current 1

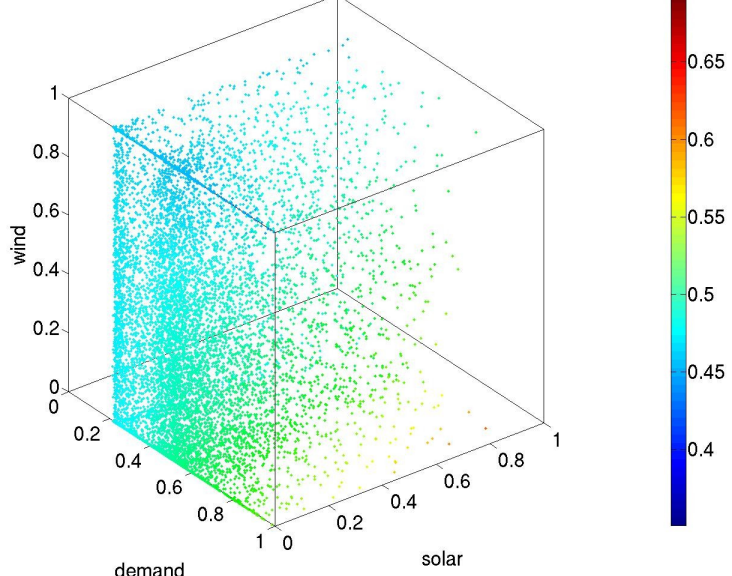
Level 0: 1 point



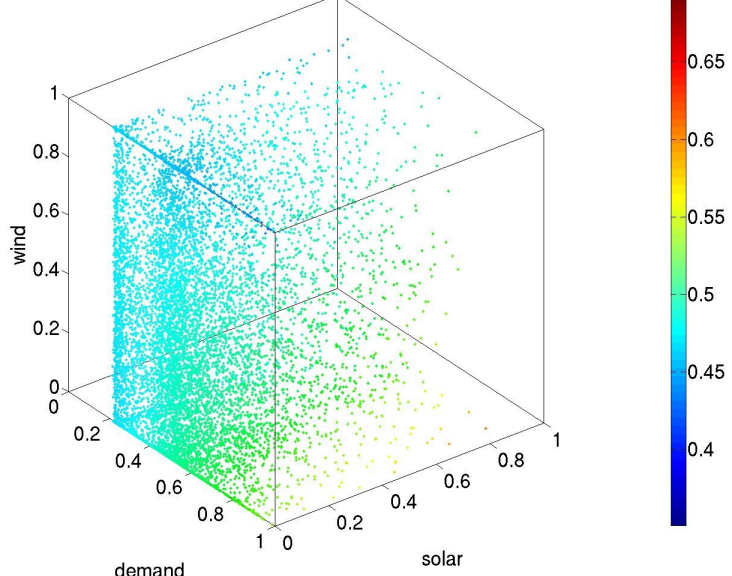
Level 1: 7 points



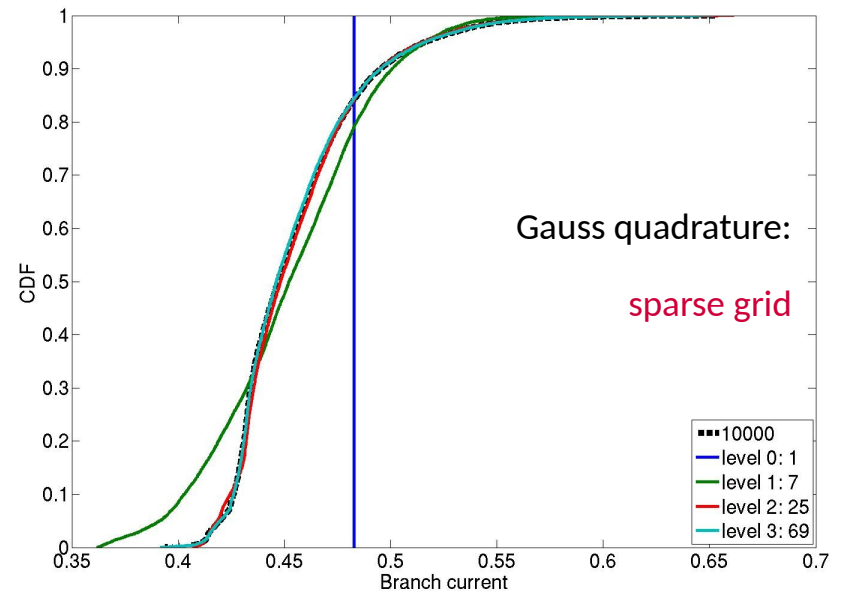
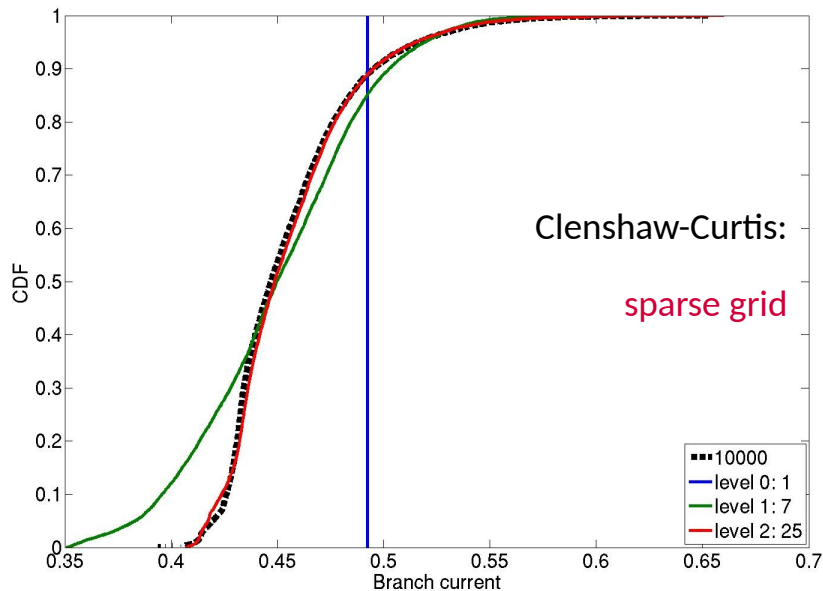
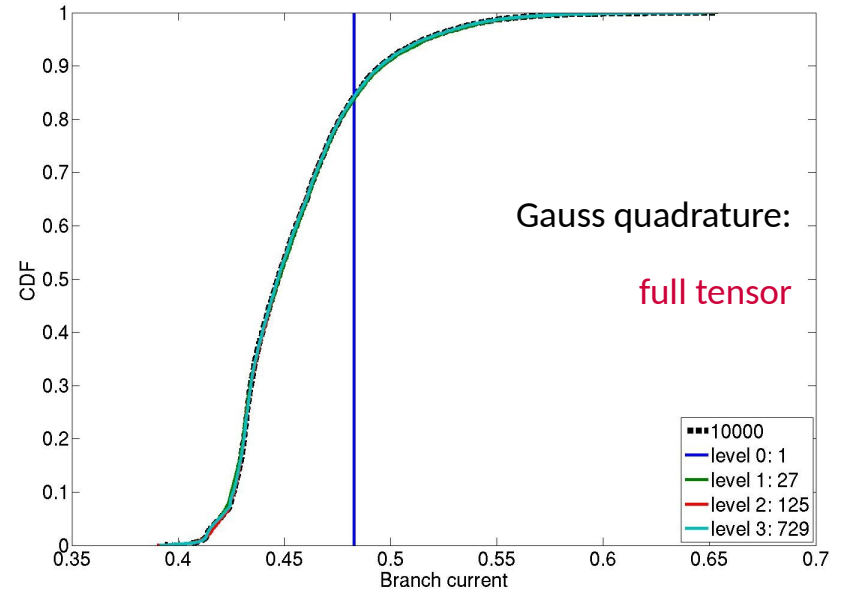
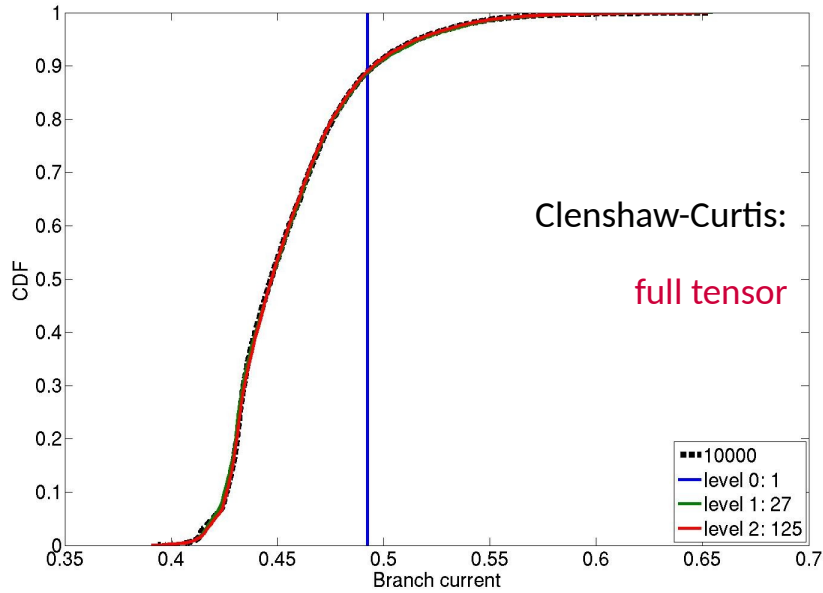
Level 2: 25 points



Level 3: 69 points



Cumulative Probability Distribution Function (CDF): Branch current 1



Conclusions

Uncertainty quantification in wind power prediction:

- Uncertainty in wind direction results in 40% reduction of wind farm power output
- Also uncertainty in individual turbines by wear-and-tear and production tolerances
- Increasingly uncertain power production affects electricity grid stability
- Uncertainty quantification is discretization of probability space

Wind power applications:

- Wind turbine robust optimization under uncertainty
- Robust design has peak probability at maximal power output
- Integration into electrical power grid
- Stochastic power flow for wind, solar, demand
- Reduction of computational costs from 10,000 MC samples to 25 SC samples

Questions?

Thank you