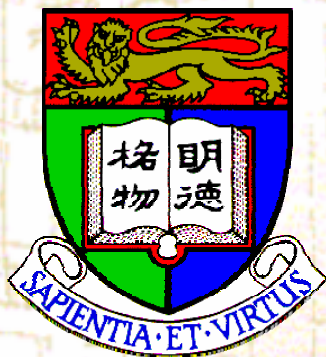


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# Risk-limiting Dispatch of Smart Grids



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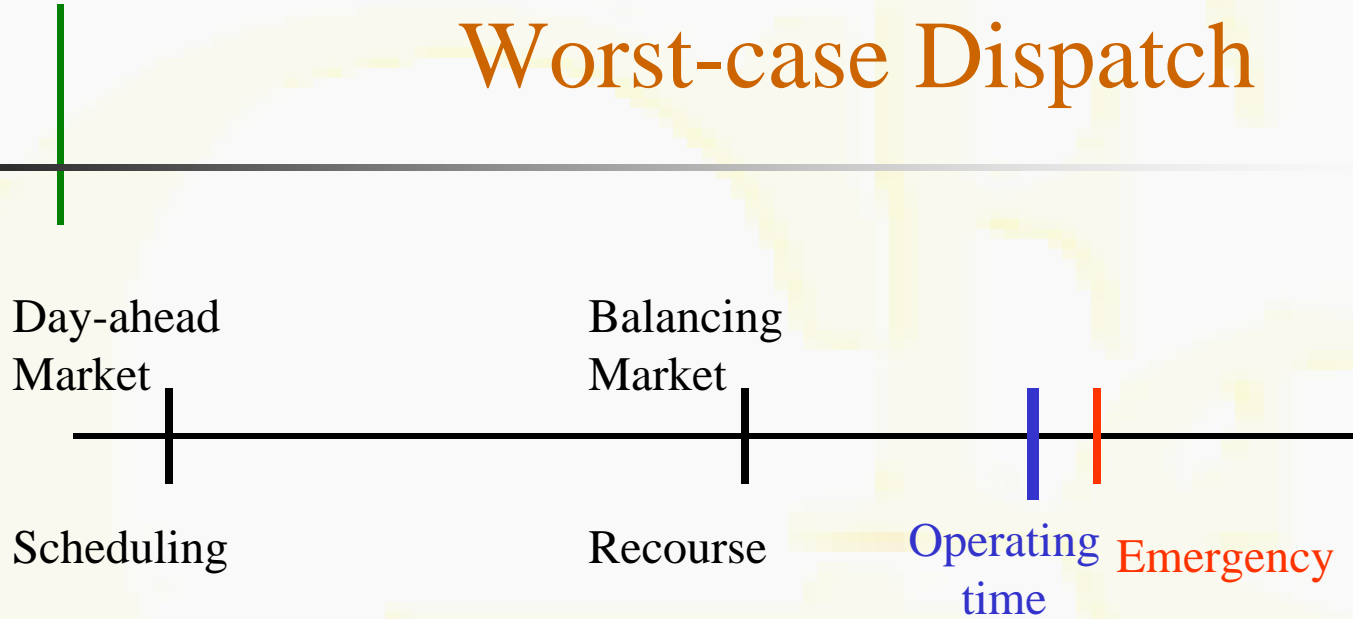
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# Worst-case Dispatch



- Constraints

- » Power balance
- » Operating limits
- » (N-1) Contingencies

- Objective

- » Min cost

- Uncertainty

- » Load demand
- » Forced outage of equipment

- Recourse

- Emergency

- » Load shedding

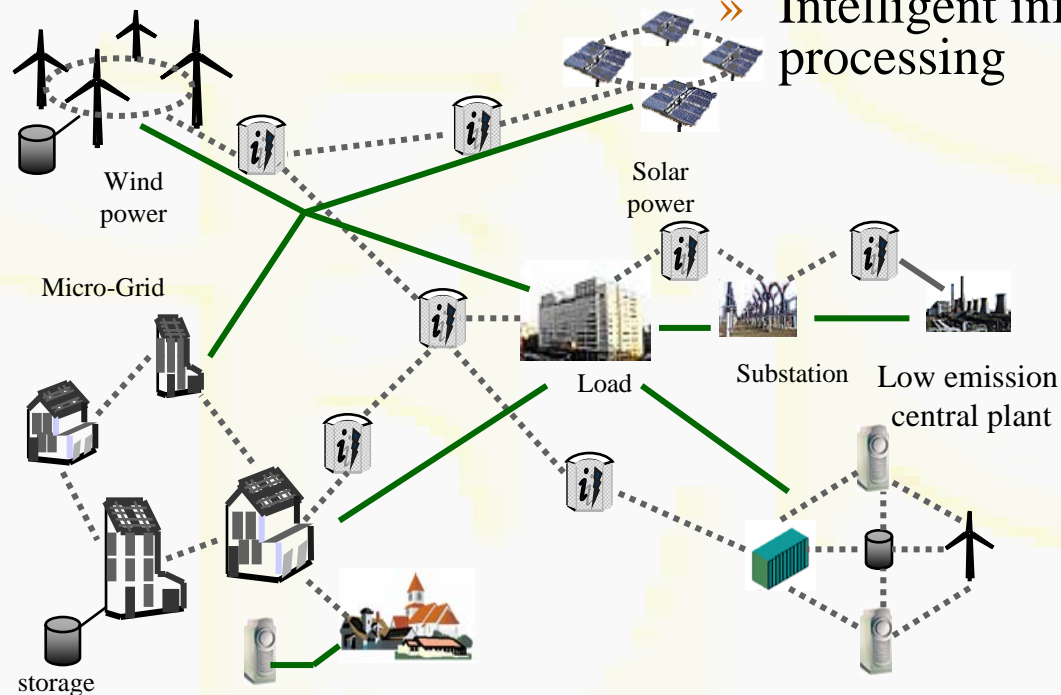
# Future Energy Delivery System

## Renewables

- » Wind
- » Solar
- » Storage
- » Microgrid

## Smart grid

- » Smart meters, sensors
- » Intelligent appliances
- » Customer choice
- » Communication networks
- » Intelligent information processing



# Operating Smart Grid

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- Reliability of the system: not be compromised.
- Benefit of renewable resources: be fully utilized.
- Risk of intermittent and stochastic renewable resources: properly accounted for.
- Capability of the smart grid: intelligently designed.
- A new operating paradigm is needed to take advantage of new technologies and new opportunity.

# Operating Risk

- Operating risk

- » Not meeting the constraints

- Operating constraints

- » Power balance

$$g(\mathbf{x}(t), u) = 0$$

- » Operating limits

$$h(\mathbf{x}(t), u) \leq 0$$

- » Risk-limiting: risk  $< (1-p^*)$

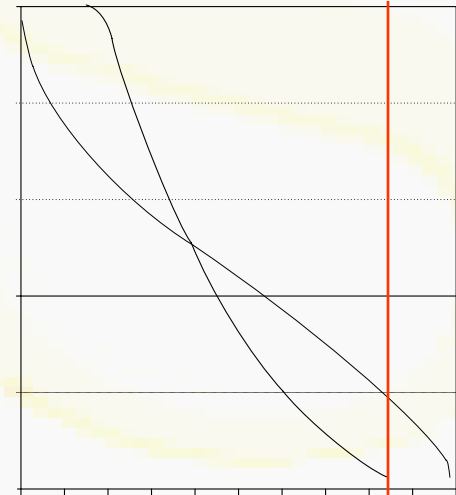
$$\Pr\{g(\mathbf{x}(t), u) = 0, h(\mathbf{x}(t), u) \leq 0 \mid \mathbf{y}_{t-T}\} \geq p^*$$

- »  $\mathbf{x}(t \mid \mathbf{y}_{t-T})$  state       $\mathbf{y}_{t-T}$  measurements

- Stochastic variables

- » Conventional (Load demand, equipment outage)

- » Renewable generation



- » Demand response

# Risk-limiting Dispatch

Scheduling



## ■ Scheduling

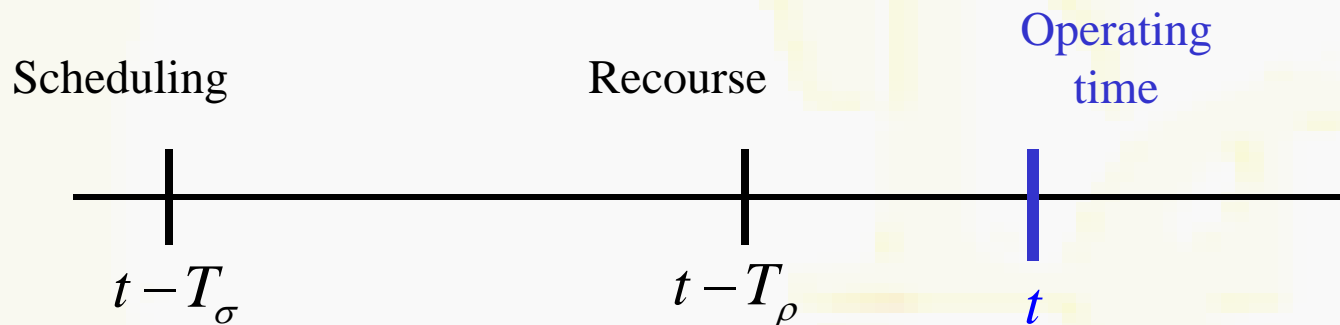
- » Decision  $u_\sigma$  : Generation
- » Max objective such that the risk of not meeting operating constraints is less than  $(1-p^*)$  based on available information at the time of scheduling.

max *objective* (e.g., min cost)

$$s.t. \quad \Pr\{g(\mathbf{x}(t), u_\sigma) = 0, h(\mathbf{x}(t), u_\sigma) \leq 0 \mid \mathbf{y}_{t-T_\sigma}\} \geq p^*$$



# Risk-limiting Dispatch



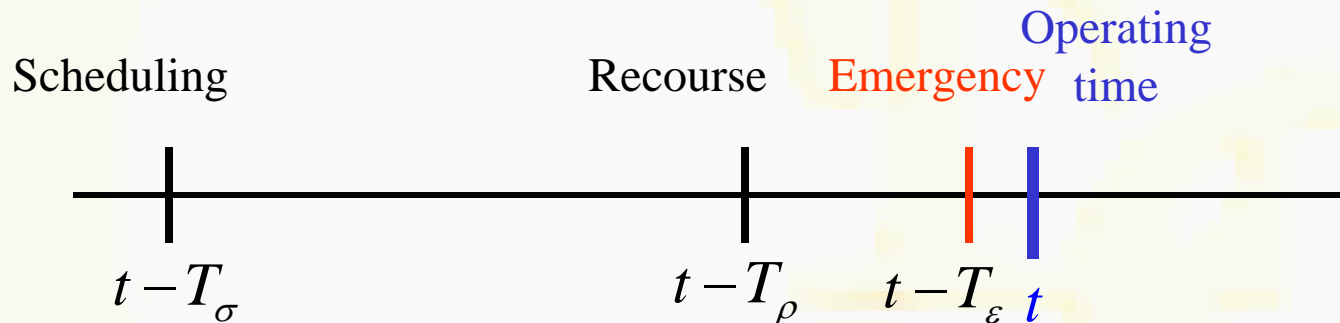
## ■ Recourse

- » Decision  $u_\rho$  : Generation, intelligent appliances
- » Max objective such that the risk of not meeting operating constraints is less than  $(1-p^*)$  based on available information at the time of recourse.

max *objective* (e.g., min cost)

$$s.t. \quad \Pr\{g(\mathbf{x}(t), u_\rho) = 0, h(\mathbf{x}(t), u_\rho) \leq 0 \mid \mathbf{y}_{t-T_\rho}\} \geq p^*$$

# Risk-limiting Dispatch



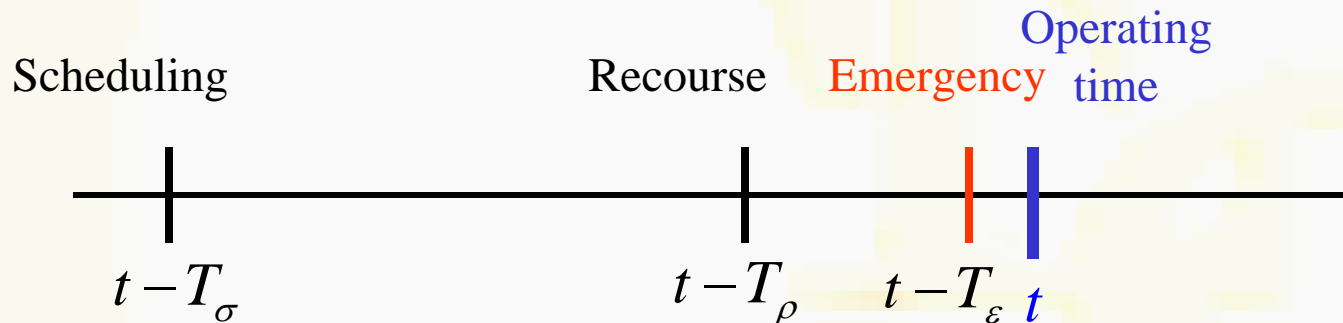
## ■ Emergency

- » Decision  $u_\varepsilon$ : Generation, interruptible load
- » The operating constraints must be satisfied.

$$\Pr\{g(\mathbf{x}(t), u_\varepsilon) = 0, h(\mathbf{x}(t), u_\varepsilon) \leq 0 \mid \mathbf{y}_{t-T_\varepsilon}\} = 1$$



# Optimal Dispatch



- The overall optimization problem for system operation:

$$\max f(\mathbf{x}(t), u_\sigma, u_\rho, u_\epsilon)$$

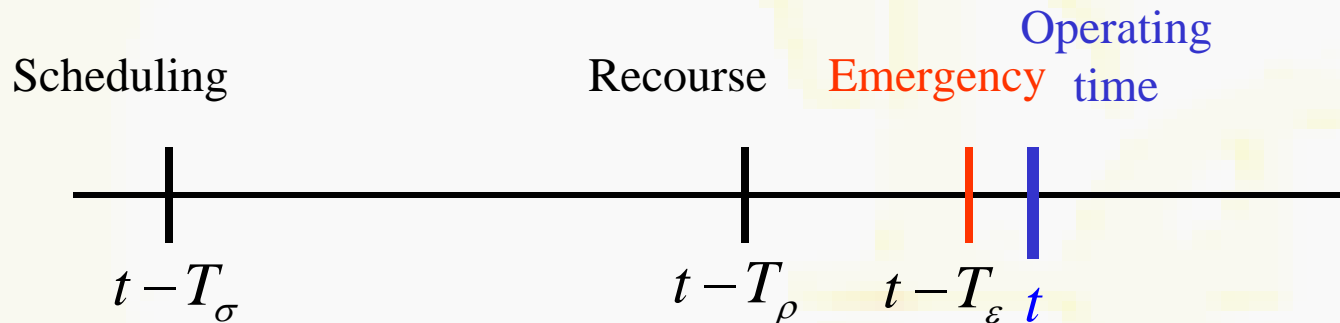
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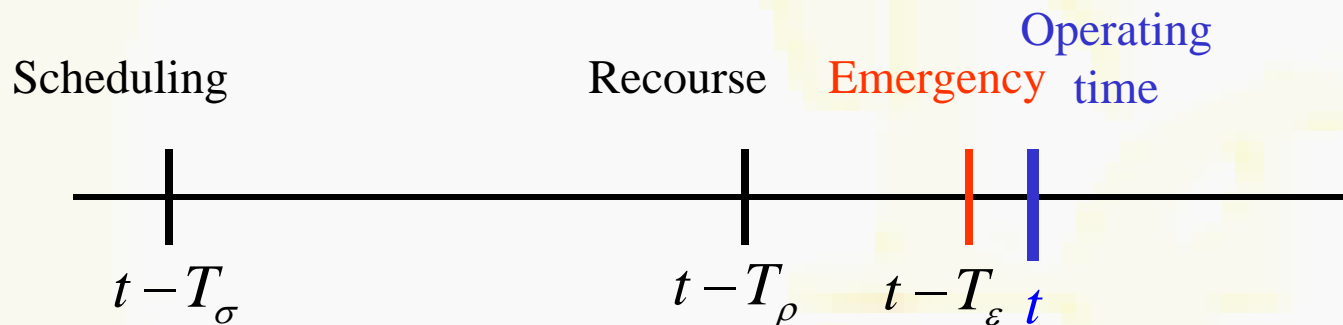
- Suppose that the costs of generation for different periods (scheduling, recourse, emergency) are known, for a simpler model, the optimal dispatch has been derived in terms of nested conditional probabilities.
- We believe that the result can be generalized.

# Optimal Bidding of Renewable Generators



- Suppose that the market for energy scheduling is a conventional deterministic forward market.
- A renewable resource, say a wind generator, is required to submit a binding bid and he bundles it with contracts for recourse and emergence powers.
- The optimal *certainty-equivalent* bid has been derived and can be used to study incentives in different pricing schemes for renewable generation.

# Cost/Benefit Assessment of Smart Grids



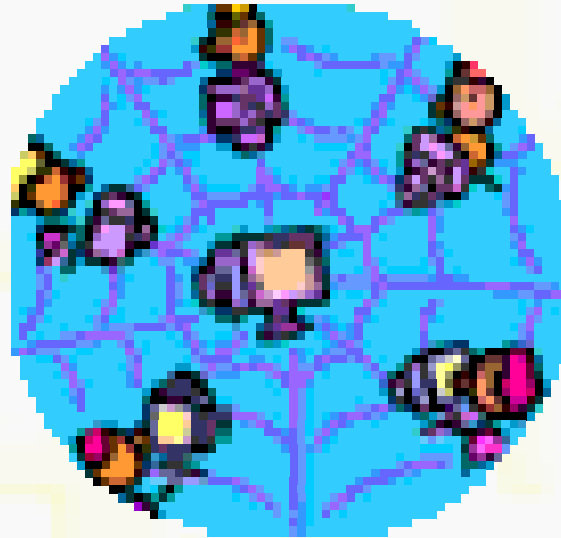
- Different costs of decisions  $u_\sigma$   $u_\rho$   $u_\varepsilon$  and their consequences.
- Decisions are based on available information  $\mathbf{y}_{t-T_\sigma}$   $\mathbf{y}_{t-T_\rho}$   $\mathbf{y}_{t-T_\varepsilon}$  which depends on how smart is the grid.
- Cost/benefit assessment of smart grids
  - » Cost reduction of recourse (or emergency) due to better information.

# Summary

- Future electric energy systems will consists of
  - » significant intermittent and stochastic renewable resources,
  - » customer choice,
  - » intelligent sensors, devices, and appliances
  - » smart grid.
- To fully realized their functions, a new operating paradigm is needed.
- A risk-limiting dispatch approach to system operation is proposed.
- Optimal dispatch of generation may be derived which may be used to study bidding and pricing strategies.
- It may be used as a framework for assessing benefit of smart grids.



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