# **Electric Power to the People!**

Power System Optimization in the Age of Renewable Energy

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Sustainable, local, green energy!









Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector in 2016

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2018). Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2016

# Reduced greenhouse gas emissions!





Jobs and innovation.

Will not run out!

Energy security, globally and locally.

Living off the grid?

Less pollution.

Resilience...

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Low cost!

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### Significant



million kilowatthours

45,000

Figure 3. Growth in wind generation among top six 2014 wind-generation states, 2000-2014

U.S. Energy Information Agency

eia Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



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First half

2. Modelling and Managing Uncertainty

Second half



# **Optimal Power Flow**

## **Power Systems Operation**





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Find the best operating strategy – use optimization!



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#### **Objectives**









#### Constraints



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# Large-scale, complex mathematical optimization

$\min_{P_G(\omega)}$	$C_G^T P_G(\boldsymbol{\omega})$
s.t.	$\sum_{i=1}^{N_B} \left( P_{G(i)}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) + P_{W(i)} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{(i)} - P_{D(i)} \right) = 0$
	$\begin{split} P_{G(g)}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &\leq P_{G(g)}^{max} , \\ P_{G(g)}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) &\geq P_{G(g)}^{min} , \\ &\forall g = 1, \dots, N_G \end{split}$
	$\begin{split} A_{(l,\cdot)}(P_G(\boldsymbol{\omega}) + P_W + \boldsymbol{\omega} - P_D) &\leq P_{L(l)}^{max}, \\ A_{(l,\cdot)}(P_G(\boldsymbol{\omega}) + P_W + \boldsymbol{\omega} - P_D) &\geq -P_{L(l)}^{max}, \\ &\forall \ l = 1, \dots, N_L \end{split}$

#### Electricity market clearing

- Security assessment
- Operational support
- Planning studies
- ...

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First step: Understand how power flows across the network.



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 $|S| = \sqrt{p^2 + q^2}$ Apparent Power:

Power Factor: СС

$$\cos \varphi = \frac{p}{|S|}$$



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  - Admittance (1/resistance)  $Y_{ij} \forall (i,j) \in E$



## How much power flows on a transmission line?



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power

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If  $Y_{ij}$ ,  $Y_{ij}^c$  and  $T_{ij}$  are constant these formulations are very similar for optimization



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- Nodal power balance (conservation of active and reactive power)
  - conservation of flow at nodes, Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL)

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2 degrees of freedom per node!

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  - Reference/slack bus (V $\theta$  bus):  $\theta_{ref} = 0$ ,  $|V_{ref,i}|$  are defined ( $q_{G,i}$  used to control  $|V_{G,i}|$ )

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**Non-Linear AC Power Flow** 

Generation constraints

Voltage constraints

$$\min_{p_{Q},q_{G},|V_{i}|,\theta} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}} (c_{2,i} p_{G,i}^{2} + c_{1,i} p_{G,i} + c_{0,i})$$

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Objective function:

Minimize generation cost

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Basic optimal power flow is a building block in many problems!

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#### **Non-Linear AC Power Flow**

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Non-Linear AC Power Flow with transmission switching / HVDC / ...

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$$\min_{p_{Q},q_{G},|V_{i}|,\theta} \frac{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}} (-2,iP_{G,i}^{2} + -1,iP_{G,i}^{2} + -0)^{2}}{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}} (-2,iP_{G,i}^{2} + -1,iP_{G,i}^{2} + -0)^{2}}$$
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- ... Minimize system losses
- ... Optimize voltage profile
- ... Minimize cost of remedial actions

Non-Linear AC Power Flow with transmission switching / HVDC / ...

...

Generation constraints

Voltage constraints

Transmission constraints

+ Security constraints

# **Optimal Power Flow - Approximations**

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**Non-Convex!** 

Can be hard to solve!

Simpler versions?


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Variables:  $p, \theta$ 



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 $p_{ij} = b_{ij} (\theta_i - \theta_j)$ Linear equations!
We can use the nodal equations Variables:  $p, \theta$ for p to eliminate  $\theta$ 



$$\min_{p_G} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}} (c_{2,i} p_{G,i}^2 + c_{1,i} p_{G,i} + c_{0,i})$$

minimize generation cost

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#### Much simpler to handle! Used for electricity market clearing, planning, etc...



### **Optimal Power Flow – Approximations**

**D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, "A Survey of Relaxations and Approximations of the Power Flow Equations," to appear in *Foundations and Trends in Electric Energy Systems*, 2019

Convex Relaxations in Power System Optimization: A Brief Introduction

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July 20, 2018

#### Overview (Link to the video series)

Convex relaxations of the AC power flow equations have attracted significant interest in the power systems research community in recent years. The following collection of video lectures provides a brief introduction to the mathematics of AC power systems, continuous nonlinear optimization, and relaxations of the power flow equations. The aim of the videos is to provide the high level ideas Carleton Coffrin and Line Roald, "Convex relaxations in Power Systems Optimization: A Brief Introduction" A small series of videos https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.07227



### Summary

- The *power flow* problem describes the *physics* of how power flows across the network in steady-state for a given set of inputs
- The *optimal power flow* problem determines the optimal values of the control variables
- AC optimal power flow accurate, but harder to solve
- DC optimal power flow less accurate, but easier to solve – requires fewer inputs



### Modelling and Managing Uncertainty

(Chance-Constrained Optimal Power Flow)

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### **Electric Power Grids**





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### Impact of Renewable Energy



Forecast uncertainty

Increased risk



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### Impact of Renewable Energy Uncertainty



### How can we obtain a good trade-off between security and cost?









Forecast uncertainty propagates through a non-linear system.

#### High-Dimensional, Non-Linear

**Uncertainty Quantification** 





How do we define security?

#### High-Dimensional, Non-Linear Uncertainty Quantification

### **Risk modelling**





We want the best possible (lowest cost) solution!

High-Dimensional, Non-Linear Uncertainty Quantification

Risk modelling

Large-Scale, Non-Convex Optimization







So let's start from a simpler problem: Use the DC power flow model!



# Chance-Constrained DC Optimal Power Flow



### **Chance-Constrained** Optimal Power Flow

$$\mathbb{P}(p(x,\omega) \leq p^{max}) \geq 1-\epsilon$$

acceptable violation probability



(ENTSO-E)

• Why chance constraints?

Transmission system operators like them!

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### DC Optimal Power Flow with Wind Power

• Goal: Low cost operation, while enforcing technical limits

$$\begin{split} \min_{p_G} & c_G^T p_G \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{i=1}^{N_B} \left( p_{G(i)} + \boldsymbol{p}_{W(i)} - p_{D(i)} \right) = 0 \\ & p_G \leq p_{G(g)}^{max}, \\ & P_{G(g)} \geq p_{G(g)}^{min}, \\ & \forall g \in G \\ \\ & M_{(ij,\cdot)}(p_G + \boldsymbol{p}_W - p_D) \leq p_{ij}^{max}, \\ & M_{(ij,\cdot)}(p_G + \boldsymbol{p}_W - p_D) \geq -p_{ij}^{max}, \\ & \forall ij \in \mathcal{L} \end{split}$$

minimize generation cost

balanced operation

generator limits

transmission line limits



### Modelling Uncertain Fluctuations

• Uncertain generation:

Forecasted power Fluctuation 
$$\bar{p}_{W(i)} = \overset{\searrow}{p}_{W(i)} + \overset{\swarrow}{\omega_{(i)}}$$

Conventional generators:

Scheduled generation Balancing fluctuations 
$$\bar{p}_{G(g)} \stackrel{>}{=} p_{G(g)} - \alpha_{(i)}^{\checkmark} \Omega$$

where 
$$\Omega = \sum \omega$$
 total power fluctuation  
 $\sum \alpha_{(g)} = 1$  balanced system (AGC)



### Formulation of chance constraints

• Deterministic line constraint:  $M_{(ij,\cdot)}(p_G + p_W - p_D) \le p_{ij}^{max}$ ,

 Changes in the wind in-feed influences the line flow:

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Acceptable violation} \\ \text{probability} \end{array}$$

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#### **Chance-Constrained DC Optimal Power Flow**

$$\begin{split} \min_{p_{G},\alpha} & c_{G}^{T}p_{G} \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{i=1}^{N_{B}} \left( p_{G(i)} + p_{W(i)} - p_{D(i)} \right) = 0 \\ & \sum \alpha_{(g)} = 1 \\ \\ & \mathbb{P} \Big( p_{G(g)} - \alpha_{(g)} \mathbf{\Omega} \le p_{G(g)}^{max} \Big) \ge 1 - \varepsilon_{G}, \\ & \mathbb{P} \Big( p_{G(g)} - \alpha_{(g)} \mathbf{\Omega} \ge p_{G(g)}^{min} \Big) \ge 1 - \varepsilon_{G}, \\ & \forall \ g \in \mathcal{G} \end{split}$$

minimize generation cost

power balance with fluctuations

generation constraints

constraints with uncertainty  $\rightarrow$  chance constraints!

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$$\mathbb{P}(p_{ij}(x,\omega) \le p^{max}) \ge 1 - \epsilon$$



- Needs reformulation:
  - Scenario approach, based on randomly drawn samples
  - Representative samples with assigned probability
  - Adaptive approach, learning distribution online
  - Robust optimization with suitable uncertainty set

#### >Analytical reformulation based on probabilistic inequalities

scheduledchange due topower flowforecast error  $\omega$ 

DC power flow:

 $\mathbb{P}(p_{ij}(x, \mathbf{0}) + \mathbf{h}(x) \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} \le p_{ij}^{max}) \ge 1 - \epsilon$ 



scheduled change due to power flow forecast error  $\omega$ DC power flow:  $\mathbb{P}(p_{ij}(x, 0) + h(x) \cdot \omega \leq p_{ij}^{max}) \geq 1 - \epsilon$ Rescale to zero mean, unit variance Apply probabilistic inequality Rearrange terms  $p_{ij}(x, 0) \leq p_{ij}^{max} - f^{-1}(1 - \epsilon)\sqrt{h(x) \Sigma_{cov} h(x)^T}$ 

Assumption about distribution







+ Applicable to known or partially known distributions

- + Scalable to large systems with many uncertain injections
- + Transparent and easy to interpret

But wait...

#### Forecast errors

are not normally distributed???

Full knowledge: Normal distribution



Higher security, higher cost



Evaluation with historical data

Full knowledge: Normal distribution



Violation probability: Higher than prescribed

#### Evaluation with historical data

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High cost or infeasibility!



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Normal distribution good assumption...





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#### Separate

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probability of having a peaceful afternoon at work

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easier computionally

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probability of having a peaceful afternoon at work

computationally expensive/more conservative

Example:	EEE RTS96 system
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	$\epsilon=0.01$	$\epsilon = 0.05$	$\epsilon = 0.1$
Max. $\epsilon_{emp}$	0.013	0.044	0.092
Joint $\epsilon_J$	0.065	0.137	0.219

[Roald and Andersson, TPWRS 2018]

• Observation: Very few constraints are active!

Control joint violation probability using separate constraints

# Chance-Constrained **AC** Optimal Power Flow



# Modelling Renewable Energy Uncertainty

• Variations in active power injections  $p_{inj}$ due to renewable forecast errors  $\omega$ :

$$p_{inj}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \widehat{p}_{inj} + \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

• Constant power factor:

 $q_{inj}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \widehat{q}_{inj} + \boldsymbol{\gamma}\boldsymbol{\omega}$ 

• Box uncertainty set:

 $\mathcal{W} = \{\omega \in [\omega_{min}, \omega_{max}]\}$ 



Many generalizations possible!



# Modelling Generator Response

• Active Power Balance - Automatic generation control (AGC)





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$$p_{G,i}(\omega) = p_{G0,i} - \alpha_i \left( \sum_{i \in N} \omega_i - \delta p(\omega) \right)$$

• Reactive Power Balance – Local Voltage Control



$$|V_{G,i}|(\omega) = |V_{G0,i}| \qquad q_{G,i}^{min} \le q_{G,i}(\omega) \le q_{G,i}^{max}$$
Scheduled voltage set-point Varying reactive power

## **Optimal Power Flow with Uncertainty**

$$\min_{p_{Q,q_G,|V_i|,\theta}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}} (c_{2,i} p_{G,i}^2 + c_{1,i} p_{G,i} + c_{0,i})$$

s.t.

 $p_{i}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} |V_{i}|(\boldsymbol{\omega})|V_{j}|(\boldsymbol{\omega})(G_{ij}\cos(\theta_{i}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) - \theta_{j}(\boldsymbol{\omega})) + B_{ij}\sin(\theta_{i}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) - \theta_{j}(\boldsymbol{\omega})))$  $q_{i}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} |V_{i}|(\boldsymbol{\omega})|V_{j}|(\boldsymbol{\omega})(G_{ij}\sin(\theta_{i}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) - \theta_{j}(\boldsymbol{\omega})) - B_{ij}\cos(\theta_{i}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) - \theta_{j}(\boldsymbol{\omega})))$ 

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 $|V|_i^{min} \le |V_i|(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \le |V|_i^{max}, \quad i \in N$ 

 $|S|_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \le |S|_{ij}^{max}, \qquad (i,j) \in E$ 

Minimize generation cost

Non-Linear AC Power Flow

Generation constraints

Voltage constraints

Transmission constraints



## **Chance-Constrained** AC Optimal Power Flow

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 $\mathbb{P}\left(|S_{ij}|(\omega) \le |S_{ij}|^{max}\right) \ge 1 - \epsilon_2, \qquad j \in E$ 

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joint chance-constraints limit violation probability  $\epsilon_1$ 

individual chance-constraints limit violation probability  $\epsilon_2$ 

# **Chance-constrained AC Optimal Power Flow**

Rich literature on chance-constrained for DC optimal power flow

[Vrakopoulou et al, 2012], [Margellos et al, 2012], [Roald et al, 2013], [Bienstock, Chertkov and Harnett, SIAM Review, 2014], [Summers et al, 2014], Roald at al, 2015], [Lubin, Dvorkin and Backhaus, '16], [Li et al, 2018] ...

- AC Power flow with uncertainty is much less mature
  - Linearization of AC power flow equations
    - Accurate only close to linearization point
  - Convex relaxation + linearization of voltage products
    - Are not exact (?)
  - Convex relaxation + two/multi-stage robust program
  - Convex inner approximation
    - Does not handle equality constraints = requires controllable injections at every bus •

[Dall'Anese, Baker & Summers '16], [Roald & Andersson '17] [Lubin, Dvorkin & Roald '18]

[Vrakopoulou at al, '13], [Venzke et al '17]

[Phan & Ghosh '14], [Lorca & Sun '17] [Nasri, Kazempour, Conejo, & Ghandhari '16]

> [Louca & Bitar '17] [Misra et al, 2017]



# Challenges

# of Chance-Constrained AC Optimal Power Flow



$$\begin{split} \min_{P_{G}} & \sum_{i \in G} \left( c_{2,i} p_{G,i}^{2} + c_{1,i} p_{G,i} + c_{0,i} \right) \\ \text{s.t.} \\ & \mathbb{P} \left( f \left( \theta(\omega), \nu(\omega), p(\omega), q(\omega) \right) = 0 \right) \geq 1 - \epsilon \\ & \mathbb{P} \left( p_{G,g}(\omega) \leq p_{G,g}^{max} \right) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \quad g \in G \\ & \mathbb{P} \left( p_{G,g}(\omega) \geq p_{G,g}^{min} \right) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \quad g \in G \\ & \mathbb{P} (|V_{i}|(\omega) \leq |V|_{i}^{max}) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \quad i \in N \\ & \mathbb{P} \left( |V_{i}|(\omega) \geq |V|_{i}^{min} \right) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \quad i \in N \\ & \mathbb{P} \left( i_{L,j}(\omega) \leq i_{L,j}^{max} \right) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \quad j \in E \end{split}$$



# Guaranteeing power flow solvability

If there exist no power flow solution...

- all other constraints are

#### meaningless.

- we are in **big** trouble.



Franck and Andersson, Electric Power Systems, ETH Lecture Notes, 2014

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Minimize generation cost Non-Linear AC Power Flow for all uncertainty realizations Generation constraints Voltage constraints Transmission

constraints

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- we are in **big** trouble.



Enforce power flow solvability either robustly or with a (very) high probability.



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Convex restriction [Lee et al, 2018]



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#### Work in progress...

For discussions here: 1. Assume that there exist a power flow solution 2. Aim to satisfy with high numerical accuracy



$$\begin{split} \min_{P_{G}} & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}} \left( c_{2,i} p_{G,i}^{2} + c_{1,i} p_{G,i} + c_{0,i} \right) \\ \text{s.t.} \\ & f(\theta(\omega), v(\omega), p(\omega), q(\omega)) = 0, \quad \forall \ \omega \in U \\ & \mathbb{P} \left( p_{G,g}(\omega) \leq p_{G,g}^{max} \right) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \qquad g \in \mathcal{G} \\ & \mathbb{P} \left( p_{G,g}(\omega) \geq p_{G,g}^{min} \right) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \qquad g \in \mathcal{G} \\ & \mathbb{P} \left( |V_{i}|(\omega) \leq |V|_{i}^{max} \right) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \qquad i \in N \\ & \mathbb{P} \left( |V_{i}|(\omega) \geq |V|_{i}^{min} \right) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \qquad i \in N \\ & \mathbb{P} \left( i_{L,j}(\omega) \leq i_{L,j}^{max} \right) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \qquad j \in E \end{split}$$

Minimize generation cost

Non-Linear AC Power Flow for all uncertainty realizations

Generation constraints

Voltage constraints

Transmission constraints

- Guaranteeing
   power flow solvability
- Find solutions

   θ(ω), v(ω), p(ω), q(ω)
   that satisfy the power flow equations



# Tractable Reformulations of Chance-Constrained AC Optimal Power Flow



# Moment-Based Tractable Reformulations of Chance-Constrained AC Optimal Power Flow



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A constant depending on  $\epsilon$ and assumption about **distribution of** v

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inverse normal CDFChebyshev bound

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How do we compute the voltage magnitude and variance?  $\sigma_v(x,\omega)$  Voltage magnitude variance



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Table I. REFORMULATIONS OF POWER FLOW EQUATIONS AND MOMENTS IN TERMS OF PCE COEFFICIENTS

Rectangular power flow in terms of PCE coefficients with $i \in N, k \in \mathcal{K}$
$ \langle \psi_k, \psi_k \rangle (p_{i,k}^{\rm g} - p_{i,k}^{\rm u}) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{k_1, k_2 \in \mathcal{K}} \langle \psi_{k_1} \psi_{k_2}, \psi_k \rangle (G_{ij}(v_{i,k_1}^{\rm re} v_{j,k_2}^{\rm re} + v_{i,k_1}^{\rm im} v_{j,k_2}^{\rm im}) + B_{ij}(v_{i,k_1}^{\rm im} v_{j,k_2}^{\rm re} - v_{i,k_1}^{\rm re} v_{j,k_2}^{\rm im})) $
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Moments of squared line current magnitudes with $ij \in \mathcal{L}$ , $v_{ij,k}^{ie} = v_{i,k}^{ie} - v_{j,k}^{ie}$ , $v_{ij,k}^{im} = v_{i,k}^{im} - v_{j,k}^{im}$
$\mathbb{E}[i_{i-j}^{2}] =  y_{i_{j}}^{k} ^{2} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \langle \psi_{k}, \psi_{k} \rangle ((v_{i_{j},k}^{n})^{2} + (v_{i_{j},k}^{i_{m}})^{2})$
$\sigma[i_{i-j}^2]^2 =  y_{ij}^{\mathrm{br}} ^4 \sum_{k_1,k_2,k_3,k_4 \in \mathcal{K}} \langle \psi_{k_1}\psi_{k_2}\psi_{k_3},\psi_{k_4} \rangle (v_{i,k_1}^{\mathrm{ce}}v_{i,k_3}^{\mathrm{ce}}v_{i,k_3}^{\mathrm{ce}}v_{i,k_4}^{\mathrm{ce}} + 2v_{i,k_1}^{\mathrm{ce}}v_{i,k_3}^{\mathrm{ce}}v_{i$
Moments of squared voltage magnitudes with $i \in N$
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Similar structure as power flow equations...

#### JUST MANY MORE!

#### When can we truncate?

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PCE bases of degree 2

(quadratic polynomials) already provide good results.



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Linearization error  $\approx$  Distribution error

#### In-sample testing (normal distribution)

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How much better is

Polynomial Chaos Expansion?



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		p	g	$q^{g}$		v		$i_{i-j}$	
AC vs.	s	$\ \Delta\mu\ _{\infty}$	$\ \Delta\sigma\ _{\infty}$	$\ \Delta\mu\ _{\infty}$	$\ \Delta\sigma\ _{\infty}$	$\ \Delta\mu\ _{\infty}$	$\ \Delta\sigma\ _{\infty}$	$\ \Delta\mu\ _{\infty}$	$\ \Delta\sigma\ _{\infty}$
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#### particularly for reactive power!



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Polynomial Chaos provides better (but not perfect) approximation of chance constraints. Problem: Which **distribution** are we dealing with?



# Key observations

- Chance-Constrained AC Optimal Power Flow is not easy...
  - Guaranteeing power flow solvability
  - Accurately satisfying AC power flow constraints
  - Propagating uncertainty from input to output
- Moment-based chance constraint reformulations
  - Tractable, but approximate reformulations
  - Separate chance-constraints are effective (also to limit joint violation prob!)
  - Use limited information about distribution
  - Normal distribution often "accurate enough"





## Thanks!

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Ansel Adams, *Transmission Lines in Mojave Desert*, 1947