Risk-Sensitive Market Design for Electric Power Systems

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Power system operation is fraught with uncertainties from component failures to renewable generation. Electricity markets must evolve to effectively handle such uncertainties. In this talk, I will advocate a risk-sensitive market design paradigm, where power delivery risks are modeled via the conditional value at risk (CVaR) measure. Such a risk-sensitive paradigm strikes a balance between the two extremes in accommodating uncertainty – a conservative worst-case approach and an unreliable average-case approach. In this talk, I will explore electricity market clearing formulations that will allow a system operator to effectively explore the trade-off between operational costs and reliability in power delivery. The CVaR measure has a range of properties that prove particularly useful in market design. First, I will leverage these properties to present algorithmic architectures to solve the risk-aware market clearing problems. Second, I will use these properties to derive and analyze pricing mechanisms to accompany such a dispatch.

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