

Multi-period Risk-limiting Dispatch in Power Systems with Renewables Integration

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Abstract—In this paper, an improved multi-period risk-limiting dispatch (IMRLD) is proposed as an operational method in power systems with high percentage renewables integration. The basic risk-limiting dispatch (BRLD) is chosen as an operational paradigm to address the uncertainty of renewables in this paper due to its three good features. In this paper, the BRLD is extended to the IMRLD so that it satisfies the fundamental operational requirements in the power industry. In order to solve the IMRLD problem, the convexity of the IMRLD is verified. A theorem is stated and proved to transform the IMRLD into a piece-wise linear optimization problem which can be efficiently solved. In addition, the locational marginal price of the IMRLD is derived to analyze the effect of renewables integration on the marginal operational cost. Finally, two numerical tests are conducted to validate the IMRLD.

Index Terms—Multi-period, operational requirements, risk-limiting dispatch, renewables integration, risk metric.

I. INTRODUCTION

THE global warming and the energy crisis are the most critical issues in this century. Renewable energy is flourishing these years as one of the most effective ways to reduce fossil fuel consumption. Total installed capacity of renewable energy resources keeps increasing in the past decade.

The intermittency and uncertainty from renewable energy resources bring many challenges to power system operation. Stochastic programming (SP) is adopted to address the uncertainty in the power system operation in many studies, such as the scenario-based two-stage unit commitment [1], and

the model predictive control based look-ahead dispatch [2].

Among the system operational methods using SP, the BRLD is one of the flagships due to three good features [3, 4]. First, the BRLD considers the chance of recourse decisions, so the operational decisions are adaptable to the latest forecast information of renewables. Second, operational risks are concerned and limited through multiple dispatch stages, so the BRLD naturally conforms to the industrial requirement on the risk assessment of renewables integration [5]. At last, the BRLD is able to render a global optimal operational decision, taking advantages of the conditional prediction of the uncertainty [3].

Despite the three advantages, the BRLD achieves the global optimal decision while sacrificing some fundamental industrial requirements. First, the BRLD assumes a single delivery period in an electricity market, but the real-time operation in the electricity market should be multi-period. For example, the delivery horizon of the day-ahead market is composed of 24 1-hour intervals in the Pennsylvania—New Jersey—Maryland (PJM) market [6]. Second, key power system operational constraints such as the inter-temporal unit ramping constraint and the transmission thermal limit constraint are missing in [3]. However, these constraints represent the basic physical features of power systems and the violation of them may lead to destructive consequences [7], [8]. Third, [3] uses a simplified risk metric in the form of probability. In the power industry and academic field, it is well acknowledged that a variety of alternative risk metrics are indispensable in quantifying the operational risk in appropriate situations [5]. These risk metrics include loss of load probability, loss of load frequency [9], value-at-risk [10] and conditional value-at-risk [11].

Due to these fundamental requirements on the system operation in the realistic power industry, the BRLD was extended in many ways. The operational framework of the BRLD was extended to include multiple delivery periods in [12] with closed form solutions based on dynamic programming. However, it is hard to integrate transmission networks and other risk metrics, in virtue of the combinational explosion of dynamic programming. Akin to [12], ramping capacity and energy storage were considered in the BRLD in [13], [14]. The effect of transmission network was considered in [15], where only one congested line existed in the network. However, this assumption is not tenable in realistic systems in which line congestions are one of the dominant factors preventing high percentage penetration of renewables [16]. [18] used a

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numerical method to solve the BRLD considering the transmission network and the ramping capacity under the framework of two-stage stochastic optimization, so the recourse decision cannot be taken into consideration, which leads to the sub-optimality of the operational strategies. Risk metrics other than LOLP were considered in [17], but the impact of the multi-period and the transmission network were not regarded. Lastly, none of the above works derived the locational marginal price for the operational model, so the sensitivity of loads and renewable injections to the operational cost was not provided therein, and the shadow prices of the load and renewables injection were not revealed.

Therefore, the knowledge gap of the existent studies is their insufficiency in satisfying the realistic operational requirements simultaneously. This paper extends the BRLD to the IMRLD to address this issue. Specifically, we model the IMRLD as a multi-stage multi-period operational problem. The unit ramping constraint and the transmission network constraint are incorporated, and the quantile and the superquantile are wielded as the risk metrics. To solve the IMRLD, we encounter two technical challenges. The first is the global optimality of the IMRLD, and the second lies in solving an optimization problem with a set of superquantile constraints. We prove the global optimality of the IMRLD by verifying its convexity, and we prove a theorem mathematically so that the optimization problem with a set of superquantile constraints can be equivalently transformed into a piece-wise linear optimization problem, which can be solved by existing solvers efficiently. In order to analyze the IMRLD, we derive the locational marginal price (LMP) to show the impact of renewables integration on system marginal operational costs.

In sum, the contributions of the paper can be summarized as follows:

- (1) In terms of problem formulation, this paper extends the BRLD to the IMRLD which caters to the industrial requirements while preserves the good features of the BRLD.
- (2) In terms of problem solving, this paper verifies the convexity of the IMRLD problem, and proves a theorem mathematically to transform the insolvable IMRLD into a conventional piece-wise linear optimization problem.
- (3) In terms of problem analysis, this paper derives the analytic form of the locational marginal price to show the marginal operational cost related to loads and renewable injections for the IMRLD.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section II presents the IMRLD model. Section III solves the IMRLD by verifying the convexity and proving a theorem. The LMP is derived in Section IV. Section V applies the proposed IMRLD to a modified IEEE standard case and a realistic Gansu provincial power system in China. The final conclusions are given in Section VI.

II. MODEL FORMULATION OF THE IMRLD

A. Framework of the IMRLD

The basic idea of the IMRLD on multiple delivery periods is illustrated in Fig. 1.

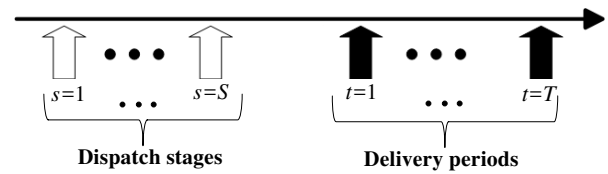


Fig. 1. The structure of the IMRLD.

We assume that the operational framework is composed of T delivery periods (black arrows in Fig. 1) and S dispatch stages (white arrows in Fig. 1). The T delivery periods can be treated as real-time markets. The S dispatch stages represent the dispatch processes in the day-ahead market and the intra-day market. The power in each delivery period is accumulated from dispatch stages (day-ahead and intraday) and that delivery period (real-time). In order to mitigate the operational risk, such as the risk of power unbalance and transmission line overload in each delivery period, the Independent System Operator (ISO) purchases power by signing contracts in all dispatch stages in the most economical way.

The general model of the IMRLD is formulated as (1)-(3):

$$\min E \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^S f_{st}(\mathbf{x}_{st}(Y_s, Y_{s+1} | Y_s, \dots, Y_S | Y_s), \mathbf{y}_{st}) \quad (1)$$

$$R_t(\mathbf{x}_{st}(Y_s, Y_{s+1} | Y_s, \dots, Y_S | Y_s), \mathbf{y}_{st}) \leq Risk_t \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{st}(Y_s, Y_{s+1} | Y_s, \dots, Y_S | Y_s) \in \Omega, \mathbf{y}_{st} \in \Lambda \quad (3)$$

where s and t are the index of the stage and period respectively. The objective function $f_{st}(\cdot)$ represents the expected operational cost. $R_t(\cdot)$ is the risk function with an upper bound $Risk_t$. This risk function can take any risk metric for any given operational constraint. Y_s is the prediction information at stage s . \mathbf{y}_{st} is the vector of state variables, such as the power flow and the phase angle, belonging to a feasible region Λ . Each decision vector \mathbf{x}_{st} , belonging to another feasible region Ω , denotes the power purchased at dispatch stage s for delivery period t , as a function of the conditional predictions $(Y_s, Y_{s+1} | Y_s, \dots, Y_S | Y_s)$.

The dispatch process is illustrated in Fig. 2.

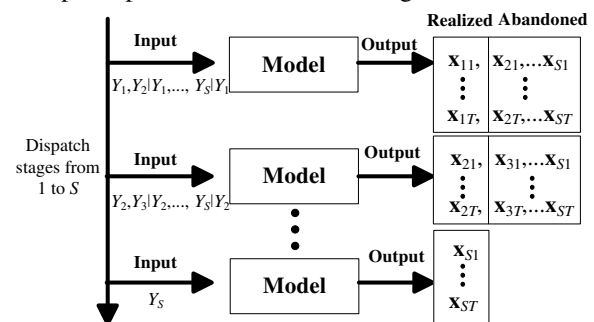


Fig. 2. Operational process.

Dispatch stages: in dispatch stage 1, ISO solves (1)-(3) to obtain the power to be purchased from stage 1 to stage S with the input $(Y_1, Y_2 | Y_1, \dots, Y_S | Y_1)$. Only \mathbf{x}_1 is enforced whereas the rest dispatch outputs are advisory. When times rolls forward, the prediction information will be updated, and the above calculation repeats again and again until the last dispatch stage S . By the end of the dispatch stages, the power accumulated for each delivery stage t is $\sum_i \mathbf{x}_{it}$.

Delivery periods: wind power generation may be different from the forecast due to the uncertainty. If the power

accumulated from previous dispatch stages cannot balance the load at one delivery period, the power shortage should be compensated from the corresponding real-time markets. Furthermore, if there is still a power shortage or the thermal limits of transmission lines are violated, compulsory load shedding is inevitable. Therefore, the power is a sum of the cumulated power from all dispatch stages for each delivery period, the power from the real-time market, and the negative power consumption resulting from load shedding, if necessary.

According to the Bellman optimality principle, the solution process of the IMRLD can be decoupled into $(S+T)^{\text{th}}$ optimization problems. Therefore, the IMRLD is solved $(S+T)^{\text{th}}$ times to achieve the final global optimal decision [3]. The general model of the IMRLD is specified in the following subsections.

B. Simplifying assumption

The following simplifying assumptions are made in our model.

(1) We assume that market participants are price-takers. This assumption is acceptable if quantities of the power to be traded are large in the market [19]. This assumption has been widely used in many textbooks [19-20], technical reports [21] and research papers [22], because it brings a decentralized market solution process [20]. The situation where the wind power serves as a price-maker is out of scope of this paper [23].

(2) The operational constraints are grouped into two categories due to the uncertainty of renewables. The first type of constraints are considered as soft constraints, of which the violating probability and potential losses should be assessed by risk metrics. Transmission line overload is treated as the soft constraint in this paper, because utilities concern the severity of transmission line overload, e.g. costs associated with the overload, in addition to its probability. For example, Midcontinent Independent System Operators uses Transmission Constraint Demand Curves to quantify the severity of overload by penalty prices [24]. North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) uses different short term ratings for transmission lines to distinguish severity levels of system failures [25]. In addition, quite a few research works also used operating risk to assess the transmission line overload [26], [27]. In this regard, the transmission line overload is defined as the soft constraint in this paper. The second type constraint is considered as a hard constraint which must be satisfied at all times. The real power balance and the unit max/min capacity constraint are good examples of the hard constraint.

(3) Electricity demands are modeled as inelastic loads, so the objective function of the system operation is the minimization of total dispatch cost rather than the maximizing of social surplus. However, price-sensitive demand bids can be easily integrated into the proposed framework.

(4) The model is based on the DC power flow. This assumption is tenable for high voltage and long distance transmission networks, where DC power flow is a good approximation of the AC power flow for system steady state operation [28]. In this sense, DC power flow is used both in the

industrial and academic field in transmission-level system operation [29], [30].

C. Risk metrics

Based on the above assumptions, the operational risk of violating the thermal limit depends on the choice of risk metrics, which is the risk function $R_{\sigma}(\cdot)$ in (2). In engineering field, the commonly used risk metrics are expectation, worst case, quantile, safety margin, and superquantile [31]. This paper chooses the quantile and the superquantile as a paradigm to measure the risk. Reasons for such choice are given as follows.

Of these five risk metrics, the expectation is simple but does not reflect the risk averseness of operators. The worst-case is conservative and uses no information of the probability distribution other than its highest realization. The safety margin may not detect large variation on the tail loss, which is important to operators. However, the quantile and the superquantile, also known as value at risk (VaR) and conditional value at risk (CVaR) in finance, take advantages of the probability distribution and the risk preference of operators can be tuned. The quantile has been identified as a risk metric when dealing with uncertainties in power systems by NERC [4]. Meanwhile, the superquantile is widely used as a risk measure in both industrial and academic field [32], because it has some good properties in the model formulation and solution. First, it meets the requirement of system operators on quantifying the uncertainty with a low probability but a high consequence. Second, it is a coherent and convex risk metric, so a global optimal decision can be achieved, which is desirable for system operators. It should be noted that the choice of risk metrics could be replaced by other metrics without affecting the whole methodology.

Quantile. Given a random variable Z and its cumulative distribution function (CDF) F_Z , the α -quantile is:

$$q_{\alpha}(Z) = F_Z^{-1}(\alpha) \quad (4)$$

Similarly, if the loss is a function of Z , denoted as $f(Z)$, then the risk of loss is determined by $q_{\alpha}(f(Z))$. Mathematically, this is equal to the failure probability $p(f(Z))$, where $p(f(Z)) = \text{prob}(f(Z) > 0)$, because of:

$$p[f(Z)] \leq 1 - \alpha \text{ iff } q_{\alpha}[f(Z)] \leq 0 \quad (5)$$

Superquantile. Similarly, given the loss function, the α -superquantile is:

$$\bar{q}_{\alpha}[f(Z)] = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \int_{f(Z) \geq q_{\alpha}(Z)} f(Z) p(Z) dZ \quad (6)$$

In spite of its complex form, the superquantile is a coherent and convex metric [31], so it is widely used in both financial and engineering fields.

Based on these risk metrics, the risk constraint (2) is specified as the quantile constraint and the superquantile constraint, so the IMRLD to be solved has two versions, which are the IMRLD with the quantile constraint and the IMRLD with the superquantile constraint.

D. IMRLD model with the quantile constraint

For the general model of the IMRLD in (1)-(3), we first use the quantile as the risk metric of the IMRLD, shown in (7)-(13).

At each dispatch stage s , the objective function (1) can be specified as:

$$\min E[\sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{s=1}^S (\mathbf{c}_{st} \mathbf{p}_{st}) + \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathbf{m}_{lt} \mathbf{r}_{lt} + \mathbf{m}_{wt} \mathbf{r}_{wt})] \quad (7)$$

which minimizes the expected total operational cost for the whole delivery period. Decision variables are \mathbf{p}_{st} , \mathbf{r}_{lt} and \mathbf{r}_{wt} , where \mathbf{p}_{st} is the power output vector for each bus at dispatch stage s for delivery period t , \mathbf{r}_{lt} and \mathbf{r}_{wt} are the load shedding and wind spillage. The operational price \mathbf{c}_{st} , the load shedding price \mathbf{m}_{lt} and the wind spillage price \mathbf{m}_{wt} are constants in (7).

The constraint (3) of the decision variables is the hard constraint without risk. They are transformed to (8)-(11) as:

$$\sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} + \mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{r}_{lt} - \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{r}_{wt} = \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\theta}_t \quad \forall t \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{\min} \leq \sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} \leq \mathbf{P}_{\max}, \quad \forall t \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{P}^D \leq \sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} - \sum_{s=1}^{S-1} \mathbf{p}_{st-1} \leq \mathbf{P}^U, \quad \forall t \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{\min} \leq \mathbf{p}_{st} \leq \mathbf{P}_{\max}, \quad \forall t, \forall s \quad (11)$$

where random variable \mathbf{w}_t is the wind power vector predicted for delivery period t , and \mathbf{d}_t is the demand at period t . Constants are the lower and upper bounds of the generation output limits \mathbf{P}_{\min} and \mathbf{P}_{\max} , the lower and upper bounds of the ramping capabilities \mathbf{P}^D and \mathbf{P}^U , and the B-matrix of the DC power flow \mathbf{B} . (8) is the nodal power balance equation and $\boldsymbol{\theta}_t$ is the phase angle in delivery period t . (9) means the accumulated power from each generator should be bounded in each delivery period. (10) is the ramping constraint of the accumulated power from each generator for each delivery period, and (11) is the unit capacity constraint.

Because the line thermal limit is the soft constraint with risk, we use the quantile $q_{\alpha,lt}$ to quantify the potential loss for line l in period t . So the risk constraint in (2) is specified as (12) and (13):

$$q_{\alpha,lt}(f_{lt} - f_{l\max}) \leq Risk_{lt} : \tau_{lt}^{q,\max} \quad \forall t, \forall l \quad (12)$$

$$q_{\alpha,lt}(f_{l\min} - f_{lt}) \leq Risk_{lt} : \tau_{lt}^{q,\min} \quad \forall t, \forall l \quad (13)$$

where $Risk_{lt}$ is the risk bound for line l in period t . $\tau_{lt}^{q,\max}$ and $\tau_{lt}^{q,\min}$ are dual variables. The state variable is the power flow f_{lt} . Constants are the lower and upper bounds of the line thermal limits $f_{l\min}$ and $f_{l\max}$ of line l . Thus, the full model of the IMRLD using the quantile as the risk metric is encapsulated by (7)-(13).

E. IMRLD model with the superquantile constraint

If we use the superquantile instead of the quantile as the risk metric, the risk constraint in (2) is transformed to (14)-(16), rather than (12)-(13). In (14), the potential loss L_{lt} in period t on line l is defined as a penalty when the power flow violates the thermal limit, shown as (14):

$$L_{lt} = \lambda_{lt} [f_{lt} - f_{l\max}]^+ + \mu_{lt} [f_{l\min} - f_{lt}]^+ \quad \forall t, \forall l \quad (14)$$

where $[\cdot]^+ = \max(\cdot, 0)$. λ_{lt} and μ_{lt} are penalty prices when the power flow violates the thermal limit of line l in period t . The corresponding superquantile of the loss function L_{lt} is given in (15):

$$\bar{q}_{\alpha lt}(L_{lt}) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \int_{L_{lt} \geq q_{\alpha}} L_{lt} p(\mathbf{w}_t) d\mathbf{w}_t, \quad \forall l, \forall t \quad (15)$$

and the risk constraint is:

$$\bar{q}_{\alpha lt}(L_{lt}) \leq Risk_{lt}, \quad \forall t, \forall l \quad (16)$$

Finally, the full model of the IMRLD using the superquantile as the risk metric is composed of (7)-(11) and (14)-(16).

Therefore, we see some features which make the IMRLD different from previous works. It is a multi-stage multi-period operational problem considering operational constraints and alternative risk metrics, so it can be used in the realistic power industry directly, compared with the BRLD and the related works [3], [12-15], [17], [18]. It also preserves the good features of the BRLD, so it achieves the global optimal decision like the BRLD.

III. THE CONVEXITY OF THE IMRLD AND THE MODEL SOLUTION

In this section, we first demonstrate the convexity of the IMRLD with the quantile and the superquantile risk metrics, so a local optimal solution would be global optimal. Then we prove a theorem mathematically to transform the IMRLD with the superquantile risk metric into a piece-wise linear programming problem. After solving these two technical challenges, the IMRLD can be finally computed by existing solvers like GUROBI.

A. The convexity of the IMRLD

First of all, it should be noted that the BRLD in [3] is convex. We call the BRLD plus the hard constraints P1, and the BRLD plus the hard and soft constraints P2. According to the model formulation, the IMRLD is P2 in essence. For P1, one remark can be drawn, and is proved in Appendix A.

Remark 1: P1 is a convex optimization problem.

P2 is equal to P1 plus the soft constraints. For the quantile constraint, it can be reformed into a linear inequality if the prediction error of wind power is Gaussian distributed, and the convexity of the feasible region is thereby maintained according to the proof of *Remark 1*. The assumption of a Gaussian distribution for the prediction error of wind power is tenable as a result of the central limit theorem [31], and it has been widely used in the steady state operational problems [3].

For the superquantile constraint, it will not change the convexity of the feasible region because it is a coherent and convex risk metric. In addition, the superquantile constraint is always convex regardless of distributions, if the loss function is convex [36]. Therefore, P2, namely the IMRLD, is a convex optimization problem.

In this sense, the above models are both convex optimization problems, so a local optimal solution would global optimal.

B. Algorithm for solving the IMRLD problem

For the model with the quantile constraint, we use (5) and the generator shifting matrix \mathbf{A} to rewrite the risk constraint (12) and (13) to (17) and (18):

$$p(\mathbf{A}(\sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} + \mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{r}_{lt} - \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{r}_{wt}) > \mathbf{f}_{\max}) \leq 1 - \alpha, \quad \forall t \quad (17)$$

$$p(\mathbf{f}_{\min} - \mathbf{A}(\sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} + \mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{r}_{lt} - \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{r}_{wt}) > 0) \leq 1 - \alpha_t \quad \forall t \quad (18)$$

These probability constraints are rewritten as the linear constraints using the thresholds $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_t^{\max}$ and $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_t^{\min}$ [37], based on the aforementioned assumptions.

$$\mathbf{A}(\sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} + \mathbf{r}_{lt} - \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{r}_{wt}) \leq \mathbf{f}_{\max} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_t^{\max} : \boldsymbol{\tau}_t^{q,\max} \quad \forall t \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} + \mathbf{r}_{lt} - \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{r}_{wt}) \geq \mathbf{f}_{\min} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_t^{\min} : \boldsymbol{\tau}_t^{q,\min} \quad \forall t \quad (20)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\tau}_t^{q,\max}$ and $\boldsymbol{\tau}_t^{q,\min}$ are the dual variables.

Moreover, the system power balance constraint is shown in (21):

$$\mathbf{1}^T (\sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} + \mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{r}_{lt} - \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{r}_{wt}) = 0 : u_t \quad \forall t \quad (21)$$

where u_t is the dual variable.

Therefore, the final IMRLD model with the quantile constraint includes (7), (9)-(11), and (19)-(21).

For the IMRLD with the superquantile constraint, it is challenging to solve it by existing solvers. Thus, we propose *Theorem 1* to reformulate the original problem into a piece-wise linear optimization problem.

Theorem 1: The following two optimization problems generate the same efficient frontier:

$$(a) \min_x f(x, y) \quad (b) \min_{x, \beta_i} f(x, y) \quad (22)$$

$$s.t. \bar{q}_{ai}[g_i(x, y)] \leq Q_i, \forall i \quad s.t. F_i[g_i(x, y), \beta_i] \leq C_i, \forall i$$

where i is the index of constraints, Q_i and C_i are parameters, x is a deterministic variable, y is a random variable, and $p(y)$ is the probability density function(PDF) of y . β_i is an ancillary variable. $F(\cdot)$ is an ancillary function defined as:

$$F(g(x, y), \beta) = \beta + \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \int [g(x, y) - \beta]^+ p(y) dy \quad (23)$$

The proof of *Theorem 1* is provided in Appendix B.

Thus, we define the ancillary function for our specific problem as:

$$F_{lt}(\mathbf{p}_{st}, \mathbf{r}_{lt}, \mathbf{w}_t, \mathbf{r}_{wt}, \beta_{lt}) = \beta_{lt} + \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha_{lt})} \int [\lambda_{lt} [\mathbf{a}_l (\sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} + \mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{r}_{lt} - \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{r}_{wt}) - \mathbf{f}_{\max}]^+ + \mu_{lt} [\mathbf{f}_{\min} - \mathbf{a}_l (\sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} + \mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{r}_{lt} - \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{r}_{wt})]^+ - \beta_{lt}]^+ p(\mathbf{w}_t) d\mathbf{w}_t \quad (24)$$

where \mathbf{a}_l is the l^{th} row of the generator shifting matrix \mathbf{A} . The vector \mathbf{f}_{\max} and \mathbf{f}_{\min} are the bounds of the thermal limits. According to *Theorem 1*, the optimization problem (7)-(11), and (14)-(16) is equivalent to (7), (9)-(11), (21) and (25) where:

$$F_{lt}(\mathbf{p}_{st}, \mathbf{r}_{lt}, \mathbf{w}_t, \mathbf{r}_{wt}, \beta_{lt}) \leq Risk_{lt}, \quad \forall t, \forall l \quad (25)$$

Furthermore, if we use discrete samples to represent the random variable \mathbf{w}_t , (25) can be discretized to (26) for any type of distribution [36]:

$$\beta_{lt} + \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{k(1 - \alpha)} \times [\lambda_{lt} [\mathbf{a}_l (\sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} + \mathbf{w}_{tk} + \mathbf{r}_{lt} - \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{r}_{wt}) - \mathbf{f}_{\max}]^+ + \mu_{lt} [\mathbf{f}_{\min} - \mathbf{a}_l (\sum_{s=1}^S \mathbf{p}_{st} + \mathbf{w}_{tk} + \mathbf{r}_{lt} - \mathbf{d}_t - \mathbf{r}_{wt})]^+ - \beta_{lt}]^+ \leq Risk_{lt} : \tau_{lt}^{sq} \quad \forall t, \forall l \quad (26)$$

where k is the index of the samples, and τ_{lt}^{sq} is the dual variable.

Therefore, the objective of the final IMRLD with superquantile constraint is to minimize (7), subject to (9)-(11), (21) and (26). It is a piece-wise linear optimization, which can be efficiently computed by existing solvers.

IV. LOCATIONAL MARGINAL PRICE ANALYSIS

In order to analyze the IMRLD model, the LMP is derived in this section to reveal the relation between the marginal operational cost and the uncertainty from renewables injections. In addition, the LMP analysis also contributes to the detection of transmission congestions in a network.

In our formulation, we cannot obtain the LMP by checking the dual variables directly, because the nodal power balance equation is not explicit. In this regard, the LMP is derived by perturbing the load in the Lagrangian function of the IMRLD. The Lagrangian functions of the IMRLD with the quantile and the superquantile constraints are denoted as l_1 and l_2 respectively. A perturbation ξ_{nt} on load at bus n in period t is used, in order to derive an analytical form of the LMP.

A. LMP of the IMRLD with the quantile constraint

For node n in delivery period t , the LMP is derived in (27):

$$LMP_{nt} = \frac{\partial l_1}{\partial \xi_{nt}} = u_t - \sum_{l=1}^L \tau_{lt}^{q,\max} a_{ln} + \sum_{l=1}^L \tau_{lt}^{q,\min} a_{ln} \quad (27)$$

where a_{ln} is the entry of matrix \mathbf{A} , L is the number of lines, u_t , $\tau_{lt}^{q,\max}$ and $\tau_{lt}^{q,\min}$ are the dual variables of constraint (21), (12) and (13).

The first component in (27) is interpreted as the marginal operational cost of the reference bus, not depending on transmission lines. The second and the third components stand for the marginal cost of congestion. The impact of the operational risk can be treated as an expansion of the transmission capacity determined by the thresholds $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_t^{\max}$ and $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_t^{\min}$. In this sense, the congestion cost of the expanded transmission line is equal to the merchandizing surplus. In addition, if ξ_{nt} is interpreted as wind perturbation, the LMP is the price of wind power at bus n in period t . It should be mentioned that the uncertainty is implicitly included in the Lagrangian multipliers u_t , $\tau_{lt}^{q,\max}$ and $\tau_{lt}^{q,\min}$.

B. LMP of the IMRLD with the superquantile constraint

For node n in delivery period t , the LMP is derived in (28):

$$LMP_{nt} = \frac{\partial l_2}{\partial \xi_{nt}} = u_t + \sum_{l=1}^L \frac{\tau_{lt}^{sq}}{1 - \alpha_{lt}} \frac{\partial \int_{L_{lt} \geq q_{\alpha}} L_{lt} p(\mathbf{w}_t) d\mathbf{w}_t}{\partial \xi_{nt}} \quad (28)$$

where τ_{lt}^{sq} is the dual variable of (26).

Akin to (27), the first component reflects the marginal cost of the reference bus, while the second component stands for the congestion price relative to the reference bus. Moreover, if the wind power output follows a joint Gaussian distribution, the LMP can be further simplified as:

$$LMP_{nt} = u_t + \sum_{l=1}^L \frac{\tau_{lt}^{sq} [I_1(\mu_{lt} a_{ln}) - I_2(\lambda_{lt} a_{ln})]}{(1 - \alpha_{lt})} P(w \geq W) \quad (29)$$

In (29), P denotes a joint probability, w is an ancillary random variable, and W is a threshold derived in Appendix C.

Indicator functions I_1 and I_2 equal to $\mu_{lr}a_{ln}$ and $\lambda_{lr}a_{ln}$ when the values of the second and the third line in (26) are not zero respectively. (Otherwise, I_1 and I_2 are zero)

If we can find a threshold like the case in the quantile model, the effect of the operational risk on the transmission capacity can also be deemed as an expansion of transmission lines. However, for the superquantile case, it is difficult to calculate such a threshold, so we need the reformulation and *Theorem 1* to solve the model. In addition, the LMP is explicitly related to the joint probability distribution, so it is possible to analyze the effect of wind forecast error on the LMP directly.

V. CASE STUDY

In this section, two case studies are conducted for the IMRLD. The first case is based on a modified IEEE 6-bus system, and the second case is based on a realistic wind power system from Gansu province of China. The models for these cases are coded in CVX 2.1 in MATLAB 2013 and solved by GUROBI 6.0. All experiments are conducted on a PC Dell OPTIPLEX 9010 with Intel Dual Core i5 at 3.30, 3.30 GHz and 128 GB RAM in a 64-bit Windows 7 operating system.

A. A modified IEEE standard system

The first case is based on a modified IEEE 6-bus system with 3 dispatch stages (S1, S2 and S3) and 3 delivery periods (T1, T2 and T3). All system data can be found in [33]. In this case, the prediction data of the wind are generated by Monte Carlo simulation based on the joint Gaussian distribution with 1000 samples. Mean values of the two wind plants are given in Table I. (x/y) in Table I represents the mean values of the wind power at bus 2 and bus 3 respectively. The covariance matrix represents the prediction error. Table II gives the covariance matrix in high prediction error (HPE), medium prediction error (MPE) and low prediction error (LPE) for this case.

TABLE I
MEAN VALUES OF THE WIND POWER AT BUS 2 AND BUS 3

| W2/W3 (MW) | T1 | T2 | T3 |
|------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| S1 | 10/9.4 | 15.3/11.2 | 25.3/20.3 |
| S2 | 10/7.7 | 14.4/11.1 | 20.9/19.9 |
| S3 | 10/5.8 | 15/8.8 | 23.3/15.3 |

TABLE II
COVARIANCE MATRIX IN HPE, MPE AND LPE

| | HPE | MPE | LPE |
|----|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| S1 | [10,6;6,10] | [5,2;2,5] | [2,1;1,2] |
| S2 | [6,3;3,2] | [2,1;1,2] | [1, 0.5; 0.5, 1] |
| S3 | [0,0;0,0] | [0,0;0,0] | [0,0;0,0] |

There are three objectives in this case. The first objective illustrates how the IMRLD generates the scheduling plan of each unit at each dispatch stage for each delivery period. Based on the scheduling plan, the second objective compares the operational costs among the traditional deterministic operation (TD), the three-stage stochastic programming (SP) and the IMRLD. The last objective analyzes the IMRLD model to find the relation between the operational cost, the system flexibility, the prediction error and the wind penetration level.

Objective A1: assume the prediction error is LPE. Based on the data in Table I and Table II, the scheduling plans of each

unit at each dispatch stage for each delivery period of the quantile and the superquantile models are computed by (7)-(11), (14)-(16), and (7), (9)-(11), (21), (26) respectively. The output of unit 3 is always zero because of its high operational cost. The outputs of unit 1 and 2 are shown in Table III, and (N/M) in Table III are the outputs computed by the quantile and the superquantile model respectively.

TABLE III
OPERATIONAL SCHEDULES OF UNIT 1 AND UNIT 2

| Quantile/Superquantile | | S1 | S2 | S3 |
|------------------------|----|-------------|---------|---------|
| Unit1 (MW) | T1 | 98.3/98.5 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| | T2 | 108.7/110.4 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| | T3 | 117.2/120.9 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| Unit2 (MW) | T1 | 94.4/97.4 | 1.1/1.9 | 0.4/0.6 |
| | T2 | 76.9/80.3 | 0.4/0.5 | 0.2/0.3 |
| | T3 | 49.3/51.8 | 4.2/4.3 | 0.7/1.1 |

In Table III, operators purchase power at dispatch stage 1, and purchase recourse power at dispatch stage 2 because the change of prediction is known, given in Table I and II. Similarly, additional power will be purchased at the last stage.

Objective A2: the wind data is represented by the mean values in Table I without prediction errors in the TD. In the SP and the IMRLD, the wind data are given in Table I and II. Table IV shows the operational costs of the TD, SP and IMRLD. (N/M) in Table IV are the operational costs computed by the quantile and the superquantile model respectively.

TABLE IV
OPERATIONAL COSTS OF THE TD, SP AND IMRLD

| | S1 | S2 | S3 | Total |
|--------------|---------|--------|-------|---------|
| TD(\$/hr) | 6,472.8 | 0 | 465.5 | 6,938.3 |
| SP(\$/hr) | 6,618.1 | 179.7 | 69.2 | 6,867.0 |
| IMRLD(\$/hr) | 6,495.7 | 80.3 | 24.4 | 6,600.4 |
| | /6,551 | /142.5 | /45.5 | /6,739 |

Table IV shows the operational costs of the TD, SP and IMRLD at each dispatch stage. Compared with the TD, the IMRLD takes advantage of the available prediction information of the wind power decreasing so it avoids buying much power at the last stage with a very high price. Moreover, operators can correct the operational decision in the recourse stage with a lower price. Compared with the 3-stage SP, the permission of the operational risk at stage 1 and 2 within a given risk level leads to the lower operational cost in the IMRLD. In addition, more power would be purchased in the superquantile model and the operational cost is thereby higher because the severity and probability of losses are both integrated in the superquantile model, whereas the quantile model just considers the probability of losses.

Table V compares the performance of each model. It is found that there are more variables and constraints in the superquantile model, which is more computationally expensive.

TABLE V
PERFORMANCE COMPARISON OF THE MODIFIED 6-BUS SYSTEM

| | Quantile model | Superquantile model |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Number of variables | 102,204 | 188,206 |
| Number of constraints | 87,132 | 106,133 |
| CPU time | 20.83s | 186.67s |

In sum, we draw one note from the above observations:

Note A1: the IMRLD has a lower operational cost compared with the TD and SP, because it preserves the good features of the BRLD.

Objective A3: there are three scenarios. The base case for all scenarios is the system without any wind power injection, denoted by the blue line in the figures. The overall system flexibility is defined as the system upward/downward ramping capability in 10 minutes. For example, system flexibility equals to 10%/10mins means units can ramp upward/downward 10% of their total capacity in 10 minutes. The penetration level is the wind power capacity over the total installed capacity.

Scenario 1: set the system flexibility level to 20%/10mins. This scenario finds the relation between the wind penetration level, the wind prediction error, and the operational cost. There are three subcases in this scenario for the quantile and the superquantile models: HPE, MPE and LPE, shown in Fig. 3(a).

Scenario 2: set the prediction error to MPE. This scenario finds the relation between the wind penetration level, the system flexibility, and the operational cost. There are 3 subcases in this scenario for both the quantile and superquantile models: high system flexibility (HSF), medium system flexibility (MSF) and low system flexibility (LSF), shown in Fig. 4(a). Based on the definition of the system flexibility, HSF, MSF and LSF are chosen as 40%/10mins, 20%/10mins and 10%/10mins.

Scenario 3: set the penetration level to 20%. This scenario finds the relation between the system flexibility, the wind prediction error, and the operational cost. Again, there are 3 subcases in this scenario for both the quantile and superquantile models: HPE, MPE and LPE, shown in Fig. 4(b).

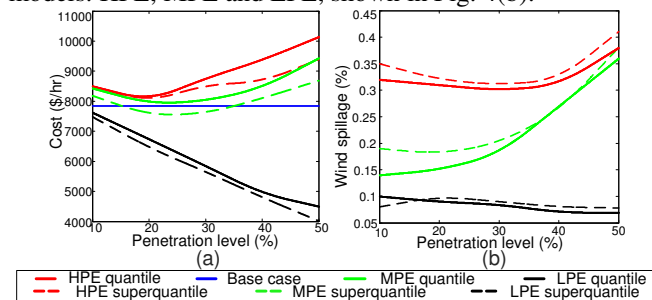


Fig. 3. (a) Given the flexibility level, the relationship between the wind penetration and the prediction accuracy. (b) The wind spillage in scenario 1.

For both scenario 1 and scenario 2 shown in Fig. 3(a) and Fig. 4(a), the characteristics of the curves are similar: (a) In the HPE and MPE subcases, or the HSF and MSF subcases, it is not surprising that the costs first drop down with the increased penetration level. When the penetration levels reach about 20% in scenario 1 and 25% in scenario 2, the curves start to rise. Because the deviation of the prediction leads to a much more severe shortage of the reserve at the real time when the penetration level is high, more power must be purchased at the last stage with a high price. However, in the LPE and LSF subcase, the costs decrease monotonously with the penetration levels. (b) For each curve, the part beyond the base case means the operational cost of a wind power system is higher than the cost of a system without wind. The inaccurate forecast results in insufficient power purchasing at the stage with a low price, so it leads to the excessive purchase at the real time. (c) The cost of

the superquantile model is higher than the quantile model, given the same confidential levels and risk parameters. In addition, Fig. 3(b) provides the wind spillage in each subcase. The high wind spillage percentages in the HPE and MPE reveal that the high penetration level does not necessarily provide economic profits without matched forecast technology and system flexibility.

Nevertheless, for the scenario 3 shown in Fig. 4(b), shapes of the curves are different: (a) For the HPE and MPE, the costs slope down when the flexibility improves. The suitable flexibility is about 25%/10mins and 43.5%/10mins respectively to hold the wind power. (b) In the LPE subcase, the costs barely decline, because the prediction is precise enough so that the uncertainty of the wind can be handled by a comparatively low flexibility level.

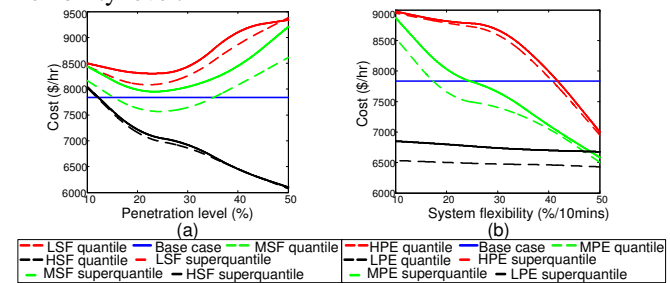


Fig. 4. (a) Given the prediction accuracy, the relationship between the wind penetration and the flexibility. (b) Given the penetration level, the relationship between the flexibility and the prediction accuracy.

In sum, the above observations and analysis give rise to one note:

Note A2: impact factors in the IMRLD are coupling. Analysis of the IMRLD shows the wind power integration will probably bring no economic benefits without matched prediction accuracy and system flexibility.

B. The realistic system in Gansu, China

In the second case, the simulation is built on a realistic system, the Gansu power grid in China, which has a large-scale wind power integration. There are 132 buses and 244 transmission lines in the system. The wind power injects at bus 14, 38, 51, 63, 54 and 58, and 1000 samples of wind power are generated and reduced to 10 samples with sophisticated scenario reduction tool [39]. Details of this system can be found in [33].

The objectives of this case are twofold: (1) Compare the operational costs between the TD, SP and IMRLD for the Gansu realistic system. (2) Illustrate the LMP calculation of all 750kV buses and find the reason for the variation in the LMPs over the total 12 delivery periods.

Objective B1: the comparison between the TD, SP and IMRLD for the Gansu realistic system is shown in Table VI.

| | S1 | S2 | S3 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| TD(\$/hr) | 22,319.7 | 0 | 10,513.9 | 32,834.6 |
| SP(\$/hr) | 22,819.7 | 7,332.4 | 205.1 | 30,357.2 |
| IMRLD(\$/hr) | 22,684.0 | 6,718.3 | 55.9 | 29,458.2 |
| | /22,736.6 | /7,053.7 | /106 | /29,896.3 |

Table VI shows the similar result with Table V on the 6-bus

system. The IMRLD has the lowest operational cost. Compared with the TD, the economic benefits of the IMRLD come from the utilization of recourse stage to correct the operational decision. Compared with the SP, some extreme scenarios are not considered because of the acceptable operational risk level, so the operational cost of the IMRLD is lower. Table VI can be concluded to one note:

Note B1: the IMRLD has a lower operational cost than the TD and SP for the realistic Gansu power system, because it preserves the good features of the BRLD.

The performance of the IMRLD for the realistic system is provided in Table VII. There are more variables in the superquantile model, thus it needs more CPU time. In addition, provided more advanced solvers and computers, if any, the number of samples and the problem scale can be further enlarged to render a better operational plan, and the computational time can be further reduced.

TABLE VII

| PERFORMANCE COMPARISON OF THE REALISTIC SYSTEM | | |
|--|----------------|---------------------|
| | Quantile model | Superquantile model |
| Number of variables | 108,864 | 167,566 |
| Number of constraints | 22,176 | 86,939 |
| CPU time | 40.83s | 266.32s |

For the LMP analysis, the mean values of wind power predicted at the first stage are shown in Fig. 5. At time $t=5$, $t=8$ and $t=10$, the wind power ramps up while sinks down at $t=6$, $t=9$ and $t=11$.

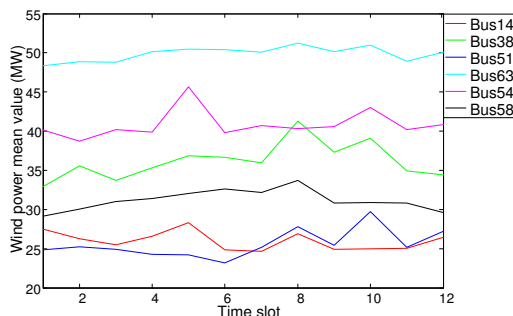


Fig. 5. The predicted mean values of the wind power at the first stage.

The LMPs of the quantile model and the superquantile model are shown in Fig. 6.

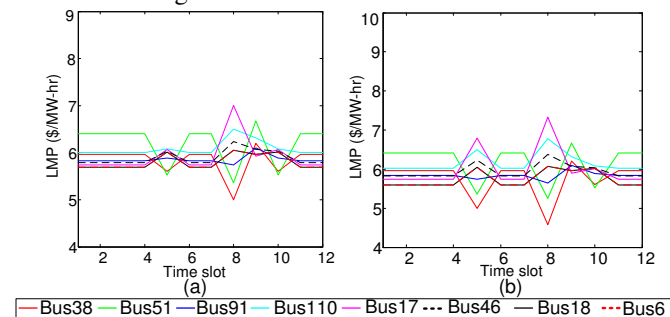


Fig. 6. (a) The LMPs in the quantile model. (b) The LMPs in the superquantile model.

Some heuristic and impressive features can be found in Fig. 6. At the first glance, there are 3 peaks of the LMPs at $t=5$, $t=8$ and $t=10$, coincident with the wind power peaks. The largest LMP fluctuations are at bus 17, 38 and 51. Intuitively, the raise of wind power will result in cost-saving, just like the fact at bus

38 and 51 where the LMPs tumble down. However, the LMP of bus 17 paradoxically increases with the wind power. This abnormal phenomenon results from the different location of the buses and line congestions. Because bus 38 and 51 are wind injection point, the LMPs decline. But the congested lines in the system are increased due to the increment of the wind power injection at $t=5$, $t=8$ and $t=10$, thus the LMPs of some buses rise up with nuanced degrees. For bus 17, the sharp ascent of the LMP is due to the neighboring congested lines. However for the other buses, the LMPs slightly grow because they are far from the congested area.

In normal condition, the free price of the wind power will reduce the LMP intuitively. However, this is not the case for some buses in the realistic Gansu power system. This abnormal situation is concluded by the following note:

Note B2: line congestions in the Gansu power system lead to the rise of the LMPs in some buses even when the wind power increases.

VI. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the paper proposes the IMRLD as a power system operational method for the renewables integration, because it preserves the advantages of the BRLD, and it satisfies the three realistic industrial requirements simultaneously. The convexity is verified and a theorem is proved to make the IMRLD solvable. The LMP is then derived to analyze the relation between the system marginal operational cost and the uncertainty from the renewables injection.

The case studies on a modified IEEE 6-bus system and a realistic provincial system in China demonstrate the economic benefits of the IMRLD. In addition, the simulation result of the IMRLD shows that the impact factors of the operational cost, which are the system flexibility, the wind penetration level, and the prediction accuracy, are coupling. The operational cost of a system with wind power integration may be higher than the system without wind, if the prediction accuracy and the system flexibility are not matched. Lastly, the LMP analysis shows that the limited transmission capacity is another factor that prevents the economic benefits of wind power integration.

APPENDIX

A. Proof of Remark 1

The hard constraints are a set of linear inequalities and equalities, denoted in (30):

$$\begin{aligned} a_i^T x &\leq b_i, & i \in A_1 \\ c_j^T x &= d_j, & j \in A_2 \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where a , b , c and d are parameters, i and j are the index of the inequalities and equalities, and A_1 , A_2 are the sets of inequalities and equalities.

For the linear equalities, they are rewritten into a set of inequalities shown as:

$$c_j^T x \leq d_j, c_j^T x \geq d_j, j \in A_2 \quad (31)$$

Therefore, the hard constraints can be reformed into a set of linear inequalities:

$$e_k^T x \leq f_k, \quad k \in A_3 \quad (32)$$

where e and f are parameters, k is the index of the inequalities, and A_3 is the set of inequalities.

Assume x, y be two solutions of (32), we have

$$\begin{aligned} e_k^T x &\leq f_k, \quad k \in A_3 \\ e_k^T y &\leq f_k, \quad k \in A_3 \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

If the inequalities are multiplied by nonnegative values q and $1-q$, we have:

$$qe_k^T x + (1-q)e_k^T y \leq qf_k + (1-q)f_k = f_k, \quad k \in A_3 \quad (34)$$

(34) means any point $z=qx+(1-q)y$ is a solution to (32), provided $q \in [0,1]$. Therefore, the feasible region composed of the hard constraints is a convex set.

B. Proof of Theorem 1

Prerequisite 1: The following optimization problems are equivalent, if $f(x,y)$ and $g(x,y)$ are convex [36].

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \min_{x \in \Psi} f(x, y) + a \bar{q}_\alpha [g(x, y)] \\ \text{(b) } \min_{x \in \Psi, \beta} f(x, y) + aF[g(x, y), \beta] \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

where Ψ is a feasible region of the deterministic variable x , y is a random variable. a is a parameter, $F(\cdot)$ is the ancillary function defined in [36], and β is the ancillary variable.

Prerequisite 2: The following optimization problems generate the same efficient frontier, when $f(x)$ is convex and $g(x)$ is concave [38].

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \min f(x) \quad \text{(b) } \min f(x) + ag(x) \\ \text{s.t. } g(x) \leq G, x \in \Psi \quad \text{s.t. } x \in \Psi \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

where a and G are parameters.

By *Prerequisite 2*, the two problems below generate the same efficient frontier:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \min_x f(x) \quad \text{(b) } \min_x f(x) + a_1 \bar{q}_{\alpha_1} [g_1(x, y)] \\ \text{s.t. } \bar{q}_{\alpha_i} [g_i(x, y)] \leq Q_i, \forall i \quad \text{s.t. } \bar{q}_{\alpha_i} [g_i(x, y)] \leq Q_i, \forall i \neq 1 \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

where Q_i and a_1 are parameters. By *Prerequisite 1*, the two problems below are equivalent:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \min_x f(x) \quad \text{(b) } \min_x f(x) + a_1 \bar{q}_{\alpha_1} [g_1(x, y)] \\ \text{s.t. } \bar{q}_{\alpha_i} [g_i(x, y)] \leq Q_i, \forall i \quad \text{s.t. } \bar{q}_{\alpha_i} [g_i(x, y)] \leq Q_i, \forall i \neq 1 \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

By *Prerequisite 2*, the two problems below generate the same efficient frontier, where C_1 is a parameter:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \min_{x, \beta_1} f(x, y) + a_1 F_1 [g_1(x, y), \beta_1] \quad \text{(b) } \min_{x, \beta_1} f(x, y) \\ \text{s.t. } \bar{q}_{\alpha_i} [g_i(x, y)] \leq Q_i, \forall i \neq 1 \quad \text{s.t. } \bar{q}_{\alpha_i} [g_i(x, y)] \leq Q_i, \forall i \neq 1 \\ F_1 [g_1(x, y), \beta_1] \leq C_1 \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

With (37)-(39), all the superquantile constraints can be transformed to the ancillary functions, thus *Theorem 1* can be proved.

C. Derivation of the LMP for the superquantile model

When the optimization problem of the superquantile model is solved, the loss function and the ancillary function degenerate into an affine function. Assume the wind power is subject to a joint Gaussian probability, the lower limit of the integral in (28) can be analytically expressed as:

$$\mathbf{a}_l \mathbf{w}_l \geq \mu_w + \varphi_\alpha \sigma_w \quad (40)$$

where μ_w and σ_w are the mean and the variance of the PDF of $\mathbf{a}_l \mathbf{w}_l$, and φ_α is the α -quantile of the normal distribution. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \int_{L_{li} \geq q_\alpha} L_{li} p(\mathbf{w}_l) d\mathbf{w}_l}{\partial \xi_{nt}} = [I_1(\mu_{li} a_{ln}) - I_2(\lambda_{li} a_{ln})] \\ \times \int_{\mathbf{a}_l \mathbf{w}_l \geq \mu_w + \varphi_\alpha \sigma_w} p(\mathbf{w}_l) d\mathbf{w}_l \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

The integral is actually a probability, which can be calculated and denoted by $P(w \geq W)$.

Finally, substituting (41) into (28), the LMP of the IMRLD with the superquantile risk metric becomes:

$$LMP_{nt} = u_l + \sum_{l=1}^L \frac{\tau_{li}^{sq} [I_1(\mu_{li} a_{ln}) - I_2(\lambda_{li} a_{ln})]}{(1 - \alpha_{li})} P(w \geq W) \quad (42)$$

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