

Multilevel Monte Carlo with Surrogate Models for Resource Adequacy Assessment

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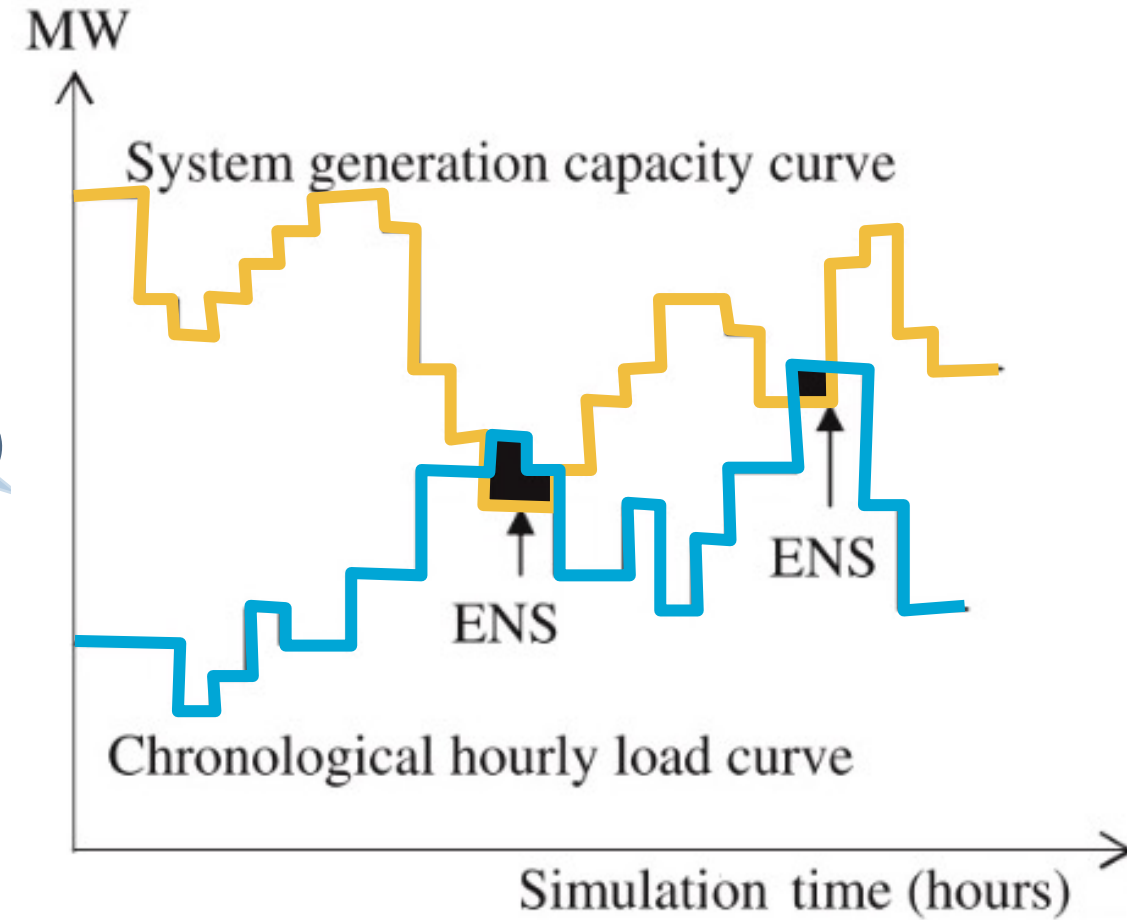
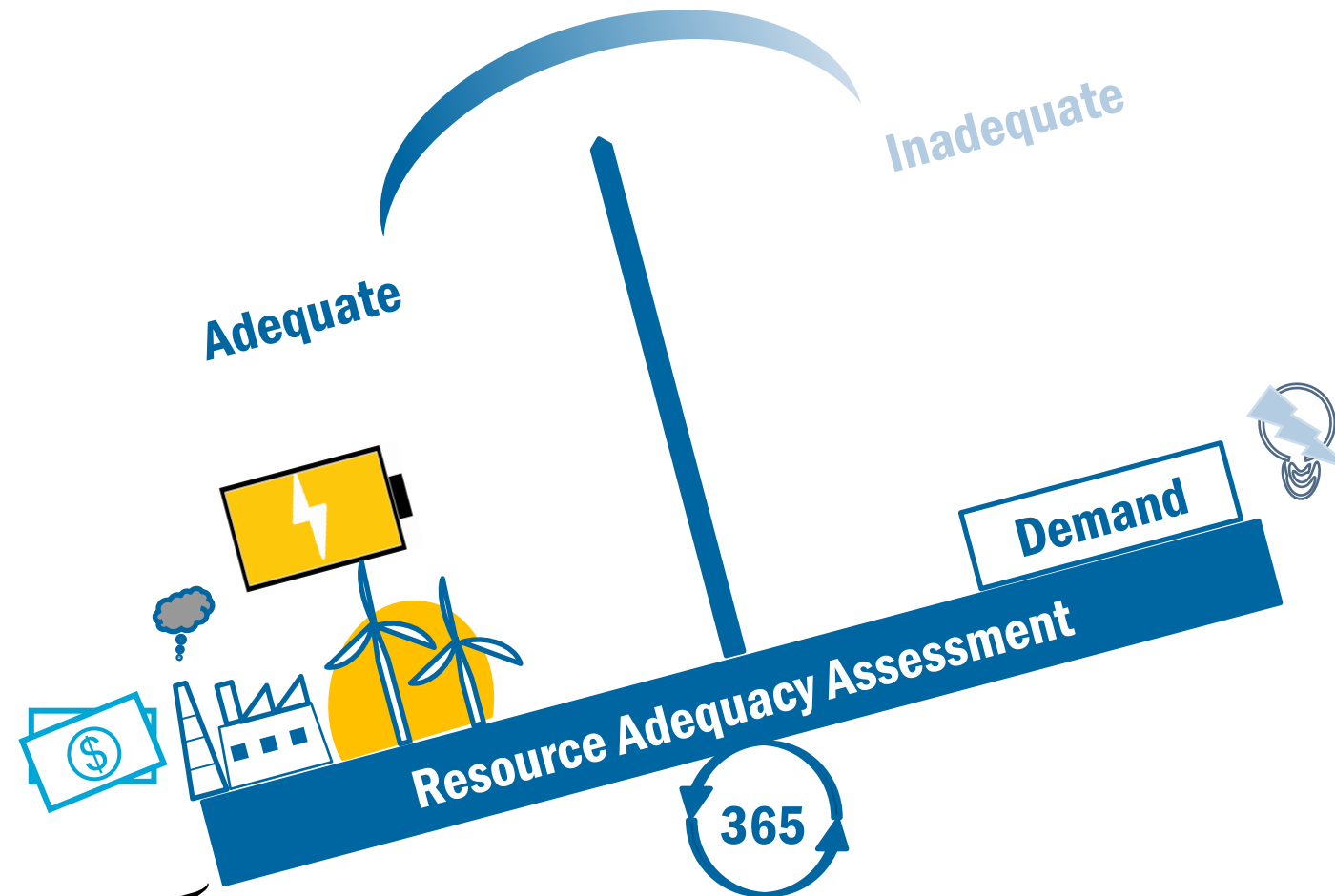
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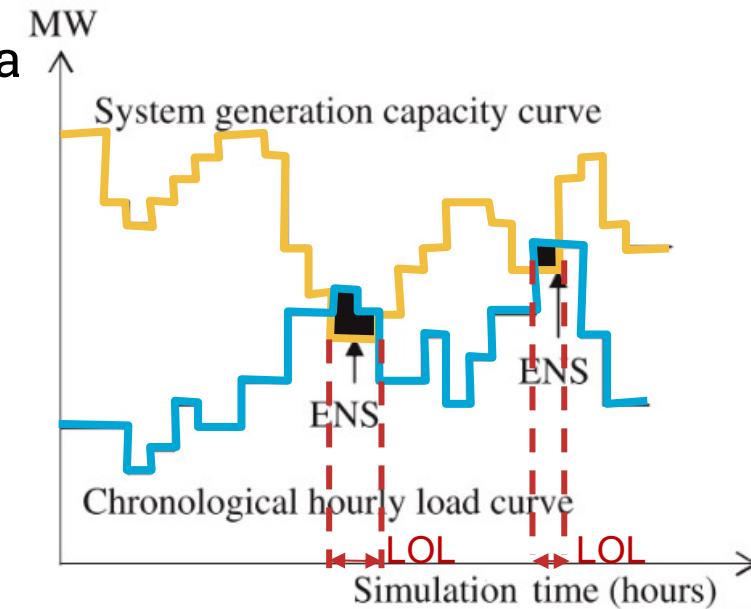
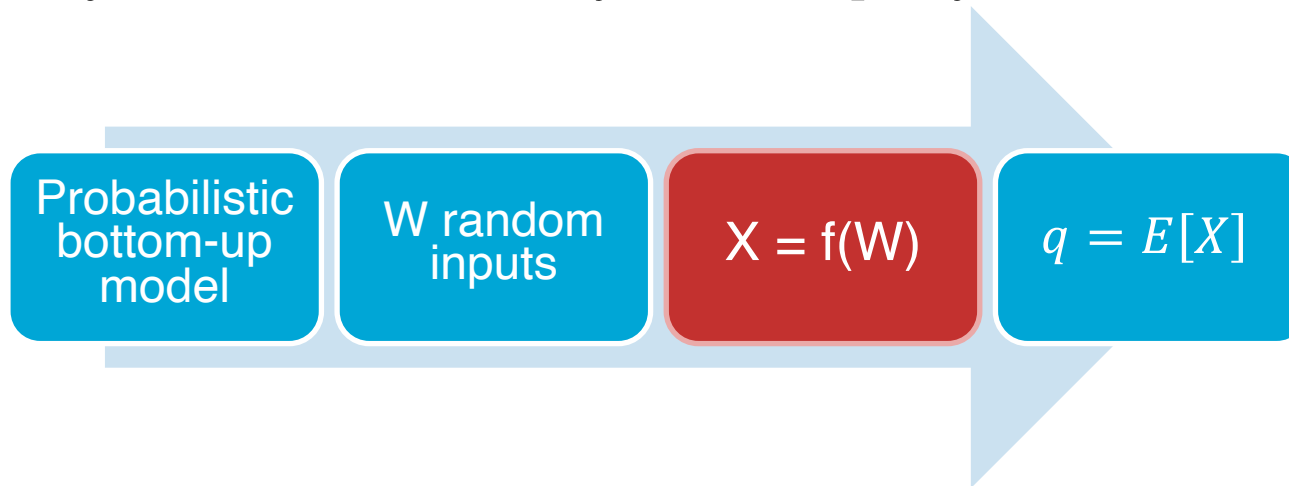
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Resource Adequacy Assessment



Measuring risk in system adequacy studies

Typically, risk measures for system adequacy are of the form expecta

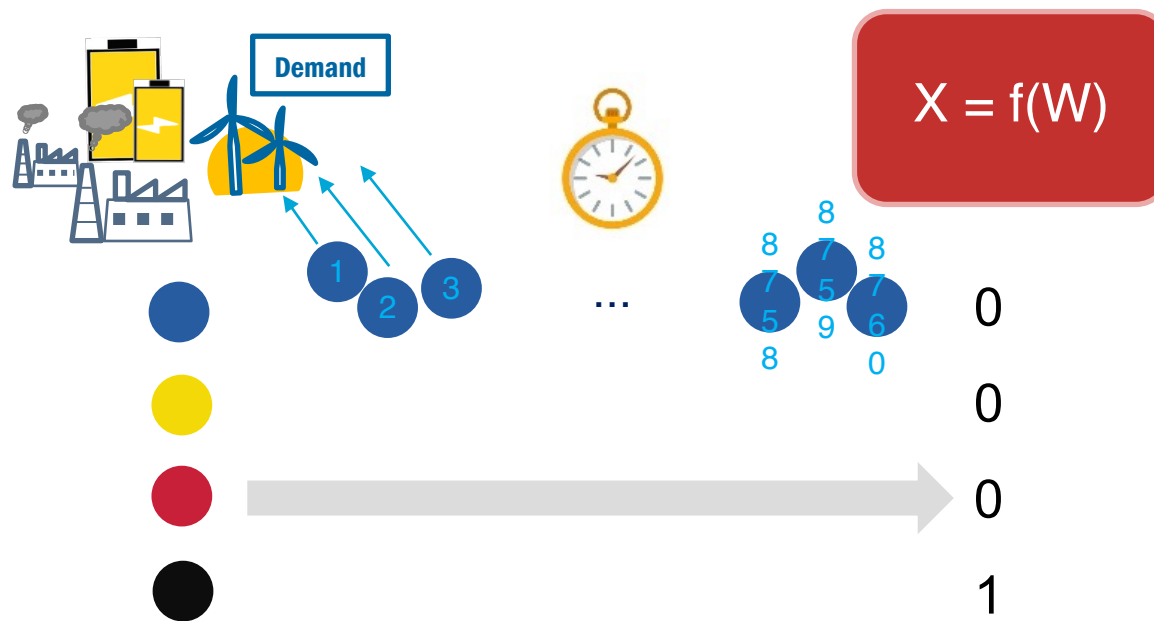


Examples

1. EENS/EUE : X = energy not served in a random year
2. LOLE (in hours) : X = number of hours of shortfall in a random year

Example: impact of storage in a model Great Britain system

- Probabilistic weather and power generation model
- Optimal use of batteries can mitigate shortfalls (needs sequential simulation)
- multiple storage units with ENS-minimising policy (Evans et al., 2019)

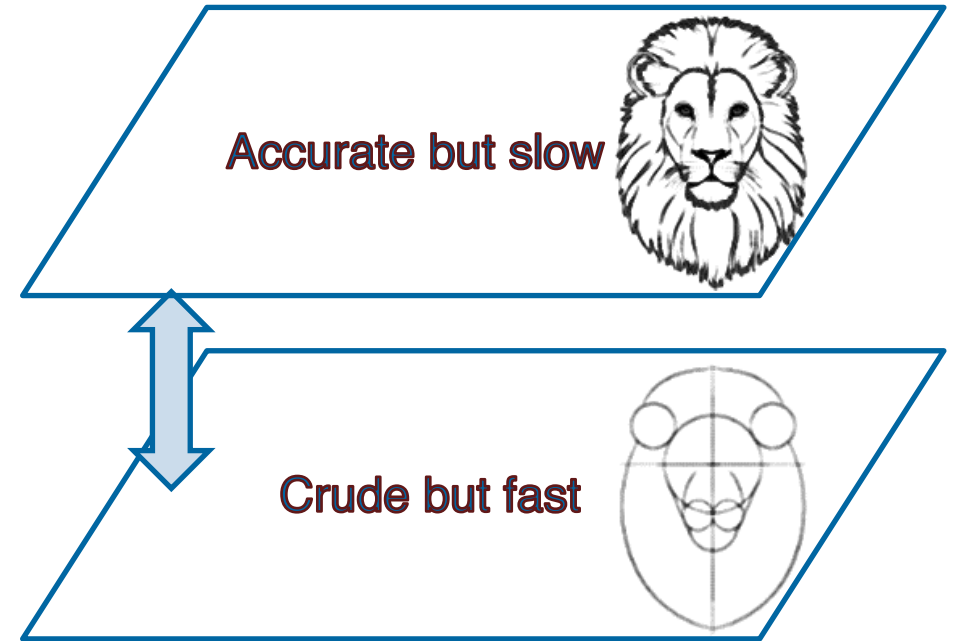
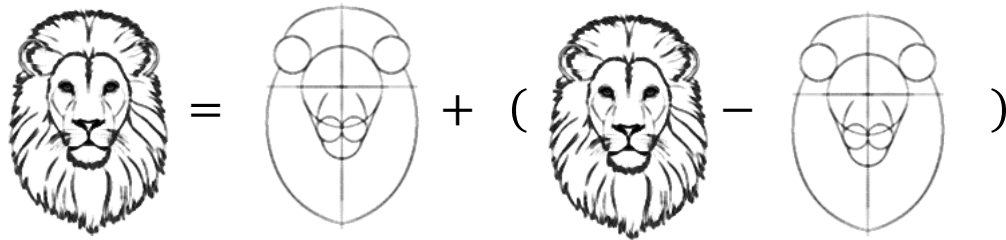


Multi Level Monte Carlo (MLMC)

increasing accuracy = more work per sample



MLMC

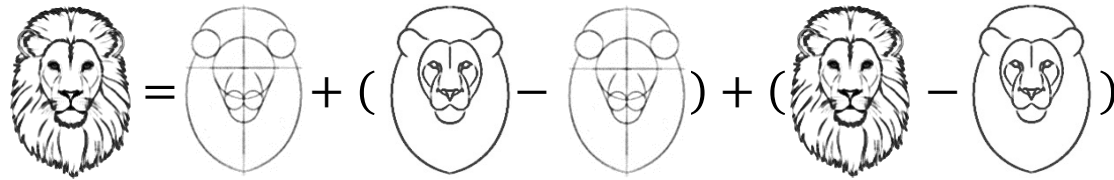


Telescopic identity

$$\begin{aligned}
 q &= E[X_L] \\
 &= E[X_0] + E[X_1 - X_0] + \dots + E[X_L - X_{L-1}] \\
 &= r_0 + r_1 + \dots + r_L
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_L^{(i)} && \text{MC} \\
 &\approx \underbrace{\frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{i=1}^{n_0} x_0^{(i,0)}}_{\text{Rough estimation}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} (x_1^{(i,1)} - x_0^{(i,1)})}_{\text{Corrections}} + \dots && \text{MLMC}
 \end{aligned}$$

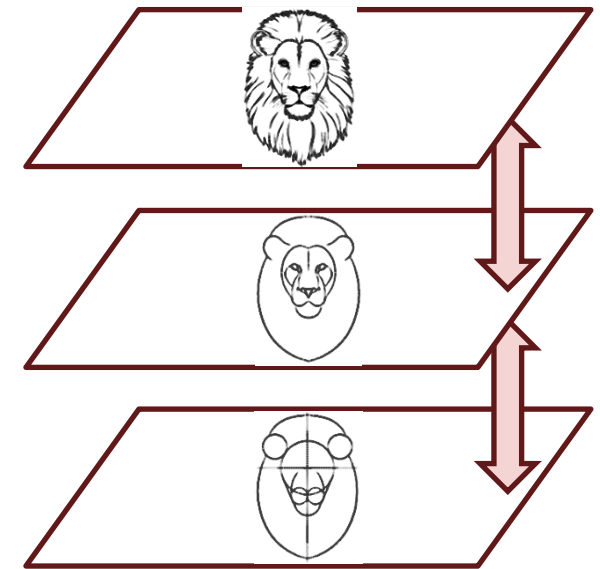
➡ Can be faster



MLMC variance

$$q = E[X_1] + E[X_2 - X_1] + \dots + E[X_L - X_{L-1}]$$

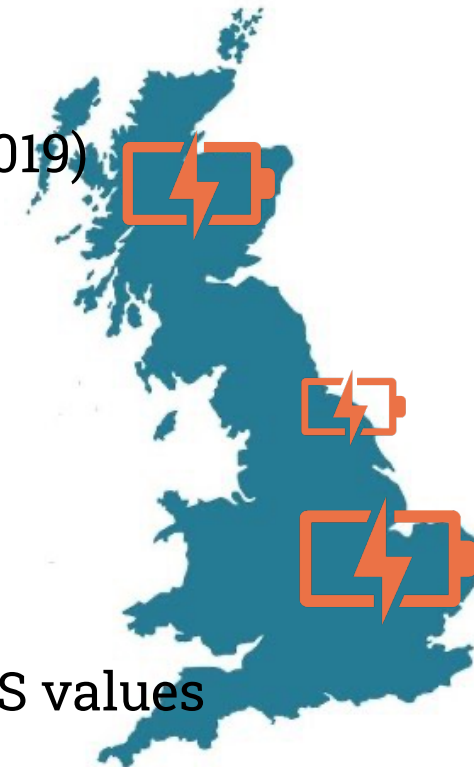
$$\sigma = \sum_l \frac{\sigma_l}{n_l}, \quad \sigma_L = \sigma_{X_L} + \sigma_{X_{L-1}} - 2 \text{cov}(X_L, X_{L-1})$$



Example: storage and adequacy assessment

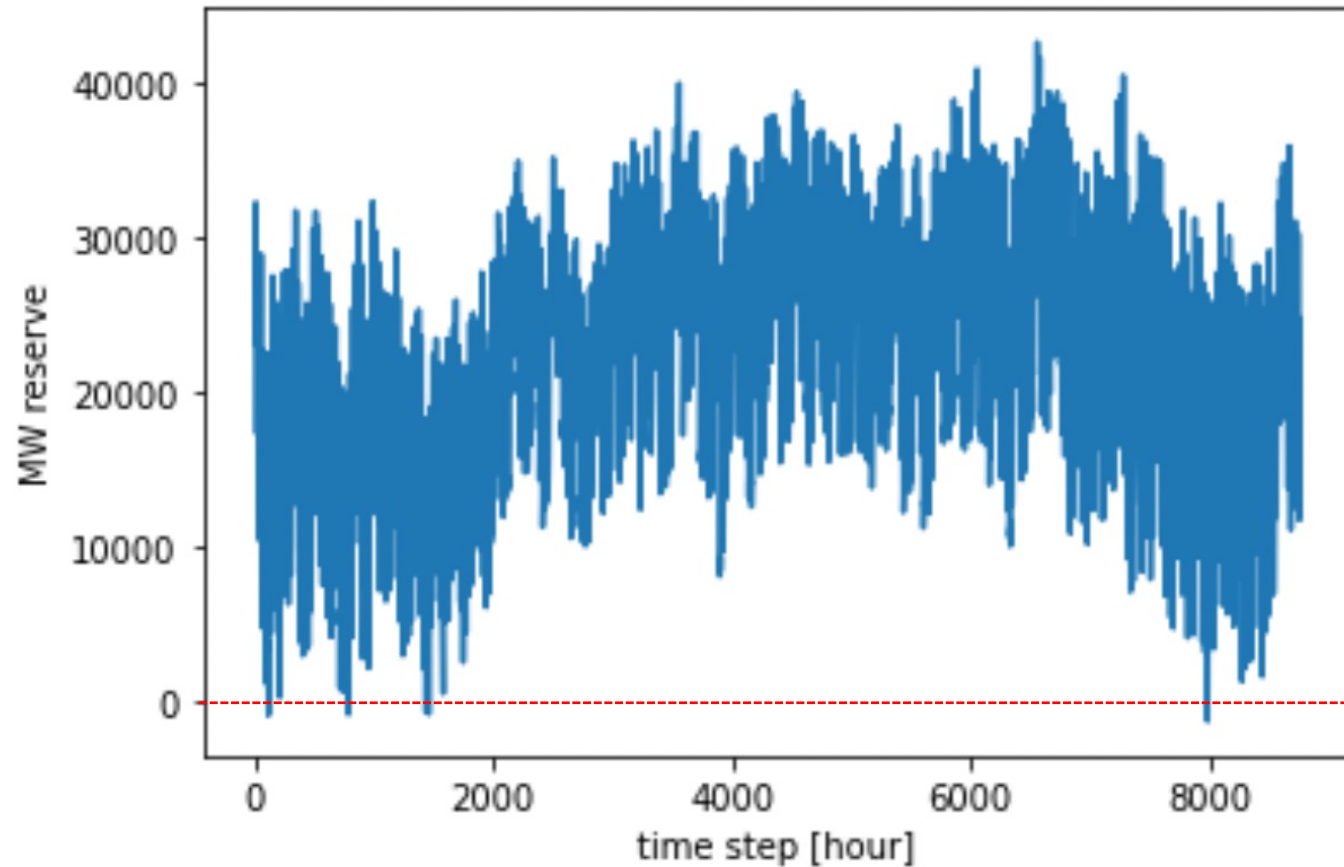
Range of models

1. **Exact:** multiple storage units with ENS-minimising policy (Evans et al., 2019)
2. **Hand-tuned**
 1. **Average:** aggregate storage unit with fixed daily operation
 2. **Greedy:** multiple storage units with greedy operation (TS20)
3. **Surrogate models**
 1. **HGB+SVR:** black-box machine learning approach
 2. **HGB+Gre:** hybrid model that uses Greedy model to predict non-zero ENS values

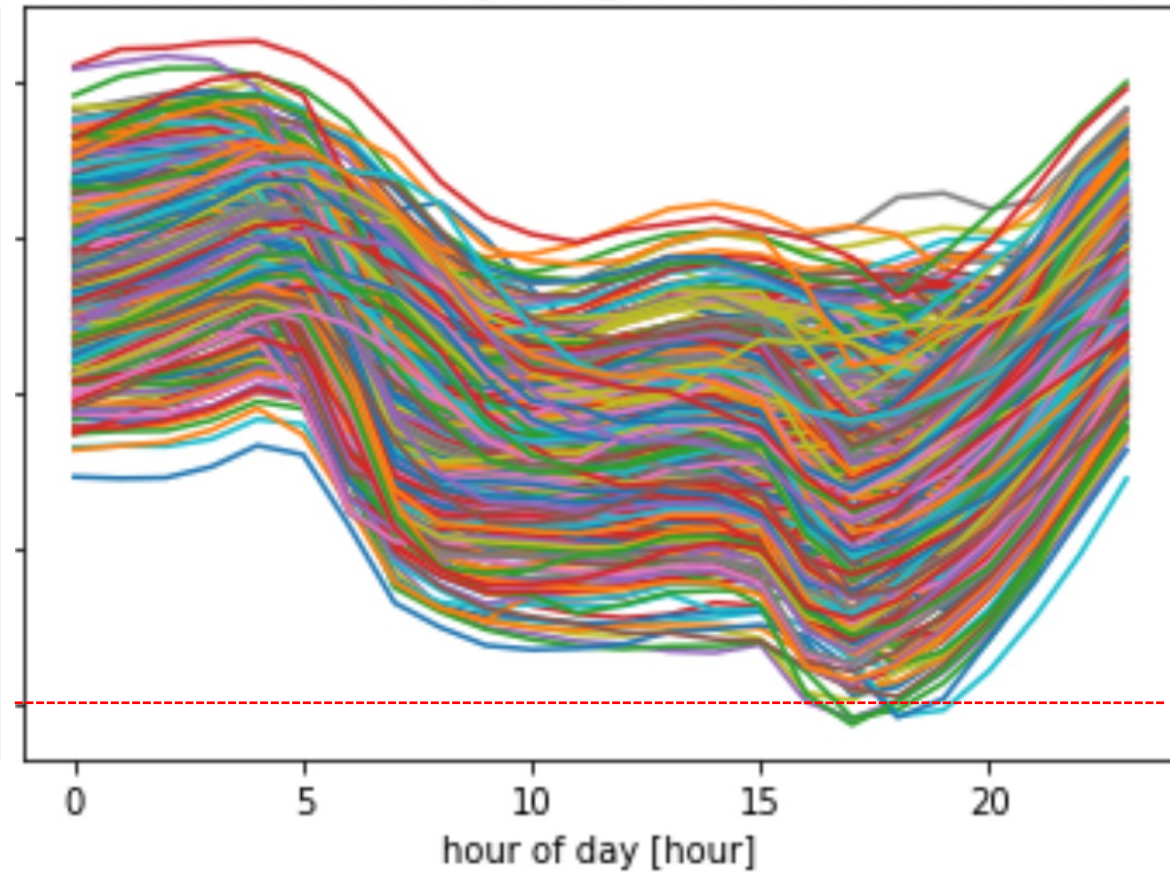


Surrogate model

Daily Margin traces = Generation - demand



daily margin traces



Different model stacks

<u>regular MC</u>	<u>manual MLMC</u>		<u>MLMC with surrogate models</u>			
reference	TS20 (base)	TS20 (full)	surrogate	surrogate + base	hybrid + base	full
Exact	Exact	Exact	Exact	Exact	Exact	Exact
	Average	Greedy	HGB+SVR	HGB+SVR	HGB+Gre	HGB+Gre
		Average		Average	Average	HGB+SVR
						Average

Results

comparable
run time

measure two risk indices

speedup w.r.t. regular MC

Estimator	Architecture	Time (s)	LOLE (h/y)	EENS (MWh/y)	LOLE Speedup	EENS Speedup	
MC	Exact	26600	1.745 ± 0.039	2420.0 ± 72.0	n/a	n/a	
TS20 base	Exact Avg	26200	1.743 ± 0.009	2406.0 ± 3.3	18	482	
Surr	Exact HGB+SVR	25900	1.739 ± 0.005	2407.0 ± 10.0	47	49	2
TS20 full	Exact Gre Avg	26000	1.735 ± 0.003	2405.0 ± 1.2	125	3617	1
Surr+base	Exact HGB+SVR Avg	25900	1.738 ± 0.002	2408.0 ± 1.1	269	4775	
Hybrid+base	Exact HGB+Gre Avg	25800	1.738 ± 0.002	2405.0 ± 0.5	582	20946	
Full	Exact HGB+Gre HGB+SVR Avg	25800	1.735 ± 0.001	2406.0 ± 0.4	840	30969	3

1. Hand-tuned models result in a large speedup (previously published, TS20)
2. With *only* a **machine-learned surrogate model**, speedups ~50x are within reach
3. Hand-tuned model stack can be further enhanced with ML models for **extreme speedups**

Summary and next steps

Summary

- Multilevel Monte Carlo can vastly speed up Monte Carlo adequacy assessment
- Hand-tuned models work well, but require expertise
- Machine-learned surrogate models can be used for a 'black box' approach
- Combining both approaches can be used for extreme speed-ups

Next steps

- Include the impact of training time
- Automatic selection of models

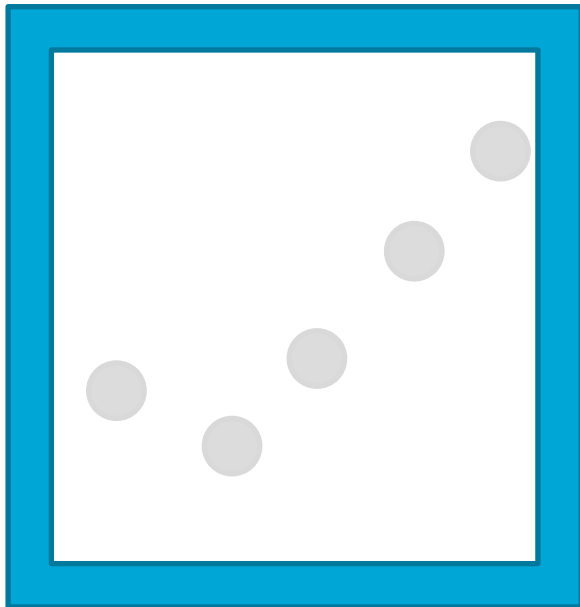


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Bonus slides

Training Surrogate models

- Suitable frame size
 - ✓ Minimum state dependency
 - ✓ Similar pattern
- One-off training



Simulation Speed

$$c_q = \frac{\sigma_Q}{q}$$
$$\frac{1}{c_q^2} = z_q \times t$$
$$z_q := \frac{q^2}{t\sigma_Q^2}$$

Optimal n_l^*

$$t = \sum_l n_l \tau_l \Rightarrow n_l^* = \frac{t}{\sum_{l'} \sigma_{l'} \sqrt{\tau_{l'}}} \times \frac{\sigma_l}{\sqrt{\tau_l}}$$

Better models with larger training sets

TABLE II
EFFECTS OF TRAINING SAMPLE SIZE ON SURROGATE ACCURACY

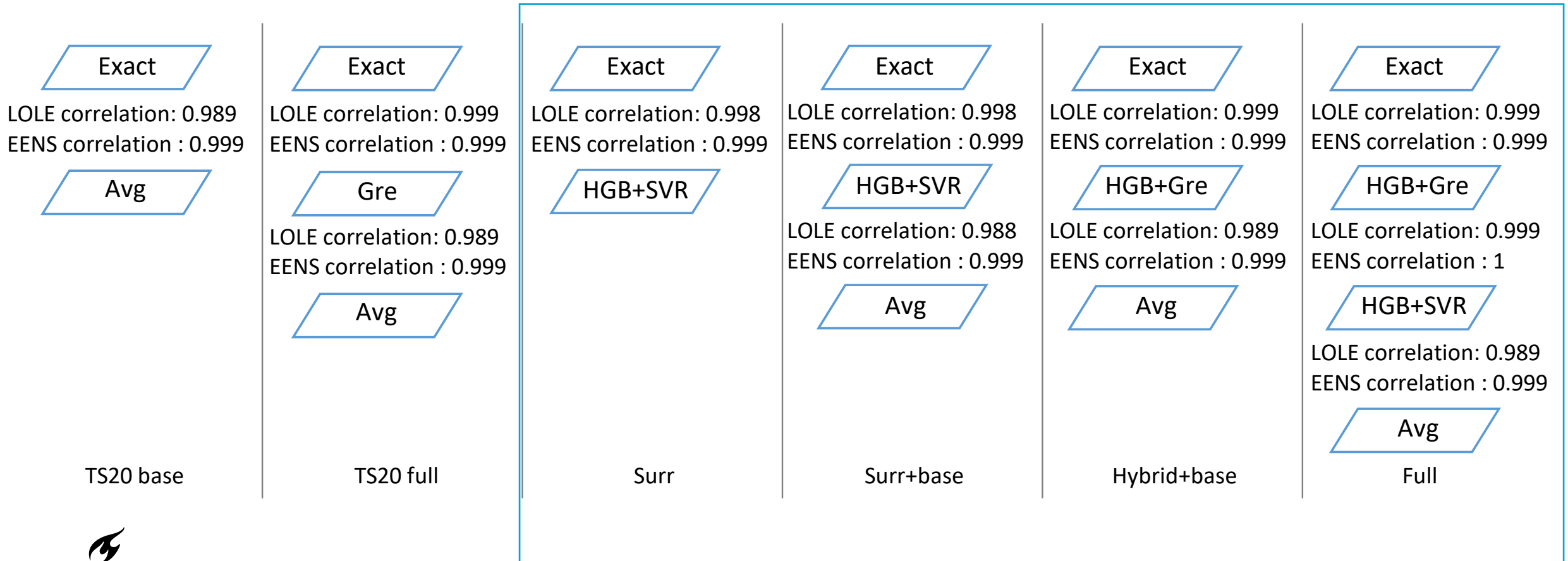
Surrogate model	Train size	Average RMSE	RMSE unit
SVR	500	175 ± 10	MWh/y
SVR	1000	142 ± 14	MWh/y
SVR	5000	97 ± 6	MWh/y

Impact of training size

TABLE III
EFFECT OF SURROGATE MODEL ACCURACY ON MLMC PERFORMANCE

Estimator	Train size	SVR RMSE (MWh/y)	HGBRT RMSE (h/y)	LOLE Speedup	EENS Speedup
TS20 full	-	-	-	125	3617
Hybrid+base	500	267	0.34	349	12553
Hybrid+base	1000	153	0.23	460	18723
Hybrid+base	5000	85	0.19	582	20946

Level pair correlations



Level pairs contributions

