Modern power system planning and operation is undergoing dramatic changes. Due to increased penetration of renewable energies and other emerging technologies, system planning and operation must now cope with various uncertainties and risks. Meanwhile, rapid development of smart grids calls for effective solutions to coordinate and optimize new and old technologies to improve overall system security and efficiency at large.

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- Optimized analytic methods for big data analysis to enhance security surveillance and control intelligence
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- Stochastic and robust models for system dispatch/unit commitment as well as development and incorporation of demand response, demand-side management and so forth
- New control models and techniques to improve system stability, robustness and efficiency
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