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# Two-stage planning method of distributed generation for improvement of resilience in extreme weather based on load partition coordinated recovery

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This paper proposes a two-stage planning method of distributed generation based on coordinated recovery of load partition to improve the resilience of the power grid in extreme weather. The method includes a scenario generation model and an optimization model. In the first stage, a scenario generation model is established, including the distributed generation output and line failure models, to obtain the power output and line status in different scenarios with different weather. Then, an optimal subnetwork screening robust optimization model is built to screen the optimal subnetworks for the deployment of distributed generation in each scenario. In the second stage, a node location optimization model is developed to obtain the optimal node locations for deploying distributed generation within the subnetwork, aiming at maximizing the recovery efficiency of critical loads. Case studies based on a modified IEEE 30-bus system are used to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed method. The findings show that the recovered load and recovery efficiency of the power system can be significantly improved.

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### **1** Introduction

Extreme disasters have occurred frequently in recent years, seriously endangering the safe and stable operation of power systems (Ummenhofer and Meehl, 2017). Power systems are often subjected to large-scale cracking after being affected by damage to lines, towers, or electrical equipment under extreme disasters (Geng et al., 2021), triggering major power outages and causing huge economic losses (Ma et al., 2016; Chang and Liu, 2021). At this time, it often happens that there is an insufficient power supply for important loads and no power supply for general loads within each subnetwork of the power grid, and it is impossible to exchange power with the outside world through contact lines for a short period of time. In such cases, we can only restore the power supply to the important loads as much as possible through the existing distributed power sources and undamaged lines. Therefore, for this situation, advance planning of the specific location of distributed power sources in the grid is necessary to enhance the resilience of the grid. At the same time, deep decarbonization of the power system with

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new energy sources as the mainstay, the proportion of outbound clean power and local distributed generation (DG) in the urban grid will increase and take a dominant position. When compared with the traditional distribution grid, DG sources not only have the characteristics of flexibility, environmental protection, and economy but can also continue to supply power to the load in case of grid failure. Power system resilience is the ability of the power system to prevent, resist, and quickly recover from small probability–high loss extreme disasters (Bie et al., 2020). Improving the power system resilience (Li et al., 2019) can greatly reduce the adverse effects of extreme disasters on people's life and property safety.

During extreme weather, the available DG in the urban grid can become an important support for the black start of the grid and contribute to the resilience of the urban grid. Therefore, for different disaster types after an extreme disaster, studying the role of DG in the grid recovery process and planning the location of DG rationally would help improve the resilience level of the urban grid. Load partition recovery, as a load recovery strategy, could quickly and reliably restore power to important loads and enhance the level of system resilience during the post-disaster recovery phase.

For power planning, scholars have focused on improving the economy and reliability of power systems. In terms of economics, Qing et al. (2014), Zhang et al. (2015), and Ding et al. (2019) have established a power system planning model to reduce the integrated costs and network losses and maximized the net system benefits. In terms of reliability, Shi et al. (2018) and Wang et al. (2021) have studied the impact of the DG type, location, capacity, and output characteristics on reliability. Traditional black-start power sources, such as hydroelectricity, are under great pressure to meet urban water use and ensure power supply during the dry season. DG, which includes distributed wind turbines (DWT), DPV, and energy storage devices, can be used as a better black-start power to participate in the post-failure black start. It has the characteristics of economy, environmental protection, flexible load regulation and convenient opening, and cutting machine. Ali et al. (2020a) used the improved decomposition-based evolutionary algorithm to select the number of DGs and their capacities along with the best location, all of which effectively minimize the real power losses and voltage deviations and maximize the voltage stability index. Ali et al. (2020b) proposed a novel method to find the optimal feeder reconfiguration (OFR) of the radial distribution network along with optimal site and size of distributed generation (DG) with an objective of power loss reduction. Yin et al. (2022) proposed a two-stage adaptive robust optimization framework DDARDGP for microgrid utility to investigate the DG planning strategy that includes the category, type, number, and location decisions, which effectively avoids excessive conservatism while keeping the costs well down.

For the recovery of load partitioning, scholars have focused their research on partitioning methods using different indexes. Sun et al. (2015) grouped units with the objective of the fastest power delivery from the black-start power source to the units to be recovered, which accelerated system recovery, but did not consider the importance of different loads and recovery line security. Li et al. (2018) proposed a comprehensive and practical parallel recovery strategy based on an improved label propagation algorithm that reflects the tightness of connections between nodes, but not the security of line power delivery. Yida et al. (2020) considered the recovery cost of DG with the units to be recovered and the importance of the different loads, but did not consider the coordination of the loads in each partition. Gu et al. (2009) grouped units with the objective of having the closest electrical distance from the black-start power to the unit to be recovered, and partitioned the system with the least power on the contact line and the least loss in each partitioned network. But, it however did not consider the importance of each load node and the safety of the restoration line. Shi et al. (2011) assumed that the units could recover all loads. It considered the safety and rapidity of the path from the unit to be recovered and load to the black-start power source, and the restoration time and size of each partition. However, this method is not applicable when the unit may cannot meet all load recovery requirements when extreme disasters occur. Zhao et al. (2023) divided the power system recovery partition based on the improved label propagation algorithm and proposed a multi-blackstart power distribution optimization method with zonal recovery, which not only reduced the outage time but also improved the restoration efficiency. Li et al. (2021) proposed a partition scheme of islands and put forward the black-start strategy of DG to continue to supply power to the loads, and it effectively reduced the power outage loss. Zhang et al. (2022) proposed a multi-objective cluster partition method considering the uncertainty of sources and loads and constructed a multi-objective cluster partition model with cluster economic cost, net power complementarity, control dimension, and corresponding constraints, which rationalized resource allocation and reduced economic costs.

From the abovementioned studies, the existing DG planning is mainly aimed at economy and reliability, and the planning context usually applies to a situation where each line is intact. Fewer studies have been conducted on power location deployment with the goal of load restoration levels in the case of line damage where power cannot be resupplied within a short period of time. Similarly, as a common recovery strategy, the parallel partitioning strategy also does not consider how to partition when the power output of each subnetwork is less than the load after a disaster. Finally, in this context, there are fewer studies on combining load zoning strategies with power supply planning to accelerate load recovery efficiency while planning power supply locations to achieve higher levels of load recovery. Thus, DG cannot be effectively used to achieve rapid system recovery, which is not conducive to extreme disaster resilience of the system.

In response to the abovementioned shortcomings, this article proposes a distributed power planning method based on the coordinated recovery of load partitioning under extreme weather. Firstly, the distributed power output and line damage probability are determined by the type of disaster, and a series of disaster scenarios are generated through Monte Carlo simulation. Then, considering the uncertainty of DG and load, an optimal subnetwork screening robust optimization model is established with the objective of maximizing the recovered load in the system. Then, the DG node location optimization model is established considering the load importance, recovery path security, rapidity, and coordination of load recovery in each partition. The model aims to maximize the recovery value from each unit to be recovered to the black-start power source and from each load to the unit. Finally, a two-stage planning method for DG is developed based on load partitioning coordinated recovery under extreme weather. The method can be used to optimize the location of DG to enhance the level of resilience

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of the power system. The key contributions of this article are summarized as follows, firstly, considering the uncertainty of power and load output, a robust optimization model for optimal subnetwork is established to maximize the sum of the recovered load in each subnetworks; it screens the most suitable subnetwork for deploying DG under the worst-case scenario of power and load output in each subnetwork; and the uncertainty of DG and load output is represented by the set of scenarios containing the uncertainty intervals.

Secondly, the partitioning strategy, which includes unit grouping and load partitioning, is improved to ensure recovery speed, safety, and coordination of loads; it is partitioned based on the maximum recovery value of the unit and load while considering the matching of unit generation and load.

Thirdly, in order to improve the level and efficiency of load recovery, an optimization model for the node location of DG is established; it determines the optimal deployment node for distributed power by comparing the recovery value of distributed power when deployed at different nodes.

# 2 Formation of post-disaster scenes

The focus of this article is on the urban grid containing WT and PV distributed power sources, and the scenario in this study is a situation where WT, PV, and lines are damaged in extreme weather and the damage cannot be repaired in the short term. The main models constructed in this section include the line fault probability model, distributed wind power, and PV power output model.

### 2.1 Data of lines and power output

The failure probability of the lines and power output of DG vary between different disasters (Li et al., 2016). In this study, only typical typhoons and heavy rainfall are considered in extreme weather, and the line and unit output data under the corresponding weather are generated by the line fault probability model and unit output model. DGs used in this study are distributed photovoltaic power (DPV), DWT, and conventional distributed generation (CDG). DG to be planned is CDG.

The fault probability vector of the line is defined as

$$Q = \{Q_1, \dots, Q_i, \dots, Q_N\}$$
(1)

where *i* represents the line number and  $Q_i$  represents the probability of failure of the *i*th line under the corresponding disaster.

The power output vector of DPV at each node is defined as  $P_{PV}$ :

$$P_{PV} = (P_{PV,1}, \dots, P_{PV,i}, \dots, P_{PV,N1})^{T}$$
(2)

where N1 represents the number of nodes and  $P_{PV,i}$  represents the actual output of the distributed wind turbine at node *i*.

The power output vector of DWT at each node is defined as  $P_{WT}$ :

$$P_{WT} = \left(P_{WT,1}, \dots, P_{WT,i}, \dots, P_{WT,N1}\right)^T \tag{3}$$

where  $P_{WT,i}$  represents the actual output of the distributed wind turbine at node *i*.

#### TABLE 1 DPV survival rate under different levels of typhoon.

Level		2	3	4
Unit survival rate	0.75	0.55	0.45	0.3

TABLE 2 DWT survival rate under different levels of stormy weather.

Level		2	3	4
Unit survival rate	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.2

The power output vector of the CDG at each node is defined as  $P_{DG}$ :

$$P_{DG} = \left(P_{DG,1}, \dots, P_{DG,i}, \dots, P_{DG,N1}\right)^T \tag{4}$$

where  $P_{DG,i}$  represents the actual output of the CDG at node *i*, and it is assumed that the output of CDG is unaffected by disasters.

#### 2.2 Power output model

Differences in the type and level of extreme disasters play an important impact in the extent of damage to distributed power supplies (Wang et al., 2013; Li et al., 2015). In this study, it is assumed that all DWTs are damaged while DPVs are still partially generating electricity after typhoons; similarly, it is assumed that all DPVs are damaged while DWTs are still partially generating electricity after a stormy weather. In this way, the DG output model after a typhoon and rainstorm is established.

#### 2.2.1 DPV output model under typhoon

The damage rate of DPV under the different levels of a typhoon is defined as shown in Table 1.

The output of the distributed PV under the different levels of a typhoon is calculated by Eq. 5 as

$$P_{PV} = P_{PV,r} U_{r,i} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 4$$
(5)

where  $P_{PV,r}$  represents rated power of DPV and  $U_{r,i}$  represents the unit survival rate under disaster level *i*.

#### 2.2.2 DWT output model under rainstorm

The damage rate of a DWT under the different levels of a typhoon is defined as shown in Table 2.

The power output of the DWT can be calculated by Eq. 6 as

$$P_{WT} = P_{WT,r} U_{r,i} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 4$$
(6)

where  $P_{WT,r}$  represents rated power of the DWT and  $U_{r,i}$  represents the unit survival rate under disaster level *i*.

#### 2.3 Line failure probability model

The probability of line failure varies with the type and level of disaster. The probability of line failure under different levels of typhoons and rainstorms can be calculated according to Eq. 7 as

$$Q_{i} = \begin{cases} Q_{norm,i} & \omega < \omega_{h} \\ \left[ 1 + k_{i} \left( \frac{\omega^{2}}{\omega_{h}^{2}} - 1 \right) \right] Q_{norm,i} & \omega > \omega_{h} \end{cases}$$
(7)

where  $Q_{norm,i}$  represents the failure probability of line *i* in normal weather.  $\omega$  represents the actual wind speed or light intensity.  $\omega_h$  represents the threshold value of wind speed or rainfall, and the line probability of failure increases when  $\omega$  exceeds this threshold.  $k_i$  represents the sensitivity factor of line *i* to the disaster, and the impact of the disasters on the line increases as long as this factor rises.

Monte Carlo simulations (Zhang et al., 2007) are performed based on the statistical data under different disasters, and the number of simulations is set to M.  $s_i$  represents the state of the *i*th line. Random number  $R_i$  uniformly distributed in the interval [0,1] is generated for each line *i*. Then,  $s_i$  is calculated by Eq. 8 as

$$s_i = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ (working state)} & if R_i > Q_i \\ 0 \text{ (fault state)} & if \quad 0 \le R_i \le Q_i \end{cases}$$
(8)

Finally, the fault state vector S of all lines is obtained as shown in Eq. 9. Then, the nodes and lines contained in each subnetwork are obtained based on the line status.

$$S = (s_1, \dots, s_i, \dots, s_N) \tag{9}$$

### 3 Two-stage planning model for distributed power based on coordinated recovery of load partitioning

In this study, we propose a two-stage planning model (Ma et al., 2021; Ma et al., 2022) for distributed power considering the coordinated recovery of load zoning, consisting of an optimal subnetwork screening model and an optimal node location planning model; the type of DG to be planned is conventional distributed power and the planned quantity is  $N_{B2}$ .

The first stage is to screen the subnetworks for DG deployment with the objective of maximizing the overall system load level, and the objective function is shown in Eq. 14 and the decision variable is the deployment selection of the subnetworks. After the screening of the deployment subnetwork is completed in the first stage, the second stage further selects specific nodes within the subnetwork for distributed power deployment with the objective of maximizing the recovery value of each node within the subnetwork, and the objective function is shown in Eq. 13, which consists of two parts: the recovery value of the node of the unit to be recovered (as shown in Eq. 14) and recovery value of the load node (as shown in Eq. 19); the decision variables of the whole second-stage objective function are the locations of the distributed power deployment nodes, the unit grouping method, and the load division method.

### 3.1 Optimal subnetwork screening model

The model aims to recover as much load as possible by selecting the subnetworks where distributed power is deployed, considering the load recovery coordination and robustness of each subnetwork. This optimization model is a mixed-integer linear program and can be expressed as follows:

$$\max_{x} \min_{d \in D} \sum_{j=1}^{N} P_{M,j}$$
(10)

$$\begin{cases} P_{M,j} = \min(P_{G,j}, P_{L,j}) \\ P_{G,j} = P_{B1,j} + P_{B2,j} x_{,j} + P_{U,j} \\ P_{B1,j} = P_{WT,a,j} + P_{DG,j} + P_{PV,a,j} \\ \{x | x \in \{0,1\}^N, \sum_{j=1}^N x_j = N_{B2} \end{cases}$$

$$(11)$$

where *x* represents the deployment subnetwork of DG.  $x_j$  represents the *j*th dimensional component of the vector. *N* represents the number of subnetworks under the current scenario.  $P_{M,j}$  represents the recovered load in subnetwork *j*.  $P_{L,j}$  represents the sum of load values in subnetwork *j*.  $P_{G,j}$  represents the sum of generation values in subnetwork *j*.  $P_{B1,j}$  represents the output value of the original black-start power sources in subnetwork *j*, which include DWT, DPV, and CDG.  $P_{B2,j}$  represents the power output value of the DG to be planned in subnetwork *j*.  $P_{U,j}$  represents the power output value of the units that can be recovered in subnetwork *j*.

The linearization procedure for the first equation in (11) is as follows:

$$\begin{cases}
P_{G,j} \ge P_{M,j} \\
P_{L,j} \ge P_{M,j} \\
P_{G,j} \le P_{M,j} - M(1 - \zeta_1) \\
P_{L,j} \le P_{M,j} - M(1 - \tau_2) \\
\zeta_1 + \zeta_2 \ge 1 \\
\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in \{0, 1\}
\end{cases}$$
(12)

where M represents very large positive numbers.

The magnitude and fluctuation of the power output of DPV and DWT vary under different disaster levels. Therefore, the fluctuation interval of DWT, DPV, and load under the current disaster scenario are characterized by *D*. It can be expressed as follows:

$$D = \begin{cases} P_{WT}, P_{PV}, P_L | \\ P_{WT} \le P_{WT} \le \bar{P}_{WT} \\ P_{PV} \le P_{PV} \le \bar{P}_{PV} \\ P_L \le P_L \le \bar{P} \end{cases}$$
(13)

where  $P_{WT}$ ,  $P_{PV}$  represent the output of DWT and DPV under the current scenario, respectively;  $P_L$  represents the load under the current scenario.  $\bar{P}_{WT}$ ,  $P_{WT}$  represent the upper and lower limits of the DWT output under the current scenario;  $\bar{P}_{PV}$ ,  $P_{PV}$  represent the upper and lower limits of the DPV output under the current scenario;  $\bar{P}_L$ ,  $P_L$  represent the upper and lower limits of the load under the current scenario.

### 3.2 Optimal node location planning model

Based on the optimal subnetwork screened in Section 3.1, to ensure the recovery speed, safety, and coordination of units and loads, the model selects the node with the largest recovery value in the subnetwork to deploy distributed power sources; it mainly consists of a unit grouping planning model and load partitioning planning model, both of which are mixed integer linear optimization models.

#### 3.2.1 Node location optimization model

The objective function of the node location optimization model is as follows:

$$\max_{t \in T} F_3 = C \cdot F_1 + (1 - C) \cdot F_2, \forall j$$
(14)

where *T* represents the node set of the subnetwork; *j* represents the serial number of the subnetworks; *t* is the node deploying DG in the subnetwork.  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  represent the objective functions of the unit grouping model and the load partitioning model, respectively. *C* represents the scale factor, which is used to reflect the relative importance of the two objective functions.

#### 3.2.2 Unit grouping planning model

With the objective of getting the maximum restoration value, we group DG and the units to be recovered; based on this grouping approach, the recovery value is calculated to obtain the optimal node when the distributed power supply is located at different nodes. This model can be expressed as follows:

$$\max_{t \in T} F_1 = \sum_{m \in ga[k(j)]} \sum_{i \in gv(j)} RG_{m,i} o_{m,i}, \forall j$$
(15)

$$RG_{m,i} = 1/(l_{m,i} \cdot Xc_{m,i})$$
(16)

$$o_{m,i} \in O_k(j)_{\times n(gv_m)}, o_{m,i} \in \{0,1\}$$
 (17)

$$O = \begin{bmatrix} o_{1,1} & o_{1,2} & L & o_{1,n}(g_{V}(j)) \\ o_{2,1} & O & \cdots & M \\ \\ M & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ o_{m,1} & L & \cdots & o_{k}(j), n(g_{V}(j)) \end{bmatrix}$$
(18)

where T(j) represents the nodes set of the subnetwork *j*. *t* is the node deploying DG in the subnetwork *j*. k(j) represents the number of partitions in the subnetwork *j*. ga[k(j)] represents the partitioned set of subnetwork *j*. gv(j) represents the nodes set of units to be recovered in subnetwork *j*. n(gv(j)) represents the number of units recovered in subnetwork *j*.  $om_{i,i}$  represents the attribution of the unit to be recovered at node *i* to the black-start power in the *m*th partition,  $om_{i,i} = 1$ , otherwise,  $om_{i,i} = 0$ .  $RG_{m,i}$  represents the recovery value of the unit to be recovered at node *i* to the shortest path from node *i* to the black-start power in the *m*th partition.  $l_{m,i}$  represents the length of the shortest path from node *i* to the black-start power in the *m*th partition reactance of this path from node *i* to the black-start power in the *m*th partition.

The constraint of this model is formulated as follows:

Black-start power constraint (Liu et al., 2008; Sarmadi et al., 2011): comparing the number of black-start power and loads, the number of partitions in the subnetwork j is equal to the smaller one:

$$k(j) = \min[N_{BL}(j) + 1, N_{PL}(j)]$$
(19)

where  $N_{BL}(j)$  and  $N_{PL}(j)$  represent the number of black-start units and loads in subnetwork *j*, respectively.

*Unit grouping constraint:* each unit to be recovered can belong to only one partition.

$$\sum_{m=1}^{k(j)} o_{m,i} = 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n(gv(j))$$
(20)

*Unit start-up power constraint* (Xueping et al., 2020): there is at least one unit to be recovered in the partition whose starting power is less than 70% of the rated power of the black-start unit.

$$\exists 0.7PB_{Z,m} \ge P_{B2,m,i} \tag{21}$$

where  $PB_{Z,m}$  represents the rated power of all black-start units in the *m*th partition.  $P_{B2,m,i}$  represents the start-up power of the unit to be restored at node *i* in the *m*th partition.

#### 3.2.3 Load partition planning model

In order to obtain the maximum recovery value, we partition the loads and units; based on this partitioning method, the recovery value is calculated to obtain the optimal node when DG is located at different nodes. This model can be expressed as follows:

$$\max_{t \in T} F_2 = \sum_{m \in ga[k(j)]} \sum_{i \in gl(j)} RV_{m,i} \nu_{m,i}$$
(22)

$$o_{v,i} \in O_k(j) \times n(gl(j)), v_{m,i} \in \{0,1\}$$
 (23)

$$V = \begin{vmatrix} \nu_{1,1} & \nu_{1,2} & \nu_{1,n}(gl(j)) \\ \nu_{2,1} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ \end{bmatrix}$$
(24)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_{k}(j)_{+n}(g\nu_{m})_{,1} & \cdots & \nu_{k}(j)_{,n}(gl(j)) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} RV_{m,i} = RV_{1,m,i} \cdot RV_{2,m,i} \\ i \in gl(j) \\ RV_{1,m,i} = 1/(l \cdot Xc) \\ RV_{2,m,i} = \frac{P_{L,m,i}}{\alpha} \end{cases}$$
(25)

where T(j) represents the nodes set of subnetwork *j*. *t* is the node deploying DG in subnetwork *j*. *gl* represents the set of load in subnetwork *j*. n(gl(j)) represents the number of loads in subnetwork *j*.  $v_{m,i}$  represents the attribution of the load at node *i* to the units in the *m*th partition, and if the load is divided to this partition,  $v_{m,i} = 1$ , otherwise,  $v_{m,i} = 0$ .  $RV_{m,i}$  represents the recovery value of the load located at node *i* to the *m*th partition; the length of the shortest path from this load to the connecting unit and the capacitance of this path are multiplied to obtain  $V_{1,m,i}$ ; it represents the rapidity and security of this recovery path; this load divided by its node importance that  $\alpha$  gives  $RV_{2,m,i}$ , and it represents the importance to the literature (Tan et al., 2006).

The constraint of this model is formulated as follows:

*Load Partition constraints:* each load belongs to only one partition:

$$\sum_{m=1}^{k(j)} v_{m,i} = 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \cdots, n(gl(j))$$
(26)

The minimum unit output constraint (Shu et al., 2013) is

$$\sum_{j \in ng_i} P_{G,i,j}^{\min} \le \sum_{k \in gl_i} P_{L,i,k}$$
(27)

where  $ng_i$  represents the nodes set of units in the *i*th partition.  $g_{l_i}$  represents the nodes set of load in the *i*th partition.  $P_{G,i,j}$  min represents the minimum output of the unit at node *j* in the *i*th partition.  $P_{L,i,k}$  represents the load at node *k* in the *i*th partition.



The load coordination constraints are

$$Pd_{G,i} = \frac{\sum_{j \in ng_i} P_{G,i,j}}{P_G}$$

$$Pd_{L,i} = \frac{\sum_{j \in gl_i} P_{L,i,j}}{P_L}$$
(28)

where  $ng_i$  represents the set of units in the *i*th partition.  $gl_i$  represents the nodes set of load.  $P_{G,i,j}$  represents the output of the unit at node *j* in the *i*th partition.  $P_{L,i,k}$  represents the load at node *k* in the *i*th partition.  $Pd_{G,i}$  represents the ratio of power generation of all units in partition *i* to the total power generation of the subnetwork.  $Pd_{L,i}$  represents the ratio of the subnetwork.

$$\begin{cases} Pd < \vartheta\\ Pd = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \left| Pd_{G,i} - Pd_{L,i} \right| \end{cases}$$
(29)

 $Pd_{G,i}$ ,  $Pd_{L,i}$  can be calculated by Eq. (27). *K* represents the number of partitions in the subnetwork.  $\vartheta$  is the factor of load coordination and balance among the sub-areas.

### 3.3 Overall acquisition flow of optimal node

The optimal subnetwork screening model and optimal node optimization model are solved, and the optimal node locations in all disaster scenarios are counted and sorted in the descending order by the number of each node; then, the node in the top of the ranking is taken as the optimal planning location for DG and is the number of distributed power sources to be planned. The planning flow chart is shown in Figure 1.

# 4 Modeling of load recovery process

After completing the power planning based on system partition recovery, the next step is to restore the power supply of critical loads



#### TABLE 4 Line recovery time.

Line serial number	Recovery time/p.u
6-9, 15-18, 18-19, 19-20, 27-28	1
1-2, 2-5, 3-4, 4-12, 6-10, 5-7	2
6-8, 6-28, 8-28, 9-10, 9-11	2
12-13, 14-15, 24-25, 25-26	2
27-29, 27-30, 29-30	2
10-17, 12-16, 16-17	2.5
1-3, 2-4, 6-7, 10-22, 22-24	4
2-6, 10-20	6
4-6, 12-14, 12-15, 10-21	5
25-27	7
23-24	8

The bold value represent the standard values of the line's delivery time in the context of this example

# TABLE 3 Line fault probability.

Line serial number	Failure probability/%
5-7, 6-7, 9-11, 12-13, 23-24	10
1-2, 1-3, 3-4, 6-8, 8-28	20
6-28, 9-10, 12-16, 14-15	20
16-17, 15-18, 18-19, 19-20	20
22-24, 24-25, 25-26, 27-29	20
27-30, 29-30	20
2-4, 2-5	40
12-14, 12-15	60
2-6, 4-6	70
4-12, 6-9, 6-10, 10-17	80
10-20, 10-21, 10-22, 27-28	85

The bold value represent the probability of failure of the line in the context of this arithmetic example

in each partition; this phase aims to determine the priority of each load restoration and then restore the high-priority loads in the shortest time.

### 4.1 Node location optimization model

From Section 2.1, it is known that the output of generating units in each subnetwork may not meet the demand of all loads; it is



therefore necessary to select the loads with higher importance to restore first. In a real implementation, the prioritization of loads is mainly based on the first-, second-, and third-level loads classified by the load level, importance of the load node, and size of the load value. Therefore, we propose a recovery load screening model:

$$\max F_4 = \sum_{i \in gl} RV_{2,i} \cdot \omega_i \tag{30}$$

$$\left\{\omega_{i} \mid \sum_{i \in gl} P_{L,i} \cdot \omega_{i} \leq \sum_{j \in ng} P_{G,j}, \omega_{i} \in \{0,1\}\right\}$$
(31)

#### TABLE 5 Load recovery value.

Subnetwork	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Recovered load (before deploying DG)/MW	120	342	0	0	0	14	0
Recovered load (after deploying DG)/MW	170	342	50	10	20	14	48
Increment/MW	50	0	50	10	20	0	48

#### TABLE 6 Comparison of load recovery values.

Subnetwork		2	3	4	5	б	7	Sum of recovered load/MW
Recovered load (consider grid splitting)/MW	170	342	50	0	0	14	0	576
Recovered load (without considering grid splitting)/MW	170	342	0	0	0	14	0	526

#### TABLE 7 Maximum recovery value of subnetwork.

Node	Recovering value/p.u
12	6.575 598
15	5.642 206
16	3.810 762
27	5.752 895
29	3.964 432
30	4.470 048
23	3.579 729

where  $RV_{2,i}$  represents the importance of load, which basically reflects the priority of each load in the implementation.  $\omega_i$ represents the load recovery status, which is 1, if the load is recovered, and 0, if otherwise.  $P_{L,i}$  represents the load at node *i*.  $P_{G,j}$  represents the power generation at node *j*.

### 4.2 Calculation of recovery time

The load recovery process refers to the islanding technique (Xin and Yuping, 2006) and has the following steps:

- Step 1: the load obtained from the load screening model is the target load, which is sorted in the descending order based on the importance to obtain the sequence of load recovery.
- Step 2: the optimal path from the black-start unit to the unit to be recovered is searched by the Dijkstra algorithm (Wang et al., 2011), and the recovery order of the units to be recovered is determined by the rapidity and security of their paths to the black-start units.
- Step 3: after selecting the units that have to be prioritized for recovery, whether the recovery path contains the target load is judged: if yes, to go to the next stage; if no, to go to step 5.
- Step 4: to determine if the black-start power can restore the unit to be recovered after restoring the load contained in the



path: if yes, restore the load and then the unit to be recovered and go to step 6, if no, go to step 5.

- Step 5: the unit to be recovered is started directly.
- Step 6: the black-start power source, recovered units, and load are used as the new black-start power source. Repeat step 3 until all units to be recovered have been recovered.
- Step 7: based on the method in steps 3–6, the load with the highest current recovery priority is recovered. Repeat this step until all loads are recovered.

The total recovery time, starting with the first load recovery and ending with the recovery of all loads, is calculated as follows:

#### TABLE 8 Generation and load values for each partition.

	Index	Partition I	Partition II	Sum
Before improving the partitioning strategy	Power generation/MW	80	90	170
	Load/MW	90	87	177
	Recovered load/MW		167	
After improving the partitioning strategy	Power generation/MW	80	90	170
	Load/MW	84	93	177
	Recovered load/MW		170	

TABLE 9 Maximum recovery value of subnetwork.

Node	Recovering value/p.u
10	8.732 447
17	1.482 390



where  $T_B$  represents the recovery time of units.  $T_L$  represents the recovery time of loads.  $t_{B,j}$  represents the recovery time of the unit to be recovered at node *j*.  $t_{L,i}$  represents the recovery time of the load at node *i*. *line<sub>i</sub>* represents the set of lines passing from load *i* to the nearest unit. *gll* represents the set of loads prioritized for recovery. *nb* represents the set of recovered nodes that are in the optimal recovery path from the unit to be recovered to the black-start power supply.  $tl_i$  represents the recovery time of line *i* in set *LINE*.

# 5 Solution methodology

The two-stage model solution in this study includes the solution of the optimal subnetwork screening model in the first stage and the solution of the optimal node location planning model in the second stage.

### 5.1 Solution of first-stage model

The one-stage optimal subnetwork screening model belongs to the max-min model, whose model can be simplified and summarized as follows:

$$\max_{x} \min_{y_j} \sum_{j=1}^{N} C_1^T y_j$$
(36)

$$By \le c \tag{37}$$

$$Ey \le Fx + C \tag{38}$$

$$\left\{ x | x \in \{0, 1\}^{N}, \sum_{j=1}^{N} x_{j} = N_{B2} \right\}$$
(39)

where x denotes the one-stage decision variable,  $y_j$  denotes the DPV, DWT, and the load output in subnetwork j under the uncertainty scenario.

Then, the duality of the inner layer problem is solved to turn the optimization directions of the two layers to be the same, and the transformed problem is as follows:

 $T = T_B + T_L$ 

 $T_B = \sum_{j \in g_V} t_{B,j}$ 

 $LINE = line_i \cup line_j, \dots, line_k \{i, j, k \mid i, j, k \in gll, i, j, k \notin nb, i \neq j \neq k\}$ 

 $T_L = \sum_{i \in IINF} t_{L,i}$ 

Subnetwork I	Priority recovery node for partition I	12, 15, 16
	Priority recovery node for partition II	27, 30, 24, 29, 25, 26
Subnetwork III	Priority recovery node for partition I	10

(32)

(33)

(34)

(35)

#### TABLE 11 Recovery time of each partition of subnetworks I and III.

Subnetwork I	Partition					
	Recovery time (before deploying DG)/p.u	35				
	Partition					
	Recovery time (after deploying DG)/p.u		15			
Subnetwork III	Partition		Ι			
	Recovery time (before deploying DG)/p.u		00			
	Recovery time (after deploying DG)/p.u		1			



$$\max_{\{x,\pi_1,\pi_2\}} \left( c^T \pi_1 + K^T \pi_2 + u^T \pi_2 \right)$$
(40)

$$B^T \pi_1 + E^T \pi_2 = C_1 \tag{41}$$

$$\pi_1 \ge 0, \, \pi_2 \ge 0 \tag{42}$$

$$Fx = u, C = K \tag{43}$$

$$\left\{x|x \in \{0,1\}^{N}, \sum_{j=1}^{N} x_{j} = N_{B2}\right\}$$
(44)

The contained objective function of the pairwise problem is a non-linear term. Setting  $L = u^T \pi_2 = x^T F^T \pi_2 = \sum_{j=1}^N u_j \pi_{2_j} = \sum_{j=1}^N L_j$ , then  $L_j = F(j, :) x \pi_{2_j} = F(j, :) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \pi_{2_j} \\ x_2 \pi_{2_j} \\ \vdots \\ x_N \pi_{2_j} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^N F(j, i) x_i \pi_{2_j}$ , where  $x_j$  is

a 0 1 variable,  $\pi_{2_j}$  pi is a continuous variable, and  $\pi_{2_j} \ge 0$ . The linearization process of the bilinear term  $x_i \pi_{2_j}$  becomes

$$\begin{cases} z_{i} \leq Mx_{i} \\ z_{i} \leq \pi_{2j} \\ z_{i} \geq \pi_{2j} - M(1 - x_{i}) \\ z_{i} \in [0, M] \end{cases}$$
(45)

At this point,  $L_i$  can be expressed as follows:

$$z_i = x_i \pi_{2j} \tag{46}$$

$$L_{j} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} F(j,i) z_{i} = F(j,:) z$$
(47)

Ultimately, the abovementioned Eqs 45-47 can be simplified as

$$\max_{\{x,\pi_1,\pi_2,L\}} \left( c^T \pi_1 + K^T \pi_2 + L \right)$$
(48)

$$L = FZ \tag{49}$$

$$HZ \ge T\pi_2 + Rx \tag{50}$$

where H, T, and R represent the constraint matrix of Eq. 45.

Up to this point, the objective function (48), constraints (41-44), and (49-50) constitute the new problem. The optimal subnetwork deployment location is obtained by solving the model with the Gurobi solver.

### 5.2 Solution of second-stage model

Based on the optimal subnetwork obtained in the first stage, the second stage optimization is performed within this subnetwork. The

Node	Number/p.u	Ratio/%	Node	Number/p.u	Ratio/%
1	0	0	16	1	0.373 134
2	0	0	17	7	2.611 94
3	7	2.611 94	18	2	0.746 269
4	15	5.597 015	19	14	5.223 881
5	0	0	20	2	0.746 269
6	16	5.970 149	21	17	6.343 284
7	12	4.477 612	22	2	0.746 269
8	0	0	23	0	0
9	3	1.119 403	24	0	0
10	38	14.179 1	25	0	0
11	0	0	26	0	0
12	50	18.656 72	27	61	22.761 19
13	0	0	28	9	3.358 209
14	1	0.373 134	29	0	0
15	7	2.611 94	30	4	0.014 925

TABLE 12 Frequency and proportion of each node as the optimal node.



two-stage optimal power supply location planning model can also be simplified and summarized as follows, where  $o_{i,j}$  and  $v_{i,j}$  denote the two-stage decision variables.

$$\max_{\{o_{i,j},v_{i,j}\}} \left( c_1^T o_{i,j} + c_2^T v_{i,j} \right)$$
(51)

$$o_{i,j} \in O, v_{i,j} \in V \tag{52}$$

$$Y^T O = C_3, Z^T V = C_4$$
 (53)

The final node location of DG is obtained by completing the abovementioned two stages of solution.

# 6 Case study

### 6.1 Case data

Case studies have been conducted on a modified 30-bus test system to demonstrate the advantages of the proposed two-stage planning method. The diagram and detailed information about the modified 30-bus system is given in Figure 2; Table 3 and Table 4. The case assumes that there are two CDG to be planned as black-start power and the context is a two-level storm disaster.

### 6.2 Optimum subnetwork screening

According to Section 2.2 power output model and Section 2.3 line fault probability model, the power output and line fault probability under the two-level storm disaster are obtained; the line cracking scenario after the disaster is generated by the Monte Carlo simulation method given in Section 2.3 that is shown in Figure 3.

From Figure 3, the power system is cracked into seven subnetworks after the disaster, and the optimal subnetworks screening model shows that the recovered load is the largest when DG is deployed in subnetworks I and V. The load recovery values of each subnetwork at this time are shown in Table 5.

As seen from Table 5, the recovered load is enhanced after deploying distributed generation in subnetworks I, III, IV, V, and VII, and the most significant enhancement is achieved in I and III.

At the same time, based on the same data, the node locations are planned using the model in this study without considering the case of disasters leading to grid splitting, and the maximum recovering value of load is obtained when the nodes are deployed at nodes 6 and 12, at which time, the recovered load of each subnetwork is as shown in Table 6.

As seen from Table 6, the load recovery value of the grid is significantly reduced due to the planning of power supply without considering the grid splitting under disasters and is not conducive to the resilience of the grid.

#### 6.3 Unit grouping and load partitioning

After obtaining the optimal deployment subnetworks, the optimal nodes for deploying distributed power are obtained in these subnetworks by a node location optimization model.

Subnetwork I: there are two original black-start powers and three units to be recovered in subnetwork I; the DGs are deployed at different load nodes in order and compared for the maximum recovery value of the subnetwork; the results obtained are shown in Table 7.

From the table, it can be seen that the recovery value is the greatest when DG is deployed at node 12, whose unit grouping and load partitioning are shown in Figure 4.

Two partitions exist in subnetwork I: before and after the adoption of the improved load partitioning strategy; the comparison of generation and load values during the two partitions is shown in Table 8.

The traditional partitioning strategy (Lin et al., 2009; Guangqi et al., 2019) usually does not consider scenarios where lines are severely damage after a disaster and cannot be recovered in a short period of time. Due to the damage to lines, insufficient power supply occurs in the partitions and the power balance constraints cannot be met. Based on the improved partitioning strategy, critical loads can be assigned to the units with the closest path and highest recovery security. Based on the generation value of each partition, the load distribution ratio is adjusted, therefore the generation capacity of each partition is not wasted and the load recovery value is increased.

Subnetwork III: there is no black-start power and units to be recovered in subnetwork 3. Under the deployment constraint of the distributed power, there is no need to group the units and partition the load; the black-start power can be deployed sequentially in different nodes to obtain the maximum recovery value of the subnetwork as shown in Table 9.

From the table, it can be seen that the recovery value is the greatest when DG is deployed with node 10, whose unit grouping and load partitioning are shown in Figure 5.

#### 6.4 Load recovery

After partitioning is completed, the model with high importance is selected for priority recovery by the load screening model. The priority recovery nodes of load in subnetworks I and III are shown in Table 10.

Before and after deploying DG in subnetworks I and III, the recovery times are shown in Table 11.

Before and after deploying DG in subnetwork I, the load recovery values at different moments are shown in Figure 6.

From Figure 6 and Table 10, after and before deploying DG, the load recovery time and load recovery value of subnetwork I was 35 and 120 MW, while the load recovery time and load recovery value in the case of DG deployment were 17 and 170 MW,

respectively, corresponding to a 42.85% reduction in recovery time and a 41.6% increase in the load recovery value. Therefore, after deploying DG at subnetwork I and using the zonal recovery not only improved the load recovery value and accelerated the load recovery speed but also resulted in a significant increase in load recovery efficiency. Similarly, when compared to the inability to recover the load before deploying distributed power, the recovery efficiency of subnetwork III was also improved after the deployment of distributed power.

### 6.5 Data collation

The optimal nodes of the subnetworks in all different disaster scenarios are counted; the number of each node and its percentage are calculated; the top two nodes with the highest number are the optimal black-start power deployment nodes; the statistics are shown in Table 12 and Figure 7.

Since this study uses the number of simulated scenarios to represent the probability of an event occurring, the higher the percentage of nodes, the more often it is used as the best deployed node in the scenario. From Table 11 and Figure 7, it is seen that nodes 27 and 12 are the nodes with the highest number, and their percentages are 22.761% and 18.657%, respectively. This example sets the number of power supplies to be deployed as 2, therefore prioritizing the deployment of distributed power at this location is most beneficial to the load recovery of the power system after disasters. All of this demonstrates the effectiveness of deploying DGs on power system resilience improvement.

Meanwhile, the research method proposed in this study still has some limitations

Firstly, the line fault model in this study has to obtain the historical base fault probability of the line and then derive the fault probability of the line under different disasters based on this. When the base historical failure probability is inaccurate or incomplete, the model cannot effectively quantify the line status for different levels of extreme weather. Secondly, this study lacks the historical probability data for different levels of extreme weather, therefore the accuracy of the final power deployment location will be affected, and this location is determined by the probability of each extreme weather and the optimization results under that weather.

# 7 Conclusion

This study proposes a two-stage planning method for DG based on the coordinated recovery of load partitioning under extreme weather conditions. The method plans the location of DG by establishing the optimal subnetwork screening model and the node location optimization model. Analyzing the modified IEEE 30-bus system, we obtain the following conclusions:

By deploying distributed generation at the optimal nodes of the optimal subnetwork, the load recovery level and the load recovery efficiency of the system can be effectively improved, and the improved zoning strategy within the subnetwork can not only improve the load recovery efficiency but also ensure the priority recovery of important loads. In addition, the research methodology of this study relies heavily on line historical basic fault probability data and extreme weather occurrence probability data, therefore the completeness and accuracy of the data will significantly affect the final power deployment results.

### Data availability statement

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