

# Optimizing Service Restoration in Distribution Systems With Uncertain Repair Time and Demand

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**Abstract**—This paper proposes a novel method to co-optimize the distribution system operation and repair crew routing for outage restoration after extreme weather events. A two-stage stochastic mixed integer linear program is developed. The first stage is to dispatch the repair crews to the damaged components. The second stage is distribution system restoration using distributed generators, and reconfiguration. We consider demand uncertainty in terms of a truncated normal forecast error distribution, and model the uncertainty of the repair time using a lognormal distribution. A new decomposition approach, combined with the progressive hedging algorithm, is developed for solving large-scale outage management problems in an effective and timely manner. The proposed method is validated on modified IEEE 34- and 8500-bus distribution test systems.

**Index Terms**—Outage management, power distribution system, repair crews, routing, stochastic programming.

## NOMENCLATURE

### Sets and Indices

$N$	Set of damaged components and the depot.
$m/n$	Indices for damaged components and the depot.
$c$	Index for crews.
$i/j$	Indices for buses.
$\Omega_B$	Set of buses.
$\Omega_K(.,i)$	Set of lines with bus $i$ as the to bus.
$\Omega_K(i,.)$	Set of lines with bus $i$ as the from bus.
$\Omega_K(l)$	Set of lines in loop $l$ .

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$\Omega_{SB}$	Set of substations.	32
$\Omega_{SW}$	Set of lines with switches.	33
$k$	Index for distribution line.	34
$t$	Index for time.	35
$\mathcal{S}$	Set of scenarios.	36
$s$	Index for scenario.	37

### Parameters

$C$	Number of crews.	39
$o_c/d_c$	Start/end point of crew $c$ .	40
$P_k^{B_{max}}/Q_k^{B_{max}}$	Active/reactive power limit of line $k$ .	41
$P_i^{G_{max}}/Q_i^{G_{max}}$	Active/reactive power limits of DGs.	42
$P_{i,t,s}^D/Q_{i,t,s}^D$	Diversified active/reactive demand at bus $i$ and time $t$ in scenario $s$ .	43
$P_{i,t,s}^U/Q_{i,t,s}^U$	Undiversified active/reactive demand at bus $i$ and time $t$ in scenario $s$ .	44
$\mathcal{T}_{m,s}$	The time needed to repair damaged component $m$ in scenario $s$ .	45
$R_k/X_k$	Resistance/reactance of line $k$ .	46
$T_{m,n}^R$	Travel time between $m$ and $n$ .	47
$\omega_i$	Priority weight of load at bus $i$ .	48
$\lambda$	The number of time steps a load needs to return to normal condition after restoration.	49

### Decision Variables

$x_{m,n,c}$	Binary variable indicating whether crew $c$ moves from damaged component $m$ to $n$ .	50
$\alpha_{m,c,s}$	Arrival time of crew $c$ at damaged component $m$ in scenario $s$ .	51
$\beta_{i,j,t}^s$	Binary variable equals 1 if $i$ is the parent bus of $j$ and 0 otherwise in scenario $s$ .	52
$f_{m,t,s}$	Binary variable equal to 1 if damaged component $m$ is repaired at time $t$ in scenario $s$ .	53
$P_{i,t,s}^L/Q_{i,t,s}^L$	Active/reactive load supplied at bus $i$ and time $t$ in scenario $s$ .	54
$P_{i,t,s}^G/Q_{i,t,s}^G$	Active/reactive power generated by DG at bus $i$ in scenario $s$ .	55
$P_{k,t,s}^B/Q_{k,t,s}^B$	Active/reactive power flowing on line $k$ .	56
$u_{k,t,s}$	Binary variables indicating the status of the line $k$ at time $t$ in scenario $s$ .	57
$V_{i,t,s}$	Voltage at bus $i$ and time $t$ in scenario $s$ .	58
$y_{i,t,s}$	Connection status of the load at bus $i$ and time $t$ in scenario $s$ .	59
$z_m$	Binary variable equal to 1 if damaged component $m$ is a critical component to repair.	60

## I. INTRODUCTION

NATURAL catastrophes have highlighted the vulnerability of the electric grids. In 2017, Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma caused electric outages to nearly 300,000 [1] and 15 million customers [2], respectively. The loss of electricity after a hurricane or any natural disaster can cause significant inconvenience and is potentially life threatening. Improving outage management and accelerating service restoration are critical tasks for utilities. A crucial responsibility for the utilities is to dispatch repair crews and manage the network to restore service for customers. Relying on utility operators' experience to dispatch repair crews during outages may not lead to an optimal outage management plan. Therefore, there is a need to design an integrated framework to optimally coordinate repair and restoration.

Some research has been conducted to integrate repair and restoration in power transmission systems. In [3], a deterministic mixed integer linear programming (MILP) model was solved to assign repair crews to damaged components without considering the travel time. Reference [4] presented a dynamic programming model for routing repair crews. Routing repair crews in transmission systems has been discussed by Van Hentenryck and Coffrin in [5]. The authors presented a deterministic two-stage approach to decouple the routing and restoration models. The first stage solved a restoration ordering problem using MILP. The ordering problem formulation assumed that only one damaged component can be repaired at each time step. The goal of the first stage was to find an optimal sequence of repairs to maximize the restored loads. The second-stage routing problem was formulated as a constraint programming model and solved using Neighborhood Search algorithms and Randomized Adaptive Decomposition.

In previous work, we developed a cluster-first route-second approach to solve the deterministic repair and restoration problem [6]. However, a major challenge in solving the distribution system repair and restoration problem (DSRRP) is its stochastic nature. Predicting the repair time accurately for each damaged component is almost impossible. In this paper, we consider the uncertainty of the repair time and the customer load demand. We propose a two-stage stochastic mixed-integer program (SMIP) to solve the stochastic DSRRP (S-DSRRP). The first stage in the stochastic program is to determine the routes for each crew. The second stage models the operation of the distribution system, which includes distributed generation (DG) dispatch and network reconfiguration by controlling line switches. The routing problem is modeled as a vehicle routing problem (VRP), which has a long history in operations research [7]. The routing problem is an NP-hard combinatorial optimization problem with exponential computation time. Adding uncertainty and combining distribution system operation constraints with the routing problem further increase the complexity. To solve the large-scale S-DSRRP efficiently, a new decomposition algorithm is developed and combined with the Progressive Hedging (PH) algorithm. Our algorithm decomposes the S-DSRRP into two stochastic subproblems. The goal of the first subproblem is to find a set of damaged components that, if repaired, will maximize the served load. In the second

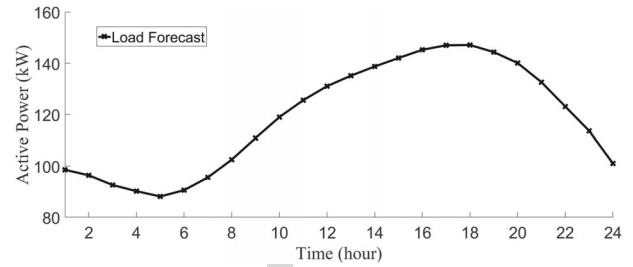


Fig. 1. Forecast of active power consumption of a load.

subproblem, the repair crews are dispatched to the selected damaged components by solving S-DSRRP. The two subproblems are solved repeatedly, using parallel PH, until crews have been dispatched to repair all damaged components. The algorithm for solving the decomposed S-DSRRP is referred to as D-PH. The key contributions of this paper include: 1) improving our previously developed deterministic DSRRP formulation in [6] by considering cold load pickup, and reducing the number of decision variables by refining crew routing constraints; 2) modeling the uncertainty of the repair time and the demand in DSRRP; 3) formulating a two-stage stochastic problem for repair and restoration; and 4) developing a new decomposition algorithm combined with parallel PH for solving large-scale S-DSRRP.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section II states the modeling assumptions and presents the uncertainty in the model. Section III develops the mathematical formulation. In Section IV, the proposed algorithm is presented. The simulation and results are presented in Section V, and Section VI concludes this paper.

## II. MODELING ASSUMPTIONS AND UNCERTAINTY

After a disastrous event that results in damages to the electric grid infrastructure, utilities first need to conduct damage assessment before mobilizing repair crews. Damage assessors patrol the network to locate and evaluate the damages to the grid, before the repair crews are dispatched. Damage assessment can be performed with the help of fault/outage identification algorithms, reports from customers, and aerial survey after extreme conditions. This paper is concerned with the phase after damage assessment; i.e., repairs and DG/switch operation. Hence, we assume that the locations of the damages are known from the assessment phase. Furthermore, it is assumed that the DGs in the system are controllable ones that are installed as back-up generators [8]. In addition, each crew has the resources required to repair the damages. After determining the locations of damaged components, repair crews are dispatched to the damaged components to repair and restore the system.

In this paper, the uncertainties of repair time and load are represented by a finite set of discrete scenarios, which are obtained by sampling. The lognormal distribution is used to model the repair time, as recommended in [9]. Load uncertainty is modeled in terms of load forecast error [10]. Define  $P_{i,t}^F$  as the load forecast for the load at bus  $i$  at time  $t$ , Fig. 1 shows an example of a 24-hour load profile. A load forecast error is generated independently for every hour. The forecast error for the load at bus  $i$  and time  $t$  in scenario  $s$  is a realization of a truncated normal

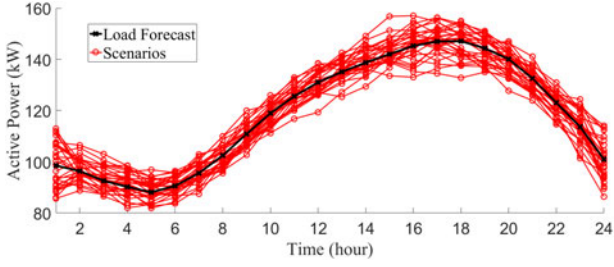


Fig. 2. Generated scenarios of active power of a load.

177 random variable  $e_{i,t,s}$ , so that the error is bounded using a fixed  
 178 percentage (e.g., 15%). The active demand for the load at bus  $i$   
 179 and time  $t$  in scenario  $s$  is then obtained as follows:

$$P_{i,t,s}^D = P_{i,t}^F(1 + e_{i,t,s}) \quad (1)$$

180 where a similar equation is used to obtain the corresponding  
 181 realization for reactive power. By bounding the error to  $\pm 15\%$ ,  
 182 equation (1) states that the actual load is within 15% of the fore-  
 183 casted load. Fig. 2 shows an example of 30 generated scenarios  
 184 for one load, where  $P_{i,t}^F$  is the load forecast, and  $P_{i,t,s}^D$  is the  
 185 generated scenario.

186 Each damaged component  $m$  is characterized by the  
 187 repair time  $\mathcal{T}_{m,s}$  in scenario  $s$ . Define  $\mathcal{T}_s = [\mathcal{T}_{1,s}, \mathcal{T}_{2,s}, \mathcal{T}_{3,s},$   
 188  $\dots, \mathcal{T}_{D,s}] \in \mathbb{R}^D$  as the vector of real numbers repre-  
 189 senting the repair time for each damaged component  
 190 in scenario  $s$ , where  $D$  is the number of damaged  
 191 components. For  $I$  loads and time horizon  $T$ , let  $e_s =$   
 192  $[e_{1,1,s}, e_{1,2,s}, \dots, e_{1,T,s}, e_{2,1,s}, \dots, e_{2,T,s}, \dots, e_{I,1,s}, \dots, e_{I,T,s}] \in$   
 193  $\mathbb{R}^{I \cdot T}$  represent the load forecast error in each time period in  
 194 scenario  $s$ . By combining  $\mathcal{T}_s$  and  $e_s$ , the number of random  
 195 variables is  $D + I \cdot T$ , and we assume they are mutually  
 196 independent. Therefore, for  $|\mathcal{S}|$  scenarios, we can define a  
 197 matrix  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^{D+I \cdot T \times |\mathcal{S}|}$  whose rows consist of random variables  
 198 and columns consist of scenarios as follows:

$$\xi = \begin{matrix} s = 1 & s = 2 & s = 3 & \dots & s = |\mathcal{S}| \\ \left( \begin{array}{cccccc} \mathcal{T}_{1,1} & \mathcal{T}_{1,2} & \mathcal{T}_{1,3} & \dots & \mathcal{T}_{1,|\mathcal{S}|} & v = 1 \\ \mathcal{T}_{2,1} & \mathcal{T}_{2,2} & \mathcal{T}_{2,3} & \dots & \mathcal{T}_{2,|\mathcal{S}|} & v = 2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{T}_{D,1} & \mathcal{T}_{D,2} & \mathcal{T}_{D,3} & \dots & \mathcal{T}_{D,|\mathcal{S}|} & v = D \\ e_{1,1,1} & e_{1,1,2} & e_{1,1,3} & \dots & e_{1,1,|\mathcal{S}|} & v = D + 1 \\ e_{1,2,1} & e_{1,2,2} & e_{1,2,3} & \dots & e_{1,2,|\mathcal{S}|} & v = D + 2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ e_{1,T,1} & e_{1,T,2} & e_{1,T,3} & \dots & e_{1,T,|\mathcal{S}|} & v = D + T \\ e_{2,1,1} & e_{2,1,2} & e_{2,1,3} & \dots & e_{2,1,|\mathcal{S}|} & v = D + T + 1 \\ e_{2,2,1} & e_{2,2,2} & e_{2,2,3} & \dots & e_{2,2,|\mathcal{S}|} & v = D + T + 2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ e_{2,T,1} & e_{2,T,2} & e_{2,T,3} & \dots & e_{2,T,|\mathcal{S}|} & v = D + 2T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ e_{I,T,1} & e_{I,T,2} & e_{I,T,3} & \dots & e_{I,T,|\mathcal{S}|} & v = D + IT \end{array} \right) \end{matrix}$$

where  $\xi_{v,s}$  is the realization of random variable  $v$  in scenario  $s$ .  
 According to the Monte Carlo sampling procedure, the proba-  
 bility  $\Pr(s)$  of each scenario is  $1/|\mathcal{S}|$ .

### III. MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION

The repair and restoration problem can be divided into two  
 stages. The first stage is to route the repair crews, which is char-  
 acterized by depots, repair crews, damaged components and  
 paths between the damaged components. The second stage is  
 distribution system restoration using DGs and reconfiguration.  
 In practice, these two subproblems are interdependent. There-  
 fore, we propose a single MILP formulation that integrates the  
 two problems for joint distribution system repair and restora-  
 tion, with the objective of maximizing the picked-up loads. The  
 utility solves the optimization problem to obtain the best route  
 for the repair crews. The crews are then dispatched to repair the  
 damaged components. For example, the crews may have to re-  
 place a pole or reconnect a wire. This repair process is included  
 in the model through the repair time. Meanwhile, the utility con-  
 trols the DGs and switches to restore power to the consumers.

#### A. First Stage: Repair Crew Routing

The routing problem can be defined by a complete graph with  
 nodes and edges  $\mathcal{G}(N, E)$ . The node set  $N$  in the undirected  
 graph contains the depot and damaged components, and the  
 edge set  $E = \{(m, n) | m, n \in N; m \neq n\}$  represents the edges  
 connecting each two components. Our purpose is to find an op-  
 timal route for each crew to reach the damaged components.  
 The value of  $x_{m,n,c}$  determines whether the path crew  $c$  trav-  
 els includes the edge  $(m, n)$  with  $m$  preceding  $n$ . The routing  
 constraints for the first stage problem are formulated as follows:

$$\sum_{\forall m \in N} x_{o_c, m, c} = 1, \forall c \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{\forall m \in N} x_{m, d_c, c} = 1, \forall c \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{\forall n \in N \setminus \{m\}} x_{m, n, c} - \sum_{\forall n \in N \setminus \{m\}} x_{n, m, c} = 0, \forall c, \\ m \in N \setminus \{o_c, d_c\} \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{\forall c} \sum_{\forall m \in N \setminus \{n\}} x_{m, n, c} = 1, \forall n \in N \setminus \{o_c, d_c\} \quad (5)$$

Constraints (2) and (3) guarantee that each crew starts and  
 ends its route at the defined start and end locations. For example,  
 if crew 1 is located at the depot, then  $x_{o_c, 2, 1} = 1$  means that  
 crew 1 travels from the depot to the damaged component 2.  
 Constraint (4) is known as the flow conservation constraint; i.e.,  
 once a crew repairs the damaged component, the crew moves  
 to the next location. Constraint (5) ensures that each damaged  
 component is repaired by only one of the crews.

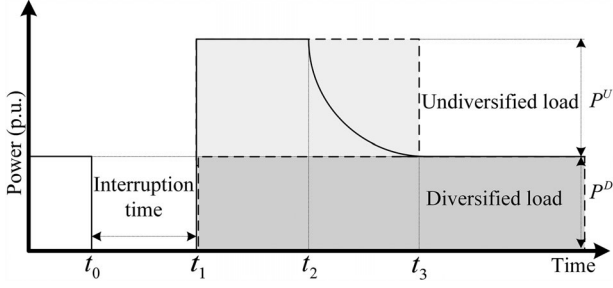


Fig. 3. CLPU condition as a delayed exponential model, and the shaded areas represent the two-block model.

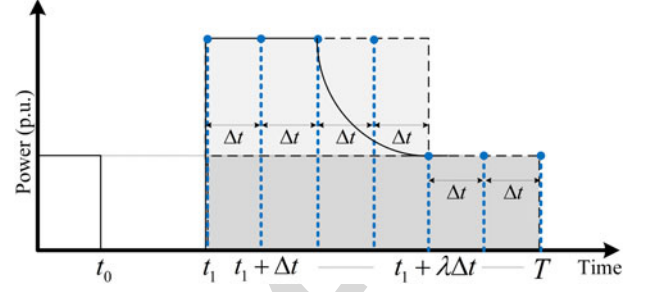


Fig. 4. Two-blocks CLPU condition as a delayed exponential model, with time step  $\Delta t$ .

## 236 B. Second Stage: Distribution Network Operation

### 1) Objective:

$$\max \sum_{\forall s} \sum_{\forall t} \sum_{\forall i} \Pr(s) \omega_i y_{i,t,s} P_{i,t,s}^D \quad (6)$$

237 The objective (6) of the second stage is to maximize the ex-  
 238 pected priority-weighted served loads over the time horizon. In  
 239 this paper, we consider two load priorities levels: high and low  
 240 [11]. Note that load priorities can be changed by the utilities as  
 241 desired. The method in [11] is used to calculate the weights for  
 242 each load. In the second stage, DGs and line switches are opti-  
 243 mally operated in response to the realization of the repair times.  
 244 Once a damaged line is repaired and energized, it provides a  
 245 path for the power flow.

246 2) *Cold Load Pickup (CLPU)*: After an extended period of  
 247 outage, the effect of cold load pick-up (CLPU) may happen,  
 248 which is caused by the loss of diversity and simultaneous opera-  
 249 tion of thermostatically controlled loads. As depicted in Fig. 3,  
 250 the normal steady-state load consumption is defined as the di-  
 251 versified load, and undiversified load is the startup load con-  
 252 sumption upon restoration. The time when the load experiences  
 253 an outage is  $t_0$ ,  $t_1$  is the time when the load is restored, and  
 254  $t_3$  is the time when the load returns to normal condition. The  
 255 typical behavior of CLPU can be represented using a delayed  
 256 exponentially decaying function [12], which is shown in Fig. 3,  
 257 where  $t_2 - t_1$  is the exponential decay delay, and  $t_3 - t_1$  is the  
 258 CLPU duration. This exponential function can be approximated  
 259 using a linear combination of multiple blocks.

260 In this paper, we employ two blocks to represent CLPU as  
 261 suggested in [12]. The first block is for the undiversified load  $P^U$   
 262 and the second for the diversified load  $P^D$  (i.e., the steady-state  
 263 load consumption) as shown in Fig. 3. The use of two blocks  
 264 decreases the computational burden imposed by nonlinear char-  
 265 acteristics of CLPU and provides a conservative approach to  
 266 guarantee the supply-load balance. For a time horizon  $T$  and  
 267 time step  $\Delta t$ , the CLPU curve is sampled as shown in Fig. 4,  
 268 where  $\lambda$  is the number of time steps required for the load to  
 269 return to normal condition. The value of  $\lambda$  equals the CLPU du-  
 270 ration divided by the time step. The CLPU constraint for active  
 271 power can be formulated as follows:

$$P_{i,t,s}^L = y_{i,t,s} P_{i,t,s}^D + (y_{i,t,s} - y_{i,\max(t-\lambda,0),s}) P_{i,t,s}^U, \forall i, t, s \quad (7)$$

272 where  $y_{i,0,s}$  is the initial state of load  $i$  immediately after an  
 273 outage event; i.e.,  $y_{i,0,s} = 1$  and  $P_{i,0,s}^L = P_{i,0,s}^D$  if the load is  
 274 not affected by the outage. If a load goes from a de-energized  
 275 state to an energized state at time step  $t = h$  ( $y_{i,h-1,s} = 0$  and  
 276  $y_{i,h,s} = 1$ ), it will return to normal condition at time step  $h + \lambda$ ,  
 277 as  $y_{i,h,s} - y_{i,\max(h+\lambda-\lambda,0),s} = 0$ . Before time step  $h + \lambda$ ,  $P_{i,t,s}^U$   
 278 is added to  $P_{i,t,s}^D$  to represent the undiversified load. The function  
 279  $\max(t - \lambda, 0)$ , is used to avoid negative values. We assume that  
 280 the duration of the CLPU decaying process is one hour in the  
 281 simulation [12]. Moreover, the study in [13] showed that the  
 282 total load at pick-up time can be up to 200% of the steady state  
 283 value, thus,  $P_{i,t,s}^U$  is set to be equal to  $P_{i,t,s}^D$ . Similarly, the CLPU  
 284 constraint for reactive power can be formulated as follows:

$$Q_{i,t,s}^L = y_{i,t,s} Q_{i,t,s}^D + (y_{i,t,s} - y_{i,\max(t-\lambda,0),s}) \times Q_{i,t,s}^U, \forall i, t, s \quad (8)$$

285 3) *Distribution Network Optimal Power Flow*: The power  
 286 flow model mostly used in transmission network restoration is  
 287 the linear DC optimal power flow model which neglects reactive  
 288 power and voltage levels. AC optimal power flow, on the other  
 289 hand, is nonlinear and will greatly increase the computational  
 290 burden of the problem. Therefore, linearized Distflow equations  
 291 are used to calculate the power flow and the voltages at each  
 292 node. Linearized Distflow equations have been used and ver-  
 293 ified in the literature [14]–[18]. The equations are formulated as  
 294 follows:

$$\sum_{\forall k \in K(\cdot, i)} P_{k,t,s}^B + P_{i,t,s}^G = \sum_{\forall k \in K(i, \cdot)} P_{k,t,s}^B + P_{i,t,s}^L, \forall i, t, s \quad (9)$$

$$\sum_{\forall k \in K(\cdot, i)} Q_{k,t,s}^B + Q_{i,t,s}^G = \sum_{\forall k \in K(i, \cdot)} Q_{k,t,s}^B + Q_{i,t,s}^L, \forall i, t, s \quad (10)$$

$$V_{j,t,s} - V_{i,t,s} + \frac{R_k P_{k,t,s}^B + X_k Q_{k,t,s}^B}{V_1} \leq (1 - u_{k,t,s}) M, \quad \forall k, t, s \quad (11)$$

$$(u_{k,t,s} - 1) M \leq V_{j,t,s} - V_{i,t,s} + \frac{R_k P_{k,t,s}^B + X_k Q_{k,t,s}^B}{V_1}, \quad \forall k, t, s \quad (12)$$

$$1 - \epsilon \leq V_{i,t,s} \leq 1 + \epsilon, \quad \forall i, t, s \quad (13)$$

Constraints (9) and (10) represent the active and reactive power balance constraints, respectively. The voltage at each bus is expressed in constraints (11) and (12), where  $V_1$  is the reference voltage. A disjunctive method is used to ensure that the voltage levels of two disconnected buses are decoupled. The values used for  $M$  are explained in Section III-B6. Constraint (13) defines the allowable range of voltage deviations, where  $\epsilon$  is set to be 5% [19].

We consider dispatchable DGs for supplying loads in the distribution network, and automatic switches to reconfigure the network. The automatic switches are controlled by  $u_{k,t,s}$ ,  $k \in \Omega_{SW}$ . The following constraints define the capacity of the DGs, line flow limits, and switching status of the lines:

$$0 \leq P_{i,t,s}^G \leq P_i^{G_{\max}}, \forall i, t, s \quad (14)$$

$$0 \leq Q_{i,t,s}^G \leq Q_i^{G_{\max}}, \forall i, t, s \quad (15)$$

$$-u_{k,t,s} P_k^{B_{\max}} \leq P_{k,t,s}^B \leq u_{k,t,s} P_k^{B_{\max}}, \forall k, t, s \quad (16)$$

$$-u_{k,t,s} Q_k^{B_{\max}} \leq Q_{k,t,s}^B \leq u_{k,t,s} Q_k^{B_{\max}}, \forall k, t, s \quad (17)$$

$$u_{k,t,s} = 1, \forall k \notin \{\Omega_{SW} \cup N \setminus \{0\}\}, s \quad (18)$$

Constraints (14) and (15), respectively, define the real and reactive output limits for DGs. Constraints (16) and (17) set the limits of the line flows and indicate that the power flow through a damaged line equals zero, which is achieved by multiplying the line limits by  $u_{k,t,s}$ . Constraint (18) maintains the switching status of a line  $u_{k,t,s}$  to be 1 when there is no damage and/or no switch.

Once a load is served, it should remain energized, as enforced by the following constraint:

$$y_{i,t+1,s} \geq y_{i,t,s}, \forall i, t, s \quad (19)$$

4) *Radiality Constraints*: The distribution network is reconfigured dynamically using switches to change the topology of the network. Radiality constraints are introduced to maintain radial configuration. The method used in [20] is employed in this paper. Radiality is enforced by introducing constraints for ensuring that at least one of the lines of each possible loop in the network is open. A depth-first search method [20] is used to identify the possible loops in the network and the lines associated with them. The following constraint can then be used to ensure radial configuration:

$$\sum_{k \in \Omega_{K(l)}} u_{k,t,s} \leq |\Omega_{K(l)}| - 1, \forall l, t, s \quad (20)$$

where  $|\Omega_{K(l)}|$  is the number of lines in loop  $l$ . Constraint (20) guarantees that at least one line is disconnected in each loop. Alternatively, the radiality constraints can be represented by (21)–(24) based on the spanning tree approach [21], [22].

$$0 \leq \beta_{i,j,t}^s \leq 1, \forall i, j \in \Omega_B, t, s \quad (21)$$

$$\beta_{i,j,t}^s + \beta_{j,i,t}^s = u_{k,t,s}, \forall k, t, s \quad (22)$$

$$\beta_{i,j,t}^s = 0, \forall i \in \Omega_B, j \in \Omega_{SB}, t, s \quad (23)$$

$$\sum_{\forall i \in \Omega_B} \beta_{i,j,t}^s \leq 1, \forall j \in \Omega_B, t, s \quad (24)$$

Two variables  $\beta_{i,j,t}$  and  $\beta_{j,i,t}$  are defined to model the spanning tree. For a radial network, each bus cannot be connected to more than one parent bus and the number of lines equals the number of buses other than the root bus. Constraint (22) relates the connection status of the line and the spanning tree variables  $\beta_{i,j,t}$  and  $\beta_{j,i,t}$ . If the distribution line is connected, then either  $\beta_{i,j,t}$  or  $\beta_{j,i,t}$  must equal one. Constraint (23) designates substations as and indicates that they do not have parent buses. Constraint (24) requires that every bus has no more than one parent bus. The spanning tree constraints guarantee that the number of buses in a spanning tree, other than the root, equals the number of lines [21]. In this paper, we use constraint (20) to ensure the radiality as the spanning tree constraints in (21)–(24) will add  $|\Omega_B| \times |\Omega_B| \times |T| \times |S|$  variables.

5) *Restoration Time*: The arrival time and consequently the time when each component is repaired must be calculated to connect the routing and power operation problems. Once a crew arrives at a damaged component  $m$  at time  $\alpha_{m,c}$ , they spend a time  $\mathcal{T}_{m,s}$  to repair the damaged component, and then take time  $T_{m,n,c}^R$  to arrive at the next damaged component  $n$ . Therefore,  $\alpha_{m,c,s} + \mathcal{T}_{m,s} + T_{m,n,c}^R = \alpha_{n,c,s}$  if crew  $c$  travels the path  $m$  to  $n$ . The travel time between the damaged components and depot can be obtained through a geographic information system (GIS). The arrival time constraints are formulated as follows:

$$\alpha_{m,c,s} + \mathcal{T}_{m,s} + T_{m,n}^R - (1 - x_{m,n,c}) M \leq \alpha_{n,c,s} \quad (25)$$

$$\forall m \in N \setminus \{d_c\}, n \in N \setminus \{o_c, m\}, c, s$$

$$\alpha_{n,c,s} \leq \alpha_{m,c,s} + \mathcal{T}_{m,s} + T_{m,n}^R + (1 - x_{m,n,c}) M \quad (26)$$

$$\forall m \in N \setminus \{d_c\}, n \in N \setminus \{o_c, m\}, c, s$$

Disjunctive constraints are used to decouple the times to arrive at components  $m$  and  $n$  if the crew does not travel from  $m$  to  $n$ . In order to determine when will the damaged component be restored and can be operated again, we enforce the following constraints:

$$0 \leq f_{m,t,s} \leq 1, \forall m \in N \setminus \{o_c, d_c\}, t, s \quad (27)$$

$$\sum_{\forall t} f_{m,t,s} = 1, \forall m \in N \setminus \{o_c, d_c\}, s \quad (28)$$

For example, if component  $m$  is repaired at  $t = 3$ , then  $f_m = \{0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0\}$ . The restoration time for component  $m$  can be found by  $\sum_{\forall t} t f_{m,t}$ .

The restoration time depends on the arrival time and the repair time, where the relationship is modeled using the following equations:

$$\sum_{\forall t} t f_{m,t,s} \geq \sum_{\forall c} \left( \alpha_{m,c,s} + \mathcal{T}_{m,s} \sum_{\forall n \in N} x_{m,n,c} \right) \quad (29)$$

$$\forall m \in N \setminus \{o_c, d_c\}, s$$

$$\sum_{\forall t} t f_{m,t,s} \leq \sum_{\forall c} \left( \alpha_{m,c,s} + \mathcal{T}_{m,s} \sum_{\forall n \in N} x_{m,n,c} \right) \quad (30)$$

$$+ 1 - \epsilon, \forall m \in N \setminus \{o_c, d_c\}, s$$

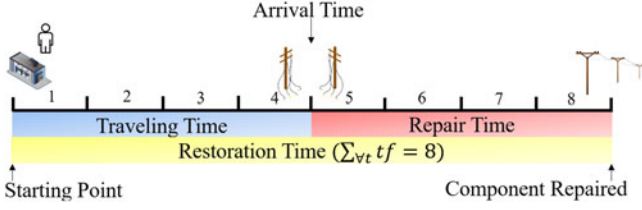


Fig. 5. Time sequence of the repair process.

$$0 \leq \alpha_{m,c,s} \leq M \sum_{n \in N} x_{m,n,c}, \forall m \in N \setminus \{o_c, d_c\}, c, s \quad (31)$$

Constraints (29) and (30) determine the time when a damaged component is repaired by adding its repair time to the arrival time. The two equations are used to define  $\lceil tf_{m,t} \rceil$ , since the time horizon has integer values. If the damaged component is not repaired by a crew  $c$ , then the arrival time and repair time for this crew should not affect constraints (29) and (30), which is realized by using constraint (31) to set  $\alpha_{m,c} = 0$ . Fig. 5 demonstrates the time sequence of the repair process and how to find the restoration time. Starting from the depot, if both travel time and repair time are 4 hours, the restoration time is  $\sum_{vt} t f_{m,t} = 8$ .

The routing and power operation problems are connected with the following constraint:

$$u_{m,t,s} = \sum_{\bar{t}=1}^t f_{m,\bar{t},s}, \forall m \in N \setminus \{o_c, d_c\}, t, s \quad (32)$$

Constraint (32) indicates that the restored component becomes available after it is repaired, and remains available in all subsequent time periods. We assume that the repair time includes the time it takes to re-energize the component; therefore, if component  $m$  is repaired at  $t = 4$ , it can be used at  $t = 4$  and thereafter. For example, if  $t = [1, 2, \dots, 6]$  and  $f_m = [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0]$  then  $u_{m,t} = [0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]$ .

6) *Big M*: The value used for  $M$  depends on the constraint. An inappropriately large  $M$  may increase the computation time, and a small value may introduce infeasibility. In constraint (11) and (12), the maximum and minimum values for the voltage are 1.05 and 0.95 per unit. Hence, the largest possible difference between any two voltages ( $V_{j,t,s} - V_{i,t,s}$ ) is 0.1 per unit. Also, the maximum drop in voltage  $(R_k P_{k,t,s}^B + X_k Q_{k,t,s}^B)/V_1$  is 0.1 per unit. Accordingly, the minimum value of  $M$  in (11) and (12) is 0.2 per unit.

In the routing constraints, the crews must arrive at the damaged components before starting the repairs. For example, if the time horizon is  $T = 10$ , and the repair time for some damaged component  $m$  is  $T_{m,s} = 1$ , then the crew should arrive at  $\alpha_{m,c,s} = 9$  at the latest in order to repair the component. Note that the time horizon should be chosen such that all damaged components can be repaired in the optimization problem. Therefore, the minimum value of  $M$  in (31) equals the time horizon minus the minimum repair time. The minimum repair time is used to obtain the largest difference between  $T$  and the repair times of the components. Denote the value of  $M$  in (31) as  $M_{27}$ . For (25) and (26), the value of  $M$  should be

larger than the time horizon  $T$ . In a worst-case scenario, the arrival time of crew  $c$  at damaged component  $m$  is  $\alpha_{m,c,s} = M_{27}$ , and the crew does not repair damaged component  $n$ , as per equation (31),  $\alpha_{n,c,s} = 0$ . Consequently, (25) and (26) are translated to  $-M \leq 0 - M_{27} - T_{m,s} - T_{m,n}^R \leq M$ . Hence, the minimum value of  $M$  in (25) and (26) equals  $M_{27}$  plus the maximum repair and travel times.

### C. Two-Stage Stochastic Program

In this paper, we formulate the stochastic DSRRP as a two-stage stochastic program. In the first stage, the crews are dispatched to the damaged components. Therefore, the first-stage variable is  $x_{m,n,c}$ . After realization of the repair times and loads, the distribution network is operated in the second stage. The second-stage variables are defined in vector  $\gamma_s$ , which includes  $(\alpha, f, P^B, P^G, P^L, Q^B, Q^G, Q^L, u, V, y, \beta)$ . The extensive form (EF) of the two-stage stochastic DSRRP is formulated as follows:

$$\zeta(\text{weighted kWh}) = \max_{x, \gamma} \sum_{\forall s} \sum_{\forall t} \sum_{\forall i} \Pr(s) \omega_i y_{i,t,s} P_{i,t,s}^D \quad (33)$$

s.t. (2)–(5), (7)–(32) (33)

$$u, x, y \in \{0, 1\} \quad (34)$$

## IV. SOLUTION ALGORITHM

In this section, we decompose S-DSRRP and present the algorithm for solving the decomposed problem.

### A. Progressive Hedging

Watson and Woodruff adapted the PH algorithm [23] to approximately solve stochastic mixed-integer problems. The PH algorithm decomposes the extensive form into subproblems, by relaxing the non-anticipativity of the first-stage variables. Hence, for  $|\mathcal{S}|$  scenarios, the stochastic program is decomposed into  $|\mathcal{S}|$  subproblems. PH can solve the subproblems in parallel to reduce the computational burden for large-scale instances. The authors of [24] effectively implemented PH for solving the stochastic unit commitment problem. A full description of the PH algorithm can be found in [23].

To demonstrate the PH algorithm, we first define a compact form for the general two-stage stochastic program as follows:

$$\zeta = \min_{\delta, \gamma_s} a^T \delta + \sum_{\forall s} \Pr(s) b_s^T \gamma_s \quad (35)$$

$$\text{s.t. } (\delta, \gamma_s) \in \mathcal{Q}_s, \forall s \quad (36)$$

where  $a$  and  $b_s$  are vectors containing the coefficients associated with the first-stage ( $\delta$ ) and second-stage ( $\gamma_s$ ) variables in the objective, respectively. The restriction  $(\delta, \gamma_s) \in \mathcal{Q}_s$  represents the subproblem constraints that ensures a feasible solution. The PH algorithm is described in Algorithm 1, using a penalty factor  $\rho$  and a termination threshold  $\varepsilon$ .

The PH algorithm starts by solving the subproblems with individual scenarios in Step 2. Notice that for an individual scenario, the two-stage model boils down to a single-level problem. Step 3 aggregates the solutions to obtain the expected

**Algorithm 1:** The Two-Stage PH Algorithm.

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- 1: Let  $\tau := 0$
  - 2: For all  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , compute:
  - 3:  $\delta_s^{(\tau)} := \arg \min_{\delta} \{ \mathbf{a}^T \delta + \mathbf{b}_s^T \gamma_s : (\delta, \gamma_s) \in \mathcal{Q}_s \}$
  - 4:  $\bar{\delta}^{(\tau)} := \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \Pr(s) \delta_s^{(\tau)}$
  - 5:  $\eta_s^{(\tau)} := \rho(\delta_s^{(\tau)} - \bar{\delta}^{(\tau)})$
  - 6:  $\tau := \tau + 1$
  - 7: For all  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  compute:
  - 8:  $\delta_s^{(\tau)} := \arg \min_{\delta} \{ \mathbf{a}^T \delta + \mathbf{b}_s^T \gamma_s + \eta_s^{(\tau-1)} \delta + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\delta - \bar{\delta}^{(\tau-1)}\|^2 : (\delta, \gamma_s) \in \mathcal{Q}_s \}$
  - 9:  $\bar{\delta}^{(\tau)} := \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \Pr(s) \delta_s^{(\tau)}$
  - 10:  $\eta_s^{(\tau)} := \eta_s^{(\tau-1)} + \rho(\delta_s^{(\tau)} - \bar{\delta}^{(\tau)})$
  - 11:  $\mu^{(\tau)} := \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \Pr(s) \|\delta_s^{(\tau)} - \bar{\delta}^{(\tau)}\|$
  - 12: If  $\mu^{(\tau)} < \varepsilon$ , then go to **Step 5**. Otherwise, terminate
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451 value  $\bar{\delta}$ . The multiplier  $\eta_s$  is updated in Step 4. The first four  
 452 steps represent the initialization phase. In Step 6, the subprob-  
 453 lems are augmented with a linear term proportional to the mul-  
 454 tiplier  $\eta_s^{(\tau-1)}$  and a squared two norm term penalizing the  
 455 difference of  $\delta$  from  $\bar{\delta}^{(\tau-1)}$ , where  $\tau$  is the iteration num-  
 456 ber. Steps 7-8 repeat Steps 3-4. The program terminates once  
 457  $\sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \Pr(s) \|\delta_s^{(\tau)} - \bar{\delta}^{(\tau)}\| < \varepsilon$ ; i.e., all first-stage decisions  $\delta_s$   
 458 converge to a common  $\bar{\delta}$ . The termination threshold  $\varepsilon$  is set to  
 459 be 0.01 in this paper.

460 *B. Decomposed S-DSRRP*

461 The proposed algorithm iteratively selects a group of dam-  
 462 aged components and dispatches the crews until all damaged  
 463 components are repaired. The S-DSRRP is decomposed into  
 464 two subproblems.

465 1) *Subproblem I:* The first subproblem determines  $\mathcal{C}$  critical  
 466 damaged components to repair. This problem is formulated as a  
 467 two-stage SMIP. In the first stage, the critical damaged compo-  
 468 nents are determined, and the distribution network is operated in  
 469 the second stage. The first subproblem is formulated as follows:

$$z^* := \arg \max_{z, \gamma_s} \sum_{\forall s} \sum_{\forall t} \sum_{\forall i} \Pr(s) \omega_i y_{i,t,s} P_{i,t,s}^D \quad (37)$$

s.t. (7) – (20)

$$\sum_{\forall m \in N \setminus \{0\}} z_m \leq \mathcal{C} \quad (38)$$

$$u_{m,t,s} \leq z_m, \forall m, t, s \quad (39)$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T_{m,s}} u_{m,t,s} = 0, \forall m, s \quad (40)$$

470 where  $\bar{\gamma}_s$  includes  $(P^B, P^G, P^L, Q^B, Q^G, Q^L, u, V, y, \beta)$ . De-  
 471 fine binary variable  $z_m$  to equal 1 if damaged component  $m$  is a  
 472 critical damaged component to repair. The goal of this subprob-  
 473 lem is to find a number of damaged components that, if repaired,  
 474 will maximize the served load. In order to obtain a manageable  
 475 problem for the second subproblem, we set the number of se-  
 476 lected (critical) damaged components to be equal to the number  
 477

**Algorithm 2:** D-PH algorithm for solving S-DSRRP.

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**Input:**  $\mathcal{C}, P_{i,t,s}^D, Q_{i,t,s}^D, T_{m,s}, R_k, X_k, T_{m,n}^R, w_i, N$

**Output:**  $\alpha_{m,c,s}, P_{i,t,s}^G, Q_{i,t,s}^G, u_{k,t,s}, x_{m,n,c}, y_{i,t,s}$

- 1: **for**  $r = 1$  to  $\lfloor |N \setminus \{\text{depot}\}| / \mathcal{C} \rfloor$  **do**
  - 2: Solve using **PH** {Subproblem I}
  - 3:  $z^* := \arg \max_{z, \bar{\gamma}_s} \{ (36) : \text{s.t. (7)–(20), (38)–(40)} \}$
  - 4:  $N'(r) = \{m | z_m^* = 1, \forall m \in N\}$
  - 5: **if**  $N'(r)$  is null **then**
  - 6: **break** {All loads can be served}
  - 7: **end if**
  - 8: Solve using **PH** {Subproblem II}
  - 9:  $\zeta := \max_{x, \gamma_s} \{ (33) : \text{s.t. (2)–(5), (7)–(20), (25)–(32), (41)} \}$
  - 10: For each crew, update the starting location:
  - 11:  $o_c = \{m | x_{m,d_c,c}^* = 1, \forall m \in N\}$
  - 12:  $N = N \setminus N'(r)$  {update damaged components}
  - 13: **end for**
  - 14: **if**  $N$  is not null **then**
  - 15: Repeat **Step 7** {route the repair crews to the remaining damaged components}
  - 16: **end if**
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of crews; i.e.,  $\mathcal{C}$ . In this subproblem, all routing constraints are  
 neglected, and we assume that the crews instantaneously begin  
 repairing the selected damaged components. The objective of  
 Subproblem I (37) is to maximize the served loads, while con-  
 sidering distribution network operation constraints. Constraint  
 (38) limits the number of damages to be repaired. If  $z_m$  equals 0,  
 then  $u_{m,t,s}$  must be 0, which is enforced by (39). Constraint (40)  
 sets  $u_{m,t,s}$  to be 0 until time  $T_{m,s}$  has passed. After determining  
 the critical components, we proceed to the second subproblem.

2) *Subproblem II:* The second subproblem is formulated  
 similarly to (33). The crews are dispatched to the damaged  
 components obtained from Subproblem I in the first stage, and  
 the distribution network is operated in the second stage. Each  
 cycle of Subproblem I and Subproblem II is defined as a dispatch  
 cycle. The dispatch cycle is denoted by  $r$ . Define the subset of  
 critical damaged components and starting point as  $N'(r)$ . Note  
 that the starting point after the first dispatch cycle is the cur-  
 rent location of the crew instead of the depot. Subproblem II  
 solves the two-stage S-DSRRP for  $N'(r)$ , which is formulated  
 as follows:

$$\zeta = \max_{x, \gamma_s} (33)$$

s.t. (2)–(5), (7)–(20), (25)–(32)

$$u_{m,t,s} = 0, \forall t, s, m \in N \setminus N'(r) \quad (41)$$

Constraint (41) states that if component  $m$  is damaged and is  
 not being repaired, then  $u_{m,t,s}$  equals 0. The two subproblems  
 are repeated until all damaged components are repaired.

Algorithm 2 presents the pseudo-code for the D-PH algo-  
 rithm. The number of dispatch cycles is equal to the number  
 of damaged components divided by the number of crews; i.e.,  
 $\lfloor |N \setminus \{\text{depot}\}| / \mathcal{C} \rfloor$ . If there are 11 damages and 3 crews, then the

505 number of dispatch cycles will be 3, and the remaining damaged  
 506 components are considered in Steps 11–12. The algorithm starts  
 507 by solving Subproblem I in Step 2 using PH. After obtaining  $z^*$   
 508 in dispatch cycle  $r$ , the subset of critical damaged components,  
 509  $N'(r)$ , is defined in Step 3. If  $N'(r)$  is null, then all loads can be  
 510 served without repairing any damaged components. Therefore,  
 511 the loop ends and the routing problem is solved for  $N$  in Step 12.  
 512 Subproblem II is solved next using PH in Step 7 to route the  
 513 crews and operate the distribution network. We then update  $o_c$   
 514 in Step 8 by using the results obtained from the Subproblem II.  
 515 The end point for the crews is set to be the depot, but the variable  
 516  $x_{m,d_c,c}$  is used only to determine the starting locations for the  
 517 next dispatch cycle. The crews return to the depot after all repair  
 518 tasks are finished in the final dispatch cycle. The set of damaged  
 519 components is updated in Step 9 by removing the repaired  
 520 lines. Step 11 checks whether there are any remaining damaged  
 521 components, and then solves Subproblem II to finish the repairs.

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## V. SIMULATION AND RESULTS

523 Modified IEEE 34- and 8500-bus distribution feeders are used  
 524 as test cases for the repair and restoration problem. Detailed  
 525 information on the networks can be found in [25] and [26],  
 526 respectively. The stochastic models and algorithms are imple-  
 527 mented using the PySP package in Pyomo [27]. IBM's CPLEX  
 528 12.6 mixed-integer solver is used to solve all subproblems. The  
 529 experiments were performed on Iowa State University's Condo  
 530 cluster, whose individual blades consist of two 2.6 GHz 8-Core  
 531 Intel E5-2640 v3 processors and 128GB of RAM. The scenario  
 532 subproblems are solved in parallel by using the Python Remote  
 533 Objects library. To ensure a fast response for the outage, and  
 534 the convergence of the algorithm, we impose a 30-minute time  
 535 limit on each subproblem; i.e., a one-hour time limit [28] for  
 536 each dispatch cycle.

### 537 A. Case I: IEEE 34-Bus Distribution Feeder

538 The IEEE 34-bus feeder is modified by adding three dispatch-  
 539 able backup DGs installed at randomly selected locations, and  
 540 two-line switches. High-priority loads are chosen arbitrarily.  
 541 The capacity of the DGs is 150 kW. The travel time between  
 542 damaged components ranges from 15 to 30 minutes, and the  
 543 time step used in the simulation is one hour. We assume three  
 544 crews, one depot, and seven damaged lines. The outage is as-  
 545 sumed to have occurred at 12 AM. The Monte Carlo sampling  
 546 technique is used to generate 1000 random scenarios with equal  
 547 probability, and the simultaneous backward scenario reduction  
 548 algorithm [29] is applied to reduce the number of scenarios to  
 549 30. The General Algebraic Modeling System (GAMS) provides  
 550 a toolkit named SCENRED2 for implementing the scenario  
 551 reduction algorithm [30]. For the repair time, a lognormal dis-  
 552 tribution is used with parameters  $\mu = -0.3072$  and  $\sigma = 1.8404$   
 553 [31], and unrealistic values (e.g., 0.01 hours) are truncated. On  
 554 the other hand, the load forecast error is generated using a trun-  
 555 cated normal distribution with limits  $\pm 15\%$  [10]. Samples of  
 556 the 30 generated scenarios are shown in Table I for the repair  
 557 time.

TABLE I  
 SAMPLES OF THE REPAIR TIMES (IN HOURS) FOR THE 30 GENERATED  
 SCENARIOS USING THE LOGNORMAL DISTRIBUTION

Damage	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	...	Scenario 30
Line 5-6	2.71	3.61	1.97	....	3.11
Line 7-8	4.01	2.36	3.85	....	5.11
Line 9-10	4.03	3.21	1.06	....	4.62
Line 12-13	2.18	1.87	2.88	....	3.45
Line 31-32	1.14	1.83	3.07	....	6.95
Line 17-18	2.87	3.93	3.09	....	8.21
Line 4-20	1.68	1.84	4.69	....	2.46

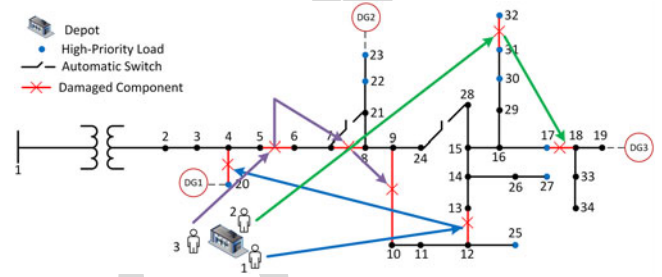


Fig. 6. Routing solution for the IEEE 34-bus network obtained by D-PH.

558 The aim of this test is to analyze and visualize the D-  
 559 PH algorithm. Since there are 7 damaged lines and 3 crews,  
 560 the algorithm requires 3 dispatch cycles. The algorithm con-  
 561 verges after 10 minutes, where dispatch cycles 1, 2, and 3 con-  
 562 verges after 5, 3, and 2 minutes, respectively. The routing so-  
 563 lution is shown in Fig. 6. In the first dispatch cycle, Lines 5–6,  
 564 12–13, and 31–32 are selected as critical lines. Repairing line  
 565 5–6 provides a path for the power flow coming from the substa-  
 566 tion. Line 31–32 is prioritized as it is connected to a high-priority  
 567 load. Line 12–13 is repaired to provide electricity to the lower  
 568 portion of the network. Line 4–20 is repaired after Line 12–13  
 569 as DG1 can provide energy to the load at bus 20 temporarily  
 570 before the line is repaired.

571 Next, we present a detailed solution of the second-stage vari-  
 572 ables for one possible realization, we use Scenario 1 from  
 573 Table I. The first-stage solution (crew routing) is shown in Fig. 6,  
 574 while some of the second-stage variables, including switching  
 575 operation and DG output, are detailed in Table II. Switch 24–28  
 576 is turned on so that DG2 can supply part of the network on the  
 577 right-hand side. In this scenario, the first line repaired is 31–32,  
 578 but the load at bus 32 is not served as DG2 is at its limit. Line  
 579 12–13 is repaired next and the load at bus 10 is restored. Switch  
 580 7–21 remains off until line 5–6 is repaired, to provide a path for  
 581 the power coming from the substation. The substation restores  
 582 eight loads at this point (4 AM), while loads at buses 11, 16, and  
 583 24 are not restored until the next hour due to the higher demand  
 584 caused by CLPU. Switch 7–21 and 24–28 are turned off once  
 585 line 7–8 and line 9–10 are repaired, respectively. Note that by  
 586 using switches 7–21 and 24–28, all loads are served before re-  
 587 pairing lines 7–8 and 9–10. Finally, the back-up DGs are turned  
 588 off since the loads can be supplied by the substation.

589 To show the importance of considering uncertainty in the  
 590 problem, we calculate the expected value of perfect information  
 591 (EVPI) and the value of the stochastic solution (VSS). EVPI is



TABLE II  
SWITCH STATUS, DG OUTPUT, AND SEQUENCE OF REPAIRS FOR THE IEEE  
34-BUS FEEDER

Time	SW 7-21	SW 24-28	DG1 (kW)	DG2 (kW)	DG3 (kW)	Repaired Component
0:00	0	1	74.9	143	38.7	
1:00	0	1	77.5	148	40	Line 31-32
2:00	0	1	67.3	149	34.8	Line 12-13
3:00	0	1	66.4	145	34.3	Line 5-6
4:00	1	1	65.8	150	34	
5:00	1	1	65.8	150	34	Line 17-18,4-20
6:00	1	1	150	150	150	
7:00	1	1	0	0	0	Line 7-8
8:00	0	1	0	0	0	
9:00	0	1	0	0	0	
10:00	0	1	0	0	0	
11:00	0	1	0	0	0	Line 9-10
12:00	0	0	0	0	0	

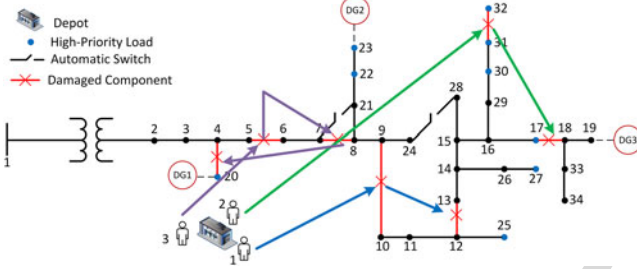


Fig. 7. Routing solution obtained by using the expected values.

592 the difference between the wait-and-see (WS) and the stochastic  
593 solutions. It represents the value of knowing the future with certainty.  
594 WS is the expected value of reacting to random variables  
595 with perfect foresight. It is obtained by calculating the mean of  
596 all deterministic solutions of the scenarios. VSS indicates the  
597 benefit of including uncertainty in the optimization problem.  
598 VSS is the difference between the stochastic solution and the  
599 expected value solution (EEV). To obtain EEV, we first solve  
600 the deterministic problem using the expected value (EV) of the  
601 random variables, where the average repair time is 4 hours and  
602 the load forecast error is zero. Then we set the first-stage variable  
603 as a fixed parameter and solve the stochastic problem to  
604 find the value of EEV. Furthermore, the expected energy not  
605 supplied (EENS) is calculated as follows:

$$\text{EENS} = \sum_{\forall s} \Pr(s) \left( \sum_{\forall t} \sum_{\forall i} (1 - y_{i,t,s}) P_{i,t,s}^D \right) \quad (42)$$

606 The route obtained by solving the deterministic problem with  
607 average repair time and zero load forecast error is shown in  
608 Fig. 7. EEV is then found to be 30524.13 and the EENS for this  
609 routing plan is 1907.5 kWh, as shown in Table III. By solving  
610 the extensive form of the S-DSRRP using Pyomo with CPLEX  
611 solver, we obtained the routes shown in Fig. 8, after 25 hours.  
612 Observe that the difference between Fig. 7 and Fig. 8 lies around  
613 line 4–20. Repairing line 4–20 early gives DG1 the opportunity  
614 to support the substation and meet the higher demand caused  
615 by CLPU and the high forecast error. The importance of line

TABLE III  
RESULTS OF THE STOCHASTIC SIMULATION ON THE IEEE 34-BUS FEEDER,  
WITH 7 DAMAGED COMPONENTS

	$\zeta$	CT	VSS	EVPI	%Gap	EENS (kWh)
EEV	30524.13	257 s	N/A	N/A	0.3%	1907.5
D-PH	30588.18	10 min	64.05	94.87	0.1%	1862.0
PH	30588.18	27 min	64.05	94.87	0.1%	1862.0
EF	30617.47	25 h	93.34	65.58	N/A	1840.8
WS	30683.05	18 min	N/A	N/A	N/A	1800.4

$\zeta$ : objective value (weighted kWh); CT: computation time

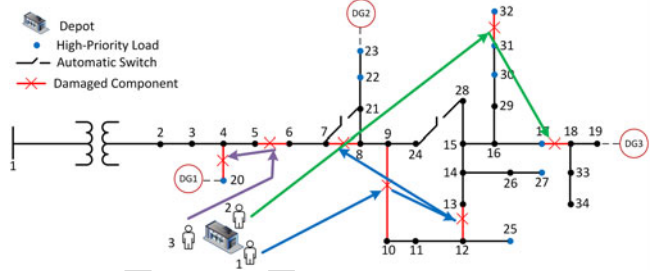


Fig. 8. Routing solution obtained by solving the extensive form.

4–20 and DG1 is not captured in the EEV solution as the uncertainty is not considered in the decision making process. D-PH algorithm achieved a solution close to the EF solution in 10 minutes, with EENS 21.2 kWh lower than the one obtained for EF. The relative gap is obtained by comparing the objective of the different methods to the solution obtained using EF, which is only 0.1% for D-PH. The same route as D-PH is obtained by solving the complete problem (29) using the PH algorithm, but the computation time increases to 27 minutes. Though D-PH has a slightly lower objective value than EF, the computation time is improved considerably. Furthermore, the results show the advantage of using PH over EF, as the computation time for EF is 25 hours, whereas PH converges in 27 minutes.

### B. Case II: IEEE 8500-Bus Distribution Feeder

The IEEE 8500-bus feeder test case, shown in Fig. 9, is used to examine the scalability of the developed approach for large networks. Five 500 kW DGs are randomly installed in the network. The potential loops in the network are identified using a depth-first search method [32] in MATLAB to form the radiality constraint. There are 5 loops in the network, which are found in 60.72 seconds. It is assumed that there are 6 crews and 20 arbitrarily selected damaged lines, labeled in Fig. 9. Monte Carlo sampling is used to generate 1000 random scenarios, which are reduced to 30 using SCENRED2. Since there are 6 crews and 20 damaged lines, the D-PH has four dispatch cycles. The complete routing solution is obtained after 79 minutes, where the 4 dispatch cycles converged after 23, 25, 18, and 13 minutes. The alternative methods, i.e., EEV, EF, and PH, did not converge to a feasible solution after 24 hours. The routing solution obtained using D-PH is shown in Table IV. Fig. 10 shows the change in percentage of load supplied for one sample scenario. By changing the topology of the network and using the backup DGs, 37%

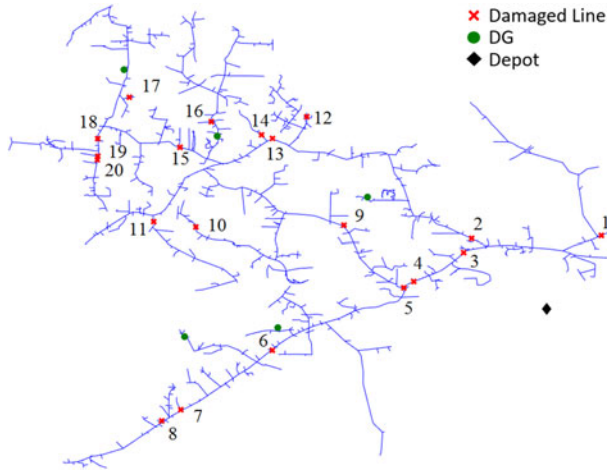


Fig. 9. 8500-bus IEEE distribution network with 20 damaged lines.

TABLE IV  
ROUTING SOLUTION FOR THE 8500-BUS TEST CASE

Crew	Route
Crew 1	Depot → 1 → 10 → 9 → Depot
Crew 2	Depot → 15 → 14 → 13 → Depot
Crew 3	Depot → 18 → 7 → 4 → Depot
Crew 4	Depot → 19 → 20 → 6 → Depot
Crew 5	Depot → 11 → 2 → 16 → 12 → Depot
Crew 6	Depot → 5 → 17 → 8 → 3 → Depot

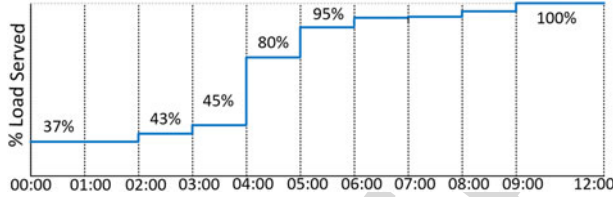


Fig. 10. Percentage of load served for the 8500-bus test case.

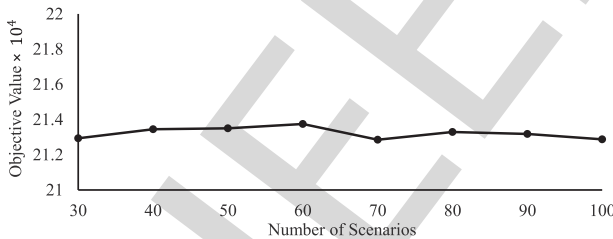


Fig. 11. Sensitivity analysis of optimal objective value versus the number of scenarios.

648 of the loads can be served. The number of served loads start to  
649 increase as the crews repair the damaged components, and 95%  
650 of the loads are restored after five hours.

651 To test whether the scenario set can represent the uncertain-  
652 ties, we apply one of the solution stability tests presented in [33].  
653 We perform a sensitivity analysis with different numbers of sce-  
654 narios for the IEEE 8500-bus system. The stochastic problem  
655 is solved to compare the objective values under different num-  
656 bers of scenarios. The solution is stable if the deviation of these

657 objective values is small [33]. The largest number of scenarios  
658 we consider is 100. The results are shown in Fig. 11. It can be  
659 seen that the variation of these objective values is very small,  
660 thus, the presented method is stable. This shows that using 30  
661 scenarios can represent the uncertainties in the problem.

## VI. CONCLUSION

662  
663 In this paper, we proposed a two-stage stochastic approach  
664 for the repair and restoration of distribution networks. The sce-  
665 narios are generated using Monte Carlo sampling, considering  
666 the uncertainty of the repair time and load. We developed a  
667 decomposition approach to solve the stochastic problem. The  
668 approach starts with identifying the critical components to re-  
669 pair in its first subproblem, and then routes the crews in the  
670 second subproblem. Both subproblems are formulated as two-  
671 stage stochastic programs. Parallel Progressive Hedging is em-  
672 ployed in the algorithm where the subproblem for each scenario  
673 is solved separately. For small cases, the proposed method pro-  
674 vides solutions that have similar quality as the one found by  
675 solving the extensive form, while the computational burden is  
676 significantly reduced. The proposed approach managed to solve  
677 large cases in a reasonable time while other methods did not  
678 provide a feasible solution within 24 hours. The results demon-  
679 strate the effectiveness of the proposed approach in balancing  
680 computational burden and solution quality.

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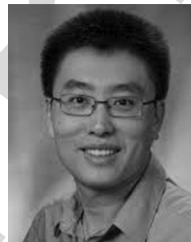


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