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1. Introduction

At present, it is difficult to integrate and dissipate large-scale distributed new energy. How to deal with the relationship between the output of distributed generation, energy storage system, and demand-side load [1–3] has become a research focus. The energy storage system plays an important role in coordinating the relationship of distributed power supply and the demand-side load with its reliable characteristics of peak shaving and frequency modulation since the distributed power supply and the demand side response load in the microgrid have great uncertainty. Reasonable allocation of energy storage in distribution network planning is an effective way to improve consumption of clean energy and efficiency of the system operation.

At present, some work has been done on the rational allocation of microgrid energy storage capacity optimization. In [4], the discrete Fourier transform is used to decompose the unbalanced power in the island-type microgrid into daily and hour components, which compressed air energy storage and sodium-sulfur battery balance, respectively, and it builds an optimal configuration model for energy storage capacity with a target for operating costs, etc. In [5], the selection of energy storage site and volume optimization model is established with the system node voltage fluctuation, load fluctuation, and total energy storage capacity as the target. The improved particle swarm optimization algorithm is used to obtain the Pareto solution set and select the optimal access scheme for energy storage.



In [6], an island microgrid optimal configuration model with wind/light/pumped energy storage that considers load response is proposed, and the particle swarm algorithm is used to optimize the quantity or capacity of the main equipment in the microgrid. In [7], an optimization p model, which includes distributed generation sources, is proposed, in which the coordination of the energy storage system of the distribution network and the interruptible load response on the demand side is achieved. In [8], a robust optimization model for distribution network loss that is based on uncertainty of electricity price is constructed, and the optimal operation strategy under different influencing factors is analyzed. There are many researches on the optimized configuration of energy storage or demand side response of distribution network. However, there are not many planning studies that consider energy storage and demand side response at the same time. Existing studies have considered the impact of price-based demand response on optimal configuration of distribution energy storage with distributed power supplies less, and have seldom considered the dynamic model of the battery. The dynamic efficiency and dynamic absorption characteristics of the energy storage system will inevitably have great impact on the operation of the energy storage system, and the absence of these constraints in the model will weaken the validity of the model. As all-vanadium redox flow battery (VRB) has the advantages of high energy efficiency, fast response, many cycles, long life, and it has extremely good application prospects in the fields of distributed generation, peak load shaving, and so on. Among many battery energy storage systems, the all-vanadium flow battery energy storage system has gained wide attention due to its comprehensive performance and large-scale application [9]. Accordingly, the application of VRB in energy storage optimization configuration is a worthwhile research direction. Therefore, the optimal allocation of energy storage in the microgrid network while considering the demand response and the dynamic characteristics of the all-vanadium redox flow battery is a direction worthy of further study.

A demand response model based on electricity price elasticity is established on the basis of peak-valley and time-of-use price to meet the needs of energy storage system with distributed generation and its operation program. An energy storage operation strategy that is based on maximum wind absorption is proposed while considering the dynamic characteristics of all-vanadium redox flow battery. The influence of demand side response on the operation of the microgrid energy storage system is studied taking the cost of BESS, direct economic benefit, and abandoned wind-photovoltaic loss of the all-vanadium redox flow battery energy storage system as the optimization goal. The dynamic programming algorithm was used to study the capacity optimization configuration and the dynamic characteristics of the optimal BESS.

2. User Response Model Based on Demand Price Elasticity

There are two main ways in which the users respond to prices [10,11]: user's single-time response and multi-period user respond. The optimization configuration of energy storage system has low requirements on the real-time price of electricity, and the user's multi-period response mode is more in line with the user's common consumption behavior. Therefore, this paper will establish a multi-period response model of electricity price to deal with the planning of energy storage system, with access to distribution network. The elasticity of demand price reflects the ability of users to participate in market regulation. The electricity-price elasticity index can express the correlation between user's electricity consumption and price. Article [12] pointed out that, based on the equilibrium relationship between market supply and elastic demand, in the vicinity of the equilibrium point of the electricity market, the electricity *E* and the electricity price *e* are approximately linear, and the expression is as follows:

$$E = -ae + b \tag{1}$$

where *a* and *b* are the coefficients of the electricity price curve.

Electricity-price elasticity indicates the change in electricity consumption that is caused by the change in electricity price within a certain period of time, that is, the ratio of the rate of change of electricity to the rate of change of electricity consumption. The expression is:

$$m = \frac{\Delta E}{E} \left(\frac{\Delta e}{e}\right)^{-1} \tag{2}$$

where *m* represents the electricity-price elasticity index, *E* and ΔE respectively represent the amount of electricity and change in electricity, and *e* and Δe respectively represent the amount of electricity price and change in electricity price. In the time-sharing electricity price, the daily load is divided into three periods: peak, flat, and valley. It is assumed that power companies implement single price before the implementation of time-of-use prices, that is:

$$e_{f0} = e_{p0} = e_{g0} = e_0 \tag{3}$$

Electricity price elasticity matrix M based on peak-to-valley and time-sharing electricity:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m_{ff} & m_{fp} & m_{fg} \\ m_{pf} & m_{pp} & m_{pg} \\ m_{gf} & m_{gp} & m_{gg} \end{bmatrix}$$
(4)

According to the Formulas (1)–(4), the self-elastic coefficient and the cross-elastic coefficient of the peak, flat, and valley periods can be derived:

$$m_{ff} = \frac{-a_f \cdot e_{pf}}{-a_f \cdot e_{pf} + b_f} \tag{5}$$

$$m_{fp} = \frac{a_f \cdot e_{pp}}{-a_f \cdot e_{pf} + b_f} \tag{6}$$

Similarly, the elastic coefficients of other time periods can be obtained. According to Formula (2), the change in the amount of electricity after the change in the price of electricity is obtained, which is:

$$\Delta E = m \cdot E \cdot \left(\Delta e_p / e_p \right) \tag{7}$$

Combined with the Formulas (4) and (6), the expression of the electricity consumption in the three periods after the time-of-use price can be derived as

$$E_{TOU} = E_0 + \begin{pmatrix} E_{f,0} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & E_{p,0} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & E_{g,0} \end{pmatrix} \cdot M \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Delta e_{pf}/e_0\\ \Delta e_{pp}/e_0\\ \Delta e_{pg}/e_0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(8)

In the formula, E_0 , E_{TOU} , respectively, indicate the amount of electricity before and after the implementation of electricity price; $E_{TOU} = [E_f, E_p, E_g]$, $E_0 = [E_{f,0}, E_{p,0}, E_{g,0}]$, e_0 , and Δe_{pf} , Δe_{pp} , Δe_{pg} , respectively, indicate the electricity price before the implementation of the time-of-use electricity price and the electricity price between the time periods after implementation.

3. Battery Charging and Discharging Dynamic Model

The overall performance of VRB is optimal among the kinds of batteries. VRB has large capacity and power, and its rated capacity and power can be independently designed. It has extremely good application prospects in the fields of wind power and photovoltaic power generation for the advantages. So we will apply it to the energy storage optimization configuration. The state of charge (SOC) is the most important parameter for battery operation and represents the amount of electricity stored in the battery [13]. The need to consider the dynamic characteristics of the VRB in order to carry out detailed model of the charging and discharging of the energy storage system is prominent. In general, the SOC of VRB in the BESS can be calculated by Equation (9).

$$SOC_{t} = \begin{cases} SOC_{t-1} - \frac{P_{VRB,t}T}{\eta_{VRB}^{t} F_{VRB}^{trated}}\\ SOC_{t-1} - \frac{P_{VRB,t}\eta_{VRB}^{t}}{E_{VRB}^{trated}} \end{cases}$$
(9)

where SOC_t is the SOC value in time period t, T is the duration of each time period t, and E_{VRB}^{rated} is the rated capacity of the battery. The symbol d stands for discharging, which means that the battery is discharging in this state, symbol c stands for charging, which means that the battery is charging in this state, symbol c stands for charging, which means that the battery is charging in this state. η_{VRB}^d and η_{VRB}^c are, respectively, the efficiency values of charging and discharging, as calculated by Equations (10) and (11). $P_{VRB,t}$ is the output power of the energy storage system in time period t.

In the charging and discharging state of battery, the efficiency of VRB increases with the increase of charging and discharging power P_{VRB} . The variation range is large, and the relationship between the charging and discharging efficiency of VRB and the state of charge SOC is also complicated. In [14–17], based on the relationship between VRB, SOC, charge, and discharge power, the charging and discharging efficiency of VRB is dynamically fitted. The fitting formulas are shown in (10) and (11). Table A1 of Appendix A shows the fitting results.

$$p_{c} = \frac{(a_{c}SOC + b_{c})P_{VRB}(p.u.) + c_{c}SOC + d_{c}}{P_{VRB}(p.u.)}$$
(10)

$$\eta_d = \frac{P_{VRB}(p.u.)}{a_d P_{VRB}(p.u.) + b_d SOC(SOC - 1) + c_d}$$
(11)

where η_c , η_d are the charge and discharge efficiency values of VRB, respectively. a_c , b_c , c_c , and d_c are the coefficients of VRB charging efficiency, and a_d , b_d , and c_d are the coefficients of VRB discharge efficiency.

The maximum absorbed power P_{ab} of VRB is limited by parameters, such as SOC. Article [14] fits the relationship between the maximum absorbed power P_{ab} and SOC, as shown in Equation (12).

$$P_{ab}(p.u.) = \begin{cases} a^{c}_{ab}SOC^{2} + b^{c}_{ab}SOC + c^{c}_{ab} \\ a^{d}_{ab}SOC^{2} + b^{d}_{ab}SOC + c^{d}_{ab} \end{cases}$$
(12)

where a_{ab}^c , b_{ab}^c , c_{ab}^c , a_{ab}^d , b_{ab}^d , c_{ab}^d are the fitting coefficients, the fitting results are shown in Table A2 of Appendix A. The symbol *c* stands for charging, and symbol d stands for discharging.

4. Energy Storage Optimization Configuration Taking Account of Battery Dynamics

4.1. Energy Storage Operation Strategy

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Comprehensive analysis of wind output characteristics, BESS characteristics, and time-sharing electricity price mechanism can be formulated with the largest wind and light consumption as the goal of the battery charging and discharging strategy, as shown in Figure 1.

(1) According to the demand response situation, the time-of-use electricity price period is divided. When the sum of photovoltaic, wind power output, and microgrid power supply to the upper-level power grid is greater than the load demand, the BESS is charged, and it needs to meet:

$$P_{VRB} < 0, \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} P_{wind,i} + \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} P_{PV,j} + P_{grid,t} > P_{load}$$
(13)

where $P_{wind,I}$, $P_{pv,j}$ are the wind power capacity of node *i*, the photovoltaic capacity of node *j*, and $P_{load,t}$ is the load of *t* period, $P_{grid,t}$ is the power consumption of the upper-level grid, which depends on the planned output in *t*-time.

(2) The battery energy storage system preferentially discharges when compared to conventional energy sources when the sum of photovoltaic, wind power output, and microgrid network power supply to the upper power grid is less than the load demand, and it needs to meet:

$$P_{VRB} > 0, \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} P_{wind,i} + \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} P_{PV,j} + P_{grid,t} < P_{load}$$
(14)

$$P_{VRB}(t) = \begin{cases} \eta_{VRB} P_{ab}(p.u.) P_{VRB}^{rated}, |P_{cx}| > \eta_{VRB} P_{ab}(p.u.) P_{VRB}^{rated} \\ P_{cx}, |P_{cx}| \le \eta_{VRB} P_{ab}(p.u.) P_{VRB}^{rated} \end{cases}$$
(15)

where $P_{ab}(p.u.)$ is the maximum absorbed power of VRB and P_{cx} is the power deviation between the system and the stored energy, which can theoretically charge or discharge to the BESS. η_{VRB} is the battery charging and discharging efficiency that is determined by the Formulas (10) and (11). P_{VRB}^{rated} is the rated installation power of the BESS.

(3) The BESS of VRB must have a certain margin to ensure the supply of emergency load, which must meet:

$$SOC_{VRB} \cdot E_{VRB}^{rated} \ge E_{resv}$$
 (16)

where, E_{resv} is the energy that is required to ensure the emergency load power supply. SOC_{VRB} is the state of charge of the all-vanadium redox flow battery, which can be calculated by Formula (9). E_{VRB}^{rated} is the rated capacity of VRB energy storage system.



Figure 1. Energy storage of vanadium redox flow battery battery system operation strategy.

4.2. Target Optimization Function

The objective function *F* of the optimal configuration of the battery energy storage system can be constructed according to the economic indicators of the battery energy storage system.

The objective function F that was constructed in this chapter consists of three parts: one is the fixed investment cost and operating cost C_{tol} of the VRB energy storage system, the other is the direct

economic benefit of the energy storage system B_{dir} , and the third C_{pv} is the abandoned wind and photovoltaic power of the VRB energy storage system.

$$F(P_{VRB}^{rated}, E_{VRB}^{rated}) = C_{tol} - B_{dir} + C_{pv}$$
(17)

where P_{VRB}^{rated} and E_{VRB}^{rated} are the decision vectors for the installation power and installation capacity of the VRB energy storage system. The calculation formulas of C_{tol} , B_{dir} and C_{pv} must be separately constructed in order to calculate the objective function *F*.

(1) Calculation of the cost of total VRB energy storage system C_{tol}

The cost of the BESS C_{tol} consists of two parts, namely, one-time investment cost (C_{fix}) and operation and maintenance cost (C_{om}). A large number of studies have shown that C_{fix} increases linearly with the increase of the capacity of the BESS during the day [18,19], and C_{om} is mainly related to the rated power of the energy storage battery.

$$\begin{cases}
C_{tol} = C_{fix} + C_{om} \\
C_{fix} = k_1 P_{VRB}^{rated} + k_2 E_{VRB}^{rated} \\
C_{om} = k_1 P_{VRB}^{rated} \beta
\end{cases}$$
(18)

Among them, k_1 and k_2 are the coefficients of the cost of the battery energy storage system, which is related to the electrical material technology, and β is the conversion coefficient of the operation and maintenance cost, converted into the initial power cost.

(2) Calculation of economic benefits of the battery energy storage system B_{dir}

$$B_{dir} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \int_{t=t_{1}}^{t_{2}} P_{VRB,i} \eta p_{e}(t) dt$$
(19)

where *n* is the number of discharge periods of the energy storage system, *i* is the section of the battery energy storage system in the $[t_1, t_2]$ interval, and P_{VRB} is the output of the battery energy storage system. The dynamic efficiency characteristics of the flow battery. η is the efficiency of the converter, which is considered to be a fixed value of 95%. $p_e(t)$ is the price of real-time user electricity that was sold during the day.

(3) Calculation of abandoned wind and light loss C_{pv} in the battery energy storage system

$$C_{pv} = \int_{t=0}^{24} \left(P_{wind} + P_{PV} + P_{grid,t} + P_{VRB} - P_{load} \right) dt$$
(20)

4.3. Energy Storage Operation Constraint

In this paper, the following constraints are established for the operation of the energy storage model while constructing the optimal configuration model of the BESS.

(1) Equation (21) shows the upper and lower limits of the rated capacity of the battery energy storage system.

$$\begin{cases} P_{VRB}^{rated,\min} \le P_{VRB}^{rated} \le P_{VRB}^{rated,\max} \\ E_{VRB}^{rated,\min} \le E_{VRB}^{rated,\max} \le E_{VRB}^{rated,\max} \end{cases}$$
(21)

The rated power and capacity constraints of the decision vector energy storage system are effectively reduced to solve the problem, and it is convenient to solve it.

- (2) The dynamic absorption power constraint of the BESS is that the charge and discharge power value is less than or equal to the maximum absorbed power value of the VRB;
- (3) The node voltage constraint is as shown in Equation (22).

$$U_{\min} \le U_i \le U_{\max} \tag{22}$$

(4) The battery energy storage system must have a certain margin to ensure the supply of emergency load, and Formula (23) must be satisfied.

$$SOC_{\min} \le SOC_{VRB} \le SOC_{\max}$$
 (23)

5. Optimization Configuration Method of Energy Storage Based on Improved Particle Swarm Optimization

There are many variables and many constraints, according to the optimal allocation model of battery energy storage system constructed in Section 3. This chapter intends to use the particle swarm optimization algorithm to optimize the model, instead of dynamic programming algorithm, for it can speed up the convergence of results with strong adaptability. In order to overcome the situation that the particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm is easy to fall into the local optimum, it is improved by being combined with the dynamic inertia weight and adaptive particle mutation method. The optimal configuration model of the microgrid energy storage system constructed in this paper is solved [17].

5.1. Dynamic Inertia Weight

The inertia weight *w* can adjust the ability of particle algorithm in local search and global search, which has great influence on the convergence of the algorithm. The difference between the particle position and the optimal solution of the population has a great relationship with the value of the inertia weight. The global search ability of the algorithm should be allowed to take a larger value when the difference between the particle position and the population optimal solution is large. When the difference between the particle position and the population optimal solution is small, the local search ability of the algorithm should be made to take a smaller value. It can be adjusted while using the dynamic inertia weighting method, namely:

$$w(k) = w_{\min} + \frac{w_{\max} - w_{\min}}{T_{\max}} (T_{\max} - k)$$
 (24)

5.2. Adaptive Mutation Method

When the rate of change of the optimal fitness value is less than a certain threshold, the particle variation of the currently found global optimal solution gbest can be made to jump out of the local optimum in order to avoid the particle swarm falling into the local optimal solution in the solution space [18,19].

When considering that the particle may find a better position under the current *g*best, the mutation operation introduces a random perturbation, that is, a certain probability P_m variation for the gbest satisfying the mutation condition. The mutation operation for gbest is as follows, let *g*best_k be the t_k dimension of *g*best and η is a random variable obeying the distribution of Gauss (0, 1), then

$$gbest_k = gbest_{k-1} \cdot (1 + 0.5 \cdot \eta) \tag{25}$$

Figure 2 shows the flow of the mathematical model for optimal configuration of the BESS using the improved particle swarm optimization algorithm.



Figure 2. Improved particle swarm optimization algorithm flow.

6. Case Analysis

Figure 3 shows a typical microgrid structure. In this paper, a case in a certain area of Northwest China is adopted for analysis, and the installation location of energy storage is not considered. It is assumed that the distribution is consistent with the photovoltaic-wind farm, and it meets the requirements of new energy consumption and energy storage operation strategy [20,21].



Figure 3. Typical structure diagram of PV and wind power-based microgrid.

The electricity price elasticity matrix can be obtained based on the demand price elasticity coefficient and the electricity price curve in the article [22,23].

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0870 & 0.0502 & 0.0201 \\ 0.0912 & -0.0526 & 0.0211 \\ 0.0915 & 0.0528 & -0.0211 \end{bmatrix}$$
(26)

Time-sharing electricity price segments are divided, electricity price is 0.077 \$/(kW·h) in peak hours, like 10:00–14:00 and 19:00–22:00; trough in 0:00–7:00, electricity price is 0.023 \$/(kW·h); and, the flat price for the rest of the period is 0.054 \$/(kW·h). The life of the all-vanadium flow battery is 10 years and the discount rate is 10%. The conversion factor to the cost of battery storage system is $k_1 = 0.381$ \$/kW, $k_2 = 0.0233$ \$/kW h, $\beta = 0.13$.

The load curve before and after the system response can be obtained according to the demand side response model combined with the original data, as shown in Figure 4. It can be seen from Figure 4 that after the load response, the load during the peak hour of the electricity price is reduced, and the other periods are improved in some degree. Thanks to the incentive of the demand response, the load fluctuation is reduced, and the peak-to-valley difference of load curve becomes smaller. The following is a study of the impact of demand response on the optimal configuration of microgrid energy storage. The capacity of the system to access wind power is 1 MW and the photovoltaic capacity is 300 kW. The typical daily output data of photovoltaic and wind power are obtained by reference to the operation of wind-solar in this area, as shown in Figure A1 of Appendix A.



Figure 4. Load curve before and after demand response.

The improved particle algorithm was used for analysis in MATLAB. The optimal capacity and rated power and various costs of the VRB before and after the response are obtained. As shown in Tables 1 and 2, it shows that the total operating cost of BESS reduces after considering the demand response model. Moreover, the capacity and power of the energy storage are also reduced, which is mainly due to the change of the load characteristics after the demand response, the reduction of the power purchase from the upper power grid, and the reduction of the abandoned wind- solar power, so that the energy storage device with smaller capacity and power can be configured. After considering the demand response, the rated power P_N of BESS is reduced by 16.7%, the rated capacity E_N of BESS is reduced by 10.3%, and the total cost *F* of BESS is reduced by 20.5% than without considering the demand response.

	P _N /kW	E _N /(kW·h)	F/\$
Before demand response	198	1473	30.18
After demand response	165	1321	23.98

 Table 1. Optimal power, capacity, and total cost before and after demand response.

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	$C_{\rm tol}/$ \$	B _{dirl} /\$	$C_{\rm pvl}$ /\$
Before demand response	273.66	345.31	101.83
After demand response	260.12	307.43	71.29

Table 2. Costs before and after demand response.

The state of charge, output characteristics, and efficiency curve can be observed in order to reflect the dynamic characteristics of the battery energy storage system after considering the demand side response, as shown in Figures 5–7.



Figure 5. State of the energy storage system.

In the Figures 5–7, the time period that is marked by the red line segment indicates that the energy storage system is charging and the 'output power of BESS' is negative. The time period that is marked by the purple line segment indicates that the energy storage system is discharging, and the 'output power of BESS' is positive (the time interval in the simulation results is taken as 0.5 h).

There are a few special time slots here that are not marked on the way. The output power of BESS in the 12 h–12.5 h period is close to 0 and the efficiency is very low. The output power of BESS is positive during the 12.5 h–13 h period, which means that the energy storage system is charging. The output power of BESS in the 13 h–13.5 h period is close to 0 and the efficiency is very low. The output power of BESS is negative during the period of 13.5 h–14 h, which means that the energy storage system is discharging.

80

60

40







Figure 7. Output efficiency curve of VRB.

As can be seen from Figures 5–7, the increase in SOC of the VRB is not linear, because the SOC is limited by charge and discharge power and dynamic efficiency. It can be seen from Figure 7 that

the SOC of the BESS changes, and the charging and discharging power is related to the distributed power output and the system load. Meanwhile, SOC reaches the highest point at 0.7. This is because, although the noon load is at the peak, the wind-solar output is also in a peak state, and its increment is larger than the load. It shows that the SOC has not reached the maximum and the lowest point, and the BESS utilization rate has not reached the maximum. However, the energy storage utilization can be improved by changing the energy storage and discharge strategy or improving the wind-solar and load output curves.

The distributed generation (DG) permeability was changed by changing the size of the wind-solar output. The effects of different DG permeability on the energy storage configuration were studied. Table 3 shows the results of the algorithm (the original example DG penetration rate is 27.6%).

DG	E _N /(kW·h)	P _N /kW	F/\$
0.1	1056	122	27.337
0.2	1208	139	25.766
0.276	1321	165	23.980
0.3	1464	199	21.670
0.4	1450	213	23.826
0.5	1647	250	22.585

Table 3. Influence of different permeability of DG on energy storage configuration.

As the penetration rate of DG in the distribution network continues to increase, the optimal configuration of BESS capacity and power continues to increase, but there is no fixed pattern of the changes in economic income *F*. This is because the type of DG in this paper accounts for a large proportion of the wind power, and its output has a reverse load characteristic, that is, during the peak load period, its output is also the smallest, the load is low, and its output is large. In addition, due to the increase of DG output, the wind-solar fluctuations are large, which requires greater energy storage capacity and power balance output, resulting in an optimal configuration of BESS capacity and power as the permeability increases.

7. Conclusions

In this paper, the effects of demand response and energy storage dynamic characteristics on the configuration and operation of microgrid system are studied for the energy storage system with distributed generation and its operation status. The following conclusions are obtained through simulation analysis:

- When researching the optimal configuration of microgrid energy storage, the optimal configuration of the BESS that considers the demand side response shows that the energy storage optimization configuration is better than the optimization configuration without demand response, and the energy storage power and capacity requirements are lower. After considering the demand response, the rated power P_N of BESS is reduced by 16.7%, the rated capacity E_N of BESS is reduced by 10.3%, and the total cost *F* of BESS is reduced by 20.5% than without considering the demand response.
- After considering the demand response, the operating efficiency of the energy storage system is basically maintained above 0.8, which indicates that the flow battery has higher energy storage operating efficiency. However, the energy storage system is underutilization. It can be improved by adjusting the load and the distributed generation output, so that the energy storage can be smoothly charged and discharged.
- With the increase of DG permeability, the optimal configuration of BESS capacity and power is increasing, and the cost is continuously reduced. This is because DG has a reverse load characteristic and the output fluctuation increases with the permeability.

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Appendix A

Parameters	a _i	b_i	c _i	d _i
С	-0.128	1.05	0.038	0.118
d	1.0334	0.3454	0.1192	—

Table A1. Fitting parameters of charge-discharge efficiency η .

_	Devices at any
Table A2. 1	Fitting parameters of charge-discharge absorption power Pab.

i	a^i_{ab}	b^i_{ab}	c^i_{ab}
С	0.5715	0.4605	-1.0321
d	0.1686	0.8553	-0.0238



Figure A1. Typical output curve of distributed power.

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