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**Abstract:** Event scenarios serve as the basis for emergency decision-making after sudden disasters, and the accuracy of scenario deduction directly determines the effectiveness of emergency management implementation. On July 20, 2021 an exceptionally heavy rainstorm disaster occurred in Zhengzhou, Henan Province, China causing serious urban waterlogging, river floods, flash floods and landslides, and resulting in major casualties and property losses: 14.79 million people affected, 398 people killed or missing (380 people in Zhengzhou) and a direct economic loss of 120.06 billion RMB. In order to investigate the complex evolution process of this disaster, a dynamic Bayesian network, evidence theory and emotion update mechanism are integrated to develop an efficient and effective scenario deduction model, with an emphasis on combining subjective and objective factors. In this model, more attention is given to subjective factors such as decision makers' emotions. The elements of scenario deduction are classified into the situation status, meteorological factor, emergency activities, decision makers' emotions and emergency goals, the coupling relationship between the elements are comprehensively analyzed, and the influence of these elements on the evolution mechanism of the rainstorm disaster is investigated, so as to facilitate targeted emergency management measures for the rescue operations. The empirical results show that the proposed dynamic Bayesian network can effectively simulate the dynamic change process of scenario deduction, the improved Dempster-Shafer (DS) evidence theory can reduce the subjectivity of the model in dealing with the uncertainty of the evolution process, and the emotion update mechanism can adequately quantify and decrease the influence caused by the emotional changes of decision-makers. The model may better replicate actual events, and it may apply to the scenario deduction of other disasters, making an impact on the study of sudden catastrophes.

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## 1. Introduction

Major public emergencies such as earthquakes, floods, terrorist attacks and infectious diseases are occurring more and more frequently around the world. These unconventional events damage the security and stability, threaten human health and life, and cause significant impacts on global economic development. According to incomplete statistics, In the past 40 years, the heavy and natural disasters occurred more than 40 times in China (Zhou et al. 2015), and human tragedies have been staged at an average frequency of at least twice a year. In order to effectively respond to such events, China has successively promulgated and implemented emergency plans for various kinds of disasters, e.g. "People's Republic of China Flood prevention" and "Overall Emergency Plan for National Urban Public Incidents". In view of the characteristics of major natural disasters including low frequency and high harm, long impact

43 cycle, wide spread, and often cascading disasters, a series of reliable and effective emergency response  
44 plans have been approved by the country. Accordingly, many research supports are required to implement  
45 these preventative and rescue, and it is determined that the emergency disaster scenario deduction is a  
46 core field of emergency managements. Such a scenario deduction system is critical for optimizing the utility  
47 value of emergency management implementation. Therefore, in recent years, scholars in the field of  
48 scenario deduction have contributed widely through their researches.

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50 Hallegatte et al. (2016) studied the impact of climate change on future hazard amplitudes and probabilities  
51 by quantifying climate change. Li et al. (2015) analyzed the evolution of the secondary disaster dammed  
52 lake event caused by the earthquake through system dynamics simulation. Barredo and Engelen (2010)  
53 made progress towards exploring the variation and growth in exposure using a combined model of flood  
54 risk and land use. Robioson et al. (2018) investigated the relationship between the scenario unit and the  
55 intensity of destruction in the Nepal earthquake, and provided a reference for the formulation of emergency  
56 plans. Rawluk, Ford and Williams (2018) proposed a scenario planning model that considers the value of  
57 citizens in response to the Australian forest fire incident, making the scenario management more humane.  
58 Wang et al. (2021) adopted evidence theory and meta-model studied the scenario deduction of urban flood  
59 disasters. Li, Chen and Liu (2019) developed a new method based on ontology cluster for the evolution  
60 reasoning of emergency scenarios, and extended the sematic web rule language to realize scenario  
61 deduction, which can apply Bayesian network to perform conditional probability reasoning.

62 However, existing studies on emergency scenario deduction insufficiently considered the influence of  
63 subjective factors in evolution of the development of events, for example, Zhang, Hao and Zhang (2020),  
64 Qie and Rong (2020), Xu et al.(2022), Song et al. (2022), etc, only based on the four factors of the  
65 situational state, emergency objectives, emergency response measures, and external environmental  
66 impact to carry out scenario deduction of sudden disasters. For sudden natural disasters, uncertainty is  
67 one of the main characteristics, but there is little research on how to quantify the subjective factors that are  
68 inevitable in dealing with uncertain events. Hence, this existing gap in research on the emergency scenario  
69 deduction models becomes an imminent issue to be probed. Thankfully, the Dempster-Shafer (DS)  
70 evidence theory provides a technique tool to deal with uncertainty due to subject bias in decision making,  
71 and the Dempster Rule of Combination has been utilized to decrease the effect of biasness in the present  
72 study.

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74 Further, this paper takes the coupling relationship between the evolution of the "7.20" heavy rainstorm  
75 scenario in Henan and emergency management measures as a breakthrough point, condensing the key  
76 situational units in the disaster, and analyzes the scenario status, meteorological factor, emergency  
77 activities, decision-makers emotions, and emergency goals. These elements are the main nodes in the  
78 dynamic Bayesian network. The node probability does not directly depend on the expert setting, but mainly  
79 uses fuzzy sets and improved DS evidence theory to obtain the prior probability and conditional probability  
80 of the node. We employ the emotion update mechanism to quantitative research on subjective factors in  
81 emergency management, comprehensively analyze the influence of subjective and objective factors on the  
82 evolution mechanism of rainstorm disasters, construct a universal dynamic deduction model, enhance  
83 application value of the research.

## 84 85 **2. Construction of sudden rainstorm scenario based on dynamic Bayesian network**

86 The dynamic Bayesian network is an extension of the Bayesian network in the time dimension. Based on

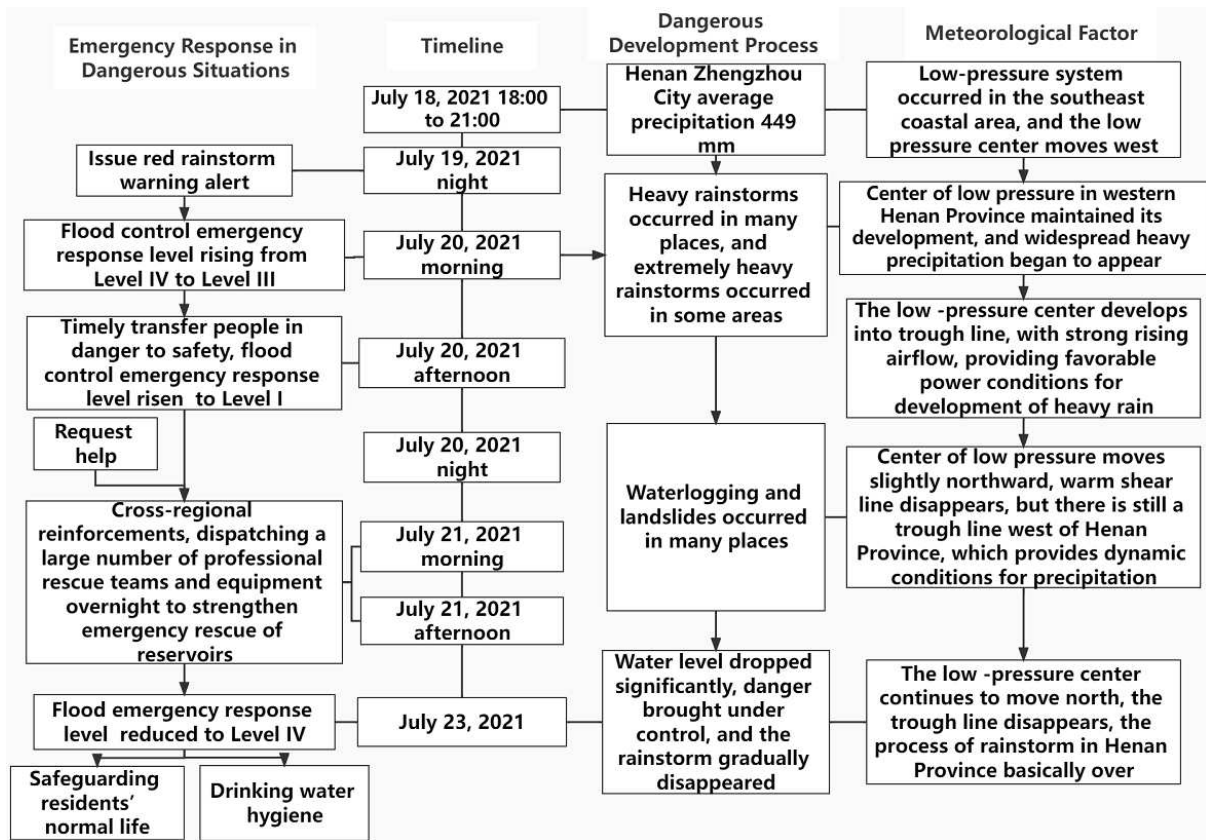
87 the dynamic Bayesian network, a scenario deduction model for sudden rainstorms can be constructed,  
 88 which can not only accurately locate the evolution path of the scenario, but also effectively solve the  
 89 evolution of the emergency scenario.

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 91 In this paper, the "7.20" Henan Zhengzhou Extraordinary heavy rainstorm is used as an example to carry  
 92 out a scenario deduction. The basic steps are: 1) based on the actual situation of this heavy rain and similar  
 93 cases, determine the key scenario elements of the event; 2) to synthesize previous researches on the  
 94 scenario relationship, the relationship between the key scenario elements by a dynamic Bayesian network;  
 95 3) in order to ensure the matching of node probability with the actual situation, the improved evidence theory  
 96 is employed to integrate the multivariate uncertainty information of seven experts, and then the prior  
 97 probability, conditional probability and state probability of node variables are calculated, which in  
 98 applications describes dynamical updates of the scenario.

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 100 **2.1 Event Overview**

101 On July 20, 2021 an exceptionally heavy rainstorm disaster occurred in Zhengzhou, Henan Province,  
 102 China causing serious urban waterlogging, river floods, flash floods and landslides, and resulting in  
 103 major casualties and property losses. After the rainstorm, the national and local governments have  
 104 actively taken measures, however, the amount of water is still increasing, and the development of the  
 105 rainstorm event and the emergency measures taken by the government are shown in Figure 1.

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Figure 1. "7.20" heavy rainstorm event process and emergency response

2.2 Scenario element determination

111 Defining the scenario elements is the basis and premise of scenario deduction. Scholars in different fields  
112 have different ways dividing the scenario elements of emergencies (Zhang, Feng 2020). In the "7.20" heavy  
113 rainstorm event, different emergency response activities such as those conducted by the emergency rescue  
114 department and the Henan Meteorological Bureau, the emotional preferences of all subjective factors in  
115 the emergency activities, and the evolution of the event itself affected the development direction of the  
116 event.

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118 Therefore, four elements of scenario state (S), meteorological factor (M), emergency action (A), decision  
119 maker's emotion (E) and emergency target (T) are selected as the knowledge elements of the "7.20"  
120 rainstorm disaster scenario. Since the government emergency management has the greatest effect on  
121 reducing the number of casualties and property losses (Liu et al. 2016), according to the actual situation of  
122 the "7.20" heavy rainstorm event and the emergency activities of various governmental departments, we  
123 will define the different developments of events as different scenarios, and scenario deduction is used to  
124 analyze the possible scenario elements in the development process and the degree of correlation between  
125 them, so as to facilitate timely adjustments to emergency management measures. The specific scenario  
126 description is as follows.

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128 (1) After analyzing the causes of the heavy rain in Henan, the Central Meteorological Observatory  
129 concluded that the atmospheric circulation situation was stable, the terrain precipitation effect was  
130 significant, and the convective "train effect" was obvious (M1), which caused the rainstorm, and then the  
131 precipitation intensity increased and the maintenance time was extended, resulting in extreme precipitation  
132 in the local area, that is, the initial scenario of the event S1. In response to scenario S1, the government  
133 launched a flood prevention emergency plan, organized an emergency rescue team to garrison the key  
134 safety points, increased the intensity of inspection (A1) and other measures, if the response measures are  
135 effective, it will not cause panic among the people, ensure the normal life of the people and be prepared to  
136 deal with heavy rainstorms (T1). Because extreme weather did not improve in a short period of time and  
137 the government did not make timely emergency measures, the scenario evolved into S2.

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139 (2) As the low-pressure center in western Henan Province continued to develop, large-scale heavy  
140 precipitation (M2) began to appear. The government has raised the emergency response level of flood  
141 control from Level IV to Level III, ordered each household to repair the house, restricted the travel of  
142 non-essential personnel, and cleaned the water outlet (A2) in time. If the response measures are  
143 effective (T2), will improve for scenario S3. If the response is not timely or appropriate in some aspects,  
144 the surface water will not be discharged in time. Coupled with the development of a trough line in the  
145 low-pressure center in western Henan Province, there is a strong updraft (M3) that worsens the scenario  
146 to S4, . The center of the low pressure moves slightly northward, and the warm shear line disappears,  
147 but there is still a groove line west of Henan Province (M4), finally triggering scenario S6.

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149 (3) For the deteriorated scenario S4, the government and relevant governmental offices should strengthen  
150 inspections on rivers, reservoirs, geological disasters, urban infrastructure, etc., and force all factories with  
151 hidden dangers (such as enterprises that may enter water and enterprises with hot furnaces) to stop work  
152 and stop production (A4).

153 If the government's emergency measures are appropriate and all levels of society actively cooperate with  
154 the governmental instructions (T5), secondary disasters, namely Scenario S5, will not be triggered, and the

155 normal operation of emergency infrastructure can also be guaranteed (T4). The best evolution direction is  
 156 the Occurrence Scenario S9.

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 158 (4) In response to small floods caused by heavy rain (S6), the government and relevant departments have  
 159 arranged for professionals to provide on-site guidance on reservoir dangers, excavate drainage channels  
 160 as soon as possible to lower the water level, add hydrological stations, and strengthen supervision and  
 161 early warning (A6), etc. If the emergency management is effective, it can ensure that the danger of the  
 162 reservoir is controlled and the number of casualties is reduced (T6). Otherwise, Scenario S7 will be  
 163 triggered. At this time, the government must start a wider drainage project, expand the emergency drainage  
 164 channel, transfer personnel from dangerous areas, increase emergency equipment and medical team (A7),  
 165 etc. This can strive to control the number of casualties and property losses in the shortest possible time.  
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167 (5) The low-pressure 低气压 center in Henan Province continued to move north, and the trough line  
 168 disappeared (M5), and the water in the ground area in some areas was significantly reduced. The  
 169 gradual disappearance of floods is scenario S10, and there is still a risk of landslides in areas close to  
 170 the mountains, which is scenario S8.

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 172 If the emergency department accelerates the transfer of personnel in the disaster area and increases high-  
 173 tech rescue equipment (A8), under the premise of timely supply of medical supplies, search and rescue  
 174 efficiency would be boosted, and the number of casualties does not increase (T8), heavy rainfall was also  
 175 nearing completion, and the scenario was finally completely controlled, and the heavy rain disappeared,  
 176 known as scenario S11.

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 178 During the implementation of emergency activities, there will be many subjective factors that affect  
 179 the success of emergency goals and the evolution of scenarios, that is, the knowledge element  
 180 (E1, E2, ..., E8) of decision makers' emotional preference considered in this paper, which includes  
 181 The emotions of the government officials when formulating measures, emotions of the public  
 182 towards sudden rainstorms, emotions of leaders directing emergency activities on the spot,  
 183 emotions of the implementers of emergency activities, etc. Studies have pointed out that the  
 184 decision-making process can be affected by both expected emotions and immediate emotions  
 185 (Loewenstein et al.2001). Hence, this paper collectively refers to all subjective factors as decision-  
 186 makers emotion, as one of the situational elements, to analyze its impact on the evolution of the  
 187 event situation. In order to clearly illustrate the research ideas of this paper, a situational knowledge  
 188 meta-structure composed of 11 situational states, 5 meteorological factors, 8 emergency activities,  
 189 8 emergency goals and 8 decision-maker emotions is constructed. We summarize these concepts  
 190 in Table 1.

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**Table 1. Scenario element information table**

Scenario status	Decision maker sentiment	Meteorological factors	Emergency activities	Contingency targets
S1 rainstorm	E1 optimistic/pessimistic	M1 low-pressure system appeared along the southeast coast, the center of low-pressure	A1 activate the flood prevention emergency plan; organize emergency rescue teams to garrison key safety points and	T1 the normal living order of the people, and make all the preparations for the deterioration of heavy rains

		moved westward	increase the intensity of inspections; each site is equipped with sufficient special flood prevention materials and equipment	
<b>S2</b> Precipitation continues to increase	<b>E2</b> optimistic/ pessimistic	<b>M2</b> low-pressure center in the western part of Henan Province maintained development, and the western and central parts were controlled by the system, and large-scale heavy precipitation began to appear	<b>A2</b> improve the level of flood prevention emergency response; organize the maintenance of houses; restrict people's travel; clean up the water outlet in time; and do a good job in popularizing flood prevention emergency measures	<b>T2</b> ensure that all the water outlets are unblocked, and all the rest are protected at home except for the necessary travel personnel
<b>S3</b> the ground area is reduced by water	<b>E3</b> optimistic/ pessimistic	/	<b>A3</b> vigorous dredging of drainage channels, all personnel involved flood control	<b>T3</b> water in the ground area is accelerating and decreasing
<b>S4</b> the weather continued to deteriorate and heavy rainstorms occurred	<b>E4</b> optimistic/ pessimistic	<b>M3</b> the low-pressure center developed into a trough line with strong updraft, providing favorable dynamic conditions for the development of heavy rain	<b>S9</b> all stagnant water is discharged <b>A4</b> strengthen inspections and inspections of rivers, reservoirs, geological disasters, urban infrastructure, etc.; force all factories with hidden dangers (enterprises that may have water inlets and hot furnaces, etc.) to stop work and production	<b>T4</b> ensure that all hidden factories are shut down, avoid other accidents such as explosions, and ensure that all infrastructure is operating normally
<b>S5</b> secondary disasters occur	<b>E4</b> optimistic/ pessimistic	/	<b>A5</b> enterprises continue to close down and add infrastructure	<b>T5</b> the whole society is subordinate to the unified organization of the state
<b>S6</b> heavy rains trigger small floods	<b>E6</b> optimistic/ pessimistic	<b>M4</b> the center of the low pressure moves slightly northward, and the warm shear line disappears, but a trough line still exists west of Henan Province	<b>S9</b> all stagnant water is discharged <b>A6</b> arrange professional personnel to guide the dangerous situation of the reservoir on the spot; excavate the drainage trough as soon as possible to reduce the water level, add hydrological stations,	<b>T6</b> ensures reservoir danger is under control and casualties continue to decrease

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			and strengthen supervision and early warning	
<b>S7</b> heavy rains triggered large flooding	<b>E7</b> optimistic pessimistic		<b>A7</b> extensive excavation of emergency drainage channels; transfer of personnel in hazardous areas; and increase of emergency equipment and medical teams	<b>T7</b> ensure that the water level is controlled, all personnel in the danger area are evacuated, and there is no increase in the number of casualties
		<b>M4</b> the center of the low pressure moves slightly northward, and the warm shear line disappears, but a trough line still exists west of Henan Province	<b>S10</b> the flood disappeared	<b>T8</b> the supply of medical supplies is timely, the efficiency of search and rescue is guaranteed, and the number of casualties is no longer increasing
<b>S8</b> floods trigger landslides	<b>E8</b> optimistic/pessimistic		<b>A8</b> accelerate the transfer of personnel from disaster areas, add high-tech rescue equipment	
			<b>S11</b> the danger was completely controlled and the rainstorm disappeared	

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### 2.3 Build a scenario deduction path

After determining the scenario elements, it should focus on the actual situation of the rainstorm event, learn from scholars' research on similar cases, and use directed edges to represent the relationship between scenario elements to construct an initial dynamic Bayesian network for scenario deduction. In the evolution of sudden rainstorm disasters, the development direction of the event is often affected by the interaction between various scenario units. Each development state has a "natural extreme value". The appearance of the extreme value means that one scenario is about to end, and the next scenarios begin to form. For all scenarios (S1, S2, ..., S8) in the evolution of the rainstorm event, the effect of accompanying meteorological factors (M1, M2, ..., M5), the mood of decision makers (E1, E2, ..., E8), and emergency activities (A1, A2, ..., A8). The degree of effectiveness of implementation determines the degree to which emergency objectives (T1, T2, ..., T8) are achieved, thus producing varying degrees of destructive effects on the current scenario, directly intervening and controlling the evolution of the next scenario. At the same time, the emotions of decision makers (E1, E2, ..., E8), emergency goals of the previous scenario (T1, T2, ..., T8) and context itself (S1, S2, ..., S8) are affected. Afterwards, it will in turn provide feedback on emergency activities (A1, A2, ..., A8). All scenarios are generated from this, and the dynamic Bayesian scenario deduction path diagram of the event is shown in Figure 2. In Figure 2, due to the rapid development of torrential rain, it is difficult to control, and emergency resources cannot be supplied in time in the short term. As a result, some emergency rescue activities often cannot be effectively controlled the deterioration of the situation, leading to two possible evolution paths of optimistic and pessimistic accident scenarios.



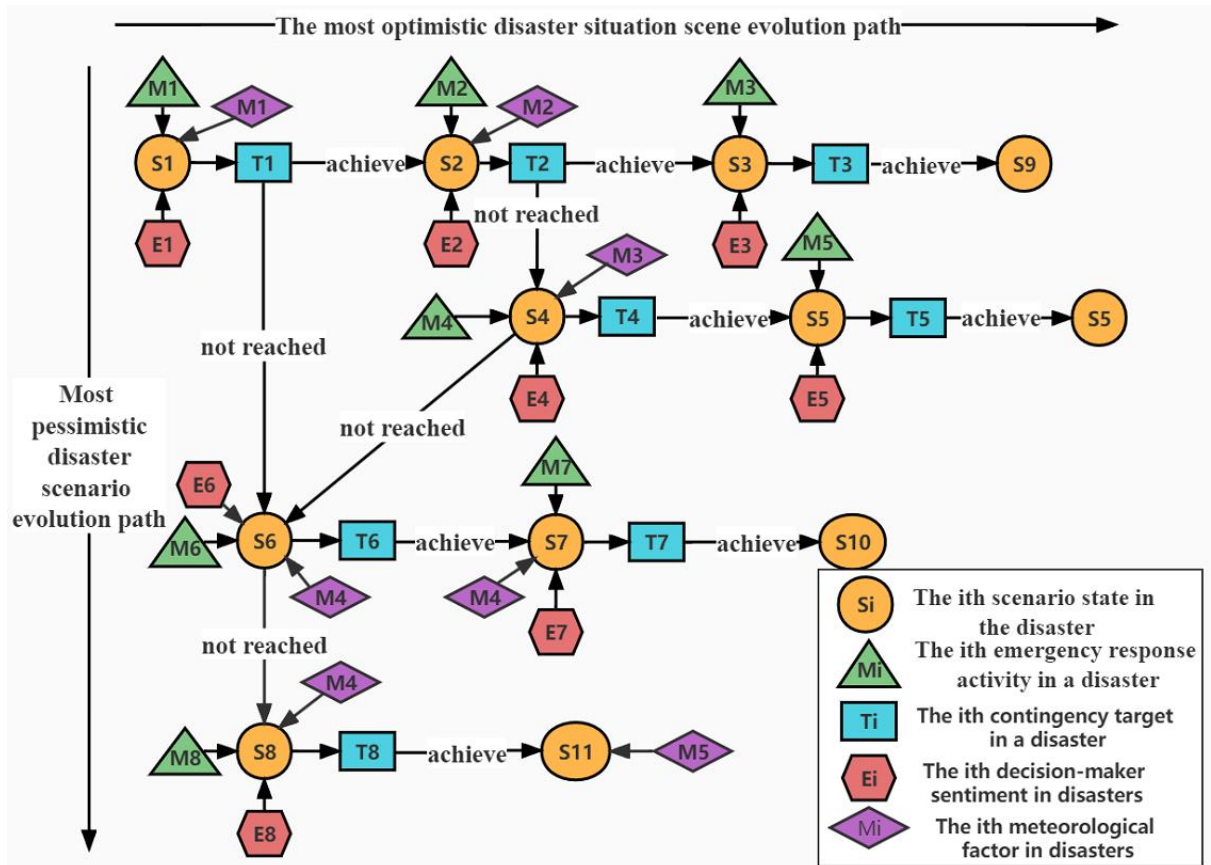


Figure 2. Schematic diagram of the dynamic Bayesian scenario deduction path for the "7.20" heavy rainstorm event

### 3. Scenario probability calculation and deduction

#### 3.1 Determining probabilities using the emotional renewal mechanism probability

Compared with decision-making in general scenarios, decision-making in emergencies will inevitably be affected by personal emotions, external public opinion, evolution of disaster situations, etc. Hence, the impact of optimistic or pessimistic decision-making on scenario evolution is crucial. Accordingly, the consideration of the dynamic changes of decision makers' emotions cannot be ignored. Therefore, all subjective factors in heavy rain events are collectively referred to as decision makers' emotions (E1, E2, ..., E8), and they are analyzed as one of the elements of heavy rain scenarios. Its relationship with other situational units establishes an emotion update mechanism to dynamically adjust the emotional (E) probability of decision makers. Taking the emotional changes of decision makers as the breakthrough

point, the dynamic reference point  $(\bar{L}_1^i, \bar{L}_2^i)$  under the influence of emotions is determined according to the degree of loss caused by the scenario (casualties and property damage are mainly considered in the article).

We then calculate the profit and loss value of the current scenario loss relative to the reference point  $(t_{1j}^i, t_{2j}^i)$ , obtain the current scenario value from the profit and loss value, and compute the casualty and property

loss scenario value  $(v_{1j}^i, v_{2j}^i)$  according to different weights to get the comprehensive value of the scene

$(v_j^i)$ . Next, the scenario value evaluation value  $(\overline{eva}^i)$  for the current stage is calculated using the standard evaluation values obtained from the original data  $(eva_j^i)$ . Finally, the emotional value of the next stage

234 ( $em^{i+1}$ ) is obtained by the functional relationship between the sentiment value of the current stage ( $em^i$ )  
 235 and the evaluation value of the situational value ( $\bar{e}va^i$ ). The specific calculation steps are as follows.  
 236 First, referring to the method of determining budget levels in the literature (Li et al. 2017), an  $\emptyset$  budget  
 237 level for losses caused by sudden rainstorms is proposed. Based on Formula (1), the dynamic reference  
 238 points for casualties and property losses in scenario S1 are calculated respectively. When facing with the  
 239 decision-making problem of emergencies, because it is difficult to obtain all the current information of the  
 240 event required for decision-making in a relatively short period of time, this paper uses the form of  
 241 intuitionistic fuzzy numbers to represent the casualties, and casualties. Information on property damage is  
 242 provided in Table 2.

$$243 \quad \bar{L}_q^i \begin{cases} \min_j L_{qj}^i + \frac{2\emptyset-1}{2\emptyset} (\max_j L_{qj}^i - \min_j L_{qj}^i), em^i < \frac{1}{\emptyset}; \\ \min_j L_{qj}^i + \frac{2\emptyset-3}{2\emptyset} (\max_j L_{qj}^i - \min_j L_{qj}^i), \frac{1}{\emptyset} \leq em^i < \frac{2}{\emptyset}; \\ \dots \\ \min_j L_{qj}^i + \frac{3}{2\emptyset} (\max_j L_{qj}^i - \min_j L_{qj}^i), \frac{\emptyset-2}{\emptyset} \leq em^i < \frac{\emptyset-1}{\emptyset}; \\ \min_j L_{qj}^i + \frac{1}{2\emptyset} (\max_j L_{qj}^i - \min_j L_{qj}^i), \frac{\emptyset-1}{\emptyset} \leq em^i; \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

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 246 Among them,  $\bar{L}_q^i (q = 1,2)$  represents the dynamic reference point of casualties and property losses in  
 247 Scenario S1,  $i$  represents the  $i$ th stage in the evolution of contingencies.

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 249 **Table 2. Information on casualties and property damage in the "7.20" heavy rainstorm event**

scenarios	Casualties/person		Property damage / 100 million yuan	
	The number intervals	The corresponding intuitive fuzzy number	The number intervals	The corresponding intuitive fuzzy number
S1	[2,4]	[0.995,0.000]	[1,5]	[0.997,0]
S2	[5,10]	[0.980,0.008]	[10,20]	[0.987,0.006]
S4	[11,30]	[0.930,0.023]	[30,100]	[0.934,0.019]
S6	[31,80]	[0.804,0.073]	[150,400]	[0.734,0.100]
S7	[81,180]	[0.553,0.198]	[500,800]	[0.467,0.333]
S8	[181,400]	[0.000,0.450]	[900,1500]	[0.000,0.600]

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 251 Then, according to the intuitionistic fuzzy number and dynamic reference point in Table 4, two kinds of profit  
 252 and loss values of S1 are obtained. The formula is

$$253 \quad t_{1j}^i = D(\bar{L}_1^i, l_{1j}^i), t_{2j}^i = D(\bar{L}_2^i, l_{2j}^i) \quad (2)$$

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 256 In the formula,  $l_{qj}^i (q = 1,2)$  represents the intuitionistic fuzzy numbers  $(l_{1j}^i, l_{2j}^i)$  corresponding to the  
 257 number of casualties and property losses in scenario Si,  $D(a, b)$  represents the distance between the  
 258 intuitionistic fuzzy numbers a and b. If  $a = (\mu_1, \nu_1), b = (\mu_2, \nu_2)$

$$259 \quad D(a, b) = (1 - \max(L, H), \min(L, H)) \quad (3)$$

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 262 In the formula,  $L = \min(\mu_1, \mu_2)/\max(\mu_1, \mu_2), H = \min(1 - \nu_1, 1 - \nu_1)/\max(1 - \nu_1, 1 - \nu_1)$ .

263 Then the foreground values of  $\bar{l}_{1j}^i$  and  $\bar{l}_{2j}^i$  caused by scenario S1 are

$$264 \quad v_{1j}^i = \begin{cases} t_{1j}^i{}^\alpha, \bar{L}_1^i > l_{1j}^i; \\ -\lambda(t_{1j}^i)^\beta, \bar{L}_1^i \leq l_{1j}^i. \end{cases}$$

$$265 \quad v_{2j}^i = \begin{cases} t_{2j}^i{}^\alpha, \bar{L}_2^i > l_{2j}^i; \\ -\lambda(t_{2j}^i)^\beta, \bar{L}_2^i \leq l_{2j}^i. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

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267 Then we fuse the two foreground values to get the comprehensive value  $v_j^i$  of the scenario S1:

$$268 \quad v_j^i = \sum_{q=1}^2 \eta_q v_{qj}^i; i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (5)$$

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271 Calculated according to the comprehensive value, the evaluation value of scenario S1 is

$$272 \quad \bar{eva}^i = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k eva_j^i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (6)$$

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275 In the formula,  $eva_j^i = (v_j^i - \min_j v_j^i) / (\max_j v_j^i - \min_j v_j^i), i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, \dots, k.$

276 Finally, after judging the probability of the current scenario value evaluation value ( $\bar{eva}^i$ ) and the standard  
277 evaluation value ( $eva_j^i$ ), the sentiment value of the next stage ( $em^{i+1}$ ) is calculated. If  $em^{i+1} > em^i$ , it  
278 indicates that the mood of the decision maker is more optimistic in the next stage, and by taking this  
279 value as an optimistic probability in the E2 prior probability, we obtain the corresponding pessimistic  
280 probability using  $p = 1 - em^{i+1}$ , where

$$281 \quad em^{i+1} = \begin{cases} em^i + \theta |S(\bar{eva}^i)|, p(\bar{eva}^i > ewa^i) \geq 0.5; \\ em^i, p(\bar{eva}^i = ewa^i) \geq 0.5; \\ em^i - \theta |S(\bar{eva}^i)|, p(\bar{eva}^i > ewa^i) < 0.5. \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

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284 In Formula (7),  $p = \min \left\{ \max \left\{ \frac{1-v_1-\mu_2}{\pi_1+\pi_2}, 0 \right\}, 1 \right\}$ ,  $\pi_i = 1 - \mu_i - v_i$ ,  $S(a) = \mu_1 - v_1$ .

285 In addition, according to the meaning of the parameters and referring to the relevant literature (Wang, Nie  
286 and Zhao 2020), all parameters of the calculation process are set as:  $\varnothing = 5$ ,  $\alpha = 0.89$ ,  $\beta = 0.92$ ,  $\lambda =$   
287  $2.22$ ,  $em^1 = 0.5$ ,  $ewa^1 = ewa^2 = \dots = ewa^8 = (0.5, 0.5)$ ,  $(\eta_1, \eta_2) = (0.8, 0.2)$ . Bring the information of  
288 scenario S1 into Equations (1)~(7) to obtain  $em^2 = 0.652$  for scenario S2, that is,  $p(E2 = P) = 0.652$ . By  
289 analogy, the scenario value of all scenarios is finally obtained as shown in Table 3, and the emotional  
290 probability of decision makers for each scenario is calculated, as shown in Table 4.

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**Table 3.  $v_{1j}, v_{2j}, v_j$  calculation results**

Stage scenarios	$v_{1j}$	$v_{2j}$	$v_j$
S1	[0.048,0.000]	[0.105,0.000]	[0.059,0.000]
S2	[0.049,0.018]	[0.107,0.014]	[0.061,0.017]
S4	[0.055,0.050]	[0.122,0.043]	[0.069,0.049]
S6	[0.028,0.157]	[0.080,0.210]	[0.038,0.166]

S7	[0.335,0.392]	[0.017,0.624]	[0.281,0.430]
S8	[0.491,0.000]	[0.634,0.000]	[0.524,0.000]

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**Table 4. Prior Probabilities of Decision Maker Sentiment**

Node name	Optimistic probability value
E1	0.500
E2	0.652
E4	0.416
E6	0.691
E7	0.387
E8	0.238

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### 3.2 Improve the DS evidence theory to determine node condition probabilities

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By organizing and analyzing previous literature research, historical data and materials of previous heavy rain disasters, we determine the prior probability and conditional probability of each scenario node when heavy rain occurs.

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Due to the lack of data, for example, there is no specific record of the emotions of decision makers in the rainstorm event, there is no complete record of the emergency activities of the government and relevant departments, and there is no unified standard for the measures taken by different provinces to deal with sudden rainstorms. Therefore, this paper adopts a combination of data and expert scoring methods to determine node probabilities.

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In order to improve the objectivity of the node probability estimation, the node probability is obtained by using the improved DS evidence theory by incorporating fuzzy set theory and the decision makers' evaluation results of seven experts. We will regard the factors to be examined and the concepts describing the uncertainty of these factors as a fuzzy set, establishes a membership function, and describe the degree of fuzziness of the factors to be examined (Zhang et al. 2015), thereby reducing the subjectivity of expert scoring.

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Based on some of the collected data, this study invited seven domain experts to evaluate the scenario element table, and then we assigned the variable value level of each scenario node (as shown in Table 5) and the degree of uncertainty of this level. Further, we used Gaussian After normalizing the grades, the probability value of each expert's score is obtained by the membership function. This article divides each node in the scenario element table into two levels: danger and safety, when the expert scores the node, the corresponding target score interval is [0.5,1], [0,0.5) (out of 1), according to the Gaussian membership function, the center of the membership function corresponding to the two levels of each node is 0.75 and 0.25 (Jia, Chen and Ke, 2020), which is

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$$y = e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (8)$$

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**Table 5. Network node variable types and value sets**

Optimistic probability value	Node variable type	The node takes the set of values
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Scenario State(S)	Boolean variables	{true (T) , false (F) }
Meteorological factors(M)	Boolean variables	{true (T) , false (F) }
Decision maker sentiment(E)	Boolean variables	{optimism (P) , gloomy (N) }
Emergency activities(A)	Boolean variables	{effective (T) , void (F) }
Contingency targets(T)	Boolean variables	{attain (T) , miss (F) }

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327 DS evidence theory has strong multi-source uncertain information fusion ability (Song et al. 2020), this  
328 article uses matrix analysis to improve data fusion of the theory of DS evidence (Xi et al. 2009). In order to  
329 reduce the problem of computational complexity when the membership matrix is substituted for data fusion  
330 in DS evidence theory, and in this paper, the matrix analysis is employed to integrate expert opinions by  
331 combining two evidences and recursive calculation.  
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$$333 \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ \vdots \\ C_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{71} & c_{72} \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

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335 Then the outer product operation is used, multiplying the transpose  $C_i^T$  of  $i$ th row with  $j$ th row  $C_j$  to get  
336 a new matrix  $B$ . The sum of all the elements of the main diagonal in matrix  $B$  is the numerator of  $q(B)$  (see  
337 Formula (11)), and the sum of all non-dominant diagonal elements is the degree of conflict  $K$  after fusion.  
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$$339 \quad B = C_i^T \times C_j = \begin{pmatrix} C_{i1} \\ C_{i2} \end{pmatrix} (C_{j1} \quad C_{j2}) = \begin{bmatrix} C_{i1} \times C_{j1} & C_{i1} \times C_{j2} \\ C_{i2} \times C_{j1} & C_{i2} \times C_{j2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

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341 Finally, the weight allocation improved DS evidence theory synthesis algorithm is used to calculate the  
342 probability values of the two levels after the fusion, and the improved synthesis formula is (Jia, Chen and  
343 Ke, 2020)  
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$$345 \quad m(B) = \begin{cases} 0, B = \emptyset \\ \frac{\sum_{A_i \cap B_j \cap C_k \cap \dots = B} m_1(A_i) m_2(B_j) m_3(C_k) \dots}{1-K} + f(B), & B \neq \emptyset \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

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347 where  $f(B) = K q(B)$  is a probability allocation function for evidence conflicts, that is, assign the degree  
348 of conflict ( $K$ ) between the evidences to each element in the matrix  $B$ . Therefore, this probability  
349 allocation function is satisfied  $\sum_{B \subset \theta} f(B) = K$ , let  $q(B) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i(B)}{n}$ .

350 Combine the decision maker sentiment probability value calculated in 2.1 the prior probability and  
351 conditional probability of all node variables are finally obtained, as shown in Table 6. As "meteorological  
352 factors" data is obtained from weather forecast information, the evidence of initial meteorological factors  
353 is all set to true (T) in the dynamic Bayesian network, so the probability impact of them is no longer  
354 considered in Table 6.  
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**Table 6. Prior probability and conditional probability table of node variables**

Node	Prior probability		conditional probability
S1	P(A1=T)=0.92	P(S1=T A1=T, E1=P)=0.60	P(S1=T A1=F, E1=P)=0.42

	$P(E1=P) = 0.50$	$P(S1=T A1=T, E1=N) = 0.51$	$P(S1=T A1=F, E1=N) = 0.37$
T1		$P(T1=T S1=T) = 0.75$	$P(T1=T S1=F) = 0.43$
S2	$P(A2=T) = 0.79$ $P(E2=P) = 0.50$	$P(S2=T T1=T, A2=T, E2=P) = 0.66$	$P(S2=T T1=F, A2=T, E2=P) = 0.92$
		$P(S2=T T1=T, A2=T, E2=N) = 0.62$	$P(S2=T T1=F, A2=T, E2=N) = 0.82$
		$P(S2=T T1=T, A2=F, E2=P) = 0.78$	$P(S2=T T1=F, A2=F, E2=P) = 0.52$
		$P(S2=T T1=T, A2=F, E2=N) = 0.53$	$P(S2=T T1=F, A2=F, E2=N) = 0.44$
T2		$P(T2=T S2=T) = 0.79$	$P(T2=T S2=F) = 0.36$
S3	$P(A3=T) = 0.74$ $P(E3=P) = 0.80$	$P(S3=T T1=T, A3=T, E3=P) = 0.87$	$P(S3=T T1=F, A3=T, E3=P) = 0.24$
		$P(S3=T T1=T, A3=T, E3=N) = 0.80$	$P(S3=T T1=F, A3=T, E3=N) = 0.30$
		$P(S3=T T1=T, A3=F, E3=P) = 0.72$	$P(S3=T T1=F, A3=F, E3=P) = 0.19$
		$P(S3=T T1=T, A3=F, E3=N) = 0.67$	$P(S3=T T1=F, A3=F, E3=N) = 0.28$
T3		$P(T3=T S3=T) = 0.87$	$P(T3=T S3=F) = 0.22$
S4	$P(A4=T) = 0.86$ $P(E4=P) = 0.50$	$P(S4=T T2=T, A4=T, E4=P) = 0.80$	$P(S4=T T2=F, A4=T, E4=P) = 0.31$
		$P(S4=T T2=T, A4=T, E4=N) = 0.72$	$P(S4=T T2=F, A4=T, E4=N) = 0.39$
		$P(S4=T T2=T, A4=F, E4=P) = 0.68$	$P(S4=T T2=F, A4=F, E4=P) = 0.23$
		$P(S4=T T2=T, A4=F, E4=N) = 0.54$	$P(S4=T T2=F, A4=F, E4=N) = 0.29$
T4		$P(T4=T S4=T) = 0.84$	$P(T4=T S4=F) = 0.46$
S5	$P(A5=T) = 0.81$ $P(E5=P) = 0.74$	$P(S5=T T4=T, A5=T, E5=P) = 0.88$	$P(S5=T T4=F, A5=T, E5=P) = 0.69$
		$P(S5=T T4=T, A5=T, E5=N) = 0.78$	$P(S5=T T4=F, A5=T, E5=N) = 0.72$
		$P(S5=T T4=T, A5=F, E5=P) = 0.69$	$P(S5=T T4=F, A5=F, E5=P) = 0.44$
		$P(S5=T T4=T, A5=F, E5=N) = 0.70$	$P(S5=T T4=F, A5=F, E5=N) = 0.58$
T5		$P(T5=T S5=T) = 0.93$	$P(T5=T S5=F) = 0.54$
S9		$P(S9=T T3=T, T5=T) = 0.90$	$P(S1=T T3=F, T5=T) = 0.68$
		$P(S9=T T3=T, T5=F) = 0.37$	$P(S1=T T3=F, T5=F) = 0.71$
S6	$P(A6=T) = 0.90$ $P(E6=P) = 0.50$	$P(S6=T T1=T, A6=T, E6=P) = 0.87$	$P(S6=T T1=F, A6=T, E6=P) = 0.57$
		$P(S6=T T1=T, A6=T, E6=N) = 0.94$	$P(S6=T T1=F, A6=T, E6=N) = 0.69$
		$P(S6=T T1=T, A6=F, E6=P) = 0.81$	$P(S6=T T1=F, A6=F, E6=P) = 0.32$
		$P(S6=T T1=T, A6=F, E6=N) = 0.88$	$P(S6=T T1=F, A6=F, E6=N) = 0.43$
T6		$P(T6=T S6=T) = 0.89$	$P(T6=T S6=F) = 0.39$
S7	$P(A7=T) = 0.93$ $P(E7=P) = 0.50$	$P(S7=T T6=T, A7=T, E7=P) = 0.81$	$P(S7=T T6=F, A7=T, E7=P) = 0.61$
		$P(S7=T T6=T, A7=T, E7=N) = 0.88$	$P(S7=T T6=F, A7=T, E7=N) = 0.69$
		$P(S7=T T6=T, A7=F, E7=P) = 0.85$	$P(S7=T T6=F, A7=F, E7=P) = 0.34$
		$P(S7=T T6=T, A7=F, E7=N) = 0.91$	$P(S7=T T6=F, A7=F, E7=N) = 0.41$
T7		$P(T7=T S7=T) = 0.91$	$P(T7=T S7=F) = 0.48$
S10		$P(S10=T T7=T) = 0.53$	$P(S10=T T7=F) = 0.16$
S8	$P(A8=T) = 0.95$	$P(S8=T T6=T, A8=T, E8=P) = 0.68$	$P(S8=T T6=F, A8=T, E8=P) = 0.73$

	$P(E8=P) = 0.50$	$P(S8=T T6=T, A8=T, E8=N) = 0.74$	$P(S8=T T6=F, A8=T, E8=N) = 0.78$
		$P(S8=T T6=T, A8=F, E8=P) = 0.86$	$P(S8=T T6=F, A8=F, E8=P) = 0.80$
		$P(S8=T T6=T, A8=F, E8=N) = 0.90$	$P(S8=T T6=F, A8=F, E8=N) = 0.83$
T8		$P(T8=T S8=T) = 0.96$	$P(T8=T S8=F) = 0.63$
S11		$P(S11=T T8=T) = 0.38$	$P(S11=T T8=F) = 0.12$

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358 **3.3 Calculation of node state probability in rainstorm scenario**

359 The prior probability and conditional probability in Table 8 are put into Formula (12), and the state probability  
 360 of each node variable is calculated sequentially from S1. For example, the state probability of S1 is  
 361 computed as:

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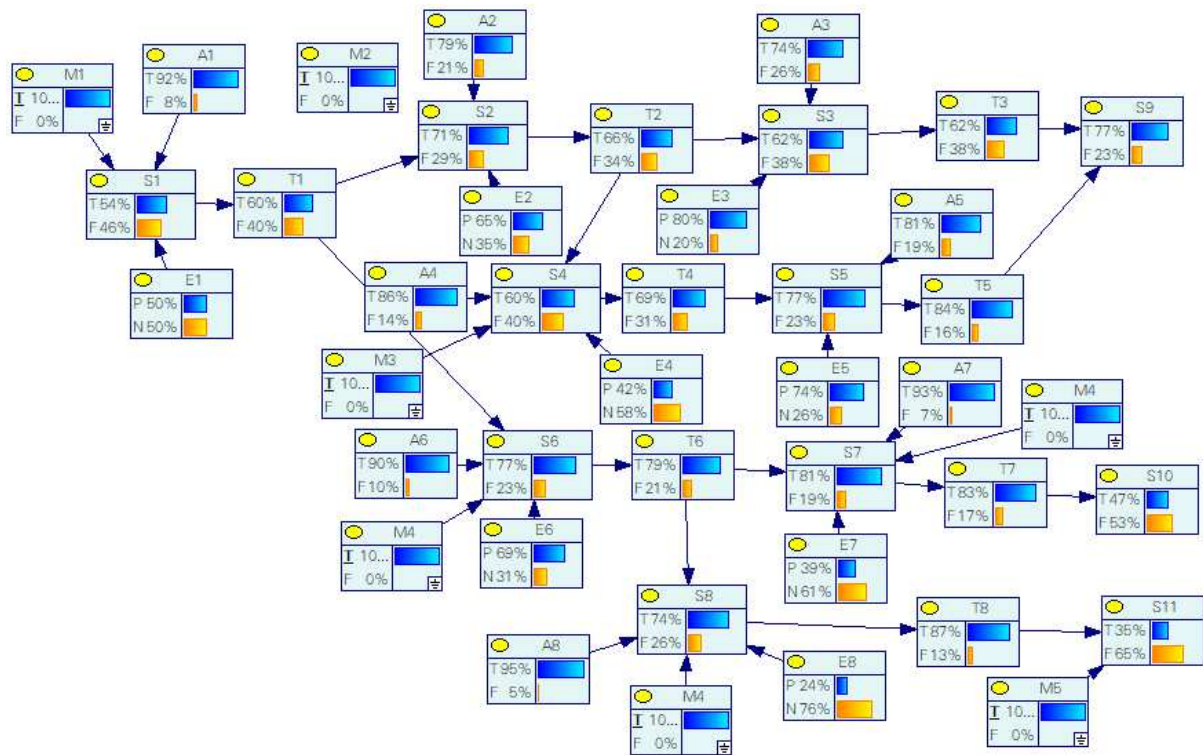
363  $P(S1 = T) = P(S1 = T|A1 = T, E1 = P)P(A1 = T)P(E1 = P) + P(S1 = T|A1 = T, E1 = N)P(A1 =$   
 364  $T)P(E1 = N) + P(S1 = T|A1 = F, E1 = P)P(A1 = F)P(E1 = P) + P(S1 = T|A1 = F, E1 = N)P(A1 =$   
 365  $F)P(E1 = N) = 0.6 \times 0.92 \times 0.5 + 0.51 \times 0.92 \times 0.5 + 0.42 \times 0.08 \times 0.5 + 0.37 \times 0.08 \times 0.5 = 0.5422.$

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367 The state probability of all remaining nodes are calculated using the following formula, and the result is  
 368 shown in Figure 3.

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370  $P(S1, S2, \dots, Sn) = P(Sn|S1, S2, \dots, Sn - 1) \dots P(S2|S1)P(S1) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(Si|P(\prod_{j=1}^{i-1} Sj)), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$   
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**Figure 3. Bayesian network structure for scenario deduction of "7.20" rainstorm event**

376 **3.4 Analysis of results**

377 (1) The probabilistic deduction of the above dynamic Bayesian network graph shows that when the heavy  
378 rain occurred, the government did not take effective emergency actions in time, the probability of a heavy  
379 rain (S2), the probability of a small flood caused by heavy rain (S6). Both the probability of large-scale  
380 floods caused by heavy rain (S7) and the probability of landslides due to floods (S8) exceeded 0.7. It can  
381 be seen that if the emergency rescue and other measures are not taken timely after a heavy rain disaster,  
382 the probability of scenario deterioration increases dramatically. Disasters are difficult to control, and the  
383 losses incurred are unpredictable.

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385 Therefore, in the stage of disaster prevention, the organizers or officials should take the initiative to improve  
386 their risk awareness and emergency mutation ability, increase monitoring of the main factors that may cause  
387 the water level to rise, and conduct more afforestation activities on a daily basis to reduce the probability of  
388 soil erosion caused by heavy rains. They need to have a hands-on attitude toward relevant issues. For the  
389 disaster response stage, it is necessary to improve the professional capabilities in flood control and flood  
390 relief emergency personnel distribution, carry out more training and more reforms, and strengthen the  
391 maintenance and improvement of emergency equipment (such as pumping and drainage equipment, high-  
392 precision detection instruments, rescue materials, etc). Work closely with the communities to develop  
393 preventive plans and rescue strategies. For the disaster recovery stage, under the premise of ensuring that  
394 residents' lives return to normal, enhancing the risk awareness and self-rescue and mutual rescue  
395 capabilities of the whole society is the core of the work, and it must be carried out effectively to the end.

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397 (2) According to relevant reports, most of the emergency targets in this rainstorm disaster had not been  
398 reached. In order to improve the matching degree between the model and the facts, the evidences of T2,  
399 T3, T5, and T7 were set to be not reached (F). The simulation results show that the rainstorm will evolve to  
400 the stage of large floods (S7) and landslides (S8) with greater probability, which is consistent with the real  
401 disaster results and this proves the feasibility and effectiveness of the proposed method. In the actual  
402 application process of the model, changing the completion of emergency activities and dealing with  
403 subjective factors can affect the probability of achieving the emergency goal, and in turn affect the evolution  
404 path of the disaster. In this way, the staff will be able to intuitively recognize their own operations when  
405 taking countermeasures, so as to adjust the relevant countermeasures in real time and grasp the evolution  
406 of the incident in advance.

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408 (3) This paper simplifies the extraction of scenario elements in the process of "7.20" heavy rainstorm event  
409 scenario deduction. In the real disaster handling process, there are many factors that make it difficult to  
410 predict the development trend of rainstorm. Therefore, in practical applications, more relevant factors  
411 should be identified based on the above methods, and more real-time disaster information should be  
412 integrated into the scenario deduction, so as to improve the ability of the whole society to respond to  
413 emergencies and minimize losses.

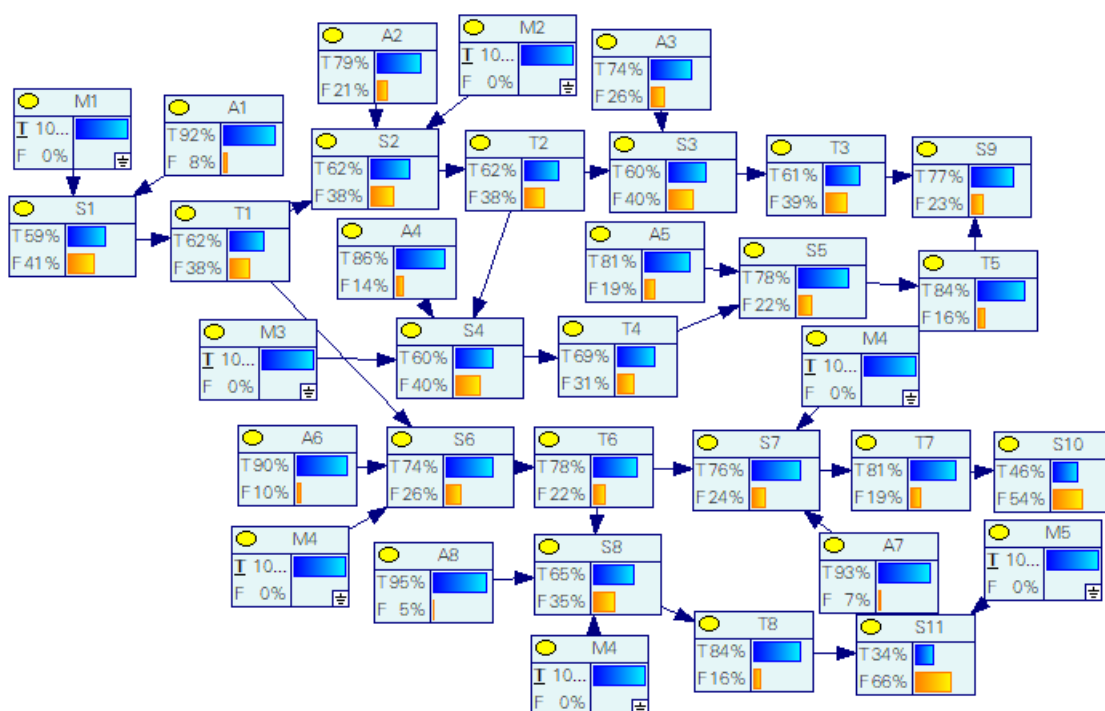
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415 **3.5 Comparative analysis**

416 (1) To our best of knowledge, at present, there is no relevant research on the "7.20" heavy rainstorm  
417 except a few isolated studies in Chinese, such as Zhang et al. (2022), Cai et al. (2022), Wang et al.  
418 (2022), Bu He et al. (2022), etc. Their studies only focused on the economic impact and reflection  
419 of this rainstorm event after the disaster, without paying attention to the impact of various variables



420 on the development trend of the disaster situation in the process of the interpretation of the  
 421 disaster scenario. Therefore, the research in this paper is an expansion of the field of rainstorm  
 422 research in Henan and has certain research value.

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 424 (2) As typical representatives of the traditional scenario elements in scenario deduction, meteorological  
 425 factors, emergency activities and emergency goals are used by many scholars to carry out scenario  
 426 deduction research on different sudden disasters (Zhang, Hao and Zhang 2020, Qie and Rong 2020,  
 427 Xu et al. 2022, Song et al. 2022, etc.). In the field of disaster scenario deduction research, the "decision-  
 428 maker sentiment" is firstly included as a scenario element. Therefore, for the comparison purpose,  
 429 nodes relevant to "decision-makers emotions" in the dynamic Bayesian scenario deduction path  
 430 diagram are dropped, and at the same time, it is ensured that the model method and other node-related  
 431 data are consistent with the above for comparative experiments. The final result is shown in Figure 4.  
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 434 **Figure 4. A diagram of a Bayesian network that does not take into account the sentiment of decision**  
 435 **makers**

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 437 By comparing the probabilities of nodes in Figure 3 and Figure 4, it is seen that the probability of multiple  
 438 key scenarios with a probability of more than 0.7 in Figure 3 decreased in Figure 4. The probability of a  
 439 heavy rain (S2) has decreased 9%, the probability of a small flood caused by heavy rain (S6) has  
 440 decreased 3%, the probability of large-scale floods caused by heavy rain (S7) has decreased 5%, the  
 441 probability of landslides due to floods (S8) has decreased 9%, and the probabilities of other nodes also  
 442 vary slightly. Overall, without considering the influence of the subjective element of "decision-maker  
 443 sentiment", the sudden rainstorm scenario is in a more positive direction, this can easily lead to  
 444 over-optimism among policymakers about the current situation of disasters. As a result, the  
 445 intensity of the emergency response activities (A) taken is insufficient to affect the evolution of the  
 446 next scenario, and this continues to be a vicious circle until it affects the entire evolution of the

447 disaster. Therefore, in the face of sudden disasters, by combining subjective and objective elements,  
448 we would be able to more accurately grasp the process of disaster development, and decision  
449 makers can take timely and appropriate measures to minimize losses.

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#### 451 **4 Conclusion**

452 (1) In this study, targeting the dynamical evolutionary process of sudden heavy rainstorms, a framework  
453 has been developed for selecting situational states, meteorological factor, emergency activities,  
454 decision makers' emotions and emergency targets at different stages as network nodes. The  
455 relationship between major disaster scenario units and the scenario evolution mechanism are analyzed:  
456 Based on the dynamic Bayesian network, using the improved Dempster Rule of Combination and  
457 sentiment update mechanism, the initial network of scenario evolution is determined, the state  
458 probability of each scenario is updated using an expert evaluation method, and the potential  
459 development paths of the rainstorm are explored. In this way, the feasibility of emergency activities and  
460 the rescue operations of emergency goals are accessed before putting into use. Particularly early  
461 actions and effective measures are determined as critical strategies for prevention and rescue  
462 operations. To validation of the proposed model, the Henan rainstorm event is used to explain the  
463 effectiveness, feasibility, easiness to apply, and interpretability of the parameters in the model.

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465 (2) The sudden rainstorm emergency scenario deduction method based on the dynamic Bayesian  
466 network and considering the emotions of the decision makers, integrated with quantitative elements,  
467 can be implemented for better analyzing the uncertainty, complexity and derivative problems of  
468 emergency response strategies and rescue operations in the rainstorm environment. Combined  
469 analysis with qualitative elements provides a new idea for improving the traditional scenario analysis  
470 methods, it is hoped that it will play a greater value in the future.

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472 (3) The traditional expert scoring method is still used to determine the probability of nodes in dynamic  
473 Bayesian networks in this paper. The use of fuzzy set theory and improved DS evidence theory reduces  
474 the subjectivity in the experts' scoring results. Disaster risk reduction demands multisectoral, inclusive and  
475 accessible actions at all levels to provide effective support. Disaster risk reduction is interdisciplinary, and  
476 it requires the improvement of the availability of knowledge, which can promote researchers to consider the  
477 broader impact of risk assessment during the deduction of disaster scenarios. Several ways could be used  
478 to extend our model in the future. For example, we can extend our model with Choquet fuzzy integral  
479 operators to synthesize scenario elements attribute values. In the future research, we can also consider  
480 more expert opinions and historical data to identify key paths for cascading disasters and disaster scenario  
481 deduction.

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