

Effect of DG Types and Penetration Level in Transmission System using Hybrid Optimization Technique for Loss Control

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ABSTRACT

Loss in power system is a significant issue as it effects power system quality of service. Distributed Generation (DG) installation in power system is one of loss compensation of choice. DG installation in terms of DG type, size and location must be properly planned to avoid over-compensation or under-compensation. This paper analyses the impact of installing different DG types and their penetration level to control transmission power system loss. A hybrid optimization technique known as Immunized-Brainstorm-Evolutionary Programming (IBSEP) was used to determine the optimal DG sizes and location. It is important to examine the effect of installing different DG types so that related authorities are informed on the worthiness of the approach. Comprehensive results are embedded in this paper to demonstrate the effect of installing different DG types in transmission system towards system loss which would be beneficial to the power system operators. The results show that DGs with real power is better at minimizing the system loss. The loss is further reduced as the DG penetration level increases.

Key words: Distributed Generation, Real Power DG, Reactive Power DG, Loss Control, Penetration Level

1. INTRODUCTION

The current increasing demand in most power system network has led to voltage decrement. This phenomenon has been identified to be the cause for losses increment and monetary losses. Several options can be considered to alleviate and minimize losses phenomenon. One of the popular options is the installation of distributed generation (DG). DG has been known to be having the ability to minimize loss of a power system, especially when their sizes and placements are carefully selected [1]–[3]. Power losses are very crucial in power system as they reduce the power transfer efficiency which can be translated to monetary loss to the power provider.

Numerous studies have been conducted to minimize power system loss by placing DG in the transmission system [4]–[9].

These studies, though not as extensively as with the distribution system, concluded that transmission network loss can be minimized while the voltage was improved with the installation of optimally selected DG in terms of location and/or size. [10]–[12].

The importance of finding optimal DG size and/or location to fulfill the objective function, i.e. loss minimization encourages researchers to invent more robust and reliable optimization techniques [13]–[16]. The new techniques are commonly aim to avoid trapping solutions in local optima and to alleviate computational burden in the classical optimization techniques [17]. Example of classical optimization techniques are Evolutionary Programming (EP), Artificial Immune System (AIS) and Brainstorm Optimization (BSO). Introduced in 2011, BSO is an optimization technique that replicates human collective behaviour. Despite its ability to solve science and engineering problems, the K-means clustering technique approached by BSO causes high computational time [18].

In this paper, a IBSEP that incorporates AIS and BSO into the frame of EP was used to optimize the locations and sizes of multiple DGs in loss minimization. The DGs were installed in IEEE-30 Bus reliability test system (RTS) that resembles small transmission power system.

2. PROBLEM FORMULATION

The aim of this study was to investigate the effect of different DG types installation at minimizing transmission system loss. The system loss with and without the DG installation will be measured, for each DG type. Loss reduction percentage (LRP) due to DG installation will be calculated using equation (1).

$$LRP = \frac{LOSS_{No\ DG} - LOSS_{DG}}{LOSS_{No\ DG}} \times 100 \% \quad (1)$$

The following sections describe the objective function to be minimized as well as the optimization constraints.

2.1 Objective Function

The objective function for this study is to minimize system loss, as mathematically represented by equation (2)

$$O.F. = Min \sum_{i=1}^n P_{loss,i} \quad (2)$$

where n is the system bus number, and P_{loss} at line i can be determined from equation (3) - (5),

$$P_{loss} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n [\alpha_{ij}(P_i P_j + Q_i Q_j) + \beta_{ij}(Q_i P_j + P_i Q_j)] \quad (3)$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{r_{ij}}{V_i V_j} \cos(\delta_i - \delta_j) \quad (4)$$

$$\beta_{ij} = \frac{r_{ij}}{V_i V_j} \sin(\delta_i - \delta_j) \quad (5)$$

where r_{ij} is the line resistance between bus i and bus j , V_i and V_j are the voltage magnitude, δ_i and δ_j are the voltage angles, P_i and P_j , are the active power while Q_i and Q_j are the reactive power at bus i and j respectively.

The equality constraint on the power balance as in equation (6) will be considered:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P_i = P_{demand} + P_{loss} \quad (6)$$

where P_{demand} represents the system load demand.

The inequality constraints as in equation (7) are also considered:

$$P_{i,min} \leq P_i \leq P_{i,max} \quad (7)$$

where $P_{i,min}$ and $P_{i,max}$ are minimum real power output and maximum real power output of i^{th} generator, respectively.

2.2 Penetration Level

Penetration level is one of the important criteria in DG studies. Once the optimal DG sizes are determined, the penetration level of installed DG to the network can be calculated using equation (8).

$$\frac{TotalSize_{DG}}{Load_{Total}} \times 100\% \quad (8)$$

$TotalSize_{DG}$ is calculated by summing all DG sizes in MW for Type-1 and Type-3 DG, and in MVar for Type-2 DG. $Load_{Total}$ is total load demand determined from load flow without DG installation. Total active-power load demand will be used to calculate the penetration level of Type-1 and Type-3 DGs while total reactive-power load demand will be used with Type-2 DGs.

2.3 DG Type

DGs are categorized according to their ability to deliver real power or reactive power, or both. There are four categories of DG in terms of power delivery as defined in Table 1 [19].

P_{dg} represents real power of DG and Q_{dg} represents DGs reactive power. Value 1 in column P_{dg} and Q_{dg} indicates that the DG is able to deliver real power and reactive power, respectively. Value 0 indicates that the power is not delivered, while value -1 indicates that that DG absorbs that power.

This study compares the effect of installing single Type-1, Type-2 and Type-3 DG in controlling the transmission system loss. The DG units will be increased to two and three units so that the effect of DG penetration level to transmission system can be investigated. The real power for each Type-1 DG is limited to 50MW, following the maximum PV output suggested by reference [20]. The apparent power S , for each Type-1 DG would then be limited to 50MVA, based on equation (10).

$$S = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2} \quad (9)$$

where S is the apparent power, in VA, P is the real power, in W and Q is the reactive power, in VAR of the DG. For fair comparison, the maximum apparent power of other DG types were also set to 50MVA each.

Table 1: Types of DGs and their power delivery ability

Type of DG	Description	P_{dg}	Q_{dg}
Type-1	Deliver only real power E.g.: photovoltaic and fuel cells.	1	0
Type-2	Deliver only reactive power E.g.: DGs based on synchronous compensator.	0	1
Type-3	Deliver real power and reactive power E.g.: Cogeneration and gas turbine.	1	1
Type-4	Deliver real power but absorb reactive power. E.g.: Induction generators used in wind farms.	1	-1

3. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

In this study, optimal DG sizes are placed at optimal load buses of IEEE-30 RTS to minimize system loss while system reactive demand increases. These optimal DG sizes and location were determined using IBSEP optimization technique. The following section explains the IBSEP technique.

3.1 Immunized-Brainstorm-Evolutionary Programming (IBSEP) Technique

Figure 1 shows the IBSEP flowchart to determine the optimal DG location and size. The steps below briefly explain the algorithm:

- Step 1: Initialization: Parameters of IBSEP technique like the population size k , the clusters amount l and few constants are defined. The location, X_n and size, S_n are randomly generated for each n DG.
- Step 2: Fitness Calculation: The system loss with DG installation will be inspected. Individuals with good fitness are cloned to increase the population size, creating broader choices among the individuals. They are then distributed to few clusters.
- Step 3: Mutation: Individuals of a cluster is to be mutated using Gaussian mutation operator to produce offspring. The offspring fitness will be calculated.
- Step 4: Combination Process: The parents and the offspring then compete where top individuals will be progressed to the next cycle.
- Step 5: Convergence Test: A convergence test that calculate the deviation of the individuals fitness values is conducted based on equation (9),

$$Loss_{max} - Loss_{min} \leq 0.00001 \quad (10)$$

Step 2 until Step 5 are to be repeated if this condition is false.

3.2 Weak bus identification

This subsection explains the algorithm to determine the weak buses of the test system. A maximum loadability test is done by increasing the reactive load of a load bus. The maximum load the system can take is recorded. The process is repeated with other buses. The maximum load recorded are then sorted in ascending order. Weak buses are identified as the top buses from the list.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this study, reactive load Q_d was increased from 0 MVar to 30 MVar at weak Bus-30. At the same time, the unit of DGs installed was increased from 1, 2, and 3 units, for each DG type.

Table 2 shows the system losses after single DG of each type was installed while reactive load Q_{d30} increases. The system loss

without DG when Q_{d30} varies at 0, 10, 20 and 30 MVar are 17.56 MW, 18.11 MW, 19.55 MW and 23.44 MW respectively.

From Table 2, it can be seen that single DG of Type-1 manages to reduce system loss the most when Q_{d30} increases

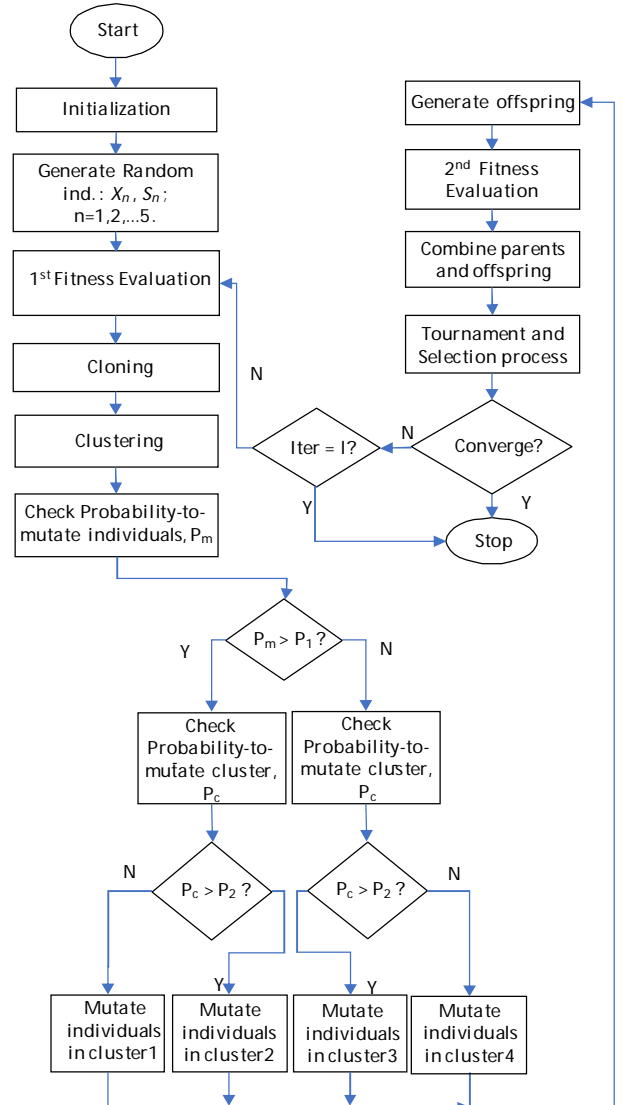


Figure 1: Flowchart for optimal DG location and sizes using IBSEP technique.

from 0 MVar to 20 MVar as indicated by Loss Reduction Percentage (LRP) values in bold. At $Q_{d30}=30$ MVar, Type-3 DG records the highest LRP of 37.40%.

Table 2: IEEE-30 RTS Loss and LRP with Single Installation of Different DG Types

Q_{d30} (MVar)	Loss (MW)			LRP (%)		
	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
	0	11.54	17.44	13.94	34.30	0.70
10	11.98	17.55	14.36	33.86	3.09	20.73
20	13.35	17.85	14.71	31.73	8.69	24.79
30	16.79	17.59	14.68	28.36	24.98	37.40

T1, T2 and T3 are Type-1, Type-2 and Type-3 DG respectively

Table 3 and Table 4 tabulate the system losses and LRP when two and three DGs of different type were installed in IEEE-30 RTS, respectively. From Table 2, 2T₁ indicates two DGs of Type-1, while 2T₂ indicates two DGs of Type-2 and 2T₃ indicates two DGs of Type-3. Whereas, 3T₁, 3T₂ and 3T₃ in Table 4 represents three DGs of Type-1, Type-2 and Type-3 respectively. Again, Type-1 DGs show best performance in reducing the loss as Q_{d30} increases from 0MVar to 20MVar as shown by bold LRP. As Q_{d30} increases, LRP by Type-1 DGs decreases until the highest LRP is recorded by Type-3 DGs when $Q_{d30} = 30$ MVar.

Table 3: IEEE-30 RTS Loss and LRP with Two Different Types DGs

Q_{d30} (MVar)	Loss (MW)			LRP (%)		
	2T1	2T2	2T3	2T1	2T2	2T3
	0	9.32	17.40	10.98	46.96	0.95
10	10.33	17.52	10.92	42.95	3.27	39.71
20	11.62	17.60	12.18	40.55	9.98	37.69
30	14.79	17.62	12.94	36.91	24.85	44.78

T1, T2 and T3 are Type-1, Type-2 and Type-3 DG respectively

Table 4: IEEE-30 RTS Loss and LRP with Three Different Types DGs

Q_{d30} (Mvar)	Loss (MW)			LRP (%)		
	3T1	3T2	3T3	3T1	3T2	3T3
	0	7.92	17.39	9.54	54.93	1.01
10	8.74	17.50	9.89	51.75	3.36	45.37
20	10.04	17.62	11.09	48.64	9.87	43.28
30	13.14	17.83	11.27	43.95	23.93	51.94

T1, T2 and T3 are Type-1, Type-2 and Type-3 DG respectively

The optimal locations and sizes of these DGs are tabulated in Table 5, Table 6 and Table 7 for single, two and three DG units respectively. Q_{DG1} , P_{DG2} , Q_{DG2T1} , P_{DG2T2} , Q_{DG3T1} and P_{DG3T2} are 0 at all time. At $Q_{d30}=30$ MVar, the optimal Type-3 is at Bus-30 with optimal P_{dg} and Q_{dg} sizes of 33.4MW and 29.8MVar respectively as highlighted in Table 5.

Table 5: Optimal Single DG Location and Sizes

Q_{d30}	Loc (Bus)			Size			
	T1	T2	T3	$P_{DG T1}$	$Q_{DG T2}$	$P_{DG T3}$	$Q_{DG T3}$
	0	7	4	23	50.0	38.1	34.7
10	7	30	23	50.0	12.3	34.7	12.8
20	7	30	30	50.0	12.3	33.4	29.8
30	7	30	30	50.0	36.1	33.4	29.8

Unit for P_{DG} is MW. Unit for Q_{DG} is MVar.

Whereas, Bus-12 and Bus-30 are the optimal location for two Type-3 DGs with capacity of 28.2MW and 5.7MVar as well as 30.3MW and 17.2MVar respectively when $Q_{d30}=30$ MVar as highlighted in Table 6.

At the same loading of 30MVar, Bus-30 is still one of the optimal bus for DG installation, along with Bus-19 and Bus-25 as highlighted in Table 7. The optimal DG sizes are 34.1MW with 19.0MVar, 1.9MW with 6.6MVar and 26.8MW with 30.5MVar for the DGs installed at Bus-19, 25 and 30, respectively.

Table 6: Optimal Two DG Locations and Sizes

Q_{d30} (Mvar)	Loc (Bus)			Size			
	2T1	2T2	2T3	$P_{DG 2T1}$	$Q_{DG 2T2}$	$P_{DG 2T3}$	$Q_{DG 2T3}$
	0	19	4	9	38.6	26.0	32.4
	28	24	27	48.6	11.0	33.3	16.2
10	7	25	6	50.0	6.8	33.7	4.7
	25	30	24	18.3	12.2	33.1	6.0
20	7	10	6	50.0	2.9	33.7	4.7
	25	30	24	18.3	27.1	33.1	6.0
30	7	10	12	50.0	2.9	28.2	5.7
	25	30	30	18.3	27.1	30.3	17.2

Unit for P_{DG} is MW. Unit for Q_{DG} is MVar.

Table 7: Optimal Three DG Locations and Sizes

Q_{d30} (Mvar)	Loc (Bus)			Size			
	3T1	3T2	3T3	$P_{DG 3T1}$	$Q_{DG 3T2}$	$P_{DG 3T3}$	$Q_{DG 3T3}$
	0	4	3	6	32.7	18.8	30.2
	15	19	20	39.0	7.6	16.2	3.6
	22	25	28	45.2	2.6	31.4	10.2
10	7	12	6	34.0	30.0	30.2	17.6
	14	25	20	40.5	6.8	16.2	3.6
	28	30	28	32.6	12.2	31.4	10.2
20	7	3	6	34.0	40.4	28.5	9.9
	14	10	15	40.5	26.1	24.1	26.2
	28	30	29	32.6	29.2	24.1	31.9
30	7	15	19	34.0	18.4	34.1	19.0
	14	25	25	40.5	8.1	1.9	6.6
	28	30	30	32.6	43.2	26.8	30.5

Unit for P_{DG} is MW. Unit for Q_{DG} is MVar.

To investigate the effect of DG penetration level, the system load demand was determined from load flow as Q_{d30} increases and tabulated in Table 8.

Table 8: Optimal Three DG Locations and Sizes

Q_{d30} (Mvar)	Load _{Total}	
	Pd (MW)	Q _d (Mvar)
0	283.4	124.3
10	283.4	134.3
20	283.4	144.3
30	283.4	154.3

Using equation (8) and DG sizes from Table 5 until Table 7, the DG penetration level is calculated and shown in Table 9. From Table 9, it can be seen that for Type-1 DG, the penetration level increases from 17.6% to 37.8% as the number of DG increases at $Q_{d30} = 20$ MVar. This shows that as penetration level of DG increases, so does the LRP. It is also obvious that the penetration level of Type-1 DG is always higher than Type-3 DG.

Table 9: DG Penetration Level

DG Type	DG Amt. (Unit)	Penetration Level (%)			
		$Q_{d30}=0$	$Q_{d30}=10$	$Q_{d30}=20$	$Q_{d30}=30$
T1	1	17.6	17.6	17.6	17.6
	2	30.8	24.1	24.1	24.1
	3	41.2	37.8	37.8	37.8
T2	1	30.7	9.2	8.5	23.4
	2	29.8	49.8	20.8	19.4
	3	23.3	36.5	66.3	45.2
T3	1	12.2	12.2	11.8	11.8
	2	23.2	23.6	23.6	20.6
	3	27.5	27.5	27.1	22.2

However, if we relate to the LRP of these Type-1 and Type-3 DGs as shown in Table 2 to Table 4, we can see that higher penetration level of DGs with real power does not always guarantee that it will minimize the system loss the most. As more reactive load is added to a weak bus of a transmission system, the reactive power provided by Type-3 DGs could have conditioned the load demand, thus supporting the network better than Type-1 and Type-2 DGs.

5. CONCLUSION

This paper presented the effect of installing DGs of different types and its penetration level in transmission system to minimize system loss. In this study, the application of IBSEP managed to search the optimal locations and sizing of DGs with reactive load varied.

It can be concluded that as reactive load at a weak bus increases, DGs that provide real power are able to minimize system loss more than the DGs that provide only reactive power. LRP also increases when the number of DGs, or the DG penetration level increases. However, as the weak bus is heavily loaded, DGs with the ability to provide both real and reactive power would be a better choice to minimize transmission system loss.

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