# Optimal planning of RDGs in electrical distribution networks using hybrid SAPSO algorithm

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## ABSTRACT

The impact of the renewable distributed generations (RDGs), such as photovoltaic (PV) and wind turbine (WT) systems can be positive or negative on the system, based on the location and size of the DG. So, the correct location and size of DG in the distribution network remain an obstacle to achieving their full possible benefits. Therefore, the future distribution networks with the high penetration of DG power must be planned and operated to improve their efficiency. Thus, this paper presents a new methodology for integrated of renewable energy-based DG units with electrical distribution network. Since the main objective of the proposed methodology is to reduce the power losses and improve the voltage profile of the radial distribution system (RDS). In this regard, the optimization problem was formulated using loss sensitivity factor (LSF), simulated annealing (SA), particle swarm optimization (PSO) and a combination of loss sensitivity index (LSI) with SA and PSO (LSISA, LSIPSO) respectively. This paper contributes a new methodology SAPSO, which prevents the defects of SA and PSO. Optimal placement and sizing of renewable energy-based DG tested on 33-bus system. The results demonstrate the reliability and robustness of the proposed SAPSO algorithm to find the near-optimal position and size of the DG units to mitigate the power losses and improve the radial distribution system's voltage profile.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The distribution network (DN) aims to provide higher demand rates for consumers. It is a very critical part of the power grid and is also the key cause of electrical losses in the network because of low reactance to resistance ratios. As a result of the constant growth in demand loads, the line currents will increase, which leads to an increase in the line losses and the voltage deviation. The RDS is the most common due to lower installation cost, easier power flow and voltage control than other types of distribution systems. Current distribution infrastructure constraints and increased interest in green technology utilization have culminated in the use of distributed generation (DG). There is other terminology and meanings used to describe DG, and this produces various viewpoints [1]:

- The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) classifies DG as generation from a few kilowatts up to 50 MW.
- International energy agency (IEA) identifies DG as generating plant supplying a customer on-site or supporting to a distribution network connected to the grid.
- The International Conference on large High Voltage Electric Systems (CIGRE) classifies DG as smaller than 50-100 MW.

DG can be defined as small-scale power generation to reduce customer demand near to load center. Distributed generation may come from several technologies and sources. The principal explanations for DG's growing use can be outlined as below [2]:

- Highly efficient modern technology.
- Cost of Transmission and Distribution systems can be reduced because of the DG units are near to consumers.
- Its positions can be located better due to small capacity.
- The installation period of the DG plants is shorter, and the investment risk isn't very high.
- Simplicity of the energy management by tracking the loads due to its small capacity.
- Provides a flexible way to select a wide variety of costing and reliable combinations.

DG technologies are broadly categorized into two types: renewable technologies (PV, WT) and non-renewable technologies (fuel cells). It is important to determine the optimal location and size of DGs to achieve the desired performance, grid reinforcement, minimizing power loss and on-peak operating costs, improve the voltage profile and loading factors, reprieve or canceling the system upgrades, improving the system security, increasing reliability and efficiency, and improving the power quality of the electrical grid. Different approaches have been suggested for determining the optimal site and size of DGs in the DN.

Gandomkar et al., provided a new approach based on a combination of genetic algorithm (GA) and SA algorithms for optimal allocation of DGs in distribution networks to improve the optimization goal [3]. Sutthibun and Bhasaputra applied SA for optimal location of DG on the IEEE 30 bus test system [4]. Kefayat et al., presented a hybrid of ant colony optimization and artificial bee colony optimization for optimal siting and sizing of DG [5]. Alinezhad et al., proposed three algorithms, PSO, GSA and GA for optimal location of DG in distribution system [6]. Jordehi proposed various approaches for determination the best sitting and sizing of DGs in electric power systems [7]. Prakash and Khatod presented a review for minimizing the system losses, improving the voltage profile, enhancing the system reliability, stability and loadability by optimal sizing and siting techniques for DG [8]. Vijay et al., applying bat motivated optimization algorithm (BMOA) for optimal placement and sizing of distributed power sources to reduce the active power loss in 33-bus test system [9]. Singh and Sharma, illustrated a review on DG planning in the distribution system performances such as real and reactive power loss, power system loadability, stability, reliability, security, available power transfer capacity [10]. Banhthasit et al., suggest an optimal generation scheduling method for integrated of renewable energy-based DGs and energy storage systems with electrical power system [11]. UshaReddy et al., proposed LSF & DE to determine the optimal size and location of capacitors for minimizing the power losses and improving the voltage profile in RDN [12]. Lin et al., presented a hybrid approach of analytical method (LSF) for sizing DGs and meta-heuristic method (PSO) for sitting DGs based on optimal reactive power dispatch for decreasing the real power loss [13]. EL-Sayed, determine the optimal location, size and numbers of DGs to reduce power loss and improve voltage profile [14]. M. H. Moradi and M. Abedini, presented a hybrid approach of genetic algorithm and particle swarm optimization for optimal DG location and sizing in distribution system [15]. Jithendranath et al., illustrated a combination approach based on PSO and GSA to solve the optimal reactive power dispatch problem in power system [16]. Verma and Lakhwani, present strong rules discovered in databases using hybrid algorithm of GA and PSO [17]. In this paper, LSI, SA, PSO, LSISA, LSIPSO and SAPSO optimization algorithms are used for positioning and sizing of DGs. These algorithms have been tested on IEEE 33-bus radial distribution system.

#### 2. PROBLEM FORMULATION

The higher losses, higher voltage drop and thermal limitation are very most significant problem in the distribution system. So, intensive attention to the DGs technology has become a vital issue that must be taken into consideration for its impact on the distribution system. To solve this problem, it became necessary to determine the optimal location and size of DGs as it represented the main problem under network restrictions including load flow in order to increase the overall efficiency of system performance.

#### 2.1. Load Flow

It is an important tool for power system planning, operation, optimization and control to ensure stability, reliability and economy for the electrical system. Traditional methods for load flow analysis such as Newton Raphson (NR), Gauss Seidel (GS) may be unsuitable for the distribution network and diverge due to [18]:

- Radial or weakly mesh network.
- High R/X ratio.
- Unbalanced operation.
- Distributed generation.

Backward/Forward Sweep (BFS) algorithm is preferred for correct planning due to:

- The ill-state nature of RDS.
- Accurate results of power flow depend on convergence, implementation time and iterations number.

This approach is implemented in two steps: the backward and forward sweep using the load and line data. In the backward sweep, voltages and currents are calculated using KVL and KCL starting from the farthest node. In forward sweep, the downstream voltage is calculated starting from the source node. The steps of BFS algorithm are mentioned below:

- Initialize the injected current  $(I_i = 0)$
- Initialize all buses voltage ( $V_i = 1$ pu)
- Calculate the node current  $(I_i = \frac{S_i}{V_i^*})$
- Calculate the line current (backward sweep)

$$I_{(i,i+1)} = I_{i+1} + \sum (branches's \ currents \ at \ node \ i+1)$$

- Update the buses voltage  $(V_i = V_{i+1} + (Z_{(i,i+1)} * I_{(i,i+1)}))$
- Until stopping criterion.

## 2.2. Objective function (OF)

The main objective problem is to reduce the total power losses and boost the system's voltage profile through determine the optimal capacity and positioning of the DGs using the various proposed methods.

$$OF = min(P_{loss}) = min\sum_{k=1}^{NL} G_k \left( V_i^2 + V_j^2 - 2V_i V_j \cos(\delta_i - \delta_j) \right)$$
(1)

#### 2.3. System constrains

There are two types of constraints which control the minimization of objective function:

 Equality constraints: These constraints formulated the active and reactive power balance by power flow equations.

$$P_{Gi} - P_{Di} - P_{loss} = 0 \tag{2}$$

$$Q_{Gi} - Q_{Di} - Q_{loss} = 0 \tag{3}$$

Inequality constraints: These constraints determine the technical operation limits of power system.
 Bus voltage

$$V_i^{\min} \le V_i \le V_i^{\max} \tag{4}$$

– DG capacity

$$P_{DG}^{min} \le P_{DG} \le P_{DG}^{max} , \ Q_{DG}^{min} \le Q_{DG} \le Q_{DG}^{max}$$

$$\tag{5}$$

DG location

$$2 \le DG_{position} \le N_{bus} \tag{6}$$

#### 3. METHODOLOGIES

DG's problem is evaluating the optimal size and location to optimize the required objective function. Major methodological techniques for sizing and sitting of DGs are summarized as below [19]:

- Analytical technique.
- Conventional technique.
- Meta-heuristic optimization technique.
- Hybrid technique.
- Artificial intelligence technique.

## 4. MATHEMATICLE MODEL OF OPTIMIZATION TECHNIQUES

## 4.1. Loss sensitivity factor (LSF)

LSF is helpful to obtain the critical buses in the network. It can estimate which bus will have the greatest loss reduction when a DG is placed. The search space of the optimization problem is reduced due to the estimation of these candidate buses [12, 20, 21]. Figure 1 illustrates a distribution line "k " with an impedance  $R_k + jX_k$  and a load of  $P_{ij} + jQ_{ij}$  connected between 'i' and 'j' buses.



Figure 1. A radial distribution feeder

The real power loss  $(I^2 R)$  at each node in radial distribution network (RDN) can be calculated as:

$$P_{loss}(j) = \frac{(P_{eff}^2(j) + Q_{eff}^2(j))}{(V(j))^2} * R(k)$$
<sup>(7)</sup>

Also, the reactive power loss  $(I^2X)$  at each node in RDN can be given as:

$$Q_{loss}(j) = \frac{(P_{eff}^2(j) + Q_{eff}^2(j))}{(V(j))^2} * X(k)$$
(8)

where:

 $P_{eff}(j)$  = Total real power supplied beyond the bus "*j*".  $Q_{eff}(j)$  = Total reactive power supplied beyond the bus "*j*". Now, the LSF can be expressed as:

$$\frac{\partial P_{loss}}{\partial Q_{eff}} = \frac{2 * Q_{eff}(j) * R(k)}{\left(V(j)\right)^2} \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_{loss}}{\partial Q_{eff}} = \frac{2 \cdot Q_{eff}(j) \cdot X(k)}{\left(V(j)\right)^2} \tag{10}$$

The steps of LSF to find the selected bus for DG placement can be summarized as below:

LSF has been calculated as given in (9) from the base case load flow. The values of LSF have been sorted descending and its bus index in bus positions "bpos (i)", which determine the sequence for mitigation. Voltage sensitivity factors (VSF) are calculated as given in (11) by considering the minimum voltage magnitude is 0.95 pu as below:

$$VSF(i) = \frac{V(i)}{0.95}$$
 (11)

where V(i) is the bus voltage. The values of VSF which less than 1.01 can be sorted ascending and its bus index in the candidate buses "bcan(i)". The selected bus for DG placement can be determined by comparing the bus positions and the candidate buses and choosing the first common bus.

#### 4.2. Simulated annealing (SA)

SA is a simple form local search algorithm (a descent algorithm), which preferred when problem size is large. It is a meta-heuristic technique that has been used extensively to solve a complicated optimization problem. The word annealing refers to the cooling process after heating of the material to become homogeneous and more harden [14]. The concept of solution based on cool down the possible state of a thermo dynamic system from the preliminary high temperature. The objective function or cost of a solution is corresponding to the energy of the physical state. All solutions of the optimization problem are accepted at high temperature, but at low temperature only the minimal cost solutions are accepted. Although simplicity and quick execution of SA algorithm, the drawback of this approach is that the local minimum found may be far from the global minimum [3]. To avoid this defect, it is necessary to increase the number of iterations combined with an increased number of searches at each iteration. The initial solution of SA is random then new ones are proposed through local changes and accepted depend on the controlled probability. The major steps of SA algorithm can be summarized as following:

- Select an initial solution  $X_{0i} \in S$  (search space).
- Select an initial temperature  $T_{max}$ .
- Set temperature change counter n = 0.
- Set a repetition counter k (number of iterations at each T).
- Generate a new solution  $X_i \in S$ .
- Calculate  $\Delta = f(X_i) f(X_{0i})$ .
- If  $\Delta < 0$ ,  $X_{0i} = X_i$ .
- Else if random  $(0,1) < \exp(-\Delta/T)$ .
- Then,  $X_{0i} = X_i$ .
- k = k + 1
- n = n + 1

Until stopping criterion.

#### **4.3.** Particle swarm optimization (PSO)

This algorithm is depending on the perception of nature and swarming seen in birds or fish. PSO is used when the optimization problems have several solutions. In this algorithm the particles move in a bounded search space to find the overall best velocity and position depend on social experience of the swarm [22-26]. The value of the agent's velocity and its position of the swarm is updated as shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Particle movement in PSO algorithm

$$v_{ij}^{k+1} = wv_{ij}^{k} + c_1 r_1 \left( p_{best,i}^k - x_{ij}^k \right) + c_2 r_2 \left( g_{best}^k - x_{ij}^k \right)$$
(12)

$$x_{ij}^{k+1} = x_{ij}^k + v_{ij}^{k+1} \tag{13}$$

Where: *i* is the number of particles, *j* is the dimension of problem, v & x are the velocity of particle and its position respectively,  $p_{best} \& g_{best}$  are the personal and global best respectively, *w* is weighting or learning factor,  $c_1 \& c_2$  are accelerating factors and  $r_1 \& r_2$  are random numbers in the range of (0,1). The new solution in PSO depends on its initial solution, so it may be can't succeed to reach the optimal solution. The steps of PSO algorithm are presented below:

- Initialization randomly of velocity and position for N particles ( $x_{ij} \& v_{ij}$ ).

- Set  $p_{best,i} = x_{ij}$ .
- Calculate  $g_{best}$  through iterative evaluation of fitness function.
- Update each particle's velocity and position.
- Run the load flow to obtain the cost function.
- Update  $p_{best,i} \& g_{best}$  according to the fitness value. Until stopping criterion.

## 4.4. Hybrid algorithms

This paper presented two methodologies for hybrid algorithms:

a. To reduce the complexity of computational, search space, the dimension of the optimization problem and increase the accuracy, a combination of analytical technique (LSF) and heuristic algorithms (SA, PSO) is used in two steps for solving the problem. The first step to determine the optimal location by using LSF and SA or PSO in second step for optimal size as demonstrated in Figure 3.



Figure 3. LSISA & LSIPSO algorithms

- b. To avoid the drawback of heuristic algorithm (SA & PSO), this paper suggested a new approach as presented in Figure 4, its concept based on combination of SA and PSO by two strategies:
- The first strategy is avoiding the defect of SA, which is updating the solution randomly until stopping criterion by a systematic approach to reach the optimal solution without falling into the problem of local minima. This methodology for systematic updating can be achieved by using the same manner in PSO.

- The second strategy is avoiding the defect of PSO, which is the falling into local optimum due to lower convergence precision. Therefore, an improved algorithm is proposed, which makes up for the deficiency of PSO by a stochastic approach using SA. At the high temperature the suggested strategy doesn't affect, but with decreasing temperature it can converge to the global optimal value based on controlled probability which help to escape from the local minima.



Figure 4. SAPSO algorithm (a) First strategy SAPSO1, (b) Second strategy SAPSO2

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## 5. TEST SYSTEM

The IEEE 33 bus distribution system [27] is used for testing the proposed algorithms. A single line diagram is illustrated in Figure 5, which has the total real power 3720 kw and reactive power 2300 kvar. The proposed methodologies are carried out by Matlab 2019 software using intel ® Core ™ i7-8550U CPU @ 1.80GHz 1.99 GHz, 16.0 GB RAM, 64-bit Operating System, x64-based processor.



Figure 5. IEEE-33 bus test system

#### 6. **RESULTS**

In LSF, as shown in Figure 6, bus 6 was chosen for DG placement based on the results in Table 1, which sets the candidate bus priority. Since it was a junction node of several branches, so voltage profile improvement was better in this case. Figure 7 shows the voltage profile before and after DG installation. Bus 18 is the farthest end from the supply node, so its voltage in the base scenario (without DG) is the lowest and its value is 0.90421 pu (unaccepted). Buses 6 to 18 and buses 26 to 33 have voltage profile within limits (accepted). Table 2, shows the most proper location and capacity of DG and corresponding the total losses for each scenario. Also, it is clear the minimum voltage bus and its value. This indicates that the proposed algorithms predict the optimal position and size for DGs with high efficiency and accuracy. To prove the effectiveness of the novel algorithms. By comparison, it demonstrated the ability of SAPSO2 to reduce system losses to the lowest possible value 67.8113 kw and increasing the voltage profile to the highest value 0.95896 pu (within accepted limit) simultaneously. In addition, the DG's capacity is the lowest, which means that the minimum cost is achieved.

The optimization process to reach the optimal solution for the constrained objective function can be implemented iteratively. Firstly, initialize the solution randomly then the solution updated iterative till it is reached to global optimal minimum real power loss is obtained, which around 67.8113 kw. Figure 8 illustrates the fitness function convergence for all algorithms. SAPSO algorithm have demonstrated the superiority through discovery the optimal solution to achieve global minimum fitness. Figure 8 shows the novelty of the SAPSO algorithm, which converges quickly before the other algorithms to achieve the optimal fitness function. Where SAPSO1, SAPSO2, LSIPSO, LSISA, PSO and SA reach after 10 iterations, 18 iterations, 33 iterations, 63 iterations, 40 iterations and 60 iterations, respectively.





Figure 6. Loss sensitivity index

Figure 7. Voltage profile for IEEE-33 bus test system

Table 1. LSF and VSF in IEEE-33bus test system

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Bus Number	LSF	VSF	Bus Number	LSF	VSF	Bus Number	LSF	VSF					
6	0.02327	0.99992	31	0.00605	0.96668	26	0.00259	0.99791					
8	0.02134	0.98496	30	0.00461	0.97106	15	0.00239	0.95953					
28	0.01211	0.98331	27	0.00341	0.99525	16	0.00236	0.95809					
9	0.01004	0.97837	14	0.00316	0.96100	11	0.00159	0.97137					
13	0.00984	0.96338	17	0.00292	0.95597	32	0.00124	0.96572					
10	0.00935	0.97228	12	0.00281	0.96979	18	0.00099	0.95534					
29	0.00866	0.97475	7	0.00280	0.99628	33	0.00030	0.96542					

Table 2. The performance analysis of proposed algorithms in IEEE-33bus test system

Scenarios	Power losses (kw)	Loss Reduction	Min Voltage (pu) & Bus Number		DG Location	DG Size P (kw) & Q (kvar)		
Base Case	210.0794	-	0.90421	18	-	-	-	
SA	70.1894	66.6%	0.95904	18	6	2935.6	1554.8	
PSO	67.8228	67.7%	0.95862	18	6	2528.3	1747.9	
LSI-SA	67.8118	67.7%	0.96041	18	6	2556.7	1750.0	
LSI-PSO	67.8113	67.7%	0.96010	18	6	2658.8	1619.6	
SA-PSO1	67.8123	67.7%	0.95872	18	6	2557.7	1748.4	
SA-PSO2	67.8113	67.7%	0.95896	18	6	2511.9	1530.5	



Figure 8. Convergence characteristic of proposed algorithms

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## 7. CONCLUSION

Due to ill-conditioned nature of RDNs, losses minimization and voltage profile enhancement have been of great concern. The integration of optimal placement and sizing of RDGs in RDS minimized the system losses and enhanced the voltage profile. The voltage profile improvement can be achieved within the network constraints, since the DGs is located closely at loads and can be partially supplied a real and reactive power to the loads. It can be concluded that, the optimal DG placement and sizing gives orientation for the economic planning and operation of power system in the modern integrated grid. This paper investigates the typical analytical, heuristic and hybrid integrating scheme to calculate the optimal placement and capacity of DGs.

In this paper, SA and PSO among heuristic techniques have been performed to solve the DGs problem. A new powerful evaluation algorithm LSISA and LSIPSO have been presented in this research. LSI is an efficient integrated method with SA and PSO algorithms for determining the optimal location and reduced the time simulation to reach the optimal solution through the most voltage sensitivity bus (the least VSF value) and power losses (the highest LSF value). The sensitivity factors reduced the search space and the dimension of the optimization problem by estimating the selected bus for DG sitting. LSI accuracy has been verified by the other proposed algorithms for finding the optimal solution.

A novel approach principle is proposed based on SA and PSO algorithms in one hybrid algorithm called SAPSO algorithm. The novelty of this algorithm based on two strategies: the first strategy is avoiding randomly generation and updating the solution in SA by using the same manner in PSO. The second strategy is avoiding the local minima problem in PSO because its particles may be failed to converge depend on its initial value, so it is integrated with SA in order to benefit from the probability rate to accept or discard the solution and escape from the local minimum.

The BFS algorithm is used for power flow calculations. The proposed algorithms have been tested on IEEE 33 bus system. The results proved the proposed algorithms have the capability to provide the optimal solution for the problem optimization. Furthermore, the results show the efficiency of these approaches for the voltage sag mitigation within limits and power loss reduction. Although the distinguished performance of all techniques in terms of solution and convergence performance, SAPSO algorithm have proved the superiority through finding the optimal solution rapidly, economically and accurately which allowing its application in the large-scale distribution systems. Finally, some recommendation to consider in the future work in this field: (a) the power factor while sizing DGs; (b) the reliability indices as an objective function combined with the mentioned objective function to have a reliable and secure distribution systems.

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