

Optimal Integration of the Renewable Energy to the Grid by Considering Small Signal Stability Constraint

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ABSTRACT

In recent decades, one of the main management's concerns of professional engineers is the optimal integration of various types of renewable energy to the grid. This paper discusses the optimal allocation of one type of renewable energy i.e. wind turbine to the grid for enhancing network's performance. A multi-objective function is used as indexes of the system's performance, such as increasing system loadability and minimizing the loss of real power transmission line by considering security and stability of systems' constraints viz.: voltage and line margins, and eigenvalues as well which is representing as small signal stability. To solve the optimization problems, a new method has been developed using a novel variant of the Genetic Algorithm (GA), specifically known as Non-dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm II (NSGA-II). Whereas the Fuzzy-based mechanism is used to support the decision makers prefer the best compromise solution from the Pareto front. The effectiveness of the developed method has been established on a modified IEEE 14-bus system with wind turbine system, and their simulation results showed that the dynamic performance of the power system can be effectively improved by considering the stability and security of the system.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The growing awareness of environmental issues and the efforts to reduce dependency on fossil fuel resources are bringing renewable energy resources to the mainstream power sector. Among the various renewable resources, wind power is assumed to have the most commercial technics and economic prospects. The integration of renewable energy which is represented as a Distributed Generation (DG) to the grid has received wide attention and scope in power system for several reasons [1]. First, DG helps to utilize the distributed but with small energy resources. Second, reducing the use of transmission capacity as most DG is located near the center of the load along with several types of DG also provide reactive power to support the power system. Third, as DG is located close to the load, thus it reduces transmission loss and at the same time improving system performance. The fourth advantage is to delay the investment in transmission lines and construction of large power plants. Above all, second option/advantage has been utilized in this chapter to enhance the system loadability by optimal placement of DGs in the network. However, some DGs, particularly wind generation system do not produce or almost negligible reactive power generate. Therefore, several other mechanisms have been used to compensate the reactive power requirement when DG did not generate/support.

Conversely, in recent years, integration of a wide variety of Distributed Generation (DG) technology in distribution networks has become one of the major management concerns for professional engineers. Some of the major technical benefits are improving voltage profile by reducing active power losses, enhancing system security and reliability for power quality improvement, increasing overall energy efficiency [2], relieving transmission, and distribution congestion. In addition, DGs are used near load center and so, it utilizes the available small energy resources very efficiently and effectively and, hence, improves the energy access as well [3]. Moreover, it also helps to secure and restore the network operation during emergency and/or after blackout. However, integration of a wide variety of DG technology in distribution networks has become one of the major management concerns for operational people.

Numerous works were made on the optimal allocation of DG for some different purposes. Different approach techniques have been suggested i.e., Genetic Algorithm (GA) [2], Quantum GA [4], a simple conventional iterative search technique [5] for optimal location and settings of multi-types of DG. [6] The optimal DG placement has been compared using CSA, GSA, PSO and GA for minimum real power loss in radial distribution system. However, the system stability and security constraints have not exclusively considered yet for maximizing the system loadability within any condition of the grid and their impact on the transmission loss with the DG placement.

From these literature works, it can be observed that most of the problems in optimal DG locations are often disclosed separately as a matter of mono-objective optimization [2],[4],[5], [6]. Awkwardly, the formulation of the problems as a mono-objective optimization is not quite practical. However, it is always good to utilize optimal DG placement with two conflicting objectives taking into account the security and stability of the system formulated as a multi-objective problem and solved simultaneously.

In this work, a multi-objective problem has been formulated for maximizing the system loadability by optimal location and settings of a DG, viz. wind generation system or farm while maintaining the system security and stability margin within acceptable range. By means of DG optimal placement, the system loadability has been maximized whereas the active power loss of the transmission line was minimized. The multi-objective problems have been solved simultaneously using the novel variant of GA specialized in multi-objective optimizations problem, namely the NSGA-II by optimal location and sizing of the DG. The suggested methodology has been effectively investigated on IEEE 14-bus systems and the results have been compared with literature work [4], [5], and [7].

2. RESEARCH METHOD

2.1. Modelling of DG

In this paper, one type of the wind turbines namely DFIG has been engaged which is applied for the energy conversion, called as variable speed systems, the power electronic interface which is used to connect the DG with utility, also provides some reactive power support [8]. The DFIG is a wound rotor induction generator with a voltage source converter connected to the slip-rings of the rotor. The stator winding is coupled directly to the grid and the rotor winding is connected to the grid via a power electronic converter. References [9] provide a detailed description of the operation of a DFIG which is incorporated in Power System Analysis Toolbox (PSAT).

2.2. Problem Formulation

As indicated, the goal of the stated optimization problem is the optimal placements of DG into power network in order to maximize the loadability and security margin, and to minimize the real power loss in transmission lines. The optimal location and sizing of DG is formulated as a real constrained mixed discrete continuous multi-objective optimization problem.

Therefore, the presented problem becomes a multi-objective optimization problem that has two objective functions to optimize simultaneously, which can be denoted as:

$$\text{Minimize } F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) = [F_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}), F_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})] \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Subject to : } \begin{cases} g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) = 0 & j = 1, \dots, M \\ h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \leq 0 & k = 1, \dots, K \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where F is known as the objective vector, F_1 and F_2 are the bi-objective functions to optimize, \mathbf{x} is the vector of dependent variables, and \mathbf{u} is the vector of control variables.

In all optimization problems, several cases in terms of the using of DG are considered namely:

- (1) Base case
- (2) Case-1: DG only

The objective functions considered in this paper are presented in detail as given below.

- a. Maximize the System Loadability within Security Margin

$$\text{Maximise } F_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) = \{\lambda_1\} \tag{3}$$

$$\text{Subject to } VL = \sum_{i=1}^{N_L} OLL_i + \sum_{j=1}^{N_E} BVV_j \tag{4}$$

where VL is the thermal and bus violation limit factor, OLL_i and BVV_j represent the overloaded line factor and branch the bus voltage violation factor respectively and will be expatiated on later; N_L and N_E are the total numbers of transmission lines and load buses respectively; and λ_1 is a load parameter of the system, which aims to find the maximum amount of power that the network is able to supply within system security margin.

The load parameter λ_1 in (5) is defined as a function of a load factor λ_f [10]:

$$\lambda_1 = \exp[\gamma|\lambda_f - \lambda_f^{\max}|] \quad \lambda_f \in [1, \lambda_f^{\max}] \tag{5}$$

where γ is the coefficient to adjust the slope of the function, and λ_f^{\max} is the maximal limit of λ_f . The load factor λ_f reflects the variation of power demands P_{Di} and Q_{Di} , which are defined as:

$$P_{Di}(\lambda_f) = \lambda_f P_{Di} \tag{6}$$

$$Q_{Di}(\lambda_f) = \lambda_f Q_{Di} \tag{7}$$

where $i = 1, \dots, N_D$ and N_D is the total number of power demand buses. $\lambda_f = 1$ indicates the base load case.

The index of system security state contains two parts. The first part, OLL_i , relates to the branch loading and penalizes overloads in the lines. The value of OLL_i equals to 1 if the j^{th} branch loading is less than its rating. OLL_i increases logarithmly (actual logarithm) with the overload and it can be calculated from:

$$OLL_i = \begin{cases} 1; & \text{if } P_{ij} \leq P_{ij}^{\max}, \\ \exp\left(\Gamma_{OLL} \left| 1 - \frac{P_{ij}}{P_{ij}^{\max}} \right| \right); & \text{if } P_{ij} \geq P_{ij}^{\max}, \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

where P_{ij} and P_{ij}^{\max} are the real power flow between buses i and j and the thermal limit for the line between buses i and j respectively. Γ_{OLL} is the coefficient which is used to adjust the slope of the exponential function.

The second part BVV_j in (9) concerns the voltage levels for each bus of the power network. The value of BVV_j is defined as:

$$BVV_j = \begin{cases} 1; & \text{if } 0.9 \leq V_b \leq 1.1 \\ \exp(\Gamma_{BVV} |1 - V_b|); & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{9}$$

where BVV_j is the bus voltage violation factor at bus j and Γ_{BVV} represents the coefficient used to adjust the slope of the exponential function in the above equation. The equation indicates that appropriate voltage magnitudes are close to 1 p.u. Similar to OLL_i , The value of BVV_j equals to 1 if the voltage level falls between the voltage minimal and maximal limits. Outside the range, BVV_j increases exponentially with the voltage deviation.

- b. Minimization of Real Power Loss of the Transmission Lines

This objective is to minimize the real power loss (P_{loss}) in the transmission lines which can be expressed as [11]:

$$\text{Minimize } P_{loss}$$

$$F_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) = P_{loss} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N [\alpha_{ij}(P_i P_j + Q_i Q_j) + \beta_{ij}(Q_i P_j + P_i Q_j)] \quad (10)$$

Where

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

$V_i \angle \delta_i$ complex voltage at the bus i^{th} ;
 $r_{ij} + jx_{ij} = Z_{ij}$ ij^{th} element of $[Zbus]$ impedance matrix;
 P_i and P_j active power injections at the i^{th} and j^{th} buses, respectively;
 Q_i and Q_j reactive power injections at the i^{th} and j^{th} buses, respectively;
 N number of buses.

c. Dependent Variables and Control Variables

In the two objective functions, \mathbf{x} is the vector of dependent variables such as slack bus power P_{G1} , load bus voltage $V_{m+1} \dots V_{Nb}$, generator reactive power outputs Q_G , and apparent power flow S_k ; \mathbf{x} can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{x}^T = [P_{G1}, V_{m+1} \dots V_{Nb}, Q_{G1} \dots Q_{GN_G}, S_1 \dots S_{N_L}] \quad (11)$$

Furthermore, \mathbf{u} is a set of control variables such as generator real power outputs P_G except at the slack bus P_{G1} , generator voltages V_G , the locations of the DG, L , and their setting parameters. \mathbf{u} can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{u}^T = [P_{G2} \dots P_{G_m}, P_{DG}, V_{G2} \dots V_{G_m}, L_1 \dots L_N, \lambda_f] \quad (12)$$

where, N is the number of DG to be optimally located. The equality and inequality constraints of the Newton Rhapsion power flow problem incorporating DG devices are given bellow.

d. Equality Constraints

These constraints represent the typical load flow equations as follows:

$$P_{G_i} = P_{D_i} + V_i \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} V_j (G_{ij} \cos \theta_{ij} - B_{ij} \sin \theta_{ij}), \quad (13)$$

$$i = 1, \dots, N_0$$

$$Q_{G_i} = Q_{D_i} + V_i \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} V_j (G_{ij} \sin \theta_{ij} - B_{ij} \cos \theta_{ij}), \quad (14)$$

$$i = 1, \dots, N_{PQ}$$

Where N_i is the number of buses adjacent to bus i including bus i , N_{PQ} and N_0 are the number of PQ buses and total buses excluding slack bus, respectively.

e. Inequality Constraints

The inequality constraints $h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})$ are the limits of control variables and state variables. Generator active power P_G , reactive power Q_G and voltage V_G are restricted by their limits as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{G_i}^{\min} &\leq P_{G_i} \leq P_{G_i}^{\max} & i = 1, \dots, N_G \\ Q_{G_i}^{\min} &\leq Q_{G_i} \leq Q_{G_i}^{\max} & i = 1, \dots, N_G \\ V_{G_i}^{\min} &\leq V_{G_i} \leq V_{G_i}^{\max} & i = 1, \dots, N_G \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

The setting parameters of SVC restricted by their limits as follows:

$$Q_{P_i}^{\min} \leq Q_{P_i} \leq Q_{P_i}^{\max} \quad i = 1, \dots, N_2 \quad (16)$$

The constraints of load voltages at load buses V_L and transmission loading P_L are represented as:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{L_i}^{\min} \leq V_{L_i} \leq V_{L_i}^{\max} \quad i = 1, \dots, N_L \\ |P_{L_i}| \leq P_{L_i}^{\max} \quad i = 1, \dots, N_E \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The load factor λ_f is constrained by its limits as:

$$1 \leq \lambda_f \leq \lambda_f^{\max} \quad (18)$$

f. Small Signal Stability Condition

The system used for the small signal stability analysis is a differential algebraic equation (DAE) set [9], in the form:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}} &= f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\ 0 &= g(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (19)$$

where, \mathbf{x} is the vector of the state variables and \mathbf{y} the vector of the algebraic variables, which are only voltages amplitudes V and phases θ . The system state matrix A_s is thus computed by manipulating the complete Jacobian matrix A_c , which is defined by the linearization of the DAE system equations (20) as follow [12]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x f & \nabla_y f \\ \nabla_x g & \nabla_y g \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{x} \\ \Delta \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{x} \\ \Delta \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{x} \\ \Delta \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

The state matrix A_s is simply obtained by eliminating the algebraic variables as follow:

$$A_s = F_x - F_y G_y^{-1} G_x \quad (21)$$

where, F_x, F_y, G_x, G_y are Jacobian Matrices as given in (21).

If the complex eigenvalues of the linearized system have negative real parts, then the power system would be able to withstand small disturbances and is thus, considered stable in the small-signal sense. The eigenvalue stability analysis is incorporated in the constraint by the equation (22) in PSAT:

$$E_i(F_x, F_y, G_y, G_x) = 0 \quad (22)$$

The eigenvalue based stability assures grid stability under various levels of system loadability.

2.3. NSGA-II Optimization Principle

The capabilities of multi-objective genetic algorithms (MOGAs) to explore and discover Pareto optimal fronts on multi-objective optimization problems have been well recognized. It has been shown that MOGAs outperform traditional deterministic methods to this type of problem due to their capacity to explore and combine various solutions to find the Pareto front in a single run. This paper has been implemented a multi-objective optimization technique called the Non-Dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm II (NSGA-II), which is described in detail by Deb et al. [13].

Once the Pareto optimal set is obtained, it is practical to choose one solution from all solutions that satisfy different goals to some extends. Due to the imprecise nature of the decision maker's (DM) judgment, it is natural to assume that DM may have fuzzy or imprecise nature goals of each objective function [14]. Hence, the membership functions are introduced to represents the goals of each objective function; each membership function is defined by the experiences and intuitive knowledge of the decision maker. In this study, a simple linear membership function was considered for each of the objective functions. The membership function is defined as follows [14]:

$$\mu_i = \begin{cases} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{F_i^{\max} - F_i}{F_i^{\max} - F_i^{\min}} & F_i^{\min} < F_i < F_i^{\max} \\ 0 & 0 \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

Where F_i^{\min} and F_i^{\max} are the minimum and the maximum value of the i^{th} objective function among all non-dominated solutions, respectively. The membership function μ is varied between 0 and 1, where $\mu = 0$ indicates the incompatibility of the solution with the set, while $\mu = 1$ means full compatibility. For each non-dominated solution k , the normalized membership function μ^k is calculated as:

$$\mu^k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{obj}} \mu_i^k}{\sum_{k=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^{N_{obj}} \mu_i^k} \quad (24)$$

where, M is the number of non-dominated solutions and N_{obj} is the number of objective functions. The function k can be considered as a membership function of non-dominated solutions in a fuzzy set, where the solution having the maximum membership in the fuzzy set is considered as the best compromise solution.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The NSGA II algorithm is carried out in the modified IEEE 14-bus test system [9],[15]. The type of DG incorporated in this simulation is Variable Speed Wind Turbine with DFIG which injects both active and reactive power. The loads are typically represented as constant PQ loads with constant power factor, and increased according to (7) and (8). The DG should be formed at low voltage side, consisting of buses. The number of DG is specified by user, here as equal one and only DG type 3 considered. The parameters of NSGA-II for all optimization cases are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. NSGA Parameters

Population	Generations	Pool size	Tour Size	η_c	η_m
100	100	25	2	20	20

From above condition with population size of 100 and after 100 iterations, 100 dominated solutions are found by the proposed algorithm.

- *IEEE 14-bus system*

This test system [9],[15] consists of two generators, located at buses-1 and 2; three synchronous compensators are used only for reactive power support at buses-3, 6, and 8.

The best locations, settings, maximum SL (MSL) and minimum P_{loss} have been obtained using the NSGA-II technique for each case as given in Tables 2 and 3. The Pareto fronts for the best compromise solutions of all cases for the bi-objective optimizations are also presented in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively.

- *Basecase: without DG*

Table 2. Load Flow Result of Basecase for Bi-Objective Optimization of IEEE 14-Bus System

	Location	Sizing		SL(F ₁)	P _{loss} (F ₂)
	(bus)	MW	MVAR	(%)	(%)
Best SL	-	-	-	149.59	9.274
Best P _{loss}	-	-	-	111.51	5.627
Best CS	-	-	-	114.40	5.751

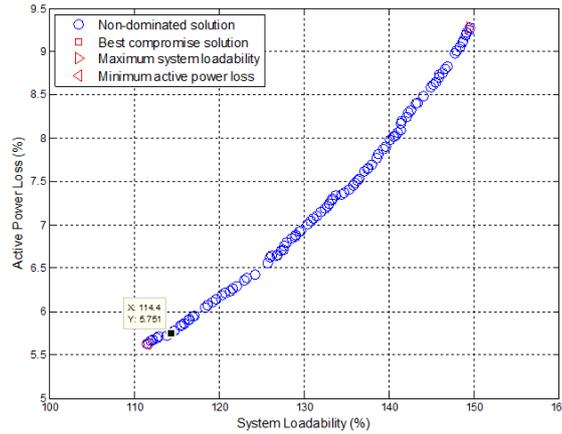


Figure 1. Pareto front of base case for bi-objective optimization of IEEE 14-bus system

• *Case-1: With DG*

Figure 2 shows the Pareto front of the optimization problem Case-1, in the objective space: maximizing system loadability (SL) and minimizing real system power loss (P_{loss}). This set of solutions on the non-dominated frontier is used by the decision maker as the input to select a final compromise solution by using the normalized membership function in (25). The obtained results presented in Table 3 indicate that the best compromise solution of configuration plan of DG placement within the system by considering small signal stability constraint is found at bus 5 with size of 49.91 MW and -11.56 MVAR. Moreover, the installation of the DG at bus 8 provides the best SL of 186.1 % as well but with the P_{loss} of 0.4885 p.u. (13.87 %) which is the highest ones in this case. In addition, this SL is quite large compare with the result obtained in base case as given in Table 2. In the same table, it can be observed that the best P_{loss} in this case has been obtained of 8.068 % by installing the DG at bus 14 but it can increase the SL only 129.113 %. This SL is the lowest SL the case-1.

The eigenvalue, which represented the stability of system in term of small signal stability at the best compromise solution is depicted in Fig. 3. It is evident that the installation of Wind Turbine assures grid stability with all the eigenvalues in the left hand side of the S-plane during the best compromise solution. Furthermore, the graph does not include the far end stable eigenvalues (real eigenvalue less than -3) in the chart.

Table 3. Optimal Placement of DG for bi-objective optimization of IEEE 14-bus System

	Location (bus)	Sizing		$SL(F_1)$ (%)	$P_{loss}(F_2)$ (%)
		MW	MVAR		
Best SL	8	87.52	-3.24	186.1	13.87
Best P_{loss}	14	47.47	-17.34	129.113	8.068
Best CS	5	49.91	-11.46	134.1	8.184

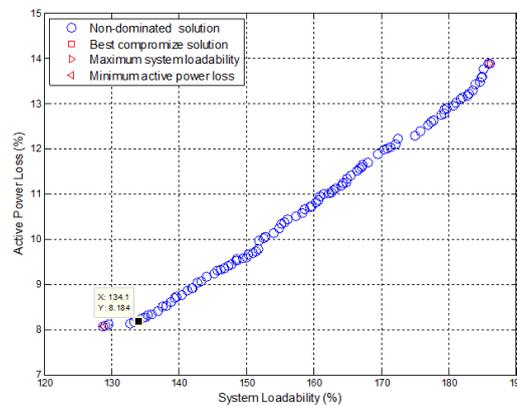


Figure 2. Pareto front of optimal location and size for bi-objective optimization of IEEE 14-bus system

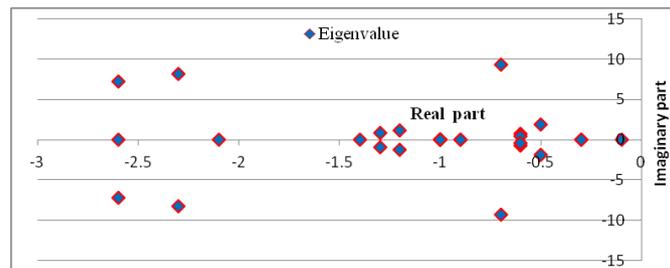


Figure 3. Eigenvalue of optimal location and size for bi-objective optimization of IEEE 14-bus system

The results obtained by applying the NSG-II technique for IEEE 14-bus system is compared with the results reported in [4], [5] and [7] as shown in Table 4. From this table, it can be seen that installing a DG at the suitable location in the system, the maximum SL (MSL), size of DG, and P_{loss} obtained by proposed method is 134.1 % , 47.47 MW and 26.9 MW, respectively.

When compare with [5], the proposed results need more 31.47 MW size of DG to increase system loadability of 34.1 % but P_{loss} is higher 15.2 MW than the result in [5]. With the location at bus 14, the result obtained in [7] requires less 7.47 MW size of DG compare with the proposed method to find P_{loss} of 28.83 MW. The P_{loss} is higher 7.17 % compared with the proposed method. Whereas the result reported in [4], it needed 8 DG with the total size of 217.91 MW to find the P_{loss} of 4.84 MW without increasing the system loadability. These size are increasing quite large (359 %) with P_{loss} decreased only 22.06 MW compared with the obtained result in this work. Moreover, maximization of system loadability by considering all stability constraints of the standard IEEE 14-bus test system are not incorporated in [4], [5] and [7]. Therefore, the suggested approach in this paper has been found as more suitable and practical compared with reported literature for similar work.

Table 4. Optimal location, Max SL, Size, P_{loss} and Maximum Number of DG (N) in IEEE 14-bus System

Obtained Results of DG placement	N	MSL (%)	Total Size (MW)	P_{loss} (MW)	Optimal Locations (bus)	Considered stability (section 2.2. f)
Proposed method	1	134.1	47.47	26.9	5	Yes
[4]	8	100	217.91	4.84	3,7,9,10,11,12,13, and 14	No
[5]	1	100	16	11.70	8	No
[7]	2	100	40	28.83	14	No

4. CONCLUSION

A Novel approach based on NSGA-II has been presented in this work and applied to optimal location, setting and sizing of one type renewable energy represented by a DG in power network by considering not only security system but also small signal stability constraint. The problem is formulated as a real mixed continuous integer bi-objective optimization problem, where two conflicting objective problems have been simultaneously considered viz.: maximizing system loadability (SL) and minimizing real power losses (P_{loss}). In each case, the optimal location, setting and sizing of the DG are performed for several uses of the devices by considering security and small signal stability constraints. Moreover, a fuzzy based mechanism is employed to extract the best compromise solution from the Pareto front. The results show that NSGA-II provides well distributed non dominated solutions and well exploration of the research space.

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