

Optimal placement of SVCs & IPFCs in an Electrical Power System

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Abstract: To maintain voltage & power losses are within the acceptable limits at normal, over load and contingency conditions different types of techniques are used in power system. FACTS devices are more predominated than compared to other techniques. But, the cost of the FACTS devices are costlier, were optimally placed using a heuristic method. In this paper SVCs & IPFCs are optimally placed in different load & contingency conditions using PSO. The simulations are performed on an IEEE 30-bus system and results are presented.

Keywords: SVC, IPFC, over load, Contingency, Power loss, Voltage profile, PSO, IEEE 30 bus.

I. INTRODUCTION

The problem of optimal location of FACTS devices is modeled as an optimization technique. The aim is to find the maximum amount of power that the power system is able to supply without overloading the lines and acceptable voltage limits. And also to maintain voltage & power losses are within the acceptable limits at normal, over load and contingency conditions different types of techniques are used in power system. FACTS devices are more predominated than compared to other techniques.

In normal operating conditions, the power system losses are the minimum and voltages are prescribed limits. The power system may be collapse due to the following reasons such as outage of a generating unit or of a line, sudden increasing or decreasing of the power demand. Most of the times, the system may remains as it original state within the limitations of voltage & power. But sometimes, it does not become to its original state. This phenomenon is called contingency. In previews, the research engineers are found an optimal location of FACTS devices like SVC, TCSC, and UPFC at different load conditions (1, 3, 4).

In this paper, a new research method is implemented on an optimal location of SVC and IPFC in normal, over load and as well as contingency conditions (2). In recent decades, different types of biological optimization techniques like GA, PSO, AC, EP,DE etc are implemented. In this research, DE technique is used to optimal location of devices. The simulations are performed on a modified IEEE 30 bus system and results are presented at different contingency conditions.

Problem Formulation:

The power flow through any transmission line can be obtained by using the equation

$$P_{ij} = (V_i V_j \sin \theta_{ij}) / X_{ij}$$
$$Q_{ij} = V_i (V_i - V_j \cos \theta_{ij}) / X_{ij}$$

Where P_{ij} is the active power flow through the transmission line i to j, Q_{ij} is the reactive power flow through the transmission line i to j, V_i, V_j are the bus voltage magnitudes, X_{ij} is the reactance of the transmission line & θ_{ij} is the phase angle between i and j buses.

The power flow through the transmission line can be controlled by changing any one of the above mentioned parameters using different types of FACTS devices. In this paper two types of FACTS devices are used one is SVC, which is the basic model of shunt type of FACTS device and other is IPFC, which is latest version of FACTS device.

Mathematical models of FACTS devices:

The main aim of this objective is to perform a best utilization of the existing transmission lines in normal conditions by an optimal location of FACTS devices in a network.

II. STATIC VAR COMPENSATOR

The Static var compensator is a shunt type of FACTS devices, which absorbs or injects reactive power at which it is connected. The size of the SVC is depends on the rating of current and reactive power injected into the bus.

III. INTERLINE POWER FLOW CONTROLLER

The IPFC is a series-series type of FACTS device, which is used to exchange reactive powers in between two or more transmission lines those are connected to the same bus.

Partial Swarm Optimization:

The step by step procedure for the proposed optimal placement of SVC and IPFC devices using PSO is given below:

- Step 1: The number of devices to be placed is declared. The load flow is performed.
- Step 2: The initial population of individuals is created satisfying the SVC & IPFC constraints.
- Step 3: For each individual in the population, the fitness function is evaluated after running the load flow.
- Step 4: The velocity is updated and new population is created.
- Step 5: If maximum iteration number is reached, then go to next step else go to step 3.
- Step 6: Print the best results.
- Step 7: stop

IV. A CASE STUDY

The PSO based optimal placement of SVCs & IPFCs was implemented using MATLAB 7.5. The system tested on an IEEE 30-bus system.

The following parameters are used for PSO based optimal location of FACTS devices.

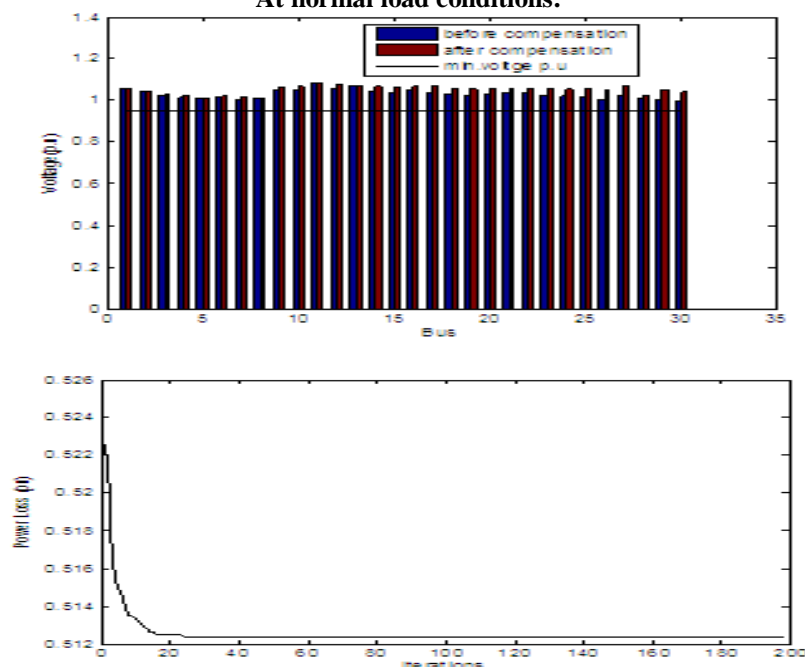
- Population =50
- Maximum iterations=200
- Wmax=0.9 and Wmin=0.4
- Acceleration constants C1=1.4 and C2=1.4

The type of the device, the location and rating of the devices are found in normal, over load and contingency conditions. The voltages at each bus, total power losses, the location of different types of FACTS devices and its ratings are mentioned.

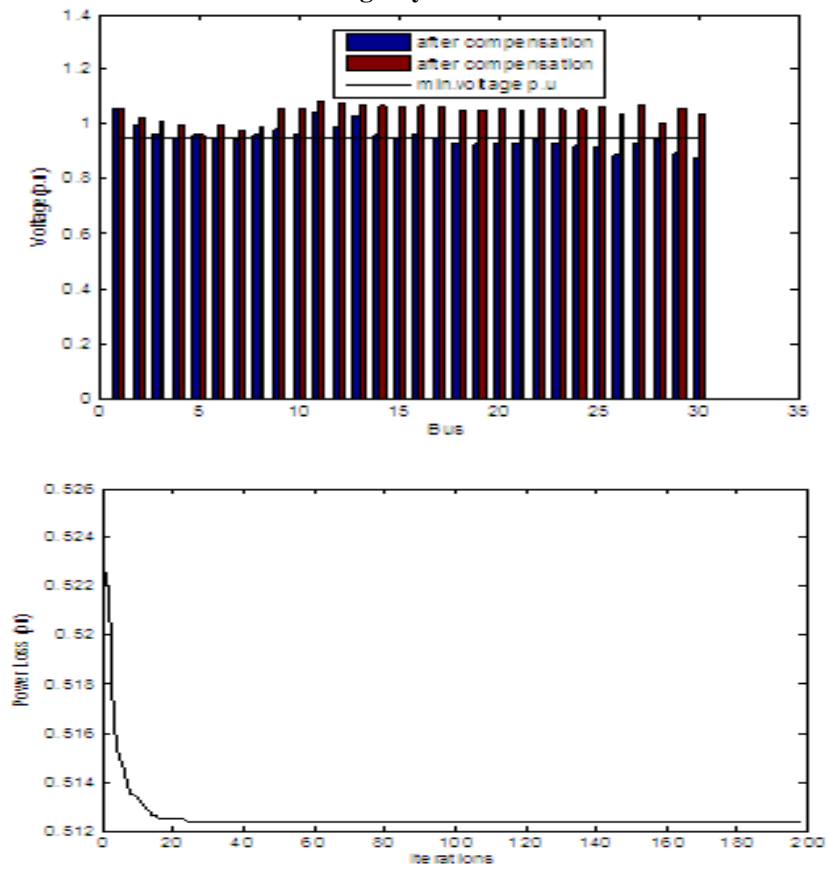
The locations of SVCs are considered at all the buses and three numbers of IPFCs are considered in IEEE 30 bus system.

	Before compensation the real power losses	After compensation the real power losses
Normal load conditions	17.5985	17.2631
Different load conditions	55.8193	52.3394
Contingency conditions (between 21 & 22)	55.8382	51.6348

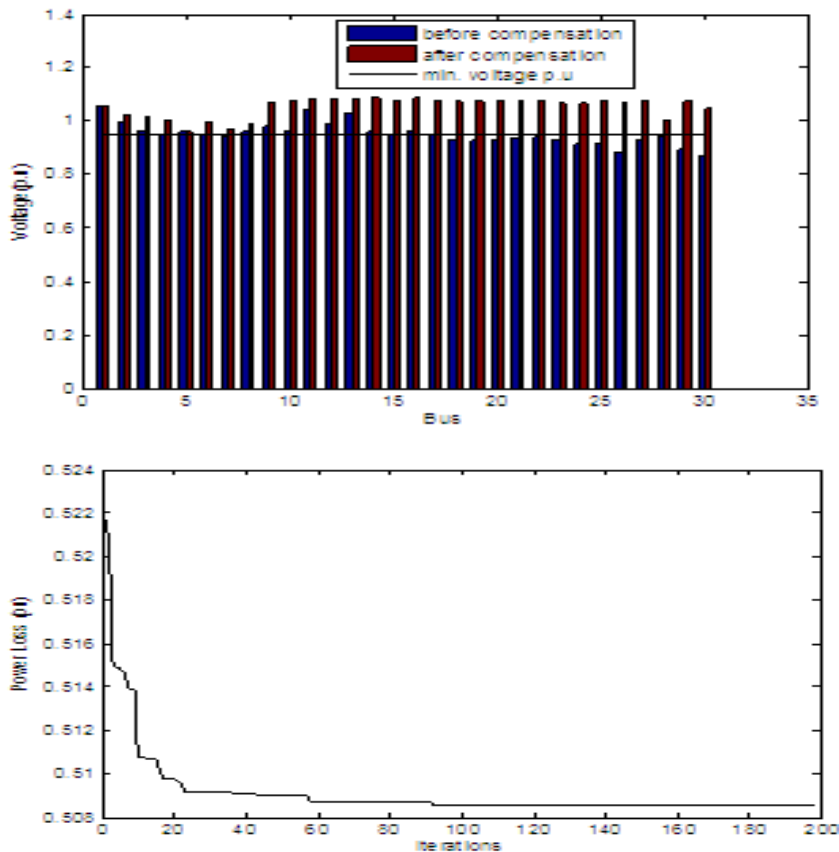
At normal load conditions:



Contingency conditions:



At different conditions:



Optimal location of SVCs & IPFCs in different conditions and its ratings in Mvar:

Optimal location of SVC at each bus	At normal conditions	At 1.6 base load at each bus conditions	Contingency conditions
1	4	8	4
2	2	12	2
3	0	12	8
4	14	13	9
5	9	12	0
6	1	14	7
7	13	8	18
8	0	0	3
9	0	5	6
10	9	16	9
11	0	2	6
12	2	0	8
13	1	0	8
14	3	14	7
15	2	4	8
16	2	15	6
17	8	2	13
18	3	7	1
19	0	8	4
20	3	4	7
21	2	14	14
22	6	17	2
23	2	0	2
24	6	11	12
25	0	2	6
26	2	6	0
27	4	4	7
28	0	0	4
29	1	1	6
30	2	1	3

Optimal location of IPFC (between the ines)	At normal load conditions	At 1.6 base load at each bus conditions	At ontingency conditions
2-5 & 2-6	4.0771	5.9905	5.2694
6-8 & 6-9	2.2929	0.8277	8.2119
12-13 & 12-15	4.9054	6.5346	13.4279

By comparing the above cases, the total power losses of the system are reduced and voltage levels are improved by the optimal location of SVC & IPFC type of FACTS devices in an electrical power network.

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the optimal location of IPFC and SVC are studied at normal load conditions and various parameters such as voltage profile and real and reactive power flow in transmission lines are investigated using PSO. In this paper, we have proposed a PSO algorithm to place a combination of both SVC and IPFC devices. The future scope of this paper is a complete cost benefit analysis has to be carried out to justify the economic viability of the SVC and IPFC using different combination of optimization techniques.

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