



## IMPROVEMENT OF VOLTAGE STABILITY OF THE POWER SYSTEM USING OPTIMAL PLACEMENT OF UPFC GIVEN BY CUCKOO SEARCH ALGORITHM

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### ABSTRACT

In this document, the Cuckoo Search (CS) algorithm based optimal location of UPFC to improve the voltage stability of the power system is proposed. The novelty of the proposed method is exemplified in the improved searching ability, random reduction and reduced complexity. In this regard, the generator outage affects the system voltage stability constraints such as voltage, power loss, real and reactive power. Here, the CS technique optimizes the maximum power loss line as the suitable location of the UPFC. The affected voltage stability constraints are restored into secure limits by connecting UPFC at optimum location given CS algorithm. The proposed method is implemented in the MATLAB/Simulink platform and tested under IEEE 14 standard bench mark system. The proposed method performance is evaluated by comparison with those of different techniques such as ABC, GSA & Bat algorithms. The comparison results invariably prove the effectiveness of the proposed method and confirm its potential to solve the related problems.

**KEYWORDS:** CS, voltage stability, UPFC, real power, reactive power.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The amount of electric power by safety and steadiness restraints, that can be passed on between two positions via a transmission network is limited.<sup>[1]</sup> Electric power systems have been forced to work to more or less their full capacities around the world due to the environmental and economic limitations to upright new generating plants and transmission

lines.<sup>[2]</sup> Power flow in the lines and transformers should not be allowed to increase to a level where a arbitrary incident could cause the network fall down as cascaded outages.<sup>[3]</sup>

New opportunities for controlling power and enhancing the utilizable capacity of surviving transmission lines are discharged up by the look of FACTS tools.<sup>[4]</sup> FACTS is recognized as "a power electronic based system and other fixed device that present control of one or more AC transmission system parameters to develop controllability and increase power transfer capability".<sup>[5]</sup> The different types of FACTS devices available for this purpose includes Static Var Compensator (SVC), Thyristor controlled series Capacitor (TCSC), Static Synchronous series compensator (SSSC), Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM), Unified Power Flow Controller (UPFC) and Interlink Power Flow Controller (IPFC),<sup>[6]</sup> UPFC is one of the FACTS devices among them that can administer the power flow in transmission line by including active and reactive voltage component in chain with the transmission line.<sup>[7]</sup>

An optimal location of UPFC device allows to control its power flows for a interconnected network, and as a result to increase the system load ability.<sup>[8]</sup> The optimal location particular number of FACTS in a power system is a hinder of combinatorial revise.<sup>[9]</sup> Different types of optimization algorithm have been used to effort out this kind of problem, such as genetic algorithms, reproduced annealing, tabu search and etc.<sup>[10]</sup>

This paper presents the Cuckoo search algorithm based optimal location of UPFC to improve the voltage stability of the power system. Here, the CS technique optimizes the maximum power loss line as the suitable location of the UPFC. The affected location parameters and voltage deviations are restored into secure limits using the UPFC at optimal location. Power flows are analyzed before and after connecting UPFC. Rest of the paper sorted by the following: the recent analysis works is usually reviewed throughout section 2; the proposed work elaborate the evidence is usually described throughout section 3; the suggested techniques approach good results effects as well as the related discussions receive throughout section 4; as well as section 5 conclude the paper

## 2. Recent Research Work: A Brief Review

Numbers of related works are available in literature, which based on improving the power transfer capability and voltage stability of power system. Some of them are reviewed here.

H.I. Shaheen *et al.* has been scrutinized the competence of the optimal location of UPFC for enhancing the safety of power systems under single line contingencies.<sup>[11]</sup> DE has been

successfully used to the problem under distress. Maximization of power system security was considered as the optimization rule. They were performed two case studies using IEEE 14-bus system and IEEE 30-bus system.

Seyed Abbas Taher et al. have got introduced this demands connected with hybrid immune algorithm to have the optimum location of UPFCs for attaining minimum total active and reactive power production cost of generators and reducing the installation cost of UPFCs.<sup>[12]</sup> They executed simulations upon IEEE 14-bus and 30-bus test system.

A. R. Phadke et al. have suggested an approach regarding engagement and sizing of shunt FACTS controller by means of Fuzzy logic and Real Coded Genetic Algorithm.<sup>[13]</sup> A fuzzy appearance index according to distance to impede node bifurcation, voltage profile and capacity of shunt FACTS controller is proposed. The proposed strategy has been used with IEEE 14-bus along with IEEE 57-bus test systems.

Lokman H.Hassan *et al.*<sup>[14]</sup> have demonstrated the application of Genetic Algorithm (GA) technique for the simultaneous stabilization of power systems using a Unified Power Flow Controller (UPFC). The GA was applied to find the optimal location of the UPFC and to tune its control parameters under different operating conditions. The approach was successfully tested on the 16-machine 68-bus New England–New York interconnected system.

Mehrdad Tarafdar Hagh *et al.*<sup>[15]</sup> have presented a novel method to solve security based optimal placement and parameter setting of unified power flow controller (UPFC) problem based on hybrid group search optimization (HGSO) technique. Simulation studies are carried out on the IEEE 6-bus, IEEE 14-bus and IEEE 30-bus system.

A. Vijay kumar has suggested the Artificial bee colony algorithm for finding optimal location of UPFC to improve voltage stability of the power system.<sup>[16]</sup> He used MATLAB and conducted studies on IEEE 30 bus system.

B. Vijay kumar has suggested the Gravitational search algorithm for finding optimal location of UPFC to improve voltage stability of the power system.<sup>[17]</sup> He used MATLAB and conducted studies on IEEE 14 bus system.

The heavily loaded lines, sustain the bus voltages at desired levels, and enhance the stability of the power network are increased uncontrolled exchanges in power systems. For that

reason, power systems need to be supervised in sequence to make use of the obtainable network competently. FACTS devices depends on the advance of semiconductor technology released positive latest prospects for controlling the power flow and expanding the loadability of the accessible power transmission system. Among the FACTS devices, the UPFC is one of the most promising FACTS devices for load flow control seeing as it can either concurrently manage the active and reactive power flow alongside the lines in addition to the nodal voltages. As per the characteristics of the UPFC, scheduling the implementations, it has some practical concern for finding the optimal location. In practically, the optimal location of UPFC tends not by randomly, and the matching methodical exploration is not frequently adequate. Several researches have effort to solve the optimal location of UPFCs with respect to different purposes and methods. For determining the optimal location, the operating condition of UPFC must be pre-assigned. Some of the optimization algorithms are introduced to determine the location and size of UPFC such as genetic algorithm, particle swarm optimization, differential evaluation and etc. This cannot be utilizing to find the capacity and location in same time so that the hybrid approach is needed. The proposed method is briefly described in the following section 3.

### 3. Proposed methodology

#### 3.1. UPFC model and power flow equation

In two machine system, the figure 1 displays the conceptual representation of UPFC. The UPFC contains two switching converters, which are activated from a common dc link offered by a dc storage capacitor.<sup>[18]</sup> The power flow for a two-bus system depends on the magnitude of bus voltages, their phase difference and the impedance of the transmission line in a power system. At the UPFC terminals the UPFC permits concurrent control of the active and reactive power flow and voltage magnitude. On the other hand, the controller may be placed to control one or more of these parameters in any combination or to control none of them.<sup>[19]</sup> In the Fig.1, the UPFC is connected between the buses  $i$  and  $j$ , where shunt converter and series converters are connected to the transmission line via shunt and series transformers. By the shunt converter through the common DC link, the real power demanded by the series converter is delivered from the AC power system. The shunt converter is proficient to deliver or absorb controllable reactive power in both operating modes (i.e., inverter and rectifier).<sup>[20]</sup> At a specified value, the independently controlled shunt reactive compensation can be applied to sustain the shunt converter terminal AC voltage magnitude. The equivalent circuit of the UPFC is described in the following Fig. 2.

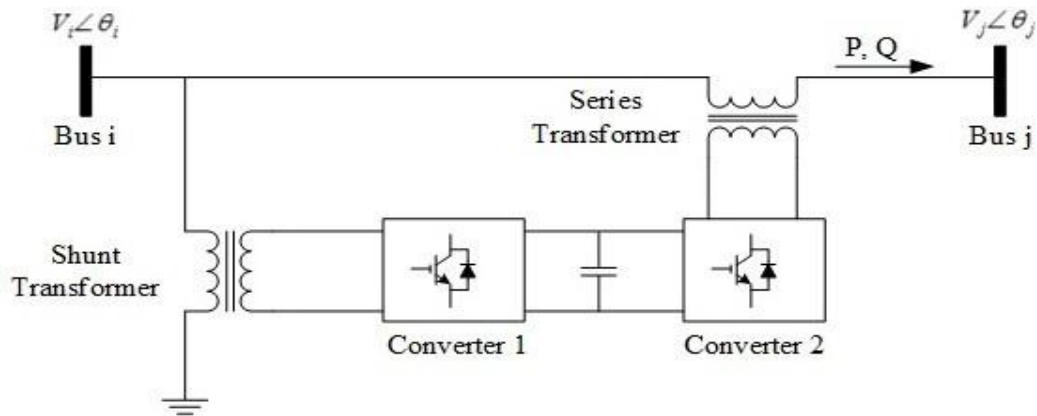


Figure 1: UPFC installation between the buses.

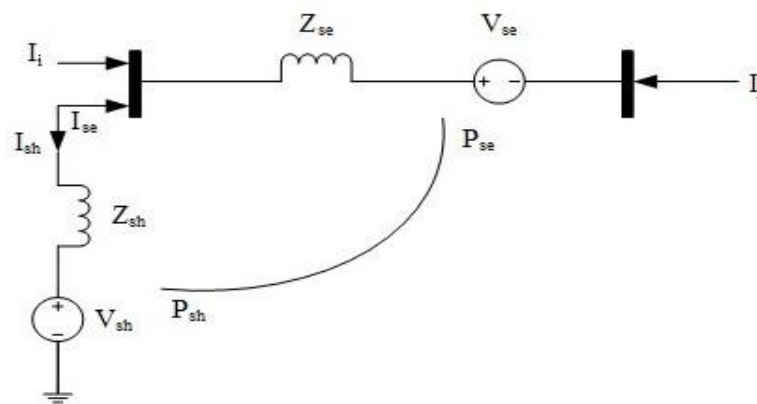


Figure 2: UPFC equivalent circuit model.

Based on the equivalent circuit, the active and reactive power equations are described in the following equations (3.1) and (3.2). Using the power flow equations, the power injection at each node can be obtained from the equivalent circuit model. The power flow equations from node  $i$  to  $j$  and  $j$  to  $i$  are described in the following equations.<sup>[21,22]</sup>

Power flows from  $i$  to  $j$ :

$$P_{ij}(t) = (V_i^{2(t)} + V_{kl}^{2(t)})G_{ij}^{(t)} + 2V_i^{(t)}V_{kl}^{(t)}G_{ij}^{(t)}\cos(\alpha_{kl} - \phi_j) - V_j^{(t)}V_{kl}^{(t)}[G_{ij}^{(t)}\cos(\alpha_{kl} - \phi_j) + b_{ij}^{(t)}(\sin\alpha_{kl} - \phi_j)] - V_i^{(t)}V_j^{(t)}(G_{ij}^{(t)}\cos\phi_{ij} + b_{ij}^{(t)}\sin\phi_{ij}) \quad (3.1)$$

$$Q_{ij}(t) = -V_i^{(t)}I^{(t)} - V_i^{2(t)}(b_{ij}^{(t)} + B/2) - V_i^{(t)}V_{kl}^{(t)}[G_{ij}^{(t)}\sin(\alpha_{kl} - \phi_i) + b_{ij}^{(t)}(\cos\alpha_{kl} - \phi_i)] - V_i^{(t)}V_j^{(t)}(G_{ij}^{(t)}\sin\phi_{ij} - b_{ij}^{(t)}\cos\phi_{ij}) \quad (3.2)$$

Where,  $G_{ij} + jb_{ij} = \frac{1}{R_{ij} + jX_{ij}}$ ;  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  are the voltage of the buses  $i$  and  $j$  respectively and  $V_{kl}$  is the voltage of the compensating device.

The problem formulation of voltage stability is briefly explained in the following section 3.1.

### 3.2. Problem formulation of voltage Stability

The voltage stability is a nonlinear optimization problem. The main goal of the voltage stability should maintain the control variables at the secure limits. The control variables in terms of a certain objective function subjected to various equality and inequality constraints. The required objective function is mathematically described in the following equations (3.3),

(3.4) and (3.5).

$$\text{Minimize } F(t,u) \quad (3.3)$$

$$\text{Subject to } g(t,u) = 0 \quad (3.4)$$

$$h(t,u) \leq 0 \quad (3.5)$$

Where,  $F(t,u)$  is the objective function of the voltage stability, which minimizes voltage deviation. Then,  $g(t,u)$  are the equality constraints and  $h(t,u)$  are the inequality constraints.

The equality and inequality constraints are explained in the following section (i).

#### (i). Equality constraints

This section explains the power system equality constraints. Here, the power system generators need to ensure the customers total demand and the transmission loss. It is also known as power balance condition of the power system. The power balance condition is described in the following equation (3.6).

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_B} P_G^i = P_D + \sum_{i=1}^{N_B} (P_L^i) \quad (3.6)$$

Loss of the  $i^{th}$  bus, The real power loss can be calculated in the following equations (3.7).

$$P_L^i = |V_i| |V_j| |Y_{ij}| \sum_{j=1}^N \cos(\alpha_{ij} - \delta_i - \delta_j) \quad (3.7)$$

Where,  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  are the voltage of the buses  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $Y_{ij}$  is the bus admittance matrix,  $\alpha_{ij}$  is

the angle between the buses  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $\delta_i$  and  $\delta_j$  are the load angle of  $i$  and  $j$ . The inequality constraints are explained in the following section (ii).

### (ii). Inequality Constraints

This section describes the inequality constraints of the power system, i.e., voltage limits. These constraints should be maintained at the stability limit, because the voltage stability mainly considers the voltage deviations of every node. The stable voltage limit of the every node may be  $0.95$  to  $1.05$  pu. The change in voltage can be described by the following equations (3.8) and (3.9).

$$\Delta V_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{l}} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^l (V_i^k)^2} \quad (3.8)$$

$$\text{Where, } V_i^k = V_{slack} - \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \left( \frac{P_i - jQ_i}{V_i} \right) \quad (3.9)$$

With,  $V_{slack}$  is the slack bus voltage,  $V_i$  is the voltage stability index of the bus  $i$ ,  $V_i$  is voltage of the bus, where  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ ,  $Z$  is the impedance of the  $i^{th}$  bus,  $P$  and  $Q$  are the real and reactive power of bus  $i$  and  $j$  is the number of nodes. The bus voltage lies between the limits, i.e.,  $V^{\min} \leq V \leq V^{\max}$ .

During the generator fault condition, the power flow constraints are affected, which makes the instability in the system. In these conditions, the voltage stability is achieved by selecting the optimum location of the UPFC using the proposed method. The proposed method is briefly explained in the following section 3.3.

### 3.3. Optimization of UPFC location using CS technique

In 2009 [23], Xin-She Yang and Suash Deb proposed a CS algorithm which is an optimization algorithm. On the basis of cuckoo's behavior it functions and the mechanism of Levy flights [24,25] have guided to design searching of optimal solutions. The IEEE standard bench mark system load flow analysis has been done by using the Newton Raphson (N-R) method. Initially the normal power flow of the system is analyzed. Then different types of generator fault are introduced in the generator bus, which ensures the voltage stability constraints away from the secure limit. During this condition, the CS technique optimizes the

location to place the UPFC based on the objective function, i.e., minimum voltage deviations at the buses

### Steps to find the optimum location

**Step 1:** Initialize the input host nest and cuckoo parameters such as power flow equation of the UPFC and bus system voltage.

**Step 2:** Generate the random population of  $n$  host nests using the following equation (3.10).

$$X_i = [X_1, X_2 \dots X_n] \quad (3.10)$$

**Step 3:** Set the iteration count  $k=1$ .

**Step 4:** Evaluate the objective function for each parameters.

**Step 5:** Determine the maximum and minimum fitness of the initial population. From the solutions minimum values are selected as the best solutions.

**Step 6:** Generate the new solution  $X_i^{t+1}$  for cuckoo  $i$  using levy flight, which can be represented as follows

$$X_i^{t+1} = X_i^t + \alpha \oplus Levy(\lambda) \quad (3.11)$$

Where,  $\alpha$  is the step size, which should be related to the scale of the problem of interest, and the product means entry-wise multiplications. In this work, we consider Levy flight in which the step-lengths are distributed according to the following probability distribution.

$$Levy(\lambda) = t^{-\lambda}, 1 < \lambda \leq 3 \quad (3.12)$$

**Step 7:** Find the worst nests based on the probability ( $p_a$ ) and replace the worst nests by new set of solutions.

**Step 8:** Check the termination criteria. If it is met, then go to step 9, otherwise go to step 3.

**Step 9:** Terminate the process.



Once the above process is over the system is to provide the optimum location of the UPFC at the corresponding generator outage conditions.

The proposed technique is tested in the MATLAB/simulink platform and the results are analyzed in Section 4.

#### **4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The proposed method is implemented in MATLAB/Simulink 7.10.0 (R2012a) platform, 4GB RAM and Intel(R) core(TM) i5. The proposed method is tested under different IEEE benchmark systems such as IEEE 14 bus system. The effectiveness of the proposed method is observed from a comparative analysis between ABC, GSA techniques. The proposed method is applied on the IEEE 14 bus system and discussed in the following Section 4.1.

##### **4.1. Validation of IEEE 14 bus system**

The Section details the employment of proposed technique in IEEE 14 bus system, which has two generator buses. One among the two generators is in slack bus and the remainder is in the second bus. Figure 3 illustrates the structure of IEEE 14 bus test system. The load flow solution at normal condition is estimated by means of N-R load flow analysis, which recognizes the entire system load flow parameters and the dynamic stability constraints. The single generator outage is introduced in the IEEE 14 bus system. This increases the complexity of the system power flow and control variables and so voltage instability and increased power loss occur. However, the problem can be overcome by identifying the optimum location and by connecting UPFC with appropriate capacity. The single generator outage power loss comparison is tabulated in Table 1. The proposed technique decreases the power loss of IEEE 14 bus system to 8.720 MW. It is relatively better than GSA and Bat algorithms.

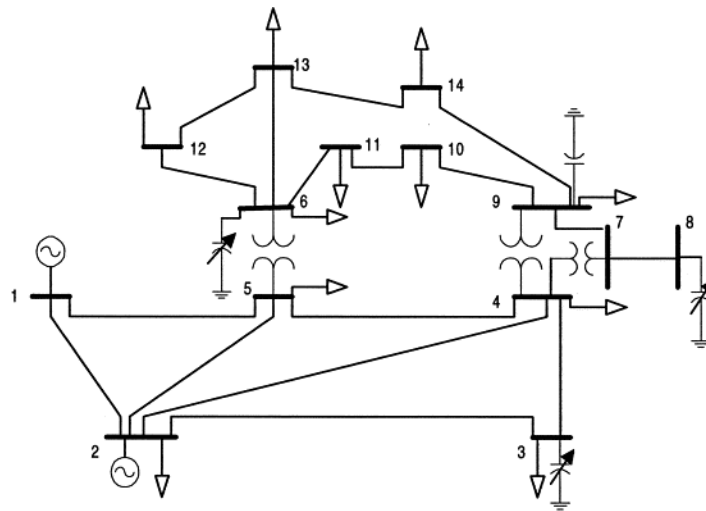


Figure 3: IEEE 14 bus system structure.

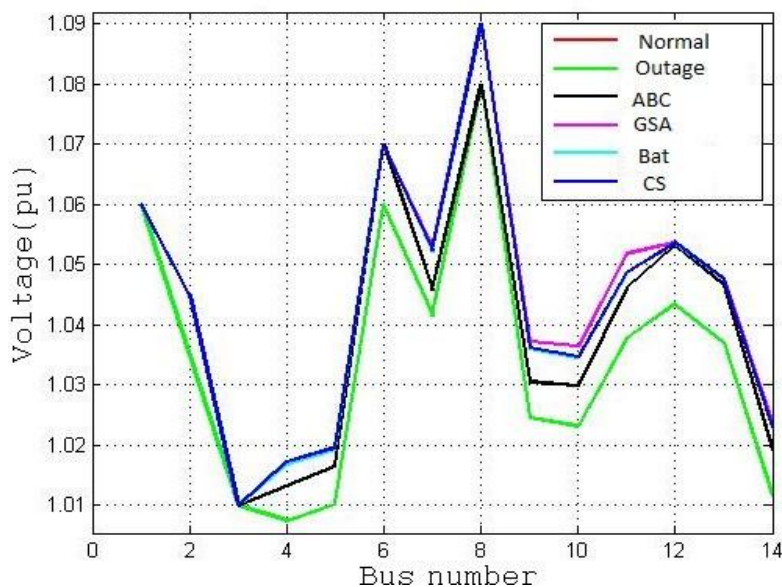


Figure 4: Voltage profile comparison at single generator outage.

Table I: Power loss comparison using different techniques.

Outage Generator bus no.	Selected lines		Power loss in MW				
	From bus	To bus	Normal	Outage	ABC	GSA	CS
2	4	5	13.592	15.428	11.765	11.679	8.720

The voltage profile of the IEEE 14 bus system at single generator outage under different techniques is described in the Figure 4. In the figure, voltage profile from the proposed method is compared with the ABC, GSA & Bat techniques. It is clearly shown that the novel technique considerably enhances the voltage profile from the normal value. The figure demonstrates that the proposed technique preserves the voltage profile at the dynamic stability margin, when compared with the conventional techniques. It was clearly shown

that the proposed method effectively reduces the deviations from the normal conditions. The results obtained from the comparative analysis prove the dominating performance of the proposed technique over the conventional techniques in terms of maintaining the dynamic stability of power system.

## 5. CONCLUSION

The paper proudly proposes the heuristic approach based voltage stability enhancement of the power system using the UPFC. The advantage of the proposed method was highlighted in the enhanced searching ability and the lesser complexity in achieving the optimal solutions. The IEEE 14 bus system was utilized for testing the proposed method performance. In the bus system generator outage was created and the most affected location was determined by using the CS technique. The affected dynamic stability constraints such as voltage, power loss, real and reactive power were restored into secure limits by connecting UPFC at optimum location. The proposed method numerical results were validated through the comparison analysis with those of the different techniques like ABC, GSA & Bat algorithms. The comparison analysis proves that the proposed method is an effective technique to enhance the voltage stability of the power system, and is competent over the other techniques.

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