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Multiobjective optimal TCSC placement using multiobjective grey wolf optimizer for power losses reduction

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This study investigates the application of the multiobjective grey wolf optimizer (MOGWO) for optimal placement of thyristor-controlled series compensator (TCSC) to minimize power loss in power systems. Two conficting objectives are considered: (1) minimizing real and reactive power loss, and (2) minimizing real power loss and TCSC capital cost. The Pareto-optimal method is employed to generate the Pareto front for these objectives. The fuzzy set technique is used to identify the optimal trade-of solution, while the technique for order preference by similarity to the ideal solution suggests multiple optimal solutions catering to diverse utility preferences. Simulations on an IEEE 30 bus test system demonstrate the efectiveness of TCSC placement for power loss minimization using MOGWO. The superiority of MOGWO is confrmed by comparing its results with those obtained from a multiobjective particle swarm optimization algorithm. These fndings can assist power system utilities in identifying optimal TCSC locations to maximize their performance.

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Electrical energy demand across the globe is exponentially rising as a consequence of rapid urbanization and industrialization. On the other hand, deterrents like environmental and economic limitations have contained the installation of new transmission lines and generating plants. Under these circumstances, it has become inevitable for the utilities to operate electric power systems at their full capacities making the system vulnerable to cascaded outages^{[1](#page-13-0)}. This scenario has led to finding ways to utilize the existing infrastructure more efficiently.

Fortunately, with the emergence of power electronic switching circuits, the concept of the fexible alternating current transmission system (FACTS) introduced by Hingorani and Gyugyi^{[2](#page-13-1)} unfolded as a promising solution for a plethora of electrical engineering issues like power quality, congestion management and power loss reduction $^{3-7}$ $^{3-7}$ $^{3-7}$. In[8](#page-14-1) , THE AUTHORS PRESENTED A comprehensive review of FACTS devices, their deployment methods and MERITS are presented. To yield the potential benefts of FACTS devices, they should be installed at an optimal location in the power system⁹. TCSC is an exceptional FACTS device that can be introduced into the system at a strategic location to improve the transient stability, augment the power transfer capacity and reduce the loss in power transmission^{10–13}. ALTHOUGH VARIOUS FACT DEVICES EXIT, TCSC can modify the reactance of the line, thereby augmenting the peak power that can be transferred on that line in addition to diminishing the effective reactive power losses^{[14](#page-14-5)}. The TCSC can be operated as the capacitive or inductive compensation

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respectively by directly modifying the reactance of the transmission line. Hence in this study, we explore the BENEFITS of optimal installation of TCSC.

Literature review

In the last decade, umpteen techniques have been proposed for tracing the optimal location of TCSC. A sensitivity index is introduced in^{[15](#page-14-6)} for tracing the optimal location of TCSC. To cater TO the optimal location problem of TCSC and other FACTS devices, many researchers suggested the use of intelligent optimization algorithms. $In¹⁶$ $In¹⁶$ $In¹⁶$, the authors highlighted the application of genetic algorithms (GA) to solve the optimal siting problem of TCSC. A particle swarm optimization (PSO) technique is suggested, considering system loadability and installation cost for optimal TCSC location in¹⁷. The superiority of the bacterial swarming optimization algorithm in solving the optimal location problem over its peers GA and PSO is illustrated in^{[18](#page-14-9)}. The concept of differential evolution (DE) is used for locating FACTS devices in¹⁹. A strategy taking cues from adaptive particle swarm optimization and DE is suggested in²⁰ to offer an optimal solution for FCATS device installation. A hybrid algorithm combining ant lion optimization, moth flame optimization, and salp swarm optimization is implemented $2¹$ to locate the optimal position of TCSC.

A whale optimization technique is proposed 22 to solve the optimal TCSC installation problem for reactive power planning. The objectives considered are loss minimization and MINIMIZATION OF THE OPERATION COST OF TCSC. SIMILAR WITH THE SAME OBJECTIVES, a study is presented in^{[23](#page-14-14)} to solve the optimal TCSC installation problem using some hybrid optimization techniques. Authors in²⁴ explored the BENEFITS of optimal TCSC installation for enhancing the available transfer capability of transmission lines. A technical and eco-nomic analysis is presented²⁵, to OPTIMALLY LOCATE TCSC USING THE algorithm. Authors in^{[26](#page-14-17)} conducted investigations to optimally install multiple FACTS devices INCLUDING TCSC for operational enhancement of the power system. The annual cost of FACTS devices is also considered ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES IN THE multiobjective function formulated. Recently in 27 , authors solved the optimal positioning problem of the TCSC in the presence of electrical vehicle charging stations using PSO.

Research gap and motivation

The abundant existing literature on power loss minimization and the optimal location of the FACTS device is focused on either solving one objective alone or converting a multiobjective problem into a single objective function by employing weighted sum method. In this method, a weight is given to each objective DEPENDING ON its relative importance. Although this method is simple, it cannot trace the optimal trade-of solution in the non-convex region; consequently, the obtained solution may not be the frst-rate optimal solution for the weights chosen^{[28](#page-14-19)}. To avoid such a problem, in this study Pareto optimal method²⁹ is adopted to obtain the Paretooptimal frontier. Real and reactive power loss, REAL POWER LOSS, AND CAPITAL COST OF TCSC are the two multiobjective functions considered for minimization. We ATTEMPT TO EXPLORE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE multiobjective grey wolf optimizer (MOGWO) presented in³⁰ to solve multiobjective problems under consideration. Further, to underscore the precedence of the MOGWO algorithm, a comparative analysis with MOPSO is also presented.

Contributions of the work

The contributions of this paper are as follows:

- 1. A Pareto-optimality-BASED multiobjective optimization approach is proposed for optimal installation of TCSC.
- 2. Two case studies are formulated FOR THE OPTIMAL INSTALLATION of TCSC using the proposed approach. Case study 1, deals with real and reactive power loss as multiple objectives. Whereas, in case 2, the real power loss and capital cost of TCSC are considered in the multiobjective function.
- 3. A COMPARISON of MOGWO algorithm is performed with MOPSO in solving the multiobjective-BASED OPTIMAL TCSC INSTALLATION PROBLEM.
- 4. A fuuzy set technique is used to select the optimal trade-of solution from the Pareto-optimal solutions in each case study. However, to provide more diversity in the solutions provided, technique for order preference by similarity to the ideal solution (TOPSIS) methodology is adopted and multiple optimal trade-of solutions are suggested.

Paper orginazation

The remnant of this article is categorized as follows. Section "Thyristor controlled series compensator" is about TCSC and its modelling. In section "[Problem formulation"](#page-2-0), the objective function and the constraints considered are presented. The MOGWO algorithm and the selection of the best optimal solution using the fuzzy and TOPSIS approach ARE DISCUSSED in Section "[Optimization methods"](#page-3-0). In Section "[Results and discussion"](#page-7-0), the results generated are presented and discussed. Finally, the conclusion of the article is presented in Section ["Conclusion](#page-11-0)".

Thyristor controlled series compensator

TCSC is a series compensator that comprises of thyristor thyristor-controlled reactor in parallel with a capacitor, as shown in Fig. [1](#page-2-1).

In the above model, I_i is the current flow through branch ij, I_j is the current flow through branch ji, V_i is the magnitude of the voltage at bus i and V_j is the magnitude of the voltage at bus j.

In Fig. [1,](#page-2-1) two thyristors are connected in anti-parallel in series with the inductor. By controlling the fring angle ′α′, the TCSC can be operated as either a capacitive compensator or an inductive compensator.

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Fig. 1. TCSC Model.

The reactance of the TCSC can be expressed as follows 31 :

$$
X_{TCSC}(\alpha) = \frac{X_C X_L(\alpha)}{X_L(\alpha) - X_C} \tag{1}
$$

where
$$
X_L(\alpha) = X_L \frac{\pi}{\pi - 2\alpha - \sin \alpha}
$$
 (2)

TCSC can be connected to the power transmission line as a series compensator³². In the steady-state analysis, the reactance of TCSC can be adjusted as a static reactance.

The block diagram representation of the transmission line with TCSC is shown in Fig. [2.](#page-2-2)

$$
X_{ij} = X_{Line} + X_{TCSC} \tag{3}
$$

$$
K_{TCSC} = \frac{X_{TCSC}}{X_{Line}} \tag{4}
$$

$$
X_{TCSC} = K_{TCSC} X_{Line} \tag{5}
$$

where X_{ij} is the transmission line reactance with compensation, X_{Line} is the line reactance without compensation, X_{TCSC} is the reactance of TCSC and K_{TCSC} is the degree of compensation. The range of X_{TCSC} to avoid overcompensation is given as^{[6](#page-14-24)}:

$$
-0.8X_{Line} \le X_{TCSC} \le 0.2X_{Line}
$$
 (6)

Problem formulation Objective function

The minimization functions considered are³³:

$$
Min(P_{Loss}) = \sum_{m=1}^{NL} P_m \tag{7}
$$

$$
Min(Q_{Loss}) = \sum_{m=1}^{NL} Q_m
$$
\n(8)

where P_m and Q_m are the real and reactive power loss of line m and NL denotes the total number of lines

$$
P_m = \left(V_i^2 + V_j^2 - 2V_iV_j\cos\delta_{ij}\right)(G_{ij})\tag{9}
$$

$$
P_m = \left(V_i^2 + V_j^2 - 2V_iV_j\cos\delta_{ij}\right)(G_{ij})\tag{10}
$$

where $V_{\rm i}$ and $V_{\rm j}$ are the *i*th bus & jth bus voltages, δ_{ij} denotes the phase difference between *i*th bus & jth bus, $G_{\rm i}$ denotes the real part of the admittance between buses *i* & *j* and B_{ii} denotes the imaginary part of line admittance between buses *i* & *j.*

The fitness function for reduction of the capital cost of TCSC is framed as per Eq. $(11)^6$ $(11)^6$ $(11)^6$ $(11)^6$.

$$
cost_{TCSC} = 0.001S^2 - 0.7130S + 153.7
$$
\n(11)

where $cost_{TCSC}$ is the capital cost of TCSC in US\$/KVar, $S = |Q_2 - Q_1|$ is the operating range of TCSC in MVar, Q_1 , and Q_2 are reactive power flow through the branch before TCSC installation and after TCSC installation, respectively.

Constraints

The constraints are taken as shown below:

(a) Equality Constraints 34 :

$$
P_{gi} - P_{di} = V_i \sum_{j=1}^{Nb} V_j (G_{ij} \cos \delta_{ij} + B_{ij} \sin \delta_{ij})
$$
\n(12)

$$
Q_{gi} - Q_{di} = V_i \sum_{j=1}^{Nb} V_j (G_{ij} \sin \delta_{ij} - B_{ij} \cos \delta_{ij})
$$
\n(13)

where P_{qi} and P_{di} denote the real power generation and demand respectively at bus-i, Q_{qi} and Q_{di} denote reactive power generation and demand respectively at bus-i, Nb is the total number of buses.

(b) Inequality Constraints 34 :

$$
V_{Li}^{min} \le V_{Li} \le V_{Li}^{max} \tag{14}
$$

$$
V_{Gi}^{min} \le V_{Gi} \le V_{Gi}^{max} \tag{15}
$$

$$
Q_{Gi}^{min} \le Q_{Gi} \le Q_{Gi}^{max} \tag{16}
$$

$$
Q_c^{min} \le Q_c \le Q_c^{max} \tag{17}
$$

$$
T_s^{min} \le T_s \le T_s^{max} \tag{18}
$$

$$
X_{t\text{csc}}^{min} \leq X_{t\text{csc}} \leq X_{t\text{csc}}^{max} \tag{19}
$$

where V_{Li} and V_{Gi} are the values of voltages at theith load bus and ith generator bus respectively, Q_{Gi} denotes the generated reactive power atith generator bus, Q_c is reactive power injected by the shunt capacitor at *ith* bus, T_s is the transformer tap setting of the $X_{t c s c}$ is the reactance of TCSC at line-m.

Optimization methods

Multiobjective grey wolf optimizer algorithm

MOGWO algorithm is proposed by Mirjalili et al.³⁰. Like many other infamous metaheuristic optimization algorithms, MOGWO also draws its inspiration from nature. This algorithm simulates the pack hierarchy and the hunting strategy of grey wolves. Grey wolves naturally prefer to forage in packs of 5–12 members. The pack hierarchy of grey wolves consists of four hierarchal levels of wolves, namely alpha (*α*), beta (*β*), delta (*δ*), and omega (*ω*), with *α* wolves being the most dominant ones and *ω* wolves being the least dominant ones. Te hunting strategy of grey wolves is yet another intriguing social behavior of grey wolves. Searching, encircling, harassing, and attacking the prey are the main phases of grey wolves hunting strategy. The encircling phase is mathematically modeled as 30 :

$$
\vec{D} = \left| \vec{C} \cdot \vec{X} p(t) - \vec{X}(t) \right| \tag{20}
$$

$$
\overrightarrow{X}(t+1) = \overrightarrow{X}p(t) - \overrightarrow{A} \cdot \overrightarrow{D}
$$
\n(21)

Here $\overrightarrow{X}(t)$ and $\overrightarrow{Xp}(t)$ denote the position vectors of grey wolf and prey respectively for the iteration *t*th iteration. \overrightarrow{A} and \overrightarrow{C} are the coefficient vectors which are evaluated by equations given be

$$
\overrightarrow{A} = 2\overrightarrow{a} \cdot \overrightarrow{r_1} - \overrightarrow{a}
$$
 (22)

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$$
\overrightarrow{C} = 2 \cdot \overrightarrow{r_2} \tag{23}
$$

The elements of the vector \vec{a} are decreased linearly from 2 to 0 as the iterations progress and r_1 , r_2 represent random vectors in [0, 1]. It is observed that the coefficient vectors \overrightarrow{A} and \overrightarrow{C} have the capacity to control exploration and exploitation. |A|>1 diverges the grey wolves from the location of the prey, thereby assisting exploration. The coefficient vector \vec{C} also assists exploration; it takes random values in [0,2]. The random values of \vec{C} either emphasize (C>1) or deemphasize (C<1) the effect of prey in determining the distance. Unlike \vec{A} , the value of \vec{C} is not decreased linearly; this enables the GWO algorithm to exhibit stochastic behavior through th process. As a consequence, exploration is favored, and local optima stagnation is avoided. $|A| < 1$ converges the grey wolves towards the location of prey which assists the exploitation. The GWO algorithm emulates the pack hierarchy and encircling phase of hunting to determine the best

solution for a given problem. During the search process, the *α*, *β*, and *δ* wolves are assumed to possess superior knowledge regarding the location of the prey. The pack hierarchy of grey wolves is mathematically modeled by considering the best solution as *α*. Consequently, the next best solution as *β*, and the third best solution as *δ*. All the other solutions are assumed as *ω* wolves. The first three best solutions obtained so far are saved, and the other search agents are forced to modify their positions as per the position of α , β , and δ using the following formulas^{[30](#page-14-21)}.

$$
\overrightarrow{D_{\alpha}} = \left| \overrightarrow{C_1} \times \overrightarrow{X_{\alpha}} - \overrightarrow{X} \right| \tag{24}
$$

$$
\overrightarrow{D}_{\beta} = \left| \overrightarrow{C_2} \times \overrightarrow{X}_{\beta} - \overrightarrow{X} \right| \tag{25}
$$

$$
\overrightarrow{D_{\delta}} = \left| \overrightarrow{C_3} \cdot \overrightarrow{X_{\delta}} - \overrightarrow{X} \right| \tag{26}
$$

$$
\overrightarrow{X_1} = \overrightarrow{X_\alpha} - \overrightarrow{A_1} \cdot (\overrightarrow{D_\alpha}) \tag{27}
$$

$$
\overrightarrow{X_2} = \overrightarrow{X_\beta} - \overrightarrow{A_2} \cdot (\overrightarrow{D_\beta})
$$
\n(28)

$$
\overrightarrow{X_3} = \overrightarrow{X_8} - \overrightarrow{A_3} \cdot (\overrightarrow{D_8})
$$
\n(29)

$$
\overrightarrow{X}(t+1) = \frac{\overrightarrow{X_1} + \overrightarrow{X_2} + \overrightarrow{X_3}}{3}
$$
\n(30)

Two new components are inserted in the GWO algorithm to facilitate multiobjective optimization. The first component is an archive, which is nothing but a memory to store the non-dominated solutions generated so far. The second component is the leader-choosing mechanism that aids in selecting the best solutions from the archive to determine the alpha, beta, and delta wolves.

Multiobjective PSO

Particle swarm optimization algorithm is initially proposed by Dr Kennedy and Dr Eberhart^{[35](#page-14-27)}. This optimization technique mimics the group behavior of bird focks and fsh schools. Shorter running time and the requirement of fewer parameters are some of the noteworthy advantages of PSO. In the PSO algorithm, each particle has a velocity and position. While hovering in the search space, a particle's position is adjusted, balancing the particle's own knowledge and the knowledge of the swarm. The velocity and position equations are as follows³⁴:

$$
V_i(k+1) = w * V_i(k) + c1 * r1 * (pbest_i(k) - X_i(k)) + c2 * r2 * (gbest(k) - X_i)
$$
\n(31)

$$
X_i(k+1) = X_i(k) + V_i(k+1)
$$
\n(32)

where k denotes the present iteration while k + 1 is the next iteration, V_i and X_i represent the velocity and position of the ith particle, respectively, *pbest_i* is the ith particle's best value, and *gbest* denotes the global best value. The flow chart of the algorithms used is presented in Fig. [3.](#page-5-0)

Pareto‑optimal technique

To provide a solution to conficting multiple objective functions, the Pareto-optimal technique is explored in this study to generate a Pareto-front. The Pareto-front is a set of compromise solutions denoting the best trade-offs among the conflicting objectives. The idea of dominance is the basic principle of the Pareto-optimal technique. Vector V2 is dominated by vector V1 for the conditions stated below²⁹.

$$
\forall k = \left\{1, 2, \dots, p\right\}, f_k(V1) \le f_k(V2) \tag{33}
$$

Fig. 3. MOPSO and MOGWO flowchart.

$$
\exists l \in \left\{1, 2, \dots, p\right\} f_l(V1) < f_l(V2) \tag{34}
$$

where p is the total number of variables.

Selection of optimal trade‑of solution

Fuzzy set technique

The optimal trade-off solution from Pareto-front is extracted by the fuzzy set technique³⁶. A fuzzy membership function is developed to this purpose for every objective function, which is given is Eq. $(35)^{33}$ $(35)^{33}$ $(35)^{33}$ $(35)^{33}$ $(35)^{33}$.

$$
\mu_k(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f_k^{max} - f_k(x)}{f_k^{max} - f_k^{min}}, & \text{iff } k < f_k^{max} \\ 1, & \text{iff } k < f_k^{min} \\ 0, & \text{iff } k < f_k^{max} \end{cases} \tag{35}
$$

where f_k^{min} and f_k^{max} for the kth objective function denote the acceptable and unacceptable values, respectively. The membership function³³ is given in Eq. (36) (36) (36) .

$$
\mu^r = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{NO} \mu_k^r}{\sum_{k=1}^{ND} \sum_{k=1}^{NO} \mu_k^r}
$$
(36)

where *NO* and *ND* respectivel**y** denote the number of objective functions and number of solutions in the Paretofront for the *r*th non-dominated solution. The solution corresponding to the maximum membership is the optimal trade-off solution.

Technique for order preference by similarity to an ideal solution

The fuzzy set-based approach presented above identifies a single, optimal trade-off solution from the numerous Pareto-optimal solutions. However, this solution might not be universally preferred by all decision makers (electrical power transmission utilities) due to potential variations in their priorities regarding the study's objectives. To address this limitation, this work employs the TOPSIS method to generate a range of trade-of solutions, catering to a broader spectrum of decision-maker preferences. The following are the steps that makeup TOPSIS^{[37](#page-15-0)}:

Step 1: Create a decision matrix with the size $m_1 \times m_2$ that contains Pareto optimal solutions, $D = d_{ij}$. In this case, j = 1, 2,…, m_2 indicates the objectives or criterion, while i = 1, 2,…, m_1 indicates the number of solutions/alternatives.

Step 2: To create a normalized decision matrix (D_N) , each member of the matrix D is normalized as indicated by the Eq. (37) (37) below^{[37](#page-15-0)}.

$$
d_{n,ij} = \frac{d_{ij}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{m_1} d_{ij}^2}}, \ i = 1, 2, \dots, m_1 \text{ and } j = 1, 2, \dots, m_2
$$
\n(37)

Step 3: If necessary, a weighted normalized decision matrix can be created to assign weights to the objectives. If every goal is equally significant, you can skip this stage. The matrix's components are represented as:

$$
w_{ij} = w_j \times d_{n,ij}, i = 1,2,...,m_1 \text{ and } j = 1,2,...,m_2
$$
 (38)

where w_j is the decision-makers preference weight assigned to the jth criterion and $\sum_{i=1}^{m_2} w_j = 1$ Step 4: The weighted normalized choice matrix provides the positive ideal solution (PIS) and the negative ideal solution $(NIS)^{37}$.

$$
PIS = \begin{cases} \max(w_{ij}) \forall i, if the target represents gain \\ \min(w_{ij}) \forall i, if the target represents cost \end{cases}
$$
 (39)

$$
NIS = \begin{cases} \max(w_{ij}) \forall i, \text{ if the target represents cost} \\ \min(w_{ij}) \forall i, \text{ if the target represents gain} \end{cases} \tag{40}
$$

Step 5: As indicated below, calculate the Euclidean distances d^+ and d^- d for every solution derived from PIS and NIS.

$$
d^{+} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{m_1} (w_{ij} - PIS)^2}
$$
 (41)

$$
d^{-} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{m_1} (w_{ij} - NIS)^2}
$$
 (42)

Step 6: The relative closeness index (RCI) is computed for each option using the Euclidean distances deter-mined in the preceding step, as shown below^{[37](#page-15-0)}:

$$
R_i = \frac{d^+}{\left(d^+ + d^-\right)}\tag{43}
$$

Among the Pareto optimum solutions, the solution with the highest closeness ratio value will be selected as the BTS.

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Results and discussion

To evaluate the efect of TCSC placement on power loss reduction, analysis is performed on an IEEE 30 bus standard system. The structure of the test system is shown in Fig. [4.](#page-7-1) The parameters considered for the MOGWO and MOPSO are as follows: population size is 50, iterations are 10 and the archive size is 50. To emphasize the merit of TCSC installation, the power loss is computed without TCSC at frst and later; the two multiobjective functions are minimized in the presence of TCSC at the optimal site.

Power losses reduction without TCSC

The power loss of the 30 bus system is computed by load flow analysis. The total real power loss and reactive power loss are 5.5933 MW and 21.0658MVar, respectively. These loss values are treated as base case losses for the comparison of results. To the test system, MOGWO and MOPSO algorithms are applied, and the total real and reactive power losses are calculated. The Pareto-optimal solution, thus generated, is presented in Table [1](#page-8-0). The optimal trade-off solution is captured from the Pareto-optimal frontier by the fuzzy set technique. The optimal trade-of solution found from the Pareto-optimal frontier of the MOPSO algorithm is 5.3048 MW and 20.4656 MVar. The optimal trade-off solution obtained from the Pareto-optimal frontier of the MOGWO algorithm is 5.2833 MW and 20.4436 MVar. It is visible that the MOGWO algorithm gave relatively better results. The comparative depiction of results from both algorithms is presented in Fig. [5.](#page-9-0)

Power losses reduction with TCSC

The power loss of the test system considered is computed considering TCSC.Table [2](#page-9-1) presents the overall system losses afer the installation of TCSC. It can be noted from Table [2](#page-9-1) that the total losses of the system are lowest when TCSC is located at line joining buses 27-29. Therefore the optimal site for installing TCSC in the system under consideration is the line joining buses 27 and 29. With TCSC at its optimal site two diferent cases related to the two multiobjective minimization functions are studied.

Case a: real and reactive power losses

Afer placing the TCSC at its optimal site, MOGWO and MOPSO algorithms are applied to the test system, and the multiobjective function relating to total real and reactive power losses is solved. The Pareto-optimal solu-tion, thus generated, is presented in Table [3.](#page-10-0) The optimal trade-off solution is captured from the Pareto-optimal frontier by the fuzzy set technique. The optimal trade-off solution found from the Pareto-optimal frontier of the MOPSO algorithm is 5.0834 MW and 20.1323 MVar. Te optimal trade-of solution obtained from the Paretooptimal frontier of the MOGWO algorithm is 5.0675 MW and 20.1246 MVar. The reduction in real power losses when compared with the base case is 9.11% and 9.4% by MOPSO and MOGWO respectively. In the case of reactive power losses, the reduction is seen as 4.44 and 4.48% by MOPSO and MOGWO respectively. The MOGWO algorithm gave relatively better results. The results attained indicate that the installation of TCSC and the application of MOGWO and MOPSO algorithms minimized the power losses. It is also visible that the MOGWO algorithm gave relatively better results. Te comparative depiction of results from both algorithms after locating TCSC at its optimal site is presented in Fig. [6](#page-11-1).

Fig. 4. IEEE 30 bus test system.

Table 1. MOGWO and MOPSO comparison.

Fig. 5. Pareto-frontier comparison without TCSC.

Table 2. System losses considering TCSC.

Case b: Real power loss and capital cost of TCSC

Here MOGWO and MOPSO algorithms are applied to the test system, and the multiobjective function relating to real power loss and capital cost of TCSC is solved. The Pareto-optimal solution, thus generated, is presented in Table [4](#page-12-0). The optimal trade-off solution is captured from the Pareto-optimal frontier by the fuzzy set technique. The optimal trade-off solution obtained from the Pareto-optimal frontier of the MOPSO algorithm is 5.0625 MW and 150.6561US\$/KVar. The optimal trade-off solution obtained from the Pareto-optimal frontier of the MOGWO algorithm is 5.0596 MW and 149.2531US\$/KVar. The reduction in real power losses when compared with the base case is 9.48% and 9.53% by MOPSO and MOGWO respectively. The MOGWO algorithm gave relatively better results. The comparative depiction of results from both algorithms after locating TCSC at its optimal site is presented in Fig. [7](#page-13-3).

The summary of the results obtained is presented in Table [5](#page-13-4). It is worth noting that after the application of the optimization algorithms, the power losses got minimized. Afer installing TCSC at its optimal site, the power

Table 3. MOGWO and MOPSO comparison with TCSC–case a.

Fig. 6. Pareto-frontier comparison with TCSC–case a.

losses further reduced. The performance of the MOGWO algorithm in minimization of power losses is superior to that MOPSO algorithm in both the considered cases.

Suggestion of multiple optimal trade‑of solutions

From the above case studies it is evidient that optimal installation of TCSC can demnish the power losses. However, the fuzzy set approach employed could only provide one one optimal trade-of solution. In many cases, the solution provided may not be acceptable to all the utilities. Hence, it would be a better approach to put forward multiple solutions to serve a large range of utilities with diverse preferences to objectives. To this extent, the TOPSIS methodology is used and three solutions are suggested from the Pareto front, obtained from MOGWO algorithm for both case a and case b. The suggested solutions with respective objective preferences are presented in Table [6](#page-13-5). Solution 1 in both cases represents the scenario where the utilities have a preference to the first objective i.e., real power losses in both cases. For selecting solution 2, equal preference is given to both objectives. At last, solution 3 represents the scenario where the utilities have a preference to the second objective i.e., reactive power losses in case a and capital cost of TCSC in case b.

Conclusion

The work presented in this paper underscores on optimal placement of TCSC for power loss reduction. Real and reactive power loss minimization, real power, and capital cost of TCSC minimization are considered as the multiobjective optimization functions. In the proposed approach, MOGWO, an efficient multiobjective algorithm, is used to optimize the considered minimization problems. The task of generating the non-dominated solutions is fulfilled by the Pareto-optimal technique. The fuzzy set technique is applied to obtain a compromised solution and TOPSIS method has been applied to generate multiple compromised solutions. The study is performed on an IEEE 30 bus standard test system. To establish the worthiness of TCSC installation in the minimization of power loss, the multiobjective functions are solved before and afer the location of TCSC. Simulation results suggest that the optimal siting of TCSC can help in the reduction of power losses. Alleviation of power losses can facilitate augmenting the utility of the system without increasing the generation volume. In addition, the multiobjective problem under study is also solved using MOPSO. MOGWO algorithm provided relatively superlative results than the MOPSO algorithm. The work proposed is limited to single type FACTS device i.e. TCSC. The incorporation of multi-type FACTS devices may be treated as a future scope of this work. Further, the proposed investigations can be carried out on a larger benchmark test systems.

Table 4. MOGWO and MOPSO comparison with TCSC–case b.

5.593 21.0658 5.2833 20.4436 5.3048 20.4656 5.0675 20.1246 5.0834 20.1323 5.0596 149.2531 5.0625 150.6561

Table 5. Summary of results with and without TCSC.

Table 6. Suggestion of multiple solutions using TOPSIS.

Data availability

The data used to support the findings of this study are included in the article.

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