# Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithm Based Optimization of Steam Turbine Generator and Gas Turbine Generator at Pt. Sriwidjaja Fertilizer

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Abstract—Electricity needs at PT. PUSRI is currently generated by four main generating units in the form of a Gas Turbine Generator (GTG). The three power plants are PUSRI-II (2006-J), PUSRI-III (3006-J), PUSRI-IV (4006-J) each with a capacity of 21.588kVA. PUSRI-IB (5006-J) with a capacity of 26.65kVA. Each unit is operated in parallel via a 13.8 kV syncronizing bus. However, for reasons of generator efficiency at PT. PUSRI with gas costs that are quite expensive will gradually be replaced by a Steam Turbine Generator - Coal (STG-BB) generator. The contribution of this paper uses the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm to find the optimum output (MW) from each generating unit. The results of the PSO calculation provide a better solution performance compared to the real system with the same generated power variation, namely 34.25 (MW) to 37.63 (MW). The cost savings obtained from the comparison between the PSO method and the real output of the system is Rp. 5,180.509 at load 34.25 (MW) and Rp. 6,416.864 at 37.63(MW) load.

Keywords— Power Generation System Optimization, bus syncronizing, Turbine Generator, Particle Swarm Optimization

# I. INTRODUCTION

Economic dispatch (economic dispatch) at power plants is an important aspect in power system management, the main objective of economic dispatch is to optimize power and minimize generation costs. A small percentage of fuel cost savings has a huge impact on operating cost savings. Research on economic disoatch has been studied by previous researchers. The evolutionary simplex adaptive Hooke-Jeeves algorithm for economic load delivery problems taking into account the effect of valve point loading was investigated by Farhan Tabassum [1]. Economical microgrid delivery taking into account the uncertainty of renewable energy and demand-side response was investigated by Xu [2]. Multienergy Microgrid Reliability Evaluation: Effect Analysis of Energy Storage Devices studied by Ge [3]. The optimization of the cuckoo search algorithm for steady-state analysis of a self-excited induction generator was investigated by Hasanien [4]. Coordinated Operation of Electric and Natural Gas Systems with Bidirectional Energy Conversion researched by Zeng [5]

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investigated by Jin [25]. Economic dispatch can keep the cost of generator fuel consumption or operating costs of the entire system to a minimum, while taking into account system constraints such as the generation capability of the generator. All of these generating units are interconnected to serve all electricity needs as a whole, whether used in the production process, repair/repair shop, housing, and also offices.

The generation system where fuel consumption becomes a problem and needs serious attention considering that the largest component of the operating costs of generating an electric power system is the fuel cost. A small percentage of fuel cost savings has a huge impact on operating cost savings. To produce electricity in a power system, it is necessary to find a way to keep the generator fuel consumption costs or the operating costs of the entire system to a minimum. Previous researchers have researched about fuel economy. The EU HORIZON 2020 project on hydrogen-powered fuel cell utility vehicles using metal hydrides in hydrogen refueling and storage systems was investigated by Yartys [26]. Solid fuel users' perceptions of household solid fuel use in low and middle income countries: A scoping review researched by McCarron [27]. Air pollution interventions and life-saving effects in China were studied by Zou [28]. The development of fuel cells for New Energy Vehicles (NEV) and clean air in China was investigated by Kendall [29]. Optimization of Combined Control of Cooling and Power Systems with Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Turbine Prime Drive for Building Applications was investigated by Luo [30].

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To obtain optimal and economical results in the economical scheduling of power plants, a method or method is needed to minimize the fuel costs needed to operate the electric power system. The Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) method is based on the behavior of a flock of birds or fish. The PSO algorithm mimics the social behavior of these organisms. Social behavior consists of individual actions and influences from other individuals in a group. The word particle denotes, for example, a bird in a flock of birds. Each individual or particle behaves by using its own intelligence and is also influenced by the behavior of its collective group. Thus, if one particle or a bird finds a short or short path to a food source, the rest of the group will also be able to quickly follow that path even if they are far away in the group.

# II. LITERATURE REVIEW

# A. Electric Power System

The electric power system consists of several components, namely an electric power generator, a transmission system, and a distribution system. In operation, the electric power system consists of many generator units that work alternately, so it is necessary to select a committed unit (used) to be able to serve the load every time. Ideally, the utilization of an electric power system must pay attention to technical factors and economic factors because these affect operating costs and profits during system operation. In general, the electric power system is divided into three main parts, namely power generation, distribution of electricity, and distribution of electric power. These three parts cannot be separated because it is a complex system that works to distribute power from the generating center to the load center.

The electrical energy generated by the power plant will be channeled through the transmission line and then from the

transmission line through the distribution channel and then to consumers.

# 1. Power Plant (power plant)

The power plant center is the first place where electrical energy is generated or generated. Here there is an initial drive turbine and also a generator that converts turbine power into electrical energy. There are several types of power generation centers which are usually divided into two major parts, namely hydro power plants (PLTA) and thermal plants (PLTU, PLTG, PLTGU, PLTD, PLTP).

# 2. Electric Power Transmission

Electric power transmission is the process of distributing electricity from the power generation center to the electricity distribution channel so that it will eventually reach the consumers/users of electricity.

# 3. Distribution System

This distribution system is an electric power sub-system that is directly related to customers/consumers and functions in terms of distribution or distribution of electric power to several places. This sub-system consists of: central control / substation, substation, medium voltage line / primary network (6 kV and 20 kV) in the form of overhead lines or underground cables, low voltage lines / secondary networks (380 V and 220 V), a voltage distribution substation consisting of voltage control panels, both medium and low voltage, and a transformer.

In general, the main objective of the operation of an electric power system is to meet the needs of the electrical load efficiently (load is met with minimum cost), taking into account the objectives of the electric power operation (the system must be able to meet the standards in environmental safety, have good reliability, and can serve requests continuously from time to time).

# **B.** Economic Operations (economic dispatch)

What is meant by economic operation of thermal generators is the process of sharing or scheduling the total load of a system to each of its generating centers, in such a way that the total operating costs are as minimal as possible. All generating centers in a system are continuously controlled so that power generation is carried out in the most economical way.

# 1. Input-Output Characteristics of Thermal Generators

The input-output characteristics of a thermal generator are characteristics that describe the relationship between fuel input (liters/hour) and the output produced by the generator (MW). In general, the input-output characteristics of thermal generators are based on:

$$H_{i}(P_{i}) = \alpha_{i} + \beta_{i}P_{i} + \gamma_{i}p_{i}^{2}$$
(1)

where  $H_i$  is the i - th thermal generator fuel input (liter/hour),  $P_i$  is the i - th thermal generator output (MW), and  $\alpha_i \beta_i \gamma_i$  is i - th thermal generator input-output constant.

Determination of parameters  $\alpha_i \beta_i \gamma_i$  requires data related to fuel input  $H_i$ , and generator output  $P_i$ .

The input-output characteristics of the thermal unit in an ideal form are shown in Figure 1 as a continuous non-linear curve. The figure shows that the input from the generator is shown on the vertical axis, namely the heat energy needed in the form of Mbtu/h (million of btu per hour) because the British Temperature Unit is used (if using SI it becomes MJ/h or Kcal/H) which can be expressed as the total cost per hour (Rp/hour). The output of the generator is shown on the horizontal axis, namely electrical power which has limits in the form of maximum power and minimum power of the generator.



Fig. 1. Thermal Generation Unit Input-Output Characteristics

## 2. Heat-Rate Characteristics

The heat-rate characteristic shown in Figure 2 is a characteristic that indicates the efficiency of a system. The figure shows that the heat-rate characteristics of a generating unit indicate the heat input given to produce energy of 1 kW hour at the MW output of a unit. This heat rate characteristic shows the system work of the thermal generating system such as steam conditions, heat temperature, condenser pressure, and the overall water flow cycle. The curve shows that good efficiency lies at its maximum limit.



Fig. 2. Thermal Generation Unit Input-Output Characteristics

## C. Basic Concepts of Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is a population-based stochastic technique inspired by the social behavior of bird

flocking or fish schooling. PSO technique was proposed by Russell C. Eberhart and James Kennedy in 1995. Together with ant Colony Optimization (ACO), PSO is classified into metaheuristic optimization of Swarm Intelligence (SI) in which socio-psychological principles that affect social behavior of living things are adopted. The PSO algorithm has the advantage of simple parameter settings so it is often used in solving optimization problems with a large solution space. In real conditions, the number of power plants in an electrical system consists of many units with different specifications and variants and there are many limitations in their operation.

There are several parameters in the PSO algorithm that can affect its performance. For certain optimization problems, multiple parameters and parameter selection have a large impact on the efficiency of the PSO method.

## Swarm size

The swarm size or population size is the number of n particles in the swarm. A large flock will result in a larger share of the search space. The size of the selected swarm or population depends on the problem at hand.

## **Pbest (personal best)**

Is the best individual position of a particle that is prepared to get the best solution.

#### **Gbest (global best)**

It is the best position among all the best positions (Pbest) that has been obtained by each individual.

#### Number of iterations

The number of iterations to get the best results also depends on the problem. Too low a number of iterations can stop the search process prematurely, while too large an iteration has the consequence of unnecessary additional computational complexity and more time required.

# speed component.

The velocity component is very important to update the particle velocity. There are three terms of particle velocity, namely:

The term  $v_{ij}^t$  is called the inertial component which provides memory of the previous flight direction which means movement in the near future. This component is the momentum that prevents drastic changes in the direction of the particles and bias towards the direction of the current. The formula used in general to determine the directional velocity of particle movement is

$$0,5 * P_{max} - P_{min} * 1 \tag{2}$$

The term  $c_1 r_{1j}^t [P_{best,i}^t - x_{ij}^t]$  is called the cognitive component that measures the performance of particle i. These components look like individual memories of the best positions for the particles.

$$Pos_{par}(t) - \left(p - \frac{\sum p}{np}\right) \tag{3}$$

The effect of the cognitive component represents the individual's tendency to repeat a position that is better than the previous one.

The term  $c_2 r_{2j}^t [G_{best} - x_{ij}^t]$  for Gbest PSO or  $c_2 r_{2j}^t [L_{best,i} - x_{ij}^t]$  for Pbest PSO is called the social component that measures the performance of particle i relative to a group of particles

$$V_{par} = w * V_{par} + c1 * r1 * (P_{best} - pos_{par}) + c2 * r2(G_{best} - pos_{par}) pos_{par(t+1)} = pos_{par}(t) + Vpar$$
(4)

The effect of the social component is that each particle flies at a controlled speed towards the best position found by the particle environment,

## **Acceleration Coefficient**

In general the values for the acceleration coefficients  $c_1$ and  $c_2 = 2.0$ . However, the value of the acceleration coefficient can be determined independently which is used in different studies, usually the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are the same and are in the range from 0 to 4.

# Inertia Weight

The change in velocity in the PSO algorithm consists of three parts, namely, the social part, the cognitive part and the momentum part. These three parts determine the balance between global and local browsing capabilities, and therefore can provide good performance on PSO. The inertia weight parameter is combined with the social part in the standard PSO algorithm. The dynamic equation of PSO with inertia weight (w) is modified to be:

$$v_{id} = wV_{id} + c_1 rand_1 (P_{id} - X_{id}) + c_2 rand_2 (P_{gd} - X_{id})$$
(5)

and

$$X_{id} = X_{id} + V_{id} \tag{6}$$

Both of the above equations are the same except for the addition of a new parameter, namely inertia weight (w). Inertia weight was introduced to strike a balance between global and local traceability. In general, the inertia weight (w) parameter is obtained using the following equation:

$$w = w_{max} - \frac{w_{max} - w_{min}}{Iter_{max}} Iter$$
(7)

with  $w_{max} - w_{min}$  is start and end weight, *Iter<sub>max</sub>* is maximum number of iterations, dan ID is the number of iterations

A large inertia weight can make it easier for global searches while a small inertia weight makes it easier for local searches. The use of inertia weights can improve performance in some applications, some studies have shown that when using inertia weights the maximum velocity factor can be simple set with values in the dynamic range of each variable usually between 0.4 to 0.9.

# III. METHOD

## A. Time and Place of Research

This research was conducted starting from May 2018 which is located at PT. PUSRI Palembang.

# **B.** Flowchart Diagrams

The research flow chart is shown in Figure 3. The figure shows that a literature study is needed to know about the PSO algorithm, economic dispatch. Input data in the form of loading data for each generator, the heart rate curve for each generator, the unit power limit for each generator, and data on fuel costs. Perform the initial generation calculation of a number of particles and determine the initial random velocity. Fitness evaluation of each particle based on its position. Determine the particle with the best fitness. Perform calculations to obtain optimum generator loading. Compare the results with the real system.



Fig. 3. Calculation flow chart

#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From the results of the calculations carried out, the optimization results for the five power plants using the PSO method are shown in table 1. The table shows that there are five power plants that are optimized using PSO, namely P-IB, P-II, P-III, P-IV, and STG-BB. From the table, it can be seen that five experiments were carried out for each generator.

TABLE I. TOTAL PSO METHOD GENERATION (MW)

P-IB	P-II	P-III	P-IV	STG-BB	Total load
7,9065	3,1309	3,1309	3,1309	16,9505	34,25
8,3924	3,6175	3,6175	3,6175	17,4350	36,68
8,4484	3,6735	3,6735	3,6735	17,4908	36,96
8,5024	3,7276	3,7276	3,7276	17,5446	37,23
8,5824	3,8077	3,8077	3,8077	17,6244	37,63

In the same way, but only 4 GTG pusri operating. The total generation for the real system is shown in table 2. The table shows that there are four power plants namely STG-BB, P-II, P-III, P-IV. Each generator was tested five times.

TABLE II. TOTAL REAL SYSTEM GENERATION(MW)

STG-BB	P-II	P-III	P-IV	Total load
11,2252	7,6749	7,6749	7,6749	34,25
12,0216	8,2194	8,2194	8,2194	36,68
12,1135	8,2822	8,2822	8,2822	36,96
12,2018	8,3427	8,3427	8,3427	37,23
12,3329	8,4323	8,4323	8,4323	37,63

Meanwhile, the total cost of generation using the PSO method and the real system is shown in table 3. The table shows that the higher the load, the higher the total cost. The total cost by optimizing the generator is cheaper than the total cost that does not use an optimization algorithm.

TABLE III.	TOTAL PSO METHOD GENERATION COSTS AND
	SYSTEM REAL GENERATION

Total load (MW)	Optimize PSO (Rp/hour)	Real system (Rp/ hour)
34,25	21,318,678	27,735,542
36,68	23,164,415	28,344,924
36,96	23,371,718	28,682,718
37,23	23,570,566	29,014,169
37,63	23,863,258	29,565,607

Meanwhile, the total cost savings between the PSO method and the real system are shown in table 4.

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Total load	Real	PSO Method	Total savings
(MW)	system	(Rp/hour)	(Rp/hour)
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34,25	27,735,542	21,318,678	6,416,864
36,68	28,344,924	23,164,415	5,180,509
36,96	28,682,718	23,371,718	5,311,112
37,23	29,014,169	23,570,566	5,443,602
37,63	29,565,607	23,863,258	5,702,348

The graph of the comparison of cost savings between the PSO method and the real system is shown in Figure 4. The figure shows that the PSO is shown in blue and the real system is shown in pink. By implementing the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) method to calculate generator optimization (economic dispatch), the results of the generation as shown in table 1. For the total cost of generation using the PT. PUSRI PSO method can be seen in table 3. The results of the calculation of the generation cost of the PSO method are then compared with the real data of the PT.PUSRI generation system which can be seen in Figure 4. The results of the PSO calculation provide a better solution performance compared to the real system with the same generated power variation of 34.25(MW) to 37.63(MW). The cost savings obtained from the comparison between the PSO method and the real system can be seen in table 5. The PSO method can save costs of Rp. 5,180,509 up to Rp. 6,416,864 at a load of 34.25(MW) to 37.63(MW).



Fig. 4. Example of a figure caption. (figure caption)

# V. CONCLUSION

Based on the calculations and analyzes that have been carried out, it can be concluded that the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) method can be used to solve the economic dispatch problem of optimal loading on the PT. PUSRI Palembang power plant unit. From the calculation results, the PSO optimization method shows better performance for economic dispatch optimization problems at PT. PUSRI Palembang. This can be seen from the results of the comparison with the real PT. PUSRI generation system. The cost savings obtained from the comparison between the PSO method and the real system is Rp. 5,180,509 up to Rp. 6,416,864 at loading 34.25(MW) to 37.63(MW).

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