

# Antlion Optimizer For Effective Integration Of Distributed Generation In Radial Electrical Distribution Networks

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**Abstract**—The vast growing technologies in the field of renewable energy sources changed the configuration of modern distribution systems to include distributed generation powered by renewable sources. There are different types of distributed generation sources available for integration; all of them are sources of active power, while some types have a little contribution in reactive power production, others are either sources or sinks of reactive power. These varieties of distributed generation sources result in different impact on distribution systems performance regarding losses, voltage profile, voltage stability, and operating cost. The aim of this paper is to optimize the performance of radial distribution systems integrated with different types of distributed generation using antlion optimizer considering the daily load profile. Objectives considered are minimizing losses and enhancing voltage stability indices. Moreover, running cost with different types of distributed generation is evaluated. The proposed method is tested on IEEE 33, 69 and 118 bus systems, comparisons among the effects of different distributed generation types on radial distribution systems performance are in place. Comparing results obtained by the proposed method with those published in literature proved the powerfulness of the proposed method to determine competitive solutions with respect to other modern metaheuristic optimization methods.

**Index Terms**— antlion optimizer, distributed generation, radial distribution systems, reactive power capability.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Radial distribution systems (RDS) performance optimization using distributed generation (DG) is an area of research for the last few decades. Developments in renewable sources technologies and metaheuristic optimization tools

attract researchers to dig more for better enhancement in RDS operation. There are different types of DG sources available for integration with RDS, these source have different contribution in reactive power injection. For example, photovoltaic based type is considered as a source of active power only and may be equipped with shunt capacitor to develop reactive power as well, wind driven asynchronous generators are sinks of reactive power as they withdraw the magnetizing current from the network, and wind driven synchronous generators can vary their reactive power according to their field current.

In the past few years, researchers focused on DG allocation in radial distribution systems using metaheuristic methods, some of them modeled the problem as a one objective task, and others considered the multi objective cases. For example, in [1]-[3] back tracking search algorithm is utilized for multi-objective DG optimal allocation for 33 and 94-buses RDNs, and 69 buses. Optimum size and location of DG for 33 and 69-node RDNs is investigated in [4] to improve losses and voltage profile. In [5] the maximum cost saving over the time for optimal DGs connected with 33 and 69-node RDNs is presented. [6]-[7] used Cuckoo search optimization algorithm to improve the system voltage profile and minimizing the losses using multi-objective for 33 and 69-node systems. In [8] Pareto Frontier Differential Evolution (PFDE) algorithm is examined to optimize active power loss reduction, voltage profile improvement, and voltage regulation for 33 and 69-node RDNs. Authors in [9] used an exhaustive OPF algorithm to allocate an optimal mix of different DG types with various generation capabilities for 33 and 69-node RDNs. [10]-[12] tested the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) to determine the location, type and size of DG for 15-node RDNs and 33-buses, while in [13] the PSO is examined to determine the optimal location and sizing of DG for 10 and

123-node RDNs. Improved Analytical (IA) method to calculate the optimal size of four different DG types and determine the best location for DG for 16, 33, 69, 37 and 118 RDNs is found in [14], [15]. References [16]-[18] used Improved Harmony Search (IHS) Algorithm to minimize total losses for 69-node, 13-buses Chinese city, and 12-node. In [19] Optimal Power Flow (OPF) is utilized to minimize capital operation and maintenance costs for 9-node system. [20] used the Fuzzy adaptation of evolutionary programming to minimize the system loss and DG's capital costs by optimal sitting and sizing of DGs for 34-node RDN. In [21] analytical expression algorithm is applied to install DG in the 33-node system and optimum location is determined.

Ant Lion Optimizer (ALO) is an optimizer algorithm proposed by Seyedali Mirjalili in 2015. The ALO algorithm simulates the mechanism of ant lions in hunting the prey. This algorithm has been applied successfully in some engineering problems as in [22]-[24].

In this work, DGs are classified as:

PV generating unit, this type of DG produce only real power (P), called type-1 DG.

Wind turbines driven synchronous generators that have converters, this type of DG produce both real and reactive power (P+jQ), called type-2 DG.

Wind turbines which induction generators at fixed speed, this type of DG produce real power and consumes reactive power (P-jQ), called type-3 DG. The reactive power for this type is obtained by Eq. (1) [25]-[26].

$$Q_{DG} = -(0.05 + 0.04P_{DG}^2) \quad (1)$$

Where  $P_{DG}$  and  $Q_{DG}$ ; are the DG active and reactive power (in Mw and Mvar).

The varieties in DG sources regarding reactive power capability and their running costs is the motivation of this paper to optimize the performance of RDS using these types of DG and to compare between their effects on RDS performance with variable load profile. The 33-node, 69-node and 118-node RDNs are selected to elucidate the features of the Back/Forward Sweep [27] and ALO algorithm [28], and examine their performances. The proposed methods are coded using MATLAB statements release MATHWORKS\_R2011A [29]. Numerical simulations are executed on a Lenovo laptop with processor intel @core™ i3-4030u CPU@ 1.90GHz. With installed memory (RAM) 4.00GB.

## II. PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

Fig 1 shows a two-bus subsystem as a part of RDS. Active and reactive power losses in line i-j are given by Eqs. (2), (3).

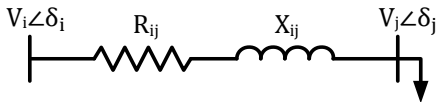


Figure 1. Two-bus subsystem as a part of RDNs

$$P_{ij \text{ loss}} = |I_{ij}|^2 R_{ij} = \frac{P_{\text{effj}}^2 + Q_{\text{effj}}^2}{|V_j|^2} \times R_{ij} \quad (2)$$

$$Q_{ij \text{ loss}} = |I_{ij}|^2 X_{ij} = \frac{P_{\text{effj}}^2 + Q_{\text{effj}}^2}{|V_j|^2} \times X_{ij} \quad (3)$$

Where  $P_{ij \text{ loss}}$  and  $Q_{ij \text{ loss}}$ ; the active and reactive losses in branch ij,  $I_{ij}$ ; current in the branch ij,  $R_{ij}$  and  $X_{ij}$ ; resistance and inductive reactance of branch ij.

The total voltage deviation (TVD) is used to indicate the improvement in the bus voltage profile and calculated by using Eq. (4).

$$TVD = \sum_{i=1}^N ||V_{\text{ref}}| - |V_i|| \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (4)$$

Where  $|V_{\text{ref}}|$ ; is the reference voltage magnitude (assumed 1p.u.), N; is the number of network buses,  $V_i$ ; is the voltage of bus i.

The running cost of DG consists of two main elements operation and maintenance cost. The running cost is calculating by using Eq. (5).

$$C_{\text{RunDG}} = DG_{\text{cost/kW.year}} * DG_{\text{capacity}} \quad (5)$$

Where  $C_{\text{RunDG}}$ ; is the running cost of DG,  $DG_{\text{cost/kW.year}}$ ; is operation and maintenance cost of DG per kW per year.

The running cost of PV-DG with ratings from 0.1-1, and 1-10 MW are 19 and 16\$/kW.year, respectively, and wind turbine-DG with ratings from 0.01-0.1, 0.1-1, and 1-10 are 35, 31 and 32.5\$/kW.year [30]. The net saving in RDS running cost is the difference between saving costs when DG installed and running cost of DG only, as given by Eq. (6).

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Net saving cost} \left( \frac{\$}{\text{year}} \right) \\ &= \text{Saving Cost} (\$/\text{year}) - C_{\text{RunDG}} (\$/\text{year}) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Distribution systems are radial in the nature and has a high R/X ratio. Backward/forward sweep algorithm load flow method [27] is used to overcome that problem which may result in divergence of ordinary load flow solution methods.

## III. ANTLION OPTIMIZER

ALO algorithm simulates the mechanism of ant lions in hunting a prey. This simulation start the mechanism by random walks to catch the point randomly, random walks represent as in Eq. (7)

$$X(t_{ci}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0, \text{CumSum}(2r(t_{ci1}) - 1), \text{CumSum}(2r(t_{ci2}) - 1), \\ \dots, \text{CumSum}(2r(t_{cin}) - 1) \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Where Cumsum; calculates the cumulative sum, n; is the maximum number of iteration,  $t_{ci}$ ; trying to catch the aim within uniform area distribution from 0 to 1,  $r(t_{ci})$ ; is a random function given by:

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if rand} > 0.5 \\ 0 & \text{if rand} < 0.5 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

The position of ants is presented with the matrix in Eq. (9).

$$M_{\text{Ant}} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{1,1} & \dots & A_{1,d} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n,1} & \dots & A_{n,d} \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Where  $M_{\text{Ant}}$ ; is the matrix for each position's ant,  $A_{ij}$ ; presents the value of  $j_{\text{th}}$  variable of  $i_{\text{th}}$  ant, n; is the number of variables, antlion's position is presented with:

$$M_{\text{Antlion}} = \begin{bmatrix} AL_{1,1} & \dots & AL_{1,d} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ AL_{n,1} & \dots & AL_{n,d} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Where  $M_{\text{Antlion}}$ ; is the matrix for each antlion position,  $AL_{ij}$ ; presents the value of  $j_{\text{th}}$  variable of  $i_{\text{th}}$  antlion, n; is the antlion's number, d; is the number of variables.

Eqs. (11)-(13) are used to keep the randomly walks.

$$X_i^t(t) = \frac{(X_i(t_{ci}) - a_i) * (d_i - c_i(t_{ci}))}{(X_i(t_{ci}) - a_i)} + C_i \quad (11)$$

$$C_j(t_{ci}) = \text{Antlion}_j(t_{ci}) + C(t_{ci}) \quad (12)$$

$$d_j(t_{ci}) = \text{Antlion}_j(t_{ci}) + d(t_{ci}) \quad (13)$$

Where  $a_i$ ; is the minimum of random walk of  $i_{\text{th}}$  variable,  $d_i$ ; is the maximum of random walk in  $i_{\text{th}}$  variable,  $c_i(t_{ci})$ ; is the minimum of  $i_{\text{th}}$  variable at  $t_{\text{th}}$  iteration,  $d_i(t_{ci})$ ; is the maximum of  $i_{\text{th}}$  variable at  $t_{\text{th}}$  iteration,  $C(t)$ ; is the minimum of all variables at  $t_{\text{th}}$  iteration,  $d(t_{ci})$ ; indicated the vector including the maximum of all variables at  $t_{\text{th}}$  iteration,  $C_j(t_{ci})$ ; is the minimum of all variables for  $i_{\text{th}}$  ant,  $d_j(t_{ci})$ ; is the maximum of all variables for  $i_{\text{th}}$  ant,  $\text{Antlion}_j$ ; shows the position of the selected  $j$ -antlion at  $t_{\text{th}}$  iteration.

After catching a solution, the proposed method try to catch another one, Eq. (14) represent another catching process.

$$\text{Antlion}_j(t_{ci}) = \text{Ant}_i(t_{ci}) \quad \text{if } f(\text{Ant}_i(t_{ci})) > f \quad (14)$$

Where  $t_{ci}$ ; shows the current iteration,  $\text{Antlion}_j(t_{ci})$ ; is the position of selected  $j$ -antlion at  $t_{\text{th}}$  iteration,  $\text{Ant}_i(t_{ci})$ ; indicates the position of  $i_{\text{th}}$  ant at  $t_{\text{th}}$  iteration.

The last stage of the method is the selectivity phase; means how to choose the best solution, Eq. (15) represent this stage.

$$\text{Ant}_i(t_{ci}) = \frac{R_A(t_{ci}) + R_E(t_{ci})}{2} \quad (15)$$

Where  $R_A(t_{ci})$ ; is the random walk around the antlion selected by the roulette wheel at  $t_{\text{th}}$  iteration,  $R_E(t_{ci})$ ; is the random walk around the elite at  $t_{\text{th}}$  iteration,  $\text{Ant}_i(t_{ci})$ ; indicates the position of  $i_{\text{th}}$  ant at  $t_{\text{th}}$  iteration.

#### IV. OBJECTIVE FUNCTION & CONSTRAINTS

In our proposed method, the total active power losses (TPL) minimization, and the total voltage stability index (TVSI) maximization are taken into consideration as individual objectives, and calculated as:

$$\text{TPL} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=2}^N P_{ij} \quad \begin{matrix} i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1 \\ j = 2, 3, \dots, N \end{matrix} \quad (16)$$

$$P_{ij} = \frac{P_{\text{eff},j}^2 + Q_{\text{eff},j}^2}{|V_i|^2} \quad (17)$$

$$P_{\text{eff},j} = \frac{|V_i| |V_j|}{|Z_{ij}|} \cos(\varphi_{ij} - \delta_i + \delta_j) - \frac{|V_j|^2}{|Z_{ij}|} \cos(\varphi_{ij}) \quad (18)$$

$$Q_{\text{eff},j} = \frac{|V_i| |V_j|}{|Z_{ij}|} \sin(\varphi_{ij} - \delta_i + \delta_j) - \frac{|V_j|^2}{|Z_{ij}|} \sin(\varphi_{ij}) \quad (19)$$

Where  $P_{ij}$ ; is the branch current  $i$ - $j$ ,  $P_{\text{eff},j}$  and  $Q_{\text{eff},j}$ ; are the effective active and reactive power fed bus  $j$ ,  $Z_{ij}$  and  $\varphi_{ij}$ ; are the line impedance and angle of line  $i$ - $j$ , respectively,  $\delta_i$  and  $\delta_j$ ; are the angles of  $|V_i|$  and  $|V_j|$ , respectively. The voltage stability index is given by [1]:

$$\text{VSI}_j = |V_i|^4 - 4 \times (P_{\text{eff},j} \times R_{ij} + Q_{\text{eff},j} \times X_{ij}) \times |V_i|^2 - 4 \times ((P - P_{\text{eff},j}) \times X_{ij} + (Q - Q_{\text{eff},j}) \times R_{ij})^2 \quad (20)$$

$$\text{TVSI} = \sum_{j=2}^N \text{VSI}_j \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, N \quad (21)$$

The loss sensitivity factor (LSF) is [1]:

TABLE I. ADJUSTED PARAMETERS OF THE CONSTRAINTS.

Parameter	Set value(s)		
	33-node	69-node	118-node
Max-Iterations	500	500	500
$\mu$ (Penetration Level)	50 %	50 %	50 %
Voltage limits	$92\% \leq  V_i  \leq 110\%$	$92\% \leq  V_i  \leq 110\%$	$86.5\% \leq  V_i  \leq 110\%$
Active power limit of a DG	$0 \leq P_{DG} \leq 5 \text{ MW}$		
Reactive power limit of DG	$Q_{DG} = 0$ for type-1 DG		
	$0 \leq Q_{DG} \leq 4 \text{ MVar}$ for type-2 DG		
	$Q_{DG} = -(0.05 + 0.04P_{DG}^2)$ for type-3 DG		

$$LSF_{ij} = \frac{\partial P_{ij-loss}}{\partial P_{eff,j}} = \frac{2 P_{eff,j}}{|V_j|^2} * R_{ij} \quad \begin{matrix} j = 2,3,\dots,N \\ i = 1,2,\dots,N-1 \end{matrix} \quad (22)$$

$$LSF(j) = \frac{LSF_{ij} - LSF_{min}}{LSF_{max} - LSF_{min}} \quad j = 2,3,\dots,N \quad (23)$$

Where  $LSF(j)$ ; is the value of LSF of bus  $j$ ,  $LSF_{max}$  and  $LSF_{min}$ ; are the maximum and minimum values of LSFs, respectively,

The total active power loss reductions percentage (LD%) is calculate by Eq. (24).

$$LD\% = \frac{TPL_{woDG} - TPL_{wDG}}{TPL_{woDG}} * 100 \quad (24)$$

Where  $TPL_{wDG}$  and  $TPL_{woDG}$ ; active power with DG and without DG, respectively.

The respected inequality constraints are:

$$P_{DG,i}^{Min} \leq P_{DG,i} \leq P_{DG,i}^{Max} \quad \begin{matrix} i \\ = 1,2,\dots,N_{DG} \end{matrix} \quad (25)$$

$$Q_{DG,i}^{Min} \leq Q_{DG,i} \leq Q_{DG,i}^{Max} \quad \begin{matrix} i \\ = 1,2,\dots,N_{DG} \end{matrix} \quad (26)$$

$$\left| \frac{V^{Min}}{V^{Max}} \right| \leq |V_i| \quad \begin{matrix} i \\ = 1,2,\dots,N \end{matrix} \quad (27)$$

$$|S_i| \leq |S_i^{rated}| \quad \begin{matrix} i \\ = 1,2,\dots,nbr \end{matrix} \quad (28)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_{DG}} P_{DG} \leq \mu \sum_{j=1}^{N_L} P_{D,j} \quad (29)$$

$$TPL|_{W-DG} < TPL|_{WO-DG} \quad (30)$$

$$TQL|_{W-DG} < TQL|_{WO-DG} \quad (31)$$

Where  $P_{DG,i}^{Min}$ ,  $P_{DG,i}^{Max}$ ,  $Q_{DG,i}^{Min}$  and  $Q_{DG,i}^{Max}$ ; are the lower and higher limits of active and reactive output power of DG unit, respectively,  $N_{DG}$ ; is the number of DGs,  $V^{Min}$ ,  $V^{Max}$ ; minimum and maximum allowed bus voltage,  $S_i^{rated}$ ; the rated VA of branch  $i$ ,  $\mu$ ; is the maximum penetration level,  $N_L$ ; is the number of connected loads,  $TPL|_{W-DG}$ ,  $TPL|_{WO-DG}$ ,  $TQL|_{W-DG}$  and  $TQL|_{WO-DG}$ ; are the total active and reactive power loss with and without DGs, respectively. Inequality constraints on the three studied systems are listed in Table. I.

## V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Initial load flow results for the 33-node, 69-node and 118-node systems shown in Fig. 2 (a)-(c) are tabulated in Table II, it found that from the table minimum bus voltages are 0.9134 p.u (at bus 18), 0.9102 (at bus 65) and 0.8654 at 118 for 33, 69 and 118\_bus system, respectively, and total power losses are 201.89 (kW), 224.59 (kW) and 1294.3 (kW) for 33, 69 and 118\_bus system, respectively, total voltage deviations are 1.696, 1.824 and 5.92 (p.u) for 33, 69 and 118\_bus system, respectively, total voltage stability indexes are 25.86, 62.25 and 95.84 for 33, 69 and 118\_bus system, respectively, and the cost of losses are 106114.96, 118046.34 and 680284.08 \$ per year along with the annual cost of system losses considering 0.06\$ per kW [22] for 33, 69 and 118\_bus system, respectively. Two cases study are considered in this paper, the first is using only one DG unit, and the second is dealing with installing two DGs. Fig 3 is a flow chart for proposed method.

In the first case study and at TPL objective, the effectiveness of installing one DG units in the 33, 69, 118-node RDNs is investigated, cropped results are listed in Table III. In case one which used one DG For 33-node system, the active power loss decreased from 201.89 kW to 109.16, 67.6 and 120.05 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively.

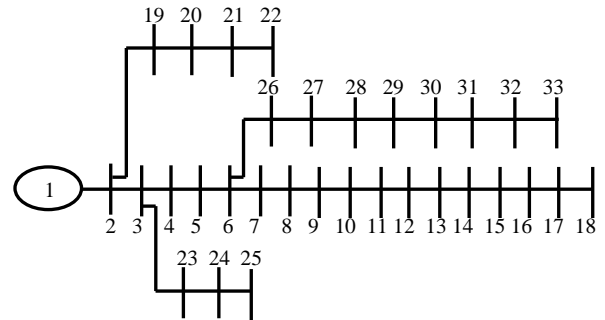


Figure 2(a). Single line diagram of the 33-node RDN

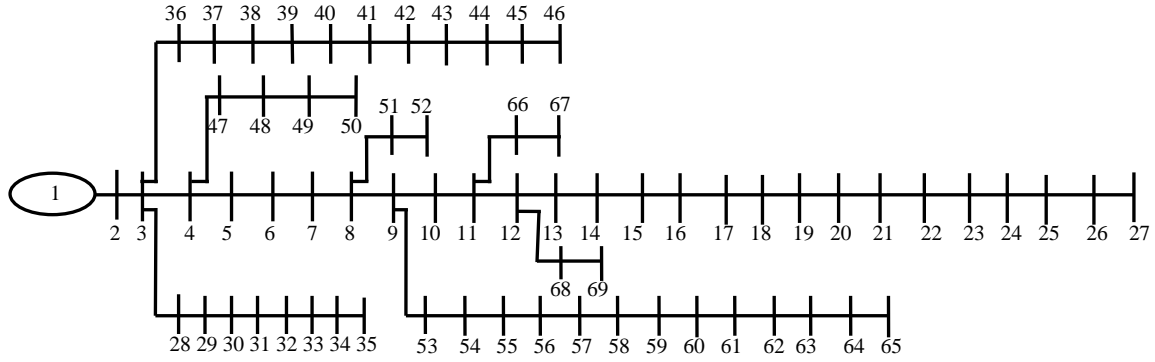


Figure 2(b). Single line diagram of the 69-node RDN

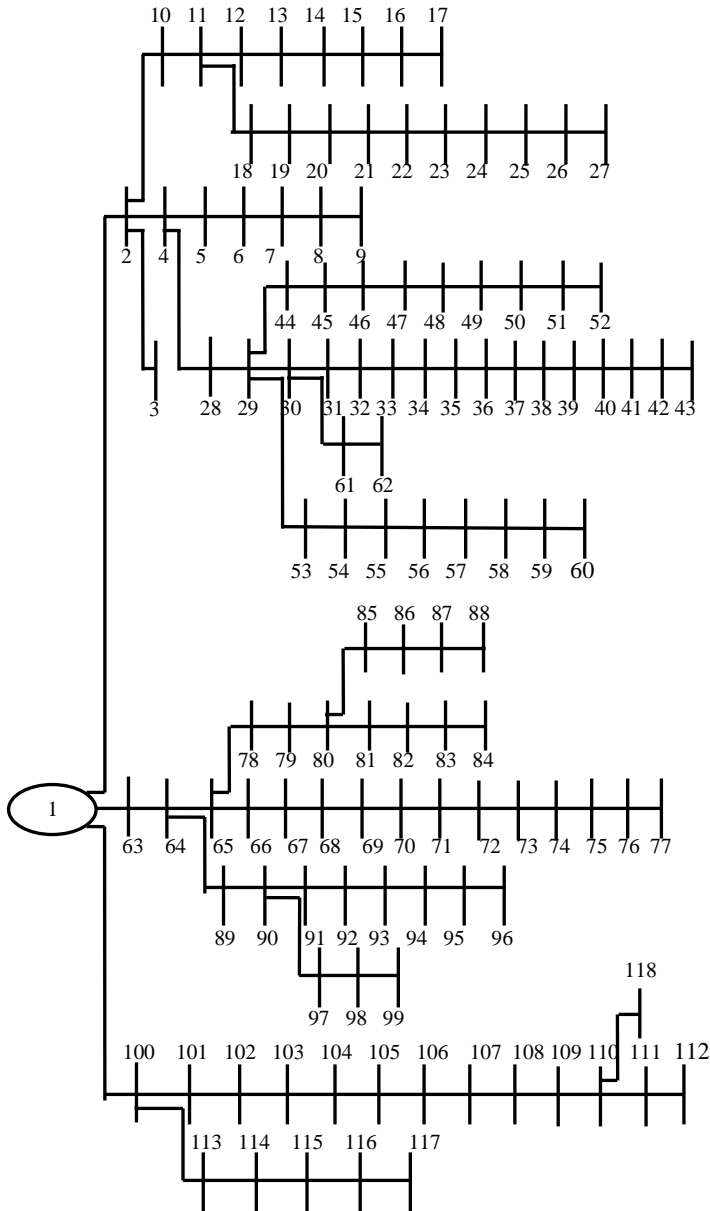


Figure 2(c). Single line diagram of the 118-node RDN

TABLE II. INITIAL LF RESULTS IN THE BASE CASE (WITHOUT DG).

Item	33-node RDN	69-node RDN	118-node RDN
<b>V<sub>min</sub></b> (p.u)	0.9134 at 18	0.9102 at 65	0.8654 at 118
<b>V<sub>max</sub></b> (p.u)	0.9970 at 2	1 at 2	0.997 at 2
<b>TVD</b> (p.u)	1.6960	1.8236	5.9212
<b>VSI<sub>min</sub></b>	0.6960 at 18	0.6863 at 65	0.5527 at 118
<b>VSI<sub>max</sub></b>	0.9882 at 2	0.9999 at 2	0.9878 at 3
<b>TVSI</b>	25.8634	61.2524	95.8434
<b>TPL</b> (KW)	201.893	224.5935	1294.3
<b>TQL</b> (KW)	134.6413	101.9903	1033.2
<b>Total load</b> (MVA)	3.72+j2.3	3.8021+j2.6946	22.710+j17.041
<b>Cost of losses(\$/year)</b>	106114.96	118046.34	680284.08

The lowest voltage of the system improved from 0.9134 p.u. at bus-18 to 0.9456 at bus 33, 0.9576 at bus 18 and 0.9399 at bus-18 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. Cost of losses reduced from 106114.96 (\$/year) to 57371.9 , 35532.71 and 63096.55 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. Saving cost due to installing DG was 48743.1 (\$/year), 70582.25 43018.42 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The DG running costs are 41418.56, 82598.75 and 72884.5 \$ per year. By comparing Cost of losses, DG running cost and Saving cost we get the net saving cost, which equal 18983.1, 10132.25 and -17431.5 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The negative value for nest saving cost means the running cost of DG is very high and this case is undesirable.

In case of using one DG For 69-node system, the active power loss decreased from 224.5935 kW to 81.5391, 23.1701 and 98.9934 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltage of the system improved from 0.9102 p.u. at bus-65 to 0.9693 at bus-27, 0.9726at bus-26,27 and 0.9677 at bus-27, respectively. Cost of losses reduced from 118046.34 (\$/year) to 42856.95 , 12178.14 and 52030.93 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3,

respectively. Saving cost was 75189.39, 105868.14 and 66015.41 (\$/year) in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The DG running costs are 30223.68, 59384 and 55422.25 \$ per year. The net saving cost are equal 44965.7, 46484.14 and -10593.16 (\$/year) in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. From the net saving costs values for three types we notice that all values are positive that means all types of DGs are desirable and type-2 are favorite .

In case of using one DG for 118-node system, the active power loss decreased from 1294.3 kW to 1082.7, 1008.9, and 1113.2 kW in case of DG type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltages of the system improved from 0.8654 p.u. at bus-118 to 0.87, 0.9722 and 0.868 at bus-118, respectively. The cost of losses reduced from 680284.08 (\$/year) to 569067.12 , 530277.84 and 585097.92 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. Saving cost was 111216.96, 150006.24 and 95186.16 (\$/year) in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The DG running costs are 45908.8, 90632.75 and 80424.5 \$ per year. The net saving cost are 65308.16, 59373.49 and 14761.66 (\$/year) in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively.

At TVSI objective, The highest voltage of the 33-bus system improved from 0.997 p.u. at bus-2 to 0.9982 p.u. at bus-2, 1.0385 p.u. at bus-11 and 0.9982 p.u. at bus-33, with DG type 1, 2 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltage of the 33-bus system improved to 0.9458 p.u. at bus-2, 0.9618 p.u. at bus-11 and 0.9444 p.u. at bus-33, with DG type 1, 2 and 3, respectively. The active power loss decreased to 122.41, 126.42 and 134.94 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The net saving costs were 12017.8, -20748.68 and -25260.9 \$ per year in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively.

For 69-bus system, the highest voltages improved from 1 p.u. at bus-2 to 1.01 p.u. at bus-61 with DG type 2, and is 1 at bus-2 with DG type 1 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltages improved to 0.9694 p.u. at bus-2, 0.9751 p.u. at bus-26,27 and 0.9689 p.u. at bus-27, with DG type 1, 2 and 3, respectively. The active power loss decreased to 81.5441, 104.38 and 100.51 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The net saving costs were 44769.96, 18650.7 and 3438.05 \$ per year in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively.

For 118-bus system, The highest voltages improved from 0.997 p.u. at bus-2 to 1p.u. at bus-72 with DG type 2, and is fixed at bus-2 with DG type 1 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltages improved to 0.87 p.u. at bus-118, 0.8749 p.u. and 0.87 p.u. at bus-118, with DG type 1, 2 and 3, respectively. The active power loss decreased to 1093.4, 1050 and 1234.5 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The net saving costs were 48393.04, 26075.88 and -119197 \$ per year in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively.

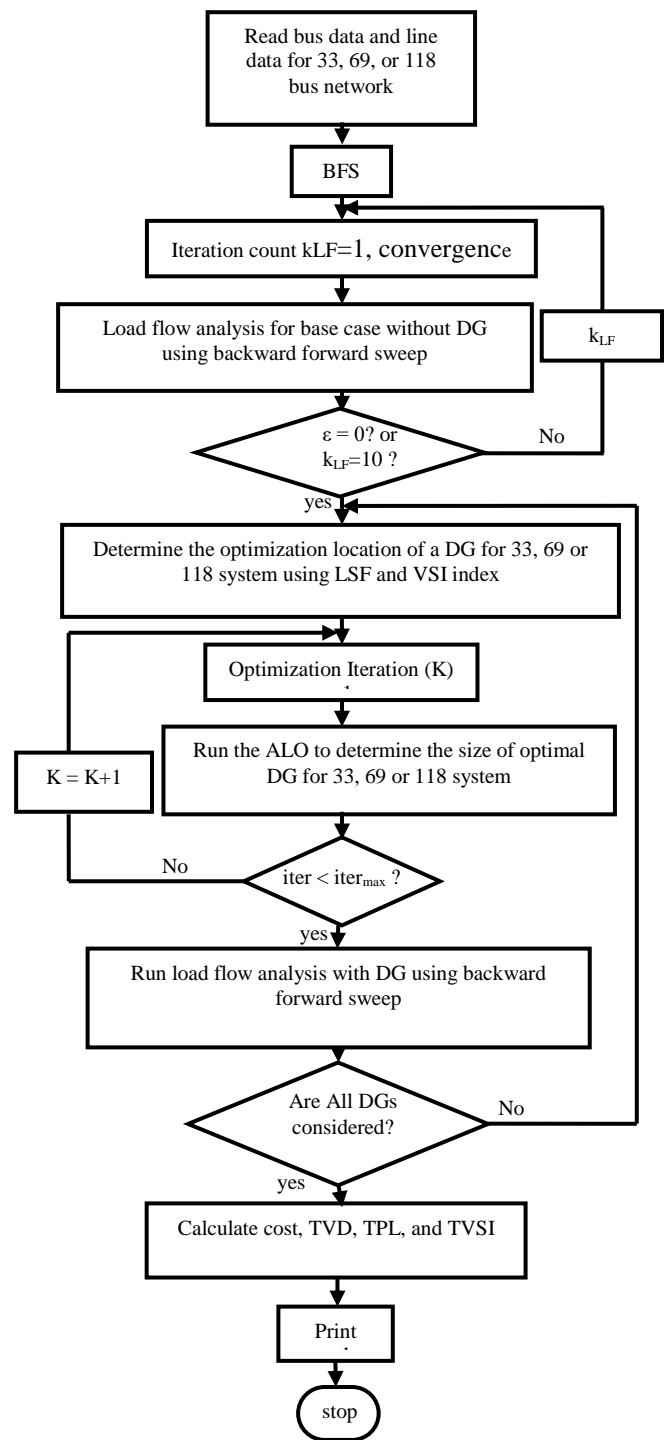


Figure 3. flow chart of proposed method

The networks voltage profiles without and with DG units of types 1, 2 and 3 are shown in Fig. 4 (a)-(f) for TPL and TVSI, respectively. With type-2 (injecting both active and reactive power), voltage profile is the best among other DGs types and the TVSI is the highest.

TABLE III. CROPPED RESULTS AFTER EMPLOYING ONE DG FOR 33, 69 AND 118-NODE SYSTEMS (BEST OUT OF 50 RUNS)

System		33-node system			69-node system			118-node system		
DG Type		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
TPL objective	DG size (MVA)	1.860 at 8	(1.860+j1.7484) at 6	(1.86-j0.1884) at 6	1.8889 at 61	(1.8272+j1.3024) at 61	(1.7053-j0.1663) at 61	2.8693 at 72	(2.7887+j1.8251) at 72	(2.4746-j0.2949) at 72
	Vmin (p.u)	0.9456 at 33	0.9576 at 18	0.9399 at 18	0.9693 at 27	0.9726 at 26, 27	0.9677 at 27	0.8691 at 118	0.8722 at 118	0.8681 at 118
	Vmax (p.u)	0.9982 at 2	0.9987 at 2	0.9982 at 2	1 at 2	1 at 2, 3, 28, 36	1 at 2	0.997 at 2	0.997 at 2	0.997 at 2
	TVSI	28.549	29.3590	27.9557	64.883	65.7255	64.4288	98.548	99.6477	97.9921
	TPL (KW)	109.16	67.6041	120.046	81.539	23.1701	98.9934	1082.7	1008.9	1113.2
	TQL (KW)	75.091	51.5672	84.2249	39.671	14.3783	47.3295	880.07	826.5636	934.293
	Loss red.	45.93 %	66.51 %	40.54 %	63.69 %	89.684 %	55.92 %	16.35 %	22.05 %	13.99 %
	Net saving cost (\$/year)	18983.1	10132.25	-17431.5	44965.7	46484.14	10593.16	65308.16	59373.49	14761.66
TVSI objective	DG size (MVA)	1.86 at 11	(1.859+j1.966) at 11	(1.86-j0.1884) at 11	1.90105 at 61	(1.37026+j2.809) at 61	(1.901-j0.1946) at 61	(3.575) at 72	(3.14856+j3.20526) at 72	(4.6347 - j0.9092) at 72
	Vmin (p.u)	0.9458 at 33	0.9618 at 33	0.9444 at 33	0.9694 at 26,27	0.9751 at 26,27	0.9689 at 27	0.87 at 118	0.8749 at 118	0.87 at 118
	Vmax (p.u)	0.9982 at 2	1.0385 at 11	0.9982 at 2	1 at 2	1.01 at 61	1 at 2	0.997 at 2	1 at 72	0.997 at 2
	TVSI	29.5425	32.0855	29.3368	64.9060	66.38	64.7896	99.2353	100.9579	99.8127
	TPL (KW)	122.407	126.4196	134.9427	81.5441	104.38	100.5057	1093.4	1050	1234.5
	TQL (KW)	83.9066	91.0981	92.4166	39.6533	46.89	47.7490	879.8424	839.3735	957.7734
	Loss red.	39.37 %	37.38 %	33.16 %	63.69 %	53.52 %	55.25 %	15.52 %	18.88 %	4.62 %
	Net saving cost (\$/year)	12017.8	-20748.68	-25260.9	44769.96	18650.7	3438.05	48393.04	26075.88	-119197

In case of 33\_node system all types of DG the DG size were maximum penetration level (1860 kVA ), for that installing DGs without penetration level should take in proposed method. The effectiveness of installing one DG unit in the 33-node RDN without limiting the penetration level is examined as given in Table IV. At TPL objective, the lowest voltage of the system improved from 0.9134 p.u. at bus-18 to 0.9474, 0.9635 and 0.9475 p.u. at bus-33, in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively,. The maximum voltage of the system improved to 0.9987 bus-2, 1.0013 at bus-6 and 0.9984 p.u. at bus-2 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. While the active power loss decreased to 102.79, 61.31 and 117.61 kW in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively, less than in case of penetration level, the net saving costs were 10670.13, -8709.64 and -28586.14 \$ per year in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively, less than in case of penetration level, that is due to high DG running cost which proportion with DG rating. At TVSI objective, the lowest voltage of the system improved to 0.9474, 0.9635 and 0.9475 p.u. at bus-33 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively, The maximum voltage of the system improved to 1, 1.04 and 1 p.u. at bus-11 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively.

To examine the solution quality obtained by the proposed method, the results in case of 33-bus RDS are

compared to other challenging algorithms found in literature as listed in Table V. ALO in both cases of respecting the penetration level or opening this level has the best loss reduction compared to other methods. The proposed method achieve loss reduction 46 %, while LSF and BSA achieve loss reduction 30.5 and 44 %, respectively, in case of penetration level. And without penetration level, our proposed method achieve 49.1 % loss reduction, while other best one achieve 47.4 % only.

In the second case study, the effectiveness of installing two DG units in the 33, 69, 118-node RDNs is investigated, cropped results are listed in Table VI. From the table, in case of 33-node and TPL objective the losses reduction are 58.52, 85.71 and 51.82 % in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltage of the system improved to 0.9681 at bus 33, 0.9799 at bus 25 and 0.9653 at bus-33 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The net saving cost increased to 32340.7 and 31705.23 (\$/year) in case of Type-1 and 2, respectively, and reduced to -4249.08 (\$/year) in case of Type-3.

In case of TVSI objective the losses reduction are less than the values with TPL objective and the net saving costs also less than net saving costs with TPL objective, but the maximum voltage of the system improved higher than maximum voltage with TPL objective.

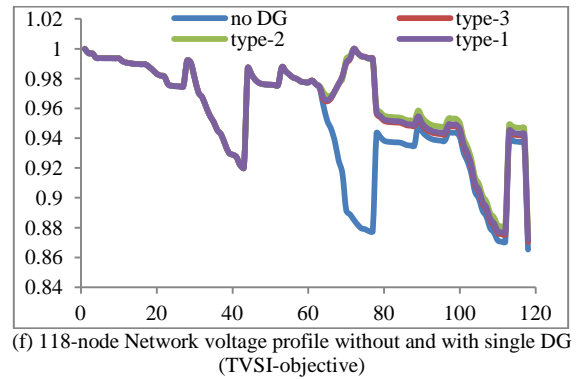
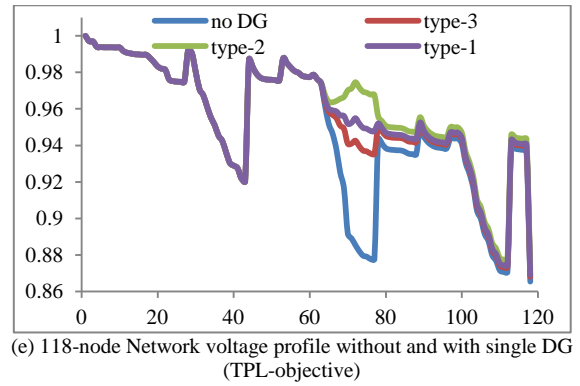
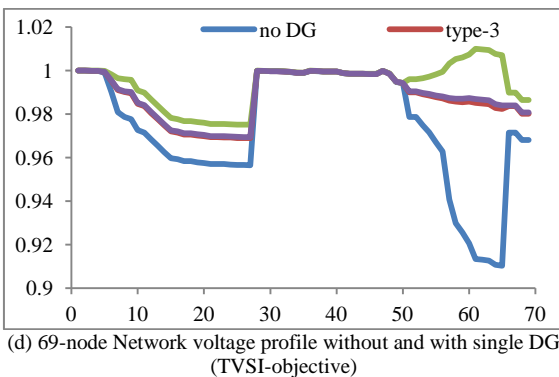
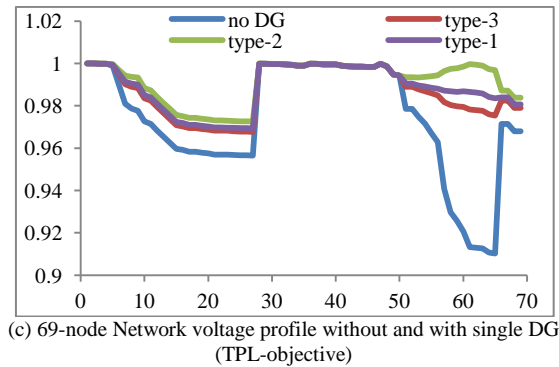
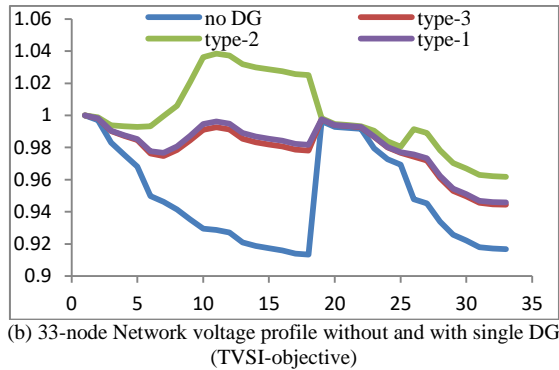
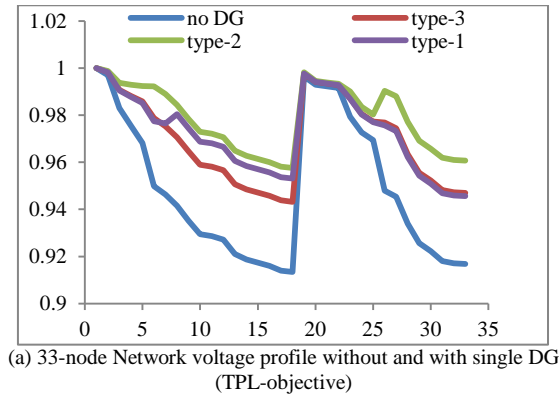


Figure 4. networks voltage profiles without and with DG units of types 1, 2, and 3 for TPL and TVSI

For 69-node, in case of TPL objective the losses reduction are 66.93, 95.6 and 59.46 % in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltage of the system improved to 0.974 at bus 65, 0.9894 at bus 65 and 0.9702 at bus-43 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The net saving cost increased to 15581.89, 51599.27 and 9002.48 (\$/year) in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively.

In case of TVSI objective the losses reduction and the net saving costs are less than the values with TPL objective, but the maximum voltage of the system improved higher than maximum voltage with TPL objective.

For 118-node, in case of TPL objective the losses reduction are 29.84, 43.07 and 25.64 % in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltage of the system improved to 0.9202 at bus 43 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3. The net saving cost increased to 110812.7, 112008.05 and 8817.65 (\$/year) in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively.

In case of TVSI objective, the net saving cost in case of type-1 is desirable and type-2 and 3 are undesirable .



TABLE IV. CROPPED RESULTS AFTER EMPLOYING VARIOUS TYPES OF DGs WITHOUT PENETRATION LEVEL IN 33-BUS SYSTEM (BEST OUT OF 50 RUNS)

Item	TPL objective			TVSI objective		
	1	2	3	1	2	3
DG size (MVA)	2.58866 at 6	(2.5415+j 1.7429) at 6	(2.2426-j0.2512) at 6	1.9681 at 11	(2.5515+j1.0703) at 11	(2.0843-j0.2238) at 11
Vmin (p.u)	0.9523 at 18	0.9669 at 18	0.9451 at 18	0.9474 at 33	0.9635 at 33	0.9475 at 33
Vmax (p.u)	0.9987 at 2	1.0013 at 6	0.9984 at 2	1 at 11	1.04 at 11	1 at 11
TVSI	28.9808	30.1681	28.3855	29.7651	32.2188	29.7662
TPL (KW)	102.7897	61.3125	117.6115	125.1281	124.7344	143.7951
TQL (KW)	74.1255	48.3282	83.1027	86.1595	89.7368	99.3057
Loss reduction	49.09 %	69.63 %	41.7456 %	38.02%	38.22%	28.78%
Net saving cost (\$/year)	10670.13	-8709.64	-28586.14	8858.03	-42369.19	-37203.49

TABLE V. COMPARISONS OF THE OPTIMAL RESULTS TO THE OTHER METHODS FOR 33-NODE (TPL-OBJECTIVE).

DG type-1			DG type-2			DG type-3		
Method	Allocation	LD%	Method	Allocation	LD%	Method	Allocation	LD%
LSF [13] <sup>a</sup>	0.743 at 18	30.5 %	BSA [1] <sup>a</sup>	(1.858+j1.895 ) at 6	64.6 %	BSA [1] <sup>a</sup>	(1.858-j0.188) at 6	29.6 %
BSA [1] <sup>a</sup>	1.858 at 8	44 %	IA [13] <sup>b</sup>	3.107 with 0.82 PF at 6	67.9 %	PSO [31] <sup>b</sup>	(2.216-j0.246) at 6	40.2 %
ELF [13] <sup>b</sup>	2.600 at 6	47.4 %	IA [13] <sup>b</sup>	3.103 with 0.85 PF at 6	67.7 %	ICA [35] <sup>b</sup>	(2.394-j0.279) at 6	40 %
PSO [31] <sup>b</sup>	2.567 at 6	47.4 %	PSO [31] <sup>b</sup>	(2.54+j1.748 ) at 6	67.9 %	BSA [1] <sup>b</sup>	(2.235-j0.250) at 6	40.1 %
ABC [32] <sup>b</sup>	3.380 at 6	44.8 %	BSA [1] <sup>b</sup>	(2.559+j1.761) at 6	67.9 %	ALO <sup>a</sup>	(1.86-j0.188) at 6	40.5 %
BSA [1] <sup>b</sup>	2.460 at 6	47.3 %	ALO <sup>a</sup>	(1.860+j1.7484) at 6	66.5 %	ALO <sup>b</sup>	(2.2426-j0.251) at 6	41.8 %
GA [33] <sup>b</sup>	2.570 at 6	47.4 %	ALO <sup>b</sup>	(2.5415+j 1.7429) at 6	69.6 %			
ALO <sup>a</sup>	1.860 at 8	46 %						
ALO <sup>b</sup>	2.589 at 6	49.1 %						

a All proposed constraints are respected with  $\mu=50\%$ .

b All constraints are appreciated except  $\mu$ .

In case of using two DGs, bus-voltage profile, total power loss reduction and net saving are better than those in the case of using one DG.

The networks voltage profile without and with two DG units of types 1, 2, and 3 are shown in Figure 5(a)-(f) for TPL and TVSI, respectively, in all cases the best type of DG for improving voltage profile is type-2 DG.

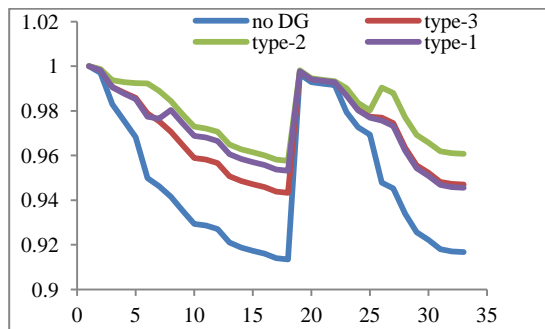
The effect of opening the penetration level when installing two DGs in the 33, 69-node RDNs is listed in Table VII, more enhancement in voltage and losses are encountered but with extra cost. For 33-node, in case of TPL objective the active power losses reduced to 82.9, 28.49 and 88.72 kW in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltage of the system improved to 0.9732 at bus-33, 0.9803 at bus-25 and 0.9688 at bus-33 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The net saving cost increased to 27323.55 and 27973.35 (\$ per year) in case of Type-1 and 2, respectively. In case of TVSI objective the active power losses reduced to 96.745, 73.79 and

124.03 kW in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltage of the system improved to 0.9809, 0.9858 and 0.981 at bus-25 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The net saving cost was 10570.27 (\$ per year) in case of Type-1.

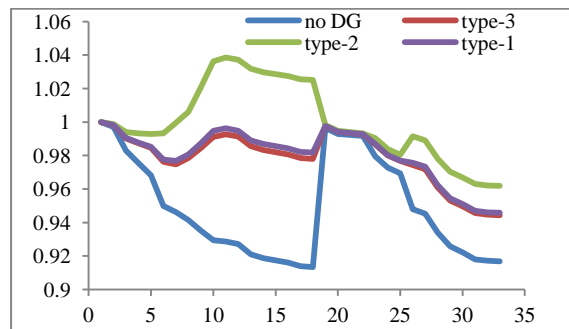
For 69-node, in case of TPL objective the active power losses reduced to 70.4557, 7.2038 and 78.754 kW in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltage of the system improved to 0.9835 at bus-65, 0.9943 at bus-50 and 0.9831 at bus-65 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The net saving cost increased to 34067.63, 41716.25 and 3473.73 (\$ per year) in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. In case of TVSI objective the active power losses reduced to 72.3, 12.55 and 82.55 kW in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The lowest voltage of the system improved to 0.9884 at bus-65, 0.9942 at bus-68 and 69 and 0.9878 at bus-65 in case of Type-1, 2 and 3, respectively. The desirable net saving cost increased to 42313.19 and 32999.84 (\$ per year) in case of Type-1 and 2, respectively.

TABLE VI. CROPPED RESULTS AFTER EMPLOYING TWO DGs FOR 33, 69 AND 118-NODE SYSTEMS

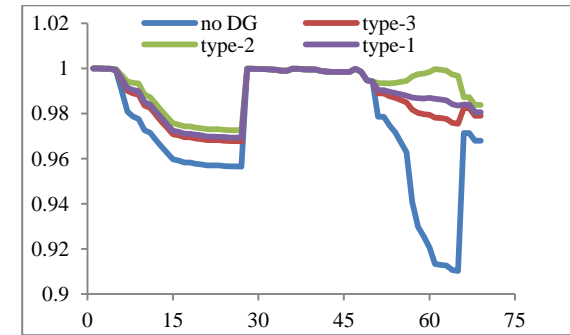
System	33-node system			69-node system			118-node system			
Type	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	
TPL objective	DG size (MVA)	0.7839 at 13 & 1.0761 at 30	(0.796+j0.394) at 13 & (1.064 + j1.061) at 30	(0.809-j0.076) at 13 & (1.051 - j0.094) at 30	0.332 at 17 & 1.5696 at 61	(0.361+j0.354) at 17 & (1.541 + j1.239) at 61	(0.408-j0.057) at 17 & (1.494-j0.139) at 61	2.858 at 72 & 2.902 at 110	(2.773+ j1.8) at 72 & (2.796+j2.327) at 110	(2.171- j0.238) at 72 & (2.926-j0.393) at 110
	V <sub>min</sub> (p.u)	0.9681 at 33	0.9799 at 25	0.9653 at 33	0.974 at 65	0.9894 at 65	0.9702 at 65	0.9202 at 43	0.9202 at 43	0.9202 at 43
	V <sub>max</sub> (p.u)	0.998 at 2	0.9987 at 2	0.9982 at 2	1 at 2	1 at 2,3,28,36	1 at 2	0.997 at 2	0.997 at 2	0.997 at 2
	TVSI	29.4235	31.0411	29.258	65.2736	66.6423	65.213	99.95	101.4975	99.07
	TPL (kW)	83.741	28.8546	97.277	74.282	9.8741	91.05	908.14	736.8	962.38
	TQL (kW)	57.0	20.4164	66.145	37.2873	9.447	44.44	782.68	677.0436	827.8309
	Loss red.	58.52%	85.71%	51.82%	66.93%	95.6%	59.46%	29.84 %	43.07 %	25.64 %
	Net saving cost (\$/year)	32340.7	31705.23	-4249.08	15581.89	51599.27	9002.48	110812.7	112008.05	8817.65
TVSI objective	DG size (MVA)	0.943 at 18 & 0.917 at 31	(0.935-j0.011) at 18 & (0.885+j1.457) at 31	(1.018-j0.091) at 18 & (0.842-j0.078) at 31	1.1385 at 17 & 0.763 at 61	(0.06+1.816) at 17 & (1.813 + j1.584) at 61	(1.179 - j0.106) at 17 & (0.723 - j0.071) at 61	3.5083 at 72 & 3.2913 at 110	(3.5791+j2.5708) at 72 & (4.4899+j3.1405) at 110	(3.0167 - j0.414) at 72 & (2.758-j0.354) at 110
	V <sub>min</sub> (p.u)	0.9702 at 30	0.9797 at 25	0.9667 at 30,33	0.9485 at 65	0.9943 at 50	0.9461 at 65	0.9202 at 50	0.9202 at 50	0.9202 at 43
	V <sub>max</sub> (p.u)	1 at 18	1.01 at 18, 31	1 at 18	1.01 at 17,18	1.01 at 17,18,61	1.01 at 17,18	0.997 at 2	1 at 76	0.997 at 2
	TVSI	29.8542	31.3314	29.716	66.1435	68.72	66.0403	100.7733	103.7769	99.7254
	TPL (kW)	96.4323	57.805	113.64	116.878	106.88	133.4681	917.27	819.9999	980
	TQL (kW)	69.708	47.4423	82.49	53.1567	44.07	59.97	780.9850	695.1505	823.38
	Loss red.	52.24%	71.73%	43.71%	47.96%	52.41%	40.57%	29.13 %	36.65 %	24.28 %
	Net saving cost (\$/year)	25670.1	19305.83	-12800.8	4038.98	860.47	-12819.04	89374.17	-12946.79	-22484.9



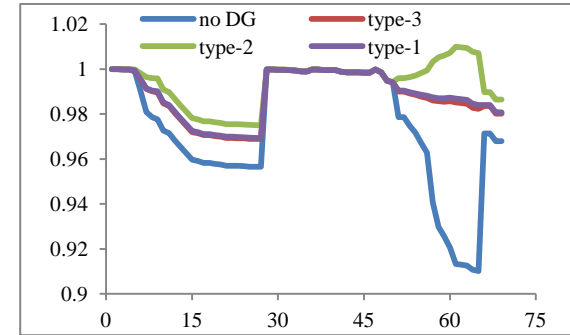
(a) 33-node Network voltage profile without and with 2 DGs (TPL-objective)



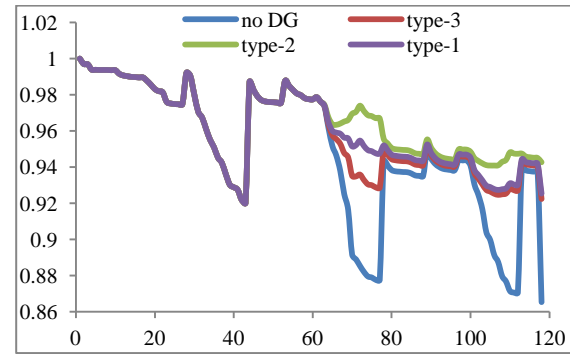
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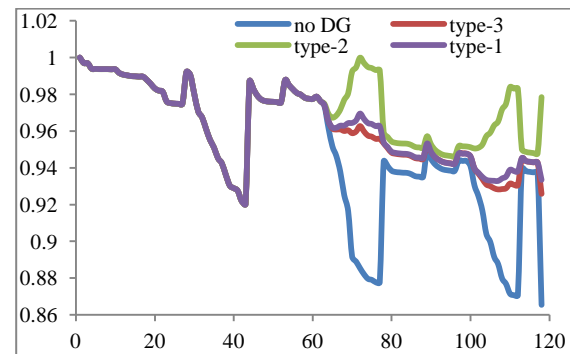
(c) 69-node Network voltage profile without and with 2 DGs (TPL-objective)



(d) 69-node Network voltage profile without and with 2 DGs (TVSI-objective)



(e) 118-node Network voltage profile without and with 2 DGs (TPL-objective)



(f) 118-node Network voltage profile without and with 2 DG (TVSI-objective)

Figure 5. networks voltage profile without and with 2 DGs of types 1, 2, and 3

In case of TVSI objective the losses reduction and the net saving costs are less than the values with TPL objective, but the maximum voltage of the system improved higher than maximum voltage with TPL objective.

Table VIII concludes the loss reduction percentage due to install two DGs for 33 and 69-node systems in comparison with the other challenging methods. It is clear, from all of results, the proposed method is capable of generating highly remarkable loss reductions, bus voltages improvement and net saving cost compared to other heuristic based methods. By comparing the 33-node system results, with type-1 DG found the proposed method achieve loss reduction 58.52 %, while LSF achieve loss reduction 52.32 %, respectively, with penetration level, and without penetration level, our proposed method achieve 58.94 % loss reduction, while other best one achieve 58.52 %. With type-2 DG found the proposed method achieve loss reduction 85.71 %, near to BSA which achieve loss reduction 86.25 % and more than IA which achieve loss reduction 78.98 % with penetration level, and without penetration level, our proposed method achieve 85.9 % loss reduction, while other best one achieve 58.52 %. With type-3 DG found the proposed method achieve loss reduction more than other with and without penetration level.

When comparing the 69-node system results, found the proposed method achieve with penetration level loss reduction 66.93 and 95.6 % for type-1 and 2, respectively, and without penetration level, our proposed method achieve loss reduction 86.63 and 96.79 % for type-1 and 2, respectively.

Moreover, the fluctuation of daily load profile on the effectiveness of installing one and two DGs to 33, 69, and 118-node systems for TPL objective with the proposed algorithm is evaluated in this paper. Daily loads start from 8 a.m. with 60 % of base load, and increases by 5 % each hour till peak load at 4 p.m. (100% of base load) at 3 p.m., after that load decrease by 5% each hour till 12 p.m. to reach 60 % of base load then remains steady till 8 a.m.

Fig. 6 (a), (b) compare the daily TPL with different types of one and two DGs installed in 33-node system, respectively. It noticed from the Figure that, with one type of Dgs, the minimum TPLs are 37.77, 21.67, and 40.08 kW at night, while the peak TPLs is 109.16, 67.6, and 120.05 kW for DG type 1, 2, and 3 , respectively. On the other hand, when installing two DGs, the minimum TPLs are 29.53, 10.15, and 35.04 kW, and the peak TPLs are 82.9, 28.49, and 94.9 kW for DG type 1, 2, and 3 respectively.

TABLE VII. CROPPED RESULTS AFTER EMPLOYING TWO DGs FOR 33, 69-NODE SYSTEMS WITHOUT PENETRATION LIMITS

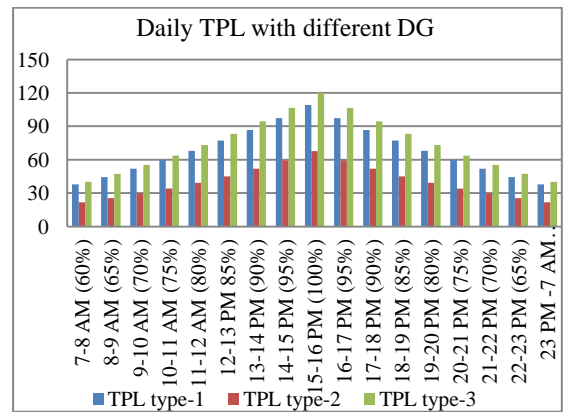
System		33-node system			69-node system		
Type		1	2	3	1	2	3
TPL objective	DG size (MVA)	0.85 at 13 & 1.192 at 30	(0.841+j0.393) at 13 & (1.142+ j1.063) at 30	(0.834+j0.078) at 13 & (1.09+j0.098) at 30	0.525 at 17 & 1.796 at 61	0.525 at 17 & 1.796 at 61	(0.522 + j0.354) at 17 & (1.734 + j1.238)at61
	V <sub>min</sub> (p.u)	0.9732 at 33	0.9803 at 25	0.9688 at 33	0.9835 at 65	0.9943 at 50	0.9831 at 65
	V <sub>max</sub> (p.u)	0.9984 at 2	1.001 at 30	0.9983 at 2	1 at 2,3	1 at 2,3,28,36	1 at 2
	TPL (KW)	82.8988	28.4907	88.72	70.4557	7.2038	78.754
	Loss reduction	58.94%	85.89%	56.06%	68.63%	96.79%	64.93%
Net saving cost (\$/year)		27323.55	27973.35	-1808.27	34067.63	41716.25	3473.73
TVSI objective	DG size (MVA)	1.064 at 13 & 1.73 at 30	(1.437+j0.424) at 13 & (1.726+j1.719) at 30	(1.114 -j0.0996) at 13 & (1.812-j0.1813) at 30	0.7037 at 17 & 1.901 at 61	(0.624+j0.0795) at 17 & (1.819+j1.059) at 61	(0.728-j0.071) at 17 & (1.901-j0.195) at 61
	V <sub>min</sub> (p.u)	0.9809 at 25	0.9858 at 25	0.981 at 25	0.9884 at 65	0.9942 at 68,69	0.9878 at 65
	V <sub>max</sub> (p.u)	1 at 13,30	1.04 at 13, 30	1 at 13, 30	1 at 2,3,17,18	1 at 2,3,17,18 28,36,61	1 at 2,3,17,18
	TPL (KW)	96.745	73.79	124.0333	72.3027	12.5471	82.5473
	Loss reduction	52.08%	63.45%	38.56%	67.81%	94.41%	63.25%
Net saving cost (\$/year)		10570.27	-35465.59	-54155.69	42313.19	32999.84	-9690.09

TABLE VIII. COMPARISON OF OPTIMAL RESULTS TO OTHER METHODS FOR 33 AND 69-NODE RDNS WITH TWO DGs (TPL-OBJECTIVE).

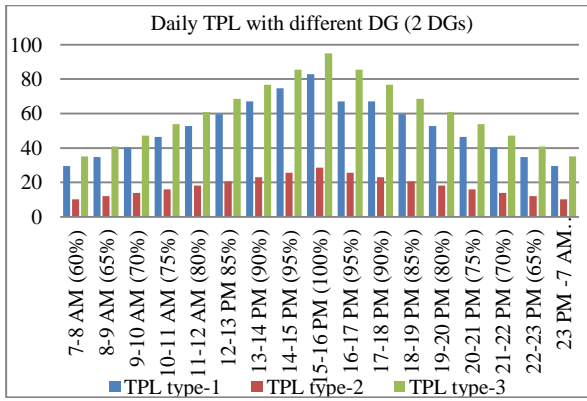
33-node network					69-node network				
DG type-1		DG type-2		DG type-3		DG type-1		DG type-2	
Method	LD%	Method	LD%	Method	LD%	Method	LD%	Method	LD%
LSF [13] <sup>a</sup>	52.32	IA [13]	78.98	BSA [1] <sup>a</sup>	51.35	LSF [13] <sup>b</sup>	54.97	IA [13] <sup>a</sup>	96.69
ELF [13] <sup>b</sup>	58.51	BSA [1] <sup>a</sup>	86.25	PSO [31] <sup>b</sup>	49.4	IA [13] <sup>a</sup>	67.94	ALO <sup>a</sup>	95.6
BSA[1] <sup>b</sup>	58.37	PSO [31] <sup>b</sup>	86.48	ICA [35] <sup>b</sup>	50.98	ELF [13] <sup>b</sup>	67.94	ALO <sup>b</sup>	96.79
PSO [31] <sup>b</sup>	58.37	ALO <sup>a</sup>	85.71	ALO <sup>a</sup>	51.82	ALO <sup>a</sup>	66.93		
ALO <sup>a</sup>	58.52	ALO <sup>b</sup>	85.89	ALO <sup>b</sup>	56.06	ALO <sup>b</sup>	68.63		
ALO <sup>b</sup>	58.94								

Fig. 6 (c), (d) compare the daily TPLs with different types of one and two DGs installed in 69-node system, respectively. When installing one DG, the minimum TPLs are 29.07, 8.22, and 34.63 kW at night, the peak TPLs is 81.54, 23.17, and 98.99 kW for type 1, 2, and 3 DG respectively. With two DGs, the minimum TPLs are 25.18, 2.58, and 32.04 kW, and the peak TPLs are 74.28, 9.87, and 91.05 kW for DG type 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

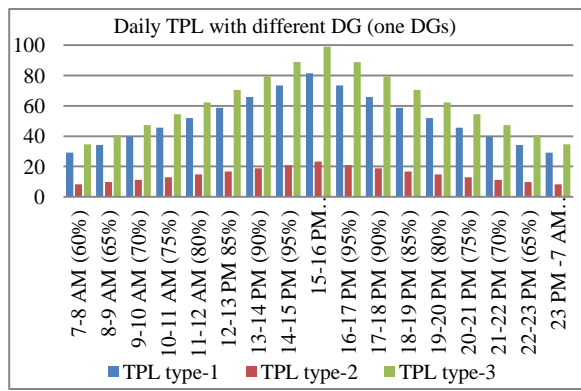
Fig. 6(e), (f) compares the daily TPLs with different types of one and two DGs installed in 118-node system, respectively. When installing one DG, the minimum TPLs are 548.54, 523.38, and 556.36 kW at night, the peak TPLs is 1082.7, 1008.9, and 1113.2 kW for DG type 1, 2, and 3 , respectively. With two DGs, the minimum TPLs are 494.38, 464.82, and 509.21 kW, and the peak TPLs are 908.14, 736.8, and 962.38 kW for DG type 1, 2, and 3 , respectively.



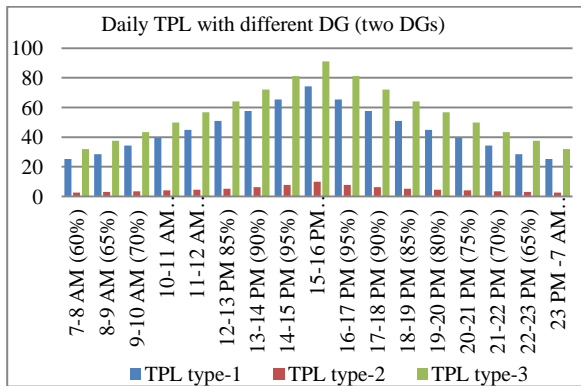
(a) Daily TPL for 33 RDN with different type of DG (one DG).



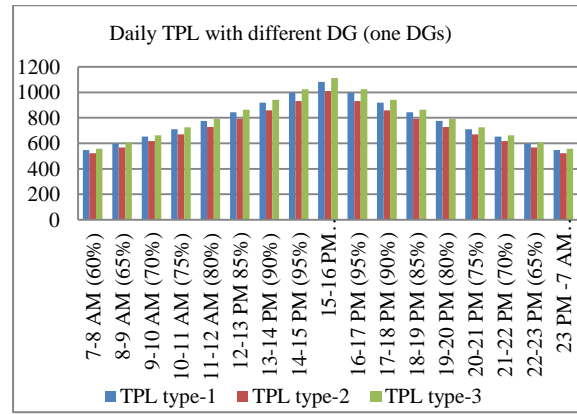
(b) Daily TPL for 33 RDN with different type of DG (two DG)



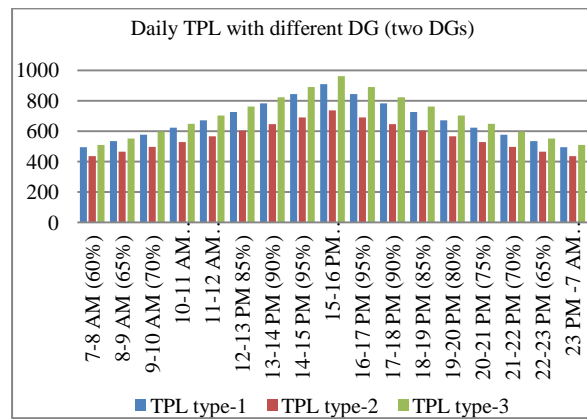
(c) Daily TPL for 69 RDN with different type of DG (one DG)



(d) Daily TPL for 69 RDN with different type of DG (two DG)



(e) Daily TPL for 118 RDN with different type of DG (one DG)



(f) Daily TPL for 118 RDN with different type of DG (two DG)

Figure 6. the networks daily TPLs with DG units of types 1,2, and 3 for 33, 69 and 118 RDS.

## I. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, ALO is used to allocate three different types of DG in RDS. The three types have different characteristics in producing or absorbing reactive power. They have different abilities to reduce system losses and enhance voltage profile. Three test systems are examined which are the 33, 69 and 118 IEEE bus system. The three systems are equipped either with only one type DG or with two types. ALO is used to allocate these DGs in the RDS depending on two indices, the loss sensitivity factor and the voltage stability index. Total voltage deviation and running cost are used to judge the quality of solution in each case study. Reduction in system losses and enhancement of voltage profile are two notable points of strength of the proposed algorithm compared to other competitive metaheuristic techniques in literature. Using two DGs of type 2 resulted in the best performance regarding loss reduction and voltage profile enhancement, especially when considering the daily load cycle.

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