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## A particle swarm algorithm for solving the synchronous generator parameters identification on-line problem

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### ABSTRACT

With high demand about security and stability analysis of power system, to obtain fast and accurate real-time grid model has become important for power system. the paper presents a small population-based particle swarm optimization (SPPSO) method to identify synchronous generator parameters based on the PMU data. Compared with hybrid genetic algorithm to make parameter identification of synchronous generator and got the better result. In this method, the parameters identification of synchronous generator is formulated as an optimization problem of input-output system. A small population-based particle swarm algorithm has less computation, fast convergence speed, the identification accuracy is high, it is suitable for real-time online parameter identification of power system. and the synchronous generator parameters identification becomes easy.

### KEYWORDS

Synchronous generator; Parameter identification; SPPSO; PMU data.



## INTRODUCTION

The system parameter identification (System parameter Identification) is a branch of modern control theory. After processing input and output data of the control system, it is to estimate the mathematical model of system structure. Power system is a huge artificial complex system, and the transient stability calculation and real-time control of system are closely related to the generator, synchronous generator and load model. So, it has a very realistic significance to research the parameter identification of the power system.

Synchronous generator (SG) is an important part of the grid stability analysis. A precise on-line synchronous generator model is a foundation of the power grid stability analysis. Previously, parameters identification of synchronous generator is offline. The signals used for the parameters identification of synchronous generator are the generator's dynamic response to the step change under the condition of no-load. In this case, the obtained models are usually not accurate. With the development of PMU technology, it is possible to obtain the dynamic data and it provided the conditions for real-time online parameter of power system model. Thus, on-line parameter identification for synchronous generator becomes possible.

Synchronous generator modeling plays an important role in system planning, operation and post-disturbance analysis<sup>[1-3]</sup>. Some algorithms have been proposed such as least square method<sup>[4]</sup>, extended Kalman filtering<sup>[5]</sup>, volterra series<sup>[6]</sup>, and colony optimization algorithm. The least square method has simple objective function and quick computation speed but sensitive to selection of initial value and of measurement noise. Extended Kalman filtering has poor searching efficiency. Identification of based on Volterra series needs to compute a large number of kernel function. Recently, The parameter identification of synchronous generator is considered as an optimization process with a fitness function minimizing the errors between the estimated values and measured values. The literatures<sup>[7,8]</sup> using genetic algorithm(GA) to make identification of synchronous generator parameters but GA is poor in computing efficiency and the search process needs more time, not suitable for online parameter identification. In<sup>[9]</sup> it combines particle swarm optimization algorithm with Quantum Operation (PSO-QO) to solve both offline and online parameters estimation problem for SG. The hybrid algorithm is proposed to increase the convergence speed and identification accuracy, but, PSO has premature convergence problem<sup>[10-12]</sup>.

Motivated by above discussions, In the proposed approaches, three operations are introduced to improve the performance of the algorithm, namely mutation operation, DE-acceleration operation and migration operation. Furthermore, the synchronous generator practical model and the PMU data are adopted. The simulation results of the model obtained by SPPSO have been compared with hybrid genetic algorithm and PSO. The SPPSO algorithm shows better performance on the convergence as well as computation time and effort.

## SYNCHRONOUS GENERATOR MODEL DESCRIPTION

For the parameters identification of the synchronous generator, the first step is to establish the suitable mathematical model which can express different working conditions of synchronous generator precisely. Various types of synchronous generator are supplied by different manufacturers. Corresponding mathematical models of these synchronous generator s have been established by the manufacturers.

However these models are not practical in the on-line stability analysis of power system. Choosing an appropriate model is the key point for the parameters identification of synchronous generator.

With the information provided by the power plant, the five-step voltage synchronous generator practical model is adopted in this paper. The following equations show the basic aspects of the model.

D-Axis electric model:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dE'_q}{dt} = -\frac{1}{T'_{d0}} E'_q - \frac{1}{T'_{d0}} (X_d - X'_d) i_d + \frac{1}{T'_{d0}} \cdot \frac{X_{ad}}{R_{fd}} \cdot u_{fd} \\ \frac{dE''_q}{dt} = -\left(\frac{1}{T''_{d0}} - \frac{1}{T'_{d0}}\right) E''_q - \frac{1}{T'_{d0}} E'_q - \left(\frac{X_d - X'_d}{T'_{d0}} + \frac{X'_d - X''_d}{T''_{d0}}\right) i_d + \frac{1}{T'_{d0}} \cdot \frac{X_{ad}}{R_{fd}} \cdot u_{fd} \\ u_q = E''_q - X''_d \cdot i_d \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Q-Axis electric model:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dE''_d}{dt} = -\frac{1}{T''_{q0}} E''_d + \frac{X_q - X''_q}{T''_{q0}} i_q \\ u_d = E''_d - X''_q \cdot i_q \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Motion equation of the rotor:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\delta}{dt} = \omega - 1 \\ M \frac{d\omega}{dt} = M_m - M_e - D(\omega - 1) \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Where, the notations represent:

$E''_d, E''_q$  :transient EMF and sub-transient EMF;

$E'_q$  : transient EMF of q axis;

$u_{fd}$  :excitation voltage;

$X''_d, X''_q$  :sub-transient reactance of d and q axis;

$X'_d$  :sub-transient reactance of d axis;

$X_d, X_q$  :reactance of d and q axis;

$T'_{d0}, T''_{d0}$  :transient and sub-transient open-circuit time constant of d axis;

$T''_{q0}$  :sub-transient open-circuit time constant of q axis.

The parameters to be identified in this model are  $X_d, X'_d, X''_d, X_q, X''_q, T'_{d0}, T''_{d0}, T''_{q0}$  and  $K$ ,  $K = X_{ad}/R_{fd}$ .

### SMALL POPULATION-BASED PARTICLE SWARM OPTIMIZATION

Small population-based particle swarm optimization is the improvement of particle swarm optimization. A small population size is adopted in the SPPSO approach, avoiding the heavy cost of computational time and resources in comparison with the past PSO approaches in which a large population size is usually employed. However, the adoption of small population size will lessen the population diversity, and the solution may converge to a local optimum with high probably. Therefore, there extra handing techniques, i.e., mutation operation, DE-acceleration operation, and migration operation, are incorporated to deal with this problem.

Mutation operation. In the PSO algorithm, the population diversity will decrease with iterations, especially using small population size. In this paper, the mutation operation is introduced in the SPPSO to address this issue. The mutation operation is acting on the particle's flying guides, unlike any other mutation operation which acts on the position of a particle or on its flying velocity. Then the guides of particle  $i$ th generated as

$$glead(i) = \begin{cases} gbest & \text{if } rand < g_{mut} \\ pbest_{rand(1,n_p)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$plead(i) = \begin{cases} pbest & \text{if } rand < p_{mut} \\ pbest_{rand(1,n_p)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $gbest$  denotes the best position that the all particles has achieved so far;  $pbest_i$  represents the best position the particle  $i$ th has achieved so far;  $gmut$  and  $pmut$  are the mutation probability for the  $gbest$  and  $pbest$  guides, respectively, and they are usually set in [0.01,0.20];  $rand(1,np)$  produces random integers uniformly distributed in [1, np].  $rand()$  generates random numbers uniformly distributed in [0, 1]. Within the introduced mutation operation, the velocity update formula can be described as

$$v_{ij}^{k+1} = wv_{ij}^k + c_1r_1(plead(i)_j^k - x_{ij}^k) + c_2r_2(glead(i)_j^k - x_{ij}^k) \quad (6)$$

Where  $glead_j^k$  and  $plead_j^k$  represent the  $j$ th dimensionality positions of the  $gbest$  and  $pbest$  guides of the  $i$ th particle; np is the population size; N is the dimension of the search space.

DE-acceleration operation. In the PSO, the particles optimization is enforced by changing the flight direction and velocity of the particles. It is an inefficient job. The adoption of mutation operation has no contributions to improve the convergence speed and optimize efficiency to some extent. Then the DE algorithm is introduced. The DE-acceleration operation is carried out on the  $gbest$  in case its fitness has not been improved after several iterations. The initial individuals are the all  $pbest$  of the all particles respectively achieved so far. The individuals at the  $m$ th iteration in the operation are produced as

$$\tilde{x}_{ij}^{m+1} = \begin{cases} \tilde{x}_{ij}^m + F_{acc}(\tilde{x}_{r_1j}^m - \tilde{x}_{r_2j}^m) & \text{if } rand() < R_{acc} \\ \tilde{x}_{ij}^m & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n_p; j = 1, 2, \dots, N; m = 0, 1, \dots, l_{acc}$$

Where  $R_{acc}$  represents the scaling factor;  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are different integers uniformly distributed in [1,np];  $l_{acc}$  is the maximum iteration of the DE-acceleration operation. In the iterative process, the parent individual will be replaced by its offspring once the fitness of the offspring is better than that of its parent. The best fitness at any iteration is compared with that of the  $gbest$ , and the winner will be the new  $gbest$ . This DE-acceleration operation will be executed until the fitness of the  $gbest$  has been improved significantly or some certain number of iterations has been reached.

Migration operation. The population diversity will be destroyed due to the small population size, and the introduction of the DE-acceleration operation will make the situation worse. Therefore, the migration operation is proposed. It is a re-initialization operation which is enforced when the population diversity is reduced to an intolerable degree. This degree can be expressed as a preset value acquiring from the experience. In this paper, the crowding level denoted by (8) is adopted to represent the swarm diversity:

$$cl = \frac{1}{n_p N} \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} \sum_{j=1}^N \mu(x_{ij}^k) \tag{8}$$

Where  $\mu(x_{ij}^k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \pi_{ij}^k < f_{mig} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . In the above formula,  $\pi_{ij}^k$  is the closeness degree on the  $j$ th dimensionality between the  $gbest$  and the  $i$ th particle.  $f_{mig}$  represents its critical value. The closeness degree is produced as

$$\pi_{ij}^k = \begin{cases} (x_{ij}^k - gbest_j) / (d_j^{max} - gbest_j) & \text{if } x_{ij}^k \geq gbest_j \\ (gbest_j - x_{ij}^k) / (gbest_j - d_j^{min}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{9}$$

$$\hat{x}_{ij}^k = \begin{cases} gbest_j + r_1 (d_j^{max} - gbest_j) & \text{if } r_3 \leq \sigma \\ d_j^{min} + r_2 (gbest_j - d_j^{min}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{10}$$

Where  $\sigma = (d_j^{max} - gbest_j) / (d_j^{max} - d_j^{min})$ ;  $d_j^{max}$  and  $d_j^{min}$  represent the maximum value and minimum value of the  $j$ th dimensionality respectively;  $r_1, r_2$  and  $r_3$  are random numbers uniformly distributed in [0,1].

The detailed steps of the SPPSO approach for the excitation system's parameters identification can be described as follows.

Step 1: Set the parameters and initialize the population.

Step 2: Select the  $pbest$  guide and  $gbest$  guide for each individual according the mutation operation, and update the velocity for each individual by (3). Then update the position of each particle.

Step 3: Calculate the fitness value for each individual in the population. Compare each particle's fitness value with that of its  $pbest$ . If the new fitness value of any particle is less than its previous value, the new coordinates for that particle will be stored as its  $pbest$ . The particle with the best cost value among all the  $pbests$  is denoted as the new  $gbest$ .

Step 4: If the cost of  $gbest$  is not improved meaningfully in several iterations, the DE-acceleration operation will be carried out until the fitness of the  $gbest$  has been improved significantly or some certain number of iterations has been reached.

Step 5: Calculate crowding level value of the population. Implement the migration operation if the diversity violates its desired level.

Step 6: If the number of iterations reaches its maximum, or the fitness value of  $gbest$  is less enough, then go to step 7. Otherwise, go to step 2.

Step 7: Print the detailed results obtained by the latest  $gbest$ , and stop.

### SIMULATION RESULTS

This paper used PMU installed on the generator terminal to measure the power angle of generator, Generator outlet electric quantity information, will be decomposed into d, q axis component of the generator, Decoupling equations of d, q axis can be solved to make generator parameter identification. A small population of particle swarm optimization algorithm (SPPSO) and hybrid genetic algorithm was used to the generator model parameter identification.

The function simulation of the system is successfully fulfilled with single machine infinite bus system. The paper simulated the generator state by increasing 10% in the excitation voltage at  $t=15s$  and got the generator outlet voltage, generator excitation voltage, speed and the power angle, the data interval is 0.02s. The simulation system is shown in Figure 1.

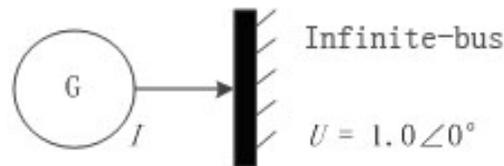


Figure 1 : Single machine infinite bus system

The measurements used in the optimization are the field voltages of the excitation system. The initial population size of the SPPSO is set to 5, and the maximum iteration is set to 2000. The convergence curve compared with hybrid genetic algorithm and PSO is showed in Figure 2.

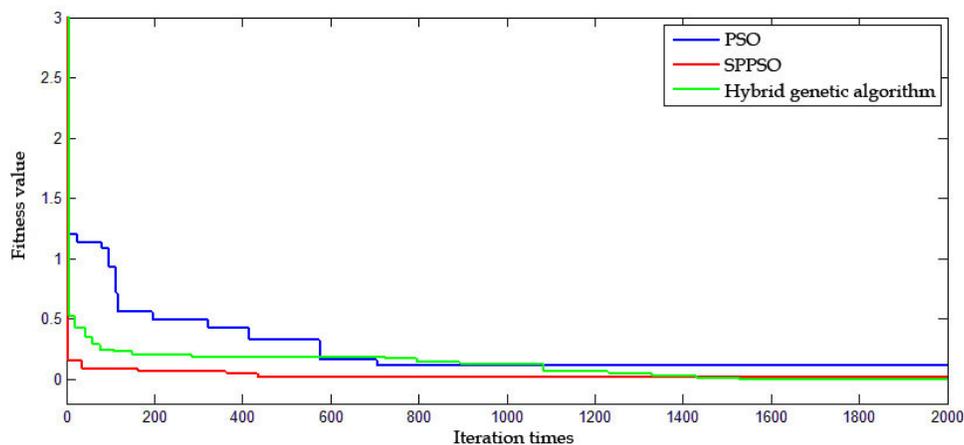


Figure 2 : Comparison result of the convergence of SPPSO and PSO and hybrid genetic algorithm

As shown in Figure 2, the SPPSO algorithm display better on convergence compared with the PSO algorithm and hybrid genetic algorithm., and the fitness value of SPPSO is less than that of SPO and hybrid genetic algorithm.

The identified parameters of the synchronous generator with SPPSO and hybrid genetic algorithm are shown in TABLE 1 and TABLE 2.

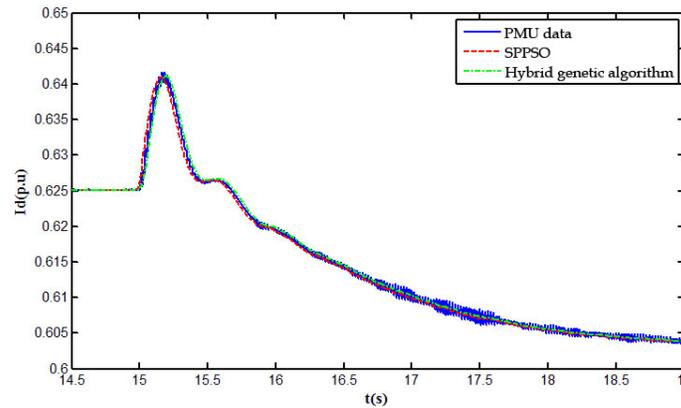
TABLE 1 : Parameters identification result of D-Axis of the synchronous generator

Parameter	$x_d$	$x'_d$	$x''_d$	$T'_{d0}$	$T''_{d0}$	K
PMU data	1.827	0.307	0.194	1.22	0.127	200
Hybrid genetic algorithm	1.8717	0.2681	0.1833	1.1970	0.1313	202.4372
SPPSO	1.9134	0.3125	0.1892	1.1810	0.1285	204.6517

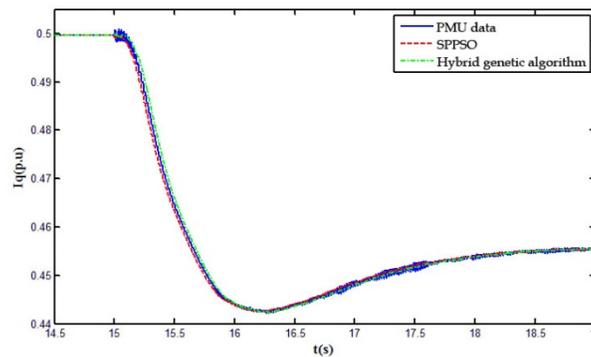
**TABLE 2 : Parameters identification result of Q-Axis of the synchronous generator**

Parameter	$x_q$	$x_q''$	$T_{q0}''$
Simulation parameters value	1.903	0.208	0.177
Hybrid genetic algorithm	1.9382	0.1979	0.1754
SPPSO	1.8361	0.2075	0.1743

Figure 3 and 4 compares the output result of the models obtained by SPPSO and hybrid genetic algorithm.



**Figure 3 : Comparison result of simulation data and PUM data of d axis**



**Figure 4 : Comparison result of simulation data and PUM data of q axis**

Figure 3 and 4 show the good accuracy of both methods. The parameters of the synchronous generator obtained by SPPSO show a good fit to PMU data.

### CONCLUSIONS

The parameters of synchronous generators are the basis of power system analysis and operating control. Parameters identification of synchronous generator plays a key role for the power system stability analysis. In this paper, (SPPSO) approach is used to acquire synchronous generator on-line model quickly and accurately.

Compared with traditional methods, the proposed algorithm demonstrates the following principal advantages:

- (1) better capability of approximation to PMU data;
- (2) faster learning speed;
- (3) high precision.

It is quite evident from the comparisons that SPPSO approach shows superior fitness to the measured variables and better performance on the convergence as well as computational efforts. The future extension of the study will be on prediction and diagnosis for power system.

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