

# A MOPSO based-Multi Objective Fault Indicator Positioning Method in Distribution System

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**Abstract** -In this paper a multi-objective fault indicator (FI) positioning method in electric distribution systems. The novel FI placement problem formulation is enhanced by considering effects of existing protection and active control devices (relay) on customers' restoration time. After that the customer average restoration time index is developed, as a novel approach objective function with respect to uncertainties of auto switching. After that a multi-objective solution approach is done to minimize essential techno-economic objectives. The resultant optimization problem is done by a MOPSO based algorithm and GA. Assuming SAIDI and CARTI as technical objective function for reliability improvement.

**Key Words**-distribution automation system, fault indicator placement, reliability test system, multi objective particle swarm optimization(MOPSO), outage management system, genetic algorithm.

## 1.INTRODUCTION

Most of the researches presented so far in the field of fault position are focused on the fault location on the distribution system. FI Series Fault Indicator are used to faster locate the fault in distribution systems by indicating the path of fault current, help the crews to trace the path of fault current and to locate the fault more efficiently, greatly reduce the time and cost of fault location, and enhance the reliability of power supply. Sectionalizing switches are used in primary distribution systems for various applications such as, to improve reliability, customer average restoration time index(CARTI) to isolate a fault, for configuration management, and to re-configure the network [9]. It is important to develop a fault locator which can locate all type of faults immediately after fault occurrence in a power system with high accuracy, so that long hours of power outage, loss of life, damage to equipment and property, stoppage of industry and decline of economy resulting from long hours of power failure can be avoided or minimized. By efficient fault location, power becomes cheap, safe, efficient, neat, clean and reliable. This paper reviews the fault indicator applications distribution systems. The costs associated with installation of the FI.

however, quite significant [2]. There is a growing concern in power utilities regarding a quantitative justification of the increase in reliability due to the placement of FI rather than one simply based on reduced interruption times.

FI cost minimization can be obtained through improved operational practices and using efficient planning techniques which can determine the minimum number of FIs and their optimum locations. The selection of an adequate number of fault indicator and their locations are a complicated task in distribution system planning [7] [13]. Utilities use their past experience, customer interruption data and other considerations in selecting a suitable number of FI provides four rules to locate protective relay in order to improve reliability. The reliability index used in the average number of minutes per customer year (SAIDI) . MOPSO (multi objective particle swarm optimization) and genetic algorithms are used in [15] to determine FI cost device. A genetic based algorithm is employed in [8] to determine the optimal positions of FIs in an actual distribution network. While a mid-point re closer is located in the studied network, no existing switches are considered. Moreover, the candidate locations of FIs are limited to the main branches. In [11], the immune algorithm (IA) is adopted to solve the optimal FIs placement and conducted on relatively large distribution network. However, modeling of FIs and their interactions with the available control devices are not described. In [1] and [16], an economic based FIs placement via genetic algorithm is investigated with considering dispersed generation insertion. Nevertheless, neither technical objective function nor reliability evaluations are reported. In addition to these studies, several efforts are devoted to solve the FI placement problem in literature [13] [7]. As discussed, the available remote protection and control devices are rarely incorporated in problem formulation of the

aforementioned

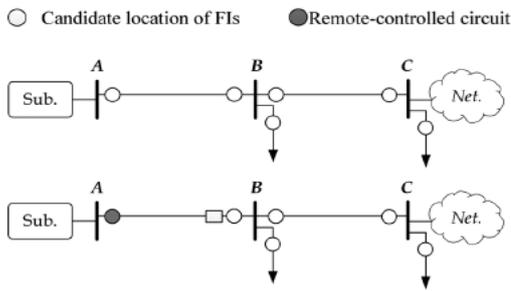


fig. 1 Candidate location with simple network.

research. Therefore, the interactions between the FI placement problem and probabilities of possible control sequences are rarely referred up to now. Moreover, a multi-objective techno-economical approach is not yet applied to this problem. In this paper, a multi-objective FI placement model is proposed as an effective access to accelerate the fault location function of the FLISR process. As the first contribution of this paper, prevalent FI placement problem formulation is extended by incorporating the available protection and control devices with respect to operation uncertainties under contingencies. To such aim, the customers' average restoration time index(CARTI) is formulated and applied to the problem. As the second contribution of this paper, a multi-objective solution approach is employed via a particle swarm optimization (PSO)based algorithm, to simultaneously minimize the indispensable economic and technical objective functions. In addition, the impact of network topology changes due to feeder reconfigurations on the FI placement problem is investigated with bus number four of the Roy Billiton test system (RBTS4). This is followed by presenting the results and comparing them to those of prior research.

## 2. PURPOSED METHOD

The security and reliability and service continuity of power distribution system is very important, but it is violating with occurring faults. Fast clearing and isolation of different faults types are critical in maintaining a reliable power system operation and improve service continuity indexes. The proposed method presents a new optimal FI allocation method through PSO and GA. In this method, anew combined economic objective function and technical objective are assumed which must be optimized. Suggestion objective function is combination of three main part of Fcapital, Eoutage, reliability with (CARTI). The aim of the optimal FI placement problem is to find a set of FI locations which simultaneously minimizes the objective

functions with respect to the following presumed installation rules [11], [12]:

- Feasible candidate locations for installing FIs include beginning of each lateral as well as both upstream and downstream of buses located at the main feeder, except normally open tie nodes [Fig.1].
- Remote-controlled switches (RCSs) and the RCCBs contain fault detection and related communication interface; thus it is neither necessary nor economical to install FIs in presence of these devices [Fig. 1]. Fig. 1 shows a whole set of candidate locations which satisfy the first installation rule. The second rule invokes to select the candidate locations in Fig. 1. As Fig. 1 show, the candidate locations are decreased in presence of remote control switch and RCCB (remote control circuit brecker); however, the manual switches possess no effects on the possible candidate locations.

## 3. PROBLEM FORMULATION

The radial distribution system [33] designated as Test System 4 shown in Figure 2 can be used to illustrate the problem of determining the required locations and the number of sectionalizing devices. The objective is to select the optimum number of FI devices to minimize the outage, investment and maintenance costs. There is two objective function.

### 3.1 Economic objective function

The prevalent FI placement cost function includes investment and maintenance costs of FIs accumulated with customers' interruptions costs within the planning horizon.

$$MinF1 = Eoutage + Fcapital \quad (1)$$

$$Eoutage =$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n [pw \cdot \sum_{j \in LP} \cdot \sum_{z \in LT} \cdot \sum_{k \in (l.t.b)} [L_{ij} \cdot \lambda_k \cdot C_z(r_{jk})]] \quad (2)$$

$$pw = \frac{1 + \alpha_{inf}}{1 + \alpha_{int}}$$

$$Fcapital = \sum_{i \in C} \Psi_i [C_i^{FI} + \sum_{j=1}^y pw \cdot C_{ij}^m] \quad (3)$$

Eoutage= expected outage cost to customer.

Fcapital= total investment and maintenance cost. All variable is mansion in last. Economic objective function of the problem is represented in (1), where the first term shows expected outage cost to customers(CARTI) throughout the planning horizon which is modeled via (2),

(6) and (7). In (2), the annual expected outage costs imposed by the customers located at each load point are calculated by considering all possible contingencies. different types of customer service priorities are met by assuming weighting coefficient through  $C_z$  (13), (14). In order to incorporate the time value of money,  $pw$  is applied to (2), and calculated [14]. The second term of (1) considers total investment and maintenance costs of FIs and calculates via (3).

### 3.2 Technical objective function

1) As this paper investigates the FI placement via a multi-objective approach, SAIDI and CARTI are considered as the technical objectives. *System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI)*: it is determined by the dividing the sum of all customer interruption duration by the no. of customer served during the year.

$$\min F2 = SAIDI = \frac{\sum_{i \in LP} \sum_{k \in L_i} \lambda_i r_{ij} n_i}{LP} \quad (4)$$

2) *Customers' Average Restoration Time Index (CARTI)*: objectives F1 and F2 seem to have high homogeneity that may harm the multi-objective solution method. Hence, in order to efficiently investigate the effects of the multi-objective approach on FI placement, CARTI is introduced as a new objective function. In comparison with the prevalent system and customer reliability indices, it enables better incorporation of the direct effects of available protection and control devices as well as their accurate operation probabilities on the FI problem:

$$\min F3 = CARTI = \frac{\sum_{i \in LP} \sum_{j \in Z} (r_{ij}^A + r_{ij}^M) + \dots}{LP}$$

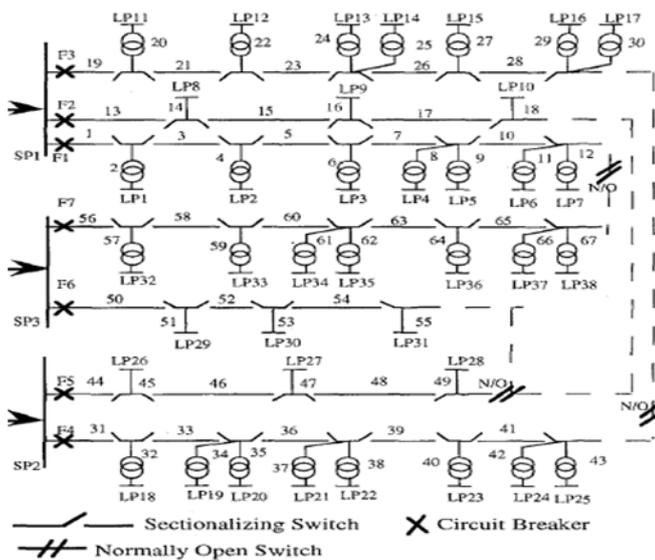


Fig. 2 RBTS BUS4

Customer restoration time varied based on the best possible restoration action, all classified into two categories.

- Restoration time associated with automatic switching-

$$r_{ij} = \tau^A \cdot p_{ij}^A + r_{ij}^M (1 - p_{ij}^A) \quad (6) \tau^A = \text{automatic switching}$$

Restoration time is depending upon the automatic switching otherwise it is equal to manual switching time ( $r_{ij}^M$ )

- Restoration time associated with manual switching-  
The restoration process is accomplished manually while either automatic switching fail. In such a case manual restoration time affected by the placed FIs is in (7).

$$r_{ij}^M = \tau^C + \tau^F \cdot \frac{L_j}{\sum_{k \in Z} L_k} \cdot \epsilon_j^{CI} + \tau^M \quad (7)$$

where  $\tau^C = \text{average dead time}$

$\tau^M = \text{manual switching}$

### 4. SOLUTION APPROACH

In this paper, the multi objective optimization technique is implemented by MOPSO. MOPSO is a population base optimization procedure. which is depend upon the social behavior of swarm for optimization of continuous non-linear function

Multi objective problem can be formulated as.

$$\min F(x) = \{f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)\} \quad (9)$$

subject to

$$g_i(x) \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots \quad (10)$$

$$h_i(x) = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots \quad (11)$$

$$L_i \leq x_i \leq U_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (12)$$

Where n is the no. of objective function, m is the no. of inequality constraints, p is the no. of equality constraints.

$L_i$  and  $U_i$  are boundaries of the ith variable?

In multi-objective of PSO, the particle finds the best location in their paths. If there is no single best solution, then particle consider the non- dominated solution.

$$v_i(t+1) = \omega v_i(t) + rand. (p^{best_i} - x_i(t)) + c_2 \cdot rand. (g^{best} - x_i(t))$$

$$x_i(t+1) = x_i(t) + v_i(t+1) \quad (14)$$

Where  $v_i$  is the velocity of the particle i at iteration t,  $\omega$  is inertia weight, and are weighed constraint? The eq. (13) provide the explore ability to PSO.

**5. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS**

FI positioning problem by the novel method the novel technique required a software. By providing economical and technical data then user can see the result.

To increase the effectiveness, the novel method problem solved through the Roy Billinton test system through two method.it include three supply, 7 feeders,38 load point and 4779 customers [6] [13], as figure shown in 2. three type of customer are considered in this study as same as [6] [12]. Also line length and failure rates taken from [6] line repairing rate set to 3 hours. We also assumed the RCSs (remote control switch), fuses, RTU, SCADA, communication interface and feeder protection relay are 0.985, 0.90, 0.98,0.98, 0.996 and 0.995 respectively [2]and auto switching time and manual switching times are set to 30s and 1 hours. Total installation cost of FI are assumed US\$100[11].

The planning horizon, inflation and interest rate considered 10 years,6%,7%. In this novel technique the first method is the capability of the proposed method considered economic objective function .it is also exploring the effects of available control device on the optimal FI location. In second method is done by multi-objective approach on FI placement problem to do with F1, SAIDI and CARTI. That obtained result with compered to those of the first method

**FIRST METHOD**

In this method it is solved through PSO which minimize the prevent cost function in (1) this problem solved through two different methods.

Reason1) with available control.

Reason 2) without available control.

**TABLE I**  
**Optimal no. and location of FI**

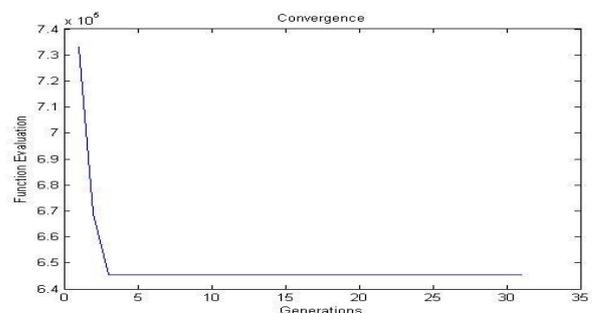
No.	feeder	Optimal location	No. of FI	FI cost kUS\$
Reason 1	1	2U,8D,10U	21	21.312
	2	11U,15U		
	3	22U,26U,27D,28U		
	4	32U,35D,37U,40D		
	5	43U,47D		
	6	51U,52U,54D		
	7	62U,63D,63D		
Reason 2	1	2U,3U,4U,6U,9U,10U		
	2	11U,12U,14U		
	3	21U,22U,24U,25U,26U		

	4	31D,33U,33D,39U	30	31.012
	5	44U,46U,48U,49U		
	6	51U,54D		
	7	56U,56D,57U,61U,63D,65U		

Obtained result are reported in Table I. while the optimal associated for “reason1” and “reason 2” reach by 21FIs and 30FIs for reason 2 which is more than almost32%. Optimal value of objective function F1 is KUS\$632.84 and 1023.31 for the reason1 and reason2 respectively.

**Second method**

In this method, a MOPSO based thing is applied to the FI location to minimize the cost function in (1) and technical objective (4) and (5). 33 FIs are selected which lead to US k\$ 640.94, 0.34522 (hr./yr.) for and respectively. In comparison with Table I, while 13 FIs are located at the same location, 20 further FIs are added to the network. Reliability indices associated to this configuration is represented in Table IV; it can be seen that in contrast with the situation in which is minimized, the and are decreased by 0.3%, and 9.1%, respectively; however, the current solution has increased total installation cost by 33.3%. These results clearly illustrate that the proposed solution approach could find a proper compromised result for the FI problem in case of minimizing F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. 3 global best for MOPSO.**

Here considering the obtained result show in Table II, the objective F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub> seem to have high homogeneity which may harm the multi-objective solution method. Hence, in order to efficiently investigate the effects of the multi-objective approach on FI placement, the problem is solved by minimizing F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>3</sub>; the best compromised result is obtained by locating 22 FIs within the network, which results US k\$ 632.86, 1.81089 for F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>3</sub>, respectively. The associated reliability indices. the new arrangement of FIs results lower restoration time which makes a little increase in total planning benefits (about US \$ 6000) in comparison with the previous multi-objective study; however, suggested layout is not as reliable as those obtained by minimizing F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub>. Table III which

summarizes the reliability indices can be used to compare the single and multi-objective approaches for FI placement. It shows that the highest reliability level is achieved by just minimizing SAIDI; however, this case may not be as economical as the others. On the other hand, the result obtained by MOPSO reveals that the multi-objective solution method can effectively compromise between reliability level and the economic issues.

**TABLE II  
OPTIMAL LAYOUT FOR RTBS4**

Objective function	F <sub>1</sub>	SAIDI(h/yr.cust)	CAR TI	Eoutage (h/intr.)	Fcapital (KUS\$)	Profit(KUS\$)
Existing	692.53	0.44889	1.02534	692.53	x	x
Min. cost	631.6327	0.3145	1.2273	631.6327	27.3750	61.69
Min. SAIDI	632.3751	0.3161	1.2287	632.3751	28.470	23.14
Min. CAR TI	631.6113	0.31614	1.2282	631.6113	28.2803	24.68

**TABLE III  
OPTIMAL NO AND LOCATION FOR SECOND METHOD**

Reason	Optimal FI location	No. of FIs	F <sub>capital</sub> (KUS\$)
Min. F <sub>1</sub> and CARTI	3D,5D,7U,10D,13U,15U,17U,22D,26U,28D,28U,30U,33D,33U,35U,36U,38D,40D,41U,46D,48D,50U,53U,54U,58D,59D,61U,63D,63U,65U	30	30.62
Min. F <sub>1</sub> and SAIDI	5U,7U,10D,10U,15D,17U,21D,26D,28U,33U,33D,38U,39U,41U,48U,52U,53D,54U,58D,60U,63U,65U	22	22.51
Min. F <sub>1</sub> , SAIDI and CARTI	3D,5U,7U,10D,10U,15U,17U,21D,25D,28U,30U,30D,33U,36U,39U,41U,46U,50U,54D,58U,59D,61U,63D,63U,65U	25	25.57

**3. CONCLUSIONS**

The FI placement problem was investigated through a multi objective approach solved via an MOPSO based algorithm. The prevalent FI placement problem formulation was extended by incorporating the available protection and control devices with respect to operation uncertainties under contingencies. Furthermore, the CARTI, as a new technical objective, was formulated in the problem. Effects of the existing control and protection devices on the FI problem were studied on different cases. Also, effects of possible distribution topology changes on FI placement problem were investigated. Finally, the proposed methodology was implemented to a standard test system (RBTS4), as well as Further research might be conducted to consider the effects of redundant FIs, and to find the optimal layout of FIs with respect to the limitations imposed by IT infrastructure. Moreover, the FI placement problem might be studied in presence of DGs considering both online and offline DG operations, as well as uni/bi-directional FIs.

**NOTATION**

- LP- Set the network load points
- LT- set of load types.
- l,t,b- set of network (line, transformer,bus).
- C- set of candidate location.
- LP<sup>A</sup> – set of automatically restorable load poi.
- L- set of manually restorable load points.
- l- set of none restorable load points.
- Z- set of zones associated to the distributed FIs and RCSs.
- Constants:
- n- planning year.
- average demand of load type z at load point j within year I (Kwh).
- failure rate of equipment k.
- cost of installing an FI in candidate location i\$.
- maintenance cost of ith FI at year j\$.
- $\alpha_{inf}, t$ -inflation, interest rate.
- average dead time before the crew reached to the outage area.
- $\tau^A$ - average automatic/manual switching time(hr.)

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