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# Load Frequency Control With Renewable Energy Sources Using Practical Swarm Optimization Based On PID

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## ABSTRACT

Future competitive solutions for the production of electricity may be provided by emerging renewable energy sources (RESs) technologies as wind, solar photovoltaic, and solar thermal power systems. In this study, simulation tests have been conducted on autonomous hybrid generating systems (HGSs) made up of diesel engine generators (Degs), fuel cells (FCs), wind turbine generators (Wpg), solar photovoltaic generators (Pvpg), battery energy storage systems (Bess), and flywheels (Fess). The abrupt fluctuations in load, generation, or both cause the power system's frequency to vary. PID controller tuning using particle swarm optimization (PSO) is used for the optimization of controllers' gains of the proposed hybrid systems. The proposed method is compared with a genetic algorithm (GA) and a traditional PID controller. To test the proposed controller, three different scenarios were used: first, changing the load's value with a fixed value over a set period of time; second, changing the load's value with variable values; and third, changing the load's value with a variable value while changing the system parameters. The simulation results reveal that the suggested controller performs better and is more resilient against load and generational disruptions by reducing the maximum overshoot value and settling time by 70% and 65%, respectively, and by 14.2% and 5% when compared to a GA-PID control.



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## **1. Introduction**

Recently, the need to use renewable energy sources (RESs) has increased due to the high increase in population in all countries of the world. RES such as solar energy and wind energy are used as a source of generation in remote areas where there are no main grid stations, and thus we get a solution to the problem of fossil fuel depletion from using the HGSs [1]. RESs and traditional generation sources, in addition to energy storage devices(ESDs), are what is called a microgrid, which is used to ensure the continuity of service supply over time [2].

Among the advantages of using the HGSs is the promotion of renewable resources when a sudden event occurs in the movement of wind and its speed, the change in the intensity of solar radiation, the reduction of energy costs, as well as the reduction of unwanted gas emissions[3].

One of the fundamental and significant issues with the power system (PS) is controlling the load frequency. When load disruptions occur, the active power supplied by the generation sources helps to keep the system frequency within acceptable bounds[4].

Inequality in power generation and consumption is caused by unpredictably changing total energy demand. A departure from the desired frequency value hurts the quality of the electricity generated. The frequency deviation from its nominal value should be kept to a minimum and within allowable bounds for efficient electric power consumption and functioning of frequency dependent equipment. To complement the

synchronous machine's governor and eliminate the frequency and net tie-line interchange deviations, load frequency control (LFC) is introduced to the system.[4]

There are various methods for controlling the frequency of the load, such as the conventional PID controller, which is regarded as the simplest and most straightforward controller in the power system, but one of its disadvantages is the selection of the values of the gain, so some modern techniques are used. The researchers in [5] used the GA method to select the optimal values for the controller PID values and compare them with the conventional PID and fuzzy logic (FL) for a two-area system. Ref [6] provides a review on controlling LFC using a PID controller. To adjust the gain values of the PID controllers, the researchers in [7] employed the Bacterial Foraging Optimization technique. In a MATLAB/SIMULINK model created as part of the LFC study for HGSs, it is shown that the BFO-adjusted PID controllers can maintain rated frequency under the variation of LD and variable generation from wind/PV sources. The researchers in [8] designed a LFC for a multi-zone PS using an extreme population algorithm considering the load dynamics. Ref [9] used BESS battery energy storage in a DC Micro-grid to control the frequency in case a diesel generator and its governor fails to operate. The researchers in [10] used a meta-heuristic hybrid algorithm to improve the dynamic stability of a multi-area containing RESs system by studying the effect of MG penetration for multiple operating states. Relying on an IEEE-39 conveyor system with a wind station, the researchers were

able to optimize Jaya modified for LFC over the Internet [11].

In order to manage the load frequency in a microgrid, this research uses an optimal technique. The constant parameters of the traditional PID controller have been overcome in the suggested solution by a practical swarm optimization. The PSO tuning PID controller, utilized in this method, solves the PID problem and can support uncertainties brought by changes in operational circumstances, system modeling, parametric modifications, and other factors. It also delivers desired performance. The findings show that PID-PSO is more resilient than PID-GA controller and PIDc.

## 2. Hybrid Power System

Recently, the addition of RESs , whose nature depends on environmental conditions, has spread to the power system, causing disturbances that affect the stability of the network. This occurs as a result of the system's reliance on small-capacity, low-inertial-moment generating units. In situations when the input is stochastic (wind or solar) or there are outages in the generating units, this leads to extreme swings in system parameters like frequency and voltage. Therefore, it might be important for RESs to both produce electricity and take part in frequency management.

The HGSs consist of Pvp, Wpg, FCs, Degr, Bess, and Fess [12]. Figure .1 shows a complete diagram of the HGSs with a proportional-integral-derivative controller (PIDc). The transfer function and the state-state variable are considered the basis on which to design the control unit and

represent the power system and convert it into a mathematical model with some assumptions[13]. The transfer function of all the parts of the system is represented below: Wind power generator transfer function:

$$GWpg = \frac{KWpg}{1+s.TWpg} \quad (1)$$

where KWpg and TWpg represented the gain of Wpg and time constant of Wpg respectively .

1- Photovoltaic power Generation:

$$GPv = \frac{KPvpg}{1+s.TPvpg} \quad (2)$$

where KPvpg and TPvpg represented the gain of Pvp and time constant of Pvp respectively.

2- FCs system :

$$GFCs = \frac{KFCs}{1+s.TFCs} \quad (3)$$

where KFCs and TFCs represented the gain of FCs and time constant of FCs respectively.

3- Diesel Engine Generators :

$$GDegr = \frac{KDegr}{1+s.TDegr} \quad (4)$$

where KDegr and TDegr represented the gain of Deg and time constant of Deg respectively.

4- Single area system:

$$Gsystem = \frac{1}{D+s.M} \quad (5)$$

5- Energy Storage Systems:

$$GBess = \frac{KBess}{1+s.TBess} \quad (6)$$

$$GFess = \frac{KFess}{1+s.TFess} \quad (7)$$

where KBess, KFess , TFess and TBess represented the gain of Bess , gain of Fess , time constant of Bess and time constant of Fess respectively [13].

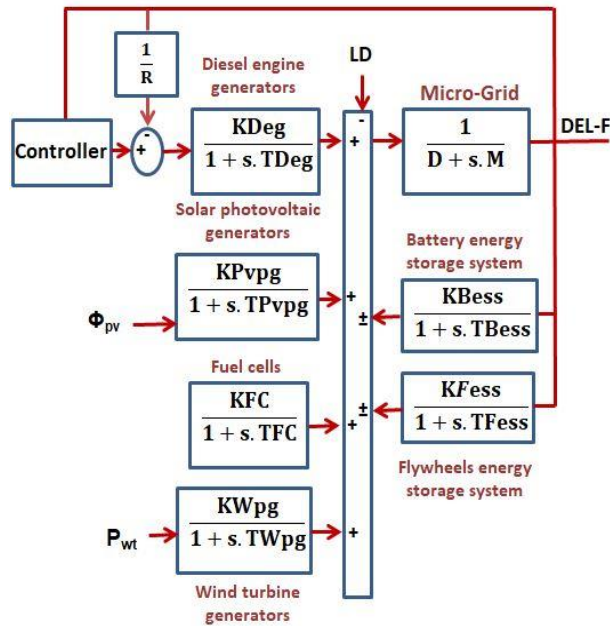


Figure .1 Block diagram of HGSs model

### 3. The Paradigm of The Generated Power and Load

Equation.8 expresses the changes, which are by nature small and random, in addition to the critical deviation for Wpg, Pvp and power load demand (PLD).

$$P = \left( \frac{\varphi * \eta * \sqrt{\beta} * (1 - G(s)) + \beta}{\beta} \right) * \Gamma \quad (8)$$

P stands for the generated power of Pvp and Wpg and load,  $\varphi$  denotes the power's stochastic value,  $\beta$  denotes its average value, and  $\eta$  is a constant that normalizes the generated or demanded powers and  $\Gamma$  It is a signal with gain dependent on the time that causes a surprising change in the average

random power value [14]. Figure. 2 shows the simulation of solar or wind power generation and load based on the Equation. 8

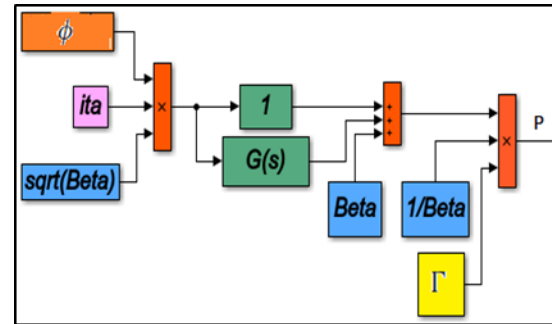


Figure .2 Generated power of solar or wind and load.

The  $\varphi$  is obtained using a low-pass filter with a white noise block to randomly obtain a variable wind, solar , load power. Values of parameters for Wpg are:  $\varphi \sim U(-1,1)$ ,  $\eta = 0.8$ ,  $\beta = 10$ ,  $G(s) = 1/(10^4s + 1)$ ,  $\Gamma = 0.28u(t)$  (9)

$u(t)$  is the step function.

Values of parameters for Pvp are:  $\varphi \sim U(-1,1)$ ,  $\eta = 0.1$ ,  $\beta = 10$ ,  $G(s) = 1/(10^4s + 1)$ ,  $\Gamma = 0.07u(t)$  (10)

Values of parameters for PLD are:  $\varphi \sim U(-1,1)$ ,  $\eta = 0.9$ ,  $\beta = 10$ ,  $G(s) = 300/(300s + 1) + 1/(1800s + 1)$ ,

$$\Gamma = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9u(t) + 0.03u(t - 110) \\ 0.15u(t - 130) + -0.2u(t - 150) \\ -0.15u(t - 170) + 0.2u(t - 190) \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

The equation of the transfer PIDc performed as the following :

$$G_{PID} = K_p + \frac{K_I}{s} + K_D s \quad (12)$$

The form of PIDc is depicted in figure.3, and  $K_p$  stands for the proportional gain,  $K_I$  for the integral gain, and  $K_D$  for the derivative gain [15].

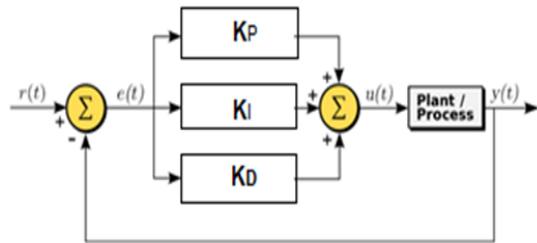


Figure .3 Form of the PIDc

Using the PSO technique to adjust the values of the PIDc parameters and choose the optimal values for them to control the frequency deviation (DEL\_F). The controller's parameters were chosen using the objective integrated time absolute error (ITAE) function.

$$ITAE = \int_0^{tsim} tsim * |e(t)| dt \quad (13)$$

Where  $e(t)$  represents the (DEL\_F) of the hybrid system and  $tsim$  equal the simulation time.

#### 4- Practical Swarm Optimization

The practical swarm optimization algorithm (PSOa) was developed by Eberhart and Kennedy in 1995, and it simulates the social behavior of flocks of birds and fish that these flocks use to find shelter, food sources, or another suitable habitat for them. This algorithm is one of the best-approved algorithms for solving many technologies. The basic principles of the collective behavior of birds represent search

in the search space (D-dimension). Its algorithm is characterized by the following:

- Homogeneity: All birds have the same pattern of behavior, and the flock moves without a leader.
- Locality: the movement of each bird will be affected only by the movement of neighboring birds, and vision is the most important sense of the bird to organize the flock.
- Avoidance Collision: The bird avoids its mates in the flock.
- Centering Flock: The bird tries to stay close to its mates in the flock.
- Matching Velocity in the squadron
- The bird tries to match the speed of its mates.

Steps to technique PSO:

- 1- Initialize the velocities and locations with initial values, where the velocity values are zero at the beginning.
- 2- Computation of the fitness function (Fit\_F) for the values for each individual representing Pbest (a personal best site) in an elementary way.
- 3- Calculating the value of Gbest (a general best location), comparing the value of the Fit\_F with the best location in the flock as a whole. If the current value is better than Gbest, then the value of Gbest is set equal to the current location.
- 4- Updating the velocity and location of each individual in the squadron at cycle Itr=1, based on the two equations

$$v_i^{k+1} = w^k v_i^k + c_1 r_1^k (Pbest_i^k - s_i^k) + c_2 r_2^k (Gbest^k - s_i^k) \quad (14)$$

$$s_i^{k+1} = s_i^k + v_i^{k+1} \quad (15)$$

Since  $w$  represents the weight of inertia,  $c1$  and  $c2$  are positive constants called learning factors,  $r1$  and  $r2$  are two random numbers within the range  $[0,1]$   $n, i=1,2,\dots,n$ , equal to the size of the swarm,  $k=1,2$  represents the Iteration.

5- Calculating the  $Fit\_F$  for the values for each individual for the new values.

6- Comparing the value of the  $Fit\_F$  for each individual with its  $Pbest$ . If the new value is better than the  $Pbest$ , then it is placed for the new location in the problem space.

7-The steps from the second step are repeated according to the cycles, in the end we get the value of  $gbest$ . Figure .4 show the flowchart of the PSOA control .

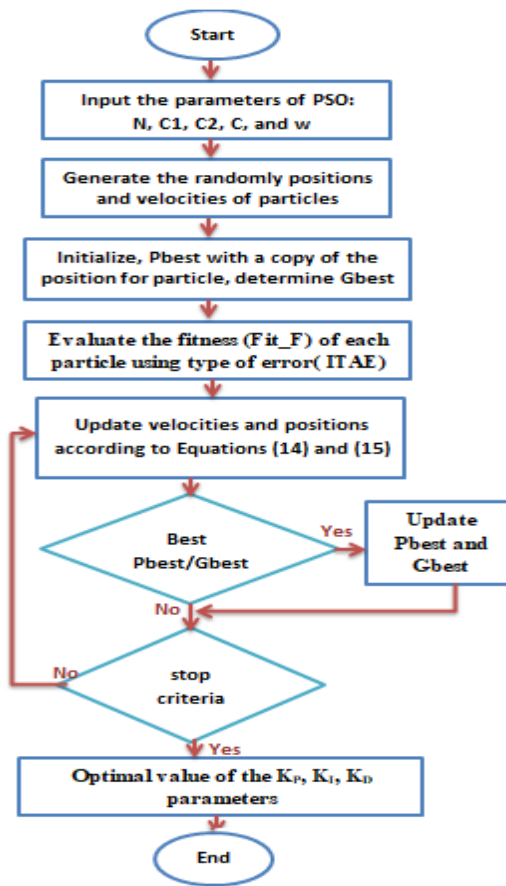


Figure .4 Flowchart of PSOA control

## 5- Simulation Result

Using Matlab 2020, the model under study is represented HGSs that contain a group of RESs with some ESDs. The abrupt shift in generation and load has an impact on the frequency and power stability, and the controller works to mitigate this effect by sending feedback signals to secondary sources such as the FC and DEG and storage devices. as shown in the figure.5. The  $D$ ,  $M$ , and  $R$  parameters in the microgrid are equal to  $0.0015$  (pu/Hz),  $0.1667$ , and  $3$  respectively, and all values of parameters of the model in Appendix A.

Genetic algorithm (GA) is one of the optimization techniques, the working steps of this technique with the diagram in [17]. This technique was applied to find the optimal gains for PIDc. Using optimtool Toolbox in MATLAB, and compared with the proposed PSOA to control the  $DEL\_F$ .

ITAE was applied to PSOA and GA to optimize for  $K_p$ ,  $K_i$ , and  $K_d$ . All Inputs and parameter values for PSOA and GA are in Table (1), and figure.6 and 7 show the fast converging behavior for the  $Fit\_F$  value plotted against generation of PID controller vs iteration for PSOA and GA techniques with the upper limit of iterations set 100 and 50, respectively. It can see from the figure that more than 40 iterations are required to reach the best  $Fit\_F$  of value 2.18 for PSOA and almost three iterations for GA of value 2.53963.

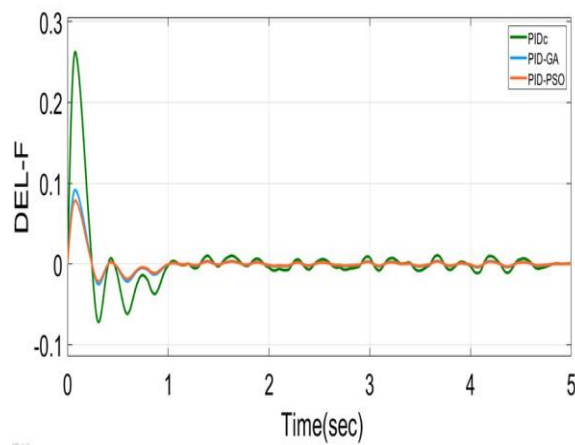




PID, and PSO-PID controllers. Figure 8 clearly shows that the suggested PSO-PID controller case, followed by the GA-PID controller case, then PIDc case, had the lowest peak value overshoot for the response DEL-F after simulation in 200 sec with the values (0.07902, 0.09212, 0.2634) and the lowest settling time value (0.332, 0.35, 0.95) seconds. That is, the peak overshoot value of the response and the holding time of the PSO-PID controller decreased by 70% and 65% compared to the conventional PIDc controller, and by 14.2% and 5% compared to the GA-PID controller, respectively.

**Table.2 PID ,GA-PID and PSO-PID gain parameters with using ITAE objective function**

PID gain parameters	ITAE		
	Kp	Ki	Kd
<b>PIDc</b>	4.23	20.67	0.743
<b>GA_PID</b>	13.2	52.12	2.138
<b>PSO_PID</b>	7.43	42.41	2.43

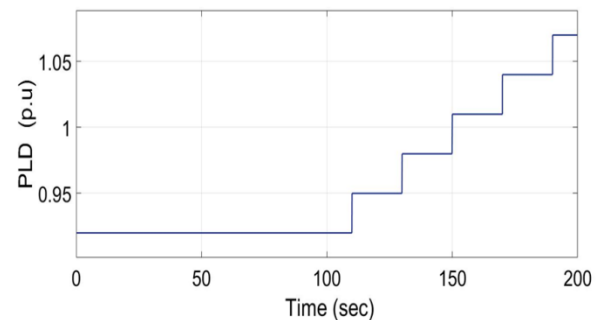


**Figure 8. DEL-F for PIDc ,GA-PID and PSO-PID controllers**

Three instances were examined to analyze the simulation results in order to verify the system's dynamic performance:

### 1- Control the system frequency value by changing the load with a fixed value.

In this part, load step variations of 0.01 are taken into account. Additionally, simulation outcomes for the LFC for load variations of 0.01 steps are shown in Fig. 9. Fig. 10 depicts the power output of solar panels, and wind turbines. Fig. 11 also displays the power of Deg output. Figure 12 depicts a DEL-F for simulating the duration from 100 to 200 seconds. With a focus on adding the load at the time of 130 seconds, which is comparable to all other situations of adding the load 0.01 p.u at other times. The frequency response of the suggested method for LFC is better, faster, and with fewer oscillations than other methods, according to the results.



**Figure 9. LD power step variation 0.01 p.u**



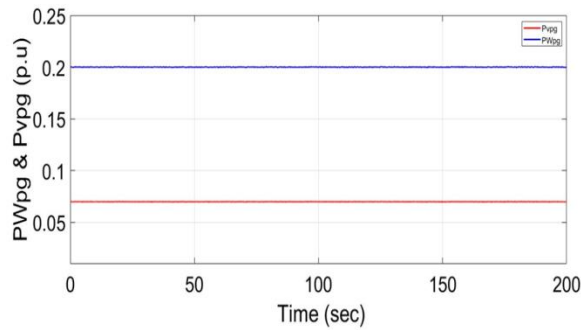


Figure 10. PWpg & Pvp output power in p.u .

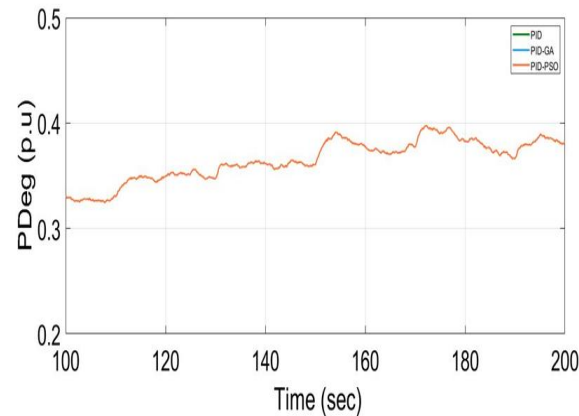


Figure 11. PDeg output power in p.u in step load variation 0.01 p.u.

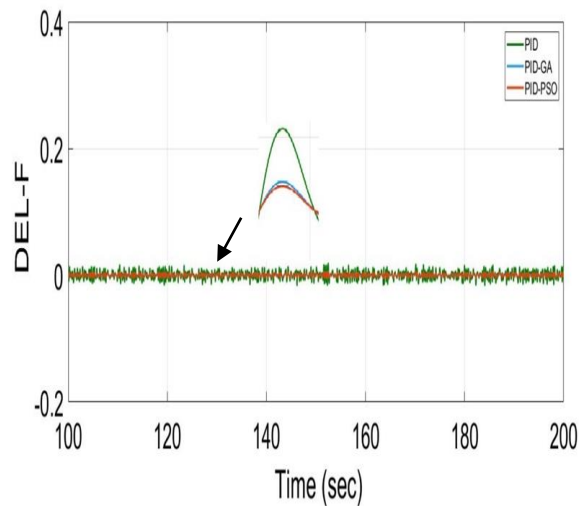


Figure 12. DEL-F for in step load variation 0.01 p.u .

## 2- Control the system frequency value by changing the load with a variable value.

In this part, step load changes are introduced to the microgrid to demonstrate the proposed controller's robustness against various load changes at various times. Fig. 13 depicts these changes in load. The optimization outcomes of the parameters match those of Table 2's parameters. Fig. 14 depicts the simulation results of the microgrid's frequency response in conjunction with varying load changes. Additionally, Figure 15, 16, and figure. 17 display the generation capacity of Deg , FC with Bess & Fess respectively. Figure 14 illustrates how the proposed controller, which has the ability to lessen DEL-F brought on compares favorably to earlier controllers in terms of response speed, high damping, and less amplitude. The GA controller unit comes next, which performs well in decreasing DEL-F when compared to PIDc.

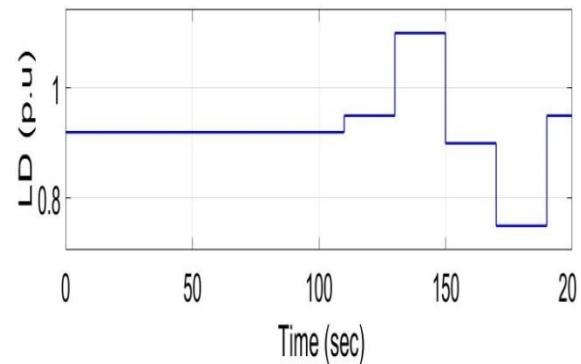


Fig. 13 shows the microgrid's variable step load adjustments

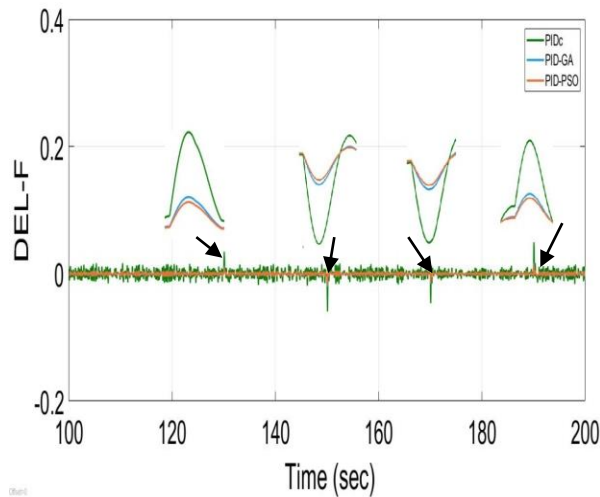


Figure 14 shows the DEL-F to variations in the variable step load that were obtained for various control strategies.

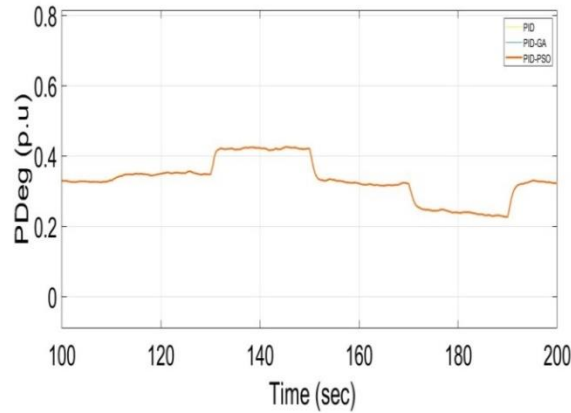


Figure 15. Output power in p.u. of the PDEg under various load situations

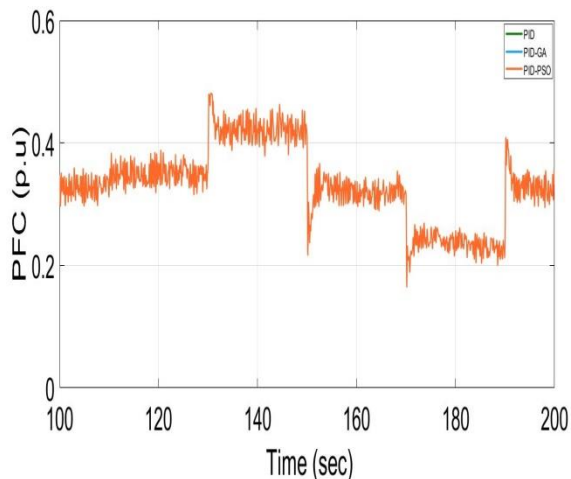


Figure 16. Output power in p.u. of the PFCs under various load situations

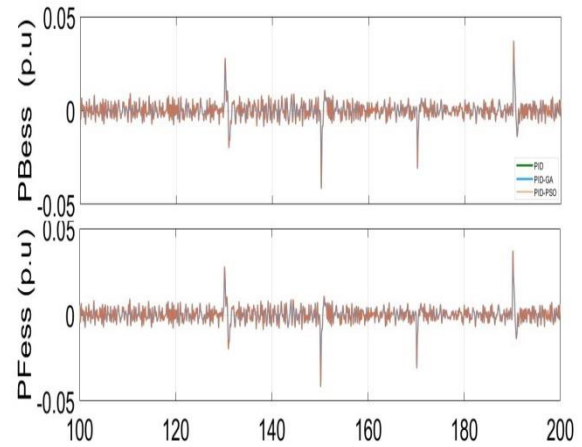


Figure 17 shows the significant rate-constrained nonlinear behavior of the energy storage devices.

### 3- Control the system frequency value by changing the load with a variable value while changing the system parameters.

In this part, the microgrid has undergone many changes to the system parameters by increasing the H value and TDeg by 30%, the R-value by 15%, and decreasing the D value by 25% in order to illustrate the adaptability of the suggested controller to these changes. In addition, the chosen load type takes the shape of a time-varying step in accordance with the scenario shown in Fig. 13. Fig. 18 depicts the simulation results of the DEL-F with regard to changes in system parameters. Additionally, Figure 19, 20, and figure. 21 display the generation capacity of Deg, FC with Bess & Fess respectively.

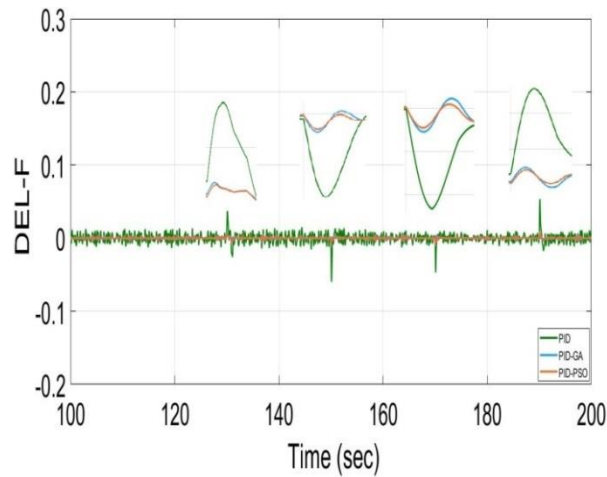


Figure 18 Shows the DEL-F response for changing the system parameters with variable value of load.

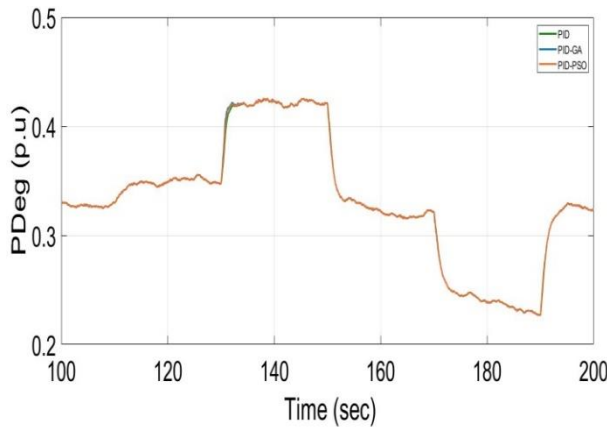


Figure 19. Output power in p.u. of the PDEgs under changing the system parameters with variable value of load.

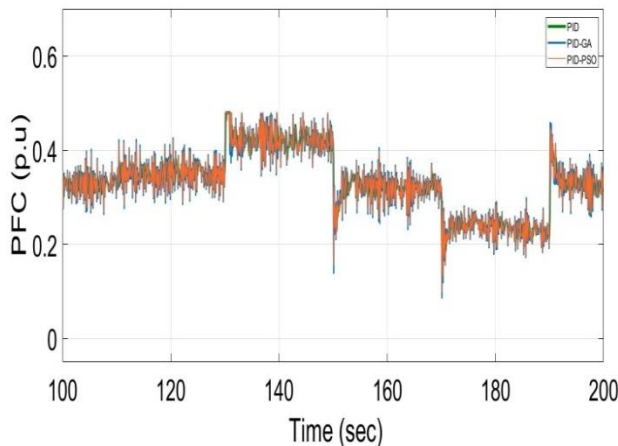


Figure 20. Output power in p.u. of the PFCs under changing the system parameters with variable value of load.

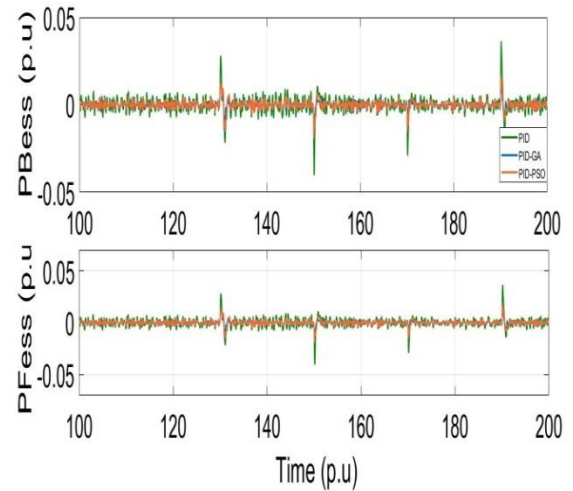


Figure 21 shows the significant rate-constrained nonlinear behavior of the energy storage devices.

## Conclusion

This study examines the LFC of an isolated microgrid made up of FC, Wtg, Pv system, Bess, and Fess. PID controllers coupled in the feedback of energy storage devices BESS and FESS as well as conventional sources like DEG and FC are used to control the frequency. By minimizing an objective function (ITAE), the Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithm and Genetic Algorithm are used to optimize the PID controller parameters. The results obtained showed that the performance of the PID-PSO approach decreased the maximum overshoot value and settling time by 70% and 65% compared to the conventional PIDc controller, and by 14.2% and 5% compared to the GA-PID control. This proves that the performance of PID-PSO is better than that of PID-GA.

## Appendix A:

Parameters of the HGSs Component
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Parameter	Gain	Time constant (s)
<b>Wtg</b>	KWpg=1	TWpg=1.5
<b>Pvpg</b>	KPvpg=1	TPvpg=1.8
<b>FCs</b>	KFc=0.01	TFc=4
<b>Degs</b>	KDeg=0.003	TDeg=2
<b>Bess</b>	KBess=-0.003	TBess=0.1
<b>Fess</b>	KFess=-0.01	TFess=0.1

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