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# Frequency regulation of interconnected hybrid power system with Assimilation of electrical vehicles

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## ABSTRACT

Recent widespread connections of renewable energy resource (RESs) in place of fossil fuel supplies and the adoption of electrical vehicles in place of gasoline-powered vehicles have given birth to a number of new concerns. The control architecture of linked power networks now faces an increasingly pressing challenge: tie-line power fluctuations and reducing frequency deviations. Because of their nature and dependence on external circumstances, RESs are analogous to continually fluctuating power generators. Using a fractional order-based frequency regulator, this work presents a new method for improving the frequency regulation in a two-area interconnected power system. In order to deal with the frequency regulation difficulties of the hybrid system integrated with RES, the suggested controller utilizes the modified form of fractional order proportional integral derivative (FOPID) controller known as FOI-PDN controller. The new proposed controllers are designed using the white shark optimizer (WSO), a current powerful bioinspired meta heuristic algorithm which has been motivated by the learning abilities of white sharks when actively hunting in the environment. The suggested FOI-PDN controller's performance was compared to that of various control methodologies such as FOPID, and PID. Furthermore, the WSO findings are compared to those of other techniques such as the salp swarm algorithm, sine cosine algorithm and fitness dependent optimizer. The recommended controller and design approach have been tested and validated at different loading conditions and different circumstances, as well as their robustness against system parameter suspicions. The simulation outcomes demonstrate that the WSO-based tuned FOI-PDN controller successfully reduces peak overshoot by 73.33%, 91.03%, and 77.21% for region-2, region-1, and link power variation respectively, and delivers minimum undershoot of 89.12%, 83.11%, and 78.10% for both regions and tie-line. The obtained findings demonstrate the new proposed controller's stable function and frequency controlling performance with optimal controller parameters and without the requirement for a sophisticated design process.

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## List of nomenclature and notation

### Acronym Definition

IPS	Interconnected Power System
LFC	Load Frequency Control
WSO	White Shark Optimization
ACO	Ant Colony Optimization
RES	Renewable Energy Sources
SLP	Step Load Perturbation
FDO	Fitness Dependent Optimizer
$\Delta F$	Frequency Deviation
PID	Proportional Integral Derivative
SCA	Sine Cosine Algorithm
ABC	Artificial Bee Colony
PIDF	Proportional-Integral-Derivative Filter
ITAE	Integral Time Absolute Error
ISE	Integral Square Error
ANN	Artificial Neural networks
TIDN	Tilt integral derivative with filter
FLC	Fuzzy Logic Control
FO	Fractional Order
TF	Transfer Function
TD	Time Delay
BD	Boiler Dynamic

### Acronym Definition

$\Delta P_D$	Load Deviation
R	Speed Regulation
$\Delta P_G$	Output deviation of a generator
$\Delta F$	Frequency Deviation
$T_p$	Time Constant of Power System
MO	Maximum Overshoot
$K_{pv}$	Photovoltaic Constant
$K_{pv}$	Photovoltaic Constant
M	Inertia Constant
ST	Settling time
MU	Maximum Undershoot
H	Power System Gain
MG	Microgrid
HMG	Hybrid Microgrid
$\Delta X_G$	Valve Position of Governor
$U_b$	Upper Boundary
ITSE	Integral Time Square Error
$T_w$	Wind Time Constant
$L_b$	Lower Boundary
$K_{wave}$	Gain of wave energy
GRC	Generation Rate constraint
GDB	Governor Dead Band

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Background

Modern installations and broad adoption of numerous new clean RESs have become more critical answers to climate change [1]. In recent years, the RES energy shift has grown to be commonplace [2]. Consequently, the number of installations using power electronic-based converters to connect renewable energy systems to conventional power grids has increased. In contrast to conventional generating systems that don't use power electronic converters, RES that rely on power electronics have reduced power system inertia [3]. Modern power systems built on RESs as a result have less PS inertia, and their values decrease as more RESs are included into power systems. Due to the absence of the rotating masses found in conventional generation systems, the cumulative power

systems' inertia is thus significantly decreased. In comparison to conventional non-renewable energy sources, this causes frequency stability to deteriorate and adds significant frequency spikes. As a result, stability, reliability, and security issues have been raised by the extreme breach levels of RESs in contemporary electrical power networks [4,5].

The control system must lessen frequency alterations in each location and limit power tie-line changes in order to handle unanticipated disturbances in contemporary power systems [6]. Typically, the load frequency control (LFC) of an IPS is referred to as this activity. The existing speed governors are used to implement the primary functions of LFC. However, speed governors alone are unable to effectively mitigate the tie-line fluctuations in frequency and power that occur in modern power networks based on renewable energy sources. The speed governors are unable to adequately balance the power production and load necessity. As a consequence, it is essential for the researchers to use the proper control methods, and to improve their design strategies in order to minimize or eliminate the sustained frequency deviations of each area, as well as the corresponding power deviations from the tie-lines [7].

## 1.2. Literature review

There are various study recommendations for integrating EVs in the LFC in the literature [8,9]. However, with an interconnected multi-area PS, the complexity of managing EVs with the current LFC approaches has emerged as a difficult problem. Numerous integrated orders, model predictive control (MPC), neural network (NN), fuzzy logic controller (FLC), fractional order (FO) and intelligent control systems have been proposed as optimum controllers for LFC in the literature [10–13]. The literature has extensively merged the various control elements using the derivative (D), tilt (T), integrator (I), proportional (P), and derivative filter (F) to construct various LFC systems. For EVs, the PI controller has been introduced in Ref. [14]. However, this controller has stability problems, particularly when taking into account the communication system's time delays.

The authors in Ref. [15], the FOPID with FO filter was proposed, and the SCA technique was used to effectively optimize the parameters of the suggested controller. In Ref. [16], the Harris Hawks Optimization (HHO) algorithm was used to optimally construct the PI LFC settings. Daraz et al., in Ref. [17] used FOTIDN for multisource IPS considering various non linearities with the inclusion of capacitive energy storage. The parameters of the proposed algorithm are adjusted by hybrid SCA with FDO. The authors in Ref. [18] utilized TID controllers and adjusted the coefficients of the anticipated controller employing a heuristic approach based on bee colony optimization. Particle swarm optimization was also used during the development of the virtual inertia control system described in Ref. [19]. Zhang et al. in Ref. [20] suggested well-tuned cascaded PI-PDF controllers using the driver training-based optimization, for a hybrid PS. In Ref. [21], the chaotic butterfly optimization algorithm was presented for adjusting the PI-TID controller. To address the AGC difficulties in linked PS, an enhanced FFOID controller with energy storage device has been introduced in Ref. [22]. The path finder optimization technique (PFA) has also been used to offer an optimized design for the TID controller [23]. Sahoo et al. [24] has recommended a green leaf-hopper flame algorithm to tune the gains of the proposed controllers. The researchers in Ref. [25] employed a 2-degree-of-freedom (2DOF)-PI controller based on heuristic computational strategies. This controller effectively manages the voltage output of synchronous generators, particularly in the face of significant and continuous disturbances. Similarly, Mohapatra et al. [26] employed a 2DOF-FOPID controller for AGC of dual area power generation which has been optimized with a quasi-oppositional based SSA optimization technique.

The slap swarm optimization algorithm, proposed in Ref. [27], has been used to optimize the combination of PI and TD controller with filter. In addition to a parallel sequence of TIDF, a hybrid strategy combining a modified PSO with the genetic algorithm (GA) was described for developing the regulator in Ref. [28]. For AGC systems, a better controller based on an imperialist competitive algorithm (ICA) optimized FOPI-FOPD controller has been recommended in Ref. [29]. When there are multiple step changes in the assembly and/or loading, the given controller can efficiently improve the performance of power systems. The FLC and FOPID are employed to achieve frequency adaptation in two-area power networks in Ref. [30]. For optimizing controller settings, the ICA has been developed. The authors of [31] anticipated a new technique to regulate the frequency in an individual self-regulating, and mix microgrid system, which comprises an energy storage unit, a solar gas turbine, a wind turbine generator, a biodiesel generator, and a DC connection using the TID controller. Additionally, it has been suggested to build the modified FO controller in IPS using the improved fitness determined optimization approach [32]. Amil et al. in Ref. [33] suggested well-tuned FOPID and MFOPID controllers using the jellyfish search optimizer (JSO) for a hybrid PS. Another use of the ICA optimizer for obtaining the best settings for the FTIDF-II controller for LFC systems was proposed in Ref. [34]. The researchers in Ref. [35] employed an ITDF controller to regulate the frequency of microgrid system employing Jaya algorithm (JA). Ravi et al. in Ref. [36] proposed FOPI controller combined with FO Proportional-Integral-Time Derivative (PTID) control, incorporating with energy storage devices to stabilize fluctuations in dual area interconnected PS. The authors in Ref. [37] applied a cascade FO fuzzy PID(FOFPID) with integral double derivative (IDD) controller for the effective optimization of tidal turbines. The tuning of the design variables for this controller was performed using the recently introduced Jaya algorithm. Nayak et al. in Ref. [38] employed a 2DOF optimal fuzzy PID controller for AGC of two and three area power generation which has been optimized with an adaptive crow search algorithm. The authors in Ref. [39] present a modified TID controller based on fractional order termed as FOI-TD that has been optimized using the improved FDO approach. In Ref. [40], the slap swarm optimizer (SSA) algorithm was presented for adjusting the PID controller. In addition, the butterfly optimization approach has been employed in Ref. [41] for the developing of the dual-stage PI-(1CID) controller. A FO-ID with a filter regulator is proposed in Ref. [42] for wind, fuel cell, and solar AGC systems.

## 1.3. Motivation and Research Gap

It is now obvious that the literature has a number of LFC ideas using different optimization techniques. The performance of the

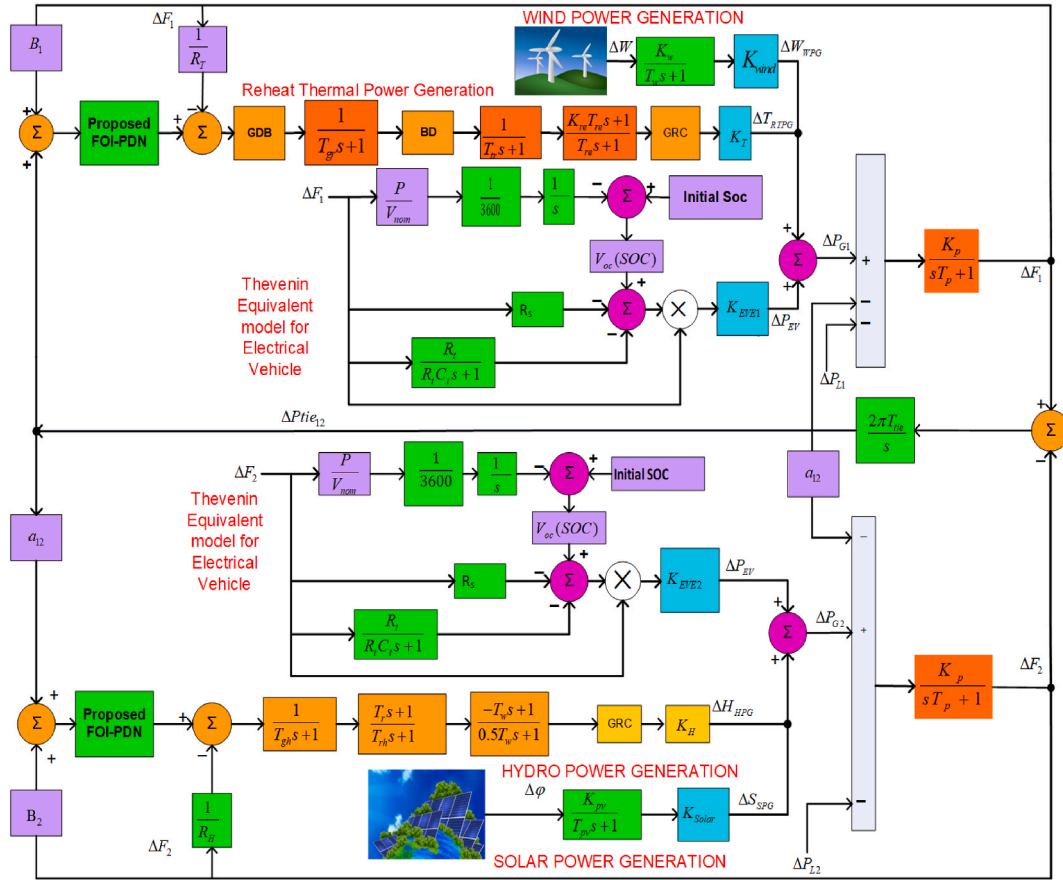


Fig. 1. Structure of hybrid power unit.

power grid during transients is largely determined by the pattern of the LFC category and the chosen optimizer. However, improved LFC technique performance and design approaches are required to reduce the anticipated burden impacts of RESs in forthcoming low-inertia power grids. This work describes a novel modified FO-LFC scheme that incorporates a cascaded configuration of PD, and FOI with filter. From a different perspective, their parameters require significant adjusting efforts. Due to their increased propensity to settle at local minimums, several metaheuristic optimizers methods are unreliable [43]. Additionally, acceptable adjusting is necessary for a number of parameters, particularly for FO-LFC techniques. As a result, the choice of parameter optimization raises significant difficulties [44]. Some optimizers further experience extended elapsed times, saturation, and high sensitivity to parameter changes. Long processing times are another drawback with some optimizers, necessitating multiple iterations to guarantee solution convergence.

This paper introduces the WSO method that was motivated by the learning abilities of white sharks when actively hunting in the environment. This algorithm was created by the authors of [45] with the goal of resolving practical optimization issues that are challenging to resolve with present techniques, both constrained and unconstrained. The recommended WSO has several advantages for complicated optimization challenges, including its projected malleability in handling various forms of optimization complications, because many types of problems require greater elasticity than WSO can stipulate. Moreover, due to the mathematical organization of WSO, it can be utilized to solve a wide range of industrial challenges, specifically those with a high number of dimensions. It should be able to quickly and accurately discover the global optimal problems to difficult optimization problems due to its simplicity and durability [46,47].

1.4. Contribution and structure of the paper

The primary contributions of this study are outlined below grounded on the encouragement provided by the recent disruption in LFCs and their design methodologies.

- The cascade structure of the fractional order integrator (FOI) with proportional derivative with filter (PDN) is used for the two-area interconnected hybrid PS.

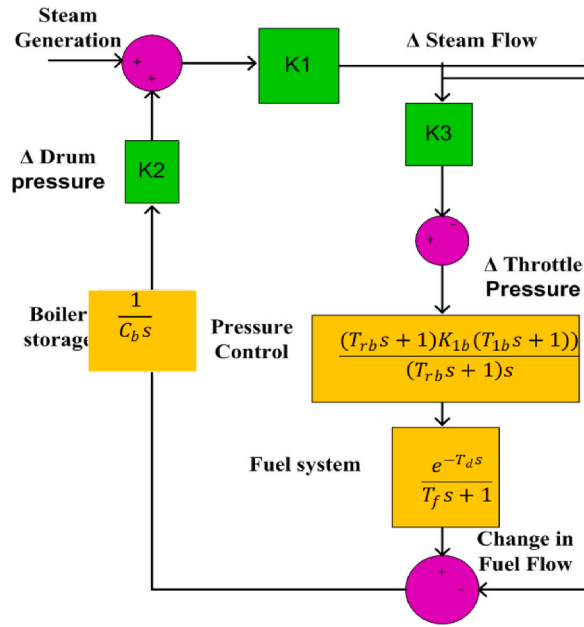


Fig. 2. Dynamical structure of the drum type boiler [20].

- Comparative analysis is performed between the suggested cascaded control structure and various cutting-edge control methodologies including FOPID, and PID controller. Furthermore, the white shark optimizer (WSO), which determines the parameters of the suggested controller in the best possible way, is used to improve the performance of the proposed LFC approach. The effectiveness of the WSO is further confirmed by comparisons with other current algorithms like SCA, SSA and FDO.
- The proposed hybrid power system has been analyzed with various non linearities to assure the practicality of the system.
- Finally, the suggested cascaded controller’s resilience is validated using a load change of  $\pm (25 \%)$  and  $(\pm 50 \%)$ , and parameters of the system within  $\pm (30\%)$  tolerance.

The rest of the article is drafted in the following manner: A description of the hybrid power system is given in Section 2, followed by a description of conventional and renewable power systems. In Section 3, the white shark optimization algorithm is demonstrated, while in Section 4, the control structure followed by the objection function is discussed. In section 5, the results and discussion are displayed which further elaborate the findings considering different scenarios. The final section of this paper discusses concluding remarks as well as future directions.

## 2. Power systems under study

Fig. 1 depicts the design of the proposed FOI-PDN controller employing the dual area PS with RESs and EVs. The RESs are spread throughout the zones, with PV energy installed in zone 1 and wind energy installed in zone 2. A hydropower plant is located in area 2, while the thermal unit is located in area 1. Furthermore, it is assumed that the distribution of EVs between the two regions is equal. Based on the PS material from Refs. [48,49], which are provided in Appendix A, the system is constructed in Matlab/Simulink. As a matter of fact, there is a limit to how much real power can be changed by thermal or hydro units. In other words, the devised LFC for an unconfined generation rate may not be reasonable in practice. In terms of both the rising and falling rates, the generation rate constraints (GRC) of 10%/min is taken into account for the thermal units. For the hydro unit, a typical GRC of 270%/min is taken into consideration for rising generation and 360%/min is taken into consideration for falling generation, respectively [50,51].

Equation (1) demonstrates the transfer function (TF) for governor dead zone/band (GDZ/GDB) [52]. While Equation (2) represents the values for  $N_2$  [17].

$$GDZ / GDB = \frac{N_1 + SN_2}{T_{sg}S + 1} \tag{1}$$

Where  $N_1 = 0.8$  and,

$$N_2 = \frac{-0.2}{\pi} \tag{2}$$

Controller execution can be impacted by communication time delay (CTD), which can also enhance system oscillations. As a result, this study contains a simulation analysis that takes into account various system nonlinearities as well as CTD in the controller fault

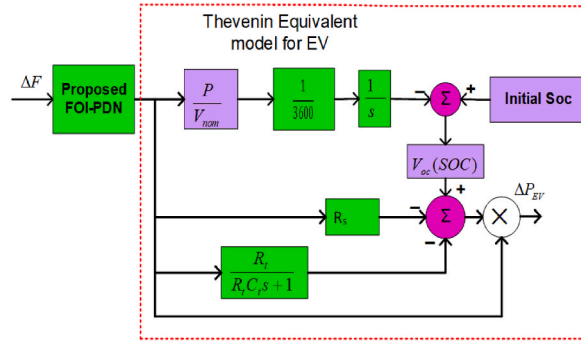


Fig. 3. Dynamic model of EV system [1].

domain. A TF model for the boiler dynamic (BD) is depicted in Fig. 2. Both efficiently managed coal/fired power units and inefficiently managed gas/oil fired power units can be analyzed using this paradigm. The relevant controls are promptly turned on when the boiler control system notices a change in pressure or steam flow rate. Traditional steam power plants modify their generation in this way. The TF model for BD is illustrated by Equations (3) and (4) [53,54]:

$$T_{cpu}(s) = \frac{K_{1b}(1 + T_{1b}s)(1 + T_{rb}s)}{(1 + 0.1T_{rb}s)s} \tag{3}$$

$$T_f(s) = \frac{e^{-t_d(s)}}{Ts + 1} \tag{4}$$

### 2.1. Modelling of EV systems

The performance of the PS can be efficiently controlled by the batteries of current EVs. Depending on what the management of the electrical PS requires, they can charge or discharge. They may result in better dynamic response, efficiency, and dependability of the power system, among other improvements. Because of the wavering nature of RES and the electrical demands associated with them, one of the most important tasks for their utilization is to contribute to the frequency stability of a PS. The dynamical model of EV systems used in this paper’s frequency response study is shown in Fig. 3 [55].

Nernst equation relates open-circuit-voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ) to state-of-charge (SOC) for the linked EVs which has been specified in Equation (5) [54,55]:

$$V_{oc}(SOC) = S \frac{RT}{F} \ln \left( \frac{SOC}{C_{nom} - SOC} \right) + V_{nom} \tag{5}$$

where  $C_{nom}$  is the nominal capacity and  $V_{nom}$  is their nominal voltage of EV batteries.  $S$  represents sensitivity parameter,  $R$ ,  $F$  and  $T$  signifies the gas, Faraday, and temperature constant respectively.

### 2.2. Modelling of conventional power systems

The governor  $G_{TG}(s)$ , the reheat ( $G_{TR}(s)$ ), and the turbine ( $G_{TT}(s)$ ) make up the overall TF for thermal generation ( $G_T(s)$ ), which is characterized by Equations (6)–(9) respectively [50].

$$G_{TG}(s) = \frac{1}{(1 + T_{gr}s)} \tag{6}$$

$$G_{TR}(s) = \frac{1 + T_{re}K_{re}s}{(1 + T_{re}s)} \tag{7}$$

$$G_{TT}(s) = \frac{1}{(1 + T_{tr}s)} \tag{8}$$

$$G_T(s) = \frac{1 + T_{re}K_{re}s}{(1 + T_{gr}s)(1 + T_{re}s)(1 + T_{tr}s)} \tag{9}$$

Similarly, the combined TF of hydal power system ( $G_H(s)$ ) is combined with the TF of the governor ( $G_{HG}(s)$ ), TF of the penstock ( $G_{HT}(s)$ ), and the TF of the droop compensation ( $G_{HD}(s)$ ) which is represented by Equations (10)–(13), respectively [50].

$$G_{HG}(s) = \frac{1}{(1 + T_h s)} \quad (10)$$

$$G_{HT}(s) = \frac{(1 + T_{rs} s)}{(1 + T_{th} s)} \quad (11)$$

$$G_{HD}(s) = \frac{(1 - T_w s)}{(1 + 0.5 T_w s)} \quad (12)$$

$$G_H(s) = \frac{(1 - T_w s)(1 + T_{rs} s)}{(1 + T_h s)(1 + 0.5 T_w s)(1 + T_{th} s)} \quad (13)$$

### 2.2.1. RESs' models

A wind turbine is a device used to transform the kinetic energy of the wind into electrical energy. The, mechanical, aerodynamics, actuator, and electrical subsystems are the four subsystems that make up the entire wind turbine. The TF model  $G_w(s)$  given in Equation (14) represents a wind plants [55,56]:

$$G_w(s) = \frac{K_w}{T_w s + 1} \quad (14)$$

Wind farm gain and time constant are denoted as  $K_w$  and  $T_w$ , respectively. A solar power generation system consists of a number of components, such as a photovoltaic plate, an inverter, a transformer, a boost converter and many others. The photovoltaic array is typically connected to a low-voltage DC capacitor, which allows the power output of the photovoltaic array to be modified by altering the voltage profile of the solar array, which in turn allows the power output to be modified. While the PV energy system model  $G_{PV}(s)$ , is represented in Equation (15) [55,56]:

$$G_{PV}(s) = \frac{K_{PV}}{T_{PV} s + 1} \quad (15)$$

where  $K_{pv}$  and  $T_{pv}$  are the gain and time constant of the PV plant, respectively.

## 3. White Shark optimization

WSO is recently proposed in Ref. [45], was inspired by the great white shark's behavior. Great white sharks are excellent predators and hunters, with keen eyesight, strong muscles, and a keen sense of smell. Numerous marine/non-marine organisms, such as mammals, amphibians, crustaceans, invertebrates, and seabirds, are among its prey. Sharks typically ambush their prey, hoping to catch its prey off guard before biting it in the deadly back. The more unusual senses of smell and hearing, as well as the ability to catch prey by swimming, that great sharks possess make their social behavior far more fascinating. The detail of WSO algorithm consists of the following steps.

### 3.1. Initialization

Since WSO is a population-based approach, it generates a collection of hypotheticals starting points for the optimization process. Equation (16) shows a population of  $N$  sharks (population range) in a  $d$ -dimensional (problem aspect), where the position of each shark represents a possible solution to a problem [46,47].

$$\begin{bmatrix} W_1^1 & W_2^1 & W_3^1 & \dots & W_d^1 \\ W_1^2 & W_2^2 & W_3^2 & \dots & W_d^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ W_1^N & W_2^N & W_3^N & \dots & W_d^N \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

Where  $w$  stands for each shark in the search area,  $d$  stands for the decision variables, and  $W_d^i$  stands for the position of the ( $i$ th) shark in the ( $d$ th) dimension. The initial population is determined using a uniformly random initialization, as shown in Equation (17) [45]:

$$W_j^i = r \times (u_j - l_j) + l_j \quad (17)$$

where  $W_j^i$  is the starting vector,  $l_j$  and  $u_j$  represent the lower and upper boundaries in the  $j$ th dimension, and  $r$  is a random number  $\in (0,1)$ .

### 3.2. Movement speed towards prey

Sharks use the delay in the tides they hear to reveal the setting of their prey, and their wavy motion can be described by equation

(18) [46].

$$V_{k+1}^i = \mu \left[ V_k^i + P_1 (W_{gbest_k} - w_k^i) \times C_1 + P_2 (W_{best}^{i,k} - w_k^i) \times C_2 \right] \tag{18}$$

where  $V_{k+1}^i$  represents the updated velocity and  $V_k^i$  denotes the current velocity,  $W_{best}^{i,k}$  is the swarm best location,  $w_k^i$  is the present position of the shark and  $W_{gbest_k}$  represents the global best position.  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are the random numbers  $\in (0,1)$ . Similarly,  $P_1, P_2$  (forces of white sharks), and  $\mu$  (constriction factor) are represented by Equations (19)–(21) [46].

$$P_1 = P_{max} + (P_{max} - P_{min}) \times e^{-\left(\frac{4k}{K}\right)^2} \tag{19}$$

$$P_2 = P_{min} + (P_{max} - P_{min}) \times e^{-\left(\frac{4k}{K}\right)^2} \tag{20}$$

$$\mu = \frac{2}{|2 - \tau - \sqrt{\tau^2 - 4\tau}|} \tag{21}$$

Where  $K$  = maximum no of iterations,  $k$  = current iteration. The initial and dependent velocities for white sharks are represented by  $P_{min}$  and  $P_{max}$ . Where  $\tau$  is the acceleration coefficient, which was determined through careful analysis to be 4.125. The best position of the white shark is represented by Equation (22) [45].

$$v = [n \times rand(1, n)] + 1 \tag{22}$$

### 3.3. Progress towards efficient prey

In this circumstance, the shark keeps moving to random locations in search of prey, much like a school of fish does. In this scenario, the proactive routing framework described in Equation (23) was used to characterize shark behavior as it approached prey [45].

$$w_{k+1}^i = \begin{cases} w_k^i \cdot \neg \oplus w_0 + l.b + u.a; & rand < mv \\ w_k^i + \frac{V_k^i}{f}; & rand > mv \end{cases} \tag{23}$$

Binary vectors  $a$  and  $b$  are specified in Equations (24) and (25) respectively. While equation (26) represents the relation between  $a$  and  $b$  [45].

$$a = sgn(w_k^i - 1) > 0 \tag{24}$$

$$b = sgn(w_k^i - 1) < 0 \tag{25}$$

$$w_0 = \oplus (a, b) \tag{26}$$

White sharks are characterized by Equations (27) and (28), which explain the occurrence of the shark’s curvy sign and the number of periods the crook strikes its object [45].

$$f = f_{min} + \frac{f_{max} - f_{min}}{f_{max} + f_{min}} \tag{27}$$

where  $f_{max}$  and  $f_{min}$  stand for the maximum and minimum frequencies of the oscillatory motion, respectively [45].

$$mv = \frac{1}{a_0 + e^{\left(\frac{k^2 - k}{a_1}\right)}} \tag{28}$$

where  $a_1$  and  $a_0$  are two positive numbers used to control exploitation and exploration behavior.

### 3.4. Movement in the direction of the best white shark

Sharks are able to maintain their position in front of the favorable one, which is close to the prey. This phenomenon is expressed in Equation (29) [45].

$$w_{k+1}^i = w_{gbest_k} + r_1 \times \vec{D}_w \times sgn(r_2 - 0.5) \quad r_3 < S_s \tag{29}$$

where  $w_{k+1}^i$  denotes the next position,  $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in (0,1)$  and  $sgn(r_2 - 0.5)$  control the search direction by providing the values of  $-1$  or



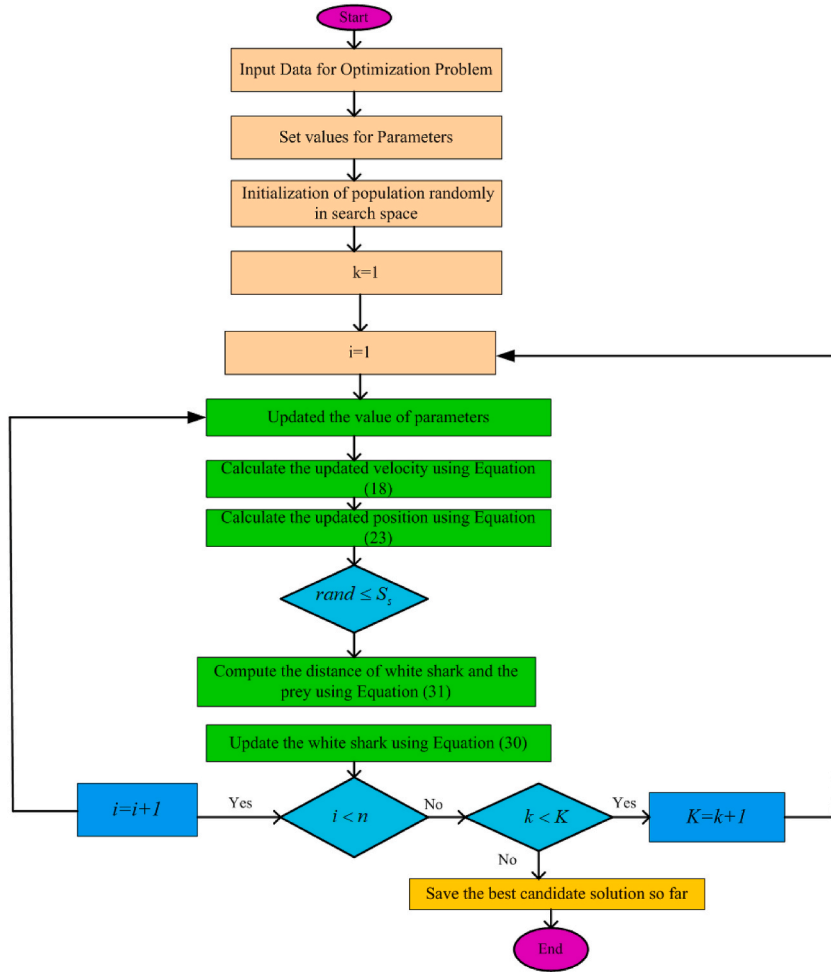


Fig. 4. Flow structure of the proposed WSO algorithm.

1. Equations (30) and (31) represent the distance between shark and prey [45].

$$\vec{D}_w = |rand \times (w_{gbest_k} - w_k^i)| \tag{30}$$

$$S_s = \left| 1 - e^{\left( \frac{a2 \times k}{K} \right)} \right| \tag{31}$$

### 3.5. Fish school behavior

White shark fish school behavior was defined using Equation (32) [45]:

$$w_{k=1}^i = \frac{w_k^i + w_{k+1}^i}{2 \times rand} \tag{32}$$

WSO behavior is characterized by fish activity and shark migration toward the largest shark, as well as heightened local and global search skills. The flow chart for the proposed WSO algorithm is given in Fig. 4.

## 4. Proposed control structure

PID controllers can lead to increased stability and quicker controller response. As a result of the derivative mode, the plant receives unreasonably high control inputs. In this case, the noise in the control signals is the primary culprit. Filtering is included in the derivative part to remove injected noise. Fine adjustment the pole can lower noise chattering [50]. Therefore, in the suggested controller,

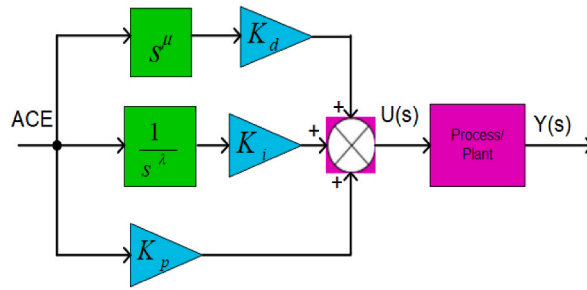


Fig. 5. Configuration of FOPID controller.

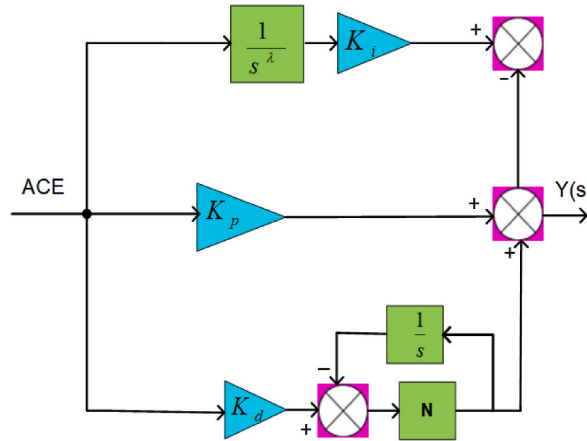


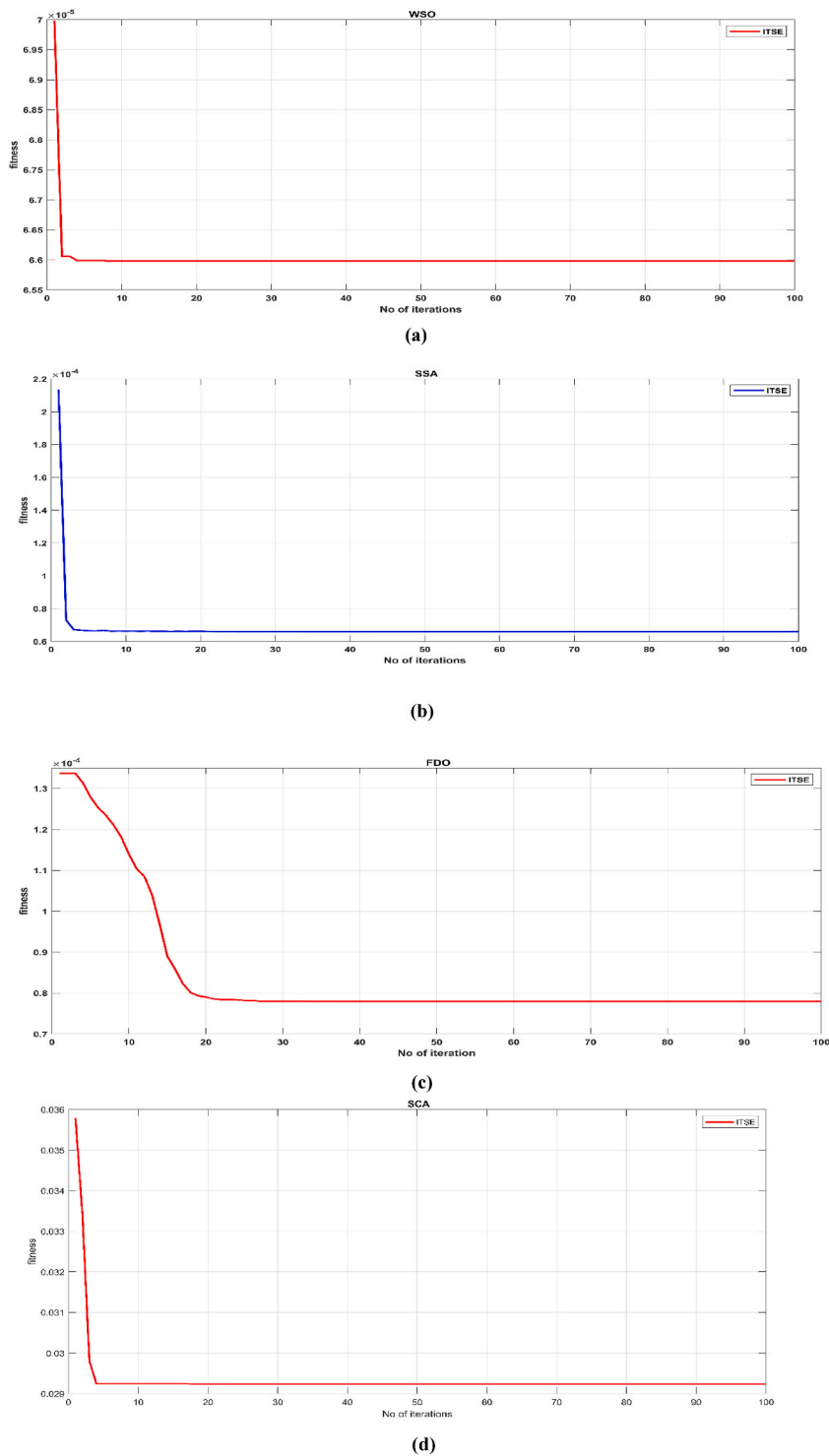
Fig. 6. Configuration of FOI-PDN controller.

**Table 1**  
Comparative presentation of various performance metrics.

Techniques	Performance Indices (J)			
	IAE	I	SE	ITAE
FO-IPDN: WSO	0.0175	0.000812	0.000045	<b>0.000070</b>
FO-IPDN: SSA	0.0134	0.009110	0.000650	<b>0.000220</b>
FO-IPDN: FDO	0.0129	0.002230	<b>0.000100</b>	0.000140
FO-IPDN: SCA	0.9860	0.009340	0.004710	<b>0.003590</b>

**Table 2**  
Techniques for obtaining optimal values.

Gains	Scenario-2				Scenario -3		
	WSO	SSA	FDO	SCA	PID	FOPID	FOI-PDN
$K_{p1}$	1.993	1.877	1.45	1.998	1.290	1.405	1.893
$K_{i1}$	1.009	1.458	1.340	1.678	0.232	1.012	1.032
$K_{d1}$	1.101	1.120	1.543	1.989	0.010	1.890	1.024
$\lambda_1$	0.988	0.556	0.620	0.710	0.590	0.786	0.610
$\mu_1$	0.989	0.601	0.823	0.671	0.602	0.644	0.567
$N_1$	9.760	3.234	9.972	8.678	-	-	9.899
$K_{p2}$	1.760	1.234	2.000	1.678	1.200	1.232	1.767
$K_{i2}$	1.120	1.543	1.989	1.010	1.030	1.010	1.012
$K_{d2}$	1.456	0.220	0.110	1.900	0.010	1.890	1.890
$\mu_2$	0.988	0.456	0.620	0.710	0.503	0.402	0.910
$\lambda_2$	0.634	0.972	0.678	0.878	0.671	0.913	0.644
$N_2$	8.223	9.897	7.89	9.900	-	-	4.456



**Fig. 7.** Convergence profile for algorithms (a) WSO (b) SSA (c) FDO (d) SCA.

the FOI-PDN is chosen to enhance the efficacy of the control methodology. The configurations for FOPID and FOI-PDN are shown in Figs. 5 and 6 respectively. Equations (33)–(35) show the transfer function of FOPID, FOPIDN and FOI-PDN controllers respectively.

$$FOPID = K_p + \frac{K_i}{s^\lambda} + K_d s^\mu \tag{33}$$

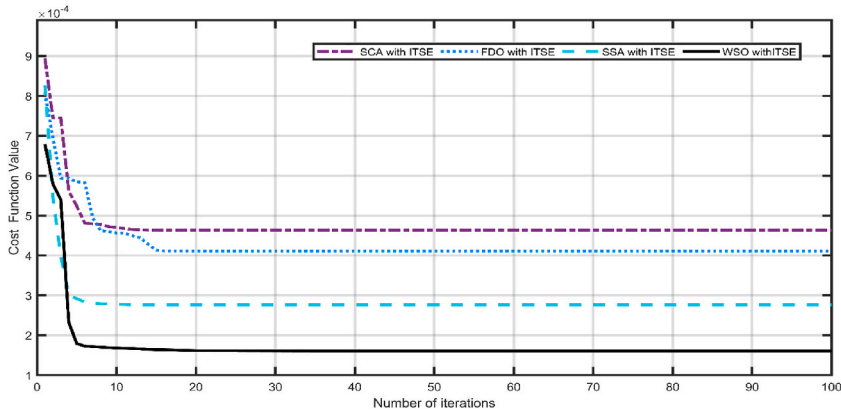


Fig. 8. Combined convergence curve for various algorithms.

$$FOPIDN = K_p + \frac{K_i}{s^2} + K_d s^\mu \left[ \frac{N_d s}{s + N_d} \right] \tag{34}$$

$$FOPIDN = \frac{K_i}{s^2} - \left\{ K_p + K_d \left[ \frac{N_d s}{s + N_d} \right] \right\} \tag{35}$$

In the literature, four distinct performance indices, namely ITSE, ITAE, IAE, and ISE, have been employed. However, in the context of LFC issues, ITAE [2,22,34,35], ITSE [3,17,32,33], and ISE [1,48,49,55] are commonly utilized. To compare these performance indices for our proposed power system, equations (36)–(39) were implemented in MATLAB. The results, presented in Table 1, indicate that the minimum fitness error was achieved for ITSE in comparison to ITAE, ISE, and IAE.

$$ITSE = J_1 = \int_0^t t [\Delta F_1^2 + \Delta F_2^2 + \Delta P_{tie}^2] dt \tag{36}$$

$$ITAE = J_2 = \int_0^t t [\Delta F_1 + \Delta F_2 + \Delta P_{tie}] dt \tag{37}$$

$$ISE = J_3 = \int_0^t [\Delta F_1^2 + \Delta F_2^2 + \Delta P_{tie}^2] dt \tag{38}$$

$$IAE = J_4 = \int_0^t t [\Delta F_1 + \Delta F_2 + \Delta P_{tie}] dt \tag{39}$$

The constraints used in Equation (40) represent the controller coefficients for FOPID and FOI-PDN.

$$K_p^{Min} \leq K_p \leq K_p^{Max}, K_d^{Min} \leq K_d \leq K_d^{Max}, K_i^{Min} \leq K_i \leq K_i^{Max}, \lambda^{Min} \leq \lambda \leq \lambda^{Max}, N_d^{Min} \leq N_d \leq N_d^{Max}, \mu^{Min} \leq \mu \leq \mu^{Max} \tag{40}$$

## 5. Results and discussion

This section examines the efficacy and validation of the FOI-PDN controller execution. For fair comparison, a newly proposed WSO algorithm was used to regulate the several control parameters of FOI-PDN and other controllers including PID and FOPID. With the use of the Simulink tool of the investigated PS, the WSO method was developed using the MATLAB system’s m-file code. The optimized WSO-based controller coefficients are shown in Table 2. The proposed FOI-PDN controller’s robustness is evaluated by comparing it to PID and FOPID controllers. The following scenarios examine the findings for the analyzed multi-area IPS in various case studies.

### 5.1. Scenario-1

In this scenario, the convergence profile for different algorithms such as WSO, SSA, SCA and FDO have been evaluated for hybrid interconnected PS and as show in Fig. 7(a–d). The coefficients of the proposed FOI-PDN controller are regulated using the ITSE tests as a CF. To achieve the optimal controller gains, the WSO parameter values from (Appendix A) were chosen. With each optimization technique having 20 populations, a total of 30 runs are simulated with 100 repetitions and the excess of the factors are given (Appendix B). Fig. 7(a–d) shows that the proposed WSO optimization process exhibits better and faster conversion characteristics for ITSE objective functions than the investigated FDO, SSA, and SCA optimizers. Fig. 7(a–d) shows that the WSO technique converges swiftly under the ITSE circumstances and achieves (ITSE = 0.000070) associated to SSA, FDO, and SCA, which have respective ITSE

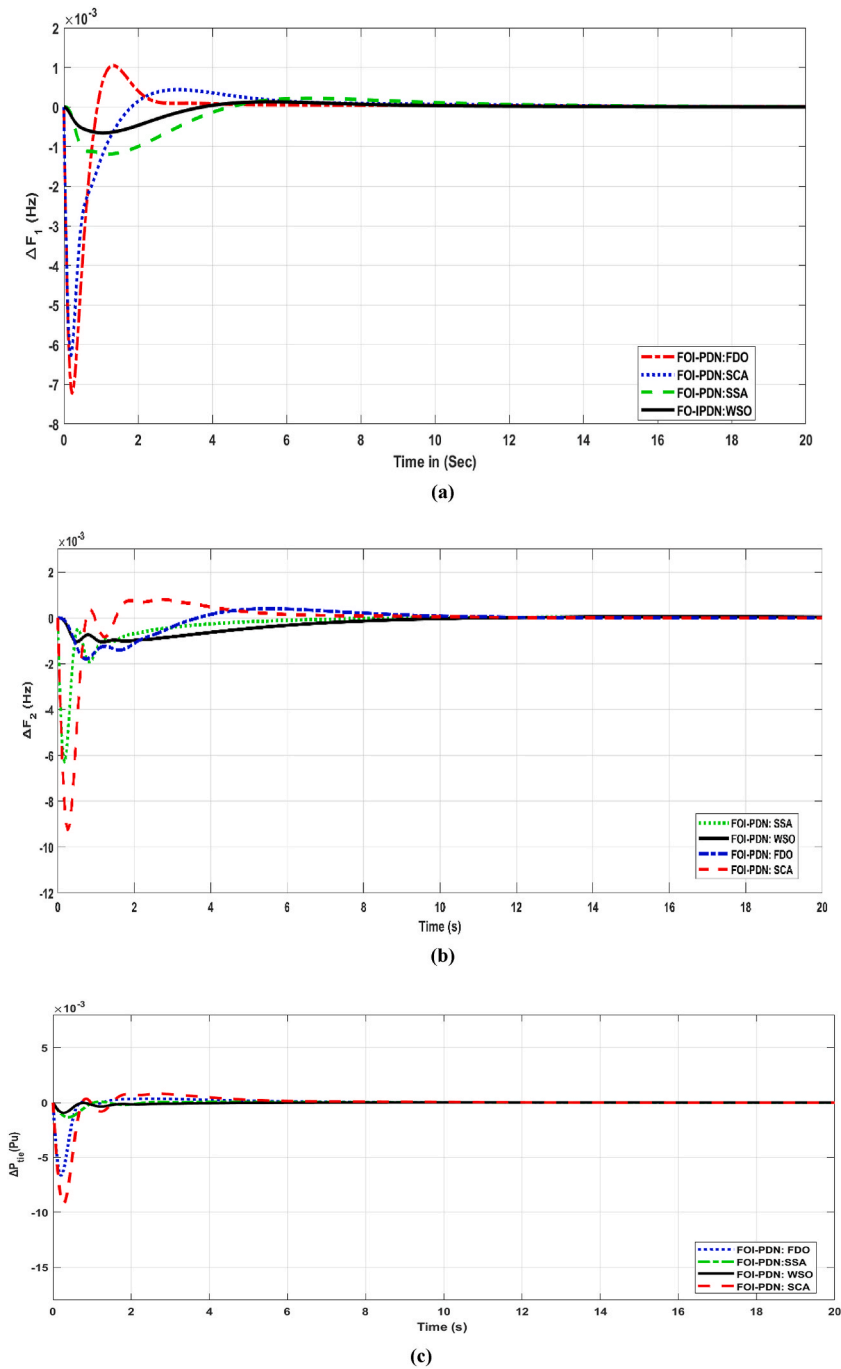


Fig. 9. Dynamic response of the system for scenario-2 (a)  $\Delta F_1$  (b)  $\Delta F_2$  (c)  $\Delta P_{tie}$ .

values of 0.000220, 0.000140, and 0.00359, respectively. The combined convergence diagram for Fig. 7(a–d) is shown in Fig. 8.

### 5.2. Scenario-2

In this scenario, the efficiency of the proposed WSO algorithm has been compared with other recent optimizer algorithms such as SSA, FDO and SCA employed for two area hybrids interconnected PS. The response for each technique has been assessed for interconnected tie line  $\Delta P_{tie}$ , area 2 ( $\Delta F_2$ ), and area-1 ( $\Delta F_1$ ) and as depicted in Fig. 9(a–c). The comparison for different optimization algorithms in respect of transient contents including maximum overshoot (MO), minimum undershoot (MU) and Settling time (ST) with a band of 0.005% are displayed in Table-3 for ( $\Delta F_1$ ), ( $\Delta F_2$ ) and ( $\Delta P_{tie}$ ). It can be observed from Table-3 and Fig. 9(a–c) that our

**Table 3**  
Transient outcomes for PS considering scenario 2.

Controller with Algorithms	ST (Settling time)			MO (Maximum Overshoot)			MU (Minimum Undershoot)		
	$\Delta F_1$	$\Delta F_2$	$\Delta P_{tie}$	$\Delta F_1$	$\Delta F_2$	$\Delta P_{tie}$	$\Delta F_1$	$\Delta F_2$	$\Delta P_{tie}$
FOI-PDN (WSO)	6.82	9.93	<b>4.420</b>	0.000129	<b>0.000041</b>	<b>0.000017</b>	-0.00065	-0.00104	-0.00094
FOI-PDN (SSA)	12.6	<b>6.23</b>	5.020	0.000218	0.000048	0.000082	-0.00119	-0.00628	-0.00135
FOI-PDN (SCA)	8.83	8.61	6.533	0.000437	0.000406	0.000363	-0.00627	-0.00179	-0.00664
FOI-PDN (FDO)	<b>5.98</b>	10.9	8.434	0.001045	0.000813	0.000813	-0.00722	-0.00922	-0.00922
[52] MID (hDE-PS)	19.0	18.09	12.69	0.000800	0.001700	0.000600	-0.00100	-0.01500	-0.00800

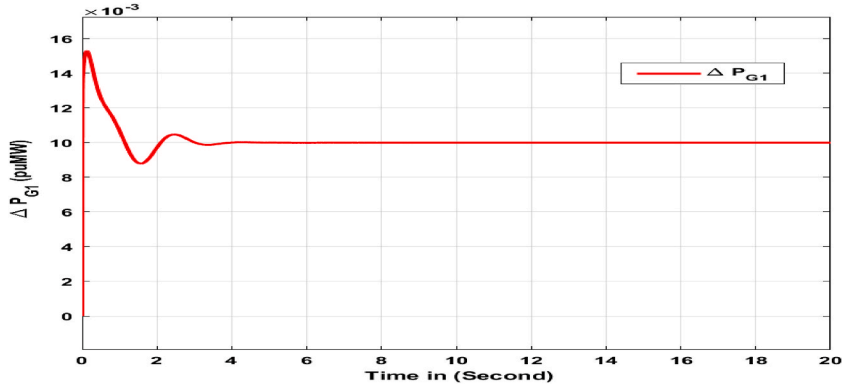


Fig. 10. Output power for all the generation units in area 1.

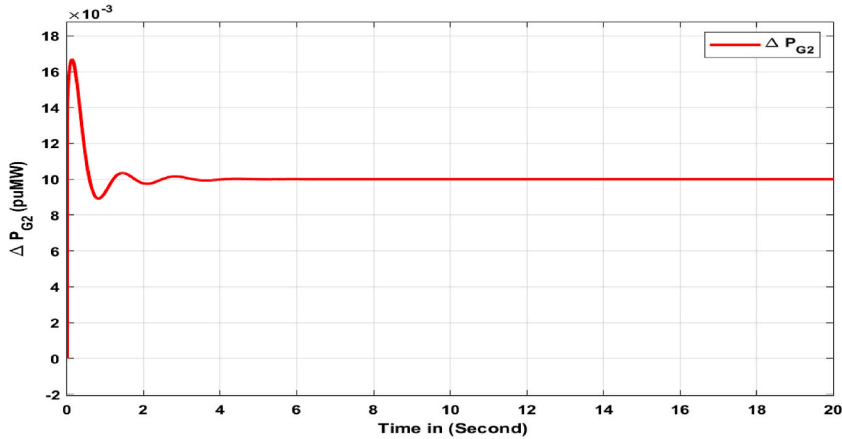
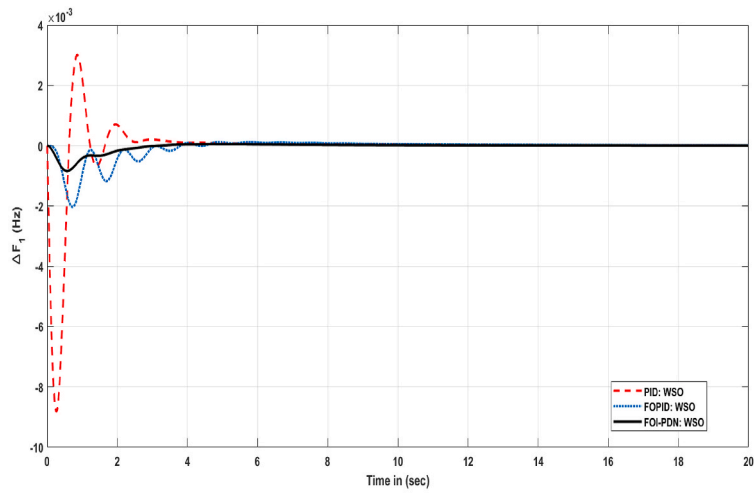
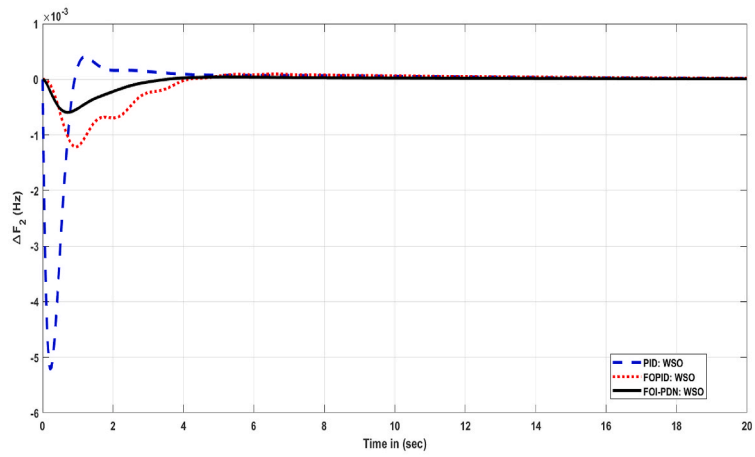


Fig. 11. Output power for all the generation units in area 2.

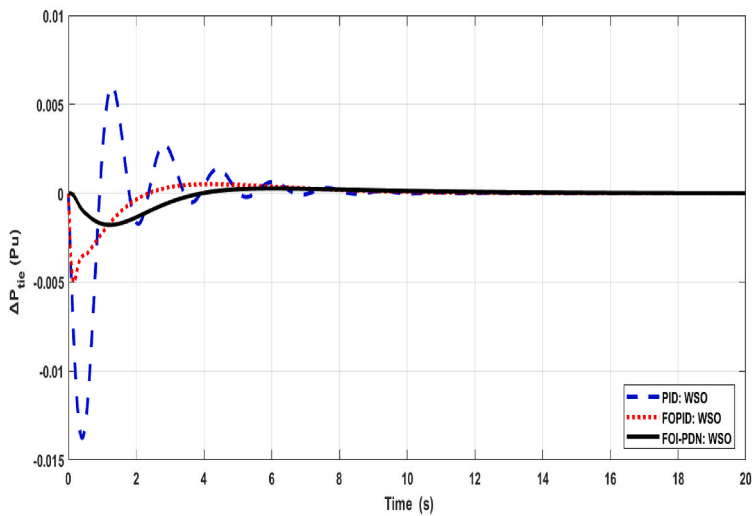
proposed algorithm excellently performs in terms of MU and MS for interrelated tie line ( $\Delta P_{tie}$ ), area 2 ( $\Delta F_2$ ), and area-1 ( $\Delta F_1$ ) as compared to SSA, SCA, hDE with PS, and FDO algorithms. Furthermore, it can also be observed that the settling time for FDO algorithms (ST = 5.98) for area-1 has the lowest value as compared to SSA (ST = 6.82), SCA (ST = 8.83), SSA (12.8), and hDE-PS (ST = 19.0) while the next position is occupied by WSO algorithms. Similarly for area-1 the minimum undershoots, and overshoot is observed for our proposed WSO algorithm (MO = 0.00129, MU = -0.00065) as compared to SSA (MU = -0.00119, MO = 0.000118), FDO (MU = -0.00627, MO = 0.000437), SCA (MO = 0.001045, MU = -0.00722), hDE-PS (MO = 0.000800, MU = -0.00100). In area-2 the settling time for SSA algorithms (ST = 6.23) has the lowest value as compared to WSA (ST = 6.82), SCA (ST = 9.93), FDO (10.8), and hDE-PS (ST = 18.09) but in this area -2 the MO and MU for the proposed WSA superiorly perform as compared to the rest of other mentioned algorithms. The output power for all the generation units considering area-1 and area-2 is shown in Figs. 10 and 11 respectively. Moreover, the proposed approach also performs very well in respect of MU, ST, and MO for interconnected tie-line as compared to SSA, SCA, FDO and hDE-PS.



(a)



(b)

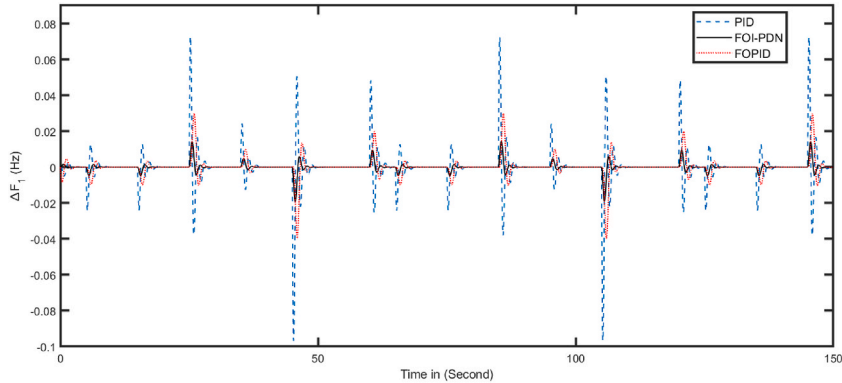


(c)

Fig. 12. Dynamic response of the system for scenario-3 (a)  $\Delta F_1$  (b)  $\Delta F_2$  (c)  $\Delta P_{tie}$ .

**Table 4**  
Transient outcomes for PS considering scenario 3.

Controller with Algorithms	ST (Settling time)			MO (Maximum Overshoot)			MU (Minimum Undershoot)		
	$\Delta F_1$	$\Delta F_2$	$\Delta P_{tie}$	$\Delta F_1$	$\Delta F_2$	$\Delta P_{tie}$	$\Delta F_1$	$\Delta F_2$	$\Delta P_{tie}$
FOI-PDN (WSO)	2.96	8.23	3.93	0.000000	0.000272	0.000041	-0.00084	-0.00178	-0.00059
FOPID (WSO)	7.83	8.46	8.09	0.000127	0.000509	0.000090	-0.00202	-0.00500	-0.00121
PID (WSO)	4.68	10.4	5.91	0.003012	0.006035	0.000402	-0.00883	-0.01376	-0.00521
[52] (hDE-PS)	19.0	18.09	12.69	0.000800	0.001700	0.000600	-0.00100	-0.01500	-0.00800
[23] FOTID (FPA)	25.5	23.2	18.77	0.00680	0.01170	0.00260	-0.02450	-0.0228	-0.00440



**Fig. 13.** Random variation for the consider power system employing various controllers.

### 5.3. Scenario-3

In this case, the performance of FOPID, MID, FOTID, and PID controllers was compared to the efficiency of a FOI-PDN controller tuned with the WSO technique. The dynamic response for different techniques has been depicted in Fig. 12(a–c) for connected tie line ( $\Delta P_{tie}$ ), area 2 ( $\Delta F_2$ ), and area-1 ( $\Delta F_1$ ). The overall, comparison in respect of MU, MO and ST are displayed in Table-4 for ( $\Delta F_1$ ), ( $\Delta F_2$ ) and ( $\Delta P_{tie}$ ). Fig. 12(a–c) shows that the FO-IPDN controller adjusted with the WSO methods has an amended ST of 31.56% for ( $\Delta F_1$ ) and 29.22% for ( $\Delta F_2$ ), but nearly the identical highest overshoot as the FOPID adjusted with the WSO methods. Table-4 shows that for ( $\Delta F_1$ ), ( $\Delta F_2$ ), and ( $\Delta P_{tie}$ ), the FOI-PDN controller with the WSO-adjusted approach works better than the FOPID controller optimized with WSO techniques in terms of ST (13.01%, 29.40%, and 45.63%) and MO (89.12%, 83.11%, and 98.10%). Considering ( $\Delta F_1$ ), ( $\Delta F_2$ ), and ( $\Delta P_{tie}$ ), respectively, the FOI-PDN controller significantly reduced peak overshoot by 73.33%, 91.03%, and 77.21% when associated to a PID controller adjusted with similar methods. From Table 4 it can be clearly observed that our proposed FOI-PDN controller optimized with WSO superiorly perform as compared to FOPID and PID controllers optimized with the same approach, MID controller [52] optimized with hDE-PS, FOTID controller adjusted with FPA [23] for interrelated tie line ( $\Delta P_{tie}$ ), area 2 ( $\Delta F_2$ ), and area-1 ( $\Delta F_1$ ). The system's performance under the influence of randomly varying loads ( $\pm 0.10, \pm 0.15, \pm 0.25, \pm 0.3, \pm 0.4, \pm 0.5$  pu) for a simulation period of 150 s has been illustrated in Fig. 13, employing various controllers in the presence of an electric vehicle (EV). As observed in Fig. 13, the proposed FOI-PDN controller based on WSO continues to demonstrate superior response to random load fluctuations. It exhibits lower steady-state error, faster response times, and better-damped variations compared to contemporary controllers.

### 5.4. Sensitivity, robustness and stability analysis

The supplied controller must perform reliably under parameter uncertainties due to its versatile mathematical illustration of system representations and the likelihood that system parameters and arrangement may alter over time due to component wear and tear. When the suggested control structure is unable to handle the system parametric uncertainties, these uncertainties can occasionally cause difficulties with the system's stability. To confirm the sturdiness of the suggested FOI-PDN controller, different values of parameters such as Tg, R, B, and T<sub>12</sub> are altered by approximately  $\pm 30\%$  and compared to their nominal parameter response. Fig. 14(a and b) and Table-5 display the findings that were obtained when system parameter fluctuations were used, demonstrating the proposed controller's reliability in the appearance of constraint uncertainty. In addition, the nature of the load in an actual power system is unpredictable and variable. The control method must be able to accommodate random load fluctuations. Consequently, the resilience of the suggested controller is observed despite varying loads. In order to simulate real-time scenarios, the performance of the WSO: FOI-PDN controller is validated under various load disruptions up to ( $\pm 25\%$  and  $\pm 50\%$ ) and is given in Fig. 15. Table- 5 shows that several parameters respond close to their nominal levels. This demonstrates that the proposed WSO-based FOI-PDN controller provides dependable execution throughout a range of  $\pm 30\%$  of the system parameters. In addition, the optimal values of the proposed



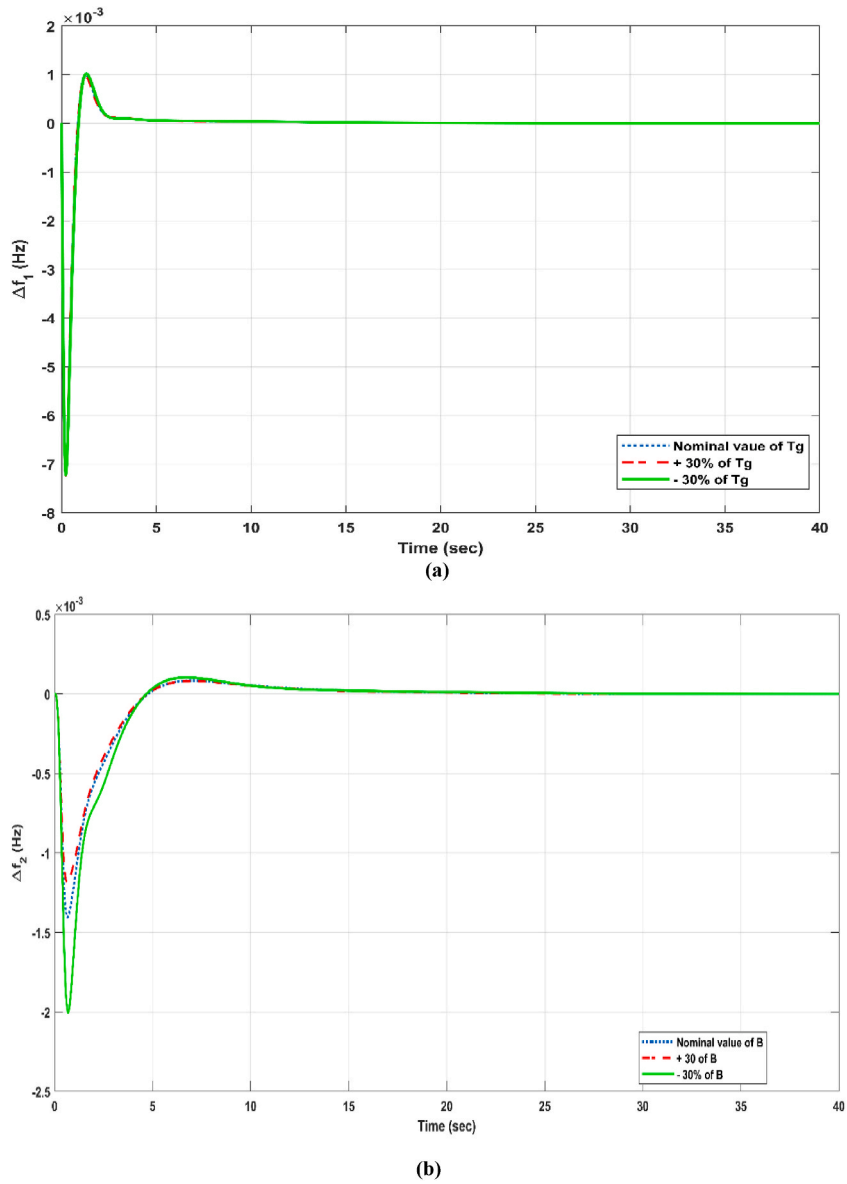


Fig. 14. Sensitivity analysis for the system parameters considering (a) Tg (b) B.

Table 5

Power system transient response computation.

Parameter	% Change	ST			MO			MU		
		$\Delta F_1$	$\Delta F_2$	$\Delta P_{tie}$	$\Delta F_1$	$\Delta F_2$	$\Delta P_{tie}$	$\Delta F_1$	$\Delta F_2$	$\Delta P_{tie}$
$T_g$	+30	3.47	12.72	14.09	0.000323	0.00068	0.00064	-0.00315	-0.00240	-0.00610
	-30	3.51	12.73	14.10	0.000276	0.00047	0.00054	-0.00313	-0.00236	-0.00600
B	+30	6.38	13.45	14.21	0.000296	0.00037	0.00094	-0.00489	-0.00713	-0.00693
	-30	8.03	13.46	14.23	0.000289	0.00030	0.00098	-0.00482	-0.00913	-0.00678
R	+30	6.10	12.79	14.60	0.000310	0.00014	0.00083	-0.00361	-0.00780	-0.00731
	-30	7.80	12.80	14.61	0.000311	0.00017	0.00075	-0.00361	-0.00740	-0.00725
$T_{12}$	+30	6.09	13.23	14.89	0.00031	0.00032	0.00063	-0.00251	-0.00830	-0.00623
	-30	7.82	13.23	14.90	0.00032	0.00031	0.00061	-0.00257	-0.00840	-0.00618

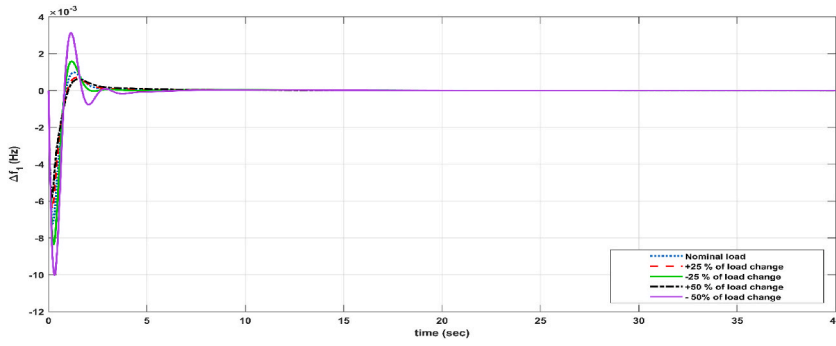


Fig. 15. System load changes.

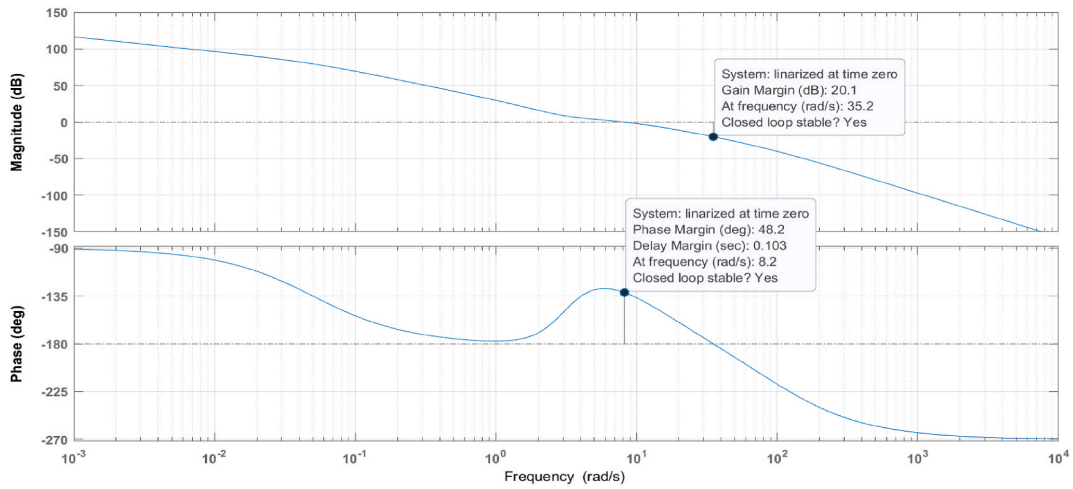


Fig. 16. Bode diagram for the consider power system.

controller do not require retuning for a broad range of parameters at rated value with actual parameters. Furthermore, the stability of the system using the suggested FOI-PDN controller is illustrated through the Bode diagram, as depicted in Fig. 16. As depicted in Fig. 16, the phase margin (PM), gain crossover frequency ( $\omega_{gc}$ ), gain margin (GM), and phase crossover frequency ( $\omega_{pc}$ ) are determined to be  $48.2^\circ$ , 8.2 rad/s, 20.1 dB, and 35.2 rad/s respectively. Since both GM and PM are positive, with PM greater than GM, and  $\omega_{gc}$  less than  $\omega_{pc}$ , which indicates that the system is stable.

### 6. Conclusion and future study

The present study proposes an FOI-PDN controller to control the LFCs of dual regions with hybrid renewable energies and conventional energy sources using several nonlinearities such as GDZ, GRC, CTD, and BD. The settings of the suggested controller were optimized using the modern and potent metaheuristic algorithm known as the White Shark Optimizer (WSO). The simulation outcomes demonstrate that the WSO-based tuned FOI-PDN controller successfully reduces peak overshoot by 73.33%, 91.03%, and 77.21% for region-2, region-1, and link power variation respectively, and delivers MU of 89.12%, 83.11%, and 78.10% for both regions and link power. Likewise, the WSO based FOI-PDN controller enhances the ST by 13.01%, 29.40%, and 45.63% for the load frequency of ( $\Delta F_1$ ), ( $\Delta F_2$ ), and ( $\Delta P_{tie}$ ) respectively, when compared with the (MID: hDE-PS). The outcome demonstrate that when the system characteristics or load circumstances change, the gains of the proposed controller are not reset. The WSO-based FOI-PDN controller's efficiency demonstrates that it can effectively address LFC issues in hybrid power systems with prolonged oscillations. In the future, the suggested control scheme will be developed and implemented in Matlab Simulink and practically using OPAL-RT simulator with the inclusion of energy storage devices and renewable energies, as well as other proficient controllers like MPC and FLC for the power system.

### Data Availability

Data used to support the findings of this study is included within the article.

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## Appendix A

LFC model			
Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
Kp	68.97	Tp	11.49
a <sub>12</sub>	−1	R <sub>H</sub>	2.4
B <sub>1</sub>	0.4312	R <sub>T</sub>	2.4
B <sub>2</sub>	0.4312	Pr <sub>1</sub> , Pr <sub>2</sub> (MW)	1000
<b>Reheat Thermal generation</b>			
T <sub>tr</sub>	0.3	K <sub>T</sub>	0.895
K <sub>re</sub>	0.3	T <sub>re</sub>	10
		T <sub>gr</sub>	0.08
<b>Electric Vehicles</b>			
C <sub>nom</sub>	66.2	V <sub>nom</sub>	364.8
R <sub>t</sub>	0.047	R <sub>s</sub>	0.074
RT/F	0.02612	C <sub>t</sub>	703.6
Maximum SOC (in Percentage)	95	Minimum SOC (in Percentage)	10
C <sub>nom</sub>	66.2	C <sub>Batt</sub>	24.15
K <sub>EVE1</sub>	0.005	K <sub>EVE2</sub>	0.005
<b>Hydro Power generation</b>			
T <sub>rh</sub>	28.749	T <sub>w</sub>	1
Tr	5	Kh	0.32586
T <sub>gh</sub>	0.2		
<b>Renewable energy resources</b>			
K <sub>pV</sub>	1	T <sub>pV</sub>	1.3
K <sub>wind</sub>	0.100	K <sub>solar</sub>	0.100
T <sub>w</sub>	1.5	K <sub>w</sub>	1
<b>Boiler Dynamic</b>			
K <sub>3</sub>	0.92	C <sub>b</sub>	200
T <sub>f</sub>	0.23	Tr <sub>b</sub>	0.545
T <sub>rh</sub>	28.75	Tr	1.4
K <sub>2</sub>	0.095	K <sub>1</sub>	0.85
K <sub>1b</sub>	0.950	T <sub>1b</sub>	0.545

## Appendix B

WSO terms and their values

Coefficient	Values	Coefficient	Values	Coefficient	Values	Coefficient	Values
No of dimension	7	Lower limit (Lb)	−2	No of Population (Np)	30	Upper limit (Ub)	2
Random Number (r)	[0,1]	Acceleration Coefficient (r)	4.125				

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