Modal Analysis and Stability Enhancement of 150 kV Sulselrabar Electrical System using PSS and RFB based on Cuckoo Search Algorithm

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Abstract: Small signal stability is one of the factor to asess the reliability of a power system. Small signal stability is related to the ability of a power system to maintain synchronization after being exposed by small disturbance. In Indonesia, the reliability of power system is one of the important aspect that has to be achieved. However, very scant attention has been paid on studied small signal stability performance on Indonesia electricity. Hence, this paper studied the small signal stability analysis and its enhancement. 150 kV Sulselrabar interconnected power system is used as test system. To enhance the performance of the system designing coordinated controller of power system stabilizer (PSS) and redox flow batteries (RFB) using cuckoo search algorithm (CSA) is conducted. Eigenvalue, damping ratio, participation factor analysis, and time domain simulation is performed to assess the small signal stability performance and the effectiveness of the CSA to optimize the PSS and RFB parameter. From the cases studies, it is found that 150 kV Sulselrabar has 12 local mode and 4 inter-area mode. Furthermore, the coordinated controller between PSS and RFB based on CSA could enhance the small signal stability performance of 150 kV Sulselrabar interconnected system indicated by higher damping, smallest overshoot and fastest settling time.

Keywords: Modal analysis, eigenvalue, damping ratio, participation factor, PSS, RFB, CSA

1. Introduction

Electrical energy has becoming a role vital in the daily activities of modern society. Every years there are a significant increase of electrical energy demand that drive the power provider to provide sufficient and qualified electrical energy. The increasing load demand every years has led to several problem in the stability of power system. One particular stability that can effected by increasing load demand is small signal stability.

Small signal stability or low frequency oscillation is the ability of power system to maintain stable condition after small perturbation occurs. This instability has frequency oscillation ranging from 0.1 to 2 Hz \cite{1,2}. If this instability is not handled properly, the oscillation may grow larger and lead to loss of synchronization of the interconnected system \cite{3}. Generally, this instability can be handle by installing damper windings on the rotor of the generator. However, over the time the performance can be decreased. Hence, additional controller such as power system stabilizer (PSS) can be solution to handle small signal stability problems \cite{4}. However, PSS alone is not enough to stabilize the low frequency oscillation when load demand increase significantly. Hence, additional device such as redox flow batteries (RFB) can be used as additional controller to enhance the system performance.

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150 kV Sulselrabar interconnected power system is one of the largest interconnected power system in Sulewesi Island on Indonesia. Small signal stability problem is potentially emerges on 150 kV Sulselrabar interconnected power systems. However, very scant attention has been paid on studying small signal stability performance of 150 kV Sulselrabar. Hence, it is necessary to deeply investigate the small signal stability performance and also enhance the system performance. The biggest challenge in here is how to design optimal coordination of RFB and PSS in large interconnected system such as 150 kV Sulselrabar. Generally, designing PSS and RFB are based on traditional mathematical approach with high complexity. This the complexity of designing PSS and RFB becoming even worse when those devices installed in large system. Hence, it is essential to utilize intelligence method such as metaheuristic algorithm for designing PSS and RFB.

In the last decade, metaheuristic algorithm has shown a good performance for solving complex engineering problems. There are many type of metaheuristic algorithm that has been used on complex engineering problems such as genetic algorithm, particle swarm optimization, artificial immune system, differential evolution algorithm and bacteria foraging algorithm [5-10]. In recent years, there is new type of metaheuristic algorithm that has shown a good performance for solving complex engineering problems, this algorithm is called cuckoo search algorithm (CSA). This algorithm has shown a better performance than particle swarm optimization and genetic algorithm [11]. Hence the main contribution of this paper are:

- Investigate, the small signal stability performance on 150 kV Sulselrabar.
- Finding the electromechanical mode (EM) including the associated generator that contribute to the EM.
- Mitigation of low frequency oscillation using coordinate control between PSS and RFB based on CSA.

The rest of the paper is organized as follow: Section II provides modeling of synchronous generator, exciter, governor, PSS and fundamental theory of small signal stability. Section III briefly explain CSA and designing coordinate control of PSS and RFB using CSA. Modal analysis and time domain simulation are presented in section IV. Section V highlights the contribution, conclusions and future directions of the research.

2. Fundamental Theory
   A. Generator, exciter and governor modeling

   In small signal stability study, the most important thing is capturing the dynamic behavior of the system. Hence, transforming the non-linear model of synchronous generator to linear model is essential. The linear model of synchronous generator is given by (1), this mathematical representation can be derived through DQ transformation. The detailed procedure for transforming non-linear synchronous generator to linear model by using DQ transformation can be found in [12].

   \[
   \begin{pmatrix}
   \Delta \omega_d \\
   -\Delta \omega_F \\
   \Delta q_e \\
   0
   \end{pmatrix} =
   \begin{pmatrix}
   r & 0 & 0 & q_{eq}L_q & q_{eq}M_Q & \lambda_q & 0 \\
   0 & \tau_F & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
   -q_{eq}L_d & -q_{eq}L_F & -q_{eq}M_D & r & 0 & -\lambda_q & 0 \\
   0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
   \end{pmatrix}
   \begin{pmatrix}
   \Delta \omega_d \\
   -\Delta \omega_F \\
   \Delta q_e \\
   0
   \end{pmatrix}.
   \]

   For small signal stability study, the excitation system can be simply modeled as first order differential equation consisting of gain and time constant as shown in Figure 1. Furthermore, the governor on power system can also be modeled as first order time delay with gain as illustrated in Figure 2 [13].
B. Power System Stabilizer Modeling

Power system stabilizer (PSS) is additional controller in power system to mitigate oscillatory condition on power system. PSS is give additional signal to the excitation system to produce damping signals via electrical torque components. The input of PSS is rotor speed deviation while the output of PSS is additional control signal to the excitation system [14-17]. PSS consist of gain constant, washout process, lead lag process and saturation as shown in Figure 3. The washout process modeled as first order time delay while the lead lag process comprises of second order differential equation [14-17].

C. Redox flow batteries modeling

Redox flow batteries (RFB) is one of the energy storage type that has becoming popular due to higher level capacity and quick response for providing active power to the system compared to the conventional battery. RFB is consisting of sulfuric acid with vanadium ion which are worked as negative and positive electrolytes ion. In this paper the purpose of RFB is providing active power to the grid by detecting rotor speed deviation of synchronous generator [18-20].

For small signal stability study, capturing dynamic model of RFB is crucial. The dynamic model of RFB can be presented as second-order differential equations as given in (2), while Figure. illustrates the schematic diagram of RFB. Where $K_{ri}$ and $T_{ri}$ are gain constant and time delay of the converter. $\omega$ and $\Delta P_{r}^{e}$ are rotor speed of generator and active power from the RFB, while $K_{rfb}$ and $T_{rfb}$ corresponded to the gain and time delay process of RFB [18-20].

$$
\Delta P_{r}^{e} = \left\{ \omega \times K_{rfb} - \left( \frac{K_{ri}}{1 + sT_{ri}} \right) \right\} \left( \frac{1}{1 + sT_{di}} \right)
$$

(2)
**D. Power system modeling**

The dynamic characteristic of power system for low frequency oscillation study can be captured through differential and algebraic equation (DAE) as given in (3) and (4). In this study, multi-machine power system is considered to investigate the dynamic behaviors of local and inter-area modes [21, 22].

\[ \dot{x} = f(x, y, u) \]  
\[ 0 = g(x, y) \]

Where \( x \) and \( y \) corresponded to the state and algebraic variables respectively, while \( l \) and \( p \) related to the uncontrollable and controllable parameters. The load flow and other network parameter are included in algebraic equations, while machines and all others controller parameters are included on differential equations [21, 22].

**E. Small signal stability**

Small signal stability or low frequency oscillation is related to the ability of power system to remains on stable condition after being exposed by small perturbation. Small signal stability can be classified into two categorize namely local oscillation and global oscillation. Local oscillation is associated with the generator unit within a power plant with the rest of the system in that area with frequency ranging around 0.7-2 Hz. Global oscillation (inter-area mode) is related with generator unit in one area against generating units in another area, with typical frequency oscillation ranging from 0.1-0.7 Hz. Small signal stability analysis can be easily investigate through state space representation as given in (5) and (6) by linearizing equation (3) and (4) [23-25].

\[ \Delta x = A\Delta x + B\Delta u \]  
\[ \Delta y = C\Delta x + D\Delta u \]

Where \( \Delta x \) is a vector of state variables. \( \Delta y \) represents a vector of algebraic variables. \( \Delta u \) corresponded to the input vector. \( A \) and \( B \) are plant matrix and control or input matrix, respectively. While output matrix and feedforward matrix are denoted by \( C \) and \( D \), respectively. Eigenvalue that can be calculated using (7), can be used to investigate the stability of the system [23-25].

\[ \det(sI - A) = 0 \]
Where \( I \) is the identity matrix, and \( \lambda \) is eigenvalues of matrix \( A_{sys} \). Moreover, complex eigenvalue carried information about frequency oscillation \( (f) \) and damping ratio \( (\xi) \) which can be described as given in (8), (9), and (10) [23-25].

\[
\lambda_i = \sigma_i \pm j\omega_i \quad (8)
\]

\[
f_i = \frac{\omega_i}{2\pi} \quad (9)
\]

\[
\xi = \frac{-\sigma_i}{\sqrt{-\sigma_i^2 + \omega_i^2}} \quad (10)
\]

To investigate the contribution of particular state variables in a mode, participation factor analysis can be used. Participation factor can be determined using (11) [26, 27].

\[
P_i = \phi_i \psi_i \quad (11)
\]

Where \( \phi \) and \( \psi \) represent the right and left eigenvector, respectively. The product of right and left eigenvector provides dimensionless net participation of the state variables in a specific modes [26, 27].

3. Design PSS and RFB based on CSA

A. Cuckoo Search Algorithm

Cuckoo Search is a metaheuristic method inspired by the behavior / habits of daily living cuckoo in giving a birth. This method was developed by Xin-She Yang and Deb in 2009 and can be used as an optimization method to determine the global optimum value both minimum and maximum. There are four assumption in utilizing CSA as optimization method [28, 29]:

- Each cuckoo puts one egg at one time in a random nest.
- Each egg (including a nesting bird’s egg) in the nest represent the solution, while the cuckoo bird egg represents a new solution. The goal is to use a new, better solution to replace a poor solution. If in one nest there is more than one cuckoo bird egg, this algorithm will be too broad and more difficult. Hence, each cuckoo parent just entrust one egg to the owner of the nest.
- The best nest with the best egg quality (solution) will survive until the next generation and became the set of solution.
- The number of nest targets has been fixed, and the owner of the nest can detect the foreign egg with the possibility 0 to 1. In this case, the owner of the nest may throw away the foreign egg or leave the nest and create a new nest.

Cuckoo has a unique behavior called levy flight that is not possessed by other bird. Levy flight can be presented as given in (12) with \( \mu > 0 \) is a minimum steps and \( \gamma \) is scale parameters [28, 29].

\[
L(s, \gamma, \mu) = \begin{cases} 
\frac{\gamma}{2\pi} \exp \left[ -\frac{\gamma}{2(s-\mu)^{3/2}} \right] & \frac{1}{(s-\mu)^{3/2}}, 0 < \mu < s < \infty \\
0 & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases} \quad (12)
\]

B. Tuning PSS and RFB procedure

Figure 5 shows the research flowchart, in this paper, the CSA is used as method for designing optimal coordination of PSS and RFB. Comprehensive damping index (CDI) is used as CSA objective function with minimum and maximum value of PSS and RFB parameter as the constraint. This objective function can be presented as given in (13), while the maximum and minimum value of PSS and RFB parameter is given on Table 1 [30].

\[
CDI = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (1 - \xi_i) \quad (13)
\]
Table 1. Constraint of PSS and RFB parameters

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Start

Input data a Sulselbar system:
- Generating ($P, Q$)
- Load ($P, Q$)
- Bus and network ($V, R/X$)
- Dynamic data of generator

Load flow
($V, \delta$)

Network reduction
($\gamma, \delta$)

Transform to common reference frame and calculate internal voltage Eq
($E, \delta$)

Find $K_1$ to $K_6$ parameter

Read the dynamic data of the machine

Input parameter CSA:
- $n, n_0, N, \text{iter}, \text{tol, pa}$

Initialization of Cuckoo nest as PSS and RFB constant

Evaluate the fitness function based on the objective function

Calculate:
Damping and Eigenvalue
($\zeta > 0.1, \lambda < 0$)

Yes

Evaluate the parameter of PSS and RFB based on
$(\zeta_{\text{max}})^{\text{max}}$

Sort the best nest search solution

Check the stability of the system

Plot the rotor speed and rotor angle of the machine

Finish

Figure 5. Research flowchart.
4. Results and Simulations

Two case studies are reported in this paper in an attempt to investigate the small signal stability performance and its enhancement using coordinated control of PSS and RFB. The case studies are carried using MATLAB/SIMULINK environment. 150 kV Sulselrabar interconnected power system is considered as a test system, the detailed parameter of 150 kV Sulselrabar can be found in [31]. The system consists of sixteen generator bus and 21 load bus as shown in Figure. 6, each generator modeled into ninth order model with exciter and governor. Hence, the total state variables in this system is one hundred and forty four state variables.

A. Case study I

Table 2. Electromechanical mode of 150 kV Sulselrabar.

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<th>Frequency (Hz)</th>
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This case study is focused on, investigate the important mode on small signal stability analysis of power system which is the electromechanical mode (EM). Table 2 illustrates the modal analysis of electromechanical mode in 150 kV Sulselrabar interconnected power system. It is observed that the test system has 4 inter-area mode and 12 local mode. It is noticeable that all of damping value on local mode are above 10%, while the minimum damping requirement is 5%. Hence the local mode in the test system are robust again disturbance due to higher value of
the system. Moreover, the oscillation of the local mode are fast enough to find the steady state condition. However for inter-area mode, the probability of the damping performance to fall under 5% when perturbation occurs is high. It is because there are two modes that the damping value are under 10%. Moreover, Table also provide which generator participate in the particular modes through participation factor analysis. Furthermore, to mitigate the probability of the damping performance fall under 5%, adding additional controller such as PSS and additional device such as RFB are essential.

B. Case study 2

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The second case study was focused on enhancement of small signal stability performance of the system by adding PSS and RFB. Base on the participation factor in case study 1, for inter-area with damping value less than 5% the contributed generators are coming from G2, G4, G5,
G9, G10, G11, G12, G13, G14, and G15. Based on the [32, 33] the minimum PSS that can be installed is half of the generator number. Hence, for this study, the PSS is installed to the G2, G4, G5, G9, G10, G11, G12, G13, G14, and G15. Furthermore, from Table 2 it can be observed that G2 contribute to the half oscillation modes. Hence, it is essential to add RFB in the G2 to enhance the small signal stability performance of the system.

To get the best coordination between PSS and RFB an optimization method called CSA is used. Tables 3 and 4 show the eigenvalue and the damping performance of different scenarios. It can be seen that by adding PSS and RFB the eigenvalue of the system move towards left-half plane. This condition can be happened due to increasing damping performance of the system. Furthermore, the best damping performance is achieved when CSA is employed as optimization method for tuning parameter of PSS and RFB.

To validate and verify the modal analysis study, time domain simulation is carried out by giving 0.01 step input of load. Figure 7 illustrates the oscillatory condition of rotor speed in G2, it can be seen that, system with PSS and RFB experience lower oscillation than base case system. It is also observed that the best oscillatory condition is provided by system with PSS and RFB based on CSA indicated by smallest overshoot and fastest settling time. Figure. 8 shows the rotor angle response of G2 under different scenarios. Lower oscillatory condition are also observed in the rotor angle response of the G2. Moreover Table shows the detailed features of overshoot and settling time of rotor speed and rotor angle of G2. According to [34], the maximum settling time of small signal stability is around 10 second. Hence, only system with PSS and RFB based on CSA is capable to achieve this standard.

![Figure 7. Rotor speed deviation (Δω) G2.](image)

Table 3. Detailed featured of rotor speed overshoot and settling time.

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Conclusions

This paper investigated the small signal stability performance of 150 kV Sulselrabar by using modal analysis. This paper also proposed a method to enhance the small signal stability performance of the test system using coordinate controller between PSS and RFB based on CSA. From the investigated study cases, it is found that the test system consist of four inter-area mode and eleven local mode. It is also found that the damping performance of the test system can be categorized as well damped damping. However, there are two inter-area mode that has possibility to become critical damping.

It is also observed that, the small signal stability performance of the test system is increased, when PSS and RFB is installed in the system. It is also noticeable that the best performance is shown by system with PSS and RFB based on CSA indicated by smallest overshoot and fastest settling time. Further research need to be conducted by integrated RESs in the system and assess the small signal stability performance. Designing wide area power oscillation damping can be considered to handle the oscillation coming from several sources. Moreover, utilizing another metaheuristic algorithm such as grey wolf algorithm, bat algorithm can be considered for designing PSS and RFB.

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