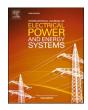
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# Robust multi-machine power system stabilizer design using bio-inspired optimization techniques and their comparison

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#### ABSTRACT

This paper reports a comparative study among four bio-inspired meta-heuristic techniques i.e. Sooty-Tern Optimization (STO), Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO), Genetic Algorithm (GA), and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) to tune the robust Power System Stabilizer (PSS) parameters of the multi-machine power system. These approaches are successfully tested on two bench-mark systems: sixteen-machine, sixty-eight-bus New England Extended Power Grid (NEEPG) and three-machine, nine-bus Western System Coordinating Council (WSCC). The efficacy of planned PSS via STO and GWO is validated by extensive non-linear simulations, eigenvalue analysis, and performance indices for numerous operating conditions under decisive perturbations, and outcomes are matched with those of GA and PSO techniques. In addition, the robustness is also tested for these algorithms. The results indicate that the PSS design using STO and GWO improves the small-signal stability and damping performance for mitigating inter-area and local area modes of low-frequency oscillations compared to GA and PSO.

# 1. Introduction

In the recent past, the Small-Signal Stability (SSS) of Multi-Machine Power Systems (MMPS) has become a bigger challenge for engineers. The SSS concerns low-frequency electromechanical oscillations that arise due to unbalance between mechanical and electrical torques at synchronous generators after small perturbations [1]. These disturbances cause system separation, endangering system security, and power transfer capability, creates stress on the mechanical shaft, and decrease the overall operating efficiency of the power system if tolerable damping is not introduced. As per the literature, these oscillations in MMPS are inter-area and local areas [1,2]. To boost the damping performance and SSS, Power System Stabilizers (PSSs) are adopted to damp such oscillations via excitation control of synchronous generator [3]. However, in [3], it is mentioned that the proper tuning of PSS parameters plays a vital role in performance during the system perturbation. Literature reveals that the Conventional PSSs (CPSS) have been employed as effective damping controllers in power systems due to their simplicity and satisfactory performance [2,3]. The CPSS designs are

based on the linearized theory of control system that helps to mitigate the low-frequency oscillations efficiently only for a specific operating point. The CPSS designs are unsuccessful for a variation in the extensive range of operating settings of non-linear power systems. Although, classical control techniques like root-locus [4], frequency response [5], digital control [6], pole-placement [7], non-linear & adaptive control methods [8,9], etc. perform satisfactorily but are not appropriate for non-convex and non-differentiable problem functions.

With the development of the power system, complication in the systems has increased enormously. As a result of this analysis of power systems by conventional methods has become very complicated, difficult, and time-consuming. Now, Artificial Intelligence (AI) based methods like fuzzy logic, artificial neural network, and combined neurofuzzy [10–12] have emerged as active tools to resolve the issue of low-frequency oscillation. The advantages of AI methods are fast processing speed, more robustness, fault-tolerant capability, and can handle conditions of incomplete information about data and corrupt data. In the literature, it is seen that the optimization methods are categorized into two major groups namely, mathematics-based classical techniques and

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 Table 1

 Performance of optimization techniques in PSS design.

Year	Optimization Technique	Problem Solutions
1996	Genetic Algorithm (GA) [13]	PSS designed for Single Machine Infinite Bus (SMIB) system for some
1999	Tabu Search (TS) Algorithm [14]	operating cases PSS designed for specific operating cases of SMIB system and MMPS using minimization of eigenvalue
2000	Simulated Annealing (SA) Algorithm [15]	based single objective function. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of eigenvalue based single objective
2002	Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) Algorithm [16]	function. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of eigenvalue based multi-objective
2002	Evolutionary Programming Algorithm [17]	function. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of squared eigenvalue based single-
2007	Bacteria Forging Algorithm (BFA) [18]	objective function. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of squared eigenvalue based single
2010	Chaotic Algorithm (CA) [19]	and multi-objective functions. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of squared eigenvalue based multi-
2012	Ant Colony Algorithm [20]	objective function. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of squared eigenvalue based multi-
2013	Cultural Algorithm [21]	objective function and results compared with GA, PSO and CA. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of squared eigenvalue based multi-
2014	Bat Algorithm (BA) [22]	objective function and results compared with GA. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of squared eigenvalue based multi-
2015	Orthogonal Learning Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) Algorithm [23]	objective function and results compared with GA and CPSS. PSS designed for specific operating cases of SMIB system using minimization of speed deviation based objective function and results
2016	Chaotic Teaching Learning Algorithm (TLA) [24]	compared with ABC and CPSS. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of speed deviation based objective function and results compared with
2016	Cuckoo Search Algorithm [25]	GA and TLA. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of squared eigenvalue based multiobjective function and results
2017	Back Tracking Search Algorithm [26]	compared with GA and CPSS. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of squared eigenvalue based multi-
2018	Salap Swarm Algorithm (SSA) [27]	objective function and results compared with PSO and BFA. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of squared eigenvalue based multi-
2018	Ant Lion Algorithm [28]	objective function and results compared with TS. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of speed deviation based objective
2019	Hyper-Spherical Search Algorithm [29]	function and results compared with PSO and SSA. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization

Table 1 (continued)

Year	Optimization Technique	Problem Solutions
2020	Slime Mould Algorithm [30]	of speed deviation based objective function and results compared with GA and CPSS. PSS designed for specific operating cases of SMIB system using minimization of squared eigenvalue
2021	Henry Gas Solubility Algorithm [31]	based multi-objective function and results compared with GA. PSS designed for specific operating cases of SMIB system using
2021	Harris Hawk Optimization Algorithm [32]	minimization of speed deviation based objective function and result compared with Atomic Search Optimization (ASO). PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using maximization
	Algorithm [32]	of damping ratio based objective function and results compared with differential evolution.
2022	Reptile Search Algorithm (RSA) [33]	PSS designed for specific operating cases of SMIB system and MMPS using minimization of speed deviation based objective function and results compared with GA and
2022	Improved Atomic Search Optimization (IASO) Algorithm [34]	BA. PSS designed for specific operating cases of SMIB system using minimization of speed deviation based objective function and result compared with GA, PSO, SA and ASO.
2022	Hybrid Water Cycle Moth-Flame Optimization Algorithm [35]	PSS designed for specific operating cases of SMIB system using minimization of speed deviation based objective function and result compared with water cycle algorithm, moth-flame optimization and artificial ecosystem
2022	Rat Swarm Optimization Algorithm [36]	optimization. PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using minimization of squared eigenvalue based multi- objective function and results
2022	Revamped Sine Cosine Algorithm [37]	compared with CPSS. PSS and POD designed for specific operating cases of MMPS with DFIG using minimization of squared eigenvalue based multi-objective function and results compared with whale optimization algorithm.
2023	Weighted Mean of Vectors Algorithm [38]	PSS designed for specific operating cases of SMIB system using minimization of speed deviation based objective function and result compared with grey wolf optimization, BA, RSA and IASO.
2023	Mayfly Algorithm [39]	PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using maximization of damping ratio based objective function and results compared with firefly algorithm and PSO.
2023	Hybrid Gorilla Troops Optimization (GTO) and Gradient-Based Optimization (GBO) Algorithm [40]	PSS designed for specific operating cases of MMPS using maximization of damping ratio based objective function and results compared with AEO, GTO and GBO.

meta-heuristic techniques. Performance of optimization techniques employed in literature for PSS designing are depicted in Table 1.

However, the meta-heuristic techniques suffer from the issue of high run time, and slow convergence depending on the system size under study, but these are off-line techniques and free from mathematical modelling. The main advantage of meta-heuristic techniques is that they are based on evolutionary schemes and information exchange between

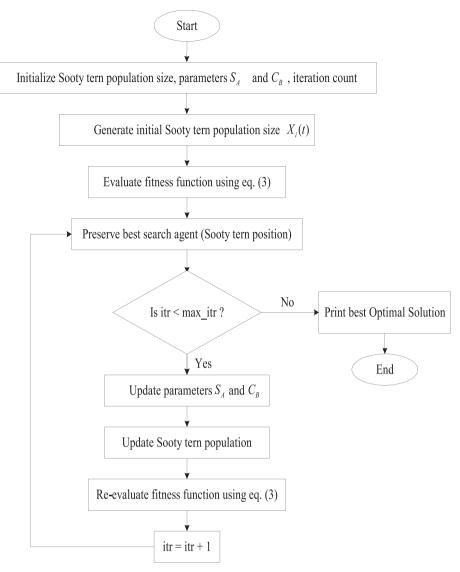


Fig. 1. Flow Chart of STO.

individuals.

In this paper, four bio-inspired optimization techniques: Sooty-Tern Optimization (STO) [41], GWO [42], GA [43], and PSO [44] techniques have been explored for designing the PSS of MMPS. The tuning procedure is modeled as a multi-objective based on eigenvalue modes optimization problem for relocating the unstable right-half of s-plane eigenvalues to a definite stable D-shape sector in the left-half of the splane. To depict the performance of the designed PSS, these algorithms are successfully tested on two benchmark test systems: sixteen-machine, sixty-eight-bus New England Extended Power Grid (NEEPG) and threemachine, nine-bus Western System Coordinating Council (WSCC) for various operating cases under decisive perturbations. The effectiveness of tuned PSS is checked by non-linear simulations, performance indices: Integral of Absolute Error (IAE) & Integral of Time-Absolute Error (ITAE), and eigenvalue analysis using the Power System Analysis Toolbox (PSAT) [45] and matched with each other. The results depict the hat designed STO-stabilizer guarantees to produce robust damping performance for an extensive variety of operating settings as well as hidden operating cases also under critical disturbance as compared to GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer and GWO-stabilizer. The key feature of this paper is that the designed parameters of PSS using all algorithms for selected operating cases show the robustness performance by testing them under critical disturbance for other severe operating cases also.

### 2. Formulation of problem

# 2.1. Model of power system

In this work, every generator is modelled as a two-axis, fourth-order model. For all selected operating settings, the power system can be modelled as a set of non-linear differential equations given by

$$\dot{X} = f(X, U) \tag{1}$$

where state vector  $X = [\delta, w, E'_q, E_{fd}]^T$  is a set of variables: rotor angle  $\delta$ , rotor speed w, internal voltage  $E'_q$  and the field voltage  $E_{fd}$  respectively and input variables vector U. Moreover, the system is assumed to be a linearized incremental model around a particular operating point which is commonly utilized for designing of PSS [17–22].

### 2.2. Modelling of PSS

The elementary task of PSS is to utilize an auxiliary stabilizing signal that helps in providing damping for generator rotor oscillations by regulating its field excitation. To offer sufficient damping, PSS produces a constituent of electrical torque in phase with rotor speed deviations [17–40]. The basic transfer function of PSS includes (i) damping

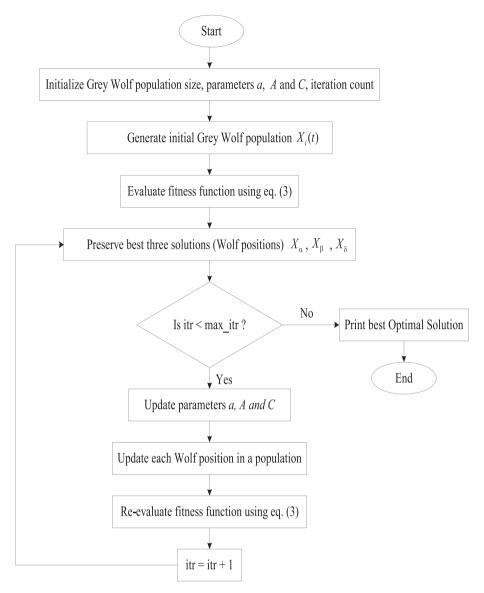


Fig. 2. Flow Chart of GWO.

 Table 2

 Three Generator and Load Operating Cases of WSCC Power System [25].

Operating Cases		Gener	ator		Load			
		$G_1$	$G_2$	G <sub>3</sub>	A	В	С	Load at
Normal	P	0.71	1.63	0.06	1.25	0.90	1.00	1.00
Loading	Q	0.62	0.85	-0.10	0.50	0.30	0.35	0.35
Light	P	0.96	1.00	0.45	0.70	0.50	0.60	0.60
Loading	Q	0.22	- 0.19	- 0.26	0.35	0.30	0.20	0.20
Heavy	P	3.57	2.20	0.71	2.00	1.80	1.60	1.60
Loading	Q	1.81	1.35	0.43	0.90	0.60	0.65	0.65

controller gain (ii) washout time constant (iii) two stages lag-lead compensator. The standard transfer function of PSS is specified as:

$$\Delta U_i = K_i \left[ \frac{sT_w}{1 + sT_w} \right] \left[ \frac{(1 + sT_{1i})}{(1 + sT_{2i})} \frac{(1 + sT_{3i})}{(1 + sT_{4i})} \right] \Delta w_i$$
 (2)

The phase lead block provide necessary phase lag compensation

**Table 3**Six Operating Conditions of NEEPG [49].

Cases	Operating Conditions
Case-	Nominal generation and load
1	
Case-	Transmission line 1–2 out of service
2	
Case-	Transmission line 1–27 out of service
3	
Case-	Transmission line 8–9 out of service
4	
Case-	Enhance 20 % load at bus-17
5	
Case-	Transmission line 46-49 out of service with load enhanced by 25 % at bus-
6	20, 21 and generation raised by 20 % at $G_9$

between excitation input and electrical torque output for a wide range of inter-area and local area modes of oscillations. The main design problem of PSS involves the proper selection of dynamic gain  $K_i$  and time coefficients  $T_w$ ,  $T_{Ib}$ ,  $T_{2i}$ ,  $T_{3i}$ , and  $T_{4i}$  for ith machine. For the sake of simplicity, the numerical values of  $T_w$ ,  $T_{2i}$ , and  $T_{4i}$  are preferred as fixed constant value while other parameters  $K_i$  and  $T_{1i}$  and  $T_{3i}$  values are to be

**Table 4**Eigenvalues Analysis without PSS for Three Loading Cases of WSCC System.

Cases	Eigenvalues	Damping Ratio (%)	Frequency (p. u.)	Participation Factor	Participation Modes
Normal Loading	$-0.110 \pm j \ 8.588$ $-0.653 \pm j \ 13.023$	12.0 5.02	1.366 2.072	0.290 0.374	$w_2, \delta_2$ $w_3, \delta_3$
Light Loading	$-0.637 \pm j \ 8.515$ $-1.274 \pm j \ 12.752$	7.40 9.90	1.355 2.029	0.278 0.355	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$ $w_3$ , $\delta_3$
Heavy Loading	$0.158 \pm j \ 8.372$ - 0.308 \pm j \ 12.896	- <b>1.80</b> 2.40	1.332 2.052	0.288 0.384	$w_2,  \delta_2 \ w_3,  \delta_3$

**Table 5**Eigenvalues Analysis without PSS for Six Operating Cases of NEEPG System.

Cases	Eigenvalues & Percentage Damping Ratio	Frequency (p. u.)	Participation Factor	Participation Modes
Case-	$0.388 \pm j$ 6.439, -6.02 %	1.024	0.350	w <sub>9</sub> , δ <sub>9</sub>
	$0.030 \pm j$ 6.662, – 0.45 %	1.060	0.189	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	0.009 ± <i>j</i> 11.306, – 0.085 %	1.799	0.440	$w_{11}$ , $\delta_{11}$
Case-	$0.358 \pm j$ 6.411, $-$ 5.58 %	1.020	0.325	w <sub>9</sub> , δ <sub>9</sub>
	$0.032 \pm j$ 6.658, $-$ 0.48 %	1.059	0.195	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	$0.023 \pm j$ 11.248, $-$ 0.20 %	1.790	0.442	$w_{11}$ , $\delta_{11}$
Case-	0.382 ± j 6.428, – 5.94 %	1.023	0.348	<b>w</b> <sub>9</sub> , δ <sub>9</sub>
Ü	$0.030 \pm j 6.661$ , – $0.45 \%$	1.060	0.195	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	$0.012 \pm j$ 11.306, $-0.11$ %	1.799	0.440	$w_{11}$ , $\delta_{11}$
Case-	$0.410 \pm j$ 6.400, – 6.39 %	1.018	0.363	w9, δ9
	0.016 ± <i>j</i> 6.450, – 0.26 %	1.026	0.192	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	$0.017 \pm j$ 11.285, $-0.15$ %	1.796	0.439	$w_{11}$ , $\delta_{11}$
Case- 5	$0.387 \pm j$ 6.437, – 6.00 %	1.024	0.350	w <sub>9</sub> , δ <sub>9</sub>
	$0.031 \pm j$ 6.663, – 0.47 %	1.060	0.196	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	$0.014 \pm j$ 11.315, $-0.12$ %	1.800	0.441	$w_{11}$ , $\delta_{11}$
Case-	0.585 ± j 6.312, - 9.23 %	1.004	0.342	w <sub>9</sub> , δ <sub>9</sub>
	$0.017 \pm j$ 6.666, – $0.26$ %	1.061	0.192	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	$0.010 \pm j$ 11.284, $-0.08$ %	1.795	0.437	$w_{11}$ , $\delta_{11}$

evaluated [17-40].

# 2.3. Optimization problem

For simultaneous regulation of both damping ratio and real-part of eigenvalues, the tuned parameters of PSS may be planned to minimize the following multi-objective function in such a way that the eigenvalues of MMPS with planned PSS are significantly relocated in a D-shape sector of the stable zone in the s-plane [17–22,25–27,30,36,37].

$$J = \sum_{j=1}^{np} \sum_{\sigma_{i,j} \ge \sigma_0} (\sigma_0 - \sigma_{i,j})^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{np} \sum_{\xi_{i,j} \le \xi_0} (\xi_0 - \xi_{i,j})^2$$
(3)

where np,  $\xi_0$ ,  $\sigma_0$ ,  $\xi_{i,j}$  and  $\sigma_{i,j}$  are the number of operating cases to be selected, chosen damping ratio, chosen damping factor, the damping ratio and the real-part of the ith eigenvalue mode of the jth operating case respectively.

Minimize *J* subject to:

$$K_i^{\min} \le K_i \le K_i^{\max} \tag{4}$$

$$T_{1i}^{\min} \le T_{1i} \le T_{1i}^{\max} \tag{5}$$

$$T_{3i}^{\min} \le T_{3i} \le T_{3i}^{\max} \tag{6}$$

where and  $T_{ji}^{\max}$  and  $T_{ji}^{\min}$  the upper and lower bounds of time-coefficients of PSS design,  $K_i^{\max}$  and  $K_i^{\min}$  are upper and lower bounds of PSS design gain.

#### 3. Meta-heuristic optimization techniques

#### 3.1. Sooty-tern optimization algorithm

Sooty terns named as onychoprion fucatus are the sea birds which are found on banks of the oceans proposed by Gaurav Dhiman et al [41]. These sooty terns are found in broad range and groups, with various sizes and mass. These terns are omnivores which eat fish, spiders, earthworms, reptiles, amphibians and likewise little insects of ocean. Sooty tern is a very shrewd bird that lures earthworms which are deep beneath the soil by making a rain-like noise with the feet and use bread crumbs to lure fish around. Mostly these birds spend their lives in the groups. Knowledge is shared by ranging and assaulting the prey. The most important thing of sooty terns is to migrate and assaulting actions. Immigration is known as seasonal shifting of sooty terns from one location to another for exploring the wealthiest and most plentiful areas of resources which will supply enough food and power [41]. Hunting process of sooty bird can be understood as follows:

- Sooty terns fly in a flock throughout immigration. The primary location of sooty terns goes varying to discourage collision in between them.
- Sooty terns fly as a team towards the best sooty terns direction, so that the sooty tern having lowest fitness level can also travel to the best solution.
- Remaining sooty terns will change their places according to the fittest one.

The execution of the STO algorithm for tuning the PSS parameters are described as shown in Fig. 1 through the flow chart representation:

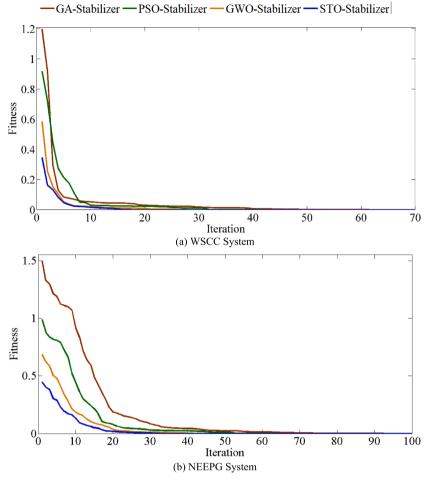


Fig. 3. Convergence Characteristics of various optimization techniques for (a) WSCC System (b) NEEPG System.

**Table 6**Statistical Results of GA, PSO, GWO and STO Algorithm for WSCC and NEEPG System.

		Desired Solution Iteration	Convergence Time (sec)	Best Fitness	Average Fitness
For	GA	62	629	0	0
WSCC	PSO	42	458	0	0
System	GWO	28	321	0	0
	STO	18	258	0	0
For	GA	93	2758	0	0
NEEPG	PSO	65	2146	0	0
System	GWO	42	1863	0	0
	STO	32	1582	0	0

#### 3.2. Grey Wolf Optimization algorithm

The Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO) technique was created by usual behavior of wolf pack and developed by Mirjalili et al [42]. Grey wolf is the apex predator in food chain and devote life in the groups. They have preserved a harsh community behavior and work in a group. They are characterized into four brands as: Alpha, Beta, Delta, and Omega based on their role played in hunting. The three main stages of hunting are look for prey, surrounding prey and aggressive prey [42]. The key merits of GWO are that it has very less parameters to be tuned and also do not require any derivative information during initialization. The execution of the GWO algorithm for tuning the PSS parameters are described as

**Table 7**Optimized Parameters of GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer for WSCC system.

	Generators	GA- stabilizer [47]	PSO- stabilizer [47]	GWO- stabilizer [47]	STO- stabilizer
K	$G_2$	1.000	1.000	5.372	3.370
	$G_3$	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
$T_1$	$G_2$	0.464	1.000	0.355	0.212
	$G_3$	0.610	0.400	0.155	0.180
$T_3$	$G_2$	0.060	0.156	1.000	0.060
	$G_3$	0.679	0.06	0.060	0.102
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shown in Fig. 2 through the flow chart representation:

#### 4. Design and simulation results of PSS

# 4.1. Three-machine, nine-bus WSCC power system

The layout of a well-known 3-machine, 9-bus WSCC system and its data are specified in [46]. All three generators of WSCC power system are modelled as: fourth order with static exciter and constant impedance loads. Table 2 shows three different operating cases for which the study is carried out [25].

Table 8
Optimized Parameters of GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer for NEEPG System.

	With GA-s	With GA-stabilizer With PSO-stabilizer			With GWO-stabilizer			With STO-stabilizer				
	K <sub>1</sub>	$T_1$	T <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	$T_1$	T <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	$T_1$	T <sub>3</sub>
$G_1$	76.425	0.162	0.888	31.388	0.785	0.501	76.499	0.105	0.906	68.815	0.254	1.000
$G_2$	26.315	0.551	0.510	59.808	0.100	0.345	42.591	0.261	0.563	40.920	0.092	0.352
$G_3$	47.143	0.323	0.572	30.629	0.763	0.010	22.364	0.863	0.642	37.496	0.209	0.076
$G_4$	17.558	0.994	0.509	23.942	0.100	0.100	27.451	0.511	0.267	18.839	0.235	0.072
$G_5$	59.035	0.281	0.329	63.755	0.100	0.281	23.563	0.653	0.823	8.043	0.201	0.699
$G_7$	10.756	0.814	0.677	13.813	0.913	0.693	100.00	0.229	0.435	96.216	0.085	0.306
$G_8$	52.683	0.431	0.109	44.771	0.772	0.163	18.225	0.418	0.767	15.662	1.000	0.301
$G_9$	26.648	0.520	0.489	44.431	0.709	0.329	50.159	0.430	0.213	19.437	0.684	0.219
$G_{10}$	75.727	0.549	0.245	29.253	0.826	0.813	8.279	0.242	1.000	60.817	0.150	0.855
$G_{11}$	15.281	0.310	0.249	12.186	0.564	0.615	35.328	0.162	0.124	7.897	0.064	1.000
$G_{12}$	4.496	0.766	0.687	88.476	0.100	0.594	67.328	0.071	0.382	8.664	0.632	0.158
$G_{13}$	37.969	0.512	0.235	52.810	0.100	0.325	23.146	0.116	0.502	42.864	0.3847	0.305
$G_{15}$	38.367	0.388	0.263	13.955	0.766	0.297	31.542	0.580	0.152	100.000	0.397	0.266
$G_{16}$	42.826	0.478	0.878	26.569	0.100	0.100	74.559	0.329	0.269	60.784	1.000	0.373

**Table 9**Eigenvalues Analysis with Designed GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, STO-stabilizer for Three Loading Cases of WSCC System.

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	Normal loading	Light Loading	Heavy Loading
With GA-	$-1.778 \pm j \ 8.323$ ,	$-1.659 \pm j$ 7.724,	$-0.961 \pm j  7.148,$
stabilizer	20.9 %	21.0 %	13.3 %
[47,28]	$-1.887 \pm j \ 7.160$ ,	$-2.811 \pm j$ 7.480,	$-1.930 \pm j 8.508$ ,
	25.4 %	35.1 %	22.1 %
With PSO-	$-1.212 \pm i  7.549,$	$-1.614 \pm i  7.563$	$-0.768 \pm j  7.381,$
stabilizer	15.8 %	20.8 %	10.3 %
[47,28]			$-1.570 \pm i$
[47,20]	$-2.007 \pm j$	$-2.669 \pm j$	•
	14.393, 13.8 %	14.041, 35.1 %	14.157, 11.0 %
With GWO-	$-2.008 \pm j$ 7.363,	$-2.235 \pm j$ 7.598,	$-1.561 \pm j$ 7.244,
stabilizer[47]	26.3 %	28.2 %	21.0 %
	$-2.619 \pm j$	$-3.351 \pm j$	$-1.944 \pm j$
	17.189, 15.0 %	17.010, 19.3 %	17.526, 11.0 %
With STO-	$-$ 1.945 $\pm$ $j$	$-2.719 \pm j$	$- 2.284 \pm j$
stabilizer	12.189, 15.7 %	11.675, 22.6 %	17.348, 13.0 %
	$-$ 2.135 $\pm$ $j$	$- 2.658 \pm j$	$-$ 1.518 $\pm j$
	17.161, 12.3 %	16.729, 15.6 %	12.520, 12.0 %

4.2. New England Extended power Grid (NEEPG) system comprising of 16-Machine, 68-Bus

Layout of standard sixteen-machine, sixty-eight-bus New England Extended Power Grid (NEEPG) and its data are given in [48], [49]. Table 3 presents six different operating cases including under brutal and decisive line outage condition for which the study is carried out [24].

# 4.3. Eigenvalue analysis without PSS

The participation factor [50] can be used to identify the various modes of oscillations and their detail data for unstable and/or marginally stable modes of three loading cases of WSCC system and six operating cases of NEEPG system are depicted in Tables 4 and 5 respectively.

On analysing Table 4, it is observed that WSCC system is characterized by two local-area modes and is unstable due to large value of negative percentage damping ratio under heavy loading case as compared to other operating cases. Thus, according to high participation factor [50] of two-generators  $G_2$ ,  $G_3$ , they were equipped with PSS for inserting damping to local area modes.

On analysing Table 5, it is observed that NEEPG system has three inter-area modes, eleven local-area modes and is unstable due to three-pairs of eigenvalues modes with negative damping for the chosen six-operating cases. Moreover, the operating Case-6 is extremely unstable

**Table 10**Eigenvalues Analysis with GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer, for six-operating cases of NEEPG System.

Cases	With GA- stabilizer	With PSO- stabilizer	With GWO- stabilizer	With STO- stabilizer
Case-	– 0.940 ± j	$-1.109 \pm j$	– 0.894 ± j	$-0.586 \pm j$
1	7.086, 3.1 %	10.400, 10.6 %	7.047, 12.5 %	3.670, 15.7 %
	$-$ 0.744 $\pm j$	$-1.059 \pm j$	$- 1.772 \pm j$	$-$ 1.824 $\pm$ $j$
	3.996, 18.3 %	6.923, 15.1 %	12.969, 13.5 %	11.300, 15.9 %
	$-0.601 \pm j$	$-0.641 \pm j$	$-0.827 \pm j$	$-2.073 \pm j$
	2.214, 26.2 %	2.628, 23.6 %	3.998, 20.2 %	10.421, 19.5 %
Case-	$-0.969 \pm j$	$-$ 1.127 $\pm$ $j$	$-0.920 \pm j$	$-0.589 \pm j$
2	7.081, 13.5 %	10.395, 10.7 %	7.039, 12.9 %	3.669, 15.91 %
	$-0.750 \pm j$	$-1.106 \pm i$	$-0.830 \pm j$	$-1.837 \pm i$
	3.996, 18.4 %	6.927, 15.7 %	3.980, 20.4 %	11.290, 16.0 %
	$-0.655 \pm i$	$-0.673 \pm i$	$-0.694 \pm i$	$-1.248 \pm i$
	2.214, 28.3 %	2.595, 25.1 %	2.112, 31.2 %	7.014, 17.5 %
Case-	– 0.946 ± j	$-1.113\pm j$	– 0.899 ± j	– 0.585 ± j
3	7.081, 13.2 %	10.393, 10.6 %	7.040, 12.6 %	3.668, 15.7 %
Ü	$-0.746 \pm i$	$-1.069 \pm j$	$-1.759 \pm i$	$-1.828 \pm i$
	3.992, 18.3 %	6.915, 15.2 %	13.055, 13.3 %	11.295, 15.9 %
	$-0.645 \pm i$	$-0.640 \pm i$	$-0.825 \pm i$	$-1.224 \pm j$
	2.218, 27.9 %	2.624, 23.7 %	3.986, 20.2 %	6.987, 17.2 %
Case-	– 0.959 ± j	$-$ 1.124 $\pm$ $j$	– 0.913 ± j	$-0.585 \pm j$
4	7.089, 13.4 %	10.407, 10.7 %	7.048, 12.8 %	3.672, 15.7 %
•	$-0.746 \pm i$	$-1.103 \pm i$	$-1.765 \pm i$	$-1.809 \pm i$
	3.994, 18.3 %	6.948, 15.6 %	13.085, 13.3 %	11.282, 15.8 %
	$-0.652 \pm i$	$-0.679 \pm i$	$-0.824 \pm i$	$-1.261 \pm i$
	2.225, 28.1 %	2.595, 25.3 %	3.989, 20.2 %	7.070, 17.5 %
Case-	$-0.941 \pm j$	$-1.110 \pm j$	$-0.895 \pm j$	$-0.586 \pm j$
5	7.086, 13.1 %	10.398, 10.6 %	7.047, 12.6 %	3.671, 15.7 %
,	$-0.744 \pm i$	$-1.060 \pm j$	$-1.760 \pm j$	$-1.825 \pm j$
	3.997, 18.3 %	6.923, 15.1 %	13.064, 13.3 %	11.298, 15.9 %
	$-0.601 \pm i$	$-0.640 \pm i$	$-0.827 \pm i$	$-1.213 \pm j$
	2.215, 26.2 %	2.629, 23.6 %	3.999, 20.2 %	6.989, 17.1 %
Case-	$-0.939 \pm j$	$-1.111 \pm j$	$-0.893 \pm j$	$-0.594 \pm j$
6	7.105, 13.1 %	10.483, 10.5 %	7.068, 12.5 %	3.608, 16.2 %
U	$-0.761 \pm i$	$-1.047 \pm i$	$-1.768 \pm i$	$-1.776 \pm i$
	3.953, 18.9 %	6.959, 14.8 %	13.042, 13.4 %	11.359, 15.4 %
	$-0.623 \pm i$	$-0.639 \pm i$	$-0.847 \pm i$	$-1.179 \pm i$
	2.186, 27.4 %	2.635, 23.5 %	3.948, 20.9 %	7.000, 16.6 %
	2.100, 27.7 %	4.000, 40.0 %	5.540, 40.5 70	7.000, 10.0 %

owing to large value of negative percentage damping ratio in comparison to other operating cases. Thus, according to high participation factor [50], fourteen-generators except  $G_6$  and  $G_{14}$  were equipped with PSS to insert damping for both inter and local area modes.

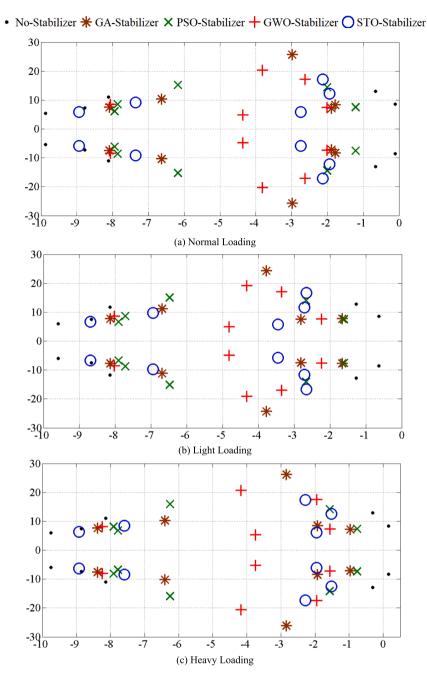


Fig. 4. Eigenvalue Map analysis with No-PSS and Designed PSS for three loading cases of WSCC System.

#### 4.4. Eigenvalue analysis with designed PSS

To stabilize the systems, six-PSS parameters of WSCC system and forty-two parameters of NEEPG system are designed considering by minimization of objective function J depicted in equation (3) using GA, PSO, GWO and STO techniques. For both case studies, real-part of eigenvalues  $\sigma_0$  is set as -0.5 and damping ratio  $\xi_0$  is set as 10%. The target value of J=0 causes the system either unstable or marginally stable. Eigenvalue modes of the system are relocated to a desired D-shape stable sector in left-half of s-plane to assure the system stability. Hence, for optimizing six-PSS parameters of WSCC system and forty-two parameters of NEEPG system, the gain  $K_i$  of PSS is varied from 1 to 100 and, the lower and upper bounds of  $T_{1i}$  and  $T_{3i}$  are set at 0.01 and 1.0 respectively [25]. To reduce the computation burden, the washout time constants  $T_w$ ,  $T_2$  and  $T_4$  are kept constant at 5 sec, 0.05 sec and 0.05 sec respectively. The control parameters of GA, PSO, GWO and STO algorithm are

depicted in the Appendix. Typical convergence of GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer for WSCC system and NEEPG system are illustrated in Fig. 3 (a) and (b) respectively.

Fig. 3 shows that all algorithms are capable to discover the desired solution for which fitness function J is zero. The figure shows that the STO algorithm discover the best solution at a faster rate compared with that for GWO, PSO, and GA for WSCC system and NEEPG system. The statistical results of GA, PSO, GWO and STO Algorithm for WSCC and NEEPG System are depicted in Table 6.

The final optimized 6-parameters of WSCC and 42 parameters of NEEPG systems using GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer are listed in Tables 7 and 8 respectively. The assessment of eigenvalues and percentage damping ratio with planned GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer for three-operating cases of WSCC system and six-operating cases of NEEPG system are listed in Tables 9 and 10 respectively. Eigenvalue map analysis

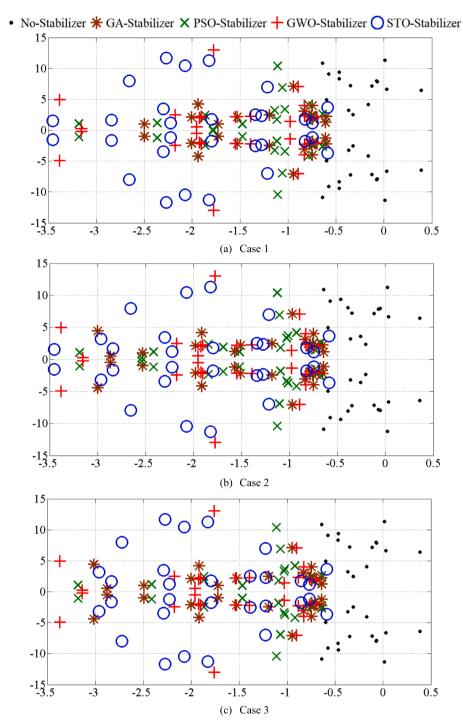


Fig. 5. Eigenvalue Map analysis with No-PSS and Designed PSS for six operating cases of NEEPG System.

of WSCC system and NEEPG system with No-PSS and GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer are depicted in Figs. 4 and 5 for selected operating cases respectively.

It is clear from Tables 9 and 10, Figs. 4 and 5 that eigenvalues of the designed GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer are not only repositioned from the unstable and/or lightly damped oscillations zone to significantly far away from a selected D-shape stable zone in the s-plane but also shift other oscillation modes to the left-half of s-plane as compared to same obtained by GA-stabilizer and PSO-stabilizer for selected operating cases of WSCC and NEEPG systems respectively. From the outcomes, it is clear that the damping performance of the stabilizer planned

using the STO-stabilizer is better than the stabilizers planned using GA, PSO, and GWO techniques.

# 4.5. Simulation results

To analyse the performance of the planned STO-stabilizer described in section 4.4 for WSCC and NEEPG systems, decisive perturbations are selected, and their performance is matched with the performance of GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, and GWO-stabilizer. The results are shown in Table 11.

The responses of the generator speed deviations  $\Delta w_{12}$ ,  $\Delta w_{23}$ , and

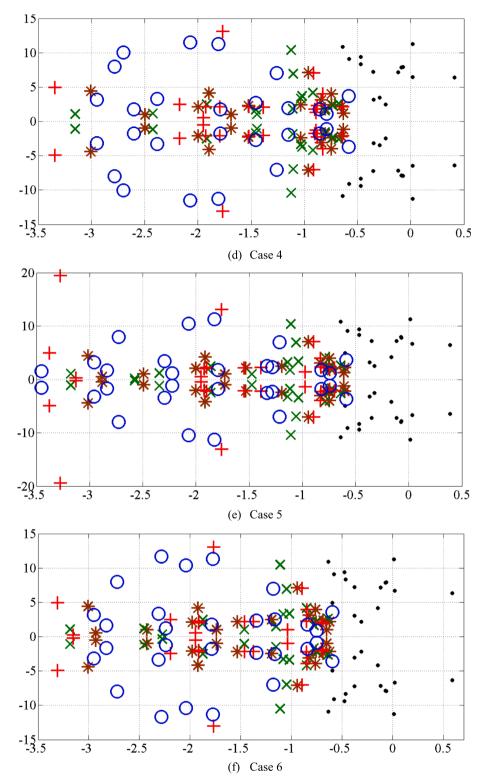


Fig. 5. (continued).

 Table 11

 Critical Perturbation for Testing the Performance of Planned PSS.

Strategies	Most Critical Disturbances
Strategy-	A 6-cycle, 3-phase short circuit fault occur at $t=1$ sec on bus 7 by tripping the lines 5–7 of the WSCC system
Strategy- 2	A 6-cycle, 3-phase short circuit fault occur at $t=1$ sec on bus 21 without tripping the lines 21–22 of the NEEPG system

 $\Delta w_{31}$  without employing PSS for Strategy-1 of heavy loading case of WSCC system and all sixteen generator speed deviations for Strategy-2 of critical operating Case-6 of NEEPG system are illustrated in Figs. 6 (a) and 7 (a) respectively whereas for the same strategies with planned GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer, generator speed deviations  $\Delta w_{12}$ ,  $\Delta w_{23}$  and  $\Delta w_{31}$  of WSCC system and critical generator speed deviations  $\Delta w_{5}$ ,  $\Delta w_{6}$  and  $\Delta w_{9}$  of NEEPG system are illustrated in Figs. 6 (b)-(d) and 7 (b)-(d) respectively.

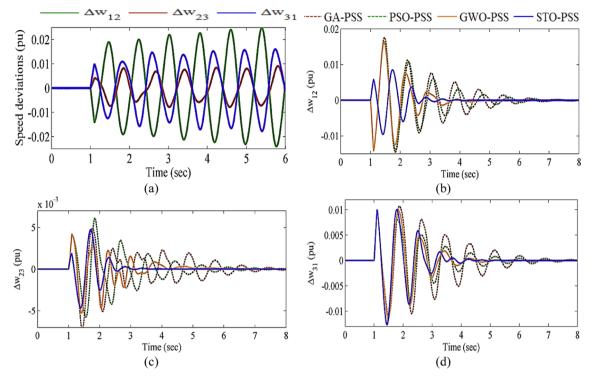


Fig. 6. Generator speed deviations (a) without-PSS and (b)  $\Delta w_{12}$  (c)  $\Delta w_{23}$  (d)  $\Delta w_{31}$  with GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer for Strategy-1 of heavy loading case for WSCC system.

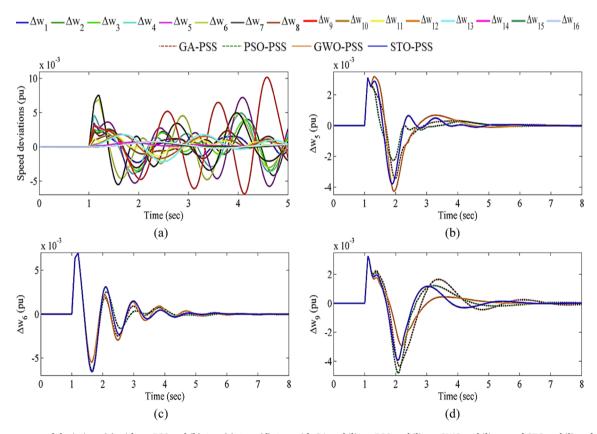


Fig. 7. Generator speed deviations (a) without PSS and (b)  $\Delta w_5$  (c)  $\Delta w_6$ , (d)  $\Delta w_9$  with GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer for Strategy-2 of operating Case-6 of NEEPG system.

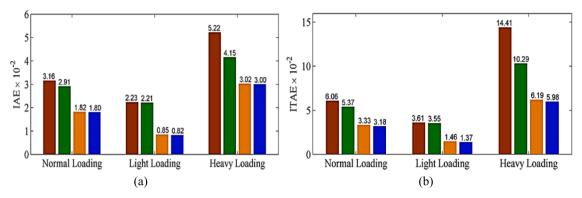


Fig. 8. Comparison of performance indices (a) IAE (b) ITAE for three loading cases of WSCC system with Designed GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer.

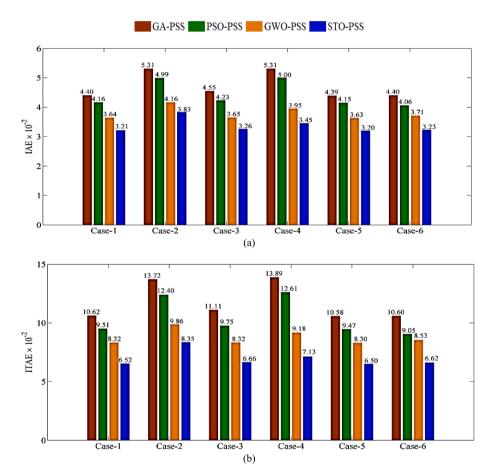


Fig. 9. Comparison of performance indices (a) *IAE* (b) *ITAE* for six operating cases of NEEPG system with Designed GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, STO-stabilizer.

On comparison of Figs. 6 (a) and 7 (a), it is clear that with the increment of load, the size and duration of oscillations of all three generators increase in the same direction and are oscillatory in nature, and finally all generators lose synchronism. Furthermore, it is noticed from Figs. 6 (b)-(d) and 7 (b)-(d) that speed deviations for all generators with planned GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer show fast decaying of oscillations, settle fast and improve the relative stability as compared to other techniques. Furthermore, the performance of the planned STO-stabilizer is comparable with GWO-stabilizer and superior to GA-stabilizer and PSO-stabilizer.

A comparison of performance indices *IAE* and *ITAE* as bar-charts with designed GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-

stabilizer for Strategy-1 of WSCC system and Strategy-2 of NEEPG system are depicted in Figs. 8 (a)-(b) and 9 (a)-(b) respectively.

These bar-charts indicate that the performance of the STO-stabilizer is better than the other three stabilizers for the selected decisive perturbation for both strategies. The performance of the GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer is almost similar for time domain specifications. Furthermore, it may be concluded that local-area and inter-area modes have been well stabilized with less overshoot, peak values, and settling time using all planned PSS under selected decisive perturbations [47].

 Table 12

 Three Hidden Operating Conditions of WSCC Power System [47].

Operating Cases		Genera	ator		Load		
		$G_1$	$G_2$	G <sub>3</sub>	A	В	С
Hidden Case-I	P	0.33	2.00	1.50	1.50	1.20	1.00
	Q	1.12	0.57	0.38	0.90	0.80	0.50
Hidden Case-II	P	1.09	2.45	1.27	1.90	1.30	1.50
	Q	0.79	0.57	0.21	0.75	0.45	0.50
Hidden Case-III	P	1.41	2.60	1.20	2.00	1.50	1.60
	Q	0.59	0.38	0.02	0.60	0.30	0.20

**Table 13**Three Hidden Operating Conditions of the NEEPG System.

Cases	Operating Conditions
Hidden Case- 1	Total real and reactive power enhanced by 25 $\%$
Hidden Case- 2	Total real and reactive power reduced by 15 $\%$
Hidden Case- 3	Transmission lines 1–31,10–11, 30–32, and 33–34 are out of service

#### 5. Robustness performance analysis

In sub-section 4.5, it is depicted that the planned GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer are more effective than the PSS design using GA and PSO techniques. Therefore, to examine the impact of robustness performance of GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer on WSCC and NEEPG systems; three hidden cases of WSCC [51] and NEEPG systems are selected, and the operating conditions chosen are illustrated in Tables 12 and 13 respectively.

In this section comparison of planned GWO-stabilizer, STO-stabilizer with GA-stabilizer, and PSO-stabilizer is done based on eigenvalue analysis, performance indices, and nonlinear simulation results. The eigenvalue analysis detail data without PSS for unstable and/or

marginally stable mechanical modes of WSCC [51] and NEEPG systems are illustrated in Tables 14 and 15 respectively. Eigenvalue map analysis of WSCC system and NEEPG system with No-PSS and GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer are depicted in Figs. 10 (a)-(c) and 11 (a)-(c) for selected hidden operating cases respectively.

From Table 14, it is seen that one-pair of eigenvalues without-PSS fall in the unstable sector of the *s*-plane and have a negative damping ratio for all chosen hidden operating cases of the WSCC system. Moreover, the hidden operating Case-3 is extremely unstable due to a high negative percentage damping ratio compared to other hidden cases as well as the previous three operating cases for which the PSS are planned. From Table 15, it is seen that the NEEPG system is unstable with two, two, and five pairs of eigenvalues without-PSS for hidden operating cases 1, 2, and 3 respectively and they lie in the unstable zone of the *s*-plane with negative percentage damping ratio. The hidden operating Case-3 is highly unstable due to a larger negative percentage damping ratio as compared to other hidden operating cases as well as for six-operating cases studied earlier.

Eigenvalues and percentage damping ratio with earlier planned PSS using GA, PSO, GWO, and STO techniques for three hidden operating cases of WSCC and NEEPG systems are evaluated using PSAT [45] and are listed in Tables 16 and 17 respectively.

On analysing Tables 16 and 17, Figs. 10 and 11, it is revealed that with planned GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer, the eigenvalues are relocated far away from the selected D-shape stable sector in the *s*-plane with superior damping performance as compared to PSS planned using GA and PSO techniques and ensure dynamic stability for all selected hidden operating cases also.

To illustrate the impact of the robustness performance of STO-stabilizer for selected hidden operating cases for WSCC and NEEPG systems, decisive perturbations listed in Table 11 are selected for testing their simulation performance and compared with without stabilizer, GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, and GWO-stabilizer. Fig. 12 (a) illustrates the responses of generator speed deviations  $\Delta w_{12}$ ,  $\Delta w_{23}$  and  $\Delta w_{31}$  with No-PSS for Strategy-1 of decisive hidden operating Case-3 of WSCC and Fig. 13 (a) shows all generator speed deviations with No-PSS for Strategy-2 of decisive hidden operating Case-3 of NEEPG system

**Table 14**Eigenvalues Analysis without PSS for Three Hidden Operating Cases of WSCC System.

	Eigenvalues	Damping Ratio (%)	Frequency (p. u.)	Participation Factor	Participation Modes
Hidden Case-1	$0.341 \pm j 8.339$	- 4.00	1.327	0.269	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	$-0.109 \pm j \ 12.803$	0.85	2.037	0.363	$w_3,  \delta_3$
Hidden Case-2	$0.465 \pm j \ 8.357$	-5.50	1.330	0.272	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	$-0.250 \pm j \ 12.931$	1.90	2.058	0.382	$w_3$ , $\delta_3$
Hidden Case-3	$0.604 \pm j \ 8.375$	<b>-7.20</b>	1.333	0.270	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	$-$ 0.233 $\pm j$ 12.981	8.00	2.065	0.383	$w_3$ , $\delta_3$

**Table 15**Eigenvalues Analysis without PSS for Three Hidden Operating Cases of NEEPG System.

	Eigenvalues	Damping Ratio (%)	Frequency (p.u.)	Participation Factor	Participation Modes
Hidden Case-1	$0.310 \pm j 6.418$	- 4.83	1.021	0.345	w <sub>9</sub> , δ <sub>9</sub>
	$0.0005 \pm j \ 6.628$	- 0.008	1.055	0.185	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
Hidden Case-2	$0.406 \pm j 6.425$	- 6.31	1.022	0.347	w <sub>9</sub> , δ <sub>9</sub>
	$0.035 \pm j \ 6.610$	<b>- 0.54</b>	1.052	0.188	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
Hidden Case-3	$0.386 \pm j \ 6.420$	<b>- 5.99</b>	1.021	0.352	w9, δ9
	$0.329 \pm j \ 5.485$	<b>- 5.99</b>	0.873	0.350	$w_{11},  \delta_{11}$
	$0.038 \pm j \ 6.661$	<b>- 0.57</b>	1.060	0.235	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	$0.013 \pm j  7.368$	<b>- 0.18</b>	1.172	0.165	$w_2$ , $\delta_2$
	$0.003 \pm j \ 8.090$	- 0.03	1.287	0.374	$w_{10}$ , $\delta_{10}$

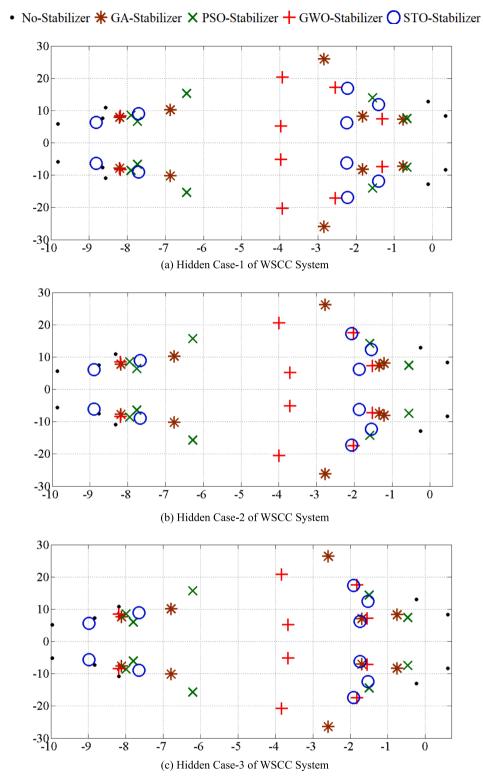


Fig. 10. Eigenvalue Map analysis with No-PSS and Designed PSS for hidden operating cases of (a)-(c) WSCC system.

whereas, for the same hidden operating cases, speed deviations  $\Delta w_{12}$ ,  $\Delta w_{23}$ , and  $\Delta w_{31}$  with planned GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer provided with WSCC system are illustrated in Fig. 12 (b)-(d) and critical generator speed deviations  $\Delta w_{5}$ ,  $\Delta w_{6}$  and  $\Delta w_{9}$  of NEEPG system are depicted in Fig. 13 (b)-(d) respectively.

From Figs. 12 (a) and 13 (a), it is clear that with a decisive line outage, the amplitude and duration of oscillations for all three generators increase indefinitely and finally lose synchronism. Fig. 12 (b)-(d)

and 13 (b)-(d), it is noticed that system provided with planned GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer, oscillations die down quickly thus improving the relative stability as compared to GA-stabilizer and PSO-stabilizer.

To test the robust performance of the planned STO-stabilizer, a comparison of performance indices: *IAE* and *ITAE* are evaluated and plotted as bar-charts for Strategy-1 of the WSCC system and Strategy-2 of NEEPG system in Figs. 14 (a)-(b) and 15 (a)-(b) respectively. It is

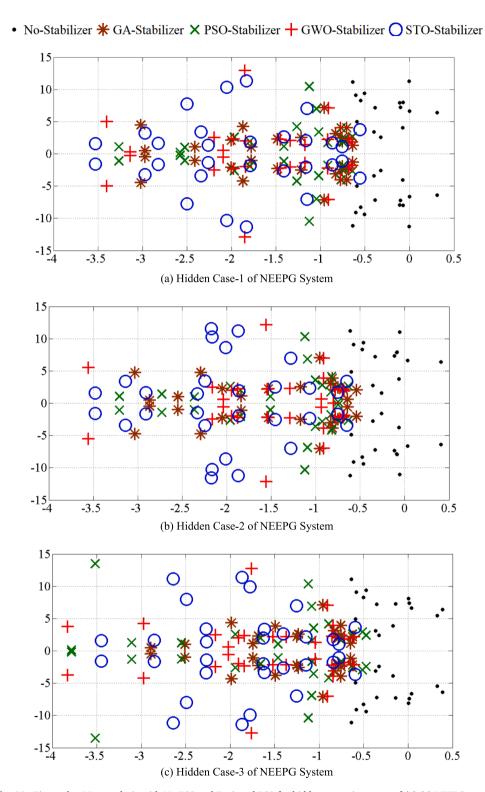


Fig. 11. Eigenvalue Map analysis with No-PSS and Designed PSS for hidden operating cases of (a)-(c) NEEPG system.

**Table 16**Eigenvalues Analysis with Planned PSS for Three Hidden Operating Cases of WSCC System.

	Hidden Case-1	Hidden Case-2	Hidden Case-3
With GA-stabilizer [47]	$-$ 0.766 $\pm$ $j$ 7.225, 10.5 %	$-$ 1.228 $\pm$ $j$ 8.052, 15.0 %	$-$ 0.746 $\pm j$ 8.283, <b>8.9</b> %
	$-$ 1.829 $\pm j$ 8.273, 21.5 %	$-$ 1.327 $\pm j$ 7.440, 17.5 %	$-2.587 \pm j$ 26.412, <b>9.7</b> %
With PSO-stabilizer [47]	$-0.664 \pm i$ 7.530, <b>8.7</b> %	$-0.557 \pm i$ 7.442, <b>7.4</b> %	- <b>0.465</b> $\pm$ <i>j</i> 7.442, <b>6.2</b> %
	$-$ 1.565 $\pm j$ 13.977, 11.1 %	$-$ 1.587 $\pm j$ 14.234, 11.0 %	$-1.495 \pm j$ 14.387, 10.3 %
With GWO-stabilizer [47]	$-1.311 \pm i  7.403,  17.4  \%$	$-$ 1.516 $\pm$ $j$ 7.229, 20.5 %	$-$ 1.547 $\pm$ $i$ 7.106, 21.2 %
	$-2.538 \pm j$ 17.182, 14.6 %	$-2.017 \pm j$ 17.487, 11.4 %	$-$ 1.825 $\pm$ $j$ 17.495, 10.3 %
With STO-stabilizer	$-$ 1.413 $\pm$ $j$ 11.853, 11.8 %	$-$ 1.553 $\pm$ $j$ 12.297, 12.5 %	$-$ 1.527 $\pm$ $j$ 12.467, 12.1 %
	- 2.220 ± <i>j</i> 16.966, 12.9 %	$-2.065 \pm j$ 17.316, 11.8 %	$-1.913 \pm j$ 17.369, 10.9 %

**Table 17**Eigenvalues Analysis with Planned PSS for Three Hidden Operating Cases of NEEPG System.

Cases	With GA-stabilizer	With PSO-stabilizer	With GWO-stabilizer	With STO-stabilizer
Hidden Case-1	$-$ 0.688 $\pm$ $j$ 2.229, 29.5 %	$-$ 0.640 $\pm$ $j$ 2.649, 23.5 %	$-$ 0.681 $\pm j$ 2.208, 29.5 %	$-$ 0.557 $\pm$ $j$ 3.771, 29.5 %
	$-$ 0.706 $\pm$ $j$ 4.035, 17.2 %	$-$ 0.768 $\pm j$ 4.029, 18.7 %	$-$ 0.773 $\pm$ $j$ 4.028, 18.8 %	$-$ 1.153 $\pm j$ 7.027, 16.1 %
Hidden Case-2	$-$ 0.953 $\pm$ $j$ 7.048, 13.4 %	$-$ 1.121 $\pm$ $j$ 10.319, 10.8 %	$-$ 1.556 $\pm$ $j$ 12.160, 12.6 %	$-$ 1.280 $\pm$ $j$ 6.965, 18.0 %
	$-$ 0.810 $\pm j$ 3.862, 20.5 %	$-$ 0.818 $\pm$ $j$ 4.148, 19.3 %	$-$ 0.910 $\pm j$ 7.001, 12.8 %	$-$ 0.651 $\pm j$ 3.415, 18.7 %
	$-$ 0.539 $\pm$ $j$ 2.032, 25.6 %	$-$ 0.633 $\pm j$ 2.642, 23.3 %	$-$ 0.696 $\pm j$ 2.174, 30.4 %	$-$ 0.754 $\pm j$ 1.702, 40.5 %
Hidden Case-3	$-$ 0.956 $\pm$ $j$ 7.077, 13.3 %	$-$ 1.123 $\pm$ $j$ 10.385, 10.7 %	$-$ 1.761 $\pm$ $j$ 12.765, 13.6 %	$-$ 1.868 $\pm$ $j$ 11.366, 16.2 %
	$-$ 0.754 $\pm$ $j$ 7.084, 18.6 %	$-$ 1.085 $\pm$ $j$ 6.919, 15.5 %	$-$ 0.905 $\pm$ $j$ 7.035, 12.7 %	$-$ 1.256 $\pm$ $j$ 6.988, 17.6 %
	$-0.831 \pm j \ 3.084, \ 26.0 \ \%$	$-$ 0.891 $\pm$ $j$ 4.181, 20.8 %	$-$ 0.842 $\pm$ $j$ 3.995, 20.8 %	$-$ 1.777 $\pm j$ 9.915, 17.6 %
	$-0.750 \pm j \ 2.434, \ 29.4 \%$	$-$ 0.512 $\pm$ $j$ 2.937, 17.1 %	$-0.855\pm j$ 2.226, 35.8 %	$-0.842 \pm j$ 1.753, 43.2 %
	$-0.624 \pm j$ 2.188, 27.4 %	- <b>0.472</b> ± <b>j 2.416</b> , 19.1 %	$-\ 0.606 \pm j\ 2.177,\ 26.8\ \%$	$-0.593\pm j$ 3.623, 16.1 %

clear from Figs. 14 and 15, that the numerical values of both indices for systems provided with planned STO-stabilizer are lowest as compared to GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, and GWO-stabilizer for decisive perturbations of three hidden operating cases.

It can also be concluded that local-area and inter-area modes have been well stabilized with less overshoot, peak values, and settling time using all planned PSSs for both chosen loading cases as well as hidden operating cases of WSCC and NEEPG systems.

#### 6. Conclusion and future scope

This paper offering a comparative analysis of bio-inspired metaheuristic optimization techniques: STO, GWO, PSO, and GA for designing robust PSS for the MMPS. The tuning method is considered a multi-objective optimization problem for relocating unstable right-half of s-plane eigenvalues to a definite stable D-shape sector in the lefthalf of the s-plane. To check the performance of the designed PSS, these techniques are effectively tested on two benchmark test systems: sixteen-machine, sixty-eight-bus New England Extended Power Grid (NEEPG) and three-machine, nine-bus Western System Coordinating Council (WSCC) for an extensive variety of operating conditions under critical perturbations. The superiority of the STO-stabilizer is revealed by analyzing its performance using non-linear simulations, performance indices, and eigenvalue analysis and by comparing it with GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, and GWO-stabilizer. The results prove that the designed STO-stabilizer produces better damping performance for a wide range of operating conditions as well as for hidden operating cases under critical disturbance as compared to others. This research work can also be extended to advance coordinated tuning of PSS parameters with different shunt and series FACTS damping controllers for improving the small-signal stability of power systems.

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# Data availability

Data will be made available on request.

#### **Appendix**

Static exciter for WSCC system:  $K_a = 100$ ,  $T_a = 0.05$  sec, for NEEPG system:  $K_a = 50$ ,  $T_a = 0.001$  sec

The control parameters of GA, PSO, GWO and STO algorithm are

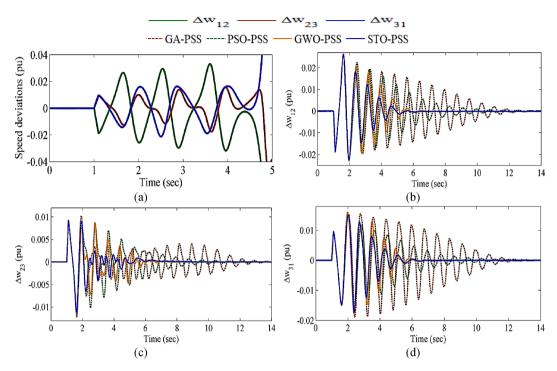


Fig. 12. Generator speed deviations (a) without-PSS and (b)  $\Delta w_{12}$  (c)  $\Delta w_{23}$  (d)  $\Delta w_{31}$  with GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer for Streatgy-1 of hidden operating Case-3 of WSCC system.

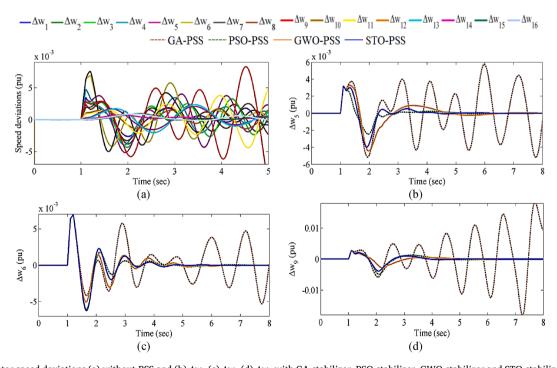


Fig. 13. Generator speed deviations (a) without-PSS and (b)  $\Delta w_5$  (c)  $\Delta w_6$  (d)  $\Delta w_9$  with GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer and STO-stabilizer for Strategie-2 of hidden operating Case-3 of NEEPG system.

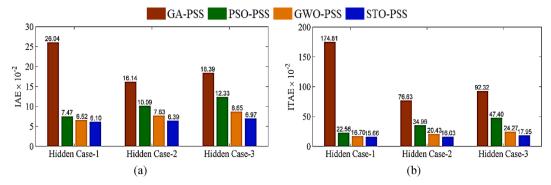


Fig. 14. Comparison of performance indices (a) *IAE* and (b) *ITAE* for Strategy-1 with GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer for hidden operating cases 1–3 of WSCC system.

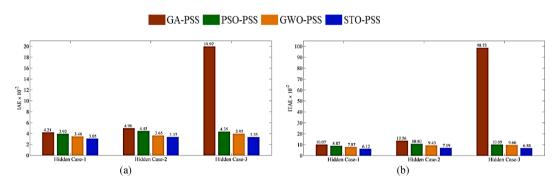


Fig. 15. Comparison of performance indices (a) *IAE* and (b) *ITAE* for Strategy-2 with GA-stabilizer, PSO-stabilizer, GWO-stabilizer, and STO-stabilizer for hidden operating cases 1–3 of NEEPG system.

given by:

Population = 70, Number of iteration = 70, Number of individuals = 06 (WSCC System)

Population = 100, Number of iteration = 100, Number of individuals = 42 (NEEPG System).

 $\mbox{ GA: } \mbox{ Crossover rate} = 0.75 \mbox{ (WSCC System)}, \mbox{ 0.80 (NEEPG System)}, \mbox{ Mutation rate} = 0.01$ 

**PSO:**  $c_1$ ,  $c_2 = 2$ ,  $w_{min} = 0.4$ ,  $w_{max} = 0.9$  **GWO:** a = [2, 0], A = [-2a, 2a], C = [0, 2]**STO:**  $S_a = [2, 0]$ ,  $C_B = 0.5R$ , where R = [0, 1]

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