

Optimal Operation of Autonomous Energy System Based on Multi-objective Approach

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Abstract

This research aims to explore the scheduling strategies for an autonomous energy system (AES), with multi-objectives modeling. It has been proposed that implementing demand management can enhance both technical and economic performance during operations. This study aims to reduce operational expenses and improve voltage metrics by employing a load optimization strategy. The Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm is utilized to address the problem of optimizing complex functions and finding optimal solutions in various fields, including engineering, computer science, and economics. The ideal optimal solution, found among the non-dominated solutions, is achieved through the fuzzy method. Case studies are conducted on the 33 bus test system to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed strategy. By implementing demand management, operational costs are reduced by 6.12%, while voltage indices show an improvement of 9.65% compared to the absence of demand management practices.

1. Introduction

Research has been heavily concentrated on enhancing energy sources for providing energy to consumers, reducing operational expenses and technical indicators, and considering technical limitations [1]. Energy hybrid systems have been implemented to address economic, environmental, and reliability requirements, while also taking into account consumer behavior, in order to achieve this objective. Energy hybrid systems combine different sources of energy, such as solar, wind, and battery storage, to create a more efficient and reliable energy system. By integrating multiple sources of energy, these systems can better meet the varying demands of consumers while also reducing costs and environmental impact [2]. One of the key benefits of energy hybrid

Nomenclature	
Indices and Sets	
t, T	Time
d, D	DG
n, N	Consumers
i, j, Λ	Bus
Parameters	
N, Ω, Υ	DGs' fuel cost
C_{SU}, C_{SD}	Cost of start up and down for DGs
RU, RD	Ramp up and down of DGs
D_{DM}	Bid demand to Demand management
D_{eq}	Active demand
QD_{eq}	Reactive demand
Θ_{DM}	Bid price to demand management
V_{ref}	Voltage reference
Decision variables	
C_{DM}	Demand management operation cost
C_d	DGs' cost
P_d	Active power of DG
Q_d	Reactive power of DG
V_{Λ}	Voltage profile
θ_{DM}	Binary variable of demand management
a_{DM}, b_{DM}	The starting time and the ending time Binary variables for the demand management, respectively.
μ^{Off}, μ^{On}	DG's binary variable, On=1 and Off=0

systems are their ability to provide a more stable and reliable energy supply. By combining different sources of energy, these systems can ensure that power is always available, even when one source is not producing energy. This can help to prevent blackouts and other disruptions to the energy supply [3]. Energy hybrid systems not only enhance reliability but also contribute to cost savings for consumers. By integrating various renewable energy sources like solar and wind, these systems can decrease energy expenses and lessen dependence on costly fossil fuels. This can help to make energy more affordable for consumers while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts. The latest advancements in energy systems are highlighted by these systems, which make use of communication links connecting consumers and generation resources to enhance and simplify consumer participation in load profile transformation. The modifications to the load profile significantly influence the efficient distribution of energy, leading to a more flexible system that lowers generation expenses, decreases emissions, and enhances dependability. Additionally, through the utilization of ideal resource dimensions, energy production can be significantly decreased in energy markets, all the while promoting collaboration between energy providers and consumers to regulate demand and prevent the necessity for extra units. The increasing diversity of hybrid loads will undoubtedly require careful consideration of optimal sizing, which will play a crucial role in future energy management [3][4].

Several research studies have been carried out on different aspects of microgrid energy systems. The study highlighted in reference [5] emphasizes the importance of optimal scheduling for an energy system, with a specific focus on considering risk constraints. The optimal energy management approach for micro-scale energy hybrid presented in [6] takes into account various factors including availability and demand. By employing an algorithm, this approach aims to minimize costs effectively. The examination of the scheduling issue within the energy hybrid system, utilizing step modeling and optimal sizing through various methods, is discussed in reference [7]. The emphasis in [8] is on optimizing the operation of the system using optimization techniques in order to maximize the profit of the energy hybrid system. The scheduling strategy proposed in [9] focuses on the energy hybrid system, taking into account conditional risk and highlighting the importance of optimal sizing modeling in order to minimize generation costs efficiently. A novel approach for energy management has been introduced in [10] to

improve the security of load supply. Furthermore, the study in reference [11] delves into the energy transfer process aimed at minimizing overall energy expenses within an energy hybrid setup. The study in [12] presents an analysis of an energy system optimization model, which considers load clipping of thermal and cost reduction.

The assessment of energy flow within energy networks of energy systems involves conducting power flow analysis to optimize the energy system, as outlined in [13]. Additionally, the study in [14] presents an efficient scheduling framework for the energy system, taking into account the constrained optimization of energy sources in order to reduce investment expenses. The paper in [15] introduces a variety of techniques for energy management, focusing on essential methods for demand-side management and load forecasting aggregation. The study in [16] delves into the examination of maximizing anticipated advantages within an energy system, taking into account energy market prices and uncertainties related to wind generation, by means of stochastic optimization analysis. The research conducted in [17] focuses on the stochastic optimization framework within the energy system, incorporating risk modeling approaches. The framework for an energy system, as proposed in [18], is established on energy pricing through decision theory. The study in [19] delves into the development of an energy system for sizing, taking into account the variability of energy sources through the utilization of Benders algorithm. The research carried out in [20] centers on investigating how the weight sum method can be used to optimize energy usage, operational costs, and reduce emission pollution. In [21] and [22], an assessment is conducted on a multi-objective issue that takes into consideration economic aspects to enhance the operation of the system. In [23], the focus is on examining the most suitable design for the energy hybrid system, with a careful consideration of economic factors impacts.

Figure 1 depicts the architecture of an AES. In this illustration, DERs denote diesel generators (DGs) that produce electricity by utilizing fuel. The main energy users within AESs is the consumers. Consumers have the ability to achieve efficient energy use by adopting demand-side management (DSM) strategies. Effective collaboration among participants, aligned with established goals focused on enhancing economic and technical metrics, is a crucial element in assessing the operator's capabilities.

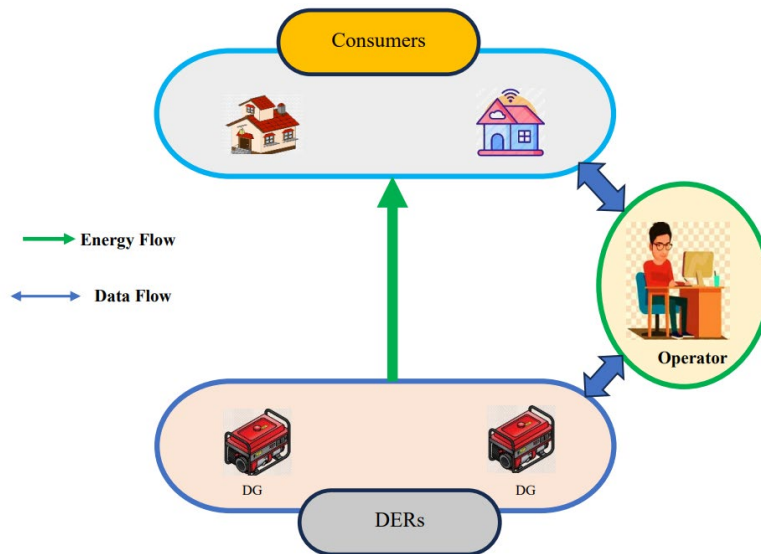


Fig. 1 The AES structure

This paper presents a scheduling strategy for AESs, employing a multi-objective approach that balances technical and economic factors for day-ahead planning. The process of multi-objective decision-making focuses on reducing operational costs while enhancing the voltage index. Furthermore, this research introduces load management via reduction modeling. The objectives are optimized by employing the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm, all while considering constraints. Additionally, the max-min method with fuzzy approach is employed to select the best answer from the set of non-dominated solutions.

2. Modeling of DSM

The DSM is modeled based bidding price by operator as follow [23]:

$$C_{DM} = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \Theta_{DM} \times D_{DM}(t) \times \theta_{DM}(t) \quad \forall n \quad (1)$$

$$a_{DM}(t) - b_{DM}(t) = \theta_{DM}(t) - \theta_{DM}(t-1) \quad \forall n, t \quad (2)$$

$$\theta_{DM}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & a_{DM}(t) > b_{DM}(t) \\ 0 & a_{DM}(t) < b_{DM}(t) \end{cases} \quad \forall t \quad (3)$$

The expenses associated with DSM are represented by equation (1). Equation (2) outlines the initial and final times for DSM. Equation (3) clarifies that the initial and final times for demand management do not happen at the same time.

3. Modeling Objectives

The objectives considered in this study are as follows:

3.1 First Objective

The operation cost modeling is minimized as follow:

$$\min f_1 = \sum_{t=1}^T \left[\sum_{d=1}^D C_d(t, d) + \sum_{n=1}^N C_{DM}(t, n) \right] \quad (4)$$

Where:

$$C_d(t, d) = \{NP_d^2(t, d) + \Omega P_d(t, d) + \Upsilon\} + \{C_{SU} \times \mu^{on}(t, d)\} + \{C_{SD} \times \mu^{off}(t, d)\} \quad (5)$$

The cost of the DGs is outlined in equation (5).

3.2 Second Objective

Enhancing the voltage profile is second objective, which is modeled as follow:

$$\min f_2 = \left| \sum_{i, j \in \Lambda} V_{\Lambda}(\Lambda) - V_{ref} \right| \quad (6)$$

4. Modeling Constraints

The optimization of the objectives is carried out while taking into account the following constraints:

4.1 Power Balance Constraint

The power balance constraint is as follow:

$$\sum_{d=1}^D P_d(t, d) - [D_{eq}(t) - D_{DM}(t)] = \sum_{i, j \in \Lambda} V_i(t, i) \times V_j(t, j) \times Y_{i, j} \times \cos[\theta_{i, j} + \delta_j(t, j) - \delta_i(t, i)] \quad \forall t, \Lambda \quad (7)$$

$$\sum_{d=1}^D Q_d(t,d) - [QD_{eq}(t) - QD_{DM}(t)] = \sum_{i,j \in \Lambda} V_i(t,i) \times V_j(t,j) \times Y_{i,j} \times \sin[\theta_{i,j} + \delta_j(t,j) - \delta_i(t,i)] \quad \forall t, \Lambda \quad (8)$$

4.2 Constraint of DG

Where (9) and (10) are employed to define the boundaries for both active and reactive generation by DGs. Furthermore, the ramp rate limitations, which encompass the ramp-up and down capabilities of DGs, are established through constraints (11) and (12), respectively.

$$0 \leq P_d(t,d) \leq P_d^{\max} \quad \forall t,d \quad (9)$$

$$0 \leq Q_d(t,d) \leq Q_d^{\max} \quad \forall t,d \quad (10)$$

$$P_d(t,d) - P_d(t-1,d) \leq RU \quad \forall t,d \quad (11)$$

$$P_d(t-1,d) - P_d(t,d) \leq RD \quad \forall t,d \quad (12)$$

4.3 Grid Constraint

The voltage threshold in buses is defined by constraint (13).

$$V_{\Lambda}^{\min} \leq V_{\Lambda}(t, \Lambda) \leq V_{\Lambda}^{\max} \quad \forall t, \Lambda \quad (13)$$

5. Methodology

In the PSO algorithm, particles are organized into groups. The formulation of the PSO algorithm involves two key variables: v , representing particle velocity, and x , denoting particle position. Each particle's optimal position is determined by its performance in the objective function, referred to as p_best , while the best position across the entire group is known as g_best . To ensure the convergence of the PSO algorithm, it is essential to utilize a parameter known as the contraction coefficient for optimal adjustment of the algorithm's parameters. Consequently, the velocity and position of a particle, influenced by the contraction coefficient, can be expressed as follows [24]:

$$v_{d+1} = \alpha(w \times v_d + \phi_1 \times rand(p_best - x_d) + \phi_2 \times rand(g_best - x_d)) \quad (14)$$

$$x_{d+1} = x_d + v_{d+1} \quad (15)$$

Where d is the repetition counter, x_d is the particle position in repetition, x_{d+1} is particle position in repetition v_d , and $d+1$ is particle velocity in repetition d . The w is inertia weight, ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are acceleration coefficient each of particle. Rand is generation functions for random number with a monotonous disperse in range of [0,1]. The α is a function of ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 for more convergence of the PSO algorithm. The suitable choice of w has caused balance in local and global search space. Generally, w for a better and optimize function of algorithm will dynamically change:

$$w = w_{\max} - \frac{w_{\max} - w_{\min}}{iter_{\max}} \times iter \quad (16)$$

Where *iter* shows the current iteration. For decreasing the steps of search, particle velocity will be limited by amount of v_{max} :

$$v \in [-v_{max} v_{max}] \tag{17}$$

Where v_{max} will improve the local search.

In this study, objectives are optimized concurrently, leading to the acquisition of frontier solutions. The energy operator is tasked with identifying the optimal solution for these objectives within the frontier solutions, acting as the decision maker. According to equation (18), all frontier solutions must be normalized using the max-min fuzzy method to establish the optimal solution as follows [25][26]:

$$\Gamma(f_z(\mathcal{G})) = \begin{cases} 0 & \textit{otherwise} \\ \frac{f_z^{\max} - f_z(\mathcal{G})}{f_z^{\max} - f_z^{\min}} & f_z^{\min} \leq f_z(\mathcal{G}) \leq f_z^{\max} \\ 1 & f_z^{\min} \geq f_z(\mathcal{G}) \end{cases} \tag{18}$$

The optimal solution is defined by a high rate of the minimum solution.

$$\max \{ \min \Gamma(f_z(\mathcal{G})) \} \tag{19}$$

6. Case Studies

To assess the effectiveness and reliability of the modeling, several case studies related to the suggested DSM have been examined, as detailed below.

Case A) Modeling system without DSM.

Case B) Modeling system with DMS.

Figure 2 illustrates the 33-bus system known as AESs. Detailed data about this test system is available in reference [27]-[32]. To forecast the load demand for the day-ahead, the Monte Carlo method is employed. Figure 3 showcases the load demand forecast achieved through the generation of random variables using the Monte Carlo method. The data of DGs are extracted from references [33]-[40]. Additionally, Figure 4 depicts the bid price that the operator presents to consumers for executing demand management.

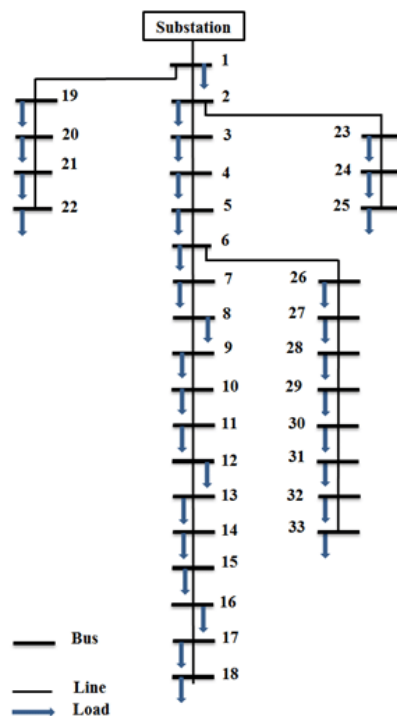


Fig. 2 33-bus test system

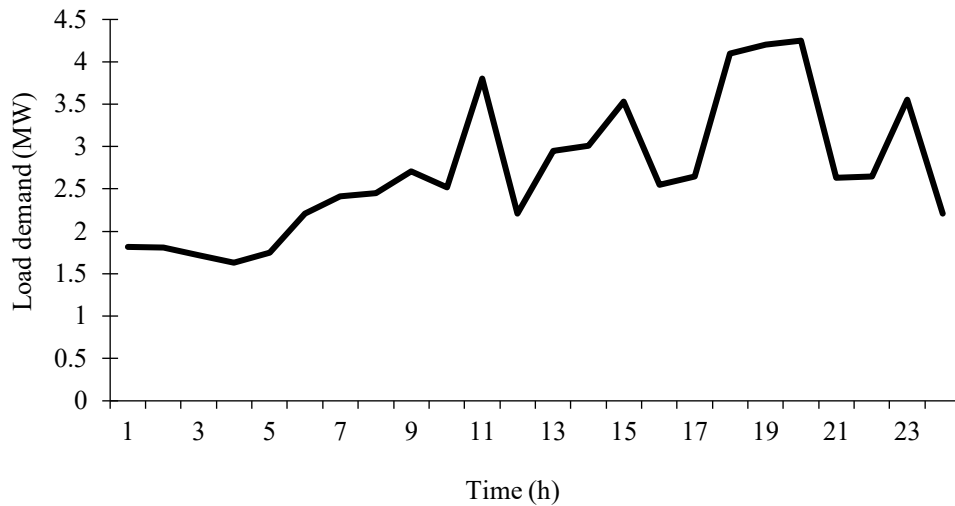


Fig. 3 Demand of AES

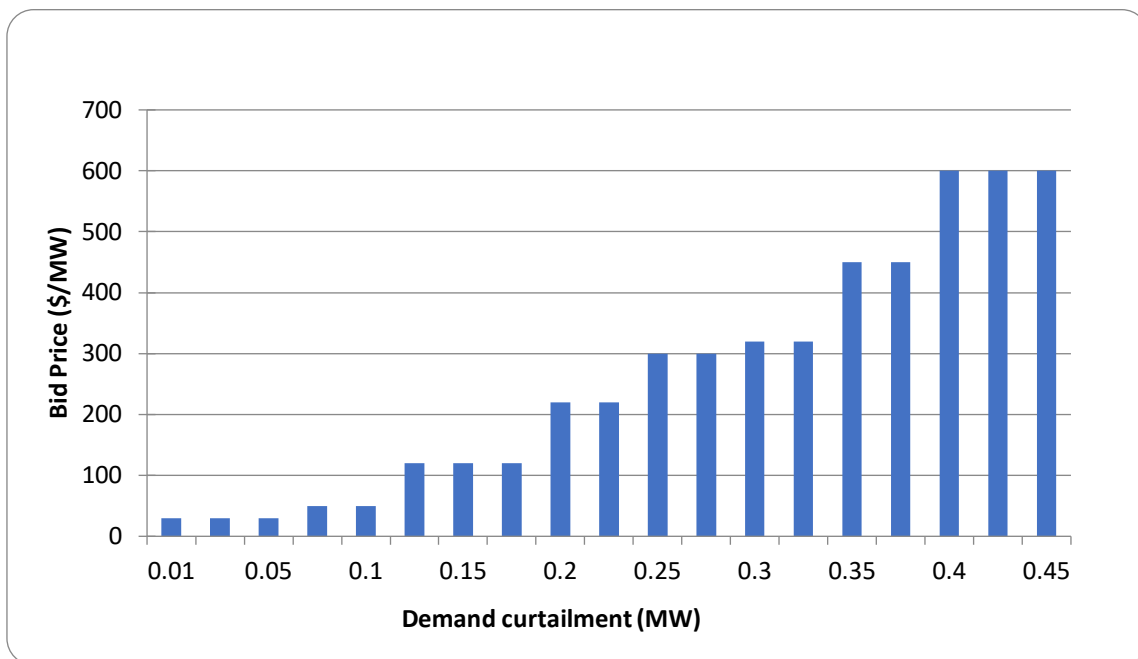


Fig. 4 Bid price for DSM

6.1 Results

This section presents the findings from the previously mentioned case studies. Furthermore, a comparative analysis of the proposed modeling is carried out by discussing the cases to demonstrate its advantages. The cases are organized as follows:

Case A) This case study examines the operation of AES without the implementation of DSM. The operator is the primary decision maker responsible for enhancing pre-defined objectives within the AESs. Figure 5 illustrates the non-dominated solutions for the objectives in Case A, as well as the optimal solution. The optimal solution was achieved using the Fuzzy max-min decision-making method. The optimal solution highlighted in red in Fig. 5 demonstrates operation costs of \$14,365.3 and voltage levels of 7.65 pu.

Table 1 illustrates the electrical power distribution for Case A. It is evident that DGs 2 and 3, which incur lower fuel expenses compared to DG 1, are employed consistently across all hours. Figure 6 displays the voltage index. The voltage buses deviate from the reference voltage by 7.65 pu. The highest voltage drop is observed at bus 18, measuring 0.58 pu. This voltage drop is influenced by deficiencies in power delivery and peak consumption levels.

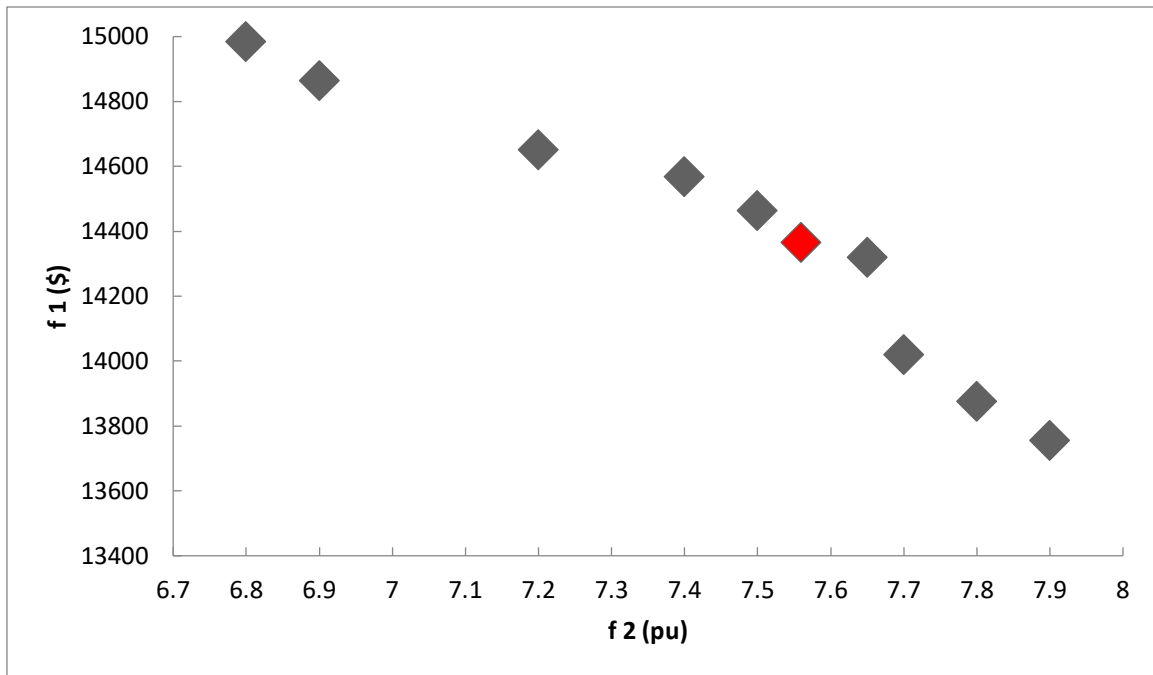


Fig. 5 Non-dominated solutions in Case A

Table 1 Energy of the DGs in Case A

Hour	DG 1 (MW)	DG 2 (MW)	DG 3 (MW)
1	0	0.85	0.73
2	0	0.79	0.66
3	0	0.68	0.56
4	0	0.74	0.63
5	0	0.76	0.65
6	0	0.95	0.84
7	0.09	0.95	0.95
8	0.7	0.74	0.55
9	0.72	0.82	0.76
10	0.68	0.8	0.67
11	0.91	0.95	0.85
12	0.5	0.8	0.5
13	0.78	0.88	0.73
14	0.81	0.9	0.76
15	0.91	0.95	1
16	0.66	0.76	0.7
17	0.71	0.79	0.66
18	0.95	0.95	1
19	0.92	0.95	1
20	0.91	0.95	1
21	0.78	0.87	0.78
22	0.78	0.88	0.76
23	0.93	0.95	1
24	0.1	0.9	1



Fig. 6 Voltage of buses in Case A

Case B) In Case B, the AES is operated with the participation of load management. This case study assumes that all consumers are subject to bid price for demand management under load management. Fig. 7 compares the original load demand with the implementation of load management. The figure shows a reduction in load demand during hours 6-23, with a total reduction of 6.01 MW compared to the original demand. The non-dominated solutions obtained through the implementation of PSO algorithm in Case B are depicted in Fig.8. The optimal solution, with a maximum rate of 0.52, has been selected, wherein the operation cost and voltage deviation are valued at \$13486.2 and 6.83pu, respectively. Notably, in Case B, the total operation cost has been reduced by 6.12% as compared to Case A.

Table 2 illustrates the power generation of DGs in Case B. The implementation of demand management strategies results in a reduction of peak hour demand, allowing for the scheduling of optimal power generation to meet demand.

Fig.9 illustrates the voltage index for all case studies. Notably, Case B exhibits an improved voltage profile compared to Case A, attributed to the successful implementation of load management by consumers across all buses. The utilization of load management techniques has resulted in a reduction in voltage drop in bus 18, relative to the reference voltage.

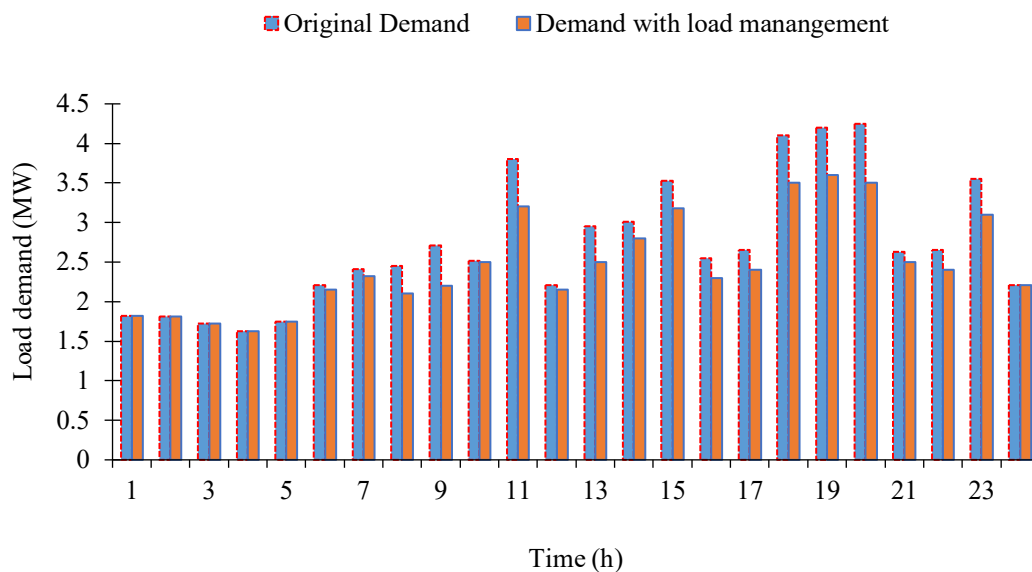


Fig. 7 Load demand with management

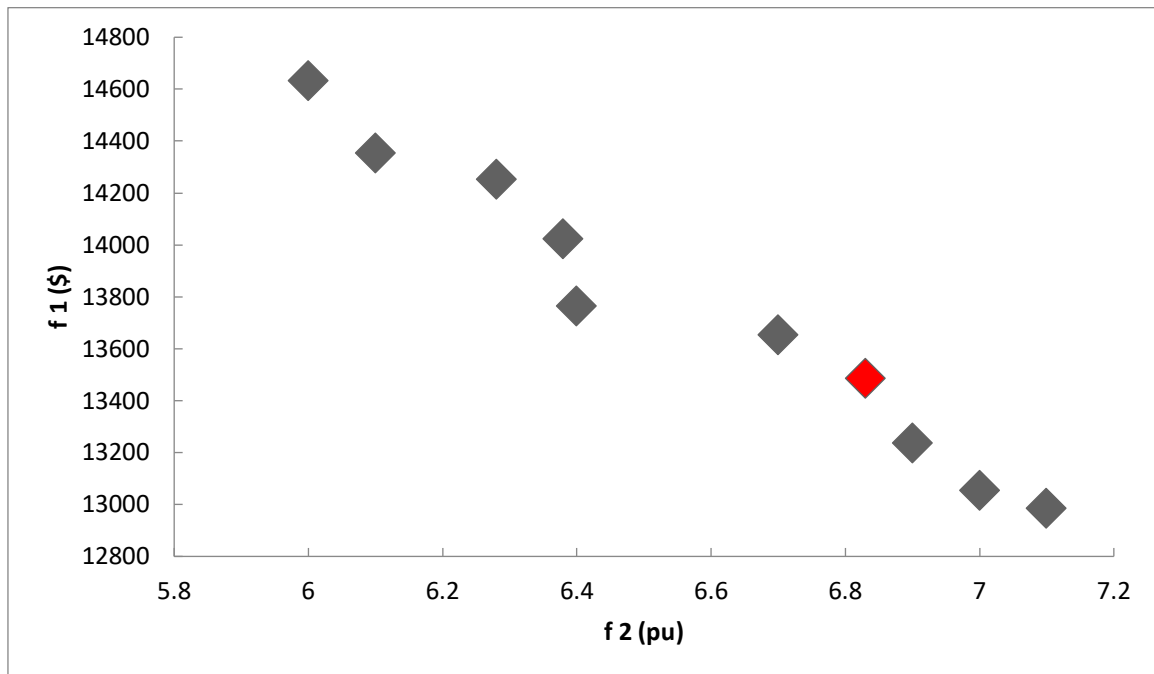


Fig. 8 Non-dominated solutions in Case B

Table 2 Energy of the DGs in Case B

Hour	DG 1 (MW)	DG 2 (MW)	DG 3 (MW)
1	0	0.65	1
2	0	0.79	0.66
3	0	0.68	0.56
4	0	0.74	0.63
5	0	0.76	0.65
6	0	0.93	0.84
7	0	0.9	1
8	0	0.93	1
9	0	0.82	1
10	0.45	0.8	0.63
11	0.86	0.95	0.88
12	0.73	0.8	0.65
13	0.38	0.88	0.73
14	0.68	0.9	0.76
15	0.7	0.95	1
16	0.3	0.95	1
17	0.4	0.79	0.75
18	0.5	0.95	1
19	0.8	0.95	1
20	0.6	0.95	1
21	0.7	0.9	0.73
22	0.43	0.93	0.9
23	0.93	0.95	1
24	0	0.9	1

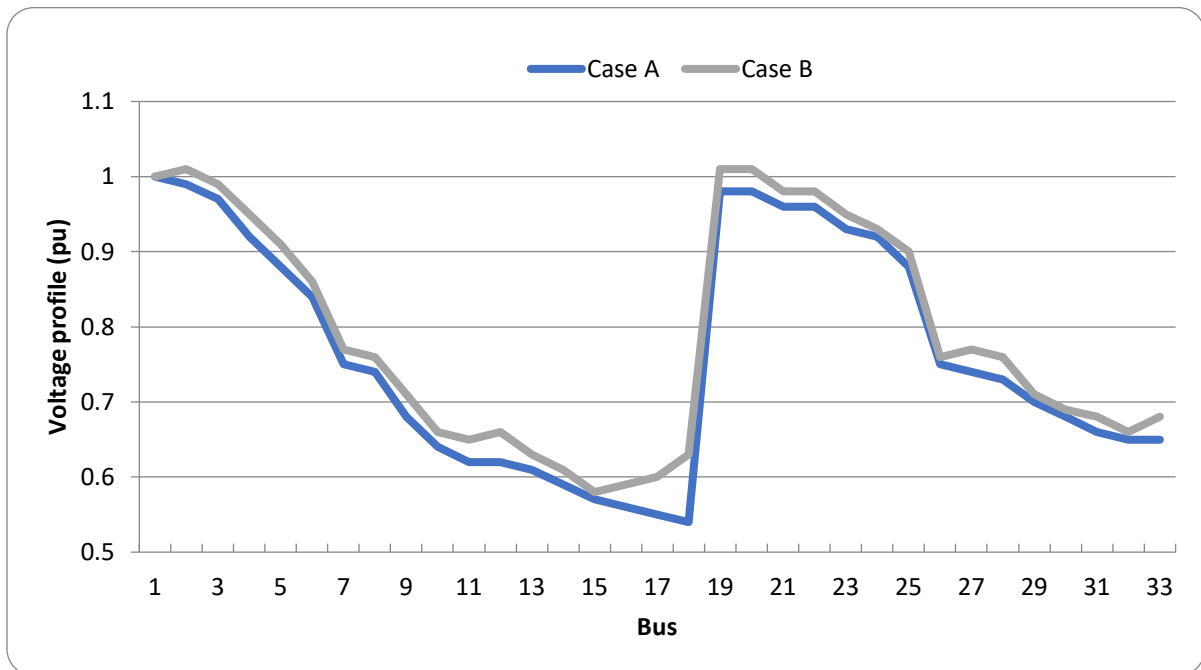


Fig. 9 Voltage of buses in Case B

7. Conclusion

This research paper introduces a novel model that aims to optimize the multi-objective functions of AES, while taking into consideration both technical and economic indices. The model focuses on two specific objective functions: operational cost and the improvement of the voltage index in AES. To achieve the desired objective functions, the study proposes the implementation of load management techniques, which involve consumers responding to bid prices from the operator in order to reduce demand. The proposed methodology utilizes the PSO algorithm and a fuzzy decision-making approach to optimize the model. This allows for the selection of the most optimal solution from a set of non-dominated solutions, based on the desired objectives. The results of the study demonstrate that the implementation of the proposed load management strategy by consumers in AES leads to an increase in generation capacity, thereby improving both technical and economic objectives. To validate the effectiveness of the proposed strategy, two case studies are implemented. With implementing demand management, operational cost is minimized by 6.12% and voltage indices is improved by 9.65% than without implementing demand management.

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