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# **RESEARCH ARTICLE**

# Solving Optimal Power Flow Control Problem Using Honey Formation Optimization Algorithm

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**ABSTRACT** This paper introduces three new variations of the HFO-1 (Honey Formation Optimization with Single Component) algorithm, namely HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c, adapted to address the optimal power flow (OPF) problem. The original HFO-1 algorithm has shown success in solving various numerical problems in recent years; however, it assumes a single search range for all dimensions of the solution space, making it unsuitable for direct application to the OPF problem. Modifications to both the honey formation and mixing phases of the HFO-1 algorithm were made to improve solution quality and convergence speed, resulting in three new variants of HFO-1. The newly developed variants aim to minimize even the most challenging objective functions of the complex OPF problem, which has been further complicated by the integration of renewable energy sources into power systems. The paper provides a comprehensive and transparent comparison of the three types of IEEE 30-bus test systems and 118-bus test systems with existing methods, meticulously adhering to practical, technical, operational, and safety constraints. Following successful results on the CEC 2021 standard benchmark functions, the proposed HFO-1 variants have been thoroughly validated through extensive analysis. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed approach can achieve lower costs (\$800.5972/hour and \$800.3871/hour) in two types of IEEE 30-bus systems without integrating renewable resources while maintaining system constraints. Furthermore, HFO-1a (achieving 3.0776261 MW) and HFO-1b achieve the lowest values in the literature with a multi-fuel cost of (646.375893 \$/h) and a valve point effective fuel cost of (823.981360 \$/h), respectively, while HFO-1c exhibits a voltage deviation of (0.083498 p.u.) and Prohibited Operating Zones (POZ) cost of generator (800.665078 \$/h).

**INDEX TERMS** Optimal power flow, honey formation optimization, HFO-1 variants, practical constraints, renewable energy.

# **I. INTRODUCTION**

# A. BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

Optimal power flow (OPF) is still a widely discussed topic in power systems since it was proposed in 1962 [\[1\]](#page-26-0) and defined as OPF by Dommel and Tinney [\[2\]. T](#page-26-1)he primary goal of OPF is to optimize the allocation of generation and transmission resources, considering factors such as power

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<span id="page-0-1"></span><span id="page-0-0"></span>generation costs, line losses, and system reliability. This is achieved by determining the active output powers and voltages of the generators, as well as the reactive power output values of the shunt capacitor banks and the tap settings of the on-load tap changers. The optimal settings of controllable parameters within a power network are determined to achieve specific objectives while satisfying operational constraints. The complexity of OPF is further increased by including variable constraints while optimizing and satisfying the system parameters for the objective functions. The primary goal

of optimal power flow is to optimize a specific objective function while satisfying practical, physical, operational, and security constraints.

Moreover, can be further complicated by the addition of different objectives with varying forms, such as a non-convex fuel cost function that takes into account valve point loading effects, a piecewise fuel cost function that takes into account multiple fuel options, and a discrete fuel cost function that takes into account prohibited operating zones. The OPF problem is inherently nonlinear and presents numerous optimal solutions, encompassing local and global optima. When factoring in the uncertainties stemming from the high penetration of renewable energy sources in modern power systems, the complexity of the problem is further compounded. The motivation of this paper is to offer an optimal resolution to this formidable challenge while upholding all system constraints, and to collate the relevant findings from existing literature for a comprehensive and transparent comparison under consistent conditions.

# B. LITERATURE REVIEW

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<span id="page-1-17"></span><span id="page-1-15"></span><span id="page-1-13"></span><span id="page-1-11"></span>Using meta-heuristic algorithms instead of classical optimization methods has become indispensable in recent years to solve the OPF problem involving multiple independent single-objective functions. In the early stages of solving OPF problems with meta-heuristic approaches, genetic algorithms, and improved genetic algorithms [\[11\],](#page-26-10) [\[12\],](#page-26-11) conventional evolutionary programming (EP) [\[13\]](#page-26-12) gained prominence. In the following years, new versions based on genetic algorithms such as enhanced genetic algorithm (EGA) [\[14\],](#page-26-13) GA-fuzzy system approach (GA-FSA) [\[15\],](#page-26-14) EGA with new decomposed quadratic load flow (EGA-DQLF) [\[16\]](#page-26-15) and improved EP (IEP) [\[17\]](#page-26-16) were introduced to the literature. In this area, other subsequent methods include differential evolution (DE) [\[18\]](#page-26-17) and its versions such as self-adaptive differential evolution by augmented Lagrange multiplier method (SADEALM) [\[19\], m](#page-26-18)odified DE (MDE) [\[20\], h](#page-26-19)ybrid differential evolution simulated annealing and tabu search based algorithm (HDE-SATS) [\[21\]](#page-26-20) and adaptive constrained differential evolution (ACDE) [\[22\]](#page-26-21) and <span id="page-1-22"></span><span id="page-1-21"></span><span id="page-1-20"></span>effective constraint handling techniques differential evolution [\[23\]. R](#page-26-22)eferences [\[17\]](#page-26-16) and [\[18\], O](#page-26-17)PF problems are solved using multiple fuel options, which made some improvements. In [\[19\]](#page-26-18) and [\[20\], a](#page-26-19) new penalty method was proposed to search for the best solution during the mutation phase. The work [\[21\]](#page-26-20) further improved the solution performance and outperformed DE. In  $[22]$ , a three-stage method was presented for a differential development algorithm, providing an effective solution to power system constraints. In [\[23\], th](#page-26-22)e OPF problem was solved by combining constraint handling (CH) techniques and self-adaptive (SP) penalty functions and integrating them into the differential evolution (ECHT-DE) algorithm. Particle swarm optimization (PSO) [\[24\]](#page-26-23) algorithm has also been successfully applied to the OPF problem. The global best solution and inertia-weighted PSO (GWPSO) [\[25\], a](#page-26-24)daptive particle swarm optimization (APSO) [\[26\], e](#page-26-25)volving ant-directed particle swarm optimization (EADPSO) [\[27\],](#page-26-26) stochastic weight trade-off particle swarm optimization (SWT-PSO) [\[28\]](#page-26-27) and parallel metaheuristics for graphics processing units (GPU-PSO) are PSO based methods to solve the OPF problem. In [\[25\], th](#page-26-24)e inertia weighting factor was used to find the best solution quickly. In  $[26]$ , the solution was reached by updating the weight factors with chaotic formulations. In [\[27\], v](#page-26-26)arious models are introduced to improve the convergence speed. In [\[28\], S](#page-26-27)WT-PSO is presented to improve the algorithm search capabilities by maintaining the balance between global exploration and local exploitation. In [\[29\], a](#page-26-28) parallel optimal power flow solver, is proposed to run entirely on graphics processing units (GPUs) using a particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm.

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<span id="page-2-2"></span><span id="page-2-1"></span>novel Sine-Cosine algorithm (MSCA) [\[54\],](#page-27-21) moth swarm algorithm (MSA) [\[55\], c](#page-27-22)ross-entropy method with chaotic operator (CGSCE) [\[56\], e](#page-27-23)nhanced computational optimizer of the Social Network Search Technique (ESNST) [\[57\]](#page-27-24) are used to handle the OPF challenge.

<span id="page-2-9"></span><span id="page-2-8"></span><span id="page-2-7"></span><span id="page-2-6"></span><span id="page-2-4"></span>The field of OPF research is expanding with the advent of advanced optimization methods in both machine learning [\[58\]](#page-27-25) and artificial intelligence, leading to more advanced algorithms with global search abilities [\[59\], s](#page-27-26)uch as evolutionary algorithms, swarm algorithms, and other heuristic algorithms [\[60\],](#page-27-27) [\[61\],](#page-27-28) [\[62\],](#page-27-29) [\[63\],](#page-27-30) [\[64\],](#page-27-31) [\[65\],](#page-27-32) [\[66\],](#page-27-33) [\[67\]. F](#page-27-34)or instance, in [\[60\], a](#page-27-27) modified crow search optimization tool (MCSO) has been proposed to solve the coupled economic emission power flow (EEPF) problem. In [\[61\]](#page-27-28) and [\[62\],](#page-27-29) Salma Abd el-Sattar et al. and Zhu et al. proposed new optimization approaches, namely the Salp swarm algorithm (ISSA) and coyote optimization (COA) algorithm, respectively, to solve the optimal power flow problem. In [\[63\],](#page-27-30) Manzoor Ahmad et al. used an effective methodology, called Orthogonal Experimental Design (OED), to solve the OPF problem by integrating it with the Bird Swarm Algorithm (IBSA). The OPF problem was successfully solved using the Successive History-based Adaptive Differential Evolutionary (SHADE) algorithm in [\[64\]](#page-27-31) and the Improved Constrained Adaptive Differential Evolution (ICAD) algorithm in [\[65\].](#page-27-32) In [\[66\], K](#page-27-33)aur and Narang utilized the space transformational invasive weed optimization (ST-IWO) algorithm, a combination of invasive weed optimization (IWO) and space transformation search (STS) techniques, to address single and multi-objective optimal power flow problems. In [\[67\], S](#page-27-34)haheen et al. made two changes to the standard jellyfish search optimizer (JFS) algorithm in their proposed algorithm, called Semi- Quasi-Reflected Jellyfish Search Optimizer (QRJFS). They examined thirteen cases with economic, environmental, and technical objectives in four test systems and showed the superiority of their proposed algorithm. Additionally, the OPF problem is addressed using hybrid algorithms proposed in [\[68\]](#page-27-35) and [\[69\], n](#page-27-36)amely the Hybrid Approach with Combining Cuckoo Search and Gray Wolf (THCSGWO) and Optimal Power Flow Employing a Hybrid Sine Cosine-Grey Wolf Optimizer (HSC-GWO), respectively. In [\[70\], th](#page-27-37)e Arithmetic Optimization Algorithm (AOA) and Aquila Optimizer (AO) solvers, namely the AO-AOA, are applied to solve the Optimal Power Flow (OPF) problem, where the objective is to independently optimize the generation fuel cost, power loss, emission, voltage deviation, and L index. In [\[71\], a](#page-28-0) Hybrid Differential Evolution and Harmony Search (Hybrid DE-HS) algorithm has been proposed for the OPF formulation, which includes active and reactive power constraints, prohibited zones, and valve point loading effects of generators. In [\[72\]](#page-28-1) the FAHSPSO-DE approach is proposed, which combines self-adaptive particle swarm optimization (SPSO) and differential evolution algorithms to efficiently solve the OPF problem for three IEEE standard systems: IEEE 30-, 57-, and 118-bus test systems.

<span id="page-2-21"></span><span id="page-2-20"></span><span id="page-2-19"></span><span id="page-2-13"></span><span id="page-2-12"></span><span id="page-2-11"></span><span id="page-2-10"></span><span id="page-2-5"></span><span id="page-2-3"></span><span id="page-2-0"></span>Researchers have developed various modifications and variants to existing algorithms to handle these drawbacks, including modified and combined methods. For example, in [\[73\], N](#page-28-2)guyen proposed a new social spider optimization algorithm (NISSO) for the OPF solution by making three changes in the traditional social spider optimization algorithm (SSO) to improve and accelerate the optimal solution quality. In [\[74\],](#page-28-3) a Modified Artificial Hummingbird Algorithm (MAHA) has been proposed to effectively solve OPF and enhance the performance of the original Artificial Hummingbird Algorithm. In [\[75\], a](#page-28-4) new variant of the Animal Migration Optimization (AMO) algorithm, known as Boundary Allocation Animal Migration Optimization (BA-AMO), was conceptualized to study the optimal power flow problem associated with IEEE bus systems. In literature, there are various studies aforementioned on the OPF of traditional power systems by using such methods of employ numerical or heuristic approaches. But since the usage and integration of renewable energy systems to power system increases drastically in recent years, OPF studies have been directed towards another goal which is optimizing the power system while being fed by unpredictable renewable energy sources of PV and wind. The best planning for an isolated hybrid power system with a PV system, a diesel generator, and battery storage has been discussed in [\[76\]. A](#page-28-5)nother study, the alternating current OPF problem for thermal, wind, solar, and tidal energy systems have been resolved by using the symbiotic organisms search [\[77\]. A](#page-28-6)lso, the dynamic economic dispatch optimization issue has taken into account the emission and valve-point loading influence of the generator [\[77\]. I](#page-28-6)n addition to these studies, renewable related and highly-focused OPF studies take consideration of stochastic wind power and energy [\[78\].](#page-28-7) Another study on hydrothermal-wind scheduling of hybrid power systems carried out for optimal results [\[79\]. A](#page-28-8)nd, multi-objective optimization of wind energy integrated power systems is achieved in terms of cost and system parameters in [\[80\].](#page-28-9)

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same objective functions [\[64\],](#page-27-31) [\[87\],](#page-28-16) [\[88\]. F](#page-28-17)urthermore, many studies even do not provide sufficient results or search ranges for the variables such that validations of their feasibilities are not possible. The works in literature generally blindly compare various optimization algorithms in achieving the OPF problem by using different search ranges (lower and upper limits) for the same variables (solution variables or constraint variables). Since the methods are not transparent enough, it is also not possible to verify their feasibility. Sorting through the literature and identifying those OPF applications having exactly the same test conditions is a challenging process. Therefore, this study will inspire researchers by highlighting that no single approach will be sufficient in OPF studies. The proposed methods should be compared with systems under the same test conditions.

<span id="page-3-4"></span><span id="page-3-3"></span>Recently, honey formation optimization (HFO) framework [\[89\]](#page-28-18) was proposed by Yetgin and colleagues for solving mathematical problems where the formulations of the objective functions are known or designed. HFO extends the Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) algorithm with the concept of multiple components in a source and the worker bees tending to collect components currently needed. However, the necessity of component design for a particular problem makes the HFO not applicable to optimize an arbitrary objective function. In [\[90\], H](#page-28-19)FO with a single component (HFO-1) has been proposed by Yetgin and colleagues to remove this hardship of HFO for numerical function optimizations. HFO-1 is original in that it extends the formation phase of HFO with novel local search and, importantly, introduces three new phases, mixing, maturation, and saturation, specific to honey production, but it needs modification to solve the challenging OPF problem. Three modifications were made to solve the OPF problem using the HFO-1 algorithm: HFO-1a, HFO-1b, and HFO-1c. The performance of these modifications was then tested using 12 benchmark functions from CEC 2021. For simplicity, the original HFO-1 assumes a fixed bound range (lower and upper limit) for all parameter values. This mainly creates a problem in the mixing phase of HFO-1 that randomly mixes parameter values across different dimensions. In order to get rid of this limitation HFO-1a and HFO-1b are proposed. Furthermore, the honey formation phase of the HFO-1 is not open to vectorial implementation due to each bee sequentially updating the visited sources. Thus, HFO-1c is further proposed to improve the honey formation phase. This article not only adapts the HFO-1 algorithm to solve the challenging OPF problem by developing variants of the proposed HFO-1 algorithm for the solution of mathematical problems but also uses it to solve an engineering problem for the first time.

The main contributions of this paper as follows,

- A novel optimization method whose performance is shown with benchmark studies is applied to engineering problem for the first time.
- It is shown that by applying small parameter changes to HFO framework, the chance of converging to better solution sets can be achieved.
- <span id="page-3-2"></span><span id="page-3-1"></span>• The proposed algorithm that has different variants which shows better performance depending on the study case of three type modification IEEE-30 and 118 bus test systems.
- The performance of the proposed approach is compared with results of recent state-of-art studies compromised in literature. The obtained results show that the proposed approach not only can optimize the system better than most of the studies but also can keep the system in constraints.

The paper is organized as follows: Section [II](#page-3-0) presents the mathematical formulation of the OPF problem and summarizes the objective functions. Section [III](#page-6-0) provides an overview of the Honey Formation Optimization for Single Component (HFO-1) and its variants. The first subsection of Section [IV](#page-8-0) discusses test studies on 12 CEC 2021 benchmark functions of the proposed HFO-1 variants. The second subsection provides a detailed description of OPF studies and compares simulation results. Conclusions are drawn in Section [V.](#page-25-0)

# <span id="page-3-0"></span>**II. OPTIMAL POWER FLOW**

The main objective of the OPF problem considered in this study is to minimize the objective functions such as prohibited and non-prohibited valve effect and non-valve effect generation cost, active power loss, and voltage deviation while keeping the variables such as generation bus voltage magnitudes, load bus voltage magnitudes, shunt VAR capacitances, and transformer tap settings within the constraint limits.

The problem can be defined as: Optimize: *f* (*x*, *u*) With the subject of:  $g(x, u) = 0$  and  $h(x, u) \le 0$ In accordance with

$$
u = [P_{Gslack} V_L Q_G S_{TL}] \tag{1}
$$

where *u* indicates the state variables, including real generation power of the slack bus *PGslack* , voltage of the load bus  $V_L$ , reactive generation power  $Q_G$  and transmission line loading *STL*

$$
x = [P_G V_G Q_C T]
$$
 (2)

where  $x$  represents the variable vector for the elements, including the real power  $P_G$ , generator voltage  $V_G$ , the output of shunt VAR compensators *Q<sup>C</sup>* and settings of the tap changing transformers *T* , *f and g* represent the objective function and the load flow equations, respectively, *h* indicates the parameter limits of the system.

# A. EQUALITY AND INEQUALITY CONSTRAINTS OF THE POWER SYSTEM

# 1) EQUALITY CONSTRAINTS

The typical equations related to load flow,  $g(x, u)$ , in the literature, is given by,

$$
P_{G_i} - P_{D_i} - \sum_{j=1}^{n} |V_i| |V_j| |Y_{ij}| \cos (\theta_{ij} - \delta_i + \delta_j) = 0
$$
\n(3)

$$
Q_{G_i} - Q_{D_i} - \sum_{j=1}^{n} |V_i| |V_j| |Y_{ij}| \sin (\theta_{ij} - \delta_i + \delta_j) = 0
$$
\n(4)

where  $P_{Gi}$  and  $Q_{Gi}$  are the real and reactive generation power outputs,  $P_{Di}$  and  $Q_{Di}$  are the active load and reactive load demand of bus *i*, the bus admittance matrix elements are represented by  $\theta_{ij}$ , and finally, *n* is the total bus number.

# 2) INEQUALITY CONSTRAINTS

These constraints  $h(x, u)$  limit the security of the power system and are categorized as follows:

Active, reactive power outputs and bus voltages of the generators are restricted by their lower and upper limits, and the formulations of generator constraints are given as follows,

$$
V_{Gi}^{min} \le V_{Gi} \le V_{Gi}^{max}, \quad i = 1, \quad \dots, N_g \tag{5.a}
$$

$$
P_{Gi}^{min} \le P_{Gi} \le P_{Gi}^{max}, \quad i = 1, \quad \dots, N_g \tag{5.b}
$$

$$
Q_{Gi}^{min} \le Q_{Gi} \le Q_{Gi}^{max}, \quad i = 1, \quad \dots, N_g \tag{5.c}
$$

where  $N_g$  defines the number of generators, including the slack bus.

The maximum and minimum limits of tap settings regarding the transformer is given by,

$$
T_i^{min} \le T_i \le T_i^{max}, \quad i = 1 \dots \dots \dots N_T \tag{6}
$$

The maximum and minimum reactive power that can be injected or absorbed by compensators are defined by the user as,

$$
Q_{C_i}^{min} \le Q_{C_i} \le Q_{C_i}^{max}, \quad i = 1, ..., N_{Q_C}
$$
 (7)

The load bus voltage constraints and the maximum value of loadability capacity of the transmission line are,

$$
V_{L_i}^{min} \le V_{L_i} \le V_{L_{ii}}^{max}, i = 1, \dots, N_{V_L}
$$
 (8)

$$
S_{L_i} \leq S_{L_{ii}}^{max}, i = 1, \dots, S_{S_l}
$$
 (9)

where NG defines the number of generators, including the slack bus.  $N_T$ ,  $N_{Q_C}$ ,  $N_{V_L}$  and  $N_{S_l}$  are the number tap changer transformers, shunt VAR compensators, load buses and transmission lines respectively.

# 3) PRACTICAL CONSTRAINTS

# *a: PROHIBITED ZONES OF THE POWER SYSTEM*

Three-phase synchronous generators are subject to physical and structural limitations due to failures in shaft bearings and vibrations of machines' accessories such as pumps or boilers. These generators may not operate at certain operating points or regions known as Prohibited Operating Zones (POZ). The concept of POZ was introduced in power system analysis to avoid instability points or zones. The production cost function needs revision to include these prohibited operating zones [\[81\]. T](#page-28-10)herefore, it is necessary to determine a mathematical formulation for prohibited zones. The POZ constraint

for the quadratic fuel cost function is described in Eq. [\(10\)](#page-4-0) and illustrated in Fig. [1a.](#page-5-0)

<span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
\begin{cases}\nP_{Gi}^{min} \le P_{Gi} \le P_{Gi,1}^{lb} \\
or P_{Gi,j-1}^{ub} \le P_{Gi} \le P_{Gi,j}^{lb} \quad i=1,\ldots,N_G, j=2,\ldots,N_{POZi} \\
or P_{Gi,N_{POZi}}^{ub} \le P_{Gi} \le P_{Gi}^{max},\n\end{cases} \tag{10}
$$

where  $N_{POZi}$  is the total number of POZs of generator i;  $P_{Gi,j}^{lb}$ and where  $P_{Gi,j}^{ub}$  are lower and upper boundaries of the jth POZ of generator i;  $P_{Gi}^{\min}$  and  $P_{Gi}^{\max}$  are lower and upper limits of active power output of generator *i*.

#### *b: RAMP-RATE LIMITS*

The power output of a generating unit can be increased or decreased in accordance with the limits of the ramp rate, which are a function of the size of the resource. A sudden change in load will affect the generation output. This constraint can be modelled as follows:

$$
max\left(P_{G_i}^{min}, P_i^0 - DR_i\right) \leq P_{G_i} \leq min\left(P_{G_i}^{max}, P_i^0 + UR_i\right)
$$
\n(11)

where,  $P_i^0$  is the power generation of the *i* th unit in the previous hour. *DR<sup>i</sup>* and *UR<sup>i</sup>* are the respective decreasing and increasing ramp-rate limits of the *i* th unit.

# B. OBJECTIVE FUNCTIONS

This study aims to optimize the power system control parameters using the proposed HFO-1 method to minimize the objective functions such as base fuel cost, multi-fuel cost, impact of valve point on fuel cost, power loss, voltage deviation, and fuel cost in POZs. The study utilizes various objective functions listed below.

# 1) GENERATION FUEL COST MINIMIZATION

#### *a: BASIC FUEL COST*

The fuel costs regarding each generator unit are modelled by quadratic functions as:

<span id="page-4-1"></span>
$$
f_C = \sum_{i=1}^{Ng} a_i + b_i P_{Gi} + c_i P_{Gi}^2 \tag{12}
$$

*where*  $N_g$  is the total generator number;  $P_{Gi}$  is the generation of real power at bus  $i$ ;  $a_i$ ,  $b_i$ , and  $c_i$  are the weighting factors of the generating unit *i*.

As in [\(13\),](#page-5-1) shown at the bottom of the next page,  $a_{ikm}$ ,  $b_{ikm}$ ,  $c_{ikm}$  are generator coefficients, and  $P_{Gikm}$  is the *i*th generator active power levels, where *i* is the generator number, *k* is the fuel type number, *m* is the different range of generator levels. *PGik* then corresponds to the active power output of Generator *i*. running on type *k*. fuel.

#### *b: MULTI FUEL COST*

For the case of thermal generating units using multiple fuel options (MFO), a piecewise function is the presentation of fuel cost. Piece wise quadratic equation is used instead of

<span id="page-5-0"></span>

**FIGURE 1.** The cost graphs (a) curve with prohibited zones, (b) curve multi-fuel cost, and (c) Cost curve with and without the valve-point effect.

normal quadratic equation. The active power levels of generators are considered to have a set of constraints as formulated in [\(13\).](#page-5-1) They consist of several convex curves as a piecewise sum of quadratic functions, as shown in Fig.  $1(b)$ .

# *c: GENERATION FUEL COST WITH VALVE POINT EFFECT OPTIMIZATION*

The fuel cost functions of some generation units are either smooth (without valve point effect) or non-uniform (with valve point effect), as shown in Fig. [1.c.](#page-5-0) This is due to the fluctuations caused by the opening process of the control valves of the steam turbines. Therefore, taking into account the valve-loading point effect, the fuel cost can be calculated using [\(14\)](#page-5-2) [\[81\].](#page-28-10)

$$
f_{VC} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} \left( a_i P_{gi}^2 + b_i P_{gi} + c_i \right) + \left| d_i \times \sin \left( e_i \times \left( P_{gi}^{min} - P_{gi} \right) \right) \right| \quad (14)
$$

where  $d_i$  and  $e_i$  are constants from the valve-point effect of the  $i<sup>th</sup>$  generating unit.

# 2) TOTAL POWER LOSS

The control parameters are optimized to reduce the real power loss to a minimum. The real power losses for each transmission line can be expressed as,

$$
f_{PL} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_L} g_i \left[ V_k^2 + V_m^2 - 2V_k V_m \cos \left( \delta_k - \delta_m \right) \right] \tag{15}
$$

where  $N_L$  is the number of transmission lines;  $g_i$  is the conductance of the *i*th line;  $V_k$  and  $V_m$  are the voltage magnitude at the end buses  $k$  and  $m$  of the *i*th line, respectively, and  $\delta_k$ and  $\delta_m$  are the voltage phase angle at the end buses *k* and *m*.

# 3) VOLTAGE DEVIATION

<span id="page-5-2"></span><span id="page-5-1"></span>In order to improve the voltage profile of the system, the voltage values of all load buses at 1 p.u should be fixed

$$
f_{Multi-C} = \begin{cases}\n a_{i11} + b_{i11}P_{Gi1} + c_{i11}P_{Gi1}^2, & 1, fuel & P_{Gi11} \le P_{Gi1} \le P_{Gi11} \\
 a_{i12} + b_{i12}P_{Gi1} + c_{i12}P_{Gi1}^2, & 1, fuel & P_{Gi11} \le P_{Gi1} \le P_{Gi12} \\
 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\
 a_{i1 m} + b_{i1 m}P_{Gi1} + c_{i1 m}P_{Gi1}^2, & 1, fuel & P_{Gi1 m-1} \le P_{Gi1} \le P_{Gi1 m} \\
 a_{i21} + b_{i21}P_{Gi2} + c_{i21}P_{Gi2}^2, & 2, fuel & P_{Gi2}^2 \le P_{Gi2} \le P_{Gi21} \\
 a_{i22} + b_{i22}P_{Gi2} + c_{i22}P_{Gi2}^2, & 2, fuel & P_{Gi21} \le P_{Gi2} \le P_{Gi22} \\
 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\
 a_{i2 m} + b_{i2 m}P_{Gi2} + c_{i2 m}P_{Gi2}^2, & 2, fuel & P_{Gi2 m-1} \le P_{Gi2} \le P_{Gi2 m}^{max} \\
 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 a_{ik1} + b_{ik1}P_{Gik} + c_{ik1}P_{Gik}^2, & k, fuel & P_{Gik1}^m \le P_{Gik} \le P_{Gik1} \\
 a_{ik2} + b_{ik2}P_{Gik} + c_{ik2}P_{Gik}^2, & k, fuel & P_{Gik1} \le P_{Gik} \le P_{Gik2} \\
 a_{ikm} + b_{ikm}P_{Gik} + c_{ikm}P_{Gik}^2, & k, fuel & P_{Gikm-1} \le P_{Gik} \le P_{Gikm}^{max}\n\end{cases} (13)
$$

**HFO-1 Skeleton**

- 1- *Sources* ← initialize\_honey\_sources 2-  $Gbest \leftarrow Pbest \leftarrow Sources[1]$
- 3- **repeat**
- 4- **for each** *sourceof workers*
- 5- *component* ← *source*
- 6- *Sources* ← exploit(*source*, *component*)
- 7- **for each** *onlooker*
- 8- *source*← select\_a\_source(*Sources*)
- 9- *Sources* ← exploit(*source*)
- 10- **if** mixing phase
- 11- *Sources*← mix honey-

forms with *PBest* and others randomly

- 12- ensure the *Pbest* form is not corrupted
- 13- **if** maturation phase
- 14- *Sources*← initialize\_honey\_sources and set *newSite* = *true*
- 15- **else if** saturation phase
- 16- *Sources*  $[mx] \leftarrow Pbest \leftarrow$
- Gbest with random *mx* and set *newSite* = *false*
- 17- **if** *Gbest* is not improved for one maturation period
- 18- change mixing sizes randomly
- 19- **until** maximumiteration

by minimizing the voltage deviation [\[91\]. T](#page-28-20)o calculate the voltage deviation for load buses, use the following formula:

<span id="page-6-9"></span>
$$
f_{VD} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{Pq}} |V_i - 1|
$$
 (16)

where  $N_{PO}$  is the load bus number.

#### <span id="page-6-0"></span>**III. HFO-1 ALGORITHM**

<span id="page-6-10"></span>HFO-1 (Honey Formation Optimization for Single Component) is a swarm-based optimization algorithm that imitates the honey production processes of the bees, and it was introduced by Yetgin and Ercan [\[90\]. I](#page-28-19)t is an extension to the HFO Framework [\[92\]](#page-28-21) to solve the numerical function optimization problems where the definition of the objective function is not required, and the objective function is used as a blackbox interface. The HFO-1 passes through five phases, namely initialization, honey formation, mixing, maturation, and saturation. The skeleton of the HFO-1 algorithm is shown in Scheme 1.

In the initialization phase, the algorithm generates a set of candidate solutions, uniformly random in solution space, corresponding to the bee stoma's initial honey-forms. HFO-1 assumes that every source has its associated honey-form. During the honey formation phase, as the sources are exploited, the initial heterogeneous forms evolve into more mature forms in the bee stoma. In this phase, each honey bee mixes the visited foods with its own enzymes in its stoma and matures its personal mixture overtime. The personal mixture occurring in the bee stoma is simply called mixing-0 and modeled with the exploit function in the algorithm, defined through [\(17\)-](#page-6-1)[\(19\).](#page-6-2) Let  $x_i$  = *Sources<sub>i</sub>* denotes the i. solution among N solutions,  $x_i f = f(x_i)$  is its honey fitness (objective

value),  $x_i$ . $c = f(x_i) - Gbest$ . *f* is its component fitness, Gand best is the global best solution of the previous iteration. Then, the candidate solution  $v_i$  is generated around the solution  $x_i$  and then the solution is updated if the  $v_i$  has a better component for workers or better honey fitness for onlookers, defined in  $(18)$  and  $(19)$  respectively.

<span id="page-6-3"></span><span id="page-6-2"></span><span id="page-6-1"></span>
$$
v_i[j] = x_i[j] + q. (x_i[j] - x_k[j])
$$
 (17)

$$
Sources_i = \begin{cases} v_i, & if \ v_i.c < x_i.c \\ x_i, & otherwise \end{cases} \tag{18}
$$

$$
Sources_i = \begin{cases} v_i, & if \ v_i.f < x_i.f \\ x_i, & otherwise \end{cases} \tag{19}
$$

where  $x_k \neq x_i$  is a random source and j is the randomly selected dimensions to update (the length of j is strategic and defined in the original paper), and q is the step size. Also, each worker i select the source i whereas each onlooker selects a source i according to the roulette selection strategy [\(22\)](#page-6-4) whose selection probability vector  $P = [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N]$  is defined through  $(20)$ - $(21)$  where  $p_i$  is the probability of the selection of the source i, Sources.f is the vector of all objective values of the solutions, RouletteWheelSelection(P) selects one index according to P.

$$
fit_i = \frac{1}{x_i f - min(Sources f) + 0.001}
$$
 (20)

<span id="page-6-6"></span><span id="page-6-5"></span>
$$
p_i = \frac{fit_i}{\sum_{k=1}^{N} fit_k} \tag{21}
$$

<span id="page-6-4"></span>
$$
i = \text{RouletteWheelSelection}(P) \tag{22}
$$

<span id="page-6-8"></span>When the honey-form in the bee stoma is matured enough the bees mix their personal mixtures among themselves in the hive by sharing via mixing sessions, which occurs in the mixing phase. This phase corresponds to chewing and spitting cycles of the honey-forms from one mouth to the other. The algorithm assumes two types of mixing in the hive: mixing-1 and mixing-2, for mixing semi-mature and mature forms, respectively. In both cases, the solution update occurs according to  $(23)$  where a random portion of a solution, either a random solution  $x_k$  or Pbest (population best of the previous iteration), defined by the index vector *jk*, is transferred to a random portion of  $x_i$ , defined by the index vector *j*.

<span id="page-6-7"></span>
$$
x_i[j] = \begin{cases} x_k[jk], & \text{if } rand > 0.5 \\ Pbest[jk], & \text{else} \end{cases}
$$
 (23)

Both vectors, *j* and *jk*, have the same length, which is strategically selected and defined as the mixing size in the original algorithm. Also, note that the mixing size is randomly acquired and adaptively tuned by the algorithm when the Gbest is not changed for one period, shown in steps 17-18 of the algorithm. During the maturation phase, the honey-forms become homogenous, meaning the same as the Pbest in an epsilon neighborhood. This phase occurs when the bees fully exploit the current site, and the honey production must continue from a new site. This phase continues as long as the Gbest does not change until the time that the

bees must finalize the honey production, which is the saturation phase. In this phase, the Gbest gradually metamorphoses the mixture to speed up the homogeneity of the mixture. You can find detailed information about the HFO-1 algorithm in the study conducted by Yetgin and Ercan [\[90\].](#page-28-19)

# A. HFO-1 MODIFICATION-A (HFO-1A)

HFO-1 was originally designed for numerical optimization problems where all the problem dimensions are considered to have the same search range for simplicity. However, many real-life optimization problems have different search ranges for various dimensions, and this may create possible violating bounds in the mixing phase due to mixing different dimensions of the solutions at  $(23)$ . Thus,  $(24)$  is proposed to be added to the end of mixing phase to correct any possible violating bounds at  $(23)$ . This approach also adds new behaviour in mixing phase to increase the exploration ability of the algorithm. Thus, if any violating bounds exist, those dimensions of the solution are randomly generated from their corresponding search ranges, and this may contribute to the ability of the bees to explore.

$$
x_i[j_k] = \begin{cases} rand \left( low_{j_k}, up_{j_k} \right), & \text{if } x_i[j_k] > up_{j_k} \\ rand \left( low_{j_k}, up_{j_k} \right), & \text{if } x_i[j_k] < low_{j_k} \end{cases}
$$
 (24)

where  $j$  is the vector of selected dimensions to update, acquired in  $(23)$ ,  $j_k$  is the *k*. component of the vector *j* violating the limits, *low* and *up* are the lower and upper bounds as vectors.

# B. HFO-1 MODIFICATION-B (HFO-1b)

In order to control the possible violating bounds in the mixing phase, another solution is to change the mixing phase itself in such a way that violating the bounds is avoided in advance.  $(25)$  is proposed to replace  $(23)$  to change the mixing behavior of the bees to ensure the limits.

$$
x_i[j] = \begin{cases} 0.5 * (x_m[j] + x_n[j]), & \text{if } rand > 0.5 \\ 0.5 * (x_m[j] + Pbest[j]), & \text{else} \end{cases}
$$
 (25)

where *j* is the vector of selected dimensions to update,  $x_m \neq x_i$ and  $x_n \neq x_i$  are randomly selected sources to mix from.

# C. HFO-1 MODIFICATION-C (HFO-1c)

HFO-1 Modification-C is an extension to the Modification-A. Here, different solution update equations are proposed for workers  $(26)$  and onlookers  $(27)$ . In the solution update equation of HFO-1 [\(17\),](#page-6-1) the solutions,  $x_i$  and  $x_k$ , might already be modified in the current generation. A different approach is proposed in  $(26)-(27)$  $(26)-(27)$  where the solutions at the right side of the equation (e.g., *px<sup>i</sup>* and others) are not allowed to be modified in the current generation, and also,  $x_k$  in the original equation is replaced by strategic selections, permutation (*permx*) and roulette selections (*pxsel*). This approach also allows vectored implementation, which is not possible in the original. In order to achieve this, *letpSources* = *Sources* be the population before its update, and *permx* = *shuffle*(*pSources*) be its randomly reordered (permutated)

variant,  $px_i = p\text{Source}_{i}$  and  $px_{sel} = p\text{Source}_{sel}$  where the *sel* is the selected index by the onlooker according to the selection strategy, defined through  $(28)-(29)$  $(28)-(29)$  where  $p_i$  is the *i*. element of the probability vector *P*. Then, the population *Sources* is updated based on the component fitness for workers [\(30\)](#page-7-6) and honey fitness for the onlookers [\(31\).](#page-7-7)

$$
v_i[j] = px_i[j] + q. (px_i[j] - permx_i[j]) \tag{26}
$$

$$
v_i[j] = px_i[j] + q. (px_i[j] - px_{sel}[j])
$$
 (27)

<span id="page-7-5"></span><span id="page-7-4"></span><span id="page-7-3"></span><span id="page-7-2"></span>
$$
p_i = 0.1 + 0.9 * \frac{fit_i}{\sum_{k=1}^{N} fit_k}
$$
 (28)

<span id="page-7-7"></span><span id="page-7-6"></span>
$$
sel = Roulette WheelerSelection (P)
$$
 (29)

$$
Sources_i = \begin{cases} v_i, & if \ v_i.c < px_i.c \\ x_i, & otherwise \end{cases} \tag{30}
$$

$$
Sources_i = \begin{cases} v_i, & if \ v_i f < px_i f \\ x_i, & otherwise \end{cases} \tag{31}
$$

Note that in this modification, similar to workers, each onlooker is also associated with a different source (each onlooker *i* select the source *i*). However, each onlooker applies roulette selection to mix one step from a random source, *pxsel*.

# <span id="page-7-0"></span>D. ADAPTATION OF PROPOSED HFO-1 ALGORITHM FOR POWER FLOW CONSTRAINTS

In this study, HFO-1 is adapted to overcome undesirable solutions by adding a penalty value to the objective function when solving the OPF problem with constraints. Thus, the algorithm assumes bound constraints such that real power generation output at the slack bus (*PGslack* ), load bus voltages  $(V_L)$ , reactive power generation output  $(Q_G)$  and transmission line loading  $(S_{TL})$  are included in the extended objective function to ensure that the dependent variables remain within the allowed limits and to discard any infeasible solution. Let  $u = [P_G V_G Q_C T]$  denote any solution vector and  $x = [P_{Gslack}Y]$  with  $Y = [V_L Q_G S_{TL}]$  denotes the vector of constraint parameters. Then, the objective function value,  $f(x)$ , is updated by sequential operations via  $(32)$ - $(35)$  to penalize any violating boundary. If the slack variable violates the bounds, it is penalized with a weight of 1000 as shown in [\(33\).](#page-7-9)

<span id="page-7-8"></span><span id="page-7-1"></span>
$$
[P_{Glsack}, Y] = PowerFlow (u)
$$
\n
$$
P_{Glsack} = 1000.P_{Glsack}
$$
\n
$$
\times . (P_{Glsack} > Ub_{Glsack} || P_{Glsack} < Lb_{Glsack})
$$
\n(33)

<span id="page-7-9"></span>Penalty (Y) = w. 
$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} [abs (Ub_i - Y_i) \cdot (Y_i > Ub_i) + abs (Lb_i - Y_i) \cdot (Y_i < Lb_i)]
$$

\n(34)

<span id="page-7-10"></span>where *PowerFlow(x)* function is defined according to [\[93\],](#page-28-22) *UbGlsack* and *LbGlsack* are upper and lower bounds of the slack variable respectively, *Ub<sup>i</sup>* and *Lb<sup>i</sup>* are upper and lower bounds of the *i.* constraint parameters respectively, *w* is the penalty

coefficient and empirically found for each multi-objective function definition. Then, the objective function value, $f(x)$ , used in the algorithm is updated by  $(35)$  where the objective function uses the slack variable as defined in  $(33)$  (if in case) and adds a further penalty to any violating bounds.

$$
f(x) = f(x) + \text{Penalty}(Y) \tag{35}
$$

In addition, the procedure for taking the POZ into account can be explained as follows: When a generator operates within the POZ, the strategy is to add a penalty value to the total objective function. This penalty term is based on the distance of the operating point from the lower or upper band of the POZ.

# <span id="page-8-0"></span>**IV. BENCHMARK RESULTS AND OPF CASE STUDIES**

This section is organized as follows. First, 12 benchmark functions are tested to measure the performance of the three proposed variants of HFO-1, and the numerical results are given in the first subsection. Then, in the second subsection, IEEE-30 and IEEE-118 busbar test systems are used to verify the effectiveness of the proposed variants, and their results are evaluated.

# A. BENCHMARK RESULTS OF PROPOSED HFO-1 **MODIFICATIONS**

To verify the effectiveness of the proposed variants of HFO-1 in different problems, they are comparatively tested using the CEC 2021 benchmark functions. CEC 2021 Test Suite includes 12 unimodal, multimodal, hybrid and composite functions. Each benchmark function is experimented with 30 times, with a maximum iteration of 5000, and the results are averaged. The population size 30 is used, which is equal to the number of food sources, and the problem dimension 10 is used for all functions. Each function's search range is fixed as [−100,100]. Thus, for the benchmark tests, HFO-1a is equivalent to the original HFO-1 due to the fact that HFO-1a only differs from HFO-1 when the search range is different for some dimensions. The suggested parameter values of HFO-1 are used, which assumes that the mixing ratio (MR) is 8, the initial step size $(q0)$  is 2, and random walk-based search is enabled. The purpose of this test is to comprehensively investigate the overall performance of the proposed algorithms to better demonstrate their effectiveness and ability to solve other complex optimization problems. Table [1](#page-9-0) shows the results for the best, worst, average, and execution time of the 12 benchmark functions, with the best results in bold.

The variants of the HFO-1 are very successful in finding the optimum solution for unimodal functions such as F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F7, and F11, as shown in Table [1.](#page-9-0) However, as a general established knowledge from literature, no optimization algorithm is expected to overcome the others for all test functions. For example, HFO-1a shows superior success for the challenging function, such as F9 whereas other variants of HFO-1 get better optimum values for the functions F6, F8, and F10. Here the variants of HFO-1 are compared among <span id="page-8-1"></span>themselves in terms of the average values obtained after 30 iterations. Talking in general, the HFO-1c algorithm seems superior to the others in terms of execution time and optimum values, whereas HFO-1b seems the worst in terms of the same metrics for the benchmark problems. The reason is that HFO-1c allows vectorial implementation, which makes it faster than the others for the test problems. The solution update equations  $(25)$ - $(26)$  of HFO-1c allow each bee to behave more independently. This helps HFO-1c to escape from the local optimums at which the other variants are possibly get stuck.

Fig. [2](#page-10-0) visualizes the first 1000 iterations of the evolution curves of the HFO-1 variants for the CEC 2021 benchmark test functions. This may give a general picture of their convergence rates. Comparing HFO-1a, which is used here as the original HFO-1, with the other variants (HFO-1b and HFO-1c), the convergence rates of the algorithms seem more or less similar. However, the convergence rates of the improved algorithms are slightly better than the original one, except for F1. Talking in general, the HFO-1c variant seems the best when considering its optimization accuracy and convergence rate, which makes it potentially an effective optimization algorithm to address a growing number of problems.

Fig. [3](#page-11-0) shows the boxplot curves of the variants of HFO-1. The figure visually represents the data distribution across all functions in the CEC 2021 dataset. The whiskers on the boxplots represent the minimum and maximum values obtained by the algorithms. A tight boxplot is indicative of a significant level of data reconciliation, as is the case for functions such as F1, F2, F3, F5, F7, F9, F10, and F11 of variants of HFO-1. Apart from these, HFO-1c also has a tight box plot in F8 and F12. When the functions F4 and F6 are analyzed, HFO-1c gives a more stable result than HFO-1a and HFO-1b.

# B. OPF CASE STUDIES

To assess the effectiveness of our proposed algorithms, we utilized the OPF problem to solve the IEEE 30 and 118 bus systems. eleven test cases are configured. Each test case is experimented with the proposed algorithms, each of which uses a population size of 30 and a maximum iteration of 10,000. The problem dimension is decided by the bus system considered. The suggested parameter values of the HFO-1 are followed, which assumes  $MF = 8$ , qo = 2, and random walk enabled.

Table [2](#page-12-0) presents the data, specifications, and minimum and maximum operating constraints for both test systems. Further details can be found in references [\[82\],](#page-28-11) [\[83\]. I](#page-28-12)t is applied the penalty technique to ensure that both test systems and control variables, including valve point effect, multi-fuel operation, and POZs, remained within the acceptable ranges specified in Table [2.](#page-12-0) 11 case and two sub-case studies were examined across IEEE test systems, as summarized in Table [3.](#page-12-1) A tick mark has been placed in the Table [3](#page-12-1) for the specified case studies. To demonstrate the effectiveness of HFO-1 variants in solving the OPF problem, we compare them with several algorithms reported in the literature. Graphical comparisons are also presented to investigate the convergence performance



<span id="page-9-0"></span>

of HFO-1a, HFO-1b, and HFO-1c. The results show that all constraints are strictly adhered to the acceptable ranges when the algorithms start converging. The figures only show the penalty curve of the best variant, which becomes zero when all constraints are satisfied

# 1) IEEE 30-BUS SYSTEM

The system demand for active power was 2.834 p.u and for reactive power was 1.262 p.u at 100 MVA base. The system <span id="page-9-1"></span>includes six generators, four transformers with off-nominal tap ratios at lines 6-9, 6-10, 4-12, and 28-27, and two shunt compensators for standard system and nine shunt compensators modified system. The effect of practical constraints was examined by conducting 2 case studies in the standard test system. A seven-case study was conducted by integrating renewable energy sources in the modified test system. The load demands are modeled as fixed loads from the literature. The coefficients for the fuel cost are available in [\[94\].](#page-28-23)

<span id="page-10-0"></span>

**FIGURE 2.** Benchmark converge curve graphs for CEC 2021 twelve functions (a)-(l).

<span id="page-11-0"></span>

**FIGURE 3.** Boxplot graphs for CEC 2021 twelve functions (a)-(l).

# *a: THE STANDARD SYSTEM*

There are eighteen control variables for this system. In case no 1, fuel cost is minimized without practical constraints. In case 2, active power loss is minimized both with and without ramp-rate limits.



# <span id="page-12-0"></span>**TABLE 2.** IEEE 30 and 118 bus test system.



<span id="page-12-1"></span>**TABLE 3.** Summary of case studies on test systems.



In the first case study, where  $(12)$  was used to minimize the basic fuel cost, the fuel cost of HFO-1c and HFO-1b were found to be 800.59727 \$/h and 800.597793 \$/h, respectively. On the other hand, the fuel cost of HFO-1a was 800.597226 \$/h.

Fig. [4](#page-13-0) displays the convergence curves of the three developed HFO-1 modifications and the penalty value of the best-performing HFO-1 variant. The penalty plot on the right-hand side of Fig. [4](#page-13-0)[-11](#page-18-0) belongs to the HFO-1 modifications, which provides the optimal solution value for each

### <span id="page-13-2"></span>**TABLE 4.** Simulation results of case 1 on IEEE-30 bus standard test system for practical system.



<span id="page-13-0"></span>



case study. In these figures, the penalty value of the best performing HFO-1 variant is plotted for each case study, and it is clearly presented that the safety and operating constraints of the power system are strictly adhered to.

<span id="page-13-1"></span>

**FIGURE 5.** Power loss convergence of HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c for with and without practical constraints for the standard test system.

Case 2 contains two subcases: with ramp rate limits and POZ and without ramp-rate limits and POZ. In the first subcase (Case 2.1), HFO-1b converged to a better result than the

 $0.2$ 

other variants, and in the second subcase (Case 2.2), where there were no practical restrictions, HFO-1c converged to a better result.

Fig. [5](#page-13-1) compares the convergence speed of the best performing variant among the three HFO-1 modifications developed, with and without practical constraints.

HFO-1a and HFO-1b exhibit similar convergence and superiority over the HFO-1c algorithm. Table [4](#page-13-2) shows the comparison of the solutions produced by HFO-1 variants with existing methods without practical constraints. In this table, the solutions produced by HFO-1 variants are compared in detail with existing methods. Table [5](#page-15-0) gives the results of the study in which the active power loss was minimized without practical constraints and with practical constraints which with ramp rate and POZ limit. It can be seen in both tables that the variants the proposed HFO-1 algorithm yields superior results than existing methods. The ramp –rates and POZ limits followed by the generating units for the objective function can be found from [\[95\]. T](#page-28-24)he practical constraints set for the generators have been observed throughout the simulation.

Upon careful analysis of Table [4,](#page-13-2) it can be seen that the generators attempt to reduce fuel costs by producing active power as close to the lower limit values as possible. In contrast, as shown in Table [5,](#page-15-0) the opposite is observed. For the sub-cases with and without practical constraints, all generators except the swing bus generate power at the highest limit value. This is a predictable outcome, as the active power generation of the released swing bus is reduced in order to minimize power loss.

The results were validated with existing literature in the standard test system category and the findings are presented in Table [6.](#page-15-1)

# *b: THE MODIFIED SYSTEM*

In the first case study for this the system, the fuel cost of HFO-1c was found to be 800.3871 \$/h, and the fuel cost of HFO-1a was 800.3874 \$/h. Fig[.6](#page-14-0) displays the convergence curves of the three developed HFO-1 modifications and the penalty value of the best-performing HFO-1. Although HFO-1a has a faster convergence speed than the other two variants, HFO-1c outperforms them and achieves the best optimal value.

In case 4, where active power loss is minimized, HFO-1a outperforms HFO-1b and HFO-1c with a value of 3.07626 MW. Fig[.7](#page-14-1) compares the convergence speed of the three developed HFO-1 modifications. HFO-1a and HFO-1b exhibit similar convergence and superiority over the HFO-1c algorithm. The voltage increase at the load bus is an important factor for OPF. Case study 5 aims to keep the voltages at 1.p.u by utilizing [\(16\).](#page-6-8) Tabl[e7](#page-16-0) shows that HFO-1c is 0.08350 p.u, while HFO-1a and HFO-1b are 0.08413 p.u and 0.08403 p.u, respectively. Thus, HFO-1c achieves a much lower voltage deviation value compared to other HFO-1 variants. As clearly seen from Fig. [8,](#page-15-2) HFO-1c tends to have a softer (slower) convergence. Just like in case 3, it performs extra well in the later iterations and reaches the best result.



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**FIGURE 6.** Basic fuel cost convergence of HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c for the modified test system.

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**FIGURE 7.** Active power loss convergence of HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c for the modified test system.

It was aimed to minimize the multi-fuel cost in the 5th case study, which was carried out by carefully optimizing all control parameters and strictly adhering to the safety constraints of the power system. The proposed algorithm's best result was found with sub-variant HFO-1b, which yielded a value of \$646.3758/h. HFO-1b not only outperformed the other modified variants but also demonstrated the fastest convergence in solving this problem, as shown in Fig[.9.](#page-18-1) The seventh case study investigates the fuel cost problem of the sine-function valve effect.

The results obtained are impressive. HFO-1a costs \$823.9815 per hour, while HFO-1b and HFO-1c cost \$823.9813 per hour. Fig[.10](#page-18-2) shows that the HFO-1b variant outperforms the other two variants in terms of both value and convergence speed. The 8th case study analyzes the

#### <span id="page-15-0"></span>**TABLE 5.** Results of case 2 on IEEE-30 bus standard test system for with and without practical system.



#### <span id="page-15-1"></span>**TABLE 6.** Validation of simulation results of case studies 1-2 on IEEE-30 bus standard test system.



\* Since control variables were not provided, it not validated.

issue of generation cost with prohibited operating zones. This problem necessitates an additional constraint on the operation of the generators in addition to the control variable constraint

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**FIGURE 8.** Voltage deviation convergence of HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c for the modified test system.

for this test system. All control variables are maintained at their lower and upper limits during the simulation. A penalty

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technique is applied to ensure that the generator operates within the safe region. Tabl[e8](#page-17-0) shows that HFO-1c achieves the best result at \$800.6650/h. Additionally, Fig. [11](#page-18-0) illustrates HFO-1c's typical behavior of slow convergence. Although HFO-1c has a slower convergence rate, it performs better in finding the optimum points than the HFO-1a variant, which converges the fastest but gets stuck in local points in the process.

According to the results stated in Tables [7](#page-16-0) and [8](#page-17-0) for this test system, the voltage values of the load busbars for each situation are plotted in Figures [12](#page-18-3) and [13.](#page-19-0) It is imperative to prevent limit violations in the OPF problem. These graphs provide a detailed representation that the load buses voltages are kept in the [0.95-1.05] p.u range in the optimal solution set obtained with HFO-1 variants for each objective function. For the safety of power systems, the voltage amplitudes of all buses must never exceed the permissible limits. A careful examination of Figures [12](#page-18-3) and [13,](#page-19-0) it becomes evident that the bus voltages frequently approach their limits, particularly in cases 3-6 and 8 due to constraints on the load bus voltages. This graph presents a detailed representation of the safety limit values determined load buses in the optimal solution set obtained by HFO-1 variants for each objective function.

Another important issue for the security of the system is that the reactive power values produced by the generators remain within the specified upper and lower limits. In this study, it is shown clearly in Tables [7](#page-16-0) and [8](#page-17-0) that the generators are kept within the safe operating range. Even in case study 8, which introduced an additional restriction for the operating range of the generators, the penalty technique applied successfully kept all control variables within the limit values and safety restrictions were not violated. If Tables [7](#page-16-0) and [8](#page-17-0) are examined separately, it is a remarkable result that the control variables as well as the generator reactive power values have

<span id="page-17-0"></span>**TABLE 8.** Simulation results of case studies 6-8 on IEEE-30 bus test system.

			Case-6			Case-7			Case-8	
Items	Range	HFO-la	HFO-1b	HFO-1c	HFO-1a	HFO 1b	HFO 1c	HFO-la	HFO 1b	HFO-1c
$P_1$	[80 250]	140,0000	140.0000	140.0000	219.8158	219.8158	219.8158	179.3637	179.3644	179.3652
P <sub>2</sub>	[20 80]	55.00000	55.00000	55.00000	27.60939	27.60993	27.60881	45.00000	45.00000	45.0000
$\mathcal{P}_5$	[1550]	24.10729	24.15998	24.16420	15.70100	15.70043	15.70149	21.53638	21.53681	21.5365
$\mathcal{P}_8$	[1035]	35.00000	34.99998	35.00000	10.00000	10.00000	10.00000	22.24228	22.24209	22.2415
$P_{11}$	[1030]	18.48354	18.43645	18.45884	10.00000	10.00000	10.00000	12.26873	12.26792	12.2679
$P_{13}$	[12 40]	17.52124	17.51413	17.48710	12.00000	12.00000	12.00000	12.00000	12.00000	12.0000
$\mathcal{V}_1$	[0.951.1]	1.07564	1.07609	1.07576	1.09028	1.09046	1.09044	1.08343	1.08342	1.08344
$V_2$	[0.95 1.1]	1.04093	1.04132	1.04102	1.08576	1.08592	1.09589	1.04401	1.02400	1.04402
$V_5$	[0.95 1.1]	1.03239	1.03280	1.03252	1.03183	1.03196	1.03194	1.03296	1.03295	1.03298
$V_8$	[0.95 1.1]	1.04104	1.04132	1.05104	1.03502	1.03513	1.03512	1.04801	1.05800	1.04803
$V_{11}$	[0.951.1]	1.05884	1.06665	1.05863	1.06761	1.07202	1.07054	1.06779	1.06181	1.07419
$\mathcal{V}_{13}$	[0.95 1.1]	1.04581	1.04280	1.04770	1.03866	1.03801	1.03806	1.04150	1.04566	1.04058
$Q_{c-10}$	[0 5.0]	4.26130	1.55433	3.46850	4.17230	1.40916	2.22350	2.73135	3.75561	0.00486
$Q_{c-12}$	[0 5.0]	3.55849	4.05505	1.67559	2.35464	2.22830	2.23988	3.22757	0.11160	3.81500
$Q_{c-15}$	[0, 5.0]	4.36178	4.41958	4.44238	4.44838	4.48580	4.51125	4.43117	4.43573	4.44271
$Q_{c-17}$	[0 5.0]	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	4.99999	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000
$Q_{c-20}$	[0 5.0]	4.22100	4.25436	4.25663	4.23483	4.24763	4.22577	4.25538	4.25678	4.25112
$Q_{c-21}$	[0 5.0]	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000
$Q_{c-23}$	[0 5.0]	3.18005	3.13677	3.10640	3.15183	3.13521	3.12994	3.12872	3.13536	3.13253
$Q_{c-24}$	[0, 5.0]	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000	5.00000
$Q_{c-29}$	[0, 5.0]	2.02087	1.97726	2.01959	2.05489	2.05132	2.04978	2.04373	2.04428	2.04381
$T_{\rm 11}$	[0.9 1.1]	0.99736	1.00924	1.01118	0.99631	1.01148	1.00854	1.00242	1.01605	1.00807
$T_{12}$	[0.9 1.1]	0.96228	0.94372	0.94114	0.97150	0.94578	0.95123	0.95696	0.93926	0.94489
$T_{15}$	[0.9 1.1]	0.97466	0.97106	0.97391	0.95614	0.95486	0.95500	0.96426	0.96431	0.96409
$T_{16}$	[0.9 1.1]	0.97215	0.97217	0.97204	0.97116	0.97121	0.97118	0.97160	0.97156	0.97158
$Q_1$	$[-20 150]$	8.0972	3.2858	$-0.4767$	13.4506	8.7665	18.7290	2.9010	2.9090	2.9088
Q <sub>2</sub>	$[-20, 60]$	15.4162	14.9476	11.1205	24.6506	28.2277	15.8661	20.2619	20.2294	20.2601
$Q_5$	$[-15, 62.5]$	25.5628	26.6148	26.7627	25.6204	16.5439	18.2380	25.6487	25.6495	25.6510
$Q_8$	$[-15, 48.7]$	28.1894	33.5479	31.0478	20.9132	25.5265	19.4601	26.5645	26.5356	26.5493
$Q_{11}$	$[-10, 40]$	3.7118	$-1.6714$	1.9196	$-8.5933$	8.4497	9.1579	9.7314	9.2340	12.9982
$Q_{13}$	$[-15, 44.7]$	$-6.0546$	$-10.4239$	3.3608	19.3157	6.0177	12.0797	$-6.2333$	$-3.1490$	$-6.9113$
$f_c(\frac{f}{h})$		646.3765	646.3758	646.3759	823.9815	823.9813	823.9813	800.6651	800.6652	800.6650
$f_{PL}(MW)$		6.71206	6.71055	6.71013	11.72621	11.72618	11.72612	9.01118	9.01123	9.01126
$f_{VD}$ (p.u)		0.93466	0.93766	0.93403	0.90110	0.89896	0.89923	0.92439	0.91962	0.92523

different values in the same target function. This situation is especially evident in shunt capacitance values. These differences are due to the different nature of HFO-1 variants. In general, since HFO-1a mixes from random new solutions in the mixing phase, its exploration power is better, whereas HFO-1b, which mixes from existing solutions, has better exploitation power. However, since HFO-1c is an extension of HFO-1a, its exploration power is as good as HFO-1a and, at the same time, the proposed solution update line increases its exploitation power, making it an approach that provides a balance between both exploration and exploitation. The variants have the potential to be superior to one another against different problems. In power problems, situations with multiple local optima (such as fuel cost with valve point effect, power loss) arise due to sinusoidal expressions, making the HFO-1c and HFO-1a approaches, which have high exploration power, more prominent. For problems that create one or a few local optima (such as fuel cost, multifuel cost, voltage deviation), the exploit feature is important, so in these problems, HFO-1b and HFO-1c come to the forefront.

In this study, comparison was made with studies in the same category in a transparent manner, strictly adhering to system restrictions, and the results are given in Tables [9](#page-19-1) and [10.](#page-20-0) The works in literature generally blindly compare various optimization algorithms in achieving the OPF problem by using different search ranges (lower and upper limits) for the same variables (solution variables or constraint variables). Furthermore, many studies even do not provide sufficient results or search ranges for the variables such that validations of their feasibilities are not possible. For this reason, among the studies that appear to be superior to the method we suggested in the tables, marks have been placed on studies that cannot be verified or that have constraint violations.

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**FIGURE 9.** Multi-fuel cost convergence of HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c for the modified test system.

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**FIGURE 10.** Valve effect fuel cost convergence of HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c for the modified test system.

In Table [9,](#page-19-1) the best-obtained results by the proposed approach are compared with the results reported in the literature regarding cases 3-5. A quick comparison of Table [9](#page-19-1) reveals that IMFO, DSA, and IBSA achieve the best fitness values for case 3. Also, ACDE, IBAC, and COA achieve good results for all three cases even though the case 1 results of these algorithms are not the most satisfying. On the other hand, some literature results such as TLBO, ST-IWO, and WEA achieve lower results, but the solution sets of these results are unfortunately out of constraints as given in footnote of Table [9.](#page-19-1) In this study, HFO-1c achieves the best results for case 1 and case 2 while HFO-1a converges to the best result for case 2, respectively. Also, it can be reported that the IMFO algorithm has a better result for case 3 than the proposed HFO method with a %0.00028 variation, while

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**FIGURE 11.** Prohibited zone with cost convergence of HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c for the modified test system.

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**FIGURE 12.** Load bus voltage chart for cases 3-5 for the modified test system.

the HFO-1c algorithm has a better result than IMFO with a %0.41755 variation ratio. Thus, it can be concluded that the HFO-1c algorithm achieves the best result overall for cases 3–5.

For cases 6–8, as compared with other state-of-the-art methods shown in Tabl[e10,](#page-20-0) it is concluded that the HFO-1 variants outperform most of the other reported methods. In Tabl[e10,](#page-20-0) the comparison is presented in detail. For cases 6–8, FAHSPSO-DE and IMFO achieved the best results for case 6. Also, FAHSPSO-DE, ESHADE, and CS-GWO obtain the best results for case 6, while HSC-GWO achieves lower

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**FIGURE 13.** Load bus voltage chart for cases 6-8 for the modified test system.

results due to excessing the constraints for some solution parameters. The proposed methodologies, HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c achieve better results than most of the literature. All HFO variants converge to the best results compared to other studies presented in the literature for case 8. Therewithal, HFO-1b achieves the best result among HFO variants for case 6 and case 7, while HFO-1c gets the best result for case 8.

In Table [9,](#page-19-1) it is seen that the proposed HFO variants converge to better results for case 3 when compared most of the studies reported. The HFO-1c variant achieves to best result among HFO variants with 800.387108 \$/h fuel cost. If the literature results are investigated, as it is noted below the table some studies namely, AMTPG-JAYA [\[53\], A](#page-27-20)O-AOA [\[70\], C](#page-27-37)S-GWO [\[46\], H](#page-27-13)SC-GWO [\[69\], M](#page-27-36)GTO [\[86\],](#page-28-15) ST-IWO [\[66\], L](#page-27-33)TLBO [\[44\], M](#page-27-11)SCA [\[54\], T](#page-27-21)LBO [\[42\], D](#page-27-9)E-HS [\[71\], W](#page-28-0)EA [\[101\],](#page-28-25) ESHADE [\[64\]](#page-27-31) have converges to better results but voltage deviation values are not reported which raises suspicion that the minimum and maximum limit values of buses are not kept within constraints. Also, for case 4, some literature studies of AO-AOA [\[70\], C](#page-27-37)S-GWO [\[46\],](#page-27-13) ST-IWO [\[66\],](#page-27-33) MSCA [\[54\],](#page-27-21) DE-HS [\[71\],](#page-28-0) WEA [\[101\],](#page-28-25) ESHADE [\[64\]](#page-27-31) also seems to converge to an infeasible solution due to excessing the limits of voltage constraints. Also, for the results presented in Table [10,](#page-20-0) it can be concluded that the proposed HFO variants converge to better results for cases 6-8 than most of the studies reported. The HFO-1b variant achieves to best result for cases 6 and 7 while HFO-1c converge to best result for case 8 among HFO variants. In some literature studies, voltage deviation and busbar voltage values are not reported that if those reported results are applied to the current system, the system will fail due to exceeding the constraints. The explanation of such reservations is reported under the table with detail.

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<sup>a</sup> voltage deviation not reported Infeasible solution that violates the load bus voltage constraints for (CS-GWO), (DE-HS) and (MCSO), al voltage deviation 2.047130 p.u Infeasible solution that violates the load bus voltage constraints for (AO-AOA), voltage deviation 1.65739 p.u Infeasible solution that violates the load bus voltage constraints for (ST-IWO), voltage deviation 1.0829 p.u Infeasible solution that violates the load bus voltage constraints for (LTLBO), voltage deviation 1.5987 p.u Infeasible solution that violates the load bus voltage constraints for (MSCA)<sup>a2</sup>: load bus voltage ranges different [0.95-1.1] for (HSC-GWO),(WEA), (TLBO) and (ESHADE)<sup>a3</sup>: not validated because control variables were not provided.

# *c: THE RENEWABLE INTEGRATED MODIFIED SYSTEM*

In this section, similar to other studies presented in the literature, two wind farms and one solar system are integrated into the IEEE 30 bus test system instead of thermal generators 5-11 and 13, respectively [\[85\]. F](#page-28-14)or predicting the wind power

<span id="page-20-0"></span>**TABLE 10.** Statistical comparison results for cases 6-8.

Method	Case 6	Case 7	Case 8
<b>TLBO[42]</b>	647.9202		
LTLBO[44]	647.4315		
<b>MSA[55]</b>	646.8364		
CGSCE[56]	646.5803		
ECHT-DE[23]	646.4314	832.0882	
EJADE[65]		832.0698	
HSC-GWO[69]	646.4314	806.2255	
C2oDE-ECM-FR[103]	646.402	832.071	
MGTO $[86]$ <sup>a</sup>	646.3025 <sup>a</sup>	832.0394	800.1129 <sup>a</sup>
$IMFO[51]$ <sup>a</sup>	645.8958 <sup>a</sup>	832.1023	
FAHSPSO-DE[72] <sup>a</sup>	644.0444 <sup>a</sup>	820.7488ª	804.8937
<b>MCSO[60]</b>		833.8211	
IBSA[63]		832.1423	
ACDE[22]		832.0722	
ST-IWO[66]		830.222	
Hybrid SFLA-SA[81]		825.6921	805.815
<b>WEA[101]</b>		825.2833	801.7703
<b>BSA[47]</b>		825.23	801.85
DE-HS[71]		824.9963	
ISSA[61]		824.1859	800.8417
$CS$ -GWO[46] <sup>a1</sup>		823.4304 <sup>a2</sup>	
ESHADE[64] <sup>a2</sup>		822.5304 <sup>a2</sup>	
HFO-la	646.376562	823.981580	800.665191
HFO-1b	646.375893	823.981360	800.665211
HFO 1c	646.375963	823.981392	800.665078

<sup>a</sup> control variables not reported therefore not verified (IMFO), (FAHSPSO-DE) and (MGTO), <sup>a1</sup> Infeasible solution that violates the load bus voltage constraints for  $(CS-GWO)$ , <sup>a2</sup>load bus voltage ranges different [0.95-1.1] for (HSC-GWO),(WEA), (TLBO) and (ESHADE).

depending on the wind speed, Weibull probability density function (PDF) is used. The Weibull PDF has 2 parameters namely *c* and *k* which are scale and shape factor, respectively. Also, in order to present the Weibull PDF of wind farm, the parameters of *vin*, *v<sup>r</sup>* and *vout* which are cut-in, rated and cut-out speed should be determined. In this study, the wind generators are planned to be replaced in IEEE 30 bus power system instead of thermal generators in buses 5 and 11. The output of the solar PV unit at bus 13 is dependent upon solar radiation and is represented by a lognormal probability density function (PDF) function. The probability of solar irradiance (*G*) following lognormal PDF with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$  is:

$$
f_G(G) = \frac{1}{G\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{ \frac{-(\ln x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \text{for } G > 0 \quad (36)
$$

Mean of lognormal distribution is defined as:

$$
M_{lgn} = exp\left(\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right) \tag{37}
$$

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In wind power integration, if the wind farm produces less power than scheduled amount, a problem may occur due to overestimating power from an uncertain source. For such situations, the system must operate out of schedule in order to provide the customers with uninterrupted supply. For wind farms, the reserve cost is the price of dedicating the reserve generating units to cover the overestimated amount. Another situation of operating wind farms is producing more power than scheduled amount. The excessive power would be wasted in such cases where the operator pays up penalty cost according to agreements [\[85\]. I](#page-28-14)n this study the direct wind power cost along with penalty and reserve cost is utilized. The direct cost function of wind farms along with the reserve and penalty functions are given in equations  $(38)-(40)$  $(38)-(40)$ , respectively.

<span id="page-20-1"></span>
$$
C_{W,j} (P_{ws,j}) = g_j P_{ws,j}
$$
(38)  

$$
C_{Rw,j} (P_{ws,j} - P_{wav,j}) = K_{Rw,j} (P_{ws,j} - P_{wav,j})
$$
  

$$
= K_{Rw,j} \int_0^{P_{wsj}} (P_{ws,j} - p_{w,j}) f_w(p_{w,j}) dp_{w,j}
$$
(39)

$$
C_{P_w,j} (P_{wav,j} - P_{ws,j}) = K_{Pw,j} (P_{wav,j} - P_{ws,j})
$$
  
=  $K_{Pw,j} \int_{P_{ws,j}}^{P_{w,j}} (p_{w,j} - P_{ws,j}) f_w (p_{w,j}) dp_{wj}$  (40)

<span id="page-20-2"></span>where,  $g_j$ ,  $K_{Rw,j}$  and  $K_{Pw,j}$  are the direct cost coefficient, the reserve cost coefficient and the penalty cost coefficient for the *j*-th wind power plant, respectively. *Pws*,*<sup>j</sup>* , *Pwav*,*<sup>j</sup>* and  $f_w\left(p_{w,j}\right)$  are the scheduled power, the actual available power and the wind power probability density function associated with *j*-th from the same plant, respectively. The total cost of wind power (*fcw*) generated from wind farms is described as follows;

$$
f_{cw} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_{wG}} \left[ C_{w,j} \left( P_{wsjj} \right) + C_{Rw,j} \left( P_{ws,j} - P_{wwv,j} \right) + C_{Pwj} \left( P_{wwv,j} - P_{ws,j} \right) \right] \tag{41}
$$

Like wind power plant, solar PV plant also have intermittent and uncertain output. In principle, approach to over and under

		Existing methods							Case-9		
Items	Range	<b>MFO[106]</b>	JS[107]	DMOA[108]	<b>BMO[109]</b>	IEO[110]	SHADE-SF[85]	HFO-la	$HFO-1b$	HFO-1c	
$P_{\rm G1}$	[50 140]	134.90	134.905	134.914	134.9078	134.9079	134.908	134.9079	134.9079	134.9079	
$P_{\rm G2}$	$\sqrt{20}$ 80]	28.471	29.0226	27.6003	26.6024	27.8087	28.564	28.52549	28.73079	28.85885	
$P_{\text{Gwind1}}$	$\lceil 0 \rceil$ 75]	44.644	43.9696	43.1838	43.8165	44.0873	43.774	43.78191	43.8050	43.69028	
$P_{\rm G8}$	$\lceil 10 \rceil$ $35$ ]	10.000	10.0006	10.0180	10.0001	10.0000	10	10.00014	10.00000	10.00002	
$P_{\text{Gwind2}}$	$\sqrt{0}$ 60]	36.588	37.0193	35.8046	36.0467	36.2702	36.949	37.21641	36.99769	36.98909	
$P_{\rm\,Gsolar}$	$\sqrt{0}$ 50]	34.460	34.2532	37.6001	37.8118	36.3030	34.976	34.43360	34.42937	34.42959	
$V_1$	[0.95 1.1]	1.0798	1.07725	1.0741	1.0814	1.0766	1.072	1.079900	1.079032	1.079396	
$V_2$	[0.95 1.1]	1.0647	1.05698	1.0576	0.95	1.0592	1.057	1.044519	1.033500	1.023908	
$V_5$	[0.95 1.1]	1.0428	1.03507	1.0344	1.0453	1.0338	1.035	1.052199	1.060782	1.071125	
$V_8$	[0.95 1.1]	1.1	1.03705	1.0394	1.0492	1.0299	1.04	1.054917	1.054222	1.054610	
$V_{11}$	[0.95 1.1]	1.1	1.0983	1.0951	1.1000	1.0887	1.1	1.059356	1.060292	1.058946	
$V_{13}$	$[0.95 \ 1.1]$	1.0583	1.04571	1.0531	1.0680	1.0494	1.055	1.042861	1.048435	1.047794	
$Q_{\rm G1}$	$\lceil 20 \rceil$ 150]	$-1.4418$	$-0.6835$	1.67529	18.0500			$-0.09491$	$-0.28628$	$-0.16883$	
$Q_{\rm G2}$	$\lceil -20 \rceil$ 60]	12.139	11.0011	10.9737	$-20.000$			12.93923	12.10517	12.43564	
$Q$ Gwindl	$\lceil 30 \rceil$ 35]	22.405	22.6673	2.18057	30.3440	$\blacksquare$	٠	22.70875	22.21903	22.18495	
$Q_{\rm{G8}}$	[1548.7]	40.00	40.000	33.3277	40.000	$\blacksquare$	$\blacksquare$	26.16270	26.69810	26.62275	
$Q$ Gwind2	$\lceil 25 \rceil$ 30]	28.294	30.00	28.1558	27.8687	$\blacksquare$	$\blacksquare$	8.566096	6.883986	7.405196	
$Q_{\text{ Gsolar}}$	$\lceil 20 \rceil$ $25$ ]	14.436	14.0246	15.73256	19.9978			4.560327	$-0.41858$	$-0.89662$	
$f_c(\frac{1}{2})$		781.69	782.6767	780.989	781.6519	782.0343	782.503	781.1702	781.1217	781.0787	
$f_{PL}$ (MW)				5.7209		5.9771	5.770	5.472571	5.575898	5.580408	
$f_{VD}$ (p.u)				0.46464			0.463	1.040979	0.972986	0.971495	

<span id="page-21-1"></span>**TABLE 12.** Results of case 9 on the IEEE-30 bus renewable integrated modified test system.

estimation of solar power shall be same as the wind power. However, as solar radiation follows lognormal PDF [\[104\],](#page-28-26) different from wind distribution which is well known for trailing Weibull PDF, for convenience in calculation the reserve and penalty cost models are built based on the concept pre-sented in [\[105\].](#page-28-27)

<span id="page-21-3"></span>Reserve cost for the*k*-th solar PV plant is:

$$
C_{Rs,k} (P_{ss,k} - P_{sav,k}) = K_{Rs,k} (P_{ss,k} - P_{sav,k})
$$
  
=  $K_{Rs,k} * f_s (P_{sav,k} < P_{ss,k})$   
 $\times * [P_{ss,k} - E (P_{sav,k} < P_{ss,k})]$  (42)

where,  $K_{Rs,k}$  is the reserve cost coefficient pertaining to *k*-th solar PV plant,  $P_{\text{sav},k}$  is the actual available power from the same plant.  $f_s(P_{\text{sav},k} < P_{\text{ss},k})$  is the probability of solar power shortage occurrence than the scheduled power  $(P_{ss,k})$ ,  $E(P_{sav,k} < P_{ss,k})$  is the expectation of solar PV power below  $P_{ss,k}$ .

Penalty cost for the underestimation of *k*-th solar PV plant is:

$$
C_{Ps,k} (P_{sav,k} - P_{ss,k}) = K_{Ps,k} (P_{sav,k} - P_{ss,k})
$$
  
=  $K_{Ps,k} * f_s (P_{sav,k} > P_{ss,k})$   
 $\times * [E (P_{sav,k} > P_{ss,k}) - P_{ss,k}]$  (43)

where,  $K_{Ps,k}$  is the penalty cost coefficient pertaining to *k*-th solar PV plant,  $f_s(P_{sav,k} > P_{ss,k})$  is the probability of solar power surplus than the scheduled power

<span id="page-21-2"></span> $(P_{ss,k})$ ,  $E(P_{sav,k} > P_{ss,k})$  is the expectation of solar PV power above *Pss*,*<sup>k</sup>* .

The objective of OPF is formulated by incorporating all the cost functions as discussed above.

$$
f_{c(TG+WG+SG)} = C_T (P_{TG}) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{wG}} [C_{w,j} (P_{ws,j}) + C_{Rw,j} (P_{ws,j} - P_{wavv}, + C_{Pw,j} (P_{wav,j} - P_{wsj})] + \sum_{k=1}^{N_{SG}} [C_{s,k} (P_{ss,k}) + C_{Rs,k} (P_{ss,k} - P_{sav,k}) + C_{Dct} (P_{cav}, - P_{cct})]
$$
(44)

where, *NWG* and *NSG* are the numbers of wind generators and solar PVs in the network respectively. All other cost components are calculated using Eqs. [\(38\)-](#page-20-1) [\(43\).](#page-21-0)

<span id="page-21-0"></span>A Monte Carlo simulation with 10,000 iterations can be used to determine the distribution of wind speed and solar radiation frequency at buses 5, 11, and 13, utilizing the Weibull and Lognormal parameters provided in Table [11.](#page-20-3) During the simulation, in addition to the turbine and PDF parameters given in Table [11,](#page-20-3) the direct cost coefficients of wind power are  $g_1 = 1.6$  and  $g_2 = 1.75$ . The penalty cost coefficient for not fully utilizing wind power is assumed to be  $K_{Pw,1} = K_{Pw,2} = 1.5$ , while the reserve cost coefficient for overestimation is  $K_{Rw,1} = K_{Rw,2} = 3$ . Accordingly, for the purposes of this study, the direct, penalty, and reserve cost coefficients for solar PV are assumed to be  $h = 1.6$ ,  $K_{Ps} = 1.5$ , and  $K_{Rs} = 3$ , respectively.

<span id="page-22-0"></span>

**FIGURE 14.** Graphs of reserve and penalty costs of renewable resources using HFO-1a, b, c algorithms for case 9 in the modified test system.

Detailed optimal results of control and status variables obtained by HFO-1 variants are given in Table [12.](#page-21-1) HFO-1c achieved the lowest production cost at \$781.0787/h and is highlighted in bold. This result is the lowest value compared to other methods, except DMOA. All variants of the HFO-1 algorithm have shown that they can be recommended as a solution to this problem by showing superior performance without violating all system constraints, despite the negative impact of the uncertainty of renewable resources. In addition, the proposed HFO-1 variants have also managed to keep renewable generators away from the maximum reactive power limit values. While the wind turbine at bus number 11 relies on the upper limit in the JS method and produces reactive power very close to the upper limit in other methods, the proposed method reaches 8.566 MVar with the highest HFO-1a variant. It produces reactive power. While the solar generator placed on busbar 13 worked in the region close to the upper limit value in other algorithms, variants of the proposed algorithm produced reactive power at lower values. This result is especially important in keeping renewable generators away from a strenuous working environment.

<span id="page-23-0"></span>**TABLE 13.** Simulation results of case study 10 on IEEE-118 bus test system.

						Case-10					
Items	HFO-1a	HFO-1b	HFO-1c	Items	HFO-1a	HFO-1b	HFO-1c	Items	HFO-1a	HFO-1b	HFO-1c
$P_{\rm G1}$	24.32766	25.05435	24.57541	$P_{\mathrm{G103}}$	38.24908	38.25431	38.26337	$V_{\rm{G80}}$	1.05982	1.05896	1.06000
$P_{G4}$	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	$P_{G104}$	0.00022	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{\rm{GS}}$	1.05108	1.05101	1.05141
$P_{G6}$	0.00001	0.00000	0.00001	P <sub>G105</sub>	5.44887	5.58367	5.50977	$V_{\rm G87}$	1.05421	1.05250	1.05632
$P_{\rm G8}$	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	$P_{G107}$	29.27697	29.23803	29.27508	$V_{\rm{G89}}$	1.06000	1.06000	1.06000
$P_{\mathrm{G10}}$	401.6865	401.6146	401.5810	$P_{\rm G110}$	7.18191	7.11000	7.23681	$V_{\rm G90}$	1.04112	1.04130	1.04147
$P_{G12}$	85.65998	85.61816	85.65866	$P_{G111}$	35.24568	35.24061	35.24389	$V_{\rm G91}$	1.04429	1.04469	1.04501
$P_{G15}$	19.79957	19.72903	19.79987	$P_{G112}$	36.63040	36.70794	36.64021	$V_{G92}$	1.04922	1.04921	1.04954
$P_{\rm G18}$	12.31951	12.13578	12.27911	$P_{G113}$	0.00003	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{\rm G99}$	1.05196	1.05162	1.05257
P <sub>G19</sub>	20.86661	20.85267	20.80416	$P_{G116}$	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{\rm G100}$	1.05566	1.05551	1.05642
$P_{G24}$	0.00001	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{\mathrm{G1}}$	1.03254	1.03256	1.03298	$V$ G103	1.04843	1.04829	1.04935
$P_{G25}$	194.3462	194.3571	194.3595	$V_{G4}$	1.05849	1.05891	1.05875	$V_{G104}$	1.03958	1.03945	1.04057
$P$ <sub>G26</sub>	280.6217	280.5908	280.5952	$V_{\rm G6}$	1.05081	1.05092	1.05136	$V_{\rm G105}$	1.03724	1.03711	1.03827
P <sub>G27</sub>	10.83565	10.81784	10.82840	$V_{\rm G8}$	1.04718	1.04781	1.04592	$V_{\rm G107}$	1.03108	1.03097	1.03215
$P_{G31}$	7.24710	7.24647	7.24663	$V_{\rm G10}$	1.05950	1.06000	1.05839	$V_{G110}$	1.03832	1.03814	1.03942
$P_{G32}$	15.39175	15.37209	15.42412	$V_{G12}$	1.04819	1.04801	1.04879	$V_{G111}$	1.04599	1.04585	1.04713
$P_{G34}$	3.10272	3.01135	3.09690	$V_{\text{G15}}$	1.04809	1.04808	1.04798	$V_{G112}$	1.03093	1.03081	1.03210
$P_{G36}$	9.00367	8.99394	9.06078	$V_{\rm G18}$	1.05014	1.04984	1.04987	$V_{\rm G113}$	1.05577	1.05570	1.05563
P <sub>G40</sub>	48.46866	48.40800	48.49019	$V_{\mathrm{G19}}$	1.04751	1.04737	1.04734	$V_{G116}$	1.05988	1.05997	1.05960
P <sub>G42</sub>	40.92712	40.92245	40.97725	$V_{G24}$	1.05005	1.04997	1.05031	$Q_{c.5}$	29.99979	29.96964	29.62576
P <sub>G46</sub>	19.05671	19.05503	19.05962	$V_{G25}$	1.06000	1.06000	1.06000	$Qc-34$	2.25391	1.02100	2.61201
P <sub>G49</sub>	193.7187	193.6640	193.7559	$V_{G26}$	1.06000	1.06000	1.06000	$Qc-37$	0.00006	0.00000	0.00000
$P_{G54}$	49.51155	49.51506	49.51857	$V_{G27}$	1.04522	1.04515	1.04528	$Qc-44$	4.29062	4.25050	4.27001
$P$ <sub>G55</sub>	31.58482	31.55740	31.59530	$V_{G31}$	1.04082	1.04063	1.04079	$Qc-45$	20.78510	20.82582	20.84006
$P_{G56}$	32.08258	32.08863	32.00455	$V_{G32}$	1.04419	1.04411	1.04424	$Qc-46$	28.42895	4.30557	23.99922
$P_{GS9}$	149.6313	149.6047	149.6286	$V_{G34}$	1.05530	1.05521	1.05523	$Qc-48$	8.53493	8.56260	8.53928
$P_{G61}$	148.4916	148.5068	148.5124	$V_{G36}$	1.05367	1.05361	1.05360	$Qc-74$	29.24289	30.00000	29.96397
P <sub>G62</sub>	0.00001	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{\rm G40}$	1.04285	1.04308	1.04325	$Qc-79$	30.00000	30.00000	30.00000
P <sub>G65</sub>	353.1999	353.1331	353.1993	$V_{G42}$	1.04305	1.04288	1.04358	$Q_{c-82}$	29.99998	29.99874	30.00000
P <sub>G66</sub>	349.8469	349.7990	349.8500	$V_{\rm G46}$	1.04433	1.04325	1.04499	$Qc-83$	11.61554	13.36956	10.99822
P <sub>G69</sub>	454.8938	454.9118	454.9240	$V_{G49}$	1.05719	1.05601	1.05795	$Q_{c-105}$	23.30494	7.64874	10.09674
P <sub>G70</sub>	0.00002	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{G54}$	1.04050	1.03937	1.04111	$Qc-107$	2.33767	25.95351	7.30397
P <sub>G72</sub>	0.00001	0.00000	0.00000	$V$ <sub>G55</sub>	1.04055	1.03941	1.04115	$Q_{c-110}$	18.27795	11.43287	25.64146
P <sub>G73</sub>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{G56}$	1.04024	1.03911	1.04085	$T_{8}$	0.98962	0.99152	0.98961
$P$ <sub>G74</sub>	17.41448	17.47268	17.45269	$V$ <sub>G59</sub>	1.05774	1.05698	1.05823	$T_{26}$	1.05980	1.05976	1.05989
P <sub>G76</sub>	23.25548	23.00150	22.73241	$V_{G61}$	1.06000	1.06000	1.06000	$T_{30}$	0.98573	0.98526	0.98435
P <sub>G77</sub>	0.00001	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{\rm G62}$	1.05590	1.05533	1.05590	$T_{38}$	0.98129	0.98069	0.98027
$P_{\rm G80}$	431.7840	431.7234	431.8193	$V$ G65	1.06000	1.06000	1.06000	$T_{63}$	0.98507	0.98579	0.98404
$P$ <sub>G85</sub>	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{G66}$	1.06000	1.06000	1.06000	$T_{64}$	0.99695	0.99931	0.99766
$P_{G87}$	3.63053	3.62743	3.63139	$V_{\rm G69}$	1.06000	1.06000	1.06000	$T_{65}$	0.98493	0.98389	0.98548
$P_{\rm G89}$	502.4463	502.5655	502.4654	$V_{\rm G70}$	1.03827	1.03743	1.03851	$T_{68}$	0.95222	0.95144	0.95195
$P_{G90}$	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{G72}$	1.04114	1.04088	1.04160	$T_{81}$	0.98782	0.98882	0.98756
$P_{G91}$	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{G73}$	1.03680	1.03691	1.03792	$f_C(\mathbb{S}/h)$	129612.0	129612.5	129611.7
$P_{G92}$	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{G74}$	1.02961	1.02819	1.03004	$f_{VC}(S/h)$	129896.4	129897.1	129898.4
P <sub>G99</sub>	0.00004	0.00000	0.00000	$V_{G76}$	1.01384	1.01275	1.01422	$f_{VD}(p.u)$	2.74527	2.72656	2.76389
$P_{G100}$	231.3264	231.4265	231.4359	$V_{\rm G77}$	1.04645	1.04548	1.04709	$f_{PL}(MW)$	76.51335	76.51229	76.53230

The changes in reserve and penalty costs between zero and nominal power values of each renewable resource are plotted in Figure [14.](#page-22-0) As expected, the penalty cost decreases while the reserve cost increases. It is seen that the penalty cost of solar power is higher than wind. This can be explained by the fact that the continuity of the wind throughout the year is greater than that of the sun. Among the HFO-1 variants, it is seen that the HFO-1c variant tends to quickly reduce the impact of the penalty cost and thus achieves the lowest cost.

# <span id="page-24-0"></span>**TABLE 14.** Simulation results of case study 11 on IEEE-118 bus test system.



#### 2) IEEE 118-BUS SYSTEM

The IEEE-118 bus system has a base apparent power of 100 MVA. The total system demand for active power is 4242 MW, and for reactive power is 1439 MVAR. The coefficients for fuel cost can be found in [\[48\]. T](#page-27-15)his section optimizes fuel cost and active power loss in a large-scale

118 bus test system in cases 10 and 11. Table [13](#page-23-0) presents the results of the control variables of HFO-1 variants for case 11. The results indicate that HFO-1c has the lowest cost at 129611.784386 \$/h for finding the least cost compared to the other variants. Furthermore, in Fig. [15,](#page-25-1) HFO-1c demonstrates faster convergence performance compared to the other

<span id="page-25-3"></span>**TABLE 15.** Statistical comparison results for case studies 10 and 11.

Method	Case 10	Case 11				
ECHT-DE[23]	135055.7	17.6946				
C2oDE-ECM-FR[103]	134943.8	16.79906				
IBSA[63]	134941.0367	16.2869				
ESHADE[64]	134794.92	15.5318				
IMFO[51]	1318200					
<b>NISSO[73]</b>	129879.45361					
MCSO[60]	129873.6					
QRJFS[67]	129760.7					
ESNST[57]	129747.7273					
<b>TLBO[42]</b>	129682.844					
MSA[55]	129640.7191					
GPU-PSO[29]	129627.03					
<b>BA-AMO[75]</b>	129550.8	12.029				
$CS$ -GWO[46] <sup>a1</sup>	129544.01 <sup>a1</sup>	9.7809 <sup>a1</sup>				
$AO-AOA[70]$ <sup>al</sup>	129311.701 <sup>al</sup>	16.7265				
HSC-GWO[69] $a2$	128947.961 <sup>a2</sup>					
ST-IWO[ $66$ ] <sup>a2</sup>	128431.035 <sup>a2</sup>					
HFO-1a	129612.083023	9.94847				
$HFO-1b$	129612.514527	9.83470				
HFO-1c	129611.784386	9.83843				

alInfeasible solution that violates the load bus voltage constraints, <sup>a2</sup>control variables are not reported.

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**FIGURE 15.** Basic fuel cost convergence of HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c for 118 bus test system.

variants. Case 11 pertains to the optimization of active power loss in the 118-bus test system. Table [14](#page-24-0) presents the results of the HFO-1 variants for case 11. Among the variants, HFO-1b has the lowest active power loss of 9.834698 MW and superior convergence performance, as shown in Fig. [16.](#page-25-2)

The results of the proposed study for cases 10 and 11 are compared with other proposed methods in the literature and given in Table [15.](#page-25-3) If results are investigated, it is seen that

<span id="page-25-2"></span>

**FIGURE 16.** Active power loss convergence of HFO-1a, HFO-1b and HFO-1c for 118 bus test system.

case 10 is studied more than case 11. For case 10, ST-IWO has the best result with 128431.035, which is followed by HSC-GWO and AO-AOA. However, as shown in Table [15,](#page-25-3) the results of HSC-GWO and AO-AOA are not considered the best solutions due to situations of not reporting the control variables and excessing the bus voltage constraint, respectively. At the same time, CS-GWO reported the best solution for case 11, but this method violates the voltage bus constraint similar to AO-AOA. The proposed variants of HFO converge to the best result compared to other state-of-theart methodologies in literature except ST-IWO for case 10. Also, the HFO variants converge to the best result in the literature for case 11. If the variants are compared, HFO-1c and HFO-1b obtain the optimal solution sets for case 10 and case 11, respectively, while the results of HFO-1a are also very close to other variants.

# <span id="page-25-0"></span>**V. CONCLUSION**

In this study, the HFO-1 algorithm is initially tailored to tackle the OPF problem, followed by the derivation of three new variants HFO-1a, HFO-1b, and HFO-1c. These variants are then benchmarked against state-of-the-art methods for the OPF problem and the CEC 2021 Benchmark Test Suite. The proposed HFO-1 variants not only effectively solve the challenging OPF problem by overcoming all technical and safety constraints of the power system, but also provide exceptional solutions for systems compounded by uncertainties of renewable resources. In general, HFO-1a mixes from random new solutions in the mixing phase, thus, its exploration power is better, whereas HFO-1b, which mixes from existing solutions, has better exploitation power. However, HFO-1c, as an extension to HFO-1a, provides a balance between its exploration and exploitation power using the proposed local search (solution update equation). The variants have the potential to be superior to one another against different problems, and

it has been demonstrated that the differences and benefits in the exploration, search and exploitation capabilities of the HFO-1 variants can be used to achieve better convergence of the solution sets of different objective functions to a more optimal solution point. In order to ensure a fair and transparent comparison with the literature, studies with the same constraint ranges were meticulously filtered out from the test systems having the same number of control variables. The developed HFO-1 variants, especially HFO-1c, yield results that surpass the performance of most studies. The penalty technique was employed to adhere rigorously to the constraint values, and the results are elaborately presented. As an equitable benchmarking tool, the voltage deviation is reduced to 0.08350 p.u., an achievement considered the best in the literature with no room for constraint violation. The main contribution of this work is the demonstration that, thanks to the diversity of HFO-1 variants, superior solutions can be obtained for the challenging OPF problem, which has inherently different solutions.

The proposed HFO-1 algorithm has shown promising results. It will play a significant role in the real-time stability and security analysis of power systems in the near future. Furthermore, it will provide researchers with fair and transparent benchmarking results under the same conditions, without compromising the system constraints that we are focused on.

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