# Grounding system impedance influence on the surge arrester frequency-dependent model parameters using PSO-GWO algorithm

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# Abstract

**Purpose** – This paper aims to focus on the inclusion of the frequency behavior of grounding system effect on surge arrester (SA) model parameters' estimation.

**Design/methodology/approach** – The grounding system impedance and its frequency behavior are the factors that have influence on the SA performance. Up to now, the grounding system impedance effect and the frequency behavior of the soil parameters have not been studied for the estimation of the parameters of the SA frequency-dependent model. In this paper, the grounding system's influence on the SA dynamic model has been simulated for rod- and counterpoise-shaped electrodes. Particle swarm optimization with a grey wolf optimization algorithm has been implemented as an optimization algorithm to adjust the parameters of the SA dynamic model.

Findings – The results show that the frequency behavior of the grounding impedance and soil electrical parameters can impress the optimum parameters of the SA frequency-dependent model and should be considered for more reliable results. Also, the results evidence that the proposed optimization method provides more accurate results compared to other optimization methods.

**Originality/value** – To the best of the authors' knowledge, this work is one of the first attempts to investigate the effect of frequency grounding system on SA frequency-dependent model parameters.

Keywords Grounding system impedance, Surge arrester dynamic model, Residual voltage, PSO-GWO algorithm

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# 1. Introduction

To improve the lightning performance of the transmission grids and failure rate diminishing, surge arresters (SAs) have been connected to critical points such as substations and transmission lines. SA is a device to protect electrical equipment from overvoltage transients caused by external (lightning) or internal (switching) events; hence, physical and electrical characteristics election of SAs and energy absorption capabilities are involved in lightning overvoltage limitation. The accurate placement and the determination of the electrical characteristics of the arresters organize critical issues that involve appropriate theoretical substantiation. This is reached by implementing simulation procedures,  $_{\text{DOI} \text{ 10108} \text{COMPEL-07-2022} \text{ OZ}}$ 



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precision of which depends on the used equivalent circuit models [\(Bedoui and Bayadi, 2019;](#page-18-0) [Jacqmaer](#page-18-1) et al., 2009; Li et al.[, 2021](#page-18-2); [Zhao and Magoulès, 2012;](#page-20-0) Zhou et al.[, 2020\)](#page-20-1). Suitable equivalent models have been represented by many researchers to compute the SA residual voltage for fast-front current waves ([Fernandez and Diaz, 2001;](#page-18-3) [Pinceti and Giannettoni,](#page-19-0) [1999](#page-19-0); [Application of Surge Protective Devices Subcommittee, 2023\)](#page-18-4). IEEE, Fernandez–Diaz and Pinceti models have been widely used for SA behavior simulation. In IEEE model, two sections of nonlinear resistances are divided by an R-L filter which has very little impedance for slow-front surges and the two nonlinear resistances are in parallel. For fast-front surges, the R-L filter impedance is significant and leads to a current distribution between the two nonlinear sections [\(IEEE Group, 1992\)](#page-19-1).

In Fernandez–Diaz model, it should be noted that the current ratio is constant over all of the ranges of protection characteristic voltage. With this additional constraint, the voltage increase between the input terminals depends only on the inductance which is obtained using the selection curves of percent increment in the residual voltage for various values of inductance [\(Fernandez and Diaz, 2001](#page-18-3)). In the Pinceti model, compared to the IEEE model, the capacitance is eliminated and there is one resistance (about 1-M) between the input terminals to avoid numerical oscillations (Pinceti, 2014). In fact, the last two proposed models are based on the IEEE model, with various parameter calculation processes. The precision of each model is very extremely influenced by the parameter values adjustment.

In response to these challenges, several iteration approaches have been exploited to predict the parameter values of the SA dynamic model [\(Bayadi, 2008;](#page-18-5) [Christodoulou](#page-18-6) et al., 2010a, [2010b](#page-18-7); [Christodoulou](#page-18-8) et al., 2011; [Christodoulou](#page-18-6) et al., 2010a, [2010b](#page-18-7); Lira et al.[, 2009;](#page-18-9) [Martinez and](#page-19-2) [Durbak, 2005](#page-19-2); Nafar et al.[, 2012,](#page-19-3) [2011;](#page-19-4) [Sengmanivanh](#page-19-5) et al., 2021; [Vahidi](#page-19-6) et al., 2008; [Zeinoddini-](#page-20-2)[Meymand](#page-20-2) et al., 2013). An objective function based on the integral of squares of measured errors, which is the error between simulated residual voltage and the obtained residual voltage from  $8/20$   $\mu$ s impulse current, has been introduced in Lira *et al.* [\(2009\).](#page-18-9) Procedures for appropriate parameter estimation and mathematical representation have been represented in [Martinez and](#page-19-2) [Durbak \(2005\)](#page-19-2). An optimization method based on the genetic algorithm (GA) has been introduced in [Bayadi \(2008\)](#page-18-5) to achieve the best probable collection of parameter values for SA models. In this method, the comparison of residual voltage simulated curve with an experimentally measured voltage curve is essential. Other approaches based on Powell's optimization or GA are represented in [Christodoulou](#page-18-6) et al. (2010a, [2010b\)](#page-18-7), in which the peak of the residual voltage has been used to yield objective function for optimization goal. GA is developed in [Christodoulou](#page-18-8) et al.  $(2011)$  and [Vahidi](#page-19-6) *et al.*  $(2008)$  to evaluate the metal oxide SA circuit model parameters.

The metal oxide SAs failure probability valuation has been introduced in [Christodoulou](#page-18-6) et al. [\(2010a](#page-18-6), [2010b\)](#page-18-7), which uses the equivalent circuit models. A developed optimization technique has been used for SA parameters estimation in [Nafar](#page-19-4) et al. (2011, [2012\)](#page-19-3). In addition, in these references, a comparison has been drawn among the various V-I characteristic assigning methods of the SA. An improved self-adaptive particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm has been established in [Zeinoddini-Meymand](#page-20-2) et al. (2013) to estimate SA model parameters. The best set of SA parameters have been calculated under lightning, switching and steep-front impulses. An optimization method based on the downhill simplex method has been introduced in [Christodoulou](#page-18-8) et al. (2011). These mentioned methodologies can be proved very valuable, for the accurate SA dynamic model plays an important role in achieving more precise and reliable results in transient analysis and lighting performance studies.

One of the most imperative parameters which has considerable influences on lightning overvoltages is the grounding system impedance. Up to now, the frequency behavior of the grounding systems has not been considered in the dynamic model of the SA to estimate parameter values of the SA. As the real ground connection has a significant resistance

[\(Christodoulou](#page-18-10) et al., 2014; [Khodsuz, 2022;](#page-18-11) [Sajadi](#page-19-7) et al., 2020; [Shariatinasab](#page-19-8) et al., 2017; [Shariatinasab and Gholinezhad, 2017\)](#page-19-9), the appropriate modeling of an SA is significant. It is obvious that the use of the optimum parameter values in the equivalent circuit models reduces the error between the manufacturer's and the simulated residual voltage significantly, something which is really very important because the arresters models can be more reliable for the insulation coordination studies representing more efficiently the arresters' behavior and resulting in more precise analysis. Within the context alluded above, the inclusion of frequency model of grounding system for the SA parameters should be considered. The method of moments (MoM) can be used as an effective method to solve the electric field integral equation. This method governs the current distribution along grounding system conductors. The MoM is a rigorous, full-wave numerical technique for solving open-boundary electromagnetic problems. Using this technique, you can analyze electromagnetic radiation, scattering and wave propagation problems with relatively short computation times and modest computing resources ([Sheshyekani](#page-19-10) et al., 2014).

This paper aims to evaluate the grounding system impedance effect on the estimation of SA model parameters. To assess the SA model parameters, the transient models of SA with and without considering grounding system impedance have been simulated using MATLAB software. The simulations of the SA dynamic model have been linked to a developed program that is based on particle swarm optimization with a grey wolf optimization (PSO-GWO) algorithm. Parameter determination of different SA models has been performed for ideal and frequency-dependent grounding system models. The grounding system has been simulated for different soil resistivities and also for various grounding electrodes including rod and counterpoise. The validity and accuracy of estimated parameters have been evaluated by comparing the simulated residual voltage and the manufacture's values. The relative error values for the IEEE, Pinceti and Fernandez models have been diminished after optimization compared to their initial values for all simulated grounding systems. The results show that the frequency behavior of the grounding system affects the calculated optimum values of the SA parameters. Consequently, the SA parameters have been calculated more accurately when the frequency behavior of the grounding system is considered in the dynamic model. In addition, the optimized parameters are different for counterpoiseshaped and rod-shaped grounding system which shows the effect of the grounding system type on the SA optimized parameters.

# 2. Modeling the grounding system and metal oxide surge arrester

In this section, the frequency-dependent model of the SA has been investigated and modeled in MATLAB software.

#### 2.1 Metal oxide surge arrester modeling

The SA models have been represented in the supplementary file (as Figure A). The represented model of IEEE Working Group 3.4.11 includes five parameters  $(R_0, R_1, L_0, L_1, C)$ . In this model, the inductance dedicated to magnetic fields in the surrounding of the SA has been modeled as the inductance  $L_0$ . To stabilize the numerical integration,  $R_0$  has been used during the IEEE model implementation on a computer program. In this model, the inductance  $L_1$  and the resistance  $R_1$  comprise the filter between the two nonlinear resistances (the nonlinear resistances  $A_0$  and  $A_1$ ). The arrester terminal-to-terminal capacitance has been modeled as C in the represented model.

Simpler forms of the IEEE model have been presented by the other two models. There is no capacitance in the Pinceti–Giannettoni model. However, this model has one resistance at

the input terminals [\(Application of Surge Protective Devices Subcommittee, 2023](#page-18-4)). The resistor  $R$  is used to avoid numerical oscillations when running the model with a digital program. In the Fernandez–Diaz model,  $L_0$  has been neglected and  $L_1$  has been used to separate the nonlinear resistors  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  ([Fernandez and Diaz, 2001\)](#page-18-3). The SA terminal-to-terminal capacitance that has been demonstrated by  $C$  is in the arrester model ([Fernandez and Diaz, 2001](#page-18-3)). The resistor  $R$  is used to avoid numerical oscillations. COMPEL.

# 2.2 Grounding system model

The effective circuit modeling of SAs and their parameters adjusting are critical problems for lightning performance and insulation coordination studies. A key objective is to provide a method for the adjustment of the parameters of the circuit models to achieve a more precise demonstration of their dynamic behavior. The results precision of each model is strongly dependent on its adjusted parameters. For this, several iteration methods have been proposed to set the parameter values to minimize the error between the simulated residual voltage and the manufacturer's one ([Christodoulou](#page-18-6) et al., 2010a, [2010b;](#page-18-7) [Christodoulou](#page-18-8) et al., 2011; [Vahidi](#page-19-6) et al., 2008). Unfortunately, the exact model of the grounding system has been disregarded in previous researches, and the grounding system has been assumed as an ideal ground. So, grounding system is necessary to adjust the parameters of the SAs' circuit models.

Rod-shape and counterpoise-shape are two grounding systems consisting of one or several buried vertical and horizontal conductors. These two kinds of grounding systems have been modeled in this paper. The length of the grounding rod is 6 m, with a circular cross-sectional radius of 8 mm. The counterpoise is one-port 8 m  $\times$  8 m, with the burial depth and the radius of 1 m and 8 mm, respectively.

To solve the electric field integral equation solutions, the moment's method is used in the frequency domain. For this purpose, the grounding system is estimated to thin wires that are divided into small segments. To calculate the longitudinal current distribution, the tangential electric field is calculated on each section surface due to each current sample placed in the conductor's axis. This current can be estimated to a constant value, piecewise sinusoidal or a ramp function. The current distribution along grounding conductors and the electric field within the solution domain are calculated by the electric field integral equation solving. The voltage rise at the excitation port can be then easily obtained as a line integration over the electric field along a prespecified path. Finally, the system impedance is formed by the voltage and current values [\(Sheshyekani](#page-19-10) et al., 2014; [Visacro](#page-19-11) et al., 2011). After that, to get a transfer function of a certain order, vector fitting is applied to approximate the frequency response. It is able to identify the state space models directly from the frequency domain responses of any single or multiple input–output systems. The system transfer function can be represented as the sum of partial fractions that each one can be modeled as a branch circuit with a specific admittance value. Finally, the synthesized circuit is made by the parallel-connected branches.

Owing to this fact, the soil conductivity and relative permittivity show a frequencydependent behavior over the frequency range. Because all the computation in the moment's method are performed in the frequency domain, the frequency dependency of the soil parameters is easily inserted in the calculation. As shown in equation (1), the model proposed by [Longmire and Smith \(1975\)](#page-18-12) is used to model frequency-dependent soil electrical parameters:

$$
\rho_0 = 125 \left(\frac{p}{10}\right)^{-0.54} \quad (\Omega.m)
$$
\nGrounding system

\n
$$
\rho(f) = \begin{pmatrix}\n\rho_0^{-1} + 2\pi\varepsilon_0 \sum_{n=1}^{14} \frac{a_n \left(\left(\frac{p}{10}\right)^{1.28} \cdot 10^{n-1}\right) \left(\frac{p}{\left(\frac{p}{10}\right)^{1.28} \cdot 10^{n-1}}\right)^2}{1 + \left(\frac{f}{\left(\frac{p}{10}\right)^{1.28} \cdot 10^{n-1}}\right)^2}\n\end{pmatrix}^{-1}
$$
\nthrough the system

\n
$$
\varepsilon_r(f) = \varepsilon_{\infty} + \sum_{n=1}^{14} \frac{a_n}{1 + \left(\frac{f}{\left(\frac{p}{10}\right)^{1.28} \cdot 10^{n-1}}\right)^2},
$$
\n(1)

where f is the frequency ranging from dc to 2 MHz;  $\varepsilon_r(f)$  and  $\rho(f)$  are the relative permittivity and soil resistivity, respectively;  $\rho_0$  is the low-frequency resistivity;  $\dot{p}$  is the water percentage of soil; and  $a_n$  are coefficients ([Longmire and Smith, 1975](#page-18-12)). It should be noted that the calculation has been done for soil resistivities 100, 250, 500, 1000 and 3000  $\Omega$  m. These three values correspond to water percentages  $p = 11.6\%$ ,  $p = 2.77\%$ ,  $p = 0.767\%$ ,  $p = 0.213\%$  and  $p = 0.028\%$ . In all cases, the  $\varepsilon_{\infty}$  is considered 5. The synthesized circuit and the impedance amplitudes for rod grounding system topologies and different soil resistivities are shown in [Figure 1](#page-5-0) (counterpoise-shaped circuit has been shown as Figure B in the supplementary file).

#### 3. Formulation of the optimization problem

There are different parameters in the three considered models due to which their quantity may have different values. Five parameters exist in the IEEE model  $(R_0, R_1, L_0, L_1, C)$ , and the Pinceti-Gianettoni model and the Fernandes–Diaz model have three parameters  $(R_0, L_0, L_1)$  and  $(R_0, L_0, C)$ , respectively. The minimization of the relative error has been proposed as an objective function.

The parameters  $(R, L, C)$  of each model form a column vector as follows:

$$
x = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5]^T = [R_0, R_1, L_0, L_1, C]^T
$$
  
(IEEE model)  

$$
x = [x_1, x_2, x_3]^T = [R_0, L_0, L_1]^T
$$
  
(Pinceti – Gianettoni model)  

$$
x = [x_1, x_2, x_3]^T = [R_0, L_0, C]^T
$$
  
(Fernandes–Diaz model) (2)

The optimal values  $x_i$  will be found by applying an optimization algorithm. Minimizing the relative error is the optimization goal which has been calculated as follows:

$$
e = \left| \frac{V_s - V_m}{V_m} \right| \tag{3}
$$

where  $V_s$  is the simulated residual voltage peak value and  $V_m$  is the measured one.

The behavior of individuals of bird swarms is the basis of the PSO algorithm. An individual in the swarm tries to approach the optimum through its present velocity, previous experience and the experience of its neighbors or an entire population. These particles are moved around in the search space according to their present velocity, previous



<span id="page-5-0"></span>Rod grounding system model

**Notes:** (a)  $\rho = 100 \Omega$  m; (b)  $\rho = 250 \Omega$  m; (c)  $\rho = 500 \Omega$  m; (d)  $\rho = 1000 \Omega$  m; (e)  $\rho = 3000 \Omega$  m; (f) self-impedances of the vertical rod

experience and the experience of their neighbors. When improved positions are being discovered, these will then come to guide the movements of the swarm. PSO algorithm permits swarms to profit from their previous experiences, and it is an interesting feature of PSO ([Gaing, 2003](#page-18-13); [Longmire and Smith, 1975;](#page-18-12) [Niknam](#page-19-12) et al., 2010).

This method has many advantages including simple implementation and adjusting a few parameters. However, this algorithm may trap into a local minimum. Recently, numerous techniques have been reported to overcome this disadvantage by using the hybridization of PSO with other global optimization algorithms [\(Esmin](#page-18-14) et al., 2005; Pal et al.[, 2016](#page-19-13); [Rokbani](#page-19-14) et al., 2013). [Esmin](#page-18-14) et al. (2005) introduced a new hybrid algorithm called PSO-GWO by combining the PSOs utilization ability with GWO's exploration capability. A hybrid approach has been formulated by combining PSO and GWO algorithms that produce effective and fruitful results. Therefore, in this paper, the hybrid technique of PSO-GWO has been used to generate the best solutions.

#### <span id="page-6-0"></span>3.1 Particle swarm optimization

In the PSO method, particle swarms have the absolute authority to transfer in a multidimensional search space, and the velocity of each particle has been updated as follows [\(Gaing, 2003;](#page-18-13) [Niknam](#page-19-12) et al., 2010):

$$
v_i^{k+1} = \omega v_i^k + c_1 rand_1 \left( p_{i, \text{best}}^k - x_i^k \right) + c_2 rand_2 \left( p_{i, \text{gbest}}^k - x_i^k \right) \tag{4}
$$

where  $\omega$  is the inertia weight varying in the range of 0.4 to 0.9.  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are acceleration factors and rand<sub>1</sub> and rand<sub>2</sub> are random parameters that vary between [0,1].  $p_{i, t}$ <sub>ibbest</sub> is the best previous experience of the *i*th swarm particle, and the best experience between the total population has been shown as  $p_{i,gbest}$ . The swarm location updating process is according to equation (5):

$$
x_i^{k+1} = x_i^k + v_i^{k+1}
$$
 (5)

# 3.2 Grey wolf optimization

The GWO is a technique based on swarm intelligence which is influenced by the social behavior of grey wolves and based on their hunting strategy. GWO is categorized into four types of wolves. An alpha wolf has a major role in generating new solutions. The second and third levels near alpha wolves have been called beta and delta wolves. The beta wolves guide the leader wolves to make decisions. Response to the alpha has been performed by the delta wolves. Finally, the lowest ranking of wolves has been introduced as omega wolves (Faris et al.[, 2018](#page-18-15); [Mahapatra](#page-19-15) et al., 2019; [Mirjalili](#page-19-16) et al., 2014).

The hunting pattern of grey wolves contains three steps:

- (1) approaching prey hounding;
- (2) aggressively surrounding the prey until it stops moving; and
- (3) attacking the prey.

To mathematically model the behavior of surrounded prey, the following equations are proposed:

$$
D = |C.X_P(t) - X(t)|
$$
  
 
$$
X(t+1) = |X_P(t) - A.D|
$$
 (6)

where t is the iterations' number, the prey positions have been shown by  $X_P$  and X is the gray wolf location. A and C are the coefficient vectors given as follows:

$$
A = x(2r1 - 1)
$$
  
\n
$$
C = 2r2
$$
\n(7)

With iterations increasing, the value of x decreases linearly from 2 to 0. The parameters  $r_1$ and  $r_2$  are random numbers in the range of [0, 1]. The updating equation consists of the movement of other wolves in accordance with the three best wolves' position as given by:

$$
D_{\alpha} = |C_1 \mathbf{X}_{\alpha} - \mathbf{X}|
$$
  
\n
$$
D_{\beta} = |C_2 \mathbf{X}_{\beta} - \mathbf{X}|
$$
  
\n
$$
D_{\delta} = |C_3 \mathbf{X}_{\delta} - \mathbf{X}|
$$
\n(8)

where  $D_{\alpha}$ ,  $D_{\beta}$  and  $D_{\delta}$  are the adapted distance between the alpha, beta and delta positions to the other wolves.  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are the coefficient factors which are represented in [equation \(4\).](#page-6-0) If the best values in each iteration were  $X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$ , then the updated prey position would be calculated based on the mean position as given below:

$$
X_1 = |X_{\alpha} - a_1 D_{\alpha}|
$$
  
\n
$$
X_2 = |X_{\beta} - a_2 D_{\beta}|
$$
  
\n
$$
X_3 = |X_{\delta} - a_3 D_{\delta}|
$$
  
\n
$$
X(t + 1) = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}{3}
$$
\n(9)

#### 3.3 Particle swarm optimization–grey wolf optimization

The PSO-GWO algorithm has been developed without changing the general operation of the PSO and GWO algorithms. GWO and PSO hybridization integrates the investigation ability of GWO into PSO, and better-produced positions can be made for particles. On the other hand, GWO keeps an equilibrium between investigation and utilization and employs to support the PSO algorithm to diminish the possibility of falling into a local trapping. The investigation capability of the GWO algorithm is used to avoid these risks by leading some particles to positions that are partially improved by the GWO technique instead of directing them to random positions. Thus, hybrid PSO-GWO uses both the advantages of PSO and GWO algorithms. By the PSO-GWO implementation, the solution time may increase, but the developed and improved global searching capability of the hybrid method covers the extended time and consequently improves the convergence. The pseudocode of PSO-GWO algorithm is as follows:

```
1: Imaxiter the number of maximum iterations set by the user
2: Imaxpso the number of maximum PSO iterations set by the user
    3: PS: the number of population sizes set by the user
            4: procedure PSO-GWO
              5: Initialize particles
            6: for i = 1 to Imaxpsodo
              7: for j = 1 to PS do
            8: Run standard PSO
   9: Update the velocity and the position of current particle
            10: if Ipso = Imaxpso then
              11: Set x, A, C values
             12: Run standard GWO
       13: Update the position of \alpha, \beta, \delta wolves
            14: Update x, A, C values
15: position of current particle = mean of the positions of three
    best wolves
                  16: end if
                 17: end for
                 18: end for
              19: end procedure
```
# 4. Proposed method

The frequency-dependent model of the grounding system has been taken into account to predict the arrester residual voltage under injected current impulse. The flowchart of the PSO-GWO algorithm has been shown in [Figure 2.](#page-8-0) As shown in [Figure 2](#page-8-0), during optimization, the peak value



of the SA residual voltage has been calculated by the simulated model in MATLAB software for each model of the SA (Simulink section), and then it has been transferred to the PSO-GWO program for the objective function evaluation. This process continues to find the optimum values of each model parameter. The objective function has been proposed based on the error minimization between simulated residual voltage and the manufacture's value. The objective function has been represented as follows:

<span id="page-8-0"></span>
$$
Objective Function = \left| \frac{V_s - V_m}{V_m} \right| \tag{10}
$$

where  $V_s$  and  $V_m$  are the simulated and measured residual voltage peak values, respectively.

## 5. Simulation results

A 150 kV SA simulation has been done using the MATLAB software based on the three SA models. The information of the studied SA has been given in [Table 1.](#page-9-0) [Table 2](#page-9-1) represents the computed primary values of SA model parameters for  $10 \text{ kA} 8/20 \mu s$  injected current. These parameters have been calculated according to the equation mentioned in [Fernandez and](#page-18-3) [Diaz \(2001\)](#page-18-3), [Pinceti and Giannettoni \(1999\)](#page-19-0) and [Application of Surge Protective Devices](#page-18-4) [Subcommittee \(2023\)](#page-18-4).

The best-obtained solutions by the objective function optimization and for  $100 \Omega$  m soil resistivities have been summarized in [Table 3](#page-9-2). The obtained results for 250, 500, 1000 and  $3000 \Omega$  m have been represented in the supplementary file (see Table 3-a, Table 3-b, Table 3-c and Table 3-d). The best solutions have been achieved after 200 independent runs for the three SA models. The simulation has been done for three kinds of ground systems including ideal grounding system, rod-shaped and counterpoise-shaped systems and different soil resistivities. As can be seen, optimum parameter values are different from the initial values that are shown in [Table 2.](#page-9-1) The optimum values have been calculated based on the error minimization between the datasheet and the simulated residual voltage for all considered grounding systems (ideal, counterpoise and rod). It is obvious that the considering grounding system model affects the computed optimal parameter values. COMPEL

Also, it is obvious that soil with different resistivities influences the optimized parameters which shows the effect of soil resistivity on the SA model parameters. Although the effect of the grounding system on the SA performances may differ and sometimes the counterpoise system may be better than a single rod, or vice versa, but the important issue is that if an SA is installed in a power system for insulation coordination studies, the SA parameters should be optimized according to the considered ground system in the studied system. In this case, the surge residual voltage is matched with the manufacture reported

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residual voltage, resulting in a more reliable SA model. To show the grounding system effect on the SA residual voltage, the simulated residual voltage of optimized and nonoptimized model is shown in [Figure 3](#page-10-0). In these conditions,  $5 \text{ kA} 8/20 \mu s$  lightning current has been applied to SA IEEE model. The soil resistivity has been elected 500  $\Omega$  m for rod grounding system. As shown in [Figure 3,](#page-10-0) considering grounding system impedance influences the residual voltage, and the optimum values of the SA model parameters lead to more precise results. The simulated residual voltage for optimized SA model has less difference compared to simulation one.

The simulated residual voltage curves for rod and counterpoise grounding system and for optimized SA model are shown in [Figure 4.](#page-11-0) In this condition,  $10 \text{ kA}$  8/20  $\mu$ s lightning current has been applied to the IEEE model of SA, and the soil resistivity has been chosen 500, 1000 and 3000  $\Omega$  m. The measured residual voltage for 10 kA 8/ 20  $\mu$ s lightning surge has been shown in [Figure 5](#page-11-1). The residual voltage measuring has been carried out in the laboratory with the ground system including the rod with the length of the 6 m and 8 mm circular cross-sectional radius. In addition, the soil resistivity was 100  $\Omega$  m. To validate the simulation, simulated surge residual voltage for rod grounding system and  $100 \Omega$  m resistivity has been shown in [Figure 5](#page-11-1). As shown in [Figure 5,](#page-11-1) simulated residual voltage and measured one are matched for optimum SA frequency model.

In addition, comparing [Figures 4](#page-11-0) and [5](#page-11-1) shows that the obtained residual voltage has good agreement with the measured signal, and the optimization process was able to predict SA frequency model parameters with acceptable accuracy. The residual voltage peak values for rod grounding system are 396, 402 and 404 kV for 500, 1000 and 3000  $\Omega$  m, respectively. These values for counterpoise grounding system are 397, 398 and 400 kV for 500, 1000 and  $3000 \Omega$  m, respectively. As shown in this figure, the grounding system type can affect the residual voltage amplitude, and it is better to consider the grounding system impedance during SA modeling.

[Figure 6](#page-12-0) shows the PSO-GWO algorithm convergence diagram for the three studied models' best solution for  $10 \text{ kA}$ ,  $8/20 \mu s$  injected current and counterpoise system. In this figure, soil resistivity is  $100 \Omega$  m. The initial values of peak residual voltage which have been obtained by the represented parameters in [Table 2](#page-9-1) have been shown in [Table 4](#page-13-0) for soil resistivity 100  $\Omega$  m. The obtained results for other soil resistivity have been represented in the supplementary file (see Table 4-a to Table 4-d).



<span id="page-10-0"></span>Figure 3. The simulated residual voltage of optimized and nonoptimized surge arrester model



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<span id="page-11-1"></span>Figure 5. Surge arrester measured and simulated residual voltage curves



<span id="page-12-0"></span>convergence diagram

**Notes:** (a) Ideal ground; (b) counterpoise; (c) rod ( $\rho = 100 \Omega$  m)

As can be seen in [Table 4](#page-13-0), the residual voltage peak values are different for the current values of  $5$ ,  $10$  and  $20 \text{kV}$ . The presented results show that the grounding frequencydependent model can change the residual voltage compared to the ideal ground condition. Based on the obtained results from [Table 4,](#page-13-0) for the ideal ground system, the relative errors maximum value of the IEEE model occurs in  $10 \text{ kA}$ ,  $1/20 \mu s$  lightning impulse current which is equal to 6.1%. This error for the Pinceti model is 6.4% and has been happened in  $20 \text{ kA}$ ,  $8/20 \mu \text{s}$ . Moreover, this value for the Fernandez model takes place in 5 kA lightning impulse current, and it is equal to 8.17%. For the rod-shape and the counterpoise-shape, the Fernandez model has the lowest relative error for  $5 \text{ kA}$ ,  $8/20 \mu \text{s}$  and  $10 \text{ kA}$ ,  $8/20 \mu \text{s}$  current waveforms, in which the finest (lowest) relative error for  $10 \text{ kA}$ ,  $1/20 \mu s$  and  $20 \text{ kA}$ ,  $8/20 \mu s$ has been obtained by the Pinceti model. In addition, the IEEE model has the worst performance in terms of minimum and maximum amplitudes of relative error.

Based on the obtained results from Supplementary Table 4-a, for the soil resistivity  $250 \Omega$  m, the relative errors maximum value of the IEEE model occurs in 5 kA, 8/20  $\mu$ s lightning impulse current which is equal to 15.3%. This error for the Pinceti model is 8.14% and has been occurred in  $10 kA$ ,  $1/20 \mu s$ . Moreover, this value for the Fernandez model takes



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# Table 4.

The initial amplitude of residual voltage (in kV) for each SA model ( $\rho = 100 \, \Omega$  m)

place in 5 kA lightning impulse current, and it is equal to 13.9%. Based on the reported results in Supplementary Table 4-b, for the soil resistivity  $500 \Omega$  m, the maximum error values of the IEEE model, Pinceti model and Fernandez model are equal to 19.2, 13.76 and 15.2%, respectively.

Based on the obtained results from Supplementary Table 4-c, the maximum error value for the IEEE model is 9.3% and has been happened in  $10 \text{ kA}$ ,  $1/20 \mu s$ . Moreover, this value for the Fernandez model takes place in 20 kA lightning impulse current and it is equal to  $-9.1\%$ . The highest error for Pinceti is 9.06%. As shown in Supplementary Table 4-d, the IEEE model has the maximum error value compared to two other models. This error takes place for 20 kA, 8/20  $\mu$ s and the amplitude is 14.25%.

The peak residual voltage optimum values based on the optimized parameters, which have been given in [Table 3](#page-9-2), have been represented in [Table 5.](#page-15-0) As shown in [Table 5](#page-15-0), for soil resistivity 100  $\Omega$  m (compared to results in [Table 3](#page-9-2)), the better results for lightning impulse currents  $(8/20 \text{·}\mu s \text{ wavelength})$  and steep front surge  $(1/2 \text{·}\mu s \text{)}$ waveform) have been achieved after the optimization process. The best relative error values for the injected transient current have been obtained by the Pinceti model for all represent grounding systems. For lightning impulse current, the IEEE model has the best result and the lowest relative error values compared to the Fernandez and Pinceti models.

The IEEE model parameters optimization reduces the maximum error of the residual voltage by about 5.5% compared to the initial value for the ideal ground. The error reductions for the rod and the counterpoise systems are 10% and 8.1% compared to initial values, respectively. Comparison of the Pinceti model parameters maximum error before and after optimization shows that the maximum error has been reduced by 7.2% for the ideal ground. The error reduction for the rod and the counterpoise systems is 4.7% and 5%, respectively. Under such conditions, the error reductions are  $7.6\%$ . 10.6% and 9.5% for the ideal, rod and the counterpoise grounds in the Fernandez model.

The obtained result for other soil resistivities has been represented in the supplementary file (see Table 5-a to Table 5-d). Comparing the represented results of Table 5-a to Table 5-d with Table 4-a to Table 4-d shows that the obtained errors have been improved for the different considered soil resistivities. These results indicate that the grounding impedance should be modeled for the dynamic model parameters computation. It leads to fewer errors and more accurate results. Results show that the grounding system frequency behavior has effects on the SA optimum values parameter. This shows the importance of a frequency-dependent model representation for SA parameters estimation.

To compare the efficiency of the PSO-GWO, the obtained results for  $10 \text{ kA}$ ,  $8/20 \mu s$ have been compared to the other optimization techniques results. It should be noted that all investigations, in previous researches, have been performed for an ideal grounding system, and the grounding system resistance effect has not been investigated in previous literatures. The best-estimated parameters for the IEEE model and soil resistivity 100  $\Omega$  m have been listed in [Table 6](#page-16-0). It should be mentioned that GA is an effective technique for optimization problems. The concept is easy to understand, but GA is a time-consuming method.

In accordance with above explanation and as shown in [Table 6,](#page-16-0) the PSO-GWO algorithm has predicted the estimated parameters more accurately than the other algorithms. The lowest error for the residual voltage amplitude of the SA model has been achieved by PSO-GWO algorithm. Besides, the modified PSO had the best results compared to the genetic and the PSO

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# Table 5.

Residual voltage optimized value (in kV) for each model of SA  $(\rho = 100 \,\Omega \, \text{m})$ 

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Table 6. IEEE Model optimum results based on PSO-GWO and PSO techniques  $(\rho = 100 \,\Omega \, \text{m})$ 

techniques. The comparative performances of the studied algorithms for the minimum and maximum repetitions and simulation times have been summarized in [Table 7.](#page-17-0)

As shown in [Table 7,](#page-17-0) it is obvious that PSO-GWO is able to solve a proposed problem with lower errors, the most of the time as compared to the PSO and GA. To show the convergence ability of the PSO-GWO, the convergence performances of these algorithms have been compared together, and the achieved results have been represented in [Figure 7.](#page-17-1) On the basis of obtained results and convergence performance of the variants, it is concluded that PSO-GWO is more reliable in giving superior quality results with reasonable iterations and avoids premature convergence of the search process to local optimal point and provides superior exploration of the search course.

# 6. Conclusions

This paper focuses on the inclusion of the frequency behavior of grounding system effect on SA model parameters estimation. SA modeling was performed both for the ideal grounding system and frequency-dependent grounding system and for various soil resistivities. A PSO-GWO algorithm was developed to determine the parameters of metal oxide SA model, including the IEEE, Pinceti–Giannettoni and Fernandez–Diaz. The results show that the frequency behavior of the grounding system affects the optimum values of the SA parameters. Depending on the grounding system types and soil resistivity, different parameter values for SA dynamic model have been acquired. Consequently, the SA parameters have been calculated more accurately when the frequency behavior of the grounding system is considered in the dynamic model. This is an important issue especially for insulation coordination studies. Finally, to compare the efficiency of the PSO-GWO, the obtained results based on the optimization method

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<span id="page-17-1"></span>Figure 7. Convergence curve of studied optimization algorithms for IEEE model

have been compared to the other optimization techniques. The results showed that the proposed optimization algorithm achieved the lowest error, which is better than the one provided by other investigated algorithms.

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