



Hybrid GW-PSO Algorithm for Enhanced Maximum Power Point Tracking under Various Conditions

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Abstract: Photovoltaic (PV) systems face challenges in maximizing their output potential due to non-uniform sunlight distribution and unpredictable weather conditions, known as partial shading. To address these challenges, hybrid control algorithms have emerged as a promising solution. This paper presents a novel hybrid algorithm called HGW-PSO, which combines the strengths of Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) and Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO). The hybrid approach utilizes the exploration capabilities of GWO and the convergence capabilities of PSO to achieve faster convergence, reduced oscillations, and improved implementation efficiency. The performance of the proposed HGW-PSO algorithm was evaluated under various scenarios of uniform and non-uniform shading. The results showed that HGW-PSO outperformed PSO, GWO, and Peafowl Optimization Algorithm (POA) in terms of tracking accuracy and convergence speed. Specifically, HGW-PSO achieved an average efficiency of 99.96% and a convergence time of less than 40 milliseconds, compared to 99.51% for GWO, 99.28% for POA, and 99.11% for PSO. These results demonstrate the effectiveness of the HGW-PSO algorithm in maximizing power tracking outcomes under challenging shading conditions.

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