# Optimal Peak Shaving Control Using Dynamic Demand and Feed-In Limits for Grid-Connected PV Sources With Batteries

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*Abstract***—Peak shaving of utility grid power is an important application, which benefits both grid operators and end users. In this article, an optimal rule-based peak shaving control strategy with dynamic demand and feed-in limits is proposed for gridconnected photovoltaic (PV) systems with battery energy storage systems. A method to determine demand and feed-in limits depending on the day-ahead predictions of load demand and PV power profiles is developed. Furthermore, an optimal rule-based control strategy that determines day-ahead charge/discharge schedules of battery for peak shaving of utility grid power is proposed. The rules are formulated such that the peak utility grid demand and feed-in powers are limited to the corresponding demand and feed-in limits of the day, respectively, while ensuring that the state-of-charge (SoC) of the battery at the end of the day is the same as the SoC of the start of the day. The optimal inputs required for applying the proposed rule-based control strategy are determined using a genetic algorithm for minimizing peak energy drawn from the utility grid. The proposed control algorithm is tested for various PV power and load demand profiles using MATLAB.**

*Index Terms***—Battery energy storage systems (BESSs), peak shaving, photovoltaic (PV) energy.**

## NOMENCLATURE

*A. Notations*



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# I. INTRODUCTION

**I** T IS challenging to integrate RES with the grid because of their intermittent nature [1]. BESS is a flexible solution to absorb and store excess power available with RES and deliver it T IS challenging to integrate RES with the grid because of their intermittent nature [1]. BESS is a flexible solution to as and when required [2]. The BESS is used to reduce the energy demand of the utility grid and increase the utilization of PV energy to increase the self-consumption of the system [3]–[5]. A grid-connected BESS offers several services such as energy shifting, peak shaving, power quality improvement, and spinning reserve [6]. Peak shaving is an important application, which benefits both grid operators and end users. For grid operators, peak shaving is used to maintain balance between generation and demand, resulting in improved load factor and economical operation of generation. It also provides improved system efficiency and power reliability of the grid [7]. Similarly, peak shaving is helpful in reducing consumer's electricity bills by shifting peak demand from a high-price period to a low-price period [8]. Moreover, it offers improved power quality and reliability for end users.

Various methods are used to control BESS charge/discharge schedules such as genetic algorithm, dynamic programming, rule-based algorithms, etc. [9]–[11]. The rule-based algorithms attempt to execute instructions from a starting set of data and *if–then* statement rules [12]. These algorithms are simple to implement and develop as compared to other methods. The rule-based approaches are compared with the optimization approaches in [13] and [14]. It is shown that rule-based approaches do not provide optimality even though they are simple. However, to avoid that limitation in the proposed method, the inputs required for the proposed rule-based peak shaving control are determined optimally using the genetic algorithm.

In the case of peak shaving, the maximum limit of power that is drawn from (injected into) the utility grid is known as the demand limit (feed-in limit). Flexible day-to-day management with a battery is maintaining its SoC at the end of the day, the same as the SoC of the start of the day. In [15]–[17], for peak shaving with the battery controller, a fixed demand limit is considered. However, the feed-in limit is not considered. In [18], flexible day-to-day management, along with the effective PV energy utilization, is considered for peak shaving application. However, the demand limit is fixed. In [19], the dynamic feed-in limit is considered for peak shaving, but the demand limit is not considered. In [20], peak shaving using optimal schedules of the BESS with a dynamic demand limit is considered, but the feed-in limit is not considered.

It is known that the voltage drop issues in the distribution network are due to the peak demand, and voltage rise issues are due to peak feed-in powers. Therefore, it is important to limit both peak demand and feed-in powers for a better voltage profile in the distribution network. However, in the existing literature, the peak shaving control considering both demand and feed-in limits together is not discussed while maintaining flexible day-to-day management. To avoid that limitation, both demand and feed-in powers are considered together in the proposed method while maintaining flexible day-to-day management.



Fig. 1. Residential system with PV source, BESS, and ac load [18].

Moreover, the available PV energy and load demand over a day vary with respect to environmental conditions and seasonal changes, respectively. In this scenario, there is a possibility to limit the demand and feed-in powers to a power that is less than the fixed limit. Considering this, both demand and feed-in limits are considered as dynamic in this article. It means demand and feed-in limits are fixed over a day but vary for different days, depending on the available day-ahead predictions of load demand and PV power. These limits are given as inputs to the proposed rule-based control algorithm. The contributions of this article are as follows.

- 1) A method for determining the inputs required for rulebased peak shaving control, which includes both dynamic demand and feed-in limits of the day, is proposed.
- 2) A rule-based control algorithm that gives charge/discharge schedules of battery for peak shaving of utility grid power (limiting the utility grid demand and feed-in powers to the corresponding demand and feed-in limits of the day), considering flexible day-to-day management, is proposed.
- 3) The optimal inputs required for proposed rule-based peak shaving control are determined using genetic algorithm for minimizing the peak grid energy drawn from the utility grid.
- 4) The proposed optimal peak shaving control method is tested on the considered system. The quantitative and qualitative comparisons with the existing work are presented. Moreover, the comparison of the proposed article considering the energy cost and voltage profile of the system over a day is presented.

The rest of this article is organized as follows. Section II describes the considered system. Section III discusses the operating modes of the battery. Section IV explains the proposed method of determination of inputs. Section V discusses the proposed rule-based peak shaving control method. Section VI explains the determination of optimal inputs. Sections VII and VIII present results and conclusions, respectively.

# II. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

A grid-connected residential end-user system consisting of PV, BESS connected at the dc bus, and ac load demand at the ac bus of the system is considered, as shown in Fig. 1 [18]. The grid is a power source that is capable of delivering/absorbing power.



Fig. 2. Operating time slots of modes of battery  $(t_{\text{disch}}$  when  $P_d(t)$  $P_{d-\lim}$ && $P_{\text{pv}}(t) \leq P_d(t) - P_{d-\lim}$ ;  $t_{\text{ch1}}$  when  $P_d(t) \leq P_{d-\lim}$ ; and  $t_{\text{ch2}}$  $\text{when } P_d(t) > P_{d-\text{lim}} \& \& P_{pv}(t) > P_d(t) - P_{d-\text{lim}}).$ 

#### *A. Load Demand*

The residential end-user load, which is considered as ac load demand, is connected at the ac bus of the system. Two types of load demand profiles, i.e., summer and winter profiles, are considered. Peak load occurs during 20:00 and 23:00 h for summer with a peak load of 4 kW, whereas it occurs during 09:00 and 12:00 h for winter with a peak load of 3.88 kW [21].

# *B. Interfacing Converter*

The ac and dc buses are connected by a bidirectional converter known as interfacing converter (IC). The IC acts as a rectifier and an inverter, while transferring power from ac bus to dc bus and dc bus to ac bus, respectively. The IC controls the power balance and maintains constant dc-link voltage.

# *C. PV Source*

The PV source is connected at the dc bus of the system through a dc–dc converter. This dc–dc converter helps PV source to operate at maximum power point. An installed PV power rating of 1.6 kW is considered.

## *D. BESS*

The battery is connected to the dc bus of the system through a dc–dc converter. This dc–dc converter is used to step up the battery voltage to the dc-bus voltage. A battery with a rating of 120 V, 100 Ah is chosen for peak shaving application.

The system parameters are chosen as per [18]. The power balance equation at the point of common coupling (PCC), neglecting losses, is given as

$$
P_{\text{grid}}(t) + P_{\text{pv}}(t) + P_b(t) = P_d(t). \tag{1}
$$

A discrete-time model is assumed. In (1), "*t*" represents the time interval  $[(t-1) \times T_c, t \times T_c]$ , where  $T_c$  is each time slot duration, i.e.,  $T_c = 1$  h.

# III. OPERATING MODES OF BATTERY

With the considered battery along with the PV source, it is possible to limit  $P_{grid}(t)$  to  $P_{d-lim}$ . The operating time slots of modes of battery for typical load demand and PV power profiles are indicated in Fig. 2. There are three operating modes to limit



Fig. 3. Coordination of inputs required for rule-based peak shaving control algorithm.

 $P_{grid}(t)$  to  $P_{d-lim}$  using a battery in the presence of a PV source. These are defined as follows.

- 1) *Discharging mode:* The discharging mode is during the time  $t_{\text{disch}}$ , when load demand is more than the demand limit and the PV source is unable to supply the required *power, i.e.,*  $P_d(t) > P_{d-\lim} \&\& P_{pv}(t) \leq P_d(t) - P_{d-\lim}$ . The symbol "&&" indicates logical AND operator.
- 2) *Charging mode 1:* Charging mode 1 is during the time  $t_{ch1}$ , when load demand is less than the demand limit, i.e.,  $P_d(t) \leq P_{d-\text{lim}}$ .
- 3) *Charging mode 2:* Charging mode 2 is during the time  $t<sub>ch2</sub>$ , when load demand is more than the demand limit and the PV source is able to supply the required power, i.e.,  $P_d(t) > P_{d-1im} \& \& P_{pv}(t) > P_d(t) - P_{d-1im}$ .

# IV. PROPOSED METHOD OF DETERMINATION OF INPUTS

The required inputs for the proposed rule-based peak shaving control are determined using predicted load demand and PV powers. The inputs are  $P_{d-\text{lim}}$ ,  $E_{b-\text{ch}}$ ,  $E_{\text{pv-ch}}$ ,  $E_{g-\text{ch}}$ ,  $C_g$ ,  $P_{d-\text{lim}}^m$ , and  $P_{\text{fil}}$ . The coordination of these inputs is given in the flowchart in Fig. 3. First, *P<sup>d</sup>*−lim, *E<sup>b</sup>*−ch, and *E*pv−ch are determined. Then,  $E_{g-ch}$  is determined if  $E_{pv-ch} \leq E_{b-ch}$ . The  $P_{d-\text{lim}}^m$  is determined if  $E_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}} + E_{g-\text{ch}} \leq E_{b-\text{ch}}$ ; otherwise,  $C_g$ is determined.  $P_{\text{fil}}$  is determined if  $E_{\text{pv-ch}} > E_{b-\text{ch}}$ . These inputs are used for determining battery charge/discharge schedules for peak shaving control. The method of determination of these inputs is discussed as follows.

## *A. Demand Limit*

Let us define a control variable known as the dischargeable energy of battery over a day  $(E_{b-\text{disch}}^*)$  which is chosen between 0 kWh and *E<sup>b</sup>*−rated (including both 0 kWh and *E<sup>b</sup>*−rated), i.e.,

$$
0 \le E_{b-\text{disch}}^* \le E_{b-\text{rated}}.\tag{2}
$$

Since  $E_{b-\text{rated}}$  is 12 kWh,  $E_{b-\text{disch}}^* \in [0, 12]$  kWh.

The demand limit is determined such that *Eb*−disch is equal to *E*∗ *<sup>b</sup>*−disch. Therefore, we have

$$
E_{b-\text{disch}} = E_{b-\text{disch}}^* \tag{3}
$$

$$
\sum P_{b-\text{disch}}(t) - E_{b-\text{disch}}^* = 0 \quad \forall t \in t_{\text{disch}}.\tag{4}
$$

To limit  $P_{grid}(t)$  to  $P_{d-lim}$ , the required amount of power  $P_d(t) - P_{d-\text{lim}}$  is supplied either by PV source or battery to load when  $P_d(t) > P_{d-\text{lim}}$ . However, the battery provides the amount of power that could not be supplied by the PV source. Therefore, we have

$$
P_{b-\text{disch}}(t) = (P_d(t) - P_{d-\text{lim}}) - P_{\text{pv}}(t) \quad \forall t \in t_{\text{disch}}
$$
  
= 0, otherwise. (5)

Substituting (5) into (4) gives

$$
\sum ((P_d(t) - P_{d-\lim}) - P_{\text{pv}}(t)) - E_{b-\text{disch}}^* = 0 \quad \forall t \in t_{\text{disch}}.
$$
\n(6)

Equation (6) is in form of  $f(P_{d-1im})=0$ , where

$$
f(P_{d-\lim}) = \sum ((P_d(t) - P_{d-\lim}) - P_{\text{pv}}(t)) - E_{b-\text{disch}}^*
$$
  

$$
\forall t \in t_{\text{disch}}.
$$
 (7)

In (7),  $P_{d-\text{lim}}$  is an independent variable. To solve for  $P_{d-\text{lim}}$ , the root-finding algorithm of the regula falsi method is used [22]. The regula falsi method is a combination of the secant method and the bisection search theorem. The regula falsi method is faster than the bisection method, and root convergence is guaranteed. According to the regula falsi method,  $(P_{d-1im1}, P_{d-1im2})$ are chosen such that  $f(P_{d-\text{lim1}})$  is positive and  $f(P_{d-\text{lim2}})$  is negative. Then,  $P$ <sup>*d*−lim0</sub> is determined as follows:</sup>

$$
P_{d-\lim} = \frac{1}{m} (0 - f(P_{d-\lim 1})) + P_{d-\lim 1}, \text{ where}
$$

$$
m = \frac{f(P_{d-\lim 2}) - f(P_{d-\lim 1})}{(P_{d-\lim 2} - P_{d-\lim 1})}.
$$
(8)

Using (24), we determine  $f(P_{d-\text{lim}0})$ . When  $|f(P_{d-\text{lim}0})| < e$ ,  $P_{d-\text{lim}0}$  becomes  $P_{d-\text{lim}}$ . When  $|f(P_{d-\text{lim}0}| > e$ , either replace *P*<sup>*d*−lim1</sup> by *P*<sup>*d*−lim0</sup> (if *f*(*P*<sup>*d*−lim0</sub>) > 0) or replace *P*<sup>*d*−lim2</sup> by</sup>  $P_{d-\text{lim}0}$  (if  $f(P_{d-\text{lim}0})$  < 0). Then, continue the above process till  $P_{d-\text{lim}}$  becomes  $P_{d-\text{lim}}$ . The applied regula falsi method to determine  $P_{d-\text{lim}}$  is shown as a flowchart in Fig. 4.

# *B. Required Energy for Charging Battery Over a Day*

For flexibility of day-to-day management, the required energy for charging battery over a day must be equal to the energy to be discharged from battery over a day, i.e.,

$$
E_{b-ch} = E_{b-disch} = E_{b-disch}^*.
$$
 (9)

## *C. Available PV Energy to Charge the Battery Over a Day*

From  $(9)$ , the battery is to be charged by the amount of energy  $E_{b-ch}$ , either by the PV source or the utility grid. First, the available PV energy to charge the battery over a day (without injecting into grid) is calculated. If it is not sufficient, then the



Fig. 4. Determination of demand limit using the regula falsi method.

available utility grid energy to charge the battery is determined. The  $P_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}}$  is  $P_{\text{pv}}(t)$  and  $P_{\text{pv}}(t) - (P_d(t) - P_{d-\text{lim}})$  during  $t_{\text{ch1}}$ and  $t_{ch2}$ , respectively, i.e.,

$$
P_{\text{pv-ch}} = P_{\text{pv}}(t) \quad \forall t \in t_{\text{ch1}}
$$
  
=  $P_{\text{pv}}(t) - (P_d(t) - P_{d-\text{lim}}) \quad \forall t \in t_{\text{ch2}}$   
= 0, otherwise. (10)

Then, the available PV energy for charging battery over a day is the sum of  $P_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}}(t)$  over a day as given in

$$
E_{\text{pv-ch}} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} P_{\text{pv-ch}}(t)
$$
 (11)

where *T* is the predictive horizon of 24 h.

# *D. Available Utility Grid Energy to Charge the Battery Over a Day*

From (9) and (11), if  $E_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}} \leq E_{b-\text{ch}}$ , it means that the available PV energy is not sufficient to charge the battery with the required amount of energy. Then, deficit amount of energy is drawn from the utility grid provided that its demand is not more than the demand limit. It means that the utility grid is not used to charge the battery during  $t_{ch2}$ . Then, during  $t_{ch1}$ , the available power from the utility grid to charge the battery ( $P_{g-{\rm ch}}(t)$ ) for limiting  $P_{grid}$  to  $P_{d-lim}$  is  $P_{d-lim} - P_d(t)$ , i.e.,

$$
P_{g-ch}(t) = P_{d-lim} - P_d(t) \quad \forall t \in t_{ch1}
$$
  
= 0, otherwise. (12)

Then, the available utility grid energy for charging battery over a day is the sum of  $P_{q-ch}(t)$  over a day as given in

$$
E_{g-ch} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} P_{g-ch}(t).
$$
 (13)

# *E. Coefficient of Utility Grid Energy to Charge the Battery*

From (9), (11), and (13), if  $E_{\text{pv-ch}} \leq E_{b-ch} \& \& E_{g-ch} +$  $E_{\text{pv-ch}}$  *> E*<sub>*b*−ch</sub>, the deficit amount of energy for completely charging battery, i.e.,  $E_{b-ch} - E_{pv-ch}$ , has to be supplied by the utility grid. However, only a fraction of utility grid energy is required to charge the battery while utilizing the total available PV energy for charging battery. In this case, if  $C_qE_{q-ch}$  is considered as the required utility grid energy to charge the battery, it is equal to  $E_{b-{\rm ch}} - E_{\rm pv-ch}$ , as

$$
C_g E_{g-ch} = E_{b-ch} - E_{pv-ch}
$$

$$
C_g = \frac{E_{b-ch} - E_{pv-ch}}{E_{g-ch}}.
$$
(14)

#### *F. Modified Demand Limit*

From (9), (11), and (13), if  $E_{g-ch} + E_{pv-ch} \le E_{b-ch}$ , it means that the battery is unable to charge with the required amount of energy to limit  $P_{grid}(t)$  to  $P_{d-lim}$ . In this case, SoC<sub>f</sub> cannot be equal to SoC*i*, which results in violation of flexible day-to-day management. To avoid this violation,  $P$ <sup>*d*−lim</sup> is modified such that the sum of the available energy from the utility grid and the PV source to charge the battery over *T* is equal to the energy to be discharged by the battery over *T*, i.e.,

$$
\sum_{t=1}^{T} P_{g-ch}^{m}(t) + \sum_{t=1}^{T} P_{\text{pv-ch}}^{m}(t) = \sum_{t=1}^{T} P_{b-\text{disch}}^{m}(t). \quad (15)
$$

Superscript "*m*" indicates respective quantities for modified demand limit  $P_{d-\text{lim}}^m$ . Using (5), (10), and (12), substituting  $P_{\text{p}-\text{disch}}^m(t)$ ,  $P_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}}^m(t)$ , and  $P_{g-\text{ch}}^m(t)$  into (15) for  $t_{\text{ch1}}^m$ ,  $t_{\text{ch2}}^m$ , and *t m* disch gives

$$
\sum (P_{d-\lim}^m - P_d(t)) + (P_{\text{pv}}(t)) - (0) = 0 \quad \forall t \in t_{\text{ch1}}^m \quad (16)
$$

 $\sum(0) + (P_{\text{pv}}(t) - (P_d(t) - P_{d-\text{lim}}^m)) - (0) = 0 \quad \forall t \in t_{\text{ch2}}^m$ (17)

$$
\sum_{\forall t \in t^m_{\text{disch}}} (0) + (0) - (-(P_{\text{pv}}(t) - (P_d(t) - P_{d-\text{lim}}^m))) = 0
$$
\n
$$
\forall t \in t^m_{\text{disch}}.
$$
\n(18)

Combining (16)–(18) over *T* gives

$$
\sum_{t=1}^{T} (P_{\text{pv}}(t) - (P_d(t) - P_{d-\text{lim}}^m)) = 0.
$$
 (19)

Then, the modified demand limit is given as

$$
P_{d-\lim}^m = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T (P_d(t) - P_{\text{pv}}(t))}{T}.
$$
 (20)

#### *G. Feed-in Limit*

From (9) and (11), if  $E_{\text{pv-ch}} > E_{b-\text{ch}}$ , then complete available PV energy is not required to charge the battery with the required amount of energy. Therefore, a limit of PV power  $P_{\text{fil}}$ is determined such that the PV source is not used to charge the battery when  $P_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}}(t) \leq P_{\text{fil}}$  and is completely charged with  $P_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}}(t) - P_{\text{fil}}$  when  $P_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}}(t) > P_{\text{fil}}$  during  $t_{\text{ch}}$ , i.e.,

$$
\sum (P_{\text{pv-ch}}(t) - P_{\text{fil}}) = E_{b-\text{ch}} \quad \forall t \in t_{\text{ch}} \& \& t_1. \tag{21}
$$



Fig. 5. Determination of feed-in limit using the regula falsi method.

In (21),  $t_1$  is the time when  $P_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}}(t) > P_{\text{fil}}$ . Moreover,  $P_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}}(t) = P_{\text{pv}}(t)$  when  $t_{\text{ch}} = t_{\text{ch1}}$  and  $P_{\text{pv}-\text{ch}}(t) = P_{\text{pv}}(t)$  −  $(P_d(t) - P_{d-\text{lim}})$  when  $t_{ch} = t_{ch2}$ 

$$
\sum (P_{\text{pv-ch}}(t) - P_{\text{fil}}) - E_{b-\text{ch}} = 0 \quad \forall t \in t_{\text{ch}} \& \& t_1. \tag{22}
$$

Equation (22) is in form of  $f(P_{\text{fil}})=0$ , where

$$
f(P_{\text{fil}}) = \sum (P_{\text{pv-ch}}(t) - P_{\text{fil}}) - E_{b-\text{ch}} \quad \forall t \in t_{\text{ch}} \& \& t_1. \tag{23}
$$

In (22),  $P_{\text{fil}}$  is an independent variable. Therefore, to solve for *P*fil, the root finding algorithm of the regula falsi method is used. The determination of  $P_{\text{fil}}$  using the regula falsi method is similar to the determination of  $P_{d-\text{lim}}$ . First,  $(P_{\text{fill}}$ ,  $P_{\text{fill}}$ ) are chosen such that  $f(P_{\text{fill}})$  is positive and  $f(P_{\text{fill}})$  is negative. Then,  $P_{\text{fil}}$ is determined as follows:

$$
P_{\text{fil0}} = \frac{1}{m} (0 - f(P_{\text{fil1}})) + P_{\text{fil1}}, \text{ where}
$$

$$
m = \frac{f(P_{\text{fil2}}) - f(P_{\text{fil1}})}{(P_{\text{fil2}} - P_{\text{fil1}})}.
$$
(24)

Using (24), we determine  $f(P_{\text{fil}})$ . When  $|f(P_{\text{fil}})| < e$ ,  $P_{\text{fil}}$ becomes  $P_{\text{fil}}$ . When  $|f(P_{\text{fil}}| > e$ , either replace  $P_{\text{fil}}$  by  $P_{\text{fil}}$  $(f(P_{\text{fil0}}) > 0)$  or replace  $P_{\text{fil2}}$  by  $P_{\text{fil0}}$  (if  $f(P_{\text{fil0}}) < 0$ ). Then, continue the above process till  $P_{\text{fil}}$  becomes  $P_{\text{fil}}$ . The applied regula falsi method to determine  $P_{\text{fil}}$  is shown as a flowchart in Fig. 5.

#### V. PROPOSED RULE-BASED PEAK SHAVING CONTROL

Considering the above determined inputs, rules for peak shaving control are formulated to know the day-ahead charge/discharge schedules of battery. These rules are formulated such that the day-to-day management is flexible while limiting peak utility grid demand and feed-in powers to the corresponding demand and feed-in limits, respectively. The formulated rules during discharging and charging modes are explained in this section.

Mode of operation Rule Utility grid power Discharging mode  $\overline{P_{d-lim}}$  $\overline{1}$ Charging mode-1  $\overline{2}$  $P_d(t) + C_g(P_{d-lim} - P_d(t))$  $\frac{P_{d-lim}^m}{P_d(t)-P_{fil}}$  $\overline{3}$ Charging mode-1  $\overline{4}$ Charging mode 1  $\overline{5}$  $\overline{P_d(t)-P_{pv}(t)}$ Charging mode-1 Charging mode-2  $\overline{6}$  $P_{d-lim}$ Charging mode-2 7  $P_{d-lim} - P_{fil}$  $P_d(t) - P_{pv}(t)$ Charging mode-2  $\overline{8}$ 

TABLE I UTILITY GRID POWER

# *A. Discharging Mode (During tdisch)*

*Rule 1:* The battery discharges by the amount  $(P_d(t) P_{d-\text{lim}}$ ) −  $P_{\text{pv}}(t)$  as per (5).

## *B. Charging Mode 1 (During tch*1*)*

- *Rule 2:* If  $E_{\text{pv-ch}}$  ≤  $E_{b-\text{ch}}$ && $E_{\text{pv-ch}}$  +  $E_{g-\text{ch}}$  >  $E_{b-\text{ch}}$ , the PV source and the utility grid are used to charge the battery by the amount  $P_{\text{pv}}(t) + C_q(P_{d-\text{lim}} - P_d(t))$ as per (10), (12), and (14).
- *Rule 3:* If  $E_{\text{pv-ch}} \leq E_{b-\text{ch}} \& \& E_{\text{pv-ch}} + E_{g-\text{ch}} \leq E_{b-\text{ch}}$ , the PV source and the utility grid are used to charge the battery by the amount  $P_{\text{pv}}(t) + (P_{d-\text{lim}}^m - P_d(t))$  as per (16).
- *Rule 4:* If  $E_{\text{pv-ch}} > E_{b-\text{ch}} \&\& P_{\text{pv}}(t) > P_{\text{fil}}$ , the PV source is used to charge the battery by the amount  $P_{\text{pv}}(t) - P_{\text{fil}}$ as per (10) and (21).
- *Rule 5:* If  $E_{\text{pv-ch}} > E_{b-\text{ch}} \& \& P_{\text{pv}}(t) \leq P_{\text{fil}}$ , the PV source is not used to charge the battery.

# *C. Charging Mode 2 (During tch*2*)*

- *Rule 6:* If  $E_{\text{pv-ch}} \leq E_{b-\text{ch}}$ , the PV source is used to charge the battery by the amount  $P_{\text{pv}}(t) - (P_d(t) - P_{d-\text{lim}})$ as per (10).
- *Rule 7:* If  $E_{\text{pv-ch}} > E_{b-\text{ch}} \& \& (P_{\text{pv}}(t) (P_d(t) P_d(t)))$  $(P_{d-\text{lim}})$ ) >  $P_{\text{fil}}$ , the PV source is used to charge the battery by the amount  $(P_{pv}(t) - (P_d(t) (P_{d-\lim})$ ) −  $P_{\text{fil}}$  as per (10) and (21).<br>If  $E_{\text{nv-ch}} > E_{h-\text{ch}} \& \& (P_{\text{n}})$
- *Rule 8:* If  $E_{\text{pv-ch}} > E_{b-\text{ch}} \& \& (P_{\text{pv}}(t) (P_d(t) P_d(t)))$  $(P_{d-\text{lim}})) \leq P_{\text{fil}}$ , the PV source is not used to charge the battery.

The SoC of the battery during discharging and charging modes is calculated using the coulomb-counting method [23] as follows:

$$
SoC(t) = 1 - \frac{\sum_{t_0}^{t} i}{Ah_{b-\text{rated}}}
$$
 (25)

where the current *i* is positive for discharging and negative for charging.

Considering the aforementioned Rules 1–8 and (1), the resulting utility grid power is given in Table I.

TABLE II SYSTEM PARAMETERS [18]

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value	
$P_{d-peak}$	4 kW	$SoC_l/SoC_u$	0.2/0.9	
$P_{pv-ins}$	1.6 kW	$SoC_i$	0.5	
$E_{b-rated}$	$12$ kWh	$P_{b-ch-max}$	3 kW	
$Ah_{b-rated}$	Αh 100	$P_{b-disch-max}$	$3 \text{ kW}$	

#### VI. DETERMINATION OF OPTIMAL INPUTS

Peak shaving of utility grid power with the optimal utilization of battery is important. The optimal problem formulation is discussed as follows.

The considered fitness function and constraints are given as follows:

$$
minimize f = E_{grid-peak}
$$
 (26)

subjected to

$$
P_{\text{grid}}(t) + P_{\text{pv}}(t) + P_b(t) = P_d(t) \tag{27}
$$

$$
SoC_l \le SoC(t) \le SoC_u, SoC_f = SoC_i \tag{28}
$$

$$
P_{b-ch}(t) \le P_{b-ch-max}, P_{b-disch}(t) \le P_{b-disch-max} \tag{29}
$$

$$
E_{b-\text{disch}}^* \le E_{b-\text{rated}}.\tag{30}
$$

Equation (26) says that the objective is to minimize  $E_{\text{grid}-\text{peak}}$ . Equation (27) indicates the power balance constraint. Equation (28) indicates the constraints of SoC limits of the battery and the flexible day-to-day operation of the battery. Equations (29) and (30) indicate the constraints of charge/discharge powers of the battery and dischargeable energy of the battery over a day, respectively. The system parameters along with the constraints are shown in Table II [18].

In (26), *E*grid−peak is the peak energy drawn from the utility grid over the day, i.e.,

$$
E_{\text{grid-peak}} = \text{maximum}(E_{\text{grid}}(t)) \quad \forall t \in [0, T]. \tag{31}
$$

*E*grid is determined as

$$
E_{\text{grid}}(t) = (P_{\text{grid}}(t)) \times T_c.
$$
 (32)

 $E_{b-\text{disch}}^*$  is considered as control variable, since the required inputs for peak shaving control depend on  $E_{b-\text{disch}}^*$ , as discussed earlier. The formulated problem is an offline optimization problem with a nonlinear fitness function, which is solved using the genetic algorithm (GA) solver in MATLAB. The genetic algorithm is a popular heuristic optimization technique for solving a nonlinear optimization problem [24]. A population size of 20 is considered.

The method of determination of optimal dischargeable energy of the battery  $(E^*_{ob-\text{disch}})$  using the ga solver is shown as a flowchart in Fig. 6. Once  $E_{ob-disch}^*$  is determined, the inputs corresponding to  $E_{ob-disch}^*$  are considered as the optimal inputs required for the proposed rule-based control, i.e., *Pod*−lim, *Eob*−ch,  $E_{\text{opv-ch}}, E_{\text{og-ch}}, C_{\text{og}}, P_{\text{od-lim}}^m$ , and  $P_{\text{ofil}}$ . It means the output of optimization, i.e., solving of the optimization problem, gives the optimal rule-based inputs. Later, these optimal rule-based



Fig. 6. Genetic algorithm for determining optimal dischargeable energy of the battery.



0.3152

**NA** 

**NA** 

 $\overline{\text{NA}}$ 

 $\overline{\text{NA}}$ 

0.8249

0.1929

 $\overline{NA}$ 

**NA** 

 $\overline{\text{NA}}$ 

 $\overline{NA}$ 

0.0543

 $C_{og}$  $\frac{1}{-lim}$  (kW)

 $P_{\sigma fil}$  (kW)

TABLE III OPTIMAL INPUTS OF CONTROL ALGORITHM FOR FOUR CASES

inputs are used to determine optimal battery schedules using the proposed rule-based peak shaving control algorithm. The proposed peak shaving control is shown as a flowchart in Fig. 7.

#### VII. RESULTS

The proposed method is tested on the considered system for various load and PV power profiles to show the applicability for any grid-connected PV system with the BESS. The optimal inputs required for applying the control algorithm for these cases are determined and given in Table III. The plot of best fitness value and generations for multiple runs of genetic algorithm for the case of winter load profile with more PV availability is shown in Fig. 8. The minimum value among these best fitness values (considering all runs), i.e., 1.72 kWh, is the optimal peak energy drawn from the utility grid. The obtained results with proposed method are discussed for these cases as follows.

## *Case 1: Winter Load Profile With More PV Energy Availability*

In this case, the load demand profile of winter with more PV energy availability over a day is considered, as shown in Fig. 9(a). The determined *Pod*−lim, *Eob*−ch, *E<sup>o</sup>*pv−ch, and *P*ofil are 1.72 kW, 5.4615 kWh, 5.6933 kWh, and 0.0543 kW, respectively. The available PV energy to charge the battery is more than the required energy for charging the battery ( $E_{\text{opv-ch}} > E_{ob-ch}$ ). Therefore,  $E_{og-ch}$ ,  $C_{og}$ , and  $P_{od-lim}^m$  are not applicable (NA) in this case, as given in Table III. As per Fig. 2 for the determined  $P_{od-lim}$ , the discharging mode is during  $t = 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9$ , 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, and 22 h, charging mode 1 is during *t* = 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, and 24 h, and charging mode 2 is during  $t = 13$  h. Resulting optimal charge/discharge schedules of the battery for these modes are shown in Fig. 9(b). It is observed that the battery is charged only by the PV source. The SoC for these battery schedules is shown in Fig. 9(c). Fig. 9(c) shows that  $\text{SoC}_f = \text{SoC}_i = 50\%$ , which is desired for flexible day-to-day management. The resulting utility grid demand is shown in Fig. 9(d). This indicates that the utility grid demand is limited to *Pod*−lim of 1.72 kW, and there is no feed-in power into the grid.

# *Case 2: Winter Load Profile With Less PV Energy Availability*

In this case, the load demand profile of winter with less PV energy availability over a day is considered, as shown in Fig. 10(a). The determined *Pod*−lim, *Eob*−ch, *E*opv−ch, *Eog*−ch, and *Cog* are 2.437 kW, 6.5353 kWh, 0.0202 kWh, 20.668 kWh, and 0.3152, respectively. The available PV energy to charge the battery is less than the required energy for charging the battery. Moreover, the sum of the available PV and utility grid energy is more than the required energy for charging the battery (*E*pv−ch ≤ *E<sup>b</sup>*−ch&&*E<sup>g</sup>*−ch + *E*pv−ch *> E<sup>b</sup>*−ch). Therefore,  $P_{\text{od}-\text{lim}}^m$  and  $P_{\text{off}}$  are not applicable (NA) in this case, as given in Table III. As per Fig. 2 for the determined *Pod*−lim, the discharging mode is during *t* = 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 21 h, and charging mode 1 is during  $t = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14,$ 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 24 h. There is no charging mode 2 in this case due to less availability of PV power over a day. Resulting optimal charge/discharge schedules of the battery for these modes are shown in Fig. 10(b). It is observed that the battery is charged by both the PV source and the utility grid. The SoC for these battery schedules is shown in Fig. 10(c). Fig. 10(c) shows that  $\text{SoC}_f = \text{SoC}_i = 50\%$ , which is desired for flexible day-to-day management. The resulting utility grid demand is shown in Fig. 10(d). This indicates that the utility grid demand is limited to *Pod*−lim of 2.437 kW, and there is no feed-in power into the grid.

# *Case 3: Summer Load Profile With More PV Energy Availability*

In this case, the load demand profile of summer with more PV energy availability over a day is considered, as shown in Fig. 11(a). The determined*Pod*−lim, *Eob*−ch, *E*opv−ch, and*P*ofil are 2.853 kW, 4.7937 kWh, 12.1922 kWh, and 0.8279 kW, respectively. The available PV energy to charge the battery is more than the required energy for charging the battery ( $E_{\text{opv}-\text{ch}}$  *>*  $E_{ob-\text{ch}}$ ). Therefore, the  $E_{og-ch}$ ,  $C_{og}$ , and  $P_{od-lim}^m$  are not applicable (NA) in this case, as given in Table III. As per Fig. 2 for the determined  $P_{od-lim}$ , the discharging mode is during  $t = 19, 20, 21, 22, 23$ , and 24 h, charging mode 1 is during *t* = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 h, and charging mode 2 is during *t*  $= 9$  and 10 h. Resulting optimal charge/discharge schedules of the battery for these modes are shown in Fig. 11(b). It is observed that only the PV source is used to charge the battery. The SoC for these battery schedules is shown in Fig.  $11(c)$ . Fig.  $11(c)$ shows that  $\text{SoC}_f = \text{SoC}_i = 50\%$ , which is desired for flexible day-to-day management. The resulting utility grid demand is



Fig. 7. Proposed optimal rule-based peak shaving control algorithm.



Fig. 8. Case 1: Best fitness values for multiple simulation runs.

shown in Fig. 11(d). This indicates that the utility grid demand is limited to*Pod*−lim of 2.853 kW, and the feed-in power is limited to  $P_{\text{ofil}}$  of 0.8249 kW.

# *Case 4: Summer Load Profile With Less PV Energy Availability*

In this case, the load demand profile of summer with less PV energy availability is considered, as shown in Fig. 12(a). The determined *Pod*−lim, *Eob*−ch, *Eopv*−ch, *Eog*−ch, and *Cog* are 2.852 kW, 5.4804 kWh, 0.0668 kWh, 28.0673 kWh, and 0.1929, respectively. The available PV energy to charge the



Fig. 9. Case 1. (a) Load demand and PV power profiles. (b) Charge/discharge schedules of the battery. (c) SoC of the battery. (d) Utility grid power.



Fig. 10. Case 2. (a) Load demand and PV power profiles. (b) Charge/discharge schedules of the battery. (c) SoC of the battery. (d) Utility grid power.



Fig. 11. Case 3. (a) Load demand and PV power profiles. (b) Charge/discharge schedules of the battery. (c) SoC of the battery. (d) Utility grid power.

battery is less than the required energy for charging the battery. Moreover, the sum of the available PV and utility grid energy is more than the required energy for charging the battery (*E*pv−ch ≤ *E<sup>b</sup>*−ch&&*E<sup>g</sup>*−ch + *E*pv−ch *> E<sup>b</sup>*−ch). Therefore,  $P_{\text{odd}}^m$  and  $P_{\text{odd}}$  are not applicable in this case, as given in Table III. As per Fig. 2 for the determined *Pod*−lim, the discharging mode is during *t* = 9, 10, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 h, and



Fig. 12. Case 4. (a) Load demand and PV power profiles. (b) Charge/discharge schedules of the battery. (c) SoC of the battery. (d) Utility grid power.

TABLE IV QUANTITATIVE COMPARISON OF THE PROPOSED WORK WITH THE EXISTING WORK

Parameter	Ref.	Proposed				
	-18	Case	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4	
PUGP(kW)	⌒		2.437	2.853	2.852	
$PPS(\% )$		55.66	37.18	28.67	28.7	

charging mode 1 is during *t* = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 h. There is no charging mode 2 in this case due to less availability of PV energy. Resulting optimal charge/discharge schedules of the battery for these modes are shown in Fig. 12(b). It is observed that both the PV source and the utility grid are used to charge the battery. The SoC for these battery schedules is shown in Fig.  $12(c)$ . Fig.  $12(c)$ shows that  $\text{SoC}_f = \text{SoC}_i = 50\%$ , which is desired for flexible day-to-day management. The resulting utility grid demand is shown in Fig. 12(d). This indicates that the utility grid demand is limited to *Pod*−lim of 2.852 kW, and there is no feed-in power into the grid.

## *A. Comparative Analysis*

The comparative analysis of the proposed method is discussed as follows.

*1) Quantitative Comparison:* The system and its ratings chosen in the proposed article are the same as those of the system chosen in [18]. Therefore, the proposed article is quantitatively compared with [18]. The quantitative comparison considering PUGP and PPS is shown in Table IV. The table indicates that PUGP is limited to a fixed value of 3 kW in [18]. In the proposed method, PUGP is limited to 1.72 kW, 2.437 kW, 2.853 kW,

Parameter	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3		Case 4	
	without BESS	Proposed						
$EC$ (INR/day)	162.3459	149.5737	217.2627	209.7624	179.2068	166.5379	228.1274	221.8238
$V_{max}$ (p.u.)	1.0122				1.0121	1.0042		
$V_{min}$ (p.u.)	0.9546	0.9756	0.9431	0.9650	0.9412	0.9588	0.9412	0.9588

TABLE V ENERGY COST AND MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM BUS VOLTAGES IN FOUR CASES

TABLE VI QUALITATIVE COMPARISON OF THE PROPOSED ARTICLE WITH THE EXISTING WORK

Parameter		Proposed			
	[15]- [17]	[18]	[19]	[20]	
Demand limit	Fixed	Fixed	Not considered	Dynamic	Dynamic
Feed in limit	Not considered	Not considered	Dynamic	Not considered	Dynamic
Day-to-day management	Not considered	Flexible	Not considered	Not considered	Flexible



Fig. 13. Residential system connected in the LV distribution network.

and 2.852 kW for Cases 1–4, respectively. This indicates that the peak utility grid demand is less for the proposed method as compared to [18] in all cases. It means an improved PPS is achieved with the proposed method. This is because, in the proposed method, the demand limit is determined optimally by minimizing the peak energy drawn from the utility grid. Moreover, the possibility of limiting the peak utility grid demand to an optimal value is presented in this article considering various cases, i.e., Cases 1–4.

*2) Energy Cost:* The energy cost of the system over a day is analyzed. For this, the time-of-use price of the energy is considered [25]. The peak time is when load demand is more than 75% of the peak load with an energy price of 5.39 INR. The off-peak time is when load demand is less than 25% of the peak load with an energy price of 4.15 INR. The energy price for the remaining time is 4.39 INR [26]. The *EC* is calculated as

$$
EC = \sum_{t=1}^{T} E_{\text{grid}-d}(t) \times EP(t). \tag{33}
$$

 $E_{\text{grid}-d}(t) = E_{\text{grid}}$  if  $E_{\text{grid}} > 0$  and  $E_{\text{grid}-d}(t) = 0$  if  $E_{\text{grid}} \leq 0$ .

*3) Voltage Profile:* To show the impact of the proposed peak shaving control on the voltage profile, a two-bus system, as shown in Fig. 13, is considered. The system represents the considered residential system connected in a low-voltage (LV) distribution network. Buses 1 and 2 are considered as slack bus and load bus, respectively. The resistance and reactance of line are 3.69 and 0.094  $\Omega$ /km, respectively [27]. The voltage of the load bus over a day is determined using the backward–forward sweep power flow method [28].

The obtained *EC*,  $V_{\text{max}}$ , and  $V_{\text{min}}$  values for four cases are shown in Table V. The *EC*s without BESS for Cases 1–4 are 162.3459, 217.2627, 179.2068, and 228.1274 INR/day, respectively. The *EC*s with the BESS using the proposed control for Cases 1 to 4 are 149.5737, 209.7624, 166.5379, and 221.8238 INR/day, respectively. This indicates that the energy costs are less with the proposed method as compared to the case without the BESS.

*V*max without BESS for Cases 1–4 are 1.0122, 1, 1.0122, and 1 p.u., respectively. *V*max with the BESS using the proposed control for Cases 1–4 are 1, 1, 1.0042, and 1 p.u., respectively. The *V*max values are less with the proposed method as compared to the case without BESS. *V*<sub>min</sub> without BESS for Case 1 to 4 are 0.9546 p.u., 0.9431 p.u., 0.9412 p.u., and 0.9412 p.u., respectively. *V*min with BESS using the proposed control for Cases 1–4 are 0.9756, 0.965, 0.9588, and 0.9588 p.u., respectively. The *V*<sub>min</sub> values are more with the proposed method as compared to the case without BESS. This shows that both voltage drop and voltage rise are limited with the consideration of both demand and feed-in limits in the proposed peak shaving control method.

*4) Qualitative Comparison:* The qualitative comparison of the proposed article with the existing work is shown in Table VI. This indicates that in the existing literature, both demand and feed-in limits together are not considered. However, in the proposed method, both demand and feed-in limits are considered while maintaining the flexible day-to-day management of the system. Moreover, demand and feed-in limits are considered dynamic. It means the demand and feed-in limits vary as per the available predictions of PV power and load demand of the day.

# VIII. CONCLUSION

In this article, a general method of determination of optimal dynamic demand and feed-in limits is developed for a gridconnected PV source with a battery. An optimal rule-based peak shaving control algorithm is proposed to limit utility grid power at computed demand and feed-in limits. The proposed control algorithm is tested for various possible cases of demand and PV power profiles. The obtained results show that the utility grid demand and feed-in powers are limited to respective demand and feed-in limits of the day, respectively, for all cases. Moreover, the SoC at the end of the day is maintained equal to the SoC at the start of the day for flexible day-to-day management. The comparison of the proposed control algorithm with the existing work is shown qualitatively and quantitatively. This indicates that the proposed control algorithm provides improved percentage peak shaving as compared to the existing work. Moreover, the reduction of the energy cost of the system and improved voltage profile with the proposed control algorithm is presented.

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