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## **CHAPTER TWO**

#### 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

# 2.1 Overview of hybrid inverter

The population of the world and its energy demands are increasing day by day. Today most of our energy demands are dependent on nonrenewable energy sources [1]. Due to the limited amount of nonrenewable energy resources, we can't depend on them forever; therefore, it is necessary to have some other sources of energy. According to a survey in 2015, 93 percent of electricity was being produced from a combination of coal, natural gas, hydropower plants, nuclear power plants, and oil, where only 7 percent was being produced from renewable energy sources. [2]. We must find a method to get more energy from renewable energy resources, as it is eco-friendly and economical. [3] Discuss the hybrid inverter system. When an AC power outage occurs, the battery storage should be preserved. The battery will be accurately charged by a solar AC grid source during the day or in muddy conditions when source light is available. In any case, the battery will be charged. [4] Introduce a hybrid energy system that uses solar power in addition to main

power as its primary source. Depending on energy availability, the system design enables the battery to receive energy from the two sources and use it to power the load separately or simultaneously. That will be useful in rural and hilly regions. The paper focuses on a hybrid battery design and its application. In the design they were able to overcome the battery of solar energy limitations. An inverter powered by a 12-volt battery powers the solar battery charging system, and the inverter creates up to 230 V AC. Thus, batteries are charged from two sources: main power and solar energy. If the main power is available, then the relay switches to the main power supply for applying the load.

The hybrid inverter operates primarily on wind turbine, main power, and solar energy, providing a reliable power supply to loads under all conditions. This is because it functions as an uninterruptible power source, offering various operating modes such as solar and wind modes. If they are unavailable, the hybrid mode can be enabled as a backup [5]. A system that draws power from two or more sources is called a hybrid power system. Solar PV systems cannot generate electricity at night or in overcast conditions. In the winter, however, sunlight intensity is low, allowing for maximum electricity production. [6]. In the event that all energy sources are unavailable, a battery that is also connected to the system will serve as a backup power source. The electric utility will retain the power utilization from renewable energy sources and use it as a power source. As the electric power system becomes more dependable, a hybrid inverter has an advantage over a single power source.

# 2.1.2 types of hybrid inverter

[6] discusses in his paper that there are four hybrid inverters, which are the basic hybrid solar inverter, multimode hybrid solar inverter, all-in-one battery energy storage system (BESS), and advanced AC-coupled system.

Basic Hybrid Solar Inverter: This is a common type that allows solar energy storage in a battery but may not reliably supply power during outages as it isn't connected to the grid.

Multimode Hybrid Solar Inverter: An advanced inverter with a built-in backup or a separate unit, enabling battery charging and usage during power cuts.

All-in-one Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): This new hybrid solar inverter includes both batteries and an inverter, easily adaptable to existing solar systems.

Advanced AC-Coupled System: These systems employ a DEYE hybrid inverter for battery charging and are simple to use for powering AC loads, though slightly less efficient than DC-coupled systems. Efficiency can be improved by using multiple hybrid solar inverters.

# 2.1.3 Important feature of hybrid inverter

Hybrid inverters can operate during off-*grid and on*-grid conditions. During on-grid conditions, both energy sources, i.e., solar and grid, are used, whereas during off-grid conditions, stored energy in the battery is used to power household items, as mentioned by T. Mallickj et al. [7]. When the power generation is greater than the power demanded by loads, the controller decides how much power to deliver to the load and how much for the battery charging.

- [8] mention that hybrid inverters play a crucial role in modern energy systems by:
  - **Maximizing solar energy utilization:** They efficiently convert DC power from solar panels to AC power for immediate use and simultaneously charge batteries for later consumption, reducing reliance on the grid.
  - **Providing reliable backup power:** During power outages, hybrid inverters seamlessly switch to battery power, ensuring critical appliances and systems remain operational.
  - **Enabling energy independence:** By storing excess solar energy, they allow homeowners and businesses to consume self-generated power, reducing electricity bills and dependence on traditional energy sources.
  - **Facilitating smart energy management:** Advanced hybrid inverters often integrate with smart home systems and energy management platforms, allowing users to monitor and control their energy consumption, optimize energy usage, and participate in demand response programs.
  - **Integrating battery storage:** The integration of battery storage into one device simplifies installation and reduces cost compared to separate solar and battery inverter systems.
  - **Supporting off-grid applications:** Hybrid inverters can be used in off-grid or microgrid applications, providing a reliable power source in remote areas or locations without grid access to national energy sources.

Advantages of hybrid inverter: higher power output, Reliable backup power, optimized solar energy cost savings, smart monitoring, and longer battery life.

# 2.2 Technology related to inverter

# 2.2.1 Solar router

Through an intuitive interface, the solar router also lets the user know how much electricity is generated, and control, optimization, and management of the generated energy are made possible by solar routers. [12]. Energy generated by a solar system that is not being used can be transferred to the national grid, and the amount of electrical energy being sent to it can be displayed. This solar router helps in selecting the energy source. For example, a consumer can choose the energy source manually, which may be solar or power from an electric utility company. [13]. Moreover, this system also allows you to control or monitor the hybrid system remotely through an application on a smartphone or on computers and laptops. [14]. show in the fiqure below



Figure. 2.2.1 Solar router.

## 2.2.1.1 Features

- compact in size
- fully integrated with the national grid
- reliable and strong construction
- A built-in solar charger (MPPT)

- 220v \_ 240v (sine wave )
- control microprocessor
- · A stable charge system

# 2.2.1.2 Red back technology

Redback Technology is a company that aims to change the way of electrical household usage. The hybrid system of this company stores solar energy during the daytime up to the maximum level by using batteries so that when there is unavailability of solar energy, power can be provided to the household items that operate on electricity. This initiative can help power authorities in many ways; for example, an owner can sell electricity produced by solar panels to the national grid.

Although there are many companies that are manufacturing hybrid inverters, Redback Technology is the only company that is popular for manufacturing a hybrid system that is economical to use. [15]. The Redback hybrid inverter was 30 percent less costly than that of other products. New safety measures are taken by Redback Technologies, as all switchgear is prewired and tested in the industry before releasing the product in the market. The Redback system is more adaptable and dynamic from the software perspective, and its architecture monitoring is being improved continuously.

# 2.3 Project related to hybrid inverter

# 2.3.1 solar hybrid inverter

A hybrid inverter is a new type of uninterruptible power supply (UPS) that supplies electrical energy for household items. Maximum production from solar panels is produced around midday. Electricity produced from solar is not enough, whereby the MPPT charge is used to yield the output at a desired voltage level, as illustrated. [16]. Hybrid inverters store maximum energy during the daytime, and then later on, this stored energy can be utilized during the night.

The output of a solar panel changes with the movement of the sun. If the sun is directly above the solar panel, we will get the maximum possible voltage, but if the sun is away from the panel, then the voltage will

not be sufficient by Abdur Rafay and three others. [17]. So far, for making the output voltage constant, we use MPPT (maximum power point tracking) charge control. Maximum power point tracking, or MPPT, charge control is what we employ. In essence, MPPT is a buck-boost converter that keeps the solar panel output voltage constant. The buck-boost converter will function as a buck-boost converter and scale down the voltage to a desired level if the sun is directly overhead, and the output voltage is high. In a similar manner, the converter raises the output voltage to the required amount if the sun is not penetrating the panel.

# 2.4 Usage of hybrid inverter during different modes.

There are 4 modes in which a hybrid inverter can be used. The modes are off-grid mode, on-grid mode, hybrid mode, and backup mode. The block diagram below will describe each of them.

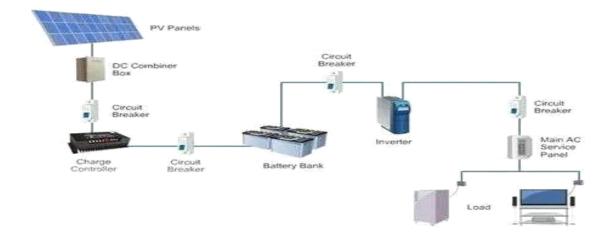


Figure.2.4.1` Off Grid mode.

# 2.4.1 Off Grid mode

Off-grid inverters are standalone systems, relying solely on solar and battery power. They convert DC power from solar panels and batteries into AC power for use in homes or businesses. They do not connect to the utility grid and operate independently. ALSO Rely on batteries for backup power during outages. And energy storage requires batteries for energy storage. [18].

A solar panel is linked to it during off-grid, and the battery bank should be connected to the inverter to provide power supply to the load.

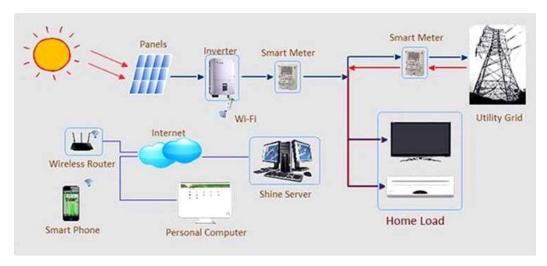
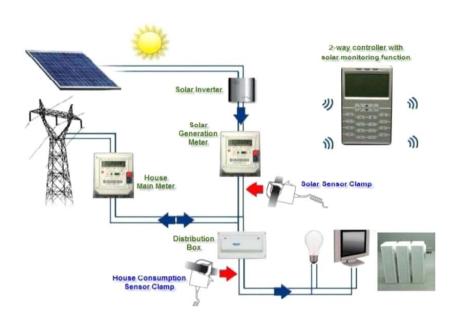


Figure. 2.4.2 On Grid mode

# 2.4.2. On Grid mode

On-grid modes are designed to work directly with the utility grid, feeding excess solar energy back into it and synchronizing its output with the grid's frequency and voltage.

On grid mode is used for selling extra energy to the national grid



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# 2.4.3 Hybrid mode

Hybrid mode is the combination of off-grid and on-grid modes. A hybrid mode is created by combining a solar inverter and the main power source into a single unit. This allows the hybrid solar inverter to intelligently handle power coming from your solar panels, solar batteries, and the utility grid all at the same time.[19].

For smart energy management, we use hybrid mode in which battery bank operates the inverter.

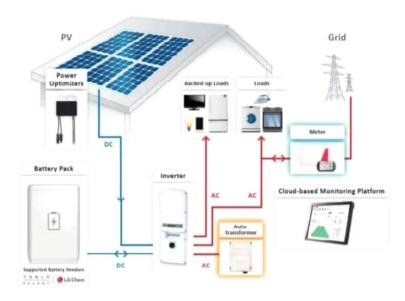


Figure. 2.4.4 Backup mode.

# 2.4.4 Backup mode

Backup mode is used when there is blackout and it switches itself to off grid system.[18].

#### 2.5 SOLAR PANEL

A PV module, sometimes referred to as a solar panel or photovoltaic module, is a device that uses the photovoltaic effect to directly convert sunlight into electrical energy. It is an essential part of solar power systems, which use the sun to generate renewable energy. When exposed to sunlight, a PV module's numerous linked solar cells—which are usually composed of silicon-based materials—produce energy. To guarantee longevity and resilience to environmental influences, these solar cells are encased in a protective substance, like tempered glass. A flow of electricity is produced when photons in the sunlight activate the electrons in the solar cells on the PV module's surface. Direct current

DC is the form of electricity that is produced. An inverter is frequently used to transform DC power into alternating current (AC) electricity so that it is compatible with conventional electrical systems. PV modules differ in terms of efficiency, power output, and size. They can range from tiny panels for battery charging or powering little gadgets to huge installations for utility-scale solar power systems in residential or commercial settings. PV's output power, which is expressed in watts (W), depends on a number of variables, including the module's surface area, the solar cells' efficiency, and the amount of sunshine.

Over time, PV modules have grown more affordable and effective, which has helped solar energy become a more popular clean and sustainable electricity source. They play a

crucial role in utilizing solar energy for a variety of purposes, such as off-grid installations, remote power systems, and the production of electricity for homes and businesses. [20].

## 2.5.1 TYPES OF SOLAR PANEL

Monocrystalline solar panels are made from a single piece of silicon, therefore making it easier for electricity to flow through. They have a pyramid cell pattern, which offers a larger surface area, enabling monocrystalline PV panels to collect a greater amount of energy from the sun's rays.

Polycrystalline PV panels are created from several parts of silicon being melted together, which makes it more difficult for electricity to flow.

Thin-film PV panels are made from one or more layers and are the least efficient photovoltaic panels available. [21].

Concentrated photovoltaic power generation uses the same photovoltaic material as PV panels, and the solar radiation is concentrated through lenses on the material.

various solar cell panels available along with their efficiency, advantages, and disadvantages. [22].

types of solar panel		Advantages	Disadvantages
	Efficiency		
	%		

Monocrystalline panel	-20	High lifetime and Efficiency, Used for commercial application	High Cost
polycrystalline panel	-15	Cost Effective	Low life and Efficiency,sensitive to variation in temperature,short Life span
Thin flim: amorphus silicon solar panel	-17-20	Cost,Effective,Flexible	Short lifespan
Concentrated PV Cell	-42	High efficiency and performance	cooling system required

Figure. 2.5.1 Various solar cell panel

## 2.6 BATTERY BANK

A battery bank is a collection of one or more batteries connected together to store electrical energy, often used to power systems or devices when grid power is unavailable or unreliable. Battery banks serve as a storage system for electrical energy, allowing it to be used later when needed. They are used in various applications, including Renewable energy systems: storing energy from solar panels or wind turbines. Uninterruptible power supplies (UPS): Providing backup power during power outages. Electric vehicles: Storing energy for propulsion. Telecommunications: Providing backup power for critical infrastructure.[23].

# 2.6.1 Types of Batteries

Batteries can be categorized in terms of the materials used to build them. They define it in terms of capacity, cost, and area of usage. In this categorization there are four major types.

- Nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd) battery
- Nickel-metal hydride (NiMH) battery
- lead-acid battery

- lithium-ion battery
- lithium polymer.

A key factor in prolonging battery life and obtaining optimum performance from it is a proper charging environment. This is only possible if the charging and voltage are properly controlled and matched to the battery temperature. The circuitry to recharge the batteries in a portable product is an important part of any power supply design. The complexity and cost of the charging system are primarily dependent on the types of battery and the recharge time [23].

# Chapter three

# 3.1.1 Solar panel

A photovoltaic (PV) is an important component of a solar energy system, which comprises cells. It is a device that absorbs sun energy that penetrates through it, which is in the form of heat, and converts the energy into DC electrical energy. Then a monocrystalline panel was used for this installation, which is one of the types of solar panels. The monocrystalline solar panel is made from a single piece of silicon, which makes it easier for electricity to flow through it. The monocrystalline panel has a pyramid cell pattern, which offers a larger surface area, enabling the monocrystalline panel to collect a greater amount of energy from the sun. The monocrystalline use was comprised of 72 cells, which are made from silicon, and each cell produces 0.5 V.

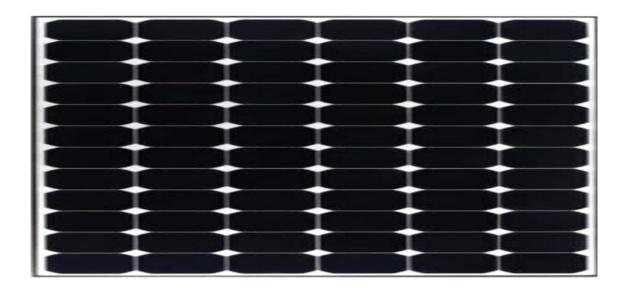


Fig. 3.1.1: A monocrystalline solar panel.

# Reason for using a monocrystalline solar panel

- Monocrystalline panels typically have the highest efficiency rates among common panel types, which makes them generate more power.
- It performs better in low-light conditions, e.g., early morning or cloudy days.
- Monocrystalline panels often have longer lifespans and better build quality with high resistance to heat and weathering.
- Monocrystalline panels typically have higher power capacity, meaning they can produce more electricity.
- Monocrystalline panels are less affected by temperature than other types of panels, meaning they maintain their efficiency better in hot weather.

# 3.1.2 Battery Bank

A battery bank was used to store excess energy to provide backup power or off-grid electricity. On this installation, a 12V, 220AH tubular battery was used, which is one of the most popular and efficient inverter batteries. They have a complex design, great efficiency, a longer operational life, and low maintenance. Because of so many advantages, they are costly.



Fig.3.1.2. A 12v 220AH tubular battery

Advantages of Battery Bank

- A tubular battery has a longer lifespan because it can be refilled with distilled water when the water level is low.
- Deep Discharge Capacity.
- High efficiency.
- Low maintenance.
- High load support
- Better performance at high temperatures.

Disadvantages of Tubular Battery

Due to many advantages, the tubular battery is a

- Highly costly in price
- Heavier
- Longer charging time
- Initial maintenance.

Comparing both advantages and disadvantages together, a tubular battery is still recommended and preferable.

## 3.1.3 Hybrid Solar Inverter

A hybrid solar inverter, as its name implies, is a combination of two or more different things. 4.2 kVA. A hybrid solar inverter was used for this project and is a piece of equipment that is created by combining a solar inverter, battery bank, and the utility grid all at the same time. This helps to convert the direct current (DC) direct current electricity generated by the photovoltaic to (AC) alternating current used to power the appliances that use (AC) as input. This 4.2 kVA hybrid inverter also helps or makes it possible to send excess electricity for consumption. The hybrid inverter stores charges on the battery for use in the night and gives a power output on the day without absorbing from the battery except when the PV system is not generating enough power due to weather conditions or the load (output consumption) is higher than the available PV power. This 4.2 kVA hybrid inverter has an internal charge controller (MPPT), maximum power point tracking, to ensure that the solar panel array operates at its maximum available power from the sun.



Fig.3.1.3. Hybrid

inverter

The general specification of 4.2 kVA hybrid

PV INPUT (solar input )

• Nominal operating voltage: 240Vdc

• Vmax PV (maximum photovoltaic voltage): 500 Vdc

• PV input voltage range 60–450 Vdc

• Imax PV (maximum photovoltaic current): 18A

• Full load MPPT range: 240-450 Vdc

• Maximum PV Input power: 6200W

• Maximum Solar Charging Current: 120A

# GRID/AC OUTPUT

Nominal Output Voltage: 220/230/240 Vac Feed-in Grid Voltage Range: 195-253 Vac Feed-in Grid

Frequency Range:  $50 \pm 1 \text{ Hz}$ 

Nominal output current 18.2A

Power Factor Range: >0.99

Maximum Conversion Efficiency (DC/AC): 97%

Nominal Operating Frequency: 50/60 Hz

TWO LOAD OUTPUT POWER

Full Load: 4200 W

Maximum Main Load: 4200 Load

Maximum Second Load: 1400 1400W

Main Load Cutoff Voltage: 26Vdc

Main Load Return Voltage: 27Vdc

**AC INPUT** 

Nominal operating voltage: 230 Vac

Maximum input current: 30A

Nominal operating frequency: 50/60 Hz

Surge Power: 8400 VA

Maximum AC charging current: 100 A

**BATTERY** 

Battery Voltage: 24Vdc

Maximum battery current.

# 3.1.4 DC CABLE

The DC cable was used in this installation for connecting the DC devices together, such as connecting the panels together, batteries, and inverter. The DC cable helps to handle direct current (DC) to ensure safe and efficient current flow without overheating or damage; it also helps to minimize power loss.



Figure 3.1.4 DC Cable.

## 3.1.5 AC CABLE

AC cables were used to connect the load to the hybrid inverter and can also be used to connect the hybrid inverter to the grid, which are essential to safety and effectively transferring AC power. Using DC cables for this could cause overheating, voltage drop, power loss, or safety risks due to incorrect insulation and ratings.



Fig.3.1.5 AC Cable.

## 3.1.6 CIRCUIT BREAKER

A circuit breaker is a safety device used to protect an electrical circuit from damage caused by overcurrent, overload, or short circuit. The reason for using the circuit breaker in this installation is to automatically interrupt the flow of electricity when a fault is detected. There are two different types of circuit breaker used in this installation, which are AC and DC circuit breakers, which serve similar protective functions but are designed differently due to the nature of AC and DC current.



Fig.3.1.6. DC Circuit Breaker



Fig.3.1.7. AC Circuit Breaker

# 3.1.8 MOUNTING HARDWARE

Mounting hardware is the various components and accessories used to attach, secure, and stabilize devices, equipment, or objects to a surface or structure. Mounting hardware was used in this installation to secure the battery on the ground and the solar panel on the roof using a metal rack and to mount the hybrid inverter on a plane surface by using a rubber peg and bolt.



Fig.3.1.8. Metal rack.

COMPONENTS Solar panels	QUANTITY 8(4x200W,4x 250W)	NOTES In series string
Batteries	2x 12V, 220Ah	Connected in series for 24v
Inverter	4.2KVA (in built MPPT)	Pure sine wave
DC CABLES	1 COIL	As recommended
AC CABLES	1 COIL	As recommended

# 3.2 CONNECTION

This explains how the components were connected together.

Four 200W solar panels and four 250W solar panels were connected in series, connecting the positive (+) of the first panel to the negative (-) of the next, continuing until all 8 panels were in one series string. Connecting the final positive (+) and negative (-) ends of the series string to the solar input terminals of the inverter (with built-in MPPT). Connecting two 12V 220Ah batteries in series (positive of first to negative of second) to form a 24V battery bank. Connecting the battery terminals to the battery input of the inverter. Connecting the AC output of the inverter to the institute distribution board (load) with proper circuit breakers. installing surge protection and grounding at key points.

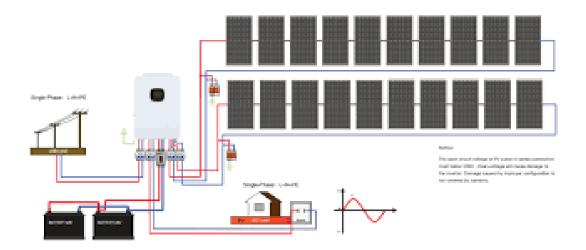


Figure 3.2 Illustration of diagrammatical connection of inverter.

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

# 4. Result, Test and Discussion

This chapter present the result gather from the text of the installation of 4.2kva hybrid different condition, the main objective analyzed include solar power generation, the efficiency of the inverter system and stability of the voltage.

# 4.1 The specification of the Solar power and efficiency.

This system consist of eight monocrystalline panel which contain of four 200W and four 250W of 36.50V with different current which are 5.48A and 6.85A. mathematically

P=IV

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p= power measure in watt

I= current meaasure in ampere

V= voltage measure in volt.

P=IV

P= 5.48A \* 36.50= 200W.

$$P = 6.85A * 36.50V = 250W.$$

The solar panel was connect in series to increase the voltage and the theoretical photovoltaic input power is 1800W or 1.8kva and the real performance varies slightly because of some environmental factor such as the temperature and sunlight intensity.

panel type	power	Voltage (	current	Quantity	total power
	(W)	V)	(A)		
monocrystalline	200W	36.50V	5.48A	4	800W
monocrystalline	250W	36.50V	6.85A	4	1000W

Total	-	-	-	8 panel	1800W
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Figure 4.1 the specification of solar panel and efficiency

**4.2** The Generation of solar power through the day

The photovoltaic output charges through out the day was determine by the position of the sun and weather condition.

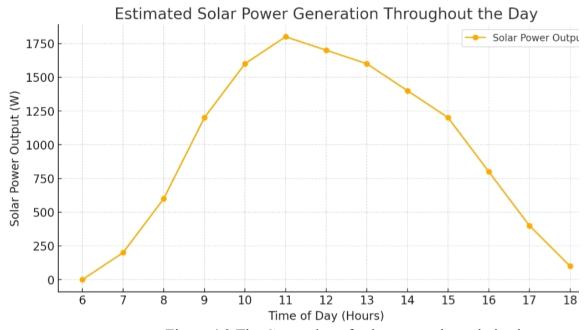


Figure 4.2. The Generation of solar power through the day

# 4.3 THE PERFORMANCE OF THE BATTERY

On this installation two 12v tubular battery was use which are connected in series to increase the voltage of the battery and the energy storage of the battery can be calculated. mathematically:

Energy(WH)=Voltage \* Capacity
the energy store in the battery (Wh) = (AH) \* V 220Ah \* 24= 5,280Wh or 5.28kwh

# 4.4 HYBRID INVERTER PERFORMANCE

The 4.2kva hybrid inverter install was use which can withstand the maximum load capacity of 4200W or 4.2kva with a maximum efficiency of 97% and the operating frequency of 50\60 Hz and then the nominal output voltage of 220\230\240v and handle the expected load with stable voltage output.

# 4.5 VOLTAGE BALANCE UNDER DIFFERENT LOAD CONDITION

The hybrid inverter output voltage remain stable under the various load conditrion

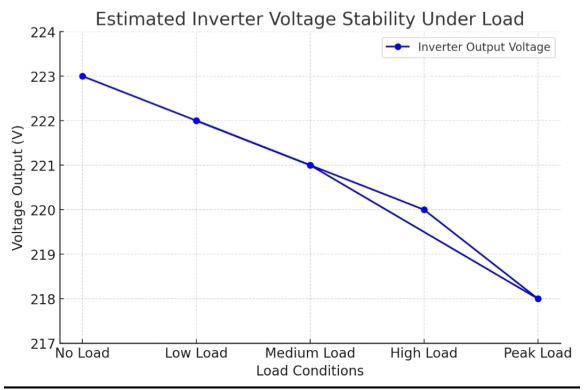


figure.4.5 voltage balance under different load condition

The hybrid system mantained an efficiency of 93% which was close to the expected 97% under norminal condition with a minor voltage fluctuation were observed and also remain within safe operating limit under peak loads.

#### **CHAPTER FIVE**

#### 5.1 CONCLUSION

The successful installation of the hybrid solar power system demonstrates the effective integration of key components including monocrystalline solar panels, a tubular battery bank, a 4.2 kVA hybrid inverter with MPPT, as well as proper DC and AC cabling, circuit protection, and secure mounting. Each component was selected based on performance, efficiency, and suitability for the operational environment, ensuring a reliable and sustainable energy solution.

The monocrystalline panels provide high energy efficiency and superior performance in varied lighting conditions. The use of high-capacity tubular batteries offers extended backup with low maintenance. The hybrid inverter plays a central role in converting and managing energy between the solar array, battery, and grid, ensuring uninterrupted power supply. Proper wiring and protective components enhance system safety and longevity.

Overall, this installation not only supports the goal of reducing dependency on the national grid but also promotes the use of renewable energy technology for consistent and clean electricity supply. The system serves as a model for similar future deployments aimed at sustainable energy generation.

## **5.2 RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the successful implementation and performance of this hybrid solar power system, it is recommended that similar systems be adopted in other institutions, homes, and commercial facilities to reduce reliance on the national grid and promote energy sustainability. For future installations, the following considerations are advised:

- 1. **System Scaling**: For higher energy demands, consider scaling up the system by increasing the number of solar panels and battery capacity to ensure consistent power supply during extended periods of low sunlight.
- Routine Maintenance: Although the system components are low-maintenance, periodic inspections and preventive maintenance should be conducted to ensure optimal performance and longevity.
   Surge Protection and Crounding: Proper grounding and surge protection must always be
- 3. **Surge Protection and Grounding**: Proper grounding and surge protection must always be implemented to prevent damage from lightning strikes or power surges.
- 4. **Monitoring System**: Incorporate a real-time monitoring system to track energy production, storage, and consumption, which aids in performance analysis and troubleshooting.
- 5. **User Training**: Basic training should be provided to users or maintenance personnel to enable them to handle simple system diagnostics and respond effectively to alerts or faults.

The hybrid solar power setup proves to be a cost-effective and eco-friendly solution, and its wider adoption can significantly contribute to cleaner energy use and improved energy security.

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