

# **CONSTRUCTION OF INVERTER 12 V TO 220 V**

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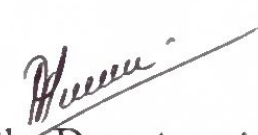
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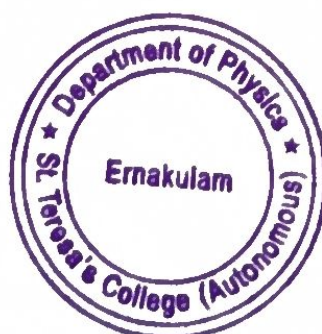


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## **ABSTRACT**

This project focuses on constructing a 12V DC to 220V AC inverter capable of producing of power using minimal electrical components. The inverter utilizes a transformer to step up the power and is designed to power electronics and electrical equipment rated at the AC mains voltage. It serves various applications, including standalone use for solar power systems or as a backup power supply from batteries. Additionally, it finds wide usage in the inverting stages of switched-mode power supplies.

# **CHAPTER 1**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 INVERTER**

An inverter is a device that converts direct current (DC) electricity into alternating current (AC) electricity. It's commonly used to change the type of power produced by sources like batteries or solar panels so that it can be used in regular electrical systems, like those in homes and businesses. Inverters are essential for various applications, including renewable energy systems, backup power supplies, and powering AC appliances from DC sources. They come in different sizes and types depending on their intended use.

#### **1.1.1 DIFFERENT TYPES OF INVERTERS**

1. Stand-alone Inverters:

Used in off-grid systems where there is no connection to the utility grid.

Convert DC power from batteries or renewable sources into AC power for household use.

2. Grid-tie Inverters:

Connect to the utility grid and convert DC power from solar panels or wind turbines into AC power.

Can feed excess power back into the grid or draw power from the grid as needed.

3. Battery-based Inverters:

Designed to work with battery storage systems.

Convert DC power from batteries into AC power for use during power outages or when off-grid.

4. Microinverters:

Installed at each solar panel to convert DC power directly into AC power.

Offer flexibility and optimization at the panel level, improving system performance.

## 5. String Inverters:

Connected to multiple solar panels (or strings) and convert DC power from these panels into AC power.

Cost-effective solution for residential and small commercial solar installations.

## 6. Central Inverters:

Used in large-scale solar installations.

Convert DC power from multiple strings of solar panels into AC power at a central location.

These are some common types of inverters used in various applications, each with its own advantages and suitability depending on the specific requirements of the system.[1]

## 1.2 There are mainly two types of electric currents;

### 1.2.1 Alternating Current (AC)

AC periodically reverses direction, typically following a sinusoidal waveform. Its voltage and current alternate between positive and negative values over time. The frequency of AC, measured in Hertz (Hz), represents the number of complete cycles per second. AC is commonly generated by rotating machinery such as generators in power plants. Generators produce AC by rotating coils of wire within a magnetic field, inducing an alternating voltage. AC is well-suited for long-distance transmission over power grids. High-voltage AC reduces energy losses during transmission, as it can be efficiently stepped up using transformers and stepped down for distribution to consumers.

### Applications:

**Household Electricity:** Most residential and commercial electrical systems utilize AC power. **Industrial Machinery:** AC motors are widely used in various industrial applications due to their reliability and efficiency. **Electronics:** Many electronic devices incorporate AC-to-DC converters to adapt AC power for use in circuits.

### ***1.2.2 Direct Current (DC)***

DC flows continuously in one direction, maintaining a constant polarity. Its voltage remains constant over time. DC can be produced by sources such as batteries, solar cells, and rectifiers. Chemical reactions in batteries and photovoltaic cells generate DC electricity directly. DC transmission is typically used for shorter distances or specialized applications. High-voltage DC (HVDC) transmission is employed for long-distance transmission, offering lower losses than AC over very long distances.

#### **Applications:**

**Electronics:** Many electronic devices and circuits operate on DC power.

**Automotive Systems:** Vehicle batteries supply DC power for starting engines, lighting, and operating various electrical components.

**Renewable Energy Systems:** Solar panels and wind turbines generate DC electricity, which is often converted to AC for grid integration or storage.[2]

### 1.3 WHY TO CONVERT DC TO AC?

Converting DC to AC involves transforming the flow of electricity to make it compatible with our standard power systems. AC electricity is preferred for long-distance travel because it loses less energy along the way. AC systems offer more control over voltage and frequency, which is crucial for maintaining stability in our power grids. Advanced inverters play a key role in efficiently converting DC power, such as that from batteries or solar panels, into AC power. This conversion process ensures seamless integration of different power sources into our electrical networks, ensuring reliability and efficiency. Inverters are widely used in various practical applications due to their ability to convert DC power into AC power efficiently. One of the main applications is in homes, where inverters provide backup electricity during power cuts, allowing essential appliances like lights, fans, and refrigerators to function without interruption. In industrial settings, inverters are used to control the speed and operation of electric motors, improving energy efficiency and reducing power consumption. They are also an important part of renewable energy systems, especially solar power installations, where the DC electricity generated by solar panels is converted into usable AC power for households and commercial use. Inverters are further used in uninterruptible power supply (UPS) systems to protect sensitive devices such as computers and medical equipment from sudden power failures. Additionally, they play a key role in electric vehicles by managing power conversion between batteries and motors. Overall, inverters are essential in ensuring reliable power supply, enhancing energy efficiency, and supporting modern technological applications. Currently, inverters are mainly classified into different types based on their application and design. The most common types are on-grid inverters, which supply power directly to the electricity grid; off-grid inverters, which work with battery storage and operate independently of the grid; and hybrid inverters, which combine both grid and battery systems for flexible power use. In solar power systems, string inverters, microinverters, and power optimizers are widely used to improve efficiency and performance. Based on output, pure sine wave inverters are preferred for smooth and safe electricity, while modified sine wave and square wave inverters are less commonly used today.[2]

## CHAPTER 2

### EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

#### 2.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM

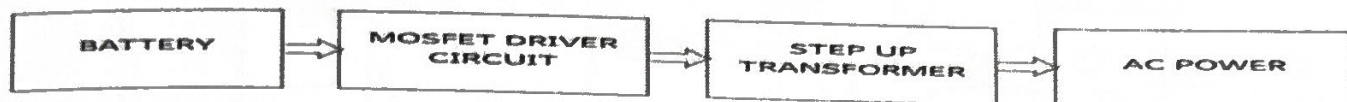


Fig 2.1 Block diagram of inverter

The block diagram of an inverter using a battery, MOSFET circuit, step-up transformer, and AC power typically involves the following components:

1. **Battery:** This serves as the DC power source, providing the input power to the inverter. The battery supplies direct current (DC) voltage to the circuit.
2. **MOSFET Circuit:** The MOSFET circuit includes one or more MOSFETs (Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistors). These MOSFETs switch the DC voltage from the battery on and off rapidly, generating a pulsed DC waveform.
3. **Step-up Transformer:** The pulsed DC voltage from the MOSFET circuit is fed into a step-up transformer. The transformer steps up the voltage to a higher level, transforming the low-voltage DC input into a higher-voltage AC output.
4. **AC Power:** The AC output suitable for powering electrical loads, such as household appliances or other devices requiring AC power.

## 2.2 WORKING

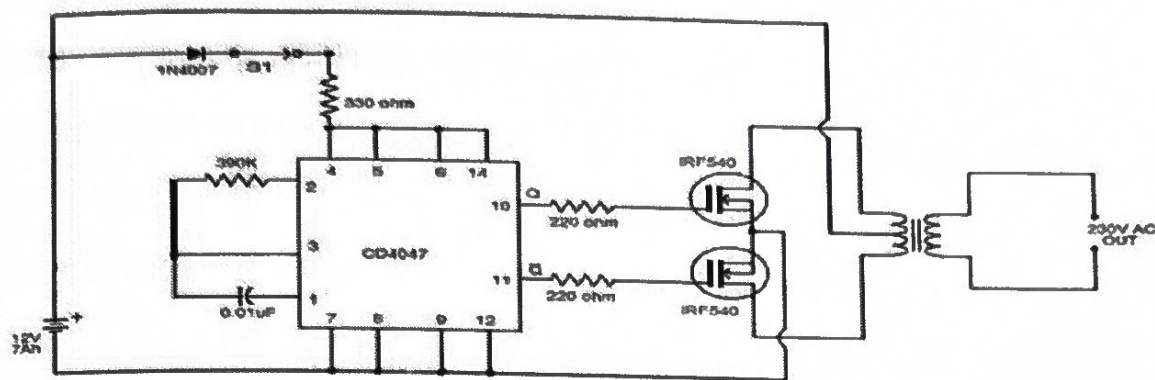


Fig 2.2 Circuit diagram of DC to AC inverter

In this inverter circuit diagram we observe that 12V battery is connected to the diode and also connected to the pin8, pin7, pin9 and pin12 of the IC. The positive power supply is also connected to pin 4, 5, 6 and 14 of the IC CD 4047. The Basic function of Diode in the circuit is to prevent reverse current. CD4047 IC works in the astable multi-vibrator mode. To work the IC in an astable multi vibrator mode we need a capacitor which is connected between the pin1 and pin3 of IC. Pin2 is connected through resistor to determine the output frequency of the inverter. The pins 10 and 11 of the IC are connected to the gate of the IRF540. The output frequencies of pin 10 and 11 generate frequency with 50% duty cycle.

The output frequency is connected to the MOSFET through 220  $\Omega$  resistors which will help to prevent the loading of the MOSFET. Here we use the N-channel MOSFET because it has high-switching speed, low gate drive and high input impedance. The MOSFET act as electronic switches in this circuit. The main AC current is generated by both the MOSFET (IRF540). A heat sink is mounted to the MOSFET. Heat sinks are crucial for MOSFETs to dissipate heat generated during operation. They increase surface area for efficient heat transfer, preventing overheating and ensuring reliable performance. By enhancing thermal management, heat sinks help maintain safe operating temperatures and prolong the lifespan of MOSFETs in electronic circuits. The output AC is given to the primary coil of the step-up transformer and hence it results in the increase in the AC voltage. These voltages depend on the power of transformer. In this way DC is converted into AC Current. [3]

## 2.3 COMPONENTS

- IC CD4047
- BATTERY 12 V
- STEP-UP TRANSFORMER
- CAPACITOR (i)  $0.01\ \mu\text{F}$
- MOSFET IRF540
- RESISTOR (i)  $330\ \Omega$   
(ii)  $220\ \Omega$   
(iii)  $390\ \text{k}\Omega$
- DIODE 1N4007
- SWITCH
- HEAT SINKS
- BATTERY ELIMINATOR

### 2.3.1 IC CD4047

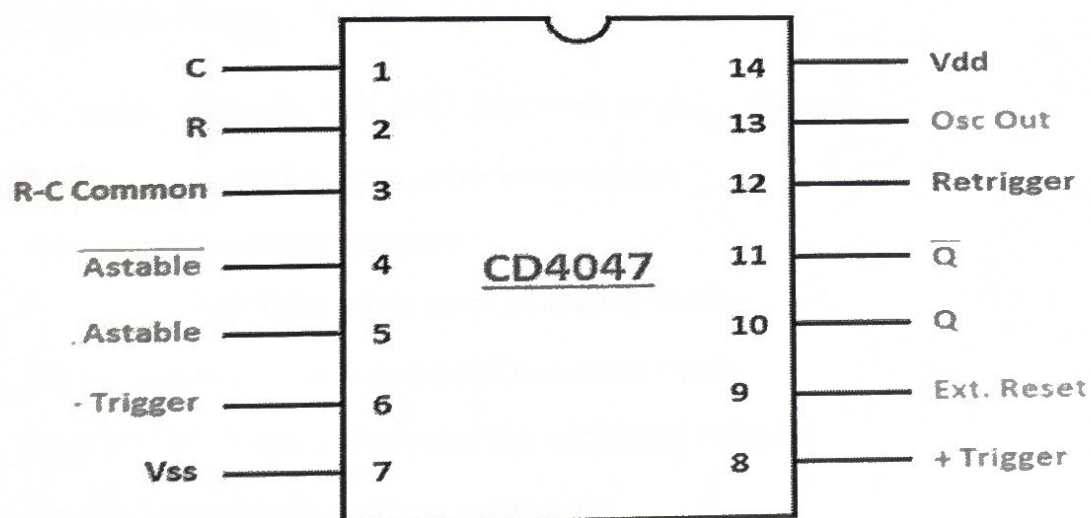


Fig 2.4 IC CD4047 Pinout diagram

The CD 4047 IC (also known as the 4047 CMOS multivibrator) is a versatile integrated circuit that operates in two modes: monostable and astable modes.

### 2.3.2 Monostable Mode:

In this mode, the CD 4047 acts as a one-shot pulse generator.

It requires an external resistor and capacitor to determine the output pulse width.

Key pins for monostable operation:

Pin 6 (Trigger): When used in monostable mode, a high- to-low transition at this pin triggers the circuit.

Pin 8 (+Trigger): Activating this input with a low-to-high signal enables monostable operation.

Pin 9 (External Reset): Connecting this pin to a high level resets the output from Q to 0 and the non-inverting output (Q) to 1.

Pin 12 (Retrigger): Used to simultaneously activate pins 7 and 8 within monostable mode.

Pin 10 (Q): Non-inverting output.

### 2.3.3 Astable Mode:

In astable mode, the CD 4047 functions as an oscillator.

It generates a continuous square wave output.

Key pins for astable operation:

Pin 4 (Astable): Low when used in astable mode.

Pin 5 (Astable): High when used in astable mode.

Pin 13 (OSC Output): Provides the oscillated output.

Pin 14 (Vdd): Positive power supply pin.

## APPLICATIONS

The IC CD4047 is used in frequency discriminators, timing circuits, time-delay applications, envelope detection, Frequency Multiplication, pulse generator, pulse stretching. It is also used to blink LEDs at regular intervals, signal processing circuits, alarms, buzzers etc. [3]

### 2.3.4 BATTERY 12V

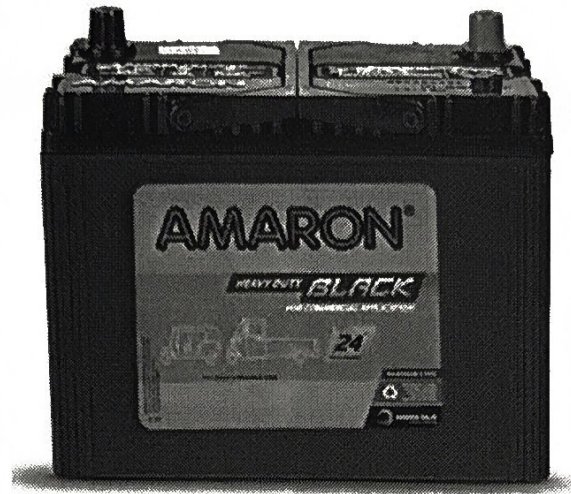


Fig 2.5

The power input for the inverter circuit is from the 12V rechargeable battery. When 12V rechargeable battery supply is fed to the control circuit through the relay, then the input power to the circuit will be ON.

### 2.3.5 DIODE

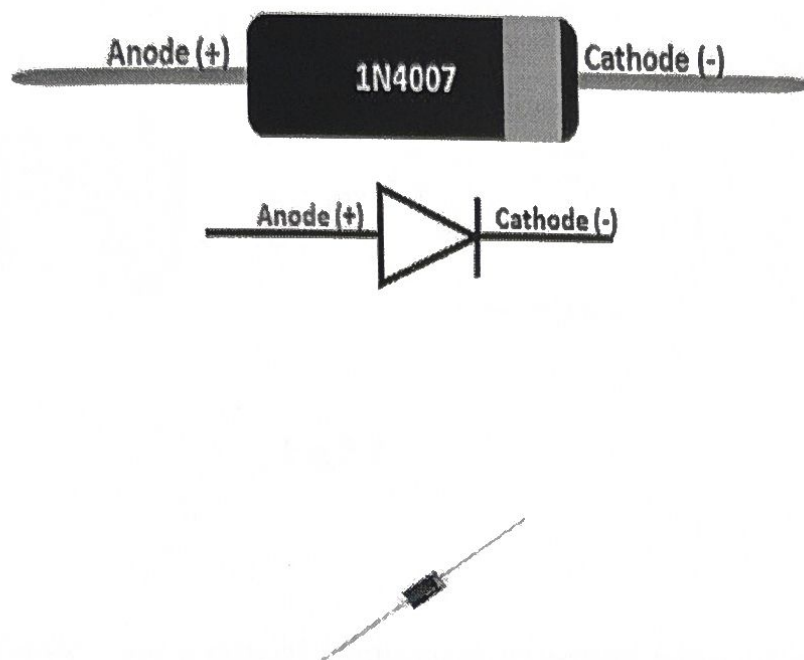


Fig 2.6

A diode is a device which allows current flow through only one direction. That is the current should always flow from the anode to cathode. The cathode terminal can be identified by using a grey bar as shown in the picture above.

For 1N4007 diode, the maximum current carrying capacity is 1A it can withstand peaks up to 30A. We use this in the circuits that are designed for less than 1A. The reverse current is  $5\mu\text{A}$  which is negligible. The power dissipation of this diode is 3W.

### 2.3.6 STEP-UP TRANSFORMER

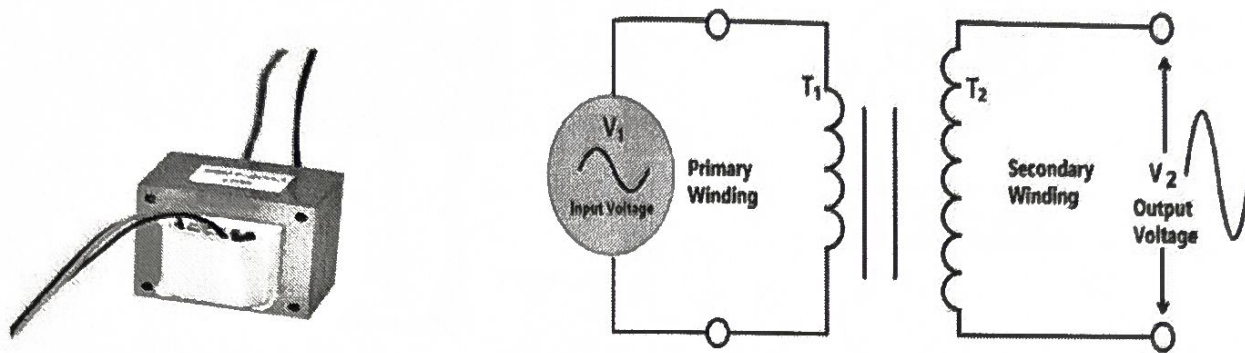


Fig 2.7

Step-up transformers are a crucial component in certain types of inverters, particularly those designed to convert low-voltage DC power (typically from batteries or solar panels) into higher-voltage AC power.

A step-up transformer, as the name suggests, increases the voltage level of the electrical signal passing through it. In the context of inverters, this means it takes the relatively low-voltage DC power input and boosts it to the higher voltage needed for AC output.

In an inverter, the DC power from the input source (such as batteries or solar panels) first passes through a converter stage to convert it to AC. However, this AC power might still be at a lower voltage level than required for grid-tie applications or powering appliances. The step-up transformer then increases this voltage to the desired level.

While step-up transformers are essential for certain applications, they can also introduce losses due to resistance and magnetic core losses. Designing efficient transformers is crucial to minimize these losses and maximize the overall efficiency of the inverter system.

### 2.3.7 MOSFET IRF540

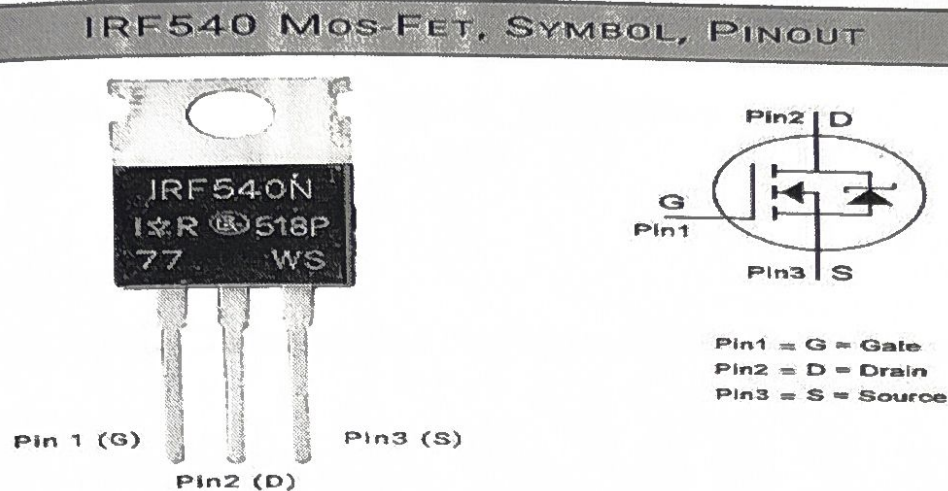


Fig 2.8

The IRF540 is a popular power MOSFET (Metal-Oxide- Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistor) used in a variety of electronic applications, particularly in power switching circuits. Here we use an N-channel enhancement mode MOSFET. This means that it operates with a positive voltage applied to the gate relative to the source to allow current to flow from the drain to the source.

Primarily designed for driving high-current loads, the IRF540 demonstrates a remarkable capacity to handle up to 23A with a maximum load voltage of 100V DC. Its trench technology not only contributes to low thermal resistance but also empowers high-level driving capabilities, enabling swift voltage switching. This versatility makes it a reliable choice for applications requiring rapid load switching, such as in Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS).

With its three terminals - source, drain, and gate - the IRF540N showcases flexibility in voltage and current switching capacities, making it an ideal choice for diverse electronic applications. Its working principle involves applying a signal to the Gate terminal, resulting in shorting between the Drain and Gate terminals, ensuring precise and efficient outcomes in electronic circuits.

### 2.3.8 Applications of IRF540 MOSFET

#### Switching Circuits:

Due to its high current and voltage ratings, the IRF540 is commonly used in power switching applications such as motor control, power supplies, and inverters.

#### Amplification:

While not as common, MOSFETs can also be used in amplification circuits, particularly in high-frequency applications.

#### Motor Control:

In motor control-based applications, a power device is required that must be rugged, high current, voltage rated, high-speed switching, etc. To satisfy all these, the IRF540 MOSFET is used in all DC motor control applications.

#### Buck Converter:

Buck converter doesn't work properly by using a device that is rated with normal current, levels of switching, and voltage. The IRF540 MOSFET is used effectively to work below high current, voltage & wonderful switching speeds. So this MOSFET is apt in all the applications of the buck-boost converter.

#### Power Inverter:

In a power inverter application, the IRF540 facilitates the conversion of DC power to AC power. It is a crucial component for switching the DC input and generating alternating current for various applications, such as powering household appliances.

#### Zero Drop Solar Switch:

This application involves using the IRF540 in a solar power switching circuit to minimize voltage drops. The MOSFET efficiently switches the solar power source, ensuring maximum power transfer and minimizing energy losses. [4]]

### 2.3.9 HEAT SINKS

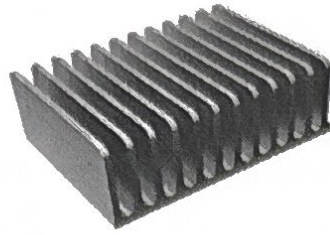


Fig 2.9

A heat sink is a common component used with MOSFETs (Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistors) and other electronic devices to dissipate heat generated during operation. MOSFETs dissipate heat during operation due to the flow of current through them. This heat must be dissipated effectively to prevent the MOSFET from overheating, which can lead to performance degradation or even failure. A heat sink is typically made of a thermally conductive material such as aluminium or copper. It is attached to the MOSFET package using a thermally conductive adhesive or a mechanical mounting mechanism to ensure good thermal contact between the MOSFET and the heat sink. [4]

## CHAPTER 3

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 OBSERVATION

By supplying 12V DC, the circuit successfully powers a bulb, producing approximately 220V AC.

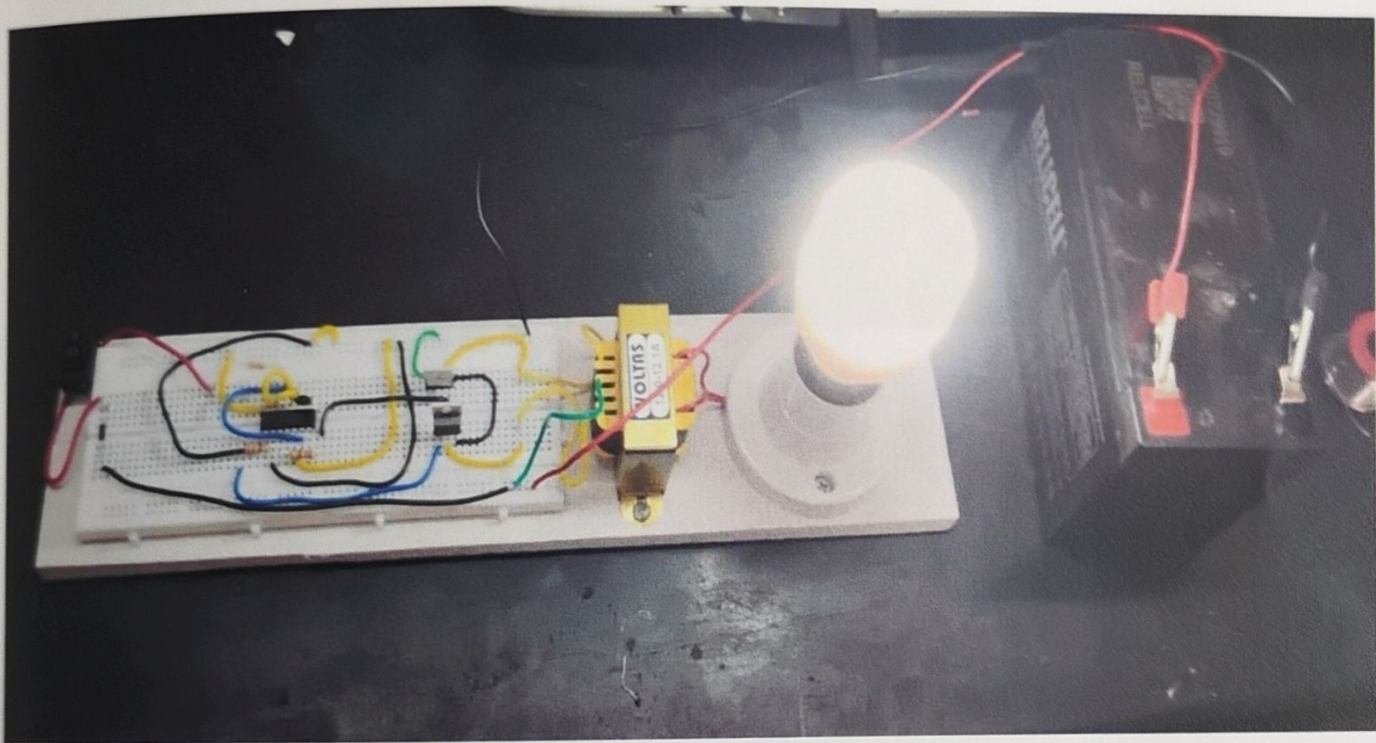


Fig 3.1 Connected to 12V battery

To assess the performance, we substitute the battery with a battery eliminator, allowing us to vary the DC input and observe corresponding changes in the AC input.

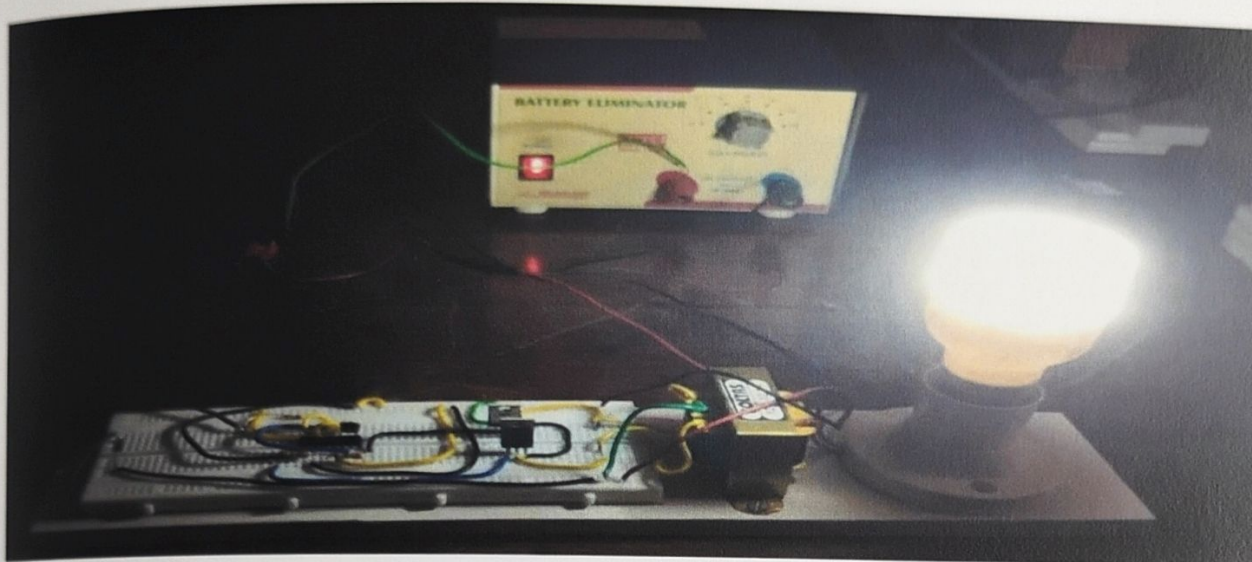


Fig 3.2 Input DC voltage 4 V

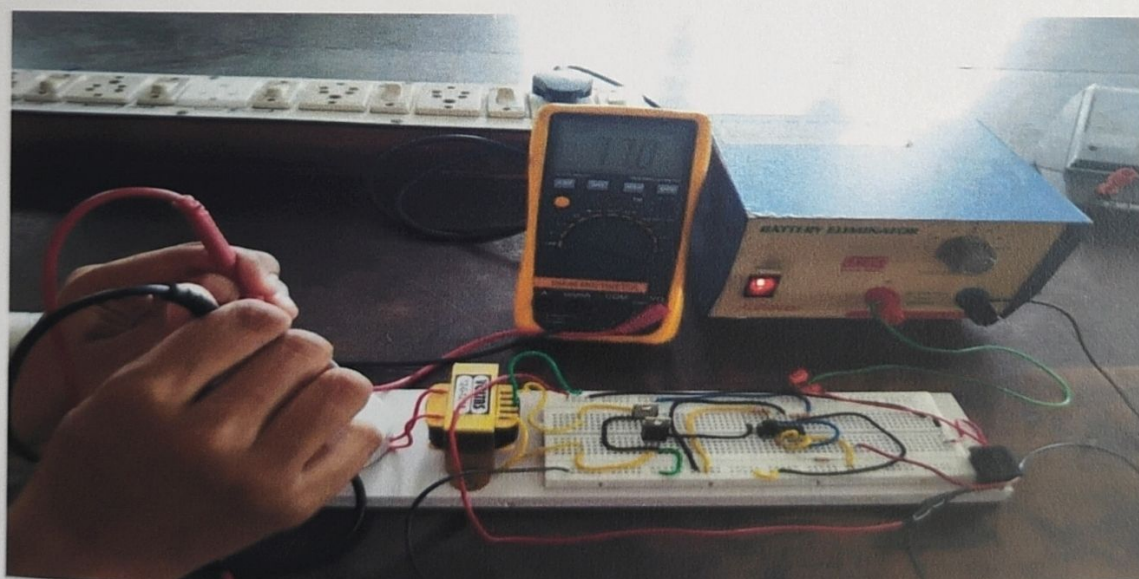


Fig 3.3 Output AC voltage 77.0 V

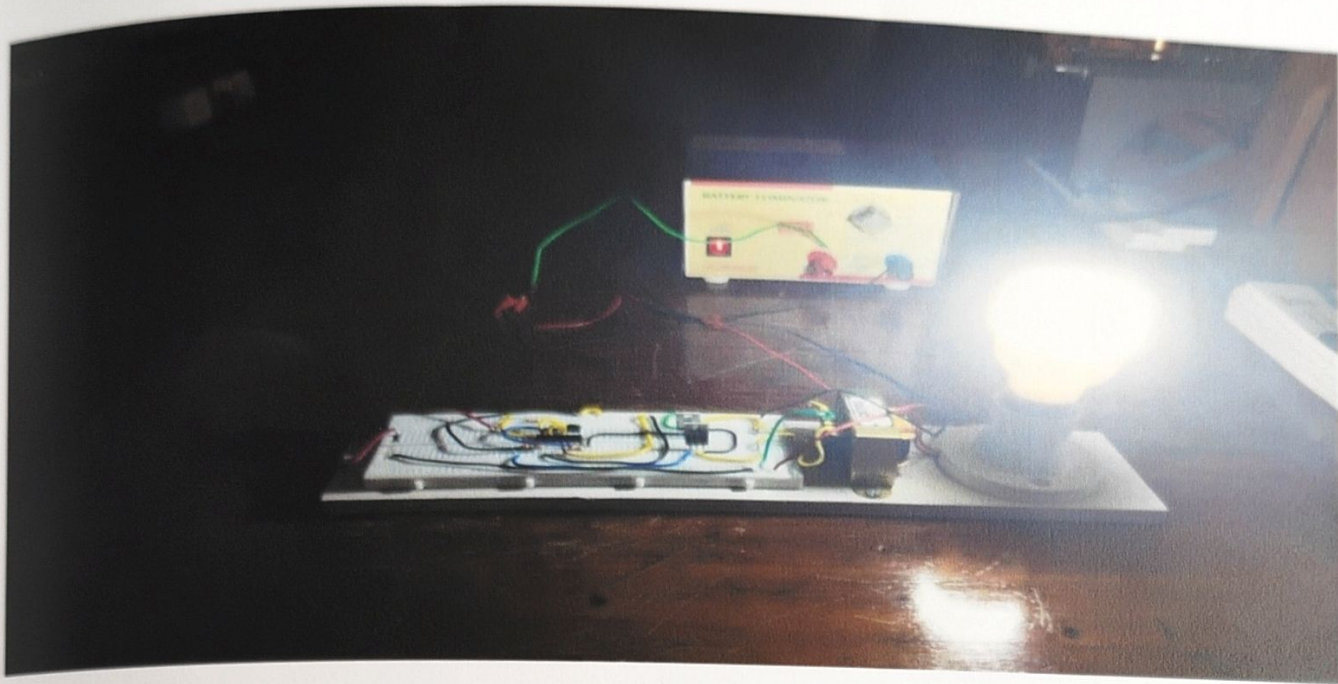


Fig 3.4 Input DC voltage 12 V



Fig 3.5 Output AC voltage 217 V

### 3.2 OBSERVATION

| DC<br>VOLTAGE<br>(V) | AC VOLTAGE<br>ACROSS PRIMARY OF<br>TRANSFORMER<br>(V) | AC VOLTAGE ACROSS<br>SECONDARY OF<br>TRANSFORMER<br>(V) | CURRENT, I<br>(A) |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 4                    | 8.78                                                  | 77.0                                                    | 0.053             |
| 6                    | 13.07                                                 | 113.9                                                   | 0.069             |
| 8                    | 16.68                                                 | 139.5                                                   | 0.067             |
| 10                   | 19.88                                                 | 163.0                                                   | 0.084             |
| 12                   | 24.8                                                  | 217.0                                                   | 0.108             |

## APPLICATIONS

Power inverters are used today for many tasks like powering appliances in a car such as cell phones, radios and televisions. They also come in handy for consumers who own camping vehicles, boats and at constructing sites where an electric grid may not be as accessible to hook into. Inverters allow the user to provide AC power in areas where only batteries can be made available, allowing portability and freeing the user of long power cords.

### Renewable Energy Systems:

Inverters play a crucial role in renewable energy systems such as solar photovoltaic (PV) and wind power systems. They convert the DC power generated by solar panels or wind turbines into AC power suitable for grid connection or household use.

### Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS):

Inverters are used in UPS systems to provide backup power during mains power failure. They convert DC power from batteries into AC power to keep critical equipment running smoothly.

### Home Appliances:

Inverters are increasingly being integrated into household appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, and air conditioners to provide variable speed operation and energy efficiency improvements. [5]

## CONCLUSIONS

In this project, we first studied about already existing inverter systems in world. An inverter is an electrical device that converts direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC). The converted AC can be obtained at required voltage and frequency with the use of appropriate transformers, switching, and control circuits.

Solid-state inverters have no moving parts and are used in a wide range of applications, from small switching power supplies in computers, to large electric utility high-voltage direct current applications that transport bulk power. Inverters are commonly used to supply AC power from DC sources such as solar panels or batteries. The inverter performs the opposite function of a rectifier.

Through this project, we gained practical knowledge about inverter operation and its output characteristics. We also developed skills in electronic soldering, wiring techniques, single phase circuit connections.

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