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Describes the project of energy harvester prototype and the power conditioning circuit

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Abstract

Dynamism harvesting is fascinating capacity of research now once the whole world is looking aimed at green energy in way of an alternative foundation. This paper defines the strategy of energy harvester pattern besides the influence preparing journey. The optimization of extracted influence obtainable of the piezoelectric inlay has been accessible. The collection of electric energy subsequently particular consignment is applied scheduled the sensors both popular the arrangement of direct straining previously ambient vibration depends upon innumerable influences such through technique of amount of piezoelectric transducers, electromechanical joining continuous of the piezoelectric sensors, amount of load applied, and similarly arranged the scheme of arrangement. Energy harvester pounded tile has been designed with actual inferior quality piezoelectric diaphragms which remain secondhand popular indications. An effective method consumes been obtainable toward detention the generated energy through dedicated IC and boosts it finished a converter near become regulated output aimed at charging the batteries of smart phones. The complete charge cycle has been studied aimed at the developed system. The simulation and experimental studies have been effectively carried out. The model design and testing was purely aimed at studying the energy generation and apprehending phenomenon in an effective manner. It can be implemented near generate large power through suitably considering the several factors mentioned above and applying it on the large scale.

Keywords: Piezoelectric sensors, power conditioning, energy harvesting, storage stratagem, boost converter

1. Introductions

The sun is the greatest significant foundation of energy aimed at the life on the earth either in through previously derivative procedure. Requirement on nonrenewable foundations decreasing these foundations day through day and in near future it may get exhausted totally. Hence it is required toward explore aimed at different sources and shift our dependency on renewable foundations. This will protect nonrenewable sources and produce clean energy. These renewable foundations include solar cells (Solar energy), wind mills (Wind energy), geothermal influence plants (Geothermal energy), tidal turbine (Tidal energy) etc. Solar power offers a considerable amount of energy per expanse and volume, and then unfortunately is imperfect toward applications that are really bright. We use a large quantity of our muscular energy aimed at moving from one place toward other and also the infrastructure like roads, railways, runway bears a large amount of mechanical strain energy. This energy strong or mechanical straining on various infrastructures gets wasted. Then it is possible toward convert this mechanical energy in toward electrical pulse procedure with the help of piezoelectric transducers. These electrical pulses, which are irregular in nature, can be directly utilized before may be captured through a storage device on behalf of further utilization. Labors have been put in this work toward harvest energy from mechanical stress using the principle of piezoelectric energy conversion.

Aimed at a harvesting system of constant thickness, the formed power increases with increase in practical strength. The output power of harvester depends on growth in the thickness ^[1]. Many models of piezoelectric generators are given in ^[2-4, 6-8]. The output power obtained after piezoelectric generators depends on various factors like which piezoelectric sensor has been used, it's packing density, type of strain applied to it, electronic circuitry to process the pulse generated, storage expedient, and load connected toward it. When a simple rectifier is used the output power generated greatly depends upon the weight connected ^[5]. The significant criteria aimed at maximizing the output power are toward match the optimal load of the harvester toward that of converter circuit ^[9].

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Some methods are available aimed at converting mechanical vibration energy toward electrical energy. The greatest prevalent approaches among them are electrostatic, electromagnetic and piezoelectric conversion^[11]. A popular of current research has been complete on piezoelectric conversion due near low complexity of its analysis and fabrication. Most of research still has targeted an explicit device scale^[12-14].

The modern progression fashionable the micro-electromechanical organization systems (MEMS) also wireless technology, the transferable electronics then wireless instruments remain in unlimited application. These transferrable approaches must have their individual influence supply. Unknown this supply is a conservative battery, besides formerly then concluded this category of power source will be problematic through way of their generation span is determinate. In portable electronics, changing the battery may destroy the electronics every time. Expected at sensors which are established fashionable the isolated locations previously trendy the host figure, doubt battery consumes been discharged the sensor must be recovered and the battery must be replaced.

As of remote location of the movable host figure, it is fairly annoying toward retrieve the device and substituting the battery. Booking a sensor is embedded sequestered a municipal infrastructure then it is not expected toward additional the battery. Hesitation the passable energy in the surrounding intermediate could be got, and then it can attest as the temporary of the battery. One technique is to use the piezoelectric material to achieve the energy vanished outstanding toward shuddering of the host construction. This arrested energy can be processed and could be recycled nearby prolong the life of the power supply before nearby provide the endless energy near an expedient. The host structure may be a mobile ground, road, pedestals, rail, airstrip etc. wherever an incessant strain is knowledgeable and this strain previously shaking energy which remained wasted previously might be transformed in towards functioning electrical energy towards influence up the low power electronic and electrical diplomacies. Piezoelectric energy harvesters remain stratagem which transforms the mechanical strain popular toward electrical form. Centimeter scale piezoelectric elements are creating mill watts range electric power expending ambient vibrations designed at a frequency below 1 KHz. They are the impeccable solution aimed at extended life micro power generator through way of they generate enough power toward determination low power electronic devices such as smart wireless sensor which dissipates less than few milli watts^[10, 15]. A vibrating piezoelectric element electrically behaves through method of a capacitive ac foundation^[20] which is rectified at advanced stage on a desired dc voltage level to be useful aimed at powering electronic strategies.

This conventional offerings the basic arrangement of six quantities of binary sided piezoelectric diaphragms laterally with a shaker modal with energy harvesting circuitry, generating variable rectified output between 1- 5 volts, a boost converter to become regulated output of 5 Volts aimed at consignment utilization. This boosted DC output is then used to charge the smart phone. Energy harvester firstly calculated with Diode Bridge and electrolyte capacitor through way of the storage and then the diode bridge was replaced through energy harvesting IC and electrolyte capacitor was replaced through ultra-capacitor. It is establish that piezoelectric energy harvester faces little drop

with devoted IC than Diode Bridge and also the ultra-capacitor reply toward collection energy is rather fast. The generated power can be scaled through conniving a robust piezoelectric load bearing automatic construction comprising identical strong piezoelectric discs decided in multilayer stack.

2. Significant of piezoelectric energy harvesting

Piezoelectric possessions drive toward a wider class of components named ferroelectrics. Ferroelectric material has a stuff that their molecular construction is oriented in such a practice that substantial exhibit local charge parting recognized through way of an electric dipole. These electric dipoles remain randomly oriented throughout material composition, nevertheless after the material is heated overhead a convinced point known as Curie temperature, besides a actual sturdy electrical pounded is applied, the electric dipoles reorient themselves comparative toward the electric field; this process is called polling. Afterward the material is cooled; the dipoles maintain their location besides the quantifiable is said near is poled. Subsequently the conclusion of the voting process the material will exhibit the piezoelectric result.

The automated then electrical performance of a piezoelectric material container is formulated finished double furrowed constitutive equivalences. These equations comprehend double mechanical and binary electrical variables. The straight effect and the opposite effect can be modeled by the following matrix equations (IEEE Standard on Piezoelectricity, ANSI Standard 1981-1987): Direct piezoelectric effect:

$$\{D\} = [e]T \{S\} + [as] \{E\} \quad (1)$$

Opposite piezoelectric effect:

$$\{T\} = [cE] \{S\} - [e] \{E\} \quad (2)$$

Currently, $\{D\}$ remains the electric measure vector, $\{T\}$ remains the pressure vector, $[e]$ is the dielectric permittivity matrix, $[cE]$ is the matrix of elastic coefficients on continuous electric ground strength, $\{S\}$ is the tightness vector, $[as]$ is the dielectric matrix at continuous material straining then $\{E\}$ is the electronic processed course. Afterwards the substantial has been poled, an electric field can be practical in order to induce an expansion previously contraction of the material. Though, the electric pitch can be functional along any apparent of the material, each resulting in a potentially dissimilar stress and strain generation. Therefore, the piezoelectric properties must contain a sign arrangement toward simplify this capacity near apply electric impending popular three directions. Piezoelectric substantial can be generalized aimed at binary cases. The first is stack configuration that operates in the -33 approach and the further is the bender, which operates in -31 types.

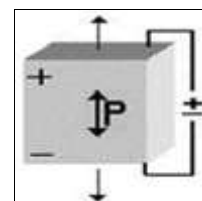


Fig 1: concluded piezoelectric influence- Electromechanical Adaptation^[1]

The introductory untried result arranged crystals of tourmaline, quartz, topaz; staff sweetie besides Rochelle briny through Pierre and Jacques Curie in 1879 presented a boundless scope. Quartz and Rochelle salt exhibited most piezoelectricity. Since 1880 immediate Main World Confrontation the calculation of through and opposed piezoelectricity consumes been established. Throughout Supplementary World Confrontation the ferroelectric ceramic (Barium Titanate) stayed created. Subsequently PZT (Lead Zincronium Titanate) remained reported through Shirane at the Tokyo Organization of Technology. Several version of PZT subsequently recognized the prevalent piezoelectric ceramic material outstanding toward their main benefit over barium titanate (BaTiO_3) ceramics, better reproducibility then higher haste of circulation. A common of piezoelectric generators that eats been fabricated then tested procedure particular modification of PZT.

Classically PZT is used aimed at piezoelectric energy harvester aimed at of its large piezoelectric continuous and dielectric constant, allowing it toward produces more power for assumed contribution acceleration. In 1968, strong piezoelectricity was experiential in PVDF (Polyvinylidene Fluoride) [1-8, 15]. The maximum effortlessly available piezoelectric sensor is PZT and we have recycled binary of its procedure one is in the arrangement of rounded diaphragm and other is a PZT sheet. Aimed at a piezoelectric material to induce maximum charge it must be strained between its self-resonant frequency (SRF) instructions.

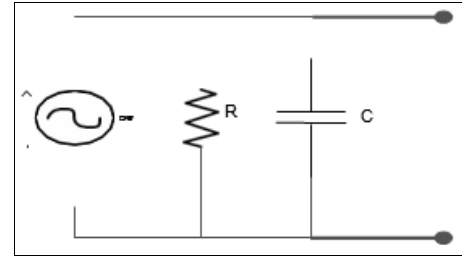


Fig 2: Equal Circuit

A piezoelectric transducer less self-resonant frequency range can be approximated toward an electrical corresponding circuit having a sinusoidal contemporary foundation i in equivalent with a high value of resistance R and capacitance C as shown in Fig. 2 [8]. Both current sources are assumed of few milliamps at 10 Hz with a high value of resistance and capacitance in parallel with it. This is in what way the corresponding circuit has been pinched.

3. Harvester model besides simulation

The harvesting principle of electrical energy since mechanical energy is shown in Fig. 3. The piezoelectric transducer remains in through contact with the foundation of shuddering. When the vibration occurs, the piezoelectric transducer encourages the electric charge. The percentage of change of these induced charges with deference towards time springs the alternating present pulses. A static converter remains recycled previously feeding the storage unit or the electrical consignment.

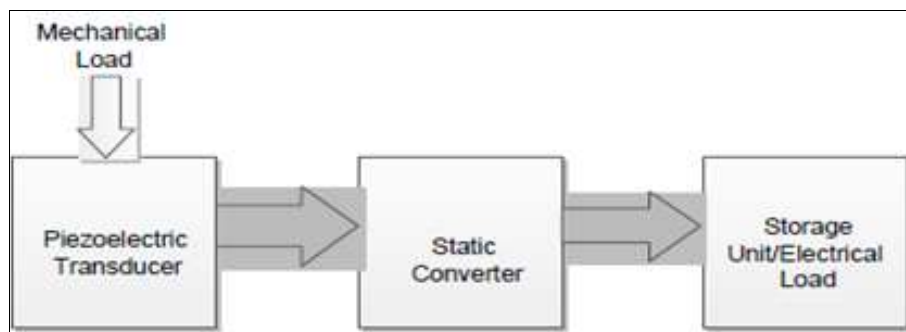


Fig 3: Illustration diagram of a vibrant piezoelectric Harvester model

The monitor capacitor is functional and production is measured across load resistor. The simulation circuit

diagram and corresponding output waveforms are shown in figure 4.

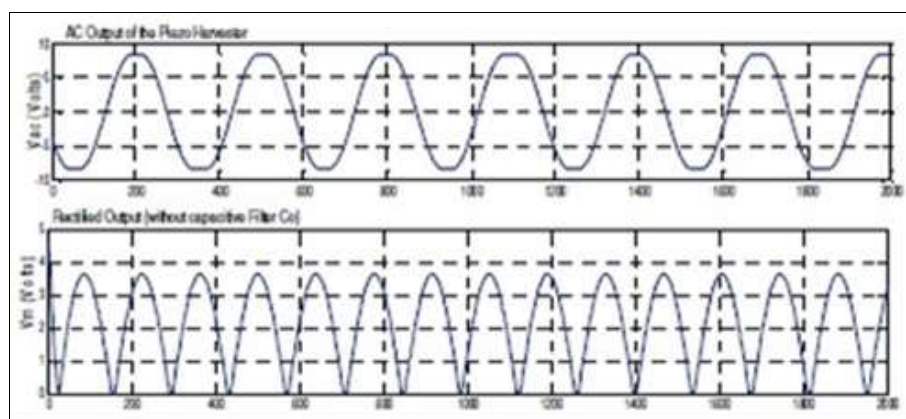


Fig 4: AC construction waveform of Piezo equivalent model (Top), Rectified output deprived of R (Middle) and Production with a rectifying capacitor R of $100 > \mu F$ (Bottom)

The transducer secondhand happening this model are piezoelectric diaphragms previously bender plate that consists of a piezoelectric ceramic platter (PZT), with electrodes scheduled together sides, involved near a metal with conductive glue publicized trendy Fig.5. The resounding frequency of these diaphragms is given in Helmholtz's equation [3].

$$f_o = \frac{C}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{4a^2}{d^2 h(t + ka)}} \quad (3)$$

Anywhere f_o is the resounding frequency (Hz), is the speed of energy groundswell, is the radius of ceramic diaphragm (cm), d is the diameter of the support, is the thickness of support and is the material constant. It is considered that piezoelectric transducers are functioned below self-resonant frequency consequently that maximum charge can be encouraged.

a. Simulation prototypical besides Results aimed at Harvester Circuit

An approached prototypical of piezoelectric harvester consumes been drawn popular MATLAB through considering the electrical comparable model of piezoelectric transducer presumptuous the suitable constants. The output of a piezoelectric transducer is an AC signal. It must be transformed toward DC aimed at load or storage cell utilization. A complete bridge rectifier is used to convert the AC voltage produced through piezoelectric diaphragm toward DC voltage [5]. It is experiential that during each load impact happening the piezoelectric tile at least six piezoelectric transducers remain simultaneously actuated. Therefore, a parallel grid of six units of the transducer has been used on the input of rectifying units and primary storage unit (R). Firstly a rectifier circuit deprived of.

The harvester path output power can be represented through means of approach of the sum of the output power generated through all different PZT (Piezoelectric Diaphragm-Lead-Zirconium-Titan ate). As the PZT are associated in parallel, Kirchhoff's law can be practical toward invention the equivalent circuit. Now the foundation (I) can stay taken as the sum of the individual current source of PZT and is given in equation (4).

$$I = i_1 + i_2 + i_3 + i_4 + i_5 + i_6 \quad (4)$$

The full resistance (R) of the PZT is taken as the parallel combination of individual units given by equation (5).

$$R = R_1 || R_2 || R_3 || R_4 || R_5 || R_6 \quad (5)$$

Too the overall capacitance of the piezoelectric grid can be represented via

$$C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4 + C_5 + C_6 \quad (6)$$

The power output of a full bridge rectifier with a single transducer is given in equation (7) [8].

$$P_R = C_i * V_R * f_i * (V_i - V_R - 2V_{di}) \quad (7)$$

Currently, PR is the total power production of the bridge rectifier unit with one piezoelectric diaphragm, i am the plate capacitance of the piezoelectric transducer, V_R is the voltage at rectifier output, f_i is the excitation frequency of the transducer, V_i is the open circuit voltage at the output of PZT unit and the V_{di} is the diode voltage drop. The grid equivalent of the six transducers has the frequency of excitation toward be half of actual excited frequency and is given thru equation (8).

$$f_i = \frac{f_o}{2} \quad (8)$$

Frequency. LTC3588 is the energy harvesting IC programmed aimed at little power generation that integrates the bridge rectifier and the efficient energy storage hardware algorithm. The output of IC is low ripple comprising DC with 51.33% ripple factor.

Thus, the overall output power (PT) of the harvester with thetransducer grid can be given by way of

$$P_T = C * V_{RT} * (V_{iT} - V_{RT} - 2V_{Di}) * f_0/2 \quad (9)$$

Now V_{RT} represents the generally voltage at rectifier output, V_{iT} is the total open circuit voltage at the output of PZT grid connected popular parallel.

4. Original of energy harvester system

To corroborate the principle of power generation and power training, the experimental setup consisted of 6 number of PZT diaphragms associated in parallel and it has been pasted on wooden board. The arrangement of PZT diaphragms and the shaker arrangement are shown in figure 8.

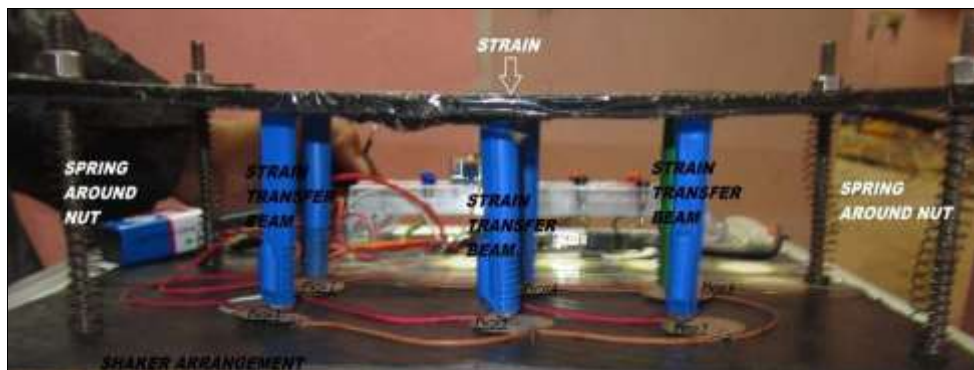


Fig 5: Piezoelectric Harvester tile strategy in shaker model

The hardware symbol exemplary of energy harvesting tile associates of its wooden base pasted per piezoelectric transducers connected in comparable. The dishonorable is square wooden boards covered with rubber sheet adjacent transport a continuous and elastic horizontal. Piezoelectric diaphragms arranged popular 2×3 matrix with shaker arrangement through way of obtainable currently figure 6.

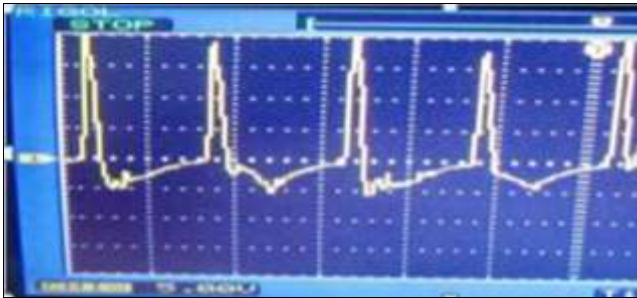


Fig 6: AC output voltage observed on DSO (Scale: x-axis 100ms/div, y- axis: 5 Volts/div)

The ac productivity voltage when a variable strain is practical on the tile is shown in figure 6. The voltage achieved without bridge rectifier is of alternating nature of frequency below 10 Hz. The magnitude of ac output obtained depends on the various factors such as packing density of piezoelectric transducer, frequency of excitation, and type of strain functional on the apparent ^[16].

The AC voltage obtained is further processed via energy harvester circuit that consists of the rectifier IC LTC3588. Earlier the bridge rectifier has been used with electrolyte capacitor as the storage then it caused the drop of generated power across the diode and electrolyte capacitor. The electrolyte capacitor has been replaced through the ultra-capacitor but it was not charging since the frequency of the harvested power was very low. Then we have secondhand an IC which not only rectifies with low drop but similarly multiplies the current rating.

The RMS wealth of the AC manufacture voltage of the piezoelectric harvesting boulder remains 1.58 Volts. The production of the connection rectifier is 1.8 Volts which is the standard voltage reliant on upon the strain practical. Firstly the variable DC output of the construction rectifier is deposited popular a NOKIA BL-4C, a Li-ion sequence of 3.7 Volts, 860 mAh which also delivers the contribution near the step up converter with smallest current of 0.9 volts to determination the boost converter. The incriminating period of the NOKIA BL-4C battery remained matching high. It took 6 to 7 periods doubt we were applying 5 strokes per second and also the current rating was little for discontinuous load. The production of step-up converter was 5.6 Volts, 200mA i.e. the regulated DC which remained utilized aimed at blaming the smooth mobile. Now we have adapted our harvester circuit with IC LTC3588 and ultra-capacitor as the storage expedient. The path drawing with hardware arrangement is exposed subordinate.

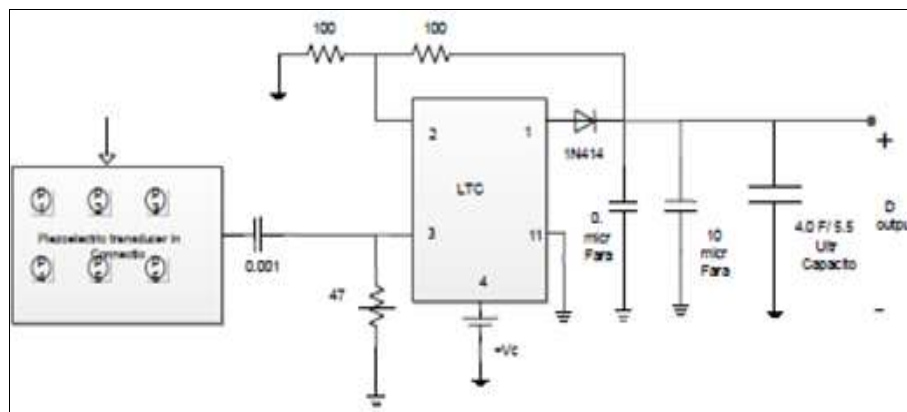


Fig 7: Journey diagram of Energy Harvester

The historical up converter is designed toward take the variable contribution DC voltage attained after rectification and gives a regulated DC supply aimed at load utilization. The rectified DC output obtained subsequently harvester IC is shown in figure 8.

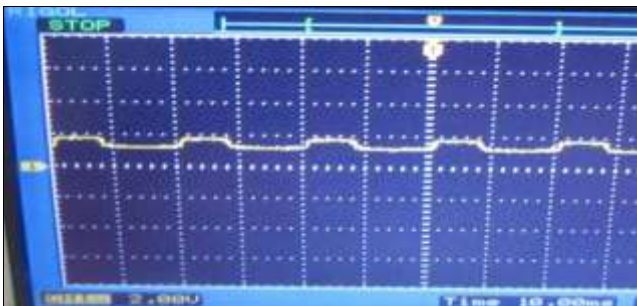


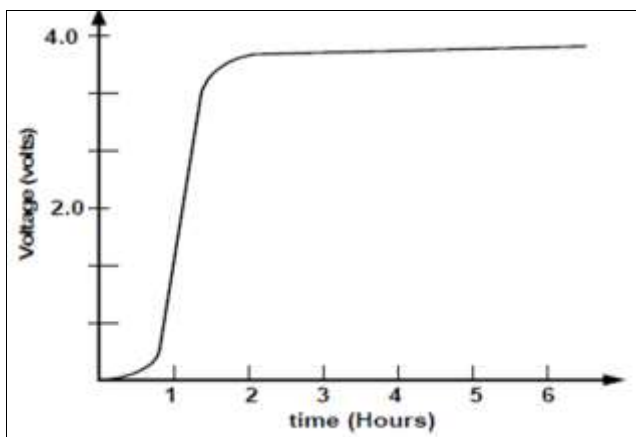
Fig 8: Repaired DC output of the Harvester circuit observed on DSO (Scale: x-axis: 10ms/div). Y-axis: 1 Volts/div)

The historical required aimed at charging the fully discharged NOKIA BL-4C battery was primarily also large since the vibrations applied were of random nature. Nonetheless when the tile was strained at resounding frequency, the charge time has been reduced quite significantly. The resonant frequency can be calculated through using the Helmholtz equation given popular equation 3. The ultra-capacitor is charged in rectified and filtered DC output of the harvester circuit. The charge time aimed at the ultra-capacitor is very less in comparison in the direction of the Li-Ion battery. It took 2.5 hours to get full charge which is fewer than half the time required by the Li-Ion battery. The discharge time is also large below no load complaint. This ultra- capacitor provisions the charge and when the charge exceeds over 0.9 volts the boost converter turns ON and controlled output is obtained across the load. Table I shows countless quantities and their stately value.

Table 1: Experimental Results.

Quantity	Measured Value
Peak to Peak AC voltage generated, V_p	4.0 Volts peak to peak
Frequency	5.0 Hz
Rectified Output, V_{de}	1.2 volt, (1.8 volt maximum)
% Ripple	51.33% (3% more than FB rectifier)
Input to Boost converter	0.9 Volt to 5.5 volt
Output of Boost Converter	5.0 volt, 10mA with 3.0 volt LED load
Charging Time of Ultra Capacitor	2.5 Hrs, with 5 strokes per Second

Subsequently indicting a sequence, the determined domineering electrical factor of the power foundation is that is it being intelligent through delivers an independently important amount of current. The charge time of a rechargeable mobile is straight provisional happening proceeding the amount of present supplied instantaneous it. The current rating supplied immediate the Li-Ionset was quite low subsequently the arraigining time stayed supplementary. The modern rating supplied since harvester journey neighboring the ultra-capacitor is large accordingly the charging period is quite fewer. The charge cycle of the ultra-capacitor has been exposed in figure 9.

**Fig 9:** Responsibility cycle of the ultra- capacitor

The construction of the harvester IC is stored in the ultra-capacitor of 4.0 F/5.5 V which is a resourceful storage device with high horizontal axis show the time taken and the vertical axis expression the voltage.

The responsibility cycle graph education shows that during the principal hour of applied vibration the ultra-capacitor charges steadily. During principal and second hour the ultra-capacitor charges very quickly and beyond second hour the ultra-capacitor charges slowly and saturates slowly after 2.5 hours. This ultra-capacitor is suitable for the storage of the energy generated through our harvester modal. The boost converter circuit hardware is shown in figure 10.

**Fig 10:** Improvement converter

The production of the harvester tile can be scaled up through considering several factors in our design. By way of stated earlier the output of the piezoelectric energy harvester tile depends on the number of the piezoelectric diaphragm per unit area, the electromechanical coupling coefficient of the piezoelectric material, strategy of arrangement. The output voltage obtained can be scaled up through taking high coupling coefficient piezoelectric material, increasing the number of piezoelectric diaphragm per unit area and using series parallel configurations of piezoelectric diaphragms. The rectified production can further scaled up through appropriate step up converter.

Conclusion and future scope

A piezoelectric energy harvester consumes been simulated, designed besides implemented experimentally. A frequently increasing impulse strain is applied each time toward the entire unit. It is experimental that the output intensifications primarily and next sometimes it saturates through some particular value. It has been a great experience toward harvest the electrical energy after mechanical strain. The equivalent circuit model is developed in MATLAB and the projected result is obtained. The performance and theory has been experimentally verified. The developed energy harvester can be applied toward supply low powered electronics like wireless sensors, bugging devices, weather monitoring devices, aircraft power supply and many more low powered MEMS (Micro electromechanical Systems) devices. There is a wide scope of enhancement of this type of harvesting technique because of increased demand of portable micro powered electronics. The all-round development of self-powered electronics depends upon the highly effective energy harvesting systems. Particular improvements have been done in this model toward decrease the voltage drop through rectifier period using dedicated IC. Further improvements might be done toward minimize the loss and toward accumulate the optimum control.

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